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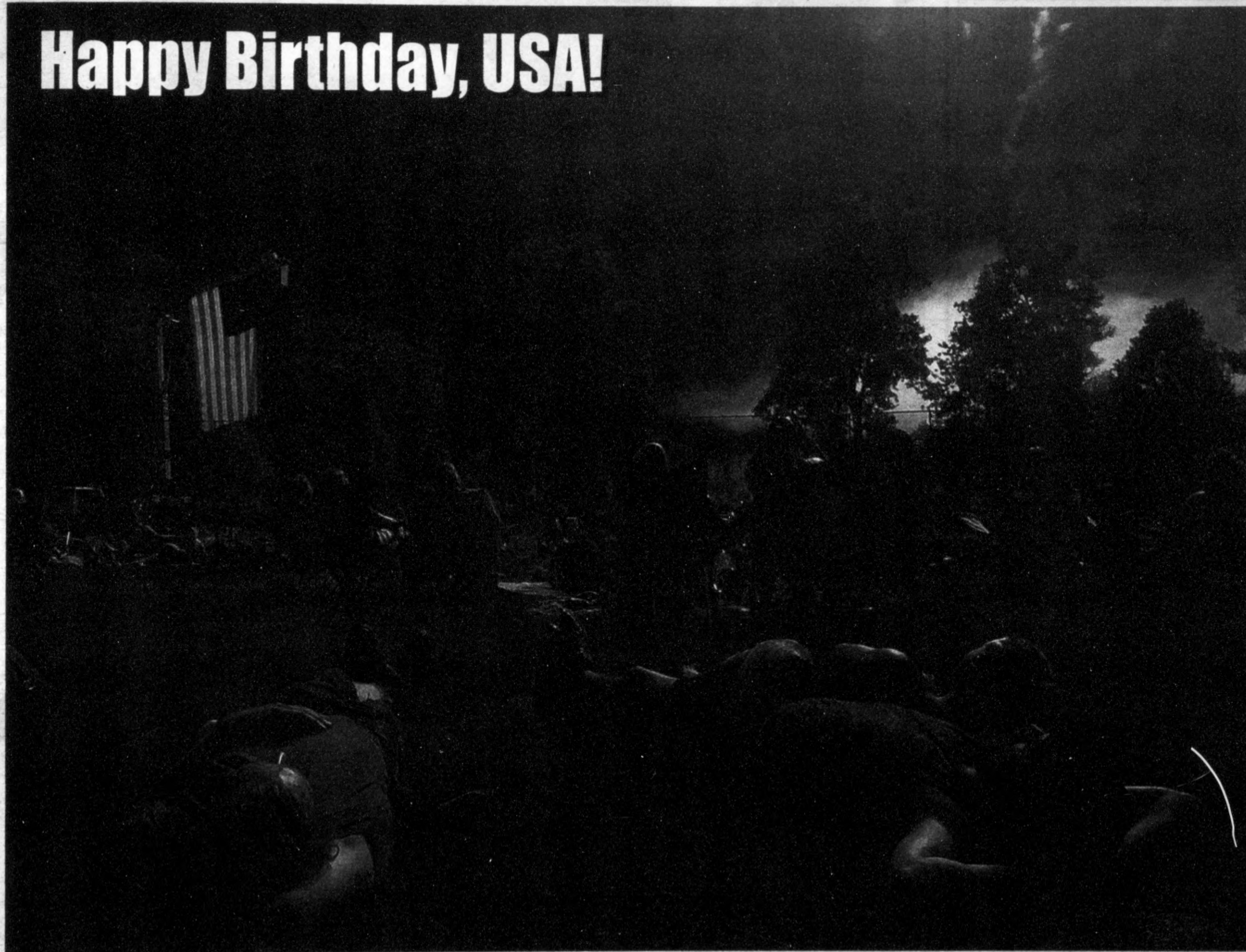
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Independence Fest goers bathe in the rockets' red glare of the Fourth of July fireworks at Clintonwood Park after a full day of celebration. Please see pages 22-23 for pictures from the Clarkston Fourth of July Parade and page 29 for more pictures from the fireworks. *Photo by Serena Stauffer*

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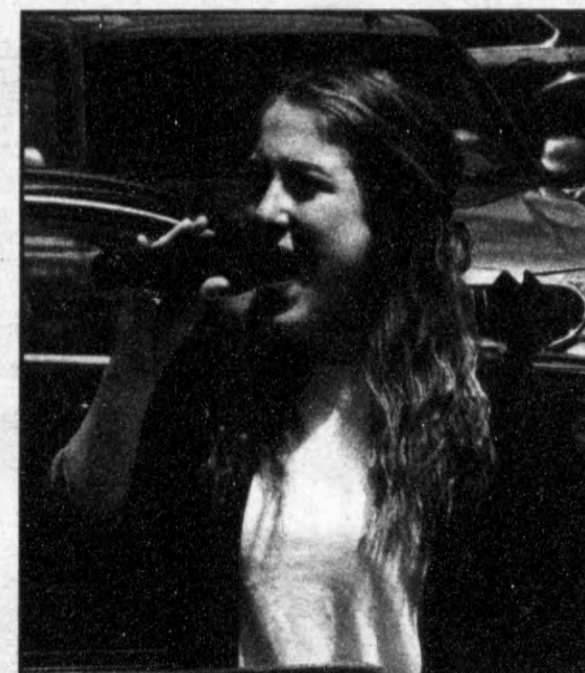
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Mike Scott and Ella Scott check out a vintage, desert camouflage helmet in the military museum. Photos by Phil Custodio



Zoe Nygaard belts out the National Anthem at the veterans ceremony.

Vets honored

Bartch Hall in the Independence Town-
ship Senior Center was the cool place to be
during Independence Fest.

It was filled with veterans from World War
II to the current Global War on Terror and
their memorabilia, as well as information and
items from veterans groups and even a Revo-
lutionary War reenactor (and it was also air
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State rep campaign turns negative

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

The campaign to represent the 43rd District in the state house includes two Independence Township trustees, Jose Aliaga and Andrea Schroeder, vying for the Republican nomination.

The race has turned negative against Aliaga, who said he has received several personal attacks over the past few weeks.

"I've been getting attacks, questioning my loyalty to the United States," Aliaga said.

A mailing from Schroeder's campaign cites Aliaga's campaign for office in his native country of Peru as part of the Partido Solidaridad Nacional, as well as fellow candidate Anthony Bartolotta of Waterford's work with Waterford Democrats, with Schroeder being the "only real Republican for state representative in the 43rd District."

Also, *The Clarkston News* received anonymously in the mail Aliaga's work-performance records from his job with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

The records, which redact the candidate's identity record numbers, bank account numbers, and other personal information, include unsatisfactory competencies reports from January 2017 to January 2018.

The performance stems from an overloaded system with not enough staff, using old computers designed to handle 400 clients, instead trying to help more than 900, Aliaga said.

None of the information indicates any inappropriate behavior or anything that would disqualify him from representing his district, he pointed out.

"This is my personal life – to think they would go that far, to send it to *The Clarkston News*," he said. "I can't recall anything like this."

Schroeder said neither she nor her campaign sent the HHS information. However, she received a copy through email.

"I was disturbed by the contents, by what it says about his job performance," she said. "It affects the sick and poor, those he was supposed to help. The state entrusted him to take care of vulnerable people."

When you hold the public trust as an elected official, you should be held to a higher public standard, she said.

"Unsatisfactory job performance, not just once, but continually – it's disappointing," she added.

Her campaign mailing includes oppositional research available through a internet search, including a 2009 article in *The Clarkston News*.

"It's information voters should know about candidates who want to be state representative," she said. "People in the community know me. They see me in the community, not just when campaigning."

Most of her campaign involves knocking on doors, talking to voters, and staying actively involved in the community, she said.

"The campaign is going very well. I'm very happy it's not 100 degrees out or raining," she said.

She is the only candidate with kids in the school district, and with experience with local government, community organizations, state regulatory agencies, and the school board, she said.

Aliaga said he has received several calls and emails from residents disgusted with the negative campaigning.

"I never attacked anybody. I work hard, knocking on doors," he said. "This means I'm winning the election."

The HHS mailing to the newspaper shows the "Lansing establishment" is against him, he said.

"The election is very much establishment versus the people," he said. "I am a candidate of the people. I will deliver what I promise."

He is a "real Republican," having publicly supported Donald Trump's campaign for president and his presidency since 2016.

"Whatever he promises, he does it. Whether you agree or disagree, he does it,"



Schroeder



Aliaga

Aliaga said. "I go to different places and people ask, 'why do you support him, you're Hispanic, and he hates Hispanics.' That's not true. He doesn't want human trafficking, sex trafficking. He wants to secure the border. No country has an open border."

As representative, he would support changing the way insurance companies set rates, no tax increases, more support for veterans, defend the Second Amendment, and more funds to fix the roads.

"I would insist on guarantees in road work contracts – five year guarantees," he said.

A legal immigrant to the U.S., he would not support sanctuary cities in Michigan, Common Core in the schools, nor social changes in schools such as gender-neutral bathrooms.

Schroeder would work to continue job creation in professional areas and skilled trades started by Gov. Rick Snyder, adapt schools to prepare students for future jobs, promote diverse business sectors and increasing foreign investment, and make sure taxes are used wisely.

A letter to the editor in last week's *Clarkston News* was signed by the rest of the Independence Township Board in support of Schroeder's campaign.

"These are the people who know who would be best to do the job of governance," said Schroeder, who also received endorsements from *The Detroit News*, Michigan Chamber of Commerce, and Right to Life of Michigan.

"We all like Jose. He's a personable guy," she said. "Good luck to Jose. I wish him well. We have to serve together. We've had disagreements, but we serve well together."

Aliaga also said they have had healthy disagreements on the board but work well together.

The 43rd District includes part of Oakland County, including part of Waterford Township, city of Lake Angelus, City of the Village of Clarkston, and Independence Township. Incumbent 43rd District Rep. Jim Tedder is running for the Michigan Senate, 12th District. The Michigan primary election is Aug. 7. The Republican and Democratic nominees will run for the Michigan House seat the general election on Nov. 6.

Briefly

Street sweeper

The city's new street sweeper attachment for its skidsteer track loader is expected to arrive by next week.

City Council approved the purchase from Weingartz on April 29.

When it arrives, the city will resume sweeping the streets, said City Council Jonathan Smith.

Playground train

The painting of the Depot Park playground train, Evan's Choo-Choo, is complete and awaiting repair of a rusted panel, installation of new wood seats and floors, and leg extensions, after which it will be cemented in place, said City Manager Jonathan Smith.

Political signs

With the Michigan primary election coming up Aug. 7, City Manager Jonathan Smith has reminders about the city sign ordinance.

Political signs up to 2-by-3-feet in size are allowed on private property, 60 days before an election and 14 days afterwards. Sandwich board signs and signs placed within city right-of-ways are prohibited and will be removed, Smith said.

Cyclones tryouts

The Cyclones are holding baseball tryouts for 2019 on July 24, 26 and 28 at First Baptist Church of Clarkston.

Tryouts on Tuesday, July 24 are open for 8U, from 5:30 - 7 p.m.; and 9U, from 7 - 8:30 p.m. Tryouts on Thursday, July 26 are open for 10U, from 5:30 - 7 p.m.; and 11U, from 7 - 8:30 p.m. Tryouts on Saturday, July 28 are open for 8U, from 10 - 11:30 a.m.; 9U, from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.; 10U, from 1 - 2:30 p.m.; and 11U, 2:30 - 4 p.m. Age is determined as of May 1, 2019.

For more information or to register, contact Bill Collins at 734-306-5490 or bd500@yahoo.com, or contact Kyle Wilson at 248-508-1855 or kylejwilson@me.com.

First Baptist Church of Clarkston is located at 5972 Paramus in the Village of Clarkston.

Road work

Davisburg Road between Milford Road and Tindall Road in Springfield Township will have intermittent lane closures for road repaving this week.

The work will be done by the Road Commission for Oakland County.

New RV center on Dixie

General RV is building a new recreational vehicle sales and service facility at 8665 Dixie Highway, north of I-75 next to Dixie Baptist Church.

The 19.27-acre property, zoned for General Business, will include a sales building, RV service areas, and some fenced areas for parts storage. RV services will include fixing interior components, side panels, and other cosmetic features.

Springfield Township Board granted Special Land Use approval to General RV, Feb. 8. Conditions included building a pedestrian safety path in front along Dixie.



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From left, Chris Howe, Olivia Gilmore and Don Peters. Photo submitted

Howe scholarship for Gilmore

Olivia Gilmore received the 2018 Steve Howe Scholarship Award during the Clarkston Varsity Softball Banquet at The Fountains, June 18.

"Olivia has such a neat and pleasant personality. The kids really liked her. She motivated in her own way. You don't have to have a 'C' next to your name to be a leader," said Don Peters, head coach.

Gilmore continues her softball career as she heads to Ave Maria University in the fall. The scholarship has been given to Clarkston Varsity Softball and Baseball

graduating seniors since 2007.

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.

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Freedom of Information appeal goes to city

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Government prevailed in an appeal ruling on the Susan Bisio vs. the City of the Village of Clarkston case.

On July 3, Michigan Court of Appeals judges Jane M. Beckering, Michael J. Kelly, and Colleen A. O'Brien upheld Oakland Circuit Court's ruling in favor of the city in Bisio's Freedom of Information Act lawsuit.

The lawsuit stems from a Freedom of Information Act request by city resident Susan Bisio, sent to the city, June 2015, requesting documents prepared for the city by city attorney Thomas Ryan.

Bisio and her attorney, her husband Richard Bisio, argued records produced by Ryan were subject to FOIA.

Oakland County Circuit Court ruled in October 2016 in favor of the city, and Bisio appealed.

According to the appeals ruling, the Circuit Court was correct — "public body" as defined by the state and regulated by FOIA, does not include village, city, nor township employees.

The Bisios were not convinced, saying the court focused on the definition of "public body" rather than "public record."

"The question of who is the public body in this case has never been an issue plaintiff raised, since the FOIA request was to the city—not to the city attorney—and the city is unquestionably a public body," said Richard Bisio. "The issue is whether records in the possession of the city attorney are public records of the city."

The Court of Appeals considered the city attorney an independent entity separate from the city,

and concluded if the city attorney didn't share the records in his file with someone else at the city, then they are not the city's records.

"The fallacy of this reasoning is the city attorney is a formally appointed officer to a position defined by the city charter and was acting on behalf of the city when he sent and received the contested records, he billed the city for that work, and the city paid him," Bisio said. "The city attorney is not some independent, separate entity from the city. His actions were the city's actions. He acted in the name of the city. He was conducting city business. The city paid for and owns those records and, as the records of a public body, the city, they should be subject to FOIA."

The appeals judges wrote Bisio's argument was "seductive," but was unsupported by the plain language of state law, Michigan caselaw, and other caselaw cited by plaintiff.

"Public body" as defined by state law does not include officers or employees acting on behalf of cities, townships, and villages, they said.

Officers and employees acting on behalf of the executive branch of state government, however, are defined by state law as "public bodies."

"Had the legislature so intended, it could have included officers or employees, or agents, in the definition of public body that pertains to cities, townships, and villages. That it did not indicates the legislature's intent to limit 'public body' ... to the governing bodies of the entities listed," the court said.

The ruling is a win for government secrecy, Richard said.

"Under this decision, not only

the city attorney but any other municipal official or employee can conduct municipal business and keep a file that is not subject to FOIA as long as they don't share the records with someone else in the municipality and the records don't become the subject of formal action by the municipality," he said. "This will apply to virtually any records of municipal business."

Susan is considering an appeal, he added.

"She is also considering, among other things, whether to seek legislative changes to FOIA that would address multiple problems identified in the course of this litigation," he said.

Susan Bisio filed the FOIA request in June 2015 for correspondence referenced in some of the monthly billing invoices submitted to the city by Ryan. In response to the FOIA request, the city produced over 700 pages of documents, but declined to provide 18 records, saying they were not public records according to state law. The contested records included emails from Jan. 30, 2015, to May 20, 2015, between Ryan and other attorneys and agencies related to proposed redevelopment of 148 N. Main Street, and cleanup of vacant property at M-15 and Waldon.

Susan Bisio sued the city in December 2015 for violating FOIA. The city was represented by attorneys James E. Tamm and Paul T. O'Neill, provided through the Michigan Municipal League.

Oakland County Circuit Court ruled in October 2016 in favor of the city, saying records requested by Bisio were not public because the city did not use or retain them in the performance of official functions.

The Michigan Press Association and *Detroit Free Press* filed a joint amicus brief on Bisio's behalf in June 2017.

"The court should hold that a record prepared, owned, created, possessed, or retained by a public body's attorney is a public record if the attorney prepared, owned, created, possessed, or retained it when providing legal services on behalf of the public body," according to the MPA brief. "Mrs. Bisio is correct that a contrary holding would invite public bodies to hide records from the public by giving them to their attorneys."

The Michigan Municipal League and Michigan Townships Association responded with a joint amicus brief for the city.

"Any proper interpretation of the FOIA statute must be based on its plain language, under which Ryan is not a public body, and the records at issue are not public records," according to the MML and MTA amicus brief. "If the legislature wished to include such 'agents,' it could have. If an expansion of FOIA is to be undertaken to add such 'agents,' it should be undertaken by the legislature, not this court."

Richard Bisio filed a separate lawsuit against the city in June 2015 for violation of the Open Meetings Act at a closed City Council session on March 9, 2015, and with email discussions in November 2015. In a consent judgement agreement filed on March 14, 2016, the city admitted the closed session was improper.

A review by the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office found Clarkston City Council probably violated the Open Meetings Act, but declined to file charges.

Family research

"Who Do You Think You Are?" is a TV program researching and sharing the ancestry of notable people since 2010.

Clarkston residents may not be featured on that show anytime soon, but they can still get help researching local family trees without leaving the community and/or appearing on TV, said Clarkston resident Tom Stone.

"Many of us still wonder from whom we are descended — who our ancestors were," Stone said. "Perhaps, a family member signed the Declaration of Independence, escaped poverty or war by coming here, served as a king or queen, arrived here on the Mayflower, or fought in the Civil War."

Stone has been helping neighbors work on their family tree for more than half his life. One way has been workshops and individual sessions at the Independence Senior Center. The next scheduled individual sessions will be on Wednesday, July 18, at the Senior Center. One hour consultations are available between 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; a \$10 per hour donation to the center is required. Call 248-625-8231.

Contact Stone directly for a personal date, time, and location, at tkstone@aol.com or 248-625-8193. A \$10 per hour donation will be required, which will go to the Clarkston Rotary "Shoes for Kids."

"Happy researching," Stone said.

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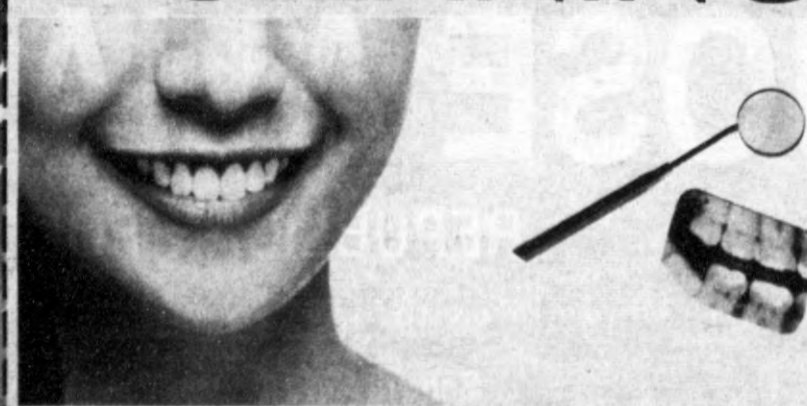
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Life is like a parade

There's nothing like a hometown Fourth of July parade to show us (with resounding fanfare) some of life's most important lessons, and Clarkston is no exception. Since summer attention spans can be short, I've compiled just a few of the things we can all take away from last week's parade.

Look for the popsicles: When things get a little too hot and you're starting to feel uncomfortable, don't give up hope. Who knows? A friendly stranger may emerge with just the thing you need.

March to the beat of a different drummer: It's alright if you get a little out of sync with the band of folks around you from time time - you're bound to discover your own high notes! And if there's no band in sight, just make your own drums out of buckets and rock out like the group from Disaster Relief at Work (DRAW)!

Be a helper: Everywhere you look, there are opportunities to make a difference, and no job is insignificant (also, don't forget to

thank the person carrying the literal or figurative shovel behind the horse).

See and be seen: Sometimes it feels like people pass through our lives and get on down the road in a hurry; other times, there are big gaps and we may wonder if we'll ever see a familiar face come around the bend. Show up, call out to your friends by name, smile, wave. We're in this together.

Whistle while you work: Just like the Optimist Club's lawnmower brigade, everything's better (and more fun) when you work as a team.

Look before you dash: Lastly, don't be too greedy with the sweet stuff in life. In your mad dash for more and more, you could dart into the path of an oncoming Flying Rhino, or stomp on the hand of your brother... and for what? Be patient, keep your eyes open, and be ready to accept what comes your way with gratitude.

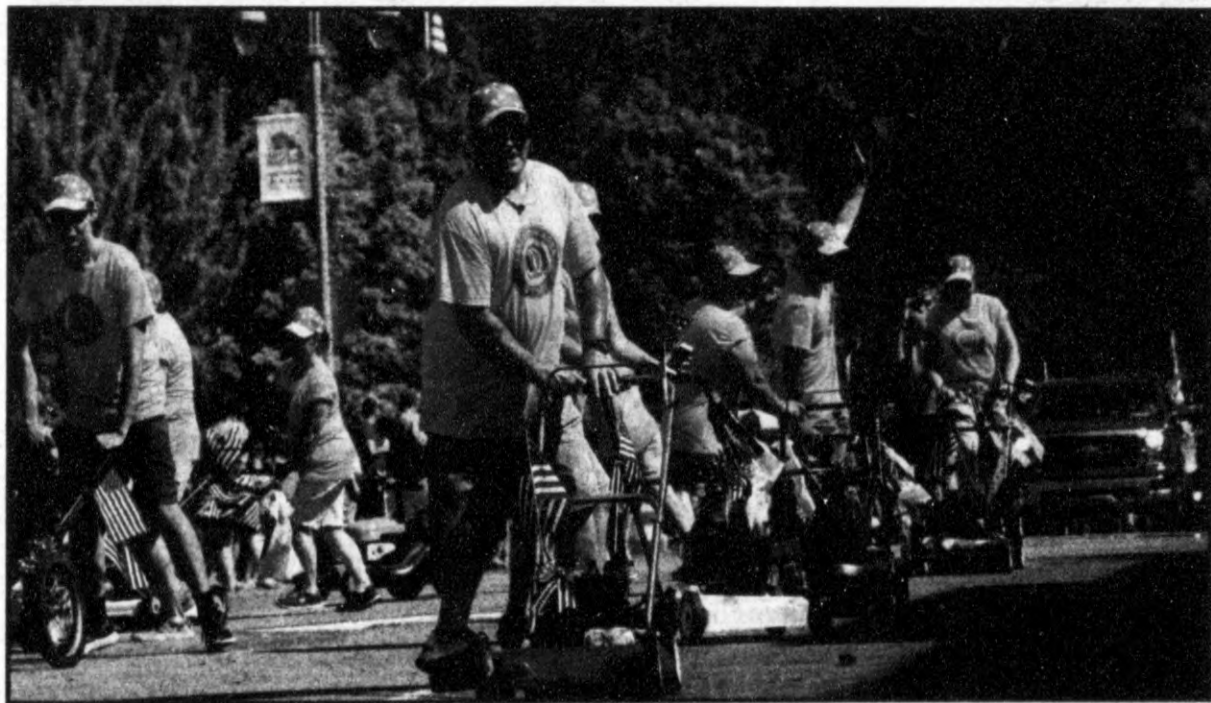
I hope you're all enjoying the sweet stuff in life this summer in our wonderful Clarkston community. Please keep sharing your great photos and stories with us on social media (I promise to do the same! Follow me on Twitter at @SPRyan1972).

Shawn Ryan is superintendent of Clarkston Community Schools.

Words from the Sup't



Shawn Ryan



The Clarkston Optimist Club's lawnmower brigade in action at the Fourth of July Parade. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price



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Brenda's Beat

A column by Brenda Dominick

Falls and rock 'n' roll

It was a great escape from the daily routine with gorgeous views of nature, fun people watching, delicious food, and best of all - special family memories.

We went for a five day vacation to Niagara Falls, Ontario last week. I was told by many it was actually the more exciting side of the falls, and I can now understand why. From the energetic culture, to the delicious homemade dishes, to the love of music, it was well worth the trip.

It proved to be as breathtaking and entertaining as I remember experiencing as a kid, and I wanted to continue the tradition with my kids.

The Hornblower Niagara Cruise was the main highlight of our trip. We had the opportunity to get up close and personal with Canada's nature. The historic attraction included three enormous natural waterfalls- the American Falls, the Bridal Veil Falls and the Horseshoe Falls.

The experience left us absolutely in awe and, miraculously, pretty dry.

After the cruise, we made our way downtown Niagara to the "Las Vegas-style" Clifton Hill, which had some of the steepest hills I have ever trekked. We played a couple rounds of glow-in-the-dark mini golf. Then, a dozen virtual reality games at the oversized The Great Canadian Midway. The smiles on the kids' faces was worth a million bucks. Thankfully it didn't cost me its value.

At dusk, we headed to the spectator area where hundreds went to view the illuminated colored falls changing colors and then the fireworks display. It made for awesome pictures and videos.

The next day, we headed back to Clifton Hill to ride the 175-foot-high Niagara Skywheel. Shortly after hunger struck, we grabbed a bite at The Hard Rock Café. The kids loved their first taste of a trademark Canadian dish, Canadian Poutine (fries, brown gravy, and white cheddar cheese curds).

As we ate, we were entertained by a talented local artist who played cover songs by 80s and 90s artists.

On the last day of our trip, we decided the serenity of Woodbine Beach in Toronto would make a perfect vacation exit. Even though our Canadian trip was a great getaway from work, cellphones, summer boredom and housework, it was strangely very nice to get back to it.



Opinion Pages

Letters, columns & Editorials

No to negative ads

Dear Editor,

The other day I received a post card from Andrea Schroeder, this time attacking Jose Aliaga.

Jose is one of the few Independence Township trustees who is a good Christian man running for office. Jose did knock on my door and talk about issues such as the very high cost of auto insurance, which keeps going up every year, and how we need to abolish Common Core and go back to good old standards of math, science, and reading as the guiding principles for education. He has solutions for fixing our bad roads and making sure the state stops taxing pensions on us seniors.

Andrea on the other hand, let me tell you about her. She was in the park the other day handing out literature with Jim Tedder, of all people. Jim Tedder, as you know raised our taxes and has done nothing to help any of us, only himself.

Lastly, I want to hear what solutions Andrea has, so far its been nothing, she refuses to answer simple emails sent to her website, and after her latest round of postcards, I am going to vote for Jose as he is the only one in the race that has taken the time to email me back or call me if I have a question or want an answer.

Thank you.

Dorris Mazy
Independence Township

Smear not appreciated

Dear Editor,

I am very disappointed that Andrea Schroeder is using "politics-as-usual" to distort and smear José Aliaga's good reputation as a real local representative of the people he serves so determinedly and passionately!

She offers no solutions, and appears to be a "good-old-buddy" of the Lansing establishment, getting funds from them, and therefore beholden to them - rather than, like Aliaga, a true grassroots fighter for his neighbors' concerns, and steadfast fighter for conservative values!

He has earned my trust over the years, and I will proudly vote for him in August - I know José Aliaga will do everything he can to Make America and Michigan Great Again!

Dorothy Day
Independence Township

Thanks for help

Dear Editor,

The St. Daniel Council of the Knights of Columbus would like to thank the Clarkston Community for the support and donations made to this year's Tootsie Roll Drive to benefit people with intellectual disabilities. The 2018 Tootsie Roll Drive generated income of \$5,640, which is being distributed to the following organizations:

Angels' Place, group homes for adults with special needs, \$2,510;

Michigan Special Olympics, \$1,130;

SCAMP of Clarkston, camp for children and young adults with special needs, \$1,000;

ARC of Oakland County, advocacy group for families with special needs, \$500; and

Club Create Clarkston, art program for special needs adults, \$500.

Through your donations to this annual Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive, you have enabled the St. Daniel Council to further our mission of giving back to the Clarkston Community.

St. Daniel Council is a group dedicated to serving God and our neighbors and your support of our mission is greatly appreciated.

**St. Daniel Council of the
Knights of Columbus**

No to neighbor attack

Dear Editor,

The Andrea Schroeder Campaign put out a mailer questioning whether Jose Aliaga was a Republican and even questioning his loyalty to America and the great state of Michigan, and that somehow he was tied politically to his native Peru.

Candidates should talk and argue about issues affecting us all not go out on smear campaigns funded by Big Lansing Money!

Jose and Andrea live in the same township and work as trustees on the same board. Here we have neighbor attacking neighbor, board member attacking fellow board member for political gain!

We don't need politicians that are supported by Lansing money.

We need real public servants that are accessible and find out what the issues are that people care about!

We do not need a big money lap dog!

Bob Hallett
Independence Township

Election letters to the editor

Send in your views on this year's primary election to ClarkstonNews@gmail.com or 5 S. Main Street, Clarkston MI 48346. We'll publish them through the July 25 edition.

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 2003

"Despite storm, residents enjoy Independence Day" Locals enjoyed a festive Fourth of July celebration in Independence Township despite a storm which made its way through the area.

"More space, no car wash" The Independence Township Board of Trustees approved a plan to give DPW more room for their vehicle storage on Flemings Lake Road. The addition would also provide a place for facilities and maintenance to store their vehicles.

"Marine spends July 4 in hometown of Clarkston" Ben O'Rourke had a special reason to enjoy Clarkston's celebration of Independence Day as the 1990 Clarkston High School graduate was home for a weekend visit on the heels of fighting in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

25 years ago - 1993

"Rescue truck hits car, hurls it at building" A woman was seriously injured during a car accident. The driver was hit when she attempted to make a U-turn and turned into a path of an Independence Township Fire Department rescue vehicle, which was responding to an accident at M-15 and Dixie Highway.

"Starting school" School board members donned hard hats for the official ground-breaking ceremony with a little help from students for Clarkston's newest elementary, Springfield Plains Elementary.

"McCormick still loves camp" Tim McCormick, 1980 Clarkston High School graduate, held his ninth youth basketball camp at the high school only to find he was already longing for next summer to hold the camp again.

50 years ago - 1968

"Hallman resigns council seat" Village trustee Keith Hallman resigned from the Clarkston Council, after being on the council for four years. He stated in his resignation the village would make changes effecting the business area. "This definitely could cause a conflict of interest on my part."

"Columbiere student guest organist at St. Augustine" Mr. Thomas O'Brien, a student at Columbiere College was guest organist at the evening Sunday service at Saint Augustine's House in Oxford.

"National Junior Invitational success at Spring Lake" During the first three days of July, Spring Lake Country Club, off Maybee Road, hosted their first National Junior Golf Tournament with 130 entries ages 17-years-old and younger.



Young patriotic bicyclists ride down Main Street during the Clarkston Fourth of July Parade. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

Back from Mid-Summer Vacation so soon?

Hey, it's the week after July 4 and all I can say to all you who were on vacation, "Why did you come back so early?" While you were gone, enjoying yourselves on the lakes and woods, and cottages and cabins and hotel suites, the world of non-vacation takers took advantage of your absence.

The lines were shorter at the grocery stores, fewer butts filled the movie theater seats and driving was a snap! Left hand turns, easy. I love it when the roads are not filled with all your cars. So, go back up north, out west, down south or east. Amscray!

Time to clean out ye ol' mailbox.

"Dear Don — Hope all is well. I will hand deliver my Press Release to your Oxford office . . . I have known and trusted you for many years." That was from Lake Orion attorney **Steve Drakos**. For those in *The Lake Orion Review* readership land, Steve used to pen the "Ask The Attorney" feature for our paper. He also is on and running again for the Lake Orion School Board of Education. Thanks, Steve. Good luck!

From a comment I wrote in April, I received this e-mail: Mr. Rush, I recently noticed a column you penned in response to the concerns of a reader named **Mark S**. You expressed your thoughts about a full page ad in one of your publications that contained the bullet - "Fox News Free Zone." As the person who placed the ad, I feel it necessary to correct your implication that the phrase had anything to do with exercising rights enumerated in the First Amendment, especially the "right to assemble."

**Don't
Rush Me**



A column by
Don Rush

Our business is a fitness center with members of every political, religious and ethnic stripe. We all do our best to get in good physical condition and maintain it. We also try as best we can to stay in good mental shape - more of a balanced approach to overall well being. Part of that mental well being is honest discussion and exchange of ideas. To this end we have always blocked Fox News from our televisions. This action was never motivated by political or emotional rationale, but rather science. Specifically, the tendency of Fox's news and commentary hosts continually denying anthropogenic global warming despite the overwhelming consensus of scientific experts. At The Gym we embrace science and knowledge, as well as bigger biceps. We continue to feel that Fox's misrepresentation of this, and other empirical facts, are sufficient reason to eliminate them from what we consider to be a more healthy environment based on understanding and acceptance.

Sincerely, Rich @ The Gym

In regards to a Father's Day column I happened to write . . .

Lori N, "You made my eyes leak, Don!" (Lori, I have that affect on women.)

"What a perfect article for your Dad. I didn't know your Dad but can relate with my own, that I miss every single day." **Pamela P**. Thanks, Pam.

And, from somebody, "This is a fine piece and remembrance of your father, Don. Your kids have a treasure in knowing you through your writings."

A while back I pitted The Munsters vs The Addams Family television sitcoms against each other AND surmised most men would like Munsters and womenfolk, the Addamses.

Rob S, "hands down the Munsters ... but ... but...Gomez did have a Hottie for a Wife ... 'Tish."

Victoria B, "No competition...Munsters all the way!"

Patrick F, "Great column, Don. I enjoyed reading it. Btw, I liked both shows. You're right about Marilyn."

Kelly S, "I like them both!"

Matt B, "Conspiracy Theory: Cousin Itt may have been Billy Gibbons from ZZ Top. He would have been 15 at the time. Shorter, beard waayyy out of control. Yep, definitely Cousin Itt. Munsters for the win! The George Barris DRAG-U-LA, Lily was easy on the eyes, creepy grandpa not looking bad for 378 years old, Eddie Munster who's hair is now an American institution. Per usual though with most American comedy, the father is portrayed as a lovable nitwit."

Wendy Lou, "Team Morticia. She was irresistible."

Eric N, "Although the love story between Gomez and Morticia was solid, I gotta go with the silliness and shenanigans of Herman and Grandpa, the way cool hot rod Muster-mobile (I saw it nearly 40 years ago at Autorama) and that the kids still went to the local schools. Loved it when Marilyn brought home boys to meet Herman and Lilly."

Donna A, "Munsters."

Alyss, "Gosh...well I'm an Addams girl. I adored Morticia and once attended a fancy dress party as the Lady. To my shame I also copied her cosmetics...baking powder...yes...I tried it out and had a very bad reaction, of course..."

Only a couple of guys lost their man cards when siding with the Addamses. I will not name them, as not to shame them!

As always, thanks for reading people and caring enough to write back! Send your commentary to me via email, DontRushDon@gmail.com.

HomeTown Experts Answer Your Questions Monthly

MORTGAGE



Jason Nolan
Senior Loan Officer



Q. My girlfriend lives with me in an apartment I rent. She pays me \$650/mo for her half of the bills. I am looking to buy my first home and she will be paying me rent there, too. Can I count any of that rent she pays to help me qualify?

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Curt Carson

Q. On a real estate transaction, why are there two title insurance policies?

A. When you sell your home, you transfer the property to the Buyer at closing, by signing a Warranty Deed. This means that you warrant the property against all claims. Thus, you want a Title Policy to protect you, should a claim against title arise. The Buyer's mortgage company also wants to be protected, so they require the Buyer to provide them a title insurance policy. The Seller's policy covers the sale price and the Mortgage policy covers the amount of the Buyers loan.

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Bill Hussong

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Walt Renn

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, August 1, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Independence Township Hall
6483 Waldon Center Drive, Clarkston, MI 48346

A. CALL TO ORDER
B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES
C. ROLL CALL:
D. REVIEW OF AGENDA: Agenda additions or deletions require a majority vote of Board Members present.
E. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:
F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Case #18-024, Anne Krawchuck, Petitioner, Requesting: Two (2) total variances; 1) A variance from Section 5.11(B) in order to permit two (2) Class II animals on a parcel less than three (3) acres, and 2) A variance from Section 5.11(D)(5) in order to permit Class II animals to be maintained on the property closer than 75 feet from the neighboring property line not zoned R-1R Rural Residential, 8130 Woodside Dr., Parcel #08-12-176-008, R-1A Single Family Residential.

H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
1. Regular Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2018
I. DISCUSSION:
J. ADJOURNMENT:

NOTICE: The above requests may be examined at the Building Department during regular business hours. Written comments may be sent to the attention of the Zoning Board of Appeals c/o Charter Township of Independence - Building Department; 6483 Waldon Center Drive - Clarkston, Michigan 48346 prior to the Meeting / Public Hearing. For further information call (248) 625-8111.

Barbara A. Pallotta, Clerk

NOTICE: Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in this meeting should contact the Building Department at (248) 625-8111 at least two working days in advance of the meeting. An attempt shall be made to provide reasonable accommodations.

STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:
PROBATE COURT 2018-383, 575-DE
COUNTY OF OAKLAND

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

Estate of James Matlack Smith. Date of birth: 09/13/1956

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, James Matlack Smith, died 06/03/2018.

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

07/05/2018

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Matthew James Smith
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF OAKLAND
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
NORTH SASHABAW ROAD SANITARY SEWER
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Date: Tuesday, July 24, 2018
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Township Hall
6483 Waldon
Independence Township, MI

The Township Board of the Charter Township of Independence ("Township") has received a petition requesting a special assessment district for the construction and installation of a 10-inch sanitary sewer on the west side of Sashabaw Road beginning approximately at 7373 Sashabaw Road and extending approximately 1,826 feet south toward Flemings Lake Road, where it will connect to an existing 10-inch sanitary sewer (the "Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project"). Having received such petition from the record owners of land constituting more than 50% of the total area, and based upon the request in that petition, the Township Board has tentatively declared its intent to proceed with the sanitary sewer line extension and has tentatively decided to establish a special assessment district to defray a portion of the costs of such improvements by special assessment against the benefited properties. The improvements are intended to provide special benefits to the properties identified on the attachment to this Notice, which properties together tentatively constitute the "Special Assessment District." The petitions, cost estimate design plans and proposed special assessment roll are on file and available for public inspection at the Township Clerk's Office, which is located at 6483 Waldon Center Drive, Independence Township, Michigan.

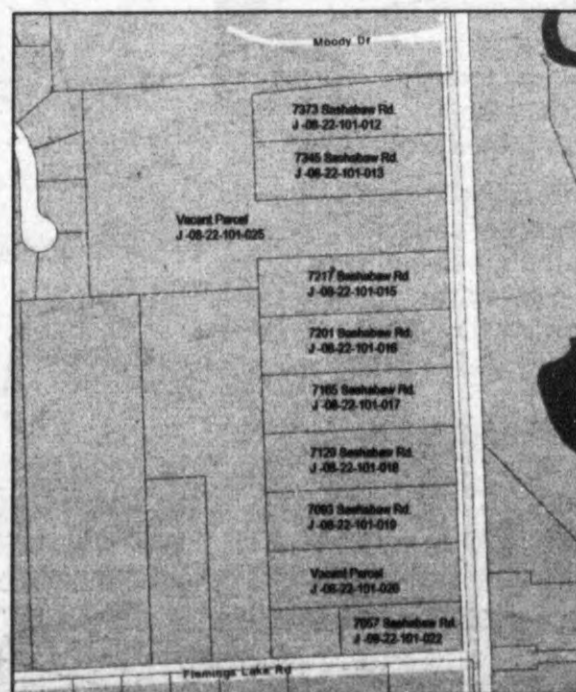
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at the above time, date and location, the Township Board of Trustees shall meet for the purpose of hearing statements and objections by any interested person with respect to the Special Assessment Roll.

Appearance and protest at the hearing is required in order to appeal the matters to be considered at the hearing to the State Tax Tribunal. An owner or party in interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter at or before the hearing and his or her personal appearance in such case shall not be required.

BARBARA A. PALLOTTA, CLERK
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

DATED: July 3, 2018
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TENTATIVE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT	PARCEL	PARCEL NUMBER	PROPERTY ADDRESS
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2	08-22-101-013	7345 SASHABAW RD	
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4	08-22-101-015	7217 SASHABAW RD	
5	08-22-101-016	7201 SASHABAW RD	
6	08-22-101-017	7165 SASHABAW RD	
7	08-22-101-018	7129 SASHABAW RD	
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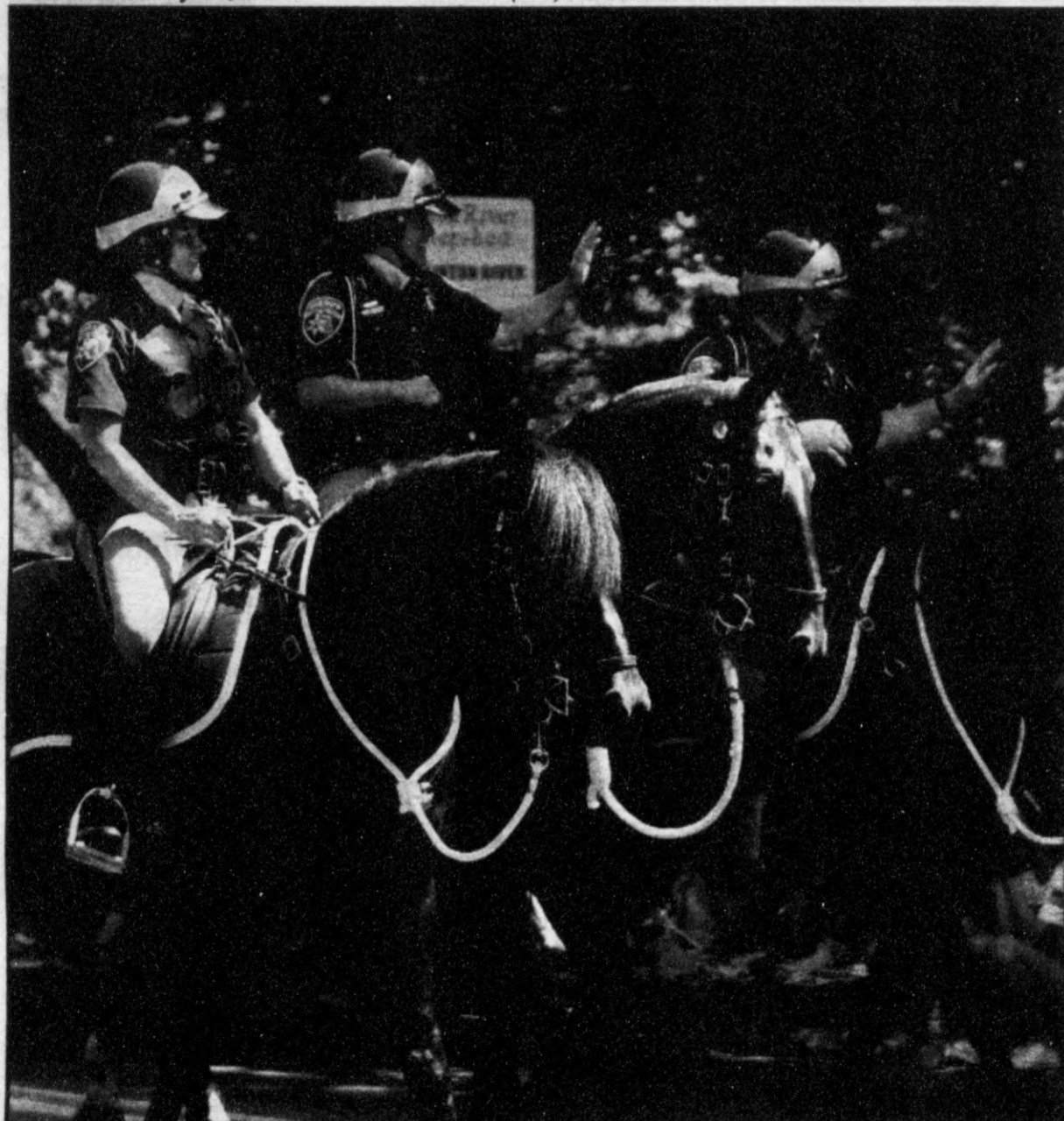
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The Oakland County Sheriff's mounted horse patrol deputies wave to the crowd during the Independence Day Parade. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

Public Safety

For Clarkston and Independence Township

Wrong turn

A deputy on patrol stopped a minivan for making a turn on a red light from Dixie Highway to Maybee Road, 11:23 a.m., June 28. The driver, a 57-year-old Detroit man, was cited with driving with a suspended license and given a warning for disobeying the light.

Oh deer

A deputy stopped to check on a man who rode his motorcycle off the road to avoid a deer, 1:44 a.m., June 29, on Maybee Road at Waterford Road. The motorcyclist, a 37-year-old Lake Orion man, was found with a suspended license and a warrant for loitering out of 36th District Court. He was cited for driving with a suspended license and failure to answer a summons, and was treated by Independence Township paramedics.

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

Phone scam

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson is warning county residents to be aware of a phone scam threatening unsuspecting residents with arrest for non-payment of federal taxes. Patterson received a recorded message on his personal cell phone Friday, threatening to send Internal Revenue Service agents to arrest him unless he called a number and arranged to clear up his phony tax debt. "This is a fraud," Patterson said. "This isn't how the IRS operates." A county investigator got a similar call minutes after Patterson, also threatening arrest. The investigator returned the call, used a fictitious name and social security number and was told he owed \$8,000. The investigator asked if he could pay \$4,000 of the debt. When the scammer said he would see if that was a possibility, the investigator identified himself as a law enforcement official and the scammer hung up. "These scammers are blanketing the area with this fraud," Patterson said. "Do not believe them. If you get such a call, I encourage you to call your local police department or the Oakland County Sheriff's Office."

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Saturday, August 25 @ 1 pm

Art Show Reception

In partnership with the Clarkston Cultural Arts and the Friends of the Library, the Clarkston Independence District Library celebrates local artist with a reception highlighting their work.

Adult artist 18 and older, who wish to enter a piece of their art in the show, can stop by the Library for guidelines and details. Deadline to enter is Friday, August 17th by 5 pm.

Art

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Clarkston's Sporting News

Who is the next AOW?

Nominate your favorite athlete by contacting Wendi at 248-625-3370 or at clarkstonnews@gmail.com

Setting sails in cardboard

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Eight teams from Team RUSH Robotics set sail this Saturday at Deer Lake Beach for some sun, fun and friendly competition in their 11th Annual RUSH Regatta.

With their boat made of duct tape and cardboard, Clarkston High School students senior Jack Anderson, junior Logan Rajala, and sophomore Braedan Groff know Team Six will win.

"I think we are a good all-around team," Rajala said on why they will win. "Some teams have been working on specific parts of the regatta - judges, boat or sponsorships. We have been working on everything - slowly but surely. We have everything pretty solid."

Anderson added they also have a sturdy, reliable boat.

"We had a good build plan this year," he said. "We were ahead of schedule. We could fix any problems and not worry about it the last day."

Groff added some teams have had problems with their members being out of town due to summer vacation and the Fourth of July holiday.

"They haven't been able to build," he said. "We would have run into the same problem because two of our team members are siblings. They both left and we were building at their house. What we ended up doing is we have their garage code so we built while they were out of town. We were able to build and take our time."

Rajala added now they just need to waterseal it and make sure it floats on the

water.

The boats this year are restricted to a parameter of 42 feet, which has gone up from the previous years' 34 feet.

"When we built our boat we checked the size to make sure we were below," Groff said. "We would have fitted into last year's as well so it hasn't affected us."

"We designed our boat prior to the changes in the rules," Rajala added. "We didn't want to change our boat design after the change. It increased the size of the parts a little bit."

Each team can also choose a theme.

"We made up a fake fraternity," said Anderson. "Our boat is going to be designed like a Mercedes Benz. We felt like it would be a fun design making it look like a nice car."

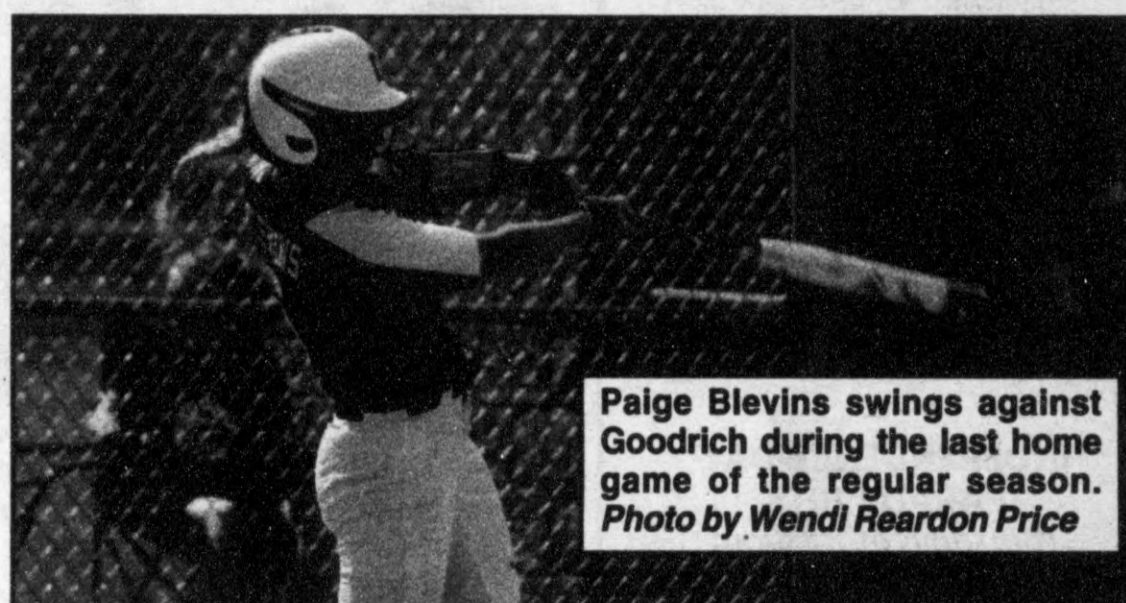
While building boats, the students also raise money through sponsorships which helps cover the cost of traveling, hotels and more for the robotics season. Each team had a goal of \$4,000 to raise and Team Six aimed for \$5,000 since they have five members. They met their goal and raised \$5,700 as of last Friday and are aiming for more.

"We are still trying to beat out other teams for the Cash Crusaders award," Rajala said.

The team who earns the most points during the race wins the RUSH Cup. Teams can also win Cash Crusaders, Wicked Fast Watercraft, Enterprising & Seaworthy and Best Theme.

The boat parade is at 12 p.m., followed by the first set of races.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Paige Blevins swings against Goodrich during the last home game of the regular season. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

Hitting to the top

Paige Blevins added one more title to her name as she was named Miss Softball by the Michigan High School Softball Coaches Association.

"I was pretty shocked," said Blevins, who heads to the Central Michigan University in the fall. "It is a huge achievement for somebody. It has always been a dream of mine. It's kind of crazy it became a reality."

She added as a captain during her senior year with Clarkston Varsity Softball it shows her teammates hard work pays off.

"Hard work can take you a long way," Blevins said.

She added being a leader for the team helped her to achieve Miss Softball.

"I am trying to set a tone for the girls and show what they can get out of hard work and dedication," she said.

Blevins also plays for Finesse Fastpitch Softball and said playing in the league helped her become Miss Softball.

"All of these kids are going to Division 1 schools so they are pushing me to keep doing my best and stay on my toes," she

said. "They want the best for me and I want the best for them. We try to make each other better."

During her final year with the Wolves she broke the RBI single season record at Clarkston and was named All-State, All-Region, All-District and All-League.

She added she had a great time during her senior year.

"I love the girls," Blevins smiled. "I couldn't have asked for a better senior year with them. They are all hardworking."

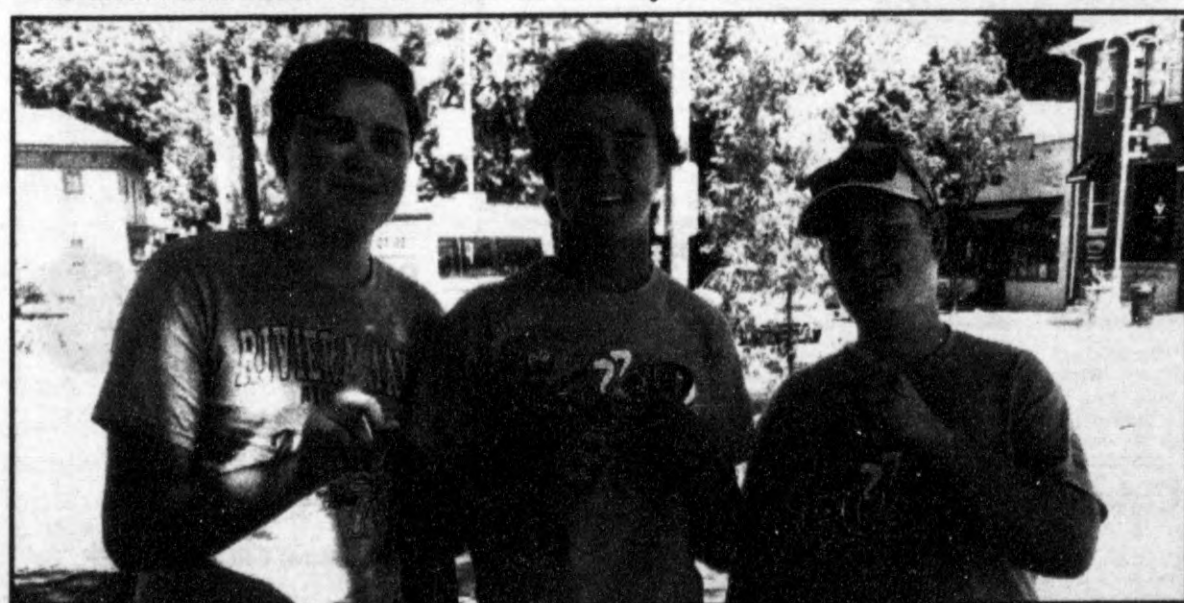
She added the players had a special bond and her teammates are family to her.

"We do things together and on the field we are all like sisters," she said. "We are here together as family, and we are going to win this like family."

Blevins plays in the 2018 MHSSCA All-Star game held at CMU's Margo Jonker Stadium on July 18, 2 p.m.

"It's awesome," she said. "I am excited. I will be at my home field and play with a bunch of kids who are hardworking just like me. It's cool to mingle with new people and see what their future holds for them."

~Wendi Reardon Price



From left, Braedan Groff, Jack Anderson and Logan Rajala from Team Six are ready to take the number one place at the RUSH Regatta this Saturday at Deer Lake Beach, 12 p.m. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price



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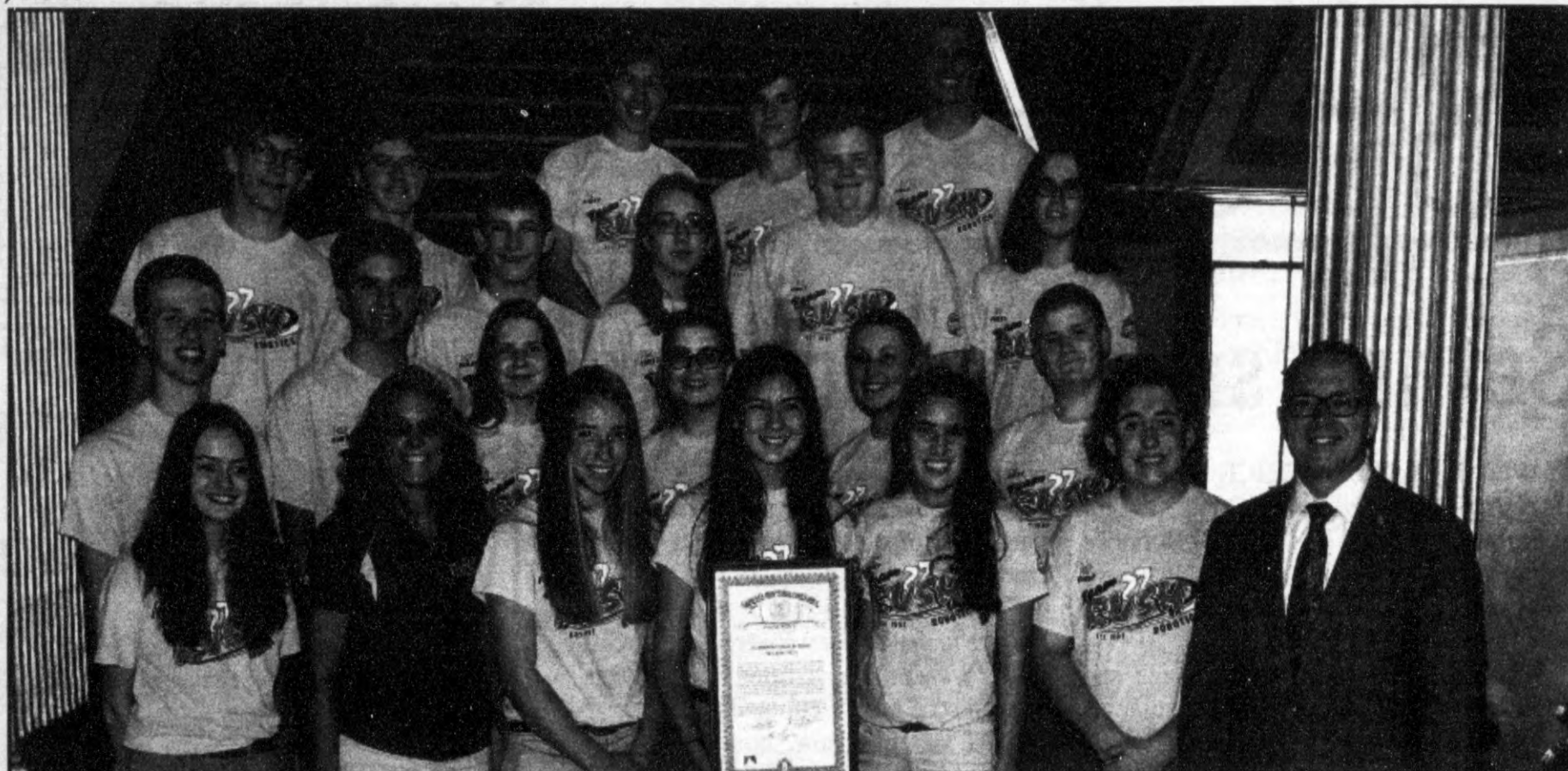
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State Rep. Jim Tedder presents a tribute to Clarkston High School's Team RUSH 27 for winning the 2018 FIRST Championship Robotics Competition. Photo provided

Rep. honors robotics world champions

State Rep. Jim Tedder recognized Clarkston High School's Team RUSH 27 as winners of the 2018 FIRST Championship Global Robotics Competition, June 12, with a tribute and special introduction at the Michigan House of Representatives.

"These incredible students and innovators have achieved the unimaginable," Tedder said. "Team RUSH's collective intelligence, creativity and raw talent has successfully set them apart on a global stage. As a former teacher, I admire their outstanding work

ethic and inspired approach to learning new things."

The 2018 FIRST Robotics World Championship was in April at Detroit's Cobo Hall. Over 15,000 students from 40 countries represented 700 teams at the world competition.

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Business achievements in the Clarkston community

Nigel Francis of Clarkston was recently named chief executive officer and executive director of Lightweight Innovations For Tomorrow, a Manufacturing USA institute.

Francis has spent much of his career in advanced manufacturing, specifically in the automotive sector, including vice president, Advanced Engineering and Technology Development at Detroit-based and LIFT Gold member American Axle; vice president, Vehicle Engineering at Mercedes-Benz technology; senior automotive advisor to Gov. Rick Snyder, and inaugural of the Automotive Industry Office in the State of Michigan.



Francis

"I am passionate about manufacturing technology and the need for the US to reassert itself as the global leader in the manufacturing space," Francis said. "I am honored to have the opportunity to take on this important role in the evolution of LIFT and the Manufacturing USA network, and to lead the critically important manufacturing technology commercialization business, impacting the future of our national manufacturing industry."

Francis will be based in LIFT's Detroit headquarters.

Residential mortgage lender Ruoff Home Mortgage recently opened a Clarkston-area office with **Craig Chamberlain** as branch manager and **James Revord** as senior loan officer.

Craig Chamberlain, vice president, will oversee operations for the Clarkston office, including the hiring of additional loan officers and support staff in the next few months. He has been in the industry for 15 years. He earned a business degree from Western Michigan University.

Revord has been in the industry since 2013. The office is located at 8031 Ortonville Road.

Sean Maher recently became an agent with Farm Bureau Insurance. Maher will serve the Clarkston area from his location at 7620 Dixie Highway, Ste. 200.

Maher recently completed a career development program for new agents, which prepared him for the state licensing examination and provided instruction in all

areas of property/casualty and life/health insurance. He also attended training at the Farm Bureau Insurance home office in Lansing. Farm Bureau Insurance agents are licensed to sell all lines of insurance, including Life, Home, Auto, Farm, Retirement, Lake Estate® and Business.

Prior to joining Farm Bureau Insurance, Maher had a career in insurance sales and service.

"I am proud to become an agent and begin protecting families and businesses in Clarkston and the surrounding

communities," he said.

Michael Lucas of Clarkston, working in Madison Heights, has been inducted into the Circle of Honor, an honorary organization for UPS drivers who have achieved 25 or more years of accident-free driving.

"My thanks go to all of them for their dedication and focus and for the countless lives they've saved," said Jeff Firestone, president, UPS Great Lakes District. "Their attention to detail has kept them safe and has helped improve public safety."

New parking enforcement

Donald Davis of Clarkston is the city's new part-time parking enforcement officer.

Davis was offered and accepted the position of part-time parking enforcement officer on June 25. He is patrolling the entire city, 20 random hours per week, \$15 per hour, and has so far issued 50 tickets, said City Manager Jonathan Smith.

"He's interested in being good ambassador for the city," Smith added. "We want people to come to Clarkston. We also want them to follow the law."

Davis started by working with drivers to introduce them to the parking kiosk in the Main and Washington street parking lot, and how to use it.

"Back in the day when we had a police force, they were terrible, punitive - I don't think we want to run Clarkston that way," Davis said at the June 25 City Council meeting. "That's what I'm trying not to do."

He is a 10-percent disabled veteran and past commander of the American Legion Post 63 of Clarkston.

Four candidates were interviewed for the position, Smith said.

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Don Davis is the new city parking enforcement officer.

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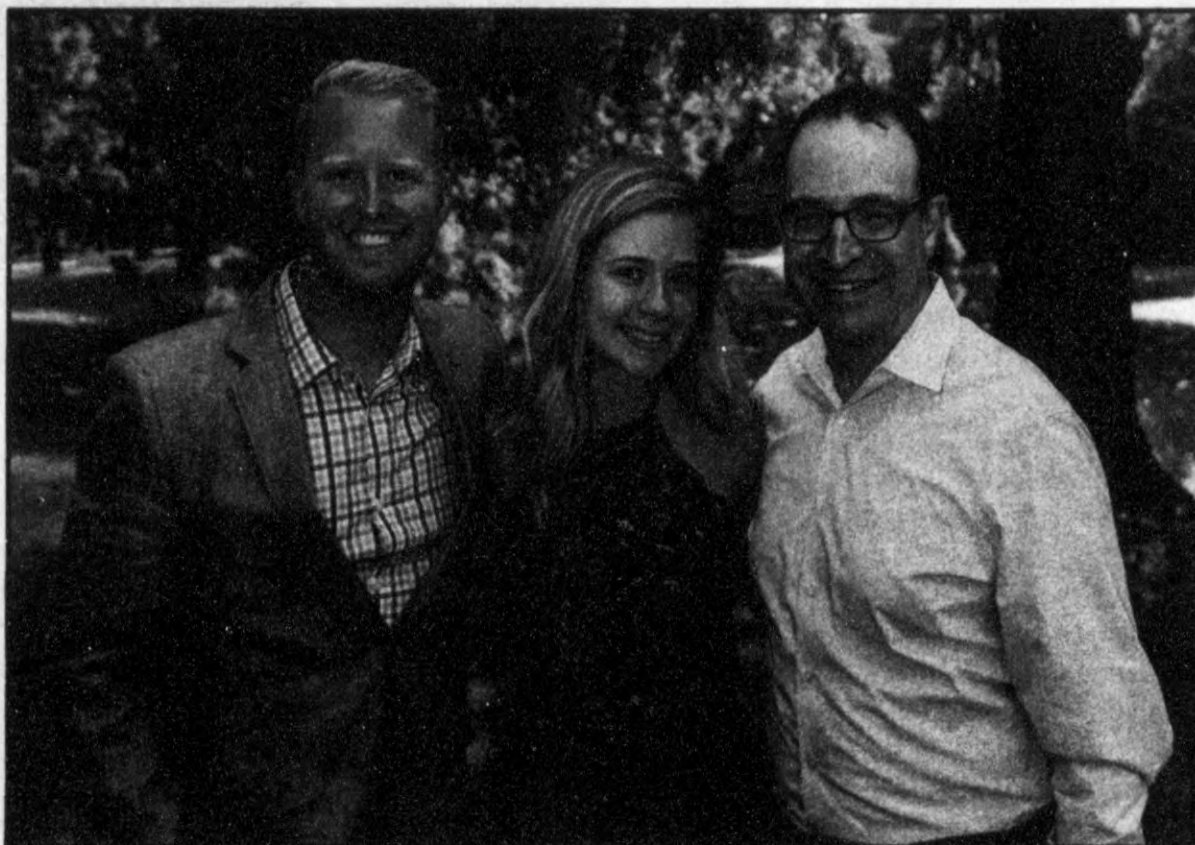
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Rilee Liebler, with Kevin Stewart, broker owner and team leader at Stewart Team Real Estate Partners, and Jaymes Vettraino, assistant professor and director of the Center for Social Entrepreneurship at Rochester College.

Rilee Liebler of Clarkston was named the first recipient of the annual Stewart Team Real Estate Social Entrepreneurship Scholarship for the 2018-2019 academic year at Rochester College.

"My passion for reaching out to, and helping others, drove me to Rochester College and its social entrepreneurship program," said Liebler. "I know I will have many opportunities to help others during my time here, and at the same time will allow me to grow in my faith."

She is a sophomore majoring in social entrepreneurship. As the recipient of the scholarship, she'll be awarded \$5,000.

"Rilee has a servant's heart and is a great addition to the social entrepreneurship program," said Jaymes Vettraino, assistant professor and director of the Center for Social Entrepreneurship at Rochester College. "Her business-minded focus, and commitment to helping others in the community made her an ideal candidate to win the award. We cannot wait to see what the future holds for her, and we look forward to working with her."

Outside of her studies, Liebler is involved in her church's children's ministry program, helping children grow spiritually. She hopes to take the knowledge she gains through her social entrepreneurship coursework, and real-life experiences, to continue impacting the lives of children throughout her career.

Alex Propson, a 2014 Clarkston High School graduate, graduated from Grand Valley State University in April with a Bachelor's Degree with a double major in Finance and Economics.

Ian Eriksen, 2013 graduate of Clarkston High School, was one of nine Eastern Michigan University football student-athletes were

named Preseason All-MAC by Athlon Sports.

Eriksen, a senior running back at Eastern, was named to the All-MAC Fourth Team.

Eriksen played in all 12 games and started in seven. He led the Eagles in rushing with 810 yards on 179 carries, including eight touchdowns. He recorded four 100-yard performances, highlighted by a three touchdown game against Bowling Green State University in EMU's season finale, Nov. 21. He also rushed for a season high of 117-yards against Miami, Nov. 15.

Joe Popp, 2015 graduate of Clarkston High School, was recently named to the 2018 Academic All-America while playing baseball with Colorado School of Mines.

Popp was named to the first team as an outfielder. His first-career honor rests on the laurels of an ABCA/Rawlings Second-Team All-Region selection for his play on the field and 3.94 grade-point. During the 2018 season as a junior, Popp batted .355 with 46 runs and 57 RBIs while slugging .583 thanks to 13 doubles, one triple and 11 home runs. He also had a 21-game hitting streak which is tied for the third-longest in program history.

Popp is entering his senior year, where he is studying Mechanical Engineering with a minor in Energy.

Rowan Savidant of Clarkston, Business Administration, was named to the University of Wisconsin-River Falls spring semester Dean's List, with a GPA of at least 3.5.

Melissa McGregor of Clarkston graduated from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisc., on May 20, 2018, earning an MS in Nursing.

Clarkston students **Erin T. McNeil** and **Katrina Marie Waelchli** were named to the President's List during the 2018 spring semester at The University of Alabama, earning 4.0 GPAs.

Clarkston students **Brendan Greenlee**, **Amber Hallmann**, and **Emily Stegmeyer** were named to the dean's list at Miami University, recognizing students ranked in the top twenty percent for second semester 2017-18.

Mallory Miller of Clarkston was awarded the Excellence in a Discipline award for Higher Education from Grand Valley State University.

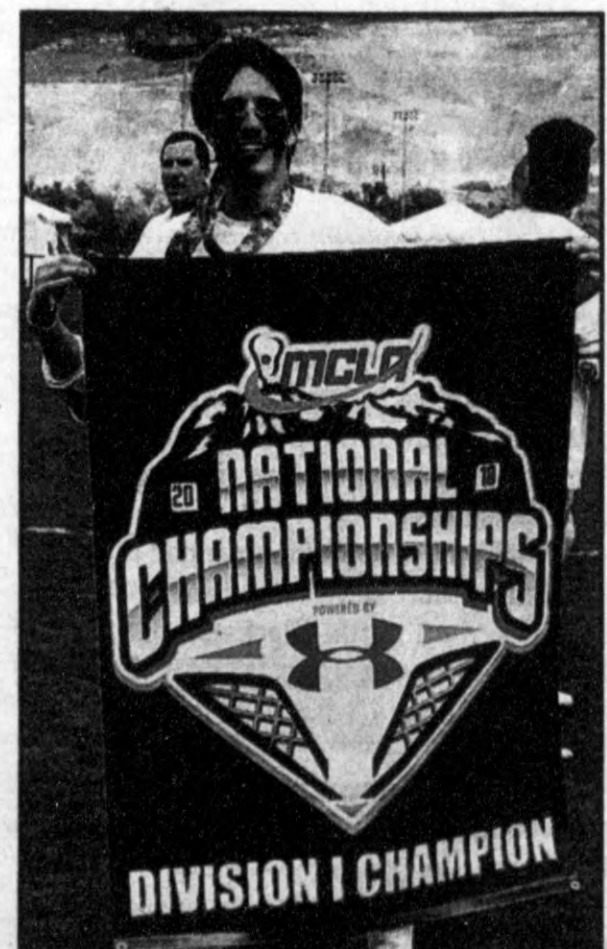
Award winners are selected by faculty in each department. Miller is the daughter of Sue and Mark Deacon and is a graduate of Clarkston High School.

Cooper Parks of Clarkston was named to the Dean's List at Lehigh University, recognizing students earning 3.6 or better GPA in the Spring 2018 semester.

Nick Bowman, 2016 graduate of Clarkston High School, helped Michigan State University Men's Lacrosse team win their seventh consecutive championship for the Central Collegiate Lacrosse Association during his first season with the Spartans.

The team went on to win their first Men's Collegiate Lacrosse Association National Championship in Salt Lake City with a 10-8 win over Chapman.

Bowman was awarded with Second Team All-American and the MCLA Division 1 All-Tournament team.



Nick Bowman

Join us for the Garden Walk, July 18

A single echo beats in the background at every garden featured on the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club's 13th annual Garden Walk on July 18 – "You can do this."

Like at Karen Wiltfang's home on Dixie Highway.

"Everything is bigger," Wiltfang says of the plants remaining from six years ago when she first opened her garden. But a few unplanned incidents like fire in a garage next door damaging her trees and melting siding along the back beds; re-laying the septic field dictating what needed to be moved and revised what could be planted to replace it; and expanding the front to accommodate plants needing to be relocated, also meant continuing her passion for gardening.

The best time to work in the yard is 6 a.m. Sometimes, when a project like relocating the storage shed bubbles up, re-working the landscape makes for some long days, she said.

Which none of the gardeners on this year's walk seem to shy away from.

Janie Loutzenhiser, whose garden is making an encore appearance since appearing on the first garden club walk in 2006, is another example of a hands-on gardener who doesn't enjoy her garden any less today than she did when she first started working it 25 years ago. The transformation of a garden over time is magical.

Like the other gardens showcased in this year's walk, six altogether, Loutzenhiser does almost all the work herself, sometimes calling on a persuadable family member or significant other, but mostly doing the planning, shopping, digging, weeding and watering and, yes, experimenting it takes to develop these breath-taking gardens. Those themes of livable, doable, approachable, and alive are marked in all this year's showpieces. While all unique, and worked by people who have never met in private gardens they've never seen, surprising similarities sometimes occur.

"These are do-it-yourself gardeners," says Vickie Little, who volunteers with this year's Walk committee. "Anticipate a lot of different things by gardeners who are sharing doable, realistic gardens that have a lot of personality."

All the gardeners are anxious to track the success of new plants and those moved from other locations; all attest to the value of mulch, regular weeding and knowledgeable vendors; all pride themselves on the diversity of their plants, in color, texture, and needs. All are willing to share their knowledge with others. Most homeowners will be available to answer questions. A list of plantings will be available at all the gardens the

day of the walk. Garden Club members, many of them master gardeners and all of them experienced gardeners, will be available at each site, as are musicians and artists.

The walk is 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 18, with the Artisan Market at Clarkston Independence District open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Advance tickets are \$15 before the walk at Bordine's, Clarkston Chamber of Commerce, The Gateway, Harrisons, and Clarkston Independence District Library. On the day of the walk, tickets are \$18 at the booth on the library grounds. Returning is an Artisan Market on the library grounds and restaurant specials for Garden Walk attendees at several area restaurants.

This major fundraiser helps the club, marking its 70th anniversary this year, support the downtown planters and the library grounds, plant- and environment-based programs for students and teachers, and finance college scholarships.

Additional information is available at 248-620-3131 or www.clarkstongardenclub.org. Meanwhile, bring your cameras – and your notebooks.

– Susan Sajdak



Karen Wiltfang and companion Chloe in a shaded corner of her backyard. Photos provided



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RVing bands to rock DTE

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

The bands on The Last Summer on Earth Tour are traveling old school, driving themselves in an RV.

"It's amazing. You just see so much more of America," said singer KT Tunstall, opening for the Barenaked Ladies along with Better Than Ezra at DTE Energy Music Theatre on Saturday, July 14, 7 p.m. "We've been having a blast, from redwoods to lightning storms, to the weirdest little diners all over the country. It's been really awesome."

Travelling the country during their summer outdoor music tour fulfills a goal of hers, to get into an RV and just drive.

"I've always loved the nomadic way of life," she said in a phone interview, July 5, as they were driving through North Carolina heading south to Florida. "Seeing the array of stunning landscapes in this country has just blown my mind. I could easily live in an RV for half a year."

One of the weirdest things she has seen: a billboard on the side of the freeway in Oregon.

"It was a picture of a guy, like a hunky guy, wearing a tool belt and kneeling down and behind him was a woman smiling with her two daughters, and a phone number and a big slogan, 'Hire a husband' (handyman service). It was pretty epic," she said.

Something similar, driving by herself around the desert in southern California, helped recharge her creative batteries for her 2016 album, "Kin," a "full-blooded, spiritual follow-up" to her multi-platinum debut album, "Eye To The Telescope."

"That's actually the first in a trilogy. The second of the trilogy is coming out this fall," she said.

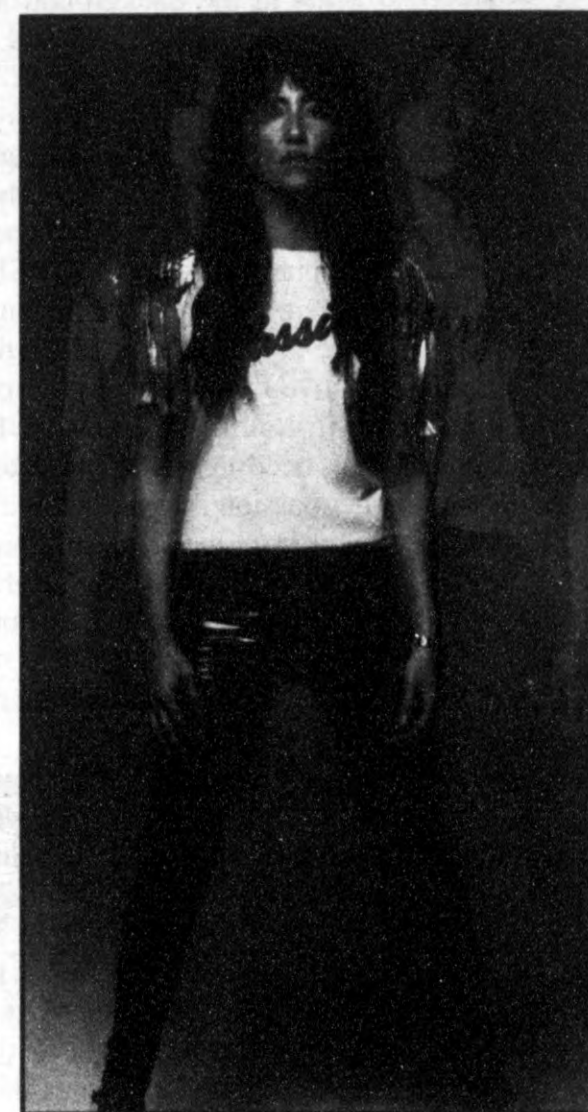
The new album, produced by Nick McCarthy of Franz Ferdinand, will explore themes of the body and will be more rock oriented, she said.

Touring with Barenaked Ladies has been awesome, Tunstall said.

"The Barenaked Ladies are absolutely amazing. They've been the most generous, fun-loving guys over the 30 years they've been together," she said. "It's such a gift to go and play with a band like that, and their very open-hearted, open-minded audience."

"The Last Summer on Earth tour is something we all really look forward to," said Ed Robertson in a press release. "From its inception, it's been about putting together great live acts to give the audience a great night out. 2018 is going to be a blast, because we're touring with friends! Kevin Griffin from Better Than Ezra has been a songwriting collaborator for almost a decade and KT and I rocked together in Yukon Cornelius. This is going to be a great tour with lots of collaboration."

It will be a very fun show to watch as well as listen to, Tunstall agreed.



KT Tunstall

"I take my job very seriously in terms of warming up the crowd. I really like to put on a very fun, very danceable show. And it's just me solo, I'm up there using all my (effects) pedals," she said.

She'll sing her hits such as "Black Horse and the Cherry Tree" and "Suddenly I See," which won the Ivor Novello Award for Best Song in 2006.

Also on tap may be her recent cover of the classic "I won't back down" by Tom Petty, which she recently recorded with Mike McCready, lead guitarist with Pearl Jam.

"It's always great to collaborate with other musicians," said Tunstall, who has also performed with Barenaked Ladies during their set.

"All of us are huge fans of Tom's, and to honor his legacy has been absolutely awesome," she said.

Tunstall was born in Scotland and now lives in Los Angeles. She released her debut album in 2004, the same year she won her first BRIT Award for Best British Female Artist. She also earned a Grammy and Mercury Prize nominations in 2007. KT has released five albums internationally, "Eye to the Telescope," 2004; "KT Tunstall's Acoustic Extravaganza," 2006; "Drastic Fantastic," 2007; "Tiger Suit," 2010; and "Invisible Empire," 2013.

Barenaked Ladies' 15th studio album "Fake Nudes" will be available Nov. 17 on Vanguard Records. The album builds off the band's harmony-rich hybrid of folk and pop/rock and pushes into more eclectic sonic terrain. For more info, check 313presents.com.



Tesla lead vocalist Jeff Keith belts out an '80s ballad.



Tesla guitarist Frank Hannon rocks the crowd.

Classic rockers

Three of the hottest bands of the '80s proved they can still bring an audience to their feet last Friday at DTE Energy Music Theatre.

Tesla opened the show with "Modern Day Cowboy," "Signs," "Love Song," and their other hits, warming up the crowd for the guitar wielding Joan Jett and The Blackhearts.

The raven-haired punk pioneer Jett jammed to Blackhearts classics like "I Love Rock and Roll," solo songs like "Bad Reputation," as well as hits from the Runaways like "Cherry Bomb" and even a rocking "You're Going to Make It After All" from The Mary Tyler Moore Show.

Tommy Shaw of Styx kicked their set into high gear with a spirited "Blue Collar Man," followed up with "Grand Illusion," "Lady," and many more of their decade-defining works of musical mastery.

Photos by
Phil Custodio



Tommy Shaw of Styx sings lead on "Blue Collar Man," with Todd Sucherman on drums, Ricky Phillips on bass, and guitarist James Young.



The audience goes wild for Styx at the Friday night show. Photos by Phil Custodio



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Independence Township Times July, 2018

Township Primary Ballot Millages

By Pat Kittle,
Supervisor

It's that time of the year again ... election time. The August 7 State



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Supervisor

Primary is right around the corner, and while we are already getting tired of listening to all the political rhetoric and seemingly endless commercials touting one candidate over another for local, county, state and federal elections, there will be two local ballot questions on the August Primary Ballot that directly impacts the Township — renewals for both the Police Service Operations Millage and the Safety Path Millage. And while I hate taxes as much as the next guy, these two millages play a huge part in making Independence something special ...

POLICE SERVICES: The Police Service Operations Millage ballot question is asking the voters to continue the police millage of 2.8678 mills for a period of five (5) years. **This request is NOT AN INCREASE**, but merely a continuation of the same millage that has been previously approved. The Township has contracted with the Oakland County Sheriff's Department for the past 40+ years to provide ALL police services in the Township leveraging the County infrastructure, 911 emergency



dispatch, administrative services, crime labs, aerial support, narcotics enforcement, Special Weapons and Tactics Teams and more, on top of their crime prevention, traffic control and patrol functions. All of this adds up to one of the best police service packages in the State of Michigan, at a price tag the Township could never afford on its own. 31 Sheriff Deputies and Command Staff are assigned to our community providing Police / First Responder services on a 24/7 basis.

So, what happens if this millage fails? We would have to add this millage question to the November ballot and pray for a different outcome. If both attempts failed, the Township has no funding to provide critical police services.



SAFETY PATH: The second local ballot question is asking for a renewal of the existing Safety Path millage of .4320 mills for a period of ten (10) years. **This millage request is NOT AN INCREASE**, but merely a renewal of the same millage that has been previously approved.

First approved in 1980, the Safety Path millage revenue has been used to maintain all of the existing safety paths and to link destination points within the Township to enable residents to get out and enjoy the fresh air, while getting some exercise walking and biking in the community.

The majority of easy pathway projects (code for in-expensive) have been completed. The more difficult pathway projects (code for expensive) are now being prioritized by the volunteer Safety Path Advisory Committee in conjunction

with the Township Board. Planned Safety Path projects include: Clintonville Road between Maybee and Waldon, the east side of Sashabaw Road between I-75 and Clarkston Road, Middle Lake Road between Clarkston Junior High School to M-15, M-15 from Brioni's to downtown Clarkston. Additional projects include: Bike pads with repair stations, benches, path markers, bike racks and historical signs along the pathway system.

So, what happens if this millage fails? There are only enough funds available to maintain the current pathway system for the next four (4) years with no additional Safety Path expansion or connections.

In closing — your voice matters. If you feel strongly about our Police Services and



**Tuesday,
August 7, 2018**

Safety Paths, please make sure you get out and vote at the August 7 State Primary. Not going to be in town, call the Township Clerk at 248-625-5113 and ask if an Absentee Voter Application can be mailed to you. It's your community!

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE
for August 7, 2018 State Primary:

All voters registered
on or before Monday, July 9, 2018
at their address of residence are
eligible to vote in the State Primary.



Election News from The Clerk

ELECTION 2018

By Barb Pallotta, Clerk
What every precinct voter should know

Do you know that the polls are open on election day between the hours of 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.?

Do you know that your voter registration is tied to your drivers license?

The National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) or better known as "Motor Voter," was signed into law on May 20, 1993 and took effect on January 1, 1995. Under the NVRA, Michigan must offer voters the opportunity to register to vote through the mail, Secretary of State offices, designated government agencies and military recruitment offices. In addition, the NVRA prohibits Township Clerks from issuing a "cancellation notice" to a voter solely because of the voter's failure to participate in elections. Most changes made to your driver's license at the Clerk's Office or at a Secretary of State office is exchanged electronically between the two entities daily.

Do you know the status of your voter registration; where you vote; how to operate our new voting equipment; or how to view a sample ballot?

Don't wait until Election Day to determine the status of your voter registration; find your polling location; learn how to use your new voting equipment or view your sample ballot.

Visit the Township's website at www.indtwp.com.

Or visit the State of Michigan's Michigan Voter Information Center at: www.michigan.gov/sos. You will be amazed at the amount of election



Barb Pallotta
Clerk

information conveniently available to you on-line. The Clerk's Office welcomes phone calls too; you can reach us Monday-Friday; 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at 248-625-5113.

Do you know that provisions are provided at the precinct for voters who require assistance?

Special accommodations are available for voters who are disabled. If you require voting assistance, ask an election inspector for help; a reason for needing assistance does NOT have to be stated. Two inspectors will assist you in the voting booth. Also, a voter who is blind, disabled or unable to read or write may be assisted by ANY person of the voter's choice other than the voter's employer or agent of a union to which the voter belongs. A voter-assist terminal (Verity-TouchWriter) is available for use also. This ballot-marking device is designed to permit voters who are disabled to vote independently without the assistance of another person.

Do you know what type of photo identification is acceptable?

Because of a 2007 Michigan Supreme Court ruling, voters are now subject to photo identification requirements prior to voting. Bring an **ACCEPTABLE** form of **PHOTO** identification to the polls on Election Day; your photo ID does not need to have your address on it. Acceptable forms of ID are:

- **MICHIGAN** issued driver's license or personal ID card,
- **CURRENT** driver's license or personal ID card issued by another state,
- **CURRENT** Federal or state government-issued photo identification,
- **CURRENT** U.S. passport,
- **CURRENT** Military identification card with photo,
- **CURRENT** Student identification with photo from a **MICHIGAN** high school or an accredited institution of higher education in **MICHIGAN**, or
- **CURRENT** Tribal identification card with photo.

Do you know you can still vote if you forget to bring your photo identification to the polls?

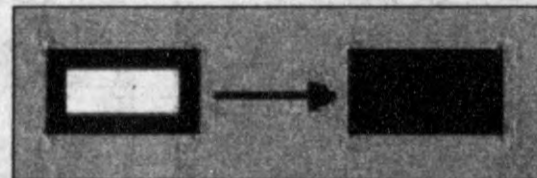
If you do not have acceptable photo ID or you have photo ID but did not bring it to the polls, you may still cast a ballot by signing an affidavit. The affidavit, conveniently located on the back side of the application to vote and once signed, attests that you are not in possession of photo identification. Your ballot will be counted on Election Day!

Do you know you can vote even if you are an active member of the military or a civilian currently living outside the United States?

A Federal Postcard Application (FPCA) form can be used to register to vote and request an absent voter ballot. The FPCA form is available online through the Federal Voting Assistance Program at www.fvap.gov and is also distributed through U.S. embassies and military bases. A Michigan resident who moves and registers out of state may NOT re-register to vote in Michigan until he/she re-establishes residency here. Military and civilian voters, and their spouses and dependents meeting Michigan's residency requirement can receive an absentee ballot. The law permits such voters to receive their ballot electronically via email or fax.

Do you know how to make sure your vote counts?

Read the ballot marking instructions inserted on the secrecy sleeve **BEFORE** marking your ballot. The **BIGGEST** mistake made by a precinct voter is attempting to correct OR erase a marking mistake on a ballot. If you make an error your ballot can be spoiled and a replacement ballot issued.

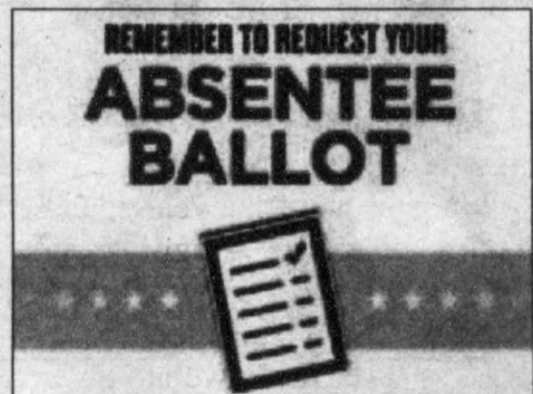


TO VOTE: Completely darken the box next to each choice as shown:

- Use only a black or blue ink pen; do not use any other ink color!
- Do not vote for more candidates than indicated under each office title.
- **Important for August Primary:**

You can vote in one party section only (Republican Party; Democratic Party, or Libertarian); you cannot "split your ticket." if you vote in more than one party section, the partisan section of your ballot will be rejected!

■ Arrive no later than 8:00 PM at your polling location on Election



Day!

What every absentee voter should know. Do you know if you are eligible to vote an absentee ballot?

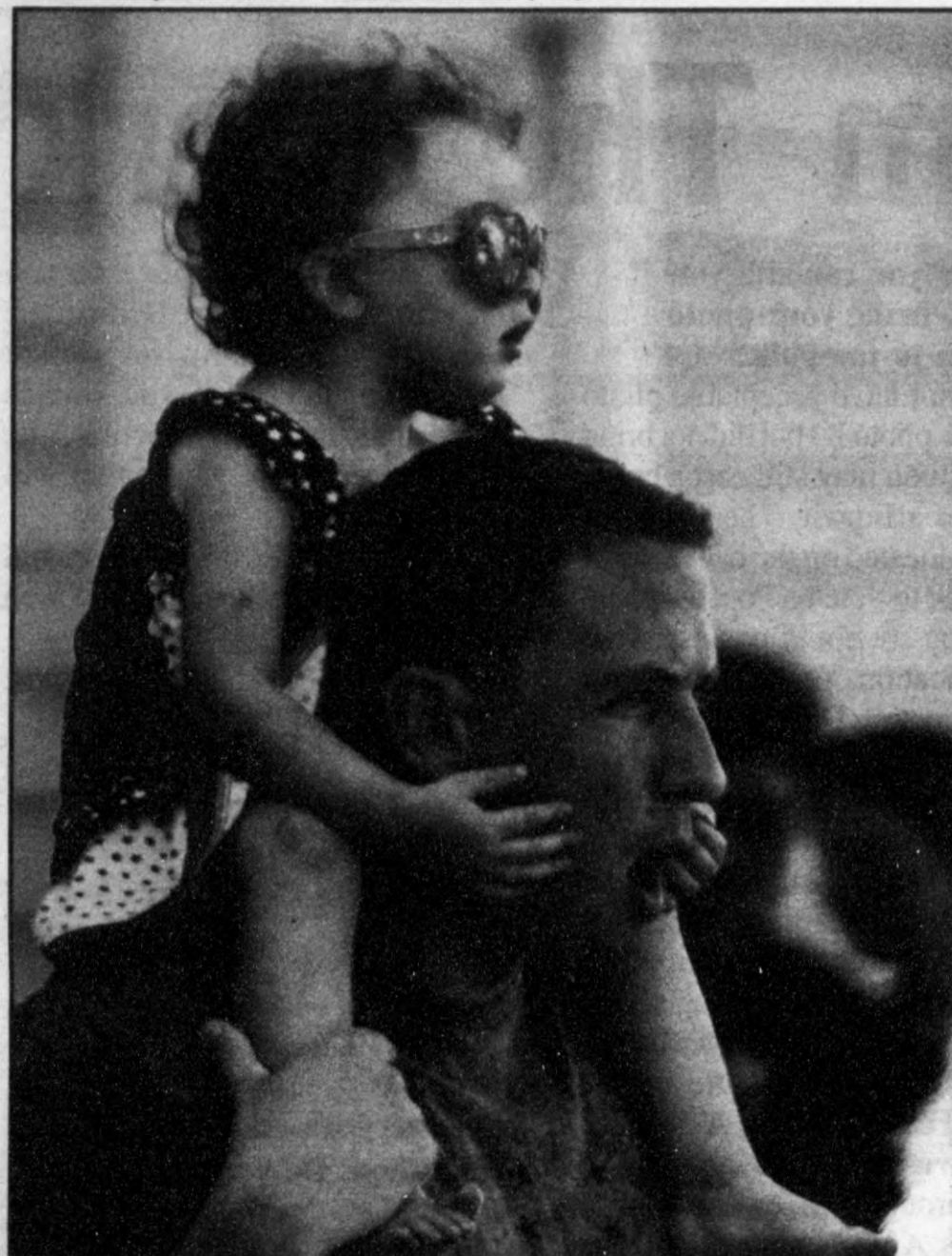
If you are properly registered to vote and meet one of the following requirements you are eligible for absentee voting:

- Age 60 years old or older,
- Unable to vote without assistance at the polls,
- Expecting to be out of town on election day,
- In jail awaiting arraignment or trial,
- Unable to attend the polls due to religious reasons, or
- Appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct outside of your precinct of residence.

Do you know how to be added to the permanent absent voter list?

If you meet one of the six statutory requirements you must submit your request verbally or in writing to the Clerk's Office to be added to the permanent absent voter list. Voters on the permanent listing will automatically receive an *Application For Absent Voter's Ballot* by mail prior to each election held in Independence Township; a DUAL application is mailed for August/November elections prior to an August election. A ballot will be issued by the Clerk's Office to the voter only after receiving a qualified

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Brooklyn Hunt finds a nice spot to watch all the entries on the shoulders of Justin Hunt.



Lily LaGorio continues to wave her flag while downtown gets sunnier and hotter with each passing minute.



Beth Riegel, with the Clarkston Garden Club, waves to all the parade watchers.



Leyla Steele dances while waiting for the parade to begin. Her favorite entry was the Clarkston Area Optimists' Lawn Mower Brigade which her grandfather was in.



Kaydence Schudlich is this year's Oakland County Rabbit Princess. Check out all the entries at this year's county fair at Springfield Oaks now to July 15.



Beloved Disney Princesses and characters from Fairytale Entertainment dance for a few moments for the crowd less than half way through the parade.

Everyone loves a (Clarkston) parade

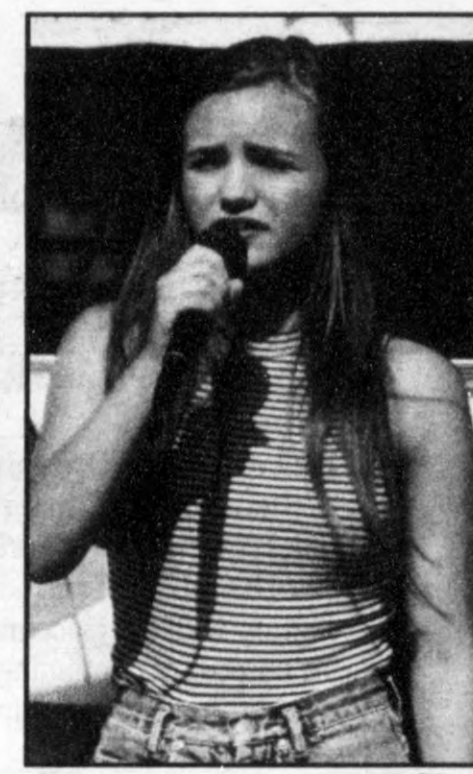
The heat wasn't going to keep thousands away from the annual Fourth of July parade in downtown Clarkston.

Parade goers enjoyed 100 entries and favorites included the Clarkston Area Optimists' Lawn Mower Brigade, and businesses cooling off the audience by spraying water or handing out ice cream, water, and hot dogs.

Team RUSH Robotics won first place in the Youth category; Keller Williams took first place in Business; and colorful Girl Scout Troop 76342 took first place in Nonprofit.



Emily Herrmann performs with the Clarkston High School Color Guard as the marching band also performs.



Chloe Chiappelli sings the national anthem at the main stage in front of The Fed.



Shelby Schudlich waves to the crowd.



From left, Christa, Rowan, Jason and Arlo Merkle are excited for another Fourth of July parade in Clarkston. It's a holiday tradition as Christa remembers going every year since she was a child and now takes her children.



American Legion Post 63 Honor Guard leads the parade. Photos by Wendi Reardon Price



Dale Ryan, Voice of the Wolves, and his son, Eric, announce the 100 entries for this year's parade.

What Every Voter Should Know

application from the voter. Applications are mailed approximately 60-days prior to each election and ballots are mailed approximately 45-days prior to each election.

Do you know who can submit absent voter's ballot application



on your behalf?

The Clerk's Office is working hard to make sure voters are aware of the upcoming election and any changes that may affect their vote. One thing voters can do right now is confirm your voter registration status and register to vote in the community you reside prior to the deadline! Residents may register to vote at the Township Clerk's Office or at a Secretary of State location at least 30 days prior to any election.

Voter Registration Deadline for August 7 Election: Tuesday, July 9. If you miss this deadline, you *may* be eligible to vote in your old jurisdiction.



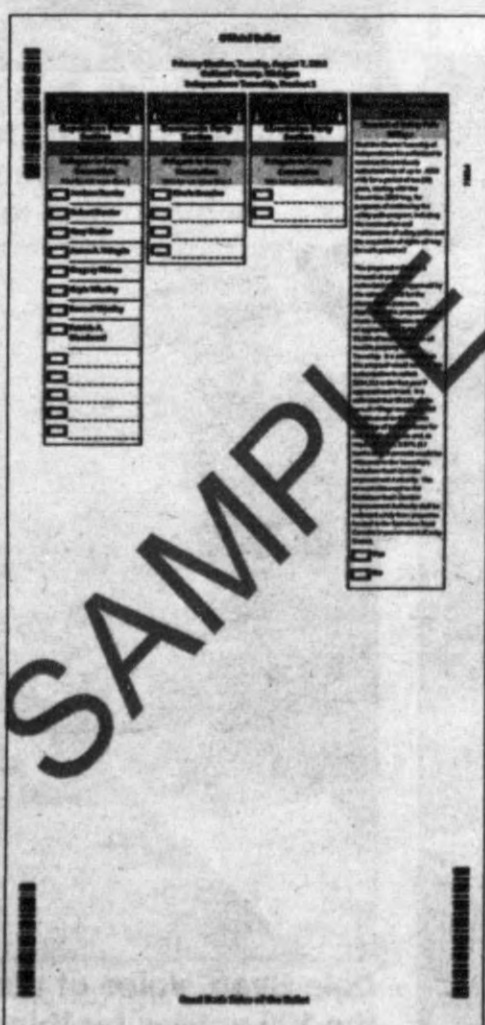
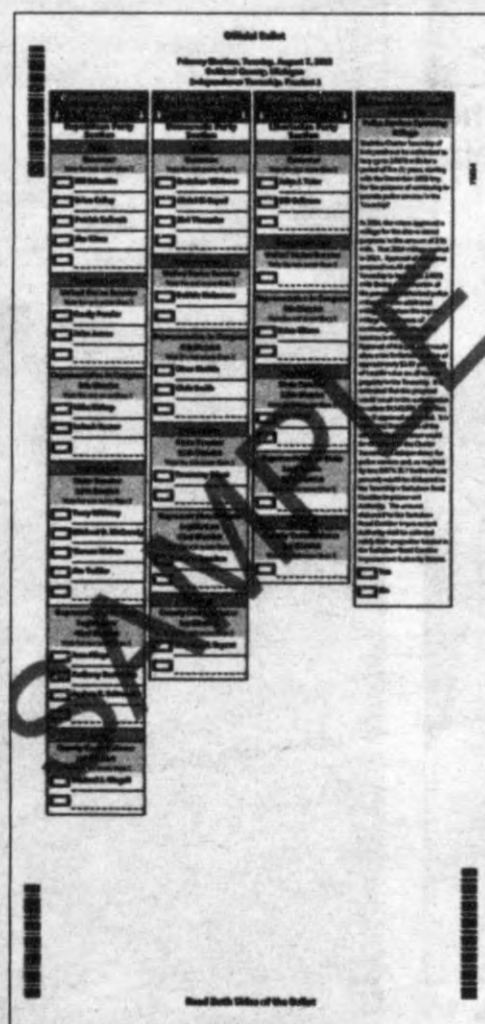
Contact the Clerk's Office of your former jurisdiction for confirmation!

Attention Students: First time voters/students that may be away at college must have registered to vote **in-person** at the Clerk's Office or a Secretary of State office to be able to request an absent voter ballot. Those

persons that have registered to vote by mail are not eligible to vote by absentee unless they personally stop by the Clerk's Office with proper identification.

What can I expect to see on my ballot?

Below is Precinct 1's 2-SIDED August Primary ballot: visit the



Township's website to view your precinct ballot!

Local Ballot Proposals - August 7 Primary Ballot

Police Services Operating Millage

Shall the Charter Township of Independence be authorized to levy up to 2.8678 mills for a period of five (5) years, starting with the December 2018 levy, for the purpose of continuing to provide police services in the Township?

In 2014, the voters approved a millage for the above-stated purposes in the amount of 2.95 mills. That 2014 millage expired in 2017. Approval of the above proposal would allow the Township to levy up to 2.8678 mills (being a continuation of the previously authorized police millage) as new additional millage to replace the expired millage for purposes of continuing to provide police services in the Township. Approval of this proposal would allow a tax limitation increase of approximately \$2.87 per \$1,000 of taxable value on all taxable property in the Township. It is estimated that this proposal would result in the authorization to collect \$4,542,091 in the first year if approved and levied. It is estimated that 99.13% of the annual millage revenue would be disbursed to the Charter Township of Independence for police services and, as required by law, 0.87% (8.7 tenths of one percent) would be disbursed to the Township's Sashabaw Road Corridor Improvement Authority. The amount disbursed to the Sashabaw Road Corridor Improvement Authority shall be collected solely from properties located in the Sashabaw Road Corridor Improvement Authority District.

IMPORTANT: All questions related to the **Police Millage** are to be directed to the Township Supervisor's Office at 248-625-5111; Ext. 525. Questions related to the Sashabaw Corridor Improvement Authority disbursement are to be directed to the Independence Township Assessing Office at 248-625-5111; Ext. 219.

Renewal of Safety Path Millage

Shall the Charter Township of Independence be authorized to continue the previously authorized levy of up to .4320 mills for a period of ten (10) years, starting with the December 2019 levy, for purposes of continuing the safety path program, including the construction and maintenance of safety paths and the acquisition of rights-of-way for such purposes?

This proposed millage is a renewal of previously authorized millage approved by the voters in 2008 for the above-stated purposes. Approval of this proposal would renew a tax limitation increase of approximately \$.43 per \$1,000 of taxable value on all taxable property in the Township. It is estimated that this proposal would result in the authorization to collect \$684,212 in the first year if approved and levied. It is estimated that 99.13% of the annual millage revenue would be disbursed to the Charter Township of Independence for safety path purposes and, as required by law, 0.87% (8.7 tenths of one percent) would be disbursed to the Township's Sashabaw Road Corridor Improvement Authority. The amount disbursed to the Sashabaw Road Corridor Improvement Authority shall be collected solely from properties located in the Sashabaw Road Corridor Improvement Authority District.

IMPORTANT: All questions related to the **Safety Path Millage** are to be directed to the Township Supervisor's Office at 248-625-5111; Ext. 525. Questions related to the Sashabaw Corridor Improvement Authority disbursement are to be directed to the Independence Township Assessing Office at 248-625-5111; Ext. 219.

Important Dates: 2018 Primary & General Elections

Deadlines for the Aug. 7 Primary Election and the Nov. 6 General Election are as follows.

1. Filing for Precinct Delegate, Affidavit of Identity was May 8.
2. Withdrawal: Precinct Delegate Candidate was May 11.
3. Write-in: Precinct Delegate Candidate is Friday, Aug. 3 at 4 p.m.
4. Delivery of Military & Overseas Absentee Voter (AV) Ballots for Primary Election is June 23; Sept. 22 for General Election
5. Last day to Register to Vote for the Primary Election is July 9; Oct. 9 for the General Election.
6. Last day to Submit AV Voter Ballot Application to receive AV ballot by mail in the Primary Election is Aug. 4, at 2 p.m.; Nov. 3, at 2 p.m. for the General Election.
7. The last day to vote in person at the Clerk's Office for the Primary Election is Aug. 6 at 4 p.m.; Nov. 5 at 4 p.m. for the General Election.

Join us at Deer Lake Beach for **MOVIES AT THE BEACH**

\$5 per person / \$20 max per family - Call (248) 625-8223 to register

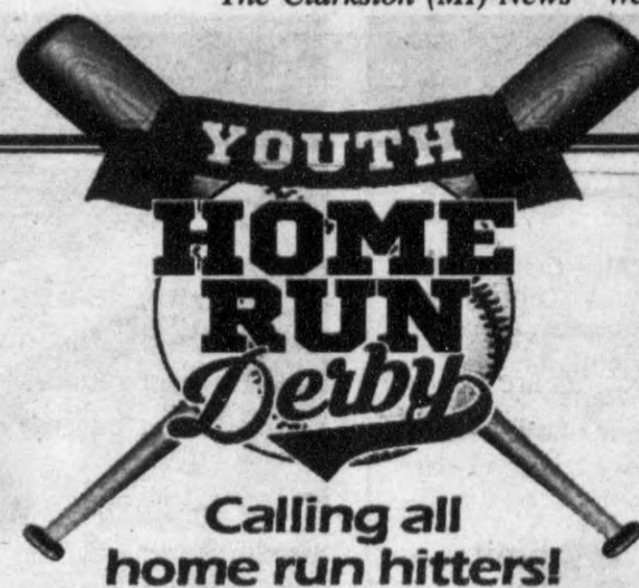
Join us at the beach to watch a movie on the big screen! Bring blankets or chairs to sit on the beach, or try something new and float in the water! All children under 18 must wear a life jacket or approved flotation device if in the water. Additionally anyone in the water must be on a float (noodle, raft, inner tube etc.) Life jackets and floats are not provided, so be sure to bring your own! Lifeguards will be on duty, but all children must be supervised by an adult. Space is limited. Pre-registration required. Light concessions available for sale. Music, games, & swimming begins at 8 pm. Movies start at dusk.



The Little Mermaid
Tuesday, July 24th
8 pm

JAWS*
Thursday, July 26th
8 pm

*(rated PG, but due to the mature nature of the movies, we suggest leaving the little ones at home!)



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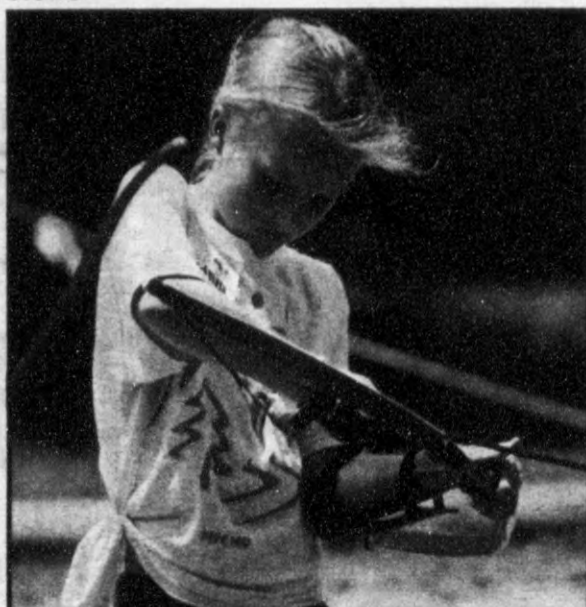
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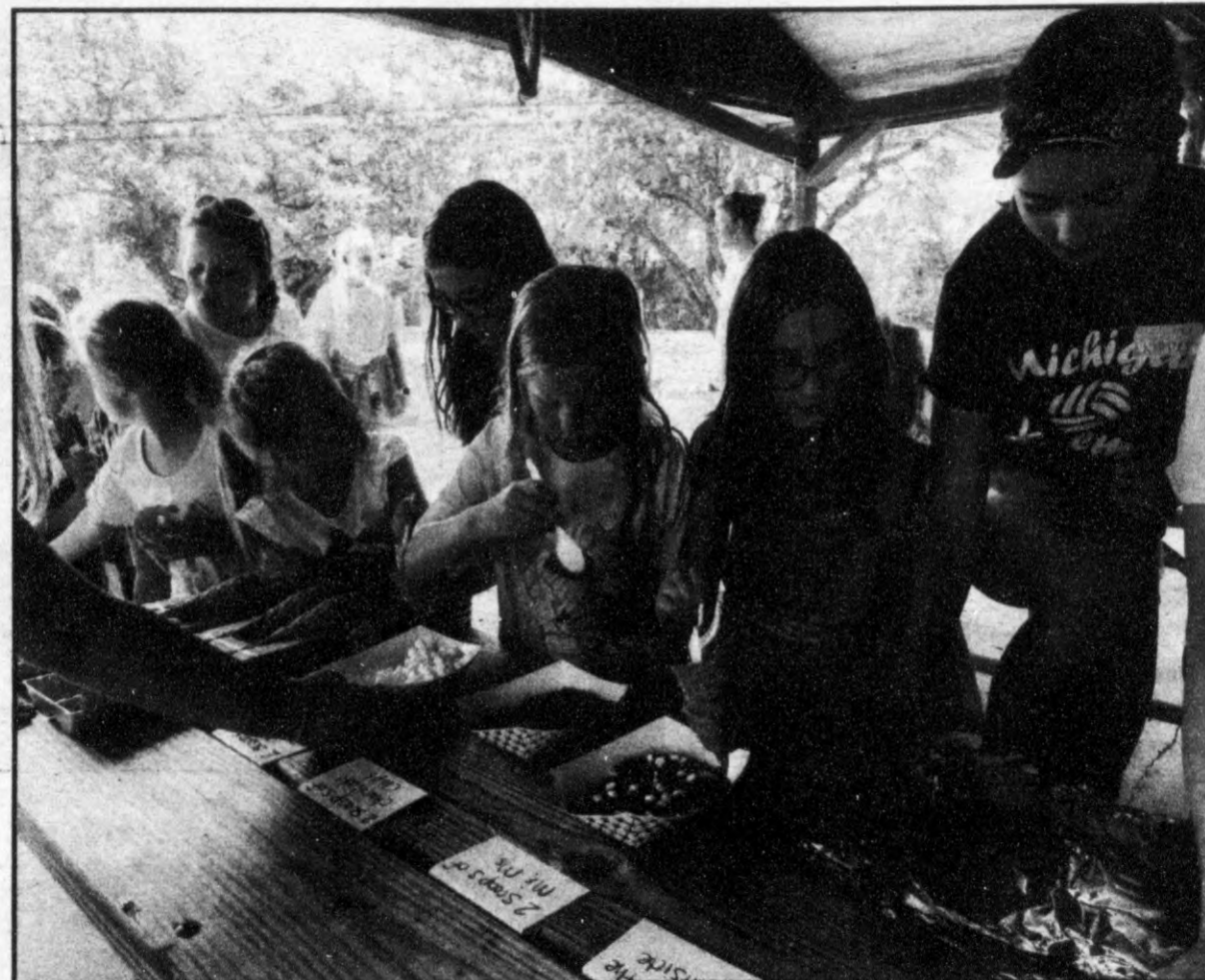
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Sydney Shannon adjusts her arrow to the right spot in the bow.



Anna George and Jenna Brown open one of the locks after figuring out a clue during Breakout.



From left, Lily Fielbrandt, Leanne Scanlon, Reese Brody, Kaylie Hotchkiss, Bailey Brykailo, Ellie Hotchkiss and Madie Carpentier fill their cones with chocolate and marshmallows for their campfire cone treat during Girl Scouts Pleasant Ridge Day Camp. Photos by Wendi Reardon Price

Scouts learn, grow at camp

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Girl Scouts gathered around the clues in front of them on the picnic table. The answer to each of the six clues would help them unlock the box in front of them during Pleasant Ridge Day Camp at Independence Oaks, June 21.

It's called Breakout, explained Sara Mastie, an Instructional Technologist with Clarkston Community Schools.

"It's like an escape room, but it's all on your table," she told the scouts. "The story behind this one is you are all Girl Scouts and you are lost in the wilderness. You have to use your nature smarts to get out of the wilderness to survive. There is something in the box that will help you with your survival

for the night and you have to get it out of there. With the box, in order to open the box there is a lock pass with different locks. The goal is you have to remove all the locks in order to move the orange piece. The orange piece will then swivel and you can open box."

The scouts also made solar ovens and learned about archery during the last day of camp. They learned about making campfires and made a campfire cone treat with marshmallows and chocolate to put in the fire before taking the gooey treat home.

Each troop painted a rock as part of their service project they worked on throughout the week.

"They cleaned up the park as their take action project," said Camp Director Jen Brykailo. "They went around the park and picked up trash and worked on beautification of the park. The rocks will be in different spots in the park."

She added they also wrote thank you cards, made frames for unit pictures and did badge work so they could earn their badges.

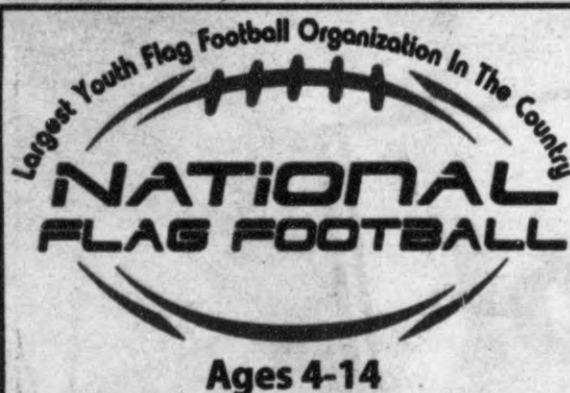
During the week, the girls also created morse code bracelets, went swimming, learned about animal habitats, experienced primitive camping, went hiking, visited the nature center and more.

The scouts made wish flags to hang up in their pavilion. Some wishes included more craft supplies, a puppy, a million Saint Bernard dogs, mom to dance better and a list of many more wishes.

Pleasant Ridge Day Camp had about 50-60 campers for the 20th year of the camp and had 20 volunteers.



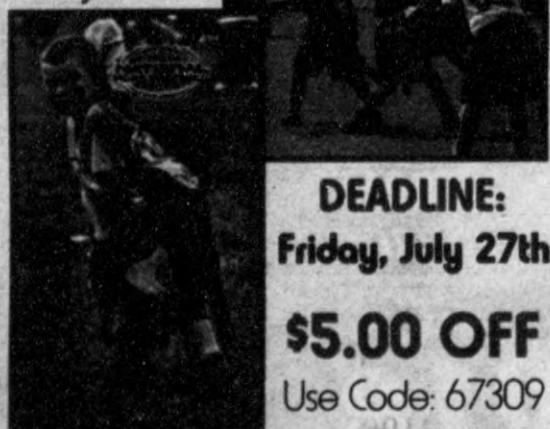
Emma Carter takes aim at the target.



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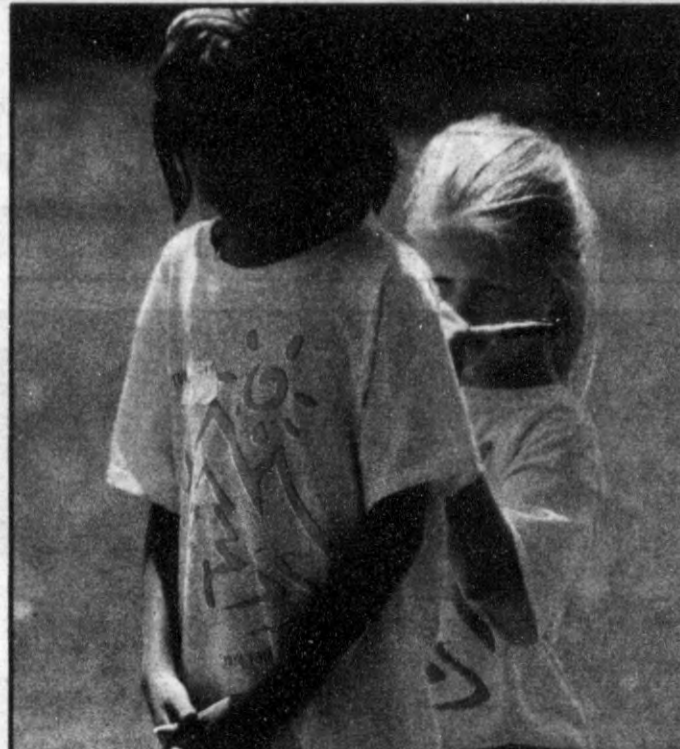
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- Rings N' Things
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- Some Cool Road
- Reclaimed Memories Art
- Whiskey Girl Studio
- Lip Sense
- Dixie Farmhouse
- Avon

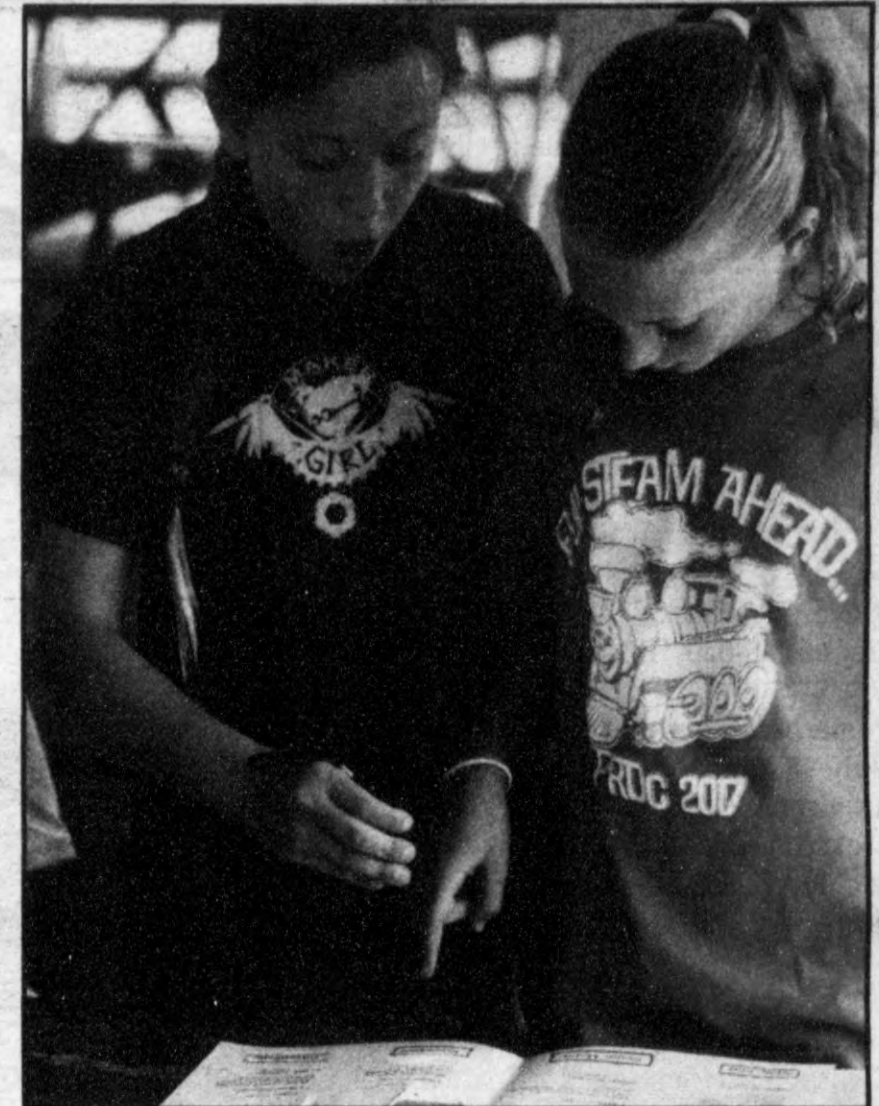
& Many More!



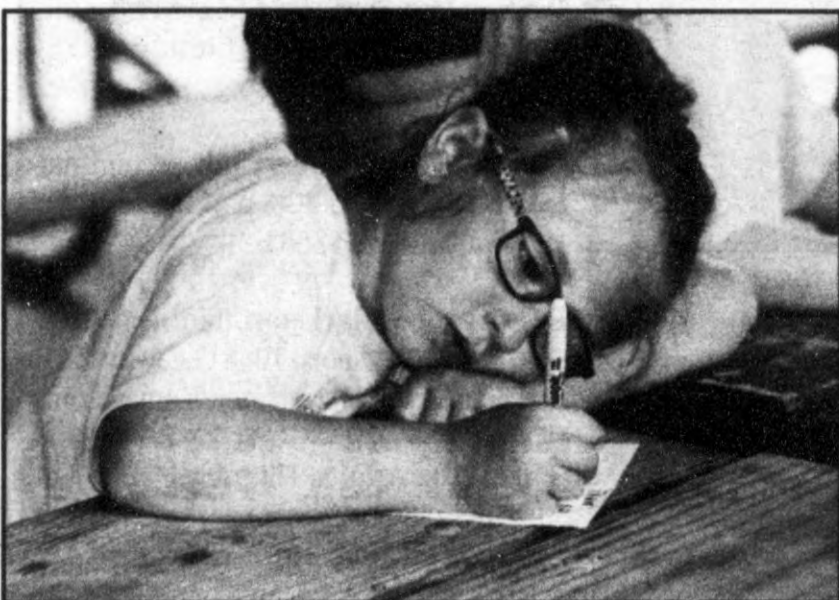
June Fenton and Adah Chuwasz fill their cones.



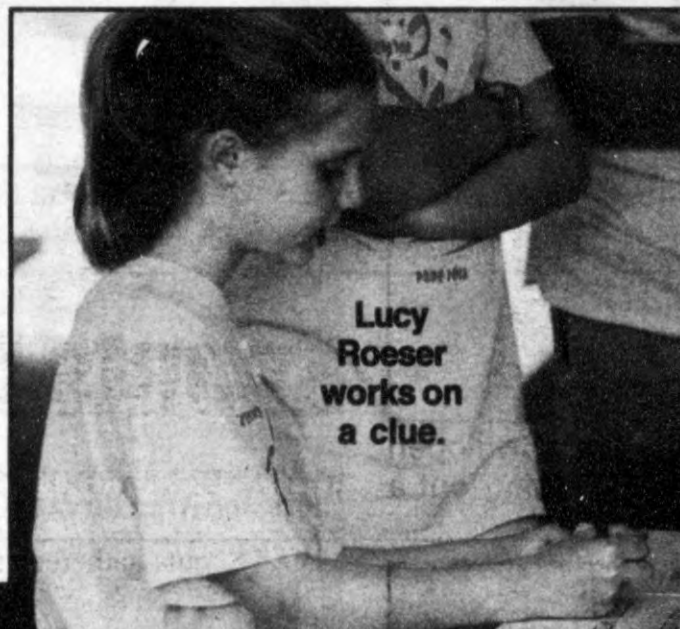
Claire Bobcean, right, signs the back of Mila Issac's T-shirt.



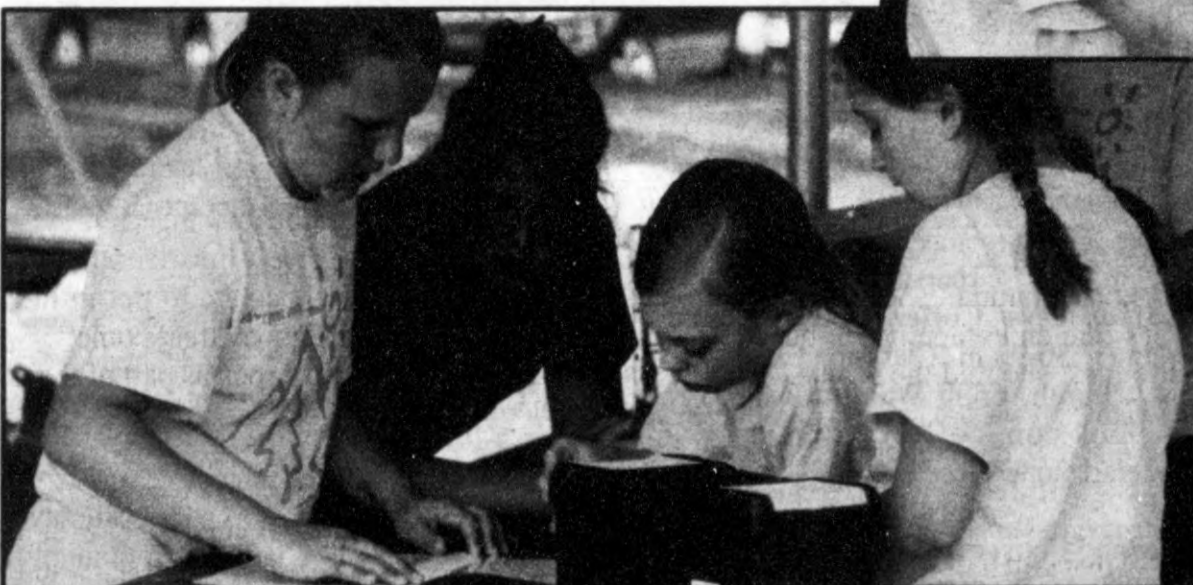
Addie Latimer reacts as she and Ashley deHesselle figure out one of their last clues.



Olivia Weaver writes out her thank you card.



Lucy Roeser works on a clue.



From left, Katie Stephens, Abby Stephens, Paityn Sweet and Emma Carter brainstorm to figure out the clues.



Reyton Wisterman sets her arrow onto the string.

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- Allergy Testing
- Facial Injectables/Botox

Events

Blood drive, American Red Cross, July 11, 10 a.m.-3:45 p.m., MSU Federal Credit Union, 8055 Ortonville Road. 800-RED CROSS.

Concerts in the Park, blues music of Out of Favor Boys, 7 p.m.; local talent at 6 p.m., July 13, Depot Park. Free. Bring lawn chairs.

Garden Walk, Clarkston Farm and Garden Club, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., July 18. Six gardens, with musicians and garden artists. Ticket tent, Artisans Market at library, 6495 Clarkston Road. \$15 in advance at Harrisons, Bordines, Gateway, Clarkston Chamber and library, \$18/day of. 248-620-3131.

Superhero Family Ice Cream Night, 6-8 p.m., July 18, Shiawassee Basin Preserve, 12000 Davisburg Road. Superhero themed games, ice cream, popsicles, with comic superheroes and local firefighters and sheriff's deputies. \$7/person, \$25/family. 248-846-6558.

Advanced Care Planning, Make Your Wishes Known, 1:30 p.m., July 19, Senior Community Center, 6000 Clarkston Road, with Dr. Chase and Tracey Wilkerson, PA, of Clarkston Internal Medicine. 248-625-8231.

Run for the Hills, Help Pave the Way 5K run and walk, 9 a.m., July 21, Waterford Hills Road Racing, 4770 Waterford Road. Run on race car track to fund track repaving. Register at rfevents.services.redpodium.com/waterford-hills.

Golf Tournament benefitting Drew's Home of Clarkston, 1:30 p.m., July 29, Fountains Golf Course, 6060 Maybee Road. \$85. 810-869-5637.

Sunday

Donation-only class benefitting O.A.T.S., Sundays, 9:30 a.m., Yoga Oasis, 6160 Dixie Highway. 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/members, \$4/non-members.

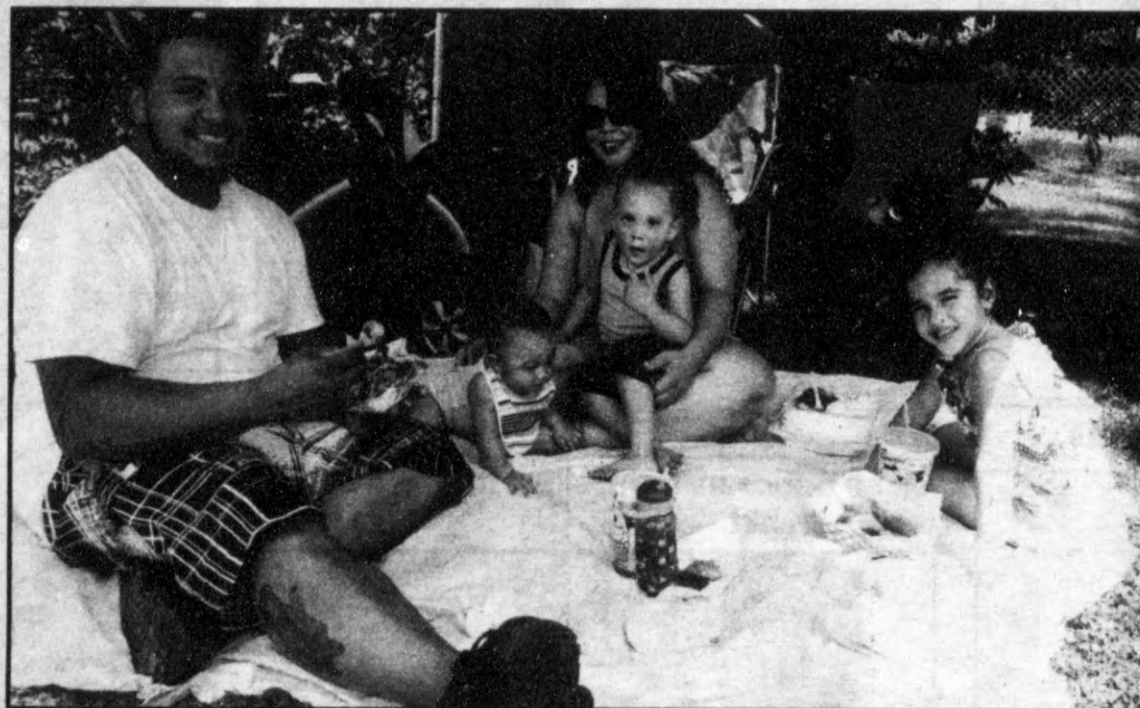
Bingo games, Community Singles, Mondays, 5:30-6:30 p.m., 6440 Dixie Highway. Dinner, dessert prizes. 248-812-0604.

Tuesday

Grief Share, 13-week seminar/support group for those suffering loss, 7-8:30 p.m.,

Around Town

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



Steve, Jonna, Aubree, Noah and Laila Black enjoy shade and food from one of the many vendors at Independence Fest. Photo by Serena Stauffer

Tuesdays, 9811 Dixie Highway. 248-694-9351.

Clarkston Community Band rehearsals, 7-9 p.m., Tuesdays. \$40/semester, free for high school students. Band room, Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane, clarkstonband@gmail.com.

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

Seniors On With Life Group forming for widowers, widows, divorced. Dinners, breakfasts, golf, social gatherings. 248-393-8553.

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.

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

Nuvview Nutrition Meet & Greet, 6:30-8 p.m., first Tuesdays, free, 7300 Dixie Highway Suite 500. Pre-register. **Ending Alzheimer's: Battling Cognitive Decline and Alzheimer's**

One Brain at a Time, Nuvview Nutrition Wellness Center, 7300 Dixie Hwy, Suite 500. Free. Twice a month, 6 p.m. Call for dates and reserve seat, 248-625-5143.

Wednesday

Clarkston Area Birders Club, last Wednesday, 7 p.m., The Gateway, 7150 N. Main Street. Free. Reports and discussions about local birding activity.

Chair Yoga, Wednesdays, 9-10 a.m., Carriage House, 6000 Clarkston Road. July 11-Aug. 15. \$40/member, \$45/non-member. Drop in, \$7/member, \$8/non-member. 248-625-8231.

Thursday

Clarkston News' Coffee Club business networking, 7:30-9 a.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Free. Facebook.com/coffeeclubmi, and www.clarkstoncoffeeclub.com.

Coffee and Conversation, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., July 19, Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. \$1.

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

Civic groups

Clarkston Rotary Club, Mondays, 6:30 p.m., 7048 Gateway Park Drive. 248-880-0027.

Clarkston Community Women's Club, third Tuesday, 7 p.m., Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Call President Pat Smolen, 248-909-3920.

Daughters of the American Revolution, Sashabaw Plains Chapter, second Tuesday, www.sashabaw.michdar.net.

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

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

Preservation Clarkston, third Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Buckshots, 7048 Gateway Park Drive. Preservationclarkston@gmail.com.

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

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

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

Saturday

Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturdays through Oct. 13 at the Clarkston Community Education Center, 6558 Waldon Road.

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

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Free Children's Kidsight Vision Screening

Saturday, July 14 10 am - 12 pm

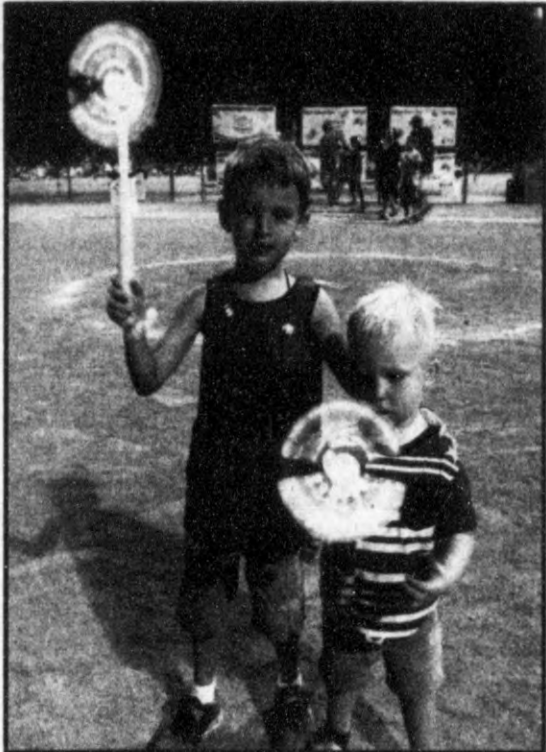
Free monthly vision screening for children ages 5 months and up. Photos are taken of the child's eyes to check for potential vision problems. Results are immediate and a report is provided at the screening.



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KIDS



Taylin Hill and Vincent Joosten play with light-up toys before the fireworks show begins.

Many relaxed on their blankets or in their lawn chairs as the first firework flew up into the air at Clintonwood Park after the day-long Independence Fest, July 4.

Hundreds oohed and ahhed at the spectacular 30-minute fireworks show. Many eyes lit up, especially the children's eyes, when rapid-fire rockets signaled the grand finale.

Applause and whistles rang out as the smoke cleared and the sky went back to night.

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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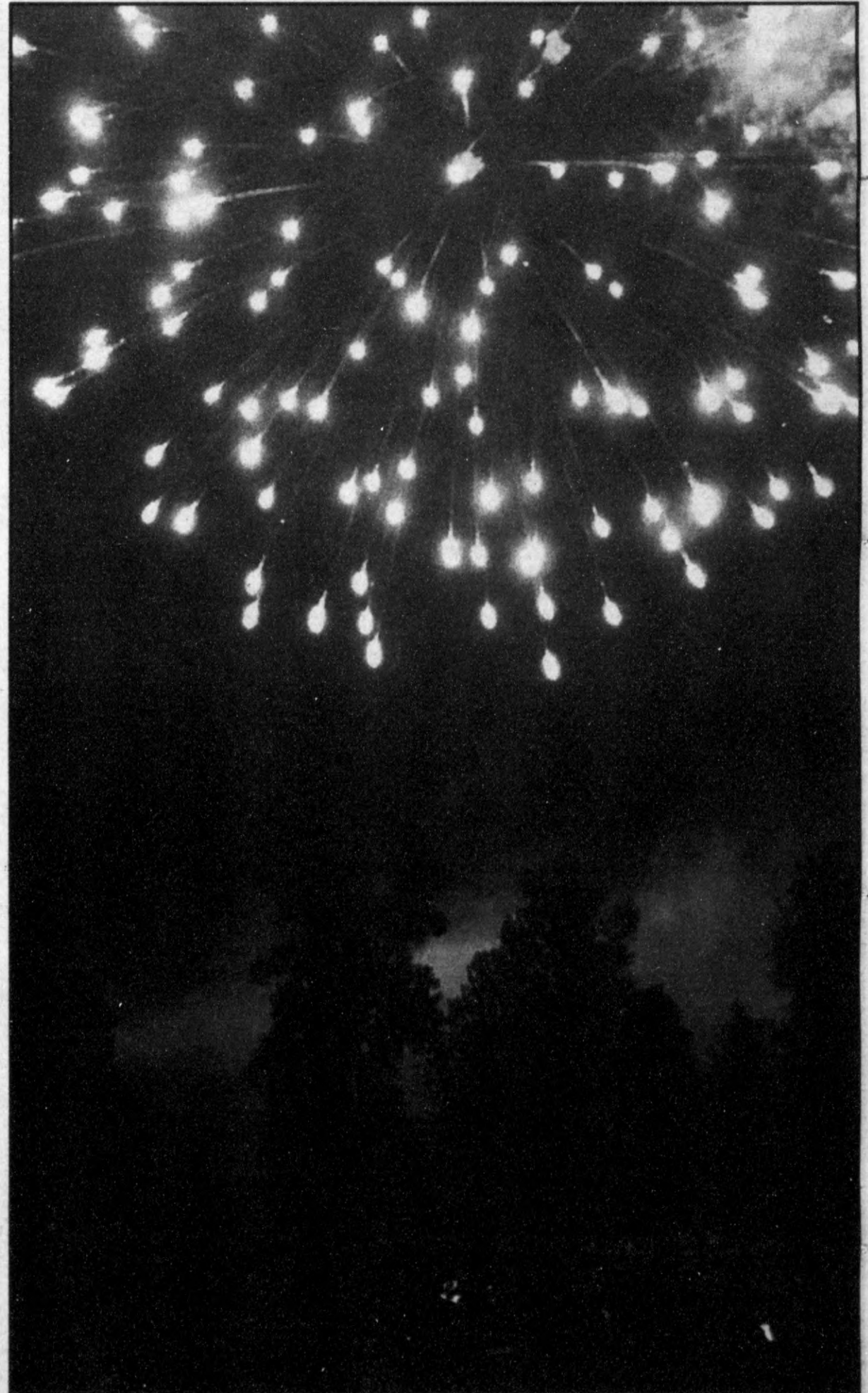
Kimberly, Sofia and Olivia Lafnear ready for fireworks at Clintonwood Park.



Dawn Fashho, Lorelei Camburn and Michael Camburn.

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Clarkston residents gather at Clintonwood Park to watch the spectacular fireworks. Photos by Serena Stauffer

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Death notices & Obituaries

Robert S. Bills, 75

Robert S. Bills (Bob) of Flint, formerly of Clarkston, passed away June 7, 2018, at age 75.

He was the brother of Thomas (Pam) Bills, Trudie Bills, David (Elaine) Bills and Sue (Chuck) Schaeffer; also many nieces and nephews; preceded in death by parents John and Gertrude. Bob grew up on Watkins Lake in Waterford Township, Mich.

He graduated from Waterford Township High School in 1960 and in 1965 from Northern Michigan University, with a BS degree in Geography.

After college Bob was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Navy where he flew as a C130 navigator. In 1967, Bob was retired from the Navy with a full medical disability pension.

Bob was a religious scholar of the highest level having spent the bulk of his life studying the bible and religion. He was a life member of the Retired Officers Association and VFW and a long-time, dedicated member of the Maranatha Baptist Church.

Memorial Service Saturday, July 21, at 4 p.m. at **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, with visiting at 3 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Open Doors, Gospel for Asia or Every Home for Christ/ World Literature Crusade. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Timothy Kerton, 68

Timothy E. Kerton, "Tim," of Clarkston passed away unexpectedly July 5, 2018, at age 68.

He was the loving father of Jennifer (Luke) Charbonneau and Julie (Chris) Dailey; proud grandpa of Mikayla, Arik, Oakley, and Zachary; great grandpa to be of Raelyn; dear brother of David (late Sue) Kerton and Diane Kerton; preceded in death by his parents Keith and Marjorie Kerton.

Tim retired from General Motors. He enjoyed spending time at the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club.

Funeral Service was July 10 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club Junior Rifle League. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Obituaries posted daily
at Clarkstonnews.com

Mark W. Phalen, 70

Mark W. Phalen of Clarkston, formerly of Holly, passed away July 5, 2018, at age 70.

He was the husband of Diane (nee Jenks); father of Kris (Mike) Bender, Jennifer Fowler, Nicole (Cale Schold) Phalen and Bradley Phalen; preceded in death by his daughter Andrea Phalen and sisters: Bernadette Fuller and Patricia Weeks; gramps of Madison, Dakota, Kailie, Miah, Haven, Flynn, Isley and Josephine; son in law of Helen (late Lloyd) Jenks; brother in law of Rod Fuller, Roger (Gail) Jenks and Dan (Marsha) Jenks.

Funeral Service, Wednesday, 12:30 p.m. at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Private interment Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Special Olympics. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



In our local churches...

Adult Bible Fellowships, Sunday School, 11 a.m., Dixie Baptist Church, 8585 Dixie Highway, 248-625-2311.

Coffee and Conversation, first, third, fifth Sunday, 12:30 p.m., for adults and interested youth. Sashabaw Presbyterian Church, 5300 Maybee Road. 248-673-3469

Sunday Night Youth Group, games, snacks, etc., 6 p.m.; devotion time, 7 p.m., First Congregational Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road. 248-394-0200.

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

Bible Study by the Fire for adults and older youth, October-May, Mondays, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Sashabaw Presbyterian Church, 5300 Maybee Road. 248-673-3469.

Cove gatherings for teens, grades 6-12, Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., Waypoint Church, 8400 Dixie Highway. 248-623-1224.

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

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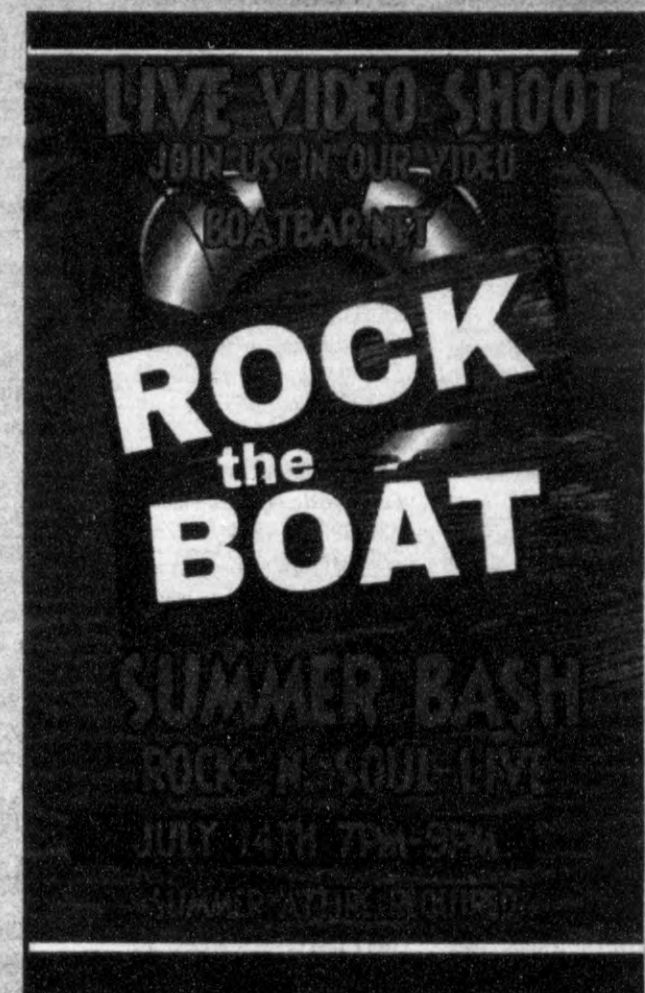
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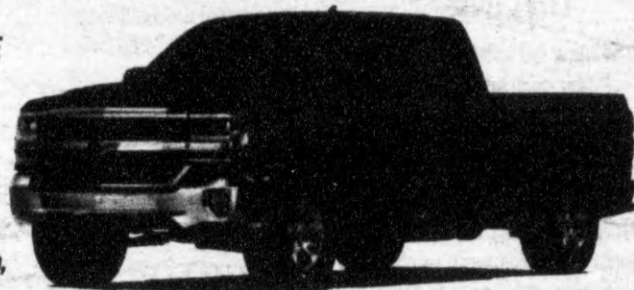
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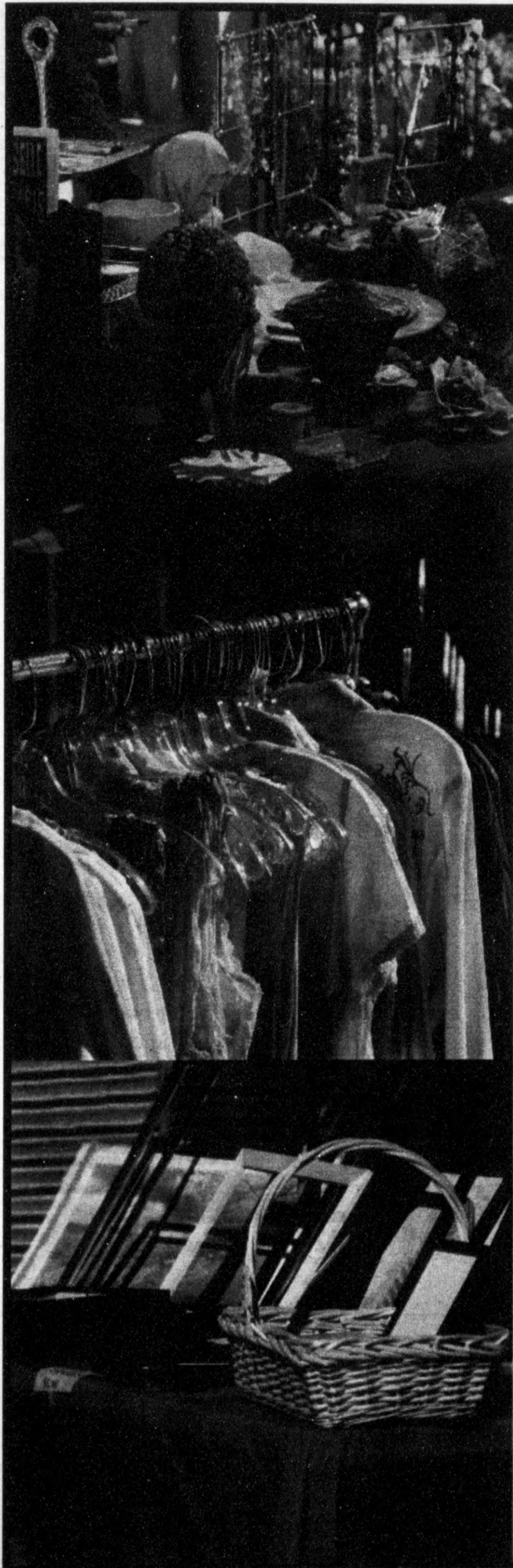
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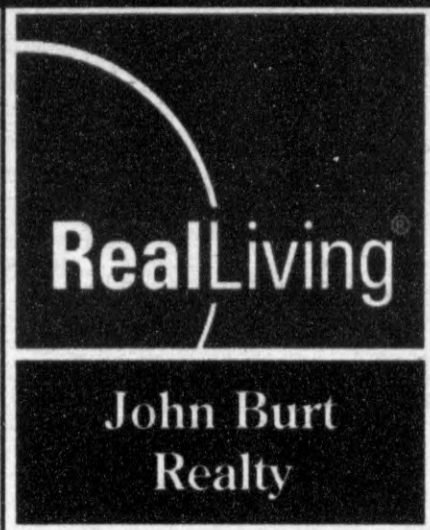
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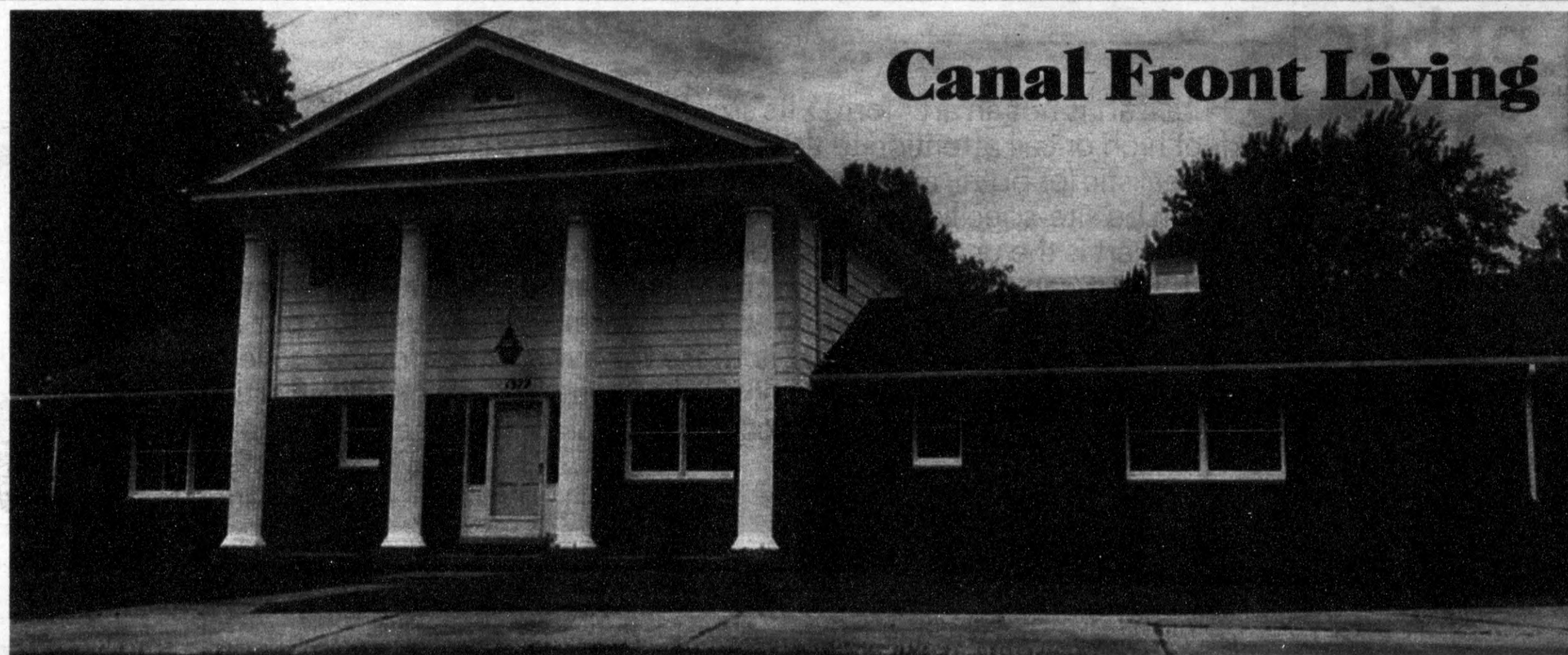
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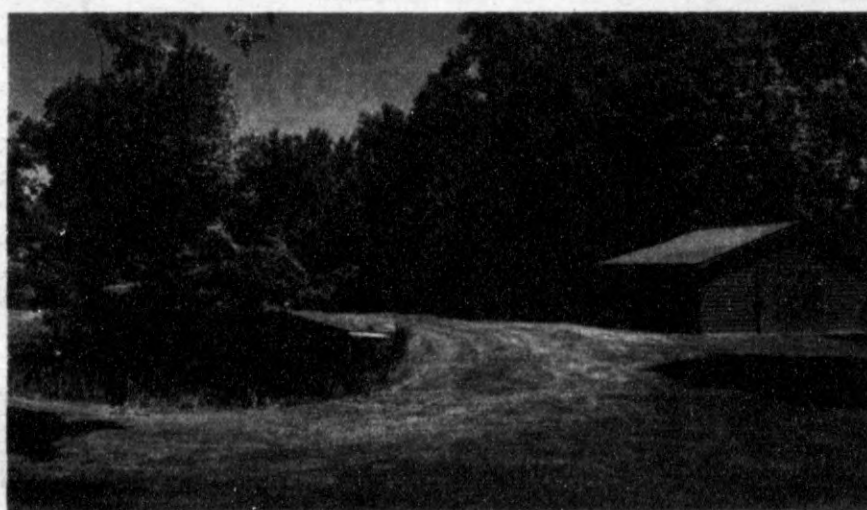


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Scott Vradenburg and Keegan Misiolek play cornhole.



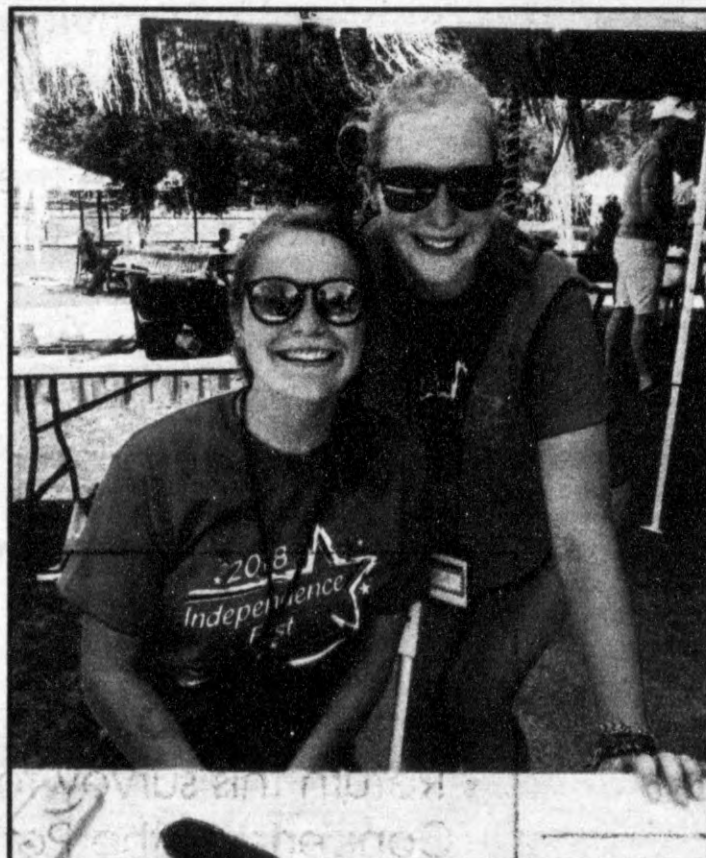
Nancy Findlay and Sandy Schauman from The Mango Tree were all smiles at their tent in the craft show.



Kelly Dyer cuddles up to one of the puppies up for adoption from Canine Companions Rescue Center.



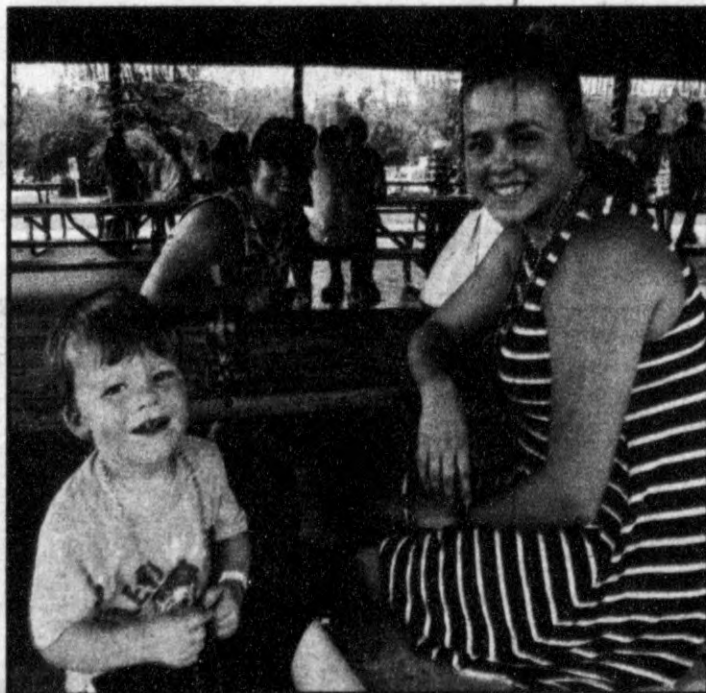
Addison Vance is a star.



Ashley Locher and Larissa McLetchie greet people as they arrive at Independence Fest.



Laurana Daigle prepares to take a swing at one of the inflatable games in the Kid Zone.



Jill Bramer, Sawyer Bramer and Sydney Connor.

Park fest

The parade and fireworks bookended the Fourth of July holiday in Clarkston, but there was much more to it.

The rest of the day featured Independence Fest fun in Clintonwood Park, including kids games, craft show, dog competition, and live entertainment.

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Cammie, Ava, Alex and Charles Harwood.



Leah Kelso throws a frisbee to dog Cheyenne, with Kayla Schroder's help.

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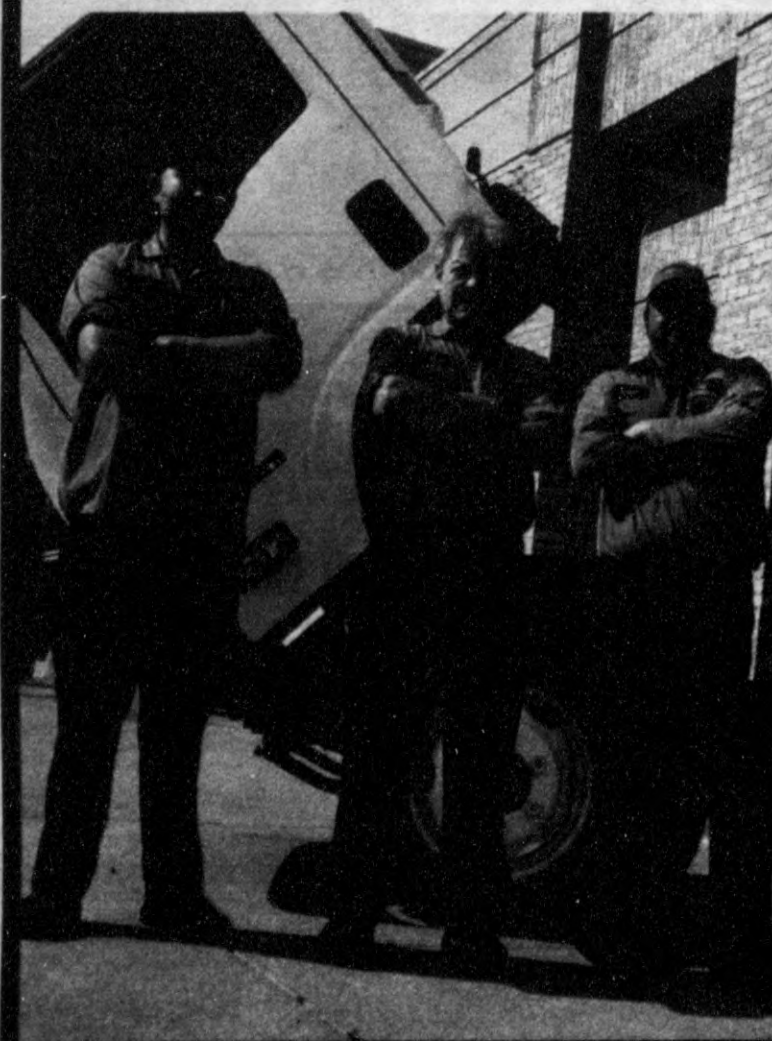
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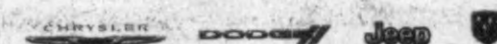
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