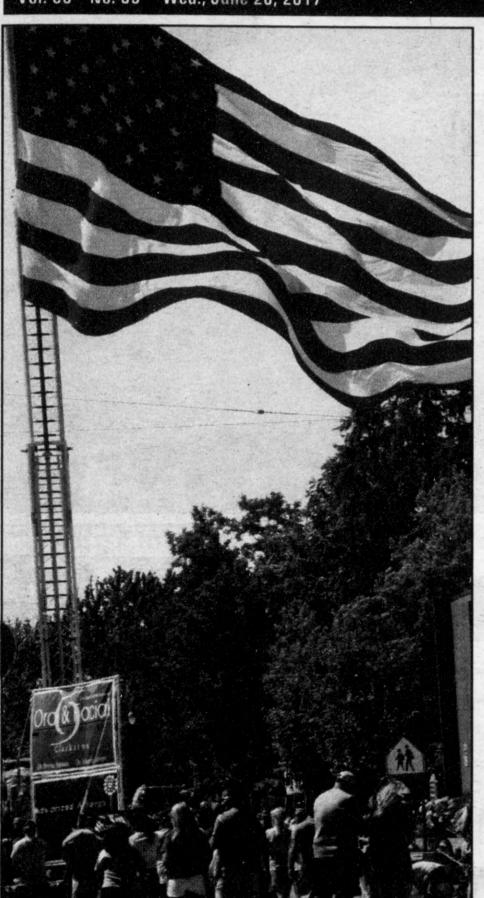
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Independence Township Fire Department flies an enormous American flag during last year's Independence Day Parade. File photo

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Celebrate Independence in C-town!

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Marian Emery and her Model A are one of the many staples in Clarkston's Fourth of July parade people are excited to see next Tuesday.

"My dad drove it in the parade for years," she explained.

Her father, Dr. Ashton Emery, purchased the vehicle from Henry Ford and drove it in all the parades in Clarkston, as well as other events. When he passed in the late 1970s, Marian carried on the tradition.

"They holler at you and wave to you," she said about being in the parade each year. "There's a lot to a small town parade. You go to a large parade and you don't know anybody. Everyone in Clarkston comes out for this. There's people who come back."

"The parade has a small town feel with a huge audience," added Kathy Novak, a member of the Clarkston Optimist Club. "It gives such a sense of community. When people come out here they get an opportunity to see the heart of our community and what we are all about here in Clarkston. We open our arms and we just put on a great show."

This year's parade theme is "Celebrate Independence" and already has over 90 entries, including fire trucks, local businesses and local non-profit organizations.

Novak said attendees can expect the same patriotic feel, patriotic theme and small town feel the parade has had for over 50 years.

Sashabaw Presbyterian Church is making their first appearance in a long time, said Reverend Laura



Members and friends of the Clarkston Cultural Arts Council met, June 25, to build their float for the Fourth of July Parade – a giant birdcage. Photo provided

Sias Lee.

"We are excited to be in it," she said. "It's part of the community. We wanted to do it this year especially with our partnership with Clarkston Community Schools."

She added they are passing out coloring sheets and crayons with a drawing by a local artist with information about the historic church on Maybee Road.

"The Fourth of July parade brings people together,"

Please see Parade on page 7

Full day of fun at festival afterwards

BY JESSICA STEELEY

Clarkston News Staff Writer

After the Clarkston Fourth of July parade, residents head to Clintonwood Park for the annual Independence Fest, a local tradition in Independence Township.

The festival, with sponsors including Independence Township, City of the Village of Clarkston, *The Clarkston News*, and Bowman Chevrolet, starts at 11 a.m. and ends with the last boom of fireworks, around 10:30 p.m.

Parks, Recreation and Seniors Events Coordinator Amy Laboissonniere said the action-packed event includes kid's games, craft show, veteran's celebration, disc dog competition and live entertainment.

"We have the veteran's celebration, then we have some entertainment afterwards. We do have dog adoptions out by the disc dog area," Laboissonniere said. "We have the Clarkston Lions coming, they're doing their vision screening, and then at 7, we have Alan Turner and the Steel Horse Band coming and they'll play til just before the fireworks. The fireworks start at about 10."

The Clintonwood parking lot usually fills up by 2 or 3 p.m., so they'll have shuttle buses going around to several different parking areas in a couple miles radius around the park. The shuttle is \$2.

Concession carnival food will be available from Mercurio Concessions, Nicks Concessions, Mastro's Ice Cream, Backyard BBQ, and others.

"This is whole heartland of America approach to building neighborhoods, building communities and being thankful for what we have. The guys do a great job putting all that together," said Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle. "There are so many things for kids to do, for adults to do and then have 12, 15 thousand of our closest friends together there for the fireworks display, it's just a blast."

After fireworks, everyone will pile back onto the shuttles and be taken to their cars. Laboissonniere estimated 13,000 people attended the fest last year.

"It can be really crazy, but it's a lot of fun too, and the fireworks show is really good," Laboissonniere said. "Clintonwood is where it's happening."

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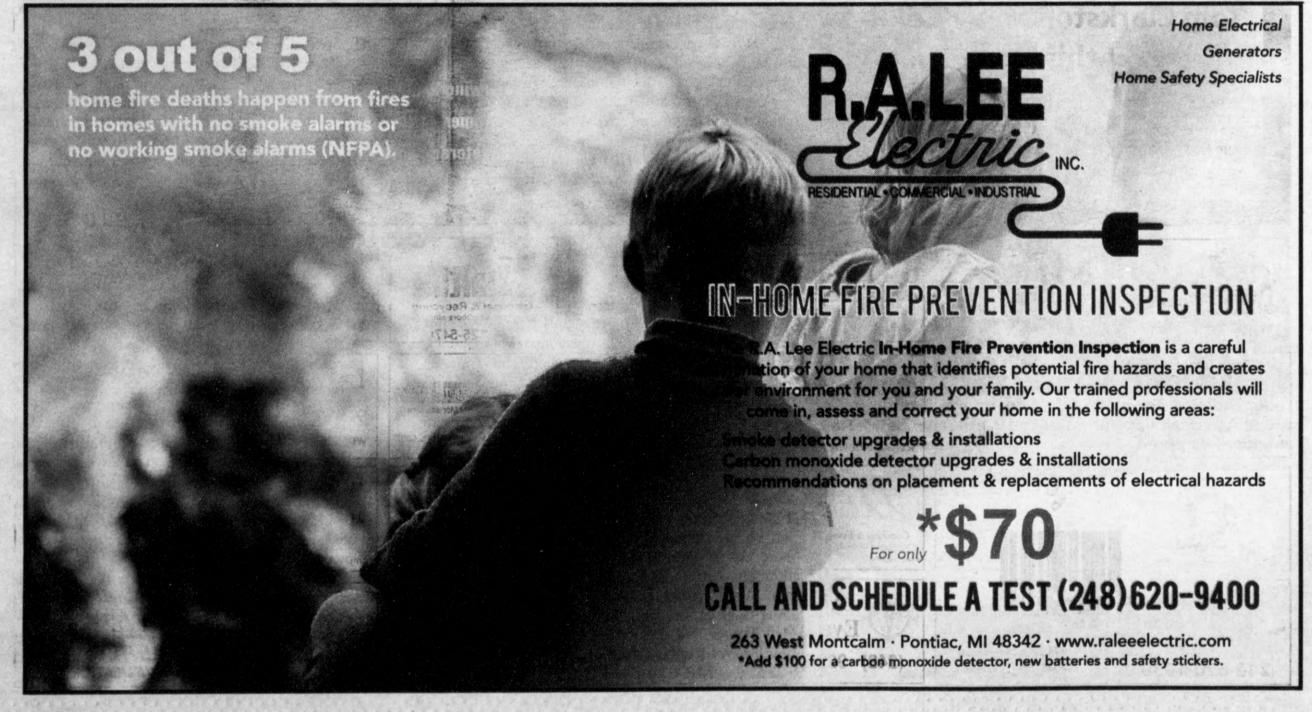
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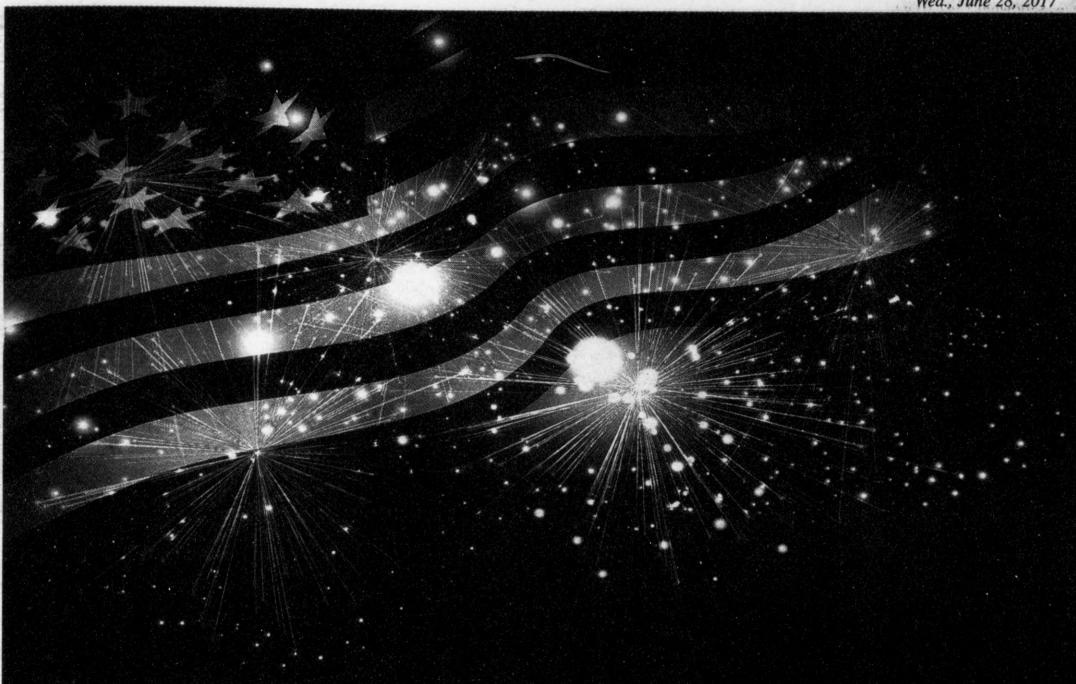
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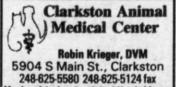
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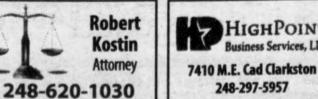
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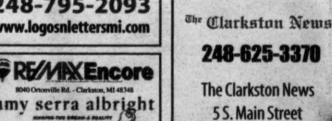
















Emma Stankus, her grandma, Debbie Curry, and a neighbor, Lorien, clean up a table.

Young activist leads clean-up

Emma Stankus organized a 20person project to fix up the neighborhood island, and she's only 5 years old.

"In May, she decided that our neighborhood's island space could use some much needed TLC," said Michelle Curry, who lives on Lakewood Boulevard off Dixie Highway. "She drew up fliers with everything that she wanted to see accomplished – split logs for the fire pit, clean up, fix the retaining walls, trim the overgrown trees, take away the seaweed, clean up the twigs, clean up the garbage, fill in the holes, and freshen up the picnic table."

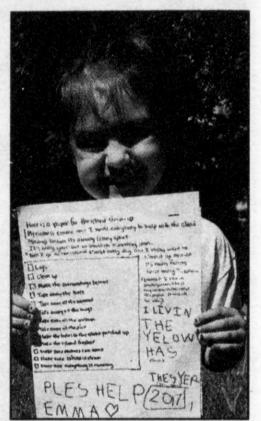
The kindergarten student at Clarkston Elementary created a flier with her mom, saying "Well I go to the island almost every day and I really want to clean it up because it's really falling apart badly."

She and her mom personally delivered a flier to each neighbor, and had volunteers sign their names on a piece of paper, Curry said.

She set the date for June 24. At 10 a.m., there were already neighbors working hard clearing the trees, cleaning up broken benches, and clearing garbage.

"In all, Emma managed to get

nearly 20 volunteers to the island. We worked well into the afternoon and actually managed to get to everything on Emma's 'to do list' besides the retaining wall," Curry said. "Yesterday proved to Emma that you can accomplish anything that you set your mind to."



Emma's to-do list included a baker's dozen of project. Photos provided









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Budget OK'd

BYPHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Clarkston City Council voted unanimously to approve the 2017-2018 city budget, but council members weren't happy about changes made to it.

A total of \$16,380 in additional spending was added to the \$878,913 budget since its June 12 presentation.

"I think people need to know you can't change these things the night you vote on it," said Council member Sharron Catallo just after casting her "yes" vote.

Items were added to the budget without approval by the full council, said Council member David Marsh.

"It's backwards," Marsh said.

Changes are an additional \$10,000 for planning, which includes \$4,000 for an updated master plan and \$6,000 for a master recreation plan; \$6,200 for Friends of Depot Park, which is a donation from the Optimist Club rolled over into the new year; and \$2,000 for parking consultants. They also include an additional \$1,820 from Oakland County in matching grant funds.

The \$16,380 would come from the fund balance, which was lowered to \$180,000 from \$197,345, which is still 24 percent of the budget, said City Manager Jonathan Smith

Mayor Steven Percival said the projects aren't approved yet, but money for them must be included in the budget.

"This is our snapshot for the year – what we'll theoretically spend for the year," Percival said. "There's no conspiracy theory here."

Other spending items for the upcoming year include \$2,800 for a Building Department software upgrade; \$8,500 for sidewalk replacement on Miller Road; \$10,000 for converting paper archives into electronic files; \$12,000 for repairing damage to Village Hall caused by mice, woodpeckers, and ants; \$16,000 for asphalt overlay on Miller Road. Total for parking is \$10,000 – \$8,000 for a kiosk and \$2,000 for consultants.

The property tax millage rate is budgeted at 12.0966, down from 12.1056 this past year. The city's maximum allowable millage for fiscal year 2017-2018 is 12.7876, rolled back from last year's 12.9168 due to the state Headlee law. With another reduction of 0.691 due to the city library millage resolution of 2014, the proposed millage rate for 2017-2018 is 12.0966.

Clarkston's taxable property value after the state Proposal A cap is \$40,833,740, up 3.57 percent from last year. Tax revenue, which is the millage rate times taxable value divided by 1,000, equals \$493,949, up \$16,665 from last year's \$477,284. Funding from the state is budgeted at \$75,000, unchanged from last year.



From left are Dan Stencil, Kathy Noble, Terry Porritt of Blessings in a Backpack, Amy Baxter of SCAMP, Kerri Gualtieri of Blessings, and Susan Stencil. *Photo provided*

Community donations from yoga

Clarkston Hot Yoga, owned by Susan and Dan Stencil,donated \$1,000 each to Clarkston SCAMP and Blessings in Backpack.

The donations came from Sunday night

Yin Yoga donation classes taught by Kathy Noble of Clarkston.

The class is every Sunday night at the studio, 5678 Sashabaw Road, and all are welcome to attend. Call 248-620-7101.

Beaumont property up for sale

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Beaumont Hospitals had high hopes in 2005 for 63 acres in Independence Township, but dashed by 12 years and a recession, they are now offering it for sale.

William Beaumont Health System in partnership with Insite Commercial are selling the mixed-development site at the northwest corner of I-75 and M-15, along with a 34.64 acre site in Commerce Township.

In 2005, Beaumont's ideas for the local site, bordered by M-15, I-75, and Cranberry Lake Road, included doctor's offices, ambulatory care center for services such as CAT scans, radiology or physical, and occupational therapy, and a nursing home or senior housing

When the purchase was made in 2006, the plan also included a 200-bed hospital, and more building and parking space.

Residential opposition was strong, with residents organizing a years long campaign against the hospital plan. Major issues included impact on property values, commercial development in a residentially-zoned area, increased traffic, no need for a second hospital because McLaren was already approved, water quality, and wetland conservation.

Independence Township Planning Commission voted to deny conceptual site plan in April 2008. Beaumont worked on a re-submittal of the project in June 2008, including a multi-stage life-care campus with a medical office building, ambulatory service center, laboratory, radiology department, imaging center, and 100-bed hospital.

The planning commission voted to approve conceptual site plan in June 2008, with final site approval in September 2008. The final plan included a multi-stage campus with medical office building, convalescent center, laboratory, radiology department, imaging center, and 100-bed hospital.

The project was placed on hold in 2008 due to the recession, according to Beaumont.

They merged with Oakwood Healthcare of Dearborn and Botsford Hospital of Farmington Hills in 2014, forming Beaumont Health System.

A reassessment of its real estate holdings and undeveloped land concluded the Independence and Commerce lots were no longer needed, according to a report in *Crain's*.

Insight Commercials' Marketing Package lists the property as available for corporate, residential, multiple family or mixed use development, with great highway visibility and location in Automation Alley Calls for offers are due by Aug. 30.

For more information, check beaumont-land.com.

Briefly

Closed for Fourth

Due to the Fourth of July holiday, classified ads for *The Clarkston News* and *Penny Stretcher* are due on Friday, June 30, at 12 p.m.

The Clarkston News office will be closed Tuesday, July 4, for the holiday. We will reopen on Wednesday, July 5, at 8 a m.

Radio for firefighters

The Independence Township Fire Department was approved to purchase five new portable radios by the Independence Township Board, June 20, for the cost of \$16,585.20.

The purchase will provide radios for each firefighter with emergency buttons allowing other firefighters to know who's in danger and check where they were assigned.

The Township Board also approved a bid for sidewalk repair at Fire Station One for up to \$19,255.50.

Five lanes for Sashabaw Road

A \$5.6 million project for north Sashabaw Road will widen it to five lanes from Flemings Lake to Clarkston roads.

The project will start in late 2018 and will also install a safety path and street lights on the east side of the roadway and a sanitary sewer on the west, said Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle to the Independence Township Board, June 20.

He added they are also negotiating to install a natural gas line and fiber optic cable on the west side.

Funds will come from the Road Commission of Oakland County, and township sewer, general, and safety path funds.

Correction

In last week's graduation section, Clarkston High School senior McKenna Nicole Cameron's photo had a different student in its place. We apologize for the error.

Congratulations and good luck, McKenna!



McKenna Nicole Cameron

County fair opens next week

The Oakland County Fair returns to opening night, July 7." Springfield Oaks County Park, 12451 Andersonville Road, July 7-16.

"The Oakland County Fair celebrates Oakland County's rural agricultural heritage and gives kids the chance to see farm animals up close," said Oakland County Parks Executive Officer Dan Stencil of Clarkston. "There is something for everyone, from exotic animals and contests to rides and carnival fare with fireworks on

New this year is Ladies Night of Destruction, Friday, July 7, in which female drivers will compete.

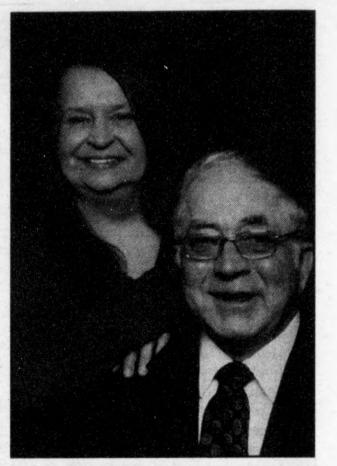
Grandstand events in the evening include an off-road demolition derby, Figure Eight Races, Superkicker Rodeo, Night of Destruction and Monster Trucks.

The fair also includes contests, food, Big Rock Amusements carnival, fireworks, free concert, livestock, and exhibits in the historic Ellis Barn.

Duck Dynasty's Jep and Jessica Robertson of A&E's Jep & Jessica: Growing The Dynasty will appear at the fair Sunday, July 9.

Parking and admission is \$12/vehicle and \$6/motorcycle, with free parking July 7 and July 13 with a 2017 Oakland County Parks Vehicle Permit.

For a complete fair schedule, visit OakFair.org.



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Dale and Connie (Fredricks) Hawks

Hawks celebrate 50th anniversary

Dale and Connie (Fredricks) Hawks of Clarkston are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on July 15, 1967, in Watervliet, Mich.

They have three children, Jeannie of Clarkston, Dale Jr. and Roxie of Mt. Pleasant, Mich., and Neil and Katherine of Dacula, Georgia. They also have six grandchildren, Alissa, Danielle, Zachary, Imani, Donovan, and Julius, and one great grandchild, Rhiannon.

Connie is retired from Grand Blanc Printing, and Dale is retired from General Motors.

Looking for frogs at Spring Lake

"Hey, mom!" I said. It was a warm summer day, not a single cloud in the clear blue sky. "What is it, Luke," my mom replied.

"Can I go down to Jaxon's and Bryce's house," I said back.

"Oh, sure, Luke, just be back by five o'clock," Mom responded.

"Ohhhh, YES OH YES OH YES!!!! I was SOOOOOO excited! Jaxon and Bryce are two of my longtime friends. Me and Jaxon met in kindergarten, but I can't remember when me and Bryce met.

When I arrived at Jaxon and Bryce's house, I was greeted by the Nowik family dog, Snickers. "Awwww, you're so cute!"

All Snickers responded with was a bunch of excitement!

"C'mon, Luke, let's go play Terraria," Jaxon told me.

"Alright, let's go this!" I replied.

The next few minutes of life contained a LOT of Terraria! Defeated bosses, built some houses, and all that stuff. Then, Jaxon had the sudden idea to go around the neighborhood looking for frogs and other reptiles. Probably because he is a reptile FREAK! When we got out the door, we headed straight to Mason and Carson McGuire's house. Maybe because all of us are REALLY good friends! Anyway, when we got to the McGuire's house, Mason and Carson were happy to tag along.

"Sure!" Mason said when he heard we were going to look for frogs.

"The I guess count me in!" Carson said. "Alright!" Jaxon said. "Let's do this!"

When we got going, Jaxon made a suggestion. "Let's go down to the pond!" was his suggestion.

"Oh yea, that's an AMAZING idea, Jaxon!" Bryce agreed. After he agreed,

everyone but me also agreed.

"I'm not sure, what if I get in trouble?" was my objection. "Don't worry, man," Jaxon said to me. "We'll only be there for a little bit."

"TO THE POND!!!!" Jaxon, me, Bryce, Mason, and Carson yelled.

Student writer's favorite place



By Luke Thomas,

We were going to hunt for frogs! And other reptiles! It's going to be fun! And now I'll get back to the details! We were going to a pond that I did not even know EXISTED! Mainly because I spend most of my time indoors.

"FROG! THERE IS A FROG OVER HERE! I REPEAT, THERE IS A FROG OVER HERE!" Jaxon shouted.

fourth grade So, we got to the pond just two minutes and 30

seconds ago and we ALREADY found a frog!
"GETTHE BUCKET, LUKE! GETTHE
BUCKET!!!" Jaxon demanded, in a nice way.

"OKAY!" I yelled back. I grabbed the bucket and stumbled over to Jaxon, here he plopped the frog in. "Alright, let's go back home, give him a name and in a few minutes let it back in the wild!!!"

Spring Lake, my subdivision, still has many parts for people to discover! I'm still discovering little nooks and crannies of the neighborhood! That's my favorite spot! Hope you liked it!

Clarkston Junior High students Evelyn Dice and Brooke Larkin organized a writing contest at Pine Knob Elementary. One of their prizes was publication in the Clarkston News.



Clarkston High School Marching Band will help lead the parade. File photo

Parade downtown for Fourth of July

Continued from page 1

Lee said. "One of the beauties of Clarkston is it's like a small town. It gives the feeling of community and celebration."

The parade starts at 10 a.m. at St. Daniel Church and ends at Clarkston United Methodist Church.

Novak explained there are two stages with announcers with one at 90 N. Main Street and one at 15 S. Main Street.

Each will have a graduated student from Clarkston High School singing the National Anthem.

"It's really great because it really hits home because they are local kids," Novak said.

Entries are still welcome and they are also looking for children with decorated bicycles to participate.

"We did that for the first time last year and had about 30 kids," Novak said. "It was a new idea from one of our comittee members. We thought it was great. We were pleased to see so many kids come out."

To register, please visit www.clarkstonparade.org. There is no fee for non-profit organization. There is a minimal fee for businesses and political entries.

"If you have a float or a car - decorate it,"
Novak smiled. "We are doing it for all the
kids and people who come out to see it. It's a
safe environment, a big show in a small
town."

The Fourth of July parade is organized by the Clarkston Optimist Club, Mt. Zion Church, St. Daniel Catholic Church and Clarkston Lion's Club.

For more information please call 248-514-1729, 248-620-2984 or email clarkstonparade@gmail.com.

"We are united on this day," said Novak.
"What a great way to kick off your holiday."



NEW OFFICERS: Clarkston Community Women's Club elected officers for 2017-2018 following dinner at the Holly Hotel, June 5. Officers for the year are President Pat Smolen, Vice President Jackie Fromm, Treasurer Paula Carlson, Recording Secretary Kathy Chinavare, Corresponding Secretary Gail Ferguson, and Board Member Judy Capanda. *Photo provided*



Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Price

Harry cast a spell

The magical world of Harry Potter and Hogwarts is on my mind as I type this week's column as it is the day Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone printed for the first time on June 26, 1997.

Here in America we would come to know it as *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* and wouldn't know quite how it would effect our lives.

Sure, books and movies gain popularity

and will have toys and novelty items available to purchase to tie in with them.

But the world of Harry Potter...

I was introduced to the boy who lived through the movies.

Though I am quite a reader, I waited until Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows was published until I began reading the series. Because I am not a patient reader which is probably why I haven't started Game of Thrones come to think of it.

It is a fantastic, visual world fulled with interesting places and characters you grow to love or hate. While my opinion on particular characters like Severus Snape and Narcissa Malfoy changed by a matter of words. (If you know the series, I hope you know the lines and the moments I am thinking about.) But my feelings of discontent with Dolores Umbridge has never wavered.

I have been sucked into buying merchandise and going to the Wizarding World of Harry Potter. I know which house I belong to at Hogwarts - depending where I am of course: Through Pottermore I was sorted into Hufflepuff. I share a few traits - dedication, fair play, loyalty. I don't know about the patience one I keep seeing pop up as a trait.

During a visit to Warner Brothers Studios, I encountered the sorting hat and it placed me in Gryffindor. Sure, I can see it - I have courage and determination.

It's okay because I have many friends who are Potterheads, fans of Harry Potter. They fall on each end of the spectrum. Some of have gone the LeakyCon, the annual convention for Harry Potter, and some just enjoy reading the series.

No matter if you enjoy the series or not, June 26 is a good day to celebrate imagination, how an idea on the train came to be and changed the world.

In another 20 years I hope if you ask "After all this time?" I can say "Always."

Opinion Pages Letters, columns & Editorials

Going back to July 4th of yesteryear

Seventy-six years ago, a year after World War II ended, *Clarkston News* Owner/Publisher/Editor William Stamp wrote solemnly on the front page.

June 28, 1946: QUIET DAY FOR CLARKSTON

Clarkston residents will take the Fourth in stride. No official celebration is planned and most local residents will probably spend a quiet day at home or else arrange picnics among their own family and neighbor groups. Clarkston people are fortunate in living in the midst of nature's playground -- a spot where

you need only step to your back door and let your eyes rest on natural beauty that "city folks" often drive for hours to get a fleeting glimpse for a few hours before heading back to the city again.

This year, while over 10,000 people line our streets for the annual July 4 parade, let's remember why we gather for fun. This year's theme is Celebrate Independence -- not the township, rather our own personal freedoms, fought and won with blood, sweat and tears. Have fun, be safe and send us your thoughts. -- Don Rush



Front porches were places for music at Porchfest on the Millpond, Sunday. Photo provided

Music on front lawns

More than 100 people enjoyed an afternoon of music around the Millpond, Sunday afternoon.

"The Clarkston Community Historical Society would like to thank everyone who hosted, performed or attended our first annual Porchfest on the Millpond," said Toni Smith, director of the Clarkston Heritage Museum. "The day was a great success despite the cooler temperatures."

Downtown residents James and Gini Schultz worked for months to line up the porches, musicians, and donations.

"This will definitely become an annual summer event. It was a great afternoon in the

village," Smith said.

The Clarkston Optimist Club was also on hand with their grill to provide the food during the June 25 event, which featured musicians on eight porches on Main Street, W. Washington, Holcomb Road, and Miller Road.

Musicians included The Pat Cooper Irish Band, Annamarie Evans Trio, Mike Baker, EW3 Mike Evans, Mountain Echo Dulcimer Troupe, The Hustlers, Dumb and Drummer, and Chris Himburg.

For more information, call the society at 248-922-0270.

- Phil Custodio

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 2002

"Changing school times for 'teacher development' in the works" Clarkston Community Schools were mulling over a concept for the future for shortened days for teacher development which left some parents upset and educators pleased.

"Plasic company enjoying tenth anniversary in Clarkston" Chase Plastics in Clarkston was celebrating its tenth anniversary as the business surpassed all expectations. Kevin and Carole Chase began the company because they saw a niche in the plastics business had yet to be explored.

"SMS boys track takes second at county meet" The boys track team from Sashabaw Middle School finished in second place at the 7th & 8th Grade Oakland County Track Meet at Clarkston High School.

25 years ago - 1992

"Pay-to-play possible" Parents urged the Clarkston Board of Education to quickly make the decision if students would have to pay to participate in athletics in the 1992-1993 school year. After an hour long discussion the board said it would consider the costs and merits of pay-to-play system for the entire district and would make a decision in July.

"Local teen to visit Sweden" Katie Freeman, an eighth-grader at Clarkston Junior High School, was one of ten Michigan youths, ages 13-15, chosen to visit Sweden by the Children's International Summer Villages.

"Weil's speed records roll all the way to West Coast" Springfield Township resident Brian Weil broke two dune buggy drag racing records in the unlimited style division. He drove a custommade aluminum buggy with a Volkswagon engine he co-designed with Jeff Wilson.

50 years ago - 1967

"Township will have three more precincts" Three additional voting precincts were to be created in Independence Township, and the board approved the purchase of three more automatic voting machines.

"Named state champs" The team of Mike Church, John Naumann, Dwight Conley, Bob Hodge and Bill Hughson were named the state champions in the Michigan Youth Bowling Association-Junior Divison out of 36 teams.

"Round the town" During the weekend, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Secton and daughter, Jill, enjoyed swimming and boating at their cabin in northern Michigan.

Practical learning

Everest Academy second graders recently took a local field trip to Neiman's Family

The kids explored different areas inside Neiman's to learn about the inner workings of a grocery store.

They made peanut butter in the bulk food section, twice-baked potatoes in the deli and they decorated cookies in the bakery.

Students also saw how to grind fresh ground beef and package it and learned about and sampled different types of milk in the store's dairy section.

They also got some work experience during their trip, assisting cashiers through bagging customers' groceries.

Visiting Neiman's gave Everest students a unique learning experience and a fun time driving motorized carts around an obstacle course.



Everest Academy Second Graders decorate cookies at Neiman's. Photo provided

So, what about fathers, Part Deux?

themselves and what society also thinks of men.

Walking Paychecks. That's what most men think of themselves as -- providers -- and, that is about it. That column led to some chatter out in the social media world, mostly from the AMC (Angry Moms Club), who were upset. Reading between the lines, they took it as a slight against women. I think. Still not sure if they read the entire column, or the awesome power of "selective reading," which allows anyone to read what they want, regardless of what is in print.

A column by **Don Rush**

Don't

I ain't sure.

Some may have thought I do not like Father's Day. Au contraire, mon ami. Being a dad is the best thing I have ever done. This past Father's Day my boys (Shamus and Sean) got me a jack knife, hot sauce and some Slap Yo Mama cajun seasoning. It was a good day.

I went back into the musty, but hallowed halls of Don'tRushMedom and found a column about Dad's Day from 2009. I headlined it then, "Damnit Jim, I'm not a spelling coach."

This past Sunday was that wonderful Hallmark ing, with sideburns, parent. holiday, Father's Day. To all the dads out there who love their children, who provide for their kids, who don't shirk their duties, I tip my hat.

I have long held the belief most fathers get gypped on this day o' dads. Kids are in school when Mother's Day rolls around. Teachers make much fuss about this holiday, making sure all students cre-

Last week I wrote about what dads think about ate cards and gifts. No mom is forgotten. On the other hand, Father's Day is during summer vacation — there are no school teachers helping kiddies make crafts and cards for their dads. Dads have been forgotten.

I got a card each from Shamus, now almost 12, and Sean, 9.

Both cards expressed love and admiration on blue construction paper, with decorative cutting (Shamus trimmed his card on the outside, and Sean lived dangerously and cut out part of the card's fold). They both pressed their right hand in white paint and pressed their handprint on their respective card's inside. They both cut out a sentimental poem about dads and glued it in there, too. You know the kind of poem — something heartfelt like:

"Dad, "You don't suck (much). You don't stink (all the time). "You're not cheap (despite what Mom says), "I like your jack-knife collection, can you spare a dime?"

Shamus drew a robot on card, with all the bells and whistles any self-respecting robot would have (complete with a mini-rotating satellite dish on top).

Sean drew some hearts with faces and decided to use the letters "DAD" to describe his favorite gray-

Decant

Awsome

Decorative

Okay, I am a dad who is also a writer-type (versus a type writer), but I am not a spelling coach. As a matter of fact, I am not a good speller at all. If you don't believe me, ask any of the English teachers who

were unfortunate enough to teach in the Clarkston School District 30 years ago. Ask the Swartouts, Bidingers, Mahrles, Meylands and the like. They well remember me — not cuz I am a memorable fellow, nor because was I a grand student. Nope, I am memorable to English teachers because the pupil with the least potential, worst spelling, punctuation and sentence structure chose a profession which involved spelling, punctuation and sentence structure. On a weekly basis, I get paid for slaughtering the English language in print — which is a testament to how truly wonderful America is. Anything is possible in this country!

But, I digress. Back to me being Decant, Awsome and Decorative in Sean's baby-blue eyes. I assume (which can make an ass of me and u — or is it ass of u and me or is it just an ass of me?) "Decant" means I am "decent." I think. Either that, or he thinks I am decadent. "Awsome" speaks for itself. I am awesome (which is kind of hard when you proclaim to be a lowly and humble scribe). As for "Decorative" I am at a loss. Maybe someone thinks my head would look good hanging on the wall. Maybe it means I am shallow — the wrapping paper around a truly precious gift?

Maybe I should stop thinking about it lest I get depressed.

Maybe I should just be grateful and offer up a silent "thank you" for my two blessings.

Whatever the meaning, I am a dad, and the lads thought enough of me to think of me. And, for that I am thankful.

There, I hope this calms the emotions within the AMC.

Varnings to don't burn pressure treated wood

With summer outdoor projects in the works, Mary Serra-White of Clarkston has a warning about the dangers of improper disposal of pressure treated wood.

"There are no exceptions to being environmentally conscious regarding disposal of pressure treated wood," White said. "Also, if you don't know the type of wood, it is best to err on the side on caution."

Upon doing research regarding disposal of the wood, she found burning, shredding, or chipping pressure-treated wood,

regardless of its age or amount of rot, is highly toxic.

"Even the ash is as toxic," she said. "We recently replaced our deck boards, which were pressure treated and fairly rotted. While we knew it is unwise to burn pressure treated wood, we wondered if the toxicity was depleted when considering the age and how rotted the wood was. Apparently, the age and decay do not make a difference."

She also reached out to the Fire Marshal Bruce Harbin.

"Please do not burn any treated wood. It

is not allowed in the township," Harbin said. "Specifically, any construction materials are not allowed to be burned. Only typical yard waste such as small limbs, twigs, bush clippings, and during the fall, leaves. Also you need a valid burn permit to burn yard waste. You can obtain a permit on line or at fire station #1 -6500 Citation Drive."

Pressure treated wood with Chromated Copper Arsenat, which was used from about 1938-1998, is arsenic based, according to a report by CBS News. Newer wood receives a copper-based treatment.

To dispose of pressure treated wood waste, take it to a lined landfill. Don't bury it on your property.

"We want all of our neighbors to know about this danger because we don't want our family, neighbors and wildlife to breathe it. We don't want our well systems and soil to be poisoned," White said.

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SYNOPSIS TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE **JUNE 20, 2017** A. A Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:00 PM at

ROLL CALL: Present: Kittle, Brown, Aliaga, Loughrin,

Also Present: Lt. Mark Brown, Fire Department; Doreen

Groth, DPW-GIS Manager; Mitch Petterson, Fire Chief;

Richard Carlisle; Carlisle/Wortman, Associates, Inc.;

Steven P. Joppich; Johnson, Rosati, Schultz & Joppich,

F. BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Supervisor

Presentation: Kiwanis Club - Clarkston (Greg Smith, Executive Director for Michigan District

Approval of the Payroll of June 16, 2017, and the

Check Run of June 13, 2017, for a Total Amount

posed Amendments to the CIA Development and

tion - Economic Development Fund-Category A

2. Adoption of Resolution for Submittal of Applica-

3. Approval of 1st Reading - Regency at Indepen-

L. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

PC; Kristen Paulson; Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As presented.

PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:

Independence Township Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was given

Ritchie, Schroeder

There was a quorum present

E. CLOSED SESSION: None

G. PUBLIC COMMENT: John Gold

PUBLIC HEARING: None

of \$440,224.99

Absent: Pallotta

- Phil Custodio





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of Kiwanis; Andre Laubach, Lt. Governor, Regional Manager for Michigan.) 2. Report: Supervisor's Report (Patrick J. Kittle, Supervisor) CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS: None K. CONSENT AGENDA: 1. Approval of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes of June 6, 2017.

REGULAR BUSINESS: 1. Authorized Submittal and Notifications of the Pro-



dence / Planned Unit Development Amendment Approval of the 2017 Budget Amendment #25 -**ArcGIS Server Licensing Maintenance Agreement** 5. Acceptance of Quote and Approval to Purchase Portable Radios and Approval of Budget Adjustment - Fire Department Award Bid - Fire Station 1 Sidewalk Repair Project Support of Charter Township of Independence Position Statement - Bailey House Property /

Independence Oaks North-Sashabaw Road N. COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS /

Minutes: Information Technology Oversight Committee (ITOC) - Final, May 9, 2017

Report: Fiscal 2017 Actual to Budget Update for Period Ending May 31, 2017

Communications: Water Resources Commissioner (WRC) - Clinton River Water Resource Recovery Facility Drainage District Special Assessment, Received June 5, 2017

O. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Trustee Schroeder P. ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at

Respectfully Submitted, Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC Township Clerk

Published: Wednesday, June 28, 2017

Assault

A 51-year-old Joy Street resident was cited with assault and battery after an argument with her son's teenage girlfriend, 11:06 a.m., June 17. She was yelling at the girlfriend to leave and grabbed her shirt, ripping it and scratching her on the side.

Suspended license

While investigating a traffic accident on Dixie Highway and Ortonville Road, 6:45 p.m., June 20, a deputy found the driver's license was suspected since February for a prior drug crime. The driver, a 37-year-old Pontiac man, was cited for driving with a suspended license and taken to St. Joseph Hospital for neck pain.

No permit to sell

A 24-year-old Pontiac man was cited with soliciting without a permit in the Oakhurst neighborhood, 11:52 a.m., June 22. He said he had appointments with residents, but had parked several houses away. He said it was a nice day and wanted to walk to his appointments. He wouldn't say where he had the appointments, and residents said he had been leaving flyers at their homes.

Motorcycle crash

A 48-year-old Metamora man was seriously injured when his motorcycle was struck from behind by an SUV driven by an 18-yearold Clarkston woman, 11:46 a.m., June 24, in the 5000 block of Seymour Lake Road. A 48year-old was driving a 1993 Harley Davidson motorcycle west bound on Seymour Lake Road and was stopped by stationary traffic when the 18-year-old, who was also travelling west bound in a 2010 Chevrolet Suburban, failed to stop and struck the rear end of the motorcycle. The driver of the motorcycle was ejected from the bike and landed near the shoulder. The motorcyclist was taken to McLaren Hospital in Pontiac for treatment. He did not appear to be wearing a helmet at the time of the crash. The driver of the SUV was treated by Brandon Township Fire personnel and released to her parents. There was no airbag deployment in the vehicle. Alcohol or drugs do not appear to be a factor in this crash at this time. The crash remains under investigation. The Crash Reconstruction Unit is assisting deputies with the investigation.

Disorderly driver

Investigating a call about a man sleeping in an SUV in the intersection of Ortonville Road and Dixie Highway, 12:12 a.m., June 25, deputies found a 37-year-old Virginia man asleep behind the wheel with his foot on the brake and the vehicle in "drive." Asked if he had any medical conditions, he said he was fine, and refused to answer further questions. He was placed in the backseat of a patrol vehicle, where he became agitated, yelling and trying to kick the door open. Three deputies were needed to subdue him and take him to jail, where he was lodged and cited with disorderly conduct.

Downtown flowers vandalized

BY JESSICA STEELEY

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Vandalism of downtown Clarkston's flower planters is still shocking to their caretakers.

"It felt very violating, it felt like somebody went into my house and trashed my office," said Diane Putvin, co-chair of Clarkston Village Planters.

The plants were attacked during the night of June 15 or early morning, June 16.

"The village planters downtown, those are designed and funded by and maintained by the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club," Putvin said. "We take care of them and they're very personal to us."

Putvin said a club member called her and the other co-chair, Beth Kerr, to let them know the two planters in front of the Union were vandalized. When she went to check it out, Putvin saw the ones in front of HealthOuest and Honcho had also been wrecked.

"Someone just came along and pulled stuff up and some of it got thrown out probably, some of it they threw right back in - I think in front of HealthQuest they threw some of the plants right at the building and the windows," she said. "Those poor little plants, they were so sad, so I went

and evaluated everything and ended up having to go over and buy new plants."

The club had to dip into some of their funds to replace the destroyed flowers, which Putvin said should have been going to other causes, such as their scholarship and grant programs.

She added there's usually a little bit of damage to some of the 25 planters every year, but nothing on this scale. It was reported to the sheriff's office, but Putvin feels not much can be done to find the culprit.

"It was deliberate, it was malicious and there was no purpose whatsoever," she said. "At least it's something that if more people know about it maybe more people will keep an eye out."

When she drove past them at 9:30 p.m. on the June 15, they were fine. Then an employee at HealthQuest noticed the damage when he came in around 6 a.m. the next morning

"It was quite a shock to have that level of damage in lovely little downtown Clarkston. We expect a little bit, but this was very different," Putvin said. "We're just happy everybody's living and surviving and they seem to be recuperating okay."



Flowers in several downtown planters were damaged by vandals. Photo provided

Call Sheriff's Office with information or tips at 800-SPEAK-UP or 1-800-773-2587.



Coming up this week:

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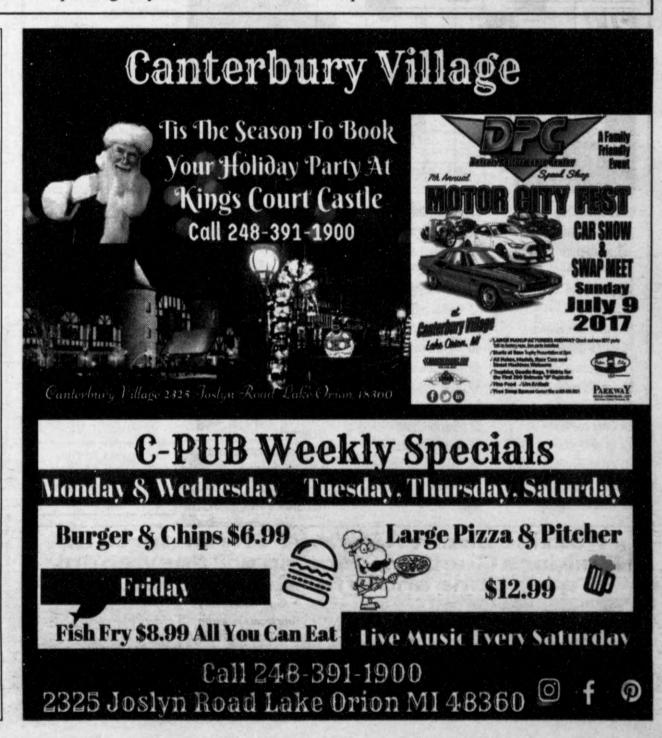
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July basketball camps

Summer basketball camp registration is open through Clarkston Community Education.

Fife Fundamentals Basketball Camp is July 10-13, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. for boys entering grades 4-6. Learn the fundamentals of the game from Clarkston Boys Basketball Varsity Head Coach Dan Fife and his coaching staff. The cost is \$160 and is open to the first 80 applicants.

For more information on either camp, please call Coach Fife at 248-625-9749.

Mini Ballers Basketball Camp, July 10-13, is open for boys entering grades 1-3, and for girls entering grades 1-2. There are two sessions to choose from: 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. and 2:45 - 4:45 p.m. at Clarkston High School. Each session is limited to 80 players. The cost is \$85 and includes a T-shirt and is led by Tim Wasilk, Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball Assistant Coach.

Registration for all camps is through Clarkston Community Education with checks payable to Independence Township, 6483 Waldon Center Drive, which is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and closed for holidays.

13. Bicycle manufacturer

22. Mr. T's character "

25. Progressive nerve

26. Shock therapy

27. Able to be sold

31. Binary coded decimal 34. Goes well with a carrot 36. A way to measure

37. Doctor ___, children's

38. Jewish calendar month

50. Hit with the open hand

53. Shakespeare was one 54. Lake ___, one of the

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43. Polish village

45. Part of the mind

48. Hand (Spanish)

51. Italian island

16. Suffix plural 17. Painting technique 20. Small Eurasian deer

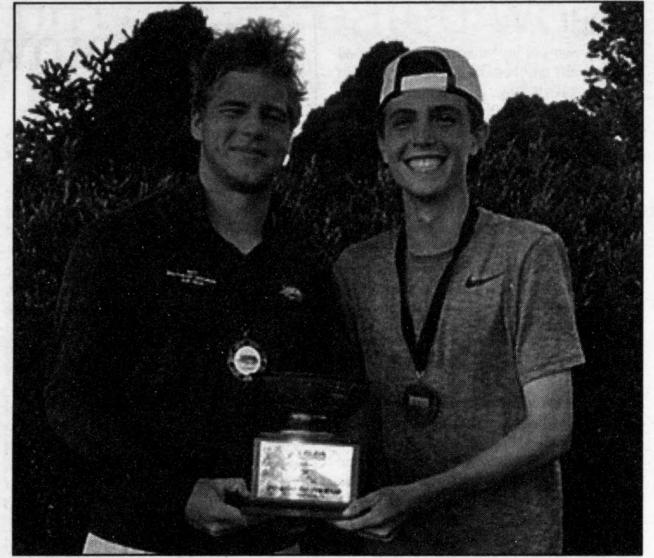
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Alex Matisse and Luke Baylis succeed at University of Notre Dame in the Team Cup. Photo submitted

Rulers of the tennis court

Alex Matisse, a recent graduate of Clarkston High School and future studentathlete at Johns Hopkins University, and Luke Baylis, a sophomore at CHS, participated in the prestigious Team Cup, featuring the top ten tennis players in the southeastern Michigan district, SEMTA, June 17-18.

Thirteen districts from five states fought for the cup at the University of Notre Dame,

and SEMTA came out on top in the end. Matisse and Baylis were big contributors in the college format, which SEMTA has now won two years in a row. Matisse played on the team last year as well.

Matisse and Baylis competed in the Midwest Closed in Indianapolis last week. They head Supernationals in Kalamazoo, the biggest tournament in American tennis.

Builders Custom Flooring's Weekly Crossword Puzzle

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. A minute amount (Scott)
- 5. Supernatural
- 11. Shortening
- 14. More firm
- 15. Other side
- 18. Philippine island
- 19. More unnatural
- 23. Ice T's wife
- 24. Domesticates
- 28. Only one time
- 29. In absentia 30. Crustlike surface of a
- healing skin lesion 32. Distress signal

- 36. Very fast airplane

- 41. Anno Domini
- 42. Golf supplies

- 52. Provides info
- 58. Tower with balconies

- 33. Engine additive
- 35. 1990s female R&B trio
- 39. A reward (archaic)
- 44. Indian term of respect
- 46. French river
- 21. Microsoft Surface Book 47. Turn down the lights 49. Blood-sucking African

 - 56. Procrastinates
 - 60. Where researchers

- - **CLUES DOWN**
 - 1. In possession of 2. Aborigines
 - 3. Early Syrian kingdom 4. Clip
 - 5. Misleads
 - 6. Cosmetic Ingredient
 - Review 7. Calcium
 - 8. United Talent Agency
 - 9. Hair problem 10. Took down
 - 12. Round Dutch cheese

62. Religious office

63. Must-have for office workers

- Great
 - 55. Oswald and Marvin were two
 - 57. Soak up using something absorbent
 - 58. Kids' dish and cheese
 - 59. Expression of
 - disappointment 61. The ancient Egyptian sun god

Answer's To This Week's Puzzle Will Be in Next Week's Paper!

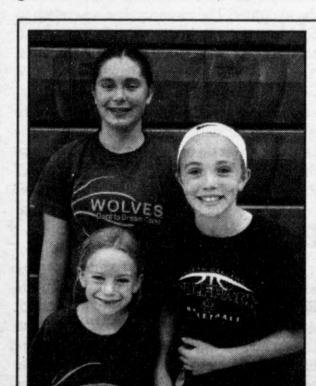
Crossword Solution

June 21st Puzzle **Answers**

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SMILES AT CAMP: Morgan Hunter, back, with Ava Wasilk and Georgia Bosart won Free Throw Knock Out for their grade groups during Dare to Dream last week. Photo provided

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Dare to play at camp

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Young Cagers used the first week of summer vacation to work on their skills during Dare to Dream Basketball Camp.

"It is going excellently," said Christine Rogers, head coach for Clarkston Girls Varsity Baskeball as she watched over 70 campers bounce the basketballs in Clarkston High School gymnasium.

"The girls are so much fun," she said. "The varsity players are working with them. It's always nice just to see the energy of the little kids. They are so silly and hard-working."

Rogers added they had the highest number of participants in the older division.

"We have about 15 girls in the ninth grade group which is odd because usually they are at summer camps, in travel ball or on vacation," she explained. "It's great because we have a really good freshman class coming up to play. Just giving them more experience with each other is good because eighth grade teams are separate then in ninth grade they are together."

Another perk is they get to work with players they look up to like Maddie Beck, Kayla Luchenbach and Molly Nicholson.

"They can learn from them because they

are at the level where they have the skills," Rogers said.

Girls in grades third through ninth had stations for passing drills, rebounding drills, ballhandling drills, shooting, defense, pivoting, one-on-one skills and scoring.

The campers would play two short games after each station so they could use the skills they just worked on.

Rogers added they saw improvements from the first day of camp.

"Especially little girls with the concept of dribbling, but by the fourth day they are are basketball players," she explained. "Their shots are improving. Kids go from shooting with two hands to working on their form and mostly they are boxing out."

Winners for the three contests were: Ava Wasilk, Morgan Hunter and Georgia Bosart in Free Throw Knock Out; Ella Pierce, Charlotte Peplowski and Olivia Peplowski in Hot Shot; Bosart, Hunter and Makayla Butki in Lightning.

Dare to Dream is held through Clarkston Community Education and Independence Township Parks, Recreation and Senior. For more information or to check out other camps and activities offered this summer please visit www.itpr.org.



Dare to Dream Basketball Camp ends with a group shot with 77 campers and nine coaches after players spent four days learning and fine tuning their skills on the court. Photo provided

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK Softball honors for Gladding

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Alex Gladding finished her senior year celebrating with the Clarkston Varsity Softball team as they ended in the Final Four at state finals.

She also celebrated her personal accolades during the season including receiving the Michigan High School Softball Coaches Association Scholarship and the Academic All-State Award.

"I was really excited," she said about the scholarship. "It was one of the first scholarships I had received so far this year. Also, Coach (Don) Peters told me to apply for it so I did and I actually got

She added she already had it on her mind to apply because Lady Wolf Mikayla Blaska had won it.

She was also excited about receiving Academic All-State, adding she was part of the International Baccalaureate program since her junior year.

"It is a rigourous course especially since I had four HL (higher level) classes," she said, adding it will prepare her for the nursing program at Georgetown University. "I took the most advanced science and math courses I could. It definitely taught me time management which is important."

Gladding explained she was drawn to nursing because she likes helping people.

"In seventh grade we had career day and a nurse came in. She said she had flexible hours," she added. "She could still have a family. I like the idea of helping people and also having a flexible schedule so I can work the hours I want to. I have been to a few nursing camps which solidified me going into nursing."



Gladding

Gladding began playing softball when she was really young, starting with T-Ball. She moved onto little league and travel ball.

"I liked the competition of the game," she explained. "I liked the team aspect. I like being with the girls. The atmosphere around softball is really great because it teaches you important lessons in sports and in life, too."

She added she might continue playing softball with a club or intramural team at Georgetown.

"Alex has a great attitude," said Peters, head coach. "She was always up for the games. She enjoyed playing, she played with a smile, she gave it all. She made a couple great catches in the playoffs. She did what we asked her to do. You couldn't have a better role model and captain. We are going to miss her. Alex is a quality person, quality athlete and pretty smart."

Gladding's advice to aspiring athletes is to never give up.

"Follow your dreams," she added. "If you want something go and get it. Do everything you need to to get it. If anyone doubts you, prove them wrong."



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The first session of Lacrosse Camp was a seventh and eighth grade team with boys. success for June 19-21.

"I think we had three times the amount high school programs." for beginners which is great because we have more kids interested," said Brian Kaminskas, head coach for Clarkston Boys Varsity Lacrosse.

He added they also had more girls join the camp especially for the beginner's camp and the amount was more than doubled from last year's two.

"It's definitely growing and we had a lot of interest from them, too," he said, adding the the growing interests helps the future of the girls and boys lacrosse programs in Clarkston.

"I have been trying for many year to grow the program holistically and the more we can get involved the stronger we will be as a community," Kaminskas said. "We are starting to push our borders a little bit with our growth. When we started we had a

Now we have two at every level plus the

During the three day lacrosse camp the players work on shooting, passing, catching, scooping, ground balls and learn about field awareness from Kaminskas, current varsity players and Clarkston alumni.

Boys & Girls Lacrosse Camps are offered again July 12-14, with Beginner for grades 2-8 from 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. ane will learn and build basic skills through drills and games. Players in the experienced session, for grades 3-8 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., continue to grow their skills and knowledge.

For more information or to check out more camps and summer activities offered through Clarkston Community Education and Independence Township Parks, Recreation and Seniors, please visit www.itpr.org.

~Sports Writer Wendi Reardon Price



The Clarkston Cyclones display their championship medals. Photo submitted

Taking Holland by storm

The Clarkston Cyclones baseball team traveled to Holland Michigan to compete in The Battle for the Beach baseball tournament last weekend and won the championship for the 9U division. They are coached by Bill Collins, Elvert

Collins, EJ Early, Jayden O'Halloran, Darrin Linenger, Finn Mooney, Etienne Mohr, Ayden Mutter, Aiden Pagel, Ethan Streetman and Caden Wilson.

The Cyclones are Ryan Cole, Brady Early, Patrick O'Halloran and Kyle Wilson.



Clarkston Boys Varsity Lacrosse Head Coach Brian Kaminskas talks to players in the beginner's camp after their last session. Photos by WARP

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Students achieve success

Clarkston students Andrew Dimmer and Devin Radzwion went to the National Business Professionals of America contests in Orlando, Fla., in May.

They competed in business contests with students from around the U.S. ranging from Computer Networking to Business Administration Concepts to Entrepreneurship.

Dimmer took top 10 in three events and was the national champion in Business Meeting Management Concepts.

"Both students did very well and we are so proud of their achievements," said Kevin Smith, business teacher at Clarkston High School.

Paige Elizabeth Zielinski, Clarkston High School class of 2008, graduated Cum Laude from the University of California Hastings College of Law in San Francisco



Andrew Dimmer and Devin Radzwion



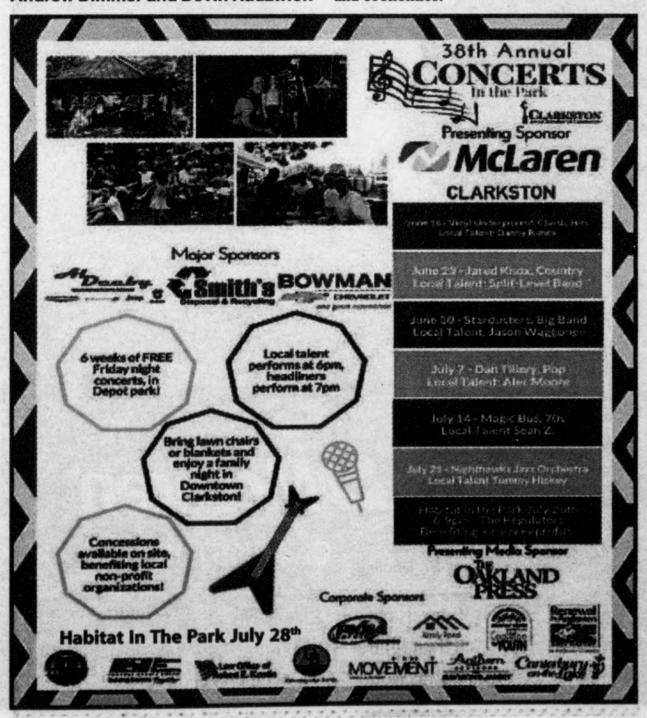
Paige Elizabeth Zielinski

with a Juris Doctor degree.

Zielinski has accepted a position with the Jones Day law firm in Los Angeles.

Katheryn Lamour Sullivan of Clarkston earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Professional Writing with an emphasis in Editing and Publishing, and Digital Technical Writing, May 17, at Michigan State University. She also earned Dean's List honors.

Alexander T. Propson of Clarkston was named to the Grand Valley State University Dean's List last semester. Propson is a 2014 Clarkston grad just finishing his junior year at Grand Valley. He has a major in finance and economics.





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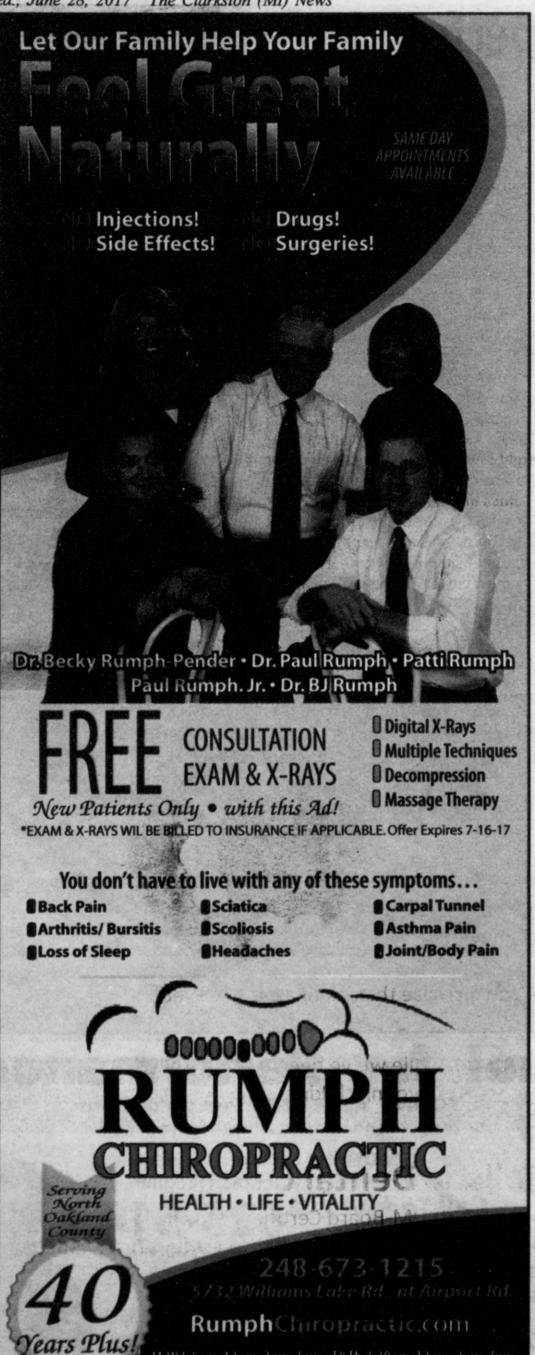
Chelsea Schell of Clarkston getting in a run through Clarkston's Depot Park recently. Remember, in the summer to take precautions while exercising in the heat. Thank you, Mark Kelly of Clarkston's MPK Photo for this cover picture.



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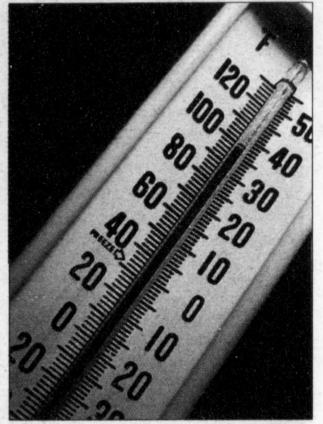


Keep cool in the face of summer heat

The month of August is often referred to as "the dog days of summer," a phrase that can be traced back to the ancient Greeks and Romans. The "dog days" are a reference to the dog star, Sirius, which appeared to rise just before the sun in late July, when temperatures were at their hottest. As a result, the phrase "dog days" remains synonymous with summer heat in the Northern Hemisphere.

Keeping cool during the dog days of summer can be difficult, especially for people who live in humid climates. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, heat is the leading weather-related killer in the United States, with the National Vital Statistics System reporting a total of more than 7,400 deaths between 1999 and 2010. Many of those deaths could have been prevented had people taken steps to keep cool in the face of summer heat.

Choose wisely when spending time outdoors. As hot as summer can be, many people still want to enjoy some time outdoors. You don't have to spend summer indoors to survive the summer heat, but it helps to choose the time you spend outdoors wisely. Avoid spending time outdoors between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Temperatures soar and peak during these hours, and the American Melanoma Foun-



dation notes that UV radiation reaches its peak intensity at approximately 1 p.m. The more intense that UV radiation is, the more susceptible people are to UV-related sun damage to their skin. If you prefer to exercise outdoors during the summer, do so in the early morning or in the evening, when temperatures tend to be lower and UV ra

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Young athletes need for fuel for performance

By Adrian Schirr **Nuview Nutrition**

There's nothing better than watching my son hit the ball that earned the winning run, sac the quarterback, or sink that gamewinning basket. It's exhilarating. It's every kind of thrill you can imagine, but when he's losing, when he's exhausted and struggling, being the mother of an athlete can be downright worrisome.

These are not the games to forget with a good night's sleep. They are the games to pay attention to because they mean that there's something lacking in your young athlete's diet. Don't know where to begin? Nuview Nutrition has the plan to fuel their body for optimal performance.

Other than sweat, it seems there's a common trend among every field and court: snacks. While the good intentions of sharing are there, the good results are not. Like a car before it hits the track at NASCAR, athletes need fuel. Unfortunately, that fuel usually comes in the form of processed sugar.

I don't want to be the mother who yells across the field, "Put that doughnut down!" On the other hand, I don't want to be the

mother of the sleepy second baseman who missed a simple play all because of a sugar crash. I want to be the mother of the athlete

full of energy, free from nutritional stress.

The added sugar and bad carbs are all over, hidden in the Gatorade athletes use for hydration and the sugar bars masked as protein. Sometimes they're out in the open, laced throughout the mini bags of Oreos and the bulk



Adrian Schirr

box of chips that gets passed around between the games at a double header.

At the dinner table, we push the veggies and the protein. We threaten bedtime, privileges, and hold dessert hostage until they gobble every bite. Why? Because it's good for them, of course. Then why do we allow our children to eat everything that's bad for them in the moments when they need it most?

The answer is simple: many of us do not understand nutritional stress and how it affects energy. Beyond talent, energy is the most essential tool that an athlete can bring to the field. It doesn't only come from the broccoli he ate the day before. It comes from what he consumes before, during, and even after he performs.

Yes, we are busy. The warm weather isn't the only thing that summer brings. For me, it seems as though my calendar takes a beating with baseball tournaments, weight lifting, and football and basketball camps. There are times when I'm running on a field in heels because I barely had time to pull into my driveway after work to get my son and go. Believe me, we all feel it, and we know the convenience of grabbing the bright blue bottle and bag of chips for them to have something—anything—to get their bellies through the next few hours.

I get it, but stop. You aren't getting them through; you're limiting their performance. There are alternative solutions that are even more convenient than a bottle of sugar and a bag of processed carbs.

Simple, performance-boosting snacks

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Hidden benefits of water

It doesn't just quench your thirst!

Dehydration is a dangerous condition that can cause a host of complications and even prove fatal in severe cases. But as dangerous as dehydration can be, many cases are entirely preventable.

The best way to prevent dehydration is to drink enough water. When the body does not take in as much water as it puts out, it can become dehydrated. People who live in warm climates or in elevated altitudes may lose more water than those who do not. In addition, water loss is accelerated during strenuous exercise, highlighting the emphasis men and women must place on drinking enough water during their workouts.

But water does more for the body than prevent dehydration. The following are a handful of lesser known ways that water benefits the body.

- Water can help people maintain healthy weights. Dieting fads come and go, but water is a mainstay for people who want to control their caloric intake in an effort to maintain healthy weights. Water has zero calories, so reaching for a bottle or glass of water instead of a soda, lemonade or another caloric beverage can help people keep the pounds off. A study from researchers at the University of Texas Health Science Center found that even diet soda enhances weight gain by as much as 41 percent. In addition, soda has been linked to conditions such as obesity, diabetes and tooth decay. No such association exists with water.
- Water helps to fight fatigue. The fatigue-fighting properties of water are another of its lesser known benefits. When the body is not adequately hydrated, it can experience muscle soreness. And fitness enthusiasts who do not drink enough water may notice their bodies require extensive recovery time after working out. Each of those consequences can be prevented by drinking enough water, and doing so can even improve performance, as studies have shown that just a 3 percent loss of body weight due to dehydration can cause as much as a 10 percent drop in performance level.
- Water can improve the appearance of the skin. Skin that does not get enough water can turn dry and flaky and feel tight. In addition, dry skin is more likely



People might surprised of just how valuable water can be to the body.

to wrinkle than adequately hydrated skin. Getting water to the skin can be tricky, as the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health notes that water will reach all the other organs of the body before it reaches the skin. But the school recommends applying a hydrating moisturizer within two minutes of leaving the bath or shower and drinking at least eight glasses of water a day to ensure the skin is getting enough water.

Water helps the gastrointestinal tract. Water can help maintain normal bowel function. When the body lacks sufficient fluid, the colon will pull water from stools in an effort to stay hydrated. That can lead to constipation, a condition in which people experience difficulty emptying their bowels. By drinking enough water, people can ensure their colon will not have to pull water from stools to stay hydrated, thereby helping them stay regular.

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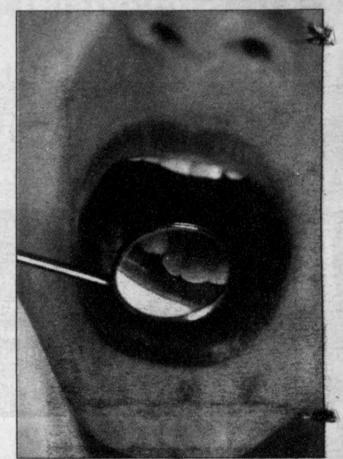
Oral health impacts overall health

A healthy mouth is good for more than just a pretty smile. Oral health can affect the entire body, making dental care more than just a cosmetic concern.

Many people know that poor oral hygiene can lead to gum disease, tooth decay and even lost teeth. But are you aware that failing to brush or visit the dentist regularly also can lead to more serious health issues? According to Colgate, recent research suggests that there may be an association between oral infections, particularly gum disease, and cardiovascular disease and preterm birth. Gum disease also may make diabetes more difficult to control, since infections may cause insulin resistance and disrupt blood sugar.

Your mouth also can serve as an infection source elsewhere in the body. Bacteria from your mouth can enter the bloodstream through infection sites in the gums. If your immune system is healthy, there should not be any adverse effects. However, if your immune system is compromised, these bacteria can flow to other areas of the body where they can cause infection. An example of this is oral bacteria sticking to the lining of diseased heart valves.

Other links have been found between oral health and overall health. In 2010, researchers from New York University who reviewed 20 years of data on the association concluded that there is a link between gum inflammation and AlzheimerOs disease.



Researchers in the UK also found a correlation. Analysis showed that a bacterium called 'Porphyromonas gingivalis' was present in brains of those with Alzheimer's disease but not in the samples from the brains of people who did not he Alzheimer's. The P. gingivalis bacteriu usually associated with chronic gum ease and not dementia.

Researchers also have found a possible Continued on next page

Fuel for performance

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that satisfy hunger and get your athlete through are easy to prepare for the week.

Superseeds like chia seeds are known as a "warrior food" because it's our highest plant-based source of protein. These little seeds are easy to sneak into a cup of Greek yogurt with berries, which are high in antioxidants and support recovery. Roll up a few slices of Boar's Head chicken breast, and even wrap it around an organic string cheese for a quick fix of protein. Find a recipe for no-bake energy bites: almond butter for protein, oats, dark chocolate, and organic dates, which are high in glucose and good for the muscles. Separate snacks into servings and make up a week's worth of baggies.

Instead of the highly processed Gatorade, coconut water is a great way to replenish those natural sugars and electrolytes that your athlete sweats

out. If it's too sweet for them, mix a cup of it with plain old water. Pack the cooler the night before and have it ready to easily grab and go.

For after a game, vegetables help alkalize the body and support recovery. Cruciferous vegetables, like kale and collard greens, are extremely high in vitamins and minerals. Is it a feat to get your athlete to eat their greens? I simply sneak a handful or two in my son's nightly protein shake and he is none the

So, how do you know that what you're doing is enough? How do you teach without nagging your athlete? For me, because my son has a hard time eating most meats, I'm always fearful that he isn't getting enough protein. The not knowing part of it all is the biggest stressor. When considering that our children just don't listen to us like they would a professional, everything combined can be quite unnerving.



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link between gum disease and pancreatic cancer. Harvard researchers found that men with a history of gum disease had a 64 percent increased risk of pancreatic cancer compared with men who had never had gum disease, based on studies of men from 1986 through 2007.

While oral health issues may lead to other conditions over time, symptoms also may be indicative of underlying conditions of which a person is unaware. Inflammation of gum tissue may be a warning sign of diabetes. Oral problems, such as lesions in

the mouth, may indicate the presence of HIV/AIDS. Dentists may be the first people to diagnose illnesses patients don't even know they have.

An important step in maintaining good overall health is to include dental care in your list of preventative measures. Visit the dentist for biannual cleanings or as determined by the doctor. Do not ignore any abnormalities in the mouth. Maintain good oral hygiene at home by brushing twice a day and flossing at least once per day. Mouthwashes and rinses also may help keep teeth and gums healthy.

Keep cool in the face of summer heat

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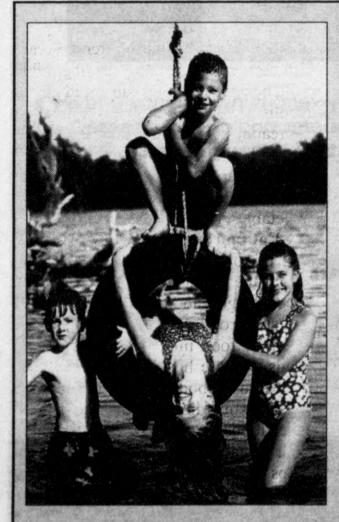
-diation is less of a threat.

Limit time spent outside. It's okay to spend time outside in the summer, just make sure you are not outside for extended periods of time on hot days. Exposure to sustained heat can adversely affect the body's ability to sweat. Sweat might be uncomfortable, but it helps to regulate body temperature by cooling the body. People who cannot sweat or suddenly stop perspiring can succumb to heat exhaustion or heat stroke very quickly. If you must spend time outdoors on hot days, take periodic breaks to go indoors, heading inside immediately if you realize your body is no longer producing sweat.

■ Stay hydrated. Come the dog days of summer, keep a water bottle with you at all times, refilling it throughout the day as necessary. The American Heart Association

notes that the heart can more easily pump blood through blood vessels to the muscles when it is hydrated. That means the heart isn't working as hard as it would have to if you were not staying hydrated. Dehydration reduces the body's ability to sweat and maintain a normal body temperature, so stay hydrated on hot days by drinking water throughout the day.

Make cool dietary choices. When planning meals on hot days, choose light foods and opt for small portions so you aren't fighting feelings of sluggishness that can compound any heat-related feelings of list-lessness you're already coping with. In addition, choose meals that don't require you to turn on the oven. Hot ovens can make homes, even those with fully functioning air conditioning systems, far less comfortable on especially hot days.



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How to speed up metabolism

When attempting to lose weight, men and women can expect to hear or read a lot about their metabolism. The process by which the body converts the foods we eat and the beverages we drink into energy, metabolism is widely misunderstood.

Many people may have been told that a naturally slow metabolism might be to blame for their weight gain. But according to The Mayo Clinic, a slow metabolism is rarely to blame for excess weight gain, which can most often be attributed to both poor dietary choices and inactivity. Certain conditions that slow metabolism, such as Cushing's syndrome or hypothyroidism, can cause excessive weight gain, and people who have been diagnosed with such conditions should consult their physicians for advice on dealing with their conditions. But those without conditions that affect their metabolisms may need to make certain lifestyle adjustments that can speed up their metabolisms and help them lose excess weight.

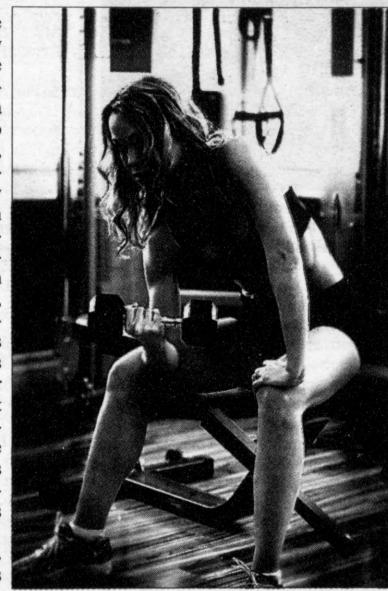
Start strength training. Muscle burns more calories than fat, even when the body

is at rest. Building muscle is a great way to speed up metabolism. Each pound of muscle your body has burns roughly six calories per day just to sustain itself. That's three times the calories that each pound of fat burns. Add that disparity up over time, and a body with significant muscle is burning considerably more calories than one with excessive fat.

· Stay hydrated. Dehydration takes its toll on the body in myriad ways, including affecting metabolism. Even mild dehydration can slow metabolism. When the body is dehydrated, its ability to use fat as fuel is compromised, slowing metabolism as a result. In addition, muscles need water to generate energy, so dehydrated muscles will not be burning as many calories as those that are fully hydrated. Make an effort to stay hydrated throughout the day, whether you're sitting at your desk in the office or working up a sweat at the gym.

· Snack, but snack healthy. Healthy meals benefit metabolism, but unhealthy snacks can derail your dieting efforts.

Metabolism speeds up and burns calories each time the body eats, and many people adhere to the concept of "grazing" for that very reason. Grazing involves eating several small meals every three to four hours throughout the day rather



than the more traditional three full meals each day. Grazing devotees feel that the approach burns more calories than more traditional diets, but the difference in calories burned may actually be negligible. Still, healthy snacking can speed up metabolism and help men and women avoid overeating at breakfast, lunch and/or dinner. In lieu of snacking on potato chips or baked goods, opt for healthier fare such as Greek yogurt or a serving of fruits or vegetables.

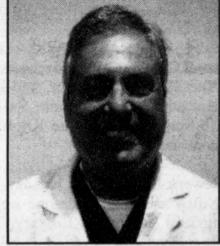
· Eat more protein. The thermic effect of food refers to the process by which the human body uses energy to absorb, digest and dispose of the food it ingests. Protein stimulates the thermic effect of food more significantly than foods that are high in fat or carbohydrates, so the body will burn more calories digesting dietary protein than it will other foods. In addition to speeding up your metabolism, dietary protein also helps people feel full longer, reducing their risk of overeating.





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Wheelchair Daze, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Aug. 5, Independence Oaks County Park, 9501 Sashabaw Road. Event for people of all ages with any form of disability and immediate families, carnival games, barrier-free boat rides, music, dancing, cotton candy, BBQ lunch. All free. Register by July 25, 248-424-7081.

Sunday Donation-only class benefitting O.A.T.S., Sundays, 9:30 a.m., Yoga Oasis, 6160 Dixie Highway behind Pete's Coney. All welcome. 248-770-5388.

Monday

Line Dancing, Mondays, Independence Senior Community Center, 6000 Clarkston Road, Beginner, 10-11 a.m.; Intermediate, Advanced, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Country, Salsa, Cha Cha, Rock and Roll with Rosemary Hall. \$3.

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

Grief Support Group, Coats Funeral Home, 6:30 p.m., first and third Mondays, Community Presbyterian Church, 4301 Monroe Street at Sashabaw. 248-623-7232.

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

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

Tuesday Clarkston Community Women's Club, third Tuesday, 7 p.m., Clarkston Independence

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



Stardusters will fill Depot Park with their big-band music during the June 30 Concert in the Park. Local talent performs at 6 p.m., with the headliners at 7 p.m. Admission is free, with concessions benefitting local community groups. Photo provided

District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, 248-623-9462.

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

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

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

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

Wint's Healing Hearts Grief Support Group, 7 p.m., July 11, Carriage House in Clintonwood Park, 6000 Clarkston Road. Topic: "Why do I feel like my loved one is just on vacation?" Free. 248-625-5231.

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

Big Chief Barbershop Chorus, 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Waterford Oaks, 2800 Watkins Lake Road. Call Jack, 248-334-3686.

Nuview Nutrition Meet & Greet, 6:30-8 p.m., first Tuesdays, free, 7300 Dixie Highway Suite 500. Pre-register, 248-625-5143.

Wednesday

Clarkston Optimist Club, 7:30-8:30 a.m. Wednesdays, American Legion Post 63, 8047 Ortonville Road, north of I-75, www.clarkstonoptimist.org

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

Thursday

Clarkston News' Coffee Club business networking, 7-9 a.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Free. Facebook.com/coffeeclubmi, www.clarkstoncoffeeclub.com.

Coffee and Conversation, Thursdays quarterly, July 27, 10:30 a.m., Bartsch Hall, senior center in Clintonwood Park. Moderator, Tom Stone. All invited. \$1 donation for coffee.

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

Clarkston Area Lions Club, second and

fourth Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m., Big Boy restaurant, 6644 Dixie Highway. 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.

50 Plus Active Adults, Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., lunches, guest speakers, musical performances, field trips, holiday parties, movies, bingo, games. Hart Community Center in Davisburg. \$8 yearly membership, \$5 lunch.248-846-6558.

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

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

Project Kidsight, free vision screening for children, 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. 248-625-2212, www.clarkstonlions.org.

Kid's Camp Yoga, Saturdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Clarkston Hot Yoga, 5678 Sashabaw Road. \$7, for ages 5-10. 248-620-7101.

Free yoga. Yoga Oasis hosts free yoga classes every Saturday beginning July 1, 10-11 a.m. on the lawn of the Clarkston Renaissance High School, 6558 Waldon Road during the Clarkston Farmer's Market. Bring a yoga mat and a bottle of water.

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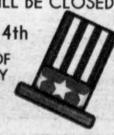
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happened to some of the restaurants lunch or dinner? Learn about the history of some favorite Michigan restaurants. Registration required

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Tuesday, July 4th IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY



People Poll

"What does the Fourth of July mean to you?"

"It's a celebration of many things. You see a lot of friends uptown when you are there. There used to be places you would go and gather afterwards people's homes for a light lunch. Families get together. You know they are in town so you see

-Marian Emery

"It's a celebration of our nation, our freedom and people who have given their lives, their lives and worked to make a unique place in the world. The United States is a unique place. I don't think we always remember how unique we are to other nations. It's an opportunity to celebrate all the good things about our country."

-Rev. Laura Sias Lee

"Overtime! As a kid it meant sitting on the porch with my best friend and watching the parade."

-Amy Laboissonniere

"Shooting off fireworks for my neighborhood's kiddos to celebrate the fourth and my birthday nine days after. This will be the 14th year I will be doing the fireworks show in my neighborhood."

-Spencer Stringer



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From left in the back row, Steve Wycoff, Max Kirby, Jakob Levengood, Will Posby, Bill Gunther with John Williamson and Erin Pilch from Great Lakes ACE Hardware. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

Art, hard work to fix up old church

BY WENDIREARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

A small group of Clarkston Junior High School students and teachers were busy with hammers at the historic Sashabaw Presbyterian Church at 5331 Maybee Road on June 15.

Teachers Bill Gunther, Jeff Peariso and Steve Wycoff took turns covering the broken glass windows with plywood so the CJH Wood Club and Construction Tech Program could start renovating from the inside out.

"It's a nice experience to help," said Will Pospy from the CJH Wood Club. "I like doing

"I like you feel you are helping the community, but at the same time you have to do something you enjoy doing," added Max Kirby, a student from the Wood Club.

The church began to have breakins within the last year and Reverend Laura Sias Lee from Sashabaw Presbyterian Church said the partnership with Clarkston Community Schools came at the perfect time.

We started to have to board up windows and people were breaking in," she said. "It was horrible damage and people were noticing. What makes Clarkston unique is having these historic places. People who built the community - their story shouldn't

be forgotten."

Jakob Levengood from the CJH Wood Shop Club agreed.

"We are helping restore history and keeping history intact," he said. "It's a really nice church and we have the opportunity to begin the restoration of it which I think is really cool."

Plywood boards for the front church windows painted to look like a window with clouds and words by CJH art teacher Claudia Keglovitz and her students.

"She said your mind will fill in that blank spot," Peariso said. "Even though it's not

The renovations will continue when CCS begins the the Construction Tech Program in the fall to teach construction skills to students and serve the community.

"I had this class in 1980," said Wycoff. "Then, it went over to OTC Northwest. They still have one over there, but Dr. Rod Rock wants to give our students more opportunity. While teaching the construction technology class we would like to get out there more often."

"We hope to be a substantial part of the program," said John Williamson, from Great Lakes ACE Hardware. "It's a great win-win for all of us. One of the things we hope to see as an offshoot of this is able to take

some of their students and hire them in our stores for their knowledge. They will come in pretrained on all the basics from this program."

"It's not required you have the knowledge," added Erin Pilch, assistant manager at the Clarkston location. "But it's wonderful. It's nice because they want to do it. They are very eager to learn and have that information. Plus, having a student talk to a customer about what they have done instead of they they have been trained on is great."

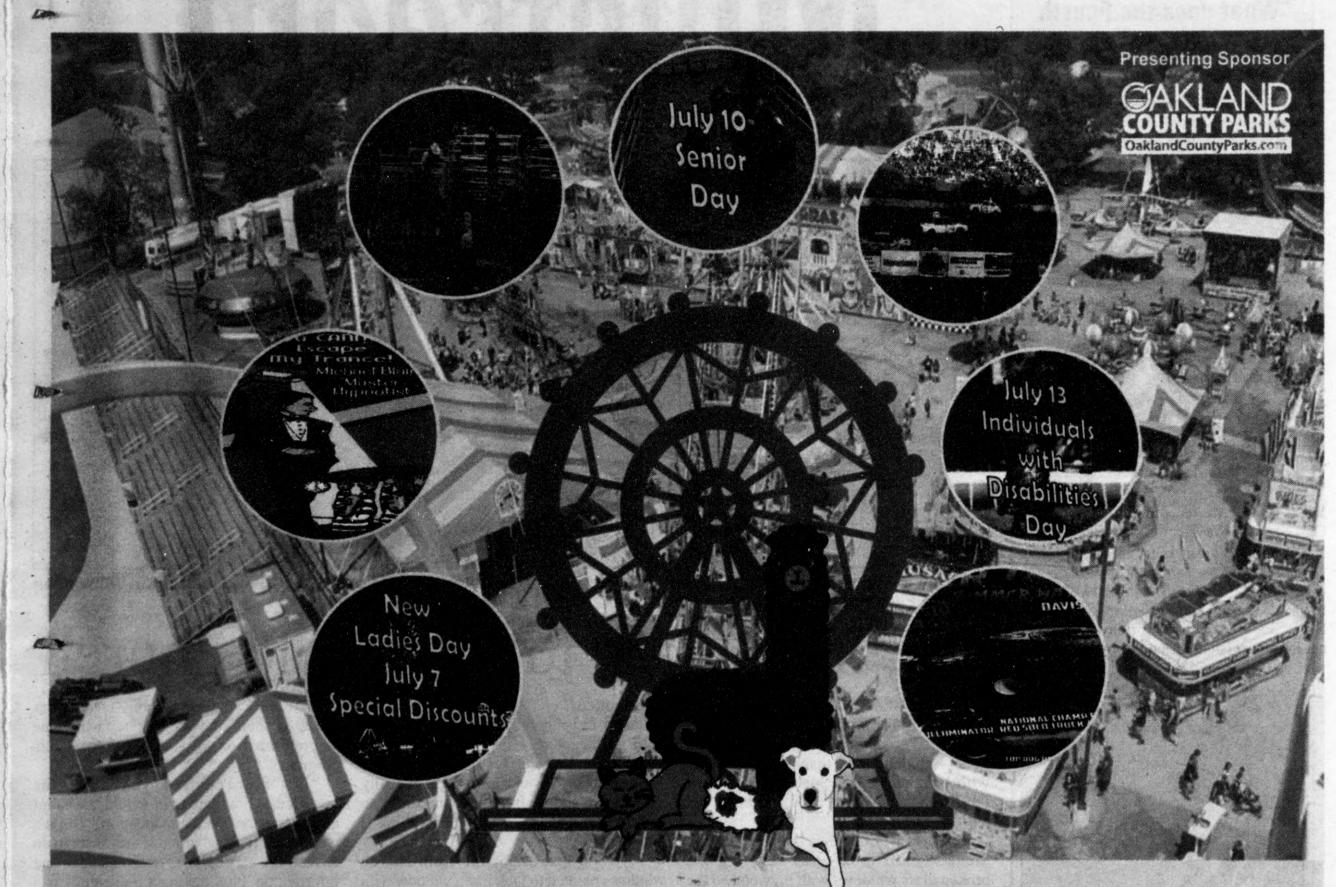
Lee added they were also excited about the program because students can learn skills and they are helping restore the church.

"The church's dream is the building will be available for the community to use," she said. "The history of the building and the church is so rich we want to be able to share it with the whole community."

Great Lakes ACE Hardware donated the plywood and Sherwin Williams donated the paint.

"People want to help," said Lee, adding anyone can become involved and may contact Sashabaw Presbyterian Church. .

They can help by staying informed though monthly email, donate supplies for renovation or donate for ongoing upkeep by emailing sashabawpresbyterianchurch (a) gmail.com or calling 248-673-3101.



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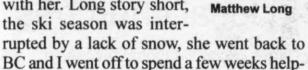
Spiritual

Matters

I took a winter off from the university to work at a ski resort on Mount Hood. Actually, it was my second winter working there. The first was when I took a year off from school to work and think about what I really wanted to do with my life.

Soon after I started working I met a lovely young woman named Julie who had been hired to work the information desk. I became infatuated with her and we began to date. Even though she had told me about her boyfriend back in Vancouver BC, I began to have the thought maybe I was ready to settle down with her. Long story short, the ski season was inter-

ing out on my sister's ranch.



A week before spring break that year it snowed and I returned to work at the resort. Meanwhile, another lovely young lady named Kathy was on spring break from the University of Washington and had gone to Yakima to visit a friend from Nome, Alaska where she had grown up. While there she found out that another close friend was living just a couple hours south on Mount Hood. She showed up on Friday night with her friend to visit her friend's boyfriend who worked in the rental shop with me.

I can still picture her standing in the door frame. We all got together after work and I made a date with her for the next morning so I could teach her how to ski. After the break was over, I returned to school in Portland and she went back to Seattle, but we continued to correspond. Another long story short, 40 years later we are still together.

I share this story as an example of the Spiritual Principle of Synchronicity. The term was coined by Carl Jung, the founder of analytical psychology. Simply stated, it means meaningful coincidences. I like to think of it as God's way of maintaining anonymity. Two parallel lines of events occur and come to-

gether at a significant point. Synchronicities, like miracles, are constantly active in our lives. Those of us on the path of Spiritual Living keep our eyes and minds open to the meaningful coincidences as they occur.

My becoming interested in Julie and thinking about settling down did not cause Kathy to come to Mount Hood. But, had I not had that experience with Julie, I might not have followed up with correspondence to Kathy. And, it was a synchronistic occurrence she changed her plans to come down to where I was working with her friend's boyfriend. God works in mysterious ways.

Another principle is that of Synergy, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." Matthew 18:20. Aristotle said it this way, "The whole is greater than the sum of its parts." This is why we come together in churches, in communities, in relationships; because together we can accomplish more than we can alone.

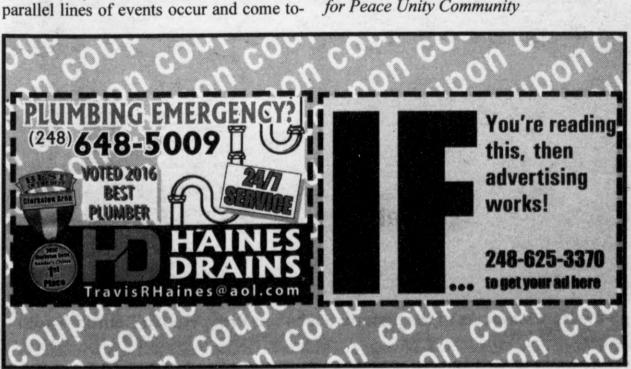
A third spiritual principle is Synthesis. Whenever there is an idea put forth, a thesis, there is a seemingly opposite or contradictory point of view or antithesis. In Spiritual Awareness, neither is right or wrong, good or bad, they are just incomplete. When these two are reconciled we create a higher order of being together, a synthesis. This is a principle I believe more politicians and clergy need to embrace.

The fourth of my Seven S's of Spiritual Living is Simplicity. "Keep it simple sweetie!" the KISS formula for life. The more complicated our plans and schemes, the less spiritually inspired and the more ego driven they are. "Let what you say be yes, yes or no, no. More than this comes from evil." Matthew 5:37.

For the last three S's, tune into this column a few weeks from now when my next contribution will be shared. Until then, keep your eyes and minds open to the meaningful coincidences in your life, the opportunities for shared growth and for a higher order of being together, and keep it simple.

Blessings of peace, joy and love.

Matthew E. Long is senior minister
for Peace Unity Community





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Maxine Connelly, 93

Maxine J. Connelly, 93 years old, passed away peacefully on June 24, 2017, of Leukemia. She was a 31 year resident of Lomita, Calif., formerly of Clarkston.

Maxine was predeceased by her husband James, sister Doris and brothers Albert and DeWayne.

She is survived by her only daughter Cathleen Connelly of Lomita, CA and sisters Beatrice McLeod, Patricia Johnson and Sally Parker all of St. Clair, MI. Also dear friends Lori Schmidt of Windsor, Ontario, Dr. Rhoda Ross of Torrance, CA and numerous nieces and nephews.

Maxine started her teaching career in a one room school house in Michigan and ended her 42 teaching career at Clarkston Elementary teaching mostly 2nd & 3rd grades. Upon retiring she moved to Lomita, California and traveled the country selling her handmade quilts at craft shows with her daughter.

Per Maxine's request no service is planned. In lieu of flowers a donation can be made to the American Cancer Society or donate a children's book to a school library.

Special thanks to everyone at Lomita Care Center and Milestone Hospice for their kindness and support at this difficult time.

Norris Counts, 79

Norris Gray Counts of Davisburg went home to be with Jesus on June 21, 2017 at the age of 79.

He was beloved husband of Kay (Armstrong) Counts for 54 years; Loving father of Polly (Brent) Pearson, Molly (Steve) McClelland, the late James Grayson and

Betsy (Ian) Williams; adopted father of Bill Downey; proud grandfather of Gray (Rachel), Lincoln and Del Pearson, Bryce, Ryan and Bailey McClelland and Garreth Williams; Happy great grandfather of Wren Pearson; son-in-law of Esther Armstrong.

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Gray was born in Dog Branch, Virginia on June 7, 1938 to Sidney and June Counts. He retired as a Commander from the United States Navy after serving 20 years including time spent in Vietnam. Gray also retired as a designer from General Motors. He was a member of the Waypoint Free Methodist Church in Clarkston and a member of the Gideon's International.

Triends may visit Friday, June 23, 5-9 p.m. at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral Service Saturday 11 a.m. at Waypoint Free Methodist Church, Clarkston. Interment Wixom Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Gideon International.

Online guestbook www.wintfuneral home.com

Obituaries & Obituaries

Michele F. Montagano, 49

Michele F. "Mr. M" Montagano of Clarkston passed away June 22, 2017 at the age of 49.

He was loving husband of Heather; be-

loved father of Mackenzie and Callie; son of Joanne (Ed) Libich and the late Milton Montagano; brother of Diana (late Bill) Bise, Milton (Mary) Montagano, Angela Getes, Ken (Kelly) Oliver, Karen, Donna and Joe Montagano.

Mr. "M." owned and operated All About Driving for 13 years in Clarkston and Waterford. He became well known and respected with all of the local youth.

Funeral service Monday 11 a.m. at the Clarkston Community Church where friends may visit 10 a.m. until time of service. Interment Lakeview Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made https://www.youcaring.com/heathermontagano-855263. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Online guestbook www.wintfuneral home.com

Obituaries posted daily at Clarkston news.com

Hugh A. Rose, 68

Hugh Alden Rose of Chicago, Ill., formerly of Clarkston, passed away suddenly June 19, 2017 at the age of 68.

He was husband of Bambi; father of Jayna and Stacia Rose; brother of Christopher

(June) Rose, Patrick
(Sheila) Rose, Stephen
(Esther) Rose; brother in
law of Kristy (Timothy)
Beck-Bair & Scott
(Tammy) Beck. He was
preceded in death by his
parents Arthur "Pete"
and Janet Rose; also
survived by many
nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.



Hugh graduated from University of Michigan Business School in 1971 and was their avid football fan. He enjoyed golfing, traveling and acting with the Clarkston Village Players. He had served as Chief Financial Officer for Hurley Medical Center Flint, University of Illinois Medical Center, Chicago & Palos

Community Hospital, Palos Heights.

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Funeral Home, Clarkston Friday 4-9 p.m. Funeral Service Saturday 10 a.m. at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Salvation Army or Metavivor for breast cancer research.

Online guestbook www.wintfuneral home.com

Michel Gourand, 99

Michel Gourand of Waterford passed away June 21, 2017 at the age of 99.

He was preceded in death by his wife Pierrette; father of Josette (the late Mervel) Keel and Jean Pierre Gourand of Pierre's Market; seven grandchildren and many great grandchildren. Michel was the last of nine children.



Cemetery service

was Friday, June 23 at Ottawa Park Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to McLaren Hospice. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

In local churches

Hero Central Vacation Bible School, 6:30-8:30 p.m., July 9-13, Williams Lake Church of the Nazarene, 2840 Airport Road, Waterford. Free. 248-673-5911.

Bible study of the story of Jacob, Mondays, 10 a.m., Church of the Resurrection, 6490 Clarkston Road. 248-625-2325.

DivorceCare, Thursdays, 6:45-8:30 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Call 248-625-1611.

First Friday Family Fun, 7 p.m., St. Trinity Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road. Call 248-625-4644 for information.



Steve Wycoff and Jeff Peariso board up the front windows of the historic Sashabaw Presbyterian Church. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price



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'Random question: Curious who reads The Clarkston News?'

The following is a thread on the 'Positively Clarkston' Facebook page. No one at The Clarkston News prompted this question. This is the thread. We took out last names. Read along and thanks for caring enough to respond, people!

May 11, 2017: Vanessa: Random question.... just curious to who looks and reads The Clarkston News?

Jenni: me

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Mindy: I actually just flipped threw it tonight Natalie: We have a subscription.

Kathy: Me Stacy: Me Tami: Me

Lola Jayne: Don Rush could tell you! He runs it!

Marni: Me Leanne: I did today

Bill: Me. I have a subscription

Rene': We do.

Martin: I have been reading the Clarkston News for a long time! 30 years

Lisa: Me

Belinda: We do

Vanessa: Awesome! Thank you for commenting.

Lisa: We do, Vanessa.

Brad:Yup

Debbie: Look forward to reading it every Thursday!

Randy: Me, why do you ask?

Vanessa: I was checking to see if advertising is worth it

in there, but it appears it is!

Randy: I think you would do well to advertise with the local, hometown paper. Don Rush would be the man to talk too.

Sean: I do. Every week. I even subscribe to it.

Patricia: Ido

Teresa: Wait for Thursday's to read it!

Kris: Love it! In fact, it's the only news I read.

Cindi: All the ads go in the Penny Stretcher too, more coverage, that goes to alot of people and you don't have to subscribe to it. I used to work at Clarkston News,

See the Agreed I don't give have hide but I grown hav

advertising, many moons ago! Lol **Don Rush:** 18,831 addresses these days.

Ryan: I wouldn't say I read it but I thumb through it and

then pitch it.

Laurie: I read it with a red pen in hand

Jennifer: Me...Today!

Heather: We do, I flipped through it tonight.

Jessica: Every week! I look forward to it!

Barbara: Me
Jason: Me
Anastasiia: Me
Melanie: Every week!
Jennifer: | do.
Susan: Me

Vonny: Me

Abby: I flip through it. I look for events coming up.
Especially since we're new to town we don't really know
when or what type of events happen around here.

Kathy: Look for concerts in the park (Depot) starting in June (1 think) on Friday evenings. Nice time

Terry: We do

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Nancy: We have a subscription.

Robin: Me Ann-Marie: I do!

Wendy: I didn't know there was a Clarkston News. How

do I get it?

Robin: You can go downtown Clarkston, Wendy and pick one up at the Clarkston News, the grocery store sells them, Rudy Market sells them — they're all over town you can also call and they will deliver it to you.

Valerie: They sell the Clarkston News at Walgreens

Karen: Me Stephanie: I do Laura: Me Ruthanne: Me

William: I did in the past now it goes straight to my recycle

bin 90% of the time

Cherie: One of my favorites! Richard: Every week

Tracey: Me!

Chrissy: My husband and I subscribe

Bakes: I do! Derrick: Me Eileen: I do!

Jennifer: Me, too!!
Steve: I do to see what happened

Terri: I do every week!

Don Rush: Vanessa, you can PM with any question about the Clarkston News.

Vanessa: I will, thank you

Tom: Every week...have been reading and enjoying since

high school.. Erin: I do.

Tara: My husband and I do.

Patti: I do! Jody: Everyone. Jill: Not even once.LOL

Don Rush: Well, move to town and start reading! **Jill:** I live in Clarkston. I just don't like reading newspa pers

Kevin: I do because no one else covers the local government and school stuff. They do a good job with that. Sarah: Agreed. I don't even have kids but I grew up here and CHS is my alma mater so I like to glance and see how the teams are doing.:)

Erin:Ido

Jennifer: I do! I moved here after living in Lake Orion for 18 years. I love the "small town" news and reading about the accomplishments of the area youth and young adults!

Patti: I love reading it!
Craig: We LOVE Clarkston News
Lori: Sometimes it travels by mail to FLA.
Becky: My husband does every week. He relays the

highlights to me.

Amy: Every week!

Don Rush: all I can say is "Can You Feel The Love Tonight?"

Vanessa: Glad this post made you happy!

Kathleen: Me

Nancy: I do -- I live in Davison Michigan sideways of Flint, but I lived? my life in Clarkston so I still seem attached to it.

David: I do Michael: I do....every week

Nadine: Me

Cory: I do and I pick it up on Wednesday at the Clarkston

Angel: I do

Mary Jo: I've had a subscription for 30 years. Doug: Official answer: Only the cool people.

Carol: I do every week. Subscription...

Mary: Me

Steve: I read the Clarkston News

Georgeann: I've read every week for the last 40+ years.

Marcie: I love reading the Clarkston News every week!

Cindy: Me

Cory: Several Village of Clarkston city council members

claim they don't read it. Still trying to figure that out.

Hollie: I do

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Sarah: I flip through it and read some of it every week.

Beverly: Always read it.

Louise: I do Allyson: I do Judy: Always Steven: As do I.

Amy: ME Shelly: Me

Jeffery: I watch it on cable hearings and things bb games and other stuff

Carol: Every week
Holly: I love reading it

Rick: It's our hometown paper, gotta read it.

Nancy: We have been customers for 55 years.

Joseph: I look at the pictures...

Patricia: I do. Sue: Every week

Amy: Always!

Derrick: Just the public safety page

Wayne: Wish I could read it on my iPhone. Do you have the link or website to it?

Cory: www.clarkstonnews.com, but everything in the printed version is not available online.

Debbie: I look at pictures also

Lynne: Always

Terri Marie: I do; I like small town newspapers.

Brandi: I do!

Debby: Subscriber for 20 plus years!

Sarah: I do. Kellie: we do!

Kristen: I do. I love seeing what the kids and community are up to.

Sherry: All the time! Best way to stay current with anything within our own community!

Jay: I do Shannon: I do! Lisa: Love it Carol: I do. Ena: I do

Marie: We do, too Jojo: I do Chris: It's awesome

Sue: Never miss it!
Audrey: I look forward to it

Dawn: I live almost to Ortonville. ..but still read the Cnews **Ellen:** I like to give a year's subscription to friends that move to the area. It is the only paper that I look forward to every week. The one the daily throws in the driveway with ads gets run over about 4 times before we bother to pick it up and immediately put in the recycle bin.

Dawn: Great idea!

Ellen: We even keep a yearly subscription going for an elderly neighbor that moved to assisted living. She loves seeing all of "her" kids in the newspaper!

Nadine: Good paper when I have time to read it.

Marilyn: I am a former resident of Clarkston who downsized and now lives in Beverly Hills. I still feel connected to Clarkston since my husband is in repose at Ottawa Park, where I will join him one day.

Maria: We do... It's a good community resource. "It's a glue that binds the community."

Don: Maria, you stole my line!

Maria: Next time I'll make sure I have your permission :-)

Mary Kay: Of course! It's the happenings around town, the tidbits about our awesome kids, and the up and coming events that make Clarkston what it is! We love Clarkston News!

Julie: I read it faithfully

Melissa: Love it! Get to see my kids and their friends in print frequently!

Don Rush: One of our goals at the CNews is to get every kid in our paper at least once before they graduate....we are probably at 98 percent compliance Maybe 99!

Jeanette: Me

Sandy: That's all I really read.

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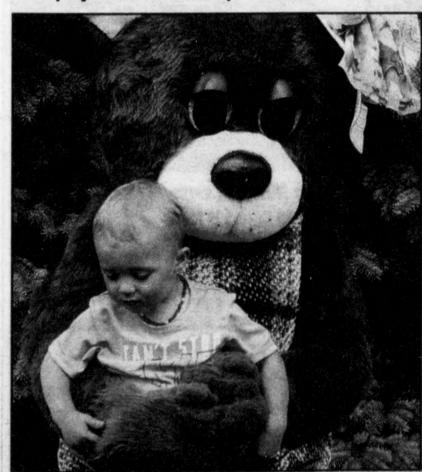
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Bella Bear says goodbye to the kids. .



Kids play underneath the parachute.



Levi Teeter with Bella Bear.

Bear-y good picnic

Kids enjoyed games, crafts and dancing at the annual Teddy Bear Picnic at Bay Court Park last Friday. They brought an array of stuffed animals, from dolphins

to dogs to rabbits and, of course, teddy bears.

Bella Bear took pictures with the kids, led everyone in a Teddy Bear Parade around the courtyard and held a dance party afterwards. After playing a quick game outside, the kids went back into the Lakeview room for crafts and a grilled

The event was hosted by Independence Township Parks, Recreation and Seniors and sponsored by The Clarkston News and Genisys Credit Union.



Lily Teich hugs Bella Bear.



Amelia Weller, Finn Weller and Evan Leo touch their toes during a game.



Kids walk with their stuffed animal friends in the parade. Photos by Jessica Steeley

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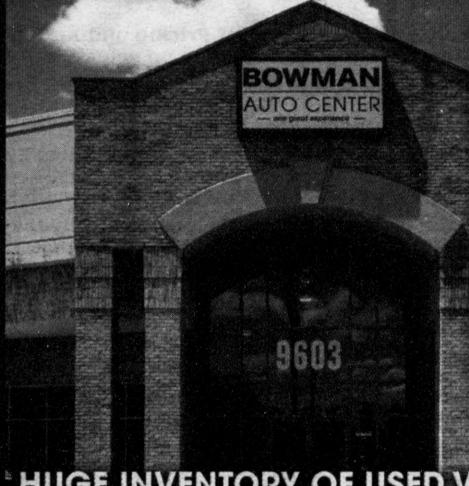
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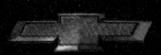
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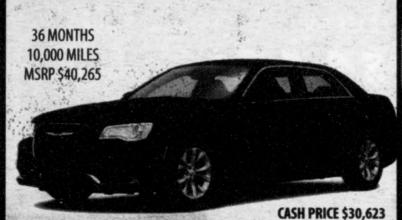




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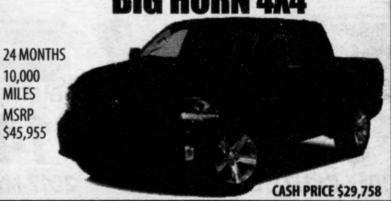
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