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in this week's edition

## Last stand for historic home

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Oakland County worked for more than a year and "confirmed all efforts exhausted" before condemning the almost 150-year-old Bailey house to demolition.

For Sam Moraco of Independence Township, that's not nearly enough.

"There were definitely viable options to save the house," said Moraco, owner of MLC Building, which has the contract to deconstruct salvagable items from the house before demolition. "It's sad. If this were in the village, they wouldn't tear it down."

The Bailey family helped settle Independence Township, and the house is on the original U.S. Government land grant of 1856. According to a 1998 Independence Township inventory report, "This house is significant because of its high degree of exterior architectural integrity. It is a good example of the T-plan farmhouse style built within the township in the late 1800s."

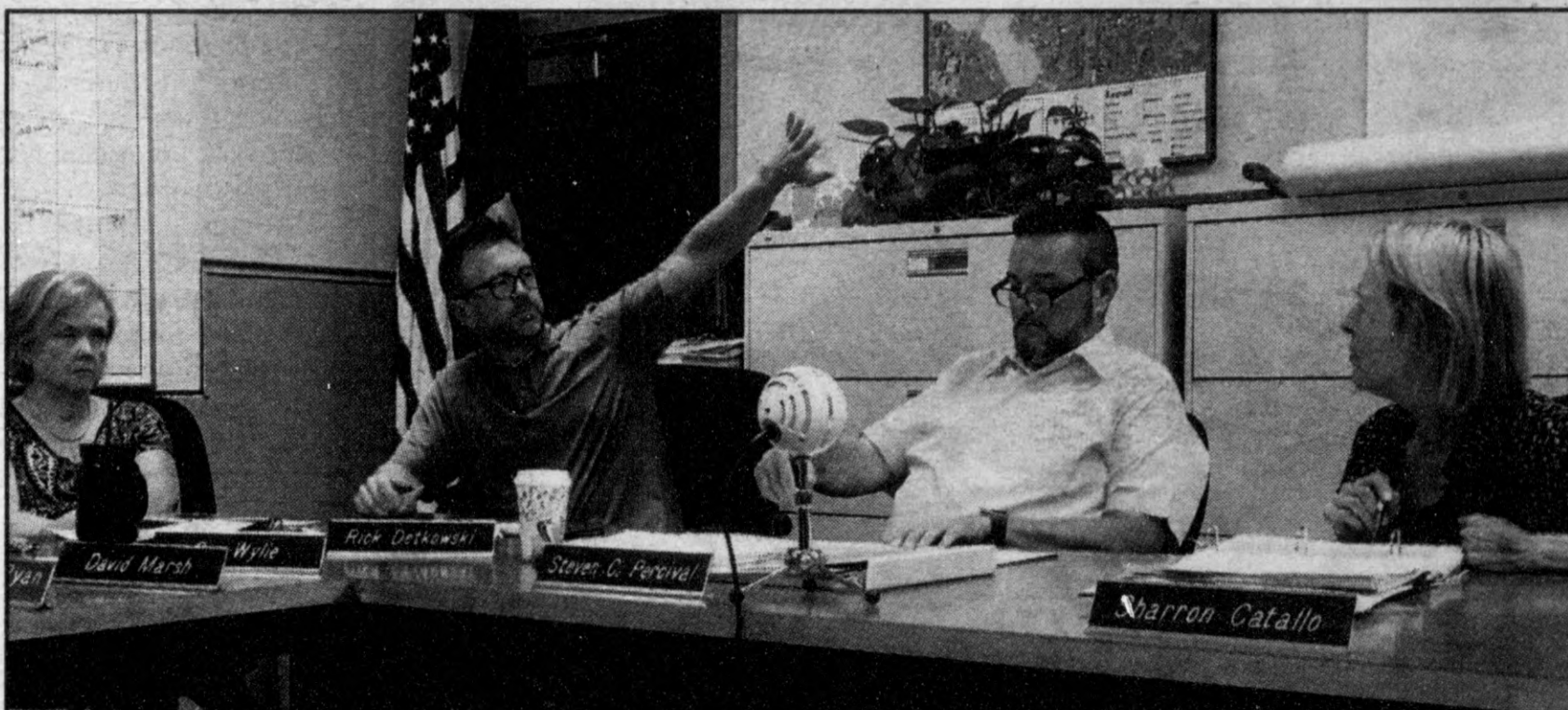
The county said it doesn't have the funds to repair and maintain the structure, and residential leasing of it violates grant agreement and deed restrictions.

"The Bailey House is located in closed proximity of the future completed Safety Path and the unoccupied structure could possibly become a hazard or attractive nuisance to trail users," according to the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission.

A posting about the house on the *Clarkston News'* Please see No money on page 3



The historic Bailey house on Sashabaw Road is due for demolition. Photo by Phil Custodio



City Council member Richard Detkowski describes new parking plans for Clarkston at Monday's meeting. Photo by Phil Custodio

## 114 new parking spots

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

City Council member Richard Detkowski was jubilant at Monday's meeting.

"We have new parking spots – kudos to the (Parking) Committee," said Detkowski, also a committee member, after a series of successful votes by City Council on the committee's proposals. "Good job, guys."

Council voted unanimously to approve four of five proposals, adding 114 parking spots by the end of the week.

The approved proposals include:

- Remove permit parking along the north side of Main and Washington lot, creating 16 public spaces; 10 spots remain for permit parking, no further permits to be issued at this time, follow up with business owners to identify need for permit parking and set parameters for future permits;
- Convert street parking on Depot from parallel to angled, adding 18 spaces, cost of \$300 for seal coating and repaint lines, final striping angle to be determined with RCOC input, with crosswalk markings from private lot to south side of Depot Road and stop sign in same location to slow traffic,

must also consider limousine and local delivery parking needs with possible use of private lot;

- Parking in the lot behind Renaissance High School, in partnership with Clarkston Community Schools, with shuttle service by the school district, \$2 per person, proceeds to CCS; 80 spots added, with signs to direct traffic to the lot and heavy promotion during Octoberfest and Taste of Clarkston; and

- Mark an unloading zone in the west alley behind Rudy's and the *Clarkston News*.

A proposal to reinstate parking on the south side of E. Church Street from Buffalo to city border, adding 28 spaces, was tabled.

"I think we need a committee meeting with residents to discuss it," Detkowski said.

Mayor Steven Percival said they surveyed residents when they removed parking from the street last year, and should do so again before reinstating it.

Council member Sue Wylie said residents should have a say.

"It's a big issue. We need spots, but it's not their fault

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## Five-year plan for schools

BY JESSICA STEELEY  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

As summer draws to a close, Board of Education President Elizabeth Egan and Vice President Kelli Horst hope to work out the district's next five-year plan during the new school year.

The previous five-year plan focused on balancing the budget, which has been achieved, Egan said.

The board president hopes the new plan will focus more on student success.

"We want our kids to be able to adjust to life's changes," she said. "We're keeping our culture, keeping our traditions, but helping prepare kids for jobs that maybe don't even exist yet."

Horst added building the new plan will consist of more system-wide discussion between themselves, the community and Clarkston educators.

Major objectives of the strategic plan will be community engagement, the culture of Clarkston and possibly new ways to identify student data, Egan said.

"I truly believe we will have some real, tangible outcomes from this," she said.

Ideally the strategic plan covers the next five years, but Horst described it as a living, breathing document that the board will continuously review and update.



Egan



Horst

The school board is also implementing projects for the \$75 million school bond.

Egan and Horst are excited for the new school year, especially with their recent touring of the soon-to-be-completed summer bond projects.

"The bond is always going to be a top priority of ours," Horst said of the board's second goal.

Over the summer, bond dollars were spent creating more secure entrances at Bailey Lake and Andersonville Elementary. Those two schools are also getting new parking lots, along with Springfield Plains, which is getting new playground equipment as well. The high school got an updated sports stadium with new turf and a new track.

"Everything is looking so fresh and bright for the kids," Egan said.

The new parking lots have created safer and separated loops for parent and bus drop-off and pick-up. The secure entrances added more windows to the buildings so office personnel and principals can see who's entering and who's on school property.

Though the updates will add more consistency to all the elementary school entrances, the board still wants the buildings to remain unique.

"We're taking care to preserve some historic elements of the buildings," Horst said, citing the care the construction workers took in moving a mural at Andersonville to a different part of the building, rather than destroying it.

These goals were discussed at the Board's retreat last week. The first Board of Education meeting of the 2017-2018 school year will be Aug. 28 at 7 p.m.

"The idea is come to the table with an open mind," Egan said about the upcoming school year. "We want to really focus on the strategic plan this year and then move forward."

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# No money to save Bailey house, county says

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Facebook page last Friday reached 29,059 people, with 81 shares and 160 comments, as of Tuesday morning.

Most commenters called for the county to save it.

"Save it and preserve it – there is no second chance," posted Andy Sprague. "The unnecessary destruction of our past should be a crime."

"Why does everything have to 'move forward' – can't we forget about money for a moment and save what little is left of our history," asked Sue Ash-Dean. "I wish I had the money. I am a direct descendant of the Bailey family. I just learned recently about this house being part of our family. Please someone save this house. The township could if someone on the board was a Bailey family descendent."

The house, which is in the north section of Independence Oaks County Park, is a mix of Gothic and Queen Anne details and designs, according to a review of the structure in 2013.

"This blend of styles is found consistently through Independence Township and Clarkston Village and represent a vernacular that is distinctly Clarkston. The mix of styles is more common in the village and is more rare in the township farming area where many of the farmhouses from that era (1880) tend to be less decorative. This more uniquely elegant rural character continues on into the interior," according to the report.

It has been owned by Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission since 2010, when it was part of the Upper Bushman property donation. It had been used as a rental property for decades and was unoccupied at the time.

Independence Township Board voted 6-0 on June 20 to support the county in its decision.

"We unanimously agreed we are comfortable with whatever decision the county parks team makes as it relates to this property," said township Supervisor Pat Kittle in an email to the county, June 28, 2017.



**Sam Moraco points out some pieces of the Bailey house that will be preserved. Photo by Phil Custodio**

"Of all the options discussed, in my opinion, the most prudent decision would be for the county to demolish the house and allow the township install a historical kiosk focusing on the Bailey legacy."

The county has been working on the house since April 2015, when staff found it was in below average condition and needed \$80,000-\$100,000 to improve it, according to Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission meeting reports from June 7.

From May to June 2016, they worked with the Oakland County Historical Commission on a planning review. In July 2016, the parks and rec commission posted a request for proposals to buy and move the Bailey House. The request was posted on websites and social media pages for Oakland County Historical Commission, Michigan Historic Preservation Network, and *Curbed Detroit*, and WJBK-DET Fox 2 News Morning aired a report on July 28 about the opportunity to purchase and relocate the house, the county said.

On Nov. 29, 2016, Moraco met with Oakland County and Independence Township staff "to discuss options of moving home onto existing PUD property. It was determined this was not feasible. Also confirmed with Independence Township staff that no financial resources were

available to aide relocation of the house."

In March 2017, the county "confirmed all efforts exhausted to try and move home over past 8-12 months" and recommended deconstruction and demolition.

"After researching several options it was determined the expense was just too great to relocate the structure. As a result staff is recommending the deconstruction/demolition of the structure," according to the June 7 minutes.

Oakland County Historical Commission presented options to the parks commission in addition to deconstruction and demolition, including sale of house and relocation; renovate as a park facility, costing up to \$242,000; and relocate and renovate as park facility, up to \$432,000.

Burning it as training for local firefighters was recommended against because it "projects a negative image to the public due to the very visible destruction of a familiar landmark and presents potential environmental risks from smoke and release of toxic materials to the atmosphere."

Sale of park property and house, and renovation as residential rental property would violate the grant agreement and deed restrictions under which it was acquired.

Melissa Luginski of the county Historical Commission suggested mothballing the structure until funds could be identified to update the structure for public use.

Parks officials said the cost to bring the facility up to code could be excessive, and was not included in the parks and rec Capital Improvement Budget. They also said several items would need to be repaired or replaced to mothball the facility.

Moraco said the county and township don't see the historic house's value as an asset to the community.

"Historic houses do have value. They give the township charm," he said. "They had a plan to move it but the county thought it was too inconvenient – they're too lazy to care."

For more information, call Oakland County Parks at 248-858-0906, and Independence Township at 248-625-5111.

## Briefly

### No Labor Day parade

This year's Clarkston Labor Day Parade has been cancelled.

"Nobody has come forward and, even if they did at this point, it would be near impossible to pull everything together," said Jonathan Smith, City Manager.

Clarkston Rotary Club bowed out of organizing and sponsoring the annual end-of-summer parade after 76 years. The Rotarians decided to concentrate on its other projects in the community, including Shoes for Kids and scholarships.

### School donations

The Lighthouse of Oakland County is accepting donations for their annual Back to School program.

Lighthouse is currently accepting gift card for clothing and shoes as well as new school supplies. Suggestions include backpacks, lunch bags/boxes, colored pencils, 3x5 index cards, pens, calculators, pencils, composition notebooks, notebook paper, crayons, glue sticks, highlighter, erasers, pencil pouches and boxes, 3-ring binders, 8-tab dividers, 3-hole punch, Duo-tang pocket folders and sharpeners.

They are also looking for volunteers to sort and pack the supplies and also help with distribution on Aug. 24.

Donations are accepting until Aug. 17 at Lighthouse, 5850 Dixie Highway, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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# Flying fun at RUSH Drone Camp

BY JESSICA STEELEY

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston students learned to build and fly mini drones at the Clarkston Drone Camp, Aug. 1-2.

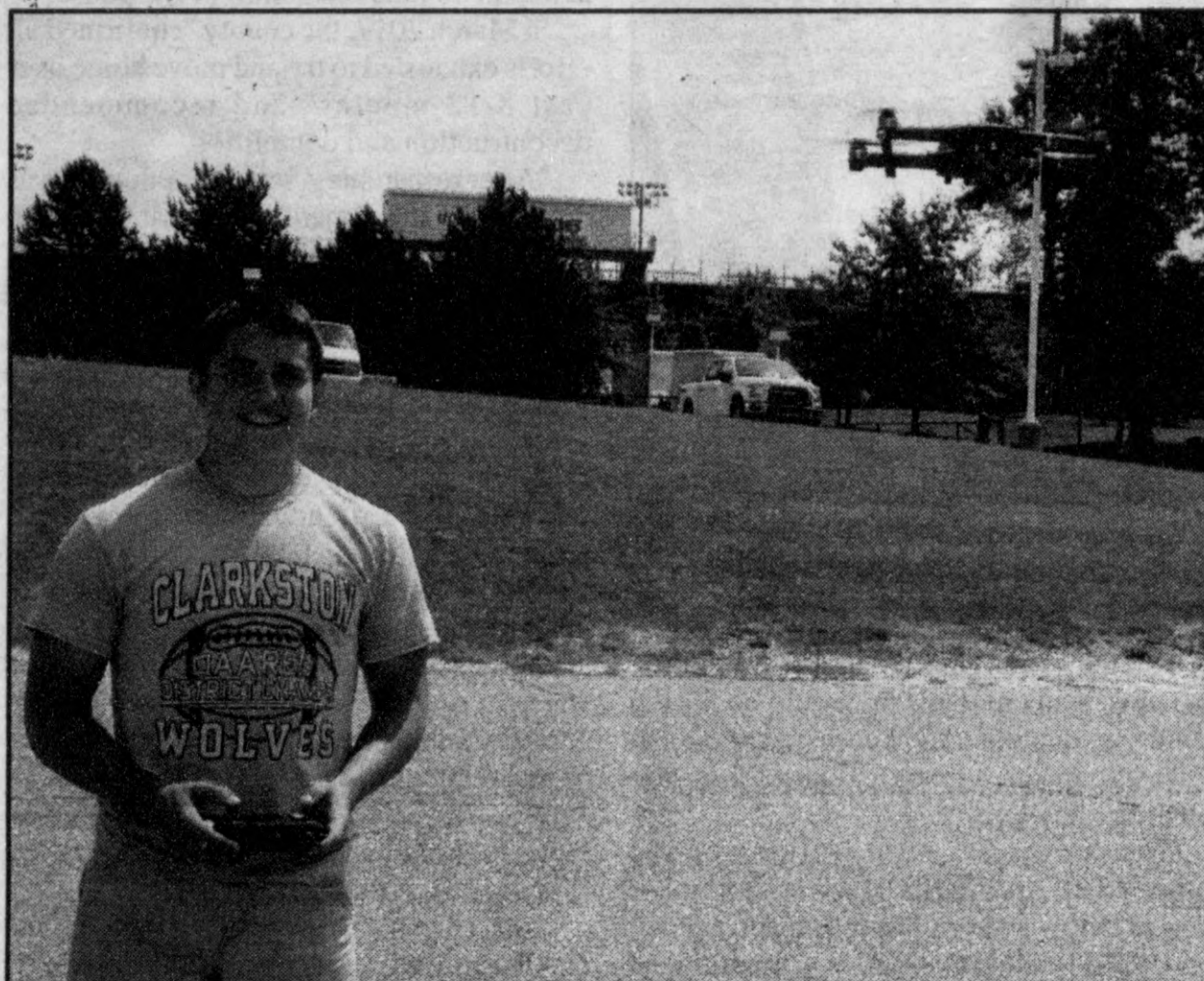
Team RUSH hosted the camp for Clarkston High School students with Steve Smitka, teacher at Waterford Kettering and founder of The Rotor Rookies Drone Academy.

Students were taught how to assemble their drones using transmitters, a drone frame, motors, props, batteries and cameras. They kept their drones after camp, equipped with a charger and knowledge on how to repair them.

Once built, students learned to fly the drones, which are mainly for indoor flight, as they're small enough for wind to blow them away outside.

"This was a really cool camp; 18 students came in knowing very little about drones and left with flying control. The first day they were taught how to assemble everything," Team RUSH Coach and Event Sponsor Kyle Hughes said. "Day two was 'flight school.' That was so awesome. By the end of the day, you could walk around the room and feel relatively confident that they were not going to hit you. Students were so engaged. It was a really amazing sight to see."

The students were also interested in the bigger drones brought in. Smitka brought in his racing drone and Hughes' son, Cody,



Senior Cody Hughes flies his DJI Mavic drone. Photos by Jessica Steeley

brought in his DJI Mavic to demonstrate to the students how these technologies allow for many new opportunities.

"The interest in this camp has definitely created an interest in a Drone Club at CHS. The students would like to continue their

learning on drones. We are even talking to Waterford Kettering about starting a Drone League, so we can race against Steve Smitka's students," Hughes said. "It is a really wonderful robotics/technology community that we participate in."



Drone Camp students pose for a photo while flying some of their mini drones.



A drone follows junior Jake Reynolds.



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## Amendment to budget OK'd

Independence Township approved budget amendment 33 at their Aug. 8 meeting, adding \$15,000 to their contractual services budget.

The addition is intended for consulting charges related to the Corridor Improvement Authority from Carlisle/Wortman Associates, Inc. The \$10,000 originally budgeted for the year has already been spent.

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The Township Board accepted a proposal for professional engineering services related to the Sashabaw Regional Drain Asset Management Plan in an amount not to exceed \$51,600.

The Sashabaw Regional Drain contains approximately 330 acres split into 15 segments located west of Sashabaw between Waldon and Maybee Roads.

The management plan will include field assessment of all pipelines and structures; a long-term maintenance plan identifying annual needs, inspections and anticipated maintenance needs; annual cost evaluation for all recommended needs for 20 years; and district boundary review and reestablishment of the assessment roll and various financing scenarios for future operation of the drainage district.

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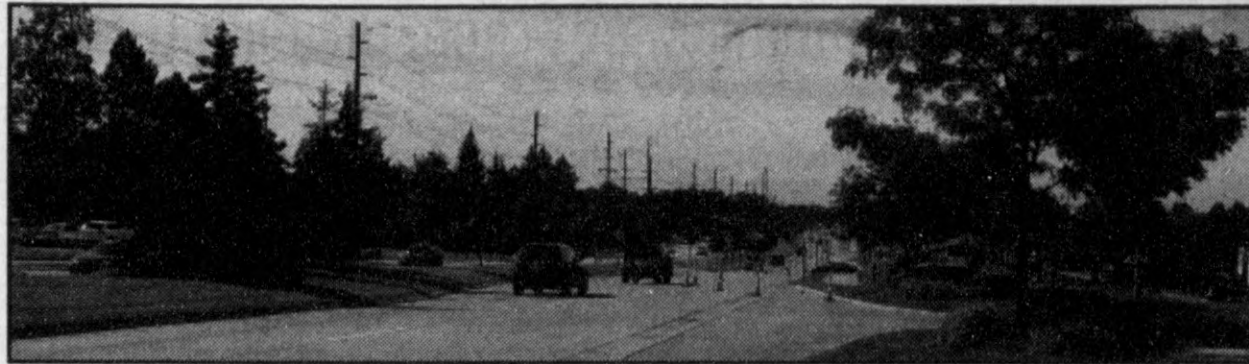
A bid for the Fire Station 1 Parking Lot Asphalt Project was approved by the Township Board in an amount not to exceed \$40,000. The bid covers asphalt parking lot removal, replacement and striping.

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The Township board approved the Municipal Credit and Community Credit Contract for 2018 at their Aug. 8 meeting.

The contract allows the township to participate in the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation program for Independence Township's seniors and disabled adults 18 and over. The contract amount is \$34,124.

-Jessica Steeley



A development plan for Sashabaw Road needs more time, officials say. *File photo*

## Tax plan extension for Sashabaw

BY JESSICA STEELEY

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Independence Township Board is having a public hearing this coming Tuesday, Aug. 22, to propose extending the Sashabaw Corridor Improvement Authority (CIA) Tax Increment Finance (TIF) from 2020 to 2029.

"We're not looking for one penny more than what was initially approved. What we are looking for is the extension of time," Township Supervisor Pat Kittle said. "There is no increase in taxes for anybody who lives in the TIF district and/or who does business in the TIF district."

The extension is needed because of the recent economic downturn and reduction of commercial real estate values within the CIA district, Kittle said.

The current CIA plan for Sashabaw that is due to expire in 2020 will not generate enough TIF capture to complete the last phase of the corridor improvement plan, the widening of North Sashabaw from Flemings Lake north to Clarkston Road, he said.

"[Sashabaw Road's] in dire straits right now, it is full of pot holes and it is inadequate for the traffic volumes that we currently have traveling north," Kittle said. "Widening it would hopefully improve the chances for those properties on the west side of the street to become more marketable and then ultimately become developed, which would just aid in the TIF capture."

The township has been working with the County Economic Development Team to extend the current CIA deadline from 2020 to 2029 and slightly modify the CIA-TIF district, he said.

Funds from the extension will go towards the \$5.6 million north Sashabaw Road widening project. The project will widen Sashabaw to five lanes from Flemings Lake Road to Clarkston Road.

When the Corridor Improvement Authority (CIA) was created in 2006, the Township estimated they would receive \$3 million from the respective taxing authorities. So far, they've collected just over 25% of that \$3 million.

Since 2006 the CIA has completed three projects on Sashabaw. The first was the construction on Sashabaw from Clarkston Road to Maybee Road. The second was the Sashabaw/I-75 interchange where an exit ramp was added to serve northbound I-75 traffic to southbound Sashabaw Road. The last was adding dual left-hand turn lanes to northbound Sashabaw and eastbound Waldon.

Combined these projects cost over \$10 million. Funding for these kinds of road construction projects comes from a variety of sources including the CIA's TIF.

"The CIA created an avenue for the other authorities to donate and help complete these improvements," Township Director of Assessing Kim Feigley said.

Kittle said the extension could end before 2029. "We have to stop it in 2029 based on this new modification proposal. It would be my hope that with commercial growth on Sashabaw that we could complete the work even earlier."

"We're not asking for more money, but we're asking for more time to collect that \$3 million," Feigley added.

## School meeting

BY JESSICA STEELEY

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston Community Schools invites Clarkston residents to attend their community gathering, Aug. 23 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., to learn about the Clarkston for Life well-being campaign.

The Clarkston for Life campaign is based on research showing a person's well-being directly relates to better educational outcomes, higher achievement and stronger labor market success.

Recently, Clarkston schools have been focused on the whole child perspective, working to create a school environment which ensures students are healthy and happy throughout their mind, body and soul.

The campaign focuses on the social, emotional and physical well-being of all Clarkston residents, believing that well-being is the key to positive life outcomes.

"Research allows us to know a great deal about social and emotional health and how these relate to physical health and achievement. A key element of such health is resilience," said Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock in an email blast.

Some of the activities included are an introduction from Clarkston's Board of Education, a viewing of the documentary "The Passion to Teach", discussion with filmmakers Bart Nourse and Sandra Parsons, breakout sessions, and a presentation by Gabe Paoletti, a researcher and educator from the University of Pennsylvania's Positive Psychology Center on the science of resilience. The school district hopes to bring together faculty, staff, parents, students, alumni, invested community members and community leaders for open discussion and meaningful dialog.

"Please join us for this important community conversation," Rock said. "We will fill the Clarkston High School auditorium. Your contribution is vitally important!"

Visit the Clarkston for Life Facebook page. To attend the event, email [clarkstonforlife@clarkston.k12.mi.us](mailto:clarkstonforlife@clarkston.k12.mi.us). The event will air on Independence Television in the following weeks.

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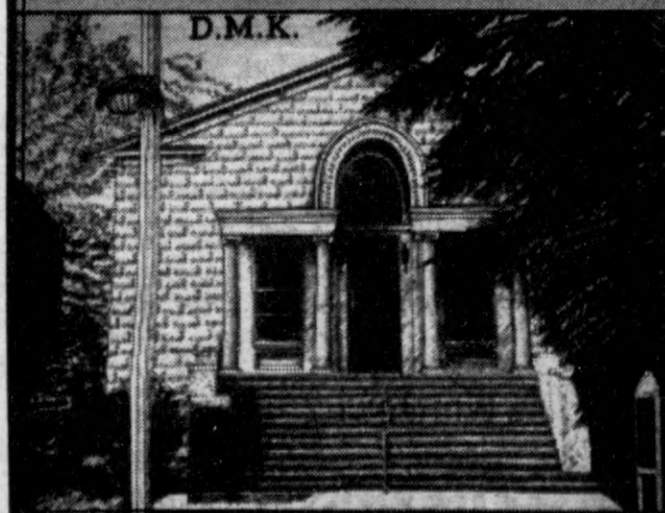
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## Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Price

### Adventurous tot

Each day is a new adventure with a 20-month-old son who is no longer an infant and just beginning the toddler stage.

JD's latest adventure takes him to the Detroit Zoo.

On the sunny, warm Tuesday he walked up to the glass for the first stop and peered closely at the penguins, watching them waddle around before heading downstairs to watch them swim. At the last viewing spot in the Polk Penguin Conservation Center, a few penguins walked within a few feet from where JD was before they turned back to be with the rest of the group.

We went around the entire zoo, but most of the animals were inside or sleeping. He enjoyed poking his head through the viewing holes and checking out the prairie dogs. He also enjoyed watching the anteater.

Just a few days prior JD ventured with me to Clintonwood Park for Tons of Trucks held by Independence Township Parks, Recreation and Seniors. He sat in the driver's seats and closed his eyes when the horn was too loud.

He peeked up close to firetrucks and enjoyed petting the Dalmatian (he really is a fan of animals.) He appreciated the football the Oakland County Sheriff Office deputies were handing out and a small truck token. Though he tired out after the wagon ride and train ride, it was the tricycle area where his eyes opened wide. He ran onto the tennis court seeking out an empty tricycle to ride. Guess it's time to find one for home.

JD's venture during this past weekend was short as we went to Clarkston High School for the Wolves' Varsity Football team photo. It will probably be the only time he will see the boys on the new field at the stadium as his bedtime is shortly after kick off.

You don't have to wait until next Friday for sports action when Clarkston Varsity Football heads to the Big House at University of Michigan to take on Lapeer. Tennis takes on Stoney Creek and Rochester this week. Varsity will host the Falcons on Thursday at 11 a.m. Then, it's off to Grand Blanc for the varsity team's tournament.

Clarkston Boys Varsity Soccer heads to Traverse City to kick off their season opener, and JV and varsity volleyball teams are at Lake Orion on Saturday for the MI Elite tourney. Good luck, Wolves!



## Reader sees economics, not race, dividing U.S.

Dear Editor,

The racial violence at Charlottesville, Virginia this weekend was tragic, and it was sad many political leaders would not denounce it as such, but Americans make an equally tragic mistake in believing condemnations of white supremacists by the nation's top political leadership will, alone, make the underlying problem go away.

Indeed, focusing too much attention on racists and bigots will only exacerbate the problem. It is unlikely they can be "fixed." It is better they be marginalized, prosecuted when they commit crimes, but otherwise ignored.

Their "take America back" campaign, with the support of self-serving/expedient/misguided leadership, has been fueled with the frustration of a huge class of otherwise decent, but increasingly disenfranchised white males they have influenced, even brainwashed, to see minorities and women as suppressing and supplanting their own roles in American society.

They fail to see that "taking America back" under a racist rubric will take everyone nowhere.

The president talks about record low unemployment and the soaring stock market as proof that America is doing well. He admonishes all to get along.

The reality, though, is that disenfranchised white males (and others) see a dearth of real opportunity for themselves as middle class Americans aspiring for more, largely relegated to dead-end jobs with stagnant wages and little basis for optimism and hope.

They are falling behind. They struggle to meet day-to-day needs, have few or no resources to invest in the stock market, and are less likely than their parents to own a home or ever experience retirement security.

In their cloud of real frustration and loss they see "affirmative action" for women and minorities, where quotas are disguised as "goals" and minority candidates need only be qualified, but not best qualified, for the same educational and career opportunities and advancement these white males, too, desire.

They see women and minorities—even those from well-connected and relatively wealthy families—admitted to universities, medical, law and other professional schools with lower test scores and grade point averages that would routinely preclude white males from consideration. Special career admission and development programs also exclude them.

They are falling behind, and they are angry that politicians pander to other groups as they are ignored or even maligned. They are tired of hearing blame for historic discrimination they believe they had no role in perpetrating.

They are weary of the whining and protests of others. White males matter, too, they tell us. They want someone to blame, and the alt-right has pointed them to others.

But many in this frustrated cadre, focused on what they view as special treatment for

women and minorities, also fail to recognize the impact of other factors in the equal opportunity equation.

They discount the scientific evidence of the adverse impacts of implicit/unconscious bias, mostly on women and minorities. The disparate realities of opportunities for children educated in wealthy suburban schools compared to opportunities, obstacles and limitations affecting kids educated in inner-city and rural schools are often ignored. Overt discrimination and the realities of historical white privilege, too, are denied.

Diversity will keep and make America stronger, but only if it is accomplished with truth and open but respectful dialogue. Our diversity must respect and value differences, but be accomplished in a manner which facilitates overall cohesiveness and collaboration.

The promise of affirmative action/equal opportunity was to be that a rising sea raises all boats, and that one group's ability to increase the size of their slice of pie was not supposed to come at the expense of a smaller slice for others since the pie baked in racial harmony and cooperation would get bigger to ensure larger slices for everyone.

But that has not occurred. Americans are told the economic pie is getting larger, and displays of tremendous wealth are visible everywhere. The dirty but not so secret secret is that not everyone has a fair shot at a larger slice. The sea tide goes much higher in some special, largely restricted coves and bays than in others.

The nation's unfair tax, healthcare and educational policies are increasingly concentrating the nation's wealth and opportunities into the control of a small but powerful group of economic and social elites, favored with special tax considerations and complicated investment schemes and other benefits which drive their ability to grow and concentrate even greater wealth to facilitate even greater opportunities and privilege for themselves and their children.

Connections and access, not merit, largely dictate economic success. The result is that America's working, middle class members from all ethnicities are fighting among themselves for diminishing scraps.

The pie access is not getting larger for them, and America's political leadership—satisfied with the status quo but wanting more for wealthy supporters—does not seem to care. There have been efforts to placate the masses through lip service, lofty but divisive and manipulative speeches on patriotism and "fairness", and divisive quotas and goals, but the economic picture for most working and middle class Americans remains dim.

The future will not be bright until leaders facilitate more inclusive, full access to consistently high quality education and healthcare for ALL Americans, and address unfair tax and economic policy that favors the wealthy at the expense of all others.

Mike Fetzer  
Clarkston

## A Look Back

From The CNews archives

### 15 years ago - 2002

**"Board asked for \$26 million"** Despite seeing a new township hall voted down in the primary election, the Independence Township Board was planning to ask for a more expensive proposal on the November ballot. They planned to put township hall on it as well as other things for \$26 million.

**"CHS graduate set to participate in Ford Field performance"** Clarkston resident Nic Thompson was chosen to perform in Impact at Ford Field, the first official entertainment event to be held at the new stadium to benefit The Children's Center.

**"Are you ready for some football?"** With summer coming to an end, Clarkston High School Varsity Football Head Coach Kurt Richardson held a youth camp at the high school.

### 25 years ago - 1992

**"No contracts yet in Clarkston"** A teacher strike was possible but not likely in the Clarkston Community Schools district, according to both sides. With start of school fastly approaching the district and teachers' union was still hammering out a new one-year contract.

**"Horse patrol helps bolster Clarkston's new police force"** After a 100-year hiatus, horses were back in downtown Clarkston as a mounted-horse patrol was added to the Clarkston police force.

**"On TV"** On vacation in New York City, Inger Nelson of Davisburg and Dawn Gallup of Tekonsha received priority tickets to the "Maury Povich Show." They were seen on television on the pre-recorded talk show.

### 50 years ago - 1967

**"Downtown zoning draws 100 to village hearing"** The rezoning proposal for a new post office within the village of Clarkston brought 100 to a public hearing.

**"Area farm now site of Camp Clarkston"** In a beautiful setting of 75 rolling acres on Bridge Lake Road sat Camp Clarkston. Under the guidance of Keith Gendron, the camp had been home to 55-60 youngsters every summer for nine years. The campers ranged from 5-14 years old and were from Clarkston and also the Detroit metropolitan area.

**"Around the town"** Cedar Point was the center of activity for the Terry Williams family. All four boys - Mark, David, Terry and Joe didn't miss a ride or one corner of the park. They took time out for a picnic lunch a swim.





ON POINT: Clarkston High School Musical Theatre Campers try out chorus line choreography. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

# Icky-poo! Yuckies on grocery carts

I want to take this time to personally thank reader Karen S. for ruining my entire day. Before reading her e-mail, I was happy as a clam knee deep in muck; happy as a duck in water; happy as a pig in -- well, you get the picture.

Then I read her e-mail. As I think back, low those many moons ago, I can honestly say, "Yep, she really messed me up."

What dastardly information did she impart to me that has me in this tizzy? Read it for yourself, and then tell me you are not a changed man (or woman).

\* \* \*

Dear Don,

This has been bothering me for years, and I am positive I'm not the only one. Ever since we have started using the bottle return, I have noticed this very disgusting thing people insist on doing. They grab a grocery cart, and start emptying their bottles and cans from a plastic bag into the shopping cart.

Now why, when they are already contained in the plastic bag, would you pour your sticky, germy cans, and bottles into a shopping cart I plan on using to put my food purchases in. WHY???

Does anyone have any suggestions on how we can get people to stop doing this? Is this the responsibility of the storeowner, or do I take the chance on making my point known to the culprit, and hope he/she will think about my comment, and realize someone else is doing it to them? Please print this for your readers, and make people think about what they're doing. It has to start somewhere, to make it stop. -- Karen

Don't  
Rush Me



A column by  
Don Rush

\* \* \*

I will never be the same. Smackin' frackin, blizin' rizin! Thanks a lot, Karen. I will never look at another grocery cart and the food that will eventually pass my lips and land on my tongue in said cart, the same way.

Maybe it was Shakespeare who wrote that folks really don't need to know the answers to all their questions -- sometimes knowledge makes you sad. I *know* there are all sorts of ickies all over grocery carts and I *am* sad.

I think I can handle germs and crud coming from inside of a beer can (I believe my body has built up a titanium-strong immune system from the building blocks of hops, barley, water and whatever else comes from a can o'beer). So, Karen's concerns really don't bother me ... It is the fact she opened my eyes to the real world, the ugly truth of grocerycartdom that has bummed me out.

On a personal side note, I often find when I have particular angst about something, I can soothe my aching "id" by clearly thinking an item through. I take the angst out of the mix. I picture "it" out there in front of me. I put my problem in perspective.

Sooner or later, I come up with a reason why I shouldn't have that particular angst. I think this might be a benefit to some of you out there and to you Karen, as it is to me. So let's go!

As I look at the stale beer dripping from the bottle (or can) onto the metal webbing of the grocery cart another thought pops up ...

I see an old man, pushing his cart. He sneezes, yellow stuff runs from his nose onto his lip. He stops pushing the cart, reaches into his back pocket for his yellowed, well-used and what used to be white handkerchief. He wipes his nose, wads up the handkerchief, shoves it back into his pants pocket, then grabs a hold of the cart and resumes

shopping ...

I see a one-year-old girl wearing a cute, pink summer dress. She's in the part of the cart where you put food. Her summer dress is short and I can see she's in training briefs. I see her mom, down the aisle a few feet, reading over the nutritional values of different canned foods. I see the little girl's face turn from smiles, to panic, to crying as she looks for her mom and then down to the bottom of the cart.

The training hasn't yet worked and there's been an accidental brown out ...

I see another woman putting a package of hamburger in the front of her cart (where that cute little girl from above usually sits) and as she places it in her cart, I see the red, blood-juice dripping on the sides of the cart ...

I see a lone grocery cart baking in the hot sun on a black asphalt parking lot. Overhead, I see seagulls flying. Their aim is impeccable. I see gooey white stuff from above hit the plastic handle and splatter ...

There, I think that worked well. I know I feel better.

Karen, I believe you are now cured of your angst over returnable bottles -- and you didn't even have to pay a psychologist top dollar for the fix. You can personally thank me later.

Seriously, folks. Check out your grocery store. Some have little wipey things you can use to wipe down your cart. If your favorite grocery store doesn't have the wipey thing, talk to the manager about getting one. Or go the Howard Hughes route, wear latex gloves and bring your own box and bags for groceries.

That is all. Carry on. My angst is now yours to deal with. (No need to thank me.)

Any other comments? Concerns? E-mail DontRushDon@gmail.com





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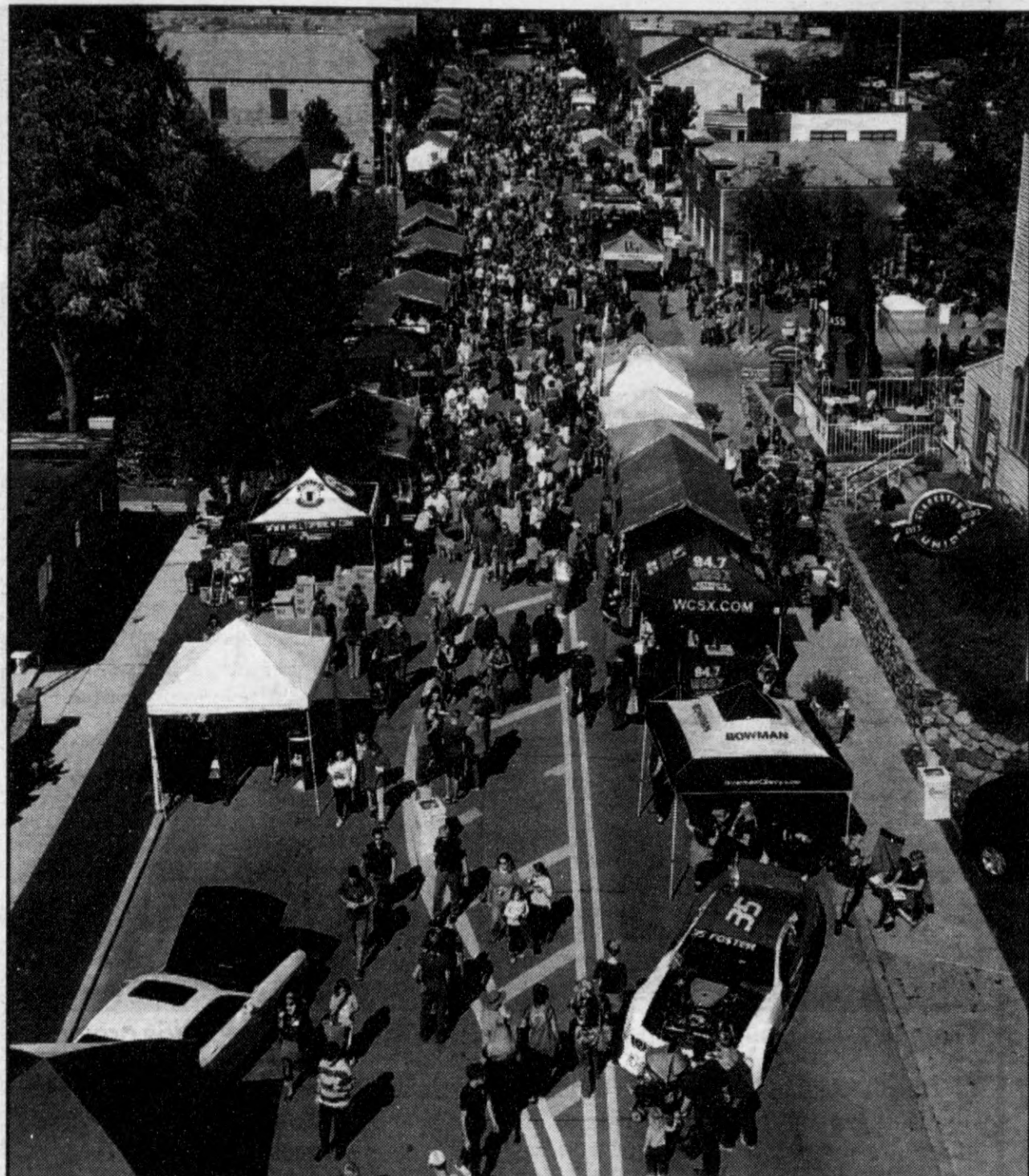
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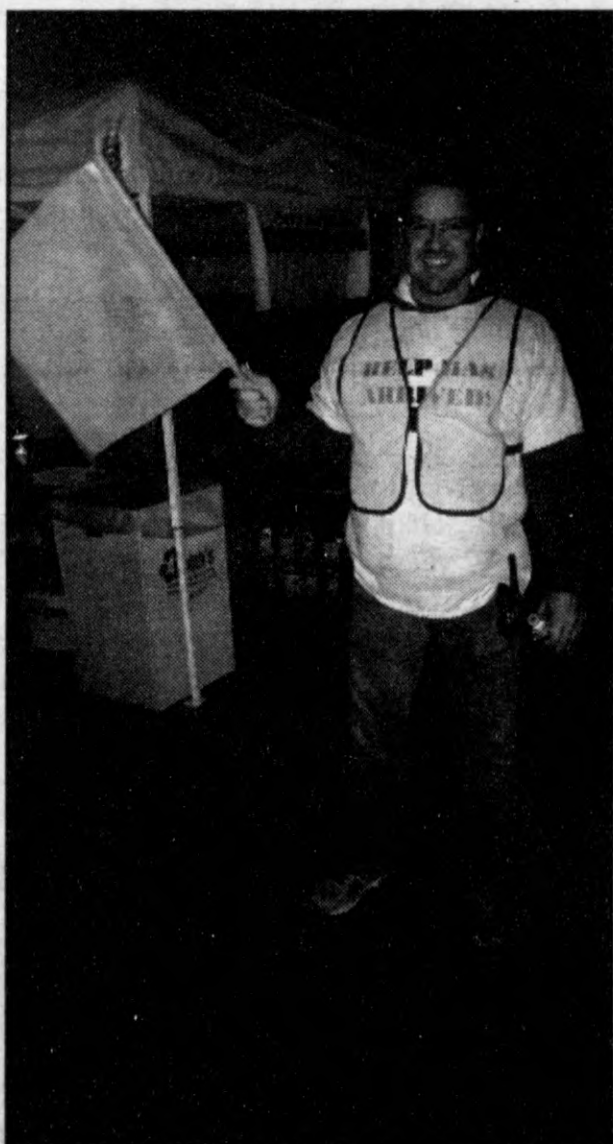
Volunteers are needed for the 20th Annual Taste of Clarkston, 12-6 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 1, downtown Main Street and Depot Park.

More than 20 restaurants are signed up to serve samples of entrees, desserts and drinks. The event is free to attend and food tickets will be sold in \$1 increments on site.

Taste of Clarkston requires over 300 volunteers to run smoothly and there are many volunteer positions to choose from. Contact Katie at the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, or sign up online at [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com), click the "search for sign up" and enter [janelle@clarkston.org](mailto:janelle@clarkston.org) in the search by email section.

Restaurants signed up to be at the event this year include Neiman's Family Market, Brioni Café & Deli, Buck Shots Bar & Grill, Bullfrogs II, Clarkston Union, Costco, Culvers, Hamlin Pub, Kruse's Deer Lake Inn, Miss Molly's Diner, Mr. B's, O'Malley's Galley, On the Border, Papa Romano's & Mr. Pita, Parker's Hilltop Brewery, Pine Knob Pizzeria & Catering, Rainforest Café, Sportsmen's Great Northern Grill, Honcho and Via Bologna. You can expect to see between 25-35 restaurants during the event.

For more information about the Taste of Clarkston please visit [www.clarkston.org](http://www.clarkston.org).



Chris Collins volunteers at a recent Taste of Clarkston. Photos provided

# Public Safety

For Clarkston and Independence Township

## Marijuana arrest

A deputy on radar patrol stopped a vehicle going 49 mph in a 35 mph zone on Mann Road at Clintonville Road, 3:59 p.m., Aug. 4. The driver, a 30-year-old Holly man, was found with a marijuana pipe in the front seat, and baggies and pill bottles of marijuana and a grinder in the back. He was cited for driving with a suspended license, possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia, no proof of insurance, and speeding. He was found with a Friend of the Court warrant out of Oakland County for child neglect, and jailed on the warrant.

## Speeding without license

A 25-year-old Pontiac woman was stopped for driving 58 mph in a 45 mph zone on Dixie Highway at Cummings Drive, 6:47 a.m., Aug. 9. The driver was cited with driving with a suspended license and speeding.

## Loud exhaust

A 26-year-old Independence Township man was stopped for driving a pickup truck with a loud exhaust, 6:56 a.m., Aug. 9, on Dixie Highway at Maybee Road. The driver was cited for driving with a suspended license and defective exhaust, and given a warning for no insurance.

## No insurance

A deputy on patrol checked the license plate of an SUV making a last minute turn when the driver saw the patrol car, and found the driver didn't have insurance, 12:52 p.m., Aug. 10, on Sashabaw Road at Maybee Road. The driver, a 35-year-old Independence Township woman, was cited for driving with a suspended license and no insurance.

## Assault at concert

Two security employees were helping an intoxicated and sick patron get to first aide in a wheelchair when the man, a 39-year-old Independence Township resident, became aggressive, began cussing, got out of the wheelchair, and charged one of them, 9:14 p.m., Aug. 13, at DTE Music Theater. He threw several punches and was held down while deputies were called. The man had two of his children with him at the concert. Their mother was called, and she drove to the scene and took custody of the children. The 39-year-old was checked and cleared by paramedics and cited for assault. A report was forwarded to Child Protective Services.

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# Clarkston's Sporting News

## Who is the next AOW?

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## 8,000 goal in Rush for Food

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Senior Conner Heaton and junior Max Nicklin remember when they toured Lighthouse as freshman during the Clarkston Football Program's Rush for Food.

"It's shocking almost going in there and seeing how bare they are," Heaton shared. "Once we are done, it's overfilled with bags and carts of food. It's relieving knowing there's more food and we can help people."

"It's pretty incredible," Nicklin added. "We go in and it's not that full. It's amazing how much we raise in a short amount of time."

The goal for the 20th annual Rush for Food this Saturday, 11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m. is 8,000 pounds of food for Lighthouse Emergency Services, 5850 Dixie Highway in Independence Township. They raised over 10,000 last year.

JV and varsity football players will visit neighborhoods and collect non-perishable food. Once their vehicle is full they head back to Lighthouse where the freshman players are sorting and putting the food away.

Heaton and Nicklin shared it's one of the ways they can give back to the community which helps and supports them not only during the season but through the year.

"It makes me feel good we are helping," Heaton said. "We have a good organization with good coaches and good people behind us."

They added it also makes them feel good when they arrive at a house and there are bags labeled "Rush for Food/Clarkston

Football" waiting for them on the porch.

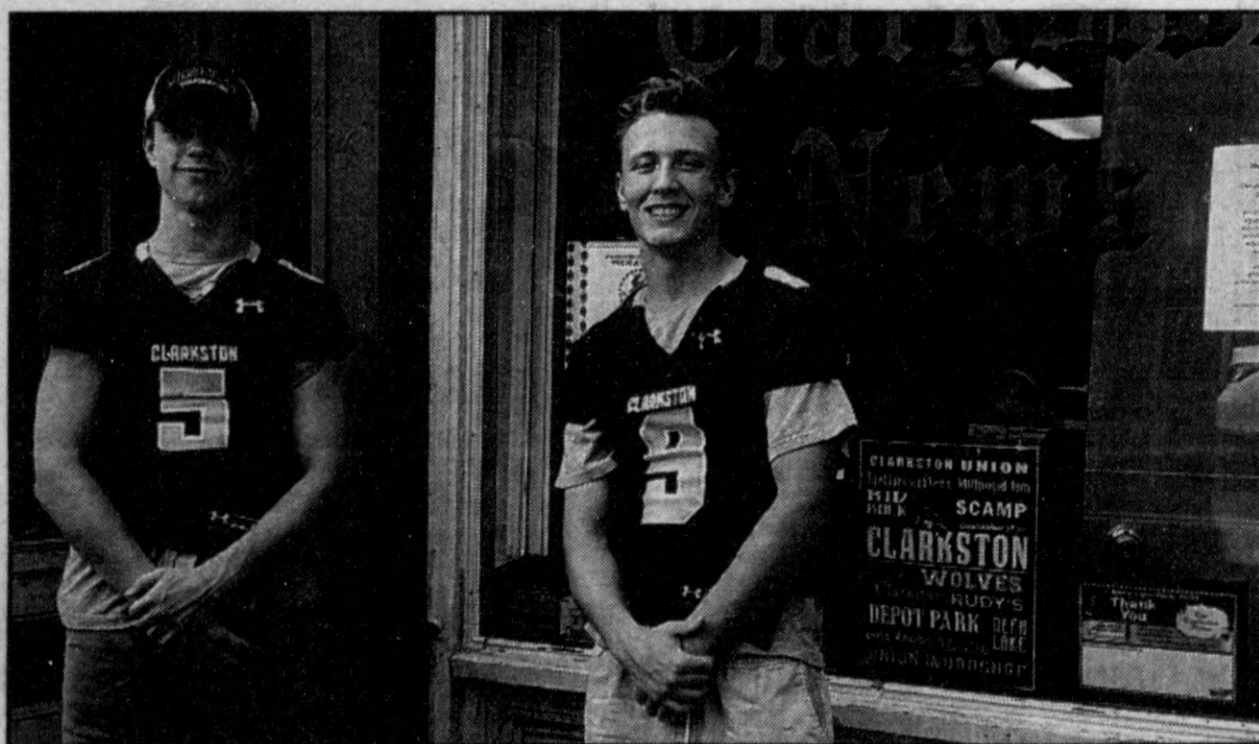
"It makes us realize what a great community we have and realize how much everybody helps," Nicklin said. "They put their time out and help in any way they can - the whole community."

"It feels good we have a great community like we do," Heaton said, adding he is excited for his final Rush for Food. "It's surreal, it's my last time I get to be directly involved in it. I want to try to make my last year the best."

"I am excited to get out there and collect," Nicklin said. "We are doing it as a team and as a community. It's fun bringing everyone together and seeing freshman and teaching them the way. I enjoy seeing everyone helping out."

Please be on the lookout for signs posted at subdivision entrances this week. If your subdivision isn't participating or you don't live in a subdivision there are many other places you can drop off donations including: Lighthouse, from 12-1:30 p.m. on Aug. 19 labeled "Rush for Food/Clarkston Football"; *The Clarkston News* until Friday, Aug. 18 during business hours, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; St. Dan's, Mt. Zion, Pine Knob Urgent Care and Clarkston Independence District Library.

"It's not that we are asking for much," Heaton said. "At my house there are some canned food we don't eat. Put it in a bag and set it on the porch and we will take care of the rest. Plus, it's for a good cause."



Max Nicklin and Connor Heaton are ready to Rush for Food this Saturday for Lighthouse. *The Clarkston News* is one of the drop off locations for non-perishable food for the drive. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK Scholarship honorees



From left, Joe Halligan, Chris Howe and Joe Kuczmanski. Photos provided

Congratulations to Alexandra Gladding, Joe Halligan and Joe Kuczmanski as all three are recipients of the 2017 Steve Howe Scholarship Award.

Halligan and Kuczmanski both played for the Clarkston Varsity Baseball team and are multiple varsity letter recipients.

Kuczmanski starred on the field and on the mount and is attending University of Michigan in Ann Arbor this fall. Halligan was described as an offensive powerhouse.

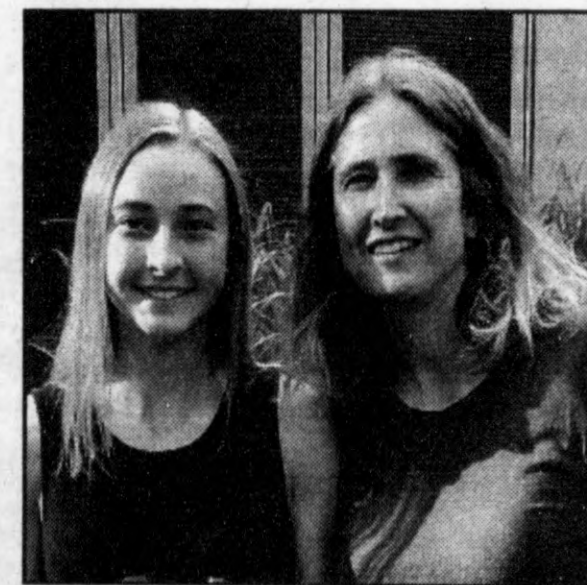
Gladding played for Clarkston Varsity Softball and was the only senior on the team in spring. She is attending Georgetown University in the fall.

The Steve Howe Scholarship Award has been given to Clarkston Varsity Softball and Baseball graduating seniors for the past 12 years.

The scholarship is named after local sandlot legend Steve Howe who led Clarkston to its only baseball state championship in 1976 and went on to break records at the University of Michigan.

He was the National League Rookie of the Year in 1980 and won a World Series with the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1981.

"The scholarship fund was started 'to honor the tradition of sportsmanship and outstanding performance in Clarkston Baseball and Softball,'" Chris Howe shared.



Alexandra Gladding with her mother, Anne.

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# Kids learn nature, agriculture at Clarkston Family Farm

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Kids searched through the plants on Clarkston Family Farm looking for the perfect materials to build a shelter last Thursday.

Each day at Camp Wild they learned about a different theme and Thursday was about forests.

"They are learning about shelter building, survival skills, tracking, what animals live in the forest," explained Program Director Chelsea O'Brien.

They discussed how every animal needs water, food, shelter and space before discussing shelters and making their own wigwam. They took into consideration materials they would need, how big to make it and where to place the door.

The Eagle Scouts also stopped by during the day with a survival skills station for the campers.

The kids participated in activities at individual stations to learn about the theme/ecosystem for the day.

Monday was all about the wetlands and they explored the pond and did some water testing.

"We got to look at the macro and micro invertebrates and organize those to see what the quality of our water is," O'Brien said. "They were able to use scientific metrics to establish we have really excellent water quality out here in the pond. It was medium to high quality, and the kids were able to assess that based on how many different indicators of species they found in the water. You count how many of those you find in the water and that helps determine water quality. It was super fun."

The theme for Tuesday was "What's

Under Our Feet" and the kids learned about composting, what makes for good soil and talked about geology.

"Kids love rocks and we did fun things with organizing sedimentary, igneous and metamorphic rock," O'Brien added. "We do this in a way that's fun - sneaky science. We also had a river clay craft. They got to create a little worm out of river clay."

Wednesday was all about the meadows and had two special guests visit. Dana Campbell, a local beekeeper, talked to them about honey bees. The kids also were able to do a honey tasting and tasted the difference between spring honey, summer honey and winter honey.

The second guest was Debbie Jackson who taught them about monarch butterflies. Each camper received their own monarch butterfly caterpillar.

"They were so excited," said O'Brien. "They are all named."

On the last day, campers headed to Bittersweet Farm to help owners Bob McGowen and his wife, Barbara Hamilton for Friday's theme "Getting Our Thumbscreen", in which they learned about farming, agriculture and how to do it sustainably.

"We help them with whatever they need - planting, harvesting and weeding," O'Brien said. "Bittersweet Farm is committed to sharing their food with kids and families who don't have enough to eat. We wanted to be part of giving back to our community. The kids just love the trip over and back."

O'Brien added one of the delights of Camp Wild was doing it on the Clarkston Family Farm and being able to spread out over the land.

"We really have an exploration in nature," she said. "It's six acres and it's our farm. I have the infrastructure created to make camp just that much more awesome."

Camp Wild is offered through Clarkston Community Education for three sessions

this summer for children ages 5- to 12-years-old.

For more information about the Clarkston Family Farm, programs offered or upcoming events, please visit [www.clarkstonfamilyfarm.com](http://www.clarkstonfamilyfarm.com).



Kids in Camp Wild take a moment for a group picture while looking for branches for their wigwam. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

## AAU Hockey

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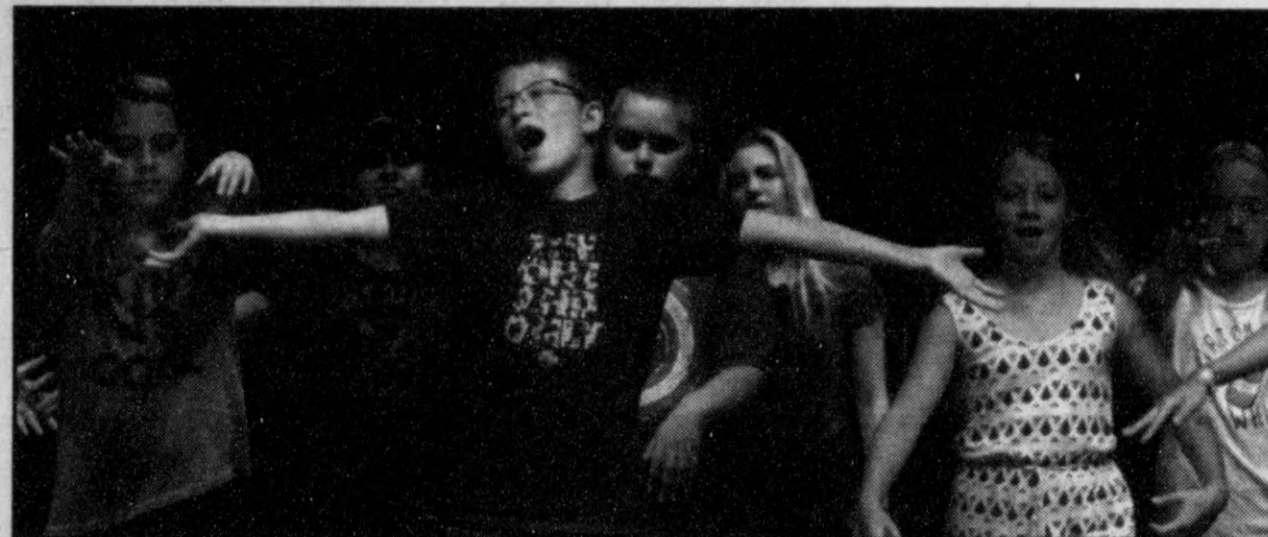


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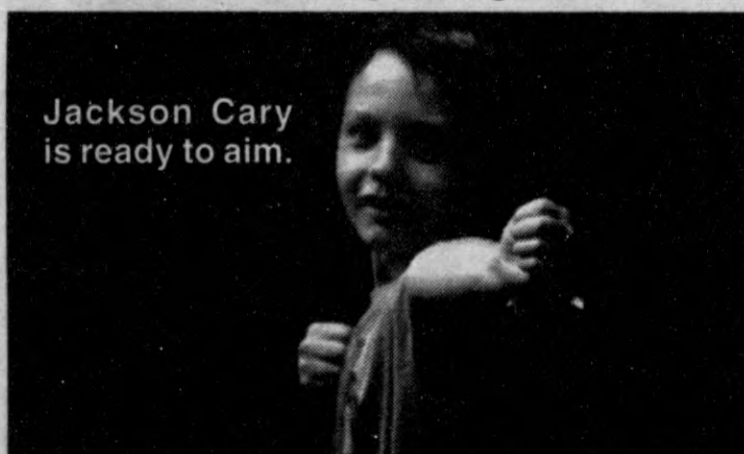




Kate Ketzler, Lucas Bell, Alex Gianakos, Ronnie Plantus, Athena Tedder and Kelsey Eubanks work on the final part of "I Hope I Get It."



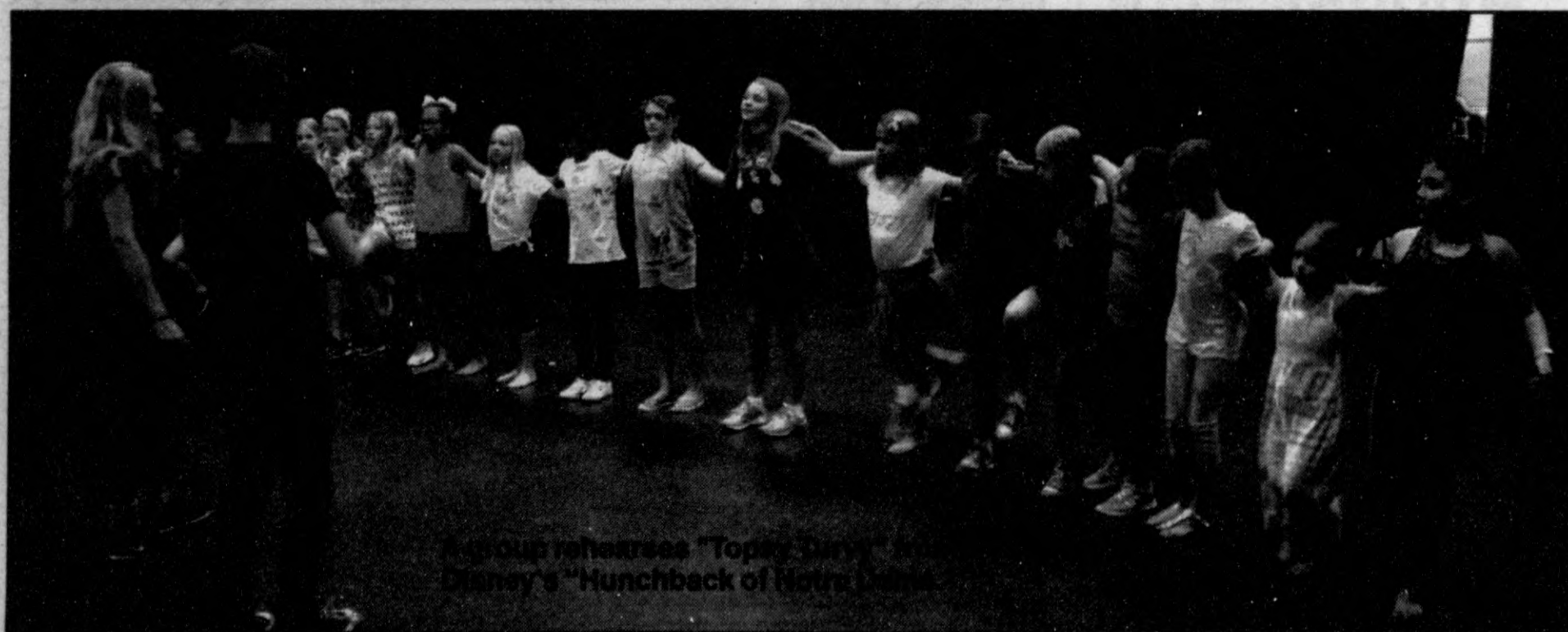
Alexis Carlise kicks up during the scene.



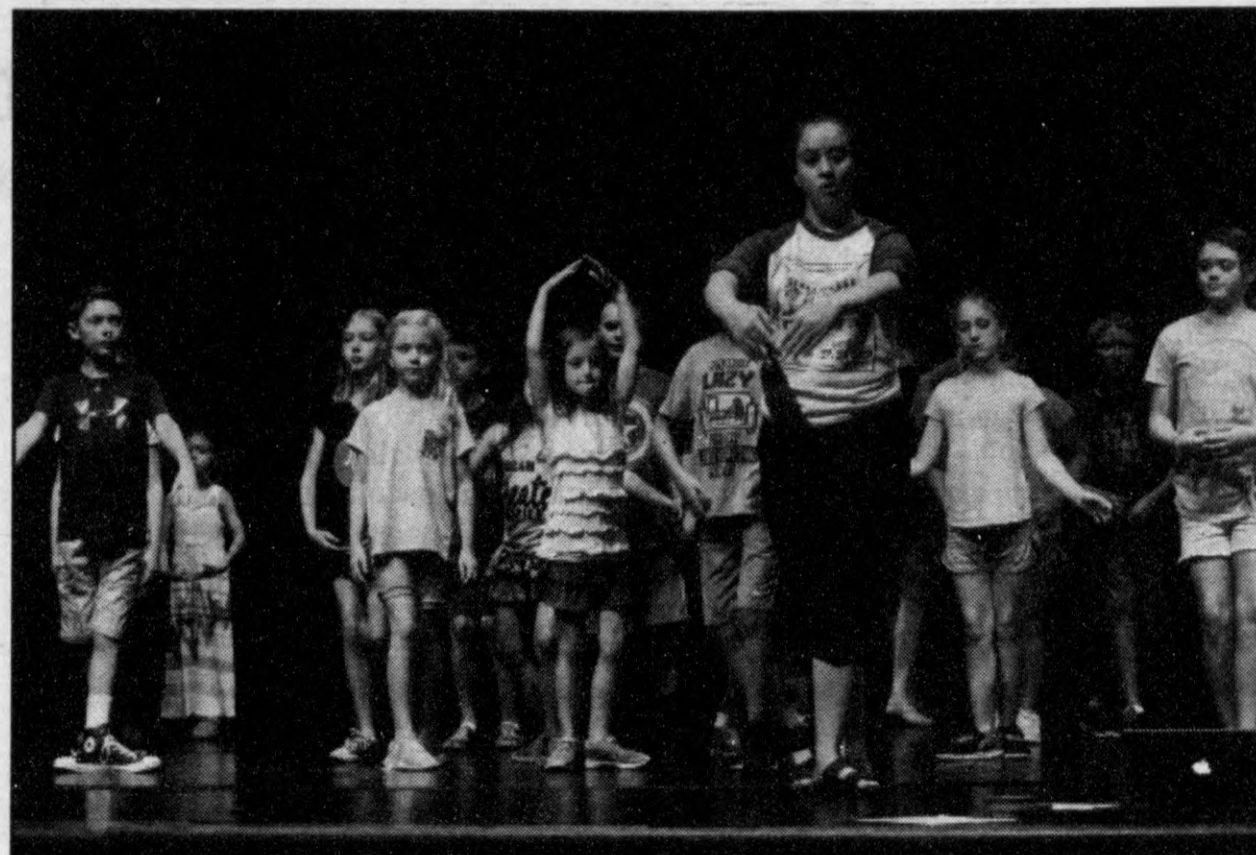
Jackson Cary is ready to aim.



Emerson Trzasko, Lucy Roeser and Evangeline Carpenter perform.



Group rehearses "Topsy Turvy" from Disney's "Hunchback of Notre Dame."



Lauren Ormsby leads the campers in the opening scene in "A Chorus Line." Photos by Wendi Reardon Price

## Outgoing performances at camp

Kids took over the stage last week at Clarkston High School during Musical Theatre Camp.

The campers, going into third through seventh grade, performed numbers from popular musicals as they learned choreography, singing techniques and a few pointers for "I Hope I Get It" from "A Chorus Line," "Topsy Turvy" from Disney's "Hunchback of Notre Dame", and "You've Got to Pick A Pocket or Two" from "Oliver,"

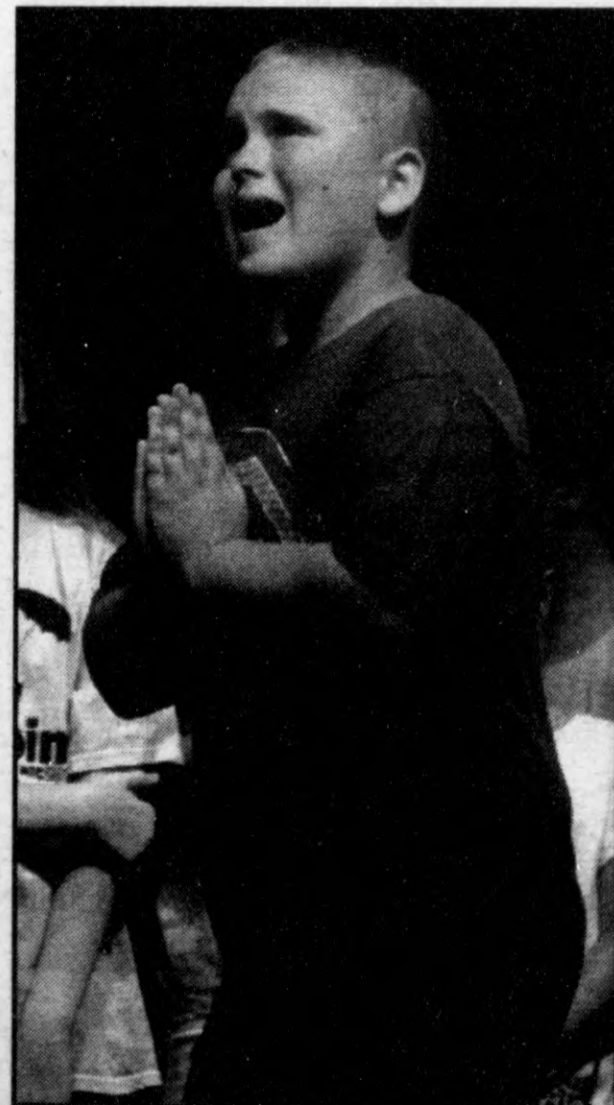
which they performed on Thursday for parents, guardians, and friends.

"Think about what you are singing," Camp Director Amy Seaman shared with the group. "Let us see it in your faces. Sell it to me."

The campers also learned tips from Clarkston High School Drama Club members.

Seaman added the kids really grew during the four days.

"Some came in shy and by Wednesday they are more outgoing," she said.



Keith Garrison, Jr. sings out "I really need this job" during "I Hope I Get It" from A Chorus Line.



## High school fun, but move on when time

Opening a door is harder when the house is new, and I feel that myself, along with other new college students, are going to have a somewhat difficult time parting from the only community we know.

I write this from the new house my mom has just bought with my little brother and kittens rolling about the floor and can't help but wonder if I'm doing the right thing by leaving.

Both out of fear of missing out on my brother's life, and also a fear of this transfer from childhood to adulthood.

This life transfer is necessary if we are able to begin our legacies. What is going to make us persevere in these new communities is what made Clarkston so beloved and so hard to leave.

But, nothing changes in your life if you remain dormant, if you remain content with how your life is.

There's nothing wrong with contentment with your surroundings, but

if you want something or desire to be the best you can possibly be, you need a bursting of bubbles and a recognition of what needs to change.

I wouldn't trade my time at Clarkston schools to be a part of a different school district if I was given the chance.

Sure, I probably would have made some better decisions or chose some different classes or joined a club or two, but the decisions I have made have gotten me to where I'm meant to be at this moment.

It's a moment though, not a lifetime. Time wasted, or time used, is still time lost.

What is done with time is done with passion and I believe that moving on is what is needed to become our own person. For many students, this leaving process is just that.

It's a means of recreating your image and of becoming who you were meant to be, seeing that houses have more than one door.

Explore the house. Paint the walls. Craft your future and be happy. Good luck, college freshmen, you got this.

*Aalayna Green, a 2017 graduate of Clarkston High School, is going to Green Mountain College in Vermont to study Animal Conservation & Care, under a pre-vet and pre-law track*

### Guest viewpoint



Aalayna Green

## International exchange for new year

Educatus International is looking to pair students from around the world with U.S. families for a semester or school year.

"Hosting one of these students makes for a very good experience," said Tracy of Clarkston, who was a host to a teenage girl from Thailand. "A lot of them want to attend college here and this program helps give them the cultural experience to prepare them for that endeavor."

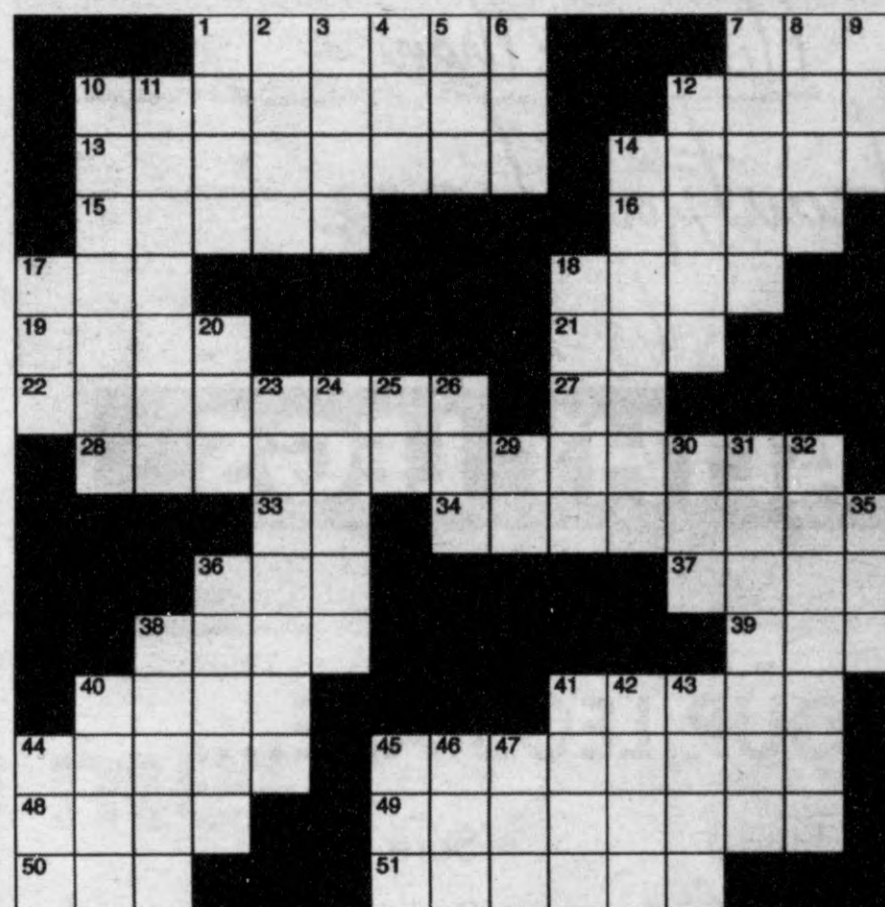
Families provide students their own private bedroom, a desk to study and a closet for his or her belongings. They receive a stipend to help offset the costs of feeding

and housing a teenager.

"There are a lot of people who live here but will never travel outside of this country, so it's good international students are coming here and talking about their culture," said Gregory, who has hosted six students. "This introduces people to the student's world in an intimate, personal way."

For information on the Educatus International program, call Jesse Blehm at 248-508-3034 or email Jesseblehm.educatus@gmail.com; or Melanie Smith, 480-527-9398, m.smith@educatus.org.

## Builders Custom Flooring's Weekly Crossword Puzzle



8. Latvian capital
9. Pet detective Ventura
10. Sporting dog
11. External genitals
12. "The Secret Room" novelist
14. Ancient wonder
17. Electronic data processing
18. Autocratic
20. Defunct European organization
23. Removed flesh
24. Indicating silence
25. Commercial
26. Chap
29. Farm state
30. Chief research officer
31. Poked holes in
32. Chutes and \_\_\_\_
35. What cows say
36. A desert in southern Israel
38. Isaac's mother
40. Sodium
41. Absence of effort
42. A way to articulate
43. Greek god of war
44. Midway between east and southeast
45. Run batted in
46. The longest division of geological time
47. Public broadcaster

### CLUES ACROSS

1. Would
7. Pitching stat
10. Wounded
12. Guitarist Clapton
13. Penalizes
14. Female MMA fighter VanZant
15. Proverb
16. Urban gym
17. Midway between northeast and east
18. La \_\_\_\_ Tar Pits
19. Go out to eat
21. Oral allergy syndrome
22. Where some are put

27. Spiral galaxy
28. Lethargic
33. Integrated circuit
34. Let your mind wander
36. Midway between north and northeast
37. Nomadic palace
38. Posted
39. Trouble
40. Wise
41. Make happy
44. Dog-\_\_: worn or battered
45. One who fixes
48. Central European
49. Sleighs

50. Exponential time hypothesis
51. Puts within

### CLUES DOWN

1. Typically noncoding molecules (abbr.)
2. Former Secretary of State
3. River in Belgium and France
4. Unnilhexium
5. "Fall Guy" actor Majors
6. Tooth caregiver
7. Lucci character "Kane"

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T-shirts and jerseys are currently available. The cost to purchase a commemorative jersey is \$100. T-shirts are

available for \$15.

Orders must be received by Aug. 14. Proceeds benefit Karmanos Cancer Institute Clarkston and Bloomfield offices to assist patients with non-medical expenses.

For more information or to volunteer for the event, please email ClarkstonFootballforaCure@gmail.com or call 248-922-6606.

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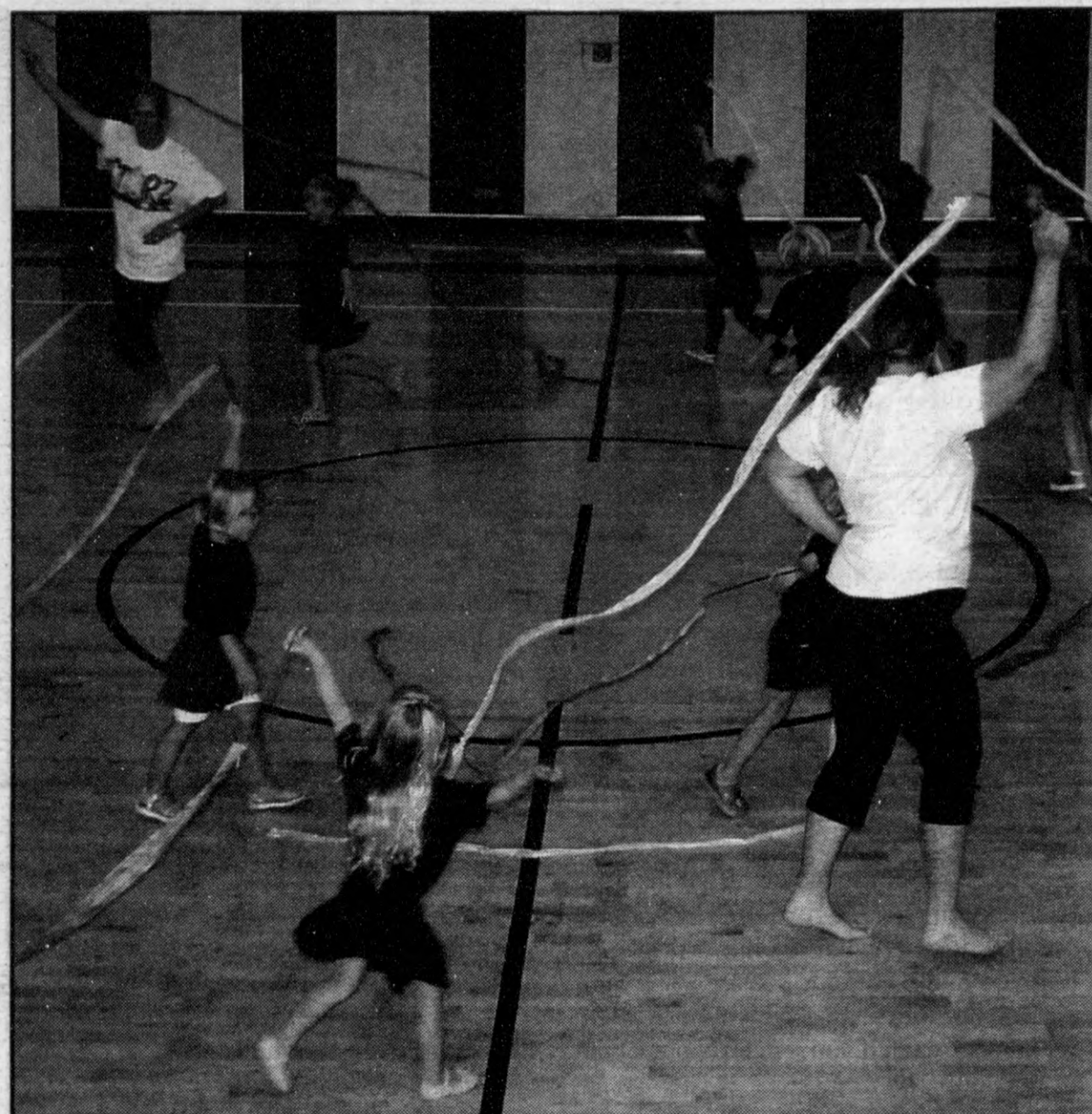
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## New, classic Disney at dance camp

Girls learned dances to songs from some classic Disney movies including "Pocahontas" and "The Lion King" at Disney Dancing Camp last week.

The camp is through Clarkston Community Education and directed by Cynthia Bass of Starz Performing Arts.

"I did Disney, which was great and I could just bring in all kinds of really different and unique or older Disney movies and some of the kids weren't even familiar with, 'Lion King' or 'Mary Poppins,' or 'Alice in Wonderland,'" Bass said.

She's been holding the week-long camp for the last several years with the help of her daughters, Charlotte and Abby. Participants learned a new dance every day and performed their favorites on Friday for

parents.

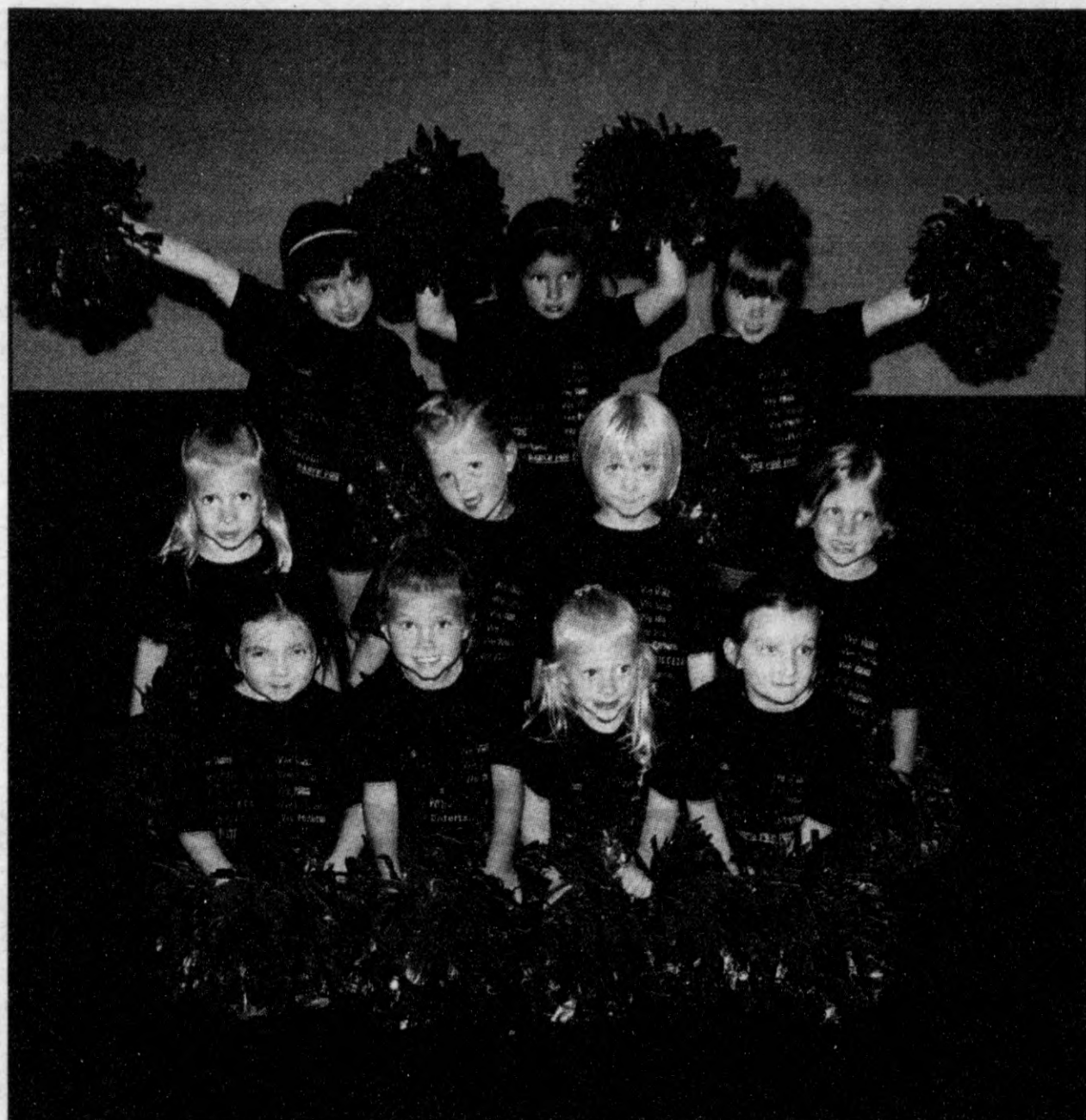
The girls danced to "Colors of the Wind" with dancing ribbons and "I Just Can't Wait to be King" while wearing lion ears, among other songs.

"We've done everything from dancing, crafts, a lot of team building," Bass explained, "watching some movies, coloring, singing, we've been singing 'Let it Go' a lot."

Though the camp is open to children aged 3 to those entering fifth grade, this session consisted mostly of girls ages 3 to 5.

"It was really cool, you know, like we did croquet this week for Alice in Wonderland, had a tea part, Mad Hatter Tea Party. They had never even heard of Alice in Wonderland, which is a classic," Bass said.

— Jessica Steeley



The dancers pose with their pom-poms. Photos by Jessica Steeley



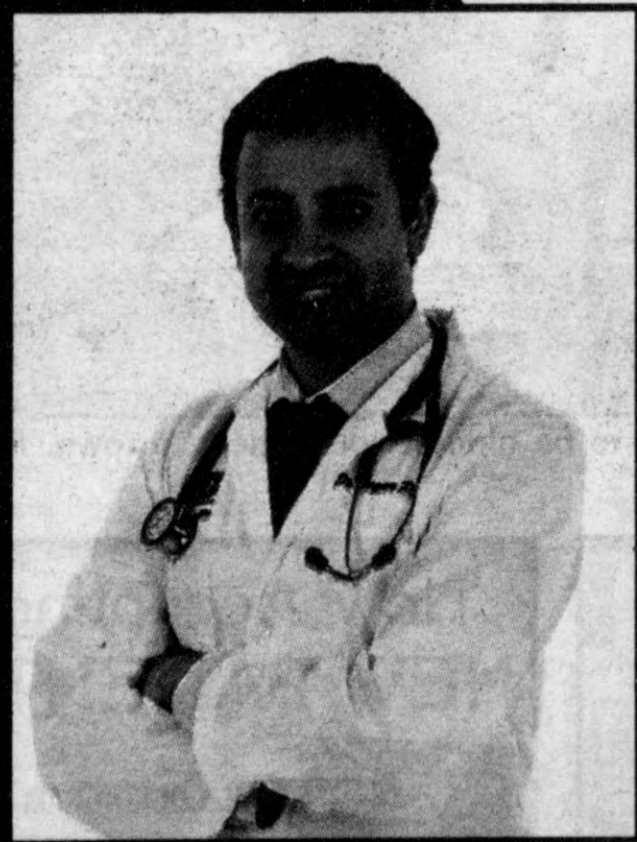
Campers dance to "I Just Can't Wait to be King."

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Dr. Patel was born in India and raised in Bloomfield Hills, MI. In 2007, he graduated from Bloomfield Hills Lahser High School. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan with a major in Microbiology and attended medical school at the American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine. Dr. Patel completed his residency training in Family Medicine at Central Michigan University in Saginaw, MI after passing his Board Certification exam in April 2017. His medical interest includes preventative care, diabetes management and treating every person as a whole. Dr. Patel's hobbies include hiking, reading, spending time with family, and traveling.



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## Clarkston Rocks this summer

Have you walked around town lately, looked down, and noticed a painted rock? Good! You've just been Clarkston Rocked!

Hundreds of children and adults are making Clarkston Rocks this summer, painting, planting, hiding, and finding the colorfully decorated stones all over the area.

"Individuals paint their own rocks and hide them around town and hunt for other rocks already painted," said Kim Berry, one of the organizers.

The project is based at the Facebook page "Clarkston Rocks," which has more than 1,000 members.

"Many cities are doing the same. It's a craze right now," Berry said. "Some grandparents paint with their grandchildren, some hunt around town with them, one woman said how painting the rocks helped

her with her chemo recovery and brought her joy again."

Members post pictures of themselves and the rocks on the Facebook page, and share their hunting experiences and successes.

"The thought was to get kids and families out there walking around town and creating art to share. It is a huge hit," she said. "We have had many people thank us for accepting them into the group so now they have a reason to paint again. Also many people have thanked us for starting such a nice community activity."

Rules include being respectful of people's property, don't paint over art, and don't hide them in grass, where they might get hit by a lawn mower. Also, make sure the rocks are part of the program before taking them.

— Phil Custodio



Colorful Clarkston Rocks, ready to be hidden somewhere in town. Photo provided

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Clockwise from front, Paula Orminski, Judy Hespen, and Raeann Stanks are ready to distribute arrangements as part of the Lonely Bouquet project. Photo provided

## Smiles planted around town

Good cheer bloomed all over this week when Clarkston Farm and Garden Club members distributed fresh floral arrangements in the International Lonely Bouquet project.

Nearly three dozen members of the garden club gathered Monday at First Congregational Church on Clarkston Road, where they assembled bouquets to be placed in specially selected locations throughout the community including Depot Park, Independence Township Senior Community Center, Clarkston Independence District Library, assisted living centers, and business locations on Main Street.

Each bouquet had a postcard labeled "Adopt me, please." Bouquets were bigger and more bountiful this year, thanks to the talents of the local members who contributed blooms from their own gardens.

Started in 2013 by Emily Avenson, a floral designer in Belgium, the bouquet project has spread to dozens of countries. The local club began participating a year ago. The Lonely Bouquet website and Facebook page tracks thousands of bouquets donated and adopted around the world.

Check for more garden club information at [www.clarkstongardenclub.org](http://www.clarkstongardenclub.org).

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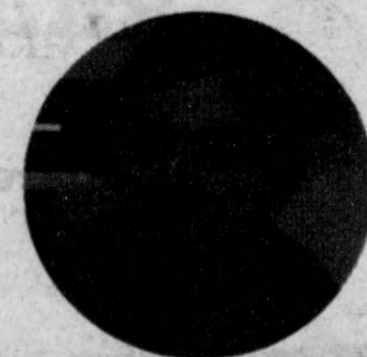


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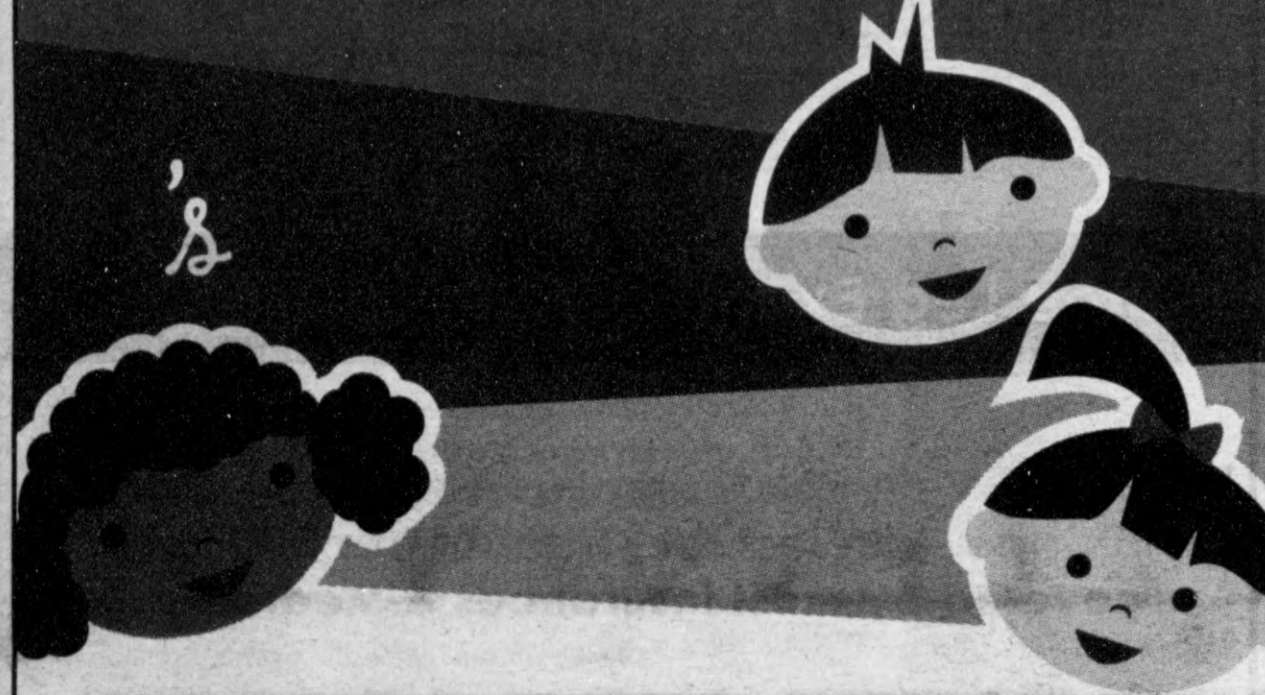
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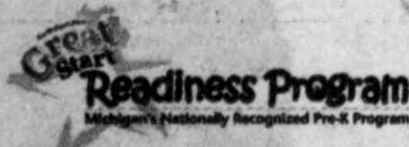


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Clarkston High School grad Maxwell Palese visiting with "locals" in Perth, Western Australia. Photo provided

## Clarkston Wolf sighted in land down under

Clarkston High School grad Maxwell Palese began an exciting study abroad program in Perth, Western Australia, in early August.

Maxwell graduated Clarkston High School in 2015 with an International Baccalaureate diploma and began his college career at Kalamazoo College studying biology and economics.

Following two successful years at Kalamazoo, Maxwell applied for a very selective study abroad program at Curtin Univer-

sity in Perth, studying environmental sciences and economics.

Following a semester at Curtin, which ends in November, Maxwell will pursue a month-long service learning tour of Southeast Asia visiting and working with local communities in Malaysia, Vietnam, and Cambodia.

"And, just to show he's a true blue Michigander, Maxwell will spend a week on New Zealand's North Island fly fishing before returning home to Clarkston for Christmas," said his father Michael Palese.

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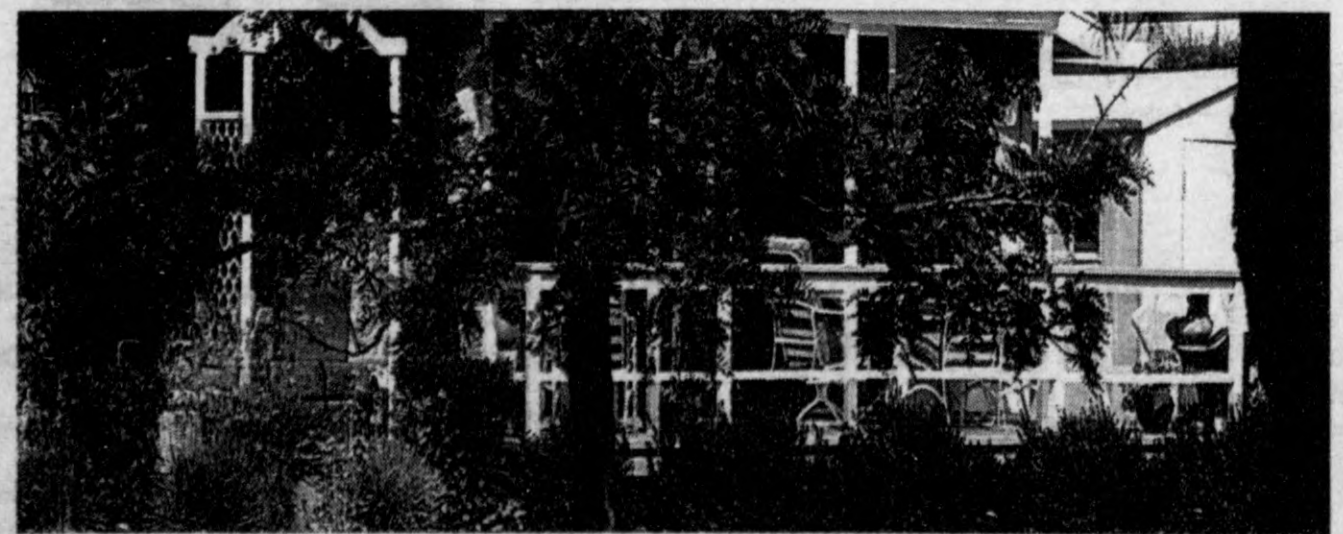
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— Frederick Rodriguez

"Save it or move it, please do not bulldoze such a beautiful piece of history!"

— Lisa Sample Kreski

"I visited this house often as well. My dad grew up there and I stayed for weeks at a time with my grandparents. When I got my first car I took it there to show my grandpa. We drove to Cooks and got some butter pecan ice cream."

— Fred Smithling

"I dreamed of this house becoming an ice cream parlor and coffee shop run by special needs staff. I hope you can save it."

— Donna Clancy

"I see a lot of talk here about saving this chunk of wood. How many of the 'savers' are willing to throw in some funds to do so? I'm betting the majority of them want it saved with funds taken at the point of a gun."

— Harry Noemas

"You have got to be kidding! They're bulldozing that historical home!!"

— Liza Young

"Save it. The destruction of our past in this country is ridiculous."

— Jay Clark

"Try obtaining grants. Ask the Historical Society to help."

— Joan McCrary

"I think at this point it's too late. Been neglected for years."

— Heidi Daly

"Please save it. If the integrity of the house is still sound, why tear it down?"

— Kymerly Carter

"Too bad. More history lost to so called progress."

— Don Putman

"We are a disposable society. Very sad."

— Laurie Ware

"I drive by it all the time and dream of how cool it would be to explore the place - would be a cool spot for an art center here in Clarkston."

— Craig Carrick

"Could we consider refurbishing it through My Habitat Clarkston - first I've heard of it."

— Julie Nemeth

"It's historic and should be saved. It could be repurposed as a museum, a bed and breakfast or even a place for events such as fund raisers or weddings."

— Rise Bienstock-Stein

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## Grad takes summer hike on Appalachian Trail

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

When Jordan Robak of Clarkston decided he needed to get away for a while this summer, he decided to go for a walk.

It turned into quite the hike — he walked 2,200 miles across several states to complete the Appalachian Trail, starting at the end of March and finishing the end of July.

"I wanted to figure out what I wanted to do with my life. This helped pretty good," said Robak, a 2013 graduate of Clarkston High School.

The 22-year-old decided to go on the trip about a month before he left.

"It was crazy — some people plan for years. I was just, pick up and go," he said. "One of my friends did half of it, and I wanted to do it for a while. It's hard to take four months off but I made the time."

He was never in Boy Scouts, and his experience outdoors was limited.

"I've never gone backpacking. I went from nothing into the deep end, but I found I was good at it," he said.

"When Jordan said he wanted to go on this hike, I asked him who was going with him. Jordan tells me he is going by himself. I responded with, 'good luck with that,'" said his mother, Tammy Robak. "I was never concerned with Jordan going on this hike, only with him going alone. I was very happy when he met Emmitt on the first day and then they met other friends who stayed together most of the trip."

Jordan hiked with friends for most of the trip, but was by himself for about 800 miles.

"It was a lot of time for reflection," he

said. "It helped with reassuring myself what I wanted to be. I learned patience was definitely a thing."

It rained a lot during the trip, up to eight days in a row in Virginia. Along with a foot of snow in the Smoky Mountains, sometimes the trip wasn't fun, he said.

"It was definitely hard — a lot of sitting in the rain," he said. "It got to the point where whenever it was sunny, that was my favorite part."

He met a lot of characters on the trail, including an 82-year-old hiker, a 5 year old, and a Paralympian.

"All sorts do it," he said. "We were always saying to each other, just keep walking, just keep going forward."

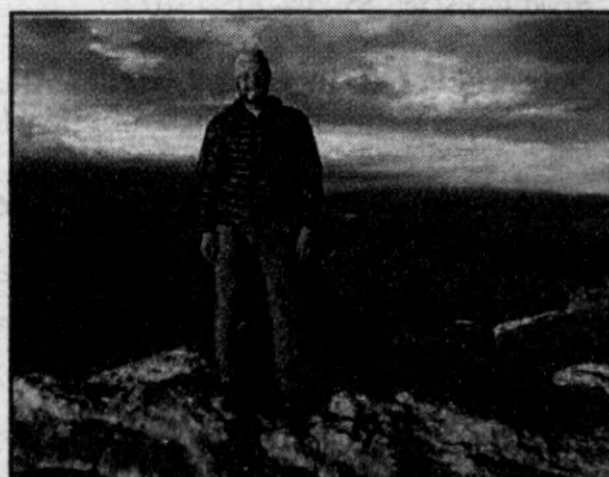
"I am so proud of him and his accomplishment. Just proves with hard work and determination you can do anything," Tammy said.

Now it's back to work and school at Oakland University.

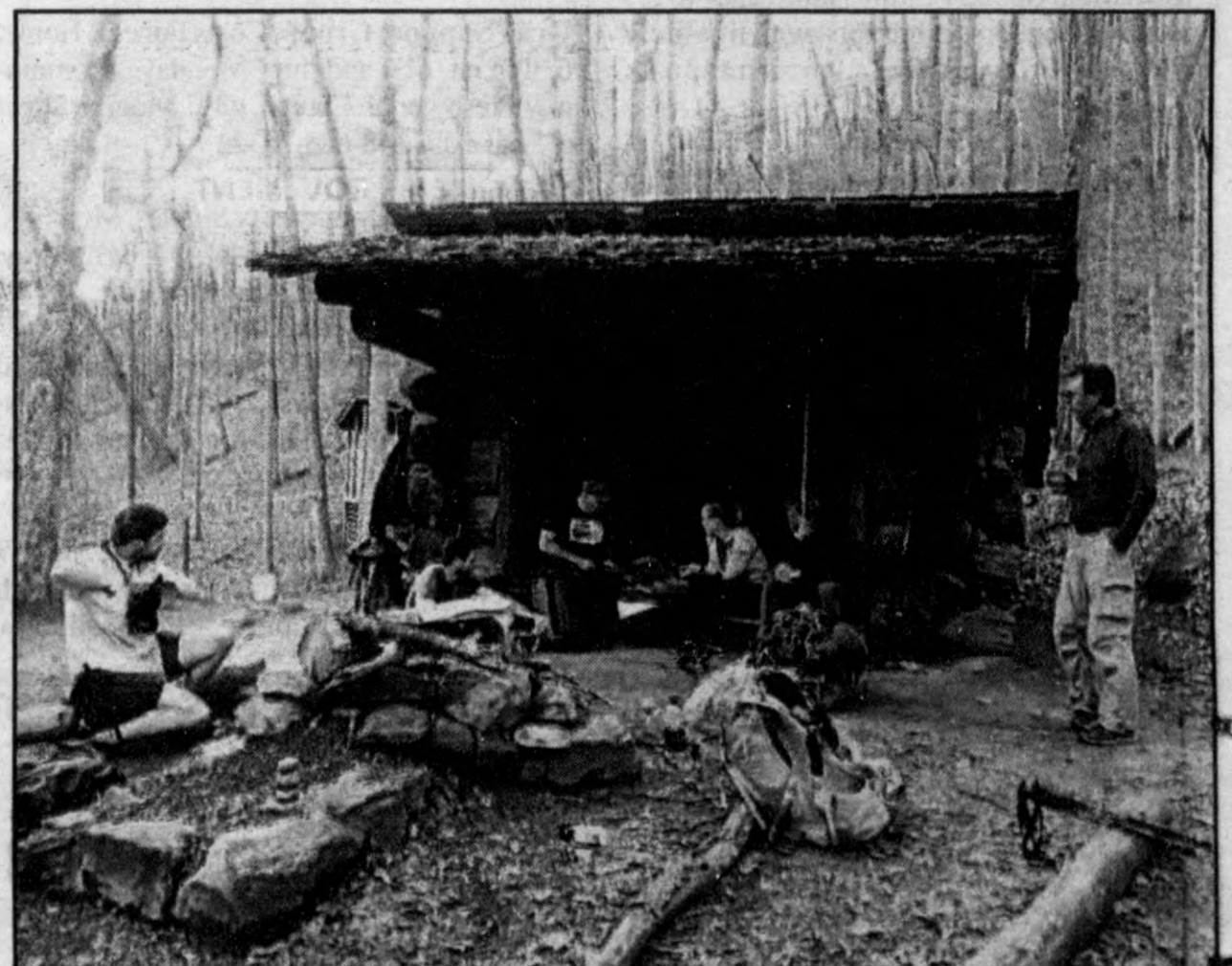
"Back to real life," he said. "I might do another trail in the future."



Jordan Robak of Clarkston bought a backpack and hit the trail for 2,200 miles this summer. Photo by Phil Custodio



One of many excellent views.



Camping out on the Appalachian Trail. Photos provided



### Events

**Cruze in for a Cause**, 4-7 p.m., Aug. 17, Bowman Chevrolet, 6750 Dixie Highway. Car seat safety checks, distracted driving demonstrations, fingerprint kits, fire truck.

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**Blood drive**, American Red Cross, Aug. 18, 10 a.m.-3:45 p.m., Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road; Aug. 18, 1-6:45 p.m., Springfield Township Fire Department, 10280 Rattalee Lake Road. 800-RED CROSS, 800-733-2767.

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**Rush for Food**, Clarkston Football Program collects food for Lighthouse Emergency Services, 5850 Dixie Highway, Clarkston, Aug. 19, 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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**Mom2Mom Sale**, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Sept. 9, Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. \$1. Early Buyer, 8-9 a.m., \$2.

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**Engage Your Destiny** for Veterans and their Families with veteran Ben Peterson, Sept. 9, 6 p.m., Bridgewood Church, 6765 Rattalee Lake Road. Military museum display, free food, inflatables, kids events. 248-625-1344.

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**Golf Classic Fundraiser**, 12:30 p.m., Sept. 11, Oakhurst Golf and Country Club. Registration, 11 a.m.; lunch, 11:30 a.m.; dinner immediately following golf. Benefits the Miracle League's efforts to build a wheelchair-accessible baseball field in Clintonwood Park. Call 248-891-8712 (Mike), 248-229-5131 (John).

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**Norwex Microfiber Workshop**, 6:30 p.m., Sept. 26, Nuvview Nutrition, 300 Dixie Highway Suite 500. Free. Register at 248-625-5143.

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**Taste of Clarkston**, 12-6 p.m., Oct. 1, downtown Main Street. Features more than 40 restaurants, vendors, exhibitors, with live music and three KidZones. Free admission and parking shuttles.

### 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.

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

# Around Town

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



**CLASSIC CARS:** Over 100 classic cars will fill the parking lot at First Congregational Church of Clarkston during at the Annual Labor Day Fair and Classic Car show. The show will be on Monday, Sept. 4, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the church, 5449 Clarkston Road. Everyone is invited to enjoy a day of family fun with food, classic cars, kids inflatable playground, music with local DJ Mark Farnsworth, auctions, and a huge rummage sale. Photo provided

Drive. 248-880-0027.

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

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

### Tuesday

**Clarkston Community Women's Club**, third Tuesday, 7 p.m., Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 248-623-9462.

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**Clarkston Community Band** rehearsals, 7-9 p.m., Tuesdays. \$30/semester, free for high school students. Band room, Sashabaw

Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane, clarkstonband@gmail.com.

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

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

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

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**Networking Get-Together**, Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals

Network, fourth Tuesday, 9-10 a.m., Picasso's Grapevine, 12 S Main Street. Free for chamber members.

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

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**Nuvview 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

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**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, and www.clarkstoncoffeeclub.com.

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

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**Clarkston Area Lions Club**, second and fourth Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m., Big Boy restaurant, 6644 Dixie Highway. 248-802-8603.

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**Coffee and Conversation**, topics of community interest, 10:30 a.m., Sept. 21, Senior Community Center, Bartsch Hall, 6000 Clarkston Road. \$1.

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**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.

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**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. Immediate results. 248-625-2212, www.clarkstonlions.org.

# CIDL

CLARKSTON INDEPENDENCE DISTRICT LIBRARY

Innovate. Inspire. Educate.

www.cidlibrary.org

## HEY CLARKSTON! WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR LIBRARY?

### THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED

Friday, September 1  
Saturday, September 2  
Sunday, September 3  
Monday, September 4

# LABOR DAY

IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY

### Stories in the Garden @ The Community Garden

Thursdays, July 24 10:30 am  
Join us at the Clarkston Community Gardens (near the corner of Pine Knob and Stickney Rds) for storytime and crafts.



### "Check out" Michigan

Discover Michigan using your library card. Check out a pass for one of Michigan's cultural attractions or state parks and recreation areas! Visit plymouthrockets.com/map2016/ and check out a pass today!





# Religion

Events Preaching

## Embrace God's inconvenient truth

Recently, I spent a few weeks talking about the wisdom of God with our local church.

I am convinced that God wants to have a manifest expression of His wisdom, like in the days of Solomon.

When Solomon's time came to claim the throne, the Lord appeared to him and said, "Ask! What shall I give you?"

Solomon asked for an understanding heart so he could properly lead the Lord's people. God was pleased that He did not make a self-centered request, so he granted his request; also gave him great riches and honor.

We need to understand that his promised blessing was conditional. Solomon would need to commit himself to walk in the statutes of God if he were to obtain all that God had for him.

Scripture tells us, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

God's commandment was more than just a call to obedience; it was a path to lead him to his desire. In Proverbs 15:33, it says, "The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom, And before honor is humility."

Solomon's wisdom would be a gift given through instruction, as he followed the ways of God.

This is an important understanding, because oftentimes we think that God's gift is something He just bestows upon us; when in fact, the gift of God comes through following His word. 1 Peter 1:22 says, "Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart."

We must not only receive the gift of God's grace, we must obey the gospel. It is through obedience that we become the new person God has called us to be.

### Are You Committed to Following Jesus Christ?

It is a sad thing that many Christians think God's grace is an exemption from godly living.

In fact, godly living is actually the benefit of grace. In John 14, we read about Jesus' impending departure from His disciples when Philip asks, "Lord we do not know where you are going, and how can we know the way?"

Jesus response was very strategic; "I am the Way the Truth and the life."

We are called to be followers of Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ is a gift that offers us a way,

or path to live by. It is a path that requires a confrontation with truth that will lead us to the fullness of life.

In John 8 Jesus said, "You will know the truth and the truth will make you free."

The Old Testament call to the Law of Moses could produce obedience, but not a complete change. Confronting the truth of the Word is what produces change in us.

We must understand that truth does not just "set" us free; it "makes" us free. Author

Jamie Buckingham said, "The truth will make you free, but it will make you miserable in the process."

I really like that quote, but do not let that scare you; Jesus is our example.

Hebrews 5 tells us, "...though He were a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things He suffered. And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation

to all who obey Him."

Jesus went through the process and He is calling us to go through the process so we can receive His wisdom and understanding!

The blessing of godly wisdom can only be achieved with the proper heart condition. James 3 says, "...if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. This wisdom does not descent from above...For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing will be there."

God wants to manifest His life through His people in this hour, but it will come at the expense of self-seeking.

This will be challenging, but it will also be rewarding!

Unfortunately, Solomon forgot how He obtained his blessings. Through self-confidence, he turned from the ways of God and brought a curse upon his seed, as well as his nation.

He was spared the full brunt of his actions, but the full weight did fall upon his seed.

I see this process at work in the church, as well as our nation, and the full expression of our hearts will be manifest in our children.

For the sake of the future, we need to turn our hearts fully to God—and embrace the inconvenient truth that will bring freedom for the subsequent generations.

The Rev. Loren Covarrubias is pastor of Mt. Zion

### Spiritual Matters



Pastor Loren Covarrubias

# CHURCH DIRECTORY

## Attend The Church Of Your Choice

### THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

6490 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston  
Holy Eucharist - 10:00 am  
(248) 625-2325  
Reverend Heather Barta  
www.clarkstonepiscopal.com

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CLARKSTON

5972 Paramus, Clarkston  
(248) 625-3380  
Located 2 blks. N. of Dixie Hwy. (E. of M-15)  
Pastor: Russell Reemtsma  
Sun: 9:30 am Sunday School  
& Adult Bible Fellowship  
10:30 am Worship Service  
6:00 pm Bible Study & Prayer Meeting  
Wed: 6:15-8:00 pm  
AWANA (Pre-school-Gr.6)  
Semper Fi (Teens, Gr. 7-12)

### CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CHURCH

6300 Clarkston Road - Clarkston  
(248) 625-1323  
Pastor: Greg Henneman  
Sunday Worship:  
9:15 and 11:00 a.m.  
Nursery Care at both services  
Children's Ministries: September thru  
April Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
Student Ministries:  
September thru April  
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday,  
3:00-8:00 p.m.  
www.clarkstoncommunity.com

### CALVARY LUTHERAN (ELCA) CHURCH

Clarkston Campus  
6805 Bluegrass Drive, Clarkston  
248-625-3288  
Pastor Jonathan A. Heierman  
Sunday Worship:  
8:15 am, 9:30 & 11:00 am  
Nursery, Children & Youth  
9:30 & 11:00am  
8th & 9th Grade Confirmation  
12:30 pm  
"Come as you really are  
... become more!"  
www.calvaryinfo.org

### CHRIST THE SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
48 South Street, Ortonville PO Box 250  
(248) 627-3072  
www.cs-lc.org  
Sunday Worship 10:00am  
Adult School & Childrens Church  
will resume in September

### THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

5449 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston  
(248) 394-0200  
Rev. Tim Chappell  
Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.  
Children's Sunday School 10:00 am  
Dream Keepers Youth Group  
Sunday's 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
Bible Study  
March - May and Sept. - Nov.  
www.fcclarkston.com

### CLARKSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

6600 Waldon Road, Clarkston  
(248) 625-1611  
Website: www.clarkstonumc.org  
Sunday Worship: 9:00 am & 11:00 am  
Nursery available for all services

### DIXIE BAPTIST CHURCH

8585 Dixie Highway, Clarkston  
(248) 625-2311  
website: www.dixiebaptist.org  
Home of Springfield Christian Academy &  
Children's Ark Preschool  
Pastor: J. Todd Vanaman  
Sun: 9:45 am Worship Service  
11:00 am Sunday School for all ages  
6:00 pm Worship Service  
Wed: 7:00 pm Children and Teen Clubs &  
Adult Bible Study  
Nursery available for all services.

### OAKLAND EPC

"God's Word; God's Power;  
Life Worth the Living"  
Here to help those concerned about life and  
curious about the God who made us.  
Currently meeting at Mt. Zion Center.  
4453 Clintonville Road at Mann Rd.,  
Waterford, MI 48329  
Worship Service each Sunday @ 10:30 am  
Children's Worship @ 10:30 am  
Other Opportunities:  
Call Church for times of following Meetings:  
Men's Bible Study  
Women's Bible Study  
Mid Week Bible Study  
Adult Sunday Morning Bible Studies  
Oakland EPC is an Evangelical Presbyterian  
Church with offices located at  
7205 Clintonville Rd., Clarkston, MI 48348  
(248) 858-2577

### WAYPOINT CHURCH

8400 Dixie Hwy, Clarkston  
Website - www.waypoint.org  
(248) 623-1224  
Sunday Worship:  
9:45 am and 11 am  
Mom Squad:  
Tues. 9:30-11:30 am Childcare provided  
Wednesday:  
Family Life Group 6:30 pm Youth 6:30 pm

### ST. TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

"Lutheran Church -  
Missouri Synod"  
Pastor Mike Duchene  
7925 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston  
(1/4 mile N. of DTE Music Theater)  
(248) 625-4644  
www.sainttrinitylutheran.com  
e-mail: sttrinity@comcast.net  
CABLE BROADCAST WORSHIP SCHEDULE -  
Clarkston CATV-10 Sun. 2:00 pm, Thurs. 9:00 pm  
Waterford CATV-10 Sun. 12:30 pm,  
Tues. 2:30 pm  
WORSHIP:  
Sunday 8:15 am & 11:00 am  
Sat. 6:00 pm  
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 am  
ST. TRINITY LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL  
Phone: (248) 620-6154  
Email: sttrinityps@comcast.net  
Programs for 3 & 4 year old's

### BRIDGEWOOD CHURCH

www.bridgewoodchurch.com  
6765 Rattalee Lake Road  
Clarkston, 48348 (248) 625-1344  
Sundays at 9:15am & 11:00am  
- Adult experience  
- Nurture Center (birth-4)  
- Kids Life (K-5th)  
- Crave Students (6th-8th)  
Tuesdays at 7:00pm  
- 501 (College & Twenty-Somethings)  
Wednesday at 6:45pm  
- JourneyON Adult Focus Studies  
- Nurture Center (birth-4)  
- Kids Life (K-5th)  
- Crave Students (6th-8th)  
check out all Bridgewood has  
to offer you online at  
bridgewoodchurch.com

### ST. DANIEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

7010 Valley Park Dr., Clarkston  
(W. of M-15, S. of I-75)  
(248) 625-4580  
Rev. Ronald J. Babich, Pastor  
Saturday Mass: 5:00 pm  
Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am  
Religious Education: 625-1750  
Mother's Group, RCIA,  
Scripture Study, Youth Group

### SASHABAW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1st, 3rd and 5th weekends of each month,  
Sunday at 11:00 am 2nd and 4th weekends  
of each month, Saturday at 6:00 pm  
5300 Maybe Road, Clarkston  
Website: www.sashabawpresbyterian.org  
(248) 673-3469



## Martha Addis, 69

Martha Diane Addis, née Pohl, passed away on Aug. 1, 2017, at the age of 69 in her home in Sterling Heights, Mich., with her husband and daughter at her side.

Born in Pontiac, Mich., to Howard and Viola Ruth (Winstead) Pohl, she was the sister to older brother Harold and younger brother Danial.

She grew up in Clarkston, where she met her husband, Daniel Leroy Addis. They were married in 1968, and moved to Hawaii for several years.

After returning to Michigan, via Washington, D.C., they settled in Sterling Heights and had their daughter, Kelly, in 1977.

Martha was a legal secretary for many years. Her passions in life were traveling, nature and outdoors (especially water fowl), movies, and her family.

She is survived by her mother, younger brother, husband, and daughter.

## Gayle Louise Buschur, 59

Gayle Louise Buschur, born March 19, 1958, in Detroit, Mich., to Adolph and Agnes Grulke, sister to Jack (Vicki) Grulke, and Tedd (Sandi) Grulke, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family on Sunday, Aug. 6, 2017.

She is survived by her children Kristie (David) Pugh, and Jacob Buschur. She is also survived by her granddaughters Verona and Norah Jean Pugh.

Gayle joyfully served the Lord as a dedicated servant on staff at Calvary Lutheran Church. She loved playing the organ, singing, reading, and relaxing on the beach.

Gayle cherished her time with her granddaughters and children, and was happily the wife of Jeff Buschur for 35 years. She also enjoyed the Lions, the Tigers, and beers... Oh My!

Memorial Service will be held at Calvary Lutheran Church on Saturday, Aug. 26, 2017, at 10:30 a.m. Donations can be made to Beaumont Hospice or Paws for Life Animal Rescue. Arrangements entrusted to Cremation Society of Michigan. Please visit the online guestbook at [www.cremationmichigan.com](http://www.cremationmichigan.com).

**Obituaries**  
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# Clarkston pitcher places first in state doubles

BY JIM NEWELL

Special to the Clarkston News

The intense focus, the unmistakable metal ping – followed by cheers from one side and groans from the other – is the sound of another ringer on the horseshoe pits.

For Doug Bailey of Clarkston and Ron Price of Lake Orion, both of the Lake Orion Horseshoe Club, the path to winning the Class B state doubles horseshoes title came down to a three-way playoff.

Lake Orion hosted the Michigan Horseshoe Pitchers Association state doubles tournament on Saturday, with nine Orion horseshoe pitchers competing. Twenty-two, two-person teams competed in the state sanctioned tournament, featuring competitors from throughout Michigan.

Bailey and Price were in a three-way tie at 4-1 heading into the playoffs, their only loss coming by one point. The top team (determined by ringer percentage) got a bye round as the other two teams – including Bailey and Price – squared off.

The Lake Orion duo prevailed 78-76 on fifty horseshoes in the first playoff, then dominated the top-seeded team, pulling out a 71-52 victory and finishing with a 6-1 record.

"These guys were throwing ringer after ringer. It was a nail-bitter right until the end," Price said of the two-match playoff.

"This is usually a fairly popular event," said Bailey, adding the doubles tournament ranges between 22-32 teams.

Bailey, vice-president of the Lake Orion Horseshoe Club, said the Orion group has 50 members. And while pitchers must be cardholders with the Michigan Horseshoe Pitchers Association to play in state tournaments, many in the Orion group come out to play just for fun.

J.D. Drake and Dan Markley were tournament champions, finishing first in Class A.

The Michigan Horseshoes Pitchers Association State Championship Singles Tournament is Sept. 1-4 in Jackson. Price, the president of the Lake Orion club, said six pitchers from the club will attend the tournament.

In doubles play, pitchers pick partners and then teams are put into a class based on combined ringer percentage. Groups of teams compete in a round-robin format. The team in the highest class – those teams with the highest ringer percentage – that wins their group is declared the tournament champion.

"The Lake Orion Horseshoe Club does a fantastic job of running this tournament," said Roger Higgins, secretary-treasurer of the MHPA and regional director of the NHPA. "Ron and Doug do a fantastic job of putting this together and getting the courts set up."

Zach Spanke, a 2011 state doubles champ with Bailey, said pitching horseshoes competitively isn't as easy as people would think. There are different grips and styles and competitors want to win.

"To me, it's a mental game," he said, adding that what makes it special is "The competition, the friendships and the enjoyment of the people."

While Price and Bailey were preparing the horseshoe courts, Pat Bailey and Dawn Price held the daunting task – and greatly appreciated among the competitors and guests – of

arranging the lunch tent.

"They're the real champions here," Ron Price said.

The Lake Orion Horseshoe Club was established in 1960 and is Michigan's oldest horseshoe club. Anyone interested in joining the Lake Orion pitchers can visit the club website at [pitchwithus.com/lake\\_orion/](http://pitchwithus.com/lake_orion/).



Doug Bailey of Clarkston pitches a horseshoe for the Lake Orion Horseshoe Club. Photo by Jim Newell



## PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know

### INDEPENDENCE TWP.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That a regular meeting held on July 25, 2017, the Charter Township of Independence Board of Trustees approved a First Reading of an amendment to the Township's Code of Ordinances and scheduled a Second Reading of the amendment at a regular meeting to be held on August 22, 2017 to consider adoption of the ordinance as follows:

#### STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF OAKLAND THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE ORDINANCE # 2017-TBD PREAMBLE

The Charter Township of Independence has determined it is appropriate and necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Township to amend Chapter 30, **Offenses**, of the Code of ordinances, Charter Township of Independence, Oakland County, Michigan, by repealing Article III, **Offenses Against Persons**, Section 30-62, **Harassment**, and adding a new Section 30-62 entitled **Stalking and Harassment** and to provide penalties for violation thereof. Therefore,

#### THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE ORDAINS FOR INCORPORATION INTO THE TOWNSHIP CODE:

##### Section 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Ordinance shall be known as and may be cited as the "Stalking and Harassment" Ordinance.

##### Section 2. AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 30.

Chapter 30 of the Code of Ordinances, Charter Township of Independence is hereby amended by repealing Article III (**Offenses Against Persons**) Section 30-62 and adding a new Section 30-62, which shall read as follows:

##### Section 30-62 Stalking and Harassment; Misdemeanor

###### a. Definitions

As used in this Section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings set forth herein.

- "Course of Conduct" means a pattern of conduct composed of a series of 2 or more separate noncontinuous acts evidencing a continuity of purpose.
- "Emotional distress" means significant mental suffering or distress that may, but does not necessarily, require medical or other professional treatment or counseling.
- "Stalking" means a willful course of conduct involving repeated or continuing harassment of another individual that would cause a reasonable person to feel terrorized, frightened, intimidated, threatened, harassed, or molested and that actually causes the victim to feel terrorized, frightened, intimidated, threatened, harassed, or molested.
- "Unconsented contact" means any contact with another individual that is initiated or continued without that individual's consent or in disregard of that individual's expressed desire that the contact be avoided or discontinued. Unconsented contact includes, but is not limited to, any of the following:

- Following or appearing within the sight of that individual.
- Approaching or confronting that individual in a public place or on private property.
- Appearing at that individual's workplace or residence.
- Entering onto or remaining on property owned, leased, or occupied by that individual.
- Contacting that individual by telephone.
- Sending mail or electronic communications to that individual.
- Placing an object on, or delivering an object to, property owned, leased, or occupied by that individual.
- Striking, shoving, kicking, or otherwise touching a person or subjecting a person to physical contact.

- "Harassment" means conduct directed toward a victim that includes, but is not limited to, repeated or continuing unconsented contact that would cause a reasonable individual to suffer emotional distress and that actually causes the victim to suffer emotional distress. Harassment does not include constitutionally protected activity or conduct that serves a legitimate purpose.

- "Victim" means an individual who is the target of a willful course of conduct involving repeated or continuing harassment.

- A person who engages in stalking or harassment is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93 days or a fine of not more than \$500, or both.

- In a prosecution for a violation of this section, evidence that the defendant continued to engage in a course of conduct involving repeated unconsented contact with the victim after having been requested

by the victim to discontinue the same or a different form of unconsented contact, and to refrain from any further unconsented contact with the victim, gives rise to a rebuttable presumption that the continuation of the course of conduct caused the victim to feel terrorized, frightened, intimidated, threatened, harassed, or molested.

- A criminal penalty provided for under this Section may be imposed in addition to any penalty that may be imposed by Township Ordinance for any other criminal offense arising from the same conduct or for any contempt of court arising from the same conduct.

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to limit the remedies available to the Township in the event of a violation of this Ordinance.

##### Section 3. BALANCE OF ORDINANCE REMAINS IN EFFECT.

Chapter 30 Article III of the Independence Code of Ordinances is hereby affirmed and remains in full force and effect, except as specifically modified herein.

##### Section 4. SEVERABILITY.

If any Section, subsection, clause, phrase or portions of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent portion of this ordinance and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

##### Section 5. SAVINGS.

All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred at the time this Ordinance takes effect, are saved and may be consummated according to the law in force when they were commenced.

##### Section 6. REPEALER.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances, or Sections of the Charter Township of Independence Code of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

##### Section 7. NOTICE TO BE PUBLISHED.

The Township Clerk for the Charter Township of Independence shall publish this ordinance in the manner required by MCL 42.22

##### Section 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Ordinance shall be effective upon publication in the manner prescribed by law.

Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC

Clerk of the Charter Township of Independence

Introduced: July 25, 2017

Published: August 2, 2017

Published: August 16, 2017

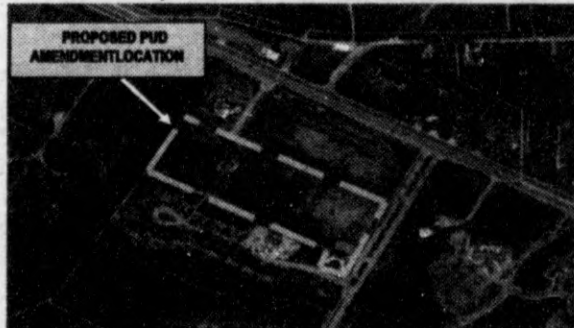
## PUBLIC NOTICE

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### INDEPENDENCE TWP.

#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE NOTICE OF ZONING ORDINANCE MAP AND TEXT AMENDMENT

Notice is hereby given that, at a regular meeting of the Township Board of Trustees held on August 8, 2017, the Township Board of Trustees approved a second reading and adopted amendments to the zoning ordinance regulations applicable to the property on the west side of Stonewood Drive, south of Dixie Highway (part of Parcel #08-30-252-052) shown below:



##### PROPOSED PUD AMENDMENT LOCATION

This zoning ordinance amendment will change the Parks of Stonewood PUD zoning to allow for the development and use of an approximately 77,232 square foot, 113 bed, extended care skilled nursing facility (currently referred to as Regency at Stonewood) on the property, in place of certain retail commercial uses currently provided for under the Parks of Stonewood PUD zoning.

The motion to approve this rezoning was moved by Trustee Ritchie, Seconded by Trustee Aliaga. The vote on the motion was as follows: Yes: 6; Absent: Pallotta; No: 0. The motion carried.

Barbara A. Pallotta, Township Clerk

INTRODUCED: June 20, 2017

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

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### INDEPENDENCE TWP.

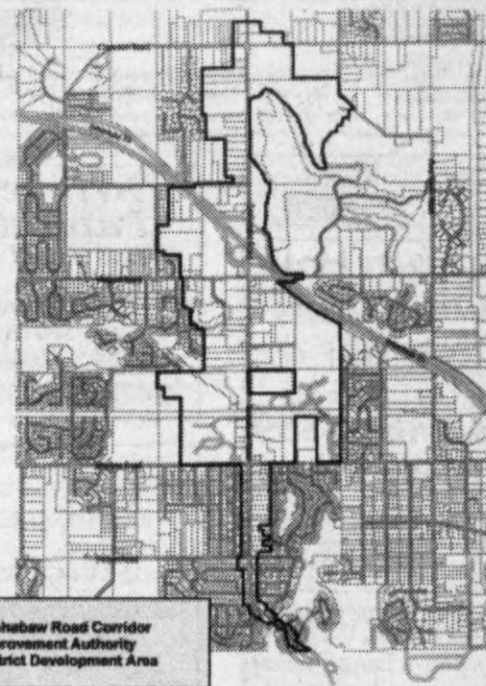
#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Independence, Oakland County, Michigan, will hold a public hearing on:

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2017, AT 6:00 P.M.**

at the Independence Township Hall, 6483 Waldon Center Drive, Clarkston, Michigan 48346, regarding proposed modifications of the existing 2007 Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan for the Sashabaw Road Corridor Improvement Authority in accordance with Public Act 280 of 2005 (the "Act").

The proposed modifications of the previously adopted 2007 Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan are delineated in the proposed Amended and Re-stated Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan (the "Plan") and primarily include two basic components: (1) extending the Plan expiration date from 2021 to 2029; and (2) adjusting the Development Plan boundaries to remove two parcels from the Tax Increment Financing Plan. The Sashabaw Road Corridor Improvement Authority development area is described in the map below:



Maps, plats and a detailed description of the Plan are available at the office of the Independence Township Clerk, 6483 Waldon Center Drive, Clarkston, Michigan (248) 625-5111. While the Act allows for relocation of persons displaced under the plan, there is no displacement and relocation contemplated in the Plan (See Section 2.16 of the Plan for further information).

All aspects of the Plan will be open for discussion at the public hearing including the impact of the tax increment financing plan on all affected taxing jurisdictions. The Board will receive and hear comments from citizens, taxpayers and property owners, and from officials of any affected taxing jurisdiction. Requests for further information and questions regarding the above public hearing may be directed to the Independence Township Clerk's Office during regular office hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or by phone at (248) 625-5111.

Barbara A. Pallotta, Township Clerk

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#### SYNOPSIS

#### TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE AUGUST 8, 2017

- A Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 6:00 PM at Independence Township Hall.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was given
- ROLL CALL: Present: Kittle, Brown, Aliaga, Loughrin, Ritchie, Schroeder  
Absent: Pallotta

There was a quorum present.

Also Present: David McKee, DPW Director; Brian Oppmann, Planning & Zoning Administrator; Mitch Petterson, Fire Chief; Randal L. Ford, Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc.; Steven P. Joppich, Johnson, Rosati, Schultz & Joppich, P.C.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As presented.

E. CLOSED SESSION: None

F. BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Supervisor

Kittle

G. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

H. PUBLIC HEARING: None

I. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS: None

J. CARRYOVER/POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS: None

K. CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approval of the Board of Trustees Regular / Budget Meeting Minutes of July 25, 2017.
- Approval of the Payroll of July 28, 2017 and Check Run of August 2, 2017 for a Total Amount of \$889,507.87
- Approval of Budget Amendment #33 - Contractual / Legal Fees for CIA Fund

L. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None

M. REGULAR BUSINESS:

- Approval of the 2nd Reading - Regency at Independence- Planned Unit Development (PUD) Amendment
- Approval of the Municipal Credit and Community Credit Contract FY-2018 SMART Transportation Program
- Acceptance of Proposal - Professional Engineering Services - Sashabaw Regional Drain Asset Management Plan
- Approval of Change Order #3 and Budget Adjustment - SAW Grant
- Award Bid and Approval of Budget Amendment #32 - Fire Station 1 Parking Lot Asphalt Project

N. COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / REPORTS:

- Minutes: Information Technology Oversight Committee Minutes - Final, June 13, 2017
- Report: Fiscal 2017 Actual to Budget Update for Period Ending June 30, 2017
- Report: Building Department Monthly Reports - March-July 2017

O. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Trustee Aliaga

P. ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:24 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC

Township Clerk

Published: Wednesday, August 16, 2017

#### NOTIFICATION BY PUBLIC NOTICE

(ARTICLES 136 AND 137 C.P.C.)

Notice is hereby given to Succession Thomas Collinson care of Marilyn Collinson whose last known address is 8100 Oakhill Road, Clarkston, Michigan to take delivery at the office of the Tribunal administrative du Québec in the district of Joliette situated at 500 René-Lévesque Blvd. West, Montreal, Quebec in order to receive the «Avis d'expropriation incluant un affidavit, les Annexes A à C et une Offre détaillée de l'expropriante» and a Decision granted on August 8, 2017, left there in your name in the court file number SAI-M-259010-1703.

You must, within 15 days of service, declare in writing, to the expropriating party, the information required in the notice of expropriation concerning your tenants and occupants. You must notify any new tenant or occupant who wishes to occupy the premises belonging to you that expropriation procedures have been undertaken against your property. Otherwise, you may be sued by the court.

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This notice is published under a Decision rendered on August 8, 2017, by Louise Bélanger, Judge of the Tribunal administrative in case number SAI-M-259010-1703.

It will not be published again, unless required by the circumstances.

Montreal, August 8, 2017

Lucie Meunier, Bailiff

STATE OF MICHIGAN

PROBATE COURT

COUNTY OF OAKLAND

FILE NO:

2017-377, 534-DE

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

##### Decedent's Estate

Estate of Robert Kempert. Date of Birth: 7/26/1936

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Robert Kempert, died 5/27/2017.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Jon B. Munger, personal representative or proposed personal representative to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, MI 48341 and the named personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

August 8, 2017

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# Paid parking next on Parking Committee's agenda

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we need spots," Wylie said.

The Church Street parking would be added on the right-of-way area from Clinton River to the city border, with proper markings to identify spaces and prevent parking in front of driveways.

The new spaces could create a natural flow of traffic towards the Renaissance High School parking lot, the committee said.

Gary Tressel, the city engineer, will review the plan before it is brought back before the council, Smith said.

The committee considered allowing parking in the alley loading zone after business hours, but the township fire marshal recommended against it.

Angled parking on Depot Road will probably be designed so drivers reverse into the spaces, as recommended by MDOT, Smith said.

City Council tabled discussion on a paid-parking kiosk at Main and Washington.

"The parking committee is not ready to present the proposal to us yet," Percival said.

With paid parking in the private lot at

Clarkston Mills, across the street from Depot Park, the matter is urgent, Detkowski said.

"We are missing out on revenue, my personal opinion – it's time to focus on that," he said. "The committee thinks the issue of space is a more urgent need."

The next step is to focus on paid parking, he said.

The committee was set to discuss bids for a kiosk, and paid-parking details this week, Smith said.

Council member David Marsh said they also need to talk to local businesses about

the paid-parking issue.

"Out of six businesses I talked to this week, five say they don't want paid parking," Marsh said. "I promised I would not vote for it until I know where the money is going."

Revenue needs to go towards parking lot maintenance, finding new parking, and streets and sidewalks, he said.

The parking committee has been meeting every week on Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., at city hall.

## Mayor calls for decorum

In the wake of some heated discussions at city hall over parking and other issues, Mayor Steven Percival had a word to say about decorum at the start of Monday's City Council meeting.

"Please direct your comments to the chair and not at each other – this is not a running argument," Percival said. "If you engage out of line, both in your language and addressing other people, I will ask you to stop. If you continue, I will ask you to leave."

If it still continues, a sheriff's deputy will be asked to remove the speaker, he said.

"I believe some open dialogue is good, but you have to understand, too often it's too heated and gets into a debate between people in the audience and other people in the audience," the mayor said.

Members of city committees and commissions are mostly volunteers and should never be disrespected or yelled at.

"Or openly bullied, ever, whether at meetings or on the street," Percival said. "We're all neighbors. We need to handle disagreements appropriately and try to come to adult resolutions rather than discord."

STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:  
PROBATE COURT 2017-377, 622-DE  
COUNTY OF OAKLAND

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of WILLIAM R. MILMINE Date of birth: 12/20/1941  
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Estate of Jean Joan Johnson, Deceased. Date of birth: 1/29/1929  
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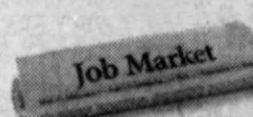
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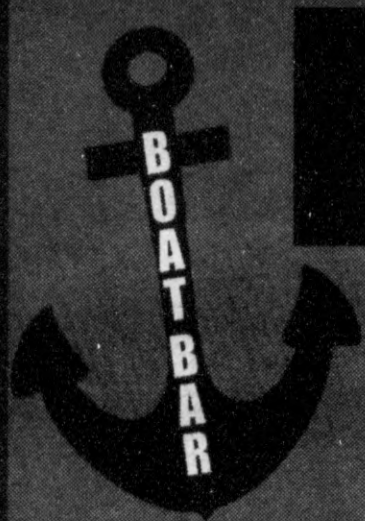
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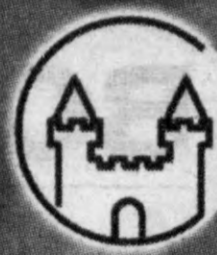
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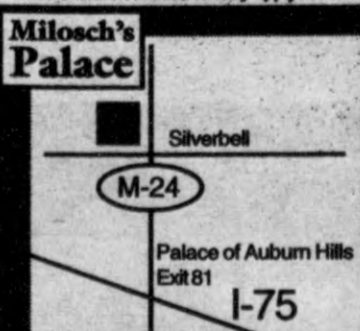
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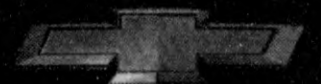
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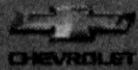


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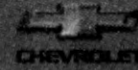


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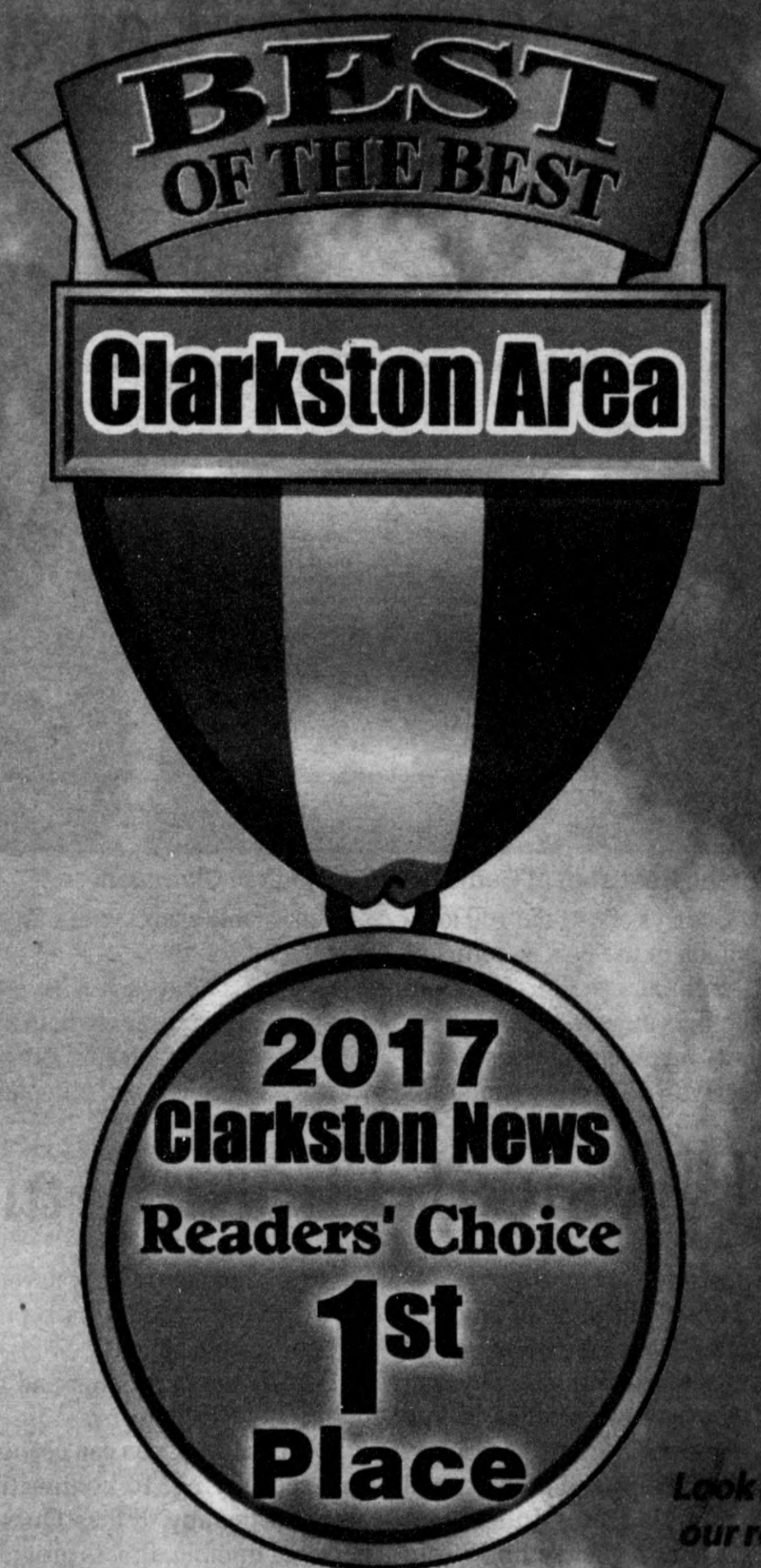
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Genisys Credit Union continued its long track record of growth, financial strength, and member satisfaction in 2016. Genisys grew assets 10.08 percent in 2016, reaching \$2.2 billion in assets.



The Best of the Best staff at Genisys Credit Union in Clarkston.

This makes Genisys one of the 100 largest credit unions in the U.S. in terms of assets and members served, totaling 186,684 members at year-end.

Community involvement is also a priority for Genisys. In 2016, we supported

550 charitable events with staff donating 3,890 hours of time.

Genisys believes we have ever-increasing opportunities to help Michigan families manage their finances in a trustworthy, convenient, and economical way.

We are constantly working to add enhancements to our mobile banking options.

We are opening new branches in Brandon Township, Clinton Township, and Clarkston within the next year.

## Best of the Best Physical Therapy at HealthQuest

Steve Lukens and George Carson, co-owners of HealthQuest Physical Therapy, have deep-rooted ties in Clarkston and when HealthQuest won Best of the Best for Best Physical Therapist for the FIFTH year in a row and Best of the Best Trainer, they were excited and honored.

"We have to first and foremost thank the community for supporting us since we opened, six years ago," said Lukens. "We are glad to be able to provide our services to Clarkston and truly help the community, especially since this is my home-town; I'm glad to be able to give back. We also have to thank our team; we are so fortunate to have the best, most compassionate and skilled staff and we would not have won without them!"

There is no substitute for HealthQuest's vast range of professional skills, education and experience. You can expect a family dynamic, which makes coming to PT comfortable and rewarding.

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Brent Cornwell, FitnessQuest's Medical Fitness Director, won "Best Trainer."

Cornwell just celebrated his fourth-year training at FitnessQuest.

"HQ/FQ is like no other place in the area, we have a great team who are fun and passionate about what they do," Cornwell said. "It's beyond rewarding working with Clarkston members, clients, and patients who are motivated to be here and to get healthy. Because of our wide-range of abilities and fitness levels we see, I feel it helps people feel more comfortable working out at FQ. Everyone is truly welcome and that's rare to find in the fitness realm."

HealthQuest and FitnessQuest also continue to make their mark on the community by being part of local events such as the Taste of Clarkston and 4th of July parade.

"I grew up right around the corner from here so I just love being part of the community," said Lukens. "It's so cool being downtown. I am happy to be down here and have a business where we can do things like that."

Lukens added winning Best of the Best will fuel their passion to continue to provide the best service possible to the community.

"It's nice to know you are appreciated for the hard work that is put in every day because our goal and our motto is 'helping people to live life well' which we hope we exemplify through our business," Carson said.

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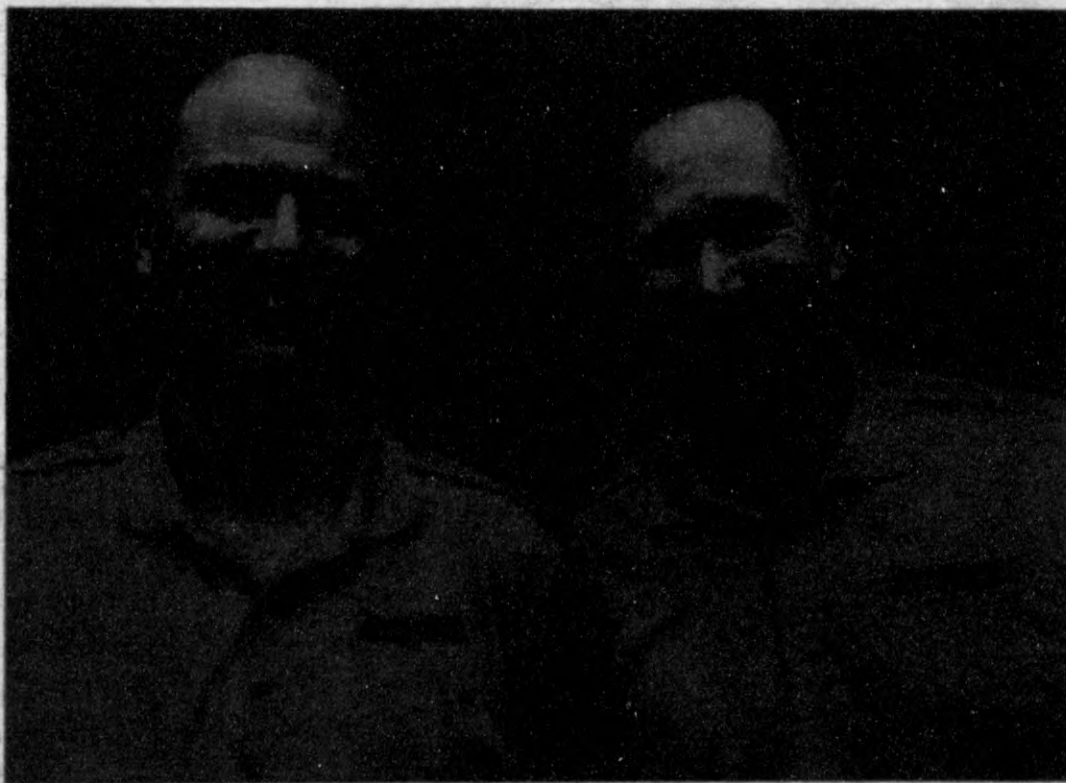


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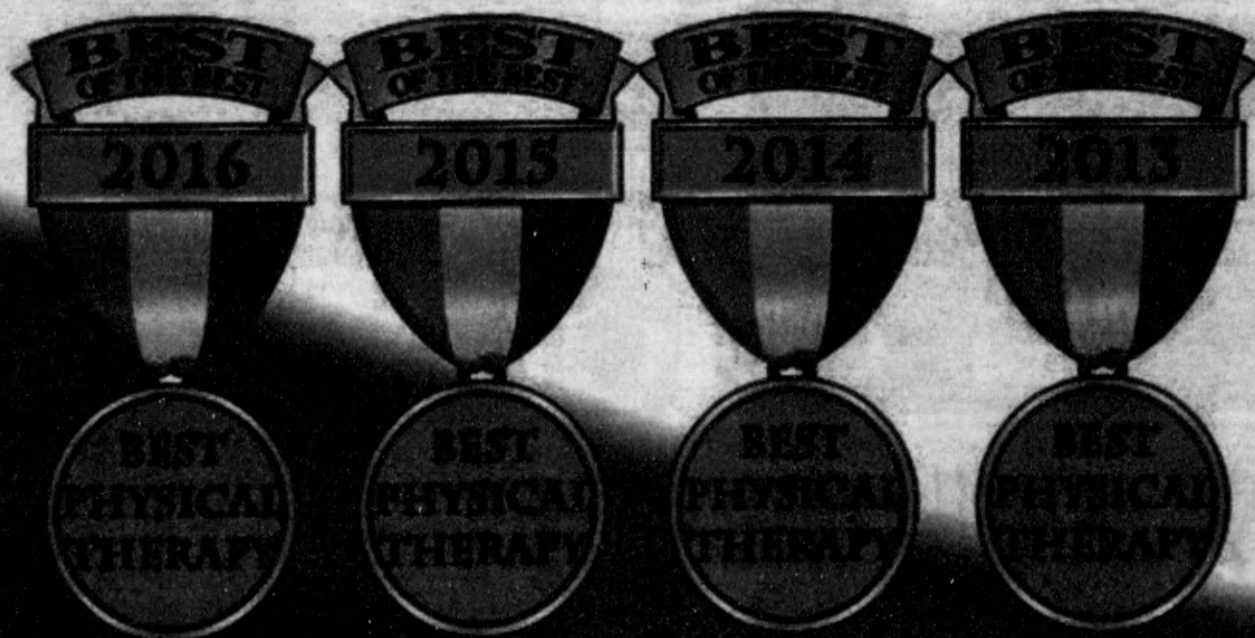
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# Fun for whole family at Fort Clarkston

Laughter and smiles help create the fun atmosphere when you walk into Fort Clarkston, located off Dixie Highway, and the community agrees they are Best of the Best Children's Activity Center.

"Thank you so much," smiled Pam Rush, owner. "I feel honored people think we are best of the best because we really try. We try very hard to live up to everything we say we do."

She added they created core values and an overall view of what they want to be. In the vision they have a lot of exciting additions coming soon.

"We want to be continuously changing and updating so we aren't stale and the same old place all the time. We are purchasing more arcades and we are going to have a coffee shop," Pam said, adding the coffee shop will have specialty drinks. "We have coffee, but I like specialty coffee, too. It will be a full gamut of a coffee shop. We are teaming with Neiman's Family Market. We will have their muffins and bagels. Since we open at nine now it's perfect for breakfast."

Fort Clarkston may be named best children's activity center but is a place for adults as well.

Pam had parents in mind when creating the space with comfy, leather couches, flat-

screen televisions, and a bar with a wide selection of craft beer and wine also available.

"It's definitely an adult environment as well as a children's environment," she said. "Some of the things we are getting in is more geared towards adults so they have something to play with as well as hanging out. We hear it all the time 'we love it here. We love we can get a drink and just chit chat.' You can sit here with your spouse or friend and have a conversation while the kids are playing."

Pam added the parents also enjoy the employees play with children which adds a fun factor for everyone.

"We are very unique in that way," she said. "You don't go anywhere and the people play with your children. Our employees have fun at work."

The fun factor is enhanced with parties with each party's Partista, who is a personal host.

"Partistas set us apart," Pam said. "They have an attention for detail. They don't just stand there like a lump on a log. They are involved with the kids. They are out running and creating the fun factor."

Check out Fort Clarkston on Facebook to stay updated on your favorite place.

"We interact with Facebook on a daily



Parents and children enjoy meeting their favorite characters at Fort Clarkston.

basis," Pam said. "There's a lot of different things posted for people to find out what's up and coming. It is the best way to reach us, too."

Fort Clarkston, 7127 Dixie Highway, is open Sunday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, please call 248-297-5453, visit [www.FortClarkston.com](http://www.FortClarkston.com), or like at

[www.facebook.com/FortClarkston](http://www.facebook.com/FortClarkston).

"The community can expect we will continue to be changing and updating," Pam smiled. "We are always welcome to new items. We have a really strong leadership team who meets every week. We discuss all of these different things. We have a 3- and 10-year plan of where we want to go. We are in it for the long haul. We are very actively looking for new locations."

## Congratulations To Your Best of the Best in Business

**Health**  
**Allergist:** Dr. Reba Johnson, Advanced Allergy & Asthma

**Chiropractor:** Dr. Greg Hamilton, Hamilton Chiropractic

**Dentist:** Clarkston Family Dental

**Dermatologist:** Dr. Jennifer Caudill

**Family Doctor:** Dr. Tim O'Neill, Clarkston Medical Group

**Holistic Center:** Journey to Health Chakra

**OB/GYN:** Dr. Patricia Kondratenko, Associated OB/GYN

**Eye Care:** Dr. Allison Schulte, Allison Eye Care

**Orthodontist:** Dr. Munk, Munk & Associates

**Orthopedic Surgeon:** Dr. Shivajee Nallamothu

**Pediatrician:** Dr. Satish Sundar, Premiere Pediatrics

**Physical Therapy:** HealthQuest

**Services:**  
**Accountant:** Rob Butler, CPA

**Attorney:** Robert Kostin

**Autobody Shop:** Clarkston Autobody

**Auto Mechanic:** Morgan's Service

**Bank:** Clarkston State Bank

**Barbershop:** Lady Janes

**Car Wash:** Clarkston Auto Wash

**Carpet Cleaning:** Alpine Carpet Cleaning

**Caterer:** Rudy's Family Market

**Credit Union:** Genesis Credit Union

**Daycare:** Lil' Peoples' Place

**Dry Cleaners:** Champs Dry Cleaning

**Electrician:** Hutchinson's Electric

**Financial Planner:** Bill Hallmann, Hallmann Advisors, CPAs

**Florist:** The Gateway

**Gas Station:** Speedway Gas Station

**Hair Salon:** Pink The Salon

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**Insurance Agency:** State Farm, Dave Smith

**Landscaper:** Lowrie's Landscape

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**Photographer:** Winship Studio

**Plumber:** Kevin Fangel, Fangel's Plumbing

**Real Estate:** Jon Devine, Devine Realty Team

**Senior Living:** New Heights Assisted Living

**Tanning:** Luxor Executive Tanning Spa

**Travel Agency:** Clarkston Travel

**Veterinarian:** Clarkston Animal Medical Center

**Water Supply:** American Water

**Best New Business:** Honcho Latin Street Food & Coffee

**Eats & Drinks**  
**Breakfast:** Olde' Village Cafe

**Lunch:** Clarkston Union

**Dinner:** Union Woodshop

**Bakery:** Clarkston Bake Shop

**Banquets Facilities:** Fountains Golf & Banquets

**Bar & Grill:** Parker's Hilltop Brewery

**BBQ:** Union Woodshop

**Coffee:** Starbucks (Sashabaw Road)

**Coney Island:** Leo's Coney Island

**Deli:** Brioni's Cafe & Deli

**Diner:** Royal Diner

**Family Friendly Restaurant:** Olde' Village Cafe

**Fastfood:** McDonald's - Clarkston, Dixie Hwy.

**Fish Fry:** Sportsmens Great Northern Grill

**Hamburger:** Olde Village Cafe

**Ice Cream:** Dairy Dream

**Pizza:** Gregg's Gourmet Cafe

**Sandwich:** Brioni's Cafe & Deli

**Chinese:** East Ocean Chinese Restaurant

**Italian:** Andiamo's Trattoria

**Mexican:** Jalapeno's Mexican Restaurant

**Best Overall:** Olde Village Cafe

**Shopping**  
**Antiques:** Digs Consignment Studio

**Auto Dealer:** Bowman Chevrolet

**Beer & Wine:** Rudy's Family Market

**Clothing:** Frank & Me

**Gifts:** Essence on Main

**Grocery:** Neiman's Family Market

**Hardware:** Clarkston ACE

**Jewelry:** Village Fashion Boutique

**Resale:** Dig's Consignment Studio

**Specialty:** Essence on Main

**Fitness & Recreation**  
**Golf:** Pine Knob Golf & Banquet

**Dance Studio:** Spotlight Dance Studio

**Day Spa:** LaVida Massage

**Gym:** Anytime Fitness (Clarkston, Dixie Hwy.)

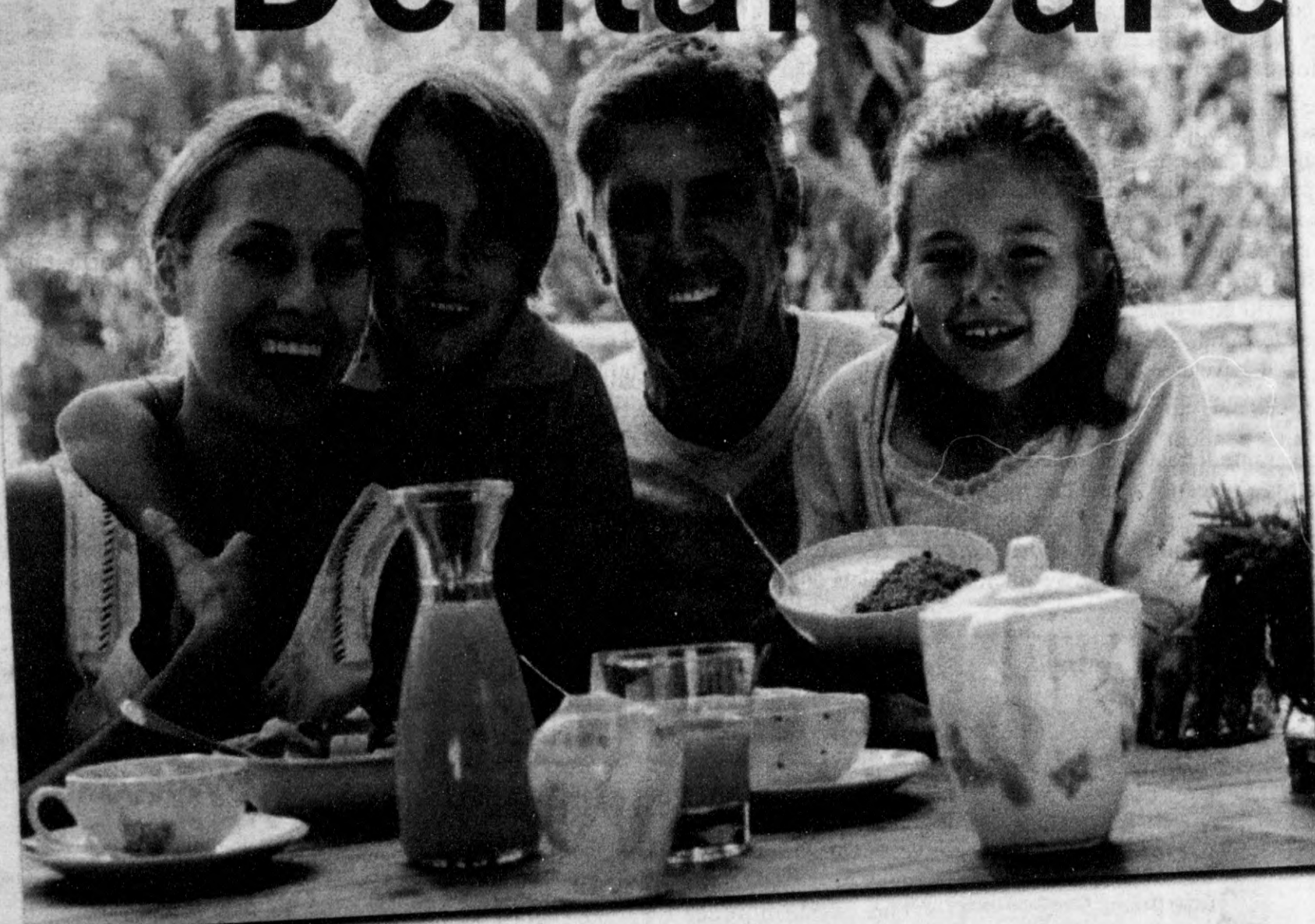
**Yoga:** Mueva Fitness

**Children's Activity Center:** Fort Clarkston

**Faces Make The Places**  
**Bartender:** Orlando, Andiamo's Trattoria  
**Car Salesman:** Justin Thrift, Bowman Chevrolet  
**Massage Therapist:** Christine Baskin, Journey To Health Chakra  
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# Care for whole family at Clarkston Family Dental

Clarkston Family Dental would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for your vote of confidence in our office by naming us "Best of The Best"!

Our office has been a part of the Clarkston community for almost 50 years, so we are honored to be able to serve and support a community that has done the same for us.

John P. Foster, owner of Clarkston Family Dental, has been practicing at the office since 1997. Dr. Foster's mission for the office is to provide gentle, quality and affordable dental care to Clarkston and the surrounding communities, while maintaining a patient-focused, family-oriented environment.

"We pride ourselves on our quality work and commitment to our patients," Dr. Foster states, "but we are who we are because of our staff." Our Clarkston Family Dental team consists of individuals who were born and raised in the Clarkston community, and have continued to raise their own families here as well."

For those who are new to the community, Clarkston Family Dental is a family dental practice, serving patients of all ages. We are dedicated to your family's independent dental health, from education and prevention to restorative and cosmetic work.

We have been working the last few years to expand our practice and staff to make our



**Clarkston Family Dental's specialists and team members are ready to serve Clarkston.**

team and services offered to you and your family more expansive.

"We have grown to 20 team members, including two specialists who come to the office to keep all of your dental needs under one roof," Dr. Foster explains, "It is important to us that your dental care is as comfortable and convenient for you as possible".

It is our goal to increase patient-awareness,

convenience and comfort within our office; therefore, we are available to answer any dental health related questions you may have regarding yourself or your families.

Dr. Foster explains that "when you call to make your first appointment at our office, you become not just a new patient, but a new member of our dental family as well."

Again, thank you to the Clarkston

community for supporting all of us at Clarkston Family Dental.

We are so grateful for you and your family's trust and confidence in allowing us to take care of your family's dental needs. And to anyone in need of dental services in the area, we look forward to you and your family becoming a part of ours.

— Heidi Emery

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He added what makes the Devine Realty Team stand out is their professional approach to real estate combined with a highly personalized service model.

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They serve clients in commercial, residential, investment, and probate areas of real estate.

The team includes Jon, an Associate Broker and Mortgage Loan Originator, his wife, Amy, a Real Estate Agent, and daughter, Madison, who has earned licenses as both a Real Estate Agent and a Mortgage Loan Originator.

"Together, we've got a broad set of skills and a depth of experience. We can assist buyers who have questions about the entire transaction including the

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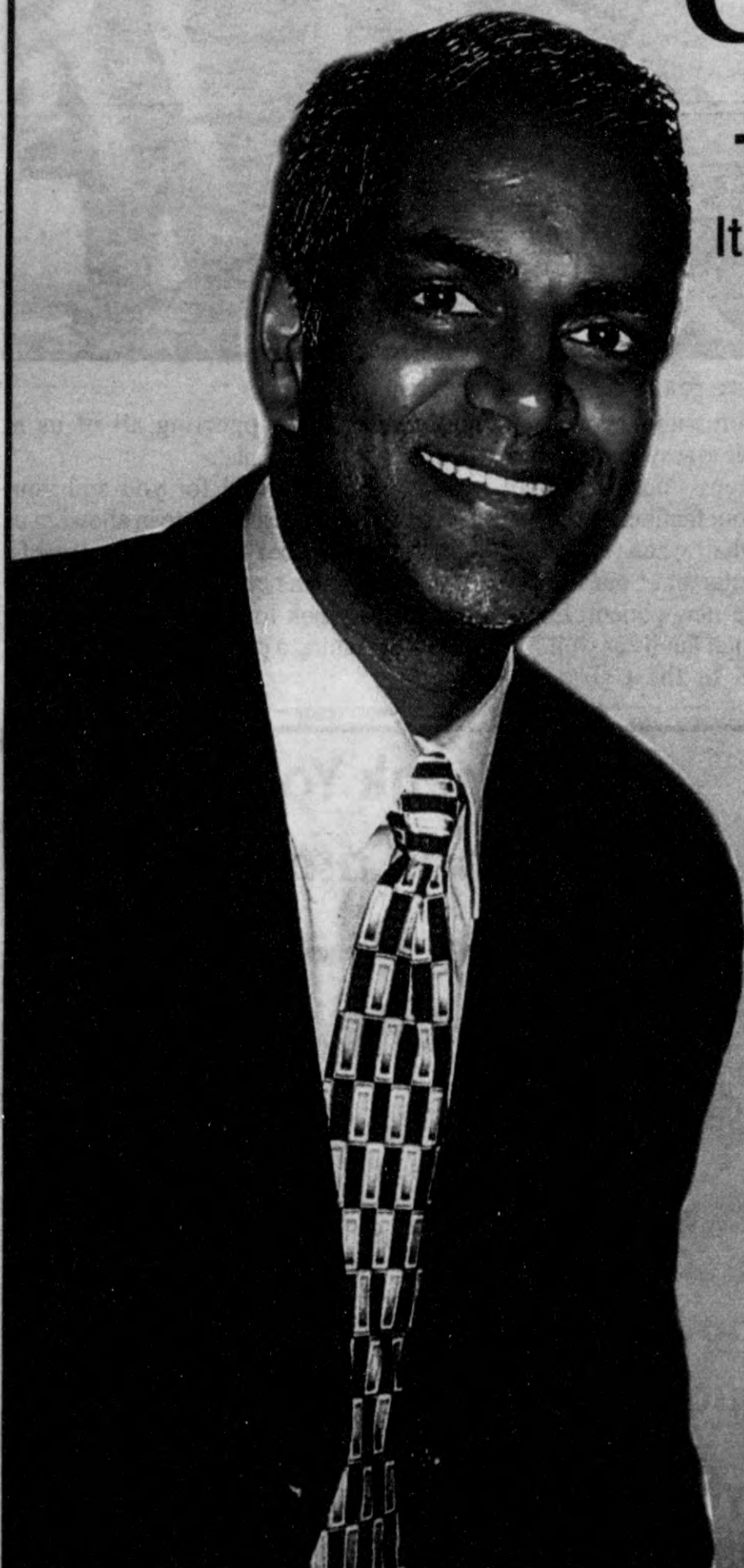
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"It's an honor to be voted Best of the Best," said Dr. Shivajee Nallamothe, board-certified orthopedic surgeon. "I've been in the neighborhood since 1999 and we continue to enjoy the Clarkston area."

Dr. Nallamothe and Associate Dr. Rajeev Sehgal provides specialized foot and ankle care with services including joint replacement surgery of the hip, knee and shoulder; arthroscopic knee and shoulder surgery; hand and wrist surgery; trauma and fracture care; and physical therapy.

The specialists offer cutting-edge surgical and non-surgical treatment in Clarkston, specializing in diagnosis and treatment of injuries and conditions affecting muscles, bones, and joints.

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Heidi answers each call in the front office and Wendell handles the "get the job done" work. They do it all and they have always worked that way.

"We thrive on quality of workmanship. If we say we are going to be there, we are there," Wendell said.

They pride themselves on doing it right. Hutchinson's does everything from small electrical repairs on a home or business to large jobs.

"We are very fortunate to have a large base clientele of residential customers along with local school districts, municipalities, car dealerships, banks and medical facilities,"

he said.

They also work to install natural gas generators, energy saving LED lights and many other lighting upgrades, for residential and commercial projects.

Their top priority is ensuring customers are satisfied, both Heidi and Wendell agree this is the key to their success.

The couple is proud to call Clarkston their home. All three of their children are Clarkston High School graduates, and before too long, their two grandchildren will be attending Clarkston schools, too.

"Our two daughters chose a career in nursing and our son was trained in electrical work," she said.

Wendell and Heidi's son, Brock, attended an electrical trade school and now handles several projects and large accounts. The couple also owns Hutchinson Construction.

"We are a general contractor and we work on commercial remodels and building renovations," Wendell said. "We are very fortunate to have a large customer base with residential and commercial customers."

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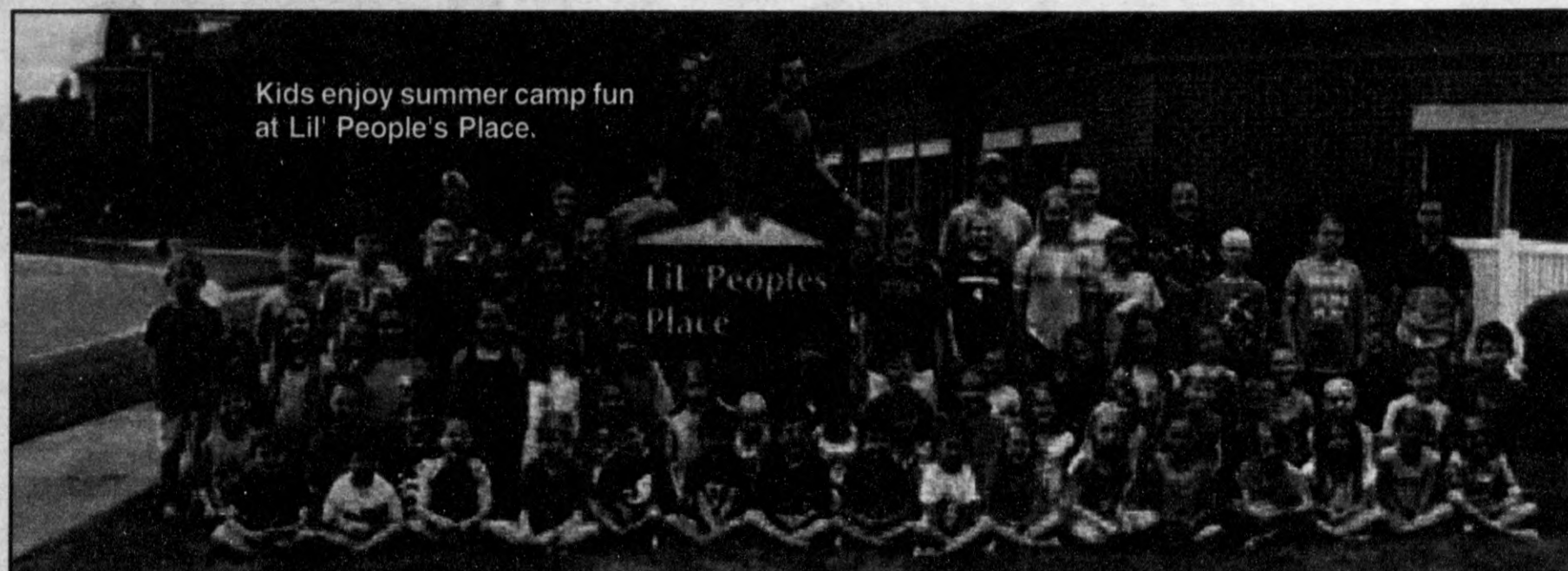
# Best Daycare in community for sixth straight years

Having served the Clarkston Community since 1998, Lil' Peoples' Place is a name you can trust in child care.

We are privately owned by Clarkston residents, Sharlene Butler and Adli Dasuqi, and have the most experienced and loving staff available. Our Director, Erin Wolford, and Business Manager, Becky Miller, have both been with the center for more than 15 years and have lived in the community. We are proud to announce the promotion of Amanda Millis as our new Assistant Director, who has been with the company for five years.

Business has been booming this year! We have had upwards of five tours a day for new enrollment. Most of our enrollment is based on referrals from parents' past and present. Lil' Peoples' Place makes it a point to keep our name in the community by offering our current parents incentives for their referrals.

Our highly acclaimed curriculum focuses on enhancing your child's socialization, creativity, language, and



decision-making skills; while building self-esteem and self-worth. We have been adding new themes, new books and hands-on experiences for our children.

We have also introduced technology into our classrooms, offering our student greater opportunities in the latest trends of learning. We have a brand new state-of-the-art web camera system to allow our parents the chance to observe their children in the classrooms while

they are away at work. Being able to view their children at all times during the day brings peace of mind while away, which parents love.

Our enrollment has been substantial and space is extremely limited in each of our classrooms. We are looking forward to another great year with our families and our dedicated and caring staff.

Being voted Best of the Best in Daycare, for a sixth consecutive year

and seventh time overall, means the world to us and we have our LPP families to thank. We strive to give the best quality care and education possible to our families, and it warms our hearts to see it being recognized by our families, past and present, and the Clarkston community as a whole.

To find out more about the Best of the Best Daycare, check on [www.lilpeoplesplace.com](http://www.lilpeoplesplace.com) or call 248-620-8600.





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# Solid decade of Best of the Best honors for Clarkston State Bank

Clarkston State Bank claimed its 10th Best of the Best award for Best Bank the same way it earned nine previously – service to the community and commitment to its customers.

"Thanks to the community for voting us Best of the Best for 10 years," said Dawn M. Horner, Executive Vice President, Retail Banking. "Our entire team works very hard to deliver the highest quality service to our customers. Being acknowledged by the community is greatly appreciated."

Clarkston State Bank is owned locally, with two locations, 5800 S. Main Street in Clarkston and 6600 Highland Road in Waterford, which is critical to its local resident and business success. The last several years has brought with it an expanded market penetration in Southeast Michigan throughout Oakland and neighboring counties.

"It's really important your banker understands the local economy and the challenges we face throughout the economic cycles specific to our market," said President and CEO J. Grant Smith. "We try to make a difference by understanding our customers' businesses, and when you compliment the relationship with excellent service and agility, it sets us apart from other financial institutions in the market."

"You will never call Clarkston State Bank



Clarkston State Bank President and CEO J. Grant Smith.

and get a recording, we always answer the phone," Horner said. "In this day and age of endless telephone menus, you get a real person, and we make sure the customer is taken care of." It's just one of the many ways we put our customer's needs first. We don't just talk about our service, we deliver it every day.

Traditional banking is changing, with less dependence on brick-and-mortar locations and more products and services that take

advantage of technology. CSB has responded with a full suite of online tools to allow customers to access a range of services using their phones and other mobile devices. That trend translates into fewer customers in the branches and the need for the state of the art technical banking services.

"You can download an app, take a picture of a check using your phone, and deposit it," Horner said. "It's very convenient."

The bank's consumer and commercial

loan teams are also very busy.

"We continue to grow year over year," Smith said. "Loan demand is excellent and consumers and businesses are always looking for a solid bank to place their deposits. Interest rates are low and business owners are investing in their businesses and looking for opportunities to grow and expand."

The Bank's first two quarters earnings are very strong and the third quarter is very promising. It is important that our customers and the community have confidence in the strength of their Bank; something CSB takes pride in.

Community support is also strong, with the bank providing box lunches for election workers on election day, donating time and treasure towards the Clarkston Community Schools, and being involved in local organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce and SCAMP. They are also the premier sponsor for the Backroads Half Marathon/10K/5K race, which donates a portion of the proceeds to local charities.

The bank website at [www.clarkstonstatebank.com](http://www.clarkstonstatebank.com) will soon be updated to better serve customers using their phones, tablets, and other mobile devices.

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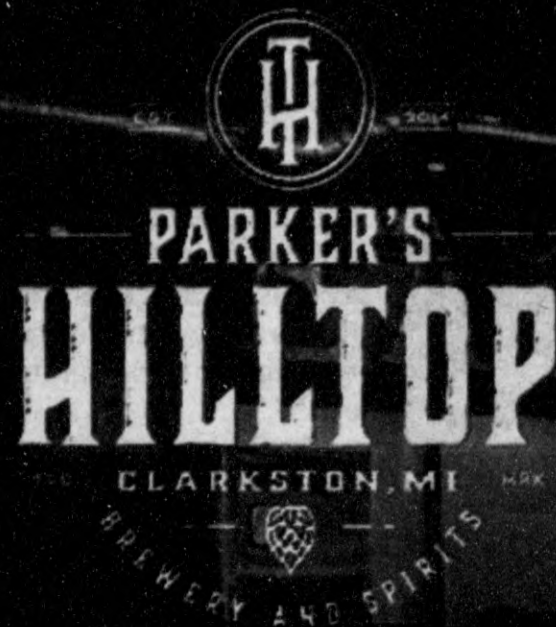
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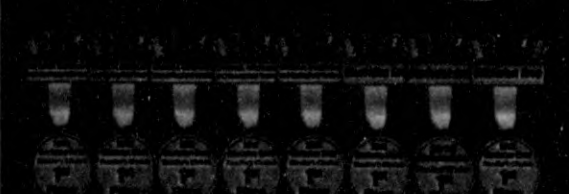
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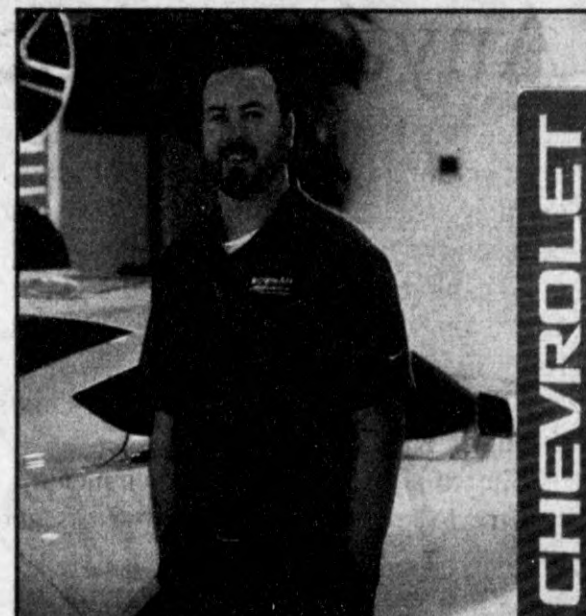
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## Lowrie's lands best landscape award

Best of the Best Landscaper for the eighth year running is Lowrie's Landscape.

"We strive to maintain Lowrie's known standards and quality," said Angie Wathen, owner of Lowrie's along with Mike Saunders and Ron Thompkins. "Thanks to the community for supporting us for 38 years."

The landscaper at 9561 Dixie Highway offers 900-square-foot of statuary, yard art, lighting, irrigation, bulk landscape supplies, pitchforks, gloves, and other tools, with many new products on the way, almost all from local suppliers.

"Ninety percent of our retail is made in Michigan," Wathen said.

For landscape projects of all sizes, their onsite landscape consultant offers help with planting and placement designs.

Popular this year are pondless waterfalls, riverbeds, and other features, offering the relaxing beauty of water with less weeding and maintenance.

When winter comes around, Lowrie's will stay busy making wood furniture, flower boxes, and other items in house, said Lisa Schoff, yard manager.

"I have the tools to do it," Schoff said.



The crew of Lowrie's Landscape work hard to make Clarkston look its best.

"It's really cool."

Check out their website at [lowrieslandscape.com](http://lowrieslandscape.com) for coupons and examples of the Lowrie's Landscape services. For more information call 248-625-8844.

## Anytime Fitness with friends

Anytime Fitness, at 7113 Dixie Highway, is celebrating being voted Best of the Best Gym by the community for the second consecutive year.

"Thank you for voting us No. 1 gym in Clarkston," said Dan Adragna, owner, and Kayla Baker, manager.

"We enjoy being here and it shows through," Kayla smiled.

She explained they listen to their members and try to accommodate their wishes and requests.

"We strive to work with all of our

members," Dan said, adding many members enjoy going to Anytime Fitness for many reasons - cleanliness of the gyms, high quality conditions of the equipment, and friendliness of the staff. "We have a lot of friendships build within our gym."

"The people are very friendly - the staff and the people who come here," said Eric Christie, a member. "It is a good group of people. It's a great environment. Everyone is comfortable with each other."

He enjoys the convenience of the gym being available 24/7 and the variety of classes.

They recently added boot camp classes which are available for adults and will soon add boot camps for children.

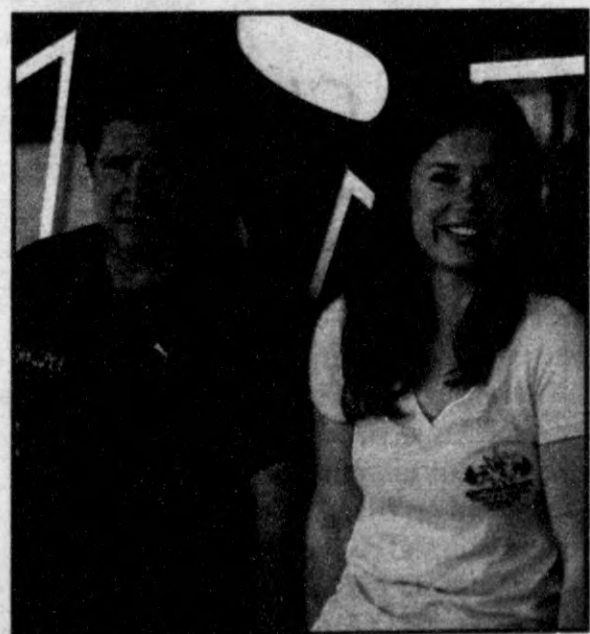
"Our boot camp is not a traditional style," Dan said. "It's more of your own pace. You are pushed with a personal trainer."

They also have PKSA Karate on Monday and Wednesday nights.

"Karate has really grown and taken off," Kayla said, adding there are two different age groups.

The boot camps and PKSA Karate is open to the public as well as a majority of their classes. They request you call to register.

Anytime Fitness is located in White Lake Commons. For their classes, please visit [www.clarkstonanytime.com](http://www.clarkstonanytime.com). For more information, please call 248-922-9494.



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## Quality care at Premiere Pediatrics

When it comes to care for their children, the Clarkston community goes to Premiere Pediatrics to visit Dr. Satish Sundar, this year's winner of Best of the Best Pediatrician.

"Thank you to the community of Clarkston," said Dr. Sundar, MD., FAAP., DCH. "I owe a lot to the community. We started our practice here over 20 years ago and over the years it has become part of our lives."

He added the patients along with their parents and guardians make the job easy.

"Our patients are wonderful," Dr. Sundar smiled. "We are blessed to have a great community. It helps us give great care. It's nice to have caring parents."

Dr. Sundar explained what makes Premiere Pediatrics and himself stand out is practicing consistent good medicine.

"I feel what we do should be right for the patients, maintaining good standards of care, and meeting all of our requirement for patient's health," he said. "Being strict about following guidelines makes a big difference. Being compassionate has to be second nature of a doctor. I hope that's what I portray

when I see patients. It's over a long period of time these things are assessed, not over one visit or contact. I take it seriously when I get this privilege."

Dr. Sundar, his fellow doctors and Premiere Pediatrics staff will continue to be best of the best by continuing what they have in place.

"We maintain quality of the CME, credentialing and recertification, certifications, keeping the office spaces clean and tidy, keeping patients informed of our new happenings, even our staff goes through all training for credentials and requirements," he explained.

"There is consistency of our approach to patients. As a physician and as a parent of a 23-year-old daughter, you feel you get wiser in the way you talk

to people, and the way you anticipate things from what you went through. It helps in becoming a well rounded physician."

"We hope to keep up with all the expectations our patients have, keep integrity and practice good medicine," Dr. Sundar said.

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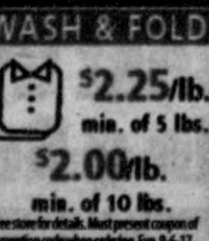
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**The staff of Champs Cleaners.**

## Best service with Champs Cleaners

Champs Cleaners came out on top once again this year for Best of the Best dry-cleaning service in Clarkston.

"We want to thank the community," Owner Jimmy Frejat said, "without their support, we wouldn't be here. We're always going to strive to deliver the best product we can, to be number one all the time."

As a locally owned store, Frejat stresses going above and beyond for customers.

"That's just going to be our number one priority at all times. We've got to maintain our quality, we deliver the highest quality product around here. That's guaranteed

every single time," he said.

Champs offers full service dry cleaning, wash and fold laundry service and alterations for any fabric from clothing to boat covers. They also do delivery.

"We built an app for our delivery service," Frejat said. "You just download the app and put in your information, put your credit card on file, and then you can set-up for pick-up and delivery service."

Champs Cleaners has four locations including two in Clarkston, on Sashabaw and Dixie. They're open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



## Best holistic care at Journey to Health

Journey to Health Chakra prides itself on being able to help clients from a whole-body perspective, a quality which helped them win Best of the Best Holistic Center in Clarkston.

"I just want to thank everyone that voted for us. It's an honor to win this category, and we're grateful for the growth since we opened in 2015." Owner, and Board-Certified Naturopath, Erika Arms said. "We offer the true holistic approach, we work with the mind, body, and spirit; a holistic approach to healing is what nature intended for us."

"Education in our office is big, I would rather teach my clients what they need to know, so they can self-heal themselves," Arms said.

Arms also stated that she has a book coming out this winter that will provide her clients spiritual growth, out of the office.

Arms said they've grown to seven practitioners since winning last year,

allowing them a better range of natural healing options to offer clients.

Along with herself, their other practitioners offer massage, reflexology, chakra balancing, registered nurse cancer coaching, Reiki, Shamanic sessions, crystal healing, spiritual counseling, intuitive painting, infrared Biomat, detox foot baths, and much more.

A Clarkston native, Arms loves working in this town and being part of the community. Journey to Health Chakra offers a wide range of services and evening self-enrichment classes.

Check out Facebook to see events offered, and their website: [www.journeytohealthchakra.com](http://www.journeytohealthchakra.com)

For holistic health needs you can visit the office at 5770 S Main Street, Suite C on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. or Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and one Saturday a month.



**Erika Arms, Board Certified Naturopath Doctor, Licensed Spiritual Healer & Reiki Master**



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## Best massage therapist keeps clients healthy

Christine Baskin is voted the best massage therapist in Clarkston.

"With the competition in the area, this is a great compliment to be voted Best of the Best," said Christine. "I have a lot of people to thank, Erika Arms for letting me work out of here, and being a part of her team. All the clients that I've seen, everyone has been fantastic to work with. I graciously accept the recognition for doing what I love."

A practitioner at Journey to Health Chakra, LLC, Christine is certified in Reflexology and is a Master Reiki Teacher.

She constantly builds on her knowledge and will soon be certified in lymph massage and TSS, which utilizes applied kinesiology with massage to eliminate old muscle patterns.

Baskin truly loves her job and always puts her clients first, she considers herself completely present when working with them.

"I always look into different ways of doing things," she said.

"When my clients have specific needs, I will research techniques so we get the best possible results. When following-up with my clients, there's no greater gift than to hear they're doing better," said Christine.



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**Christine Baskin, Massage Therapist**

of the Best, Christine would like to offer, for the month of August, \$10 off any 80-minute massage services. New clients only.

Journey to Health Chakra is located at 5770 S Main Street, Suite C and Baskin's current hours are Monday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Wednesday from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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"Thanks for coming out to play our golf course," said Angie Streby, General Manager. "We are proud to be Best of the Best for the third year in a row."

She added the owners and staff help make it stand out in Clarkston and Oakland County.

"The family who owns the facilities takes immaculate care of the grounds," Streby explained. "We have a lot of longstanding employees."

Pine Knob Golf Course is open to the public. They have a tee-to-green practice

facility, a new driving range which features tee boxes, greens and bunkers, and a full-service pro shop which serves locally sourced food and an array of beverages.

"We have awesome food," Streby added. "We get many compliments about it."

They offer options to play 18 holes or nine holes seven days a week on a choice of their three courses. They also have leagues during the week.

Pine Knob hosts golf outings for local businesses as well as schools and athletic teams. Patrons come back to use the Mansion and Carriage House for special events such as weddings and private parties.

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Charles W. Munk and staff of Munk Orthodontics.

## Munk Orthodontics Best of the Best

The doctors and staff of Munk Orthodontics are happy to thank the community for their support and votes for Best of the Best Orthodontist.

"We feel very proud every time we're acknowledged by the community. We're extremely grateful," said Dr. Charles W. Munk. "We take pride in providing the best possible service for our patients. That's the focus of our team. I thank my team every day because of what they deliver. We always put patients first."

Treatment areas are equipped with state-of-the-art chairs and equipment for comfort and efficiency. Computers are located at every chair, and recently updated software al-

lows for quick and complete access to all patient information.

"It's extremely important our patients and parents get an amazing experience every time they come in," Dr. Munk said.

In addition to a focus on service, other keys to staying the best include continued investment in technology and education for staff to stay current in the latest trends and advancements, he said.

Additional information can be found at [www.munkorthodontics.com](http://www.munkorthodontics.com). Appointments can be made by contacting one of our offices at: 5825 S. Main St.-Suite 201, Clarkston, 248-625-0880; 837 S. Lapeer Road, Oxford, 248-628-6441; and 8379 Davison Road, Davison, 810-653-9070.



## Voted Best of the Best 9 consecutive years

Digs Consignment moved from their Sashabaw Road location a year ago to 5880 Dixie Highway in Clarkston. As always Digs is a treasure trove of unique finds and bargains.

They offer new home decor and gifts along with anything from essential oils and designer

handbags to chandeliers and rugs. This is the place to shop for holiday decor and they are adding new unique baby and child accessories soon.

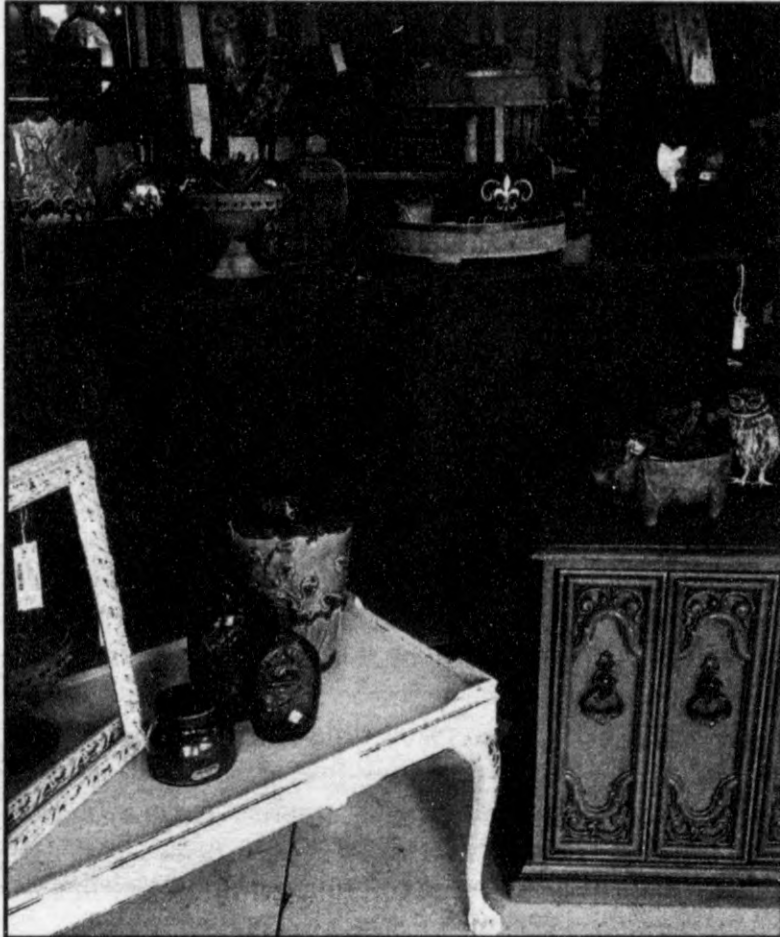
"We're not just antiques," said owner Gina Leehy. "Vintage, antique and modern items from every decade may be found here."

Gina gives thanks to the wonderful consignors who keep the inventory fresh everyday. With nearly 4,000 consignors the good stuff comes (and goes) daily.

Digs also hosts a monthly vintage chic pop-up sale at their studio space Digs Fresh Vintage, 5433 Dixie Highway, just half mile south of the consignment store. Look for the pop-up sales the first weekend of every month.

Digs Consignment is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Sunday, 12-4 p.m. If you are interested in the consignment service, please call 248-625-4230 or visit us online at [www.digsconsignment.com](http://www.digsconsignment.com).

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## Future secure with Butler CPA

When it comes to finances and the future, the community knows who to go to and has named Butler CPA and Associates PLLC Best Accountant for the sixth consecutive year.

"Thank you for those who have voted for us," said Rob Butler. "We appreciate it very much. We are glad to serve the community."

He added what makes Butler CPA and Associates PLLC stand out is their experience and concern for their customers and their customers' needs.

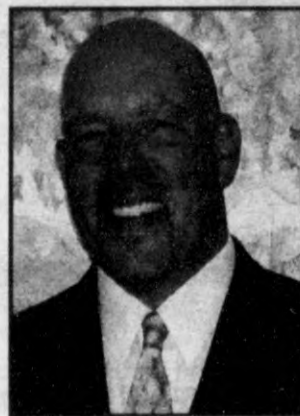
"What makes us stand out is that we are a one stop service provider for accounting, tax, and investments, there is no need to use various professionals. You can do everything with us," he said.

As a Licensed Certified Public Accountant, Butler is required to take 60 hours of continuing education every year. This ensures that he stays on top of changing issues in the accounting, tax and investment world.

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Owner Tom Kurko and staff at Sportsmen Great Northern Grill.

## Best fish fry at Sportsmen Great Northern Grill

Sportsmen Great Northern Grill earned Best of the Best Fish Fry honors with high-quality, lightly beer battered real cod.

"Thank you very much. We work hard," said owner Tom Kurko, who runs the restaurant with Mary Czarnicki, managing partner.

"We're very family oriented with reasonable prices and great portions," said Lisa Golding, food server for 10 years.

They have hosted all-you-can-eat fish fries for 10 years, every Friday, 11 a.m.-midnight.

The real cod fish and side dishes including green bean casserole, fries, and salad are all served - no buffet.

"We make sure you don't wait for extra pieces of fish," Golding said. "It's cooked to order - no heat lamp."

To celebrate their 60th anniversary this year, the family-owned restaurant will turn back the clock to 1957, with 1957 menu and prices including 40 cent ham sandwich and 45 cent fried ham sandwich.

Call Sportsmen Great Northern Grill, 5864 Dixie Highway, at 248-623-1122.



## Fresh, local food at Neiman's

Neiman's Family Market celebrates their fourth year in Clarkston with being voted Best of the Best Grocery for the third consecutive year.

"Thank you," said Nate Neiman, Chief Marketing Officer and Executive Vice President Data Integrity. "We couldn't do what we do without your support."

He added what sets them apart is their staff and their selections.

"We give them the opportunity to be themselves and take care of the customers," said Nate. "We also focus on our perishables — our parameter of the store. We want to be the destination for fresh, from produce to deli to meat to our corner cafe."



Max and MacKenzie shop with their mom, Nicole Mason.

You will also find a vast variety of Michigan made products at Neiman's Family Market.

"My father, Hal, grew up on a dairy farm," Nate shared. "My Grandpa Neiman opened a dairy farm on Belle River Road in 1946, and my Grandfather Schmidt opened his meat market in 1956. We opened full service grocery in 1983 with Michigan made and grown products. It's continuing what our grandparents taught us."

"Michigan is where we are from," Nate smiled. "It's a special place for us. We are very committed to Michigan and Michigan made products. We know their value."

They also value the Clarkston community and give back. They donated food for the Fourth of July Veterans Celebration at Clintonwood Park and are partners with Independence Township Parks, Recreation and Seniors.

"My wife, Emily, and I moved to Clarkston a year ago with our children," Nate said. "We loved the community, wanted to be more centrally located, and we are sending our kids to Everest Academy. We could not be happier with our decision to move here. Moving can be scary but from the true home town feel, the friends we have made at Everest and St. Daniel's parish we have never second guessed our decision to put down roots and raise our family here."



Owners and staff of Gregg's Gourment.

## Top quality at Gregg's Gourmet

Despite being closed for repairs and renovations, Gregg's Gourmet Café still snagged Best of the Best Pizza this year.

"I want to thank all my customers for continuing to vote us best pizza in Clarkston," Owner Jeff Ryeson said.

He commended Clarkston for being a fantastic market and recognizing Gregg's unique gourmet pizza.

"Even though our pizza is of the standard style, we use the best ingredients and make our sauce and dough daily. Fresh ingredients, nothing but the best," Ryeson said.

Gregg's keeps their quality by never cutting corners and doing what works; never changing, always improving. They're locally famous for their lunch special including a slice of pizza, bag of bread and a beverage for under \$5.

Though currently under renovations, Gregg's is still accepting catering orders. Located at 5914 S Main Street, they'll reopen soon with operating hours from 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday.

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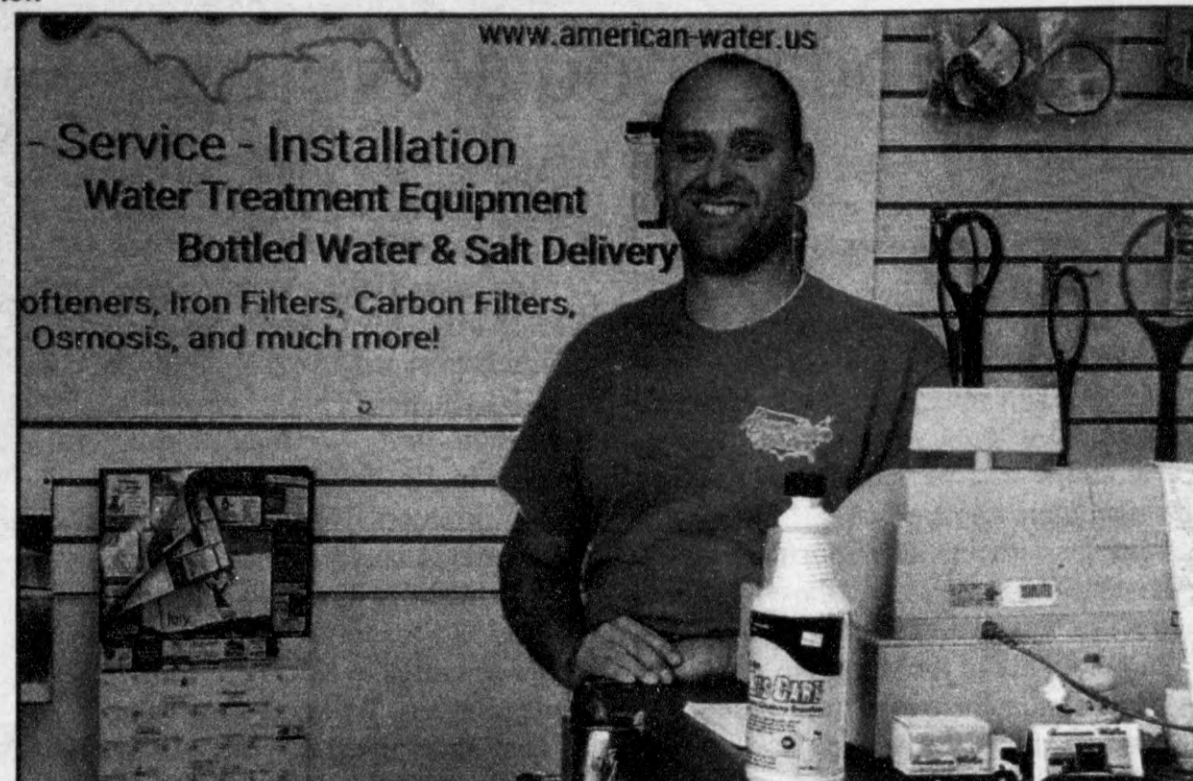
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"It's quite an honor," said owner Jim McNulty. "It's awesome to know people want to do business with a local company. We're glad to be here, providing what people need."

The four water experts in the family-owned business offer a friendly attitude and one-on-one interaction with customers.

"Instead of a different face every time,

like at a big box store," McNulty said.

They treat customers the way they want to be treated, which has been the American Water philosophy since starting out in his parent's garage.

"Each customer is important, and I appreciate them all," he said.

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The Olde Village Café staff snagged four Best of the Best awards.

## Customers known by name at Olde Village Café

Voted Best of the Best in four different categories, Olde Village Café Owner Peter Berishaj attributes the success to the personal touch of their business.

"This is a family-run place, we put that personal touch. We've been here for 20 years, we know most of our customers by name, so that personal touch keeps people coming back," Berishaj said.

The café won Best of the Best for Family Friendly Restaurant, Best Overall Eatery, Best Hamburger and Best Breakfast.

Berishaj claims they'd be nothing without their loyal customers throughout the

community and he appreciates their votes for Best of the Best.

He invites the community to come see the building's recent renovations, including the repainted outside and the new ceiling.

"When I came to this town, I fell in love with the town and the people and I stopped here," Berishaj said. "I'm planning on being here for a long time. This is a small, hometown feel."

Olde Village Café is open 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. seven days a week and located at 2 S Main Street. Come enjoy their breakfast or lunch; for carry-out call (248) 625-6211.





From left, Alex Matthews, Andrew Miller, owners Sheila and Fred Ritter, and Asst. Mgr. Kody Whittenberg celebrate going from four to five years in a row, Best of the Best.

## Clean guaranteed at Clarkston Auto Wash

For the fifth year in a row Clarkston Auto Wash has been voted Best of the Best Car Wash by the community. Fred Ritter owns the car wash with his wife, Sheila.

"We want to thank our customers, especially our repeat customers, they're the bread and butter of our business," Sheila Ritter said. "We thank them for their patronage because that's what keeps us going."

Fred attributes their success to having a great staff, location and product.

"We use the best soaps and waxes available in the industry and customers drive out of here with a clean car, satisfaction guaranteed," Fred Ritter said.

"We also have a new tenant in our detail

bays, Mirror Image Detailing Center opened in June and they do great interior and exterior clean-ups," Fred said.

For detailing service call Jeff Reid at 248-499-4276.

They're also involved in the community, insistent on taking care of the people who take care of them.

"We believe in satisfying our customers, keeping the reputation that we have intact by getting all the vehicles clean, keeping our customers happy and having a well-trained and happy staff," Sheila said.

Clarkston Auto Wash is located at 6791 Dixie Hwy and is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Clarkston Auto Body & Towing owner Dale Verhey, general manager Brian Perkins, and staff earned Best of the Best honors for Best Auto Shop.

## Clarkston Auto Body makes cars new

People are driving computers on wheels nowadays. When they need to be repaired, Clarkston Auto Body & Towing knows how to do it right.

"We make sure every vehicle leaves here the way it was before the accident," said Brian Perkins, general manager.

"We take pride in providing excellent customer service," said Dale Verhey, owner of the family business since 1976. "We're very excited to be voted Best of the Best again."

"It's great to hear," Perkins said.

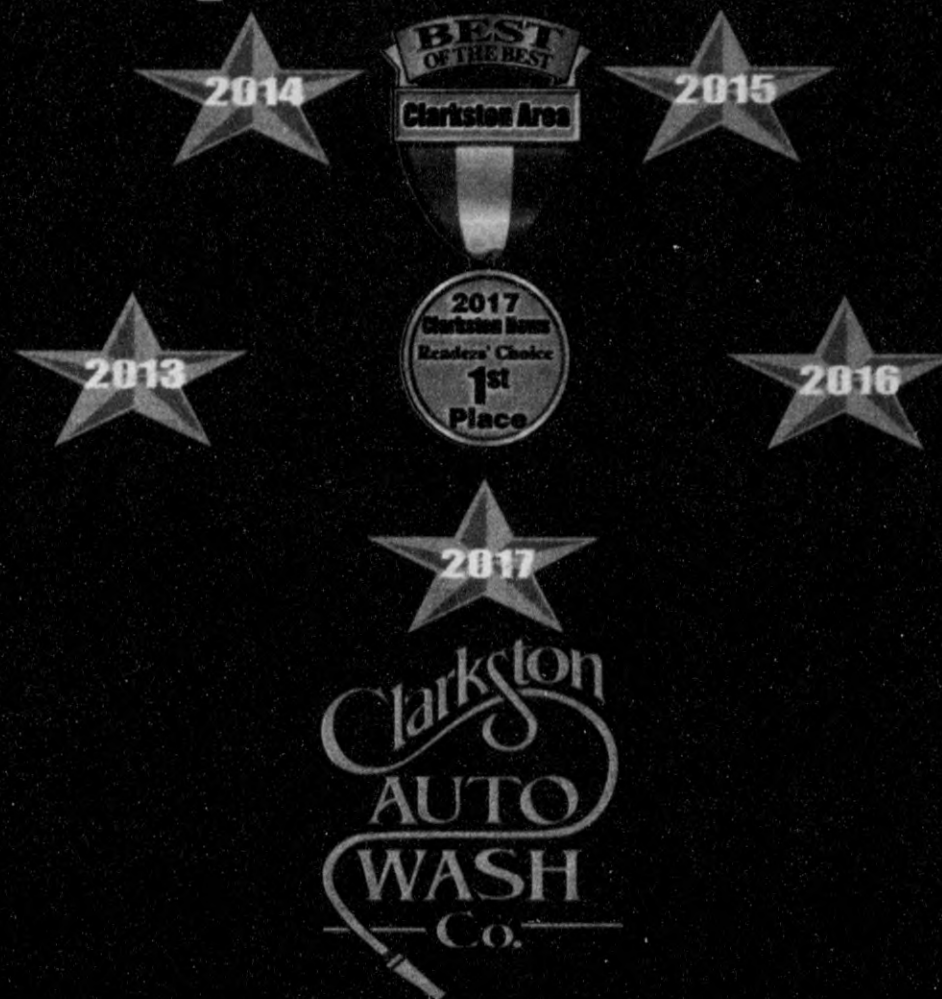
The seasoned veterans at the Best of the Best Auto Body Shop are fully trained in I-

CAR and OEM repair procedures, doing computer scans before and after repairs to fully restore passenger compartment integrity and to make sure all systems are operating properly to the satisfaction of the customer.

"We work for you, not your insurance company," Perkins said. "We ensure your vehicle is back to pre-accident condition."

Check out Clarkston Auto Body & Towing I, 6470 Sashabaw Road, 248-625-0080, Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; and Clarkston Auto Body & Towing II, Dan Wilson, manager, 5475 Dixie Highway in Waterford, 248-623-0900.

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## Medcenter Pharmacy shares small-town values

The Medcenter Pharmacy team and David Sakstrup, owner and pharmacist, send big thank yous to all their customers for voting them Best Pharmacy and Best Pharmacist.

"We appreciate your support and your continued business," Sakstrup said, adding they care about their service and their customers.

"We strive to do our best," he said, with many of the staff agreeing. "We have always

been a 'mom and pop' place. We still believe in the small-town values. We know our customers and provide fast and friendly service."

Medcenter Pharmacy is family and extends the feeling out to their customers.

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Akram Mozep, co-owner of Leo's Coney Island, and staff are ready to serve their Best of the Best coney!

## Tasty dishes, friendly service makes Leo's best

Leo's Coney Island earned Best of the Best Coney Island for the fifth time with great food and friendly service.

"It's awesome – thanks to all of our customers," said Dana Mattson, manager of Leo's, 6325 Sashabaw Road. "We love Clarkston."

They take pride in their customer service, speed, and quality of food, which includes chicken kabobs, home-style goulash, stuffed cabbage, green peppers, and of course their Coney combos and specials using their own brand of chili sauce and Koegels premium

hot dogs.

"You can't beat it," Mattson said.

Breakfast is always popular, offering pancakes, specialty omelets and skillet, and other menu items created just for the Clarkston location.

They also stay involved in the community, supporting charity groups and school basketball, football, and other sports with fundraisers and many other activities.

For more information, call 248-620-5122 or visit [www.leosconeyisland.com](http://www.leosconeyisland.com).





The staff at Morgan's Auto Service know how to keep Clarkston's cars running.

## Clarkston's best mechanics at Morgan's

Morgan's Auto Service has been a part of Clarkston since 1932, so it's no surprise the community continues to vote them Best of the Best Auto Mechanic.

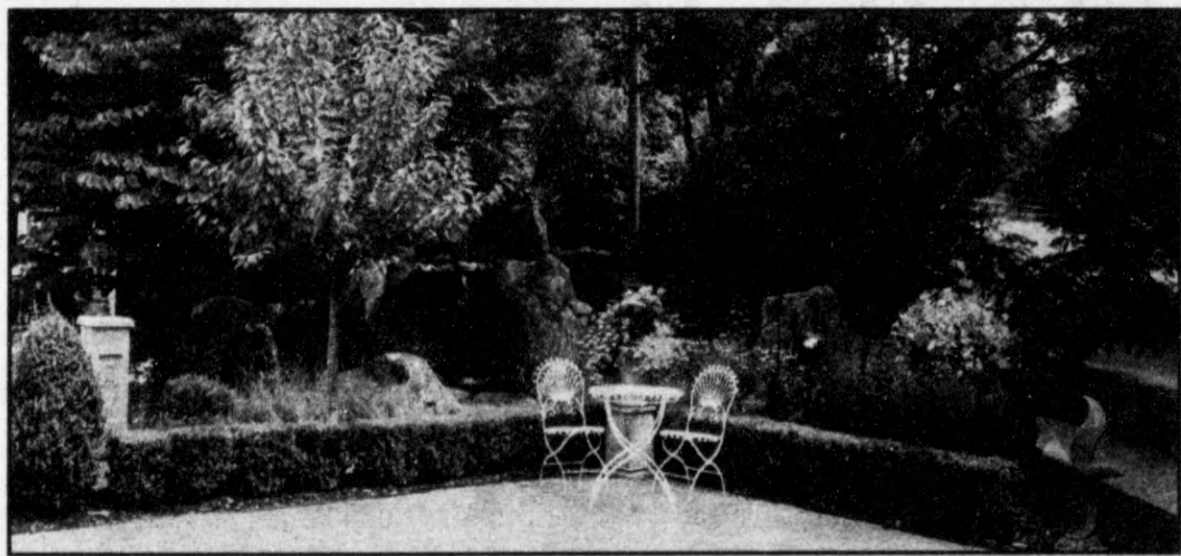
"Thank you to the customers. They're the ones that voted us Best of the Best, if it wasn't for them we wouldn't be here," Owner Scott McIntyre said.

McIntyre likes having a small business that gives him the ability to deal with

customers directly, most of which are from the Clarkston area.

"We want to stay small and keep doing what we know. We strive to be fair and honest," McIntyre said. "It's definitely a group effort, it's not just me that works for this, it's everybody."

Morgan's is located at 148 N Main Street and is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.



The natural beauty of the outdoor venue at the Gateway.

## Gateway gets Best of the Best honors

Celebrating 25 years in Clarkston, The Gateway was voted Best of the Best Florist this year by the community.

"We started off as a small little nature store, we sold birdseed and birdfeeders and we've kept on growing and that's just because the Clarkston community has supported us for the last 25 years," co-owner Steven Stroud said.

Today the store consists of much more than just nature products, with a sizable clothing section and a dedication to personalized gifts.

"One of the biggest parts of our business now is personalization," Stroud said. "Our latest addition is laser engraving. People come in here and they get glassware,

trophies, we can do t-shirts; it's been a nice addition for us."

Stroud commended his designers for doing quality work and having commitment to getting the job done right. "Our four designers have probably close to 100 years of experience between them."

In addition to being Best of the Best Florist, Stroud is committed to the Clarkston community and often donates their outdoor space for use by several different local organizations.

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## Meet Dr. Reba Johnson


Dr. Johnson is a board certified allergist who was born in Virginia and grew up in Michigan. She graduated from Troy Athens High School with a 4.0 gpa and was valedictorian. She played varsity basketball, volleyball, track and softball. She went on to graduate from Michigan State University with honors and continued at Michigan State for her medical doctorate degree. She completed her training at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. Dr. Johnson is a board certified allergist. She opened her practice here in Clarkston in 2009 to serve the community in which she lives. Dr. Johnson is a staff physician at William Beaumont and St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. She is also an Oakland University School of Medicine faculty member.

Dr. Johnson lives and works in Clarkston. She loves interacting with the community she has the privilege to serve. She resides here with her husband, three daughters and their German Shorthaired Pointer. Her kids attend Clarkston Community Schools and the family is involved in a local Clarkston church. Dr. Johnson continues to give food allergy awareness lectures at the local schools. She enjoys spending time with her family on the lake and in the outdoors. In the winter, they enjoy skiing and snowmobiling. During the warmer months, you can often find them kayaking or at the beach.

When the opportunity arises, Dr. Johnson loves to travel. She has participated in many medical and faith based mission trips, here in the US as well as places like Nicaragua and India. She has back packed through Europe, explored the ruins of Machu Picchu in Peru, marveled at the Taj Mahal in India, competed in a volleyball exchange in Australia and has been on excursions in Africa.

Dr. Johnson and her staff at Advanced Allergy & Asthma strive to provide great medicine with compassionate care.

Dr. Johnson is honored to be voted for Clarkston New's Best of the Best.



## Clarkston's Best Dermatologist

Jennifer Caudill, M.D., Dermatology is extremely honored to have again been voted "Best of the Best Dermatologist" in Clarkston. "Our team of medical professionals love what we do and have the most fun doing it, mostly because of what the patients give back to us; their stories, their trust, their friendship and high fives," said Dr. Caudill.

There are a lot of fun things going on for Dr. Caudill and her team. As of September 5, all appointments will be at their new office located at 5885 S. Main St. Dr. Caudill has also added Dr. Jessica Kado to their growing team. Dr. Kado comes from the Cleveland Clinic, one of the largest and most respected hospitals in the country. Dr. Kado is a board certified Dermatologist, earning her degree from Wayne State School of Medicine. She completed fellowship training at the Cleveland Clinic in Mohs Micrographic Surgery for skin cancers, dermatologic oncology and cosmetic surgery including laser surgery and injectables.

"Every decision we make is in the best interest of our patients," said Dr. Caudill. She continued, "If it doesn't directly benefit our patient's care or experience, we don't do it."

Dr. Caudill is a board certified dermatologist. She graduated from Wayne State School of Medicine in the top five percent of her class and completed her residency training at Wayne State University. As a Clarkston native and resident, she is privileged to serve our community. "We are really proud of what we've built since opening in 2011, the best dermatologic care you can find on the planet while also focusing on every part of the patient experience," said Dr. Caudill.

"Thank you to our valued patients for making this such an amazing place to work and live," said Dr. Caudill.

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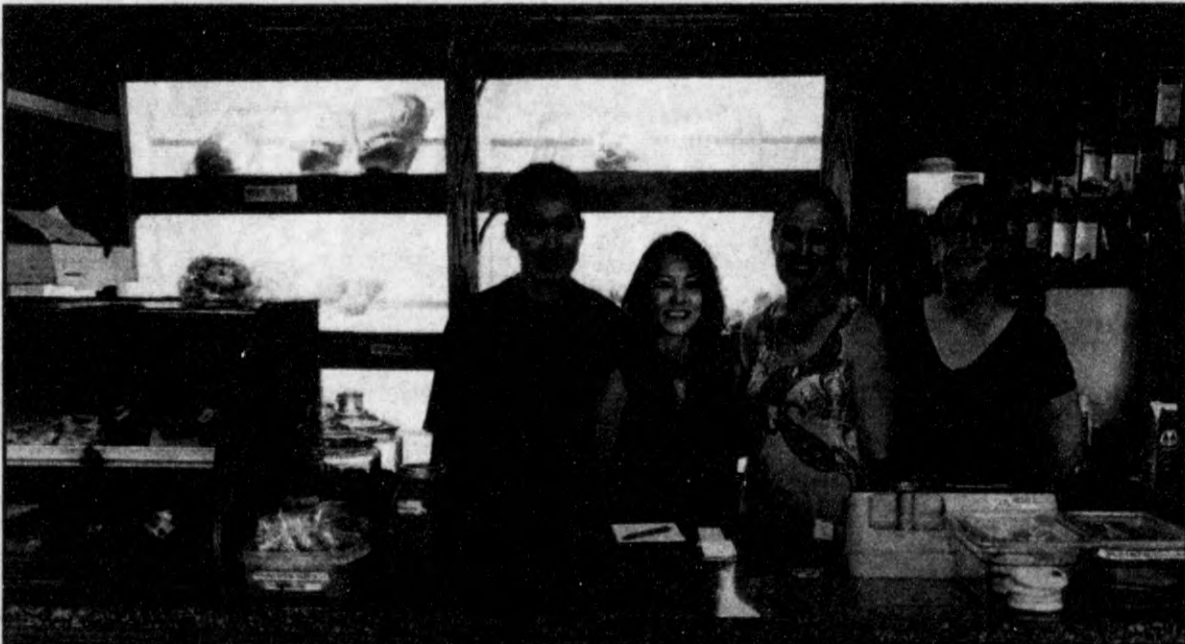
They say variety is the spice of life and if it's true we're cayenne pepper! We offer **yoga** (hatha, vinyasa and yin), **cardio** group fit-

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Owner Stephanie Tran and staff at Village Bake Shop.

## Top quality, tasty treats at Village Bake Shop

Quality earned Clarkston Village Bake Shop the Best of the Best Bakery award this year.

"The bakery takes a lot of pride in what we bake, starting with quality ingredients, and everything is made from scratch, including our signature cookies," Owner Stephanie Tran said. "Donuts, muffins, delicious scones and more are made fresh daily. We grind our coffee beans for the freshest and best cup of coffee in town. Creamy cappuccinos and espressos are made to order and we have fruit smoothies."

The shop also specializes in cakes for

weddings, birthdays, and other occasions.

"Our customers are very special to us, most on a first-name basis. The bakeshop is a place where you can come, relax and talk. We will always strive to be the best in town for our customers!" Tran said.

She thanks the community for continuing to vote the bakeshop for Best of the Best.

"When in the area stop in and say hello and try a fresh baked donut and coffee. We appreciate all of the support we get from the community and our loyal customers," Tran said.

The Village Bakeshop is located at 10 S. Main St. and can be reached at 248-625-0677.

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# Readers name Bowman Chevrolet best dealership

Clarkston News readers have named Bowman Chevrolet the Best Automotive Dealership in Oakland County.

The dealership has been a mainstay in Clarkston since it was opened by John Bowman in 1984.

Today, under the leadership of John's daughter, Katie Bowman Coleman, Bowman Chevrolet is one of the fastest-growing Chevrolet dealerships in Metro Detroit.

For three consecutive years, Bowman Chevrolet has been rated #1 for consumer satisfaction in Michigan and was named the 2017 Chevrolet Dealer of the Year in Michigan according to Dealer Rater.

It also was recognized by Metro Detroit Chevy dealers as #1 in customer satisfaction for the past two years.

"Everyone, from sales to service to our porters, is committed to ensuring that our customers have a great experience at Bowman Chevrolet," said Katie Bowman Coleman.

"Being recognized as the best dealership validates our commitment to customer service. The Clarkston community is more than just where we do business. It's filled with our neighbors and our friends, and we thank you for this honor" Coleman added.



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## Personal care at Clarkston Animal Medical Center

Pet owners around Clarkston agree on who is the Best of the Best Veterinarian when it comes to care of their pets - Clarkston Animal Medical Center, located at 5904 South Main Street.

"We appreciate the community for recognizing us," said Dr. Robin Krieger, DVM. "The clinic has been part of the community for 41 years. We feel we are definitely part of the community and want to do our best to serve everyone in the community."

She added in doing their best to serve the community they provide great service with their staff, which continues to grow as the business grows.

"We know the clients when they come in," she said. "We know their pets. We like to know them personally. We like to offer individual programs to their pets. We want to approach them as their owners do - they are unique."

Dr. Robin Krieger and her husband, John, took over the clinic from the original owner in 2007.

"We have some clients who have been with us for 25 years or more," she said. "There is a longevity here. We feel it's important. Not only are new people coming into Clarkston, but there are people who are loyal. We appreciate the recognition from new and old clients. We plan on expanding staff to continue our level of service as we

get new clients."

Clarkston Animal Medical Center is an America Animal Hospital Association accredited hospital.

For more information, to see what services they offer please visit [www.clarkstonanimalmedical.com](http://www.clarkstonanimalmedical.com) or call 248-625-5580.



Dr. Robin Krieger, DVM, and Mara



Christina Calka, owner of Village Fashion Boutique.

## Stay shiny with Village Fashion Boutique

Village Fashion Boutique, Best of the Best Jewelry Shop, offers jewelry in a wide variety of styles and price, traditional to contemporary, fashion fun to top quality.

"Thank you to everybody for voting us Best of the Best Jewelry. It means a lot to have community support of a local business," said Christina Calka, owner. "Every purchase, we appreciate it."

Favorite brand names include Brighton,

MFIL, TRIBAL, Neon Buddha, Pure, and NYDJ.

"We're always going to shows looking for fun fashion pieces that sparkle, the best I can find," Calka said. "All ages love jewelry. We have something for everybody's budget."

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# HOME TEAM THANKS THE HOME CROWD!

When news that the Clarkston Union, Union Woodshop and Honcho had earned Best of the Best awards from the *Clarkston News*, managing partner Erich Lines could barely contain his pride.

"It means the world to me... to all of us, really... but it really means a lot to me... and the Union Joints family... who along with me are really honored to be honored like this."

As the first of the Union Joints, the Clarkston Union opened in 1995 and was awarded Best Lunch by the Best of the Best.

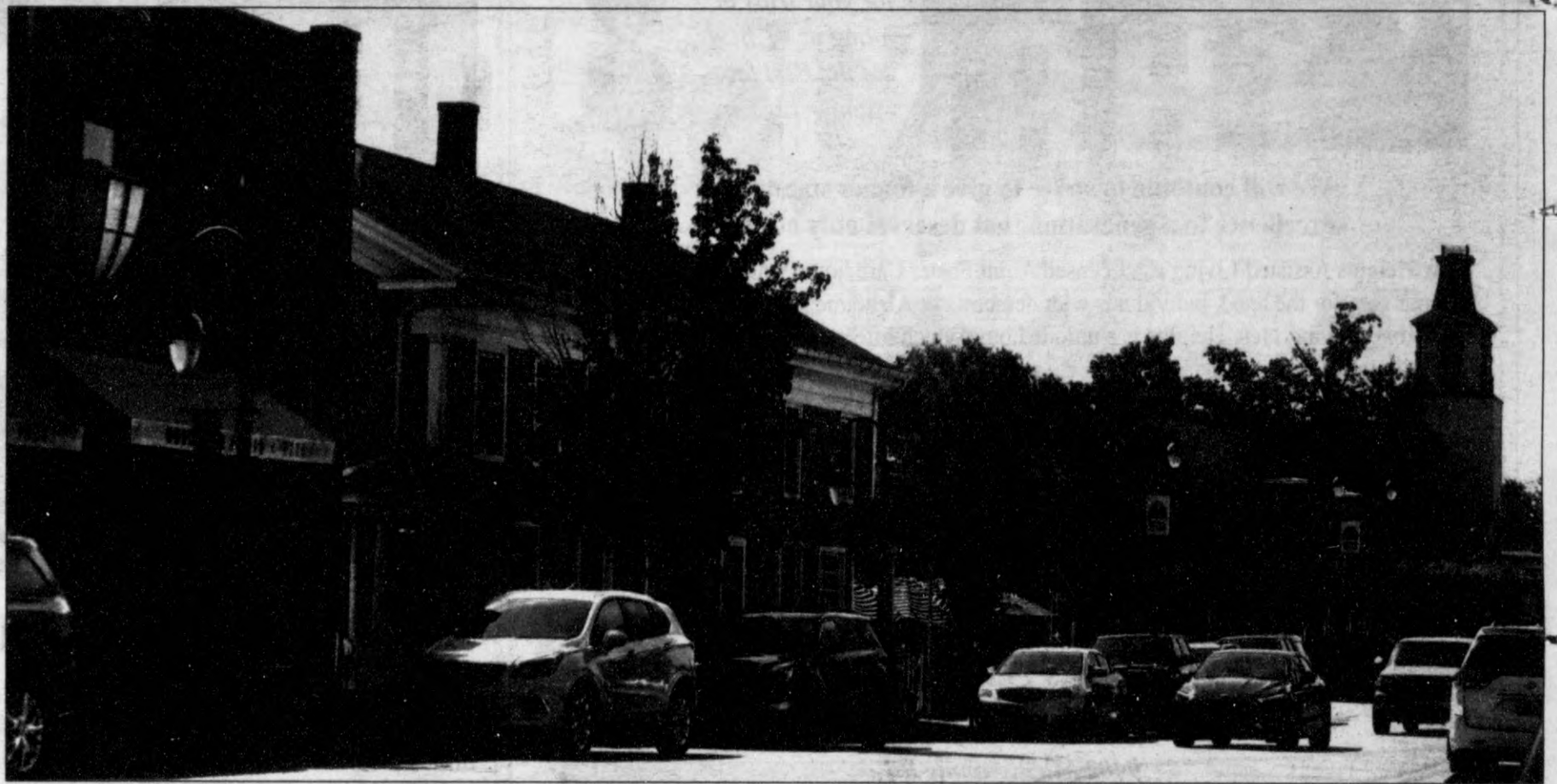
"I love soup, so this lunch award is really super," said a laughing Lines.

The Union Woodshop was also honored with Best BBQ and Best Dinner on the Best of the Best list.

While the Woodshop was recently named as the Best BBQ in Michigan by Southern Living Magazine and made Food & Wine's list of restaurants to put on your bucket list, the *Clarkston News* honor is particularly meaningful to the Union Joints family.

"Look, if you set out to deliver the best bigtime smalltown BBQ, then what matters most is that the folks in your backyard can sense the care that the team puts into the craft."

With the backlot smoker running 24/7, Lines noted; "The folks in our backyard also sense bacon... lots of delicious, magical bacon



From the Union's steeple, north to the fun umbrellas of Honcho, to the smokey goodness of the Woodshop the readers have spoken: The BEST!

wafting their way."

The smell of house-roasted coffee is also wafting over a Main Street corner; the *Clarkston News* readers awarded Honcho as

the Best New Business.

With its coffee shop and Latin street food venue occupying the original Morgan's gas station and former fire station/DPW building;

the youngest member of the Joints' family was born young at heart.

"We're having fun with it, it's like a fluffy friendly new puppy," according to Lines.

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**New Heights Assisted Living owner Sarah Thomas with resident Freda Curry.**

## Best of the Best honors for New Heights

New Heights Assisted Living is new to Clarkston and working hard to bring the highest standards of care to those who need it the most.

"It's such an honor to earn Best of the Best, so humbling," said Sarah Thomas, who opened the center at 9402 Michigamme Road with her husband, Julian Thomas, this past April. "We hope it shows people believe in our mission to provide quality care and

purposeful living to a generation that served us so much."

They offer volunteer opportunities to Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, schools, and other members of the community, young and old, to be involved with residents in music, art, exercise, animal therapy, and other services. For more information, email newheightsassistedliving@gmail.com or call 248-660-7014.



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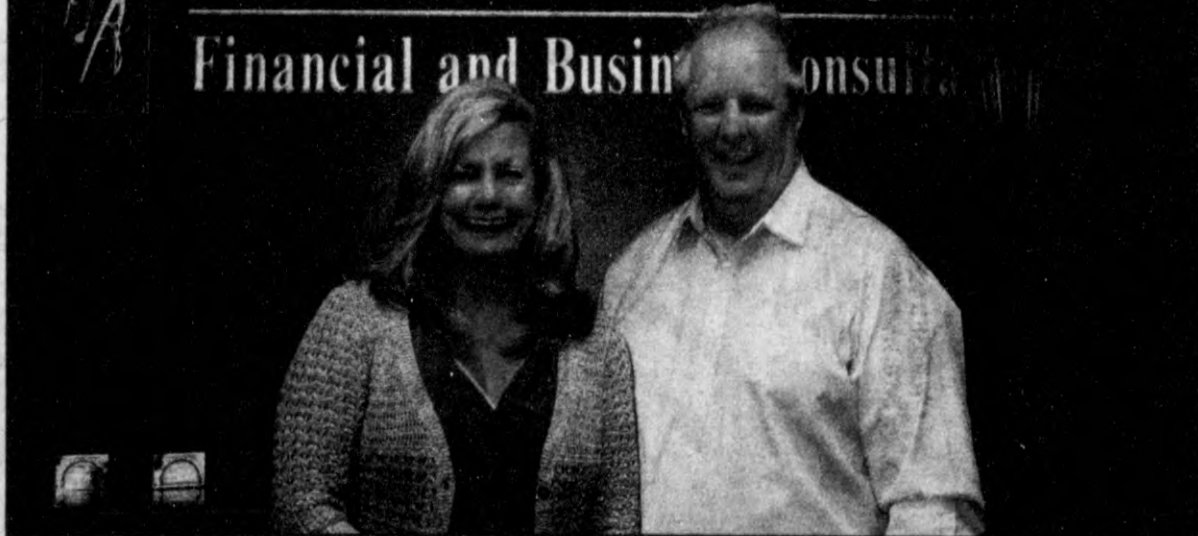
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## Hallman Advisors serves community

Celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> year in business, Hallmann Advisors CPA & Financial Planning is delighted to be voted as this year's Best of the Best Financial Planner.

"It's very exciting to get recognition in the community," Owner William Hallmann said. "We love our clients, they're like family to us."

Hallmann and his wife, Suzette, have lived in Clarkston their whole lives and moved the business here in 2005 to be closer to home.

"We get a lot of people come in and say, 'Hey, I live in Clarkston, I've been going to my financial advisor in Troy for years, but

I'm tired of driving down there, you're right here, I like to keep it local, and that's been happening more and more," he said.

"We're out in the community doing community service events," Suzette Hallmann added. "We're very involved on a daily basis at different events, volunteering within the community, so we see and service many people in the area."

Hallmann Advisors is located north of Pine Knob at 5710 Bella Rosa Blvd. Suite 200 with hours from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday or by appointment. They can be reached at 248-625-2727.



## CMG cares for Clarkston health

When it comes to your health and wellness, the community chose Dr. Tim O'Neill from Clarkston Medical Group as Best Family Doctor.

"Thank you," said Dr. O'Neill. "We are really appreciative of the trust everyone places in us. It's not just about me. I accept it on the behalf of our group."

He explained what makes CMG stand out is their vision.

"I have two great partners, Dean Moscovic and Renny Abraham," he continued. "The three of us have a vision of caring for the town we all live in and grew up in. It's that sense of duty to our community. We aren't people who just show up and see patients - this is where we live and this is what we do. We have a lot of history and a long tradition from my father, James O' Neill, practicing like that."

He added they have a great staff which helps them stand out.

"We have been really fortunate to surround ourselves with so many amazing people," Tim said. "What makes us good is we are driven to be good and we have surrounded ourselves with good people who feel the same. We have such a great staff from physicians to reception desk to billing

department. I would match our group up with anyone in terms of commitment and medical knowledge."

They have also returned their focus to primary care which he explained has helped them and their patients.

"We are really good primary care physicians," he said.

"Primary care is understanding how this affects the person's life, how the treatment may or may not work for that individual, financial consideration of testing and treatments, and practice as efficiently and affordable as we can."

"I am really excited to welcome two great new

physicians and a new location," said Dr. O'Neill.

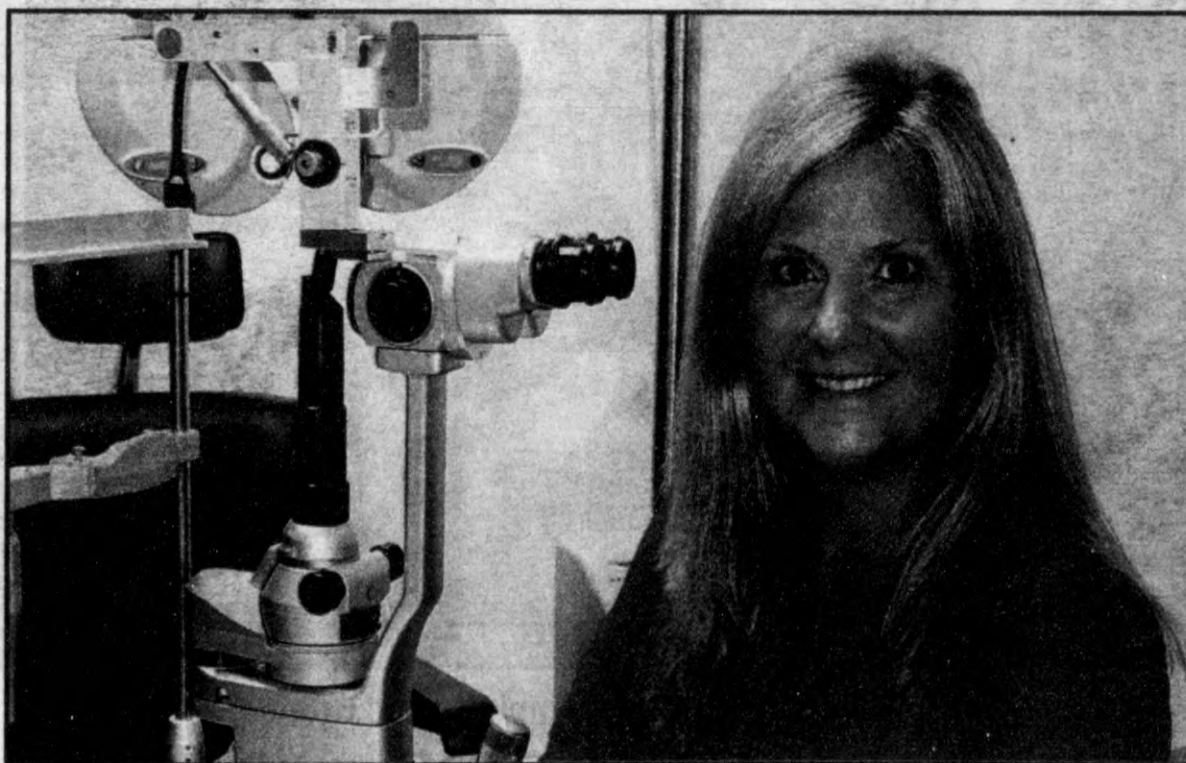
CMG welcomes Dr. Sagar Patel, who joins the Clarkston office, and Dr. Brian Titesworth, who is anchoring the new location. CMG welcomes back Dr. Carl Palfy

"On behalf of all of us, thank you for placing your trust in us," said Tim. "We look forward to being here for many more years."

For more information, please call 248-625-2621 or visit [www.clarkstonmedicalgroup.com](http://www.clarkstonmedicalgroup.com).



Dr. Tim O'Neill



Dr. Allison Schulte of Allison Eye Care.

## Allison Eye Care keeps community vision clear

Allison Eye Care earned Best of the Best Optometrist.

"We love our patients," said Dr. Allison M.B. Schulte. "I can't be happier to be in the community I grew up in. We work to support everyone in Clarkston, and we appreciate the community's support for us."

The certified doctor of optometry spends lots of time with all her patients, answering questions and addressing all their needs.

"We live by the Golden Rule, do our best

and treat others as we would like to be treated," she said. "We have a good team, working to do what's right for each patient. We treat patients like family."

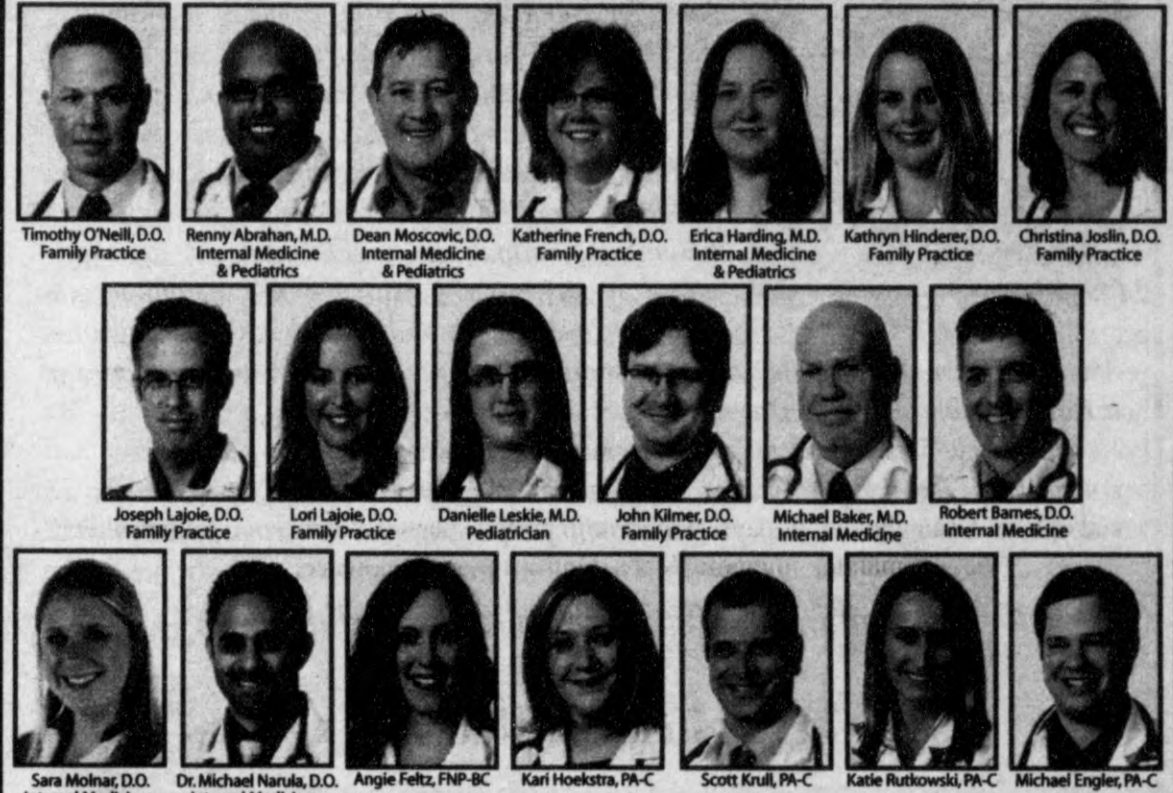
Dr. Schulte graduated in 1992 from Illinois College of Optometry, and opened her practice in 1998. She specializes in comprehensive visual examinations and a full range of vision care services.

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## Thank you,

to all of the readers and subscribers of the Clarkston News who voted me the "Best of the Best Attorney" AGAIN. I am humbled by your vote of confidence and thank you on behalf of my family, the Honorable Kelley Kostin and our son, Shay. My legal team of Dawn Huff, Dominic Spadoni and myself will continue to provide the same quality and personalized services for all your legal needs including family law, divorce, child custody, adoption, criminal law, including drunk driving and drug cases and personal injury, including auto, motorcycle & snowmobile accidents, and dog bites.

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My policy, for more than 30 years, has been to not charge for the initial consultation on any legal matter whether or not I am retained. I congratulate The Clarkston News and its staff for outstanding reporting and coverage of news and events of interest to our community. One of my favorite articles will always be the reporting of the academic achievements of our students who make their parents and our community proud.

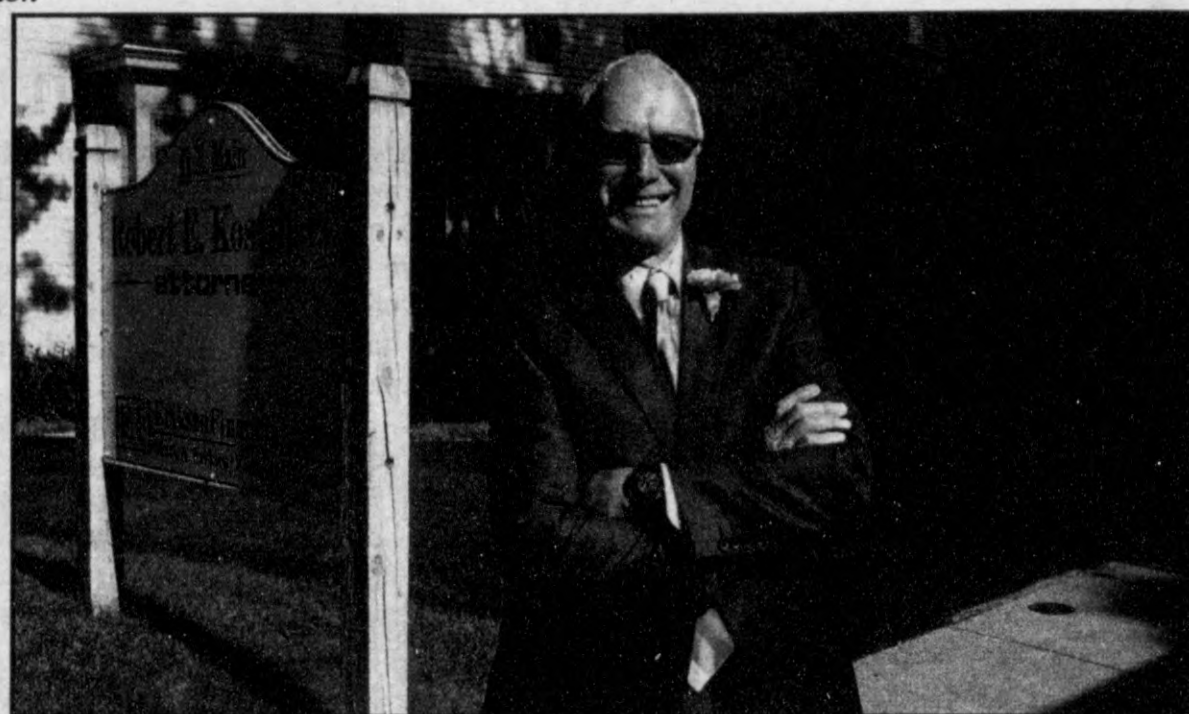
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Robert Kostin takes pride in serving his clients and community.

## Kostin Clarkston's Best of the Best Attorney

Robert Kostin's devotion to the law earned him Best of the Best Attorney honors for the sixth time.

"I make sure clients are treated fairly and within the law," Kostin said. "Clients can count on me to return their phone calls and meet their needs."

He takes pride in his work, family, and community, serving on several boards including the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Board.

Oakland Parks are rated among the best

in the nation, offering five golf courses, two nature centers, wedding and banquet facilities, BMX race track and two waterparks, and 13 parks filled with beautiful lakes, streams, and wildlife.

"The parks preserve green space in north Oakland County, which is important to the whole county," he said. "Green spaces give people a place to walk, get away from their cell phones, and contemplate nature."

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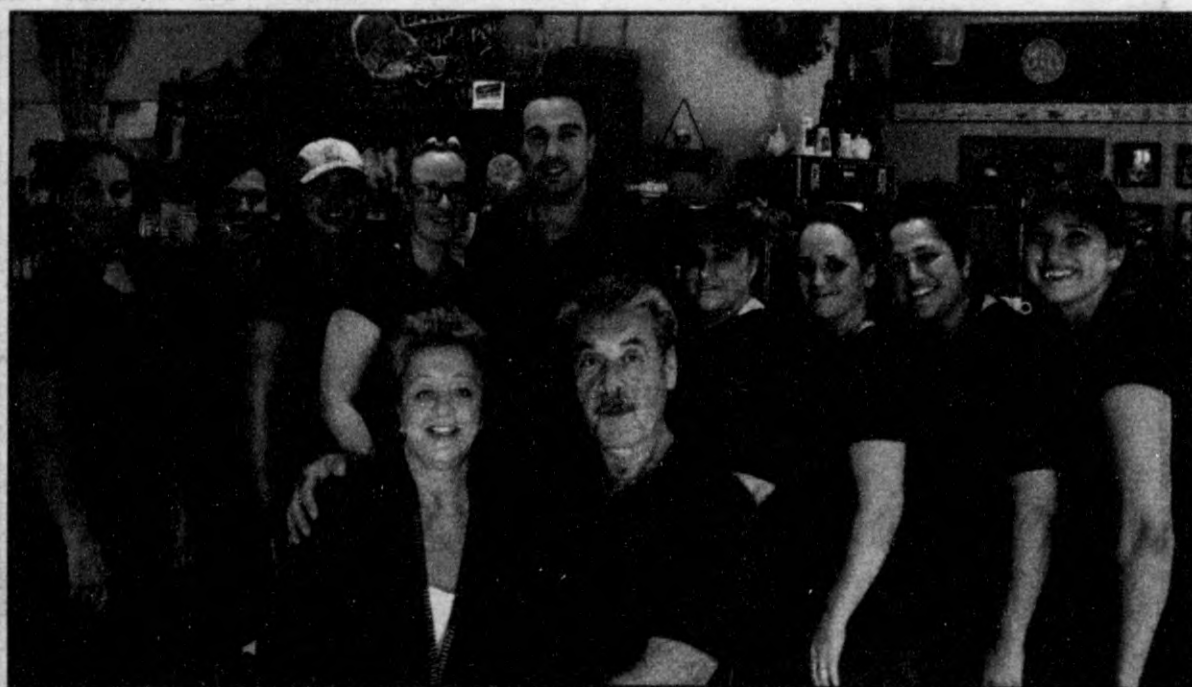
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Owners Louise and Larry Stakle, and employees at Brioni Café & Deli.

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"We would like to thank all of our employees for the great job they do every single day," said Louise Stakle, who opened Brioni Café & Deli in 2005 with her

husband, Larry Stakle. "We are proud to be in the Clarkston area. We feel that our customers are our extended family. We have been a resident of Clarkston for over 20 years, we love everything about Clarkston."

Louise and Larry are proud to announce their son Robert has become a partner at Brioni Café and Deli after receiving his masters degree in marketing/management.

"We are excited and welcome Robert as a partner," Louise said.



# New owners, great service makes Clarkston Ace Hardware 'best'

As Clarkston locals, Jason and Melanie Haley are very humbled to be voted Best of the Best Hardware Store.

As owners of the newly re-opened Ace Hardware of Clarkston their goal was simply to run a great hardware store to serve their neighbors and this community.

The Haley's, along with their entire team, want to thank the community for this award and the great support since opening last October.

"It's a real honor to win an award like this when we have only been open such a short time," said Jason. "Big thanks go out to our staff as well – they make it happen on the front line every day."

One of the most satisfying parts of owning the store is hearing a sincere "Thank You" from their customers for opening. They receive lots of feedback from customers on how pleased they are to have a locally owned hardware store that is well stocked and has great service, all right in Clarkston.

The Haley's love the passion that Clarkston residents have around serving and helping others – they participated with My Habitat Clarkston in the spring and have enjoyed a great relationship and support of the Clarkston Family Farm,

who are doing great things with Clarkston kids.

Ace is a one-stop shop for supplies needed to fix, repair and maintain homes. They also have a varied gift and home décor section, major brand and specialty paints, and a huge grilling department. Jason encourages you to come see him personally if you are looking for a grill.

"We have sold and delivered over 100 grills in the last few months – our free setup and white glove delivery has become quite popular in the area," he said.

The community room located inside the store is also popular.

Starting this fall, they will start teaching decorative and furniture painting classes and various how-to clinics. When the room is vacant it is available free of charge for the community to use for meetings and gatherings.

The Haley's love their community, their two boys attend Clarkston schools and feel blessed by the support shown so far for their family business!

Ace Hardware in Clarkston is located at 6669 Dixie Highway and they're open Monday to Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



The owners and staff of Ace Hardware of Clarkston.

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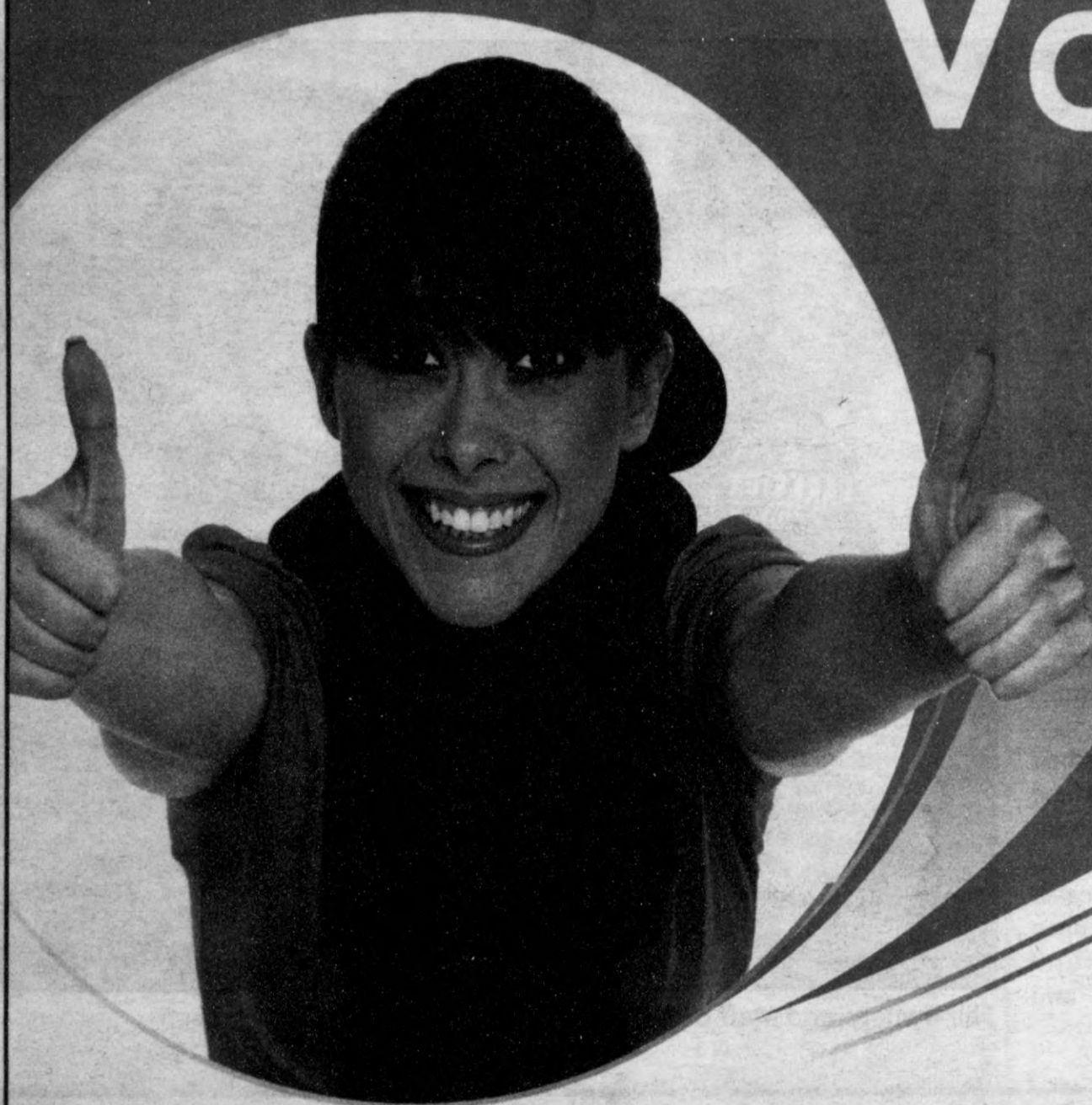
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