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#### SKIING WITH STYLE: On to Spray Masters dance leams Kyle Harris and Jarrett Kirchner, with November Casey Quigley, and Mitchell Holmes and Danny Quigley, with Danielle Holmes, Primary sets fall face strike a pose during a show at Big Lake, Aug. 5. Please see page 46 for more off for Tedder, Ritter **BYANDREABEAUDOIN** pictures. Photo by Phil Custodio Clarkston News Staff Writer Voters have spoken and Democrat Dennis Ritter and Republican Jim Tedder will face off in November for District 43 state representative. The candidate chosen by voters in November will represent the City of the Village of Clarkston, Independence Township, Lake Angelus and parts of Waterford Township in the state house. It was a close race for Ritter and Tedder, who are both Clarkston natives. Ritter earned 2,504 votes, 49.63 percent; while candidates Robin McGregor earned 2,164 votes, 42.89 percent; and

Neil Billington received 377 votes, 7.4 Tedder earned 3,007 votes, 30.54 percent, while candidate Andrea Schroeder earned 2,847 votes, 28.91 percent. Candidates Jose Aliaga earned 2,146 votes, 21.79 percent; Nate Knapper received 1,515 votes, 15.39 percent; and Paul

Greenawalt got 332 votes, 3.37 percent. Both Ritter and Tedder were appreciative of voters and said they are gearing up for the November battle.

Tedder said he spent a few days with family just playing board games and taking a breather after the primary race.

"I have a a lot of pride in the Clarkston area," said the candidate, a 1987 graduate of Clarkston High School. "This is

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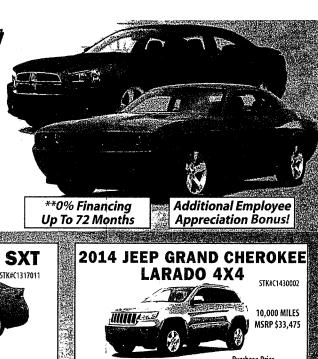
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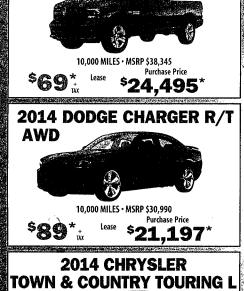
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### Scouts to raise funds for two years for tropical trip

Girl Scout Troop 13059 of Clarkston hopes for a tropical summer experience in 2016, with a trip to Belize.

"It's what the girls wanted to do," said Wendy Need, scout leader

"It's a different place than where most Girl Scouts go," said scout Nora Storey. "It'll be a tropical experience down south.'

"I'm looking forward to the plane trip - I've never been on one before," said Chance McDougal. "I've been learning more about Belize as we work towards the trip - I hope it pays off."

They'll explore rain forests and barrier reefs, and also perform community service in local schools. Fund raising for the trip started this summer, including pop can and bottle drives, and "Flamingo Flocking."

"Customers pay the girls \$10 to have a dozen pink flamingos show up in a friend's yard under the cover of darkness," Need said. "We're getting a great response. The girls are having a blast putting out the flamingos."

They will be selling flocks over the next month, and plan a pancake breakfast on Oct. 18, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., at Clarkston Community Church, she said.

The girls activities so far have earned them about 25 percent of the money they need for the trip. Call 248-910-6595 for more information or to schedule a flamingo flock.

- Phil Custodio



Troop 13059 Girl Scouts are busy raising funds for a 2016 trip to Belize. Photo by Phil Custodio

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### New admin team takes on middle school

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Middle school is a challenging time for students as they merge into one class after six years at elementary schools across the district.

Getting them to work and learn together is the job of new Sashabaw Middle School Principal Elizabeth Walker and Assistant Principal Jennifer Johnson.

"It's important to set up the right atmosphere at the start so they can congeal as a class in the two years they're here," said Walker, who joined Clarkston Community Schools in 2011 as assistant principal at the high school.

"This is a large school – it can be a struggle for students," said Johnson, who served as interim principal last year. "It's an anxious time, as they make friends and become part of Sashabaw Middle School. I love the age. This is a great place to be."

The administrative team's plans to accomplish their mission includes an introductory camp for the kids. They'll also form students and teachers into teams so they can work with the same people as much as possible and get to know each other.

"We'll keep it as small as possible for students and staff," Walker said.

They'll continue to focus on implementing Culture of Thinking at the



Principal Elizabeth Walker, at right, and Assistant Principal Jennifer Johnson are getting ready for a new year at Sashabaw Middle School. *Photo by Phil Custodio* 

middle school through professional development training for teachers.

"It's teaching students how to learn," Walker said. "We'll review why it is important, why we do it, the steps involved in improving instruction. We'll break down what works well and what changes to focus on "

Teachers will also keep journals, reflecting on their development and recording ideas to share with each other.

"We'll plan out what it looks like in the first few days of school," Johnson said. "If want kids do it, we have to do it as adults."

Walker learned a lot as assistant principal at Clarkston High, experiences she'll use at the middle school.

"I learned about the culture of Clarkston schools, its values and ideas, and a lot about the community," she said. "As large as it is, Clarkston is a community with a family-oriented feel, a small town atmosphere. It's fantastic."

She facilitated the Project Zero conference at Clarkston High School, which brought together educators from around the world to discuss and learn about the Culture

of Thinking teaching philosophy.

"It was an amazing experience to present at the conference and bring Culture of Thinking to the staff," Walker said.

Johnson and teacher Brett McCall, who served as interim assistant principal last year, will help maintain continuity during the transition.

"We'll get to know each other until we're a well-oiled machine," Johnson said. "I can't wait until this is all old hat. I look forward to that. It's something we'll carry over for the kids."

Walker has 11 years experience in education and was a teacher leader at Lake Fenton Community Schools before joining the Clarkston district. She earned her masters in Public Administration at the University of Michigan

Johnson has 15 years teaching experience, with four years in administration. She taught sixth grade science in Dryden before joining Clarkston Community Schools.

"I love Clarkston. As large as it is, it has a small town feel. You can connect with people," she said.





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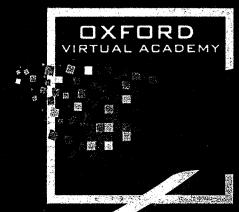
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### Tedder vs. Ritter for state house seat

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the place I have chosen to raise my family because, growing up, I had a positive experience here.

He said he is proud of Clarkston, has been active in the community for 40 years and owned a small business in the area for more than 27. He is an administrator in Clarkston Community Schools and has worked as a teacher in both Clarkston and Waterford

He also has roots in and knows the Waterford area well.

Tedder said it was last fall last year when he first began debating the idea of running for office. He announced his candidacy in January.

During the cold winter months, he was busy attending grassroots organizations and groups like the Independence Republican Club. He attended fundraisers and Clarkston Chamber of Commerce events. He made phone calls, and filled out lots of questionnaires. "You would not believe how many questionnaires I received," he recounted.

One thing he promises to never forgot is the importance of the average citizen, everyone he meets and everyone he speaks with.

When it came to the close race with fellow Republican Andrea Schroeder, he said all he knew in his heart and spirit was he worked as hard as he could.

"When you come that close to another candidate, just 160 votes in a five way race, it's very humbling," he said.

political world.

change. I am not involved in a lot of politics. I am who I am. I will never ignore or deemphasize people here."

He said he has known his opponent Dennis Ritter for many vears, and is close to the Ritter family.

"I have a lot of respect for Dennis and his family," he said.



Jim Tedder

Ritter, a life-long area resident, said he has been around the block few times when it comes to the political world and government.

"I have been through political battles before," he said. "This is going to be a tough one, but I am really looking forward to the November race."

In 1976, he won the race for Waterford Township Board member. In 1978, he ran for township treasurer, and won. He served as Waterford's treasurer for 10 years.

Then in 1988, it was time for the big race. He ran for, and won, the job of Waterford Township supervisor, a position he served for eight years.

In 1996, he lost a bid for reelection as supervisor, so he got out of the political arena for a while.

Ritter served as City of the Village of Clarkston manager from 2008 until he retired



Fred Ritter prepares for fall.

know where I stand on issues."

Issues Ritter feels are important include fixing road and infrastructure problems facing the area. "We need to fix these problems as soon as possible," he said. "We also need funding for education. My preference is to maintain local control of education.'

Ritter said he is concerned with Proposal 14-1, because he feels tax revues will not be properly replaced in communities that have lost income.

Ritter said he is in favor of McLaren Hospital development in Clarkston on Sashabaw Road, and would like to meet with McLaren representatives. "It would be good for the area and bring a lot of professional jobs," he

makers in Lansing and voters can always expect transparency to the fullest.



FUNDS FOR PLAYGROUND: From left, Ryan Kennedy Playground Planning Committee members Heather Roeser, Clarkston Area Optimist Club President Robin Brose, Jamie Nye, Kelly Hyer and Marji Opel accept a donation from the Optimist Club for the playground. Nineteen Clarkston organizations received \$45,000 for youth programs from the Optimists, including the playground in Clintonwood Park. Photo provided by Joette Kunse

### Briefly

### Fall sports launch

Be prepared for sports this year with our annual Gridiron Section. It includes the schedule for the Wolves Varsity Football team and interview with Kurt Richardson, head coach.

It also includes a roster and team photos of the varsity football team, varsity cheer team, varsity dance team and the marching band.

Pick up your copy in the Aug. 27 edition of The Clarkston News.

Go Wolves!

### **Fund raiser**

Diane and Henry Woloson will host a fund raiser in honor of their daughter, Katie Woloson, on Aug. 23 from 4-8 p.m at 7203 Deerhill Court.

In 2013, Katie died of Sudden Unexpected Death from Epilepsy. The fundraiser will benefit the Katherine M. Woloson MSU Study Abroad Pro-

Donations can be made to Michigan State University at the fund raising event. For more information, email dwoloson@ameritech.net.

### **Bucks for Buses**

Bucks for Buses is Wednesday, Aug. 20, from 5:30-8:30 p.m., at Over Tyme Grill and Tap Room, 4724 Dixie

The fund raiser supports Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center's transportation program, which provided 5,655 tides to seniors and disabled adults to doctors, work, and other appointments last year, said Barbara Rollin, senior division supervisor.

Tickets to the beach themed event, with pizza, pasta, chicken; salad buffet, and beverages, are \$25.

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### Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Reardon

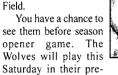
### Fall sports

It might be hard to believe but it is time - time for fall sports.

Despite the low temperatures and rainy days August has arrived and this week marks tryouts for athletes participating in fall sports and football players going back to the field with two practices a day.

Many gridiron heroes are returning from last year's season pumped to repeat the success from 2013 - MHSAA Division

1 State Champions. Newbies on the team are hoping to help them out and get back to Ford Field.



season intrasquad scrimmage. It is a special scrimmage because it is also the boys' sixth annual Football for a Cure.

Many of you know the boys trade in their blue and gold jerseys for blue and pink as they play the game of football and fight against cancer at the same time.

Each player has a nameplate or two on the back of their jerseys with a name of someone who has cancer, survivors and those who have passed away.

Most of the people the players are playing for are family members or friends and chose that person for a particular reason.

Every jersey has a story. Over the last few weeks as well as this week The Clarkston News has featured one player. It happened Hampton Swayne, Joe Popp and Will Scarlett are playing for a grandparent.

Each of the three were excited heading into the event not only to play for a loved one but for the community. All proceeds raised during the event help patient services at McLaren Breast Cancer and McLaren Cancer Institute in Clarkston.

It is a great event. Plus, it is a peek into how the boys look as they start their road to playoffs.

Since the Wolves enjoy helping the community that supports them. They will be out in neighborhoods next Friday for their annual Rush for Food and will collect non-perishable food for Lighthouse in Independence Township.

We will have a list of neighborhoods listed in next week's edition. Or you are more than welcome to drop off donations at our office, 5 S. Main Street. We have a big container to fill for the Wolves.

## Opinion Pages Letters, columns & Editorials

### Support for Obama

Dear Editor

I am offended by the rant of the once esteemed publisher, James Sherman, Sr. ("President's plan pocked with lies, not leadership," July 30). I would expect such unfounded trite from Fox News, not from a man of education.

What explains the rage against President Obama, but silence when Bush and Cheney lied us into unnecessary unfunded war where thousands died and suffered in vain? The economy collapsed and many lost their homes and livelihood.

Why is the president who captured Bin Laden, ended wars, and gave us needed healthcare, scorned? What does it take to satisfy his critics? He can't change his color.

I prefer a black man over a scoundrel.

I predict history will judge him respectfully, honor his presidency, and rename some schools and roads, "Obama."

Dale Bond Independence Township

### Road project overdue

Dear Editor

With all the ongoing work in downtown on the sidewalks, I would like to have seen a more appropriate crosswalk put in at E. Church/Depot and Main Street. Something along the lines of what they do in Rochester. If someone is in the crosswalk, you stop and that person/persons cross the street.

Plus it slows people down, which is much needed downtown! The speed limit signs these days are just a memory or a suggestion. This has been an overdue project for a long time since a lot of people like to cross there versus going down to Washington. I would like it and I would hope others would, too!

David Yackell Clarkston

### Congrats on vote

Dear Editor

Congratulations to Julie Meredith, director of the Clarkston Independence District Library, and to everyone on the library staff, the Friends of the Library and the Library Yes! Committee on Tuesday's election. Not only a victory, but an overwhelming one. We think it says volumes about what a great library we have here in our community. It also shows what a lot of dedicated people working together can do. Let the good times continue!

Ron and Chris Savage Independence Township

### **Preserve Clarkston**

Dear Editor

A collection of jewels: that is what makes the City of the Village of Clarkston so unique and appreciated.

You have the romantic block of vintage homes fronted by a canopy of arching trees, reminding us of the grandeur of yesteryear.

Then you have the intriguing and inviting collection of older buildings, occupied by a diversity of businesses, located on another two blocks of roadway

Together, these settings, these jewels, are the center - the Main Street - of a small community of neighborhoods, other jewels, consisting of a catalogue of (mostly) individual homes of varying eras and styles of architecture. Framed again by many mature trees.

And there are ponds and lakes among these structures and scenes, anchored by a small but sprawling well maintained park. The park is the site of concerts, picnics, ice skating, weddings, play structures, and solitude.

The community is one of the few places where you can walk almost anywhere, have easy access to major roadways in all seasons (assuming you clear your driveway of snow), and use every form of services - such as churches, schools, library, fire protection, police, recreation, and an adult activity center.

Most importantly, some really wonderful people live within the half-mile area which is the city. There are different ages, families, interests, and character - all of which adds to vibrancy of the community.

Clarkston has jewels. But, we must continue to polish them or they will lose their luster. We are experiencing an increase in law-lessness (everyone has an example); the trees are wearing out (some need pruning, others replacing); various things need to be repaired (park bridge, sidewalks); there are no housing options for those want to downsize and stay here; downtown parking is a problem; there is limited (selective?) enforcement of laws, ordinances, and codes.

What do we do? We decide what are the priorities for the future of our community; how that future is to be funded; who will be entrusted with the management of our priorities and our funds. How do we do this: we vote! We use our democratic process of representative government by electing those who will try to do what we want them to do.

Now, we will not agree completely on any of these choices. So, we accept the democratic principle of majority rule, and hold our representatives accountable by expecting openness, honesty, and transparency.

Tom Stone Clarkston

### A Look Back

From The CNews archives

### 15 years ago - 1999

"Concertgoers sue Pine Knob Theatre" Three concertgoers filed a classaction lawsuit against Pine Knob Music Theatre. All three alleged Pine Knob oversold five shows in July causing unbearable overcrowding.

"Granddog gets a surprise" Dave and Lorna Bickerstaff of Independence Township were tickled when their "granddog" got a treat. Sadie, a English springer spaniel and their granddog, received two dog biscuits when Dave went through the drive-through at First of America Bank.

"Wrestler ready for college" Dean Moscovic was ready to leave his high school memories behind as he prepared to attend the University of North Carolina. Moscovic, a Brother Rice graduate wrestled his way to 103 consecutive victories (unbeaten his junior and senior years) and two state championships in the 150-pound weight class.

### 25 years ago - 1989

"Independence moving on new township hall" Independence Township Board of Trustees started the ball rolling by unanimously approving a "uses and needs" study for a new township hall.

"Township's new firefighters excited about their work" Four new firefighters joined the ranks at Independence Township. They sat down with *The Clarkston News* to discuss qualities of a good firefighter and why they were excited about their new roles.

"Booker back home at Buick Open"
The PGA Tour takes its members to golf courses all over the world but for Eric Booker there was one spot on the map holding a special part in his heart. The Clarkston resident returned to the area to play in the Buick Open at Warwick Hills Country Club in Grand Blanc.

### 50 years ago - 1964

"Area church held dedication" A corner stone was laid during a dedication service at Dixie Baptist Church. The church celebrated its tenth anniversary.

"School budget to be aired" A public hearing for the 1964-65 school budget was planned. The estimated receipts for the school year were \$145,000 to \$2,192,120. Expenditures would increase \$125,000 to \$2,182,000.

"Local news" Debbie Goyette spent three weeks in Long Beach, Calif, visiting the Spohn and Delong families. She spent time sightseeing, swimming in the ocean, going to Disneyland and Knott's Berry Farm.

### I'm glad for a lot of things, but not the big wigs

I'm glad I got to live those first 87 years of my life.

When I break them down to periods, there are some that really **Jim's** stand out.

Like those early 1- Jottings room school times of total innocence; then a 10year span of war and illness, that got me to some really great married years.

Growing the newspaper publishing efforts were especially reward- A column by ing, as was growing three Jim Sherman, kids.



But, the scene changed for me during the last several years. I became addicted to news reports. And now I see and feel a down side of aging.

The lead story on the front of The Detroit Free Press Sunday, July 27 brought me full cycle. From naivete to disbelief and trust in company findings, surveys and honesty. From politics that proclaim transparency, to universities supporting a political party, to lawmakers' unending orations and pleadings for more money to solve every problem.

That FREEP story reported Ford Motor Compnay wrote the questions for a testing, and they also graded them. Others companies did the same.

WHAM!

It hit me. Companies, academia, our government, our military, VA, IRS, etal, have likely been lying and misinforming me since my adulthood.

The leaders didn't attend my 1-room

school, and I never got out of it's teach-

Innocence, naivete and total trusting now all seems gone. In many cases, gone too are many religions.

Those haven't changed for me, though I was never allowed to attend church while at home, my mother's life and teachings have prevailed. There is my God Jesus Christ and their religious leaders who proclaim "convert, pay a fine or be assassinated."

I know, I know my TV has an off button, and I use it with increasing frequency, but then I miss comedic reruns and old mysteries.

I've got to learn how to use recording devices, but with 87 years gone maybe I should think of taking more naps.

Or work on 1-liners:

Whatever you do in life give it 100% (unless you're giving blood).

The grocery bag that breaks first is the one with the eggs.

Food: If you can't spell it or pronounce it, don't eat it.

Grandson Dan and his girl friend, Alex, stopped to see me enroute to a Petoskey wedding. They met months ago in Denver where they work.

Alex is from Washington, and she talks and walks like we Michiganians. I didn't get to ask her if people in her state refer to themselves as Washingtonians or Seatelites.

She's so quiet I could almost hear a pin drop, except Dan wouldn't stop reading his Christmas list to me.

### One good turn deserves another

Last month was Community Paper Month here in Michigan and across the vast fruited plains o' America. We had a contest for folks to write an essay on community papers and got some good ones, too.

One that was late (more on that one later) didn't make the cut for the 50 greenbacks I dangled as a car-

Rush Me

rot to get folks to write. Those greenbacks were hard earned by me and as Don't the cheapest guy in town it did pain me just a little when I pried open my wallet to dole them out to the contest winner (more on her later, too).

The late entry, written by a Vanessa wasn't really an essay at all. This Vanessa actually wrote a song about the lonely newspaperman, who sits high atop his ivory tower, watching the world he covers. Watching, waiting.

Here's the song. Read it, and if any- A column by one can come up with a good title for Don Rush the song and lay down some solid

musical licks to go with, let me know. I won't give you 50 bucks, but when you die you can rest assured I appreciated your efforts in theme song making.

there he sits in the ivory tower waiting and listening to all around friendly voices, singing ... masking the negativity

he is one, but of many, bringing joy to the world traveling with a smile as wide as the ocean it may seem lonely, sitting in the tower of white but he stands on the shoulders of all those before him

and in the arms of all those who love him

so even though he sees no one around there they are, surrounding, supporting, and encouraging

without whispering anything at all.

-- Vanessa

Thank you, Vanessa. Me likey.

Now, as promised above, more on the contest winner, Diane DeClerck. Ever the self promoter, I ignobly asked Diane to come in to collect her \$50 winnings. I could have mailed it to her, or left it in an envelope for her to pickup at her leisure. Oh no, I would have none of that.

If I was gonna give away 50 smackareenos I wanted something in return, I wanted a picture with the winner that I could use in this week's column. More picture equals less words. The less words needed to fill my column space leaves me more time to do other stuff. And, as author Stephen King knows, all work and no play makes Don a

I had it all planned out. The picture was good (thank you Diane and photographer Andrea Beaudoin) and my lazy evil plan was working to perfection. Then Diane went and done something unexpected. She declined her winnings and instead asked me to donate it to the Devoted Friends Animal Society.

Rats. My evil (if not lazy) plan was thwarted by an act of do-goodness. Curses!

What could I do?

I'm giving the money to the group, plus a little extra public relations. This 100-percent volunteer group works to find homes for unwanted pets. Volunteers can usually be found at the Pet Supplies Plus in Ortonville, Saturdays, 1-4 or on Facebook.

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Winner Diane DeClerck, me and her money. Which I took back after the photo was taken.

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### Students' success

Clarkston students who received degrees at Grove City College last May include:

Hannah Gould, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in History. Gould is a 2010 graduate of Christian Leadership Academy and is the daughter of Greg and Rhonda Gould of Clarkston:

Alicia Young, Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and 2010 graduate of Clarkston High School. She is the daughter of Robert and Sonja Young of Clarkston; and

**Thomas Hawley**, Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. Hawley is a 2010 graduate of Aurora High School and is the son of Homer and Joan Hawley of Clarkston.

Clarkston students **Tyler Smith** and **Scarlett Shader** were named to the dean's list recognizing academic performance at Miami University for second semester 2013-2014.

Rachael Whitmore of Clarkston earned Magna Cum Laude graduation honors at Hope College.

Central Michigan University's spring semester honors list includes Clarkston students Keera Kathleen Allen, Christian Scott Bonzheim, Joseph Daniel Brookes, Melinda Ann Cabaj, Scott Daniel Cousino, Andraya Croft, Lauren R. Amanda Christine Culver. DeLongChamp, Rachel Jade Domagalski, Anne Marie Drolet, Lauren Elizabeth Fisher, Shelby Marie Fleming, Mckenzie Lynn Gauthier, Brittany Alexis Granett, Abbey M. Hall, Anne Marie Hart, Nicholas Robert Loomis, Madison Rae McCafferty, Megan E. McCarty, Kayla Elizabeth Mick, Halle Elizabeth Moraw, Kayle Sue Muller, Laney Raye Robinson, Amber Nichole Sciba, Grace Smith, Jordan Stuart, Kaitlyn Elizabeth Sumner, Alexander Jacob Thierbach, Rebecca Dale Turner, Gillian Marie Ward, Danielle Marie Westphall, Erin Bridget Wisely, and Chad M. Wotton; and Davisburg students Crystal Marie Boyle, Samuel Lee Ekstrom, Davis P. Nixon, Lauren E. O'Leary, and Nicole Rombach.

**Haley Foos** of Clarkston was named to the Spring 2014 Academic Honors List at Spring Arbor University.

Foos is a freshman and the daughter of Mike and Carol Foos.

Clarkston students granted degrees at Spring Arbor University last May include Diane Tomlinson, Master of Arts in Spiritual Formation and Leadership; Monica Young, Bachelor's degree in Actuarial Science and daughter of Robert and Sonja Young; and Jeremy Shankle, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and son of Matthew and Beverly Shankle.



Volunteer Blake Caballa, 6, was placed inside a giant box of food to sort. He will be a first grader at Bailey Lake this fall. Photos provided

### Volunteers help at Gleaner's

A group of Clarkston running club members and friends gathered, July 30, at Gleaner's Food Bank in Pontiac for two hours of community service.

They learned about the food bank, and then set to work, sorting, organizing, and packing snacks for hungry families, said Kathy Noble, organizer.

"They also had to check expiration dates on the food they handled," said Noble, a teacher in Clarkston, "Some students sorted, others packed and still others weighed and labelled the boxes for distribution."

During the two hours, the group packed 2,810 pounds of food, which equates to 2,341 meals.

The group volunteered for a "Super Saturday" at Gleaner's before, she said.

"The volunteer coordinator at Gleaner's, Jenna Yuhase, emailed me and asked if I could bring my group again during the summer," Noble said. "We will certainly return to Gleaner's this school year as part of ourservice learning."



The volunteers gather at Gleaner's.

### Public Safety For Clarkston and Independence Township

### Arrested for resisting

A deputy performing crowd control during a medical call at DTE Music, 9:11 p.m., July 25, asked a 25-year-old Lake Orion man to walk around the medical staff performing treatment. The man refused twice, and turned with clenched fist when taken by the arm. After a struggle with the deputy and security, he was arrested for resisting a police officer.

### Car fire

When a 47-year-old Swartz Creek woman driving on 1-75 said her transmission started to make a funny noise, she tried to make it to the M-15 exit but her car filled with smoke and caught on fire, 11:09 p.m., July 26. Independence Township firefighters put out the fire. She lost her purse and cell phone while escaping the blaze.

### Pool house blaze

Independence Township firefighters put out a pool house fire in the 7000 block of Oakhurst Lane, 12:10 p.m., July 26. The heater's boiler was in contact with a wall stud, heating up a nail and catching it on fire, and causing smoke to come from the roof and side of the building. The pool manager called 911 and sprayed the area with a fire extinguisher.

### Questionable mushrooms

Three mushrooms were confiscated from a man being treated by paramedics at DTE Music auditorium during a concert, 10:48 p.m., July 26. The case is open, pending chemical analysis of the mushrooms. The man was taken to the hospital.

### Thefts from homes

An iPad and wallet were taken out of a real estate agent's purse during a home showing in the 6000 block of Oakhurst Ridge Road, July 28. The agent had left it on a kitchen counter.

Someone entered a River Birch Drive home through an unlocked window and took money from a night stand, July 29.

A 50-foot garden hose was taken from the front porch of a home in the 6900 block of Northcrest Way E., July 29.

A chained mountain bike was taken from a carport in the 4000 block of Fox Creek, July

### Arrest in home attack

A 19-year-old Joy Street woman was arrested for domestic violence after attacking her father, 4:14 a.m., July 28. She requested she be placed in handcuffs to prevent her from attacking him again.

### Domestic assault

A 47-year-old Clarkston woman was arrested for domestic assault after punching her 17-year-old son, 12:15 p.m., July 28. They had been arguing over use of a cell phone. He called her names, and she punched him in the body, hit him in the face, kneed him in the nose, and hit him in the head with a glass. The report was forwarded to CPS.

### Road mess

A 50-year-old Goodrich man driving a truck for a local hardware store forgot to tie down a load of 16 shipping crates filled with white latex paint. As he turned left onto Sashabaw Road from Maybee Road, 9:17 a.m., Aug. 1, the load tipped over and spilled about eight gallons of paint onto the roadway, where it was spread by passing vehicles. Independence DPW applied sand for traction as it was being cleaned up. The store received a commercial citation for failure to strap down the load and spilling it on the roadway. .

### Teens arrested

Deputies responded to a report of four teenagers trying to get into houses and vehicles on Rioview and Ennismore drives, 4:39 a.m., Aug. 1. The teens ran as the officers converged on the area, but a deputy caught one of them, a 16-year-old Independence Township boy. He told deputies where the others were hiding, and the other three, a 17year-old Independence Township boy, 16year-old Waterford Township boy, and another 16-year-old Independence Township boy, were caught. The first teen was found with a pink iPod in his pants pocket. He said the 17-year-old boy gave it to him to hold, and to get rid of it when deputies showed up because it was stolen. The older teen was cited. Two of the 16-yearolds were reported to their probation officers. Investigation continues.

### Suspicious questions

Two Independence Township residents were sitting in a vehicle in Clintonwood Park when another vehicle pulled up, Aug. 2 between 6:45-7 p.m. The driver asked them where he could find purses in Clarkston because he "likes to take purses while he is running." Asked to clarify, he asked where he could find purses to steal in Clarkston. The man is described as white, in his mid to late 40s, clean shaven, and short dirty blonde straight hair with bangs, driving an older model, gold or tan Mercury Mountaineer SUV.

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# Sporting News

### This Saturday...

Clarkston Gridiron Heroes host Football for a Cure at the high school stadium, 7 p.m.

### Gridiron heroes rush for food

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Records are meant to be broken and athletes in the Clarkston Football program are hoping to break the record of 6,397 pounds of food on Friday, Aug. 22.

The day is special because from 6-7 p.m. the program hosts its 17th Annual Rush for Food and collect non-perishable food in local neighborhoods for Lighthouse Emergency Services in Independence Township.

"I love it," smiled Joe Popp, a senior on the Wolves' Varsity Football team. "Rush for Food is a blast. My key thing is food. Good nutrition is key. I love to eat. So if I can get it for other people - that's fantastic."

Lighthouse manager Holly Ellis added the event comes at a perfect time as the shelves become more bare because of summer distribution.

"It is huge," she said. "The food we get from Rush for Food will probably get us through to the holiday times when our next big distribution happens. Without it some of our shelves would be bare. Without them we wouldn't be able to serve the families we have on a daily basis."

Ellis added Lighthouse, off Sashabaw Road, roughly helps 3,000 families throughout the year.

"Hunger is a year round program and we try our best to combat it with our food pantry," Ellis said. "It is wonderful the community supports Lighthouse in the way it does."

Popp remembered the first year he was involved with the event. Freshman sort the food as the upperclassmen bring it to Lighthouse. They also take it into the building and fill the shelves. But before the donations arrive freshman players take a tour of establishment and see the nearly empty shelves.

"You see the before and after," he ex-

plained. "It is mind blowing because you realize they are running low and think there is no way we can fill up space. In one day the community is able to donate and we are able to fill the shelves."

Besides the community coming together the players are working together to give back, which Ellis enjoys seeing.

"Not only are we feeding the community but we are getting high school kids involved," she added. "It's important for them to be part of their community and making their community better. You hope this experience for them leads to them being adults helping their community and making things better for everyone. It's nice to see how enthusiastic they are and helping their community. Not only their community but their classmates, their teammates. They don't know who is coming here"

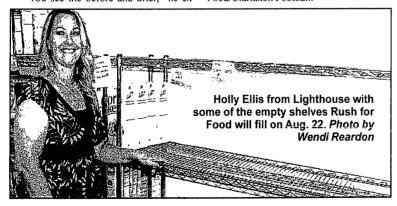
"It feels great," Popp smiled going into his fourth year participating. "We are the worker bees. It is nice to see people are glad to go get their cans. They come back with bags. They are excited. They want to help."

Popp added another reason he enjoys the event is he gets to meet new people in the community.

"Last year I met people who asked me about how the team was looking," he said. "We connect with the community. You don't get that door-to-door as much."

Players from the freshman, JV and varsity Clarkston Football team will collect in neighborhoods from 6-7 p.m. (Please see next week's edition for a list of neighborhoods.)

Two other ways to get involved is to drop off donations at *The Clarkston News* office, 5 S. Main Street, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; or at Lighthouse, 6330 Sashabaw Rd, in a bag labeled with Rush for Food/Clarkston Football.



## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK Scarlett plays for a cure

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Clarkston High School senior Will Scarlett is ready to begin the fall season and is proud to begin it on Saturday with Football for a Cure.

The Clarkston Wolves Varsity Football intrasquad pre-season scrimmage not only is a preview of the season for the community but raises money for McLaren Breast Center and McLaren Cancer Institute - Clarkston.

Scarlett is playing for his Grandpa Clyde, who had throat cancer, and Grandma Shari, who had skin cancer. Both have passed away.

"My grandpa meant quite a bit to me," he said. "He passed away about three years ago. He would spend the summers with us. He was my only grandpa I really spent a lot of time with."

His memories of his Grandpa Clyde include his grandpa showing up in the middle of summers at their house.

"It was just awesome," Scarlett said.
"He would just be waiting in the driveway
for us. Then, he would stay the week with
us. He would always bring me something
cool."

His grandmother passed away when he was seven-years-old.

"I love them," Scarlett added.

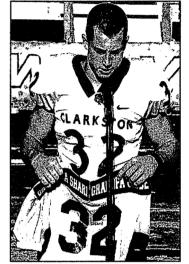
He looks forward to this Saturday's event for different reasons. The biggest because it is a good cause and all the proceeds go to patient services at McLaren Breast Center and McLaren Cancer Institute - Clarkston.

"That's important," he pointed out. Another reason it is pre-season game.

"We are competing against each other," Scarlett said: "It's really fun. I just have a lot of fun going out there and playing."

The event is more special because he is playing for his grandparents.

"It makes the game more important,"



Will Scarlett during last year's Football for a Cure. Photo by Larry Wright

he explained.

Scarlett and his teammates invite the community to come out for Football for a Cure.

"It is going to a great cause," he said.
"The Clarkston community loves sports
and we had a great season last year. The
fans are a big contributor to our success."

Last year's successful season ended with the Wolves claiming MHSAA Division 1 State Champions. Scarlett helped in two positions as outside linebacker and tight end.

He wore No. 32 on his jersey last fall and he will do it again this season. He is proud to wear the number.

"My dad wore it when he was in high school," he explained.

Football for a Cure kicks off at 7 p.m. at Clarkston High School stadium. For more information, email ClarkstonFootballforaCure@gmail.com.



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### Grad has future in FX

#### BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Former Lady Wolf Kira Karlstrom has come a long way since she was playing basketball on the courts at Clarkston High School

The 2003 graduate became business development executive at Arsenal FX in July. Arsenal FX is a leading Visual Effects Post Production studio specializing in high end commercial finishing.

Karlstrom will oversee the design and animation team. The team currently works on commercial content and she plans to branch them out to broadcast events and live events.

"Anything television and animation," she added. "On air for television is in need for graphics. Events are popping up all the time. Then, I am going out in more of a sales role and getting the team in different networds and agencies to bring in more work."

Arsenal FX has done a wide range of commercials. Their work includes every Beats by Dre commercial as well as Samsung Galaxy 5 commercials, BMW, Coca-Cola, McDonald's, and State Farm.

"They have done a ton of work everyone has seen," Karlstrom added. "We did all those spots in 2013 for Chevy Silverado."

She was led to Arsenal FX after meeting with Mark Leiss, the managing partner at Arsenal.

"I thought Arsenal was a really great company with a lot of fantastic work," she said.
"There was a lot of potential to grow there and a lot of potential to expand the work they currently do."

Karlstrom added her work with ESPN, as a producer and art director, and Marvel Entertainment, where she helped develop and manage the Live Events Division, will help out at Arsensal FX.

"My experience with ESPN was like boot camp in a sense," she said. "It was a great learning experience because it was a 24-hour network. Everything I was doing was 24-hours, seven days a week. It was a lot of content that needed to be filled and a lot of things to work on "

She added when she was working for Marvel Entertainment and ESPN she used to hire companies like Arsenal FX, now she is on the other side.

"Working with companies like Marvel and ESPN I know what they expect. I know what level and what quality everything needs to be at and how to present the work," she ex-



Karlstrom

plained. "It has really given me an advantage up front."

While Karlstrom was attending Clarkston High School she spent half her day at Oakland Technical Center at the Northwest campus taking a visual arts design class.

After graduating from Clarkston, Karlstrom played basketball at Drexel University in Pennsylvania as she studied graphic design.

She also played in Romania and studied at Full Sail University for her Business Entertainment Masters.

Then, she applied for a position at ESPN.

"They called me. I think it was because I was an athlete and being an art major is very rare," Karlstrom said. "I never expected myself to be in television. I didn't have any aspirations to be in television. The more I was at ESPN the more passionate I was about it."

Karlstrom is also a motivational speaker for the Jimmy V Foundation and Coaches vs. Cancer.

"It is important to tell my story," Karlstrom said, explaining she was diagnosed with cancer in 2009 and after battling it was cleared in October 2010.

"The biggest thing is keeping a positive attitude. There are a lot of kids who have been through a lot worse than I have, even adults. Being able to speak and understand some of the things they are going through and be a motivation or be someone to talk to has been really rewarding. The amount of people I met was amazing."

### Tennis team tryouts

The time for Clarkston Boys Tennis tryouts are moved to 1-4 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 13 at the Clarkston High School tennis courts.

The tryouts are open to players going into

grades 9-12 this school year.

Please note all athletes must have a sports physical dated on or after April 15, 2014 on file at the athletic office before they can tryout or practice.



### How they spent their summer vacation...

Kids throughout Clarkston have kept busy the last few months during summer vacation. Within the last month they have participated in sports camps like Youth Track and Field Camp, Clarkston Wolves Football Camp, and Lacrosse Camp; and educational camps like Camp Invention.

Bailey Lake Elementary and Clarkston Elementary students stayed active every Thursday as they prepared for the Crim with Clarkston Fit Kids.

Here are a few extra photos from the past month from *The Clarkston News*. For the stories on these activies and more photos, please check past editions.

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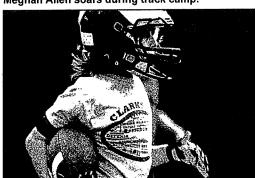
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Students enjoy staying active with Clarkston Fit Kids.



Meghan Allen soars during track camp.



Carter Hearld rushes with the ball during Clarkston Wolves Football Camp.



Jaime Jenkins gets ready for his shot on goal during lacrosse camp.



Ike Yeloushan finishes half of the 1-mile run.



Julianna Fossi and Addison Seldon work on their creations during Camp Invention.

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### Adaptive sports fun at Strive summer picnic

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Clarkston News Staff Writer

Students affected with a variety of disabilities were able to try out numerous adaptive sports during a strive summer picnic on July 20 at Clintonwood Park in Clarkston.

Strive Special Projects Director Drew Burns said activities, like the summer picnic, offered by Strive are meant to increase quality of life for both the disabled and their loved ones while increasing personal independence of the disabled.

At the picnic visitors enjoyed food, hand cycling, adaptive yoga, wheelchair hockey, lawn games and a variety of additional sports geared towards individuals in wheel chairs.

"The event was a huge success, bringing many community members to try out adaptive cycling, sports wheelchairs, get massages and have an overall fun day at the park," said Burns. "The event was planned by Strive to celebrate the recreational therapy profession and give individuals with disabilities a chance to try new sports."

Burns said the picnic was also planned to get the disabled active while having fun at the same time, and spreading the word about adaptive sports.

Donations were also collected to "dunk" Strive President and CEO Stella Husch in a dunk tank.

Burns said donations were collected from the dunk tank, also a huge success.

Clarkston Hot Yoga's Susan Stencil offered a special adaptive yoga at the picnic. Stencil offers a special yoga for disabled individuals each Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at her Clarkston studio.

Strive, a nonprofit 501 (c) 3 organization, provides recreational therapy programs in



Guests enjoy socialization at the picnic. Photos provided by Suzanne Burns

Michigan and Florida. On a regular basis Strive plans numerous activities throughout the year including outings and events, like the summer picnic, to encourage the disabled to be active and socialize.

Hosted and planned by Strive Recreational, the Clintonwood event, was organized to provide adaptive sport opportunities for locals with various disabilities.

Disabled individuals that participate in the

recreational therapy program at Strive are encouraged to meet physical, social and mental goals, said Burns.

Recreational therapists regularly visit clients at home and plan a variety of activities for people with developmental disabilities or disabilities caused from sickness or an injury.

In addition to the developmentally disabled, some of Strive's clients include injured veterans, amputee patients, strokes and heart attack patients and spinal cord injuries.

Strive thanked the community for their help with the event including donations from Independence Township Parks and Recreation, the Athletes with Disabilities Network, STAR Rehab, Koegel Meats, Clarkston Hot Yoga and Better Made Chips and several others.

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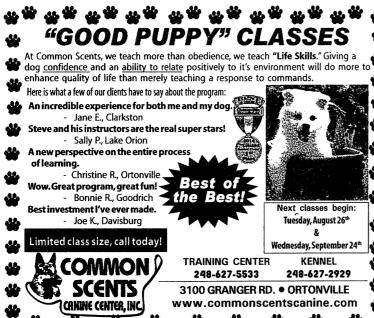
Strive opened its location in Clarkston in 2003. Monies raised at special events, like the summer picnic, is used to help clients pay for services at Strive, they might otherwise not be able to afford.

In addition to providing recreational opportunities, the staff at Strive also advocates on behalf of the disabled population.

For more information about Strive visit their website at www.striverectherapy.com or call 248-922-1236



Drew Burns of Strive, Amit Agrawl and his father enjoy the picnic.



### What future for our kids?

Whether we think about it or not, in the last 20 plus years since we experienced our K-12 schooling, a lot has changed around

Our kids are much different from us "then." What they know and how they view the world may make them different learners with different needs and expectations. What knowledge and thinking do we want for our children growing up in the world that is globalized, networked, informed, and diverse?

On July 29-31, 2014, seven Clarkston Community Schools principals accompanied our superintendent Dr. Rod Rock to Harvard University for an intense four-day Future of Learning Institute global educational exploration.

This could have a lasting effect on how our children experience learning here, in Clarkston. Through interactive courses, learning group work, and the plenary sessions, our administrators, alongside educators from around the world, investigated three important advances that influence learning today and tomorrow: globalization, the digital revolution, and increasing understanding of the processes allowing the brain to learn.

Clarkston is no longer a small community; it's part of the large world. Globalization (the accelerating traffic of people, capital, and cultural products around the world) is as real as it has ever been.

As parents, how do we want our schools prepare our children to participate in interconnected societies? How do we want education respond to changing sense of citizenship, belonging, and responsibility to others? What competencies matter most?

David Perkins asks us to think about knowledge that disappears. How can we change those lessons so knowledge will last? What matters most to learn? A simple and powerful question that drives what we do in preparing children for tomorrow," shared Springfield Plains Elementary principal Nancy Mahoney via Twitter.

As David Perkins, Research Professor of Teaching and Learning at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, pointed out, a lot of what we usually learn at school beyond basic literacies gets forgotten as it does not contribute much to our lives. It seems reasonable that instead of educating only for the known—the usual facts and skills-our children also need to be educated for the unknown, for the types of thinking and understanding that will help them excel

To be meaningful, learning should bring insight, inspire action in learner's life or in the world, raise ethical issues with which one can grapple, or have the potential to be used in the future. It should be emotional

and personal in relevancy to one's life. It should serve A Parent's children's needs today or Perspective in their future.



Arina Bokas

Of course, our kids are a "digital" generation. Leveraging today's technology to serve educational needs is something we have been attempting even at home.

Mimi Ito, a cultural anthropologist

technology use from the University of California, Irvine, stated that an average teen sends around 3,400 texts per month and spends seven hours online daily.

Connected learning is a potential approach to meet this end. It allows a young person to pursue a personal interest with the support of peers and caring adults through social media and interactive technologies in a way that is beneficial to his or her achievement at school.

As the Clarkston Schools work closely with Ron Ritchhart, a senior research associate at Harvard Project Zero, on implementing a Culture of Thinking, Dr. Rock had an opportunity to attend this venue for the last five years as a fellow or a leader of a study group.

This year, a grant made it possible to expand our district's involvement. North Sashabaw Elementary principal Tara Ouellette served as a fellow, while Gary Kaul (Clarkston High School), Adam Kern (Clarkston Junior High School), Glenn Gualtieri (Bailey Lake Elementary), Brian Adams (Clarkston Elementary), Lisa Marion (Early Childhood Center), and Nancy Mahoney participated in a study group for principals.

All in all, regardless of concrete forms of implementation, our administration's desire to look ahead and think of initiatives that will help our children succeed in the global community is rather commendable.

Even if we take schools out of the world, we cannot take the world out of our schools. And why should we?

Arina Bokas is president of Clarkston PTA Council and vice president of Bailey Lake Elementary PTA.

### Food donations for Rush for Food

The Clarkston News is a collection spot for the Wolves' 17th Annual Rush for Food for Lighthouse Emergency Services in Independence Township.

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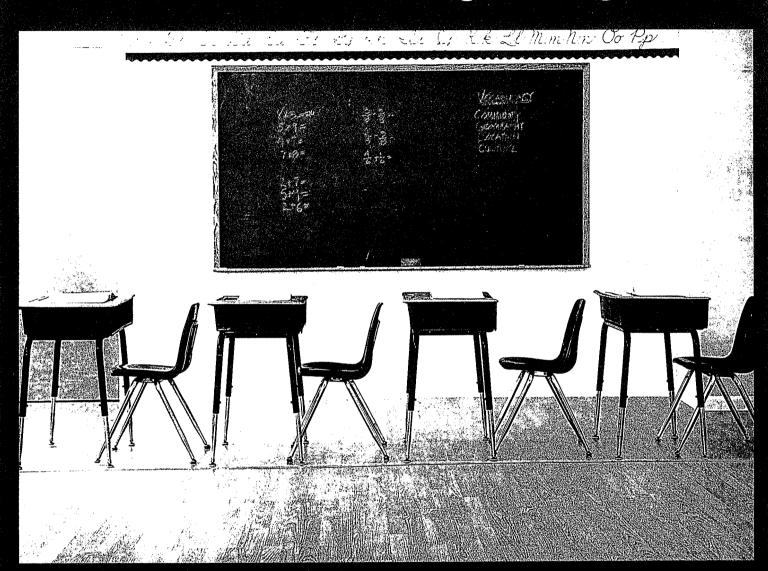
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Children at The Learning Experience in Clarkston are exposed to a solid core curriculum. The day is structured to include many educational components as well as free time and fun activities. Older children have a curriculum workbook that they use everyday and keep a journal. Most 4-year-olds at the center are reading, said owner Pam Rush.

"Our preschool is very academic," she said

In addition, children participate in enrichment programs such as Fun with Phonics, second language, art, sign language and more. A bonus that many parents appreciate is that there are no fees for enrichment programs as the tuition is all-inclusive.

Families are invited to visit The Learning Experience from 6:30 am-6:30 pm. The Learning Experience serves children ages 6 weeks to 12 years. Parents can learn about the programs available for children in all stages, including infants, toddlers and preschoolers. "There are very limited openings for fall registration so don't wait too long", said Ms Pam.

The facilities at The Learning Experience are state-of-the-art. From the moment children and parents enter the building, they are greeted by a warm and caring atmosphere that is clean and conducive to learning.

Ms Pam loves working with children and their families and makes sure her staff does too. Staff members have to have more than a degree and spotless qualifications; they must genuinely enjoy being around children and interacting with them.

"We are here to love other people's children and keep them happy, safe and educated," she said

An indoor mini-village called Make Believe Boulevard encourages children to explore socio-dramatic play. Ms Pam said their Make Believe Boulevard is one of the favorite rooms in the building. She said children absolutely adore dressing up and playing in the mock house, store, diner and fire department. The carpeted upper level allows for some free play and also has a slide that flows into a ball pit.

"At any given time, we'll see kings, queens and princesses playing," she said.
"We have a lot of fun here."

A team of professionals work together to coordinate the day's activities for children Everyone — from program and state certified lead teachers to the paraprofessional and on-site cook — have one goal: To build a strong foundation so each child can develop emotionally, socially and cognitively at his or her own pace.

Parents concerned about safety and security can rest easy knowing that they've left their children in good hands. A security system requires that the doors remain locked all day with parents given a key to enter. Classrooms contain video monitoring systems so both center administrators and parents can check in on the class regularly. In addition, all staff members undergo an extensive background check.

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The Learning Experience is located at 7210 Sashabaw Road in Clarkston. For more information, visit www.thelearningexperience.com or call (248) 625-5285.

### Recognizing signs of dyslexia

Children begin learning to read early in their education. Very often some children seem to excel at reading and writing, while others may struggle. The obstacles kids struggle with may disappear as they age and grow more accustomed to reading, but no such relief comes for kids struggling with dyslexia.

The Mayo Clinic defines dyslexia as a learning disorder characterized by difficulty reading. It is a common condition and does not mean a child has subpar vision or intelligence. Dyslexia often goes undiagnosed, and many kids reach adulthood before realizing they are dyslexic. According to Dyslexia Health, 70 to 80 percent of people with poor reading skills are likely to be dyslexic, and dyslexia is the most common cause of difficulties with reading, spelling and writing.

Dyslexia affects people in various ways. While some may experience only minor symptoms, others may have greater difficulties, including problems with grammar, recognizing left from right and trouble with complex language skills. Without help, children with dyslexia can easily grow discouraged with their studies. However, with therapy, many kids can learn to work around their dyslexia.

Causes of dyslexia

Dyslexia has been linked to improper genetic development in the brain. It tends to run in families and affects the parts of the brain responsible for language development. There are no surefire ways to predict if a person will have dyslexia. However, in families with high rates of the condition, there is a greater risk.

Symptoms

Very often it is difficult to recognize dyslexia before a child enters school. There may be some early clues, but these are not always definitive. Potential clues include learning to talk late, having difficulty learning new words and exhibiting difficulty rhyming words.

School-aged children may have trouble with sequences, following commands in order, reading at the recommended level, processing and understanding, and/or seeing or writing letters or words in reverse.

As children with dyslexia age, they may have difficulty summarizing stories, managing time or learning a foreign language.

Treatment

There are no medications to correct the underlying brain abnormality that doc-



Reading different types of texts, including newspapers, comics and books, can help children with dyslexia overcome some of their symptoms.

tors feel causes dyslexia, but there are various treatment methods. Practice and repetition are some of the hallmarks of dyslexia therapy. Rather than standard lessons, individuals with dyslexia may need multi-sensory lessons that combine sight, touch and sounds when introducing new concepts. Screen readers and audio books can also help children learn how to read more effectively.

In the classroom, children may need more time to complete assignments. Teachers should be made aware of a dyslexia diagnosis so they can work with students and parents to develop a learning system that works. Practicing reading different types of texts also can help.

Dyslexia is a common learning disability that affects many children and adults. But therapy and emotional support can help people with dyslexia overcome their disabilities.

### Does returning to school makes financial sense

How to determine if returning to school makes financial sense (596 words, US, UK, CAN)

When the financial crisis of 2008 first arrived, many people found themselves in the unemployment line. For some, unemployment proved a brief bump in the road, while others endured several years of unemployment before landing on their feet. Some men and women who lost their jobs as a result of the economic downturn have still not found gainful employment.

Many individuals who find themselves out of work or unsatisfied by their current professions consider going back to school to pursue an advanced degree or to begin studies in an entirely new field. An advanced degree can help men and women further their careers, while changing careers is often facilitated by a degree in a different course of study. But the decision to return to school involves more than a person's career goals, especially if that person has a family or other significant financial obligations. The cost of a college education is considerable, but men and women can take steps prior to enrolling to determine if returning to school makes financial sense for them.

\* Determine your eligibility for aid. Adults thinking of going back to school may be eligible for financial aid. Older students returning to school won't have to worry about their parents' income disqualifying them from financial aid, and they may even be more eligible for need-based aid when returning to school than they were when they initially enrolled as young students. Older independent students may also be allowed to borrow more than younger students who are considered dependent. Rules regarding eligibility for financial aid varies depending on where a person lives, but those in the United States can visit www.fafsa.ed.gov for more information, while Canadians can learn about financial aid at www.canlearn.ca.

\* Discuss financial aid with the university you plan to attend. Unlike high school students who apply to multiple colleges, adults going back to school typically value proximity when looking for a college or university in which to enroll. So it's easy for adults to visit



their local college or university's financial aid office in person to discuss opportunities for grants or scholarships. Financial aid officers can point you in the right direction if you decide to fill out loan applications or help you find any scholarships that might be available to adult students. Financial aid departments can be invaluable resources to students of all ages, and gaining a greater understanding of the grants and scholarships available to you can help you determine if returning to school makes financial sense for you and your family.

\* Determine how quickly you can repay student loans. Few students can afford to attend college without borrowing money. While younger students have a lifetime to repay student loans, older students don't have that luxury. As a result, older students must determine when they can realistically expect to pay off their loans before they borrow any money. If loans can be repaid long before retirement, then a return to school might make financial sense. But men and women who crunch the numbers and realize they will be forced to make loan payments during their retirement years might want to reconsider. A good rule of thumb for adults considering a return to school is to borrow less the closer you are to retirement.

Many adults decide to return to school years after they established themselves in the professional arena. But as much as such decisions can reignite a forgotten passion or lead men and women down an exciting new path, returning to school must also make financial sense.



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### How to make your student's school lunch healthier

The benefits of a healthy diet are clear and well documented. In addition to providing the nutrients a growing body needs, consuming a balanced diet helps children maintain a healthy weight. Obesity continues to be a growing problem among school-aged children and can contribute to the onset of type 2 diabetes, heart disease, high cholesterol, and many other adverse medical conditions.

Children attending school will eat at least one meal away from home each day. A healthy lunch provides sound nutrition to give students energy to do well in school and for the rest of the day. Children who do not eat well at lunch may have difficulty concentrating, while others may feel sluggish or tired.

As part of the 2010 Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act, the United States National School Lunch Program was revised to guarantee healthy, nutritionally sound choices, as established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, for lunch. America's school menus were altered to be healthier than ever, including more fruits and vegetables while limiting calories. Despite some controversy through the years, including some students saving the smaller portions and food choices aren't always satisfying, states suffering from high child obesity rates have seen marked improvements.

Canada is one of the few leading industrialized countries that does not have a national nutrition strategy to implement healthy school lunches. It's estimated that only 10 to 15 percent of Canadian children have access to school meals. These meals are not



This school lunch can be made more healthy by swapping the white bread with whole grain bread and choosing low-fat milk over a sugary juice pouch.

lean protein, whole grains, fruits, and vegetables, that will give children the nutrients they need. Nutrient-dense foods also help kids feel fuller, longer.

\* Limit fat intake. Avoid foods that do not get their fat from polyunsaturated and monounsaturated fats. Saturated fats can lead to obesity and clogged arteries. The American Heart Association recommends kids get no more than 25 to 35 percent of their calories from fat. Fish, nuts and olives are healthy fat sources.

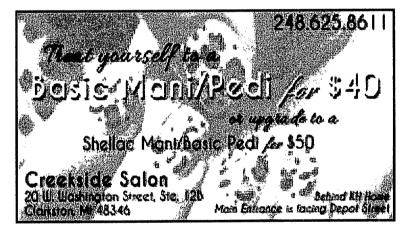
\* Let kids choose some of their food. Allow kids to pick some of the healthy foods they will be eating. Giving kids a say in their diets will make them more likely to enjoy their lunches and cut back on snack foods. Eating meals regularly will keep energy levels up during school and make kids less likely to reach for unhealthy

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provided by a well-funded national program, but by a patchwork of individual volunteer efforts, some provincial government funding and corporate donations.

Whether students purchase lunch from school or bring lunch from home, there are ways to guarantee a more diverse offering and better nutrition. Here are some guidelines to follow.

\* Offer nutrient-dense foods. Foods should contribute to the daily recommended amounts of protein, iron, calcium, vitamin A, and vitamin C. Provide a selection of foods, such as





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- · Closure or interruption in service of county opera
- · Additional notifications affecting the health and safety of the county

To learn more about the Oak Alert system, including the registration page, go to www.oakgov.com/ homelandsecurity.

### Supervisor's report card

#### By Patrick Kittle, **Township Supervisor**

It's tough to stay focused when you are bombarded with "new priorities" every day. There's al-



Township **Supervisor Pat** Kittle

ways some emergency, a hot new project or important citizen complaint that can consume your entire day. That's one big reason I am such a big proponent of a clear set of annual goals to keep you focused on the big stuff. I'm doing the same thing I'm asking my direct reports to do.

The following is meant to be a summary of my 2014 goals and how I feel I have done to date.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

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Weekly Employee Staff Meetings		A
Video News Updates w Independence Television (4 X's a Month)	)	В
Township Web Site Redesign		(-
Attend Homeowner Association Town Hall Meetings		
FISCAL Ensure Financial Controls are Updated		
Ensure Financial Controls are Updated		B
Re-Bid Existing Contracts (in process)		
Benchmark Other Municipalities for Efficiencies		В
Establish a Three Year Budget and 10 Year Capital Plan		
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Update Job Descriptions (Directors)	A
Revise Employee Handbook (Too Long)	(
Create an Employee Evaluation Process	B
Establish a ZERO TOLERANCE Ethics Policy	В
Establish a DPW Citizens Advisory Board	A
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#### **ECONOMIC GROWTH**

Continue to Lobby for New Hospital	D-
Complete Engineering for Sashabaw / Waldon Intersection	B
Create Dixie Business Authority (In Process)	B
Complete Engineering for Additional 1-75 North Exit	A
Complete 425 Agreement for Dixie / I-75 Parcel of Land	A

#### COMMINITY

COMMONITY	
Create a Comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan	B+
Expand Safety Path Program (ITC / Maybee / N Sashabaw)	
Fund Parks & Rec Capital Programs (Equipment / Tennis Courts)	B
Begin Construction on New Senior Center Expansion	C
Enhanced Public Safety (IAFF Contract / Training / Equipment)	A
INFRASTRUCTURE	
Secure Grant for Emergency Generator Power - Town Hall	B
Stabilize Brady Lodge	A
Get CAMS System Operational (DPW)	C

Submit Applications for Road Federal Funding (Gravel / Repaving)	ž.	(

Refurbish Dixie Water Tower / New Cell Location

### Election 'unofficial' results, tidbits & thank yous

Independence Township has 11 polling locations that open their doors every election allowing residents to exercise their constitutional right to vote?

**3 DPW employees** deliver and pick-up election equipment for all 11 polling locations within a 48 hour period?

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23 Chairs-Co-Chairs and 73 Election Inspectors assisted 8,028 voters in casting their votes for the 2014 August Primary Election?

in 2000, one volunteer mentioned how gratifying, but long, elec-



Election Inspector Jon Herzfeld enjoying his Election Day lunch donated by Clarkston State Bank

tion days can be at the precincts, so the next year, Clarkston State Bank stepped in to show their appreciation with free lunches made by Rudy's Market – and the tradition began and continues?



Even our future voters enjoy Election Day! Jack Klobucar, grandson of Bonnie Klobucar, Clerk's Office.

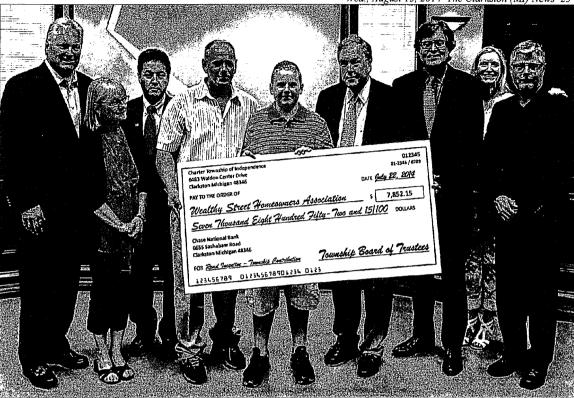
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Mark Schauer	,,	1,831
UNITED STATES SENATOR		
Terri Lynn Land	4,547	
Gary Peters		1,771
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS 8 <sup>th</sup> DISTRICT		
Mike Bishop	2,950	
Tom McMillan	1,941	
Ken Darga		262
Susan Grettenberger		727
Jeffrey Hank		176
Eric Schertzing		380
STATE SENATOR 12 <sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT		
Bob Gray	1,013	
Jim Marleau	3,308	
Paul Secrest		928
Kenneth A. VanNorwick		474
REPRESENTATIVE IN THE 43rd DISTRICT		
Jose Aliaga	1,213	
Paul J. Greenawalt	112	
Nate Knapper	756	
Andrea Schroeder	1,430	
Jim Tedder	1,488	
Neil Billington		137
Robin McGregor		655
Dennis M. Ritter		879
COUNTY COMMISSIONER 1st DISTRICT		
Michael J. Gingell	568	
James W. Goebel	178	
Torri Mathes		220
COUNTY COMMISSIONER 4 <sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT		
Tom Middleton	3,655	
Phillip Reid		1,309

### New \$50,000 Neighborhood **Road Program**

Mark Petterson (former Township Trustee) and son recently accepted the first check from the new Independence Township Neighborhood Road Incentive program on behalf of the Wealthy Street residents.

The Township recently approved a new incentive program to help offset the cost for neighborhoods wanting to repave their streets. This check for \$7,852 represents 5% of the total cost for this particular project. The Township contribution is capped at \$15,000. With close to 1,700 feet of street milled and repaved, the total cost of the Wealthy neighborhood project was \$175,000 or about \$100 per linear foot.

The cost, financed through Oakland County, will be spread over the total number of homes in the neighborhood for the next ten years and added to their yearly



interest with neighborhoods who want to repave their streets," stated Pat Kittle,

"This program has generated a lot of Township Supervisor. "This Incentive is being offered on a first come, first serve basis until the \$50,000 budget is gone."

Want to know more? Call the Township Treasurer at 625-5111 for more de-

### Homes, hotels and breweries, oh my!

### There's a lot of building going on in Independence **Township**

### By Dave Belcher, **Building & Planning Director**

I get asked all the time what's new going on in the community. The only thing I can say right now is WOW ... WHEN IT RAINS IT POURS!

From a low of four new home building permits in 2009, 170 new home permits were issued in 2013. While 2014 is tracking a little lower, at around 125 permits annualized, the big reason for the drop is lack of availability. Here are a few highlights of some of the major developments in our community.

#### Eagle Ridge - Maybee Road

After 10 plus years, the Eagle Ridge at Morgan Lake residential community is finally getting off the ground. Approved as a 230-unit residential neighborhood, Phase One will be breaking ground within the next couple of months with 66 new homes. While the new development will not have a golf course, other great amenities should make Eagle Ridge a great place to raise a family.

#### Deerhill - Dixie Highway & I-75

With 69 new, single family homes in the plan, this parcel of property has also taken years to finally get an approved concept that works. Unique in that half of the land was in Springfield Township and the other half in Independence, the Deerhill parcel was recently combined into one, under a recent intergovernmental agreement established between Supervisors, Collin Walls from Springfield and Pat Kittle from Independence.

#### Comfort Inn - Sashabaw & I-75

A new 85 room hotel will be breaking

ground soon, just north of the Northbound Sashabaw / I-75 exit ramp. With a beautiful stone and brick exterior, a stand-alone restaurant and plenty of parking just off the I-75 ramp, this new facility will do the community proud.

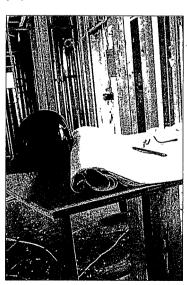
#### Office Complexes

A new 10,000 square foot office complex was just completed off Waldon Center Drive and Town Center Drive. Another 7,800 square foot office building has just been approved at the Powers Office Park off Sashabaw across from the Pine Knob / DTE entrance. And more concepts and development plans continue to be submitted to the Township for consideration.

#### Other Cool Stuff

The Waterford Hills Courts on Dixie Highwat served the community for over 40 years as an indoor racquetball club. The old racquetball facility is currently undergoing a major renovation, adding a micro-brewery and will be operating under a new name ... the Clarkston Brewery. With a planned grand opening still four to six months from now, this gathering area will add new meaning to the words 'working up a sweat.'

Will keep you updated as more projects are added to our list.



### Helping those who need it most

By Barb Rollin, Sr. Center Supervisor

What do you do when you reach a point in your life where you can't drive anymore and you need to get to a doctor's appointment, pick up your prescriptions or maybe just need to purchase groceries to eat? Did you know Independence Township has been offering a Senior Transportation Program for over 20 years to help residents in cases just like this? This service is available to residents who are 55 and over and handicapped adults over the age of 18 who live in Independence and Springfield Townships or the City of the Village of Clarkston. Services are available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$3.00 each way for local service (\$6.00 round trip) or \$5.00 each way for out-of-area hospitals in Pontiac (\$10.00 round trip). The buses do not operate on National Holidays.

According to Ken Elwert, Director of Parks, Recreations & Seniors, "This service has been a lifesaver for many residents over the years who are unable to drive. In addition to taking passengers to medical appointments and dialysis, the buses also go to nearby grocery stores and local businesses." For more information, please call the Senior Center at 248-625-8231. Senior Transportation is funded by Independence Township in partnership with Oakland County, SMART, MDOT and local donations. "With help from individuals, area businesses and local sponsors, we are able to meet the senior transportation needs in our community," states Elwert.

Every year the Senior Transportation program has a special fundraiser called \*Bucks for Buses" to help offset expenses. This years "Bucks for Buses" fundraiser is Wednesday, August 20, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the OverTyme Grill & Tap Room at 4724

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Our biggest fundraiser of the year that helps fund transportation for senior citizens and disabled adults. Rides provided through the Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center to doctors appointments, work and other needed places.



### TICKETS: \$25

Reservations required, casual attire
Tickets available at Senior Center at 248-625-8231

Evening includes specialty pizza & pasta buffet dinner, dessert and non-alcoholic beverages. Cash bar available. Musical entertainment by Dr. Baker and auction/raffles.

Hosted by Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center

Dixie Highway. Tickets are available for \$25 each at the Parks, Recreation & Senior Office at the Township and the Senior Center and includes dinner from Specialty Pizza & Pasta, dessert and entertainment. You can make a difference in your own community by calling Bar-

bara Rollin or the Senior Center's front office at 248-625-8231 if you wish to donate an auction item, participate in sponsorship opportunities, purchase tickets for the event or to make a donation.

The Parks, Recreation and Seniors Department is also partnering with Waterfall Jewelers to raise money for this event. You can take your watches into their store at 5649 Dixie Hwy in Waterford to have your watch batteries replaced, watchband sizing, cleaning, polishing and inspection of rings in exchange for a donation to the "Bucks for Buses" fundraiser. Their services usually run from \$7 -\$15 and proceeds will go to the transportation program until August 20. Your support is truly appreciated by those who need it most!

# Parks policy on alcohol is clear

By Ken Elwert

The Township has had a zerotolerance policy for alcohol at Township Parks for as long as anyone can remember. But an incident at an evening sporting event got out of hand this summer that has refocused Township efforts on this longstanding NO ALCOHOL policy.

Effective immediately, the Township Park staff, in conjunction with our Oakland County Sherriff's Department substation, will strictly enforce the zero-tolerance policy of drinking alcohol in Independence Township Parks.

Tickets have already been written for violators. Penalties for repeat offenders may involve game suspensions and when warranted, team suspensions. In focusing efforts on zerotolerance, we will continue to make our Parks family friendly and keep our athletic leagues safe.

### I-75 / Sashabaw Construction

Folks are always asking about the upcoming road construction project. To help explain what is going to happen, the Township website has a link on the Homepage, *Proposed Interchange Improvements* 

www.twp.independence.mi.us/ ProposedInterchangeImprovementsI-75SashabawRoad.pdf that does a pretty good job capturing the main project elements and costs.

Take a look and see for yourself how the planned road work will help traffic flow and improve traffic safety.

Comments ... write the Supervisor at **pkittle@indetwp.com**.

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### How to make your student's school lunch healthier

**Continued from previous page** snacks to fill hunger gaps.

\* Make small changes that add up. Switching from white bread to whole grain breads, and opting for lowfat dairy products instead of full-fat dairy products can make a world of difference. Kids may not notice a change in texture or flavor, and many of kids' favorite foods, such as chicken nuggets, pizza and macaroni and cheese, can be made with healthier ingredients.

\* Remember, beverages count, too. Giving children a healthy lunch and then packing a sugar-filled, high-calorie drink negates your efforts. Calories from beverages can quickly add up. Water is always the best option for a healthy drink. Low-fat milk and real fruit juice consumed in moderation also make healthy alternatives to sugary beverages.

Offering healthy school lunches is an important step to raising healthy kids. New guidelines and offerings make it easier for kids to get the nutrition they need for their growing bodies.





# Clever ways to circumvent college costs

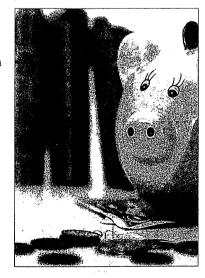
College tuition and fees are perpetually on the rise, so it's no great surprise that today's students are graduating with more college debt than ever before. Though some students might feel helpless with regard to avoiding student loan debt, there are some clever ways for youngsters to pay for college and stay out of debt.

\* Work with a service organization. Many universities are affiliated with nonprofit organizations, and students who work for affiliated organizations may be eligible for scholarships provided by the organization and/or the university. Wages for workers who take advantage of such programs tend to be very low, but those students who serve full stints could earn scholarships worth several thousand dollars. Students can explore such opportunities by speaking with their universities to determine if the schools are affiliated with any service organizations. If not, students with a desire to give back can find charities that reward their workers with college scholarships.

\* Sign up for studies. College students often lament their lack of spending money. That's especially true today, when many students put their earnings from summer jobs or internships toward their tuition. But opportunities for relatively easy money abound on college campuses, where researchers need subjects for studies. Signing up to be a subject for a study can be an easy and lucrative way to earn money that can be used to pay tuition or everyday expenses that often go overlooked when planning a budget. University job boards or department bulletin boards often advertise needs for study participants, so college kids strapped for cash should monitor such boards in an effort to earn some extrá income.

\* Start a business. Though college kids might not have the time to start building the next Fortune 500 company, starting a small business can be a great way for students to earn money and set their own schedules. A tutoring business that caters to local high school students or even fellow college kids can be a great way for college students to make practical use of their education. Just a few hours of tutoring each week can be enough to help college students mitigate the costs of campus life, and if the business grows big enough, students might even be able to put a dent in their tuition fees.

\* Live at home. While living at home is an option available only to those students who attend in-state universities within spitting distance of Mom and Dad, it's an increasingly reasonable decision for students worried about accruing excessive student loan debt. While room-and-board fees vary widely, U.S. News reported that the average charges for on-campus living during the 2013-14 school year were \$9,689. Over the course of four years, students will spend nearly \$40,000 just to live on campus, and many students will pay those costs via student loans. Students whose primary goal is to avoid substantial postgraduate debt may find that living at home, while not necessarily ideal, is the most effective way to do just







# How to save money on school uniforms

Some of the goals of school uniforms is to unify students and reduce the distractions they face in the classroom. Uniforms also make it easier to identify students of a particular school or grade level, which can add to the sense of security parents feel when sending their youngsters off to school each morning.

Supporters of school uniforms also tout their cost savings. Rather than having to purchase numerous pieces of clothing for the school year, uniforms allow parents to pick up a few staples that stay constant throughout the school year. But school uniforms are not free, although there are ways for savvy moms and dads to save money when purchasing uniforms for their kids.

#### Be an active parent

As with any other school-related decision, uniform brand selection may be governed by school officials and parent volunteers. Uniforms that are commissioned from a particular company may be more expensive than uniforms that are widely available in many retail chains. Involved parents can help shape many important decisions at their kids' schools, including which uniforms students wear. Petition for lower-price uniform providers or uniforms that can be bought at area stores.

#### Shop sales

Keeping costs down on clothing means watching for sales. Uniforms may not go on sale as often as more popular clothing, but that doesn't mean sales are nonexistent. Stores may discount unforms during slow times, such as October, when school is already in session and items must be moved to make room for the following school year. They also may run specials on seasonal items, such as long-sleeved shirts at the end of the winter. Consider buying in bulk.

#### Accept hand-me-downs

Become friendly with other parents and students who attend the same school. Older students who have outgrown their uniforms can pass them down to younger students. This can save parents significant amounts of money on new uniforms.

Sign up for school blogs or social media groups so that you can chat with other parents and arrange for clothing swaps. Other families may be looking to clear out supplies of older uniforms and will



offer them at low or no cost. Area thrift and consignment shops also may have some of the local school uniforms in stock.

#### Improve your sewing skills

You can extend the life of uniforms by making repairs and alterations yourself. You may be able to mend small tears or place a few darts to take in the waist of an oversized skirt or pair of slacks. A basic knowledge of hemming and minor alterations can provide some welcome relief to your uniform budget.

If sewing is not your strong point, it may be cheaper to alter uniforms at a dry cleaner than to purchase new.

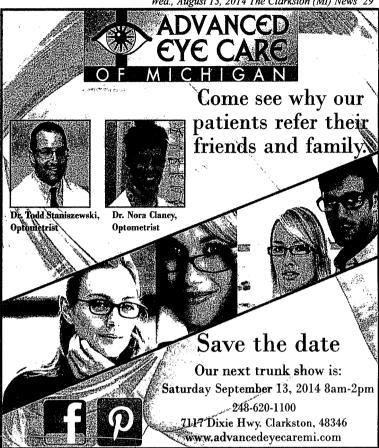
#### Buy only what is needed

Resist the temptation to buy multiple uniforms so that kids can wear a fresh outfit every day. Many uniform pieces can be mixed and matched to extend the life of the tops and bottoms and reduce the need to purchase multiples of each item. Instead, buy only two to three shirts and slacks and wash as needed. While you may spend more time in the laundry room, your bottom line will be a little more robust.

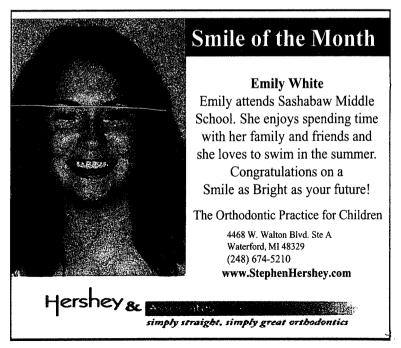
Find out if it is acceptable for students to accessorize uniforms with their own clothing. For example, do they need to purchase a school sweater or can they wear one from home over the uniform?

#### Buy a size up

Again, this is where sewing skills can be helpful. Purchase uniforms slightly larger so that kids will get more use out of them through the years. Waists and hemlines can be let out as needed when children grow.



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### How to save on back to school shopping

Today's students have more gadgets at their disposal than ever before. As technology like tablets and smartphones, have become more prevalent in the lives of adults, such devices also have become more commonplace in the classroom. Some kids thrive when teachers utilize technology to enhance lesson plans, while others may be distracted by access to technology.

According to the National Institute of Mental Health, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, or ADHD, is one of the most common childhood disorders. ADHD can make it difficult for kids to maintain focus in the classroom, and that focus may be enhanced or further compromised by technology that's capable of serving many different functions. Kids who use the technology to their advantage may find it improves their ability to grasp lessons, but some kids may be distracted by devices or even other items in the

even other items in the classroom that make it difficult for them to absorb lessons. Parents concerned about their kids' ability to cope with distractions in the classroom and at home can take the following steps in an effort to help youngsters improve their academic performance.

\* Speak to your child's teacher about seating assignments. Students who find it difficult to focus in the classroom may benefit from new seating assignments. Windows or hightraffic areas of the classroom, such as doorways, can compro-

mise a

student's ability to focus. In addition, the back of the classroom is not the ideal spot for youngsters who find it difficult to focus on the teacher, as teachers may not notice kids in the back of the class as readily as they might with students sitting in the front of the room.

\* Encourage participation. Many teachers recognize the value of active participation in the classroom, but kids who are struggling to focus may shy away from participating because they are worried about embarrassing themselves in front of their classmates. Parents and teachers can work with students to encourage them to participate, reassuring them that they don't need to be experts on a given subject to contribute to lessons. Even if students' participation is limited to asking questions rather than answering them, encouraging kids to raise their hands and participate in class may help them focus more on the lessons being discussed.

\* Minimize distractions at home. Kids who have no trouble focusing in the classroom may find it's a whole different ballgame when they arrive home to study or do their homework. Mom and

Dad no doubt have their own gadgets around the house, and such devices as well as television may be too difficult for youngsters to ignore. At home, parents can create a safe haven from distraction by designating a room or

area of the house for schoolwork. Such areas should be clear of distractions like television, telephones, video game consoles, and other gadgets that can compromise a student's focus. Make such areas off limits to cellular

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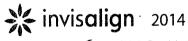
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ers in such rooms so kids aren't tempted to spend study time chatting with friends online. If a child's study area is not in a separate room of the house, parents should avoid turning on the television until kids have finished their studies for the night.



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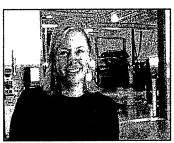




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# What is your favorite thing about Clarkston?



"I would say the people."

-Katie Bowman Coleman



"The restaurants because they have such great food."

-Ryan Tolbert



"The community because it is tight knit and friendly."

-Melanie Hosler



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By Andrea Beaudoin

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### Cancer survivor rides for life, friendship

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Jodi Witherspoon is proud to say she is a survivor and to celebrate it she bicycled 60 miles in Susan G. Komen's Ride for a Cure, Aug. 2 in Lansing.

"It was a wonderful journey," she said. "It was just wow - it is the only way I can say it. It was amazing."

Witherspoon added it was nice to hear success stories from survivors and hug those who came to represent those who passed away from cancer.

"It was rewarding because there were so many survivors," she said. "Many people had sashes they wore for the closing ceremonies. What was amazing was how many survivors there were. It is great to hear. You never hear about people's success stories of surviving."

This year marks the five year anniversary for Witherspoon being cancer free and to celebrate it she wanted to give back.

She visited the Susan G. Komen website to find an event and found Ride for a Cure - which was perfect for her.

"I love to bicycle," she explained. "I went ahead and signed up, raised money, and my husband and I were able to ride."

Along the ride she met Deeanna Arnott, from West Bloomfield, at the 5-mile mark and rode the rest of the way together.

"We quickly became friends," Witherspoon added. "We talked about how cancer had affected our lives. It was wonderful during the journey talking to other women and how cancer has impacted their lives."

Witherspoon added the special anniversary day for her is Aug. 12 - when she was diagnosed with cancer in 2008.

"It was the day that changed my life," she explained. "It makes me emotional when I think about it. It has been a long journey - a lot of scares in between. I was able to give



Jodi Witherspoon with a new friend she met during Ride for a Cure, Deeanna Arnott of West Bloomfield. *Photo provided* 

back.

Football for a Cure usually falls the same week as her anniversary of being diagnosed and her and her family usually spend it at the football field celebrating with the Wolves.

Her son, Bryce, who is a senior at Clarkston High School, is playing in the event for Charlene Hemle.

"Her and I were 'chemo buddies' five years ago and remain close friends," Jodi explained.

The football community, from the Clarkston Chiefs to the Wolves, have supported her and her family the entire time.

"It was that family who journeyed with me," she said. "They were my family then and my family now. I want to thank everyone who walked this journey with me and who continues to believe in me." Her advice to women is simply get a yearly mammogram done and don't be afraid.

"Just do it - that was my motto during the whole thing," she said. "If it hurts, it hurts for a brief second but it is worth it. Don't think 'there is no history in my family.' There was no history in my family and I still got it. If I would have had that attitude I wouldn't have had the mammogram and I would have died."

Jodi will participate in Ride for a Cure again and added the staff was amazing and it was affordable to do.

"I highly recommend for anyone," she said. "It raises awareness and people are getting their mammograms earlier. If I wouldn't have done that I wouldn't be talking to you today."



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#### Events

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.

Bucks for Buses for Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center's transportation service, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Aug. 20, Over Tyme Grill and Tap Room, 4724 Dixie Highway. \$25, pizza, pasta, chicken, salad buffet, beverages. 248-625-8231.

Hero Foundation Golf Outing, 9a.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, Community Presbyterian Church, 4301 Monroe Street at Sashabaw. 248-623-7232.

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

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

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

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.

### Around Town

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



FUN IN THE PARK: About 1,800 people attended and 150 volunteered at the 34th annual Wright & Filippis Wheelchair Daze event. The free event included a petting farm, live music, barrier-free boat rides, carnival games and face painting. Wright & Filippis also offered a BBQ lunch, snow cones and cotton candy at Independence Oaks County Park, Aug. 2. Photo provided

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

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

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

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

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

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

**LegalShield and Identity Theft Shield** information sessions with Carol Compagnoni, Tuesdays, 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.

Cancer Lunch and Learn Series, 12-1:30 p.m., Wednesdays, Sept. 10, 17, 24, Oct. 1. Nutrition topics presented by Nuview Nutrition LLC and McLaren Cancer Institute and facilitated by Cindy Crandell, R.N. Free to anyone with cancer, family members, caregivers. McLaren Cancer Institute, Conference Room, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. RSVP, 248-922-6606.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Saturday

Project Kidsight, Clarkston Area Lions Club, second Saturday, 10 a.m. -12 p.m., Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road.

Also at Clintonwood Park as part of Kids Day, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Photos taken of child's eyes to

check for potential vision problems. Immediate results. Free. 248-625-2212, www.clarkstonlions.org.

Kid's Camp Yoga, Saturdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Clarkston Hot Yoga, 5678 Sashabaw Road. \$7, for ages 5-10.248-620-7101.

#### Volunteer opportunities

Avalon Hospice, sit with patients, hold their hand, listen to stories, personal care, or just be there. Two hours a week or more. 800-664-6334; McLaren Hospice, not-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.

### What drives your life?

You are driven by something. Right now you may be driven by a problem or a deadline. You may be driven by guilt or fear or the need to impress and succeed.

You think, "If I could just have that, if I could just get there, then I would be happy."

Really? How's that been working for Jesus told us that he can free us from what drives us. He said that if he sets us free, we are genuinely free. (John 8:36) Free to love. Free to enjoy. Free to give and live truly productive lives.

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ing a new home in Springfield Township, near Andersonville Rd. Our church is privileged and excited to be a part of this great cause. And it is exciting to see how the word is spreading and many businesses and people are participating as well.

But a caution about our motives: Why do we give money and take time to serve? Is it because we are driven to impress people? Is it to pat ourselves on the back and feel better about ourselves? Perhaps. (We are all a mixed

bag of motives and emotions, aren't we?). But from a faith perspective, our Lord Jesus taught us that we do not have to impress people or earn brownie points with God.

If we receive Christ into our lives, we know that we are already accepted, forgiven, and loved. Then why bother to do good -like My Habitat Clarkston? The Apostle Paul tells us, Our people must learn to devote themselves to doing what is good, in order to provide for urgent needs and not live unproductive lives. (Titus 3:14)

Once we know Christ -really know him life becomes an adventure of loving, enjoying, caring, and making a difference. We don't have to be driven. Instead we are now called - called to find joy in living productive lives and helping others to live productive lives.

So what drives you? Have you asked Christ to free you? Accept his forgiveness. Receive his love. And then go and love someone. Whether you follow Christ or not, this Habitat for Humanity Build is a great way for all of us to make life in Clarkston better for everyone.

Information on the Habitat for Humanity house build can be found on Facebook. Go to My Habitat Clarkston. You can serve in many different ways or make a donation.

The Rev. Greg Henneman is pastor of Clarkston Community Church

### **Obituaries**

### Paul A. Hockin, 40

Paul A. Hockin, "Pauly," of Waterford passed away unexpectedly in his sleep, Aug. 4, 2014, at age 40.

He was the beloved son of Diane; life partner of Jammie Bell; also survived by many family members and friends.

Pauly will be remembered for his fearless attitude and οf love life. He graduated from

Waterford Kettering, class of 1992, was an avid fisherman and enjoyed extreme sports.

Funeral service was Aug. 8 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, any donations will be used toward final expenses.

guestbook Online www.wintfuneralhome.com.

**Obituaries posted daily** at Clarkstonnews.com

### Darlene Trovato, 42

Darlene Jane Trovato (Coleman) passed away suddenly, Aug. 4, 2014, at age 42.

She was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and was the beloved daughter of the late Corrine and Eugene Coleman. She leaves behind her pride and joys, two sets of twins that were born the same day, two years apart, Marisa, Mariah, Bravo,



and Briana; and their father Bravo; survived by loving partner Gary Barkoff; sister of Laura Bullington, Janet, Eugene, and Russell Coleman; many nieces, nephews, in-laws, and friends who loved her dearly; soon to be a new grandmother twice.

Darlene resided in Michigan since 1997 and graduated with honors from Baker College in 2003 with an Associate of Accounting. She worked as an assistant accountant in construction and entertainment. She spent many years in Grand Blanc and was a parishioner at Holy Family Church.

Funeral service was Aug. 9 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. In lieu of flowers, any donations may be made to the family.

Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

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Crowds fill Main Street for Taste of Clarkston. Photo provided

## Taste of Clarkston coming up

BY LAURA DUCHARME

Special to the Clarkston News

A festival based on food is an event many people want to go to, and this year's annual Taste of Clarkston is sure to draw in big crowds.

The Taste of Clarkston will be on Main Street in downtown Clarkston from 12-6 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 21, in partnership with Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, Independence Township Parks and Recreation, and the City of the Village of Clarkston.

"Main Street, Church Street, Depot Street and Washington Streets are closed to traffic and become pedestrian malls with restaurant booths, exhibitors, children's games and activities," said Penny Shanks, executive director of the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce. "Servings are large so come hungry."

Radio Disney's Road Crew will be on site with activities for the children. For adults, there will be beer and wine tasting hosted by Clarkston Lions Club and Rotary Club. The Clarkston Union's Oktoberfest will also be taking place that weekend.

The Taste of Clarkston is free to attend.

Food tickets are \$1 each. Most items cost 2-5 tickets. Parking is free at nearby school parking lots with a free shuttle that runs from the parking lots to downtown Clarkston.

The event also includes bounce houses, obstacle courses, and other free activities for the kids, live music, and other exhibitors. WCSX will be broadcasting from The Union, as well.

Over 35 restaurants will attend, preparing entrees, desserts, beverages, and other treats.

"Everyone is going to find something delicious to eat throughout the day. You can expect to see your favorite local restaurants there, as well as chain restaurants," Shanks said. "With so many restaurants to choose from and different events to entertain you, you may want to go for lunch, enjoy the entertainment and a snack and have dinner at the event."

Proceeds from the event go towards economic development and Placemaking in the Clarkston area.

For a list of restaurants and tickets needed, go to www.clarkston.org and click the "events" tab.



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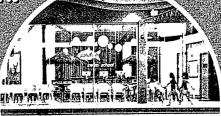
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## Plans percolating for new Main Street coffee shop

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Clarkston News Staff Writer

Curt Catallo and his wife Ann Stevenson love Clarkston – that's why they keep opening new businesses here.

"Pride starts on Main Street," Catallo said.
"We can see downtown from our bedroom."

"Union Joints," including Clarkston Union, Union Woodshop, and Adworks, will soon also include a coffee shop at the corner of Clarkston Road and Main Street.

"Right now we are regrouping and getting all our ducks in a row," he said. "The coffee shop is still a ways out and we expect the process will take anywhere from six months to one year."

The process includes approval of site plans and permits by the City of the Village of Clarkston.

Catallo said he and his team are working on contamination and traffic issues.

"We are not looking to add additional traffic we are looking to do business with existing traffic. That is why we worked so hard on the engineering plans," he said. "We took all the issues into consideration and spent the last year doing due diligence on the property. I know everything there is to know about that site, and nothing has scared me away."

Catallo and Stevenson enjoy re-purpos-

ing old buildings with creative themes.

"Ann and I like to preserve what is there, and that's what we are planning with the muffler shop building, we will re-purpose it," he said

Although exact plans for the coffee theme are still in the works, Catallo said he and Stevenson might keep the two bays in the building, which is presently used by an automotive repair shop. An addition is also planned for the building.

"We will leave the building as original as possible," said Catallo. "That's what drew us to the building, its historical and it's just a really charming place. Ann looks at old buildings like that and she sees the charm. We think if Hansel and Gretel needed to stop and get gas they would stop there."

When the shop opens, the menu will include coffee, pastries, snacks, baked goods and sandwiches.

Coffee roaster John Steen and his company Clutch Coffee will be making sure the best coffee is served. Catallo is excited to work with Steen, and said he is confident in him and his staff's talents, passions and commitment.

Clutch Coffee, started this year, focuses on hand-crafted and small batches of coffee production.

"People don't realize how many steps there are in the coffee chain. There are so many steps from the farm to the cup," said

Steen.

After beans are harvested, the coffee must be roasted.

"It's a hands on artistic process in which all senses must be utilized," he said. "There are many factors from like the amount of time to the temperature the beans are roasted. When I'm roasting I listen to the beans crack, I listen, as I watch for smoke to



know when the beans are ready."

Steen will prepare the beans 1/2 pound and a pound at a time--a process he learned by preparing batches for friends and family. Small batches of coffee ensure high quality freshness, he said.

Coffee beans have different flavors and come from all different parts of the world. Flavor of the beans depend on their origin, or what area of the world they come from. While he processes the beans, one of Steen's

goals is to preserve the "origin" or taste of the beans and keep the integrity of the flavor in the coffee.

"It's the roasting process that draws out the flavor," he said.

Coffee to be served at the shop will include flavors based on the season, and at any given time, several different types of coffee from all over the world will be offered.

Roasting captures the "flavor" of coffee. Each week, Steen orders 30 pounds of what is called "green coffee". This is where the process starts with green coffee beans that must be processed.

"It's a really cool process," said Steen.

Visitors can expect a theatrical experience when visiting the shop, as they will watch the coffee being prepared.

As for some tips for the average coffee drinker. Steen has a few.

"A lot of people add heavy cream to coffee and I recommend be enjoyed the black, so the drinker can enjoy the true flavor of the coffee. I encourage everyone to try it, brew you coffee and drink it black, as the coffee cools you will notice how the flavor develops. It gets sweeter. As it cools you can experience a range in the coffee's flavor. It gets juicier and brighter-something you will only notice if you don't add cream and sugar," he said.



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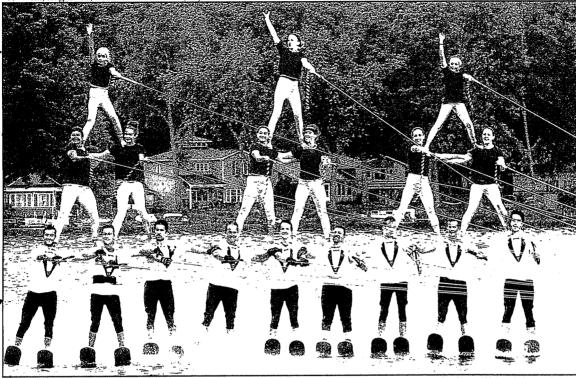
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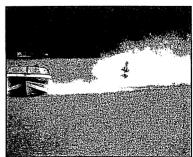
"I think they are amazing - hardworking, dedicated, and a family oriented group of adults and kids around that spend their summer months and nights practicing and preforming for our local lake and township residents," said Julie LeBourdais, whose daughter joined last year.

The team of 20-30 skiers, 3-4 master boat drivers, and 15 behind-the-scenes volunteers practice two nights a week for three hours at Big Lake in Springfield Township, with pyramids, barefoot ski races, trios, and high-speed around-the-boat maneuvers, a stunt performed nowhere else.

It's a multi-generational activity, said Kurt Bemman.

"Three generations of my family is in it," Bemman said. "My daughter, three grandsons are involved. It's fun."

For more information, check spraymasters.wordpress.com.



Brendan Kirchner waterskis without skis.





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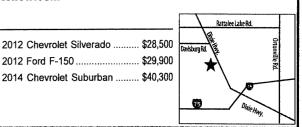
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