

Ben Traynor's Uncle Sam towers gracefully over the crowd at the Clarkston Fourth of July Parade, Monday. Please see page 5 for more pictures from the patriotic downtown parade. *Photo by Andrea Beaudoin*



Independence Township Times In this week's edition

Serving those who served

BYANDREAM. BEAUDOIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Pat Kittle, Independence Township Supervisor, has vowed to help veterans after witnessing problems and pain they can face.

His son, David Kittle, passed away last year after he lost his battle with addiction, a habit he picked up while serving our country in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Knowing what Pat went through with his son, Clarkston's 52-2 District Court Judge Kelly Kostin asked him to be on the Friends of the Oakland County Regional Veterans' Court board of directors. Pat took her up on her offer.

"For me, volunteering is a labor of love," he said.

Kostin said soldiers who come home with physical, mental, and/or emotional injuries may not know where to turn for help, instead turning to substance abuse.

"Many soldiers are in a self-medication mode," she said. "We target alcohol and drug problems."

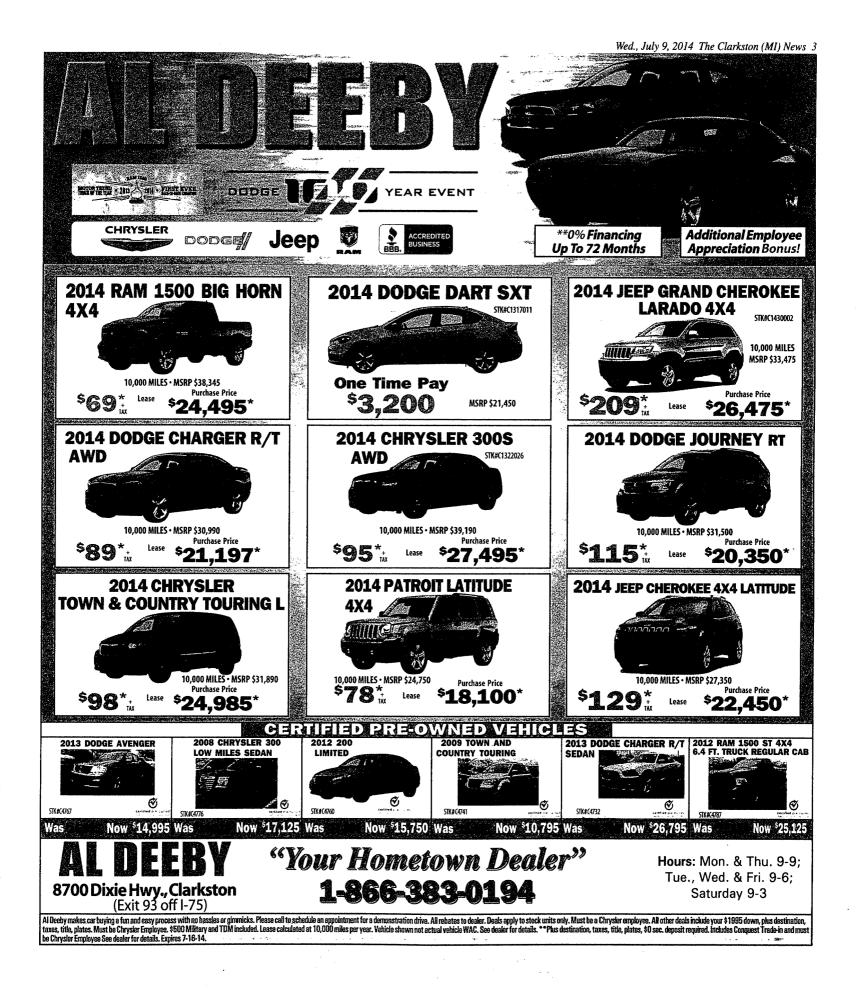
Drug abuse is not the only trouble soldiers may find when returning home and trying to cope.

"We had one female veteran who needed housing, and the courts were able to get her housing in 24 hours," Kostin said.

Pat, who has spoken at events about the issue, said veterans in trouble take drugs to numb themselves from pain, and they end up in a vicious cycle. When medications they are used to taking are gone or they can't get them, they turn to heroin as a cheaper alternative. That is when they get in trouble with the law.

Please see Veterans' on page 7







August **Big Deal** arriving in your *Ad-Vertiser* and Penny Stretcher August 6th.

Watch for the Diamond Residential Mortgage TV Giveaway winner in the July Big Deal in the July 2nd Ad-Vertiser and Penny Stretcher

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Dixie Highway businesses outfitted a deuce-and-a-half truck for the parade.



American Legion Post 63 Color Guard leads the Fourth of July march. Photo by John Meyland

Parade of patriots

Enjoying blue skies and mild didates, Clarkston High School temperatures, thousands of resiband, and other community orgadents, neighbors, and friends lined up early to fill downtown Clarkston for the 2014 Fourth of July Parade.

American Legion Post 63 Honor Guard led the parade of local clubs, churches, businesses, political cannizations down Main Street.

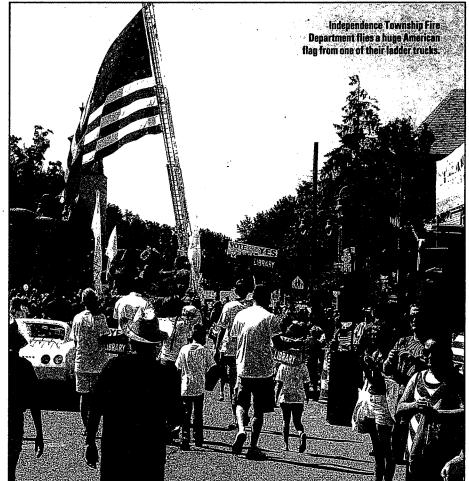
After the parade, Fourth of July festivities continued at Clintonwood Park in Independence Township, as well as in parks, churches, and backyards all over the community.



Cameron and Carter Lewis show their love of Duck Dynasty and the USA just before the parade kicks off.



Clarkston High School Color Guard and Marching Band play some patriotic music. Photos by Andrea Beaudoin



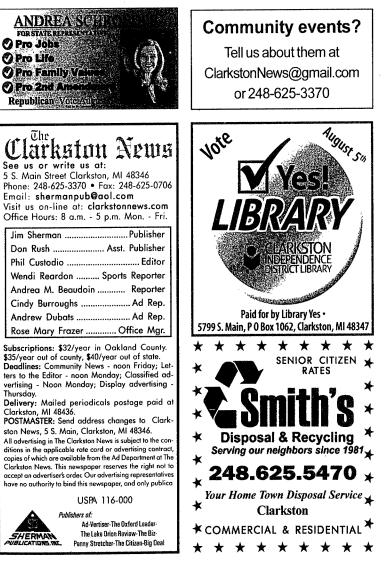


John Lee, a disabled veteran with Wheel Team 457, demonstrates new technology available to vets.





FEAST ON THE FOURTH: Clarkston Mason's Worshipful Master Paul Plunkett serves up breakfast to Larry, Kennedy and Jackson Hess during the Mason's annual Pancake Breakfast for the community on the morning of the Clarkston Fourth of July parade. *Photo by Andrea Beaudoin*



Veterans' Court to help vets in need

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Everyday sounds can feel much more threatening to a combat veteran than a civilian. Something like a car backfiring or a fireworks can evoke memories of a detonated bomb or other explosive devices, Kostin said.

"A car backfiring can bring back memories of trauma." said Kostin. "People are becoming more aware of how hard it is for our soldiers to get reintegrated into civilian life. Soldiers need more than just a handshake and a 'thank you very much' when they come home."

Similar courts are popping up across the country. Waterford 51st District Court Judge Jodi Debbrecht-Switalski headed up Waterford's Veterans Court, formed in 2013. Debbrecht-Switalski is also the presiding judge for the new regional court, which includes Independence and Waterford townships.

Courts in different communities combine forces and share resources, said Kostin, who serves as an alternate judge in the Veterans' Court.

"There has been a push in the legal system for jurisdictions to combine resources to make programs and services more efficient," she said. "The Veteran's Court has been successful at combining resources and serving as a shortcut to soldiers for numerous services and resources."

To participate, veterans must be honorably discharged from the service, and must not be charged with a serious offense like rape or murder.

Courts also work with the Veteran's Administration, community service, counseling, probation, mentorship, drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs and administer a 12step program.

"The main benefit is it keeps them out of



Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle, who is reading a township proclamation at the Fourth of July Independence Fest recognizing the 50th anniversary of the start of the Vietnam War, is volunteering with the Veterans' Court. *Photo by Phil Custodio*

jail," said Kostin. "We provide the tools." Soldiers participating in special programs graduate and receive tokens symbolizing their success and hard work

"We have found it works well and is successful," said Kostin.

Friends of the Veteran's Court are working together to address funding needs that help fund the court and also train mentors.

"We help them reintegrate, and become a

good citizen again. They were there for us," said Kostin. "We need to be there for them."

Supporters are organizing a fund raiser for the court. The Support Our Troops Charity Open Golf Outing is Sunday, July 20, at Boulder Pointe Golf Club, One Champions Circle, in Oxford. Cost is \$150 per golfer, and \$85 for wine tasting and dinner. For more information, call Ozzie at 248-648-8003 or Tania at 248-370-6638.

Grant would fund combined emergency plan

BY ANDREA M. BEAUDOIN Clarkston News Staff Writer

Independence Township Fire Department Deputy Fire Chief Mitch Petterson has applied for a State of Michigan Competitive Grant Assistance Program (CGAP) in hopes of getting about \$150,000 in state funding to help three local government entities join forces in the event of a major emergency.

The CGAP helps offset costs associated with mergers, consolidations, interlocal agreements, and cooperative efforts for local units and school districts.

Petterson said the grant was recently submitted and would only apply in emergencies – it is not a shared-service agreement with other communities.

If the grant is accepted, Independence Township Hall would be made fit to use

as an emergency operations center for the township, as well as Springfield Township and City of the Village of Clarkston, Petterson said.

By completing various upgrades, and funding a variety of other needs, the three entities could consolidate and work together in one upgraded location during a catastrophic event.

"Town Hall would serve as a sort of nerve center for operations," Petterson said. "It is not a consolidation of any type and would only occur in an emergency. It would gives us one location for three communities to provide necessary services."

Petterson said he applied for the grant to ensure cooperation in a major emergency.

"What happens if town hall is not usable," he asked. "If it's out for a month

how do we do payroll or keep the government operating?"

Those questions is exactly the reason one place should be hearty enough to survive an major event like a tornado or a prolonged blackout, Petterson said.

"In order to provide continuity of operations your community has to have a plan," he said.

Funding would be used to improve the building with things like an uninterruptable power supplies and other equipment.

Petterson the state of Michigan has encouraged creating government efficiencies via grants over the past couple years.

"Why do things separate when could do it all together," he said.

Petterson said it will be a few months before it is announced what community will receive the grant.

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Political signs for public office or issues to be determined by election may be erected

Independence Township ordinances permit political signs 14 days before an election on private property outside public rights-of-way, no closer than 100 feet from any polling place. Political signs

Signs can't exceed 16 square feet in area and four feet in height in singlefamily residential districts, and must be removed 10 days following election day.

Springfield Township allows political signs without permit provided they have property owners' permission and comply with size and safety regulations. Political signs must be removed within 15 days after the election.

City of the Village of Clarkston's ordinances does not regulate political signs.

Golf outing

The Wolves host their 14th Annual Clarkston Football Golf Outing with the Defending State Champions at Pine Knob Golf Course, Friday Aug. 8.

Golf Course, Friday Aug. 8. The cost is \$100 per golfer and includes dinner, door prizes, golf contest and awards.

Regisfration is at 12 p.m. and the scramble format fun begins at 1 p.m. A 50/50 raffle will also be held to ben-

efit the Clarkston Football Program.

New this year - the ability to register and pay online by going to www.clarkston.k12.mi.us/football/ golfouting



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Andrea's Anecdotes

A column by Andrea Beaudoin

Kudos to Pat

I would just like to say how much I admire Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle for helping soldiers through their trying times despite his own personal tragedy, the passing of his son David, a veteran (see story on Page 1).

Sometimes it's the

people who go through the front lines of any situation. and witness the pain firsthand, who have the biggest impact and are most qualified to help people facing similar situations. We'll have more on the



story in next week's edition. I just wanted thank Pat for his honesty in our many conversations about David and

how he plans to help veterans. I know it took Pat great bravery to speak out on such a personal subject and I am confident he will make a huge difference. I look forward to documenting the stories and progress. Judge Kelly Kostin picked the right guy for the job.

Yes to the library

I can't imagine Clarkston not having a library. It seems many people agree with me, too. I went to the library last month, and talked with many members of the community about what the library means to them.

It is obvious when you have a conversation with most residents - they love their library. How much is the library worth? How much is anything worth when you need it or want it?

What a deal you get with the library. For the average home, the library costs only a couple hundred dollars. What a bargain that is for all the services they offer.

I guess you never really know when you may need the library. Perhaps there will come a day when your Internet goes down and you have something really pressing that needs to be completed. Were would you go? You would go to the library of course.

During many conversations, when I asked about if the library were to close the word "devastated" came up a lot. I am positive Clarkston residents will make the right choice on August 5 and vote "yes" on their library

Awesome Parade

Our July 4 parade was awesome, and full of community organizations, businesses, kids and furry friends. The parade was an hour and a half long. My family went with me and said their favorite part was when the Independence Township Fire Department raised the huge flag over the crowd. It was one of my favorite parts too. Good Job!

CNews thanks for serving community

Dear Editor,

On behalf of our nearly 600 members in the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, we would like to recognize and thank The Clarkston News for their service promoting local commerce, free enterprise and public service.

For over 80 years our Clarkston News has been the original and enduring hyper local news medium for our community. It has carried the torch of democracy, acted as town crier, celebrated unsung heroes and told stories only Clarkston can share.

As social media and rising costs of printing endanger local newspapers, it is vital that we not lose sight of the importance of a printed weekly newspaper: informing residents, challenging status quo, bringing us the news, names and faces of our community and putting our stories in context of the larger picture that is a home town.

We appreciate that The Clarkston News survives and thrives

Governor Rick Snyder's declaration of July as Community Paper Month, reminds all of us not take for granted, one of the cornerstones

Moving; Kevin Tompkins, McLaren

Dear Editor,

On Aug. 5, we will have the opportunity to vote "yes" or "no" to the continued existence of our Clarkston Independence District Library.

This is not a question of increased funding for the library. It is a question of whether will have a library. We are at the threshold of the "information age." I cannot think of anything more self defeating and embarrassing than to close the library.

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to the article "City its savings account.

During a budget presentation, city Treasurer Sandy Barlass reported the fund balance has been on the rise for the city and is on track to keep rising.

recommends a fund balance between 5-15 percent. Eric Haven, city councilman, remarked "we are three times that high" as the fund balance for the city is at 43 percent.

former city council member, said the fund balance is too high. Bisio suggested city officials cut the millage rate, which is now at 12.81, down by one mill. The council should reduce the general operating millage for 2014-15 so the projected fund balance after five years is 15 percent, recommended by S&P's.

This would allow a millage reduction in 2014-2015 of 1.8947, resulting in a total operating millage of 10.9577. This would still

that keeps the Clarkston area a hometown and not just a place where you live or work-our local community newspaper.

Thank you Clarkston News!

Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, President Kellev LaFontaine, LaFontaine Automotive Group; President Elect Kevin Harrison, KH Home; Treasurer Jackie Kopp, ATD Solutions; Secretary Peg Roth, Washington Management; Paul Brown, Independence Township Treasurer: Donna Bullard, Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union; Laura Clark-Brown, Successful Equity Manage-

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Support for library's continued existance

The library board is making a very modest request. They are requesting each home own to pay approximately \$52 per year increase

Readers want excess city funds returned

has lots of cash" (June 18), almost \$300,000 in

She also said Standard and Poor's

At that same meeting, Richard Bisio,

from last year. This is equivalent to a tank of gas and a trip to McDonalds. If the library closes, the average home would depreciate far more than \$52.

We will never have the library enjoyed by Rochester, Waterford, or Lake Orion, but to have no library would be an enormous step backwards. Should the library be defeated, Clarkston and Independence might consider changing their name to "Endsville, USA."

Keep the dream alive by voting to keep the library!

Gerald McNally, district court judge, ret. Independence Township

allow funding of all the projected one-time expenses for the next five fiscal years and leave a fund balance of 15 percent.

Several years ago, the city voted to disband its own police force because the significant increase in the cost of maintaining the police force would have resulted in the city increasing its millage to the highest rate allowable by law.

Mr. Bisio's recommendation to the city council, quoted in the Clarkston News article dated June 18, 2014, that the above mentioned reduction in the city's operating millage is a perfect solution to effectively return excess tax dollars to the citizens of our community. Regretfully, a city of a population of 882 cannot afford the services of a larger city or township. We urge the city council to act promptly and responsibly by returning our tax dollars by lowering the tax millage rate.

Lorry Mahler, Stuart Mahler, John Phyle, Jennifer Phyle, Larry Shepanek, Sean Rush, Christopher Rush Clarkston

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1999

"Happy 4th of July!"An early morning rainstorm didn't dampen the enthusiasm of parade onlookers on Saturday, July 3. The Independence Township Fire Department, which sponsored the parade, estimated over 11,000 people were in attendance and there were over 100 entries in the parade.

"Clarkston hooking up to township water is a many-sided issue" The Clarkston City Council brought back the idea to have a water main through the city. They were looking to loop a water main through Main Street only and it would link up to existing mains owned by Independence Township.

"Sounds of summer?" Residents within earshot of Pine Knob Music Theatre were not happy as the patrons about the summer concert season. Independence Township Supervisor Dale Stuart said he was receiving numerous complaints and from people who live 2-3 miles away from the venue. He added Palace Sports Entertainment had not received the same complaints nor had they been cited.

25 years ago - 1989

"National award recognizes woman's success" Charlotte Brannstrom of Independence Township spent five days in New York City. She spent some of the time being pampered by Avon Products, Inc., as a recipient of the 1989 Women of Enterprise Awards.

"Power outages hurt two grocers" A&P and Rudy's Market were recovering from losses suffered during the power outages from the prior week. Both reported the biggest problem was ice cream but didn't have a problem with produce.

"World class golfers coming" The Oakland County area was getting ready for one of the biggest sports event in the history of the area - the 44th annual United States Women's Open golf tournament at Indianwood Golf and Country Club.

50 years ago - 1964

"Mail box damage a federal offense" With the approach of the fourth of July holiday, a warning was issued to those tempting to blow up rural mail boxes with firecrackers, cherry bombs, and etc. At the time breaking the federal offense would cost \$1,000 or a prison sentence up to three years.

"Newlywed Spauldings travel to Europe" Charles and Marjorie Spauldings left for a European honeymoon after exchanging vows on June 27.

Life's joys come from a well-maintained

It's amazing to me how the makers of lawn keeping tools, fertilizers and seeds constantly aim their messages toward people who detest yard work.

Like: "Use our products and have more time to enjoy life!"

The picture that follows is of man sitting on his duff in a lounge chair in his yard.

First off, the scene is a fake, just like their message. No keeper of lawns leaves a lounge chair in his yard to mow around or run over.

More importantly, we men love having neat lawns, and it ain't work keeping our lawns neat.

It's a man's joy of life.

Lawns get men out of the house. Lawns are gifts we give ourselves. Lawns extend man's life. Lawns give men more opportunities to buy rideable tools.

I stayed a Detroit Tiger baseball fan while they dropped from a

I0-game lead in their division to second place. So I spent a lot of time trying out Jottings the problem.

Much of my focus was on management. Like how come we fans never get to general manager see Dombrowski or manager Ausmus out fighting for wins?

Their lack of physical A column by presence, I think affected Jim Sherman, the team, like Cabrera strik- Sr.

ing out more often, fielders committing more errors and base runners losing a step or two. My conclusion was the Tigers had lost some enthusiasm, leadership was not

being shown, and the dugout was becoming more and more placid.

Then one day my thoughts were intercepted by management. On that day I turned on the Tiger game and the first shot was of Dombrowski in place to observe the game.

Then a camera switched to Ausmus visibly showing some interest in the game. Those two obviously sparked some spirit, interest and stimulated the players in their pregame meeting.

Of course I take all the credit for sending my brain waves to Tiger Stadium -- I mean Comerica Park -- and getting them back to their winning ways.

No "thanks" are necessary, It's what I

* * *

Now for a little Will Rogers.

· Best doctor in the world is the veteri-

narian. He can't ask his patients what's matter, he's just got to know.

· If you ever injected truth into politics, you'd have no politics.

· Sometimes it makes you think you don't need a different man as much as we need different advisors for the same man.

· Considering how far Obama has fallen in the polls, I wonder if he's gone back to Rev Wright, his pastor in his Chicago days? He was seen on television saying, "God Bless America? No, God damn America." Word is The Rev. was given several thousand dollars to keep out of sight.

· I think investigators should hire someone like that Mentalist tv guy who reads facial and body expressions to get to the truth. Oops! There goes Congress and the Administration.

Were I the great and powerful

I wrote this bit of a slacker-post-holiday Don't Rush Me column, last Tuesday. Then I erased it (or, more honestly, back spaced over the already typed letters) and decided a different tact.

The tact I chose is questioning and then going off the reservation to pose a fantastical situation that will never come to pass to get my point across. (Sort of like what science fiction writers, do.)

This column was rewritten after 50% of the political types across these fruited plains

weighed in immediately, and for a **Don't** straight 24 hours after the Supreme Rush Me Court ruling about workplace-provided contraception for women. In short, the high court said, "Businesses do not have to pay for it."

The president of these United States and those standing with him, retorted, "This will hurt a women's right to choose!"

doesn't mean a woman cannot choose. Does not a woman still have the right

to use or not use a contraceptive? Does she or does she not have the right to have sex or not have sex? And, With whomever she chooses?"

I believe a woman's body is her body to do with it what she chooses.

Her body is her responsibility. It is not her employer's responsibility to choose for her the path she treads.

Question: Does anybody, man or woman want their employer (or the government) involved with their sex life?



And, for the record . . . my employer does not provide me with contraceptive, virility, libido, or any other kind of "enhancing" drug or devices. If I choose to use them, I gotta' walk into the pharmacy -- in full view and hearing of the entire world -- to make my order and pay for the stuff. Myself. My money. Cash. No credit cards. (Those could be tracked.)

do.

* * *

Now that I think about it, it ain't fair the government says employers gotta buy contraceptives for women, but not for men. Hey, what's up wit' dat?

Come to think about it some more, I think if I were the Imperial Ruler of The Universe For a Day, I would amend the United States Constitution to only have the first ten amendments, aka The Bill of Rights. And, in my own "special" naive and overly simplistic way, have somebody smart put it there something like, "all people are created equal."

And, then have the asterisk note something like, "All people means everybody."

like, "And, just like each snow flakes is beautifully different, each person is special in their own unique way." (That should get everybody on board with my wholesale changes.)

And, then if I were the I R TU FaR (Imperial Ruler of The Universe For a Day), I would put in a clause so my rulership would come into play again on election days. On every election day for five years I would decree every voting American must not vote for their favorite partisan, but the best person of another party.

I think that might be fun.

Oh, and since I'm on a roll, and the I R TU FaR, and I started with talking about a recent Supreme Court ruling ... I think to help solve the financial malady caused by our leaders' inability to govern with wisdom and any kind of financial restraint, we tax any and all political advertising and or marketing efforts.

Since the Supreme Dudes and Dudets of the High Court are opening the floodgates of political spending (on First Amendment grounds), we the people, might as well benefit from it, because we are not now. Now, we only get 20 million robo calls, angry, mean, nasty, cynic-producing advertisements, mind-numbing, nonlogical (and sometimes outright false) social web postings and "get out the vote" groups who harass us in person to keep voting to keep da bums in office.

Therefore, be it known throughout the land, I, as the great and powerful I R TU FaR, hereby say, "Tax it. Heavily."

It'll be something members of Congress know lots about: creating new "revenue" sources.

Okay, okay. Let's tone it back a little. Bring in the reins, so to speak, to something more realistic.

I think if I was ever elected as a state representative, I would put my energies in NOT passing new laws like, "everybody MUST where a bicycle helmet." Instead I would work on weeding out all the old, stupid and redundant laws.

I think we have too many laws.

I think state law makers (and their federal counterparts) spend too much time making new laws to look good to their supporters. (And, when I say supporters I don't mean voters, I mean financial backers.)

Your thoughts? E-mail them bad whamojammas to Don@ShermanPublications.org



To which I counter, "No. No it A column by Don Rush

And, then have an asterisk next to the word "people."

And, then maybe a double asterisk to note something

HomeTown Experts Answer Your Questions Monthly

Nutrition



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Section studies new short and a new ray regression we regard det can help in since prevention survival. It is very important to replace red-meak, daiy products, with helthful, low-fat meaks rich in whole grains, legumes, fruits, and vegetables. These foods are rich in fiber, low sugar, high in vitamins/ minerals, and cancer-fighting compounds. During medical treatment for cancer, your family member should consult his or her medical care team for any specific dietary recommendations related to their type of cancer or treatment and remember healthy diet is in addition to, not instead of medical care.

Gindy Crandell R.N Functional Medicine Nutritionist Lifestyle Educato



Q. Someone in my family was diagnosed with cancer, what dietary recom-mendations would you offer for a cancer patient? (Free Cancer series worksho starts in September. Visit website to learn more www.nuviewnutrition.com) workshop

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Q: How do I find out what my house is worth?

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Mortgage

Q: If you get a mortgage, and later decide that you want to sell before you pay it off, can you pay it completely off prior to the end of the 30 years? I heard some penalize you or do not allow it.

Jason Nolan Senior Loan Officer

A: Pre-payment penalties used to be quite prevalent in the days of subprime mortgages. Today, it is rare to see a mortgage note with a prepayment penalty provision. In most circumstances the mortgage loans we are making today allow you to pay off the loan at any time without a penalty.

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Q. When is the right time to see an Orthodontist?

Orthodontics

🗛 The most straightforward answer is this: You should see an orthodontist any time you have a question about the alignment of your teeth, or the quality of your bite. Sometimes, a problem in this area is painfully obvious. For example, you may difficulty biting, chewing or speaking, or some of your teeth may be clearly protruding, crowded or misplaced. If that's the case, then it's time to consult with our office - an orthodontist has the special skills and training needed to diagnose and treat the problem. Other conditions may not be as clear cut. Mouth breathing, clenching or grinding your teeth, and the inability to comfortably close your lips may be signs that orthodontic treatment is needed. Likewise, if your jaws seem to frequently shift in position or make sounds as they move, or if you find you're

Dr. Charles W. Munk unintentionally biting your cheek or the roof of your mouth, you may have an orthodontic issue. Teeth that meet abnormally can even cause a facial imbalance (asymmetry), meaning that some facial features

Dr. Charles F. Munk

aren't in proportion with others. This is a problem that can often be corrected by orthodontic treatment. www.munkorthodontics.com 5825 South Main St. | 248-625-0880 | Clarkston, MI 48346



Q: What makes a good print ad?

Marketing

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





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Cameras in Depot Park?

Clarkston Medical Group's Dr. Tim O'Neil donated \$1,000 towards new security cameras for Depot Park, a gesture which City of the Village of Clarkston Manager Carol Eberhardt hopes will kick off a fund-raising effort.

Eberhardt said more security is needed due to an increase in vandalism.

"Should we continue to maintain and repair over and over again or get proactive with prevention," asked Eberhardt in her summer newsletter.

Recent vandalism in Depot Park includes damage and graffiti on the gazebo, two cedar swings broken the first week they were installed, and a large swing set was also damaged.

Clarkston City Council discussed getting security cameras several times, the latest regarding purchase of a system for \$9,800, which Eberhardt said could zoom in on a license plate.

City Council told Eberhardt at a June meeting they needed more information about the cameras, such as annual maintenance cost. Council also asked if the cameras can be leased.

Eberhardt said she would get more details. She also said she would be more than happy if a council member would assist in the process.

Installing cameras after bouts of vandalism has long been the talk of various city council members as well as city managers. In 2012, former city manager Dennis Ritter suggested the city look into infrared cameras to be used at night.

Eberhardt said she welcomes opinions on the issue, and can be reached via email at eberhardtc@villageofclarkston.org.

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Public Safety For Clarkston and Independence Township

Garage items found

Cutting the grass on a residential sidewalk near Clarkston and Sashabaw roads, a lawncare employee found tools, air compressor, two small electric motors, and other small items in the wooded area next to the bike path, 9:05 a.m., June 23. While investigating, a deputy was approached by a neighbor who said the items may belong to a resident in the 5000 block of Clarkston Road. The resident said the items were his, and had been stored in his garage while the home was being remodeled. There was no sign of forced entry, but a window was unlocked.

Expired license

A 47-year-old Highland man was cited for driving while license expired, expired license plates, and no proof of insurance after being stopped at Dixie Highway and Ortonville Road, 11:18 a.m., June 24.

Break-in

When a resident in the 5000 block of Tamarack Park Lane returned home, 5:17 p.m., June 24, he found someone had broken in by prying open a back window. The burglar took money and valuables, scattering several items on the floor throughout the house. Neighbors report seeing a red pickup truck, a boxy 90s model, in the neighborhood driven by a white man, tall, straight black hair, with a goatee in his 30s and wearing glasses, who approached at least one home.

Domestic assault

A 53-year-old Independence Township man was arrested for domestic assault after grabbing the hand of a 57-year-old woman and breaking her middle finger during an argument, 9:35 p.m., June 25, in the 8000 block of Allen Road. She went to Clarkston urgent care to have her finger treated.

Purse taken

A store employee in the 6000 block of Dixie Highway was on her way home when she found her credit cards, debit card, and driver's license had been stolen from her purse behind the counter, 12:46 p.m., June 25. She remembered helping a customer while another was out of sight. A credit check showed her card was used at stores in Waterford and Bloomfield Hills.

Wallet thefts

Someone took \$80 from a wallet in open view in a car parked unlocked in the 9000 block of Dartmouth Road, June 25.

A wallet was taken from a vehicle parked unlocked in the 6000 block of Middle Lake Road, June 29.

Car vandalism

A resident of the 6000 block of Heron Park Way found her car vandalized, June 26. Someone put a cement sculpture on the vehicle's roof and scratched words and drawings into the paint.

Suspended license

A 50-year-old Clarkston man was stopped for running red light on S. Main Street and Dixie Highway, 10:38 a.m., June 26. He was cited for driving with a suspended license and no proof of insurance, and given a warning for running the light.

Truck intrusion

A resident in the 9000 block of Dartmouth Road said someone went through his pickup truck parked unlocked, June 26, but nothing was taken.

Phone scam

A 72-year-old Independence Township resident got a call from someone claiming to be his grandson saying he was in an accident and needed \$1,500 right away, 9:10 p.m., June 27. The resident said he couldn't come up with that kind of money, and the caller said \$500 would do. The grandfather went to a local convenience store, bought a \$500 debit card, and provided the information to the caller, who then asked for \$500 more, which was provided. That night, the resident called his actual grandson and realized he had been scammed.

Flag filched

A Detroit Tigers flag was stolen from the end of a driveway in the 10000 block of Reese Road, June 27.

Driver killed in rollover

A 70 year old Holly Township resident was killed when he lost control of his 2006 Cadillac DTS northbound on Dixie Highway near I-75, 4:24 p.m., June 30. He crossed over the southbound lanes of Dixie Highway and went down into a ditch, causing the vehicle to flip and land on the passenger side. The driver was ejected out of the vehicle during the crash. It is believed the driver may have had a medical problem, which may have caused the crash. The victim was transported to Genesis Health Park by Groveland Township Fire Department, where he was pronounced deceased at 4:56 p.m. Alcohol does not appear to be a factor and the driver was not wearing a safety belt. The Crash Reconstruction Unit is assisting deputies from Springfield Township in the investigation.

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Friday, July 11, 9:00pm Saturday, July 12, 8:00pm Sunday, July 13, 4:00pm Catch the latest country music videos direct from Nashville.

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Sporting News Flyball

Flyball tamers

Jacob Armstrong threw the ball out to the campers one by one on June 26.

He pointed out a few tips as the boys caught or missed the throw during Baseball Camp for Beginner and Intermediate levels.

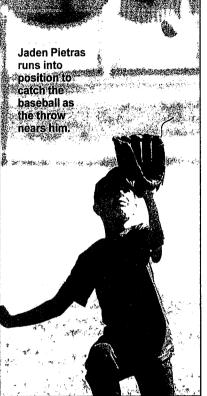
A few tips included running in to catch and dropping a step. He also asked them what was the hardest ball to catch and advised them on how to catch it.

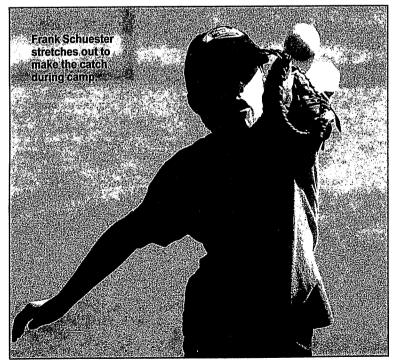
The camp lasted for four days in which during the time baseball players ages 7-14 years old and was one of three clinics held by Clarkston High School Varsity Baseball Head Coach Phil Price with help from his varsity players.

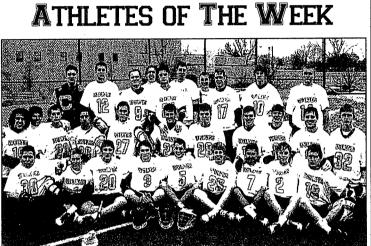
During the clinics athletes learned fundamentals of the game including throwing, catching, fielding, base running and rules of the game.

The baseball camps and T-Ball Clinic were held through Clarkston Community Education. For more information on this camp and others, visit www.clarkston.k12.mi.us/cec.

~Wendi Reardon







The Clarkston Boys Varsity Lacrosse team. File photo League title winners

The Wolves reached the MHSAA Boys Lacrosse Regional finals for the third consecutive season, seeking their second title.

The Clarkston Boys Varsity Lacrosse lost the game 18-11 to the Shamrocks from Detroit Catholic Central on May 30 but ended the season on a high note.

They captured a league title in the OAA Red, continued their winning streak at home and finished with a 17-3 overall record.

"The season was good," said head coach Brian Kaminskas. "We defended for the regional championship which is something we wanted to do.

"Next year we want to be back here again to win it. I am very happy with them," he continued. "We said it before for these guys, it's an old quote 'you stand on the shoulders of those who come before us' and they did. They were right back where they wanted to be. We fell a little short and ran out of time. We will move on."

Returning next spring are: seniors Matt Dargay, Austin Egler, Ross Manssur, John McLennan, Shane Noble, Cole Phillips, Mitch Prock, DJ Rogers, Jason Setting, Chris Toro, Jim Trombley, Andrew

Williamson; juniors Nick Bowman Brent Farrugia, Keaton Mitchell, Ian Phillips, Liam Stickle, David Taylor and sophomore Scott Fisher.

Who is the next AOW?

Send nominations to ClarkstonNews@gmail.com or call Wendi at 248-625-3370

The Wolves lost 11 seniors - Scott Allen, Gaven Bertram, Conner Dziewit, Robert Hall, Jake Hendricks, Reid Kaminski, Ethan Kurolovich, Jim McKillop, Cooper Parks, Connor Ward and Nick Werner. Each one left behind a legacy which will help the returners.

"Last year was the year we were supposed to win it all and then we would have nothing left in the cupboard," Kaminskas said. "We weren't going to pull out any wins this year. But these guys came out and pulled out 17 games in the regular season. It is harder every year to replace. It is a great group of guys."

He added the support of former players from the program also helps with future season especially when 15 were there for the finals.

"When they are coming back that's how you get 50 wins in three seasons. This is all based on the community they are a part of and developing."

~Sports Writer Wendi Reardon



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The Michigan Impact U14 team donates the Make-A-Wish Foundation. *Photo submitted*

Kickers turn goals into wishes

Kickers had motivation every time they went into a game this season.

The Michigan Impact U14 Boys White team made a goal this year to raise money for the Make-A-Wish foundation.

Every time the team scored a goal, the bucket was passed and each family donated.

the coaching of John Timm was able to make a donation of \$200. "The boys were thrilled to have been able to make an impact on the life of a child while

scored a goal, the doing what they love - playing soccer," said ach family donated. DeAnn Quilliams, team manager.

Camps for learning and fun

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.

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

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

ball 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.

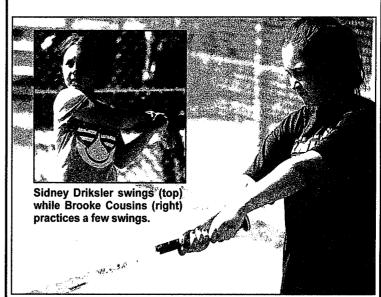
Clarkston Wolves Football Camp is July 28-31, for boys entering fourth through ninth grade in the fall, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Learn new skills and work on football techniques with Kurt Richardson, Clarkston Varsity Football Head Coach and 2013 Detroit Lions High School Football Coach of the Year, 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.

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



Softball camp

The girls practiced a few swings before making a few adjustments during Adventures in Softball, June 26.

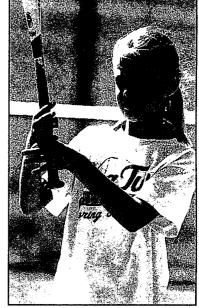
Once the campers had it down they practiced swinging at pitches from one of the coaches, Tara Perry, on the softball field or were in the batting cages.

The camp was held for young athletes ages 7-12 for four days and helped the girls learn the fundamentals while also learning how to slide, hit, throw, field, hit, bunt, pitch, catch and base running from Clarkston Girls Varsity Softball Head Coach Don Peters, his coaching staff and varsity players.

The girls finished the camp with a scrimmage before practicing their sliding skills on the slip and slide - a favorite camp tradition.

Adventures in Softball was held by Clarkston Community Education. For more information or more summer programs, visit www.clarkston.k12.mi.us/ cec.

~Wendi Reardon



Samantha Springer makes sure her fingers are in the right spots on the bat.

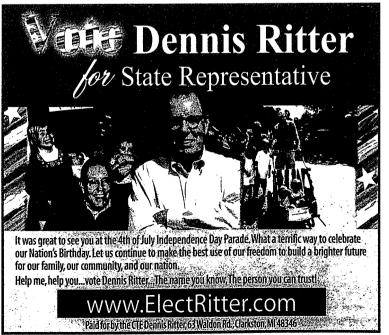
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DRESSED FOR THE PARADE: From left, Anthony, Lucy, and David Dubeck of Clarkston dress in patriotic red, white, and blue for the Clarkston Fourth of July Parade. *Photo by John Meyland*







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American Legion Post 377 Honor Guard raises the flag at the senior center's new 35-foot flagpole. The pole was dedicated to the late John Cesarz, a veteran and long-time driver for the center whose family led the effort to build it.



Matteo Dimaggio, with his mother Hollie Dimaggio of Clinton Township, checks out a mockup of an M16A2 rifle.

Salute to vets

People took time out of their Fourth of July festivities to honor veterans at Clintonwood Park.

Bart Clark, retired U.S. Navy captain, led the veterans program, recognizing vets of all of America's wars. Vets also brought photos, equipment, and other

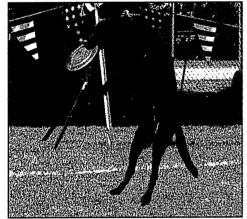
Vietnam War veteran Dale Joritz chats with Brian MacConaghy, veteran of the much more recent war in Afghanistan.



The Honor Guard fires a 21-gun salute. Photos by Phil Custodio



Clarkston band Raft performs on the main stage in Clintonwood Park. *Photos by Phil Custodio*



Simon catches a frisbee thrown by Chris Currey of Ferndale, in the Michigan Disc Dog Club toss and fetch contest's Pro Division.

Festival in the park

The crowd enjoyed fine weather at Independence Fest in Clintonwood Park, enjoying games, food, live music, and a craft show before the Fourth of July fireworks in the evening.





Emily Bock of Clarkston enjoys a ride on the 120-foot X-treme Zip Line.

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Cheer on your defending football state champions—the Clarkston Wolves—as they trade in their blue and gold jerseys for pink and blue ones that display the names of family and friends touched by cancer. Proceeds from your donation will benefit the McLaren Breast Center and McLaren Cancer Institute in Clarkston.

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\$100	Commemorative game jersey with custom nameplate on back	\$100 Commemorative game jersey with nameplate on the back
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CLARKSTON		Cash or check made payable to Clarkston Football. ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JULY 29.
		Questions? Email clarkstonfootballforacure@gmail.com or call Deanna at (248) 922-6606.

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Only the important ones

Patrick Kittle

"I only vote in the important elections. I don't bother with Primary's because they don't mean anything."



Ever heard that before? I have ... and it drives me nuts. My position is that every election is important. It's the Primary Elections that decide who will be the front runners on the November ballot and whether or not local millages will be approved or shotdown. Please take a

Township Supervisor Pat Kittle

minute and read through the copy below. Not sure who to vote for? Jump on GOOGLE and just enter the candidate's name. Click on the link to their website to find out more about their goals and reasons for running or go to the Secretary of State website at www.michigan.gov/sos, click on the "Every Vote Counts" button, then the "Candidate Listing" button for direct links to candidate websites. It can be that easy. Sample Ballots for each precinct are available on the Township



website at www.indetwp.com under "What's New"

Ballot Selections:

With only one candidate on the ballot in the respective Republican and Democrat party selections for Governor and United States Senator ... the decision is pretty simple based on your party affiliation. But other key positions have multiple candidates per party ... and that is going to require a little homework on your part to enlighten yourself on the candidate that is in line with your convictions and beliefs.

Congressional Selections:

The Republican Party has two candidates for the US Congress position (Mike Bishop & Tom McMillin) and the Democratic Party has four (Ken Darga, Susan Grettenberger, Jeffrey Hank & Eric Grow and Create Jobs. A YES vote Schertzing).

Legislative Selections:

There are two Democratic candidates running for State Senator -12^{th} District (Paul Secrest & Kenneth VanNorwick) and two Republican candidates (Bob Gray & Jim Marleau).

For State Representatives - 43rd District, the Republican Party has five candidates in the race (Jose Aliaga, Paul Greenawalt, Nate Knapper, Andrea Schroeder & Jim Tedder) and three Democrats are running (Neil Billington, Robin McGregor & Dennis Ritter).

County Selections:

Two Republican candidates are on the ballot for the 1st District (Michael Gingell & James Goebel) and only one Democrat (Torri Mathes).

In District 4, only one Democrat is running (Phillip Reid) and one Republican (Tom Middleton).

Proposal Selections:

For the State, only one proposal is on the ballot - Approval or disapproval of Amendatory Act to Reduce State Use Tax and Replace with a Local Community Stabilization Share to Modernize the Tax System to Help Small Businesses

approves. A NO vote dis-approves.

For the Township, only one proposal is listed asking for a Renewal of the Police Services Operating Millage. A YES vote approves the millage renewal request. A NO vote dis-approves the millage renewal request.

For the District Library, only one proposal is on the ballot for the Clarkston Independence District Library. A YES vote approves the millage request. A NO vote dis-approves the millage request

SPECIAL NOTE: When voting for candidates in the Primary, you are limited to voting straight party only. Splitting your ticket and voting for both Republican and Democrat candidates will cause the partisan candidate portion of your ballot to be void. However, if you cross-party vote, your Proposal selections will still be valid.

Democracy is the best form of government. And it only works if we all get out and vote. Make sure your voice is heard.

Mark Your Calendars Now and Don't Miss the August 5 Primary Election.

Tax time is here and we now have extended hours

By Paul Brown, **Township Treasurer**

One of the services the Township provides is for the collection of State Education, County Operating and Local School taxes each summer.

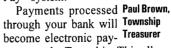
Your tax statements should have ar-



rived at your homes this past week. While the statements are from the Township, the taxes are all disbursed to other taxing authorities as they are collected. The Township is reimbursed by these other taxing authorities for costs associated with collecting these taxes. Please review your statements carefully and call us if you have questions. We are here to assist you in understanding your tax statement.

For your convenience, the Treasurer's office is now open from 7 A.M. to 5:30 P.M., Monday through Friday, July 25. Hours will be adjusted to 7 A.M. to 5 P.M. from July 28 to the end of the year.

Taxes can be paid with cash or check at our counter. The most cost effective method of payment is by utilization of your banks "Online Bill Pay" system.



ments to the Township. This allows us to post the payments electronically. If you have online access to your bank



account, you have the ability to schedule payments that your bank will process on your behalf. When using this service, you will need to use your Parcel ID number as your account number to pay your taxes and your utility account number when paying your utilities. Setting up two separate accounts in Bill Pay is recommended and in most cases, there is no cost to vou.

If you're interested in learning more about online bill pay, contact your bank and they will assist you in setting up your account.

What every voter should know about voting Aug. 5

Do you know that the polls are open between the hours of 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. on election day?

Do You Know That Your Voter Registration Is Tied To Your Drivers License?

The National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) or better known as "Motor Voter," was signed into law on May 20, 1993 and took effect on January 1, 1995. Under the NVRA, Michigan must of-

fer voters the opportunity to register to vote through the mail, secretary of state offices, designated government agencies and military recruitment offices. In addition, the NVRA



prohibits Township Clerks from issuing a "cancellation notice" to a voter solely because of the voter's failure to participate in elections. Most changes made to your driver's license at the Clerk's office or at a Secretary of State office is exchanged electronically between the two entities daily.

Do You Know The Status Of Your Voter Registration; Where You Vote; How To Operate Your Voting Equipment; Or How To View A Sample Ballot?

Don't wait until Election Day to determine the status of your voter registration; find your polling location; learn how to use your voting equipment or view your sample ballot. Visit the Township's website at www.indetwp.com or visit the State of Michigan's *Michigan Voter Information Center* at: www.michigan.gov/sos. You will be amazed at the amount of election information conveniently available to you on-line. The Clerk's office welcomes phone calls too; you can reach us Monday-Friday; 8:00 am-5:00 pm at (248) 625-5113.

Do You Know That Provisions Are Provided At The Precinct For Voters Who Require Assistance?

Special accommodations are available for voters who are disabled. If you require voting assistance, ask an election inspector for help; a reason for needing assistance does NOT have to be stated. Two inspectors will assist you in the voting booth. A voter who is blind, disabled or unable to read or write may be assisted with his or her ballot by ANY person of the voter's choice other than the voter's employer or agent of a union to which the voter belongs. A voterassist terminal (AutoMARK) is available for use also. This ballot-marking device is designed to permit voters who are disabled to vote independently without the assistance of another person.

Do You Know What Type Of Photo Identification Is Acceptable?

Because of a 2007 Michigan Supreme Court ruling, voters are now subject to photo identification requirements prior to voting. Bring an acceptable form of **CURRENT** photo identification to the polls on Election Day; your photo ID does not need to have your address on it. Acceptable forms of ID are:

A Driver's license or personal ID card; driver's license or personal ID card issued by another state is acceptable;

- ★ Federal or state government-issued photo ID;
 ★ U.S. passport;
- A Military identification card with photo;
- * Student identification with photo from a high school

or an accredited institution of higher education; or A Tribal identification card with photo.

Will I Be Able To Vote If I Don't Have Acceptable Photo Id?

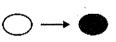
If you do not have acceptable photo ID or you have photo ID but did not bring it to the polls, you may still cast a ballot by signing an affidavit attesting that you are not in possession of photo identification. Your ballot will be counted on Election Day!

I Am In The Military Or A Civilian Currently Living Outside The United States; Can I Vote?

A Federal Postcard Application (FPCA) form can be used to register to vote and request an absent voter ballot. The FPCA form is available online through the Federal Voting Assistance Program at www. fvap.gov and is also distributed through U.S. embassies and military bases. A Michigan resident who moves and registers out of state may NOT re-register to vote in Michigan until he/she re-establishes residency here. Military and civilian voters, and their spouses and dependents meeting Michigan's residency requirement can receive an absentee ballot. The law permits such voters to receive their ballot electronically via email or fax.

How Can I Make Sure My Vote Counts?

READ THE BALLOT MARKING INSTRUC-TIONS inserted on the secrecy sleeve BEFORE marking your ballot. The BIGGEST mistake made by a precinct voter is attempting to correct OR erase a mark-



ing mistake on a ballot. If you make an error your ballot can be spoiled and a replacement ballot issued.

Mark your ballot by com-

pletely darkening the OVAL opposite of each choice as indicated above.

Make certain your vote counts by:

★ Use only a black or blue ink pen; do not use any other ink color!

 \bigstar Do not vote for more candidates than indicated under each office title.

A Important for August Primary: You can vote in one party section only (Republican or Democrat); you cannot "split your ticket." If you vote in more than one party section, the partisan section of your ballot will be rejected!

★ Make sure that you arrive at your polling location no later than 8 p.m. on election day!

What Qualifies A Voter For An Emergency Absentee Ballot?

To be eligible for an emergency absentee ballot if a family death or illness requires you to leave your community on Election Day, or you are unable to attend the polls because of a personal illness or accident. The emergency MUST have occurred late enough that you could not file a regular absentee ballot request by Saturday, August 2, at 2 PM. IF an emergency does exist, assign someone to deliver your handwritten request for an emergency absentee ballot to the clerk's office before 4 p.m. on Election Day; emergency ballots MUST be returned by 8 pm on Election Day.

Important Dates For August 5 Primary Election

1. Township Clerk's office is open for issuance of absent voter ballots over the counter: 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 2

2. Voters qualified to receive an absent voter ballot may vote in person: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Monday, August 4

3. Emergency absentee voting for qualified voters: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Monday, August 4

4. All voted absent voter ballots must be received by the Clerk's office to be counted: 8 p.m. on Tuesday, August 5

Local Ballot Questions August 5th Primary Ballot



Renewal Of Police Services Operating Millage

Shall the Charter Township of Independence be authorized to renew the previously authorized levy of up to 2.95 mills for a period of four (4) years, starting with the December 2014 levy, for the purpose of continuing to provide police services in the Township?

This millage will renew the voter approved 2010 millage for police services in the approximate amount of \$2.95 per \$1,000 of taxable value on all taxable property in the Township. It is estimated that this proposal will result in the authorization to collect \$4,036,150 in the first year if approved and levied. It is estimated 99.7% of the annual millage revenue would be disbursed to the Charter Township of Independence for police services and, as required by law, 0.3% (three tenths of one percent) will be disbursed to the Township's Sashabaw Road Corridor Improvement Authority. The amount disbursed to the Sashabaw Road Corridor Improvement Authority shall be collected only from properties within the Sashabaw Road Corridor Improvement Authority District.

IMPORTANT: All questions related to the police millage are to be directed to the Township Supervisor's office at (248) 625-5111; Ext. 525. Questions related to Continued on next page

Election Info, continued

the Sashabaw Corridor Improvement Authority disbursement are to be directed to the Independence Township Assessing Office at (248) 625-5111; Ext. 219.

Clarkston Independence District Library millage proposal

Shall the Clarkston Independence District Library, County of Oakland, Michigan, levy an amount not to exceed 1.25 mills (\$1.25 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) against all taxable real and tangible personal property within the Clarkston Independence District Library District for a period of eight (8) years, 2014 to 2021, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for all District Library purposes authorized by law; and shall the District Library levy such new additional millage forsaid purpose? The estimate of the revenue the Clarkston Independence District Library will collect if the millage is approved and levied by the District Library in the 2014 calendar year is approximately \$1,757,000. A small portion (approximately 0.3%) of the revenue collected will be subject to capture by the Sashabaw Road Corridor Improvement Authority.

IMPORTANT: All questions related to the Clarkston Independence District Library millage are to be directed to the district library at (248) 625-2212. Questions related to the Sashabaw Corridor Improvement Authority disbursement are to be directed to the Independence Township Assessing Office at (248) 625-5111; ext. 219.

P.S. From Your Clerk

1. Did you know that new Voter Identification Cards were mailed in May to ALL Independence Township Voters?



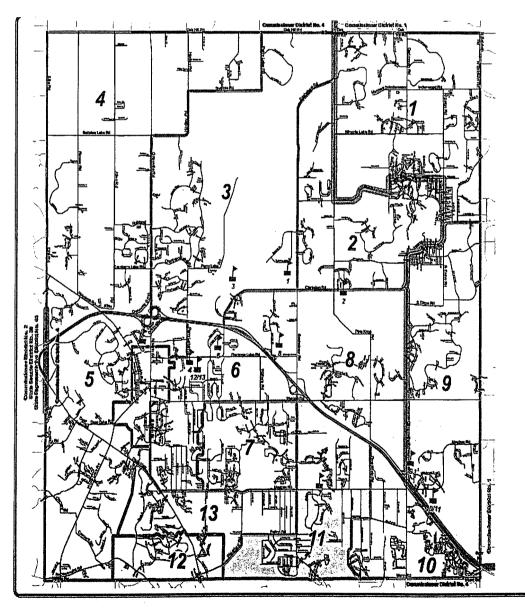
know that the purpose of a Voter Identification Card is solely for

Township Clerk

Barb Pallotta

informational purposes and informs the voter of his/her legislative districts, school district and polling location; it is NOT an acceptable form of identification for voting.

3. The Clerk's office will be open from 8 am until 2 pm on Saturday, August 2 to issue absent voter ballots for the August 5 Primary Election.



Charter Township of Independence Precinct Map

Precinct Kumber	Polling Location	
1	St. Trinity Lutheron Church 7925 Sashabaw Rd	
2	First Congregational Church S449 Claritston Rd	
3	Carriage House 🖶 Clintonwood Park 6000 Clarkston Rd	
4	Clariston Independence District Library 6495 Clariston Rd	
5	Calvary EvangeScal Lutheran Church 6805 Bhregrass Dr.	
6	Clarks ton Community Church 6300 Clarks ton Rd	
7	Oakland Woods Baptist Church 5628 Maybee Rd	
8	Maranatha Baptist Church 5790 Flemings Late Rd.	
9	Harvestland Church 5848 Clintonväle Rd	
10	Mt. Zica Church 4900 Maybee Rd	
11	Mt. Bon Church 4900 Maybee Rd	
12	Clarks ton Community Schools Admin Building 6339 Clarks ton Ad	
13	Clarkston Community Schools Admin. Building 6389 Clarkston Rd	

Michigan Congressional Districts* State Senate District No. 12 State Representative District No. 48

*Except as otherwise indicated

Independence Township Offices, (348)625-580 6483 Viation Center Dr., Clarkston, M.48346 Web: Indetwop.com Population: 34,681 (200 Census)



New millage will allow library to continue operations

Clarkston Independence District Library:

Our community's cornerstone of lifelong learning through innovation, education and enrichment.

What is the millage rate on the ballot?

The Clarkston Independence District Library (CIDL) is seeking a millage rate of 1.25 mills (equal to \$1.25 per \$1,000 of taxable value of all taxable property in Independence Township and the City of the Village of Clarkston). This will replace all current library funding in the Township and City.

Annual Library Usage:

134,548 visits 263,349 items circulated 17.813 books downloaded 5.215 items inter-loaned between libraries 13,138 reference questions answered 23,958 computer & wireless users served 4,599 program attendees

How do we compare to neighboring libraries?

Springfield Township Library Spending per resident: \$44.58 Millage Rate: .9173 Population: 13,940

Brandon Township Library Spending per resident: \$60.91 Millage Rate: 2.0 Population: 15,245

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

Clarkston Independence District Library (now) Spending per resident: \$29.20 Millage Rate: .691 Population: 35,563

After the millage passes... **Clarkston Independence District Library** Spending per resident: \$50.44 Millage Rate: 1.25

How much is this going to cost?

The average homeowner with a property having a market value of \$200,000 will pay \$125 per year. This represents an increase of \$56, or less than \$5 per month.

How will the millage funds be spent? Restore library hours

- Replace outdated public computers Expand programming for all ages to promote lifelong learning
- Restore and expand funding for library materials, both physical & electronic
- Expand collaborations with the schools

Promote resources to help local businesses succeed

Develop and fund a Capital Improvement Plan for a 22-year-old building

What happens if the millage fails?

According to the District Library Agreement, if the millage fails the library legally dissolves and would be forced to close on August 10, 2014. This means the agreements by which residents may freely use neighboring libraries would also dissolve, so the community would be without library service.

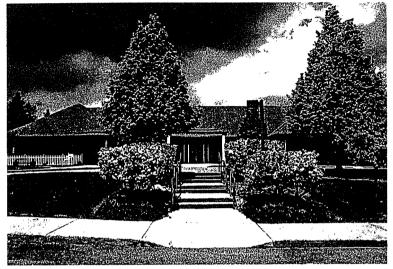
What about the Sashabaw Road Corridor Improvement Authority?

By law a small amount, only 0.3%, of

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the library's millage is captured by the Sashabaw Road Corridor Improvement Authority (SRCIA) for improvements in that area. This will account for less than \$6,000 in the first year. The only properties that contribute to the SRCIA are those within the SRCIA District which is along Sashabaw Road from Clarkston

Road to Maybee Road.

For additional information, call the library at 248-625-2212 or visit our website at www.indelib.org

The library is located at 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI 48346

Space for this article paid for by the Friends of the **Clarkston Independence District Library.**

AT & T U-verse customers can now watch ITV!

By Joe Barnhart,

Independence Television (ITV) Finally ... AT&T U-verse customers can once again watch

programs from Independence Television (ITV). Following the move of the television studio to Clarkston High School last summer, the new ITV station was not able to send their signal to AT&T. Following months of legal, logistical and technical work - along with numerous delays --- the channels were finally restored to the U-verse lineup on July 2, 2014.

To find Independence Television on U-verse go to channel 99 and navigate through the menus to the options for Independence Township. Viewers will once again be able to watch programs produced right here in Independence, including local government meetings, high school sports and community affairs.

\Independence Television is also available to Comcast subscribers on channels 10, 20 and 22. Local programing and Township meetings are also available to watch on-line at www.independencetelevision.pegcentral.com.

SWIMMING LESSONS! At Deer Lake Beach, our focus is to provide our swim participants with a memorable experience in the water. Our instructors are knowledgeable on swim skills ranging from infants just getting comfortable with the water to teens learning stroke technique. We stress the importance of swimming skills both for fun and for safety purposes! Session 3 swim lessons start July 28! Come into the Township offices to register, the registration deadline is Wednesday, July 23.

Pond Tour a community effort

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Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston's first Pond and Water Garden Tour will give visitors a chance to explore unique settings at a variety of homes in Clarkston and Davisburg on July 12 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The event will benefit SCAMP, a five week summer camp for kids and young adults with developmental disabilities. Sponsored by Pond Source in Clarkston, 100 percent of ticket sales will benefit SCAMP, said owner Dawn Kelley.

The self-guided tour includes water features and outdoor environments at 10 Clarkston area homes, from small ponds to very extravagant water features, Kelley said.

She first got the idea to organize an activity to benefit the community at a trade show she attended when presenters asked participants how they give back to their community.

After Kelley thought about the question, she and her team decided to organize the tour and donate the proceeds to a local charity.

"We thought it would be a fun activity for everybody," she said.

After deciding what kind of event they would plan, the staff at Pond Source decided to donate the proceeds to SCAMP.

"SCAMP is a wonderful local organization doing great work," she said. "Everyone knows who they are and we think what they do is amazing. They are awesome.'

Kelley said SCAMP Director Donna Clancy was very supportive of their efforts.

I told Donna it was out first time doing anything like this and we were unsure how much money we would raise. Donna's attitude was. I don't care if you raise \$1 or \$10, every dollar helps," said Kelley, appreciative of Clancy's support.

Pond Source began planning the tour in March.

A luncheon planned under a pavilion, donated and hosted at Lowrie's Landscape on Dixie Highway, is included in the price of the ticket. Tickets for the luncheon alone is \$10, and visitors can attend the luncheon anytime after 1 p.m.

Mr. B's is donating lunch, and Neiman's Family Market is donating drinks.

"It has been a true community effort," said Kelley. "Mr. B's and Neiman's volunteered to help without hesitation."

Visitors who want to attend can arrive at Pond Source starting at 9:30 a.m. to pick up a map of featured stops on the tour. Visitors can visit the different ponds at their own leisure

"It will be a nice fun and relaxing day," she said. "We are so excited to help such a great cause."

Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door, and refreshments will be served at the start and end of the tour. For more information on the event, or where to purchase tickets, visit thepondsourceinc.com or call 248-922-7759. Pond Source is located at 9355 Dixie Highway.

OUR TROOP

WARMING UP THE CROWD: Clarkston crooner T.J. Craven entertains the audience before the Fourth of July Veterans' Celebration in Clintonwood Park. Photo by Phil Custodio



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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/nonmembers, Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

Third annual breast cancer 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-

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Acalendar of places to go, people to see and things to do



JULY FOURTH FAIR: Katilyn Keen, at left, and sister Natalie Keen of Springfield Township are set to head to the Oakland County Fair after the Fourth of July Parade in Clarkston. The fair opened Monday and runs through July 13. *Photo by John Meyland*

at Sashabaw. 248-623-7232.

Grief Support Group, Coats Funeral Home,

6:30 p.m., first and third Mondays, Commu-

nity Presbyterian Church, 4301 Monroe Street

Bingo games, Community Singles, Mondays,

5:30-6:30 p.m., Big Boy, 6440 Dixie Highway.

Zumba Gold Fitness, Mondays, Wednesdays

through Aug. 20, 6:30-7:45 p.m., Clarkston

Specialty Healthcare Community Room. 248-

FOP Post 132, third Monday, 7 p.m., Ameri-

Dinner, dessert prizes. 248-812-0604.

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625-8231.

Tuesday

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

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

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

Needlework Night, fourth Tuesday, 6:30-8 p.m. Stitch and visit. Everyone welcome.

July Special 1/2 OFF Highlights ^{\$45⁰⁰ Value With Brooke & Deborah With Brooke & Deborah 248-625-8611 ²⁰ W. Washington Str., Suite 12B, Clarkston, M1 48346 (Main entrance is facing Depot Street.)} Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

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

Clarkston Area Youth Assistance, second Tuesday, 7 p.m., Clarkston Community Education Building, 6300 Church Street on Waldon. 248-623-4313.

Town Hall Quilt Guild, third Tuesday, 7 p.m., First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. Guest fee, \$5.248-705-7310.

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

LegalShield and Identity Theft Shield information sessions with Carol Compagnoni, Tuesdays, 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 Thursdays, 8 p.m., 1 East Washington. 248-625-4610.

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

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

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





What makes America the greatest country?



"Because of all the freedom we have." – Tom Reed



"Our freedom."

Melanie Crumbaugh



"Our ability to do what we want when we want to." - Chris

"I don't know if it is. They tell us a whole lot of lies. I would, however, say our freedom."

- Rodney Lundrum

"Our Independence and freedom." - Richard Tokar

By Andrea Beaudoin

The Clarkston News' STREAM Dedicated to showcasing the reasons this is a great area to live and work.

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SUMMER'S HERE Now it's time to clean the garage and sell the unwanted items Call 248-625-3370 And place a Garage Sale ad

Dancer recognized in national competition

BY LAURA DUCHARME

Special to the Clarkston News

Sophie Harp, an incoming third grade student at Bailey Lake Elementary, was recognized for her dancing with the National PTA Reflections program. She did a lyrical routine to "Man in the Mirror" by Michael Jackson. The theme to this year's competition was "Dream, Believe, Inspire." On the national level, Harp was one of three winners from Michigan.

The National PTA Reflections program allows students across America to become more involved in the arts through the competition. Students enter the competition in choreography, photography, film, literature, music or visual arts. The students are separated into different categories, including their age and the type of art they do

Harp has been dancing for five years. She does many different styles, including jazz, hip-hop and lyrical but when asked what her favorite was, she instantly answered "tap."

This was the first contest she entered by herself and she made up the routine herself. The first step of the PTA Reflections program is the school level, Harp sent a tape to Bailey Lake Elementary PTA president, Arina Bokas. Her tape passed at the school level, then the state level, and then her tape went to the national level.

"Mom told me not to overreact when I made it past the national level," said Harp. "It was exciting, but she didn't want me to feel bad if I didn't win."

Harp won the Award of Excellence for her choreography. With so much success on her first solo competition, it seems like she would be eager to enter another competition.

"I'd consider it," said Harp with a huge grin on her face.

The PTA competition happens every year, which gives Harp more opportunities to During the school year, she spends eight hours a week in the studio, over four days. In the summer, she still dances three days a week.

Having competitions with her studio helped her prepare for her PTA award. She had won awards before for dance, but not on her own choreography. Just this year alone, she was in three competitions with

anytime soon. She has big dreams.

"I want to keep dancing until I'm an adult," said Harp. "I want to go to school in New York and be a Rockette."





Sophie Harp of Clarkston displays national medals she earned for her dance routine. Photo by Laura DuCharme

compete with her own choreography. Harp dances at Juliana's Academy of Dance and dedicates a lot of time there.

her studio.

Harp sees no signs of stopping dance

Business achievements

recently joined ROWE Professional Services

Company. Lemke joined Air-Land

Surveys in 1986, which became a ROWE company in 2003. He earned an A.A.S. in photogrammetric mapping from Ferris State University.



As a project manager, his responsibilities

Gregory N. Lemke of Clarkston, CP, include generating mapping quotes, developing and implementing new mapping techniques and procedures, and scheduling mapping projects. د ب ب

> Bonnie Anderson was recently honored as a 2013 top advisor of Cadaret, Grant & Co., Inc., a broker/dealer based in Syracuse, New York. Of over 900 advisors associated with Cadaret, Grant, Bonnie was among the 20 percent who qualified for the prestigious award.



Leave the driving to us and visit the Detroit Institute of Arts on **Oakland County Day July 12!**

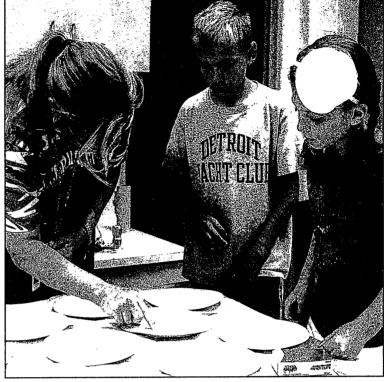
Free round-trip bus transportation to the DIA will be offered in six Oakland County locations. Visit dia.org for reservations and departure times.

Auburn Hills Community Center, Auburn Hills Oxford Parks & Recreation/Seymour Lake Twp. Park, Oxford **Clarkston Independence District Library, Clarkston** Oak Park Ice Arena, Oak Park Madison Heights City Hall, Madison Heights Wixom Community Center, Wixom

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!

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let yourself go



From left, Jodi Sebring, Romas Mitrius and Keira Tolmie check on the plaster



Katie McCarty uses a ruler on her ceramic tile. Photos by Wendi Reardon

Ceramics at camp

Kids smoothed the clay edges on their tiles before they added spiral and macaroni noodles for texture last week in Ceramics Camp at Pine Knob Elementary.

During week long Camp, the kids worked with clay and plaster and spent the last day glazing their creations.

"They do a lot of tile work and creatures," said Jodi Sebring, a Pine Knob teacher.

She added in elementary the students work on one clay project per grade level. The camp allows them to do 10-15 projects in one week. They also build on to skills they already knew. For example, they learned how to make a pinch pot in Kindergarten and during camp they created a pinch pot animal.

Another Ceramics Camp is offered in the summer, August 18-22, 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and a Clay Camp for 6th-9th graders is held the same days from 1-3:30 p.m.

The camps are offered through Clarkston Community Education. Please visit www.clarkston.k12.mi.us for more information.

Obituaries

William Brown, 63

William Conly Brown of Oscoda, formerly of Waterford, Union Lake, and Pontiac, passed away suddenly, July 1, 2014, at age 63

He was preceded in death by his parents Covert and Phyllis Brown. He was the special cousin of Helen (James) Houser, Charles (the late Debbie) Brown and Joseph (Devon) Brown and many other members of the Hapgood and Brown families.

Bill retired from General Motor Lake Orion Plant and Fisher Body Plant. He enjoyed watching football.

Funeral Service, Friday, July 11, 10 a.m., at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit, Thursday, 7- 9:00 p.m. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to American Heart Association. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

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

DivorceCare 13-weekly seminars, Thursdays, 6:45-8:30 p.m., Clarkston United

STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO: PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of Robert L. Nelson Agreement of Trust Dat TO ALL CREDITORS: ed June 2, 2003 NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Robert L. Nelson Agree ment of Trust Dated June 2, 2003

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PUBLIC NOTICE CLARKSTON NOTICE OF ELECTION **CITY OF CLARKSTON**

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Clarkston County of Oakland: Notice is hereby given that a Pri-mary Election will be held in the City of Clarkston, County of Oakland on Tuesday, August 5, 2014 from 7 a.m. to p.m. for the purpose of Electing candidates for the fol-lowing offices: Governor, US Senator, Rep in Congress, State Senator, Rep in State Legislature, County Com-missioner and Delegate to County Convention and to vote on the following proposals: Proposal 14-1 APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF AMENDATORY ACT TO REDUCE STATE USE TAX AND REPLACE WITH A LOCAL COM MUNITY STABILIZATION SHARE TO MODERNIZE THE TAX SYSTEM TO HELP SMALL BUSINESSES GROW AND CREATE JOBS Clarkston Independence District Library, Library Millage Proposal. The polling place loca-tions for said election are as follows: PRECINCT #1, 375 Depot Street Clarkston 48346

For assistance in determining the accessibility of the polling place locations and the availability of voting instructions in alternative formats such as audio and Braille please contact the city clerk's office. Persons wishing to obtain an absentee ballot may do so by contacting the Clarkston City clerk's office. The Clerk, or their desig-nee, will be available in the Clerk's Office on the Saturday preceding the election, August 2, 2014, until 2:00 p.m., the deadline for requesting an absentee ballot which will be mailed. For names of candidates, full text of proposals or any other information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 248-625-1559. Sandy Miller, City Clarkston, Clerk

Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. For mor einformation, call 248-625-1611.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know INDEPENDENCE TWP. STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF OAKLAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE NOTICE OF ORDINANCE GRANTING

THE ARDMORE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (TEXT AND MAP AMENDMENT

TO ZONING ORDINANCE) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That at its regular meet-ing on July 22, 2014, the Charter Township of Independence Board of Trustees will hold a second reading and consider an Ordinance to amend the Charter Township of Independence Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of reclassifying certain property situated in Section 15 of the Township to Planned Unit Development (PUD) pursuant to Chapter 50, "Zoning Ordinance," Article 9, "Planned Districts, Overlay Districts, and Other Special Develop ment Regulations," Section 9.02, "Planned Unit Development,", and to provide regulations for the development and use of such property. A summary of the ordinance is set forth below. A true copy of the Ordinance can be inspected or obtained at the office of the Township Clerk, 6483 Waldon Center Drive, Independence, MI 48346. THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS

SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE: <u>Description and Pur-</u> pose. Describes the property involved, the prior PUD approval and amendment, and the purpose of this amendment

SECTION 2 OF ORDINANCE: Grant of Amendment and Conditions. Grants the amendment of the PUD and describes the amended PUD documents and other conditions related to the amendment

SECTION 3 OF ORDINANCE: Savings. Provides that the Township Zoning Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect, amended only as specified in this Ordinance

SECTION 4 OF ORDINANCE: Severability. Provides that if any part of the ordinance is found to be void, that part is severed and the rest of the ordinance remains in

SECTION 5 OF ORDINANCE: Publication and Effective Date. Requires publication and states that the effective date of this ordinance is 30 days after publica tion

SECTION 6 OF ORDINANCE: Enactment. Declares the ordinance enacted and orders publication

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE Barbara A. Pallotta, Township Clerk PUBLISHED: July 9, 2014

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BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Team RUSH 27 faced their newest challenges while building cardboard boats this summer and are ready for their 7th Annual RUSH Regatta this Saturday.

The students faced restrictions in size for their boats made out of cardboard and duct tape last summer. This summer, they can make the boat as big or small as they want. The challenge is not only less time to build their boat, but they also have to manipulate game pieces.

"We have exercise balls we have to collect on the course," explained junior Diana Marsala from Team Three. "We can't touch them ourselves. Our boat has to touch them. There will also be inner tubes placed around the course."

If a team doesn't collect the inner tubes, time is subtracted from their race and whoever is holding them is unable to help with rowing the boat.

"So you have to decide, do you want the 20 seconds or have the extra person to row," Marsala added.

"It really made our boat design significantly different than last year," added senior Camron Razdar, from Team Killer Stingrays.

"Your boat can't just be fast," added junior Zach Evans from the same team. "It has to be fast and manueverable."

Sophomore Haley Velisek agreed with her teammates and added they had to calculate drag it might have on the boat and how it would affect it.

"It's different," noted Michael Abraham from The Non-Cute Puppies - team two. "I think we have a design to overcome the challenge. We have a simple design and usually those are the designs which work the best.

"We are really excited for it, to see how other teams are going to build their boats around the challenge," said senior Carter Zielinski from Swimbotics, Team Four. "Our design will help push us in front of the competition."

The students also face the same challenges they do every year - to build a boat out of cardboard which won't sink. The boats need to last at least four races in order to move to the championship round of the brackets.

Each team also raises money by getting businesses to sponsor their boat. The money is used during the robotics season for their competitions.

Eight teams vie to win the RUSH Regatta and each knows why they will win and why other teams should be worried about them.

"They- should definitely worry about. these guys because they have made a lot of contacts," Marsala said about teammates sophomores Ethan McMichael and Devin Spaulding. "One thing that makes us a threat is we have two lighter students so we can take advantage of the none proportioned, because the weight won't make that much of a different," Spaulding added.

Senior Courtney Hughes, from Team One, the Nautical Neons and who won last year, knows her team will win again.

"We are going to win because of the fact our boat is going to be rock solid like Team Rush and we have so many connections," she said. "Plus the fact our team has heart and we are going to bring that heart into competition on beach day. We are working tiredlessly and we are team one, as in we are number one. We are a threat - we have the heart, the money and the boat. It is the full package. I was lucky to get this team."

Evans added the Killer Stingrays will win because of their dedication.

"We have spent at least four hours a day at Camron's house calling companies, prototyping our boat and scaling it down, design, cut all the cardboard, today glueing all the pieces," he explained.

"We have a pretty different group," Velisek added. "We cover all aspects of the team – mechanical and judges. Camron is our chairman presenter. He has a lot of connections. All of us have done mechanical sub teams so we know how to build a boat."

Razdar added they also have the mindset of winning, professionalism and generousity to other teams which needed help.

"We have the will to win," Zielinski said about Swimbotics. "This is something we really take seriously because of the motivation to go to an out of state tournament which is why we are raising money for as well as the experience."

Senior Melchoir Vester from the Killer Hornets, team six, pointed out they have two keys to success with their boat design and theme.

"Our boat will go fast," he said. "It is very structurally sound and bouyant."

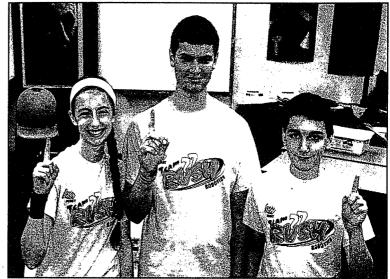
But Team Eight is ready to prove them wrong even though they are considered one of the youngest teams and an underdog.

"No one is going to expect a lot out of us," said junior Jared Harper. "We have already had teams come up to help us. We have been doing pretty good on our own and we have actually been able to help other teams. We received a donation of liquid nails and we are going to give the extra to other teams if they need it. We are better than I thought."

The annual RUSH Regatta is this Saturday at Deer Lake Beach, off of White Lake Road in Clarkston, at 10 a.m.

"Once we get onto the beach, it is go time," Razdar smiled.

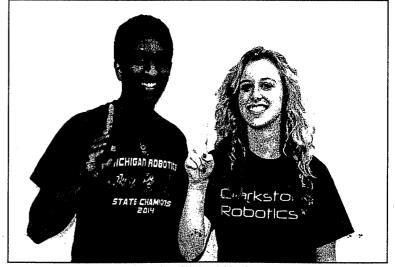
"It is always fun and the hard work pays off," Hughes added. "It's fun watching boats sink and the competition is unreal."



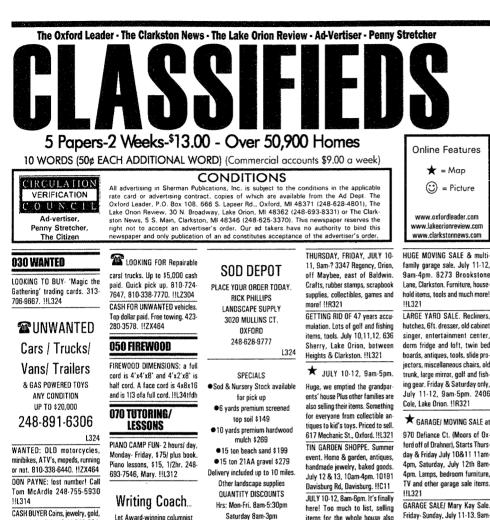
Team Three, Diana Marsala, Ethan McMichael and Devin Spaulding.



Team Killer Stingrays, Haley Velisek, Zach Evans and Camron Razdar.



Team Two, The Non-Cute Puppies, Michael Abraham and Alyssa Dubre. Photos by Wendi Reardon



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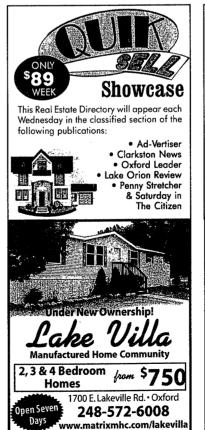
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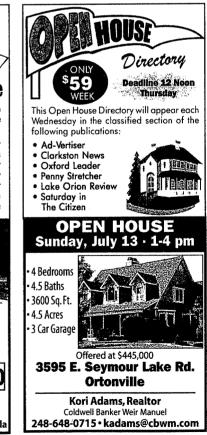
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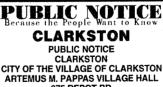
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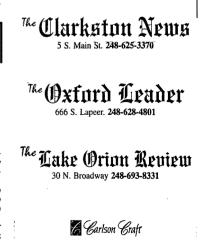


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All vets received recognition at the Veterans' Celebration, but also receiving a visit with Mrs. Michigan Rebecca Scholten were World War II vets Charles Smalley, who fought with the U.S. Army in Africa, France, and Germany...



...Al Schafer, who served in the European Theater...

Honoring their service

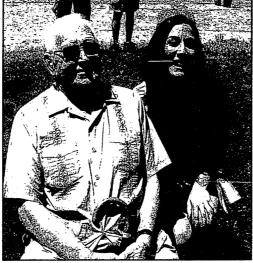
Veterans of World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and more recent conflicts gathered in downtown Clarkston and Clintonwood Park for the Fourth of July Parade and Veterans' Program, sharing stories across generations and the world.



Catherine Dusenbury of Waterford Township, 95, served in the U.S. Navy WAVES during World War II. Photo by John Meyland



Jim Bolin, a Marine in the Pacific, and...



...Herbert Harthun, who served in the Pacific as an bomber mechanic.



Joann Puffer Kotcher, author of the book "Donut Dolly: An American Red Cross Girl's War in Vietnam," with Stephan Toth, Vietnam veteran, in the Military Museum in the Carriage House.

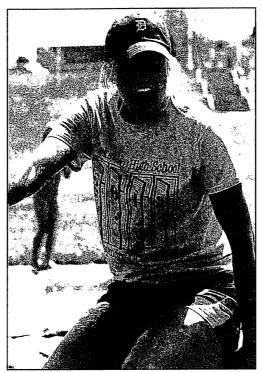


The author pins locations where she served in Vietnam with the Red Cross. *Photos by Phil Custodio*



Freda Mae Sparks Parker, a Rosie the Riveter during World War II, in the parade with other members of Sashabaw Plains Daughters of the American Revolution. *Photo by Andrea Beaudoin*





Camp Counselor Abby Skvarce shows the girls how to slide on the wet tarp.

Slippery camp finale

The weather was perfect with the sun shining and the warm temperature for a camp tradition - the slip and slide.

Campers from Adventures in Softball ended the four day fun with practicing their softball sliding skills on a soapy wet tarp. It provided more splash and fun over practicing slides on the field.

The girls practiced different sliding techniques while taking numerous turns on June 27. Photos by Wendi Reardon



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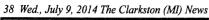


Adventures in Softball campers take control of the house after scaring off the counselors with soggy hugs.





Elsy Mills smiles in the splash of coolness.







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