

Clarkston test scores up

BY PHIL CUSTODIO Clarkston News Editor

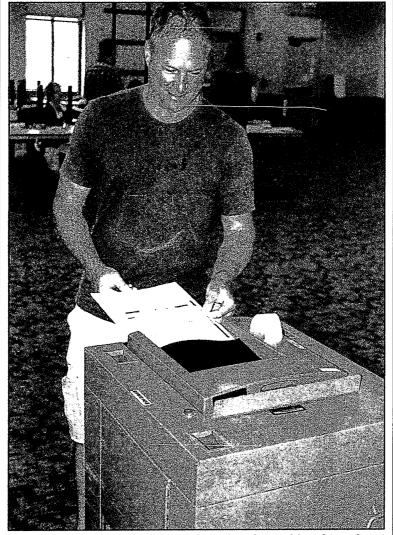
Clarkston High School students continue to show improvement on state test scores, based on results of Michigan Merit Exam (MME) and ACT tests taken last spring.

"I think this is one indicator of the fact that our Cultures of Thinking, literacy, mathematics, and overall focus on each student's educational experience is working very well," said Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock. "It shows our delayed starts, our professional development, and our teaching/leading is highly effective. It reinforces all of the work we've done and should provide evidence for the board and community to continue to support the work of the district's leadership and vision."

Percentages of students scoring "Advanced" or "Proficient" in the MME also continues to exceed state and county results, said Staci Puzio, testing and research supervisor for Clarkston Community Schools.

MEAP scores from last year also show every grade level increased or maintained math scores compared to the year before, with grades 4 and 7 showing an increase of 11 percent and 13 percent; every grade level was above Oakland County in reading and writing; and Clarkston was above Michigan by 10-19 percent in reading and 11-22 percent in math.

Test score analysis is part of the Clarkston High School School Improvement Plan (SIP), prepared last year as required by the state. Student Please see School on page 4



ELECTION DAY: Mike Cook feeds his ballot into the machine after voting at Precinct 6 at Clarkston Community Church, Tuesday morning. The weather was stormy, but about 50 voters fulfilled their civic duty at the precinct by 9:15 a.m. Check *The Clarkston News*' Facebook page for results and next week's edition for details about the Aug. 5 primary election. *Photo by Wendi Reardon*

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Water concerns in road work's wake

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Clarkston News Staff Writer

As workers continue the Main Street renovation project, Tammie Heazlit of Independence Township is concerned about impact on local water.

Heazlit said fabric currently used to filter sediment through the drains is inadequate in protecting against stormwater pollution because it does not extend around the entire perimeter of the storm drain.

"Not only that, but if you get close, you can see tears in the fabric and how sediment had escaped into the drain," she said.

Heazlit took photos showing MDOT crews and contractors were not using any protective measures to block off slurry from entering the drains.

After work crews in the area were made aware of complaints, the drains were blocked off with a fabric material, and later with sand bags.

According to the US Environmental Protection Agency, stormwater runoff occurs when rainfall or snowmelt flows across the ground and into drains. Water from city streets in downtown Clarkston flow into storm drains and eventually discharge into waterways.

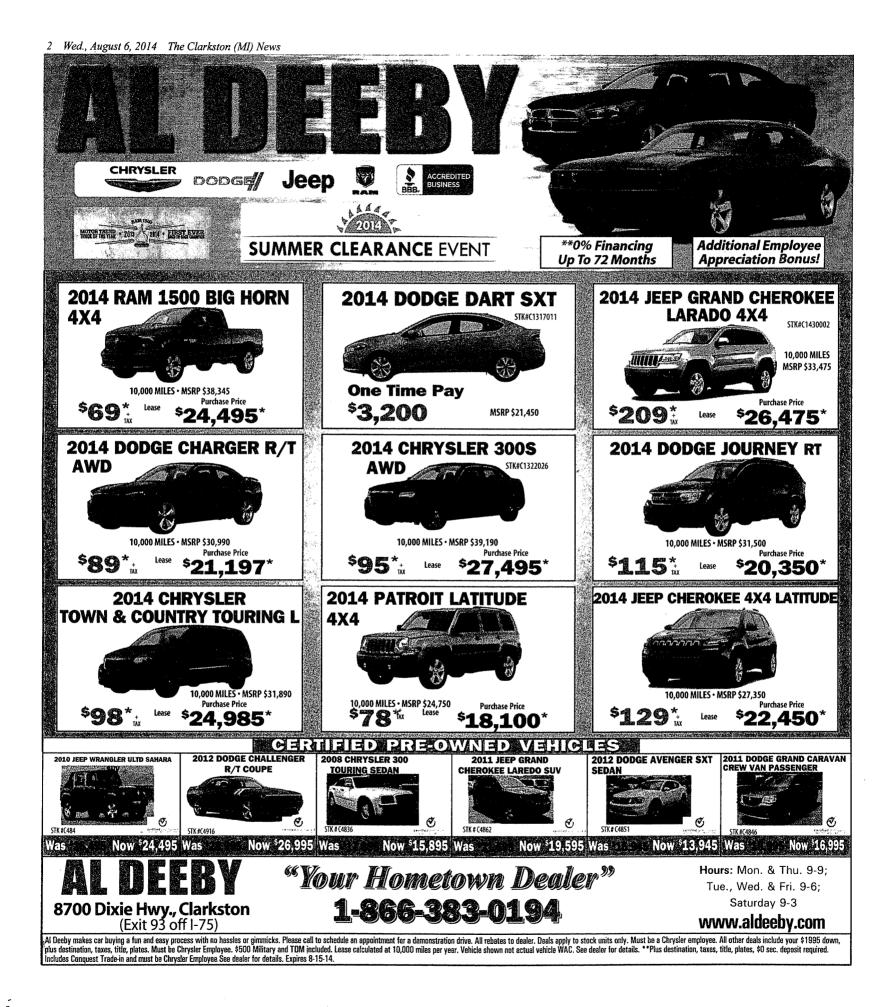
Stormwater runoff can pollute waterways if debris from construction projects are not properly handled. Material, like concrete particles can harm aquatic life and plants.

Water that flows into storm drains receive no filtration before discharge.

One contractor working along Main Street said protective barriers being used on the job are sufficient, and the only way to completely stop slurry from entering storm drains would be to weld a steel grate into the drains and remove them at the end of the project.

Heazlit said city officials handling any type Please see City on page 3

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Clarkston DPW workers monitor MDOT workers and contractors as they replace the sidewalk on Main Street at Washington. *Photo by Andrea Beaudoin*

City manager says MDOT responsible

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of project that effect storm drains should be trained, so they can better address issues like these when they come up on projects.

On this projects, MDOT and contractors are in charge of addressing the issue.

The US Environmental Protection Agency recommends construction crews divert any pollutants away from storm drains.

According to MDOT concrete construction crews are in a unique position to help prevent pollution of waterways because they use the moist widely used material in construction.

However, the biggest polluter of waterways are everywhere and include activities like landscaping, agricultural activities, pet waste, construction and many other activities.

Heazlit said the city has an obligation to make sure no illicit water runoff discharges into city waterways and asked Eberhardt why city officials were not inspecting the project.

Eberhardt said the city does not issues permits to either MDOT or the Road Commission for Oakland County because M-15 is a road under the jurisdiction of the state.

"We can't tell them we do or don't want anything done, however we are part of the planning and we do work with the people who are doing the work every day," Eberhardt said. Eberhardt also said she and City Engineer Gary Tressel meet with MDOT to address concerns and keep the lines of communication open regarding issues.

Also, city DPW workers can be seen keeping an eye on the work every day.

Final decisions on how the project is handled, like protective barriers, are made by MDOT, she said.

"Why anyone thinks I have the power to change MDOT regulations is totally beyond me," said Eberhardt, who added concerned citizens are free to call and make their concerns known.

Heazlit said she has the right to be concerned about protecting water, one of the most valuable resources on Earth. She also filed a complaint with the state of Michigan over the issue.

Small discharges that make their way into lakes, and although local waterways may be considered high quality now, if discharges like slurry keep happening, it will decrease the quality of the waters, she said.

Heazlit also took her concerns to Facebook's Positively Clarkston page to express concerns about the "potential storm water pollutants include cement, sand, aggregates, chemical ad mixtures, fuels and lubricants. Waste concrete washout is highly alkaline and toxic to fish and other aquatic organisms."

The latest issues with the storm drains is not the first time, Heazlit has complained about the way a project in the city has been handled.

In March, she said the way city officials proposed a fix on a pipe behind the Mill's Mall would cause excess sediment buildup and erosion. No city official mentioned her concerns or ideas, and she said nothing has changed this time either.

The way both projects are handled is an "old way of thinking" and there are much better options available to filter sediments before they reach the drains and flow into waterways, she said.

Facebook members criticized Heazlit for being critical – one user said her comments were merely an attempt to gain the city as a client. Steve Orasco said he is tired of the same people on Facebook complaining all the time, and Heazlit should leave town. He recommended the two residents offer a package deal on their homes so they can move out.

"Don't you 3 know this is a positive page, do you three not know the word positive," he asked.

After several posts, about five people in the Positively Clarkston group said Heazlit should quit complaining or be removed.

Eberhardt obliged and removed Heazlit.

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The Clarkston News office at 5 S. Main Street downtown is a collection spot for the Wolves' 17th Annual Rush for Food for Lighthouse Emergency Services in Independence Township,

The food drive for non-perishable items runs through Thursday, Aug. 21. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Athletic passes

The fall season officially begins next week and athletic passes are now available-Passes are available for all home athletic events at Sashabaw Middle School, Clarkston Junior High and Clarkston High School. Family passes are \$175, with which each household member receives a pass, and individual student passes are \$75.

Passes can be purchased at the Attendance Office at Clarkston High School Monday-Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. and during student registration, Aug. 19, 21 and 27. Cash and checks only. Please make checks payable to Clarkston Community Schools.

Case Closed

Oakland County Sheriff's office and Michigan State Police investigators have determined City of the Village of Clarkston Manager Carol Eberhardt did nothing wrong criminally in regards to police reports filed by a local resident over Freedom of Information Act requests and deletion of city records.

A special investigator with the county told local Cory Johnston, who filed the complaint that he may have a civil case, but the matter is not criminal. Johnston filed the complaints in July after several months of ongoing issues with the manager.

An attorney he hired, after Eberhardt made a variety of claims about him, said he should sue the city. Johnston said although he thinks he would prevail in a civil case, he does not have the time or money to fight the city. He also said he has already spent \$2,500 on the issue. A few weeks ago, Johnston said he is considering moving out of Clarkston because he feels officials get away with anything they want with no repercussions. He also claims city officials improperly notify the public about meetings, records are often unavailable and unbudgeted expenses are approved regularly.

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Michigan Merit Exam results					
Spring 2014					
Clarkston High	% Proficient	% Level 1	% Level 2	% Level 3	% Level 4
Mathematics	41.0	< 10	32.0	41.0	18.0
Reading	73.0	20.0	52.0	18.0	< 10
Science	44.0	18.0	26.0	31.0	25.0
Social Studies	59.0	16.0	43.0	34.0	< 10
Writing	65.0	< 10	59.0	29.0	< 10
Oakland ISD	% Proficient	% Level 1	% Level 2	% Level 3	% Level 4
Mathematics	38.0	12.0	26.0	31.0	31.0

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surveys, Puzio said. "Our students average three percent above the state on ACT," said high school Principal Gary Kaul in the SIP report. "All of our content areas are above the state targets."

achievement

School goal

to increase

student

Opportunities for high school students include over 16 Advanced Placement classes, full IB programme, Science, Math and Technology center, Project Lead the Way, and many other challenging opportunities for students, Kaul said.

We will continue to offer multiple atrisk services to our lowest performing students. Tiered interventions will be used in classroom instruction to meet students at all learning levels," he said. "Our teachers collaborate on our late start Wednesdays to look at student work and use data to make informed decisions regarding curriculum and student achievement. Our rigorous curriculum combined with our active community and parent involvement continue to contribute to our student achievement."

Student support includes a team of teachers identifying and evaluating at-risk students, as well as tutoring, co-taught classes, support classrooms, academic and behavioral plans, social work, guidance and school psychologist help, support groups, parent mentors, interventionists and other programs, he said.

Student performance is one of six focus areas in Clarkston Board of Education's fiveyear Strategic Plan, started last year.

Administration is working on school improvement goals and will present details to the board this month or in September, Puzio said.

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events?

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Spring 2014 Benchmark % Met, Exceeded % Not Meet Number Assessed **Clarkston High** Mean Score 30.3% 69.7% 597 Composite 21.4 N/A 20.8 71.0% 29.0% 597 18 Mathematics 20.9 22 42.7% 57.3% 597 597 21.6 21 55.3% 44.7% % Met, Exceeded % Not Meet Number Assessed **Oakland ISD** Mean Score Benchmark Composite 20.8 N/A 25.6% 74.4% 14,484 18 63.0% 37.0% 14,484 20.2 Mathematics 20.8 22 41.4% 58.6% 14.484 14,484 48.3% 20.8 21 51.7% 30.9% 69.1% 14.484 21.0 24 % Met, Exceeded % Not Meet Number Assessed Benchmark Mean Score Statewide 17.8% 82.2% 105.769 19.8 N/A Composite 18.9 18 56.8% 43.2% 105,769 22 67.9% 105.769 Mathematics 19.7 32.1% 21 42.0% 58.0% 105,769 19.8

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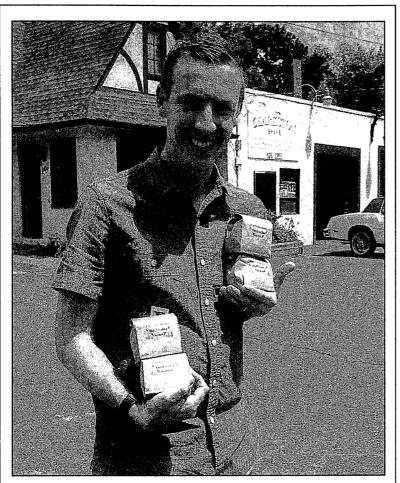
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Clarkston High School Composite Scores

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SPECIAL BREW: Special types of coffee will soon be served up now that a new coffee and deli shop has been approved for the corner of Clarkston Road and Main Street. John Steen will have a hand in the coffee served when the location opens. Baked goods and sandwiches will also be served at the location. See the story with Curt Catallo and a profile on Steen in next week's *Clarkston News*. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

Art in the Village in Depot Park

BY LAURA DUCHARME

Special to the Clarkston News Art in the Village returns to Depot Park, Saturday, Sept. 13, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 14, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Clarkston Community Historical Society expects around 10,000 people to attend. With so many different types of art on display, entertainment and activities for kids there is something for everyone.

"We have entertainment both days," said Jen Arkwright, the President of Clarkston Community Historical Society. "We have a silent auction (with items donated by the artists), an antique tent, a merchandise tent and a cider and donut tent."

Admission to the Fair is free, but Clarkston merchandise, antiques, art, and food will be for sale.

Arkwright added there will be face painting and a playground for children as

well. There will be many different types of art

on display, including paintings, glass, metal, fabric, mixed media, jewelry, pen and ink, clay and fiber.

The Clarkston Community Historical Society has hosted the event for the past 41 years and it is the society's main fundraiser. "Funds are used to operate the Clarkston

Heritage Museum and Society programming," said Arkwright.

Local civic groups may also be selling food to fundraise for their group.

Many of the artists at the fair are local and had to submit an application to be considered to have a booth. This process happens in the spring, but there are still a few artists' booths available this year.

The Clarkston Community Historical Society is looking for volunteers to take short shifts and their booth throughout the weekend.



Letters by Laura A column by Laura DuCharme

Farewell to Clarkston

Deciding to intern at *The Clarkston News* for the summer was something I was hesitant about.

My dream is to work for a magazine, so I wanted to intern for one. Knowing those internships are hard to get, I applied to a few

newspapers, as well.

I consider myself lucky that I got to intern for this newspaper. Newspapers are more fast-paced than magazines, so I feel more prepared, especially since the



magazines in big cities are fast-paced; just like I experienced here.

One of the biggest challenges I've had during my life as a journalist was interviewing.

This is, obviously, a huge part of the job but I can be shy and was afraid to approach someone on the street or call somebody on the telephone to ask questions.

I've gotten more comfortable with calling people as well as talking to them in person. I quickly learned that people are excited to be in the newspaper so they will be happy to talk to you.

Along with interviewing, I learned that you might need to remind people that you will be interviewing them.

Since it isn't part of their everyday schedule they could forget they have a few questions to answer. If they don't respond to a phone call, it's okay to call them again.

I also learned a lot about photography. I had taken one photojournalism class at school, but taking good pictures for a newspaper was never something I was good at doing.

Having to take pictures that go with my articles and getting feedback helped me learn more about what looks best.

Another thing I learned is that people really are interested in what you do. I had a lot of my dad's friends that live in the Clarkston area send him clips of my articles, even though I haven't talked to his friends in years. I even had high school teachers and other students I write with at CMU tell me they looked forward to reading my new articles. It's always good to know that your work is being appreciated.

This internship has made me more excited to head back to school and finish my journalism degree.

Opinion Pages Letters, columns & Editorials

Reader agrees with sign opinion

Dear Editor,

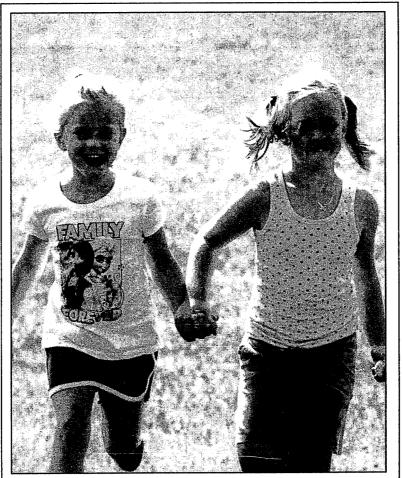
In the Letter to the Editor "Free speech trumps sign rules, reader says" (July 30 edition), Mike Fetzer is right!

My sign is my speech, if you don't like it, don't look.

If you agree, vote with me. Political entities are self aggrandizing power hungry animals gobbling up freedom faster than it is produced – as most production is regulated by government.

More government, less freedom. That is truth. Say it is not and you are stupid or a liar. Davy Crockett was right.

Rob Namowicz Independence Township



SMILES OF THE WEEK: Ella Guzal and Summer Polonkey finish their first cross country 1-mile run during last Thursday's Clarkston Fit Kids. *Photo by Wendi Reardon*

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A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1999

"3 shopping centers in by year's end" "Growth" was the buzzword around Independence Township as three major developments were in varied phases of construction. They were Clarkston Oaks at Dixie Highway and Maybee Road; Independence Pointe at M-15 and I-75; and White Lake Commons at White Lake Road and Dixie Highway.

"Bat craze swoops down on Clarkston" The Batman craze had whirled through Clarkston as it did the rest of America with the blockbuster hit out in movie theaters. Coach's Corner was bat gear headquarters and the Village Bakeshop had Batman cookies for \$1 each.

"Rattalee Lake Road residents request 25 mph speed limit" The Springfield Township Board unanimously approved voted to request Oakland County recognize the stretch of Rattalee Lake Road between Tindall and Weber Roads to be 25 mph.

25 years ago - 1989

"Projected water main costs called 'big hit' for some businesses" Clarkston City Council members and residents had their first look at the preliminary costs to bring a water main into downtown. The water main installation would cost each Main Street address \$882.81 per year until 2004.

"Local teens have a blast at Woodstock 1999" Clarkston teens Courtney Bomier and Gretchen Pitser along with three fellow Clarkston High School graduates Sara McKetchnie, Aaron Sailor and John Arcello joined 250,000 others for Woodstock '99 in Rome, New York.

"In-line hockey leagues grow by the day" The back basketball court at Clintonwood Park was transformed into a rink to meet the popular demand for inline hockey. Independence Township Parks and Recreation had three leagues, 22 teams and 270 kids involved in the sport for the summer.

50 years ago - 1964

"Local doctors receive certificate" Doctors Alfred Hamilton and Ronald LePere, D.O. were presented a certificate of appreciation by the Northern Oakland County Council for their time and effort given in the interest of Girl Scouting.

"Local news" Mrs. Ronald Collins left for Atlantic City to attend the convention of National Mothers of Twin Club. She was a delegate from this vicinity.

I got some Ramblin' JJ's for you

Here's a question my middle child wants answered: "Why do deer and ground hogs in my vard eat my plantings (flowers, small bushes), but don't eat the new growths each year in the perennial growing areas?'

I don't get texts nor emails, so try the mail with your answers (PO Box 108, Oxford, MI 48371).

I've been wearing glasses since the 1950s. Some years later tri-focals were prescribed. They have been updated several times since. Last February, my eve doctor recommended I make an appointment with the Retina Center of Michigan in Southfield.

Their offices take the entire sixth floor of the Comerica Bank building. That is one very busy place. My first visit took me to several offices where pictures

were taken, notes recorded and very bright flashes sent my nerves bouncing.

All this stuff was sent to Dr. Darrin Levin's of- **Jim's** fice. My first meeting Jottings

(and my next session) was less than ten minutes. as I recall.

He told me what he was going to do and he did it quickly. Fast is what he is. He

put various drops in my right eye, then he injected A column by Jim some stuff into that eye- Sherman, Sr.

ball to reduce some swelling, and gave me an appointment five weeks later.

At that time, he took a picture of the area and showed me the swelling had been reduced. And, he gave me an appointment ahead six weeks.

All this time my reading was blurred. I had to re-read newspapers, and my own writing, several times to clarify it. As I'm sitting here now at my computer my vision is damn near 20-20.

It's so good I'm almost anxious for my third, and hopefully, my last eyeball injection. Ah, the advances in medicine and treatments in my lifetime have been miraculous.

I am not a fan of AARP, the American Association for Retired People. I think some people in a charity money raising club put together the acronym to dupe old patriots like me.

I fell for it in its beginning, but dropped it when solicitations for money overwhelmed me.

That group's advertisement, "Millions have enrolled in AARP" brought this response to my mind,

"Multi millions have not enrolled in AARP." * * *

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Notice to Waitresses and Bartenders Who Take My Sandwich Order: Don't ever even ask if I'd like cheese on my BLT! Just toast my bread and put Michigan grown tomatoes, bacon and salad dressing between the slices, step aside and listen for my, "Thank you!

· Send me the survey that proves often repeated ads have negative affects on the product and the deliverer.

· Red heads better love that shade a little longer. Global warming enthusiasts (egg heads) have put out the warning that the number of red heads being born is dropping. I wonder how much money our government has wasted on that study?

The politics of politicking: Or why Americans hate their politicians

Well, I reckon we Americans will get a few moments respite from the most shallow of all advertising. No, it's not the end of sweeps week on television, so the self-promoting TV spots about all the "awesome" shows have not ended.

I'm going on about political advertising. This past Tuesday was the 2014 Primary Election. I voted (was the second person in my precinct to cast said ballot). So, for a few weeks we can rest while the political parties gear up for November's General Election trash throwing contest.

There will be more low-down Don't scallywagging on our public "air- Rush Me waves" than there was two years ago and less than in another two years. Can I ask a serious question? (Doesn't matter, I am gonna ask it anyway, so I needn't asked permission.) Does anybody really believe any of those political attack ads seen on TV? And, if you do, why? Is it just a



political party affiliation thing? Do you A column by have to, lock-stock-and-barrel believe Don Rush "your" guy/gal? I think one half of

Americans are a special kind of stupid. One half of Americans are naive and one more half just don't care (that would be the half who are here undocumented and illegally).

There used to be a time when we had this prevailing thought which went something like this: Truth In Advertising. Three little words and folks believed if they found some marketeer advertising falsely, they had some sort of claim. It kept folks, at least in small markets,

honest when they advertised their goods and services.

I don't know if that is really how it worked, but John Q. Public thought it did and most small, private businesses accepted they couldn't make untrue claims. If you advertised your ointment could cure pimples, it better cure pimples.

So, back to my previous question: Does anybody really believe any of those political attack ads seen on TV? Or do we just tune out and think, here's another reason to hate politicians and the political process; the Ruling Class of Elites have their rules, and the rest of us sheep have ours?

Theordoric Meyer, of the on-line journalism publication, ProPublica.org wrote in 2013, "When CBS News reported in 2011 that members of Congress weren't prohibited from insider trading, Congress moved swiftly. President Obama signed a law banning it within six months of the broadcast.

"But Congress is still exempt from portions of a number of federal laws, including provisions that protect workers in the private sector but don't apply to the legislative branch's approximately 30,000 employees."

Then he broke it down and cited some laws where Congress has exempted itself:

Whistleblower Protections Subpoenas for Health and Safety Probes **Keeping Workplace Records Prosecution for Retaliating Against Employees**

Posting Notices of Workers' Rights Anti-Discrimination and Anti-Retaliation Training

The Freedom of Information Act He added, "In addition to sparing itself from complying with measures it has made mandatory for others,

Congress is violating of some of the laws that do apply to it, according to a recent report from the Office of Compliance. (The pint-sized agency, created by Congress in 1995, is responsible for enforcing a number of workplace-rights laws in the legislative branch.) The sidewalks surrounding the three House office buildings, the report noted, don't comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Neither do the restrooms in the House and Senate office buildings and the Library of Congress' James Madison Building."

Gerald Skoning, a retired labor attorney from Chicago wrote a piece for the Wall Street Journal. In it, he actually called for some action.

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Wrote he, "America shouldn't need to amend the Constitution to ensure that elected leaders comply with the laws of the land. But given the sorry history of congressional leadership by exemption rather than by example, a 28th Amendment doing precisely that makes sense."

Which brings me to this: Don't the leaders of this country understand we not only do not like them, but we are getting to a point where we hate them? And, I hate using the word "hate" because it's awful darned strong.

Maybe the elites were always this way. Maybe there was a time when we all were just naive and thought leaders would lead. Maybe now we're just more cynical. Here's an interesting thought: Is that

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how things got rolling in the 1770s?



Needle found in alley

1994

BY ANDREA M. BEAUDOIN *Clarkston News Staff Writer*

While on the way back from checking local waterways for any signs of pollution from area construction, *The Clarkston News* discovered a hypodermic needle in the alley behind the office.

Detective Kimberly Potts, responding to the scene, was happy to dispose of it.

"You just never know if a child would have walked through the alley and picked it up, took the cap off and maybe stuck themselves with it," Potts said.

The deputy used rubber gloves to pick up the needle and seal it in a container marked "biohazard," for later disposal as medical waste.

Potts said she regularly deals with the possibility of needles on suspects when they are patted down.

"That is very scary," she said. "We always ask do you have anything on you that can hurt me. If an officer gets stuck with a needle it is a long and scary process of getting tested for diseases."

When asked if she could tell what the found needle had been used for, she said needles are used legally to treat diabetes, but the way it was discarded in an alley is suspicious.

Diabetics are taught to properly dispose of their needles, and if I had to guess, I would say this is more likely from drug use."

Potts said heroin use does not appear to be a known problem in the area.

"I don't see heroin in Clarkston Schools," said Potts, who is a liaison officer at Clarkston Community Schools.

Even though it may not be considered a huge problem in Clarkston, the area does see overdoses. Just this week in a police report, a local resident reportedly died of a heroin overdose.

Lt. Brent Miles, commander of the Oakland County Sheriff's Narcotics Enforcement Team, said he has seen prescription drug abuse rise since he joined the team in



Det. Kimberly Potts disposes of the needle. *Photo by Andrea Beadoin*

According to the Center's for Disease Control, deaths from opiate abuse have exploded since 1999, and overdose rates now surpass annual deaths caused by auto accidents. The Drug Enforcement Agency has labeled the problem an epidemic.

Miles said prescription drug abuse is an epidemic in large cities and small towns alike, as those same prescription drug abusers turn to heroin as a cheaper replacement to pills.

Potts said she tells students not to even try a drug like heroin because it is so terrible.

"Once someone does heroin they will continue to chase the high they get at first, but they cannot get it," she said adding that drug abuse often leads to trouble with the law or death.

Earlier this year, Potts was honored by Michigan Governor Rick Snyder for her work with area children and CARE House, a place children go when allegations of child abuse are being investigated.

She was presented a Certificate of Excellence by CARE House of Oakland County, Jan. 29.

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Bogus cells

A resident in the 7000 block of Pine Knob Road was notified by her information security service someone used her Social Security number to try and open six accounts for cell phone service, 4:20 p.m., July 16. The application addresses were traced to Flint.

Music Mayhem

A 24-year-old Waterford man was jailed for resist-and-obstruct and assault-andbattery after fighting with concert goers and security near the top of the hill at DTE Music, 9:15 p.m., July 19. A deputy shocked him with a Taser twice before he complied with orders to cooperate. He had a preliminary breath test result of .157.

Missing phone

A resident in the 8000 block of Deerwood Road received a text message her replacement cell phone was delivered at 3:47 p.m., July 23. When she went to check her mail at 7 p.m., the phone wasn't there but the rest of the mail was. The U.S. Postal master confirmed delivery.

Library disagreement

A 45-year-old Independence Township man said he and his family were at Depot Park when a man approached his wife about the library vote, 6:51 p.m., July 25. After an exchange of words and gestures, the two men got into a shoving match while their children and park goers watched. A deputy spoke to the man, a 38-year-old Independence Township man, who said he exited his vehicle to confront the older man. Neither wanted to press charges.

Unlocked and unlucky

A gym bag, work backpack, and money were taken from a vehicle parked unlocked at a W. Washington Street apartment, July 28.

Armed gunman

Residents in the 6000 block of Mary Sue said two armed men broke into their home, tied them up with tape, and demanded money, 9:13 p.m., July 27. The victims gave them cash and the home invaders fled in a black SUV. The suspects are described as a black man, 35-39 years old, 6 feet in height, about 240 pounds, gray-black beard, wearing all dark clothing, and black man 29-35 years old, 5-foot-10-inches in height, about 220 pounds, wearing all dark clothing. They were armed with a handgun. Deputies searched the area for the suspect vehicle but didn't find them. Investigation continues.

Don't come jogging up

A resident in the 7000 block of Oakstone Drive called police to report a man jogging up the driveway, entering the garage, then stepping out to talk to her, 6:45 p.m., July 27. He also jogged up the driveway of another home, July 25, to talk to a resident about religion. A deputy spoke to the jogger, a 55year-old Independence Township man who admitted going up driveways to talk to people when he jogs around the neighborhood. The officer told him not to do that or he could be charged with trespassing.

Heroin overdose

A 25-year-old Pontiac woman was found dead 12:25 a.m., Aug. 1, in a Surrey Lane home. She was visiting for a couple days with friends, who said she was a heroin addict but they didn't think was using at the time. One of the residents awoke around midnight, checked on the Pontiac woman, who had been sleeping on the couch, and noticed she didn't look right. She woke her husband and called 911. A search of her bags revealed a supply of needles but no drugs. The case is open pending medical examiner's report.

Call Oakland County Sheriff's Office at 800-SPEAK-UP or 1-800-773-2587.





Who is the next AOW?

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

Popp plays for Grandma Tootsie

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer Even though Joe Popp's grandmother, Marie "Tootsie" Custer doesn't like football or hockey, she is always there for him.

"She is so funny," smiled Popp, a senior running back and defensive back with the Clarkston Varsity Football team.

"She goes to every one of my games but she hates football. She doesn't want to see me injured but she will still go to the games. She says she is only there so when I walk onto the field, she sees me coming onto the field. She hates hockey, too. She thinks the skates are too sharp and it is too dangerous. But she will still go and cheer me on. She is the cutest grandmother.'

Grandma Tootsie will be there for the Wolves' Sixth Annual Football for a Cure on Aug. 16 when Popp wears her name on the back of his jersey for the third time.

When it came to choosing who he would play for in his first Football for a Cure in 2012 as a sophomore, he knew he wanted to play for her.

"She has been like a second mom," he said. "She had breast cancer and she has had a hard time. It feels uneasy to her because she feels like it could always come back even though it's gone. She only had radiation. She told me when I played for her it helped her accept it more.

Popp added he and his family are close to Grandma Tootsie and it helps she lives in Brighton.

"Because she is close to us we stay there a lot. We call it 'Grandma Tootsie's Bed and Breakfast,"" he chuckled. "Whenever I have have something to do in Ann Arbor it is like going to a hotel when we are at her house. It is always nice being at grandmother's house."

One of his fondest memories is when he stayed a week at her house with other family members.

"I was like a king," he laughed. "It was just my grandmother and me. It was very nice.'

Popp looks forward to this year's event because he was on the sidelines due to an injury last year.

"I was bummed about it but it was an ankle injury - what could you do," he shrugged.

He still enjoyed the game and the reason behind it as all of the proceeds from the event benefit McLaren Breast Center and McLaren Photo by Larry Wright

Cancer Institute - Clarkston.

"I like the cause and the purpose," Popp explained. "It is a great way to promote Clarkston football and the charity. It is raising money for a great cause. It is one of the best things to do. It is another way to show how the team looks this year. We are excited about this year.

"There is no way we can replace the 2014 class but the 2015 and the 2016 classes look good," he added. "We are a good group of guys who work really hard and I feel like we will be that team who puts in the effort. We will be that team who never takes a play off '

Popp smiled and added if readers want to find out more about the team they should come watch Football for a Cure.

"It's a great community event," he said. "It is Clarkston kids playing against Clarkston kids. It's for McLaren. It is a great way for the community to connect to one another.'

Football for a Cure, a pre-season scrimmage game for the Wolves, has kick off at 7 p.m. at the Clarkston High School stadium, Aug. 16.

For more information or to volunteer for please event, email the ClarkstonFootballforaCure@gmail.com or

call Deanna at 248-922-6606. "It's fun to be there," said Popp. "It's fun to play in it."



Joe Popp holds up his jersey during last year's Football for a Cure event.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

The Clarkston Chargers: Matthew Ames. Beau Borgacz, Ethan Fagan, Joseph Grossi, Nicolas Kilbourne, Karston Peterson, Joey Taverna, Matthew Taverna and Chasse VanVallis with Head Coach Jim Grossi and Assistant Coach Joe Taverna. Photo submitted

Charging for a C

The Clarkston Chargers Flag Football Team participated in the 4th Annual Charity Flag Football Tournament at Ford Field, May 24.

The tournament was sold out and raised over \$30,000 for the title sponsor of the event - Game On Cancer and Henry Ford Health Systems.

The Clarkston Chargers played in the tournament's fourth and fifth grade division and competed against some of the best Michigan flag football teams in their division.

They enjoyed not only the opportunity to play in a National Football League stadium but play on the same field as the Detroit Lions.

The Chargers, as well as all participants, were treated to locker rooms tours, visits from Rotary, the Detroit Lions mascot and Shooter, the mascot of their sponsor the Plymouth Whalers. Former Detroit Lions



wide receiver Herman Moore was also on hand to greet the kids.

The Michigan Youth Football organization hosted the tournament with 48 teams in attendance from across the Midwest with participants ranging in ages 4-to-14-years-old.

The Clarkston Chargers is Matthew Ames, Beau Borgacz, Ethan Fagan, Joseph Grossi, Nicolas Kilbourne, Karston Peterson, Joey Taverna, Matthew Taverna and Chasse VanVallis. Their head coach is Jim Grossi and assistant coach is Joe Taverna.

The team was sponsored by Hehlix Molecular.

Michigan Youth Flag Football is currently accepting registrations for the fall flag football season. For more information. visit www.MichiganFlagFootball.com call 248-454-9700 to speak with a league representative.

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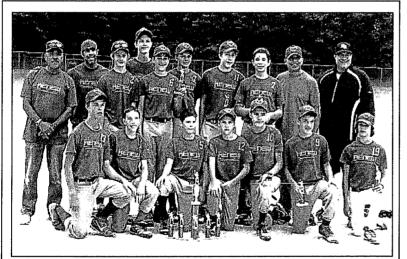
Construction workers transfer the rolling shutters for the concession windows from the old stand to the Clarkston High School Stadium Field House on July 30. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Fieldhouse to open at 'Cure'

The Clarkston High School Stadium Field ing a patio table, which would have a per-House is ready for its final touches as concessions is slated to be open for the Gridiron heroes' Football for a Cure, Aug. 16.

There are currently opportunities to sponsor the Field House through either purchassonalized dedication plaque or by having a sign in the stadium.

For more information, check out www.clarkston.k12.mi.us/athletics or email Karen Nicklin at karen.nicklin@comcast.net.



The Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Boys 13-14 Baseball team; from left in back row: Head Coach Lee Reves, Assistant Coach Derek Lajiness, Carter Elrod, Luke Hoffman, Tryston Lajiness, Joshua Fasczewski, Jacob Samuels, Ben Lowe, Assistant Coach Doug Lowe, Assistant Coach Scott Samuels; in front row, Zach Tison, Nate Barba, Chase Lajiness, Michael Weiler, Devin K. Reyes, Trevor Massey and Jared Mallett. Not pictured, Assistant Coach Dale Massey. Photo submitted

Champions on the field

Township Parks and Recreation Boys 13-14 Baseball team. They finished the season as champions of the Independence finished the season 12-0.

Congratulations to the Springfield Township League for the season. They were undefeated not only in the post-season by winning three playoff games but Wed., August 6, 2014 The Clarkston (MI) News 11



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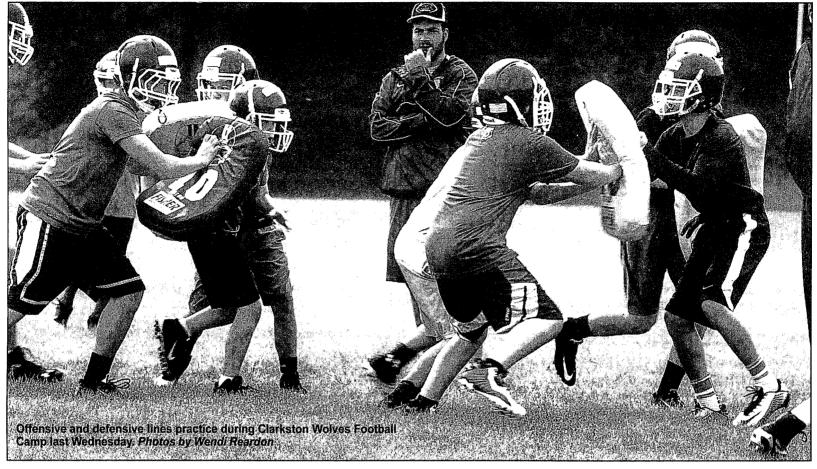
4th Annual Charity 5K/10K Walk/Run Saturday, September 20, 9 a.m. @ Lake Orion High School

Top Finishers & Largest Team Receive Trophies!

Register: 1. Online at http://rp.lakeorion.k12.mi.us/Default.aspx?id=8 2. By mail to the LO Community Ed office 3. Day of the race, 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. 4. Contact Don Luby @ (248) 390-8145

For More Information, Please Visit: www.amotherswishmichigan.com







Collin Hubbs catches the pass.



Gary Fletemier eyes for an open running back.



Steven Koenigsknecht rushes.

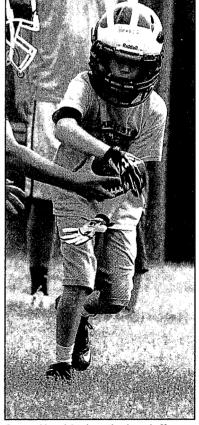
Football skills

Young energetic gridiron heroes wel-comed the cool July temperatures as they learned and worked on skills and techniques at the Clarkston Wolves Football Camp last week.

Boys from grades fourth through ninth received tips and learned from Clarkston Wolves Varsity Football Head Coach Kurt Richardson, his coaching staff, current var-sity players along with Clarkston alumn. The first practice for football players for 2014 fall season is Monday.



Adam Denver runs back after making a catch.



Carter Hearld takes the handoff.



The team works to help the community at their annual Rush for Food. *File photo*

Gridiron heroes rushing for food

Are you stocked up with extra food staples? The Clarkston High School Football Program is looking for you as they collect food for the 17th Annual Rush for Food on Friday, Aug. 22.

The Freshman, JV and Varsity Clarkston Gridiron heroes will collect non-perishable food in local neighborhoods and spend an evening stocking the pantry at the Lighthouse Emergency Services in Independence Township as they build awareness of community need, promote team unity, and allow players to give back to the community that supports them.

The players encourage the community to get involved and ways:

Drop off donations at *The Clarkston News*, 5 South Main Street, from now until August 21. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday;

Drop off donations directly to the Lighthouse, located at 6330 Sashabaw Rd, during their business hours or from 6:30-7:30pm on August 22 labeled with Rush for Food/ Clarkston Football;

Leave donations in a labeled paper bag on your front porch for football players to pick up on Friday, Aug. 22 from 6-7pm.

While they can't cover all neighborhoods, the team will be driving through the following areas looking for donations:

Almond Lane, Autumn Shores, Birdland Streets, Boyne Highlands, Bridge Lake Bluffs, Bridge Valley, Brookstone, Chestnut Hills, Clarkston Farms, Clarkston Ridge, Deer Valley, Deerwood & The Manors, Dixie Lake Estates, HarborTowne, Hills of Kingston, Holcomb Rd, Ingomar Farms, Lake Waldon Village (including Waldon Pond Condos), The Links Condos, Middle Lake, Miller Rd. Oakhurst, Old Cove Rd, Old Pond, Peaceful Valley, Pebblecreek, Pheasant Run Rd, Pine Lake Forest, Pine Valley, Sashabaw Meadows, Sheringham, Softwater Woods, Spring Lake, Stonegate, Timber Ridge, Townsend Estates, The Village of Clarkston (including Buffalo, Church, and Washington), Waldon Creek, Waldon Woods, Wood Creek Trail, and Wyngate.

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NEW TRUCKS: A 2015 Ford F-150 and a 2014 dump truck arrived in the city of the village of Clarkston at the end of July. DPW Foreman Jason Miller said the city will be selling two old trucks. On Facebook City Manager Carol Eberhardt announced, "After 20 years, the city is now the proud owner of two new trucks." Signs by Your Design employees Matt Arnett and Sabrina Keys installed the decals. The city received a grant from SEMCOG in 2012 to help with fund the cost of the \$170,000 vehicles. "We were required to match the grant by contributing 20% of the total cost of both trucks," Eberhardt said. *Photo by Andrea Beaudoin*



Don Gellish's daughter, Loretta Robinson, and wife, Sandra, receive the Mentor of the Year award on behalf of Don Gellish, who passed away in February. Photo provided

State award for mentorship

The family of the late Don Gellish of Clarkston accepted the Mentor of the Year award recently at the 2014 Governor's Service Awards "An Evening with the Stars" in Detroit.

Gellish was an Oakland County Youth Assistance mentor from 2009 until he passed away last February. He spent more than 25

hours each month serving as mentor to a local youth, attending Mentors Plus group events, playing chess, visiting museums and science centers, swimming, rock climbing and watching sporting events.

For information about becoming a mentor and the Oakland County Youth Assistance Mentors Plus program, call 248-858-0041.

Students achieve success

Clarkston students earning degrees from Grand Valley State University in April 2014 include Melissa M. Bemis, Bachelor of Science; Christopher D. Benedict, Bachelor of Science; Lyndsay D. Breckenridge, Bachelor of Science; Jessica L. Craig, Bachelor of Science; Christopher S. Davenport, Bachelor of Science; Jack E. Durkan, Bachelor of Business Administration; Kelsey L. Ferrand, Bachelor of Science; Kasey M. Mckay, Bachelor of Science; Samantha A. Mee, Bachelor of Science; Max A. Morell, Bachelor of Science; Adriane M. Reinelt, Bachelor of Arts; Paige Semaan, Bachelor of Business Administration; Arial L. Seng, Bachelor of Science; Matthew W. Smolek, Bachelor of Arts; Bradley G. Stencil, Bachelor of Arts; Brandon A. Toth, Bachelor of Science; Lindsay R. Viviano, Bachelor of Arts; Lauren A. Wagner, Bachelor of Social Work; Evan J. Young, Bachelor of Business Administration; and Thomas S. Zelinsky, Bachelor of Business Administration.

Lauren Salustro of Clarkston graduated last May from Ohio Wesleyan University with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Daniel Davis of Clarkston received his degree during spring commencement at Miami University. Clarkston students graduating, May 10, at Lawrence Technological University included **Jeffrey Sebring**, whowas awarded the Bachelor of Science in Architecture; **Terry Fahey**, Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering; **Brittany Potton**, Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering; and Lyle Red, Bachelor of Science in Computer Science.

Julia Brooks of Clarkston was named to the Dean's List at Union College for the 2013-14 academic year. Brooks is majoring in Psychology, and a 2013 graduate of Wichita Collegiate School.

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Saint Mary's College named **Tabitha Ricketts** of Clarkston to the Dean's List for the spring 2014 semester. Tabitha is the daughter of Shawn and Jenni Ricketts of Clarkston.

Brittney Ellis of Clarkston graduated from Lake Forest College with a bachelor of arts degree in environmental studies with a minor in politics and English. Ellis is a graduate of Theodore Roosevelt High School.

Emily Bullen of Clarkston earned an undergraduate degree from California Lutheran University in May. Bullen graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in exercise science.

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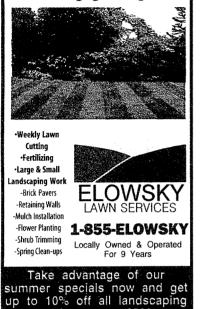
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Groundbreaking for new Habitat home

Work is underway on Shannon Chatman's new family home in Springfield Township, with the help of My Habitat Clarkston.

She joined in with family, friends, and volunteers with the Habitat group, Aug. 4, to kick off the project, building a house from the ground up.

"Owning a Habitat home is truly lifechanging," Chatman said. "I appreciate your hard work and willingness to partner with me on creating a home for my family. I plan on achieving my master's degree and starting a college fund for my children."

A veteran of the United States Army and Army National Guard, she has a bachelor's degree in psychology and works full-time for Bethany Christian Services in Madison Heights. Escaping an unhealthy relationship, she has moved three times in six years before applying for a Habitat home.

"Finally having a safe, secure and stable home to raise my family will give me peace of mind and set my children on the path to success," she said.

"What I like about Shannon is her commitment to hard work – not only as a working, single mother, but as someone who sacrificed for our country," said Grant Smith, My Habitat Clarkston's honorary chairperson and Clarkston State Bank president and CEO. "We are not handing this home to Shannon and her kids – she is prequalified for a no-profit mortgage, will spend 300 man hours to provide 'sweat equity' and she will buy her home with some initial help from her new Clarkston community."

"The Habitat movement in your Clarkston/Davisburg area, now with the support of your community bank, makes it clear that you will be making your habitat a better place to live for many years to come," said Tim Ruggles, Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County's Executive Director/CEO. "For Mr. Smith to stand with a movement that joins its members together just echoes what a stellar community you can find in north Oakland County."

Clarkston State Bank's core tenets are its customers and its community, Smith said.

"It's a privilege to move forward to empower our neighbors and provide ongoing economic development in our communities," he said.

This build is budgeted at \$130,000 for the purchase of land and materials for a "ground up" construction this summer.

"This is a great opportunity to work side by side with Shannon as she makes her dream of homeownership a reality. There is always room for more neighbors to get involved in strengthening this community," Ruggles said.

Consumers Energy is currently matching online donations at .50 cents for every dollar by logging onto habitatoakland.org, click Home Run for Habitat and select team member My Habitat Clarkston for donations to go directly to the Chatmans' home. Donate, volunteer or learn more at www.HabitatOakland.org, or call248-338-1843. – Phil Custodio



Tim Ruggles, Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County's executive director/ CEO, introduces Shannon Chatman and her children Chance, JoJo, and Izzy at the groundbreaking. *Photo by Phil Custodio*.



Planning to vote in this week's election?



"I will definitely be voting. I vote every election, and I think it's a very important thing to do."

- Bart Clark



"It depends. I might have to work all day. I have been working 12 and 13 hour days, so I don't have any time." – Mike Perez



"No. I don't vote. I just have never had enough time to vote. I have worked two jobs my entire life. I just retired and now I just sit around. I am not informed about the current issues and candidates."

– John Ruelle

By Andrea Beaudoin





From left are Class of 1954 graduates George Mann, Russell Reger, Cliff McDermott, Mary Miller, Mike Thayer, Shirley McMath, Harold Cameron, Maxine Glynn, Roger Allen, Cheryl Dubats, Ed Dubats, Adolene Eddington, Charlene Phelan, and Jim Shedlowsky. *Photos by Phil Custodio*

Reliving their happy days

The Clarkston High School Class of 1954 were in good spirits at Shepherd's Hollow Golf Club, July 25, celebrating their 60th reunion with lunch and memories.

The reminisced about their time at the high school, which is still in use as Renaissance High and community education. It was close enough to downtown to head there after class for milk shakes and ice cream floats.

"It was like Happy Days," said Ed Dubats.

"We would go to Dairy Bar, across the street from Morgan's," said Cheryl Dubats, his classmate and wife.

"We'd have huge bonfires for Halloween.

Life was very good," Ed said.

Ed and Cheryl were friends at high school but didn't date. The couple reconnected at the 45^{th} class reunion, and were married by the 50th reunion.

A Clarkston resident since 1949, Cheryl remembers working for Bill Stamp, publisher of *The Clarkston News*, helping to prepare the newspapers for the mail.

"The Clarkston News was printed across the street from my house," Cheryl remembered. "I would go over there after school on Thursdays and fold papers. They were big, with one page inserts – Mr. Stamp was a gentleman, a very nice man."

– Phil Custodio H



The grads check out the 1954 Clarkston High School yearbook.

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Events

Tons of Trucks, Independence Township Parks & Rec, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Aug. 9, Clintonwood Park, 6000 Clarkston Road. \$5/ child, free/adult. 248-625-8223.

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

Golf Outing Fund raiser, Helping Hearts Helping Hands, 9 a.m., Aug. 16, Fountains Golf Course, 6060 Maybee Road. Prizes, raffle, awards. \$110/golfer, \$30/dinner only. 268-625-3731 ***

25-year reunion, Clarkston High School Class of 1989, 7 p.m., Aug. 16, Overtyme Grill and Taproom in Waterford. For info, email tracihallett@juno.com.

Hero Foundation Golf Outing, 9 a.m., Aug. 23. Heather Highlands Golf Club, 9028 E. Holly Road. \$95, \$35/dinner only. Benefits local families struggling with cancer. 248-674-0051

Labor Day Parade, 10 a.m., Sept. 1, Church Street, north on Main to Miller and Holcomb. Floats, classic cars, community service organizations, musical groups, local businesses, candidates, families, equestrian riders. Call Clarkston Rotary, 248-625-9741.

Monday

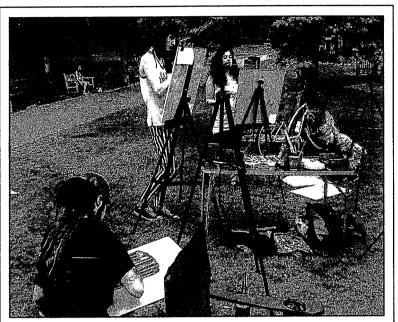
Line Dancing, Mondays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Country, salsa, cha-cha, rock and roll with Rosemary Hall. All welcome. \$3/ drop in.

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

Pilates and Sculpt, Mondays, 7-8 p.m., Bay Court Park's Lakeview room. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.

Grief Support Group, Coats Funeral Home, 6:30 p.m., first and third Mondays, Commu-

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ARTWORK IN THE PARK: Local artists with Denyse Couture's Depot Street Arts meet weekly in Depot Park and around Clarkston for a variety of projects and activities, including Free Art Fridays, in which the artists leave artwork throughout the community, and Easels in the Park. For more information, check Depot Street Arts on Facebook. Photo by Phil Custodio

nity Presbyterian Church, 4301 Monroe Street at Sashabaw. 248-623-7232.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Town Hall Ouilt 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.

Please see Around Town on page 30







THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF

THE RESURRECTION 6490 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston Sunday 10 am Holy Eucharist Sunday School 9:55 am

www.clarkstonepiscopal.org 248-625-2325 FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

ST. TRINITY EVANGELICAL **LUTHERAN CHURCH** "Lutheran Church

Missouri Synod" Pastor: Rev. Kendall Schaeffer 7925 Sashabaw Road (1/4 mile N. of DTE Music Theater) Clarkston, MI 48348 (248) 625-4644 www.sainttrinitylutheran.com e-mail: sttrinity@comcast.net Broadcast Worship - Clarkston CTV-10/20

Sun 200pm Thus 900pm Broadcast Worship - Waterford CATV-10 Tues, 2:30 pm Worship: Sunday 8:15 am & 11:00 am

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7:00 pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study CLARKSTON **COMMUNITY CHURCH** 6300 Clarkston Road • Clarkston

6:30 pm Teen Ministry

(248) 625-1323 Home of Oakland Christian School Pastor: Greg Henneman Sunday Worship: 9:15 and 11:00 a.m.

Nursery Care at both services Children's Ministries: September thru April Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Youth Ministries: September thru April

Sunday, 12:30-2:00 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 3:00-8:00 p.m. www.clarkstoncommunity.com

CALVARY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 6805 Bluegrass Drive, Clarkston

(W. of M-15 Just S. of I-75) 248-625-3288 Pastor Jonathan Helerman

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Rev. Christopher Maus Saturday Mass: 5:00 pm Sunday Masses 7:30, 9:00& 11:00 am Religious Education: 625-1750 Mother's Group, RCIA,

oture Study, Youth Gro

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 5449 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston (248) 394-0200 Fax: (248) 394-1212

Rev. Dr. Matthew Webster Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School 10:00 am Dream Keepers Youth Group Sunday's 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Bible Study March – May and Sept. – Nov. www.FirstCongregationalChurch.org

CLARKSTON UNITED. **METHODIST CHURCH** 6600 Waldon Road, Clarkston 248-625-1611 Website: clarkstonumc.org Sunday Worship: 8:30 am & 10:00 am 6:00pm Evening Service Nursery available for all services

DIXIE BAPTIST CHURCH 8585 Dixie Highwy, Clarkston, MI (248) 625-2311 website: www.dixiebaptist.org Home of Springfield Christian Academy

Sun: 9:45 am Worship Service 11:00 am Sunday School for all ages 6:00 pm Worship Service Wed: 7:00 pm Children and Teen Clubs & Adult Bible Study

CLARKSTON FREE METHODIST CHURCH 5482 Winell-Clarkston (corner of Maybee & Winell) 248-623-1224 Sunday Service 9:00 am and 10:30 am www.ClarkstonFMC.org Wednesday 6:30 pm Children, Youth & Adult Ministry

BRIDGEWOOD CHURCH www.bridgewood

6765 Rattalee Lake Road Clarkston, 48348 (248) 625-1344 Sundays at 9:30am & 11:00am Adult experience Nuture Center (birth-4) Kids Life (K-5th) Crave Students (6th-8th) Sunday at 6:30am Velocity (College & Twenty-Somethings) Wednesday at 6:45pm - JourneyON Adult Focus Studies - Nuture Center (birth:4) Kids Life (K-Sth) Crave Students (6th-8th) check out all BWC has To offer you online at bridgewood church con

Religion Events Preaching

Change on hand in heaven and earth

The Greeks and the Romans referred to the Dog Days of Summer as an evil time "when the sea boiled, wine turned sour, dogs grew mad and man became hysterical." They were generally talking about the sultry days of summer most commonly experienced in the months of July and August. According to the 1552 edition of the Book of Common Praver the "Dog Daies" began July 6th and ended August 17th. On the modern calendar that would be July 16th to August 27th.

Named after Sirius the "Dog Star", the brightest star in the constellation Canis Major (Large Dog). Sirius is also the brightest star in the night sky. The Dog Days originally were the days when Sirius rose just before or at the same time as the sun. Owing to changes in the earth's rotation July 3rd to August 11th are the days Sirius rises with the sun this year, the "Dog Days" of summer.

For some people this is the best time of the year, for others the worst. Some thrive in the heat, the outdoor activities, swimming, boating, fishing, etc. Others take shelter in the comfort of their air conditioning awaiting the cooler weather before venturing out during the day. As I grow in years I find that my tolerance for hotter weather has decreased while I am more tolerant of a little hysteria.

One constant in life is change. Our individual responses to change range from denial to overreaction. We go to great measures to resist change; we cherry pick 'facts' to support our prejudices such as those who point to the increase in the extent of the Antarctic ice shelf while ignoring the overall decrease in its density.

And we take extreme measures to combat threats that may or may not exist; we project doom and gloom such as those who focus on the possible catastrophic effects of sea levels rising in greatly increased rates beyond the current level of change.

A cooler and wetter than normal summer plus a colder and snowier than normal winter raise doubts in people's minds as to the reality of global warming.

And, these local effects are offset by the observations of global temperatures rising, the overall shrinking of ice caps and glaciers,

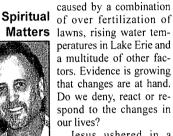
In our local churches...

Wednesday Evening Feast, 6 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

plants and animal species migrating north with the increased length of the growing season, record heat, drought and wild fires out west, etc., etc., etc.

Last weekend Toledo's water supply was threatened from an overabundance of algae



Jesus ushered in a change in consciousness to our planetary body. The time for waiting for heaven

are over, the belief in a heaven out there above the clouds is no longer valid, the idea that we have to earn our way into heaven is cast away. He sent his disciples out into the world saying, "As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near." Matthew 10:7.

Pasto

Matthew Long

Jesus located heaven as being "within you" (Luke 17:21), "at hand" (Mark 1:15) or within your reach here and now. He likened it to a man who sowed good seed, a grain of mustard seed, leaven in the flour, a merchant in search of fine pearls, a treasure hidden in the field, a net which was thrown into the sea (see Matthew chapter 13) and other actions. It is not a place to go but an experience to live here and now.

This is our opportunity, to live "in the world" (see John 17:16) conscious of our connection with God: Heaven, and not "of it" caught up in the worldly appearances of doom and gloom. We are neither in denial of nor overreacting to the appearances; we do respond appropriately. We respond with confident assurance that Divine Order, Divine Timing and Divine Guidance are active in our lives and affairs.

Thank you God for it is so!

Rev. Matthew E. Long is pastor of Peace Unity Community

Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. For more information, 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.

& Children's Ark Preschool Pastor: J. Todd Vanaman

Nursery available for all services.

Obituaries

Zelda M. Grant, 91

Zelda M. Grant of Waterford passed away Aug. 1, 2014, at age 91.

She was preceded in death by her husband Robert "Bob" and

brother Gene Flynn; mother of Penny (Michael) Nyberg, Robert (Debbie) Grant II; grandma of Michelle Johnson, (Mark) Catherine (Craig) Knudson, Nicole (Eric) Burchard. Robert (Tammy) Grant III,



Michael (Cecilia) Grant, Carrie (Josh) Owens. Amy Campeau, Kristina (Steven) Robinson and Steven (Alexandra) Campeau; also survived by 15 great grandchildren and one great great granddaughter; sister of Winnie Curran.

Visitation and scripture service was Aug. 4 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was Aug. 5 at St. Damien of Molokai Parish, Pontiac. Interment, Wednesday, 10 a.m., Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, Memorials may be made to St. Damien of Molokai Parish or Make A Wish Foundation, Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com

Pat Watson, 85

Pat Watson of Clarkston passed away July 28, 2014, at age 85.

She was preceded in death by her husband Carmin "Bob" and her sons Allan and Rob; mother of David (Holly) and Jeannine; "Gram" of Allan, Adam, Josh (Nicki) and Matt; great grandma of Jacob, Olivia and Pailyn.



Funeral was July 31 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Gentiva Hospice. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



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Girl Scouts from throughout Clarkston walk across a bridge in Depot Park during a "Bridging Ceremony." Photos by Andrea Beaudoin

Forging ahead

Several Girl Scout troops from Clarkston participated in a special "Bridging" ceramony in June to celebrate an important transition in their life. The ceremony is symbolic of defining moments in life when a girl is said to be aware of her acheivements, and also ready to embrace new responsibilities and challenges. At the event, Rebekah Howell said as girls crossed the bridge, they began a new chapter in life. Over 10 troops from the area partcipated in the occasion.

Girl Scouts of America participate in activities said to build courage, character and confidence within the young ladies, while also making the world a better place.



Girls taking part in a "Bridging Ceramony" with their Girl Scout Troops, embraced a new chapter in their life as they crossed a bridge in Depot Park in downtown Clarkston.





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110 GARAGE SALE

ESTATE SALE. Furniture, baby, clothing, toys, sporting goods. Aug. 14-15-16, 9am-4pm. 7599 Bridge Valley Rd., Clarkston. !!C52

furniture, toys, kids' clothes, tools/ garage smalls, Beautiful new hand- crocheted afghans. Contemporary custom jewelry by local designer. Aug. 7-8 only. 9am-5pm, 5616 Allison Ct., Oxford. 111361

ESTATE SALE: Sunday, 8/10 only. 10am-4pm. Large furniture, misc. 816 Glaspie Rd., Oxford, !!L361 302 OXFORD LAKE DR. Thurs., Fri., Sat. (Aug.7,8,9) 10am-5pm. Electric golf cart, tools, daybed, household items, r/c airplanes. 111361 VINTAGE ONE DAY Garage Sale, Aug.7, All Must Go. Dolls, col-

lectibles cards 2420 Shakeley in Oxford, 9:00am-4:00pm, All offers considered. !!L361 GARAGE SALE August 7-8, 10am-4pm. 744 West Ridge Ct., Lake Orion. Golf clubs, kitchen items, teen/ adult clothing, slot machine, washer, dryer, bass guitar, video games. !!R361

MOVING SALE: Quality home interiors, golf clubs, bakers rack, furniture, area rugs, washer/ dryer, many miscellaneous items. Aug. 7.8.9, (Thurs.- Sat.), 9310 Hills Cove Dr., Goodrich. !!LZ361 GARAGE SALE, Aug 7th-8th, 9am, 748 Ann Marie Ct, Oxford,

AUGUST 14-17TH, 10am-6om, Landscapers Inventory: rakes, shovels, stakes, burlap, etc. Too much to print. Kawaski 450 w/ snownlow, home goods, some an tiques, seed beads, and beaded jewelry, 1674 Romeo Rd. East, Oakland, MI (48363), !!L362 MOVING SALE, 3908 Sand Bar

Ct., Oxford, 10-5 Thursday, Friday, Saturday 8/7-9, Oak roll-top desk, furniture, stereo systems, appliances, household items. 740 LAKES EDGE Dr. Oxford.

Thursday, Aug. 7, 8am-4pm Stove, light fixture, modern ceiling fan and more. !!L361 AUGUST 14,15,16, 9am-5pm 4100 Lake Knolls Dr., Oxford, In tersection: Seymour Lake/ Sashabaw. Unique items: toys,

books, clothing, collectibles, sports equipment, household, holi MOVING SALE- Aug. 7-9, 9am-4pm, 3969 Klais Dr. Clarkston,

Christmas, collectibles, some furniture, misc. !!L361 ESTATE SALE: Multi- Family. Household, bric-a-brac, antiques,

Fri., Aug 7-8. Antique spool cabinet, lots of vintage, household, clothing, men's stuff and more. !!L361 MOVING SALE, J.D.Wallace antique table saw, chainfall 2.5 ton, side-by-side s.s. refrigerator. 50 yrs of stuff. 157 Tanview, Oxford. July 31-Aug. 2 & Aug. 7-9, 9am-?. !!L352 LAKEVILLE SALE Huge! Mega! Fun! Good junk! 45 Mack- 2nd house off Rochester Road, Aug. 7.8.9. Opens at 9am. 111.361 MOVING/ ESTATE Sale, Satur-

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GARAGE SALE

Entrances by St. Daniels Catholic Church (Valley Park Blvd, Dark Lake Dr.)

9am-5pm Many households emptying basements and "cleaning house". Including furniture, antiques, baby clothes, toys, electronics, books, records,

removal and lawn equipment, and bees wax, plus "much, much. more". 051 kitchenware, home goods, etc. 6130 Middle Lk Rd., Clarkston. Aug. 14-16, 9am. !!C52 BARN SALE: MEN! 50 + years of machines, tools, hunting gear, collectors knives. 9am-5pm Fri., Sat., Aug 8th & 9th. 8780 Big Lake Rd. Clarkston, No Early Sales, !!C5.1 MOVING SALE Thursday- Friday. 9am-4nm, Saturday, 10am-2nm, 3064 Hidden Timber, Orion. Additional items added! Furniture, housewares, household decor. scrappoking, CD's, DVD's, books, Christmas decor, tools. !!R361 MOVING SALE: 642 Overlook Dr. Oxford: Thurs. 8/7, (7am-7pm), Fri. 8/8, (2-7pm), Sat. 8/9, (7am-3pm) 3- FAMILY GARAGE SALE, August Cash only! Glass top dinette w/6 7-9, 10am-5pm, 3788 Rolling chairs, 3pc. living room set, Queen Hills Rd., Baldwin/ Maybee, !!R3 size adjustable Tempurpedic bed w/massage. Bar stools, large display shelf w/6 drawers, closet, desks. Amish baby cradle, home decor, Noritake china set, size 12 wedding dress/ veil, 40's-50's dinnerware and glassware. TV's toys, lamps, blankets, kitchenware, silk flowers/ greenery/ trees, Nascar collectibles, (Gordon/ Ernhardt Sr.), rototiller, ceramic & slate tile, exercise hike (new), polf balls, Clothing: men's (m-xl), women's (s-m), teen boys (m). !!L361 YARD SALE. Bookcase, bedwall, new sink, curio, dog crates, crafts, cabinets, much more. 9am-5pm, 7/ 31, 8/1, 8/7, 8/8, 772 Vivian Lane, Oxford. IIL352 DON'T MISS IT! 2-days- Saturday/ Sunday, Aug. 9th & 10th. 9am-4pm, 3146 Mann Rd. Clarkston. 111361

AUGust 7,8,.9, 9am-6pm. Premoving sale- Household goods. Off East Davison Lake Rd on Thomas Rd. 111361

HUGE GARAGE SALE Come help support our two walkers for the Susan G. Koman 60 mile walk! Something for everyone! Household, furniture, collectables, Craftsman tools, hunting, fishing, golf, military items. Thursday, August 7 and Friday August 8, 9:00am-6:00pm. 968 Beckley, Oxford (off of W. Drahner) !!L361

🖈 ANTIQUES, KIDS toys/

clothes, furniture, appliances, estate items, tools, art and frames, dishes new, pony cart, horse items, Aug. 7.8.9, Thurs. Sat. 9am-4pm. 1205 LeGault Blvd., of Oakwood !!L361

HUGE 3 FAMILY Garage Sale! Baby/ kids toys, household items, clothes for kids and adults, tools. Thursday (8/7) and Friday (8/8), 9am-3pm, 3388 Regency Dr. Orion Two, Keatington Meadows sub, off Maybee Rd., between Joslyn & Baldwin. !!L361

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FURNITURE

cluding antiques, furniture, children's clothes, toys, household items and much more. !!L361 DUIL TERS LIQUIDATION Benefit Sale: Fabric galore. Aug. 16th, 10am-6pm, 401 Bahar Ave, Ox ford. North off Sevmour Lake Rd. between Baldwin & Coats. !!LZ3

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VENDORS WANTED: Annual Darc Seioke Benefit Foundation Fall Festival Craft & Vendor Show Oct. 18 & 19 at L.O. Community Ed Resource Ctr (CERC). Call Para 248-721-1647 or visit website at www.dshfoundation.com for ap plication information. IIL352

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MONDAY

Clarkston News &

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(Deer Lake Farms, Clarkston)

AUGUST 7-9

appliances, kitchenware, snow



26 SPI Classifieds

130 HOUSEHOLD

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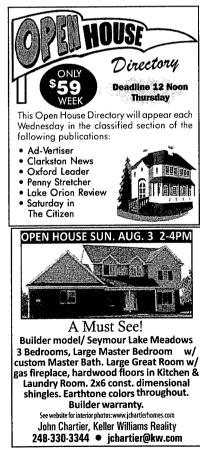
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ARTEMUS M. PAPPAS VILLAGE HALL 375 DEPOT ROAD CLARKSTON MI 48346 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES CITY COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 16. 2014

Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Hunter Roll: Present - Haven, Hunter, Catallo, Roth, Marsh. Absent Luginski and Sabol

Resolution: Resolved by Haven Supported by Marsh to approve the contract between the City of the Village of Clarkston and GPL Investments, a limited liability company. Roll Call Marsh, Haven, Hunter All Aye. Roth, No. Catallo requested herself. Luginski and Sabol Absent. Resolution Failed.

Moved by Roth, supported by Haven to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. All Aye Motion Carried. Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Eberhardt Acting City Clerk

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OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON ARTEMUS M. PAPPAS VILLAGE HALL 375 DEPOT ROAD CLARKSTON MI 48346 SUMMARY MINUTES CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 23, 2014

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Luginski, followed by the pledge of allegiance. Roll: Present - Haven, Marsh, Hunter, Mayor Luginski,

Roth Sabol Catallo

Resolution: Resolved by Hunter Supported by Haven. To approve a Contract between GPL Investments and the City of the Village of Clarkston Roll Call Sabol, Luginski, Hunter, Haven, Marsh, All Aye, Roth No Catallo recused, herself, Motion carried,

Resolution: Resolved by Haven Supported by Hunter. To approve Local Roads Fund Budget for FY 2014 Resolution is Adopted

Resolution: Resolved by Haven Supported by Roth To approve Major Roads Fund Budget for FY 2014. Resolution is Adopted.

Resolution: Resolved by Roth Supported by Hunter. To approve General Fund Budget FY 2014. Resolution is Adopted

Moved by Roth, supported by Marsh to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. All Aye Motion Carried. Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Miller City Clerk

Monarch Fest

Springfield Township Parks and Recreation hosts the Monarch Festival on Sunday, Aug. 17, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., next to the Farmer's Market.

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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 a regular meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board of Trustees held on July 22, 2014, the Township Board approved a Second Reading of an amendment to the to the Township's Zoning Ordinance adopting 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, "Zon-ing Ordinance," Article 9, "Planned Districts, Overlay Districts, and Other Special Development 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: Description and Purpose. 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 place

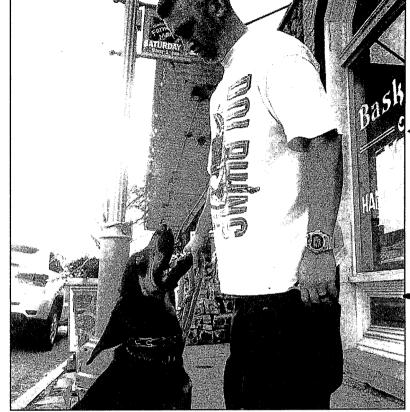
SECTION 5 OF ORDINANCE: Publication and Effective Date. Requires publication and states that the effective date of this ordinance is 30 days after publication

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

CERTIFICATION It is certified that the Ordinance set forth above was duly adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Independence at a meeting duly called and held on July 22, 2014.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE Barbara A, Pallotta, Township Clerk

Introduced: May 13, 2014 Adopted: July 22, 2014 Published: July 9, 2013; August 6, 2014 Effective: September 5, 2014



MY WHAT BIG EARS: A Bloomfield Hills resident visited downtown Clarkston to take his dog Raven on a walk through town and into Depot Park. "We are just enjoying the day," Mike said of his walk with Raven. We could not help but notice what enormous ears the pooch has. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

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CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON ARTEMUS M PAPPAS VILLAGE HALL 375 DEPOT RD. CLARKSTON, MI 48346 **PUBLIC HEARING**

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City Clerk Sandy Miller

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CLARKSTON MI 48346 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS TUESDAY AUGUST 26, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M.

The City of the Village of Clarkston will have a Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting to consider the following: Case Number 14-010 - 08-29-181-027 Overlook & M-15

Applicant is requesting a variance, to build a new home and attached garage on a corner lot. Anyone planning to attend the meeting who has need of special assistance under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is asked to contact the City Clerk's Office at 248-625-1559 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Staff will be pleased to make the necessary arrangements. Sandy Miller City Clerk



Wed., August 6, 2014 The Clarkston (MI) News 29



Newlyweds Alyssa and David Pohl visited the Vatican and received a blessing from Pope Francis. Photo provided

Papal blessing for Clarkston couple

BY ANDREA M. BEAUDOIN Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston graduate Alyssa Vermeulen and her new husband David Pohl's marriage was charmed from the start. From a viral video to a blessing by Pope Francis himself, their journey has already been graced with fortune.

• At a Metro Detroit Airport Gate, the memorable journey commenced. Just days earlier, on May 31, the couple were married at St. Hugo of the Hills Chapel, a Catholic Church in Bloomfield Hills.

On June 2, David and Alyssa were in the Detroit Metro Airport terminal getting ready to board a Delta flight, when they discovered they were among a group of 12 passengers set to travel on the same flight headed east to Paris.

All 12 passengers were World War II veterans headed to Normandy, France, to commemorate D-Day, the June 6, 1944, day when the great allied forces, including America, stormed French beaches.

Aware of the special guests on the plane, a Delta airline stewardess began to honor the bunch.

"Oh say can you see," the stewardess

began to sing for the group who had done the world a great deed over 70 years ago.

Passengers joined in on the serenade, their eyes filling with tears as they lent their voices to sing America's National Anthem and pay homage to the veterans.

Realizing how special the moment was, Alyssa's grabbed her phone and recorded the rendition. Alyssa uploaded the video to YouTube, and quickly it went viral. Her video now has over 270,000 views.

The video is so popular it has been seen worldwide and was even featured on news programs across the country, including local news stations and national outlets like The Today Show.

That experience alone is great story for the couple to tell forever, but after the flight an even greater journey was coming for Alyssa and David. The pair continued on their way heading off for their Honeymoon to Rome, Italy, where they would soon meet Pope Francis.

On June 11, Alyssa and David stood among other newlywed couples at the Vatican in Rome, a separate state containing the headquarters of the Catholic Church, eagerly awaiting the Pope's blessing. "The Pope reserves special seating for newlyweds to receive his Papal Blessing," smiled Alyssa's proud mother as she told the story.

The couple waited in St. Peter's Square for Pope Francis to arrive and greet the glowing couples. With a touch of his hand, the spiritual leader of the Catholic Church greeted each couple individually.

Each pair were also presented a rosary, a string crafted of beads, also called a crown of roses, a religious piece said to help ease the flow of prayer.

Photos captured the couples special moments. In one of them, David and Alyssa smile, as Pope Francis embraces David's arm while granting his blessing. In another photo, a glowing Alyssa lays her hand gently across the Pope's back as the two speak.

As the rest of their journey begins, the couple have chosen a career helping others in the medical field. Alyssa has chosen a path in pediatrics and David in family medicine.

Alyssa is a 2006 graduate of Clarkston High School, and Dave is a 2006 graduate of Brother Rice. Both graduated from Michigan State College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Around Town

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

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

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

DivorceCare facilitated discussion, Thursdays, 6:45-8:30 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road, room 122.248-625-1611.

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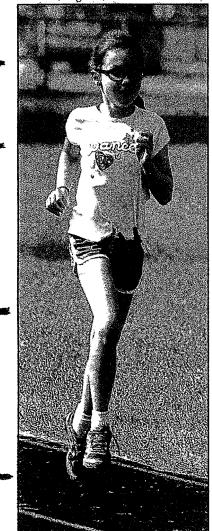
Project Kidsight, Clarkston Area Lions Club, second Saturday, 10 a.m. -12 p.m., Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. photos taken of child's eyes to check for potential vision problems. Immediate results. Free. 248-625-2212, www.clarkstonlions.org.

Volunteer opportunities

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



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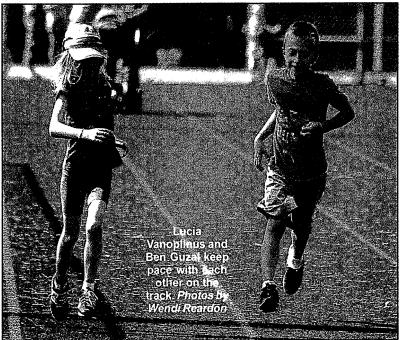


Eva Ward begins a new lap.



Chace Percoulis stays hydrated after his run.

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Crim training for Clarkston kids

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Kids rounded the northwest corner of Clarkston Elementary last Thursday and kept their pace as they finished their 1-mile run. "They are fast," said Sandi Larkins, as

some of the kids finished within seven minutes.

Every Thursday since June 26, kids from ages 5- to 11-years-old have met at the Clarkston Junior High School track for Clarkston Fit Kids, a summer running club sponsored be Crim Fitness Foundation.

Each one-hour session begins with stretching exerciss with Clarkston Elementary Physical Education teacher Lane Hurd to get the muscles ready before the kids do a few activities and run.

For their July 31 session, the kids ran a few laps on the track and stopped at stations to work on agility and also did burpies. Then, they ran a 1-mile cross country course going up to Clarkston Junior High School ballfields around to Clarkston Elementary, through the playground and through another field before coming back to the junior high's track.

"The kids really love it," Larkins smiled. "Last week we did our first 1-mile and there were kids who finished in seven minutes. It is really impressive what they have been able to do."

Summer Polonkey said it was fun to run around the track and with friends before she took off to join friends already in motion.

"It's great," said Stephanie, her mom. "I have two boys in it also and it is important to promote the healthy lifestyle when you have other kids doing it with you. The boys are in Clarkston Chiefs so we are using it as extra training time and being healthy."

The running club started because Larkins,

a Young Fives Kindergarten Teacher at the Early Childhood Center, received a grant for her Young Fives' class from the Crim. She added the Crim provides a summer running club.

"I have worked in Clarkston Schools for 15 years and a lot of our staff are runners," Larkins added. "We have been doing a lot of different challenges like this year is 100 miles of run, walk or bike. I have been a runner and I got my girls into it."

Larkins also knew children also ran because their parents and she asked Hurd to be a co-captain.

"Lane and I are both involved in Blessings in a Backpack as well and we wanted to help on this side," she continued. "He was able to have training through the Crim on different things like eating, mindfulness and keeping bodies in shape."

From there, the running club was opened up to students from Clarkston Elementary and Bailey Lake Elementary, since Larkins' daughters attended the school.

"We have had a great outpouring support from parents," she smiled. "It has been a lot of fun."

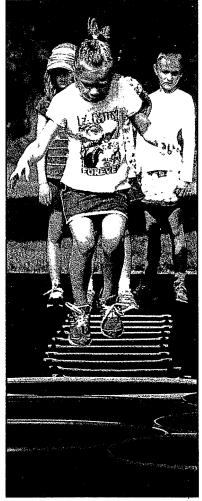
They have had 40 kids for the Clarkston Fit Kids and the kids paid five dollars for the whole summer. It included a T-shirt and entry to the Crim Kids Invitational, Aug. 15, which Larkins noted sign up for the invitational ended last week.

With all the hard work from training for an hour every Thursday, the kids will be ready for the event.

"She is great at organizing and Lane has a passion to get all the kids fired up," said Stephanie. "I was glad when she got it started. They have a great turnout and we have a lot of little ones."



Ella Kurmaniak begins her turn behind Clarkston Elementary school in the 1-mile run.



Ella Guzal jumps during the agility training.