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Evaluations for superintendent, school board

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Clarkston School Board's evaluations of the superintendent and itself are set for the end of the year, after the election in November.

"It's been a year (since the last superintendent evaluation)," said board Vice President Susan Boatman at Monday's meeting. "A year is long enough to give some feedback."

The board invited school attorney George Butler and consultant Joan Sergent of Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) to their Sept. 22 meeting to help with the discussion.

Butler said state law requires evaluation of the superintendent at least once a year, but does not specify when.

Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock's last evaluation was in December 2013. The board previously discussed having it in June, but concerns about reevaluating so soon pushed the date back. Board Trustee Steve Hyer favored

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TASTY DOWNTOWN VISIT: Sienna and Ronnie Nicol, with their mother Stacy Nicol of Rochester take a break in front of *The Clarkston News* office during the Taste of Clarkston, Sunday. Please see page 20 for more pictures. *Photo by Phil Custodio*

Rule change could revive hospital plan

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A proposed state law offers new hope for the proposed \$303 million McLaren hospital in Independence Township.

State Sen. Randy Richardville, Republican senate majority leader from Monroe, introduced Bill 1037 last week to change certificate-of-need rules.

The certificate-of-need process, created by the state to prevent increased health care costs through unneeded beds, is overseen by 11 commissioners appointed by the governor. All members of the committee are in the medical profession.

McLaren has requested moving 200 beds from the McLaren hospital in Pontiac, now staffed for about 100 of the 335 beds the facility is licensed for.

Under current certificate-of-need rules, hospitals can only transfer beds within a two mile radius of licensed and staffed facilities.

Bill 1037 would allow McLaren the ability to transfer the beds to a radius of eight miles. The move to Clarkston would be 7.6 miles.

A Senate Government Operations Committee is expected to hold a hearing sometime this week over the proposed change, if an exception should be made and the bill forwarded onto the Gov. Rick Snyder. *Craine's Detroit Business* reported there is an indication that Snyder as well as the

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All is not right in the city, so sayeth the mayor

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

At Monday nights council meeting, Mayor Joe Luginiski announced the way City of the Village of Clarkston conducts business is illegal. Luginiski said city auditors informed the city of the problem last week.

The errors are not intentional, however, Luginiski said.

"We are just a group of volunteers," he said.

According to City Clerk Sandy Miller, the

auditor said the way City Council spends money and approves some projects is considered illegal.

"When we approve projects not even on the agenda, it's the wrong way of doing things," Miller said.

Council frequently discusses projects and votes on them at the same city council meeting, without knowing how they will be funded.

Miller said each time money is spent for projects, the money must first be allocated from the appropriate fund in the budget.

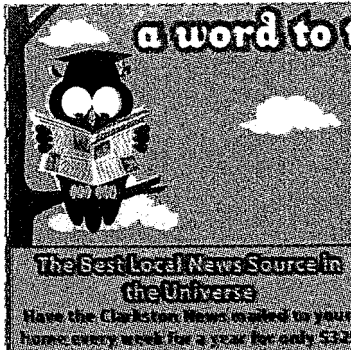
"We need to know where the money is coming from before it is approved," she said.

During Monday's meeting, Luginiski said once council makes a resolution to spend the money, the state of Michigan considers it already spent.

Luginiski also said various city committees need to meet more often, present reports and know what projects they want to complete ahead of time rather than coming before the council, asking for the money and

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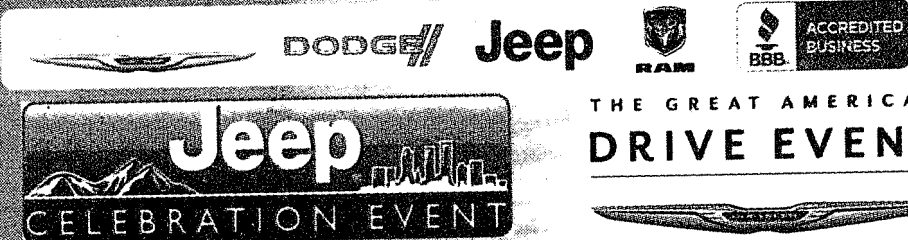
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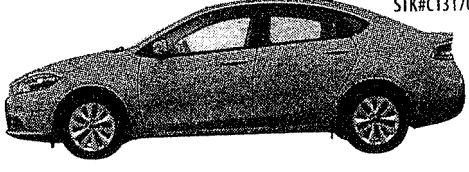
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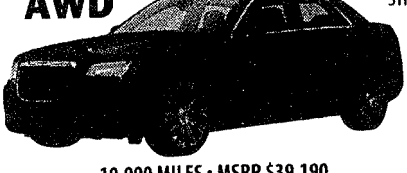
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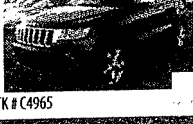
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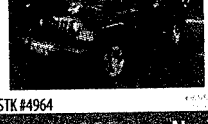
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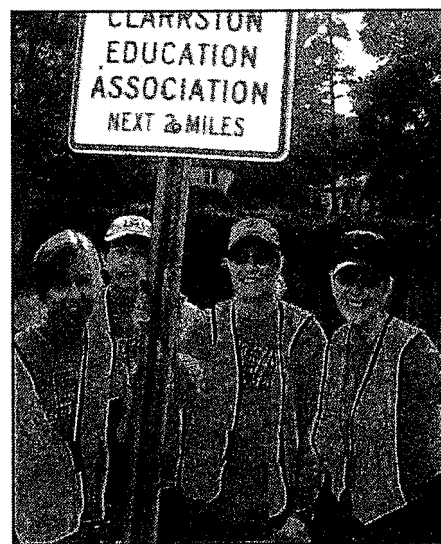


From left, Clarkston teachers Phyllis Ness, Jayne Bannister, Kara Lomazov, Jill Giovas, Carolyn Savoie, Jenny Biallas, Jim Tedder and Daryl Biallas gather to clean up Clarkston Road.

Teachers clean M-15

Clarkston teachers put on safety vests for their fall Adopt a Road to clean Clarkston Road from M-15 to Sashabaw, Sept. 21.

Clarkston Education Association members Phyllis Ness, Jayne Bannister, Kara Lomazov, Jill Giovas, Carolyn Savoie, Jenny Biallas, Jim Tedder, Daryl Biallas, Beth Rogers and Yvonne Skillman signed up for two miles of Clarkston Road.



CEA members Jill Giovas, Jayne Bannister, Kara Lomazov and Beth Rogers helped take care of the road.

City manager says staff will work harder

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getting projects approved the same day.

During the meeting examples of the wrongdoing was discussed including the approval to pave Womphole Drive and approving plans for a bridge on the same day residents donated money for the project.

Miller said at the Sept., 8 meeting paving Womphole was not on the agenda, but discussed by council before the project was approved with the stipulations that it would cost \$2,000 or less.

"Because we were on a time frame to get the paving project done, the council did not want to delay it another meeting," Miller said. "But it was not even the resolution on the agenda. We made up a resolution at the coun-

cil meeting which would have been fine if knew where money was coming from in the budget."

Miller added the money must be accounted for. Luginski said council must make sure the money is draw from the correct item lines in the budget before any action is taken.

City Manager Carol Eberhardt said the city staff will work harder to ensure the accounting of various city business are done before meetings.

City Attorney Tom Ryan often attends meetings and is tasked with ensuring council follows the law. Ryan was not in attendance at the meeting, so he could not comment on the legality of the way the city conducts businesses.

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Briefly

Contract approved

Clarkston teachers have a new contract, after unanimous approval by the Board of Education, Monday.

"We are happy to be in a position this year to able to provide additional compensation to our teachers and to all of our employees while still maintaining our budget parameters," said board President Rosalie Lieblang.

This is also the first time in years the district did not have to issue lay off notices to teachers, Lieblang said.

"The administration has worked very hard to be fiscally responsible as well as to increase revenue through our Shared Services program to make that possible," she said. "Also, we are grateful to everyone on the Accord team. The time and effort they put into negotiation process not just at contract time but all year long helps make our district a great place to work."

The one-year contract provides a half-step pay increase for teachers on steps 1-15, excluding this year's hires; \$200 off-scale, one-time payment to teachers on steps 1-15, excluding this year's hires; and a one percent on-scale payment to teachers at step 16.

Cameras in park

Cameras are in place in Depot Park, ready to catch vandals bent on destruction. The cameras cost just under \$10,000, and were approved by City of the Village of Clarkston Council at a July 14 meeting.

City Manager Carol Eberhardt said the cameras provide a 360 degree view of the park, with resolution clear enough to read license plate numbers of vehicles in the parking lot.

Those with a password, like sheriff's deputies, can check out what is happening in the park by logging onto the web site.

Cameras are perched up high so vandals cannot easily damage the equipment.

Carving contest

Independence Township Parks and Recreation hosts a pumpkin carving contest this fall.

Categories include "Traditional Carving Pumpkin" and "Non-Traditional Creative/Scary," one entry per family.

Email photos to Lisa at lmccoy@indetwp.com. There will be first, second, and third place winners in each category. This contest is free. Deadline is Halloween, Oct. 31, midnight.



MUSIC ON MAIN: Audrey Ray sings a country tune at Main and Church streets during Taste of Clarkston. Photo by Phil Custodio

Evaluations set after election

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scheduling the next evaluation in June 2015.

"We haven't agreed about what data to be used," Hyer said. "I'm in favor of sitting down and establishing what his goals are - agreeing what they are as a board and superintendent team."

Trustee Cheryl McGinnis agreed the board should take its time.

"I think this is an opportunity to get this right," McGinnis said.

Treasurer Joan Patterson said it would be a mistake to put it off.

"I look at this as a work in progress, talking to the supintendent about expectations and what they mean," Patterson said.

The board is using an MASB evaluation template to evaluate the superintendent. Sergent said state law regarding superintendent evaluation will likely change soon.

Self evaluation by the board was set for December, after the November election. Mary Kerwin, a consultant with MASB, will serve as facilitator for the meeting retreat.

McLaren would bring jobs, supervisor says

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legislature is leaning towards supporting the change for McLaren.

Richardville's bill stipulates if McLaren is granted approval to move the beds, the hospital must provide \$10 million in free care to patients at the Pontiac location, retain staff for a minimum of 70 beds and provide education and job training in Pontiac.

McLaren's Vice President of Public Relations Kevin Tompkins said there is a need to move the beds to Independence Township because there is less of a need for beds in Pontiac these days due to a decreasing population.

However, McLaren proponents like CEO Jack Weiner of St. Josephs Mercy Oakland in Pontiac said McLaren is just looking at Independence Township because it is a more affluent area than Pontiac.

Tompkins and Director of Planning Greg Dobis said McLaren has financial goals to meet, and their competitors just don't want to see a new hospital.

"You don't see Walgreens or CVS telling other stores they cannot build," said Dobis. "If another CVS or Walgreens is constructed, the prices go down at the other store. Competition fosters an increase in competition and quality."

Tomkins said the bottom line is the Independence Township area presents an increasing demand for a hospital in part due to a

large increase in the aging population of the area which is expected to explode in upcoming years.

Proponents, backed by a study by Michigan State University, say there are already too many hospital beds in the state.

A study funded by a grant to MSU by the MDCH, concluded there are 835 excess hospital beds in a group of several hospitals in Oakland County.

In the entire state of Michigan, there were 7,000 excess beds. The study also concluded building a McLaren in Independence Township would raise health care costs. The court system agreed, there was no need for another hospital.

After McLaren's request was denied twice under certificate-of-need by the Michigan Department of Community Health in 2012, the decision was upheld by the Oakland County Circuit Court.

No matter how many times they are turned down, the McLaren reps ensure the hospital will be a sure thing at some point.

Dobis and Tompkins said similar endeavors have been successful and referenced legislative changes that allowed beds to be transferred from a Detroit facility to two new hospitals in Novi and West Bloomfield.

"Those hospitals had a huge positive economical benefit to the areas," said Tompkins. "Building the hospital in this area is the right thing to do based on our research."

After considering several areas of Oakland County to determine the best area for a new hospital, the Independence Township area was the area in most need. Initial plans for the medical campus were first announced in 2006. There is still a long ways to go and even if plans were approved for the hospital tomorrow, the project would take years to complete.

Tompkins said the medical campus would be enormous and also feature an assisted living center, special cardiovascular care, a large cancer center, a medical office building with dozens of specialists, a pharmacy, eye care facility, a surgery center, ambulatory space and other facilities for special procedures.

Dobis, as well as Independence Township officials said building the facility would rake in high paying union jobs during a time when similar jobs are moving out of state.

"At the end of the day, we are investing in Independence Township," said Tompkins. "We are not giving up we already have too much invested."

In addition to a willingness to spend over \$300 million to build the facility, the hospital has already contributed \$1.5 million for road improvements to Sashabaw and I-75.

Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle said in addition to the jobs, the hospital would exponentially stimulate new and



Levi Robertson of Rochester is in the loading area, ready to ride Coco Puff.

Riders honored at Mane Event

The rain held off until the last riders were heading back to the barn from the outdoor arena during the O.A.T.S. Annual Mane Event, Sunday.

"Then it poured. It was a fantastic day," said volunteer Terri Dodge.

The annual event at O.A.T.S., Offering Alternative Therapy with Smiles, acknowledges special needs riders with trophies and ribbons, and includes food, kiddie train rides, raffle and vendors selling items and donating money back to the center.

It also provides riders an opportunity to perform for family, friends, and

the community.

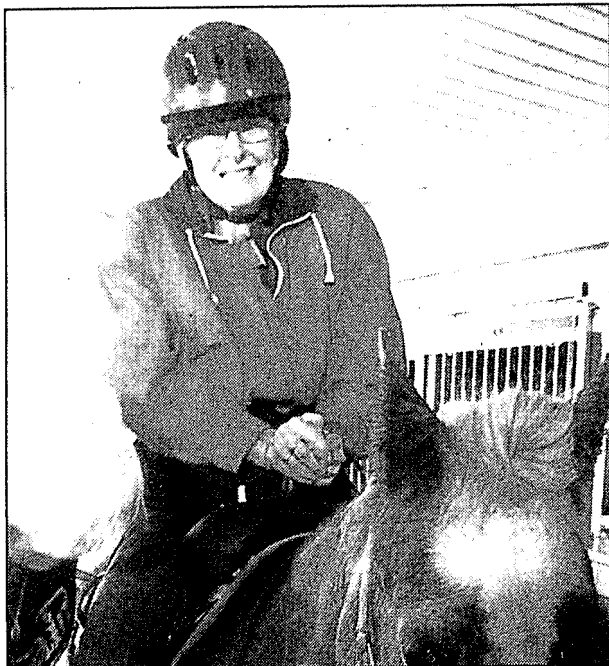
O.A.T.S.' Horses for Heroes program is looking for riders, especially post 9/11 veterans who have been wounded or have service-related disabilities. Veterans ride from 6-7 p.m., Thursdays, at no charge.

For more information, contact O.A.T.S., 3090 Weidemann Drive, at 248-620-1775.

"We can always use volunteers," Dodge said. "There are evening classes which really can help out high school students looking for community service hours."



Jamie Robertson of Troy is riding George.



Marlene Tiedemen of Clarkston rides Dolly.



Grant Harned of Waterford is riding Blue. Photos provided

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Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Reardon

Move chance to clean

I suggest you pretend you are moving if you want a good purge of items overtaking your home.

I say it because I am in the midst of packing, actually at the moment I can picture all the boxes piled on top of each other, overtaking corners.

While packing for the big move I am trying to be responsible and asking "do I need this? Seriously, do I need this?"

I have cleaned through the book and the DVD collection quite well. A few will make it to libraries for donations while others will make on shelves at a store in Auburn Hills, which I discovered gives store credit. (Can you say Christmas money?)



Now if only someone would take VHS cassette tapes because my VCR died years ago. Do you think they will make a comeback? And CDs, why can't I get rid of these and just go 100 percent to MP3 files? These are the questions rolling through my head.

Scrapbook items? I do need to organize. I will admit it needs organization and a cleanse but it is on the list: to-do after the move.

Clothes? Well, I cleaned those out when I lost all my weight through Nuview Nutrition so emptying the closet wasn't hard.

I won't even get into all the small notebooks I found or keep finding. The notebooks I probably purchase because they are on sale and would be perfect for ideas. (I have a notebook for everything. I think I should stop. I should have a post-it note to remind myself to stop.) But mostly what I own is books, movies, music and scrapbooking items.

The move comes at a good time with a birthday right around the corner. It is a beginning of a new year at a new place. It is cleaning away the past and getting ready for the future. A lot of excitement in the air.

Yes, I sneaked in the word birthday. It is fall once again and time for those birthday candles.

Though luckily I haven't really seen birthday candles for a while. But I am dreaming about being bad - chocolate brownie with vanilla ice cream, drizzled with caramel and chocolate sauce. Oh, I know exactly what I want. Will I be bad? I don't think so. By the time the day comes it will be out of my thoughts.

Opinion Pages

Letters, columns & Editorials

Vote gives reader right to share opinion

Dear Editor,

I hope that you are among those who voted in the primary election.

Everyone has their own opinion concerning for whom and for what to vote. Some of us are happy with the outcome; others are not. The important thing is that we voted!

Did you know that less than 30% of the eligible voters went to polls, and some of them did not vote on every item on the ballot? That means a small group of voters decided matters for everyone else.

It is said that we get what we pay for; well,

those who don't vote are "paying" others to decide for them. One of the keys to our democratic form of government is that we get to decide - we don't always get our way, but "we" decide!

So, however we feel about a topic or candidate, we need to express ourselves as voters - as Americans - by voting. That means voting on every item: national and local government, proposals, schools, etc.

We get what we pay for!

Tom Stone
Clarkston

Thanks to Neiman's for scout support

Dear Editor,

Clarkston Boy Scout Troop 189, would like to sincerely thank Neiman's Family Market in Clarkston for their help and support with the Operation CARE program.

The donuts, coffee, fruit, and water were a tremendous help to travelers for the Labor Day weekend.

The scouts, who were located at the

Northbound I-75 rest area just north of Clarkston, attained service hours needed for rank advancement.

Thank you to the associates of Neiman's and to manager John Schmidt for the products and outstanding service.

Sincerely,

John A. Sentgerath
BSA Troop 189, Clarkston

Hope for happy Jewish New Year

Dear Editor,

I would like to wish family and friends a very happy and healthy Rosh Hashanah, Jewish New Year. The High Holy Days, beginning at sunset, Thursday, Sept. 25, are the most important days in the Jewish year.

The first two days are Rosh Hashanah. The last day is Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, on Saturday, Oct. 4. The days between are called the Days of Penitence. Rosh Hashanah is also called Yom Hadin, the Day of Judgment.

Have people been good? Kind to others? The Jews try to understand anything wrong they have done in their lives and then try to change their ways.

As the sun goes down on Yom Kippur, God writes down or inscribes what life will be like for the year to come.

Customs include Challah, a round braided bread, "the year goes round and round."

Sweet things include pieces of apple, or Challah, dipped into honey, a symbol of a sweet year.

A ram's horn, the Shofar, is blown, remembering Abraham's great faith in God.

To the Jewish families in any area, I wish you a joyous New Year, Rosh Hashanah, and may your name be written down for a healthy prosperous year ahead.

Mike and Nancy Brown
Clarkston

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1999

"Tree removal causes complaints" Despite many good feelings surrounding the opening of Independence Elementary School in November, one resident wasn't pleased when trees were removed on a stretch of 700 feet Hubbard Road at Main Street for repaving. He was unhappy with how the situation was handled.

"Crash reroutes traffic for an hour in downtown Clarkston" Two Clarkston men sustained injuries following a crash that damaged five vehicles in downtown Clarkston.

"Swimmers get first-ever win" Any success the Clarkston girls swim team had in its first year was just a bonus. One success was winning their first ever dual meet against Pontiac Central 149-34 in the Clarkston High School natatorium. During the meet Kelly Orris set two school records finishing at 1:29.92 in the 100-yard breaststroke and being part of the 200-yard free relay team.

25 years ago - 1989

"Planners OK M-15 rezonings, now up to board" After listening to the comments of several Independence Township residents and developers, members of the planning commission voted 5-1 to recommend the rezoning of three parcels of land along M-15 between I-75 and Cranberry Road.

"Golf team continues its early win streak" The Clarkston High School Boys Golf team extended its early season winning streak to five with three victories in one week. They opened the week with a 173-184 win over Lakeland, then had a 160-171 win over Pontiac Northern, and ended the week with a 176-199 win over Oxford.

"Gone: 330 dozen doughnuts, 3,000 cups of cider" Weekend shoppers ate 330 dozen doughnuts and drank 3,000 cups of apple cider in downtown Clarkston despite heavy rain during the Clarkston Community Historical Society's Craft and Cider Festival. The society estimated 10,000-12,000 visitors.

50 years ago - 1964

"Arson suspected in loss of farm buildings" A fire of undetermined origin destroyed a barn, shed and tool house on Andersonville Road. The property, owned by Tom Farley, was vacant. The state police were investigating.

"Hole in one" Paul Castleberry made a hole-in-one on hole no. 9 while playing in the Annual Amateur Tournament at the Clarkston Golf Course.

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Supporting the library and a hiccup cure

As far as I am concerned, every important service, and opportunity, is provided voters and families in our community by the public library.

And, now that absentee ballots are out and people are voting in Oxford, I believe I need to show my support for the Oxford Township Public Library.

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Did you know locals take advantage of what the library offers more than 100,000 times a year!?

Oxford's library has moved with the times by providing electronic training and tools in keeping up with today's technological and scholastic advancements

I believe Oxford Librarian Brian

Cloutier has managed our taxes very well and kept enough aside to pay for the needs of our aging facilities.

I encourage a positive response for our library in this November's election.

It's less than half a mill for maintaining, operating and construction that might be needed in the next ten years.

This less than half a mill will assure us of keeping this fine facility, our library, running smoothly.

* * *

Now, something fun, which I originally published on Wednesday, August 24,

1964.

Hiccup cures

I think I have a cure for the hiccups. I have suffered these seizures for many years. Two or three days at a time, going to sleep with them and waking with them.

There was a time in about 1947 when someone in England had hiccups for several years.

Doctors did a phrenic nerve crush to paralyze his diaphragm, stopping the hics. The phrenic nerve runs along each side of the neck. Both nerves were crushed on the Englishman.

At the same time, I had one phrenic nerve crushed to arrest my left lung. I came down from the operating room, rolled into bed and immediately got the hiccups.

And, after you've had the blasted vibrations for a few hours you get sore. It aches to breathe.

But, back to the cure. Up at South Branch 2 weeks ago, I became reacquainted with Joe Fuger. He used to live in Pontiac, but now makes his home in Florida, and has a cabin on Chain Lakes in the Huron National Forest..

Joe suggested I put a spoon in a glass of water (or any liquid) with the handle sticking out about a half inch. Tip the glass to your mouth, placing the spoon under your tongue. Then drink.

Three swallows stopped my hiccups. The same method stopped them for Ted Gawry. For a while we were hoping someone else got the hiccups so we could try the new remedy.

Jim's Jottings



A column by Jim Sherman

Yep. I feel like such a sucker

Know what sucks?

Thinking you're on top of your game; believing you're a person of relatively above average intelligence who likes to keep up on all things worth knowing and then finding out you're actually a sucker and not a suckee.

What sucks is when your self-built house of cards gets easily knocked flat revealing your naive, naked self. I say this, because I like football. I like high school football. I like college football. And, I like professional football.

I feel stupid and duped to learn recently the National Football League (along with the National Hockey League and the Professional Golfers Association) has 501 (c) (6) tax exemption status.

According to *Forbes* reporter James Joyner, this 501 (c) (6) operation is different from the more common 501 (c) (3) non profit. The 501 (c) (6) is for, "Business leagues, chambers of commerce, real-estate boards, boards of trade, or professional football leagues (whether or not administering a pension fund for football players), not organized for profit and no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual."

Since 2012, U.S. Senator Tom Coburn (R) of Oklahoma has challenged the NFL's nonprofit status and until last week has had virtually no support from other Republican nor Democrat law makers (way to go legislative branch).

According to Coburn, Americans like you and me (aka taxpayers who gotta' play by the rules and pay

what the government says we owe) lose \$91 million a year because of the for mega profit sport leagues' tax status. I know in the grand scheme of things, \$91 million is chump change.

But, when you throw into the mix that these sport leagues are basically monopolies and professional stadiums across the country are mostly built with tax payer subsidies, the appearance of regular Joe taxpayers being huckstered is undeniable.

Heck, the NFL is so powerful local mom and pop business people can't even say they are having Super Bowl sales (even if they are).

If anybody from the NFL sees anybody else with those words in their ads, the gargantuan NFL will stomp those little businesses harder than Ndamukong Suh does opposing quarterbacks.

When Coburn first started squawking about the tax free zones of the sports leagues NFL lackeys were quick to point out, the league does pay taxes and lots of them -- all revenues from the teams are taxable. Only the administration of the league is tax exempt.

That is something, but . . .

. . . The NFL basically has a license to print money. As the only pro-football league in America, they bring in nearly \$10 billion dollars a year. Want to see what that looks like:

\$10,000,000,000.

Yep, that's 10 zeroes behind the numeral "one."

According to Coburn's research, in 2010 the tax exempt NFL administration office paid eight executives \$51.5 million (that same year the PGA top dawg got \$5.2 million and the NHL guy got \$4.3 million).

Further, each NFL franchise pays a \$6 million dollar fee to the NFL, which the franchise gets to write off on their individual taxes.

And, do you know what is worse?

According to that Joyner article in *Forbes*, the way the tax rules are written now, if the NFL had no 501 (c) (6) tax exemption, they wouldn't have to pay taxes at all!

" . . . The NFL had expenses in excess of revenue for . . . 2012 and . . . for the prior year. Apparently, that is nothing new. The liabilities of the NFL exceeded its assets . . . Superficially, it appears that, if the NFL were not an exempt organization, it would not owe federal income taxes, because it has not been making money . . ."

How's that for a deck stacking?

I am still feeling stupid and duped and naive.

I like football. I like America. I like the free-market. I like capitalism, for goodness sakes, but when you see stuff like this going on, is it any wonder regular Americans are getting hot under the collar and joining those feel-good, slacker "99 Percenter" protesters?

Now, I know there are NFL paycheck collecting readers out there, and I mean no disrespect to them. They are only playing the cards they are dealt. I am not even upset with the sports leagues, because they are playing by the rules that are already in place.

As always, my gripe goes back to our elected officials, those who are supposed go to Washington, DC to look out for the American people. They go to Washington as regular folks and come out as millionaires only looking out for themselves.

They tell us what we want to hear and take what they want to take. I feel like such a sucker.

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A column by Don Rush

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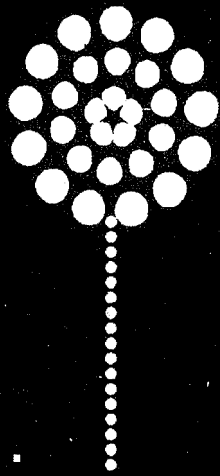
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Oakhurst Golf and Country Club hosted Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County's Springfield Township Habitat Home Build with an Evening with an Executive Chef, July 18. From left are Steering Committee members Julie Nemeth, Honorary Chairperson Grant Smith, Sarah Henneman-Gothard, Executive Chef Joe Morin and Diane Midgley of Calvary Lutheran Church, Optimists, and Clarkston Farm and Garden Club. Photo provided

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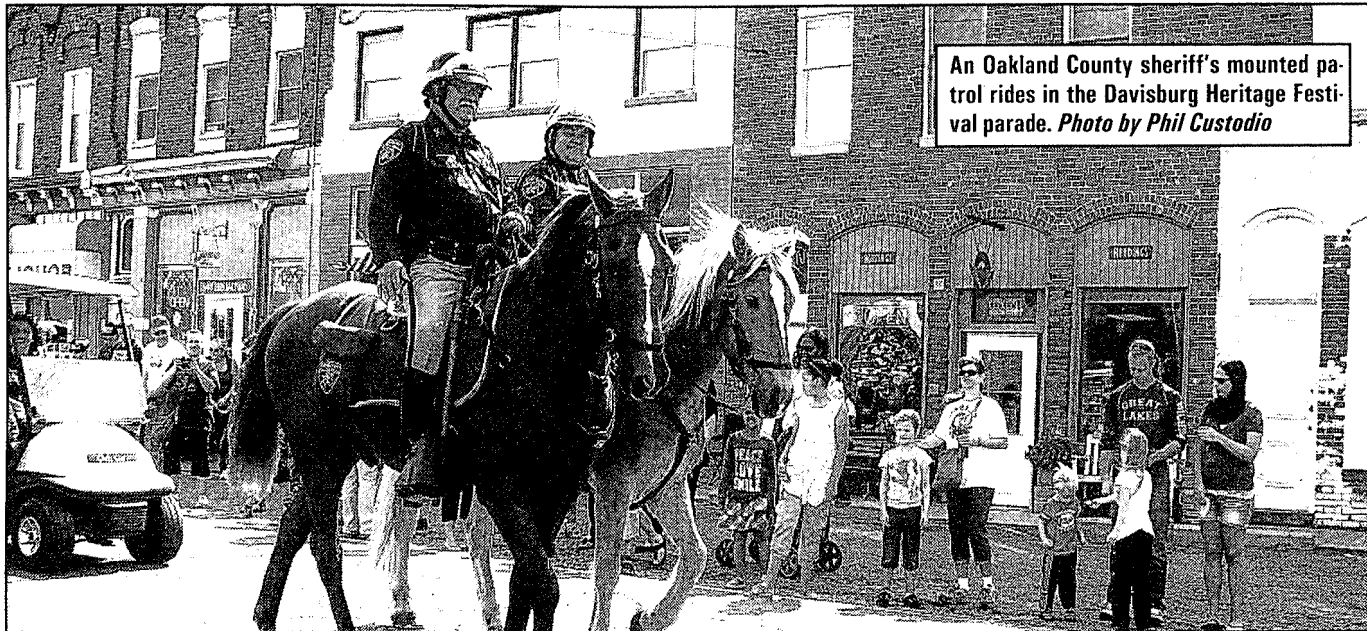
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An Oakland County sheriff's mounted patrol rides in the Davisburg Heritage Festival parade. Photo by Phil Custodio

Disorderly conduct

A Madison Street resident called police after a neighbor started banging on her door at 12:34 a.m., Sept. 1. She told him to leave, but he started peeking into the kitchen window and tried to pry it open. The neighbor, a 26-year-old man, told deputies he wanted to let her know he would be out of town for the next nine weeks. Smelling strongly of alcohol, he was cited for public disorder.

Fuel theft

Someone drilled holes in two work vans' fuel tanks and stole gas, Sept. 12, in the 4000 block of White Lake Court. Independence Township firefighters provided hazmat clean up due to gas draining into the sewer system.

Bus stop skoflaw

A deputy watching a bus stop at Dixie Highway and Maple Drive stopped a pickup truck for driving past a school bus with red lights flashing and stop sign out, 4:46 p.m., Sept. 12. The driver, a 52-year-old Davisburg woman, said she didn't see the bus, didn't have time to stop, and traffic was heavy. She was cited for driving with an expired license and failure to stop for a school bus, and her vehicle was impounded.

Public Safety

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CDs taken

About \$400 in CDs taken from pickup parked unlocked in the 6000 block of Oak Hill Road, Sept. 15.

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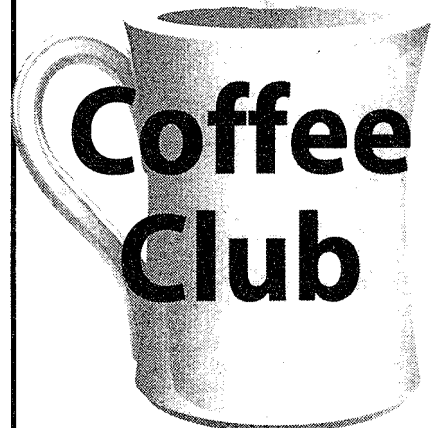
Crossing with cell phone

A White Lake resident was turning onto Sashabaw Road from Maybee Road when a boy about 10 years old walked into the back of her car, scraping his knee, 3:30 p.m., Sept. 15. The boy was walking across Sashabaw talking on a cell phone, about 50 feet from the crosswalk. They waited for his mother in a nearby parking lot.

Suspect tased

Deputies responded to the 2500 block of Mann Road for a subject knocking on the doors of area residents, 3:50 a.m., Sept. 20. They found the suspect, a 26-year-old Shelby Township man, in a field next to I-75 trying to climb a fence to get to the interstate. The subject was intoxicated and aggressive, and was subsequently taken in to custody with the help of a Taser. He was jailed for malicious destruction of property, resisting arrest, and assault on a police officer.

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Friday	09-05-14	Bloomfield Hills	WIN	
Friday	09-12-14	West Bloomfield	WIN	
Friday	09-19-14	Stoney Creek	WIN	
Friday	09-26-14	Oxford	Away	7 p.m.
Friday	10-03-14	Troy Athens	Away	7 p.m.
Friday	10-10-14	Troy	Home	7 p.m.
Friday	10-17-14	Lake Orion	Away	7 p.m.

OAA Red Standings


Team	Overall	Wins	Losses	Team	Overall	Wins	Losses
1. Clarkston	4	0		5. Stoney Creek	2	2	
2. Oxford	4	0		6. Bloomfield Hills	1	3	
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Defense fired up in win

BY WENDI REARDON
 Clarkston News Sports Writer

The gridiron heroes wrapped up their first road game at Stoney Creek in the first half last Friday night.

The Clarkston Varsity Football team scored 35 points in the span of 18 minutes while keeping the Cougars scoreless until the final quarter, when the game ended 35-14.

"We started out strong," said long-time head coach Kurt Richardson. "They won the toss and got the ball. It got our kids fired up, our defense fired up. We played a real good first half. It was a nice win."

Stoney Creek opened with possession but Carter Linton and Bryce Witherspoon kept them down to three yards on their first play. The Wolves defense kept the heat on forcing them to punt four plays later.

Clarkston took over on the 35-yard line and scored six plays later when quarterback DJ Zezula connected a 32-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Merrick Canada at 6:02.

The Wolves' defense took over the field again and kept the Cougars from crossing the 50-yard line before Clarkston took over possession again.

Clarkston scored with 1:01 remaining in the first quarter on a 4-yard touchdown pass from Zezula to junior Hayden Schoenherr.

Jack McKillop helped the Wolves take possession again when the Cougars fumbled the ball and he recovered it on the 16-yard line with 18 seconds to go.

Zezula handed the ball to Centrus Williams, Jr. who opened the second quarter with a 2-yard touchdown run for the Wolves' third touchdown within seven minutes.

The Wolves scored two more times in the last four minutes of the second quarter with

a 41-yard touchdown pass to Austin Egler and a 25-yard touchdown to Jacob Fisher, both from Zezula.

The Cougars scored twice in the final five minutes in the game.

"We got sloppy in the second half," Richardson said. "This is a tough place to play and Brad Zube does a great job with his kids. They always scrap. I am happy to get out of here with a nice win."

Zezula was 11-for-17 on passing for 190 yards and four touchdowns. Egler caught three passes for 65 yards and one touchdown. Schoenherr caught three passes for 49 yards.

"DJ made some real good decisions early," Richardson said. "Austin was very good for us again tonight. He played a great game."

Centrus Williams, Jr. was the leading rusher carrying the ball six times for 60 yards. Alex Kessman was 5-for-5 on PAT attempts.

Senior Jack McKillop led defense with seven tackles and four assists. Jack Selke had five tackles and two assists and Will Scarlett had four tackles and one assist. Egler had one interception.

"Defense was much better than last week," Richardson said. "We tackled better. We made some strives and made some steps."

The Wolves head to Oxford this Friday. Both teams are undefeated for the season and in the OAA Red. The Wildcats beat Lake Orion last Friday, 21-14.

"Oxford always plays us tougher than nails," Richardson said. "Those kids are tough over there. Bud Rowley (head coach) does a good job. It will be a tough game."

Kick off is at 7 p.m. at 745 N. Oxford Road.



Centrus Williams, Jr. runs towards the endzone while teammate Carter Linton keeps defense at bay. Photo by Larry Wright

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK Leading defense

BY WENDI REARDON
 Clarkston News Sports Writer

While watching the Lady Wolves take on tough opponents this season on the court fans will notice Clarkston High School junior Ashley Schwartz in the back row.

Schwartz joined the Clarkston Varsity Volleyball team this season as libero after spending the last two years on the junior varsity team.

"I am glad to get the opportunity," she said.

"She is stepping up and playing good defense for us," said Kelly Pinner, head coach. "She is being more of a vocal leader. She is positive when we need it."

The Lady Wolves are a month into the season and Schwartz added it is going good.

"Our whole defense has a lot of chemistry and our team does too," she said. "It's been fun to play with Taylor (Dellinger) and Abbey (Malinowski) and our strong offense and be able to back them up."

For being a libero, she stays positive in the back row and helps her teammates.

"Be as solid as a defense player as I can so I can help offense and get a good pass to Emily (Malinowski)," she added.

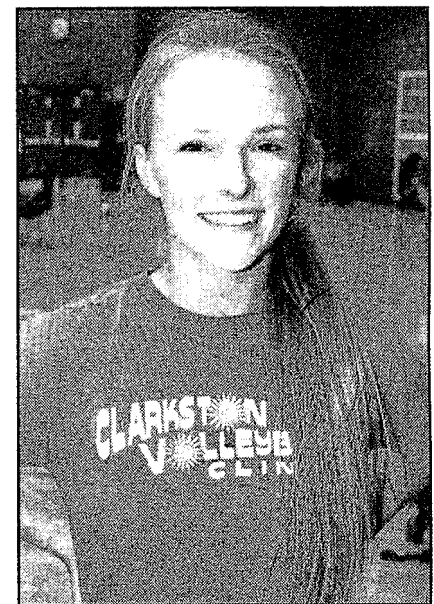
Her goal for the season is the same as her Lady Wolves - to make it further into the post season than they did last year.

"We want to break past and push more towards the state title," Schwartz said. "We definitely have the capability and the talent. We just have to compete with every team we are faced with."

Schwartz began playing volleyball in seventh grade and added her mom got her into the sport because she played it when she was in high school.

She stuck with it after getting a feel for the sport.

"The dynamic of it is different and it is fun to play," she smiled. "Being part of a team sport has always interested me."



Ashley Schwartz

Schwartz spent her seventh and eighth grade seasons in the setter position before she switched to libero her freshman year.

Schwartz is currently taking AP Language and Composition, Physics, Spanish 4, CAD 1 and Pre-Calculus in her first semester.

When she is not studying or playing volleyball she enjoys drawing portraits, art, architecture and photography.

Her goal is to study architecture in college. She explained if she has an opportunity to play volleyball at a university with an architecture program, she will do it.

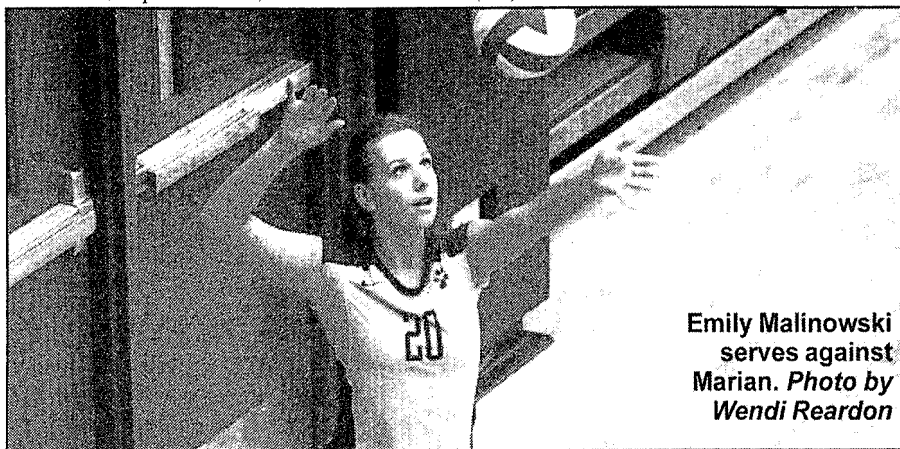
"I will take academics before volleyball," Schwartz added about her studies.

Her advice to aspiring athletes especially young Lady Wolves is to give it their all.

"Know your time is limited playing the sport you are playing," she said. "Give it your all while you are capable."


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Emily Malinowski serves against Marian. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Tournaments net big wins

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Spikers defeated Birmingham Seaholm for the second time in two weeks with a 3-1 win last Thursday.

"We played well," said Clarkston Varsity Volleyball Coach Kelly Pinner. "The first game we came out swinging hard."

Seaholm couldn't get back into the game as the Lady Wolves won the first set. But then Seaholm won the next game.

"We made a lot of hitting errors," Pinner said. "We just couldn't recover. One thing with offense and hitters if they get in their mind it is wrong, it's hard for them to get out of it. I think that's why we struggled."

The girls had a few big hits early in the third game as they went on to win 25-22 in the third game and finished the night with a 25-23 win in the last game.

"It gave us more confidence," Pinner said about the big hits.

The first time the Lady Wolves beat Seaholm was in Clarkston's Quad on Sept. 11 where they defeated all three of their opponents.

They went against Macomb Dakota first and went 2-0, winning 25-14 and 25-11.

They lost their first game against Marian, 25-17 and then came back to win the next two games 25-22 and 25-14.

"Marian is a great team," Pinner said, adding they made it to the state finals last year.

The Lady Wolves closed the night with a 2-0 win over Seaholm, 25-18 and 25-15.

Pinner added Seaholm has been successful in their tournaments and have won a few.

"Everyone is looking out for them. They were big wins for us," she added.

Taylor Dellinger had 32 kills for the night. Emily Malinowski had 21 kills and Abbey Malinowski had 67 digs.

The girls then competed in the Flushing Invitational. They beat Davison, Lake Fenton and Lapeer in the first pool and lost to Lake Orion.

They went on to beat Roscommon, 2-0, 25-18 and 25-18; and Lapeer, 25-15 and 25-7. They lost to Lake Orion in both games, 25-21 and 25-22.

The Lady Wolves opened the week against Bloomfield Hills on Tuesday.

"It is our first home non-quad match," said Pinner. "It is a little different atmosphere."

Lady Wolves Volleyball

5 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 26, Quad at Rochester Adams High School

7 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 30, at Stoney Creek High School

7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 2, at Clarkston High School vs. Lake Orion

Intense week for tennis

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

It's a week the Wolves have been looking forward to all season as they head into three matches and a tournament.

The Clarkston Boys Varsity Tennis team opened the week against Rochester Adams on Tuesday.

"We have seen a lot of them," said Coach Chas Claus. "We have seen them at a few tournaments. We are pretty familiar with them. They are a very good team. It will be challenging but also we have nothing to lose. Our boys are starting to take advantage of those positions where they know the pressure is on the other team."

The boys then host Lake Orion on Wednesday and Rochester on Thursday.

"Both will be interesting," said Claus. "They are traditional rivals and teams we see a lot. We practice together and play together. Rochester is a team we have been closest to skill wise."

Last season the Wolves beat Rochester for the OAA White league title just by a few points.

"They are near the top of the OAA White and we are on the bottom of the OAA Red," Claus said. "It will be a brawl like every year."

They conclude the week with the Van Dyke Tournament in Romeo.

Last week they defeated West Bloomfield after winning on a tie breaker for their first

OAA Red league win.

"It was nice to get a win," Claus said, adding it helps the team. "We have had a tough schedule this year. We haven't lost any we were ashamed to lose. It was a morale boost and we are trying to get some wins in a couple of flights who weren't winning at the beginning of the season."

Performances of the week came from Tristan Greenlee on Singles No. 4 court and Connor Schrei and Jason Richards on Doubles No. 4 court.

"Tristan has won his last few matches," Claus said.

"He was a doubles player last year. He is starting to figure out how to win that different type of match. There are a lot of double instincts that don't work in singles. I am pleased with his advance."

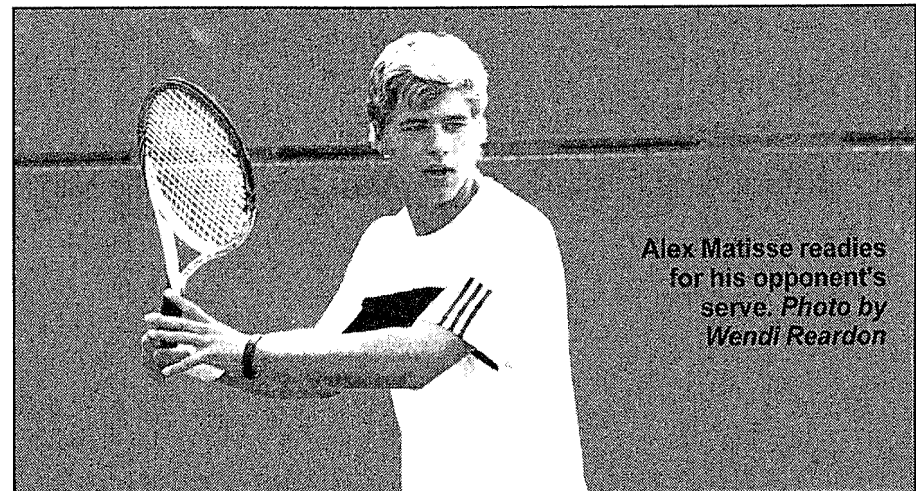
For Schrei and Richards they played to three sets to give their team the tie breaker.

"They have had a stretch of good tennis. Hopefully they continue to advance," Claus added.

The Wolves lost to Birmingham Seaholm on Sept. 16, 5-3.

Ian Stuart beat Rocko Gibout 6-0, 6-2 on Singles No. 2. Alexis Haselwanter beat Griffin Neel 6-3, 6-4 on Singles No. 3; and Greenlee beat Brennan Bull 7-6(2), 2-6, 6-4

"Our singles which is our top strength provide consistent wins for us," Claus said. "They have been dependable."



Alex Matisse readies for his opponent's serve. Photo by Wendi Reardon

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Ready to run in county

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Wolves have made progress since the beginning of the season and are looking forward to the Oakland County Championship race this Saturday.

"We had two weeks to train," said Clarkston Boys Cross Country Coach Michael Taylor, adding one injured runner Eric Smith will be ready to run and Grant Henley, another injured athlete, might be back. "It will help us out quite a bit."

The boys have already seen tough competition as they raced in the Spartan Invitational, Sept. 13. They finished 31 in the Elite Division.

"We were way back," Taylor admitted. "I had key people out but I had really good performances from a lot of people. You tend to measure up to the people around you. We saw it Spartan Invitational in the elite race. It is a fast race and our guys just went with it. Time wise they ran very good races. The better the competition, the better they run."

Senior Daniel Billette led the team, finishing at 16:13. Michael Baker was next at 17:37.

Sophomore Luke Oldford was the third finisher for the Wolves at 17:40 and sophomore Mika Juuhl was fourth, 17:54.

"It is his first year out and he is running well," Taylor added.

Two days prior the boys took third place in

the 30th Annual Chesaning Invitational.

Junior Derrick Egli led the team, finishing at 18:25.8 in 11th place. Sophomore Gavin Eisert finished in 14th place at 18:37.9.

Finishing off the top five for the Wolves were junior Simeon Britting, 18th; senior Bryan Dumas, 19th; and sophomore Michael Sanker, 22nd.

"We showed quite a bit of improvement," Taylor added about the week.

Knowing the course and knowing the competition will help the boys in the county race.

"It is a little advantage to know where the mile marks are and we are training more specifically for this course," Taylor said. "We usually don't do a lot of hill work - most of the meets are flat. We have been doing more hill work."

He added the Wolves strengths going into Saturday are having training time over the last few weeks and going in with a momentum of better times.

"We ran three meets in one week," he said, adding most of the boys ran two meets. "We are looking good for the county meet."

The Oakland County Championship is this Saturday at 10 a.m., Kensington Metro Park, 2240 W. Buno Road, Milford Township.

Both teams head to the second OAA Red Jamboree at Stoney Creek Metro Park on Tuesday.

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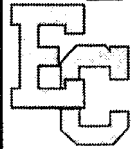
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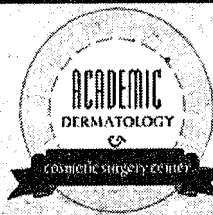
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Tie after tough game

BY WENDI REARDON
 Clarkston News Sports Writer

Kickers took on a league foe last week and walked off the field not with a loss or a win, but a tie.

"It was a good performance for us," said Clarkston Boys Varsity Soccer Coach Curtis Payment about the 1-1 tie with Troy Athens on Sept. 16. "Athens is a tough place to play."

The Wolves' lone goal came from sophomore middle Kyle Hughes off a cross from junior forward Adam Snider with 26:17 remaining in the first half.

Clarkston held onto the lead for most of the game until the Red Hawks scored with 11 minutes to go in the game off a penalty kick.

Athens outshot the Wolves, 9-6, and senior goalie Grant Gotaas stopped eight of the shots on net while defense worked to block them as well.

"Our defense did really well," Payment said. "It was probably the most defensive effort we have had all season."

The Wolves opened the week against Rochester Adams on Tuesday.

"It is going to be a pretty close game and a pretty tough match," Payment said, adding Adams is ranked third in the county, one ahead of Clarkston.

The Wolves host Walled Lake Central on

Friday with varsity at 4 p.m. with JV playing at 5:30 p.m.

"They are a solid program we have never played before," Payment said. "They have a really talented forward who is going to Michigan state. It takes us into a totally different region than we would see in the playoffs. It gives us some exposure."

He added he played soccer with their head coach, Joel Sharpe, at Michigan State University.

"We have been trying to get a game scheduled for a couple of years," he said.

The Wolves head to play OAA Red foes Stoney Creek, who are ranked first in the league.

Payment added the strengths going into the busy week are goalies Gotaas and senior Cary Wilson and defense.

"Our goal tending with Cary and Grant has been really strong," he said. "Our defense is really organized at this point. Plus, we are starting to get healthy. One of the things that hurt us is the schedule we made purposely hard. We have played eight of the top teams in the state. We are just weary. The season is winding down but we know what we have to do."

JV begins at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday against Stoney Creek, 575 Tienken in Rochester Hills. Varsity follows.

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Saturday, Sept. 13	Melvindale AB&T (W)	1pm H
Saturday, Sept 20	Cranbrook (W)	1pm H
Saturday, Sept 27	Bishop Foley	1pm H
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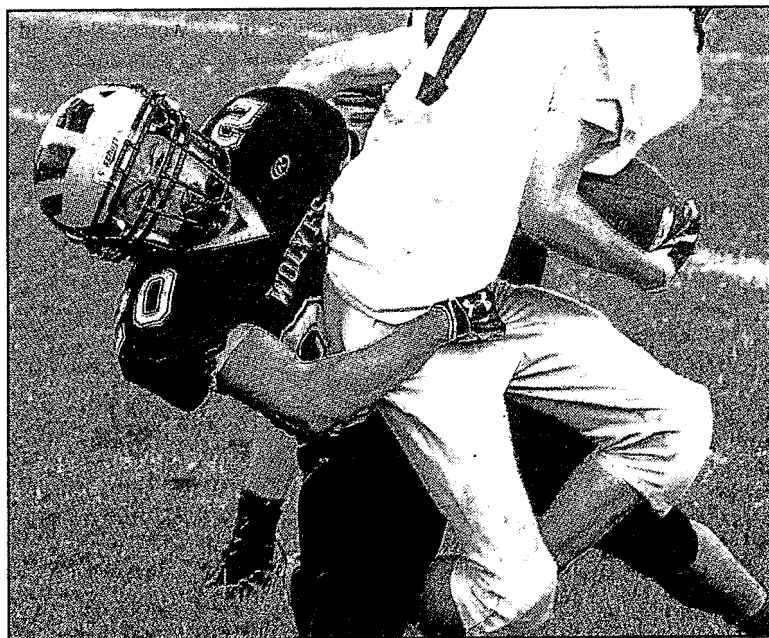
Zach Mansour runs up the middle as Clarkston's offensive line pushes Stoney Creek's defense away.

Welcome to the Wolves' den

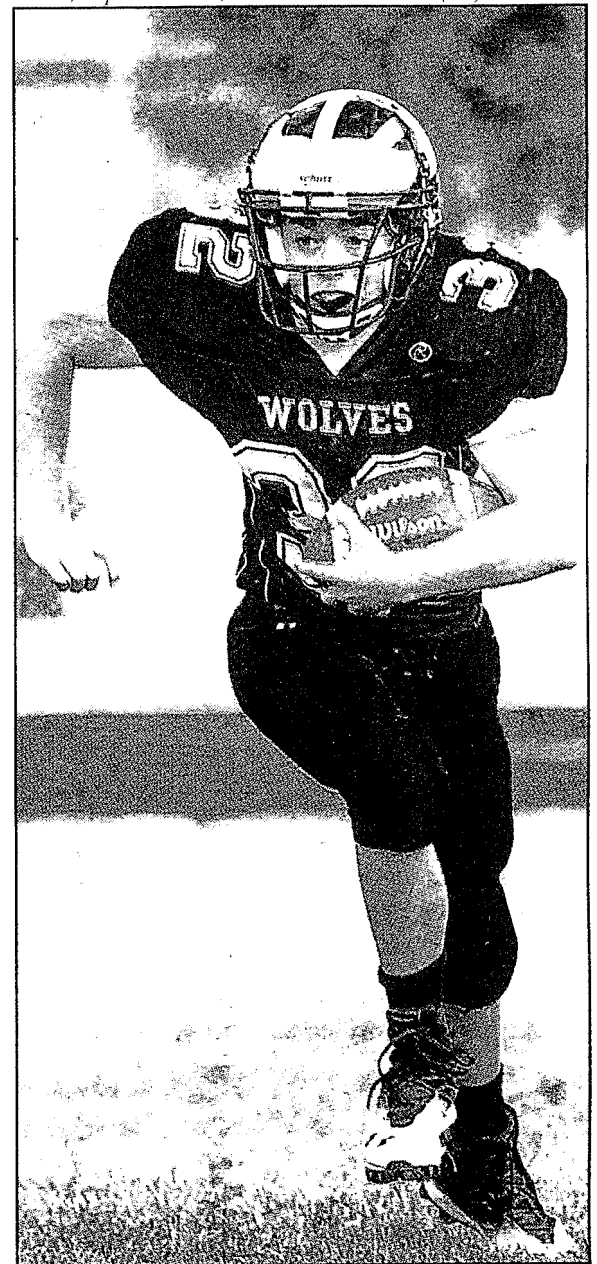
Wolves rallied over the Stoney Creek Cougars last Thursday with two wins.

The Freshman Football team opened the night with a 31-22 win. Then, it was off to Clarkston High School where the JV Football team posted their third win for the season when they defeated the Cougars, 44-7.

The Wolves host Oxford this Thursday. The Freshman game begins at 5:30 p.m. at the junior high and JV plays at 7 p.m. at the high school.



Cody Hughes grabs hold on a Cougar trying to gain yards in the freshman game.



Anthony Simmons picks up speed at Clarkston Junior High School.



Ryan Prisby keeps going after a Cougar catches him during the JV Football game. Photos by Larry Wright/WrightActionPix



Tieler Houston dives for the pass during the JV game.

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BonMar Salon and Spa owners and employees gather with friends to celebrate their grand opening. Photo provided

Ribbon cutting for salon on Dixie

BonMar Salon and Spa, 9474 Dixie Highway, celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony, Aug. 21.

The salon and spa, formerly known as Jan's Finishing Touch, changed hands in the spring. Bonnie Ferrell, one of the new owners and a former employee of Jan's, joined a partnership with her longtime friend, Marzena Hawkins, to create the new

enterprise. Both licensed cosmetologists, the new owners became friends while working together a salon and spa in Milford.

The full service beauty salon offers excellent service, quality eco-friendly products, green environmental business practices and furnishing a comfortable atmosphere at an acceptable

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From left, Oakland Town Hall board members Joanne Steinmayer, Louise Bisogni, Virginia Mueller, and Nancy Holan gather at Bisogni's home in Clarkston to review this year's lineup. Photo by Phil Custodio

Lectures start with law expert

Oakland Town Hall kicks off its 55th anniversary lecture series with legal expert Dr. Jo-Ellan Dimitrius, Oct. 8.

The law commentator is an expert in jury selection, and consulted in high-profile cases including Rodney King, O.J. Simpson, Kobe Bryant and Robert Blake.

Food historian Francine Sagan speaks on Nov. 12, discussing "Downtown Abbey: Foods, Feasting and Entertainment."

"That's one of my favorite shows," said Joanne Steinmayer, auditor for the speaker series. "It shows how they really lived in those days."

On April 8, the speaker will be Carlos D. Luria, who served 30 years in the CIA. he will discuss "The Terrorist's Playbook."

"Terrorism is so much in the forefront now - it's going to be interesting," Steinmayer said.

Ending the series will be humorist Dave

Dugan, May 13. The stand up comedian, who appeared on HBO, Comedy Central, and The Arsenio Show, will present "Laughing Your Way through Life."

"We try to end the series with humor," said Louise Bisogni of Clarkston, recording secretary. "Good, clean, funny humor."

Each speaker and luncheon starts at 10:30 a.m. at St. George Cultural Center, 43816 Woodward Avenue, in Bloomfield Hills.

"I think it's a great line up, very diverse," Bisogni said.

"It's fun to meet the speakers - they're so personable," Steinmayer said

Tickets are \$40 for a lecture and lunch, \$25 for just a lecture; \$145 for the whole lecture and luncheon series.

Call 248-625-4137 for more information on the lectures, or check <http://oaklandtownhall.org>.

- Phil Custodio

Rotary wine tasting for holidays

The Clarkston Rotary Club hosts the Taste for the Holidays wine and micro brewery beer tasting on Thursday, Oct. 30, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Bordine Nursery, Dixie Highway.

Bordine's entire greenhouse will be decorated for the upcoming holidays during the evening's event.

It will feature over 40 wines of the world, micro brewery beers to sample from both Rochester and Frankenmuth Breweries, as well as appetizers provided by 13 local restaurants, Bullfrogs, Hamlin Pub, MacPhee's, O'Malley's Galley, LA Cafe',

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Tickets are \$40 per person in advance and \$50 at the door.

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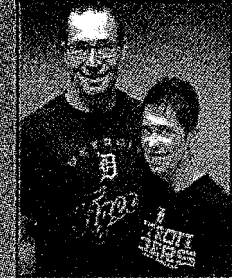
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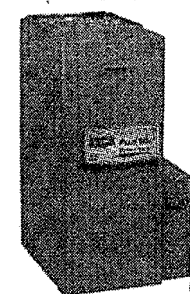


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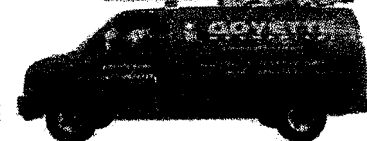
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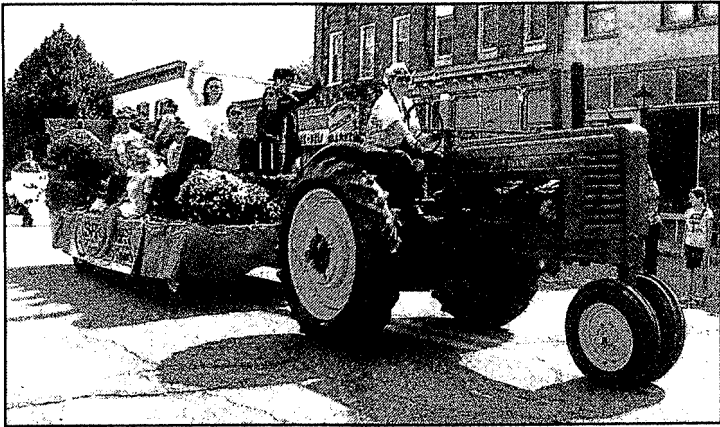
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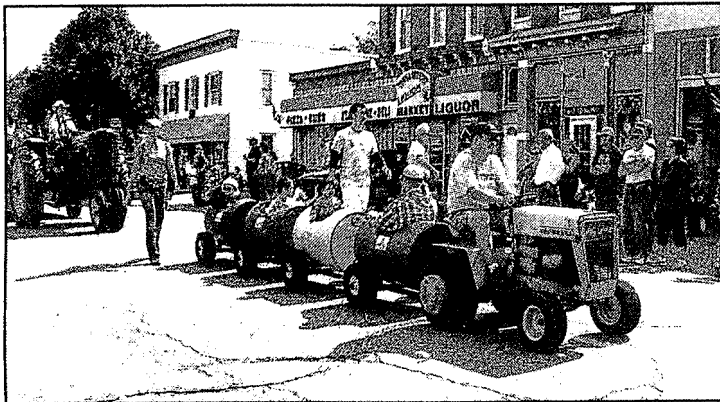


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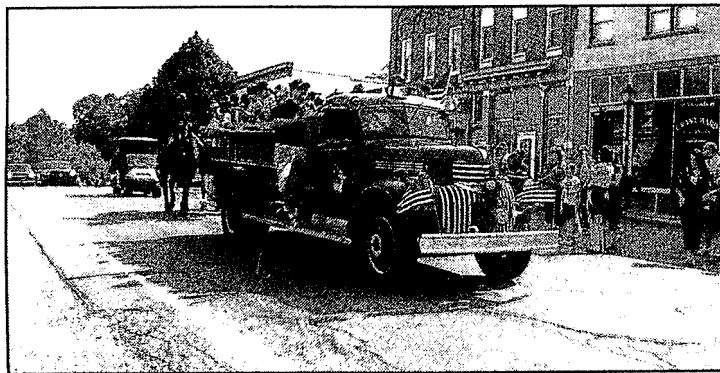
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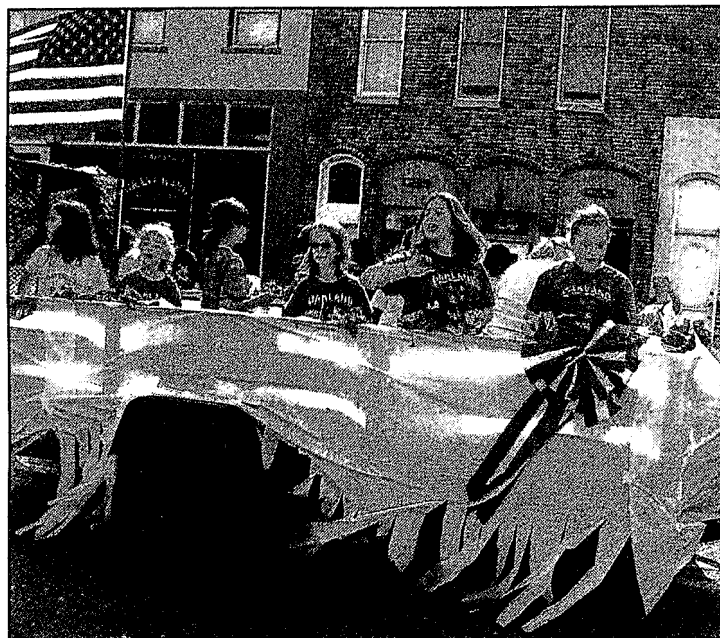
Members of Springview Community Church wave from their float. Photos by Phil Custodio



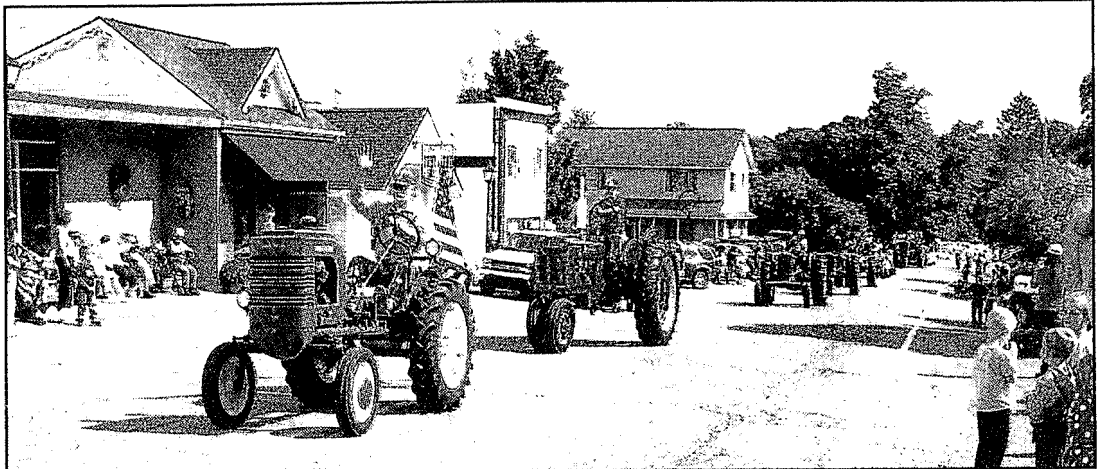
Springview Community Church also offered barrel rides during the parade and festival.



A vintage firetruck sounds its siren near the end of the parade.



Local 4H club members throw candy from their float.



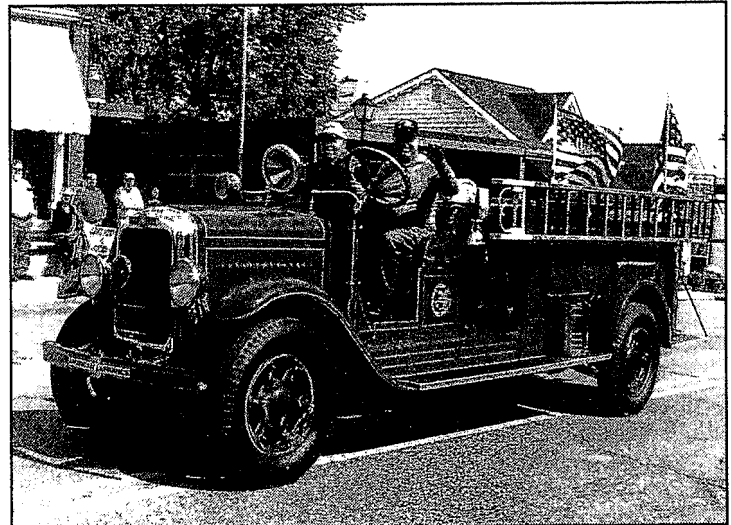
Tractors drive through downtown during the Davisburg Heritage Festival parade.

Celebrating Heritage

Families enjoyed fine weather last Saturday during the Davisburg Heritage Festival parade.

Led by Springfield Township firefighters and the Holly High School marching band, the parade featured local tractors, community groups, and floats through downtown.

The Sept. 20 festival also included activities, demonstrations, games, music, and tours throughout downtown Davisburg.



A vintage fire engine flies American flags.



From left, Brooklyn Adkins, Zack Vaughn, and Avah Vaughn enjoy caramel apples, courtesy of Crosshill Community Preschool, before the parade.



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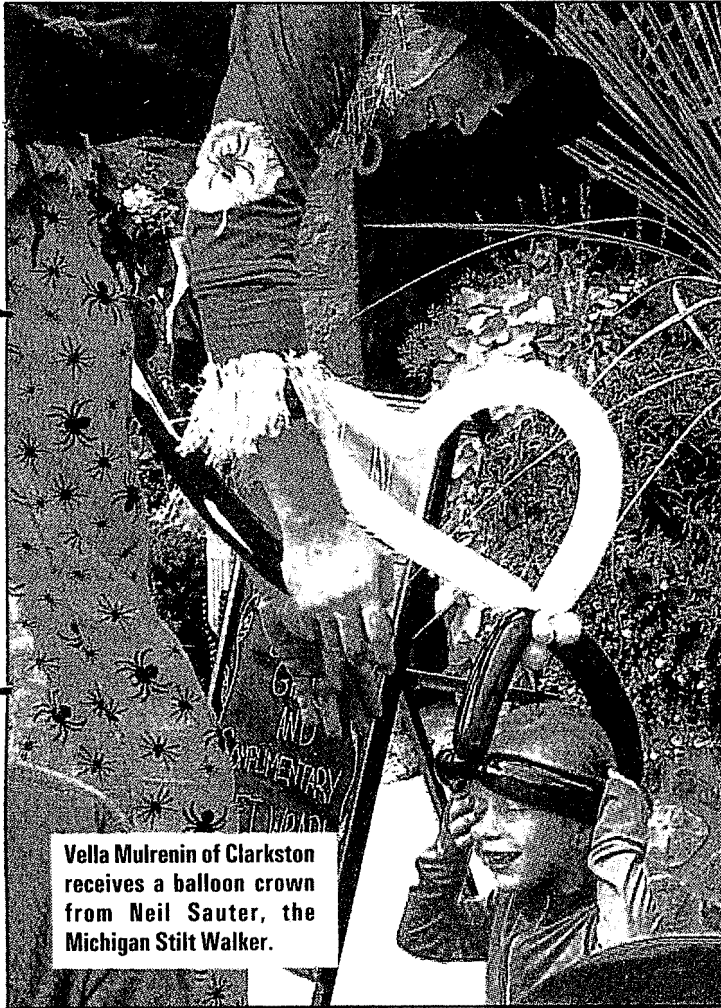
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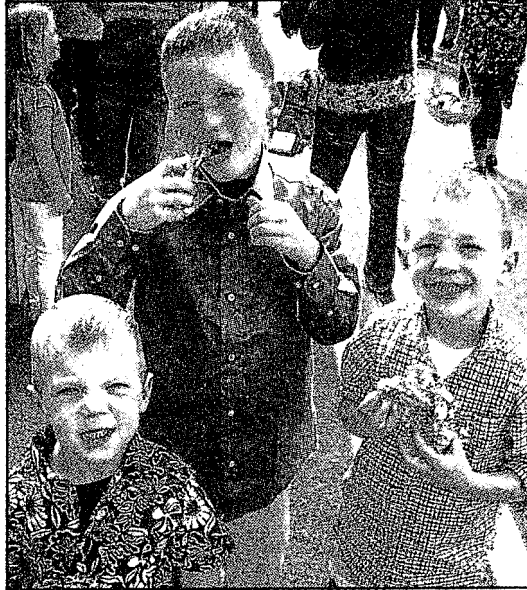
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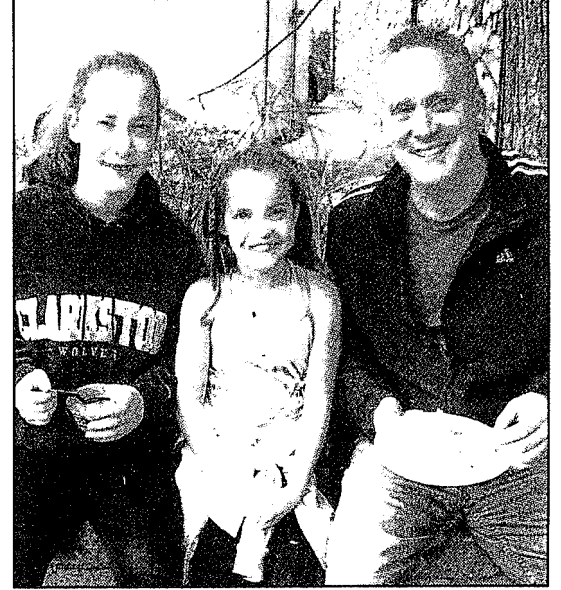
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Vella Mulrenin of Clarkston receives a balloon crown from Neil Sauter, the Michigan Stilt Walker.



Zack, Ryan, and Will Gifford of White Lake enjoy some chicken.



Kiran, Leah, and Todd Stump of Clarkston take a seat at Rudy's to enjoy some nachos and Culver's frozen custard.



Football fans keep an eye on the Lions game in the Tail Gate Zone, hosted by Clarkston Lions in the *Clarkston News* parking lot.



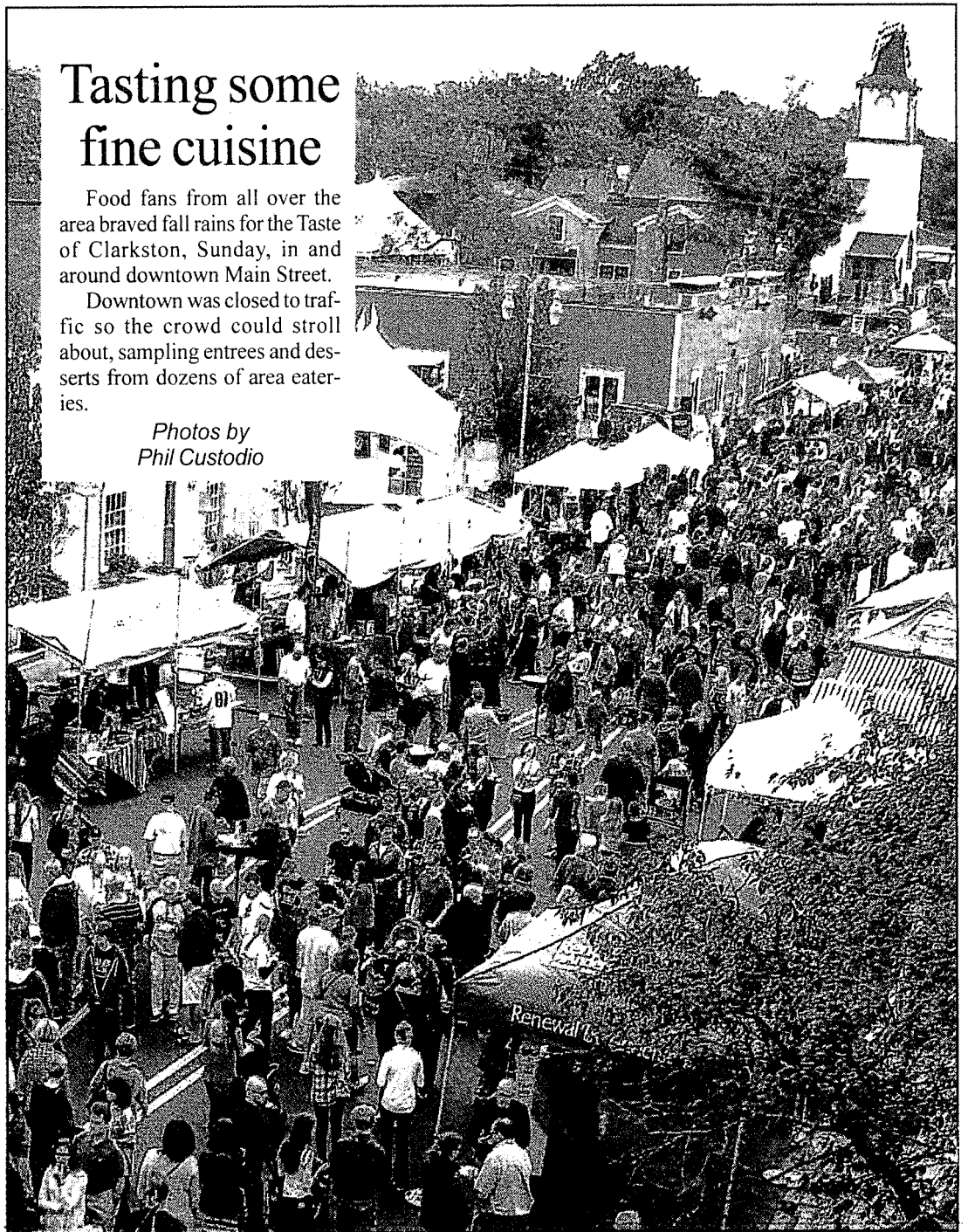
Linus Cavalla of Clarkston shares a bite with his son Evan Cavalla.

Tasting some fine cuisine

Food fans from all over the area braved fall rains for the Taste of Clarkston, Sunday, in and around downtown Main Street.

Downtown was closed to traffic so the crowd could stroll about, sampling entrees and desserts from dozens of area eateries.

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Young actress on way to big roles

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Bailey Lake Elementary fourth-grade student Cameron Brosky was enjoying horse camp at Black River Farm and Ranch when she was asked to be an extra in a movie.

"They were looking for actual BR girls," Brosky said. "They asked me and I said 'sure.'"

The movie is *Horse Camp* and about a young girl spending her summer at horse camp. Brosky was an extra in three scenes.

"It was really fun because I got to be right next to the stars," she smiled. "I tried so hard to get my face in everything."

She explained before the shoot they lined everyone up and the first group of the line had to sit in the back.

"I hid behind the trash can so I could be in the front," she admitted with a smile. "It was pretty easy."

In the scene, all of the girls are sitting around the camp fire when the camp princess is announced. Brosky and her co-actors had to react to the announcement.

"We had to make a lot of sad faces and cheery faces," she said. "I didn't get any speaking parts but because I was next to the star, I got to show big emotions."

The other scenes Brosky can be seen in include a horse riding competition where she is in a group of girls watching the main characters fight over the title of camp princess. The other scene is when everyone is eating in the mess hall.

She admitted the experience was cool and frustrating because the sound person kept telling them to be quiet.

Because Brosky was in the movie, she was also put on the imdb.com - Internet Movie Database, which is an online resume for people in the film industry.

"It is actually exciting," she smiled. "I show a lot of people my page."



Cameron Brosky has already made her movie debut. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Brosky received a phone call to be in *Batman vs. Superman: Dawn of Justice*, now filming in movie.

"They said I would have to cut my hair and I said no," she said. "My mom didn't tell me how much money I would get paid."

"I said no for a reason. Then, I had a reason to do it," she added.

If asked to do it again she would definitely say "yes."

Before *Horse Camp*, Brosky's experience with acting was with her friends as they had

fun play acting. Now she practices a little bit more.

"I like to act out a lot of stuff as recess," she admitted, adding in one instance everybody believed the acting was real. "I am still working on real tears."

She also watches behind-the-scenes on movies. Her friend and her watched *Despicable Me 2* then watched behind the scenes with the actors lending their voices to the cartoon characters.

"We acted out a lot of it," Brosky said.

Her parents, Chris and Stephanie, and Cameron also notice more of the cameras in reality shows like *Survivor* and *America's Got Talent*.

She even pointed out she has noticed the camera cuts to the judges on *America's Got Talent* during particular moments during acts. (You will have ask her.)

Cameron's goal is to say a few lines in a movie and is open to the possibilities especially since the film industry is bringing more projects to Michigan.

Besides horseback riding on her horse Golden Nugget, Cameron stays busy with other sports.

She also participates in cheerleading, gymnastics, swim, soccer, softball and skiing.

"I love skiing," she said with a smile, adding she will join the Thunderbolt Racing team this year.

"I go skiing with my friends until 9 p.m.," she said.

Chris pointed out it helps he runs the ski club at Clarkston High School and she gets to stay at Pine Knob Ski Resort.

Horse Camp features Dean Cain, who was Superman in the television series *Lois and Clark* and written and directed by Joel Paul Reisig, who is a Michigan producer and is making another movie in Michigan called *Rodeo Girl*.


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Treasures and Treats fund raiser for Neighbor for Neighbor emergency assistance center, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Sept. 26-27, Hart Community Center, Davisburg, 248-634-0900.

Garden Harvest Dinner Fundraiser, Clarkston Community Garden, 6 p.m., Oct. 2, Independence Oaks Twin Chimneys. \$40 each, \$10/children 12 and under. 248-625-8223.

Autumn Fest for disabled veterans, 1-4 p.m., Oct. 4, Twin Chimneys, Independence Oaks County Park, 9501 Sashabaw Road. Picnic, games, pontoon rides, pedal boats, fishing, music. 248-424-7081.

Chili Cook-Off, 6-9 p.m., Oct. 9, Lowrie's Landscape & Plum Hollow, 9539 Dixie Highway. Bring your best chili or vote for your favorite. No charge, but ask each person to bring one can for Lighthouse of Clarkston. RSVP by Sept. 30, 248-625-8844 or 248-620-9000.

Traditional China, Government, Power, Society, 7 p.m., Oct. 11, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road, Speaker Series with Oakland Community College Professor Emeritus Dennis Fiems. 248-625-1611.

Friendly Forest, Oct. 18, Clintonwood Park. Trick-or-treating along a decorated trail with costumed movie and fairy tale characters.

Hoedown at the Ellis Barn, Clarkston Community Historical Society, 7-11 p.m., Oct. 18, Springfield Oaks, 12451 Andersonville Road. Barbecue, beverages, live music, dancing. \$55. 248-922-0270.

A Purpose-Full Retirement: An Orientation, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 29, Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Led by Dr. Robert Inskip and Dr. Thomas Stone. 248-625-8193.

A Taste for the Holidays, Clarkston Rotary

Around Town

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



FESTIVAL IN THE PARK: Springfield Oaks County Park, 12451 Andersonville Road, will be filled with vintage and handmade arts and crafts, specialty foods, craft brews, local wines and spirits, food trucks, demonstrations, speakers, and many other activities at the Makers & Doers Festival, Sept. 27-28. Call 734-459-0050. Photo provided

Club, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Oct. 30, Bordine Nursery, 8600 Dixie Highway. Wines from around the world, craft-brewed beers, appetizers, desserts, \$40/advance, \$50/door. 248-625-8055.

Monday

Line Dancing, Mondays, 11 a.m.-2 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.

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

Tuesday

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

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

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

Clarkston Community Women's Club, third Tuesday, 7 p.m., Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Community service group for all ages. 248-421-7699.

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.

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. 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.

Grief Support Group with Coats Funeral Homes, third Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m., Community Presbyterian Church, Fireside Room, 4301 Monroe Ave, Waterford. 248-674-0461.

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

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

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

Young At Heart Active Adults, Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., lunches, guest speakers, musical performances, field trips, holiday parties, movies, bingo, games. Hart Com

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Death notices & Obituaries

Bette Maierle, 81

Bette Jean Maierle (Peckham) of Clarkston, our fun-loving, compassionate wife, mother, grandmother, and friend was reunited with our heavenly Father on Sept. 11, 2014, at age 81.

She was the wife of 54 years to Ronald; mother of Steven, Suzanne (Theodore) Liese, Peter, Anne Marie (Eric) Krepela and Laura (David) Littman; grandma of Sophia and Olivia Krepela, Ezekiel and Gabriella Liese and Joseph Littman; preceded in death by her parents Clinton and Bonnie, and siblings Lucille, Mary, Charles, and Clinton.

Bette graduated from Davenport Business School and Michigan State University. Bette had a noble career in teaching special education for the Avondale School District. While teaching, she achieved a Master's in speech pathology from Wayne State University. She also opened Meadowbrook Nursery School in Troy where she remained the owner and director for over 40 years.

Following retirement from Avondale she worked at the Michigan School for the Deaf in Flint. She eventually left work to spend time with her most prized possession, her family.

Friends may visit at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston Thursday, Sept. 25, from 3-8 p.m., with a scripture service at 6 p.m. Funeral mass, Friday, Sept. 26, at 10 a.m. at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly Monday, 10 a.m. Memorials may be made to Special Olympics.

Online www.wintfuneralhome.com guest-book



Mary Willerer, 74

Mary Lynn Willerer of Clarkston, formerly of Detroit/Clawson, passed away Sept. 19, 2014, at age 74.

She was the wife of Laurence for 54 years; mother of Bonnie (Paul) Seifert and Susan Brocklebank; grandma of Amanda (Jay) Hutcheson, Sandra Seifert, Jillian Seifert and Griffin Brocklebank; great grandma "Gigi" of Graham; sister of Gary (Theresa) Truba and James (Elizabeth) Truba; also many nieces and nephews. Mary had been employed as a photo retoucher at Gorbeck Studios, Franklin. She was an active volunteer at church.

Rosary service was Sept. 23 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral Mass, Wednesday, 11 a.m., at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

Online www.wintfuneralhome.com guestbook

In our local churches

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

DivorceCare 13-weekly seminars, Thursdays, 6:45-8:30 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. For more information, call 248-625-1611.

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

248-625-1611.

TOPS 1093 Clarkston, Take Off Pounds Sensibly, Thursdays, 6-8 p.m., \$1/week. First Missionary Church, 4832 Clintonville Road. 248-673-5540.

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.

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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.

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Concerns 'because we have kids'

For a long time I've been quietly pleased with myself in how I supported my children's education. Our school's parents raised a good amount of money, put together great events, and brought many smiles to kids' faces.

Removed from my everyday concerns were our Board of Education and the people who ran for it during last board's elections. I didn't know much about them. I did care, of course; but there were soccer, skating, and dance. I had kids, you know. Who had the time? They could surely figure it out.

Fast-forward two years. On Sept. 8, 2014, nearly 200 of Clarkston's teachers stood united in front of the Administration Building, asking for respect. Here, in Clarkston!

This was happening not in some far-away land, but at our great school district. And these were not some demanding agitators, but our family, our friends, our teachers. How have we come to this?

Since earlier this summer, the teachers union has been negotiating a new contract for educators; still, when the old contract expired in August, nothing was ready to replace it.

Sadly, this seems to be the tip of a deeper formation. We, parents, trust teachers with our kids; their hearts and minds. Yet, some teachers say they don't feel they're trusted to do their jobs.

Teachers are not the only ones who feel this way. "Administration and board's priorities are getting lost between the lines of numerous reports and shift away from our children's education," stated a letter from May 12, which 15 parent leaders from nine Clarkston schools submitted to the board of education.

They asked the board "to work together on premises of trust and ethics."

What has been happening at our district?

Clarkston, like most public schools, is facing challenges: funding issues, outdated technology, aging infrastructure, and personnel needs, to name a few.

Yet, the district's progress in many areas appears to be bogged down by the board members' personality conflicts and mutual distrust. Coupled with some members' apparent mistrust of district leadership, it results in an alarming behavior, scrutiny, and recurring delays. This couldn't be good for us.

On June 23, Steve Shotwell and Ken Crawford - highly reputable technology consultants from IDS - walked out during a workshop with the Board and ceased their relationship with our schools.

The workshop was held in the Board Conference Room, allowing for very limited public presence. "Board members discussed work done with the technology consultants" is its only record.

"I noticed that no one was taking notes or minutes... While one of the consultants was talking, a board member cut him off by beginning to speak.

When he attempted to continue, this board member pointed a finger at him and said in a very condescending tone, 'You'll let me finish!'" recalls Melissa Rykse, the only audience member at the meeting.

When allowed to speak, the consultant "made several points, including that the board (or some members) did not trust the expertise of the administration and, in his experience, wanted to be involved in too many details.

After complimenting our schools' staff, the consultants declined to further work with the district as they were not a good fit with our board."

This seems in line with a reference from the prior, June 9 meeting: the board was to meet with the consultants "regarding a more detailed analysis. This would be a two-hour meeting." By then, Shotwell had presented to the board twice.

How can we, the public, know the truth? The minutes reflect no such occurrence. There was a request at the next meeting to revise these minutes.

Approval was to take place "at a later date." At the later date, Aug. 11, the request was denied because the minutes "are several weeks old."

What truly is distressing, however, is that so much needed renovation of our technology systems was put on hold.

Hours of valuable meeting time were spent on the extension of the Superintendent's Contract (it customarily happens immediately after a satisfactory evaluation).

On Feb. 10, teachers, parents, and students urged the board to extend the contract, nearly two months overdue, and emphasized Dr. Rock's leadership, inspiration, focus on educational culture, and positive effects on students.

After a long dispute, the board voted to act on the contract at the next meeting. Surprisingly, next two meetings' agendas didn't reflect this decision.

It wasn't until a board member publicly requested an agenda revision that the contract was lengthily discussed and approved on March 10.

Now the board is contemplating when to evaluate the superintendent. On-going debates over a few months' difference already seem somewhat disproportionate, but taking attention away from our kids and focusing it on paperwork, at the

beginning of a school year, is hardly beneficial to our schools.

Back to Sep. 8, following the picket, the audience gathered for the meeting. People addressing the board echoed the same concerns, questioning how truly it represented its constituents.

"This board doesn't represent me, a parent of two children. You repeatedly take the focus away from learning by concentrating on the minutiae of a superintendent's review, not using the accord process for teacher contract negotiations, holding up the purchase of a student information system..." (Mary Herzenstiel).

"I'm concerned that you are elected to represent the Clarkston Community and you're not truly representing them. I brought my child here because of the changes in our district... In the way Dr. Rock is being spoken to and treated, he won't stay. In my classroom, we'd call it bullying..." (Laura Cadreau).

"Our people want to feel valued. Let's work together!" (Brooke Davis).

"It's time to work constructively and get it done!" (Lisa Boor).

Here we have it - picketing teachers, walking-out consultants, a scrutinized superintendent, concerned parents, and board members that apparently just cannot figure it out.

And who is to blame? I'd say - it's me and you. By not caring enough to know, collectively, as our Clarkston Community, we allowed this to happen. Will we allow this to continue?

On Oct. 16, at 7 p.m. CJHS will host the Board of Education Candidates Forum. Three seats are being vacated; five candidates will be on the ballot in November. Whom we elect will determine the direction of our district and potentially affect every one of our kids.

There are many ways to help our children's education.

Yet, I've come to realize, our most important role is not in raising money or running events; it is in taking personal responsibility for actions of those whom we elect to govern our schools. To them belongs the power to direct our administration, but the power to direct them belongs to us.

Oct. 16 - one day, one hour. Yes, we have soccer, gymnastics, and dance, but we also have...kids.

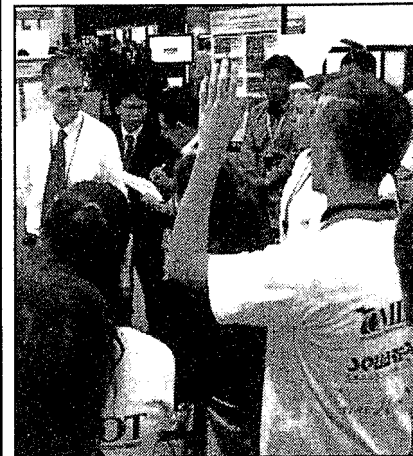
The Board of Education meeting minutes can be accessed from CCS web site, www.clarkston.k12.mi.us. Board of Education meeting videos are available on the Independence Television web site.

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

A Parent's Perspective



Arina Bokas



Oakland Technical Center student Justin Goldsmith was among students who visited the 21st World Congress at Cobo Hall. Photo provided

Tech students learn latest

Students at the Oakland Technical Campus in Clarkston got a firsthand look at how some of the most intelligent transportation systems in the world operate, during a 21st World Congress on Intelligent Transport System, held at Cobo Hall in Detroit.

During the conference, more than 10,000 visitors from around the world including transportation policymakers, researchers, high-tech innovators, and business professionals united to share the world's latest technology in intelligent transportation systems (ITS).

A group of about 20 students from OTC attended the conference to see numerous technologies on display including connected and autonomous vehicles, electric vehicles, robotics and sensor technology.

Exhibit booths including a variety of technology showcased during the 3-day event from Sept. 7-11. Each year the conference is held at different places the world, and visits the North America once every three years.

A self-driving car, demonstrated by IAV Automotive Engineering a company with locations in Michigan, was among the presenters at the conference.

OTC student Justin Goldsmith explained how the exhibits demonstrated during the conference featured some automotive technology that informs drivers of impending dangers.

"One thing on display was vehicle to vehicle communication through satellite, which prevents accidents as well as much more," he said. "I suppose you could think of it as car an eye in the sky that allows drivers to see around obstacles and corners. It for sure lessens any blind spots you would normally come across during the course of your everyday travel."

- Andrea Beaudoin

Students' success

Clarkston students **Taylor Carlini** and **Emily Kowal** were selected out of the over 120 applicants to attend the first annual Michigan 4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp this past June at Michigan State University.

Campers stayed on campus, touring the Dairy, Sheep, and Poultry Teaching and Research centers, Diagnostics Center for Population and Animal Health and the College of Veterinary Medicine Veterinary Medical Center and learning basic skills needed in animal and veterinary science careers.



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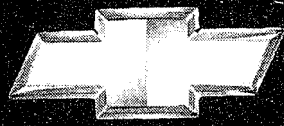
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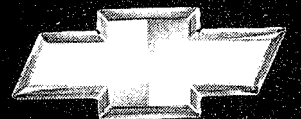
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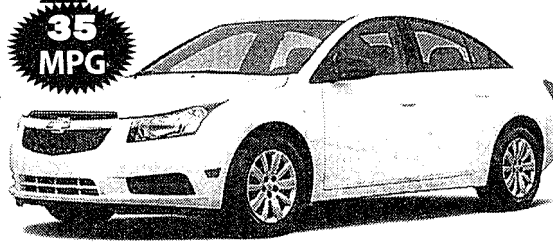
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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, STATE OF MICHIGAN
NOTICE OF
CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2014
GENERAL ELECTION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that an Election will be held in the:

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

If you are not currently registered to vote or need to register at a new address, you may do so at the following locations and times by the close of registration deadline on Monday, October 6, 2014:

In Person:

- Charter Township of Independence Clerk's Office - 6483 Waldon Center Drive - Clarkston, MI 48346
- Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm;
- Oakland County Elections Division - 1200 N. Telegraph Road - Pontiac, MI 48341
- Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm;
- Secretary of State Branch Offices;
- At specified agencies for clients receiving services through Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind; and
- At military recruitment offices for persons who are enlisting.

By Mail:

Voter Registration Application: Mail application to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline on Monday, October 6, 2014.

Note: Persons registering by mail are required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the state OR are at least 60 years of age OR are handicapped.

The election will be conducted in the following voting precincts:

PRECINCT #	POLLING LOCATION
1	St. Trinity Lutheran Church - 7925 Sashabaw Road
2	First Congregational Church - 5449 Clarkston Road
3	Carriage House @ Clintonwood Park - 6000 Clarkston Road
4	Clarkston Independence District Township Library - 6495 Clarkston Road
5	Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church - 6805 Bluegrass
6	Clarkston Community Church - 6300 Clarkston Road
7	Oakland Woods Baptist Church - 5628 Maybee Road
8	Maranatha Baptist Church - 5790 Flemings Lake Road
9	Harvestland Church - 5848 Clintonville Road
10 & 11	Mt. Zion Church - 4900 Maybee Road
12 & 13	Clarkston Community Schools Administration Building - 6389 Clarkston Road

For the purpose of electing OR nominating candidates for the following offices and

STATE: Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General;

CONGRESSIONAL: United States Senator, Representative in Congress - 8th District;

LEGISLATIVE: State Senator - 12th District, Representative in State Legislature - 43rd District;

STATE BOARDS: Member of the State Board of Education, Regent of the University of Michigan, Trustee of Michigan State University, Governor of Wayne State University;

COUNTY: County Commissioner - 1st District, County Commissioner - 4th District;

JUDICIAL: Justice of Supreme Court (8 Year), Justice of Supreme Court (Partial Term Ending 01/01/2017), Judge of Court of Appeals 2nd District (6 Year), Judge of Circuit Court 6th Circuit (6 Year), Judge of Circuit Court 6th Circuit (8 Year), Judge of Probate Court (6 Year), Judge of District Court - 52nd-2 (6 Year);

COMMUNITY COLLEGE: Board of Trustees Member Oakland Community College;

LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT: Board Member Clarkston Community Schools (6 Year), Board Member Lake Orion Community School District (4 Year), Board Member Lake Orion Community School District (Partial Term Ending 12/31/2016), Board Member Waterford School District (6 Year);

AND for the purpose of voting on the following State proposals:

PROPOSAL 14-1

A REFERENDUM OF PUBLIC ACT 520 OF 2012, ESTABLISHING AN OPEN SEASON FOR WOLVES AND AUTHORIZING ANNUAL WOLF HUNTING SEASONS

Public Act 520 of 2012 would:
- Designate wolf as game.

- Allow an open hunting season for wolves and allow the Natural Resources Commission to schedule annual wolf hunting seasons.
- Provide criminal penalties for the unlawful possession or taking of wolves, but shield a person who lawfully captures or destroys a wolf from prosecution.
- Require a person who wishes to hunt wolves to obtain a wolf hunting license
- Create a Wolf Management Advisory Council for the purpose of making nonbinding recommendations to the legislature regarding the proper management of wolves.

Should this law be approved?

Yes

No

PROPOSAL 14-2

A REFERENDUM OF PUBLIC ACT 21 OF 2013, GRANTING THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION THE POWER TO DESIGNATE WOLVES AND OTHER ANIMALS AS GAME WITHOUT LEGISLATIVE ACTION

- Allow the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) to designate animals as game for hunting purposes without legislative action.
- Allow the NRC to establish the first open hunting season for newly designated game animals without legislative action.
- Allow the NRC to schedule a wolf hunt.
- Grant the Legislature the sole authority to remove a species from the list of designated game animals.
- Eliminate the \$1 00 hunting and fishing licensing fee for members of the military, whether stationed inside or outside of Michigan, subject to any lottery.
- Give the NRC the sole authority to regulate fishing.

Should this law be approved?

Yes

No

AND for the purpose of voting on the following local School District proposal:

**LAKE ORION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
COUNTY OF OAKLAND
STATE OF MICHIGAN
OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL**

This proposal, if approved by the electors, will allow the Lake Orion Community Schools to continue to levy the number of operating mills required for the School District to receive revenues at the full per pupil foundation allowance permitted by the State of Michigan.

Shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, situated within the Lake Orion Community Schools, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, be increased as provided in the Michigan Constitution, in the amount of 20.25 mills, with 18 mills of this amount being the maximum levy allowed (\$18 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation), for a period of ten (10) years from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2025, inclusive with the above 20.25 mills being a renewal of a previously authorized millage which would otherwise expire on December 31, 2014? This operating millage, if approved and levied, would provide estimated revenues to the School District of Seven Million One Hundred Sixty Three Thousand One Hundred (\$7,163,100) Dollars during the 2015 calendar year, to be used for general operating purposes.

Yes

No

Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC
Township Clerk

PUBLISHED & POSTED: Wed., September 24, 2014

**STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:
PROBATE COURT 2014-357, 426-DE
COUNTY OF OAKLAND**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate**

Estate of BENEDICT VICTOR MAZZARA a/k/a BENEDICT V. MAZZARA, DECEASED. Date of birth: 10/29/1918

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, BENEDICT VICTOR MAZZARA a/k/a BENEDICT V. MAZZARA, died 05/16/2014. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Raymond Stringer, personal representative or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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Stay healthy as winter approaches

BY ANDREAM. BEAUDOIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

With an flu season almost upon us and a variety of viruses sweeping the globe, keeping yourself and your family healthy can be challenging.

In the beginning of September, the D-68 respiratory virus swept through several states. Oakland County Health Division Manager Kathy Forsley said there are confirmed cases in the county.

Several hospitals in the state have also

reported an increase in respiratory infections, and the flu season could start as early as this month.

Forsley recommended getting the flu shot as soon as possible, and said a stronger vaccination with a higher dose to protect from the flu is available for senior citizens.

Each year before the flu season rolls around, health researchers create a vaccination based on strains circulating in the southern hemisphere. Each season varies in terms of severity of the virus and length of the season.

The flu season commonly begins in October and can last through May, with the season peaking in January and February.

While getting a flu vaccination may be towards the top of health officials list, others believe practicing good nutrition and taking vitamins and supplements is the key to sustained health.

Cindy Crandall, a nutritionist and owner of Nuview Nutrition in Clarkston, said digestive health is important, as well as taking various vitamins and supplements.

"To stay healthy we need to make sure there are six to seven kinds of flora or bacteria present in the stomach," Crandall said. "Making sure you are properly digesting and absorbing food is also important. Belching or bloated indicates you do not have good gut function."

Making sure your body is nutritionally balanced is also a key to good health.

A blood test by a physician can tell a patient if they are low on minerals and vitamins. Michigan residents are often low on Vitamin D because we are a northern state and sometimes suffer sun deficiency.

Crandall also recommends taking a good multi-vitamin, and consuming supplements like zinc, garlic and mushrooms.

Garlic, which should be taken in pill form, fights off fungus and bacteria. Reishi and shitake mushrooms, as well as onions are also good to put in your system.

Crandall advises to keep health by drinking a lot of water. Consuming Matcha Green Tea, is good because it naturally boosts the immune system.

Eating a diet rich in whole foods and low in sugar is also important to good health.

The old tried and true practices are the biggest preventer of illness:

- Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with hot water and soap;
- Avoid touching your face, nose or mouth with your hands;
- Regularly disinfect frequently touched objects;
- If you are sick, stay home from work and school
- Avoid close contact, and sharing stencils, with people that are ill.
- Cope healthily with stress. Stress can lower your immune system.

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**CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
NOTICE OF
CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE
NOVEMBER 4, 2014
GENERAL ELECTION**

To the Qualified Electors of the CITY OF CLARKSTON, County of Oakland:

Notice is hereby given that the last day to register for the NOVEMBER 4, 2014, PRIMARY ELECTION will be **Monday, OCTOBER 6, 2014.**

If you are not currently registered to vote or need to register at a new address, you may do so at the following locations and times:

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The election will be conducted in Precinct 1 of The City of Clarkston for the purpose of The General Election for the following offices Governor, SOS, Attorney General, US Senator, Rep in Congress 8th District, State Senator 12th District, Rep State Legislature 43rd District, State Board of Ed, Regent U of M, Trustee MI State University, Governor Wayne State University, County Commissioner 4th District, Justice of Supreme Court, Justice of Supreme Court (Partial), Judge Court of Appeals 2nd District, Judge Court 6th Circuit Incumbent, Judge Court 6th Circuit Non-Incumbent, Judge of probate Court, Judge of 52nd District 2nd Division, Board Of Trustees OCC, City Mayor, City Council Members, Board Clarkston Community Schools, Proposal 14-1, and Proposal 14-2. Full text of the proposal(s) may be obtained from: City Clerk City of Clarkston, 375 Depot St, Clarkston MI 48346 248-625-1559 WWW.villageofclarkston.org Sandy Miller, City Clerk

**STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF OAKLAND**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate**

Estate of Walter F. Sowers Revocable Trust Dated 11/23/2004
TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Walter F. Sowers Revocable Trust Dated 11/23/2004.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to SHERRY FORRESTER, Successor Trustee, the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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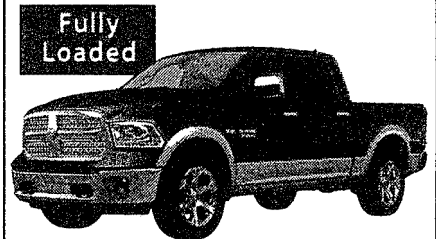
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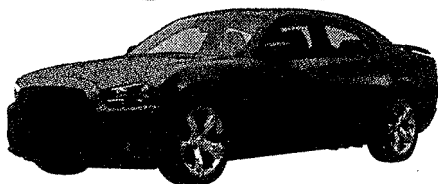
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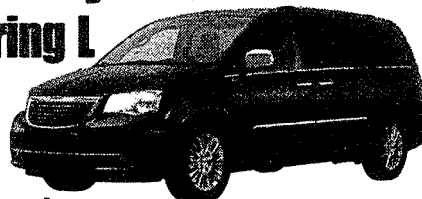
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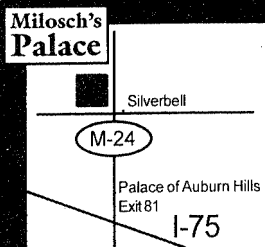
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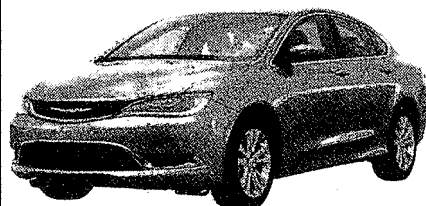


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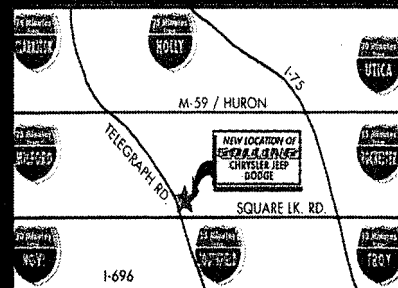


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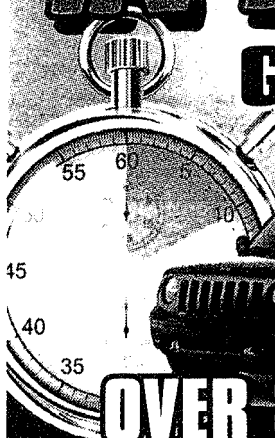
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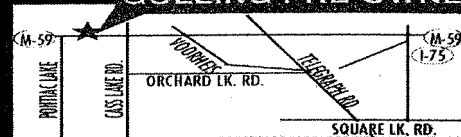
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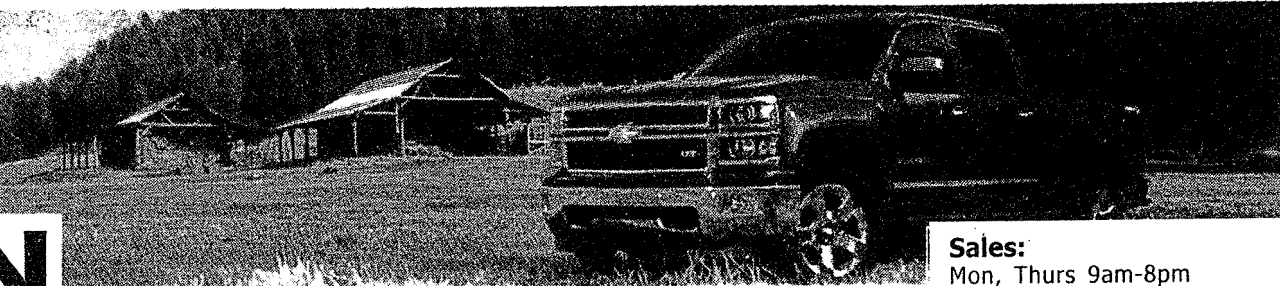
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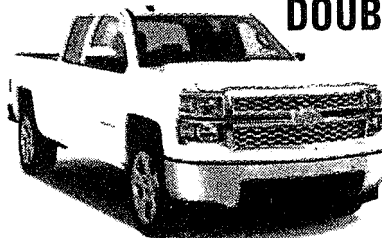
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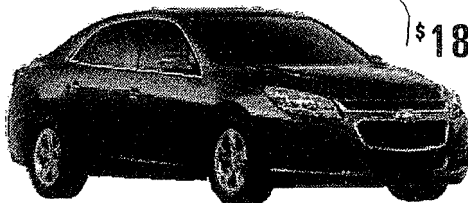
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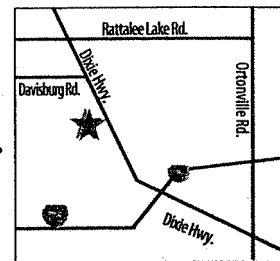
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