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Issac Vanderelen, with his family and former teachers and administrators at Clarkston Elementary, is proud to receive his Presidential Award. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

# Honored for academics after parents persist

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Clarkston News Staff Writer

When sixth grader Issac Vanderelen visited his old teachers at Clarkston Elementary at their open house, Sept. 2, he also got a surprise.

His parents Katy and Ian Vanderelen were there along with his grandparents, and one of his former teachers, Nate Fuller, was there to talk sports with him. In the cafeteria were also Principal Brian Adams and other staff members. They were all there with something special for the student.

"I know you got left out during the fifth

grade send off," Adams explained. "I felt really bad about that and I wanted to make it right. We really want to congratulate you on all the hard work."

The fifth-grade send off last spring included presentation of Presidential Awards recognizing excellent grades.

Issac didn't receive an award, so Katy and Ian thought his grades were not up to par. But when his report card came, it was all As and one B.

On the Autism spectrum with Asperger's Syndrome, Katy wondered if his learning disability was the reason.

"Autism is very challenging. Adding behavioral problems onto that makes it even more of a challenge," Katy said. "(But) Issac worked very hard, and we really felt he should have been recognized for his achievements. He should of been up there with his peers."

Even so, a smile lit up Issac's face after getting the award last week.

"I feel really good," he smiled. "I'm really glad I got an award. I worked hard."

His family was happy for him too.

"I just want him to know how very smart and special he is," his grandmother, Pat Parks

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# 4-year-old drowns in pool

A 4-year-old Holly Township boy died, Sept. 3, after being pulled from the deep end of a pool in the 6700 block of Belmont Court, 2:48 p.m., Sept. 1.

The boy was with his mother at a water aerobics' class at a private home. Adults were in the deep end exercising and children were playing in the shallow end during the class. The child had removed his life jacket and said he was done swimming. Minutes after, he was found by his mother in the deep end. She jumped

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# New principals take the reins

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Parents and students will see a few new principals in the district in school this week.

Springfield Plains, North Sashabaw Elementary and Andersonville elementary all have new leadership.

Jen Johnson is the new principal at North Sashabaw Elementary. This will be her fifth year in Clarkston Community Schools, which included serving at the middle school as assistant principal and interim principal.



**Johnson** 

"I am eagerly awaiting the start of the school year and most of all meeting and connecting with students and families," she said.

She has served in education for 19 years, Please see Elementary on page 4

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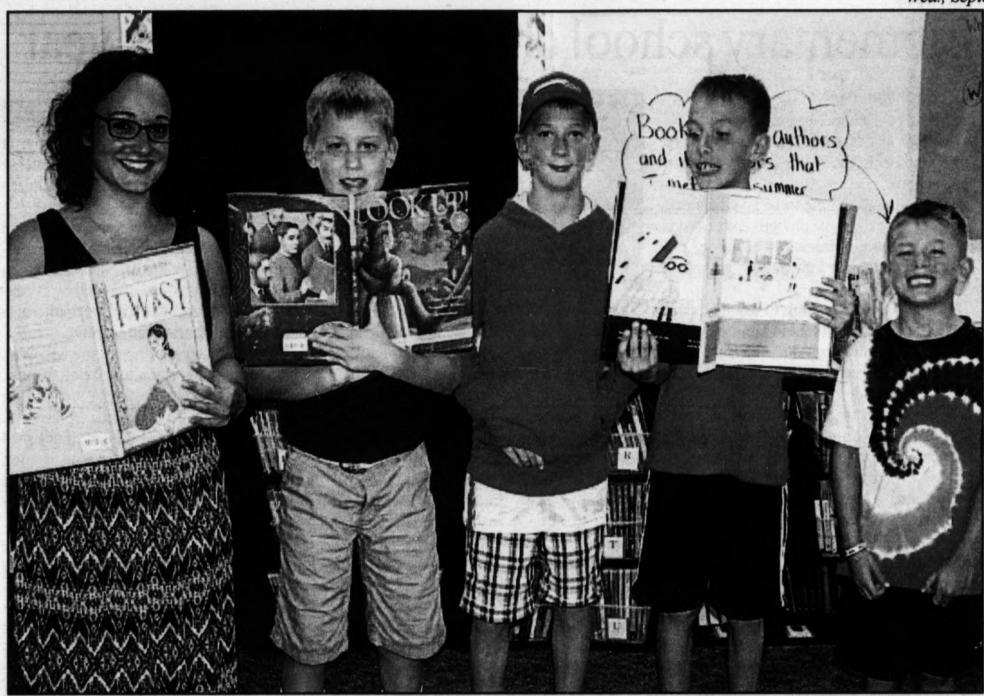
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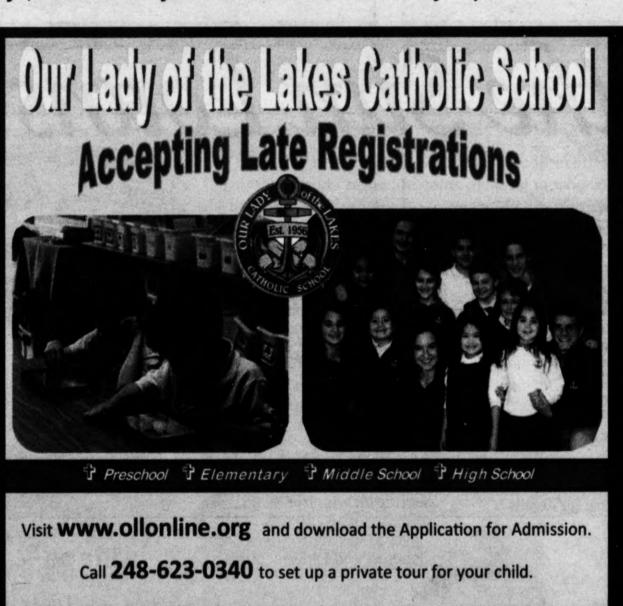
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READY TO READ: Michelle Cusumano, fifth grade teacher, shares her love of reading with students Bryan Lefief, Brett Busyn, Matthew and Ryan Boor at Clarkston Elementary's open house event. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin







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# Elementary school chiefs ready for new year

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including 14 in elementary education.

Johnson said North Sashabaw Elementary is beginning its third year as a "Leader in Me" school.

"It's an exciting time to be an educator," she said, "and the most obvious shift in education is getting students to not only engage in what they are taught, but grappling with its complexity.

"It is no longer enough to ask a student to retell what was just told to him/her, rather we want to know from our students, 'What makes you say that?' or 'how might it be different," she said.

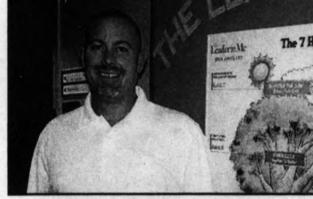
Johnson said teachers and staff are passionate and committed to working collaboratively to create and plan a learning environment that is safe and nurturing for every child.

Matthew Gifford will serve as the interim principal at Springfield Plains while the district searches to permanently fill the position sometime next year.

"I have been at this building for 12 years," Gifford said. "I am very honored and excited for the opportunity to fill the position."

He has always been very active at the school, and was very involved with kick starting the Cultures of Learning at Springfield.

One of the district's strategic goal areas is



### **New Principal Matthew Gifford.**

to encourage active learning and intellectual curiosity, by creating an environment that values and supports thinking.

Cultures of Thinking and Learning is a district wide approach initiated by Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock to advance innovative ways of thinking and learning.

Gifford was also a presenter at Harvard University's School Graduate School of Education Project Zero conference here in Clarkston in 2012. Education is changing fast and he is honored to be involved in such enormous change, he said.

"I'm very grateful to serve both the students and their families at Springfield Plains," he said. "My goal is to have a positive impact on students."

Gifford was present at the Aug. 2 Board of Education meeting when he was officially hired for the job.

"I am very honored," he said after being congratulated by board members.

Kim Fletcher is the new principal at Andersonville Elementary this year. Fletcher said she is very passionate about children and learning.

"I look forward to partnering with you to provide a warm, safe, engaging learning atmosphere for our students," she said. "I am elated to work with you as a partner in education to ensure your child's social, emotional, and academic needs are met."

Fletcher added as principal she will work with staff to focus on culture, relationships, character education, fostering a nurturing safe environment for children.

Fletcher said goals will be accomplished by consistently implementing instruction strategies to increase student achievement while also providing an exciting and challenging enrichment learning environment.

She is looking forward to meeting new students and families and her door is always open to anyone wishing to talk or express concerns.

Fletcher has worked with CCS for 16 years, including positions as a teacher and administrator. Her most recent position was in the central office as administrator of Curriculum, Assessment, Professional Learning and Grants.



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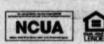
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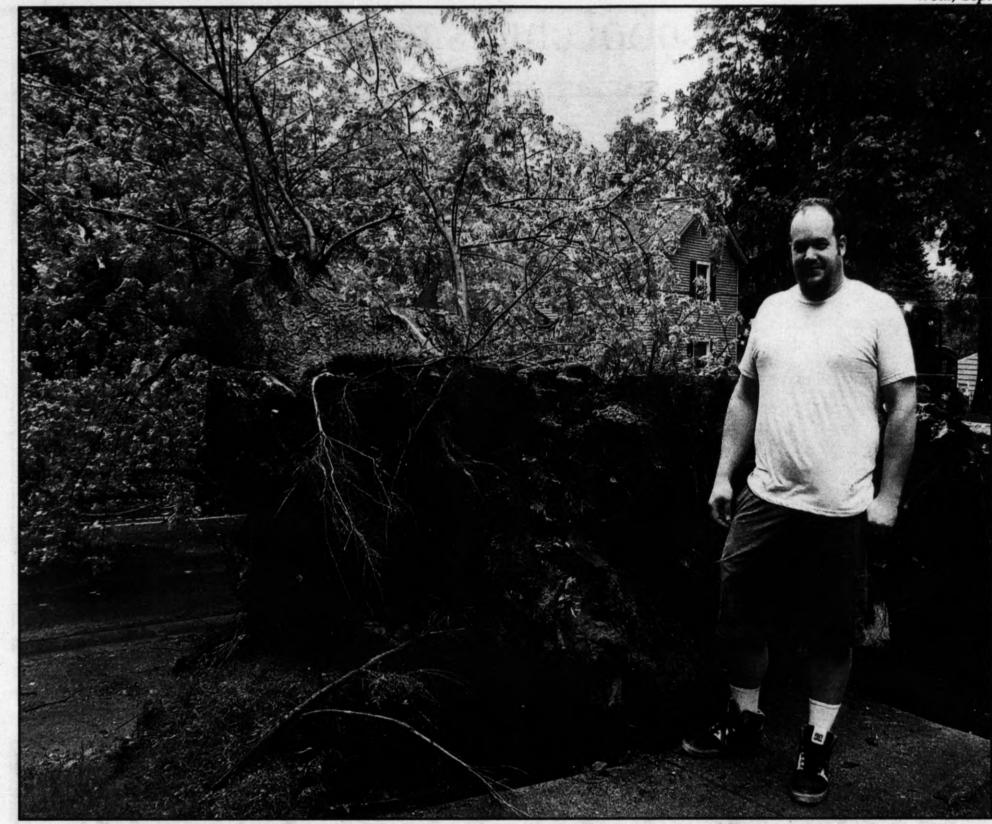
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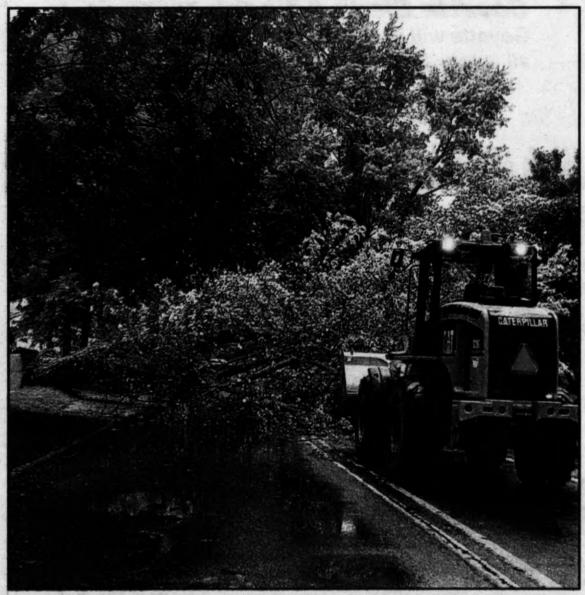




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A large tree in front of Aaron Doughty home on Holcomb Road was uprooted during a storm last week.



The tree blocked the road until workers could remove it. Photos by **Phil Custodio** 

### Storm knocks down tree

Intense winds during a storm passing through the Clarkston area, Sept. 3, knocked down a tree on Holcomb Road between Depot Road and Washington Street.

The tree fell across the road, blocking traffic for a couple hours until Clarkston DPW and Road Commission for Oakland County workers could clear it.

Aaron Doughty, in whose front yard the tree used to stand, was in his garage in back when it fell.

"I didn't hear it come down - there was a lot of rain and wind," Doughty said. "I'm glad it didn't hit anything."

Neighbor Barbara Weber also didn't hear the tree fall in all the sounds of thunder.

"I could tell something happened because no cars were going by - that never happens," Weber said. "I'm thankful no homes or people were hit."

A crew from Independence Tree Care was called for a few jobs in Clarkston for downed trees after the storm.

"We really didn't have that many called out for this storm," said Ryan Koechig.

Independence Township DPW director Dave McKee said they received no reports of storm or flood damage.

"I know other areas near the thumb flooded," he said. "I have noticed the township does pretty well during storms. We have a pretty good storm water system. Not to say we don't have issues, but overall we do well."

# Briefly

### **Budget hearing**

The Clarkston Independence District Library Board is holding a public hearing on the proposed library budget for the fiscal year Jan. 1, 2016 to Dec. 31, 2016.

The meeting will be at the library, 6495 Clarkston Road, on Monday, Sept. 14, at 5:30 p.m.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be subject of this hearing.

For more information, please call 248-625-2212.

### **Donations** needed

Lighthouse of Oakland County is running low on some items including spaghetti sauce, tomato sauce, whole tomatoes, and stewed tomatoes, and condensed soups such as chicken, vegetable, and tomato.

The nonprofit group provides emergency food and housing, utility assistance, medical assistance and transportation to low-income families in Oakland County. It also offers a transitional housing program to help homeless women and children gain skills and confidence needed to live independently.

Call Lighthouse in Independence Township, 6330 Sashabaw Road, at 248-620-6116.

### **Love Clarkston tees**

The Clarkston Girls Soccer Program will have a booth at the Taste of Clarkston, Sunday, Sept. 20, selling "Love Clarkston" T-shirts. The T-shirts, made by Logos & Letters, off Dixie Highway are available in navy blue and camo and are \$20. All proceeds go to the Lady Wolves Soccer Program.

For more on the T-shirts, see the story in an upcoming edition of The Clarkston News.

### Haunted challenge

Always wanted to create your own haunted house? Here is your chance. For Halloween enthusiasts going into sixth through 12th grade the kick off meeting for the Haunted House Design Challenge is Sept. 15, 6-8 p.m. in the Clarkston High School LGI room. For the story, please see page 21.

For more information and updates about the Clarkston Haunted House Design Challenge, please visit www.Facebook.com/Haunteddesigns.

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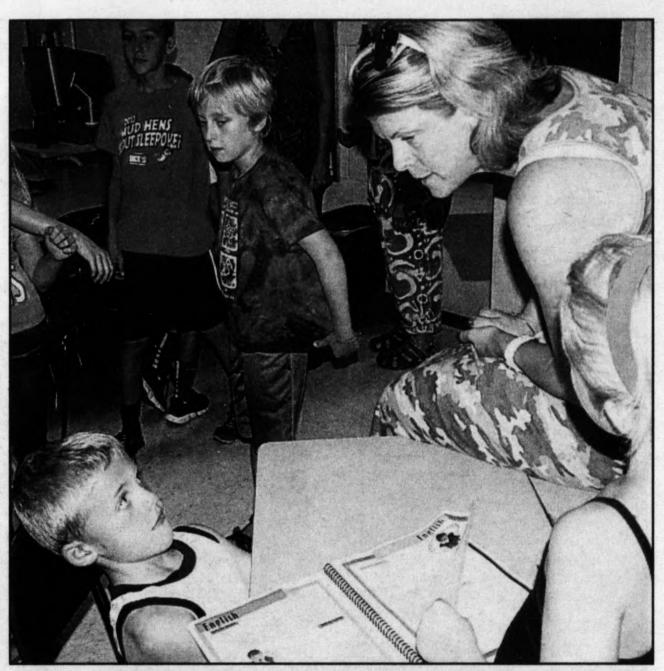


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TIME TO LISTEN: Keagen and Kelsey Eubanks listen closely as fourth grade teacher Jennifer Brykailo gets an early start on teaching students about reading. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin



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# POW, MIA recognition ceremony at Post 63

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

For more than a thousand families of servicemen still missing in action in Vietnam, the war never really ended.

"It's still hard on them. They think about them every day," said Tom Romzek, American Legion Post 63 member who served in the U.S. Army in Southeast Asia from 1966-1968. "I wish they were all accounted for. I have family in (the service) now, and I thank God none are missing."

"It's important to the families to get closure," said Keith Marbutt, Post 63 commander.

The American Legion post hosts a ceremony led by the post Honor Guard to commemorate POW/MIA Recognition Day at the legion hall, 8047 Ortonville Road, at 6 p.m., Friday, Sept. 18.

"We would like to acknowledge any of our members or their family members who have been, or still are, a POW or MIA," said Marbutt, who served in the Army in Europe during the Vietnam era.

At least three post members have been prisoners of war, one in Korea and two in Vietnam, he said.

"And we have at least two family members of POWs," he said.



Veterans and American Legion Post 63 members Tom Romzek, Wayne Fisher, and Keith Marbutt stand with the post Missing Man Table, set up at all events to symbolize the plight of servicemen who were made prisoners of war and those missing in action. Photo by Phil Custodio

servicemen were still missing in Vietnam, what," Romzek said. Marbutt said.

"The Army and Marines both have a As of June 2015, 1,596 American saying, 'Leave no one behind, no matter

"We will never forget," Marbutt said. "Even if one man is missing, we need to do everything possible to identify and bring back their remains."

"Any chance we have to honor veterans is really important," said Wayne Fisher, who served in the Army National Guard in the 1960s, including during the 1967 riots in Detroit.

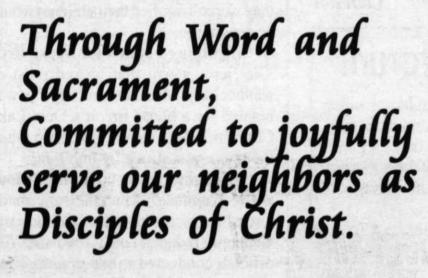
"This has been near and dear to my heart ever since my boy went into the service," Marbutt said. "That made it more important to me. I thought more about what would happen if he didn't come back."

Following the ceremony, the post will provide food and special drink prices in the clubroom and kickoff its annual Yellow Ribbon campaign.

"We accept any donation to put your name on a yellow POW ribbon and display it at our post between Sept. 18 and Veterans Day, Nov. 11," Marbutt said. "Last year, we sent \$1,000. We'd like to do that again this year."

All proceeds along with a matching donation from Post 63 will be sent to the National League of Families to help with accounting for, and repatriation, of all recoverable remains of those who died serving our nation during the Vietnam War.

For ceremony recognition, send names, branch of service, and dates of captivity or MIA to kmarbutt@comcast.net, drop it off in the clubroom to the commander's attention, or call 248 425-4410.



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### Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

### **Run time**

School's back in session and Labor Day is already in the rearview mirror, which has meant one thing to me over the past few years -- time to train for a half marathon.

This doesn't mean as much as it has in the past. In 2011, I signed up for the first Brooksie Way half marathon and started training for the September event. But then I ran/walked the 10-mile Crim race in Flint in August, a

month before, and took a break because I was so worn out.

Unfortunately for me, I hadn't ended that break when it came time for the Brooksie Way a few weeks later. That one hurt, even

though I walked most of the way.

None of that sort of thing this year. I've been good at keeping up with the running. The year started with a fifty-kilometer run/walk in the snow and ice of February, just for fun. It was organized by Jennifer Krausman and the Wolfpack running club here in Clarkston.

I did well at the Angels Place Race in May, finishing the 10K route in a personal-best time of 50:34.4, an 8:09 minute/mile pace. That was good enough to earn me a medal for second place in my age/sex category.

I finished with another personal best in the Crim this year. I finished the 10-mile course in Flint in 1:24:23, an 8:26 minute/mile pace.

I didn't take a break after the Crim this year. Jennifer had another idea for the Wolfpack -- join in a half-marathon-length training run in Rochester the week after the Flint event.

She and most others in the group ran/walked this one, too – interval training. I ran it, though.

There was a squad of runners from a local high school training along with us. Nearing the end, one of them gave me some encouragement, telling me to "keep my head up." Probably some standard cross-country, track tip coaches yell at their runners a lot.

I never ran track in high school so that was kind of cool.

Half marathons may be becoming too routine for me, which means only one thing. It's time to go for the real thing.

I might have said that before, but I might mean it this time.

# Opinion Pages Letters, columns & Editorials

# Learn about candidates at forum

Dear Editor,

There is great debate about which metaphor "the glass is half empty" or "the glass is half full" to use when describing locations, settings and events. For example, today the focus is on New Orleans and the Katrina hurricane of 10 years ago. Regionally, the focus has been on Detroit. While the comparisons of those cities to Clarkston is inappropriate, the metaphor debate is appropriate.

Unquestionable, there has been a revitalization of Clarkston's downtown and Depot Park, but those are only two of the things which define the character of this city; other, equally - perhaps more - important are the majestic Main Street, the beautiful waterways, the unique and vibrant neighborhoods, public safety, and the beauty and walkability of the city.

Unfortunately, there is some disconnect between the current leadership and staff of the city and many residents/taxpayers. This reflects the apparent sense of isolation by some of those who pay for the operation of the city from the rationale behind decisions being made by those who manage that money. There doesn't seem to be clear and open ex-

planations provided concerning such criteria and "cost vs. benefit," "want vs. need," and "a variety of options" in respect to how the money is spent.

Ultimately, the management of the city and its finances depend on whom the residents/taxpayers elect to the City Council. With an election quickly approaching, it is important to know the "platforms" of the six candidates running for the council and, then, to vote.

The League of Women Voters - Oakland Area chapter is presenting a candidate forum at the Clarkston Independence District Library on Sept. 17. Everyone is invited to attend, although the forum will be recorded by Independence Television for later broadcast on the community channels of local cable stations and on the ITV website.

The LWV-OA is managing this event as part of their historic and continuing effort to provide public service as a non-partisan, non-profit organization. While several publicly uncommitted local volunteers will assist with the event, it will be completely managed by the league.

Dr. Thomas K. Stone Clarkston

### Ground rules set for candidate forum

League of Women Voters Oakland Area is inviting all qualified candidates to participate in its Candidate Forum, 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 17, at Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road.

Candidate forums are regulated by federal and state election laws and regulations. Ground rules include: each candidate gets one minute for their opening statement in alphabetical order; then the moderator will take written questions from the audience, screened for duplication and appropriateness by league members; each candidate gets one minute to answer each question in alphabetical order in rotation unless extended by the moderator; no representative may speak for a candidate; if a candidate can't attent, a written statement may be submitted, read by the moderator; candidates get one minute for a closing statement in reverse order of opening statements; the event will be taped for viewing on local cable channels.

Also, candidates' remarks will only address their views and platforms regarding the office they are seeking; no interrupting each other nor personal attacks; and no charts, graphs, or other visuals during the forum. Candidates may bring paper for taking notes, data they may wish to refer to, and a copy of their opening and closing statements – no electronic devices.

No recording devices in the audience except for media and sponsor. The audience is also asked to remain silent during the forum.

Candidates and the audience will not be allowed to bring campaign banners, signs, placards, pins or clothing into the forum room. Campaign literature may be distributed outside the forum room. Candidates will not be allowed to use audio or video from the forum in commercial advertising.

The moderator will be selected by the League of Women Voters, which does not support or oppose any candidate or political party. He or she will have the responsibility to enforce time limits, authority to interrupt the candidates or proceedings to enforce ground rules and format agreed to by the candidates, and may restate questions received or rephrase them for clarity. For more information, check www.LWVOA.org.

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### 15 years ago - 2000

"Almond Lane flooding solutions still under debate" More than a month after a public hearing was held to discuss flooding concerns on Almond Lane, the two key parties were still working to find a solution.

"Rotary members gets a lesson in robotics" The Clarkston Rotary Club had an unusually animated meeting as two students from Notre Dame Prep and Holly gave a presentation of the competitive robotics program sponsored by GM Bus and Truck.

"Swimmers set records in opening meet versus Groves" Four meet records were set by Clarkston's swim team in its first meet of the season against Birmingham Groves as they won the meet, 135-51.

### 25 years ago - 1990

"Parents, school schedule upset after malfunction" A sudden loss of water pressure at Clarkston Elementary, Clarkston Junior High School and Bailey Lake Elementary shortened the school day for several students. School schedules weren't the only things upset by the malfunction. Some parents complained they weren't notified their children would be sent home.

"Lightning blamed for house fire"
The fierce storm that rocked most of southeastern Michigan on Sept. 6 was blamed for a house fire at a Deer Lake Court in Independence Township when the house was struck by lightning.

"Firefighters gear up for hazardous waste response" After the state made townships responsible for hazard waste cleanups, Independence Township fire officials conducted an experiment. They set up camp at the I-75 weigh station to get an idea of how much hazardous materials were being transported through township boundaries.

### 50 years ago - 1965

"Lukemia drive successful" Fortyfive Clarkston teachers joined with others across the nation in a door-to-door "March Against Lukemia." Clarkston area residents responded by donated \$516 to the cause.

"Wolves ready" Clarkston Varsity Football players Rod Allen, Tom Allen Rick Blimka, and Dan Fife prepare for a victorious opening game of the season at Oxford High School.

"Thefts from cars and busses in area"
Twelve fire extinguishers were stolen from
ten Clarkston school busses over the
weekend.

# Golfing with sister Barbara an eye opener

My sister, Barbara, who plays golf twice a week year around, suggests others use the following list of rules of golf which she has adopted for her play.

A ball hooked or sliced into the rough shall be lifted and placed in the fairway at a point equal to the distance it carried in to rough. Such veering right or left results from friction between the ball and the club face and the player should not be penalized for such uncontrollable mechanical problems.

A ball hitting a tree shall be deemed not to have hit the tree. Hitting the tree is simply bad luck and has no place in a scientific game. The player should estimate the distance the ball would have traveled had it not struck the tree and move the ball in the fairway at the point, preferably on a nice tuft of grass.

There shall be no such thing as a lost ball. The missing ball is certainly there someplace and will be pocketed by someone else at a later date. It thus becomes a

their round.

stolen ball and the player Jim's should take a stroke off **Jottings** his total score for each such ball at the end of

> When hitting a ball from a bunker, the player shall have the right to strike the ball as many times as necessary to remove the ball from the hazard. A maximum of two strikes shall be counted in any case

since it can be assumed that if the player had adequate time to concentrate that he

a column by

**Jim Sherman** 

could remove the ball in as many strokes. This rule applies to the first bunker only. Thereafter, the ball shall be lifted from the bunker without penalty.

A putt which passes over the cup without dropping shall be deemed to have dropped. The law of gravity states that an object attempting to maintain its position in the atmosphere with out support must drop. The same theory holds for a ball which hangs on the rim of the cup. The law states that it must drop. A ball stopping so close to the hole as to inspire such comments as "You could blow it in" may, in fact, be blown in. This rule does not apply to a ball which is more that three inches from the hole since no one wants to make a travesty of the game.

Shots which strike the green but roll

off the back shall be deemed to have stayed on the green. The ball shall be placed on the green at the point halfway between the point it struck and the back of the green. Obviously, the green has not been kept in ideal condition and the player con not be penalized for this.

On courses where the greens are not kept up, such as above, the old rule of "inside the leather" does not apply. Instead, the player shall remove the flagstick and measure the putt. If the ball likes within the flag, the putt shall be termed a "gimme". Putts lying outside the flag may be practiced up to three times prior to the player putting them for real. A practice putt which falls may be called a real putt. A putt which travels less than 50 yards, such as a shank or a top, may be replayed without penalty.

# Hot damn! I got a stye in my eye!

Hey, it's Labor Day weekend and I wanna' take a break . . . so here is an oldie but a goodie from 2004. Read, smile and I hope, enjoy. -- DPR

Sept. 1, 2004 -- Last week I got some great news. News that had me whistling happy tunes, snapping my fingers and tapping my toes. I had a stye in my eye -- left to be exact.

Don't

**Rush Me** 

A column by

**Don Rush** 

That's it.

That is my happy news.

I went to the urgent care center in Oxford, sat down on the table-bed thing with the white, crinkly rolled paper. Talked to the nurse for a minute or two, then the doctor entered the room. He kept his distance -- about four feet between your hero (that would be me) and him and said, "Yep. You got an eye stye. Put a warm compress on it a couple of times a day and I'll write you a prescription."

He turned and vanished out the door.

Hot damn! I'm feeling all warm and fuzzy all over again just reliving the moment. I got a stye in my eye and I am thankful. Thankful I had an infection of the hair follicle of an eyelash in my left eye. I am happy I had a sore similar to a boil or a pimple that formed on the inside of my eyelid. I was happy to know by doing the warm, moist compress thing I would speed up the process of bringing said stye to a head so pus could go on my eye once the thing popped. All this information made me happy.

Before the doctor issued his eye stye proclamation I was under the firm belief I had that most dreaded of ocular sicknesses, PINK EYE.

Oh gosh, I thought I had pink eye. I have never had pink-eye (or an eye stye for that matter). I didn't know how it felt to have pink eye and only knew it looks yucky. It's unpleasant and I thought I had it because a fellow female worker (who shall remain anonymous to protect her social standing in the community) said she actually had pink eye. I wouldn't know, once the word was out I couldn't look at her for fear of being grossed out by seeing pink, pus-y eyes.

Oh man, I was bumming. The vision from my left eye was foggy and blurry. My left eye was swelling, it was itchy and the thing looked like it was starting to turn pink. I was positive it was pink eye. Dang it!

If I had pink eye, I reckoned, then my family would get pink eye. I followed the slippery slope down and found out that dogs, too, can get pink eye. And, wouldn't you know it, if I passed pink eye on to the kids and wife and the dogs, then they would in turn pass it on to our cat, who would then pass it on to the two guinea pigs. A whole house of icky pink eyes.

Does anybody remember the episode of the Dick VanDyke Show, where he has a nightmare of walnut eating turning his friends and family into aliens with eyes in the backs of their heads? I was certain a similar nightmare would strike our home, except all eyes would be gooey pink.

Oh, the horror!

I don't know why, but there is a certain negative stigma surrounding those befallen with pink eye. It is not an new phenomenon. As a matter of fact, the shunning of pink eyed people is old. I am almost positive there are parables about people with pink eye in Jesus' time being stoned before He had the chance to touch and cure them.

"Look, he has pink eyes! Stone him!" Stone.

"Ouch."

"Stay away!" Stone.

"Ouch!"

"Unclean!" Stone.

"Ouch!"

"Don't look at us!" Stone.

"Ouch."

Then, I believe a sandaled Jesus stepped forward and said, "Brothers and sisters with eyes of pink let me heal your pain."

I got online and Googled "eye stye" and "pink eye" to find out more about them, to be more understanding and wiser in the ways of eyes. I recommend all pious and caring people do this because knowledge is power. Don't however type in "eye sti" because STI in the health world stands for Sexually Transmitted Infections and you'll learn of more yucky stuff than pink eye.

Don's Note: Sept. 9, 2015 -- I have not gotten another stye, nor have I got Pink Eye. Knock on wood! Share your comments. Follow me on the Twitter, twitter.com/DontRushMeDon

# HomeTown Experts Answer Your Questions Monthly

### **Nutrition**



Cindy Crandell R.N. **Functional Medicine Nutritionist** Lifestyle Educator

### Q. I am under a lot of stress most of the time, how does this affect my health?

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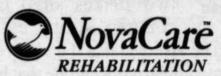
### Q: I need help with design!

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Linda Danek,



**Financial Advisor** 



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A: Good guestion. The short answer is yes, it will. Until a recent guideline change from HUD, we used to be able to exclude student loan debts on an FHA loan if they would remain in deferment for more than 12 months. Not anymore. Student loans have various repayment options, so we would have to look at your particular situation to determine what impact the loans will have on the amount you would be able to qualify for.

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Dr. Charles F. Munk

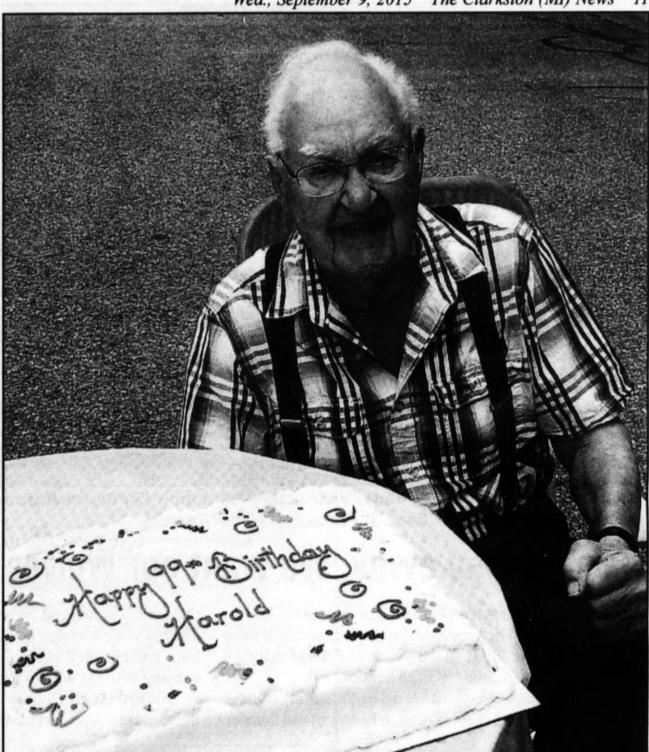
Dr. Charles W. Munk

Q. How often should I get my teeth cleaned when I have braces?

■ Most dentists recommend that people get their teeth cleaned twice per year. For people with braces, this is especially important. Even if you brush and floss very well, a professional cleaning will ensure that you don't develop decay. When you have braces, you should consider getting one or two extra cleanings per year. They do not take off your arch wires or brackets to do a cleaning. They usually work around your braces, or use a device called a Cavitron, which is like a high powered Waterpik.

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Harold Konzen celebrates his 99th birthday with friends and neighbors. Photo submitted

### Neighbors celebrate friend's 99th birthday

Waldon Woods Homeowners Association celebrated their Annual Picnic, Aug. 30, with a 99th birthday party for friend and neighbor Harold Konzen.

"What an awesome way to celebrate a wonderful man," said Linda Allen, president of the Waldon Woods Homeowners Association. "Harold and his wife Florence were thrilled their two sons and wives were also able to attend."

The picnic was wonderful, Allen said.

"The weather cooperated, the food was

delicious and the turnout was great," she said. "We had 22 families represented for a total of 63 people, our best turn out ever this is a small and caring subdivision that has only 38 homes so our turnout was particularly noteworthy."

She thanks the picnic committee and families contributing food, fun and fellowship that

"We are so blessed to have such a terrific subdivision to call home," Allen said.

- Phil Custodio

### Legal



Q: New Update for the Holmes Youthful Trainee Act

A. It is a tragedy when our youth turn to crime without thinking about the consequences. It is even worse when they exit our criminal justice system with a permanent record that will slam doors to their future. The Holmes Youthful Trainee Act (HYTA) was enacted in the 1960s to give young offenders between the ages 17-20 an opportunity to earn a dismissal of their charges after successfully completing a term of probation.

Governor Snyder has recently signed bills that modify the HYTA. The Act is expanded to include eligibility of a defendant up to the age of 24 with the consent of the prosecutor. A defendant who is eligible for the special status must also be in school, working or looking for employment to remain eligible. If you have questions about this expanded Act, please call

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Robert Kostin, P.C.



Clarkston fans find shelter under their umbrellas during the first half of the Wolves Varsity Football game at Bloomfield Hills, Sept. 3. Photos by Wendi Reardon

## Rain, rain go away, we want our Wolves to play today

The rain downpoured on the football fields as the Wolves played this week. The Freshman Football team had a delay due to the weather in the first quarter, which had many JV fans staying late at Clarkston High School.

The varsity team also was affected by the stormy weather at Bloomfield Hills on Sept. 3. Due to lightning and thunder, the game was delayed with 9:31 remaining in the first half. The boys faced another delay in the third quarter, which went long enough they postponed the game to the following evening with the Wolves leading, 14-3.

Due to the early Holiday deadline, please see the story on the game at www.ClarkstonNews.com.



Rain doesn't damper Hannah Wilson's spirit as she cheers for the Wolves' during Alex Kessman's PAT kick following Michael Fluegel's 3-yard touchdown run in the third quarter.



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# Family continues search for missing cat

Riley, a tiger striped tabby cat, went outside late July and has not been seen since. She is missing from Allen Road.

"We live just three houses north of I-75 after the road turns north and becomes dirt," said Riley's owner David Raupp.

The family made up flyers for their beloved pet, which they say has no front claws. They also posted Riley's picture online and has called animal shelters. She is 10 years old.

"We got Riley from my sister who was buying a new house. She was always an indoor cat, my sister wanted her to be able to go outside," he said.

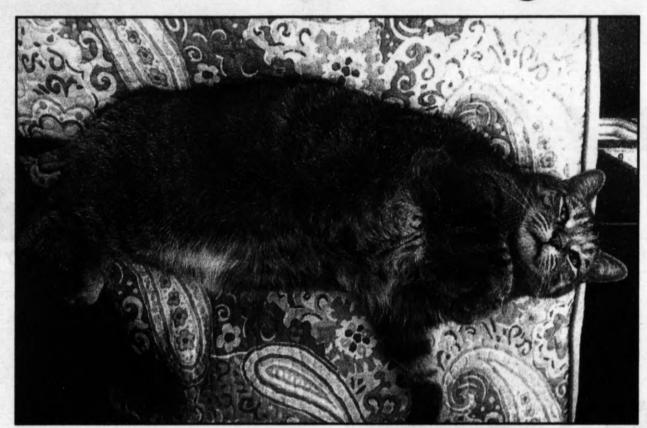
The family lives on four acres, so they agreed to take her for a while, as Raupp's sister got settled.

"Riley loved her freedom, and we loved her so we decided to keep her," he said.

Raupp said one day she went outside and all the sudden she was gone.

"When she did not come home to eat and it got dark outside I knew something was wrong. She always comes in at night," he said. "She is so sweet and I am just hoping someone has her. "

After a bit when Riley was still missing,



Riley the cat has been missing since July. Photo provided

the family made several flyers and placed them around town.

"I have gotten a few calls from people all around Clarkston," he said.

A few of those calls have been from clear across town, but there is one promising lead on Reese Road.

"We are hoping it's her. We just want her to come home."

Raupp thanks those who take the time to care and asks anyone with a possible sighting of Riley to call his cell at 248-884-9353.

-Andrea Beaudoin

### **Expired registration**

A deputy on patrol stopped an SUV with an expired registration tab, 5:55 p.m., Aug. 27, on Dixie Highway at White Lake Road. The driver, a 38-yer-old Highland man, was cited for driving with a suspended license, expired plate, and no proof of insurance.

### Sleeping in SUV

A driver called police after stopping on Cranberry Hill Road to check on a stopped SUV with a teenager asleep inside, 10:32 a.m., Aug. 27. Two deputies arrived and knocked on the window until the teen, a 17year-old Independence Township boy, woke up. He said he lived in the area, and was sleeping in his vehicle because he had lied to his father about where he would be spending the night. He said he would be at a friend's house, but he actually went to a party. When he was dropped off at his vehicle, he found it had a flat tire. He smelled of marijuana. He said others were smoking, but he didn't. He had a grinder and pipe, however. He was turned over to his mother, and the grinder and pipe were thrown away.

### Speeding with no license

A deputy stopped a Jeep for speeding and weaving through traffic on Dixie Highway at Maybee Road, 9:45 p.m., Aug. 31. The driver, a 21-year-old Jackson man, was cited for driving an unregistered vehicle, driving without a license, improper plate, no insurance, and speeding.

# Public Safety For Clarkston and Independence Township

### Hit and run

A Parview Drive resident called police to report an SUV hit a boulder in his front yard, and the driver left the scene on foot, Aug. 27. The driver, a 39-year-old Waterford man, returned as a deputy was taking the report. He was cited for driving with an expired license, driving without due care and caution, no proof of insurance, and failing to stop and identify after an accident.

### Assault arrest

A 53-year-old Independence Township woman was arrested after allegedly striking her next door neighbor, 5:25 a.m., Aug. 28, in the 4000 block of Oakvista Avenue. The neighbor said he was backing out of his driveway when 53-year-old woman approached his vehicle and pounded on the glass, yelling "enough with the ... beams." The driver opened his door and she punched or slapped him in his left eye, grabbed his baseball hat, and threw it onto the driveway. He went back into his house and called police. She said her neighbors have shined lights at her house several times, including that morning. She said she yelled, but didn't hit her neighbor. She was cited under township ordinance for assault and battery.

### Investigation ongoing in drowning case

Continued from page 1

into the pool and pulled him from the water. The homeowner, who is also an emergency room nurse, began CPR and a bystander called 911 for help.

The child had no pulse when he was taken from the scene to St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital in the Pontiac by the Independence Township paramedics with an escort by Oakland County Sheriff's deputies.

Once at the hospital, the victim's pulse was restored and the child was airlifted to Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital. However, he was pronounced dead on Sept. 3 at 1:30 p.m. Investigation continues.

### **Broken window**

A Sunridge Court resident found a hole in the exterior pane of the window above her front door, with broken glass and a stone on the front porch, 10:13 a.m., Aug. 28.





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Clarkston Varsity Cheerleaders take to the field before the Wolves' game at Bloomfield Hills last Thursday. Photo by Wendi Reardon



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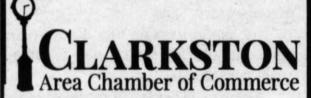
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This Year's Schedule (unless noted 7 p.m. kickoff)

	DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	WIN/LOSS
T	nursday	08-27-15	@Dakota High School	Loss
Fr	riday	09-03-15	@Bloomfield Hills	
Fr	riday	09-11-15	@West Bloomfield	
F	riday	09-18-15	Stoney Creek	
F	riday	09-25-15	Oxford	
Fr	riday	10-02-15	Troy Athens	
Fr	riday	10-9-15	@Troy	
	riday	10-17-15	Lake Orion	

### OAA Red Standings

Team	Wins	Losses	Team	Wins	Losses
1. West Bloomfield	1	0	5. Clarkston	0	1
2. Troy Athens	0	1	6. Troy	0	1
3. Lake Orion	0	1	7. Oxford	0	1
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# Lady Wolves take on top in state

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Spikers have showed they are a force to be reckoned with on the court after taking on the top two ranked teams in the state.

The Clarkston Varsity Volleyball team finished the Grand Blanc Invitational in second place after losses to Novi, ranked No. 1, Aug. 29.

They lost to the Wildcats 25-20 and 25-18 in the finals. They also lost pool play in close matches 25-23 and 33-31.

"We were happy we took them in pool play," said Kelly Pinner, head coach. "The second game could have easily gone either way with a bounce here or misserve there. I am definitely happy we are competing against the number one team in the state and we are hanging with them."

The Lady Wolves went 4-2 in the tournament with wins over Cass Tech, 25-9, 25-16; Grand Blanc, 25-16, 25-10; Flint Powers, 25-14, 25-7; and Livonia Churchill, 25-19, 25-14.

Senior Ashley Schwartz had 101 digs while sophomore Abbey Malinowski had 50 kills, junior Sarah Austin had 44 kills and senior Emma Curd had 30 kills.

The team also took on Lake Orion, ranked No. 2 in the state, at the Lady Dragons' tournament on Aug. 27, where they lost to them in the finals, 25-18, 25-13.

"It's nice to see them early," Pinner said. "They haven't lost and they are a solid team. Being able to see them early and see how we

Maggie Collins serves during a game last season. File photo

compete against them and how we how we match up is definitely going to help all year for us."

The Lady Wolves went 5-1 for the tournament with wins against Cass Tech, 25-12, 25-11; Chandler Park, 25-9, 25-12; Traverse City St. Francis, 25-8, 25-12; Fenton, 25-14, 25-18; and Seaholm in the semifinals, 25-11, 25-16.

Pinner added seeing another OAA Red foe Seaholm at the tournament will also help the team.

"The scores don't indicate it but Seaholm is a really good team," she said. "We just had a great match against them. They are one of the best teams in the state and in our league."

Malinowski had 39 kills, Austin had 26 kills, and Curd had 20 kills and 18 blocks. Schwartz had 53 digs.

The Lady Wolves opened the season at the Fenton Quad with three wins, Aug. 25. They defeated Fenton, 25-18, 25-21; Davison, 25-23, 25-12; and Brighton, 18-25, 25-22, 15-9.

Malinowski had 29 kills, Austin had 20 kills and Schwartz had 42 digs.

"It was the first time we played," said Pinner. "We still have some kinks to work out. One of our setters went down in practice and we were working with a different setter."

The girls have two meets this week and a tournament at Novi on Saturday before they head into league play.

"They saw in the last week how they measure up against a team like Lake Orion and a team like Novi," Pinner said. "Even though we lost they were all really happy with the way we performed. We are not working with our full squad right now because of injuries. To stay within two points of the No. 1 team in the state and come second place in both tournaments is definitely something is going to help with their confidence and they know they are one of the top teams."

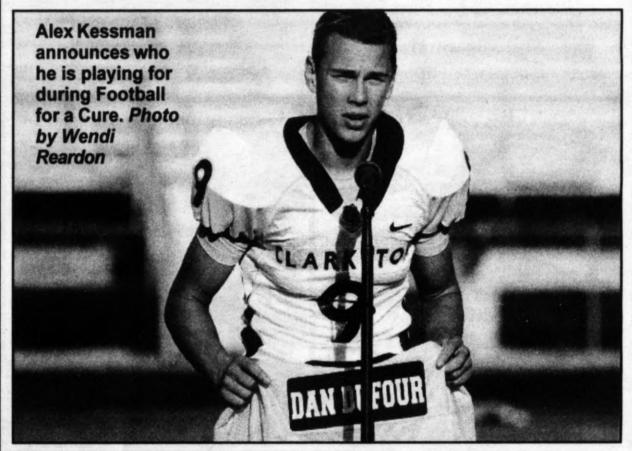
The Lady Wolves head to the Flushing Quad on Wednesday as they take on Flushing, Northville and Oxford.

They are home on Thursday in a meet against Seaholm, Marian and Macomb Dakota.

"Seaholm and Marian are always great teams," said Pinner. "We try to schedule tough opponents all year so we just keep getting better and better hopefully by the end of the year but that's what we like. "

The meet begins at 5 p.m. at Clarkston High School.

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



# Long kick makes waves

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Senior Alex Kessman succeeded in the Wolves' season opener in his 56-yard field goal kick, the fourth longest in Michigan High School Athletic Association history.

"I did pretty good," he said.

He added with the Clarkston Varsity Football team losing the battle to Macomb Dakota, 35-10, team comes first.

"It didn't affect the outcome of the game so I move past it," Kessman shared.

But he is using the loss as a way to bounce back as one of the team's goal.

"After that loss we got down on ourselves. It was our first loss in 27 games. We need to bounce back," he said. "We started to work the kinks out. We will be fine. It should be a good season."

Kessman began playing football in seventh grade when players could sign up for school ball for the first time.

"I just went out for the team," he said, adding he enjoyed it because it was challenging. "I like the challenge. It was fun."

Besides the challenge he also enjoys the fan participation during games and explained it helps fuel the energy the team has on the field.

"Coach (Kurt) Richardson always talks about the atmosphere. Atmosphere plays a big role," he said. "It can bring us up. It can bring us down. The Clarkston atmosphere is nothing like anyplace. Every game at home we have full stands. It really fires us up and helps us work a little harder."

He began in the kicker position because he was a soccer player and it was the position he thought of when he joined.

Kessman admits he didn't take the position seriously until ninth grade when Shane Hynes, now at Kent State and a 2013 Clarkston High School graduate and kicker for the Wolves, came up to him.

"He said 'kicking could be a big thing for you.' I started working with him and he took me under his wing," Kessman

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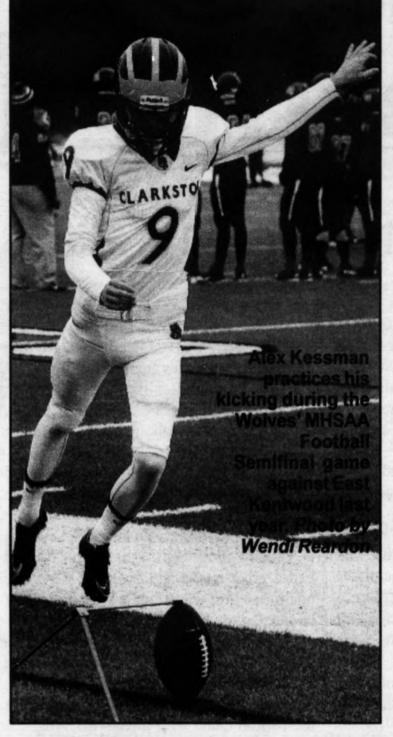
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# Sights on future

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explained. "We went to kicking camps together. Everything I do is just like him. I always thought he was the best kicker in the country. I give props to him."

He is currently looking at colleges and hasn't committed to anyplace yet but plans to focus his studies on financing with a minor in business management to become an investment banker.

His advice to aspiring athletes is to take a loss as a stepping stone and as a boost.

"You are going to get knocked down even in life," he said. "The way you come back and the way you handle yourself shows character and the pride you have for the team. The way you come back shows who you are."

When Kessman isn't playing football or studying he likes to spend time with his family.

"Family comes first," he said.
"Other than that, it's football non-stop."



The Everest Collegiate Girls Golf team; from left in the back row Everest Assistant Coach Michele Bates, Mia Korns, Clare Bates, Regina DeNigris, Hannah Mehta, Head Coach Roberta Smith, and Serena Carter is in the front row. Not pictured include Clare Nalepa and Avery Bruno. Photo provided

# Mountaineers up to par

The Lady Mountaineers won their first 18-hole tournament.

The newly formed Everest Collegiate High School Girls' Golf team recently played in two 18-hole tournaments starting Aug.

24 when they played their first match against Cardinal Mooney High School.

The Lady Mountaineers next match is against Notre Dame Prep, Sept. 10, and against Mercy at Marian on Sept. 14.



# With fall comes Back Roads running season

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

School is underway and fall will soon be upon us. That means it's time to train for the Third Annual Clarkston State Bank Back Roads Half Marathon, 10K, and 5K, Nov. 8.

"It's the final big race before the end of the year - it's going to be fun," said Dawn Horner of Clarkston State Bank, who is training to run the 10K this year. "There are some tough hills in the park, and I love running the back roads. It'll be chilly, but it's a nice time of year for a race."

The Back Roads event has added a 5K race this year.

"We had a lot of requests to have one," Horner said. "People have asked for races like this in Clarkston for years. People like having a race in town, where they can just roll out of bed and go run a race."

Last year, about 850 participated, with more than 250 signed up so far this year. It will start and finish in Independence Oaks County Park at the Twin Chimneys pavilion.

Most bank employees run, walk, or volunteer at the annual event. To train, Horner runs six miles, three times a week with friends, along with bicycle riding.

"Running is a good way for me to clear my head," she said. "I love listening to music. I like the way I feel when I'm done, the sense



Runners at last year's Back Roads race share high fives with a sheriff's deputy. Photo provided

of accomplishment."

Entry fees are \$65 for the half marathon, \$40 for the 10K, and \$30 for the 5K. Fees go up on Oct. 1.

Racers get a Back Roads long sleeve tech shirt, finisher's medal, and chronotrack timing by Newton Timing and Race Services. The post race party will also include live music by The 4th Element, complimentary cold brew from Axel Brewing Co., and a warm bowl of Mac and Cheese from Clarkston Union.

"The mac and cheese is always a big hit. People love that," Horner said.

Sponsors also include High Five Races, McLaren Health Care, Powerhouse Gym, Bowman Chevrolet, Smith's Disposal, and Oakland County Parks.

The event will benefit charities Clarkston SCAMP and Blessings in a Backpack. The charities received \$2,200 each from last year's event.

"That's what it's all about," said Horner, who has been actively involved in SCAMP for more than 10 years. "I'm passionate about SCAMP, and Blessing In a Backback is a great thing for kids. They both benefit kids, and they're both local. Local charities are important to us. It's all about giving back to the community."

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# Cross country teams head into first Jamboree

### BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The countdown is on as runners prepare for two meets this week, beginning with the OAA Red Jamboree at Bloomer Park in Rochester Hills on Wednesday.

"For the most part our team is looking solid," said Kevin Breen, head coach of Clarkston Girls Cross Country.

"We are faster than we have been in previous years at the start of the season," he added. "Another thing is right now the varsity squad has some good strengths in leadership with some returnering seniors – Kaitlyn Cavallo, Nicole Hanson and Kailan Mehta."

He added they have solid underclass runners in the mix with Alex Gladding, Emily and Mallory Ferguson, Emily Gustafasen and Hailey Catania.

"These are girls I expect will be making waves later this season," Breen said. "They are improving pretty quickly and they show a lot of talent in practices. As a whole I think we are really deep with all those runners. We have Kelsey Hunt also pushing at the back end of the varsity crew right now. Kelsey Catania, who had been hit by a car, is coming off of surgery and injury, she is coming back real strong."

He added the team has a fair share of girls who are fighting for varsity spots.

"As the season progresses it will help us out overall," Breen said. "In the first jamboree we are going into it knowing our team, the quality of the team and the speed of the team - we are real solid. We will compete well with the other groups out there. The big difference between this year and last year is right now with Nicole. We don't have as big as a front punch with Audrey Huhtasaari being out due to injury."

Hanson recently finished fourth and under 19 minutes in the End of the Summer meet in Dexter.

"Time wise, she ran faster than she did last year," Breen said. "She's got a huge start on the season. She is already running faster



The Lady Wolves Cross Country team warms up on the track at Clarkston High School. Photo by Wendi Reardon

than 19 minutes and that's probably the first time that's happened since I started coaching to have a runner under 19 minutes in the first race. Her season is looking really promising."

For the OAA Red league and the first Jamboree, he expects Birmingham Seaholm and Rochester to be tough.

"Rochester, their crew is coming on a little bit stronger," he said. "I think we are going to be one of the top teams in the league - we will be top two or top three, even number one. Birmingham Seaholm lost some of their best runners. It will give us a shot at getting in there, but we need to move our pack up a little bit. In the second or third race we will be more competitive especially against Seaholm."

For the boys team, head coach Michael Taylor is optimistic for the first meet.

"We got a little beat up with some injuries," he said. "We have worked hard and we had a good pre-season sessions and

practices. We have a fair amount of returners. We lost some key guys, but we have enough talent to overcome it."

He added the OAA Red league is tough, going in to the Jamboree with three teams coming back which were in the top 20 last year.

"Rochester was tenth. We were the next best team and Lake Orion was right behind us," Taylor explained. "It was close but Orion beat us throughout the season and was league champion. They just didn't have a good finish at state finals. Those teams their goals are the same to win the league and get out of regionals again. They are tough."

He added not only do runners in the league have experience but so does the coaching staffs.

"Everyone has at least ten years coaching experience," he explained. "Most of us have more than 25 years. So you are dealing with people who have established

their programs they have have been there and seen it before."

Returners for the Wolves include seniors Grant Henley, Eric Smith, Michael Baker; and juniors Gavin Eisert, Jacob Dolan, Mika Juuhl and Luke Oldford.

"Oldford was pretty good and contributed last year at regionals. He looks good if I can get him healthy," Taylor added.

He added the team had 22 freshman come out for the cross country team which is more than the usual 7-8 who come out.

"I am looking forward to see how it plays out this year," Taylor said. "Our JV will be a pretty good squad as well. I have a lot of young guys and a lot of first timers with me this season."

Both teams head to the Averill Memorial Cross Country Invitational, hosted by West Bloomfield on Saturday. The meet is at Kensington Metropark in Milford, 2240 West Buno Road.



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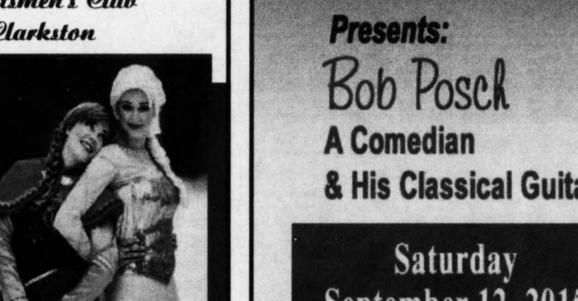
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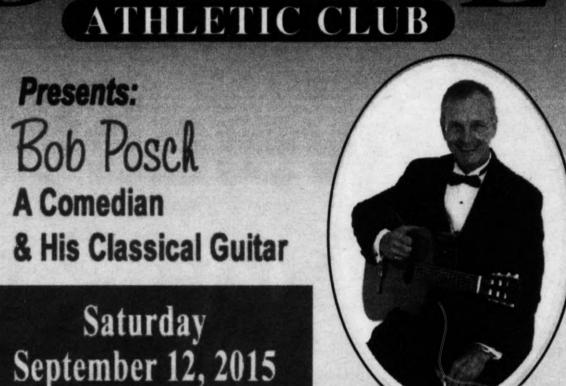
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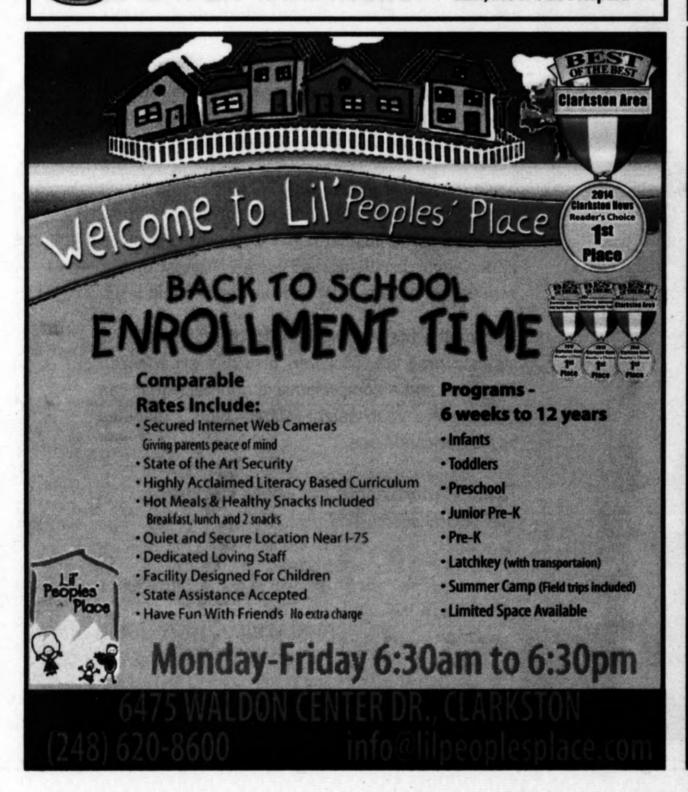




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Following an internship in transitional medicine at Sinai Grace Hospital in Detroit, Michigan she completed her dermatology residency training at Wayne State University. She spent several years in private practice in Birmingham, Michigan prior to opening her own practice in Clarkston in 2011. Dr. Caudill is a staff physician at William Beaumont Hospital in Troy, Michigan as well as St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac, Michigan.

Dr. Caudill is a Clarkston native. She is a graduate of Clarkston High School, alumni of the Clarkston High School Ski Team and former lifeguard at Deer Lake Beach. In her free time, she enjoys skiing at Pine Knob, Sunday brunch at the Union and petting cows at Cooks Farm Dairy with her children, Owen and Anna. She lives in Clarkston with her young family and is privileged to serve our community as a dermatologist.

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# Lessons found in frights

### BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Staff Writer

With school in session, many are looking ahead to the next holiday, Halloween, including Clarkston High School teacher Laura Kalinowski.

She is looking for Halloween enthusiasts in grades 6-12 who want to participate in the Haunted House Design Challenge.

The kickoff meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 15 at Clarkston High School's LGI, from 6-8 p.m. Students will learn about rules of the competition, and the creator of Erebus Haunted House in Pontiac will be there as well.

Each week, teams will attend seminar sessions to learn about monster makeup from the Michigan Makeup Academy, how to turn foam into wood or stone, and other topics.

'We are trying to build each week a part of the Haunted House at the end," Kalinowski explained. "They take it back to the team and they convert what they learned into what their team needs."

The teams can choose themes such as alien invasion, zombies from "The Walking Dead," or a scary science experiment.

She added ideally teams should be 5-10 students because it's takes a lot of people for a haunted house to come together,

including actors and people behind the scenes as well as making all the props.

"There are a lot of behind the scenes we aren't aware of while we are walking through them," she added.

The idea for the haunted house challenge came about when she was thinking of ways to incorporate more engineering with kids to get them excited about the subject and building things.

"I think there is a stigma attached to engineering and so many students I run across in the hallways will say they don't know what engineering is," she said. "I was trying to figure out what would be a good jumping block for those kids that maybe understand the different areas engineering has to offer."

The community can help out by donating oscillating fans, red Christmas lights, animated stuffed toys and cat litter tubs with lids, all for use as props. They can be dropped off at the high school.

The haunted house will be at Sashabaw Middle School, Saturday, Oct. 24 from 6-8 p.m. During the viewing, families and the community can vote for their favorite. The winning team will receive prizes which were donated from various prop companies and businesses in the community.

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READY TO STUDY: Fifth grade teacher Cindy Pyscher is happy to welcome Alina and Hannah Lohmeier and Paige Pautremont at the school open house. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

### Community events?

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# So you think getting a building permit is too expensive

By Pat Kittle, **Township Supervisor** 

I've heard it time and time again over the years: "I'm having my 'brother-in-law' come over to fix up my house. I don't need a permit."

And I keep getting phone calls from frenzied residents wanting the Township to come to their rescue after shoddy work was performed. Thought I would share

a couple of stories that hopefully just might change your mind about cutting corners to save a few bucks.

Consider the family who just had an inground swimming pool installed. They thought the contractor was getting all the necessary permits and arranging all site inspections.



tractor never applied for the permits nor submitted a site plan to the Township for review and installed the pool right in the middle of a drainage swale.

I'm sure you can guess what happened to the pool after the first thunderstorm. Making sure all proper permits are secured before work begins would have prevented this.

Here's another one. A gentleman decides to hire the friend of a friend to install his above-ground backyard deck. The contractor tells the resident a permit is not required and he'll will get an additional discount for cash.

Deck is built. Contractor is paid.

Two months later the deck is collapsing and the contractor has vanished. Then, we get a call asking what the Township is going to do about this travesty? When a permit is applied for, the builder's address, current building license and insurance are checked as part of the application process. Not much we can do after the fact.

Or how about the family having their house repainted and decides that all the bathroom and kitchen fixtures should be replaced. The painter tells the family he also does odd jobs and that they should apply for a permit at Townhall.

The painter tells the homeowner it's cheaper if the resident applies for a permit vs him, the contractor. The painter tells the family, "So whatever you do, don't use my name" and you'll save money. Fast forward and the plumbing work is completed, the painter is paid in full ... and then the problems begin.

Now the pipes bang every time the water is turned on or off. One room smells like a sewer. And then came the leaky pipes and ensuing water damage. And where's the painter for the warranty work? Nowhere to be found.

Turns out none of the modifications were in compliance with any of the plumbing code requirements. Applying for a permit would have found the painter was not licensed to perform the plumbing work and subsequent job inspections would have caught the code

violations before the contractor was paid.

And lastly, is a gentleman who restores old cars and furniture in his garage. He decides to install a heater to keep him nice and toasty in the winter months and calls his buddy over to help. Fast forward a couple of months, the heater is turned on for the first time a couple hours early to warm up the garage and a fire ignites in the rafters taking down the house.

Turns out the chimney flue was not installed to code and did not have the proper heat protection separating the red hot flue from 50-year-old rafters. An inspection would have caught the faulty construction preventing this disaster. Thank God no one was hurt.

Bottom Line: The Building Permit process for Independence Township have been put in place to protect homeowners and businesses from catastrophes such as these.

It should be a HUGE red flag for every resident if the contractor does not want his name mentioned at the Township and wants you, the homeowner, to get the permit.

The price is the same no matter if the contractor or the resident applies for the permit. There are many ways to save money on a construction or renovation project. From my experiences as the Township Supervisor, not applying for a permit and missing the opportunity of an inspection by a State Certified Building Inspector is not one of them.



Stacey Bassi brings 20 years experience to Independence Township.

# Meet our new Director of Assessing

On August 17, Stacey Bassi became Independence Township's new Director of Assessing.

Ms. Bassi is a Michigan Advanced Certified Assessing Officer, MAAO, through the State of Michigan. She also holds a Master's in Public Administration from the University of Michigan.

She has been involved in the assessing field for over 20 years and was the assessor for the cities of Burton Bay City before coming to Independence.

She is a board member of the Michigan Assessor's Association and sits on the legislation committee, meeting with legislators and the State Tax Commission to give input on incoming legislation.

# Big red 'PAID' stamp has been retired

As far back as most will remember, paying your taxes at the Treasurer's office got you a big red "PAID" stamp on your tax bill.

We've made a recent change that makes the stamp obsolete. We now enter every transaction at the counter directly into our computer system and print

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This new step saves us plenty of time

with our processing and we hope you'll like the new receipts.

If you still have your heart set on the "PAID" stamp, don't worry, it's in a drawer at the counter and we're happy to use it in addition to the new receipts if you'd like.

# Property tax due date fast approaching

By Paul Brown, Township Treasurer

It's that time of year again and my office is very busy posting tax payments. The due date is September 14 and we will be open until 5 PM to accept your payments and get them posted to your account.

The Township charges an interest penalty of 1% for payments received from September 15-30, followed by an additional 1% for each month late thereafter until February 14. February 15-28 an additional 3% penalty applies.

All summer and winter tax bills that are not paid by February 28, 2016 are turned over to the Oakland County Treasurer for collection.

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Click on the *Property Information* tab on the right side of the screen. This will take you to **AccessMyGov.com** where you can look up your information by Name, Address or Parcel number. If you bring up the right property, you should see a picture of your house. Below the picture, select the *Tax Information* tab. This page will show you current taxes due, as well as historical payments. If you need help looking up your information, give us a call to assist. 248-625-5115.

### **Summer Tax Deferment**

The state of Michigan allows for the deferment of Summer Taxes until the due date of the winter taxes without penalty on a taxpayers Principle Residence, if they meet certain requirements. The Taxpayers gross household income from the prior year cannot exceed \$40,000 and one of the following classifications must be met:

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If you qualify for deferment, please stop by my office to complete the Application. The Application must be completed by September 14, 2015

# From Independence Township Parks, Recreation & Seniors

**Halloween Pumpkin Carving Contest** 

Join the excitement and get your creative juices flowing and carve your way into scary fun! This September and October spend time and carve your pumpkin to enter the "Traditional Carving Pumpkin Category" or the "Non-Traditional Creative/Scary Category". One entry per family please. Once you have your pumpkin carved, take a picture and email your creation to Lisa at Imccoy@indtwp.com. There will be first, second and third place winners in each category. This contest is FREE! Deadline to enter your gourd-geous pumpkin is Halloween, October 31 by midnight. Winners will be notified in November.



# The housing slump sure looks like it's over!

By Pat Kittle,

**Township Supervisor** 

From 2006 thru 2012, new homes starts in the Township were almost non-existent. In 2013 — 170 new homes were built, in 2014 the number shrank to 130 mostly due to lack of new inventory. But what a difference a year makes. Right now, there are almost 500 new single-family homes that are in various stages of early concept to formally approved projects. Here's a summary of what's on the table right now:

Eagle Ridge: Located on Maybee Road right down from Mt. Zion Church, this much delayed development of 236 new home sites is now ready to go. The developer is ready to break ground on three models and is ready to build the next 57. Homes are to be priced in the mid \$300s. Several wellhead and water main infrastructure projects need to be completed by the developer before the balance of 179 homes can be started.

Brookshire: Located again on Maybee Road down from Mt. Zion and right across from Blackberry Estates, this 27 unit development has been approved and is ready to break ground.

Northridge: Located on Waldon Road between the two Pine Knob residential entrances sits a 20 acre site where 54 small single-family homes will be built. This project has received final approvals from the Planning Commission and is on hold until all trees are identified that will be saved along the project's borders. Targeting empty nesters, homes should be priced in the mid \$300s.

Cambridge Commons: Located on Waldon Road between the Township Hall and the Village, this 14 single-family project is finally coming out of hibernation. Planned to be a gated community, this luxury project has been approved, but put on hold during the economic downturn. Expect to see some nice new homes in the very near future.

Ardmore: Located on Clarkston Road between the Wyngate subdivision and Everest Academy, the 26 unit residential community is being constructed by Pulte Builders. This is the project that is the farthest along in the development process from all the others. With Pulte's size and manufacturing processes, new homes can develop from plans to move in ready in about four months. Prices to start in the \$350s.

Encore at Deerhill: Located at the corner of Deerhill and Dixie Highway, this proposed 92 unit single-family condo style community is unique to Clarkston in that empty nest active adults will be targeted but homes will be available for lease, not purchase. Monthly lease payments are estimated to average \$2,000 which will include all maintenance—both inside and out. Amenities will include premium interior features, a club house, pool, walking paths and more. This project still needs Township Board approval before it can proceed.

Pine Knob: The golf industry is going through some very tough times, even with the economy picking up. More golf courses closed than opened in 2013 for the eighth straight year, according to the National Golf Foundation, and the number of course closures has sped-up, averaging 137 closings every year since 2011. Very early conceptual plans have been communicated to the Pine Knob community and the Township Planning Commission, turning one of the three Pine Knob nine-hole golf courses into luxury condominiums. The developer and neighboring homeowners are discussing opportunities for existing homeowner's who currently live along golf view lots. Township scenic easements are still an open issue. Will keep you posted.

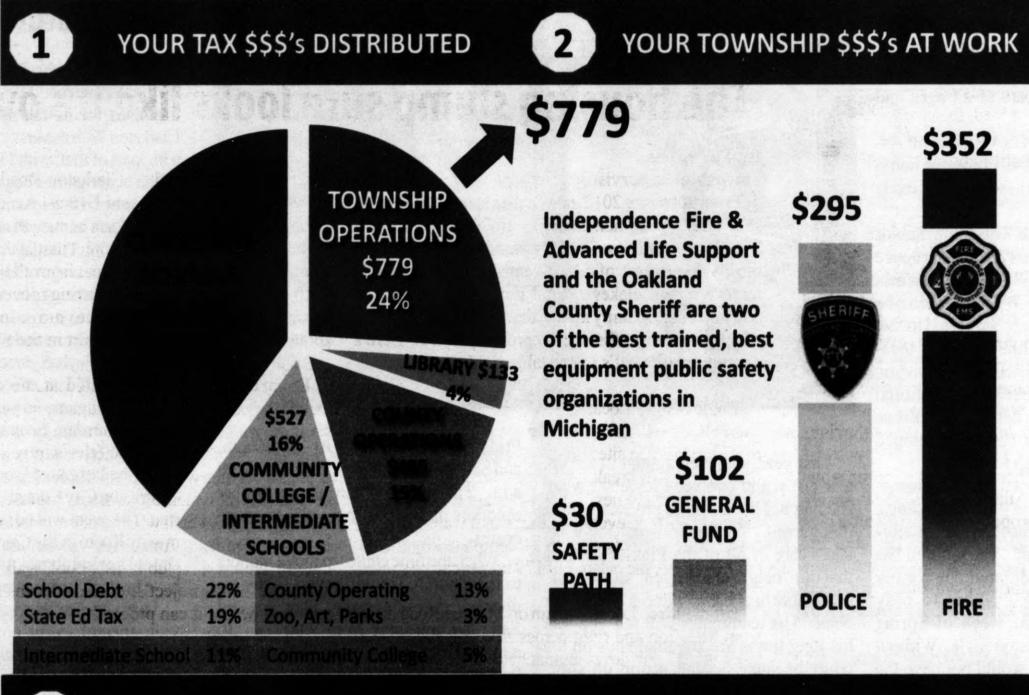
Bottom line: There's lots happening in the community. And we haven't even touched on all the commercial activity. Will save that for the next edition.

### WHERE DO MY TAX DOLLARS GO?

We think this is an important question and one every taxpayer should ask. Below is a breakdown of the taxes paid by the average Township homeowner. If you'd like more information please contact my office. I'd be happy to discuss in more depth.

Paul A Brown, Treasurer

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Parks, Rec & Seniors **Townhall** \$41.29 / 40.5% \$13.66 / 13.4%



**Elections** \$2.14 / 2.1%



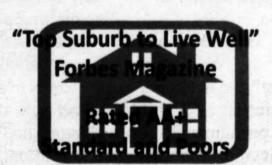
**Assessing** \$7.65 / 7.5%



HR & Legal \$3.57 / 3.5%



**Building & Planning** \$10.20 / 10%



# What is Pickleball?

By Mary Melega,

Senior Community Center Programmer

Pickleball is a sport in which two, three or four players use solid paddles made of wood or composite materials to hit a perforated ball, similar to a whiffle ball, over a net. The sport shares features of other racquet sports, the dimensions and layout of a badminton court, and the net and rules similar to tennis, with a few modifications.

Pickleball was invented in the mid 1960's as a child's backyard pastime but quickly became popular among adults as a fun game for players of all ages and levels.

According to the USA Pickleball Association, Pickleball is currently being played in all 50 states as well as in Canada and parts of Europe.

Our Independence Township Senior Pickleball program has been in existence since January 2009 and is still gaining momentum every year. When the idea of a Pickleball Program was suggested to me, my first task was to find an indoor location where the game could be played on a weekly basis. First Congregational Church of Clarkston came to the rescue and a blossoming partnership developed and continues through today.

The Church has been very accommodating over the last six years providing a place to play and closet space for storage of our equipment. The Church has also provided an additional day for our seniors to teach kids how to play Pickleball during the week of Spring Break Camp – Clarkston Style. Without this partnership, we would not have the program we love and enjoy today!

We have three dedicated site supervisors that set up, tear down and keep the games running at a steady pace.

Rich Bauer has been with our program since the beginning. Besides giving his time and talent to our program, he plays in at least six other area venues and has competed in the Michigan Senior Olympics, Meijer Games and numerous tournaments and has earned a total of 60 medals.

Joining Rich are Cindy Christensen and Rich Vine. Cindy attended the Pickleball "Demo Day" and it reminded her of playing badminton as a child. Since then, she has participated on a steady basis and is one of the site supervisor "team." Her dedication is "over



the top."

Last year, she even agreed to set up, tear down and oversee Pickleball when she had not been able to physically take part herself. Site Supervisor, Rich Vine, takes care of all of the Pickleball tasks that our "height challenged" supervisors are unable to achieve without a ladder or chair. His teammates will tell you that his long limbs are advantageous on the court because he can scoop up shots without having to move as much as they do.

Rich returned from a Florida vacation three years ago, where Pickleball is played on every corner, looking for a place to play here in Clarkston, went online and found us!

He had played sports all of his life and Pickleball keeps him active. All of these individuals give countless hours of their time and talent and are totally dedicated to our program.

In addition to the indoor courts at First Congregational Church of Clarkston, we are happy to announce that we have four brand new outdoor courts located at Clintonwood Park.

Since completion in mid-July, we play outdoors on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. and Saturday mornings from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. The group will continue to play outdoors as long as the weather cooperates.

When the time comes to move indoors to the Church, we will revert to the indoor schedule of Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. and Tuesday evenings from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

The new outdoor courts are a dream come true for our current players and we look forward to introducing the game to everyone.

Our players and site supervisors are very welcoming to new faces and are willing to teach everyone how to play. You will be hooked in no time. You do not have to have an athletic background to participant in Pickleball. Many of our current players have never picked up a racquet or paddle.

It is very easy to learn. You just need to have a great attitude and be willing to laugh at yourself. The only "side effects" you will experience is meeting friendly people in a non-threatening social atmosphere and getting some exercise.



# Football & Politics featured

As the new school year gets underway, Independence Television is finalizing plans for its fall sports coverage. Clarkston Wolves varsity football will be a big part of that, with ITV covering all of the home games beginning with the September 18 game against Stoney Creek. Each game will air beginning on the following Tuesday.

Major coverage of Homecoming activities is also being planned. ITV will do extended coverage of the annual Powderpuff Game and will also televise the boys' volleyball game. The week will be capped off with coverage of the varsity football game on October 2.

On Thursday, September 17, Independence Television will provide coverage of the League of Women Voters OA - Clarkston City Council Candidates Forum. The event will be held in the Community Room of the Clarkston Independence District Library. All six candidates have been invited to attend.

Independence Television will also provide special event coverage of the Davisburg Heritage Festival on September 19, and Taste of Clarkston on September 20. Other events, including concerts from Clarkston Community Schools, will be televised throughout the fall.

As the only television station directly serving our community, Independence Television provides coverage of a wide range of local activities. With the help of local volunteers and students from Clarkston High School, our professional staff is out in the community every week capturing the special events and everyday activities that make Independence Township special.

Independence Television programs can be seen on Comcast channels 10, 20 and 22, as well as on AT&T Uverse channel 99.

# Listen, belong, challenge but don't rescue learners

It is exciting to begin a new school year. I anxiously await opportunities to connect with kids, families, and community members in pursuit of our district's mission, to cultivate thinkers, learners, and positive contributors to a global society.

It is my intention to make sure every person who enters the doors of a Clarkston Community School feels a sense of belonging, challenge, support, and safety. Whether a child, educator, or family member has been in our schools for a few minutes or several years, they belong here, and they can expect excellence from all of us.

I ask our community—parents, students, educators, volunteers, guests—takes extra time to truly listen to the voice of every child so that it is known and kids feel believed in.

Each child is uniquely different, and individual growth over time is what we seek to document, measure, and communicate. Comparisons between school systems on standardized tests have a place, and the most important thing is the individual child and his or her experience in our schools.

Real learning, as in mental connections made in our brains, requires contemplating or encountering new information.

When we review things we already know, our brains do not grow. Thus, making mistakes and experiencing life beyond what is familiar to us are important in growing our brains.

In support of these facts, Harvard University researcher and author, Ron Ritchhart wrote, "We learn a lot from making mistakes, pushing ourselves out of our comfort zone, and taking risks to try new things. Regularly encountering challenges, mistakes, and failure builds a growth mindset and develops intellectual resilience."

Words from the Sup't



**Dr. Rod Rock** 

It is important we as educators and parents help our students/children encounter "productive struggles" (Adam Scher, Way Elementary, Bloomfield Hills) as part of their daily living and learning.

We want students to engage in learning in a range or zone that is challenging for them. We

want our children to play, think, read, and converse in areas that stretch their thinking.

Ritchhart goes on to say, "When your child encounters difficulties, don't jump in to solve the problem and rescue him/her. Instead, ask questions that will help him/her to think through the problem, identify, and choose a course of action for moving forward."

A response as simple as, "What makes you say that?" can do the trick.

In so doing, we help build confidence, courage, and neural networks in our children. And, we know challenging of the mind does not stop at the end of childhood, it continues through life. So, learning new things is also essential for adults of all ages.

Thanks for thinking with me.

Rod Rock, Ed.D., is superintendent of Clarkston Community Schools



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# Back Yard Jam for troops, this Saturday

Troops Need Love Too (TNLT) hosts the Back Yard Jam, 5-8 p.m. this Saturday, Sept. 12, at The Birdfeeder & Clarkston Flower Shoppe, 7150 N. Main Street, with dinner, live music, silent and live auctions, and military vehicles on display.

The fundraiser will support the nonprofit group's care package effort, sending non-perishable food, personal hygiene products, and recreational items to troops serving overseas.

"Handwritten letters go in each package," said Jill Beyer, mother of an U.S. Air Force airman and organizer of the event. "TNLT makes sure included in every box is an American flag for our service members' pockets.

"These American flags have a very special message included with them that reminds our service members what they are fighting for and we here in Michigan never forget them and their sacrifices."

Shipping costs have been challenging to manage, Beyer said, adding each package can cost as much as \$16.91 to ship.

Anyone who has a loved one deployed is welcome to contact TNLT so he or she can be included on the recipient list, she added.

The Back Yard Jam auction features items including four park hopper tickets donated by Disney, specialty clothing from Nine Line Apparel, Sgt. Grit and Armed Forces Gear. Other donations include products and services courtesy of the Detroit Red Wings, Detroit Tigers, Bronner's CHRISTmas Wonderland, Bordine's, Clarkston Hair Design, Picasso's Painting, Avanti Salon & Spa, Fitness Quest, Waterfall Jewelers, Outback Steakhouse, Dixie Tattoo, Airway Lanes, Target, Meijer, Joe's Crab Shack, Rainforest Cafe, The Henry Ford, U.S.S. Silversides Submarine Museum, Grand Rapids Children's Museum, Better Made Chips and many others.

Speed painter Dave Santia will also complete three paintings for the live auction held immediately after he finishes painting.

In addition to the auctions, the Back Yard Jam features the band Jet Screamer performing live, beer/pop and a chicken dinner. The event is sponsored by Waterfall Jewelers and the Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union.

For more information about Troops Need Love Too or for sponsorship or donation details, please visit www.TroopsNeedLoveToo.com or call 248-762-1151.

- Phil Custodio

### What would you like to learn more about?



"I wish I could write letters. I can sound them out. I watch a TV show that talks about letters. I can spell. I wish I could read and write. My teachers tried to help me read a long time ago, but they did not have the patience."

-John Naccrato



"I'd like to know why people can't get along better. There are always pros and cons to everything and people are fighting everywhere. There is so much turmoil in the world and no matter what color, we all want the same things. We are all on the same page. I wish we could find solutions."

-Brian Jones



"I would like to know more about legal rights. It seems like our rights are limited The whole system is screwed up, so much money being taken from us. Families are struggling everywhere. You have people getting locked up for petty crimes and there are people out raping and murdering."

-Jon Miller



"I would like to learn more about my job. Knowledge equals money. I want more money so I can give my kids nice things. I want to give them a nice life and leave them a little something."

-Ryan Koechig

By Andrea Beaudoin

# The Clarkston News'

Dedicated to showcasing the reasons this is a great area to live and work!

# **Looking for** work?

**Check out The Clarkston New's Classified** Section to see the latest job listings.



Graduates Camron Razdar, Sarah Fluegel, Makayla Tuomi, Courtney Hughes, Michael Abraham, Jack Witzke, Tyler Dunn discuss what worked for them at Clarkston High School. Photo provided

# Meaning of education straight from grads

BYANDREAM. BEAUDOIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Seven Clarkston High School 2015 graduates shared what they learned about education and its impact on them as they head to college and their futures.

Sarah Fluegel, Makayla Tuomi, Courtney Hughes, Michael Abraham, Jack Witzke, Tyler Dunn, and Camron Razdar were asked by Arina Bokas, Clarkston PTA president, what type of educational experiences were meaningful and helped them learn the most.

During the interview, which was recorded for the Clarkston Community Schools' YouTube Channel, students agreed there are different ways of learning, and lessons combining subjects stood out for them.

In one class, students went outside and explored nature. The teacher related the outdoors to math and life sciences.

"All of that opened my mind to knowing there are different cross curricular ways of learning," said Razdar, adding the most memorable lessons he learned in school related two subjects which were seemingly unrelatable.

Razdar added learning to relate subjects will help him think on his feet.

As a student, being placed a class outside his comfort helped him grow, Dunn said.

"In drama club I was forced to face my fears, being anxious in front of groups was something I often struggled with," he said.

Abraham's remembered an experience very vividly from second grade.

"Every week we took a class field trip somewhere like to museums. At first, I did not really get why we were learning something on Saturday, but that day I realized learning can be fun," he said.

"That stuck out in my mind because I re-

alized I like to learn and problem solve. I learned to actually enjoy my learning."

Dunn said his greatest memory was from a higher coding mathematics class he took a few years ago.

"Mr. Gilmore was my teacher," the gradu-

"He really pushes you off the ledge and you really feel like you are failing, alone and you are teaching yourself. You almost feel like you are not in a supportive environment, but what you realize is Mr. Gilmore was there the entire time holding the rope that kept you from crashing down and dy-

Gilmore allowed the students to learn on their own first.

"We were able to experience what it was like to teach ourselves," Dunn said. "We

Please see Ed talk on page 35



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### **Events**

Bucks for Buses, for Independence Township Senior Community Center transportation program, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Sept. 9, Overtyme Grill, 4724 Dixie Highway. Theme: Tailgate Party. Dress in favorite team attire. 248-625-8231.

Clarkston SCAMP Golf Classic, 9 a.m., Sept. 11, Fountains Golf & Banquet, 6060 Maybee Road. 248-623-8089.

Mom2Mom Sale, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Sept. 12, Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. \$1, early bird from 8-9 a.m., \$2. Strollers allowed. 810-423-5898.

Blues, Brews and BBQ on the Lake, hosted at Chief Pontiac American Legion, 4819 Mary Sue, 12 p.m., Sept. 12. Musical lineup: The Boa Constrictors, The Alligators, and headliner Reverend Robert Sexton and the All Star Blues Review. Local craft, food vendors. \$5/ adult, \$3/children 5-12, free/under 5. Parking, \$5. All proceeds go to veteran and active military programs. 248-673-9301.

Free Preplanning Q&A, 3 p.m., Sept. 16, Carriage House, Clintonwood Park, with attorney Sean Miller and funeral director Jenni Simsack of Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home. Topics: will vs. trust, preparing for nursing home care, benefits of preplanning. RSVP encouraged, 248-625-5231.

Clarkston City Council Candidate Forum, League of Women Voters - Oakland Area, 7 p.m., Sept. 17, Clarkston Independence District Library meeting room, 6495 Clarkston Road.

Clarkston High School reunion, class of 1960, Sept. 19, Deer Lake Athletic Club, 6167 White Lake Road. Call Diane at 248-375-9629.

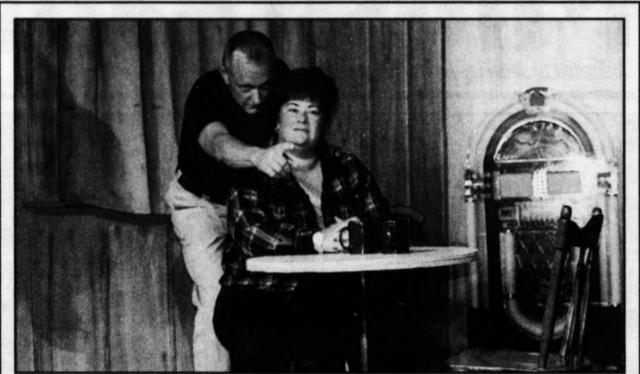
Lunch with the Ice Queen and Snow Princess, 2 p.m., Sept. 20, Oakland County Sportsmen's Club, 4770 Waterford Road. \$20. Lunch, tiara or crown, singing and dancing, photo opportunities. 248-623-0444.

Taste of Clarkston, 12-6 p.m., Sept. 20, downtown Clarkston. Sample entrees, desserts, products from over 30 local restaurants and 50 exhibitors. Art in the Village in Depot Park. 248-625-8055.

Dog Swim, 12-3:55 p.m., Sept. 20, Independence Oaks County Park, 9501

# Around Jown

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



Karen McClellan as Gertrude Blum and Jim Pike as Harry Bales rehearse a scene from "The Sea Horse." Photo provided

### 'The Sea Horse' with Village Players

Clarkston Village Players presents "The Sea Horse" by Edward J. Moore, Sept. 11-12, 18-20, and 24-26 at Depot Theatre, 4861 White Lake Road.

Tough, fiercely independent Gertrude Blum operates The Sea Horse, a rundown waterfront bar frequented by sailors like seaman Harry Bales, her former tenant and lover. When Harry returns from a long voyage, Gertrude wants nothing to do with his dreams of settling down to start a business and maybe a family. But some dreams are big enough to support – or swallow – two.

Mild adult themes and language. Call 248-625-8811.

Sashabaw Road. Contests, Best Wet Look and Best Swimsuit. Register for time slots, 75 dogs per slot. \$10 pre-registration by Sept. 17 at 248-424-7078; \$15 onsite registration.

**David Berkeley** in concert, 7:30 p.m., Sept. 24, Picasso's Grapevine, 12 S. Main Street. \$15.248-297-5982.

### Sunday

Springfield Township Farmers Market, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Sundays through Oct. 18, Shiawassee Basin Preserve, 12000 Davisburg Road.

### Monday

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

Clarkston Rotary Club, Mondays, 6:30 p.m.

Buck Shots Bar and Grill, 7048 Gateway Park Drive. 248-880-0027.

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

### Tuesday

Clarkston Community Women's Club, 7 p.m., Sept. 15, Clarkston Independence District Library community room, 6495 Clarkston Road. Speaker: Fred Fleming, professional antiques appraiser. Free appraisals, limit two items. 248-625-0917.

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

50+ Indoor Picklebail, Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., \$4, First Congregational Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road. Big Chief Barbershop Chorus, 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Waterford Oaks, 2800 Watkins Lake Road. Call Eric, 248-224-2214.

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### Wednesday

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

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

### Thursday

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

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

Lunches for 50+, Thursdays, 12 p.m., madefrom-scratch. \$7. Independence Township Adult Activities Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Make reservation by Monday before, 248-625-8231.

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

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

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

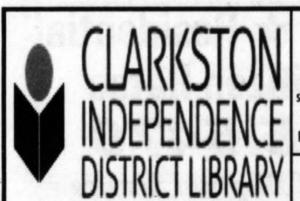
### Friday

Line dance class, Fridays, 2-4 p.m., Waterford Senior Center, 3621 Pontiac Lake Road. \$4, all levels. 248-682-9450.

### Saturday

Clarkston Area Farmers Market, Saturdays through Oct. 10, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Clarkston Community Education Center, 6558 Waldon Road.

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



### Hey Clarkston! What's happening at your library?

Parking Lot Improvements

Beginning September 8th the entrance to the library and a small section of the parking lot will be under construction until September 25, weather permitting. The library will be open regular hours during construction.

For up-to-date information visit our website www.indelib.org

Middle School Writers Group: Tuesday, September 15 6:00pm
In partnership with the Clarkston Area Optimist Club, we are thrilled to introduce this new program for aspiring young writers! Are you a middle school student who loves to write and is looking for a place to share your ideas? Then join this exciting group of fellow writers to: Share your writing, get feedback, improve your skills, learn from a variety of writers, and most importantly, have fun! Walk-ins welcome, no registration required!

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Tell Us About Travel: Wednesday, September 16 7:00pm

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# Wolves refocus energy in intensive practices

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Kickers are going with a different approach after two losses and one tie in the OAA Red.

"We have to start at practice," said Clarkston Boys Varsity Soccer Head Coach Curtis Payment. "We've got to be so much more intense and focused. Part of that is on the coaching staff. It is hard to switch into another gear when we play these games when we don't do it at practice. We have to start at practice. We need to start going at it."

The boys lost two games to Troy Athens, 2-1; and Troy, 2-0. They tied Rochester 1-1 with a goal from senior Jared Suddon off a corner kick from junior Jacob Moreno.

"We had other chances but we weren't able to put them in anymore in that game," Payment said.

Senior Jake Hallberg scored the lone against Troy Athens off a cross.

"We can't seem to get a whole game together," Payment said about the three games. "We played a good second half against Athens. Rochester, we started strong and ended poorly. Troy, we just kind of had a couple of mental lapses."

He added the intensity, pace and speed in the OAA games is different then the games they opened the season with in the Traverse City meet with three wins.

"We were really successful in Traverse City, but it gave us a false sense of security," Payment said. "Now that we are back in the

league play it is a totally different level of intensity and the physicality and the speed. It is something we need to get used to."

He added they only have two returning starters and a lot of the players are getting used to it. They also have two key seniors Alex Komatz and Ethan Price out due to

Payment noted senior Conner Sajan hasn't been giving up many shots in the

"In the Athens game they had a breakaway and a penalty kick and Rochester had a penalty kick," he said. "He saves about 3-4 shots each game but we aren't giving him much help.

"We just have to get better at finishing these games out. The mental lapses here and there have hurt us," Payment said. "Everybody is really good in the league. All the games have been decided by a goal or they have been tied. That's the tough part is it looks like we won't be getting any nights off."

The boys opened the week against Oxford on Tuesday and host Detroit Catholic Central on Wednesday.

They head to Ultimate Soccer on Saturday for three games beginning with University of Detroit at 9 a.m. Then, they host Stoney Creek on Sept. 15, 7 p.m.

The Wolves host a Special Olympics soccer game on Sept. 20 at Clarkston High School, 6 p.m.

"It was pretty cool last year," Payment



Junior Jacob Moreno blocks Troy Athens offense. Photos by Wendi Reardon



Senior Eric Diemer sneaks in to grab possession away from Troy Athens.



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One of my favorite scenes comes from the movie "Bruce Almighty," when Bruce, played by Jim Carrey, is given the responsibility to answer everyone's prayers for the day.

It doesn't take long for Bruce to become very overwhelmed by so many requests. So, Bruce devises a plan. He will give everyone

exactly what they want by having the prayer request hotline set on auto pilot.

What Bruce quickly learns is that giving everyone what they prayed for is not always a good thing.

When I first saw the scene, I reflected on how difficult it is to desire God's will to be done in our lives.

We want what we ask for to be answered quickly and

with a yes. One of the most rewarding things we can do is to thank God that He loves us enough to know what is best for us and sometimes respond differently than what we expected because His will is truly better than our own.

There are certain things we pray for where we may not have clarity on what is best but there are other things we can have confidence in that the best answer is yes.

These are what I refer to as kingdom prayers. 1 John 5:15 says: And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know we have what we asked of him.

When you read that did you just picture the bird on the keyboard constantly hitting yes for whatever prayer that was just sent to heaven?

A lot of people are confused with this verse because they know there are definitely things they have prayed for where the answer was a no or a not yet.

To understand what John is writing we need to view the verse in its proper context. 1 John 5:14 says: This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

So the progression is that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us, if He hears us we know we have whatever it is that we ask because it is in line with His

So what is God's will for your life and for others? God's will is Jesus. It always has been and always will be. Ephesians 1:4-5: For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.

In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will.

What all of this means is that whenever your prayers center around glorifying God through Jesus you already have your answer, yes!

If I pray for God to send someone into my life this week I could share Jesus with, the answer is yes. I promise you someone will show up. If you don't believe me, try it. It works.

So, God the Father heard your prayer, the Father responded to your prayer, because your prayer is in line with His will, so the answer is yes.

Here is another angle to look at your prayer life when it comes to a personal need.

Let's say the need is to go to college so you can earn a degree. The prayer is: Lord, help me to get accepted to the University of Michigan.

What is the answer to this prayer going to be? I don't know. I have no confidence in how God might respond to that prayer.

However, here is a prayer not focused on self but focused on others and growing the kingdom. Lord, help me to get accepted to the college/place where I will have the most impact for your kingdom.

The answer is yes. Switch your prayers to kingdom prayers and you will be amazed at how God will answer that prayer and do more with the answer than you could ever imagine.

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

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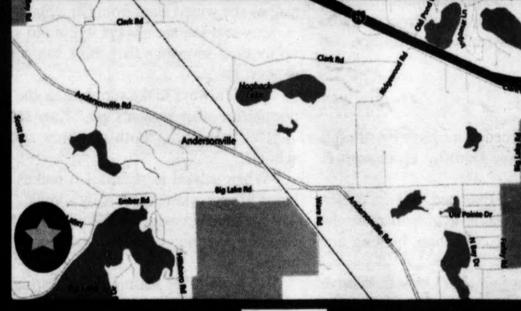
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# Wed., September 9, 2015 The Clarkston (MI) News Virginia L. Walter, 101

Virginia LeForge Walter, an active community humanitarian and historian, died Sept. 2, 2015, on the eve of her 102nd birthday at her Milwaukee, Wisc., residence where she had lived since moving to Wisconsin in 2009.

Virginia, known affectionately to her family as "Noni," would randomly recite "The Gettysburg Address" and "Daffodils" with a sparkle in her eyes and a smile on her face. She adored flower gardening and created stunning floral arrangements. She regularly entertained friends and joyfully hosted an annual Memo-

rial Day party. She guided youth, church, and civic groups. She traveled extensively, played golf, and joined community dance, bridge, and book clubs. Wherever she journeyed, whatever she attempted, and whomever she encountered, Virginia modeled a posi-



tive outlook and extended a heartfelt embrace. Mostly, Virginia cherished her friends and family relationships, her daily Mill Pond walks, her charming home, and her beloved village of Clarkston.

Employed as a waitress on Mackinac Island throughout her college summers of 1930-1933, Virginia came directly to Clarkston in the autumn of 1933 as a newly hired high school history and English teacher. Additionally, she became the girls' basketball team coach. Recognized for balancing kindness and compassion with directness in education, she prided herself in helping students reach attainable goals and secure better futures. She continually nurtured student development and never accepted student failure. She stressed holding on to beliefs, to what is good, and always offered her guiding hands. This love and passion for educating young people and providing insights endeared her to countless students of all levels and ages.

Shortly after her Clarkston arrival, Virginia met her late husband, Ronald Addis Walter, an attorney and lifelong town resident. They married in 1936 following Ron's graduation from law school and eventually raised three children. Along with career and parenting responsibilities, the two also managed and operated a dry goods and men's furnishings family business from the Walter Building on Main Street - which today is the home of The Clarkston News.

The couple were meant-to-be colleagues and true life partners. Ron died in 1973 at the age of 66, but in Virginia's mind and heart she remained married to Ron until her death.

A fervent and charitable community and church visionary, Virginia served the village of Clarkston and her church both publicly and anonymously. She was a long-time town planning commission collaborator, a town treasurer, a devoted Clarkston United Methodist Church member and its sesquicentennial chairman, a Rotary Ann and Clarkston Farm and Garden Club president, and a contributing historian for the Heritage, a book that chronicled the history of Independence Township and the Village of Clarkston. Especially prideful to Virginia were her lengthy years of involvement with Clarkston Area Youth Assistance. Throughout the years, she was a proud recipient of many volunteer service awards.

One of four children, Virginia was born and raised on her family's 160 acre farm near Ypsilanti, Michigan. She attended a rural one room schoolhouse through eighth grade and graduated from Ypsilanti High School in 1929 as the class salutatorian. She then enrolled at Michigan Normal College, now Eastern Michigan University, and graduated in 1933.

An inspirational scholar, teacher and leader, Virginia will forever be remembered and admired. Everything she touched benefited from her presence. She will be deeply missed.

Virginia was preceded in death by her husband, Ronald; her parents, Clinton and Grace; and her siblings, Frances, Donald, and Leroy. She is survived by her three children, Ron, Carol, and Mark; two daughter-in-laws, Suzy and Jeannie; six grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

A 10 a.m. service will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2015, at Clarkston United Methodist Church with a visitation beginning at 9 a.m. A private family graveside service will immediately follow at Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials can be given to Clarkston Area Youth Assistance.

BIRD WATCHER: John Meyland of Clarkston can often be spotted in local parks, out for a walk, taking pictures of wildlife. Meyland took a picture of this woodpecker in Independence Oaks County Park on one of his recent adventures. Meyland loves helping butterflies and birds, and submits reports about where he sees them and other information he gathers. He does whatever he can to help wildlife populations in decline. To find out how you can help, visit www.audubon.org. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

### Robert E. Ward, 77

Robert E. Ward of Clarkston, who

graduated Waterford Township High School class of 1956, passed away Aug. 31, 2015, at age 77.

He was the husband of Mary Ann "Nancy"; father of Cathleen (Martin) Brook, Nancy Schaller and Rob Ward; grandpa of Evan and

Noah Brook, Samantha and Andrew Schaller; brother of William (Sharlene) Ward and Roger (Judy) Ward; preceded in death by siblings Florence DeClerk, Dorothy Linebaugh & Sydney Ward.

Bob owned and operated S. Ward & Son Well Drilling. He was an avid sportsman who enjoyed fly fishing, traveling, hunting and sailing.

Visitation was Sept. 3 at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was Sept. 4 at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston. Interment Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

# Parents ensure son gets award

Continued from page 1 said as she wiped tears from her eyes.

Katy and Ian are always willing to stick up for their son when they think something is not right.

" I will always make sure he gets the opportunities other students get," Katy said.

It's challenging both at home and at school.

"When school is stressful it makes the home life more stressful," Katy admits.

"We have behavioral challenges or times when he does not want to go to school," Ian added.

But Issac loves learning and despite his struggles, he does very well.

"He is very good at reading and spelling," Katy said proudly. "A year ago Issac took a AIMS WEB test and scored over the top of any non-special needs child."

It's a lot of work to make sure he thrives.

"Everything I do is about my son. Everything I do is for Issac. I really wanted him to be recognized for his hard work," Katy said.

So when he did not get recognized, she contacted several school officials to explain the error.

Officials told her Issac was accidentally left off the list. She got an apology and was told Issac's certificate was in the mail.

Issac got his award, but Katy and Ian were hurt Issac was not included.

Adams said the situation was an oversight. When asked if Issac would be recognized in any way, Adams said, "I will contact her. I would love to give it to him."

Katy said Issac completed 90 percent of the work other students did, following his Individualized Education Plan.

"Every disabled student has, or should have, an IET. The plan allows things like extra time for tests or less homework," she said.

# Ed talk

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learned what it was like to struggle through mathematics. It was better than most classes in which the teacher tells you this is how you do it and make you repeat it back verbatim."

He added approaching it alone he felt students could approach with a more analytic and evaluative mind.

Hughes said she was part of the Clarkston Science Math Technology.

"One of our final exams, they made it not so multiple choice or short answer," she said. "Instead, we went out into our woods and were given a map. We were learning trigonometry and geometry. I have never applied this kind of math in the real world unless it was using pen and paper so I thought it was amazing to be able to connect it to the outside world and use my skills to create a map and draw it in a mathematical way."

Other students said that type of learning is what is happening in CCS in the Cultures of Thinking.

"I think that's something Clarkston Schools is diving into," said Fluegel.

"It's becoming really influential to all of us. Teachers are becoming more aware we have to take what we are learning in the classroom and be able to apply it to out daily lives, to our future and to our subjects. I think our teachers are becoming more apt to say OK how does math apply to navigation, how can your speech class help you in drama club or how can science class relate to how your car works," she said.

Using different applications to see how these things work together helps students learn and prosper, she said.

"It's more than just take a test and get a grade," she said.

Tuomi said CCS teachings has helped her discover herself.

"Often kids are so focused on wanting to be a physician or a engineer, or the paths laid in front of them all their lives. They don't focus on what they want to be or what will make them happy," she said.

Razdar said schools should focus more on academic ability rather than grade level.

"Some students just don't have the mind frame to go into some advanced classes," he said.

Different opportunities for kids to learn and explore things they are interested in would help, the students agreed.

Fluegel said the Oakland Technical Campus is a great example of allowing students to explore a field while gaining skills in a career field.

Learning to think on a broader scale helps too, said another student.

Tuomi believes the future of education should be about more than just taking some test and getting a score.

"It's about seeing how things are connected," she said.



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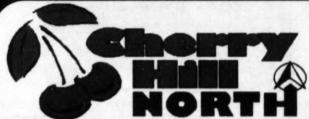
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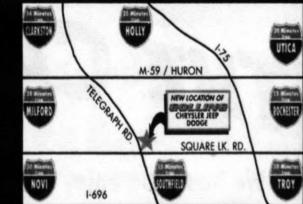
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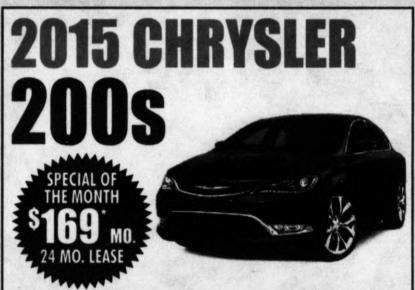
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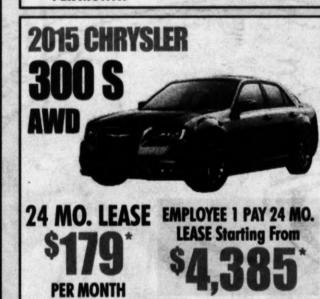
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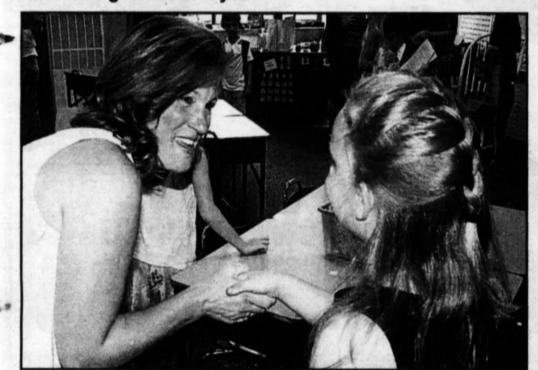
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Alex Wolak, third grade teacher, gets Cameron Colley excited for a great school year.



Gail Bacon and MaKeanna Smith greet each other with big smiles.



Jamie Maras, second and first grade teacher, says hello to Jackson and Will Artiss, there with their dad.

## Excitement of learning back in school

It was an exciting day, Sept. 2, a week before the first day at Clarkston Community Schools.

Students were excited to see teachers again after summer va-

cation, and other explored their brand new school for the first time.

Teachers were equally excited to meet students or welcome back

all the familiar faces. One of the schools was Clarkston Elementary where students met with teachers and checked out their lockers. The first day of school was Sept. 8.



Students and parents were so excited to meet teachers, they gathered outside Clarkston Elementary before doors opened. Principal Brian Adams came outside to greet the crowd before he opened the doors. Photos by Andrea Beaudoin

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