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## Sashabaw Road construction set to start

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A \$5 million road construction project starts this week on Sashabaw Road in Clarkston.

"Travelers in the area should plan for delays," said Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle.

The township sent every resident and business an informational card explaining project details. Dual left hand turn lanes are being added to east bound Waldon. A new ramp to southbound Sashabaw Road will be constructed from northbound I-75, along with dedicated lanes for emergency vehicles.

"The project will include some minor im-

provements as well as installing turning lanes. There's also a plan to add dual left hand turn lanes on east bound Waldon," said township planner Dick Carlisle.

Independence Township Board voted, Feb. 17, to approve the reconstruction and widening project at Sashabaw and Waldon.

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## Back to work on roads for state, after vote

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

State Rep. Jim Tedder got the message sent by voters on Proposal 1 last week.

"A big expletive followed by a bold 'no,'" said Tedder, serving his first term as representative of District 43, which includes Clarkston and Independence Township. "The more information I presented to people, the more they became disgruntled and angry with it."

In Independence Township, 6,602 voters cast "no" votes out of 8,102 ballots, 81.49 percent of the total. In Clarkston, there were 207 "no" votes out of 288, 88 percent. Springfield Township voters cast 2,804 against the state proposal, 85.54 percent.

Statewide, there were 194,956 "no" votes, 77.25 percent. Voter turnout was 27.44 percent.

Two-thirds of Clarkston area voters approved of a separate ballot issue, Clarkston Community School's millage renewal, with 6,746 "yes" votes out of 10,023 ballots cast, 67.31 percent.

Proposal 1 was too confusing and didn't prioritize roads, Tedder said.

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**LEAP FOR THE WIN:** Clarkston High School senior Merrick Canada breaks the school record in the long jump with 22'11.5" during the OAA Red League Championships last Friday. Photo by Wendi Reardon

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## Help elusive for victims of heroin

Part Two in a series about heroin and its impact on local families.

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Everyone treated Kim Moultrup like she had leprosy when she sought help for her teenage daughter who was hooked on heroin.

Her daughter was a beautiful Clarkston High School cheerleader. A girl you would never look at and think was a drug addict.

No one knew how to help her find help for her daughter. Authorities told Moultrup it was best to avoid getting her daughter mixed up with the legal system. Doctors were clueless how to help.

"One doctor said to me, 'I bet you're embarrassed,'" Moultrup remembers. "We felt as if we were the only family who was dealing with this."

That was eight years ago and she said heroin has been in town for quite a while. No one wanted to talk about it then, and no one wants to talk about it now.

"We had to seek help and answers outside of our community because no one here knew what to do or where to send us for the help we needed or they said it's a phase," she said.

"Heroin has been in Clarkston for years," Moultrup added. "I drive to two cemeteries weekly to visit kids that didn't get the help they needed and they were

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# Neiman's commitment to Clarkston continues

Last week, owners of Neiman's Family Market announced they have signed an extension to their lease contract. According to sources, they have a 12-year lease with options to renew every five years.

"We are excited," Store Director John Schmidt said in a phone interview Friday. "The Neimans family is here for the long haul."

Neiman's Family Market, at the intersection of Dixie Highway and White Lake Road, opened two years ago, and have steadily grown their customer base, product selection, competitive pricing, and, more importantly, customer service.

"We are known for working with our customers," Neiman's President Bryan Neiman said. "And, I think people in Clarkston appreciate that."

Neiman's has given back to the community by supporting local school programs, athletics, parades, service groups and charities.

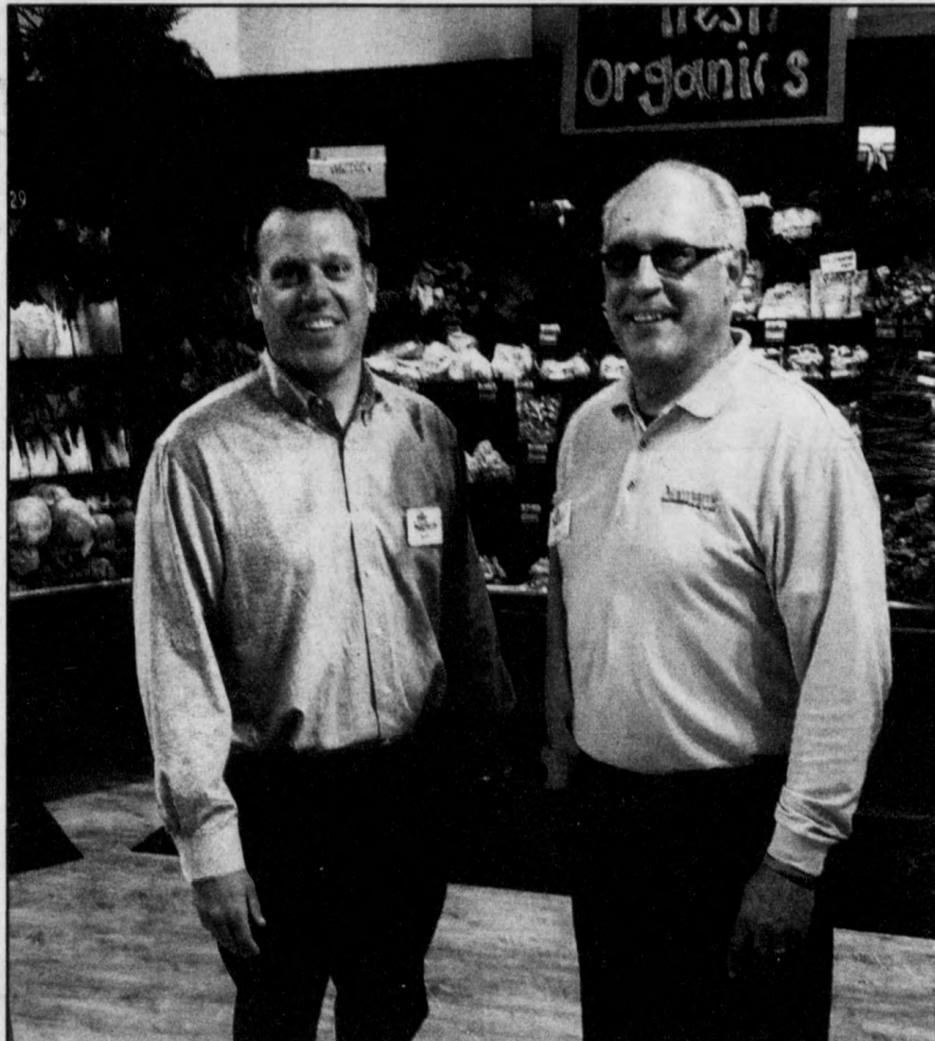
Both Schmidt and Neiman are ready for good weather and what that brings to their grocery business. The local grocer is expanding their area for organic, Michigan and hard to find unique produce.

"Soon the Michigan asparagus will be coming in and after that, Michigan berries," Schmidt said, adding the floral tent is back with hanging plants, flowers, herbs and vegetables for sale. "The tent will be up for about another month."

Aside from a great deli, food trays, bakery and one of the area's best micro-brew and wine selections, Neiman's has carved out a niche for itself with its Corner Café.

"Small coffee clutches are showing up in the morning, business people are coming for lunches and some people just come to have a cup of coffee, one of our bagels and read the paper," Schmidt said, adding, "Our customers have told us we have the best bagels in town. And, our coffee is from a Michigan-roasted coffee."

The store, which employs about 85, is having a job fair this month. According to Schmidt, there are full time employment op-



Neiman's Family Market Store Director John Schmidt, at right, and Neiman's President Bryan Neiman are committed to the Clarkston community. Photo by Don Rush

portunities available for "hard working people with happy, smiling faces."

Experience helpful but not completely necessary. The job fair is Wednesday, May 20, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Corner Café.

This July, Schmidt is looking forward to hosting their second annual car show (watch *The Clarkston News* for details).

Watch for Neiman's "Picks of the Week" full page advertisements in *The Clarkston News* and *Penny Stretcher* over the next three

months. Their ads will feature some of their unique produce, awesome savings and introduce readers to their staff.

"One of the things we are known for," Schmidt said, "is being open to our customers. If they want a product, we'll look for it and most of the time we can stock it."

For weekly sales and free recipes, check out [www.NeimansFamilyMarket.com](http://www.NeimansFamilyMarket.com). Their store is open daily from 6 a.m. to midnight.

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**CALLING ALL DUCKS:** Mom Melissa Zian enjoy a sunny day in Depot Park, May 7, sitting back and relaxing while Joe Zian tries his luck calling ducks in. *Photo by Andrea Beaudoin*

## M-STEP didn't make grade with students

**BY LAUREN BARNHARDT**

*Special to the Clarkston News*

With the new M-STEP completed, both students and teachers were less than impressed with the experience.

"To be honest I thought the test was a waste of time," revealed Clarkston High School junior Joey Verhelle.

This seemed to be the reaction for most CHS juniors who were introduced to the mandatory test this year. It wasn't only the integration of the new standardized test that caused student distaste.

"All of the concepts were things we learned years ago and couldn't remember. And on top of that, we had to make up all the classwork we missed while taking the test, it wasn't worth it," stated junior Alex Baranyai.

Missed class appeared to be the biggest issue when it came to enforcing the M-STEP, Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress.

"We wasted so much learning time because half the class was absent taking the M-STEP, the teacher couldn't teach," explained

junior Jon Giolitti.

Both teachers and students agree on one thing, missed class time shouldn't have been an issue.

However, AP Language Arts teacher Lori Yegge sees the upside of the test, too.

"Of course the missed class time was unfortunate, but I thought it was good to see a new type of digital testing," she explained. "I only wished students would have taken it more seriously."

Though the test spanned over the entire month of April and was strongly embraced throughout the school, many students had trouble doing so.

Junior Amanda Casetti added, "I just don't see the point of another standardized test, don't we have enough of those already?"

Despite varying opinions on the M-STEP, Clarkston administration did the best they could with the time they were given to prepare.

"When the state urges for a new standardized test there's not much you can do about it. The school did the best they could trying to organize in the time they were given," said teacher Michael Comos.



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Dawn Raffler, owner of Clarkston Cleaning Services, presents the prize basket to Bethany Rocho.

## Winning mom puts family first

As a mother, Jeanette Fellows of Clarkston knows all about giving. She'll get to receive some goodies for a change, as the winner of Clarkston Cleaning Services' Mother's Day Gift Basket contest.

"She is so giving, that her receiving would be something unfamiliar to her," said her daughter Bethany Rocho, who nominated Fellows. "I try my best to spoil her whenever I can, but I feel as though I'll never be able to thank her for the countless things she does to better our world."

Rocho, a school teacher at Bailey Lake Elementary, also encouraged her students to nominate their mothers.

"I'm sure numerous entries will be received on your end and they will all blend together, as in the eyes of the beholder, everyone's mom is the best," Rocho said.

"Moms are amazing human beings, no doubt. Personally, I think they are superheroes. Think about all the things they do, the CEO of a household, a personal chef, most of the time for picky eaters, head cheerleader of their child/children, housekeeper, taxi driver, judge, hair stylist, family therapist, errand runner, janitor, teacher, finance manager, search and rescue, for lost things, and so much more! The jobs a

mother holds are endless and they are a labor of love."

Fellows would appreciate the items in the basket more than words could describe, Rocho said in her nomination.

"I can only imagine the smile that would spread from ear to ear if she were the one to win this valuable prize. She is an amazing person, both inside and out. If she is selected, and you are able to meet her, you'll be able to understand why she is so deserving within seconds of meeting her. I am honored to nominate such a deserving mother," she said.

"My mom wears many different hats, even at one time. She puts everyone before herself- family, friends, and even strangers. She would do just about anything to make those around her smile. I think all moms deserve this wonderful gift basket, not only around Mother's Day, but all throughout the year. Moms don't hear enough how much they are loved and appreciated."

Local businesses Chocolate Moose, Rumph Chiropractic Clinic, and Grondins on Dixie donated items for the gift basket.

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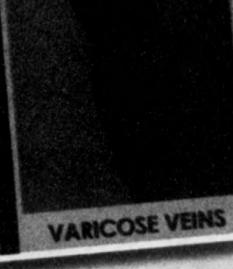
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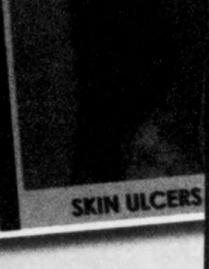
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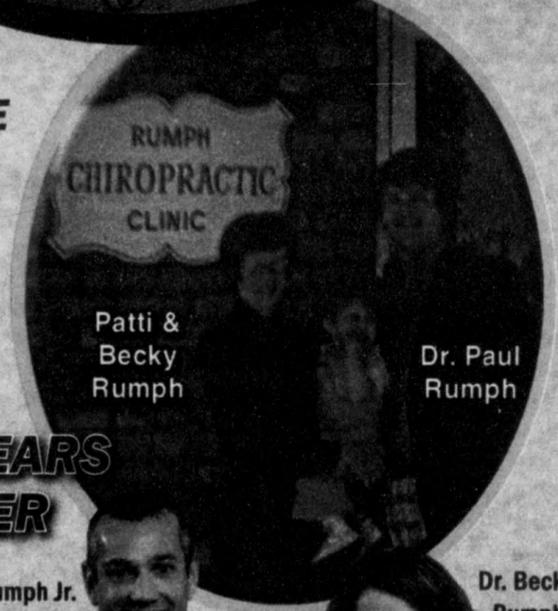
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# Corridor work includes 30-bed hospital

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and the I-75 interchange after some trouble with financing.

In April, township officials scrambled to find additional funding after the project was about \$300,000 short. The shortfall came after the cost to complete the project had gone up about \$1 million since it was first planned two years ago.

Kittle said increases were due to changes in construction safety standards, new highway construction requirements and a heavier than anticipated workload for contractors.

The Sashabaw Road corridor has 190 acres of vacant land available for development, but the open space is expected to shrink as developments continue coming to the area.

After years taking the legal route to move 200 hospital beds from a hospital in Pontiac to a new facility in Clarkston, the health care corporation axed that \$300 million plan for a smaller plan.

Kittle said he recently reached out to McLaren officials for an update on the new projects.

McLaren presented a smaller plan consisting of a 30-bed "short-stay" hospital with an emergency room.

It would be a \$30 million-\$50 million investment in Clarkston.



**Projects planned for Sashabaw Road include an 85-room Comfort Inn, which has been granted site approval by Independence Township. Plans for property just north of I-75 also include a sit-down restaurant, office building, said Township Supervisor Pat Kittle. The township must still grant final approval on the plan. Illustration provided**

Another project planned for Sashabaw Road, just north of I-75, is an 85-room Comfort Inn. The hotel has a site plan approval by Independence Township.

According to Kittle, it will also include a sit-down restaurant and office building. The

township must still grant final approval on the plans.

For details of the Sashabaw Road construction, visit [www.twp.independence.mi.us/Sashabaw\\_I75\\_Construction\\_Map\\_and\\_Schedule1.pdf](http://www.twp.independence.mi.us/Sashabaw_I75_Construction_Map_and_Schedule1.pdf).

# Golf fund raiser for Veterans Court

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Friends of the Veterans Treatment Court held their annual fund raiser, July 19, at Pine Knob Golf Course. Last year, they raised over \$100,000.

Those who wish to participate can have fun playing golf, sponsoring a hole or being one of the major program sponsors, said Pat Kittle, Independence Township supervisor and supporter of the program.

"We all know someone, be it a neighbor, a friend or a family member who served proudly in the U.S. military and who is struggling to adjust to civilian life. Someone who is hooked on some coping mechanism to help block the horrors of war," Kittle explained.

His son David Kittle is the reason Pat serves on the Veteran's Treatment Court Board of Directors

"I am asking for your help," he said. "Help prevent another parent from losing a veteran son or daughter."

David served in the U.S. Army's 10th Mountain Division in Iraq and Afghanistan for over five years.

He was discharged from the Army in 2008 with a 100 percent service related disability. When he came home he faced severe depression and post traumatic stress disorder.

"In 2013, David took his life after a five year struggle battling his demons," Pat said.

If the VTC was available when David was in need, perhaps it would have made all the difference, he added.

Friends of the Oakland County Regional Veterans' Court helps soldiers who come home with physical, mental, and/or emotional injuries who may not know where to turn for help, instead turning to substance abuse and getting in trouble with the law. Participants in the program are not violent offenders.

"There are thousands of Michigan veterans out there struggling just like this every day," Pat Kittle said.

"That's why the North Oakland County Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) was formed. The VTC helps these at-risk veterans; concentrate on treatment, create a structured care plan and focus their efforts on changing their lifestyle."

Volunteer mentors, social workers, VA counselors and therapists are part of the team. District judges Jodi Debbrecht Switalski and Kelley Kostin created the court to help serve the men and women now need help after they have served their country in some of the most horrible situations imaginable.

Kittle was asked by Kostin to serve on the board of directors after becoming aware of David's story.

North Oakland County Veterans Treatment Court is a non-profit organization serving veterans in Independence and other

northern Oakland county communities.

Kittle said what makes the court so successful is all the people who care so deeply to make a difference.

"Each and every person involved do it free," he said. "The volunteers, the mentors (all veterans), judges, counselors, attorneys, social workers and board of directors. Not one penny of donations goes for any salaries."

Every dollar raised is spent providing services to the vets, he said.

Administrative costs for the program are funded with state grants and in the budgets of local or county budgets.

Funding the court saves lives and money, Kittle insists.

"The value proposition of the Veterans Treatment Court is in the results," he said. "The VTC has had great success with lower recidivism rates, lower incarceration costs, a growing family of program graduates who want to volunteer as a way of giving back to their brothers in arms and most importantly, our veteran sons and daughters who have turned their life around."

The Veteran's Treatment Court's 5th Annual LaLonde Charity Open at Golf Course will be at Pine Knob at 5580 Waldon Road in Clarkston.

For more information on the golf outing visit [www.LaLondeCharityOpen.com](http://www.LaLondeCharityOpen.com)

## Briefly

### Golf for basketball

Clarkston Basketball invites the public to the second annual Clarkston Basketball Alumni Basketball Golf Outing on June 7 at Fountains Golf and Banquet, off Maybee Road.

The outing includes a scramble format with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. with a barbecue lunch at 2 p.m. and a social.

Either you are a former player, coach, parent or fan join the Clarkston Wolves for their outing.

For more information and to register, please visit [www.eventbrite.com/e/2015-clarkston-basketball-alumni-golf-outing-tickets-16525787074](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/2015-clarkston-basketball-alumni-golf-outing-tickets-16525787074).

### Recycling collection

The May recycling drive in Clarkston on May 16 includes Whimsy and Mayhem of Ortonville, which specializes in turning solid wood and metal furniture into Repurposed Treasures.

They will accept tables, chairs, cribs, stools, benches, dressers, doors, cabinets, home décor, mirrors, craft supplies, wooden window frames, and antique and vintage items. No particle board. Some larger or heavier items can be picked up at home. Call 810-766-3382.

The monthly recycling drives are the third Saturday of each month from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Community Education Center, 6558 Waldon Road.

Recycle computers, electronics, gaming systems, smart /cell phones, scrap metal, wire, metal plumbing supplies, faucets, door hardware, appliances, batteries and power tools.

Call Patty from Safe Harbor Recycling at 248-240-4899 to pick up stoves, washers, dryers, refrigerators, pool heaters, and riding lawn mowers.

### Brooksie Way training

A 16-week running and walking program in Depot Park starts June 9.

The group for beginners through experienced athletes will meet on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at Depot Park and train to complete the HealthPlus Brooksie Way half marathon on Sept. 27.

All training groups use a run/walk/run or walk/shuffle/walk interval training method. Registration cost includes race entry.

For more information, contact Sue Barnes, [barness@thebrooksieway.com](mailto:barness@thebrooksieway.com) or 248-860-5589.

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## Lauren's Lessons

A column by Lauren Barnhardt

### A fine start

As a member of CSMTech, a specialized math, science, and technology program at Clarkston High school, I was given the opportunity to partake in an internship of my choice for one short month.

Ironically enough it wasn't the medical or engineer field in which I put forth my interest, like so many other of my fellow math and science oriented peers. Instead, I ended up at *The Clarkston News*, and I'm glad I did.



Now, I'll admit I was a bit nervous at first. I worried I wouldn't be liked, I wouldn't enjoy myself, but mostly this internship would serve far more daunting than originally expected.

On my first day, I walked in overdressed in black flats I'd dug out of my closet in nervous anticipation, expecting to see rows of droning journalists hidden behind laptop screens, impervious to this new and apprehensive intern. What I found was quite the opposite.

I was first greeted by Phil Custodio, my internship advisor, who gave me a brief rundown on exactly what I would be doing with my time here, and to my surprise, was told I would actually get to be an interactive part of the *Clarkston News*.

As I emerged from Phil's office I was greeted not by a bunch of "droning journalists", but rather by a group of friendly smiling people. My nervousness had already subsided.

The environment in the *Clarkston News* office is both focused but humorous and by the end of the first day it was already evident that everyone here enjoys their job.

I've found there is something so pleasant about sitting down and working on your own story individually but still wielding towards one common goal.

I feel as if I already fit in here at *Clarkston News*, granted I did lock myself out of the office once on my descent to the bathroom and also had to be shown how to use the phone three times, but everyone has made me feel comfortable.

It's such a learning experience to be exposed not only to a career path I may pursue, but also to be immersed in the work world itself.

I am looking forward to all that I learn here at *Clarkston News* and am entirely grateful for the opportunity.

# Opinion Pages

Letters, columns & Editorials

## Reader enjoyed corner trees and flowers

Dear Editor,

Regarding the once beautiful land at Waldon and Main Street, I've seen all the Facebook posts; I've read the *Clarkston News* articles; and the neighbors and I have been talking. Well after this last article in the *Clarkston News* ("Letter led totree cutting, Adler says," May 6), I would like to say something.

Mr. Adler, I was born to Clarkston in 1970 and have lived here my entire life. I have been fortunate enough to live close to town as a youngster, and now as an adult with my own family.

I would like to congratulate you on your success for being able to own such a wonderful piece of property in our community.

When our family saw the first week of demolition however, our hearts were broken,

I have to be honest!

I used to comment to my family on how beautiful the flowers were growing all over the property between the "junk trees," as you called them, the trees and shrubs.

Not to mention I wanted to steal those flowers and put them in my own yard.

I am sorry you appear to be in a constant fight with our city. It's obvious there is a tug of war going on. That lot may have not had President Lincoln stand on it, but I can tell you that we worship our little town. Please stop with the sarcasm in your statements, you're not just yelling back at the city, you're yelling at your community.

Take care, and I will hope that your existing plans for this corner will be even more beautiful than it once was.

*Erika Hunt-Arms  
Independence Township*

## Thanks for supporting church Refuge Run

Dear Editor,

Thank you for your very generous donation of two quarter page ads for our 10th Annual April Refuge Run. Due to your generosity and the 160 participants who raced and walked we raised over \$4,100 for our Youth Ministry Missions.

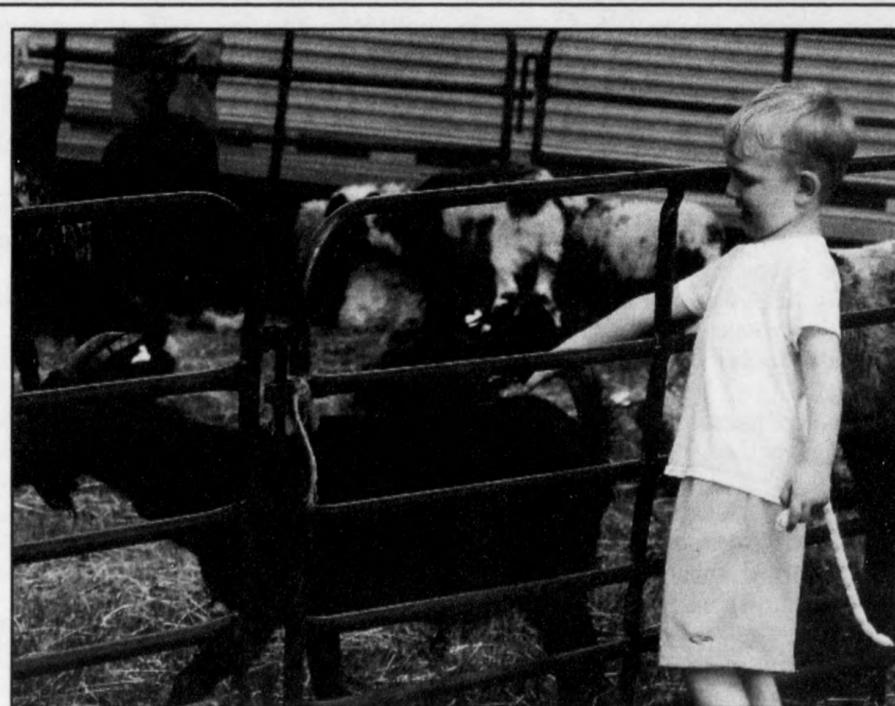
Our church, Clarkston Community Church, encourages our youth to choose compassion and reach out to those less

fortunate in our community and around the world.

Your sponsorship has made this possible for many of our youth to do just that this summer. Their lives will be changed as well as those they touch in the name of love!

Thank you again and may God bless you!

*Sue Kilbourne  
Youth Ministry Fundraiser Leader  
Clarkston Community Church*



**PETTING ZOO:** Grant Wescott finds a furry buddy during his trip to Clintonwood Park on Saturday at the Petting Zoo during Ryan Kennedy Kids Day in the Park. Photo by Wendi Reardon

## A Look Back

From *The CNews* archives

### 15 years ago - 2000

**"School hours won't change much afterall"** The Clarkston Community Schools district reached a resolution regarding the changing of starting times within the district's schools and voted to approve a plan to modify the class schedules in the district.

**"It was a busy day for SCAMP"** Community members showed up in Depot Park in hundreds to walk, bike and roll for SCAMP and \$22,000 was raised for the summer camp for special needs children and young adults.

**"Will lacrosse be the Wolves' next varsity sport?"** With a mix of spring sports, lacrosse was possible to be the next one added to Clarkston. An estimated 60 Clarkston students in grades 8-12 turned out for the intramural team's first practices. Dan Fife, athletic director, added a procedure was being developed to allow new sports to be added which would be evaluated by the school board.

### 25 years ago - 1990

**"Charges likely for SJHS teen found with gun"** A 14-year-old Sashabaw Junior High School student was facing civil charges and possible suspension after brandishing a pistol at school.

**"Shopping center (finally) gets commission OK"** A 100,000 square-foot shopping center, slated for the southwest corner of Sashabaw and Waldon roads, cleared a 18-month hurdle by receiving final site plan approval from the Independence Township Planning Commission, 7-0.

**"One wheel is better than two for unicyclists"** For Clarkston High School students Grant Manley and Al Manser one wheel was enough for them for about four years as they used their unicycles for transportation. They also belonged to the Clarkston Unicyclists Club, which had three members.

### 50 years ago - 1965

**"Michigan Week celebration begins"** "Michigan-Dynamic in World Progress" was the theme of the 12th annual Michigan Week held May 16-22.

**"Police crack down on hot rodders"** Numerous complaints of hot rodders endangering the safety of Clarkston Village residents prompted police to issue a warnings offenders would be cited and curfew law would be enforced.

**"Village to study need for knife ordinance"** Concern over knife wielding youths in the Detroit area prompted Clarkston Village councilmen to undertake a new ordinance study regarding the possession of knives.

# Steck's Six-P slogan should still apply

It's going to take me a while to get to my serious message for this week. First I want to fill this Jottings with a war story.

I was sworn into the Navy just before my 18th birthday in 1943. They sent me to Great Lakes for training where I met Gordon Steck.

We hung around a lot. He was from Whitewater, Wisconsin. He would get up early and go down and help the cooks, and bring me something.

His father had a chicken plucking business. Gordon would drive to Iowa, etc, to pick up live chickens and take them to his dad.

Gordon did a lot of chicken plucking. He gave chicken plucking exhibitions to various fairs and 4-H. He could pluck 10 chickens in 52 seconds.

The secret to that achievement is the temperature of the water, he said.

## Jim's Jottings



a column by  
Jim Sherman

Now to my point. Gordon's most often repeated slogan, that I love to this day, was "Proper prior planning prevents poor performance."

For an outstanding example of lousy planning and poor performance I could name several government projects.

This one is about Michigan Department of Transportation.

It appears MDOT decided in 2010 to buy 23 double decker passenger railroad cars. They cost us about \$114,000 each

in 2004. MDOT has now invested roughly \$8.7 million in stored away cars. Many of them in Owosso car yards.

MDOT officials, who blames changes in federal oversight for reasons for delays.

MDOT has announced no plans to use these idled cars. They've announced selling some, and leasing some and canceling some contracts.

Bottom line: MDOT's should be widened to opening them up for illegal immigrants. I think I heard Obama mention that possibility.

Regardless; My proper prior planning idea should be in our Constitution. Bring Thomas Jefferson back for the right wording.

Just don't let Congress touch it.

\* \* \*

Did MDOT hire their staff through a "Scam for-Hire" email. MDOT certainly did not put enough emphasis on proper prior planning.

I got to boil some eggs. Anything to change my mood.

I never, never had any interest in roller coasters. Of course, there were none of today's (extreme wild rides) headlines.

Today I feel my life has been an extreme wild ride. I used to think an extreme wild ride was riding a galloping bare back horse. Today race cars are going over 300 mph.

Also, I've lived from jam sandwiches in paper sacks for lunch to a take-out joint on all corners.

## What is an appropriate question?

When I was a young cub reporter working for Big Jim Sherman, Sr., smack dab outta' college, fresh with youthful idealism, a journalism and marketing degree, a pocketful of pens and a reporter's note pad I had a number of "beats." (For those not in the know, a beat is not something you do to your kid brother, nor is it some burgundy colored, dirt tasting root. A "beat" in the newspaper world, is an assignment.)

My beats were to cover Oxford Village, Oxford Township, Oxford Police, Oxford Sports, write features, obituaries, announcements and anything else that needed writing.

I learned a lot and quickly!

First, I learned police types are suspicious. They will give you info and tell you, this is not for publication, and if you publish, well, they know not to trust you.

I passed their test, but went on to tell them with my youthful zeal, that we all want what is "right" and that I would always ask questions and write (or report) the answers for our readers – the community.

I remember one time, I wrote a story – and we placed it on the front page – about a township trustee voting in favor of a raise for the clerk, his wife (for the record, I like both people, then and now). I wrote the story and we headlined it something like, *Trustee votes for wife's raise*. And, all hell broke loose!

The township supervisor and the trustee barged into the office the following morning demanding a discipline of yours truly. Hmm? Or it may have been an irate phone call, I don't recall, it was almost 30 years ago. Whatever the method and means of communications, they must have ruffled the feathers of Big Jim.

He asked if the story was correct. Yes.

He asked if the headline was true. Yes.

They were not satisfied and continued to squawk. It was only when Big Jim told them if they continued on the course they were heading, that he would FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) all township records on a particular matter.

They stopped their complaining and I went on to write another three decades for the same company I write for today. I write all that to come to this: What are newspaper reporters, editors, publishers (newspapers) sposed to do? What is their job? I think, very simply, it is to ask questions and report the answers.

Last week in Clarkston, the reporter types noticed invoices from city attorney Thomas Ryan. Most were quite descriptive like, "Review correspondence from Neil Wallace re: Hold Harmless Agreement 148 N. Main." Which were cool.

But, we noticed others like this, "Phone call from Mayor Luginski re: miscellaneous city matters," "Phone call from Jennifer Miller re: miscellaneous city matters," "Phone call to City Clerk re: miscellaneous city matters," "Phone call to City Manger re: miscellaneous city matters."

A good reporter will think, "what are miscellaneous city matters and why are these invoices not spelled out like the others? What is the government hiding?" The editor asked the city manager in person, what the miscellaneous city matters were.

She answered glibly, "I don't know." "I have no idea."

She also prepared a written response. I will let you read it, as she wrote it herself and put in the City of the Village of Clarkston's council packet for Monday's city council meeting.

"In Phil Custodio's (*Clarkston News*' editor) column this week he took umbrage with the fact that I said I couldn't remember what I talked to the City Attorney about. I also stated, 'who knows.' This was my way of handling an inappropriate question about my privileged conversations

with the City attorney. Apparently, Mr. Custodio feels he has the right to ask me to breach my responsibility to handle city business with the attorney. He was asking me to behave in an unethical manner. I want to assure council that I have NEVER talked to ANYONE regarding my conversations with the attorney. Mr. Custodio's question was totally inappropriate. Perhaps the way I answered his question was inappropriate, however, I was so astounded he was baiting me to breach my right to have a private conversation with the attorney I did not give the most appropriate answer . . . blah, blah, blah (the blah's are mine.)"

So, I called the Michigan Press Association's legal counsel, emailed the above city manager's "report" and asked, "Is it appropriate to ask what the city is getting billed for?"

The answer, was a without a doubt or hesitation, "Yes."

The newspaper was not asking for the city manager to reveal "privileged" information. The city attorney regularly details invoices for the lawsuits the city is involved with, negotiations and other things. What is so sacred with Miscellaneous City Matters that the public does not have the right to know?

This is a pattern with this city administration. The only way this newspaper gets questions answered is if we FOIA them. So, as long as the duly appointed city spokesperson feels the need answer questions with glibness or nothingness, I guess the newspaper will start the process and start FOIA'ing everything and reporting on the outcome.

What a shame. I have covered schools, townships, villages, all sorts of government types, and it has only been the City of the Village of Clarkston, these days, that doesn't want to play fair.

Which begs the question: What are you trying to hide?

## Don't Rush Me



A column by  
Don Rush

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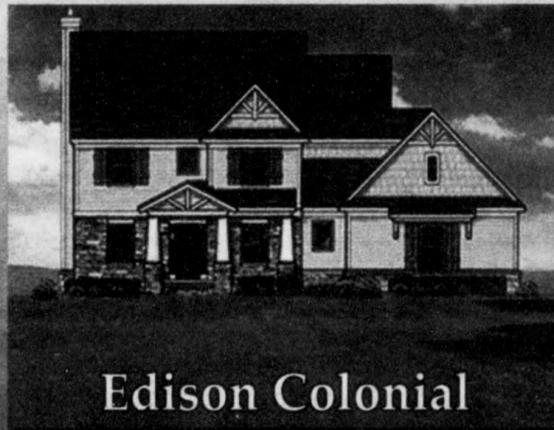
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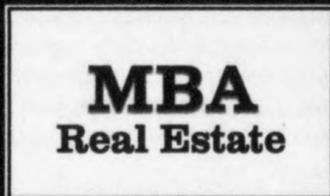


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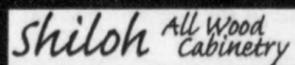
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Kids and parents line up to check out one of the Independence Township Fire Department trucks visiting the Ryan Kennedy Kids Days at the Park. Photo by Wendi Reardon

### No headlights

A deputy on patrol noticed a car northbound on Dixie Highway at White Lake Road with no headlights on, turned around, and stopped it, 12:06 a.m., May 2. The driver, a 20-year-old Holly man, was cited for not having his driver's license on him.

### Damage to cars

Someone punctured the right rear tire of an SUV parked in the driveway overnight in the 5000 block of Heathland Circle, May 3.

The left front tire of a pickup truck was slashed while parked in a driveway in the 5000 block of Pincroft Court, May 3.

### Felony warrant

Deputies took custody of a 21-year-old Orion Township man from Michigan State Police, 2:30 a.m., May 3. The suspect, who was taken to Oakland County Jail, was wanted on a felony warrant out of Sixth Circuit Court for violation of probation on a burglary charge.

### Fighters arrested

A 27-year-old Davisburg man and a 21-year-old Pontiac man were cited for fighting after a round of "mom jokes" escalated into a physical fight outside a bar in the 5000 block of S. Ortonville Road, 12:18 a.m., May 4. The Pontiac man was also found to be on probation out of Sixth Circuit Court.

# Public Safety

For Clarkston and Independence Township

### Thefts from vehicles

Someone took vehicle registration paperwork from an SUV parked unlocked in the 6000 block of Longhurst Drive, May 4.

A purse was taken from a vehicle left unlocked in the 5000 block of Mary Sue Street, May 7.

A tablet computer was taken from an SUV parked unlocked in the 6000 block of Mockingbird Lane, May 4. The interior and glove box had also been ransacked.

### Petition for committal

A Waterford Township woman called police after her sister, a 25-year-old Independence Township woman, called her and said she took half a bottle of antidepressant medication, 12:39 a.m., May 6. Deputies found her lethargic and incoherent. Four children in the house, ranging in age from 2-10 years old, were taken to their grandmother's house. The 25-year-old was taken to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital for treatment and a petition for committal was completed. Her husband and mother were notified.

### Fraud attempt

An Independence Township man received a call from someone claiming to be from the U.S. Treasury Department, 2:56 p.m., May 5. The caller demanded \$4,595 in back taxes or the resident would be arrested. He was advised not to correspond with the caller. A deputy called the number but it was disconnected.

### Marijuana arrest

A deputy on patrol stopped to check on a Jeep parked at the back of an undeveloped home site at Wildrose Court and Devins Ridge, 7:03 p.m., May 7. As the officer walked up to the vehicle, he saw the driver, an 18-year-old Independence Township woman, playing with her cell phone. The passenger, a 22-year-old Independence Township woman, had a glass smoking pipe in her hand and she was trying to light it. Asked for the marijuana, she gave the deputy the pipe and a wood grinding box with marijuana in it. She was cited for possession of marijuana.

### House fire

A home in the 17000 block of Louise Drive was damaged in a fire, 10:41 p.m., May 6. The homeowner was able to exit the home and there were no reported injuries. Springfield Township firefighters extinguished the fire and requested the assistance of the Fire Investigations Unit to assist them with a cause and origin investigation.

### Sexual assault arrest

A 45-year-old Independence Township man was arrested in connection with a sexual assault, 9:41 p.m., May 7. Deputies were dispatched to the 5000 block of Oak Park for a CSC/Domestic Violence complaint. An 18-year-old resident told deputies he returned home and found his father backing away from the son's 19-year-old girlfriend, who was pulling up her pants. According to the complainant, after seeing this, he started yelling and his father shoved him and grabbed him by the neck. The girlfriend said she was sexually assaulted by the father. This occurred while the son's 6-year-old brother was in the next room. Detectives responded to the scene to assist with the investigation. A Care House interview was scheduled for the boy in the morning. The victim was transported by family members to START in Royal Oak for treatment. CPS was notified of the incident. The father was taken into custody and lodged at the Oakland county jail pending charges.

# Clarkston's Sporting News

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## Lady Wolves top league

BY WENDI REARDON  
*Clarkston News Sports Writer*

The hard rain pounded on the Oxford High School track as Nicole Hanson, Lynsie Gram, Abby Horning and Audrey Huhtasaari blinked away the drops as they each ran in their leg in the 3,200-meter relay event last Friday.

Each athlete competed for the top spots at the OAA Red Track and Field Championship while also battling the rain and a few delays during the meet. It was the Lady Wolves who came out on top with 165 points to claim the league championship as they took first in eight events.

"They are all contributing," said Kevin Breen, head coach for the Lady Wolves. "When it comes to the league meet it is pretty strong. It is shaping up to be the best season I have had with the team."

The top ten places for sprint events: 100-meter dash, Ashley Graham, first place, 12.79; Maddie Wilson, second, 13.09; and Makayla Owens, seventh, 13.75;

"Our sprints are strong with our senior leadership from Maddie and Kayla Russell," said Breen. "Ashley is a freshman, who has really shown tremendous work this year. They are very solid and should be a top contender this year at regionals, county and states."

In the 200-meter dash, Russell, first, 26.34; and Jala Smith, third, 27.31; 400-

meter dash, Kayla Luchenbach, third, 1:03.22; Mary Costa, eighth, 1:07.03; and Grace Hamann, tenth, 1:08.02; 800-meter run, Abby Horning, tenth, 2:34.25.

For distance: the 1,600-meter run, Nicole Hanson, second, 5:09.14; Lynsie Gram, third, 5:22.18; Emily Gustafson, eighth, 5:34.11; 3,200-meter run, Hanson, first, 10:59.22, Gram, second, 11:05.34; Audrey Huhtasaari, third, 11:36.97.

"Our distance program is solid," Breen said. "This is probably the best we have been in a couple of years with Lynsie being one of the top ranked in the state. Nicole is always up top though she hasn't run the time yet, but she will be there the next couple of meets. Audrey is a runner not a lot know about yet because we haven't had a chance to run her that much this year. She is coming off of a hip injury and she is coming back strong."

He added Gustafson had a rocky start to the season but is finishing strong as one of the top freshman in distance.

Taylor Mullins finished in first both of the hurdle events with a 15.58 finish in the 100-meter hurdles and in 45.61 for the 300.

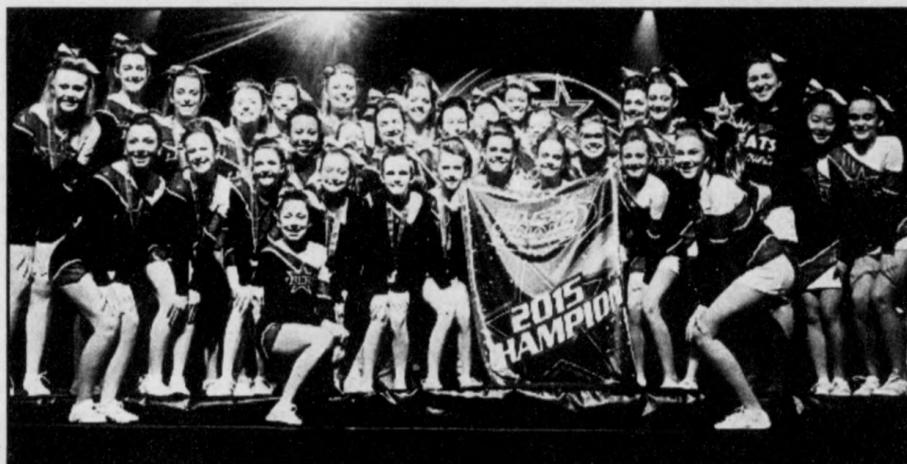
"Taylor is one of the top ranked 300 hurdlers in the state right now," Breen said, adding she is going to be a top contender for the state finals.

Courtney Roland finished third in the  
*Please see Clarkston on page 13*



Derek Opel hands the baton to Derrick Egli during the 3,200-meter relay race.  
*Photo by Wendi Reardon*

## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Liberty Legends finish as Grand Champions at a competition. *Photo submitted*

## Legendary cheer team

BY WENDI REARDON  
*Clarkston News Sports Writer*

The name explains it all - Liberty Legends, the senior cheer team from Stars & Stripes, are truly legendary.

"The thing with the Legends is they have lived up to their name," said Coach Alexa Bray. "They are a legendary team in our program. They are paving the way for our younger teams and they are providing an excellent role model and goals for our younger teams and younger girls. They are showing with hard work and dedication you can do the things you dreamed of."

The Liberty Legends, a level III team, recently competed at the Summit - All-Star Cheerleading and Dance Championship at Walt Disney World, the biggest competition in the United States for All-Star Cheer. They won the Wild Card Division on Friday and during Saturday's competition finished in eighth place.

"I was very confident in them from the very beginning," Bray said about the win. "I went down there expecting them to do well just because I knew how talented they were. They have competed great all year."

Of course I was thrilled, but I also wasn't surprised they are great. Everything they do you can't be surprised by their greatness anymore."

She added at the Wild Card division was new this year and to qualify teams must have a bid. Liberty Legends had one chance to get a bid for it all season and they got it.

They also finished the United States Finals where they won Grand Champions.

"It is a prestigious top honor at a competition," Bray added. "They received Grand Champs at almost every competition they competed in. They blew everybody away no matter where they went. They were great. Looking back at the season it just amazes me at how well they have done. I know they are amazing but I know I am probably biased a little bit. They were really great this year in terms of the success they have had on the competition floor. It was very exciting."

The team has traveled since November to not only local competitions but competitions around the Midwest and the country. They train 12 hours a day.

*Please see Team on page 34*

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# Clarkston prepares for next meet, regionals

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100-meter, 16.29; and ninth in the 300-meter, 52.95.

The 400-meter relay, 51.20, and 800-meter, 1:44.75, finished in first place. The 3,200-meter relay finished in second place, 9:56.63, and the 1,600-meter team finished in fifth place, 4:40.03.

For field events, Megan Nicholson finished in first place in the high jump, 5-04 and Roland finished in fourth, 4-10; Holly Woods, fourth in discus, 96-00, and Alisa Gray, fifth, 95-03; Tegan Philips, eighth in the shot put, 28-09; and Abby Horning, ninth in the long jump, 14-02.25.

The boys finished in fifth place during the championship with 71 points.

Merrick Canada led the boys as he finished in first place in the long jump at 22-11.50 and also set the school record.

"He is one of the jumpers in the state," said John Bennink, head coach for Clarkston Boys Track and Field.

Canada finished in fourth place in the high jump, 5-06, as teammates Caleb Kelly finished in second, 5-08, and Richard Johnson in tenth, 5-03.

Also, in field events Jeff Ylvisaker finished in sixth in the discus, 117-00, and Mitchell Helsel in ninth, 110-02.

Before the events were underway, Bennink pointed to the sprinters and distance runners to have a good day.

For sprint, Josh Zawadzki finished in third in the 400-meter run, 52.81; and Derrick Egli finished in third in the 800-meter run, 2:01.87.

Daniel Billette led the Wolves as he finished in fifth place in the 1,600-meter run, 4:30.83, and Dalton Sampson finished in tenth, 4:39.32.

Grant Henley finished in third place in the 3,200-meter run, 9:56.77; and Aiden Fries finished at ninth, 10:14.13.

Trevor Chamberlain finished in eighth in the 100-meter hurdles, 17.02, and in the 300-meter hurdles, 44.17. Donovan Tolbert finished in ninth in the 300-meter hurdles,

44.32.

For relay events, the 400-meter relay, 1,600-meter relay and 3,200-meter relay teams finished in second place while they 800-meter relay team finished in third place.

Both teams prep for the MHSAA Regionals for this Friday where they will see the same teams again.

"Going into regionals I think we are going to be one of the top teams to compete and we should be fully healthy and ready to go," said Breen.

He added being in the OAA Red preps the team as it is always a tough division.

"The OAA Red allows us to see other teams who are also very strong," he added. We have a different mindset and we have a different understanding of what it takes to be a top contender when we go to the bigger meets."

Besides being strong in sprints, distance and hurdles, the Lady Wolves are also strong in the field events.

"We have two of the best high jumpers not only in the league but we are returning All-Staters," Breen said. "Megan Nicholson has set a few records at different schools this year. She is really looking strong and Courtney Roland her personal best and a very competitive. Our throws are improving. Our discus is looking better and better every week and our shot put is getting to the point we are starting to get a little bit more

competitive."

He added they have a really deep team and the Lady Wolves proved it when the JV athletes competed against Troy Athens in the last dual meet for the season. Clarkston won 11 of the events.

Both teams head to Bloomfield Hills on Friday for the MHSAA Track and Field Regionals. They will go against Bloomfield Hills, Holly, Lake Orion, Oxford, Pontiac,

Rochester, Rochester Adams, Romeo, Stoney Creek, Utica Eisenhower, Waterford Kettering, Waterford Mott and West Bloomfield.

The top two finishers in each event, as well as athletes who meet specified times for each event, will move on to the state finals set for Rockford High School on May 30.

"Most of our girls will make the time qualifications," said Breen.



ABOVE: Holly Woods makes her throw in the shot put. BELOW: Kayla Russell keeps ahead of Lake Orion as she competes in the 200-meter dash. Photo by Wendi Reardon



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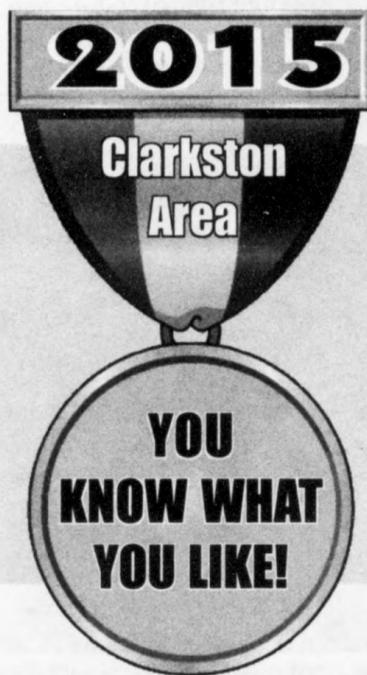


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4. Names must appear on ballot.
5. Entries must be postmarked by June, 8 2015.
6. Gift certificate winners will be selected via drawing. Decision of judges is final.

### SERVICES

- Accountant \_\_\_\_\_
- Attorney \_\_\_\_\_
- Auto Body Shop \_\_\_\_\_
- Auto Mechanic \_\_\_\_\_
- Bank \_\_\_\_\_
- Barber Shop \_\_\_\_\_
- Car Wash \_\_\_\_\_
- Carpet Cleaning \_\_\_\_\_
- Caterer \_\_\_\_\_
- Credit Union \_\_\_\_\_
- Day Care \_\_\_\_\_
- Dry Cleaner \_\_\_\_\_
- Electrician \_\_\_\_\_
- Financial Planner \_\_\_\_\_
- Florist \_\_\_\_\_
- Gas Station \_\_\_\_\_
- Hair Salon \_\_\_\_\_
- Heating & Cooling \_\_\_\_\_
- Insurance Agent \_\_\_\_\_
- Landscaper \_\_\_\_\_
- Pet Groomer \_\_\_\_\_
- Pet Supply \_\_\_\_\_
- Pharmacy \_\_\_\_\_
- Photographer \_\_\_\_\_
- Plumber \_\_\_\_\_
- Real Estate \_\_\_\_\_
- Senior Living Facility \_\_\_\_\_
- Tanning Salon \_\_\_\_\_
- Travel Agency \_\_\_\_\_
- Veterinarian \_\_\_\_\_
- Water Supply Co \_\_\_\_\_

### EATS & DRINKS

- Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_
- Lunch \_\_\_\_\_
- Dinner \_\_\_\_\_
- Bakery \_\_\_\_\_
- Banquet Facility \_\_\_\_\_
- Bar & Grill \_\_\_\_\_
- Barbeque \_\_\_\_\_
- Coffee \_\_\_\_\_
- Coney Island \_\_\_\_\_
- Deli \_\_\_\_\_
- Diner \_\_\_\_\_
- Family Friendly \_\_\_\_\_
- Fast Food \_\_\_\_\_
- Fish Fry \_\_\_\_\_
- Hamburger \_\_\_\_\_
- Ice Cream \_\_\_\_\_
- Pizza \_\_\_\_\_
- Sandwich \_\_\_\_\_
- Chinese \_\_\_\_\_
- Italian \_\_\_\_\_
- Mexican \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Overall Restaurant \_\_\_\_\_

### SHOPPING

- Antiques \_\_\_\_\_
  - Auto Dealership \_\_\_\_\_
  - Beer & Wine \_\_\_\_\_
  - Clothing \_\_\_\_\_
  - Gifts \_\_\_\_\_
  - Grocery \_\_\_\_\_
  - Hardware \_\_\_\_\_
  - Jewelry \_\_\_\_\_
  - Resale/Consignment \_\_\_\_\_
  - Sporting Goods \_\_\_\_\_
  - Specialty Shop \_\_\_\_\_
- ### FITNESS & RECREATION
- Golf Course \_\_\_\_\_
  - Dance Studio \_\_\_\_\_
  - Day Spa \_\_\_\_\_
  - Gym \_\_\_\_\_
  - Yoga \_\_\_\_\_
- ### FACES MAKE THE PLACES!
- (Include Business name too)
- Bartender \_\_\_\_\_
  - Car Salesman \_\_\_\_\_
  - Massage Therapist \_\_\_\_\_
  - Personal Trainer \_\_\_\_\_
  - Pharmacist \_\_\_\_\_
  - Waiter/Waitress \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail or Drop Off Your ballot to:  
**The Clarkston News**

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Clarkston, MI 48346

Only entries completed fully will be considered for Cash Prizes!

## Courts set for summer

New tennis courts are in the progress of being installed at Clintonwood Park, with an estimated re-open date of early June 2015.

The \$206,000 project was funded mostly by a grant from the United States Tennis Association.

Ken Elwert, director of Independence Township Parks, Recreation and Seniors presented different options on how to improve the tennis courts at the Township Board meeting on Feb. 3.

Elwert's budget recommendation for the courts also includes funding from a few of the 20,000 United States Tennis Association grant funds.

The Township Board approved the grant during their meeting on Feb. 17.

The project will also include pickleball courts to be used by seniors, so they do not have to compete with the tennis players for those courts.

The tennis courts are being restored since they have had an increased use in the past.

— Julie Goldberg

## Top of the OAA Red

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Lady Hitters took control of the league with a sweep over Troy last week in their double header.

"Going in both of us were undefeated in the league," said Clarkston Varsity Softball Head Coach Don Peters. "Troy is a great rivalry. The girls stepped up to the plate. They did what they needed to do and played really well."

The Lady Wolves won the first game in the OAA Red match-up, 9-1. Mikayla Blaska was 2-for-4 at the bat with three runs and Alex Favazza also went hit 2-for-4. Favazza and Rachel Vieira both had two RBIs.

"Alex had a few key RBIs," said Peters.

Candace Kitchen was the winning pitcher with 10 struck outs.

"Defensively they are just playing really well," Peters added. "Mikayla is doing a great job on the bases. Abby Skarvce, our catcher, did a great job defensively on the ball. She picked a couple of runners off and had a clutch hit in the second game."

But with the Lady Wolves key performances are coming from every player.

"We are getting key performances out of everybody and that's what you need to be successful right now," said Peters. "You need every kid to step up when it's their turn. They

come in together. Their determination to be successful is a big part. They really play together. Our captains are doing a great job when it comes to leadership and of course the rest of them are very supportive."

The Lady Wolves won the second game against Troy with a 5-4 win.

It was Clarkston who started the game off with the lead off two runs during the bottom of the third with an RBI from Blaska and another from Skvarce. Troy tied the game in the fifth inning.

But Vieira and Blaska took back the game for the Lady Wolves during the bottom of the fifth and sixth inning with two RBIs each.

Going into the bottom of the seventh both teams were tied again, this time at four points when Paige Blevins hit a triple for Clarkston.

"Just before that Savannah Springs in right fields made a great catch to shut down a rally."

The Lady Wolves (23-2, 8-0 OAA Red) opened the week against Rochester Adams and they head to North Farmington on Thursday.

"We just keep getting better," said Peters.

"We really want an opportunity to win the league. We have to play good against Adams. They split with Lake Orion so it should be a pretty good competition. Our girls feels good about themselves. They play with confidence."



### Coming up this week:

#### It's a Good Day When...

Thursdays at 7:00

Fridays at 8:00

Sundays at 6:30

Lavonne Upton brings you the voices of Clarkston businesses and people.

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Most people wish they had more money. You may not have the ability to earn more each month, but you may be able to increase your cash flow by spending

less. Here are some suggestions for reducing the amount you spend on utilities, groceries, clothes, entertainment and taxes.

**Finding Bargains Online** - You can find some online shopping bargains if you want to save money and are willing to do some research.

#### Lowering Home Entertainment Bills

- If your budget is tight, reducing your cable or satellite TV bill can be a quick and easy way to save some money.

**Lowering Your Electric Bill** - Save money by using less electricity. Appliances have two price tags - the purchase price and the operating cost that you pay each month.

**Reducing Heating and Cooling Costs** - Here are some tips for reducing the money you spend to heat and cool your home.

**Reducing Phone Expenses** - Don't continue to mindlessly pay your phone bill each month. Consider ways you can save money on your land line and cell phone.

**Saving Money at the Grocery Store** - If you're organized and disciplined, you can save some significant money at the grocery store.

#### Saving Money on Clothes

- Saving money on clothes doesn't mean you have to sacrifice quality. It just means you need to be a smart shopper.

**Utility Payment Plans** - Setting up a utility budget plan is an option for standardizing the amount of your monthly bill.

Hopefully by experimenting with some of these suggestions, you can find some

additional cash in your account and in your wallet.

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# Batters sink Oxford in second game

BY WENDI REARDON  
 Clarkston News Sports Writer

The bottom of the first inning decided the Wolves fate in their second game against Oxford last Thursday.

It was in the first inning, Clarkston Varsity Baseball took the lead over the Wildcats with five runs. It began when Kevin Miller ran home with DJ Zezula at bat.

After Zezula hit a single, Max Bain stepped up to hit for a double to bring in the second run for the game. Jake Velisek was next with a hit and loading the bases for when Anthony Reiner stepped up to the plate.

With a hard hit, Reiner hit the ball to bring in two runners to put the score, 4-0.

"The second game was nice," said Phil Price, head coach. "We had some timely hits. Anthony hit the ball hard all day long. He hit the ball hard all day and that's all I ask from the kids. It was good to see him break out a little bit."

The game would finish with a 6-2 win for the Wolves but not before Clarkston defense did all they could to stop the Wildcats.

"Man, did DJ pitch an outstanding game," Price added as the players cleared the field following the game. "He also had a good day for us at the plate as well."

The Wolves lost the first game against the Wildcats, 5-3. Velisek was the pitcher on

the mound and Price added he battled even though he had a few walks during the game.

"It's tough pitching when we don't get many hits behind him," Price said.

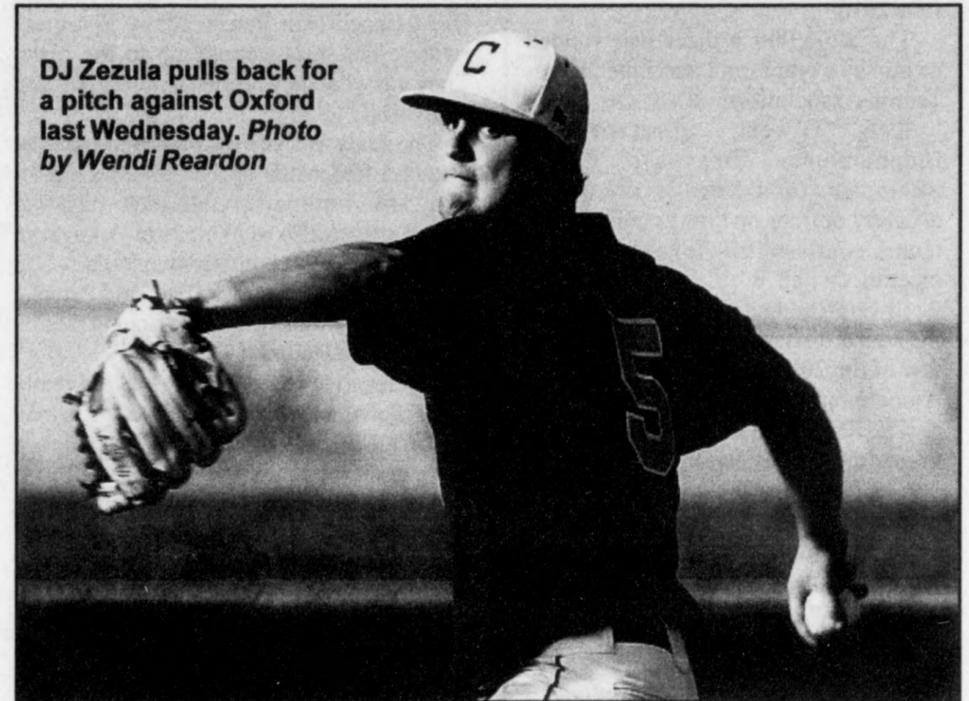
"I thought he pitched outstanding," he added. "I think we made way too many field mistakes and way too many baserunning mis-

takes. We are just a better baseball team than that."

The Wolves opened the week against Rochester on Monday and will finish their series at Rochester on Wednesday, 4 p.m.

They host the Nathan Manuel tournament this Saturday, beginning at 10 a.m.

DJ Zezula pulls back for a pitch against Oxford last Wednesday. Photo by Wendi Reardon



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## Mass Schedule

**Sunday**  
 7:30, 9 & 11 a.m.  
**Saturday**  
 5 p.m.  
**Monday, Tuesday and  
 Friday**  
 8:30 a.m.  
 Thursday  
 11 a.m.

In the event of a Funeral  
 Mass, weekday Masses  
 will be cancelled.

# All Are Welcome

## This Week:

**Thursday, May 14**  
 9:30 a.m.  
 Scripture Study

**Monday, May 18**  
 7:00 p.m.  
 Scripture Study

**Thursday, May 14**  
 7:00 p.m.  
 Marian Devotions

**Wednesday, May 20**  
 10 a.m. Study of  
 Sunday Scriptures.

**Saturday, May 16**  
 9:00 a.m.  
 Angel's Place Race

**Wednesday, May 20**  
 6:30 p.m.  
 Evening Prayer

**Wednesday, May 20**  
 7:00 p.m.  
 Scripture Study

## Community events?

Send an email about them to [ClarkstonNews@gmail.com](mailto:ClarkstonNews@gmail.com) or call us at 248-625-3370

**STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND**  
**FILE NO: 2015-362, 881-DE**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**Decedent's Estate**

Estate of PETER V. TENUATA. Date of birth: 6/21/31  
**TO ALL CREDITORS:**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:** The decedent, PETER V. TENUATA, died 12/12/12  
 Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to SHIRLEY A. TENUATA, 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.

5/5/15  
 Kathryn M. Caruso (P44723) SHIRLEY A. TENUATA  
 6480 Citation Drive 87 OTTAWA  
 Clarkston, MI 48346 PONTIAC, MI 48053  
 248/625-0600 248/338.2171

**STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND**  
**FILE NO: 2014-356, 941-DE**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**Decedent's Estate**

Estate of Henry Arthur Plegge. Date of birth: 8/11/1921  
**TO ALL CREDITORS:**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:** The decedent, Henry Arthur Plegge, died May 2, 2014.  
 Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Kimberly A. Plegge, 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.

May 1, 2015  
 Kimberly A. Plegge  
 1803 Roseland Ave  
 Royal Oak, MI 48073  
 248-399-8026

**STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND**  
**FILE NO: 2014-355, 476-DE**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**Decedent's Estate**

Estate of WILMA JUNE McVEAN, DEASED. Date of birth: 03/16/2013.  
**TO ALL CREDITORS:**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:** The decedent, WILMA JUNE McVEAN died 03/16/2013.  
 Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to KARON J. MEYER, 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.

PAULA BAILEY P27176 KARON J. MEYER  
 236 S. BROADWAY 527 SHADY OAKS  
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 248-693-4080 248-493-1227

**STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND**  
**FILE NO: 2015-362, 893-DE**  
**CIRCUIT COURT - FAMILY DIVISION**  
**PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING**

In the matter of Bonnie Jo Mitchell, Deceased.  
**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS** including: Unknown heirs whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:  
**TAKE NOTICE:** A hearing will be held on May 20, 2015 at 10 a.m. at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, before Judge Kathleen A. Ryan for the following purpose: *Petition for Probate and Appointment of Personal Representative*

April 22, 2015  
 Munger & Associates, P.C. Jon B. Munger  
 4545 Clawson Tank Dr, Ste 100 4545 Clawson Tank Dr, Ste 100  
 Clarkston, MI 48346 Clarkston, MI 48346  
 248.618.1200 248.618.1200

**STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND**  
**FILE NO: 2015-362, 335-DE**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**Decedent's Estate**

Estate of PHYLLIS COOMBE a/k/a PHYLLIS MAE COMMBE, DECEASED. Date of birth: 05/24/1926.  
**TO ALL CREDITORS:**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:** The decedent, Phyllis coombe, died 12/15/2014  
 Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to ROBERT KIMBERLY COOMBE, 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.

4-28-15  
 PAULA BAILEY P27176 ROBERT KIMBERLY COOMBE  
 236 S. BROADWAY 4136 ROLLING OAKS DRIVE  
 LAKE ORION, MI 48362 DRYDEN, MI 48428  
 248-693-4080 248-909-1540

**STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND**  
**FILE NO: 2015-349, 352-DE**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**Decedent's Estate**

Estate of Roberto Williams, Deceased. Date of Birth: March 29, 1936  
**TO ALL CREDITORS:**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:** The decedent, Roberto Williams, who lived at 16500 N. Park Drive, Apt 919, Southfield, Michigan died January 10/2013  
 Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Jon B. Munger, personal representative or proposed personal representative to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, MI 48341 and the named personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

June 6, 2013  
 Munger & Associates, P.C. Jon B. Munger  
 Jon B. Munger P54736 4545 Clawson Tank Dr, Ste 100  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
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**SYNOPSIS**  
**TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**APRIL 15, 2015**

- A. A Special Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:00 PM at the Independence Township Hall
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.
- C. ROLL CALL: Present: Kittle, Pallotta, Brown, Aliaga, Lohmeier, Ritchie, Schroeder  
 Absent: None  
 There was a quorum present.  
 Also Present: Kristen Sieloff, Director of Assessing; Wendy Thomas, Finance Director; Rick Yaeger, Budget Analyst, Thomas Biehl, Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc.; Colleen Hill-Stramsak, Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc.; Nancy Faught, Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc.; Thomas Blust, Road Commission of Oakland County; Gregory Need, Adkinson, Need & Allen, P.L.L.C.; Richard Carlisle, Carlisle/Wortman & Associates, Inc.; Steven P. Joppich, Johnson, Rosati, Schultz & Joppich, P.C.
- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As amended (inserting item G.2 Request to Amend Previously Approved Motion #2014-02-043-Approval of Road Commission of Oakland County (RCOC) Cost Participation Agreement (Construction) - Sashabaw Road at Waldon Road and I-75.

- E. BOARD / PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Supervisor Kittle
- F. PUBLIC COMMENT: None
- G. AGENDA ITEMS AS INDICATED IN THE MOTION OR CALL OF THE MEETING:
  1. Approval of the Sashabaw Corridor Improvement Authority's (CIA) Recommendation for the Sashabaw / Waldon / I-75 Road Construction.
  2. Approval of Amendment to Previously Approved Motion #2015-02-043 - Approval of Road Commission of Oakland County (RCOC) Cost Participation Agreement (Construction) - Sashabaw Road at Waldon Road and I-75
- H. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Supervisor Kittle
- I. ADJOURNMENT: The Special Meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC  
 Township Clerk  
 Published: Wednesday, May 13, 2015

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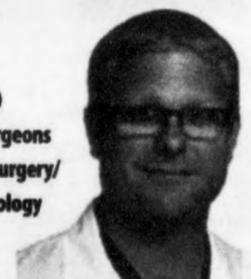
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Clarkston lacrosse players and parents invite you to the annual Game for a Cure this Saturday. Photo by Wendi Reardon

## Help lacrossers in fight against cancer

Lacrosse players throughout Clarkston are preparing for their annual Game for a Cure, at Clarkston High School, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. this Saturday.

All proceeds from this year's event will benefit patients at St. Joseph Cancer Research Center. The day-long event includes fastest shot, face painting, cornhole contest and more. Plus, it includes a bake sale, snow cones, cot-

ton candy and favorites - hot dogs, pizza slices, popcorn, hot chocolate and coffee.

Those with GFC T-shirts and sweatshirts receive free admission. T-shirts are \$15 and sweatshirts are \$20 and can be ordered by contacting Stacey Stickle at 248-390-9636.

The logo for this year's T-shirt was designed by Noah Koteski, one of the players in honor of his aunt who lost her battle with can-

cer the same week he created the design.

Game for a Cure begins at 9 a.m. with a youth tournament on the backfields while the middle school girls kick off the day of games. The Clarkston Boys Varsity Lacrosse team ends the day with their game against Plymouth at 7 p.m.

For more information, please follow them on Twitter @clarkstonlaxGFC.

# AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE

Join the fight against cancer!  
Relay For Life of Clarkston

**Saturday, May 16th 10:00am - Dusk**  
Clarkston Junior High School

**Survivor and Caregiver Celebration: 10:00am**  
Join us as we recognize and honor our Heroes of Hope.

**Silent Auction: 2:00pm - 6:00pm**  
Stop by and bid on some great items for a great cause!

**Luminaria Ceremony: Dusk (approx 10:00pm)**  
Remember those lost to cancer and honor those who have fought the battle and won.

**ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:** Quidditch competition, Relay's Got Talent competition, Karaoke, ice cream eating contest, as well as other fun and games! Come join in the fun!

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# A time when medical visits make up most social life

## Oh Doctor, My Doctor

*"Oh doctor, oh doctor, oh dear Dr. John  
Your cod liver oil is so pure and so strong"*  
— from an old Irish drinking song.

I haven't been to a movie theatre in several years. While my taste buds crave that sinful buttered popcorn, why bother since I can watch the latest Hollywood offerings on HBO or HULU comfortably at home.

So, what does that leave for my social outings these days? Sitting patiently anxious for my name to be called, catching up on the latest magazine fare, and enduring those pharmaceutical advertisements posing as medical new reports on large flat-screen televisions in the waiting areas of one of my doctors examination rooms.

No wonder we're referred to as "patients."

As a result of all those seemingly endless hours I spent in my doctors' company, I'm approaching bionic status. My cardiologist has inserted three stents through my groin and into my blocked heart's arteries on two hospital stays. My ophthalmologist has surgically corrected my cataract problems on two out-patient occasions. My otolaryngologist, after examining my ears, had his audiologist test my hearing responses, show me the percentage of the hearing loss I've experienced, and prescribe two very expensive state-of-the-art hearing aids. My

dentist wants me to consider several implants which my insurance won't cover.

While I've so far avoided the cancers that have claimed so many, if I can't, I doubt I'll be around long enough to take advantage of the future orbiting hospitals that will slow their growth and treat them.

Earth-bound, I'll just have to soldier on. It's Cicero's opinion: "In nothing do men more nearly approach the gods than in giving health to men."

While some might see themselves in that light, it's also important to remember that doctors are human beings as well. Take for instance, my longest doctor association which stretches back 30 years. Over that time, my internist has gone gray as my hair has noticeably thinned. He has become what I refer to as my health insurance adjuster, a fate that befalls some doctors who see themselves as mechanics of the human condition.

On a typical visit, Doctor C quickly reviews my latest blood readings, examines the vital signs of the wreck I've become, and recommends new higher dosages of the prescriptions I take.

When I once asked him if I could stop taking some of the many he has prescribed, he offered: "Bill, that's what is keeping you alive!"

Hard to argue with that logic. Most of his

advice these days is to keep taking the regimen he's ordered for me. He's given up on suggesting I lose a little weight and exercise more because he knows I will agree and not change what I'm doing.

## Guest viewpoint



Bill Byrne

When I told him my rotator cuff was painful and I have no trouble going down but have a harder time getting up because of balky knees, he opined that for my complaints my hips may be the culprits.

As a result, he gave me a referral slip to see an orthopedic surgeon-friend of his who had helped his wife, one of those doctors who in times past were referred to as "sawbones" for obvious reasons.

I have the slip in my desk drawer and haven't acted on it for fear he may be right. Meanwhile, a little InstaFlex supplement helps. I've been seeing my eye doctor almost as long as my GP. In fact, I've transitioned from father to son over the years. The waiting room is always crowded since most of the patients are accompanied by canes and walkers and

designated drivers or care giver assistants. The average age about 75 with double the women to men ratio, we are the "macular degenerates" and "cataract caravan."

Dr W\_, the son who took over the practice from his dad, has performed thousands of procedures, specializing in cataract affected lens replacement. In prior times, this procedure required a period of inactivity to let the new lenses heal.

Nowadays, it's relativity simple, with few precautions. Dr. W\_ told me that after my procedures, he gave me little lasik adjustments in both eyes, a sort of freebie he gives some of his patients. He also confided in me that he would have rather been a music-major in college, but dad insisted that he study something more useful, such as ophthalmology. Still, when he's not doing eye things, he pursues his musical avocation and is preparing a musical for Broadway with the help of some of his backers.

Aside from my medical visits these days, I frequently walk my precious Irish wolfhound/Border collie mix in and around Clarkston where I live. I keep in contact with my talented, peripatetic, bicoastal musical sons. As for my doctors, I don't see them as gods. Ministering angels, definitely.

Bill Byrne is a resident of Clarkston. Send thoughts to [davbakou@yahoo.com](mailto:davbakou@yahoo.com)

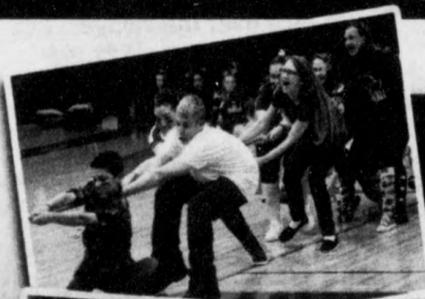
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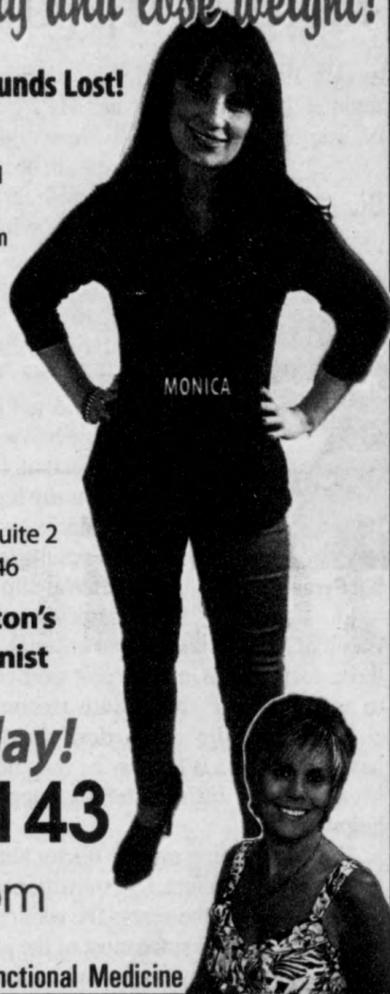
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## Students achieve success

Chloe Smiley of Clarkston received the 2015 Grove City College Senior Woman of the Year award on May 2 during the Family Weekend Recognition Convocation.

The daughter of Jim and Jean Smiley, Chloe is majoring in entrepreneurship and minoring in economics and biblical and religious studies. She served as president of Omicron Delta Kappa and vice president of Delta Mu Delta for two years.

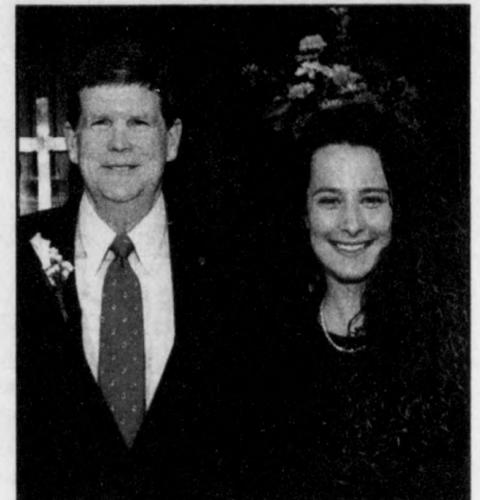
At Grove City, she was an active member the Student Government Association, Orientation Board, Family Weekend Committee, Entrepreneurship Club and The Center for Vision & Values, in addition to volunteering for East Main Presbyterian Church. She also won the Business Plan Competition and the Elevator Pitch Competition twice, and earned Dean's List recognition several times.

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Clarkston students who graduated from Walsh College after the winter 2015 term include Kate Feick, earning a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting Processes degree; Brent Batchelder, Master of Business Administration degree; and Jessica Metzler, Master of Management degree.

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Jon-Erik Avery of Clarkston was named on the Honor Roll of the Academic Dean at the end of the Fall 2014 semester at Mars



Grove City College Senior Woman of the Year Chloe Smiley, with college President Paul J. McNulty. Photo provided

Hill University.

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Clarkston High School students Tom Silvey and Nathan Hyde will perform at the Zenith Brass "Unforgettable Brass" concert, 7 p.m., May 17, at Oakland University's Verner Recital Hall.

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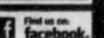
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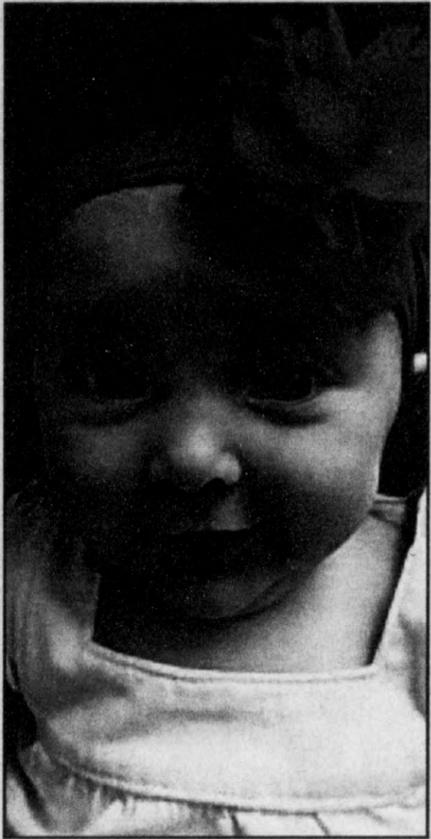
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Austyn Tyler

## Welcome Austyn

Randy and Lynne Leach of Davisburg are proud to announce the birth of their granddaughter, Austyn Tyler.

Austyn was born on Feb. 15 to Amanda (Leach) and Michael Shaub. She weighed 6 pounds 10 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches in length.

Amanda graduated in 2005 from Clarkston High School.

## First place finish

The Wolves finished in first place again in the OAA Red portion of their meet last week.

During the Seaholm Invitational at Orchard Lake Country Club the Clarkston Boys Varsity Golf team finished first in the OAA and tied eighth overall out of 25 teams for the meet, May 4.

Noah Sampson led the team with a par of 76. Alex Dice and Brendon Graham shot a 77, Mitch Rogowski, 81, and Brady Dice, 82.

The boys finished in fourth place at the Bulldog Invitational at Ferris State University with a 316 total on Friday.

Graham and Brady both shot a 78. Alex had a par of 79, Rogowski, 81, Sampson, 83, and Andrew Rodgers, 87.

The Wolves opened the week with an invitational at Prestwick Village on Monday. They head to the Oakland County Tournament on Wednesday at Pontiac Country Club.



**RIBBON CUTTING:** Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce members, friends, and family join Dr. David and Sherry Regiani and staff of Regiani Dental at a ribbon cutting for their new location at 10435 Ortonville Road, Suite B, in Independence Township, April 30. Call 248-625-5222. Photo by Phil Custodio

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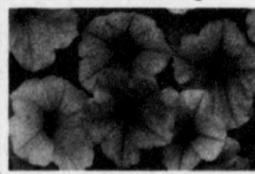


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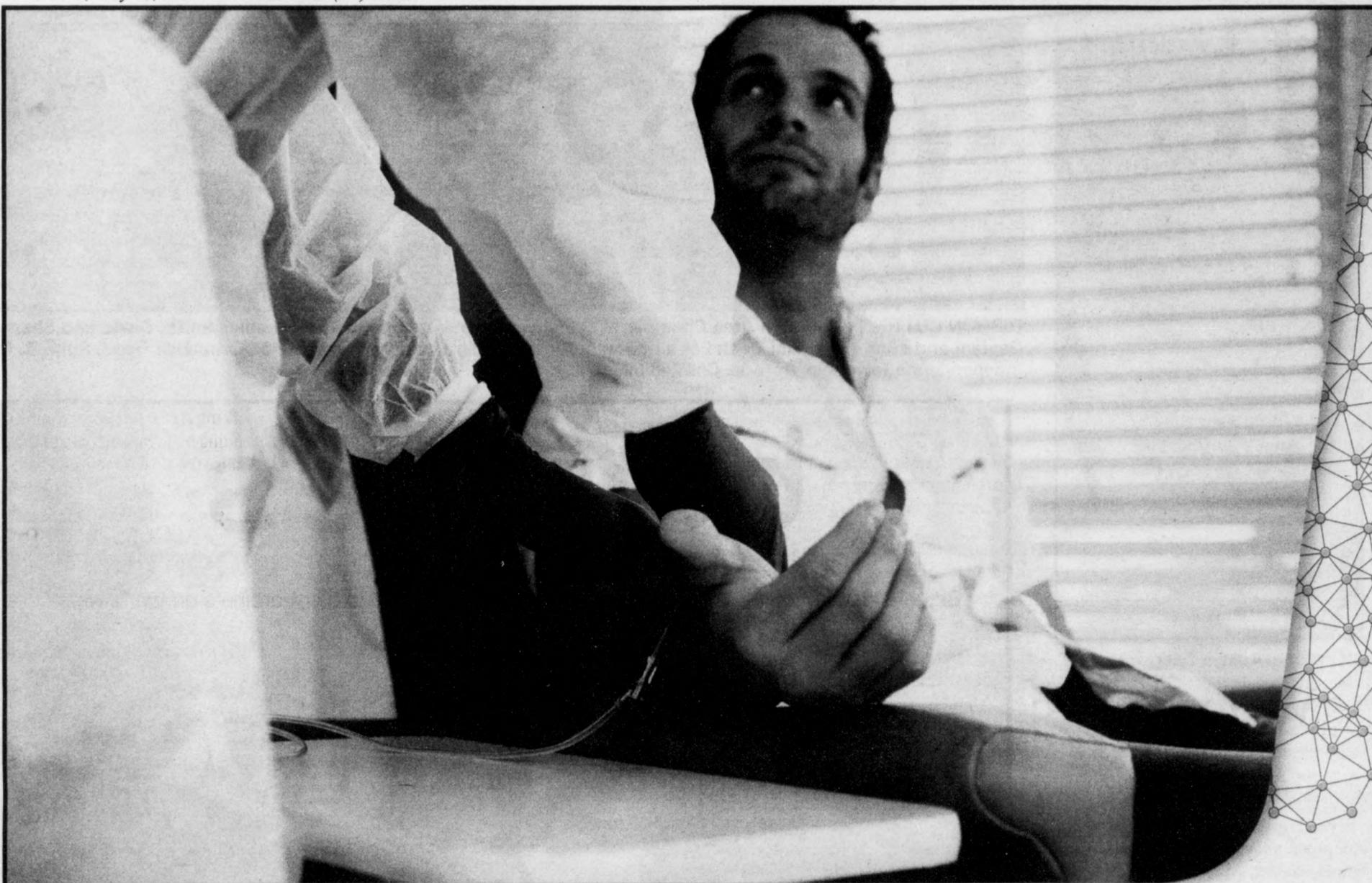
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# Independence Township Times

May 2015

## From the Township's Corner Office

### By Pat Kittle Township Supervisor

Everything is finally approved and the Sashabaw I-75 / Waldon construction work has been awarded to the Angelo Iafrate Construction Company. Work is now scheduled to begin May 14.

This interchange and intersection road project has been one of the primary objectives of the Supervisor's Office since our first day in office. And while project enhancements, new safety and construction standards, roadway easements, as well as increased construction costs caused a ton of heartburn back in February and March, the Township has secured all the needed funding to finally make this project a reality.



Township Supervisor Pat Kittle

The chart to the right is a summary of the cost of the project and the sources of funding. It should be noted that even back in early 2013 when the Sashabaw I-75 ramp addition and Sashabaw / Waldon intersection projects were first proposed and estimated to cost \$4M, borrowing \$1M against future CIA tax funds was always in the plan. As a safety valve, if for some reason future CIA tax funds fall below requirements, the County will allow the CIA tax capture to be extended if needed.

**Latest Construction Schedule:** The following construction dates were just submitted to the Township by the RCOC, MDOT and the Iafrate Construction Company. As it stands right now, construction work will commence on May 14 for both I-75 exit ramps – the new ramp dedicated for SB Sashabaw and rebuilding the existing ramp that will be dedicated to NB Sashabaw. Both ramps should be fully operational by July 25. See the Town-

Funding Currently Available		
\$	5,069,000	Cost of Project
-	332,000	CIA Fund Balance - Sunk Cost for Plans / Easements
-	800,000	McLaren - Contribution to Date
\$	3,937,000	Sub-Total of Project Cost
-	672,000	Category A State Funding
\$	3,265,000	Sub-Total of Project Cost
-	700,000	Balance of McLaren Contribution
\$	2,565,000	Sub-Total of Project Cost
-	1,076,000	Tri-Party RCOC / County Contribution - up to year 2015
\$	1,489,000	Sub-Total of Project Cost
-	348,000	RCOC Contribution for Engineering / Paving
\$	1,141,000	Sub-Total of Project - Source: Transfer from GF
-	218,000	RCOC / County Tri-Party Contribution (years 2016, 17 & 18)
\$	923,000	Sub-Total of Funded Project Cost
Future Funding Needed		
\$	923,000	Funds Needed to Complete Project *
-	647,000	Township Portion of Entire Tri-Party Contribution
-	276,000	Cash Need to Complete Project
	0	* \$923,000 Funded with Future CIA Tax Capture (2015/2021)

ship website at [www.IndTwp.com](http://www.IndTwp.com) for a full color graphic of the latest construction schedule.

Hopefully, you have also received our first post card sent to all 16,000 Independence households and businesses announcing the project start date. From the time of printing these postcards, the start date has slipped to May 14<sup>th</sup>. We will continue sending updates as roads are closed or major construction milestones draw near to provide plenty of advance notice to allow you to plan your travels.

**Orange Barrels In Clintonwood Park:** The reports are true. There are even orange construction barrels in Clintonwood Park. Work has finally begun on the new tennis, pickle ball and basketball courts. T&M Construction was the company that came in with the lowest bid for the much needed work. Estimated completion date is mid-June 2015 depending on weather. Funding for this project has been supplemented with a grant from the U.S. Tennis Association.

**Senior Center Expansion – Full Steam Ahead:** On Friday, May 1, there were over 20 construction workers laying bricks, running wiring, installing HVAC equipment, finishing the flat roof and more for the 2,400 square foot expansion of the Senior Center. The much needed additional space will allow for in-house exercise classes, dinner parties and other social functions that was just not possible in the original building. Estimated completion date is July 1, 2015.

**Finance Update:** Thought we would take a few lines of ink to explain several adjustments made to our 2014 balance sheet and income statement as identified by our new Finance Director and auditing team.

**Sheriff Contract:** The Township's prior payment schedule was not aligned with our January thru December fiscal year by a month. To correct, we needed to make a one-time \$296,035 accounting adjustment to line up payment schedules. All dollars were accounted and spent prop-

erly ... there was no overpayment.

**Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act:** The Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act 2 of 1968 prohibits deficit spending by local units of government. Because the above-mentioned adjustment was not amended for in 2014, the Police Fund was technically over-budget which is a violation of Act 2. This will be disclosed in the audited financial statements.

**Special Assessment Districts:** The Township currently has 22 Special Assessment District Funds that have been created over the past several decades within the audited financial statements when only 4 are currently active. The Township will be analyzing each Fund to determine the proper way to close-out the inactive Funds in accordance with State law.

**Library Fund Balance:** With the separation of the District Library from the Township in 2012, the Library Fund should have been closed out with no additional activity being incurred. However, there were some transactions that took place after the Library separation leaving the Township in a negative cash situation within this fund. The Township is investigating whether additional costs were actually incurred or if transactions were not properly posted.

**Deposits / Escrows:** The Township is currently analyzing its records to identify and reconcile the outstanding sewer deposits, performance deposits and building escrow funds dating back into the 1980's. It appears the Township has more cash and potential liabilities on our books than documentation supports. Will keep you posted on this.

**2015 / 2016 / 2017 Budget Analysis:** The Township is continually

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WALDON RD, SASHABAW RD & I-75  
INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS

CONSTRUCTION STAGING



1" = 100'  
2/25/2015

CONSTRUCTION STAGING LEGEND

- STAGE IA CONSTRUCTION
- STAGE IB CONSTRUCTION
- STAGE II CONSTRUCTION
- STAGE IIIA CONSTRUCTION
- STAGE IIIB CONSTRUCTION
- STAGE IV CONSTRUCTION
- TEMPORARY PAVEMENT

**I-75 / Sashabaw Construction  
Schedule  
As of 5/5/2015**

May Through November Construction  
in the Following Sequence:

**STAGE I A – PURPLE (5/14 – 6/25)**

- Partial construction of new Ramp B
- New pavement for SB Sashabaw to Ramp B thru thru lane
- New pavement for Ramp F & I-75 connection

**STAGE I B – LITE BLUE (6/11 – 6/25)**

- Remaining construction of new pavement for Ramp B and modification to I-75 connection
- Ramp B closed – detour in place
- Temporary pavement for Ramp E construction

**STAGE II – GREEN (5/30 – 7/25)**

- Ramp F connection to Sashabaw
- New connection for Ramp E to Sashabaw
- Reconfiguration of Carpool lot
- Widening and curb work on west side of Sashabaw
- Widening and curb work on north side of Waldon, west of Sashabaw
- Curb work on Ramp C

**STAGE III A – DARK BLUE (7/25 – 9/14)**

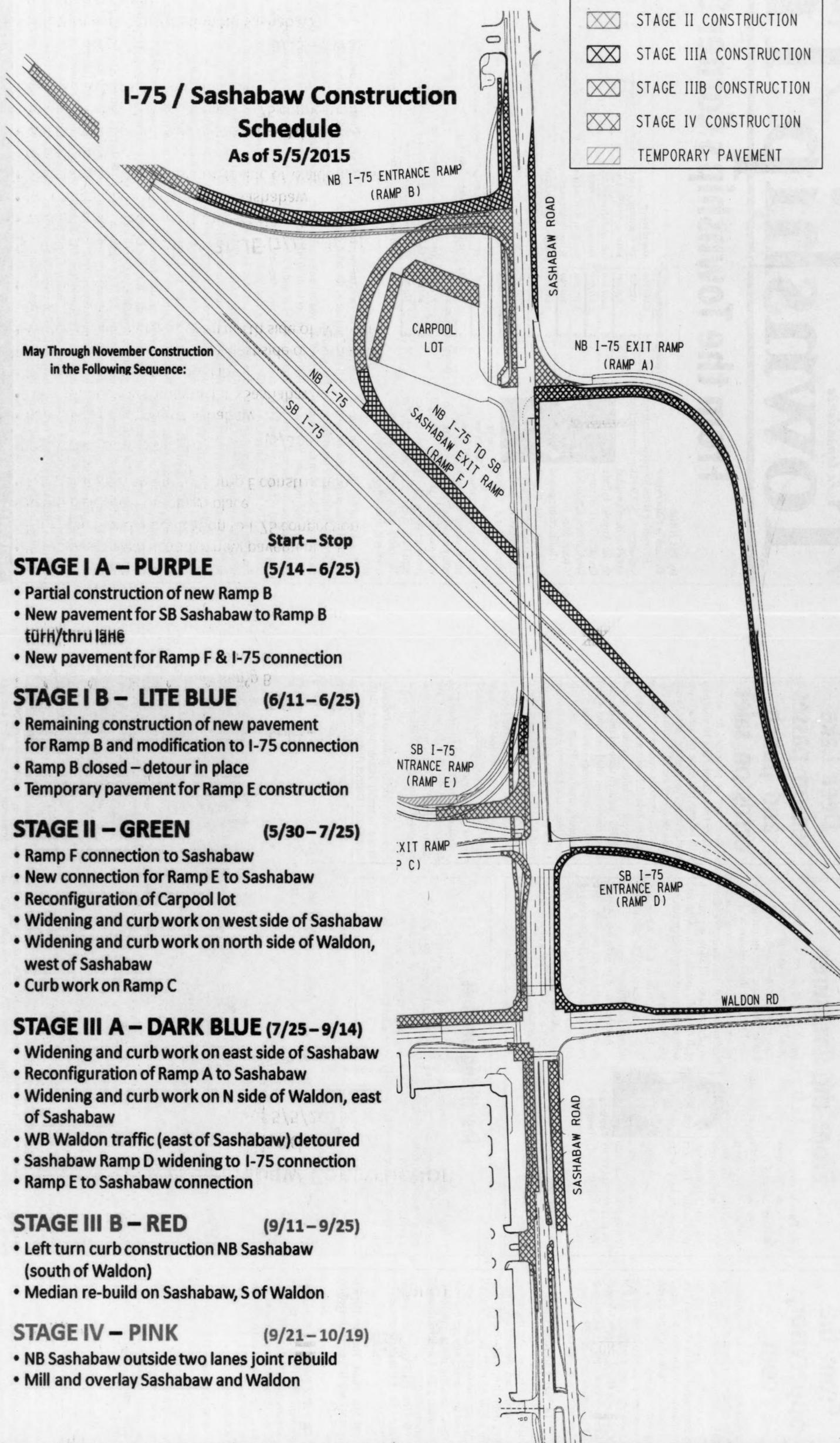
- Widening and curb work on east side of Sashabaw
- Reconfiguration of Ramp A to Sashabaw
- Widening and curb work on N side of Waldon, east of Sashabaw
- WB Waldon traffic (east of Sashabaw) detoured
- Sashabaw Ramp D widening to I-75 connection
- Ramp E to Sashabaw connection

**STAGE III B – RED (9/11 – 9/25)**

- Left turn curb construction NB Sashabaw (south of Waldon)
- Median re-build on Sashabaw, S of Waldon

**STAGE IV – PINK (9/21 – 10/19)**

- NB Sashabaw outside two lanes joint rebuild
- Mill and overlay Sashabaw and Waldon



## From the Supervisor, cont.

monitoring and adjusting its budgets – both at the Director and Supervisor level to ensure that budgets align with actual spending. The Sewer budget is being monitored closely due to the maintenance and incremental repair work being identified with the current cleaning and video analysis and with annual increases for Detroit sewage treatment costs. The Township will be asking our DPW Citizens Advisory Board to review current findings, budget assumptions and sewer rates. More to come on this topic.

**2014 Year End Review:** All in all the year turned out pretty good as highlighted below. An improving economy, smart spending and a little luck didn't hurt at all. The one-time Police timing issue and the decades old issue with deposit and escrow accounts were the big surprises this year. These issues will all be highlighted in the official 2014 audited financial statements.

■ **General Fund:** The General Fund - Fund Balance increased by \$874,000.

■ **Fire Fund:** The Fire Department - Fund Balance increased by \$388,412.

■ **Police Fund:** The Police Department - Fund Balance would have increased by \$143,365 if not for the \$296,035 one-time accounting adjustment. The 2014 year-end Police Fund Balance decreased \$152,670 after the adjustment.

■ **Water Fund:** The Water Department - Fund Balance decreased by \$563,231. This deficit situation is trending in the right direction after the recent water rate increase. Anticipate a net contribution to the Water Department - Fund Balance within a year or two.

■ **Sewer Fund:** The Sewer Department - Fund Balance increased by \$336,578 due to one-time adjustments to interest and grants. Annual sewage treatment cost increases and additional repair work identified with the cleaning and video work will continue to be monitored closely.

## From the Treasurer

By Paul Brown, Township Treasurer

### ■ Dog Licenses

Dog license renewals are in full swing with the arrival of spring. If you haven't gotten your pet's 2015 license yet, don't wait. The cost increases to \$30 on June 1.

Remember to bring the current rabies vaccination certificate with you, as we must verify the certificate every year.



Paul Brown, Township Treasurer

### ■ Water and Sewer Billings

We have now converted all Water and Sewer customers to identical bill-

ing cycles. In the past, we had multiple billing zones and we processed one zone every month. Automation of processes, in both the Department of Public Works and the Treasurer's office, now allows us to bill all accounts at the end of each calendar quarter. Changing this process will allow our current staff to handle increases in customers, without the need to add labor costs in the short-term.

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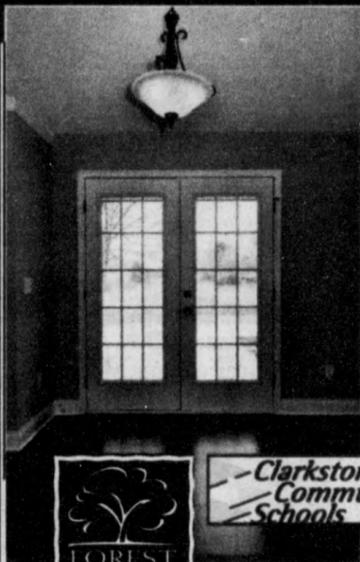
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Dr. Paul Haduck, D.O., North Oakland Family Medical, prays for healthcare, social workers, and caregivers.



Dave Durham, Wolverine Securing, prays for commerce.



Lane Rupright of Clarkston prays for the community.



Priscilla Perkins of Lighthouse of Oakland County offers a prayer for civic groups and non profits.



Nate Knapper, assistant attorney general, prays for government.



Geoff Black, worship arts pastor at Clarkston Community Church, offers a closing prayer.

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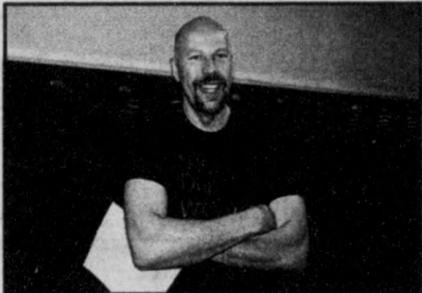
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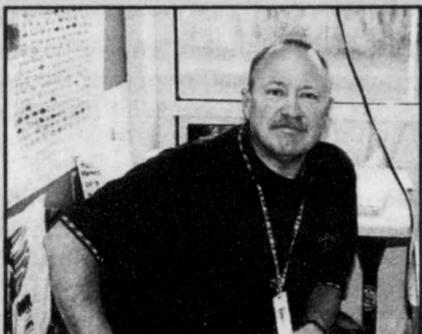


Christine and Nick Schichtle of Clarkston leads a prayer for families.

Since Prop 1 was voted down - what do we do with roads now?



"I think they should make two separate proposals; one for the roads and one for education."  
- Mike Olsen



"I think the legislators need to do their jobs and fully fund public education without increasing my taxes too much."  
- Brooke Davis



"Try again. Schools need funding and I'm not sure where that funding is going to come from if voters won't approve of the plans."  
- Nancy Brown



"Roads need to be fixed. Solutions need to be found. Compromise needs to be made."  
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By Lauren Barnhardt

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Roxie Fittonville of Clarkston prays for senior citizens.



Pastor Mark Nelson of Kensington Community Church, prays for churches.



Rev. Michael A. Goddard, Oakland County Sheriff chaplain, prays for law enforcement, fire, and EMS.



Principal Bruce Martin, Andersonville Elementary, prays for schools.

## Day for prayers

Faithful of all denominations gathered for the Clarkston Area National Day of Prayer, May 7, at Fountains Golf and Banquet Center.

Sponsored by Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home, local leaders and representatives offered prayers for the community.



Austin Hauptstueck, senior at Clarkston High School, prays for youth.



Kate Zywicki, pastor intern at Calvary Lutheran Church, offers an opening prayer.

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**Events**

**Spring Plant Sale**, May 13, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Oakland Technical Center- NW Campus, 8211 Big Lake Road. Annuals, perennials, vegetables and unusual specialty plants. Greenhouses open Monday-Friday, 8-10 a.m., and 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., May 13-22.

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**Celebrate Spring with Michigan Wines**, Clarkston Rotary, 6:30-8:30 p.m., May 14, Fountains Golf and Banquet Center, 6060 Maybee Road. \$40/advance, \$50/door.

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**Treasures and Treats** for Neighbor for Neighbor, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., May 15-16, Hart Community Center, Mill Pond Park in Davisburg. 248-634-0900.

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**Scraps for Seniors**, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., May 16, Clintonwood Park, 6000 Clarkston Road. Metal scrap collection for Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center. 248-625-8231.

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**Water Safety Awareness Day**, 2-6 p.m., May 16, Goldfish Swim School, 6340 Waldon Center Drive. Free. Family swimming, fire trucks, bounce house, face painting, snacks, prizes. 248-795-2252.

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**Invasive plants** information event, Oakland Phragmites Task Force, 7 p.m., May 18, Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Road, www.oaklandphragmitestaskforce.com.

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**Better Backs**, 1:30 p.m., May 20, Carriage House in Clintonwood Park. \$1. Stretches, exercises, tips to strengthen lower back muscles and prevent injuries. 248-625-8231.

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**Blood drive**, American Red Cross, 8 a.m.-1:45 p.m., May 24, St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park Drive; 3-8:45 p.m., May 29, North Sashabaw Elementary, 5290 Maybee. 800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767).

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**Phil Treais Group**, 7-11 p.m., May 30, Clarkston Eagles, 5640 Maybee Road, Clarkston, 248-625-9838.

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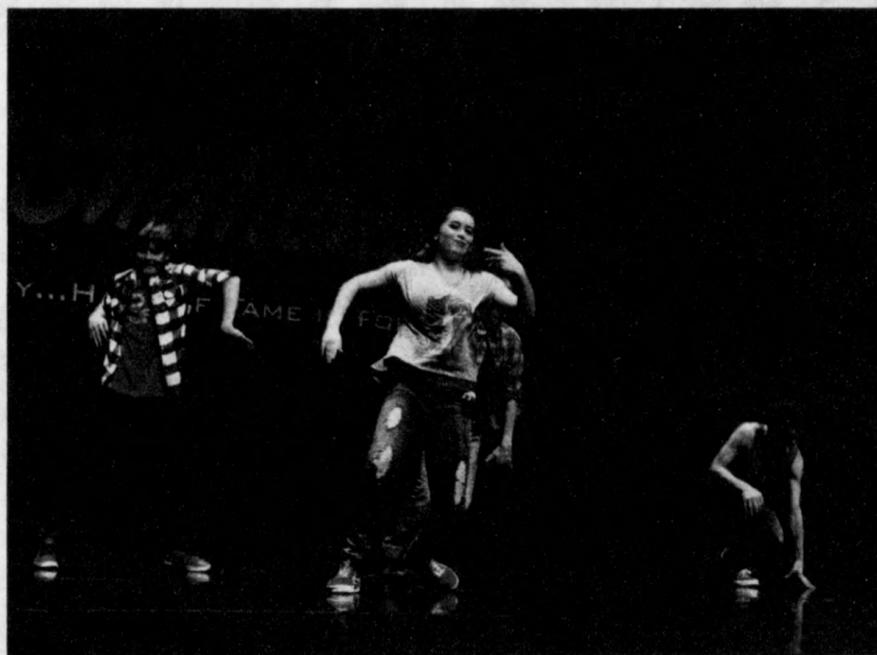
**Annual plant exchange**, Clarkston Farm and Garden Club, 8:30 a.m., June 6, downtown parking lot at Washington and Main. Bring potted and divided perennials for exchange with other gardeners, clarkstongardenclub.org.

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**Golf outing** for Clarkston Area Youth Assistance, 11 a.m. shotgun start, June 22, Oakhurst Golf & Country Club, 7000 Oakhurst Lane. 18 holes with cart, lunch, prime rib dinner, con-

# Around Town

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



**DANCE RECITAL: Mt. Zion School of Performing Arts dance competition teams perform their annual recital, May 15-16. Students perform hip-hop, ballet, contemporary choreography, and other dance styles. Tickets start at \$8. Call 248-393-1407. Photo provided**

tests, giveaways, prizes. \$165/golfer, \$660/four-some. 248-623-4313

**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.

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

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**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.

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

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

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**Fitness 4 You** classes, \$5 walk-in, New Hope

Bible Church, 8673 Sashabaw Road. Call Patty, 248-520-3297.

**Tuesday**

**Wint's Healing Hearts** Grief Support Group, 7 p.m., May 12, Carriage House in Clintonwood Park. Topic: "Why Do I Feel So Angry?" Free. 248-625-5231.

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

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**Grief Share**, 13-week seminar/support group for those suffering loss, 7-8:30 p.m., Tuesdays, The Gathering Place, 9811 Dixie Highway. 248-694-9351.

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**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.

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

Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

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**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.

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**Town Hall Quilt Guild**, third Tuesday, 7 p.m., First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. Guest fee, \$5. 248-705-7310.

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**50+ Pickleball**, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., \$3; Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., \$4; Saturdays, 9-11 a.m., \$3. First Congregational Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road.

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**Big Chief Barbershop Chorus**, 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Waterford Oaks, 2800 Watkins Lake Road. Call Eric, 248-224-2214.

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**LegalShield and Identity Theft Shield** information sessions with Carol Compagnoni, Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m., Colombiere Center, 9075 Big Lake Road. 248-420-3126.

**Wednesday**

**Clarkston Area Optimist Club**, 7:30-8:30 a.m., Wednesdays, Clarkston United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 6600 Waldon Road. 248-622-6096.

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**Clarkston Area Youth Assistance**, second Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Independence Township Hall, 6483 Waldon Center Drive. 248-623-4313.

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**Genealogical consulting** with Dr. Thomas K. Stone, Wednesdays, May 20, 10 a.m. \$1. Call Senior Center at 248-625-8231 to place your name on the list.

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**Cancer Nutritional Lunch and Learn Seminar** by Nuview Nutrition, 12-2 p.m., Wednesdays, May 20-June 10, McLaren Cancer Institute, Conference Room, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. Free. RSVP, 248-922-6606

**Thursday**

**Clarkston Masons/Cedar 60**, first Thursdays, 8 p.m., 1 East Washington. 248-625-4610.

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

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**Independence Township Conservatives Club**, second Thursday, 6 p.m., Kings Court Castle, Canterbury Village, Lake Orion. May 14: "Constituent Guidelines for Effective Constitutional Government," with Janice Daniels.

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**Flying Aces Frisbee Show: Monday, May 18 7:00pm**

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**Tell Us About Your Travels: Wednesday, May 20 7:00pm**

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**Teen Tech Art: Thursday, May 21 7:00am**

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Robert Kostin, P.C.  
Attorney



**Q:** Did you know that the VA (Department of Veteran Affairs) offers two types of disability benefits: nonservice-connected pension benefits and service-connected compensation benefits?

**A:** Nonservice-connected pension benefits are monthly payments made to veterans who served during a congressionally defined period of war, are permanently and totally disabled, and meet a certain income threshold. The disability does not have to be related to the period of service. Service-connected compensation benefits are paid to veterans with disabilities that were incurred or aggravated during a period of military service or arose as a result of fault by a VA medical facility.

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## Nutrition



Cindy Crandell R.N.

Functional Medicine  
Nutritionist  
Lifestyle Educator

**Q:** Should I be on a gluten-free diet?

**A:** For many Americans, gluten has become an issue because wheat is a highly subsidized crop and hybridization methods and genetic engineering have been used to grow wheat that is fungal-resistant, easy to harvest, process a high yield. It is also much lower in nutrients. It can be a really serious problem for the 1 percent of the population with celiac disease. Sometimes individuals may not have celiac disease but can have sensitivity to gluten. Gluten sensitivities can be managed by a gluten-free diet. Some of the most common symptoms of gluten sensitivity can be diarrhea, unexpected weight loss, vomiting, anemia, abdominal pain and distention, fatigue, joint pain, foggy mind, and tingling of the extremities. For more information visit our blog at [www.nuviewnutrition.com](http://www.nuviewnutrition.com)

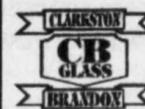


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**A:** Sarge Says...Yes - I'd recommend Pet Screen. Its a screen that is four times more durable then a standard screen. Another option would be Pet Guard which is a grill guard over the screen. Call for estimates. We can replace all your screens and doorwalls within 24 hours.

## Interior Design



Kevin Harrison



**Q:** How do I easily update my home for spring

**A:** Focus on three areas - scent, light, and first impression. Scent - pick-up a few new scented candles. Floral or fresh scents are a good choice.

Light - clear your windows and let light flood in to your rooms. This will improve our moods like nothing else! First impression - add a great wreath to your front door and change the accessories on your dining and coffee tables. These few changes can make a big difference!

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## Financial Planning: Social Security



Linda Danek,  
Financial Advisor

**Q:** How can our Social Security benefits support an active lifestyle in retirement?

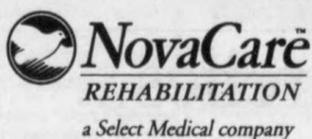
**A:** Before filing, find out which of the more than 75 ways to file for social security is best for you. Income from pensions, savings and other factors will impact the filing decision you make. Consider working with a financial advisor; I can help you create a plan focused on optimizing your retirement income. As a Clarkston resident, I value helping my neighbors pursue financial independence. Call me to start the conversation about your financial future or email [LDanek@wradvisors.com](mailto:LDanek@wradvisors.com) to reserve a space at the upcoming Social Security Seminar on Tuesday, June 9, at the Clarkston Independence District Library.

*This information is meant to be general in nature and should not be construed as investment or financial advice related to your personal situation.*

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**Q:** What are some tips for Walking Exercise?

**A:** Warm weather has arrived and it's time to get outside and start your own walking program. It's easy and free. Walking is one of the easiest forms of exercise that takes no real athleticism, requires no fancy equipment, and can be done almost anywhere. Keep in mind when heading out for a walk, it's important to have the proper support when walking for any real distance and when walking on surfaces such as sidewalks or wooded paths. It can be easy to overdo it if your body isn't well prepared. Walkers also need to strengthen their core and trunk and increase stability, mobility, and overall general conditioning. Drinking plenty of water or other non-caffeinated fluids before, after, and even during walks will help keep the body hydrated.



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## Mortgage



Jason Nolan  
Senior Loan Officer



**Q:** I received a first time homebuyer grant from when I bought my home last year. It was part of the Nationwide Mortgage Settlement agreement that the State of Michigan took part in. I received a 1099-G from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority. Do I need to claim this on my 2015 tax return?

**A:** As they say, "nothing in life is free," and this case is not different. The \$3000 first time homebuyer grant program was wildly popular and those funds were depleted in less than two months. Here, at Michigan Mortgage Solutions, we helped numerous clients take advantage of this program. Alas, the grant money is considered taxable as ordinary income. Of course, you should always consult a tax professional if you have any questions regarding how you should treat the grant money on your income tax return.

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# Religion

Events Preaching

## Weak light will burn out

I was pleasantly surprised to read an article in the Huffington Post where Stan Van Gundy discussed the potential for burn-out in the N.B.A.

The reason Stan gave for burn-out is the demanding travel schedule that is placed upon the players. I enjoyed the article because it reinforced to me that no one is exempt from the possibility of burn-out.

Burn-out finds people of all different vocations, and of all different types of faith. Burn-out doesn't discriminate between the star players on the team or even the role players.

Burn-out can be found on the coaching staff or the catering team.

If burn-out is such a strong potential danger in everyone's lives where it robs us of our joy, sleep, potential success, and even our health, wouldn't it be beneficial for us to know what causes it and how we can prevent it?

Lisa M. Gerry, in an article in Forbes magazine, defined burnout this way— "Burnout is when the demands placed on you exceed the resources available to you."

I love this definition because it very simply, yet profoundly, tells us what burn-out is and how it takes place within the complex varied situations we experience daily.

If we live any length of time where the demands exceed the resources we have, we end up burned out. In the N.B.A., the recipe for burn out is several back-to-back games, injuries, and overtime minutes where players are forced to play more than their bodies can take.

Burn out doesn't have to be the reality of our lives. There is something very pow-

erful that is available for those who will receive the free gift God gives through Jesus that makes burn-out not just preventable, but impossible.

As you continue to receive resources/grace from God that is greater than the demands placed upon you, you will never burn out. As God's child you are never going to be in a situation where the demands placed upon you exceed the resources that He has made available to you.

If God's presence is inside of you (Galatians 2:20) – you have unlimited resources. Burn-out is not possible when we continually access the amazing, unlimited supply of grace.

In the life of a follower of Christ, in order for burn-out to happen, an individual has to see his or her situation in the wrong light for this to even be a possibility.

When we look at our lives in the wrong/weak light, we see things that aren't really there or aren't as they truly seem. When our focus is on what appears as lack, or the great demand upon us, we lose sight of the abundance and the victory of Jesus.

Christ lives in us. Christ has overcome what is coming over you. So, in this life may we focus on God's Word that brings us into the right light to see our situation as it truly is.

"Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think" – (Ephesians 3:20 NLT).

May you allow the power of God to work mightily in and through your life. May God be glorified as He guides your path away from burn-out and into the abundant life.

*The Rev. Dr. Matthew Webster is pastor of First Congregational Church of Clarkston.*

### Spiritual Matters



Pastor Matthew Webster

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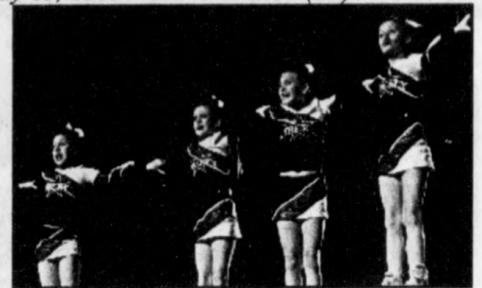
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## Team support

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It was also a special year because the team dedicated the season to one of their teammate's mother, who passed away from cancer in November.

"It was a huge shock through the whole program," said Bray. It breaks my heart for Presley and see her go through it. as their coach, you love them all like they are your kids. I spend more time with them than some of their parents get to because competitive sports take up so much of their free time.

She added it was incredible to see not only the Legends but the entire program come together.

"It's not all about winning," she said. "She lost her mom and was able to come here to her second family where everyone loved her and supported her. It taught the girls a valuable lesson about life, friendship and being a team."

Most of the girls have been at Stars and Stripes, off White Lake Road, since they were young. Bray started coaching them three and a half years ago.

"It's incredible," Bray said about watching them grow every year. "They are all very excited to cheer together. Every day I can't believe this is my career and my full time job. I am so lucky to spend time with kids. They are great and fun to be around. I really think I have the best job ever. It's very rewarding. It's very exciting to see a girl who may have struggled last year then come into this season and have an incredible year. It's rewarding knowing all of their back stories and knowing all that they have put into their cheer career then seeing the rewards they are getting at the end."

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MAY 14, 15, 16, 9am-3pm. 46 Broadway, off M-24, Oxford. !!L241

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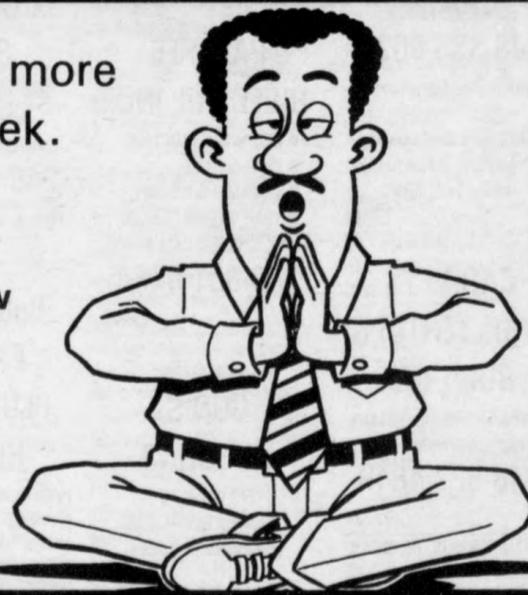
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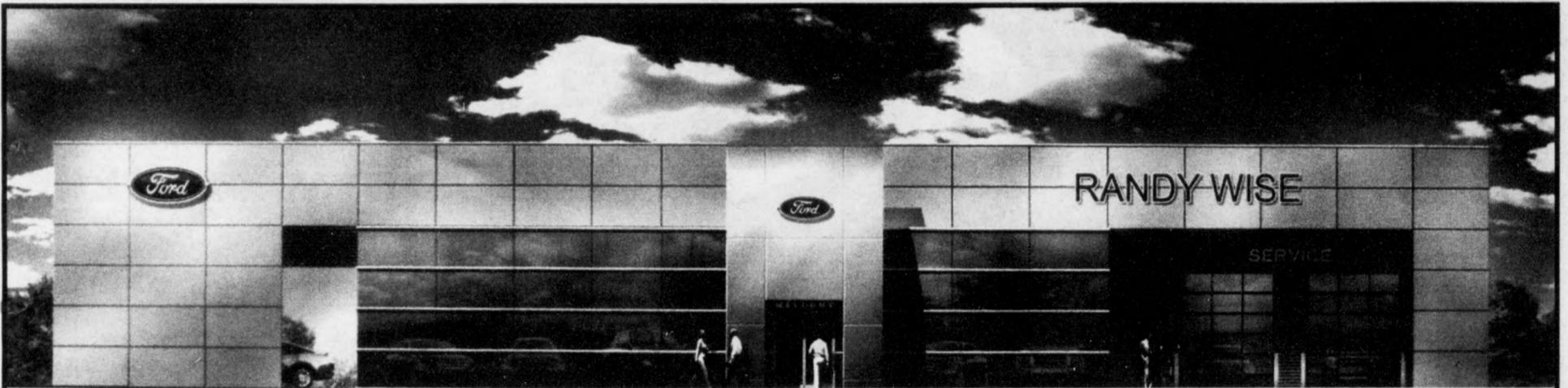
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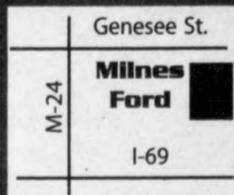
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## J. Ilene Auten, 84

J. Ilene Auten of Alanson passed away Dec. 6, 2014, at age 84, at Bay Bluffs Emmet County Medical Care Facility.

She was born May 26, 1930, to Erland and Julia Soderberg in Pontiac. She graduated from Pontiac High School in 1948, where she met Donald C. Auten and they were married August 26, 1950. They resided in Clarkston until moving to Alanson in 1983.

Ilene was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Edwin, her sister Dorothy, beloved husband Donald C. and her son Donald R. Ilene is survived by her children, Cathy Auten of Waterford, Suzie Auten of Alanson, Sally (Chuck) Gilmore of Buena Vista, CO and Ken (Malissa) Auten of Alanson. She is also survived by her brothers Alfred Soderberg and Eric (Carolyn) Soderberg. She has eight grandchildren, Matt Bontempo, Sara (Nathan) Hendrick, Matt Allen, Stephanie Knutson, Isaac Auten, Evan Auten, Ellen Auten and Donelle Auten and five great grandchildren.

Memorial Service Saturday, May 30, 2015, at 3 p.m. at the **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, where friends may visit Saturday, 2 p.m. until time of service. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be directed to the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Cards or letters of thoughts and prayers can be sent to the family at P.O. Box 21, Alanson, MI 49706 or auten@chartermi.net. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com)

## Larry W. Simpson, 58

Larry Simpson of Lapeer, Mich., passed away peacefully on April 30, 2015.

Larry was born on Sept 17, 1956 in Pontiac, Mich., to parents William Simpson and Illene Thomas. Larry was a quiet man with a good sense of humor. He served this country proudly and was honorably discharged from the US Marine Corps. Larry's hobbies included bowling, woodworking, motorcycles and music.

Larry was one of the head tow truck drivers and dispatchers for Buckhorn Towing in Lake Orion, Mich., for 17 years. He was a dedicated employee and loving father to his children, grandchildren and stepson to the late Harvey Thomas.

Larry is survived by his beloved children: Joe (Yolanda) Simpson of Brown City, Gary Wable, Cindy Wable and Shannon Wable; ten grandchildren: Logan, Maleah, Grayce, Bo, Brittainey, Christopher, Emyleeah, Lil Will, Jameston and Bobby; three sisters: Anna Elford of Skidway, Evelyn Buxton of Alabama and Lilian Jarvis of Alabama; two brothers: Christophers Thomas and Richard Tipton both of Missouri, John (Patti) Thomas, Samuel Simpson and Christopher Thomas.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, May 16, 2015, preceded by a Pot Luck Dinner at the VFW Post 4139, 128 Daley Road, Lapeer MI 48446. Military honors, American Legion Post #16 Honor Guard.



# Death notices & Obituaries

## Thomas H. Hagen, 90

Thomas H. Hagen, "Tom," of Clarkston passed away May 5, 2015, at age 90.

He was preceded in death by his first wife Virginia and second wife Thelma. He was the loving father of William (Elaine) Hagen and Thomas (Deborah) Hagen; proud grandfather of Elizabeth Hagen, Thomas (MaryAnn) Hagen and Ryan (Stephanie) Hagen; dear brother of Eunice (late Jay) Briggs.

Tom served in the U. S. Army and U.S. Air Corps during World War II. Tom retired from General Motors after 33 years of service.

Funeral Service was May 9 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment Glen Eden Memorial Park. Memorials may be made to Disabled American Veteran's or St. Joseph Mercy Hospice. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).



## Paul F. Hood Jr., 69

Paul Frank Hood Jr. of Clarkston passed away May 10, 2015, at age 69.

He was preceded in death by his parents Marjorie and Paul Hood Sr.; brother of Andrea (Floyd) Hirsch, Mark (Karen) Hood and Eric Hood; also survived by four nieces, two nephews and many great nieces and nephews.

Inurnment at Lakeview Cemetery, Clarkston. Arrangements entrusted to **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to SCAMP.

Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).



## JoAnn Zutaut, 78

JoAnn Zutaut (Mallams), formerly of Clarkston who lived in Fayetteville, Tenn., passed peacefully in Royal Oak on May 6, 2015, at the age of 78.

She was the loving wife of Chesly for 59 years; beloved mother of Thomas, Brad (Laura-Shay) and John (Hye Jin); grandmother to Claire Elizabeth, Bentley Griffin and Dawson Chesly; preceded in death by siblings Thomas Mallams and Patsy (Paul) Meeker.

She graduated Pontiac Central High School 1954. She worked at Michigan Bell as an operator until motherhood. JoAnn loved heart boxes, orchids and her cats. She enjoyed music, especially Mama Cass, Jim Croce, The Beatles and Def Leppard. She had a passion for baking cookies for family, friends and a few rock bands.

Funeral Service, Sunday, May 17, 2015, at 10 a.m. at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, where friends may visit, Saturday, 3-9 p.m. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery.

Memorial donations welcomed to the Department of Internal Medicine/Nephrology (attn. of Paul Kellerman, MD), Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. Gifts payable to: Beaumont Foundation, 3711 West Thirteen Mile Road, Royal Oak, 48073. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).



## Wayne T. Hawley, 81

Wayne T. Hawley of Clarkston died May 4, 2015, at 81 years of age.

He was born June 17, 1933, in Caro, Mich., one of 17 children, to the late Merritt and Sarah Hawley. He was the beloved husband of the late Coza Hawley; loving father of Vern (Cindy) Hawley, Heidi Hawley, Cynthia (Christopher) Marlowe, Sharon (Rob) Pizzuti

and the late Jon Hawley (survived by Diane); also survived by 14 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren, brothers Alton and Frank, sisters Rowena and Marlene; preceded in death by siblings Warren, Leonard, Willard, John, Andy, Joseph, Irene, Rosella, Beulah, Mary, Lena and Jenny.

Wayne worked for Pontiac Motors retiring after 38 years of service. He was a devoted family man, loved cars, going to breakfast, storytelling and the beauty of the outdoors.

Funeral service was May 8 at **Coats Funeral Home-Waterford**, Pastor Rusty O'Neil officiating. Burial at Seymour Lake Cemetery, Brandon Township. Memorial donations may be made to Cross Walk Family Church, 338 E. Walton Blvd. Pontiac, MI 48340. To send a condolence please visit [www.CoatsFuneralHome.com](http://www.CoatsFuneralHome.com)/Obituaries.



## All on table for talks, except schools, rep says

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Now, the Michigan house and senate's job is to hammer out a new way to fix the roads.

"I don't think anything is off the table," the representative said. "A caveat is education - I don't support tapping into the schools."

The prison budget, health and human services, and other programs need to be reviewed, he said.

"Certainly help those in need and provide a safety net, (but) this is an opportunity to scrutinize which programs are working and which are not, to look for redundancies," he said.

Serving on the Education Committee, he will look into raising funding for districts such as Clarkston, which received \$7,251 per pupil.

"Education is one of my passions - I plan to look into that," he said. "Since Proposal A passed, Clarkston and most Oakland County districts pay higher property taxes but are on the lowest rungs for funding."

For roads, the state must consider new ways of funding, he said.

"Pay at the pump is antiquated," he said. "I don't think the legislature should leave for the summer, not until the job is done."

Tedder's upcoming office hours include on May 15 at Pete's Coney II in Clarkston from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., and May 22 at Fino's Family Dining in Waterford from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Check RepJimTedder.com email [JimTedder@house.mi.gov](mailto:JimTedder@house.mi.gov).

## Register for summer camps

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Varsity Coach Kelly Pinner and staff host **Clarkston Volleyball Camp**, Monday-Friday, June 15-19, at Clarkston High School.

Girls going into grades 9-12 play from 8-10 a.m., girls going into 5-8 play 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Cost is \$100.

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Coach Don Peters, the Clarkston High School Varsity Softball coaching staff and varsity players have two camps for those interested in softball. **T-Ball for Girls** is for ages 4-6-years-old, June 22-25 from 10-11:15 a.m. where players learn the basics of throwing, catching, base-running, fielding, batting, rules and player positions. The cost is \$62.

Obituaries posted daily at [Clarkstonnews.com](http://Clarkstonnews.com)



READY, AIM, FIRE: Children of all ages learn how to shoot bows and arrows with help from the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club during the Ryan Kennedy Kids Day in the Park last Saturday. Photo by Wendi Reardon

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# Heroin addiction can start in high school, parents say

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both Clarkston High School graduates. They started using heroin when they were in school. It's sad. People need to get their head out of the sand."

She believes her daughter's addiction started after she got her tonsils out and was given Vicodin, an opiate pain killer.

"She went back to the doctor and kept saying her throat hurt, and they gave her another prescription," her mother said.

Tonya Cunningham from Clarkston Coalition Youth said kids are regularly prescribed narcotic medications often after being injured in sports activities or if they get a tooth pulled.

Medications are also easily obtained from medicine cabinets of friends and family.

The problem society faces now started years ago. Prescription medications have been freely prescribed since the 90s when pain management doctors fought to make pain a vital sign, along with respiration rate, pulse, temperature, heart-rate and blood pressure.

Doctors fought to increase the use of narcotic medications once rarely prescribed and soon doctors started writing scripts for every ill.

Kim White's daughter is a full blown heroin addict, and she believes her daughter's addiction started when she was in 10th grade at Clarkston High School.

White also believes her daughter's heroin addiction started with prescription drugs.

"My daughter was clean for 19 months and then she relapsed," said White. "I have to do whatever I can, tell whoever I can to help save my child."

White gathers with other parents in "My Hope" to talk about the very painful reality their children's fate.

"Everyday I wake up and wonder if I am going to lose my daughter today," White said.

The Oakland County morgue claims deaths from prescription drugs keep doubling every year. Now prescription drug abuse is making way to a new epidemic heroin.

"It's like a one-two punch," Oakland County Medical Examiner Drogovic. "By July 2014 we already reached the number of deaths we had the entire year of 2013."

It is time for society, and communities to step-up and address these problems, Drogovic said.

"Somehow we have to break the stereotype and our cultural thoughts in regards to drug use," he said. "Groups, the governments, schools, police need to help."

The more who use drugs, the more drug abuse spreads, the doctor said.

"Society as a whole and our communities must pull all our resources together. We must step-up and address these problems," Drogovic warned.

The problem society faces now started years ago.

Prescription medications have flowed freely for over two decades, and America got hooked.

Drogovic said we have a social responsibility to work together on this problem.

He said all of our community groups and resources need to be one one page to help fight this problem. by mobilizing all resources and getting one page.

"This treatment needs to include state and local forces," he said.

Michigan now ranks 17th in the country for prescription drug deaths. Other states have huge problems with the prescription drugs and heroin epidemic.

"Drug deaths were rare 24 years ago," Dragovic said. "Now we see them all the time."

An estimated 80 percent of new heroin users were first addicted to prescription medication.

Independence Township Oakland County Sheriff Department Lt. Dirk Feneley

said heroin use is on the rise in North Oakland County, including right here in Clarkston.

Accepting other drugs into society is not helping, said Drug Enforcement Agent special agent in charge Rich Isaacson.

"Society's acceptance of the longtime illegal gateway drug marijuana is troubling," he said.

"The legalization and decriminalizing of marijuana fuels kids into thinking drugs is acceptable - marijuana these days is way more potent than it used to be."

Next time: What can be done to help?

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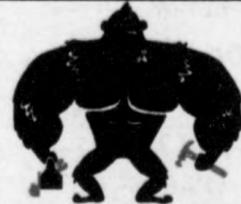
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