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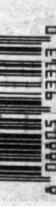
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No to hate Chestnut Hill Farms residents Sherry Wiltse, at left, and Debra Lemanski scrape and repaint their neighborhood sign, which was spraypainted with a swastika and other symbols sometime during the night of July 9. Two suspects, both juveniles, are under investigation in the case, in which the sign, vehicles, utilities, and the turn lane off Maybee Road were painted with vulgar symbols. racial slurs, more swastikas, and a peace sign. Wiltse, Lemanski, and others immediately went to

work with solvents, scrapers, and fresh paint, cleaning up their neighborhood. See Page 9 for

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Safety path millage renewal

BYSERENASTAUFFER

Clarkston News Intern Writer

A safety path millage renewal on the ballot, Aug. 7, would extend walkways along M-15, and Maybee, Clintonville, and Sashabaw roads.

"Making the township walkable and connecting points of interest are what differentiates a good from a great community," said Patrick Kittle, township supervisor. "The safety path team is really making an effort to complete a walkable pathway system here in the community that would benefit all of our residents. Not being able to complete this important task would be a disservice to our community."

The proposed millage would renew a millage approved by voters in 2008, and includes authorizing the township to continue the .4320 mills for 10 years, starting with the December 2019 levy.

It would include construction and maintenance of safety paths, and acquisition of rights-of-way for new paths.

Independence Township has a dedicated millage for safety paths, and formed a Safety Path Committee (SPC) in 1978.

The system has grown to include more than 40 miles of pathways connecting neighborhoods, parks, and other community facilities.

"Growing up here, I have lots of memories of walking and running all around the township and it was rarely done on a safety path," said township Treasurer Paul Brown. "Even Sashabaw Road from Maybee north had no path and I ran that stretch almost daily. I had lots of near misses with cars running along the shoulder, especially on Pine Knob concert nights. Dodging traffic was always on my mind. Imagine how

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Trustees OK road millage proposal for fall ballot

BY BRENDA DOMINICK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Residents will be asked to fund road improvements in the township, after a split vote of the Independence Township Board, July 10.

Trustee Jose Aliaga was the lone "no" vote against the Road Infrastructure Improvement Millage Proposal. The Township Board voted 6-1 to place the proposal on the Nov. 6 ballot.

"I opposed the millage proposal out of principle," said Aliaga, who is running for state representative in the Aug. 7 primary election. "While our roads are important and in need of repair, I do not believe taxing the people even more is the way to do it. Our citizens, our taxpayers, already pay a high gas tax and registration fees, which keep going up.

"Of a \$56 billion state budget, only \$4.7 billion, barely 8 percent, goes to roads. As it stands, taxes are already high and the state spends too much," he said. "Cut government, cut spending, move our tax dollars where they're needed most. Budgets are for prioritizing spending, not just explaining how it will be spent."

The proposal would create a four-year, two-mill local road improvement tax to cover about 28 miles of roads. It would collect approximately \$12,172,000, \$3.2 million per year, said township Supervisor Pat Kittle.

Additionally, \$4.5 million would be contributed by the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC).

Many residents ask about the roads, said Trustee Ron Ritchie.

"They think the township has control of the roads. Why are we not fixing those and why are we not doing anything about it? So, I agree, I think it's time we need to make a step," Ritchie said.

The millage would give the township more control over the roads, he added.

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this, Pat, we're going to get more input or more soft costs from the county than we would by just letting the county choose which roads they're going to fix," Ritchie said. "Even though we are going to probably get our same share of hard money that's coming to it, I think the engineering costs and the help we get from the road commission is going to be greatly increased over this period of time with this methodology."

About 70 percent of driving in the township is local, going to the grocery store, taking the kids to soccer, or going to the senior center, said Trustee Andrea Schroeder.

"If local driving can get improved it will reduce car repair costs and improve the quality of life as well," said Schroeder, who is also running for state representative.

The plan for roads recently repaired with preservation overlays would be the last on the millage list, about four years out, said Treasurer Paul Brown.

"Everybody's probably seen those improvements to Maybee Road and Clarkston Road, and they're really nice and smooth," Brown said. "What they've done there is a temporary fix. Those roads had a preservation overlay done that's fairly thin, with the goal of lasting five years at best they would be near the end of their life. So, we're not replacing something we just got partially fixed."

Brown said the average township home would pay about \$210 per year for four years if the proposed.

"It's based on a taxable value of \$110,000 or \$105,000, somewhere in that range," he said. Township Supervisor Pat Kittle said if the ballot gets approved, it would be levied in December, and construction would begin in 2019.

The next board of trustees meeting will be on Tuesday, July 24 at 6 p.m. at the township hall, 6483 Waldon Center Drive.



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Voters will decide a millage renewal for policing in Independence Township, including road and bike patrols, investigation, traffic enforcement, school liaison, and other services. Photo by Phil Custodio

August vote for police millage renewal

BY BRENDA DOMINICK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

A "yes" vote on Independence Township's police millage, Aug. 7, would continue Oakland County Sheriff's outstanding service, officials say.

"The township currently contracts all police services to the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, which in my opinion, is the finest police services organization in the country," said township Supervisor Pat Kittle. "Sheriff (Michael) Bouchard has done a phenomenal job putting together a team of professionals that are unrivaled in their skills and passion for the job."

Thirty-one deputies are assigned to the Independence Township substation, 6560 Citation Drive, handling investigation and prosecution of crimes, traffic enforcement, school liaison program, weighmaster the previously authorized and expired police enforcement, coordination of special events millage and township police services. and parades, and community presentations.

"In 2017, deputies assigned to the Independence Township substation handled over 20,000 calls for police services," said Lt. Larry Perry, substation commander. "All expenses incurred to operate the sheriff's office substation and provide police services in Independence Township will be covered by the passing of the dedicated police millage, resulting in no millage increase for the next five years."

If the millage is defeated, the township would have no money for police services beyond the end of 2018, Perry said.

This millage would allow the township to levy up to 2.8678 mills for five years, starting with the December 2018 levy, for continuing

The millage is \$2.87 per \$1,000 of taxable value on all taxable property in the township, collecting about \$4,542,091 in the first year.

With about 11,820 homes in the township, average market value of \$279,426, and average taxable value is \$111,678, the average annual tax impact on residents would be \$223.35.

About 99.13 percent of the millage revenue goes to the township for police services.

As required by law, about 8.7 tenths of one percent goes to the township's Sashabaw Road Corridor Improvement Authority, collected solely from properties in the Sashabaw Road Corridor Improvement Authority District.

Briefly

Safety path

Independence Township Board voted on July 10 to approve a new safety path on M-15, connecting a city sidewalk at the northern edge of the city and the township safety path at the Brioni's parking lot.

The city will be responsible for the engineering and design, and the township will pay for construction, said Dave McKee, Department of Public Works director.

"This is a good thing. I think it will be really beneficial to the township, to provide access to our businesses that are just north of the village," said township Supervisor Pat Kittle.

Clarkston City Council approved the agreement on June 25.

Football for a Cure

The Clarkston Wolves gridiron gang trade blue and gold jerseys for pink and light blue at their 10th Annual Football for a Cure, their pre-season scrimmage, on Saturday, Aug. 11 at Clarkston High School, 7

T-shirts and jerseys are currently available. The cost to purchase a commemorative game jersey is \$100 and a commemorative name plate is \$50.

T-shirts are available for \$15 and long sleeved T-shirts are available for \$20. Forms are available online at sites.google.com/ site/clarkstonwolvesfootball. Proceeds benefit patients locally at Karmanos Cancer Institute patients to assist patients with non-medical expenses provided through the McLaren Oakland Foundation.

For more information or to volunteer for the event, email ClarkstonFootball foraCure@gmail.com.

Orderly meetings

Mayor Steven Percival called for orderly conduct at City Council meetings.

"I ask that we think about some of the free-for-alls that go on when making comments," Percival said at the July 9 council meeting. "Public comments are not open for questions back and forth. Go through the chair for questions - I want us to be more respectful and go through the chair as the rules indicate."

Council member Sharron Catallo said she calls out questions in order to be heard.

"I do it all the time but we never have the chance to discuss with anyone on the council anything, ever," Catallo said.

"It's called discussion. We have a chance to discuss," Percival said. "If there's an action item, we discuss it. Let's do the motion, let's get it seconded, then let's go into discussion."

Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

Vandals near and far

Two suspects are under investigation in last week's vandalism case out by birdland off Maybee Road. They're juveniles, which was considered most likely amongst commenters on our social media.

Vandals spraypainted crudely rendered, light-blue Nazi symbols over everything, as well as other things like a peace symbol, which would be nice if it weren't on other people's property with-

out their permission, racial slurs, which are never nice, and "Trump," which is open to interpretation.

I'd be interested in hearing about their motivations in what some call a "hate crime." It will probably turn out



to be more of a "we're bored and stupid" crime.

Maybe they're completely unaware of politics of any sort, but maybe they learned this sort of thing from the top levels of government and the media over the past two years.

Donald Trump's most unsavory comments and actions are constantly reported by a media that can't believe the man was elected president.

He and his supporters are considered Nazis nowadays by a lot of people, and young people are encouraged to punch them, deny them dinner, and kick them out of their Ubers. Those on the other side have plenty of names to call their opponents, too, like "snowflake" and "social justice warrior."

It's an exciting time to be a young person right now on all sides, marching, demonstrating, fighting in the streets, the resistance versus the counter-resistance

It may be getting local, too, with the Michigan House primary race pitting Independence Township trustee against Independence Township trustee. No one is calling anyone a "Nazi" in this local race, but personnel documents from the state government unfavorable to one of the candidates, Jose Aliaga, were leaked to the media, sort of what happened in the 2016 presidential race.

The vandalism is probably unrelated to any of this, but I wouldn't be surprised if it was.

Send Letters to the Editor about the primary to 5 S. Main Street, Clarkston, 48346; or e-mail ClarkstonNews@gmail.com. We'll publish them through the July 25 edition.

Ruling guts FOIA

Dear Editor,

As reported in last week's *Clarkston News*, the Michigan Court of Appeals has ruled in favor of the City of the Village of Clarkston in the case of Bisio v. City of the Village of Clarkston and essentially gutted Michigan's 42-year-old Freedom of Information Act and our right to know what any local government is doing ("Freedom of Information appeal goes to city," July 11).

The summary of this case is the city attorney can keep city-related information from the City Council and public and be paid with our tax dollars to do so. He continues to do this as discussed at the July 9 City Council meeting with no action taken to stop it. Since the city attorney is designated a city administrative officer in the city charter along with the city manager, clerk, treasurer, assessor and finance officer, one can construe that all these people can keep information from the council and public and be paid with our tax dollars to do it.

It gets worse. Our elected representatives, the City Council, never voted for this, never voted to go to court about it, never took any formal action other than silently approving the bills and letting people who don't live, vote or pay taxes in the village make the decisions for them and us.

Long term City Council member Sharron Catallo recently said at a meeting the city won and implied there was no reason to discuss it. Maybe someday she will explain what was won. Is it more information kept from everyone? An uninformed council making uninformed decisions? More of our money going to the city attorney for things we are not allowed to know anything about?

I'm sure it is mere coincidence that of the hundreds of documents requested from the city and provided in accordance with Michigan's Freedom of Information Act, the 18 withheld by the city attorney for unknown reasons reportedly are related to the actions of council member Sharron Catallo's family. Mere coincidence, nothing to see here, move on.

I would like to know what is so secret in the tiny Village of Clarkston government that over two years of court battles and hundreds of thousands of dollars in legal expense were needed to keep it that way. All done with our tax dollars that are paid to the Michigan Municipal League insurance fund that represented the city against the people who pay the bills.

Michigan's Freedom of Information Act starts out with this statement, "It is the public policy of this state that all persons, except those persons incarcerated in state or local correctional facilities, are entitled to full and complete information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts of those who represent them as public officials and public employees, consistent with this act. The people shall be informed so that they may fully participate in the democratic process."

This is no longer true in the City of the Village of Clarkston, if it ever was, and the blame falls squarely on our city government and the Michigan Municipal League that supported them. A few positive comments did come from several of the council members, most notablyfrom Susan Wylie. Thank you for those but it is too little and too late. The question is what will our elected leaders do next? How much more of the democratic process will be lost until someone starts representing what's right instead of what they can get away with?

Cory Johnston Clarkston

A call for issues

Dear Editor,

Sadly, my opponent does not wish to focus on the issues plaguing our state in this campaign but has chosen to question my loyalty to America and to our great state of Michigan. This only highlights her lack of substance on the campaign trail. I call upon my opponent, Andrea Schroeder to stick to the issues at hand.

Beyond the mudslinging, Andrea has no issues – no substance, no understanding of the issues we Michiganders face. Unfortunately, Andrea Schroeder believes highly inflammatory attacks will deflect from the fact her campaign fails to address issue that we all face.

Michigan has real issues we all face, Our auto insurance is the highest in the nation, we pay some of the highest gas taxes in the nation, our roads are crumbling and our seniors are taxed on their pensions that they worked so hard for. I stand firm with President Donald Trump's tough stance on immigration, as I am a legal immigrant to our great country, one that I am very proud to call my home. Michigan will not be host to sanctuary cities, and I will put forth several bills that will prosecute those individuals in local, city, and state government that attempt to impede justice being serviced by Immigration Enforcement.

· I am an American, Republican candidate for state representative in Michigan's 43rd District, holding a Master's Degree, a small business owner, and township trustee for Independence Township. As an American, I value my home, my family, and my community.

> Jose Aliaga Independence Township

Higher standards needed

Dear Editor,

In regards to the story "State rep campaign turns negative," July 11, regarding the contents of the Jose Aliaga personnel file, I received a copy of this record via email a couple of weeks ago.

I was disturbed by the contents, as are many others who have seen it. As elected officials, we are held to a higher standard when it comes to the public trust. The state entrusted him to help our most vulnerable people – the sick and poor - whom we have both an ethical and moral duty to serve. Mr. Aliaga's unsatisfactory performance ratings in that duty are disappointing. Our focus should be on making sure his clients eventually got the help they needed, and that failures like this are corrected promptly.

Andrea Schroeder Independence Township

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 2003

"Fire annoys residents" Dennis Davis was lobbying for a reduction in the number of days open burning was allowed in Independence Township. He wasn't alone as Clarkston resident Nell Deake estimated at least six days a week her neighbors had fires.

"Springfield Township 37 acre land purchase ensures more conservation" With the help of \$145,000 in government grants, Springfield Township and the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy would protect an additional 42 acres of land from modern development.

"Relay for Life offers hope in search for cancer cure" After her mother was diagnosed with cancer, Clarkston High School student Elizabeth DuShaw wanted to do her part in finding a cure. She organized a 20-member team for the 2003 American Society Relay for Life.

25 years ago - 1993

"Summer swinging" Eleven-monthold Demaree Wells, and her 12-year-old brother, Ronnie, watch their brother, Ryan, play T-Ball at Clintonwood Park while taking time out to play.

"Rebuilt, restored 1966 GTO wins award" The shiny gold 1966 GTO in Larry Harris' Independence Township driveway represented a lot. Harris won the Show and Shine award in the 18th Annual Straits Area Antique Auto Show in St. Ignace. It was the first time Harris entered the GTO in any show.

"Clarkston applies for membership in MAC" Clarkston High School and Lake Orion applied for membership in the 26-member Macomb Athletic Conference after receiving invitations from conference officials. "The MAC is a class conference and will offer better competition for us," said Paul Tungate, CHS athletic director.

50 years ago - 1968

"At credit union school in Wisconsin" Mrs. John Walker was one of 222 students attending the CUNA School for Credit Union Personnel. Walker was Treasurer/Manager for the Clarkston Community School Employees Credit Union.

"Pistons vs. Bullets in Clarkston"
Arrangements were in the works for the Detroit Pistons to play the Baltimore Bullets in a National pre-season game at Clarkston High School on Sept. 26.

"Europe-bound are three Clarkston youths" Judy Lessard, Gwen ApMadoc and Mike Kaul were spending a month touring Europe on a tour under the sponsorship of the Detroit Conference of the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Partnership for Miracle League baseball

Grab your baseball caps and Big League Chew bubble gum; there's a new baseball field coming to town. Independence Township is partnering with Orion Township and Easterseals Michigan to construct a new fully accessible baseball field.

The field will be located in Friendship Park off Clarkston Road in Lake Orion, and has been named The Miracle League of North Oakland.

One of the goals of the new field is to remove the obstacles that make it difficult for mentally and

physically disabled children to play one of America's favorite pastimes. So instead of the natural grass fields, this new field will have custom-designed, synthetic turf that allows wheelchairs and other assistive devices easier, and safer, traction.

The Independence Township Board of Trustees approved a memorandum of understanding for the project on Tuesday July 10, and all the necessary agreements, leases and other documents will be drafted by the respected organizations attorney and be presented to the government boards for final approval at a later date.

When describing the plans for the field, Independence Township Supervisor Patrick Kittle said that it would "be something spectacular."

The plan to construct the field at Friendship Park came about after the partnership, when all three organizations realized how perfect the fit was.

Friendship Park already has an accessible playground, some wheelchair accessible swings, an interpretive walking area for blind residents and an inclusive merry-go-round for people with special needs. Additionally, they have more room for parking.

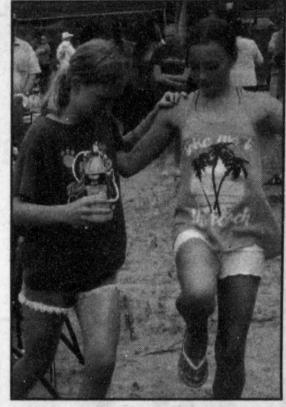
"Friendship Park is a much better location than what we could have offered in Clintonwood Park," Derek Smith, Independence Township Parks and Rec

Director, said. "It really ended up working out, I think. It got prolonged, but I think the endgame ended up being the best that it could possibly be, with the location and the partnership between the organizations."

The plan is to have all designing and construction expenses covered through private fundraising efforts, according to Kittle. At the trustees meeting, both Smith and Kittle shared their excitement for the upcoming project, as well as all the future projects they hope come out of the partnership.

"With working with Orion Township and Easterseals, and having a larger draw of participants outside of our area, it's going to help us grow our teams, our programs within the department too, because it's going to be exposing us," Smith said. "I'm looking forward to strengthening that partnership between us, Orion Township and Easter Seals."

- Serena Stauffer



Caitlin McGivern and Ella Kurmaniak dance at Deer Lake Beach while waiting for results of the Rush Regatta to be announced. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

Mamas let them kids play in dirt!

than me) comes to my aide to shore-up one of my long-held beliefs (even if said belief had Don't

Smith

no substantial reason to be held). That belief: Kids and dirt is a good Rush Me thing.

When I was a youngster, like before I was five years old, I remember my father coming home from work, picking up my little pink body and proclaiming loudly, "You must be a member of the Black Foot tribe," and then tickling my bare and very dirty feet. Playing in dirt and mud is something old pictures show A column by I must have enjoyed immensely.

Don Rush When I got older, pre-teen years, I

remember my dad leaning over to me and in a low, conspiratorial voice so Mom and the sisters couldn't hear, "Wanna' hear a dirty joke?" And, then with a smirk, continued, "A boy played in the mud."

I can also remember Mom being fond of saying, "You have to eat a pound of dirt before you die, so have fun."

Is it any wonder I believed in the wholesomely goodness of dirt, of being one with the soil beneath my feet? (Of course, I've also heard eating boogers is good for kids, too. The theory being if they weren't, boogers would taste bad versus salty good. Go figure.)

Imagine my delight when I recently ran across an article earlier this year headlined, "Why Kids Need Dirt To Be Healthy." BAM!

The online article was penned by "Katie, the Wellness Mama," a wife and mom of six. (So all facts presented have gotta' be true. Nobody who is the mom

Love it when science (or at least people smarter of six would lie, right?) Her article states, "We have antibacterial soap, antibacterial spray, antibacterial cleaning wipes and a myriad of disinfecting cleaning products. Kids are growing up in clean, disinfected, sterile environments. We go to great lengths to make sure we are protected from germs. At the same time, we have rising rates of allergies, autoimmune problems and gut related disorders (especially in children)."

And then she asked, "Could there be a connection?" Curious, more research was needed.

I ran across an article from NPR about two dudes who are definitely smarter than me — so smart that last year they wrote a book called, Dirt Is Good: The Advantage of Germs for Your Child's Developing Immune System. The dudes, Jack Gilbert and Rob Knight (both PhD'ers) back up Mom and the Wellness Mama's claim about dirtiness.

In the NPR interview, this question was asked, "Are of trying to protect our kids too much?" Answered one of the authors, Gilbert, "Absolutely. In the past, we would have eaten a lot more fermented foods, which contain bacteria. We would have allowed our children to be exposed to animals and plants and soil on a much more regular basis. Now we live indoors. We sterilize our surfaces. Their immune systems then become hyper-sensitized. You have these little soldier cells in your body called neutrophils, and when they spend too long going around looking for something to do, they become grumpy and pro-inflammatory. And so when they finally see something that's foreign, like a piece of pollen, they become explosively inflammatory. They go crazy. That's what triggers asthma and eczema and often times, food allergies."

The more I researched the more info I discovered. Like, did you know there is even a term for the line of thinking that dirt is good for humans? Well, it's true. Hygiene Hypothesis is "a lack of early childhood exposure to infectious agents, symbiotic microorganisms (such as the gut flora or probiotics), and parasites increases susceptibility to allergic diseases by suppressing the natural development of the immune system."

This hypothesis says the lack of exposure leads to defects in the establishment of immune tolerance.

A doctor of internal medicine in New York, Martin Blaser, MD is quoted saying, "When we overly sanitize infants' environments to protect them from illness, we may instead be depriving them the opportunity to build a strong immune system."

For the record, I still play in the dirt, gardening, with things like allergies an unintended consequence bare and dirty feet, without gloves so dirt gets under my finger nails. The soil I work is a small plot without any chemical or pharmaceutical fertilizers added. The worms like it, the plants like it and I like it. Not sure how my health is effected by tending to my plants, but I know another bonus aside from internal health benefits. Working the garden (with no media in my ears) has been great mental therapy!

Thinking out loud a little: If you're letting little Johnny and Susie crawl around the yard, on the grass and in the dirt, I would ask doctors about fertilizers and kids. My folks didn't fertilize and neither do I.

And, what about boogers? Hey, this is a column about dirt. Want to know about boogers and kids, do your own research (cuz I already did!)





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Hit and run

A driver dropped her phone in the 5000 block of Low Meadow and lost control of her car when trying to pick it up, driving off the road, up an embankment, and into a resident's yard, 12:20 a.m., July 1. She said she was scared and didn't know what to do, so she called an Uber driver to take her home. She didn't call police until the next morning, at 9:40 a.m. She said she had a few drinks the night before, but had a zero preliminary breath test by 10:10 a.m. She was cited with reckless driving, failure to report an accident and leaving the scene.

Fraud warrant

A 63-year-old White Lake woman involved in a traffic accident on Dixie Highway at White Lake Road, 12:02 p.m., July 2, was found with a warrant out of Waterford Township on a charge of Defrauding an Innkeeper. She was picked up by Waterford Police.

Disorderly conduct

Deputies were called to Sashabaw and Meyers on a report of a man in the middle of the road taking off his clothes, 12:16 a.m., July 6. A 53-year-old Oxford man was found.

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wearing blue jeans and no shirt. He appeared to be under the influence of alcohol and drugs, unbalanced, swaying back and forth, slurred speech, flushed face, bloodshot watery eyes, sweating profusely, and smelling of booze. Preliminary breath test was .061 blood alcohol content. He was cited for disorderly person, intoxicated significantly impaired, and taken to McLaren Pontic by Independence Township paramedics.

Caught at courthouse

A 47-year-old Waterford woman driving a vehicle with an expired license plate tab was stopped at M-15 and Citation Drive, 9:57 a.m., July 9. She had just been at the courthouse on a driving-with-expired-registration charge, and said her vehicle was at home and she had been driven to court. After the court proceedings, a deputy drove around the parking lot, located her vehicle,

and waited for her to get into it and drive away. She was cited for no registration, and a misdemeanor charge of tampering with an expired registration. The vehicle was impounded.

Neighborhood fight

A 46-year-old Waterford woman and a 25year-old Independence Township woman were cited for disorderly conduct after getting into a fight in the 6000 block of Andersonville Road, 1:20 p.m., July 11. The 25-year-old was there to meet with a 27-year-old Independence Township man, the 46-year-old's son, when they got into an altercation about their toddler son. The mother stepped in and the two women fought, suffering bite marks and scratches.

Expired license

A deputy on patrol stopped an SUV going 55 mph in a 35 mph zone on Mann Road, east of Clintonville, 5:22 p.m., July 12. The driver, a 21-year-old Independence Township woman, was cited for driving with an expired license, no proof of insurance, and speeding.

Two suspects in neighborhood vandalism

Oakland County Sheriff's detectives are investigating two juvenile suspects in the spray-paint vandalism case in the 5500 block of Chestnut Hill Drive in Independence Township.

Detectives identified the suspects on July 12, and sent a warrant request to the Oakland County Prosecutor's office for review and possible charges.

"We are waiting to hear back from them on any charges," said Sgt. Richard Cummins, Tuesday.

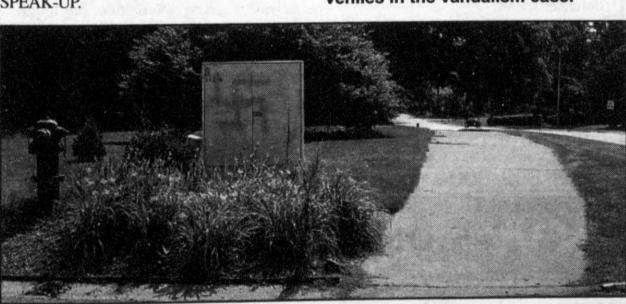
Residents discovered the vandalism on several vehicles, street signs, and utility boxes the morning of July 10. The vehicles were painted with swastikas, phallic symbols, stripes, and lines. Utility boxes and roadway in the area were painted with racial slurs, swastika, "Peace," and "Trump."

Detectives reviewed surveillance footage during their investigation.

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Charges are being sought on two juveniles in the vandalism case.





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Summer skills building

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Cagers focused on working on their basketball skills in the Clarkston High School gym during the summer heat last week.

"These kids are doing good," said Dan Fife, long-time head coach for Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball. "There's a lot of kids with a lot of enthusiasm."

He added he hoped the players leave the camp and continue to work on what they did during camp.

"It will help them," Fife explained. "The time they put in when nobody is here on their own determines who they become as players. If they really want to play they need to be focused and put the time in."

Boys going into grades seventh through ninth worked on their basketball skills through contests and games while also learning tips from current varsity players and college-bound Wolves who just graduated.

"What's good is I have my players in here working and watching them play," Fife said. "The kids know they have won a state championship. I didn't have that opportunity growing up in high school. They know it can be done now. They can have a realistic goal of if we work hard, we have a chance to win the state championship, too, and get a banner up there in the gym. It's good stuff."

Two coaches were sophomore Garrett

Dellinger, who shot a 3-pointer for the first time during the camp, and senior Jakob Jensen who also play football during the fall which Fife said he likes to see athletes participate in multiple sports.

"They are staying in a competitive atmosphere," he added. "They don't tend to get lax. In whatever you are doing, you need to learn to play hard because ultimately that's what is going to separate you, your mindset and how you are going to play the game. In your mind you are always competing."

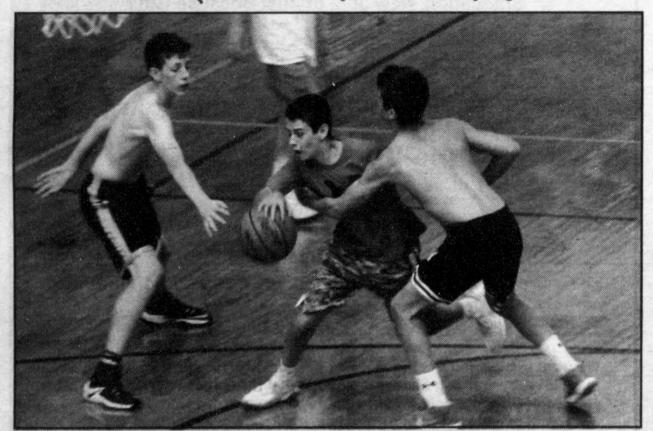
Campers also had guidance from Clarkston alumni Ryan Kaul and Jordan Dasuqi, a guard for the Jordanian National team.

Fife added he enjoys the camp because he gets to see players who are sons of those he coached in previous years.

"It's impressive. Many continue to play like the Newblatt family and the King family. I coached their dads and now their kids are playing for me.

Fife holds Fife Fundamentals Basketball Camp this week for boys going into fourth through sixth grades.

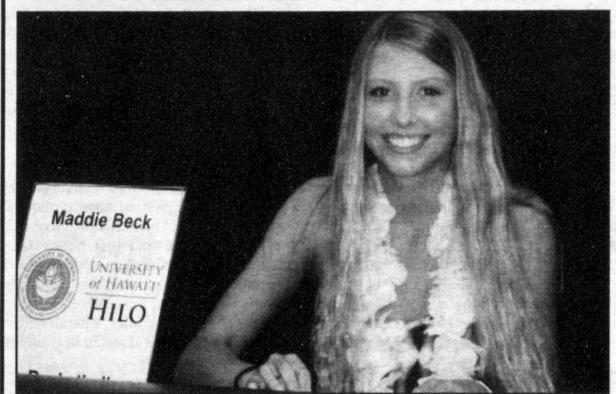
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Teams compete during short games during Fife Camp last week. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

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Maddie Beck signs her letter of intent, May 9. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

Beck bound for Hawaii

As many recent Clarkston High School graduates head to college in the fall, Maddie Beck heads to University of Hawaii Hilo to continue playing basketball.

Beck announced her intent to play with the Vulcans on Twitter in April and made it official with friends, teammates and family at Clarkston's spring signing, May 9.

"Maddie is a hard-working player who will bring a versatile skill-set and good length to our perimeter," University of Hawaii Hilo Women's Basketball Coach David Kaneshiro stated. "She is a good shooter and passer who plays with poise and has a nice feel for the game. She also has the toughness, competitiveness, and ability to be a very versatile and valuable defender for us."

With the Wolves, Beck averaged 14 points a game, five rebounds, four steals

and two assists for the Wolves, hitting 34 three-pointers and shooting 74 percent from the free throw line.

Beck played with the varsity team for four years and helped them to a 20-5 overall record her senior year. She helped the Wolves win a OAA Red League title, district title and regional title. She was named All-League and received honorable mention status on the Class A All-State team.

The Vulcans added three freshman to the 2018-2019 season including Mikayla Tablit and Mandi Kawaha.

"We are very excited to add Mikayla, Mandi and Maddie to our team," Kaneshiro said. "All three accomplished a lot in their high school careers both on the court and in the classroom. They all possess a strong work ethic, are tough competitors and are unselfish, team-first people."

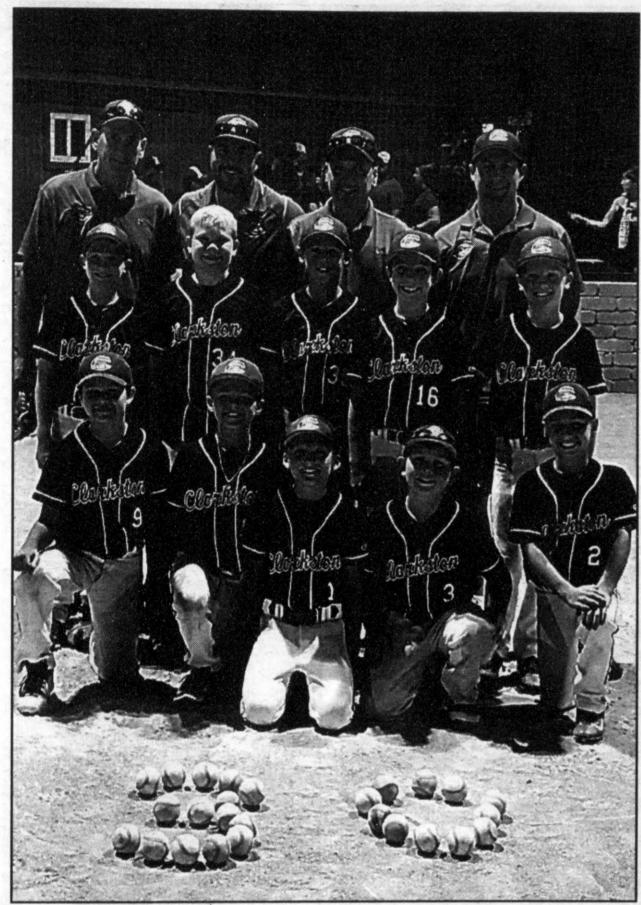
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The Clarkston Riverdawgs 10U team finishes the season with 30 wins. From left in back row, Coaches John Kuczmanski, Luke Momrik, Brian Klein, Craig Duhaime; middle row, Beau Jacobsen, Ethan Kern, Cole Duhaime, Tanner Mazich, Andrew Caldwell; front row, Trevor Theuer, Brody Denver, Grey Klein, Easton Momrik and Gavin Bond. *Photo provided*

Season ends with 30 wins

The Clarkston Riverdawgs 10U Baseball team closed out their 2018 season last Saturday night under the lights at Clintonwood Park with a 15-1 win, finishing strong with a 30-win season.

The Riverdawgs finished with an overall record of 30-11, and placed in the top three teams in the North Oakland Baseball Federation league. They played five tournaments while making it to four championship games and won three of them.

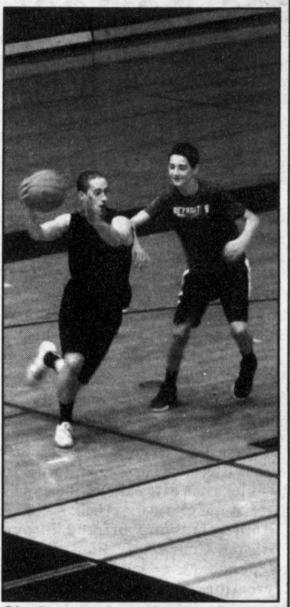
During their 41 games, their stats included a batting avg. of .430, an On Base Percentage over .500, and outscored their

opponents in runs 421 to 209.

The Dawg's pitching threw a total of 209 innings with a team total of 231 strikeouts and only giving up 137 Walks.

Their defense was also strong all season with a fielding percentage over 90 percent.

"The kids played great fundamental baseball this year and executed great plays in tough situations more times than not," said Coach Luke Momrik. "However the best part of this team was that they were a team. These kids will remember this season for many years to come and the commitment they had for each other was tremendous. The coaching staff and myself could not be prouder."



Clarkston alum Jordan Dasuqi shows campers some basketball moves.



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Practice makes perfect

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Campers took aim at the buckets about ten feet in front of them as they threw softballs to knock them down.

The first out of two teams to knock the buckets down five times would win and the campers able to hit it would win a prize during Adventures in Softball, July 9-11.

"They can't get enough of throwing," said Don Peters, head coach for Clarkston Varsity Softball.

Adventures in Softball, held for girls ages 7-12, worked on fundamentals such as throwing, fielding, hitting, bunting, base running, pitching, catching and sliding, as well as agility.

"We want to make it fun and get them interested in softball," said Peters, who led the camp along with varsity softball players.

He added it is ideal for the younger girls to learn and work with the varsity players.

"They respond really well to them," Peters said. "They are good role models. They associate better with them than they do to me. I will be more hands on today because there are some things I want to say to them. Our players grow, too, because they have to be responsible."

they know what it's like as they had also

participated in Adventures in Softball and looked up to varsity players as they were growing up.

The camp had 20 participants which Peters said is small but positive for the kids as it allows them to get more reps and more hands-on practice for individual skills.

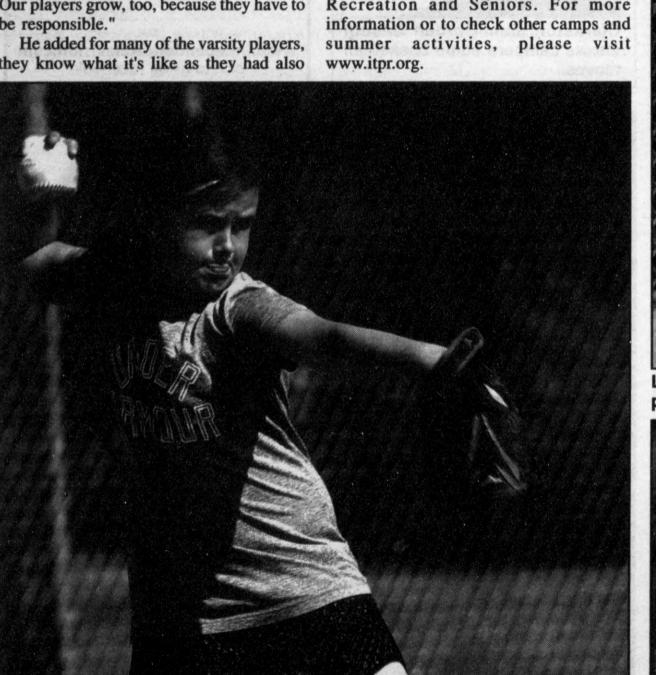
"On Tuesday we did pitching, catching, first base," he said. "Hannah Cady did catch for about an hour with the girls. It's a real value to the campers."

Girls ages 4-6-years-old participated in T-Ball for Girls and learned the basics of throwing, catching, base-running, fielding, batting, rules of the game and positions.

"One of the things I have noticed is our girls have as much fun as the campers," Peters smiled. "I have gotten a lot of positive feedback from the parents including they were bummed today was the last day."

He added the camp is only three days because it gets campers more focused, it allows for a rain day, and a lot of the varsity players participate in travel ball.

Both camps are offered through Clarkston Community Education and Independence Township Parks, Recreation and Seniors. For more www.itpr.org.



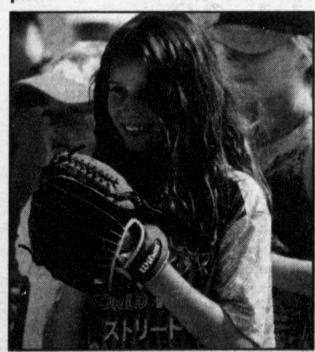
Isabella Bean focuses on throwing the ball as far as she can during a relay drill. Photos by Wendi Reardon Price



Leanne Scanlon eyes the line of travel so she can knock down the buckets for her team.



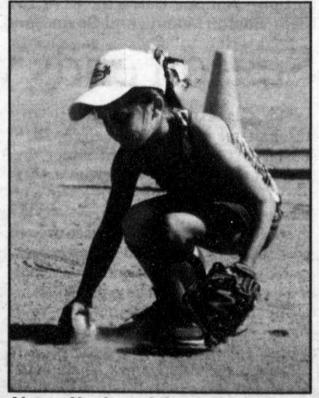
Laney Champagne winds back her pitch.



Ellery Kemmer



Madelyn Byrd gets ready to throw to first base in T-Ball for Girls camp.



Alayna Hughes picks up the ball.

Water slide into base

Campers from T-Ball for Girls and Adventures in Softball worked on their sliding skills on the second day of camp, July 10.

It is one the highlights of the annual summer camp plus working with the Clarkston Varsity Softball players, next to enjoying popsicles before heading home.



Tess Brumbaugh smiles as she finishes her slide.



Maeve Berndt, Abbey Tolmie and Clara Hughes run and slide onto the soapy, wet tarp. Photos by Wendi Reardon Price



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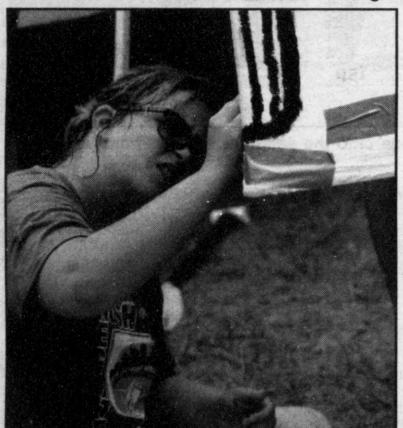
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Team RUSH 27 fans cheered on boats during the first round for the time trial.



Grace Havel, from Team Five fixes holes on Team Two's boat with duct tape.



Team Four with Marlena Komatz, Kyle Brooks, Maddie Blomberg and Adam Walsh row their way to the finish line.

RUSH race

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

A light drizzle of rain began as the last two boats took their positions for the championship race during the 11th Annual Rush Regatta at Deer Lake on Saturday.

It came down to Team One and Team Two during the Team Rush 27's cardboard and duct tape race.

Team One, the Pirates Who Don't Do Anything, took the lead. Then, half way to the finish line Team Two, the Ice Cream Boat, pulled ahead and kept going, not looking back as they won the race.

Team One finished the day winning the prestiged Rush Regatta Cup with a total of 26 points scored between Enterprising and Seaworthy Sailors, Wicked Fast Watercraft, and Cash Crusaders. Team One also won best theme for their pirate look.

Judges raved about Team Six's presentation as they won Enterprising and Seaworthy Sailors. Team Seven won Cash Crusaders as they raised the most money in sponsorships.

Team Two won the End Game prize of homemade cookies. They averaged 11 seconds during the end game as they had to gather four cubes scattered in the water after crossing the finish line. Then, stacked them on two crates.

All boats were winners as none sank, even Team Seven, who lost the bottom of their boat during their first race was able to continue on to the semifinal race after fixing their boat.

Photos by Wendi Reardon Price



Team 3 brings the Christmas vibe as they row in the time trials. From left, Meghan Finnerty, Parker Szachta, Kaden Gretka and Devon Banks.



Team Five and Team Six race each other during the quarterfinals. Team Five pulled ahead to move on to the semifinals.

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The band Shinedown is set to rock DTE Energy Music Theater on July 22. Photo provided by Jimmy Fontaine

Band seeks 'Attention' at DTE

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Clarkston News Intern Writer

Multi-platinum rock band Shinedown is asking for your consideration once more, with the release of their latest album "Attention Attention."

"I just think it's undeniably Shinedown; it's the most Shinedown record we've ever made as far as what we are and what we represent," said guitarist Zach Myers, who will perform with the band at DTE Energy Music Theater on Sunday, July 22, along with co-headliner Godsmack.

Myers, frontman Brent Smith, bassist Eric Bass, and drummer Barry Kerch tackled themes such as "mental health, facing fears, not being afraid to fail, social media negativity and the resolve of the human spirit," in their sixth album.

"Attention Attention" features 14 new songs. For the first time, the band went inhouse for production, enlisting band member Bass to produce and mix the entire record. Also for the first time, the band wrote it as a "concept album," meant to be listened to collectively from beginning to end, rather than skipping around.

While the band knew it was going to be a personal album from the start, according to Myers they were halfway through the writing process when they truly saw the story they were creating and the subjects they had been intertwining together song by song.

"It's a single kind of driven market now; people put out a song and don't put out a record, but we're still kind of from this old school mentality of, a record is a picture of who that artist is at that time and that's kind of how we wanted to be listened to," he said in a phone interview. "I think that a record should be listened to from start to finish anyway, but especially this one."

From the opening and ominous track "Devil" to "Get Up," which has been called the "centerpiece of the album," and finally closing out with the rousing anthem "Brilliant," the album as a whole can be seen as Shinedown's boldest one yet, with the power to resonate with everyone who listens.

Frontman Smith wrote "Get Up" about watching his best friend, Bass, struggle with depression. The song is both gut-wrenching and empowering, and speaks to anyone going through a difficult time.

"When it was written, it kind of opened up this floodgate of things that were okay to write about," Myers said. "You always wants to be real and you want to be personal and you want to let yourself out there, but you also want to keep a piece of yourself to yourself I guess, and I think with that song it was kind of like, we're going to put everything out there about ourselves, so we knew it was a special song."

Since the release of the album in May, it has attained the attention its title seeks. It debuted at number one on the Top Rock Albums, Hard Rock Albums, and Alternative Albums charts.

The first released single "Devil" hit number one at Active Rock Radio, and "Get Up" has amassed over four million streams. And even though this is their sixth album, Myers shared how the excitement surrounding it still very much exists.

"Your reaction is a little bit more outwardly not as excited as you were when you were a kid, but inside you're just as excited," he said. "I'm probably even more excited now, honestly. As we get older and the longer we've been doing this, six records in, when you release a debut single and it goes number one and it stays there, that's an exciting moment."

The rockers played a multitude of music festivals in Europe last month and are now returning to the States to kick off their summer tour; one of their first tour stops being right here in Clarkston.

"I hope everybody comes out the show, I know it's almost sold-out so come get the last couple tickets," Myers said. "We're excited about it; we're excited to come back and we love playing DTE."

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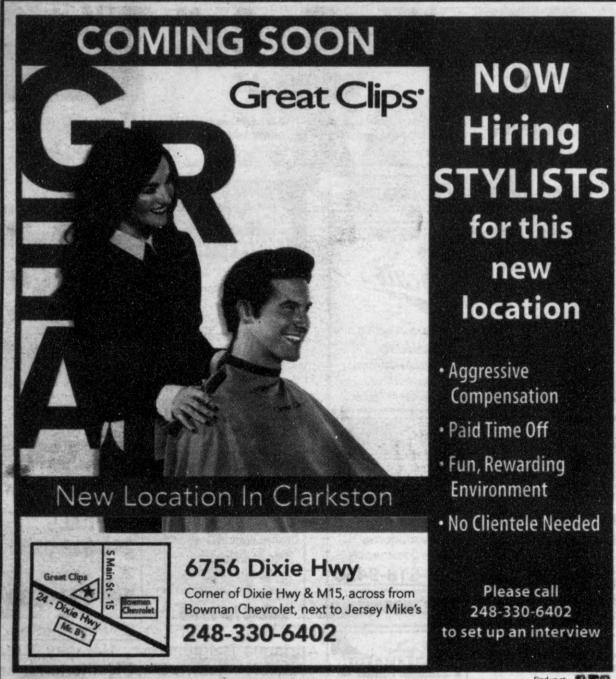
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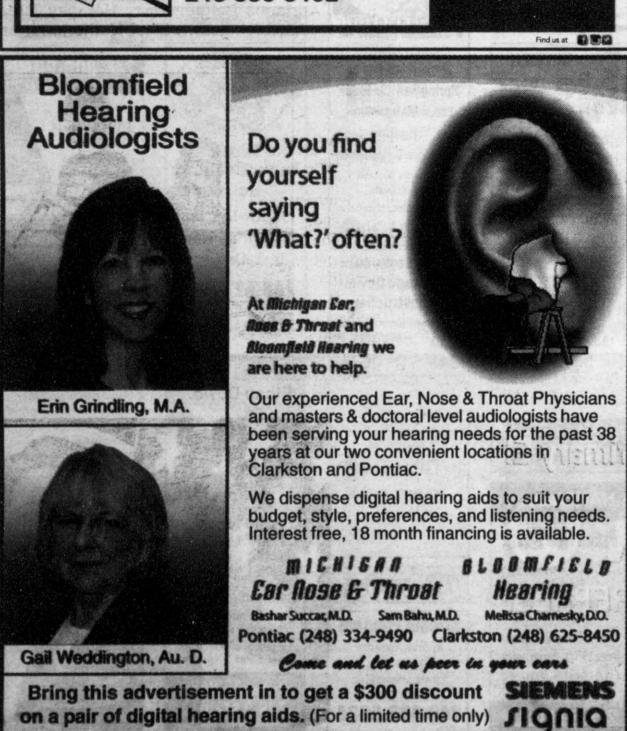
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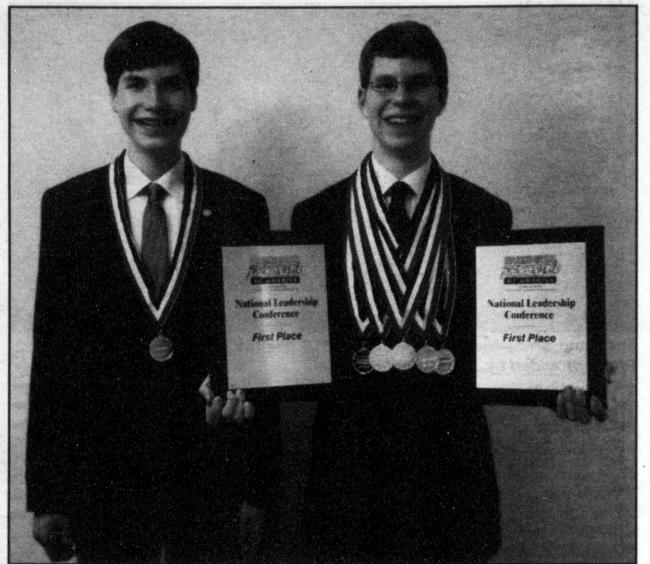
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Nathan Dimmer, at left, and Andrew Dimmer with their medals from BPA.

Clarkston business students earn national recognition

BY BRENDA DOMINICK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Andrew and Nathan Dimmer and the rest of the Clarkston Chapter of Business Professionals of America (BPA) racked up some serious hardware at the 2018 National Leadership Conference in Dallas, Texas.

"There was a lot of prep work that went into it, but considering what I accomplished, it was well worth it," said Andrew, 18. "Since this was my senior year, I'm glad I got to go out with a bang!"

"It was amazing to see that my hard work and preparation were able to help me succeed, and it was great to be recognized for my effort," said Nathan, 15.

Andrew placed in the top 10 in a record five events, and placed first in the nation in two events, Network Administration using Microsoft, and Business Meeting Management Concepts. He earned the business meeting award for the second year in a row.

He also earned a \$1,000 National Technical Honor Society/Business Professionals of America Scholarship.

His brother Nathan, Clarkston High School BPA President Elect, was the first freshman in Clarkston BPA. He placed in the top ten in Business Meeting Management Concepts.

Andrew and Kylie Kalinoski, 17, were awarded the BPA Ambassador Torch Award, which is the highest level of recognition BPA members can earn for their community involvement and service.

Kalinoski and Andrew volunteered at local events in seven categories, Leadership; Service; Cooperation; Knowledge; Friendship; Love, Hope, Faith; and Patriotism.

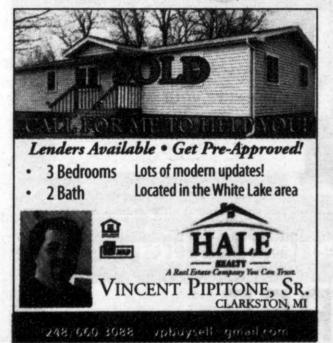
Andrew earned MTA certifications in Cloud Fundamentals, Database Administration Fundamentals, Software Development Fundamentals (C#), and Introduction to Programming using HTML and CSS.

MTA certifications earned by Nathan included Windows Operating System Fundamentals, Networking Fundamentals, Security Fundamentals, and Mobility and Device Fundamentals.

For the competitive events, the BPA students took written tests on each subject matter. Clarkston awards included Ambassador Torch Award, Andrew Dimmer and Kylie Kalinowski; NTHS/BPA Scholarship, Andrew Dimmer; Business Meeting Management Concepts, first place, Andrew Dimmer, sixth place, Nathan Dimmer; Network Administration using Microsoft, first place, Andrew Dimmer; Computer Networking Technology, fourth place, Andrew Dimmer; Computer Programming Concepts, fifth place, Andrew Dimmer; and Management, Marketing and Human Resources Concepts, eighth place, Andrew Dimmer.



From left, bottom row, Katharine Rottach, Sydney Hinds, Francesca Catella, Mackenzie Loutzenhiser, Emily Howe, Sloan Lamb, and Ellise Dowd; middle row sitting, Shayla Lindquist, Noah Kostecki, and Kelsey Phillips; and back row, Kennedy Smith, Lauren Orsmsby, Adrianna Daigle, Gracy Hershey, Brady Stewart, Kate Leithauser, Reilly Kerrigan, Haley Phillips, Charles Dunn, Samantha Stanek, Bryan Donoghue, Jordan Livingston, Liesl Netherland, and Sophia Catella. Photos provided by Emily Dowd



Youth Theater this weekend

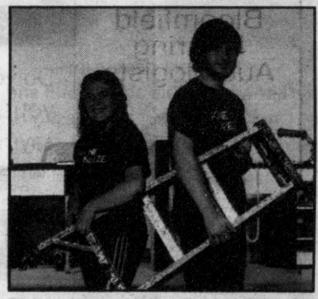
The musical "Gone With The Breeze" opens this weekend at Depot Theater, produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service Inc., Denver, Colo., book by Tim Kelly, and music and lyrics by Bill Francoeur.

The whole country is talking non-stop about Lucy Belle Bankhead's sensational new novel, "Gone With The Breeze." The heroine is spunky 18-year-old Jezebel O'Toole. When the nation hears that Hollywood's Lone Pine Films, the movie maker that emphasizes youth, is planning "Breeze" as its next picture, hundreds of aspiring young actresses descend on the stu-

dio. Of course, the studio already knows they'll cast the famous but tempermental Peggy Tempest for Jezebel's part.

To keep her in line, producers Ruth Wintersole and Huckleberry Jones pretend they want an "unknown" for the part. The scheme appears to work, until they find out they don't actually have the rights to the film and the author of the novel shows up.

Performances are 7:30 p.m., Friday-Saturday, July 20-21, and Thursday-Sunday, July 26-28; and 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 22. Tickets are \$11 and can be purchased at www.cvpyouththeatre.org/tickets.



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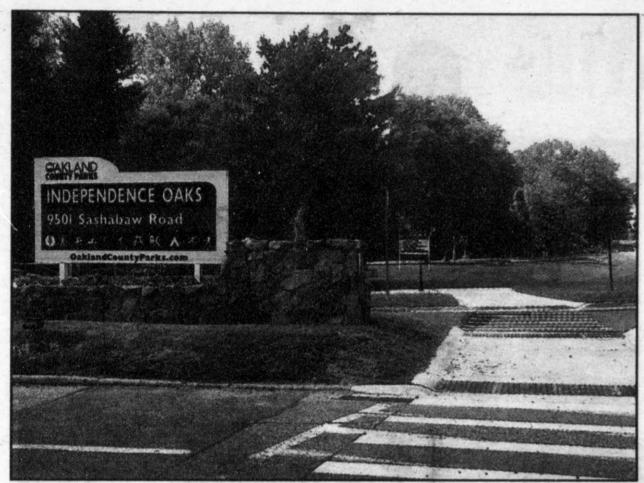
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A new safety path extends north along Sashabaw Road at Independence Oaks. Photo by Phil Custodio

Millage would fund more safety paths

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unsafe we'd be without our safety paths, given the population growth of the past 40 years and the increase in traffic."

If approved, the 2018 proposal would renew a millage of 43 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value on all taxable property in the township, collecting about \$684,212 in the first year. About 99.13 percent of the annual millage revenue would go to the township for safety paths. As required by law, 0.87 percent would go to the township's Sashabaw Road Corridor Improvement Authority. The amount given to the authority is collected from properties in the Sashabaw Road Corridor Improvement Authority

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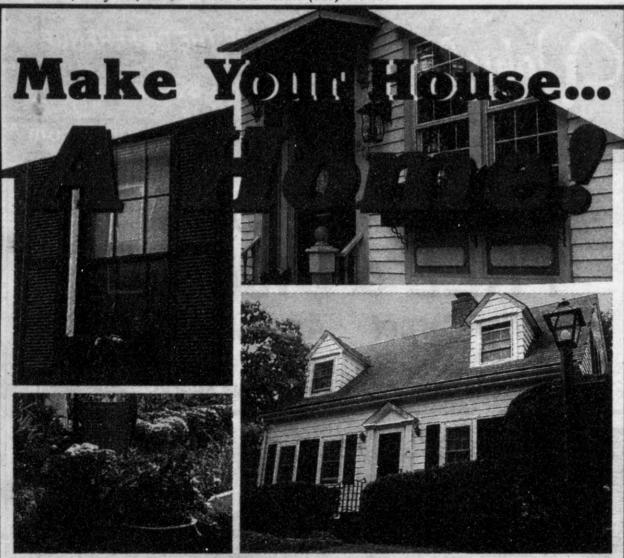
Several new safety path projects are currently in the planning stages of development, according to Independence Townships' Master Plan 2018-2022.

Projects include a path along an existing power line corridor parallel to Maybee Road; path connecting a sidewalk along M-15 from the north border of the City of the Village of Clarkston to an existing safety path; path along the east side of Clintonville Road, between Waldon Road and Maybee Road, with boardwalks and bridges through wetland areas; and a path along Sashabaw between Flemings Lake and Clarkston roads.



Trustee Jose Aliaga and Clerk Barb Pallotta discuss a proposed road improvement millage for Independence Township. Photo by Brenda Dominick





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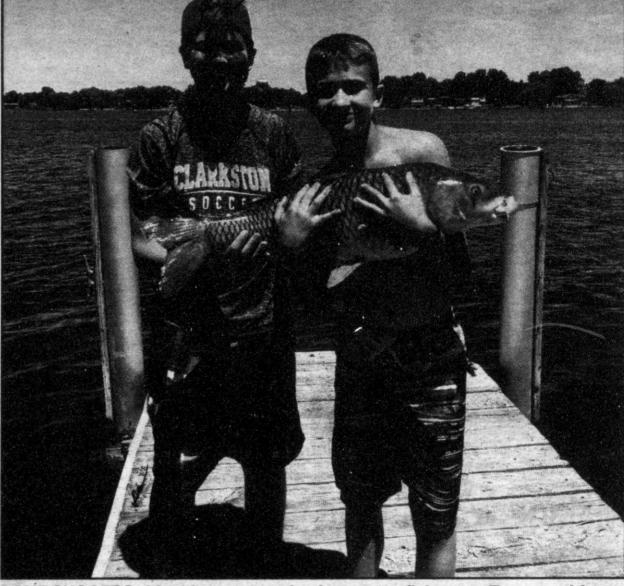
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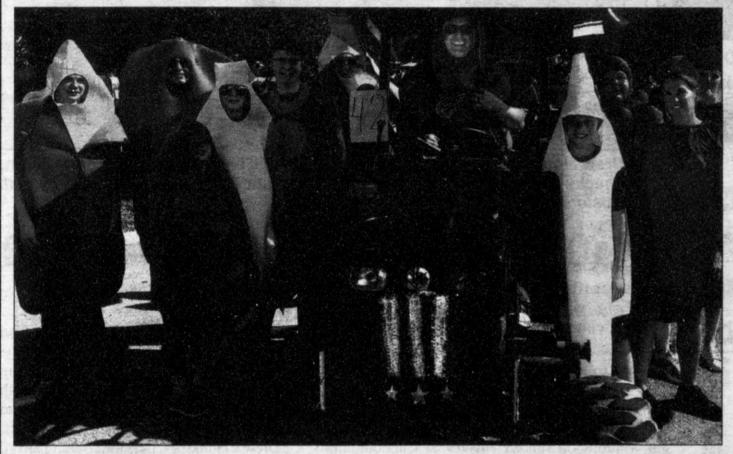
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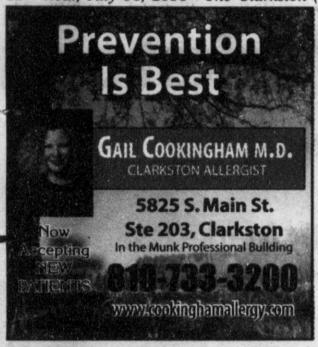
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Drew Moscovic, with his father Dick Moscovic and caregiver Roxanne Flynn, checks out his new apartment, currently under renovation. Photo by Phil Custodio

Golf outing for Drew's Home

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Golfers can help local individuals with disabilities live in a home of their own at the fifth annual Golf Tournament benefitting Drew's Home of Clarkston.

The Knights of Columbus of St. Daniel Catholic Church is sponsoring the golf outing on Sunday, July 29, at The Fountains Golf Course, 6060 Maybee Road. Tee time is 1:30 p.m.

Drew's Home of Clarkston was formed about five years ago by a small group of people interested in forming a non-profit corporation to build a new home for adults with disabilities, said Dick Moscovic, Drew's father, local builder, and long-time Clarkston industrial arts teacher.

"We decided the mission would be to create a safe, comfortable, spiritual and community based home for adult individuals with disabilities," Dick said. "This helps parents of these individuals to have a say in their loved ones lives, and keep them close to home and involved in the Clarkston community."

The Rev. Chris Maus, St. Daniels Catholic Church priest at the time, was instrumental in encouraging them to bring this type of home to the Clarkston area, Dick said.

"Since forming the non-profit, we have a waiting list consisting of parents from the Clarkston area who have adult children with disabilities," he said. "These parents are attempting to plan a future placement for their adult children to live in an environment conductive to our mission."

The board of Drew's Home of Clarkston recently had the opportunity to purchase an

existing apartment building near downtown Clarkston.

"To build it would have cost more than \$500,000," Dick said.

After renovation, the two-story building will be integrated, with individuals with different levels of disabilities downstairs and able-bodied residents in upstairs apartments.

Drew's Home of Clarkston couldn't afford to buy the building at the time, so a few members of the group formed a limited liability company to purchase it.

"When enough funds are made available, the LLC will sell the building to the nonprofit and/or build a new home for adults," Dick said.

Moscovic and fellow craftsmen are renovating an apartment for Drew, who is autistic and recently turned 39 years old, along with a roommate.

Residents would be screened to make sure they're compatible.

"One of our members is an architect, Jay Noonan – he supplied architectural work pro bono," Dick said.

Renovation includes expanding the bathroom and other modifications to make the apartment totally handicap accessible.

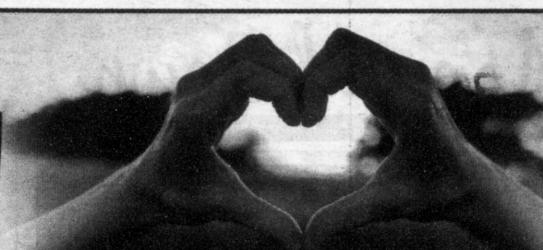
The plan is to create a sustainable community so it can keep going year after year, as well as help young parents of children with disabilities.

"You'd be surprised how many there are in the area who face the same challenges we face," Dick said.

The golf outing and other fund raisers will support the mission. Those unable to golf can sponsor a hole in their name. For info, call Darwin Balcom at 810-869-5637.

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Summer of Depot Park playground renovation work

A renovated Depot Park playground is taking shape, thanks to many in the community.

Rolling River Rampage VBS Mission at Clarkston United Methodist Church recently donated \$901.54 to Friends of Depot Park, and Clarkston Area Optimist Club recently provided a \$20,000 grant for playground equipment

Ken Ermer led the Optimists in installing two pieces of playground equipment so far, a multicolored geodesic dome and a yellow-and-red tot-secure swing.

"After Mike Speagle with our DPW workers regraded the playground surface, a literal mountain of mulch was distributed over the entire playground by Steve Wyckoff's Clarkston Junior High School industrial arts students," said Eric Haven of Friends of Depot Park. "This is just the beginning of new enhancements being planned. Orders are now being placed for three additional pieces of playground equipment."

The old wood-framed tire swing was removed, to be replaced with a steelframed tire swing later this summer. Also on the way are a rotating, walnut-shell shaped swing called a "cozy cocoon," especially designed for autistic children, and a multi-colored xylophone with outdoor music book.

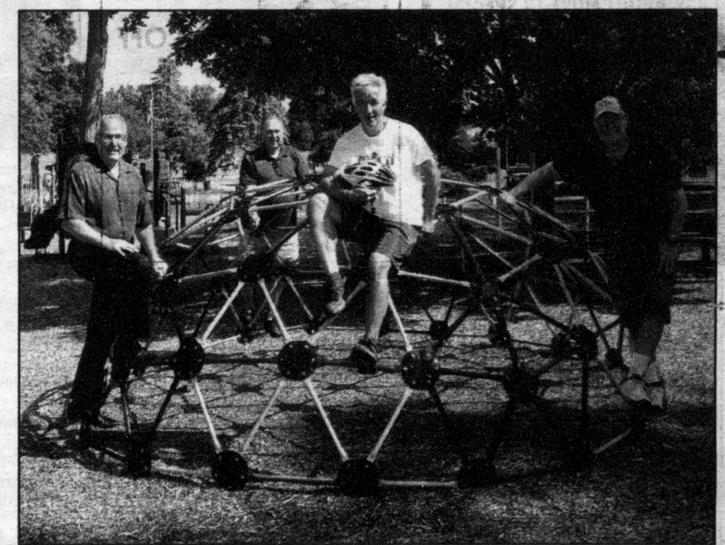
"This instrument represents a new direction in playground enhancements for children with varying degrees of ability and will be wheelchair accessible," Haven said. "If well received, this xylophone, called the 'Serenade,' is just the beginning of other percussion instruments the Friends of Depot Park would like to install into an exclusive Harmony District."

The outdoor instruments would allow groups to organize concerts with chimes, drums, marimbas, and other instruments. The music area requires additional funding, he said.

"The stage is being set with the new Serenade xylophone, which will hopefully create a lot of interest and musical opportunities for Depot Park," Haven said.

The train and truck play pieces were stripped and recoated by Android Industries of Flint, and Clarkston Cultural Arts artists Denyse Couture and Dana Blust created intricate and ornate artwork for them. The train and truck will soon be placed at the new entrance to the playground.

- Phil Custodio



From left, City Manager Jonathan Smith, Eric Haven, Tom Lowrie, and Ken Ermer along with many other members of the community are working to renovate the Depot Park playground. Photo by Phil Custodio



Events

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.

Concerts in the Park, far out music of the 60s and 70s with Magic Bus, 7 p.m.; local talent at 6 p.m., July 20, Depot Park. Free. Bring lawn chairs.

Blood drives, American Red Cross, July 20, 9 a.m.-4:45 p.m., Independence Township Fire Dept, 6500 Citation; July 26, 1-6:45 p.m., American Legion Post 63, 8047 Ortonville Road. 800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767).

Gone With The Breeze, Clarkston Village Players' Youth Theater, 7:30 p.m., July 20-21, 26-28; 2 p.m., July 22, Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road. \$11, www.cvpyouth theatre.org/tickets.

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 rfeventservices.redpodium.com/waterfordhills.

Free yoga with Yoga Oasis of Clarkston at Clarkston Farmers Market, July 21, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Bring mat, water. 248-770-5388.

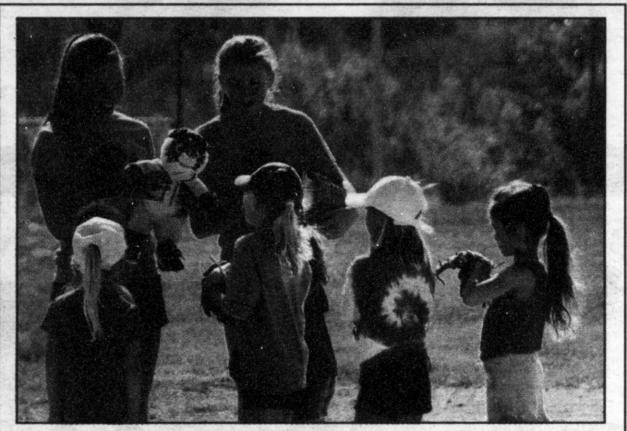
Golf Tournament benefitting Drew's Home of Clarkston, 1:30 p.m., July 29, Fountains Golf Course, 6060 Maybee Road. \$85. 810-869-5637.

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

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



Abbey Tolmie and Keira Tolmie introduce the campers in T-Ball for Girls to their rally tiger for Clarkston Varsity Softball. The tiger served as first baseman and the girls practiced catching and throwing to first base. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

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

Wint's Healing Hearts Grief Support Group, Aug. 14, 7 p.m., Carriage House in Clintonwood Park. Topic: "Why is there Such a Strong Adjustment Since the Loss?" Free, walk-ins welcome. 248-625-5231.

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.

Wednesday

Clarkston Area Birders Club, last Wednesday, 7 p.m., The Gateway, 7150 N. Main Street. July 25, topic: Baltimore Oriole, with host Steve Stroud. Reports and discussions about local birding activity. Free.

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

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

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.

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

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

Friday

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

Saturday

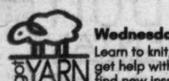
Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturdays through Oct. 13 at the Clarkston Community Education Center, 6558 Waldon Road.

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.clarkston lions.org.

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Garden fills backyard with lifetime of growth

BYSERENASTAUFFER

Clarkston News Intern Writer

In the mid-1970s, when Patsy and Jim Carlson moved into their "typical subdivision" home, there was only grass, spruces, and pine trees in the yard. Now, over 40 years later, there's barely a blade of grass, and perennials and woodland plants dominate the landscape.

With absolutely no background in gardening, Patsy created a woodlands oasis in her backyard, simply for the sheer joy of watching it bloom and grow.

Every step, from bringing in the dirt, raising the flower beds, creating paths and choosing the placements for rocks and art pieces, Patsy has done. When it comes to placing the plants and flowers though, she has enjoyed letting nature take its course more often than not.

"The secret to a good garden is letting the plants grow where the plants want to grow," she said. "I wanted a natural look, and I think I got it. You have to trim sometimes, because you don't want any dead plants, but the birds bring in a lot of things and I just let them come."

With so many unique and rare plants that have come through her garden, Patsy shared how it's impossible to have a favorite. Some current plantings she loves to point out include Bear's Breeches, Crocosmia, Aphrodite Sweetshrub, Spotty Dotty, Bottlebrush Buckeye and Painter's Palette, which she said "just glows beautifully" at night.

In addition to all the lush greenery in the garden, Patsy has incorporated her love of art and history by placing many artifacts throughout the landscape as well. While she feels lucky to have each and every piece, some of the highlighted artifacts include the 8-foot-tall original metal cupola from the Pontiac State Hospital, brick pavers from a Toledo road (circa 1900), a piece broken off from a



Patsy Carlson spent decades crafting a beautiful garden at her Independence Township home. Photos by Serena Stauffer

building in Albany, NY, and an original bench from the old Detroit train station.

"I think a good garden is made up of first, plants and where you put the plants and how you put them in your bed," she said. "And second is the art. You have to have some sort of art, but it doesn't have to be big or expensive."

Big and expensive is the opposite kind of atmosphere that the Carlsons' wanted for their backyard. Since they both appreciate the natural feel of the Upper Peninsula, they aimed at creating a simple sanctuary for wildlife that they could also enjoy relaxing in.

"I wanted it calming, like you're up for a hike in the woods and you come to an oasis of sorts, where you have a little bit of light, lots of greenery and then you have some water features," Patsy said.

While Jim has certainly enjoyed the woodlands haven that Patsy has created in their backyard, he shared how he hasn't put in as much time out in the dirt as Patsy has, and he's most efficient in terms of identifying what's a weed and what isn't a weed.

"Patsy really does a lot of work," he said. "And it's interesting to see how it's grown; it started out with just one bed and then we kept adding on and on. It's just fun to see what Patsy has done with the yard."

Patsy, who spends most of her time now simply fine-tuning the landscape, has enjoyed seeing the growth as well; the additions of more benches for people to relax on, more hidden art pieces such as her favorite owls, spots of color amid all the greenery, using dead tree stumps as the bases for more art and even the addition of some traditional house-plants that she simply places in pots throughout the yard.

"I didn't do this yard to show off, I did this yard for Jim and I to enjoy, and we enjoy every single minute of it," she said. "This is what you get when you take your time, and you love it. And yeah it's work, but you can see what comes from it. And I just hope it shows how much I love it."



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September thru April Wednesdays, 6:45-8:00 pm Student Ministries: September thru April Tuesday:3:00-8:00 pm Thursday: 3:00-7:00 pm

CALVARY LUTHERAN

KENSINGTON CHURCH

www.calvaryinfo.org

6595 Waldon Rd., Clarkston
Website - www.kensingtonchurch.org
(248) 786-0600
Services:
9:00 & 10:30 am
Childcare for birth through 5th Grade,
9am and 10:30am
Middle School Program, Sunday 10:30am
High School program, Sunday 6:00-8:00 pm

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

5449 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston (248) 394-0200 Rev. Tim Chappell Sunday Worship: 10:00 am Children's Ministries 10:00 am Nursery Available During Service Youth Group Sunday 6:00 pm Multiple Bible Studies Call for days and times www.fcdarkston.com

CLARKSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

DIXIE BAPTIST CHURCH

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

ST. DANIEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

WAYPOINT CHURCH

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

Religion Preaching

The pursuit of freedom

Spiritual

Matters

Pastor Greg

Henneman

Anxiety and depression seem to be skyrocketing in recent years. The number of people enslaved to drugs is at epidemic proportions.

Since I am in the people business, I wonder, "Why are so many people unhappy? Why are so many people in the grip of sadness and hopelessness?"

Having just celebrated Independence Day, I've been thinking about freedom. What is freedom? What is freedom? What is free will? For all our American emphasis on freedom, it seems that many of us are trapped in the same old ruts of negativity, hostility, and sadness.

I wish churches (including the one I pastor!) would

communicate the good news about Jesus Christ better. You see, many people do not understand what the gospel is.

You might say, "Well, the gospel is to believe in Jesus and try to live a good life." No, that is not the gospel. "Well, the gospel is that we should be kind and nice and loving to each other."

No, that is not the gospel. The gospel is not about you; it's about Jesus. The gospel is not about what you do; it's about what Jesus has done.

The gospel is news. It is an announcement. It is a proclamation. Many people think the gospel is good advice. It's not. It is news. And it's good news.

The gospel is a public announcement of what God has done for us through Jesus Christ. It is something that happened in history. You can verify it. It is something that happened.

The gospel is that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to the apostles and many others (see 1 Corinthians 15).

Now the results of the gospel are astounding. When we believe the gospel and receive Christ into our lives, he forgives us and frees us. For example, he frees us the fear that we don't measure up or that we're not good enough. He frees us from our idolatry.

You say, "But we don't have idols today.

We aren't superstitious like those ancient people." Oh yes we do. As Pastor Tim Keller puts it, an idol is anything that you idolize, that you value, that you consider more important to you than God. An idol is something that you value so much that you tend to base your identity on it.

And what makes it tricky is that a good thing can be your idol, if you turn that good thing into an ultimate thing. You just have to have it. You find your identity and your reason for living in it.

Maybe it's your beauty. Maybe it's your big muscles. Maybe it's your brains. Maybe it's your kids and how they're the best athletes or the best students. Maybe it's your job and how you're the most successful.

The crazy thing about idols is that they never satisfy. A young woman starts to make an idol out of her beauty. She is beautiful, and that's good. Beauty is a gift from God.

But she takes that good thing -her beauty -and she makes it an ultimate thing. Her entire life revolves around her beauty. Her identity, her happiness, her success, is built upon her beauty. Her beauty has become her idol. She is fearful that she may lose her beauty, or that someone else is prettier.

Or you're a businessman and you are climbing the corporate ladder. You're making lots of money but you're paying a price. You're neglecting your family and your marriage is in trouble. Your health is even suffering.

And you think if you can just get to the next position, then life will be good. And when you get there, you find out that one of your peers was promoted even higher. And now you're jealous.

Why didn't you get that promotion? And the status and the reputation and the money that you thought would make all the difference still doesn't satisfy. You're frustrated and empty. And now, maybe you're even thinking about having an affair to spruce up your life a bit.

The gospel says that idols never satisfy. Could it be that much of our unhappiness and bitterness and hopelessness is that we are pursuing freedom in all the wrong places. Come to Christ. Believe his good news. He can set you free.

The Rev. Greg Henneman is senior pastor of Clarkston Community Church

Richard Lee Jorgensen, 87

Richard Lee Jorgensen, "Dick," of Clarkston passed away July 10, 2018, at age 87. He was the

beloved husband of Elnora for 67 years; loving father of Carolyn Mansfield, Gale (Ken) Wilinski, Charles (Karen) Jorgensen, and Susan (Sam) Brokaw; proud grandfather of 12 and



great grandfather of six.

Dick served in the United States Army during the Korean War.

He was part owner of Hod's Radio & TV in Pontiac. He was Chairman for the Jaycee's Jr. Miss Pageant and a J.C.I. Senator.

Funeral Service was July 14 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Private Inurnment at Great Lakes National Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army. Online guest bookwww.wintfuneralhome.com.

In our local churches

Summer Fest at Trinity United Methodist Church, 6440 Maceday Drive, Waterford, Saturday, July 21, 1-3 p.m. Music, face painting, bounce house, games.

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.

City officials question lawsuit exceptions

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Clarkston is on record as opposing an administrative law judge's opinion in a lawsuit brought by a local developer. Some City Council members wanted to know why.

Mayor Steven Percival questioned city attorney Thomas Ryan at the July 9 City Council meeting.

"Jonathan (Smith, city manager) and I were in discussion about it since we received the opinion (on June 8). We talked about having an emergency meeting, and if we were going to have to do exceptions," Percival said. "Before I went out of town, Jonathan indicated he was in contact with you and it (exceptions) wasn't something that needed to be done. I come back and it's done."

Ryan said he received the opinion on June 8 and forwarded its to the city manager on June 11, the following Monday.

"I was looking for input. I got input from the HDC (Clarkston Historic District Commission, which voted on June 12 to recommend filing the exceptions)," Ryan said.

The day before the deadline to file exceptions, June 29, Ryan heard there was some resistance to filing the exceptions, "which was unfortunate because I sent the information as soon as I got it," he said.

"If you thought there was some resistance from the council to file the exceptions why did you do it anyway," Percival asked.

"The only official information I received from the city was from the HDC that they wanted them filed," Ryan said. "The opportunity for exceptions was limited."

Council member Rick Detkowski said his concern was exceptions were made without approval by the council.

Council member Sharron Catallo said the situation was clearly presented at the June 25 meeting.

"We knew about the HDC and Jonathan explained exactly what was going to happen," Catallo said. "We were going to file those exceptionss, but it wasn't really going to be anything until SHPO (Michigan State Historic Preservation Office, pronounced "ship-oh") made its decision – we thought it was OK to file the exceptions."

Reynolds said he read about the issue in the June 20 Clarkston News story "Historicdistrict hearing goes against city."

"It wasn't on the agenda – (property owner Ed) Adler spoke in public comment. That started some dialogue," Reynolds said. "I see two errors, you don't just go forward with something, you have to have authorization from your client."

Anything involving a lawsuit to the city, council should be made aware of it before they read about it in the paper or hear about it from private citizens, he said.

"I didn't even read The Clarkston News.

I didn't know any of it," Catallo said.

According to HDC bylaws, the commission is an independent body, appointed by the council but reporting to SHPO, Smith said.

"The exceptions came from the HDC to go to SHPO – we weren't part of that circle," said Council member Eric Haven.

"The only thing Tom had was the 4-1 vote (of HDC)," Kneisc said.

"He also had the council not taking action on it," said Percival, who was out of town during the June 25 meeting. "If you sought approval from the council, you didn't get approval from the council. Why would you do it anyway?"

Ryan forcefully defended his actions, retorting to council, they should look in the mirror

"I expected you guys would have a discussion about it. You had two meetings to do that," he said. "The HDC had the same timetable – they discussed it and voted 4-1 to file exceptions. This body unfortunately took no action, and I'm sorry about that. But if I had been told no I wouldn't have filed them but I wasn't told anything."

His objective was to protect the record for the city relative to the administrative law judge, he said.

If the city did not file exceptions, SHPO would say, "this must be a great decision. We're just going to rubber stamp what the administrative law judge said, and the case is over," Ryan said. "I didn't want the city to lose that opportunity – if you want to take that off of my bill, I don't have a problem with that. It's not about the money. I communicate the information and you folks need to deal with the information or

not."

According to emails forwarded by the city, Ryan emailed a copy of the proposal for decision, noting the 21-day deadline, on June 11. On June 27, Smith emailed members of the City Council, advising them of the administrative law judge opinion, saying "this proposal will be provided to the SHPO Board for them to vote on in their next meeting (in September). In the meantime, Tom Ryan will be filing the request for an appeal, per the HDC's 4-1 vote." Later on June 27, Smith emailed a correction, saying Ryan was filing exceptions, not an appeal.

On June 28, Smith send an email to council members, "the exception comments were prepared because the HDC voted 4 to 1 in favor of submitting exceptions. They have not yet been submitted, but were going to be submitted via overnight mail in order to meet the Friday deadline. If exception comments are not submitted, Tom Ryan says the SHPO Board will almost certainly rubber-stamp the administrative law judge's proposal. If we don't submit exceptions, we can still appeal later, but the chances of succeeding are greatly reduced. Please respond to me (only)

by 5 p.m., letting me know if you wish exception comments to be submitted to SHPO or not. Yes or no."

Council members responded "yes" to the email and Ryan filed the exceptions on June 28.

"We all agreed, in light of the HDC vote, there was no harm in filing the exception." We're not filing an appeal. That decision comes much later," Smith said.

The email "straw poll" brushes up against the state Open Meetings Act, Percival said.

"Tom, you were taking stuff from what could have been a violation of the Open Meetings Act," the mayor said. "If that email was sent out for a decision as to whether we should or should not file these and you were waiting for a quorum, that would be a violation of the Open Meetings Act. We have to be on top of this better that it was."

Smith said the emails were just trying get information, with replies only to him.

"But when you take information from those emails and you make a decision and have an action from that, it's almost on that tightwire," Percival said. "We've been beat up on the Open Meetings Act. We have to be very careful."

Administrarive Law Judge Petter L. Plummer issued his opinion recommending the HDC's decision be set aside and Lehman Investment Company be allowed to demolish the vacant residence and outbuildings at 42 W. Washington Street on June 8. Exceptions were due 21 days after, on June 29.

The issue was not on the June 25 City Council agenda. At the time, Smith said the deadline was for Ryan to file the exceptions with SHPO, which would issue a ruling on it at a future meeting, probably in September. City Council could appeal the SHPO decision if it so desired, Smith said.

The case stems from a Clarkston Historic District Commission vote in August 2017 to deny a request by Lehman Investment Company to demolish the house and outbuildings at 42 W. Washington Street.

Lehman appealed the decision to the State Historic Preservation Office in October 2017, and the case was sent to the Michigan Administrative Hearing System.

Administrative Judge Plummer wrote an opinion in favor of the property owners, saying HDC should reverse its decision and allow the demolition. If the SHPO board agrees in September, council could file an appeal to circuit court, Smith said.

SHPO will consider the proposal for decision and the exceptions filed by attorneys for the city and Lehman Investment Company, if any, then will issue its own decision. After that, either side has 21 days to appeal that decision.

Reynolds said City Council should start considering a special meeting regarding an appeal if SHPO rules against them in September.

PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know 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

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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 ben-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

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 As-

public inspection at the Township Clerk's Office, which is

located at 6483 Waldon Center Drive, Independence Town-

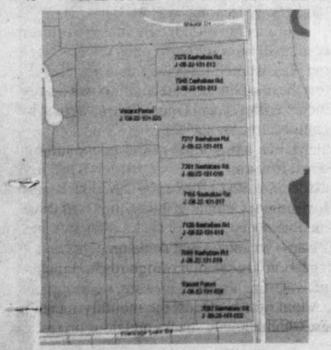
Appearance and protest at the hearing is required in order to appeal the matters to be considered at the hearing to the State Tax Tribunal. An owner or party in interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the Hearing to protest, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest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

> BARBARA A. PALLOTTA, CLERK NDEPENDENCE

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DATED:	July 3, 2018
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TENTATIVE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

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PARCEL	PARCEL NUMBER	PROPERTY ADDRESS
1	08-22-101-012	7373 SASHABAW RD
2	08-22-101-013	7345 SASHABAW RD
3	08-22-101-025	VACANT SASHABAW RD
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
8	08-22-101-019	7093 SASHABAW RD
9	08-22-101-020	VACANT SASHABAW RD
10	08-22-101-022	VACANT SASHABAW RD



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SYNOPSIS TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE **JULY 10, 2018**

- A. A Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 6:01 p.m. Independence Township Hall
- The Pledge of Allegiance was by led by Ben McGrath, of Troop #377.
- ROLL CALL: Present: Kittle, Pallotta, Brown, Aliaga, Loughrin, Ritchie, Schroeder Absent: None

Also Present: Kimberly Feigley, Director of Assessing; David McKee, DPW Director; Derek Smith, PR&S Director; Steven Joppich, Johnson, Rosati, Schultz & Joppich, P.C.

There was a quorum present:

- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As presented.
- CLOSED SESSION / BUDGET SESSION / STUDY SESSION: None
- BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: None
- G. PUBLIC COMMENT: None
- PUBLIC HEARING
- 1. 1st Public Hearing: North Sashabaw Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project; Resolutions 3 & 4 -Special Assessment District
- PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:
- Report: Supervisor's Update None J. CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS: None
- CONSENT AGENDA:
 - 1. Approval of the Board of Trustees Regular Meet-
- ing Minutes of June 19, 2018 2. Approval of the July 3, 2018 Check Run
- (\$1,264,510.45), Ratified the June 29, 2018 Payroll (\$290,771.51) 3. Approval of 2018 Budget Amendment #26 - Trans-
- fer of Fund Balance from the Fire Millage Fund to the Capital Projects Fund 4. Ratification of Proclamation - 2018 Commemo-
- ration of Active Duty Military Personnel ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:
- None
- REGULAR BUSINESS:
- Adoption of Resolutions 3 & 4 Sashabaw Road Sanitary Sewer Special Assessment District 2. Approval of Ballot Language - Road Infrastruc-
- ture Improvement Millage 3. Approval of Introduction and 1st Reading - Chap-
- ter 11 Community Development; Article II -Corridor Improvement Authority; Section 11-20 4. Approval of License Agreement - Paddle Grounds,
- 5. Approval of Interlocal Agreement Independence Township / City of the Village of Clarkston -
- Clarkston M-15 Safety Path Connector 6. Approval of 1st Amendment - Waterford-Independence Sanitary Sewage Services Contract - No action taken
- 7. Approval of Emergency Purchase and Budget Adjustment - Chestnut Road Pumphouse
- Approval of Purchase and Budget Adjustment -**DPW Trailer**
- 9. Award of Bid and Approval of Contract Safety Path Maintenance
- 10. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding -Miracle League of North Oakland
- Adoption of Resolution Governmental Non-ERISA Retirement Plan N. COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS /
- Report: 2nd Quarter Financial Report June 30,
- 2018 (Wendy Hillman, Finance Director) 2. Report: Oakland County Sheriff's Department Monthly Report - May 2018
- Report: Independence Township Fire Department Activity Report - January 1, 2018 - May 31, 2018 Minutes: Senior Adult Activity Center Advisory
- Committee-Draft May 9, 2018 - Supervisor Kittle invited Shelley Prebenda to speak
- before the Board regarding neglected animals in a family owned kennel within the Township
- O. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC

Township Clerk

Published: Wednesday, July 18, 2018

PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know

CLARKSTON CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES 05 29 2018 MINUTES

Call to Order at 7:00 PM. Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: Reynolds, Kneisc, Haven, Detkowski, Catallo, Mayor Percival, Wylie, All Present.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Detkowski, Seconded by Haven, to approve the agenda, with a change to add a Resolution of a bid award to Weingartz for a sweepster. and add bid award to Carlisle for Parking study. All Aye, **Motion Carried**

Consent Agenda: Motion by Haven, Seconded by Catallo, to approve the Minutes 04 23 2018 along with 05 14 2018 Minutes. Treasurer Report ending 05 31 18. All Aye, Motion Carried. Richard Carlisle Presented the Proposal of the Parking Management Study for \$9,900.00, to finish approximately the beginning of September. Motion by Catallo, Seconded by Wylie, to add a motion to add a bid award to Carlisle Wortman for the Parking Management Study for \$9,900.00. All Aye, Motion Car-

Open Public Hearing at 8:02. Jonathan Smith presented the 2018/2019 Proposed Budget. Public Hearing closed at 9:15.

Resolution by Wylie, Seconded by Kneisc, to approve a Budget Amendment FY 17/18 in the amount of \$16,082.70. Roll Call: Percival, Haven, Catallo, Reynolds, Detkowski, Kneisc, Wylie. All Yes, Resolution is Adopted.

Resolution by Percival, Supported by Wylie, to approve a bid award with Weingartz in the amount of \$5,075.00 for a sweepster that fits on the Cab Track Loader, Roll Call: Catallo, Haven, Reynolds, Percival, Detkowski, Kneisc, Wylie. All Yes, Resolution is Adopted.

Motion by Detkowski, Supported by Kneisc for a bid award to Carlisle Wortman for the Parking Management Study in the amount of \$9,900.00 from 17/18 FY. Roll Call: Wylie, Kneisc, Detkowski, Percival, Reynolds, Haven, Catallo. All Yes, Motion Carried. Motion by Wylie, Seconded by Percival, to approve a cut and patch repair, not a full replacement of a water line near 20 N Main at no cost to the City. All Aye, Motion Carried. Discussion by Kneisc, in regards to 3 way Stop signs at Holcomb and Surrey Lane. This issue needs to move forward and consult with Tom Ryan and to bring a traffic controller forward for an opinion.

Motion by Percival, Supported by Wylie to adjourn at 10:06 PM. All Aye, Motion Carried. For the complete minutes please contact Sandy Miller, City Clerk at 248-625-1559 or millers@villageofclarkston.org or visit www.villageofclarkston.org

Because the People Want to Know INDEPENDENCE TWP.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That a regular meeting held on July 10, 2018, the Charter Township of Independence Board of Trustees approved the Introduction and First Reading of an amendment to the Township's Code of Ordinances and scheduled a Second Reading of the amendment at a regular meeting to be held on July 24, 2018 to consider adoption of the ordinance as follows: STATE OF MICHIGAN

COUNTY OF OAKLAND ORDINANCE # 2018-11-XXX

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE INDEPEN-DENCE CHARTER TOWNSHIP CODE OF OR-DINANCES, CHAPTER 11, "COMMUNITY DE-VELOPMENT," ARTICLE II, "CORRIDOR IM-PROVEMENT AUTHORITY," BY AMENDING SECTION 11-20, "CREATION OF AN AUTHOR-ITY." IN ORDER TO AFFIRM AND CLARIFY THE NAME OF AND MANNER IN WHICH THE COR-RIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY MAY BE REFERENCED.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE OR-

Section 1. ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.

Chapter 11, "Community Development," Article II, "Corridor Improvement Authority," Section 11-20 to read

Sec. 11-20. Creation of Authority.

The Independence Township Corridor Improvement Authority is hereby created and established pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 280 of the Public Acts of 2005 as amended ("the act"). The authority shall be known as

and may be referred to in this code, legal documents and elsewhere as the "Independence Township Corridor Improvement Authority," "Sashabaw Corridor Improvement Authority," "Sashabaw Road Corridor Improvement Authority" or "authority."

Section 2. REPEALER. All ordinances, parts of ordinances, or sections of the Charter Township of Independence Code of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect

Section 3. SEVERABILITY.

Should any section, subdivision, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance be declared by the courts to be invalid, the validity of the Ordinance as a whole, or in part, shall not be affected other than the part invalidated.

Section 4. SAVINGS. All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred at the time this Ordinance takes effect, are saved and may be consummated according to the law in force when they were commenced. Section 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall be effective following publication in the manner prescribed by law.

Section 6. ENACTMENT.

This Ordinance is declared to have been enacted by the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Independence at a meeting called and held on

2018, and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law. Ayes:

Nays: Abstentions: Absent STATE OF MICHIGAN

COUNTY OF OAKLAND I, the undersigned, the qualified and acting Township Clerk of the Charter Township of Independence, Oakland County, Michigan, do certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the Ordinance adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Independence at a meeting held on , 2018, the original of which is on file in my office.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE By: Barbara A. Pallotta, Clerk

Clerk of the Charter Township of Independence Introduced: July 10, 2018 Published: July 18, 2018

PUBLIC NOTICE

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CLARKSTON CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES **06 11 2018 MINUTES**

Call to Order at 6:00 PM. Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: Mayor Percival, Kneisc, Reynolds, Wylie, Present. Haven, Catallo present at 7 PM Detkowski, Absent. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Wylie, Supported by Percival, to approve the agenda. All Aye, Motion Carried.

Rich Little spoke about the Master Plan for the City of Clarkston. The City's next step is a full draft, then Final Draft approximately in August. Steve Cassin Presented the draft Master Plan. June 18th is the deadline for getting comments, to Rich Little be considered in the Master Plan. Steve Cassin presented the draft master plan.

At 7 PM the meeting continued to include FYI Concerts in the Park line up starting June 15 thru July 20, 2018. Clarkston Independence District Library Boogie Woogie Event on June 26 from 7 to 8 PM.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Percival, Seconded by Reynolds, to approve the Minutes 05 14 2018 along with 05 29 2018 Minutes. Treasurer Report ending 05 30 18. All Aye, Motion Carried.

Motion by Haven, Supported by Percival to rescind the motion made on 05 14 18 to pay Carlisle \$8,500.00. All Aye, Motion Carried. Motion by Percival, Supported by Haven, to approve Tom Ryan to prepare a Traffic Control Order at Holcomb & Surrey Lane (three way stop with crosswalk). All Aye, Motion Carried.

Resolved by Wylie, Seconded by Haven, to approve the General Appropriation Act for FY 2018-2019 and millage rate. Roll Call: Percival, Haven, Catallo, Reynolds, Kneisc, Wylie, All Yes. Detkowski Absent. Resolution is Adopted.

Motion by Wylie, Supported by Kneisc to adjourn at 7:52 PM. All Aye, Motion Carried. For the complete minutes, please contact Sandy Miller, City Clerk at 248-625-1559 or millers@villageofclarkston.org or visit www.villageofclarkston.org



From left are Herb Society of America-Southern Michigan Unit members Pam Marin of Clarkston; Jeanne Harmon, Highland; Annie Magdowski, Pleasant Ridge; Jackie Walley, Saline; and Sheila Mohr, Bloomfield Hills, presenting a ceremonial check to Norm Lownds, curator of Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens. Photo provided

Herb club helps 4-H gardens

Herb enthusiasts from throughout the state celebrated and learned about herbs as well as raised \$3,000 for Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens during the 2018 Michigan Herb Associates in Lansing, April 25.

Conference attendees raised the \$3,000 donation for Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens through a silent auction and herbal plant sale. Jeanne Hawkins, MHA president, said she is grateful to MSU Department of Horticulture for contributing the plants for the plant sale.

"We are in a renaissance for edible gardening, and the increased attendance at MHA annual conferences echoes the rising interest in learning how to grow and use herbs," Hawkins said. "Fresh herbs make everything else in the garden taste better, plus they are pretty and smell wonderful."

Guest speakers addressed aromatic herbs for brewing beer, Michigan restaurants that offer craft beers, growing and using medicinal herbs, and decorating with hops, the International Herb Association's Herb of the Year.

For more information about MHA or a local herb association, contact MHA at nitacprn@comcast.netor 517-337-9316, visit www.MIHerb.org.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

The Settlor, JUNA HELEN BJORKQUIST, date of birth June 18, 1924, who lived at 5900 Water Tower Place, Clarkston, Michigan 48346, died June 17, 2018. There is no personal representative of the Settlor's estate to whom Letters of Administration have been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Juna H. Bjorkquist Living Trust Dated August 27, 1998, as restated will be forever barred unless presented to Kathryn M. Caruso, Esq., 6480 Citation Dr., Suite A, Clarkston, Michigan 48346 or Elvi Bjorkquist, Co-Successor Trustee at 14217 East Quinn Circle, Aurora, CO 80015, within four months after the date of publication.

Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND

FILE NO: 2018-383, 797-DE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of VERLA L. HOWELL. Date if birth: 9/30/1930

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Verla L. Howell, died 2/19/

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

Kathryn M. Caruso (P44723) 6480 Citation Drive Clarkston, MI 48346 248-625-0600

7/12/2018 Shelvy Howell 4105 North Grow Road Stanton, MI 48888 989-388-1815

TO ALL CREDITORS: The Settlor, ROBERT WALTER OSIDACZ, date of birth April 7, 1936,

who lived at 9155 Longcroft Drive, White Lake, MI 48386, died June 12, 2018. There is no personal representative of the Settlor's estate to whom Letters of Administration have been issued.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT **COUNTY OF OAKLAND** FILE NO: 2018-382, 865-DE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of Mark G. Clayton. Date of Birth: April 2, 1952 TO ALL CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Mark G. Clayton, died January 21, 2017

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Council member concerned with FOIA-lawsuit ruling

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

City of the Village of Clarkston prevailed in the July 3 ruling of the state Court of Appeals in a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit brought by resident Susan Bisio, but Clarkston City Council member Sue Wylie still had questions.

"What did we win?" Wylie asked at the July 9 City Council meeting. "We get to keep some emails secret that apparently no one in the city is aware of the contents. We get to keep information away from the residents and taxpayers of the city, who pay for the city to function. We have generated huge legal fees. Even if we do not pay for them directly as they are paid by our membership in MML (Michigan Municipal League), we and other municipalities do pay for them in higher

The appeals court ruled "public body" as defined by the state and regulated by FOIA, does not include village, city, nor township employees. However, the city charter states the city attorney is a public employee, she said.

"We can hide things with our attorney? We will forever be known as the city who fought FOIA and won. Not a good reputation," she said. "What FOIA says, 'It is the public policy of the state that all persons except those persons incarcerated in state or local corrections facilities, are entitled to full and complete information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts of those who represent them as public officials and public employees, consistent with this act. The people shall be informed so that they may fully participate in the democratic process.' I don't think that's happening here."

Mayor Steven Percival cautioned against too much discussion of the case, which can be appealed.

"We want to be careful about what we talk about," Percival said. "We have won. They do have the right to appeal. There is no current case right now because they haven't appealed yet."

"I don't view it as we won - we were sued and we defended ourselves," said Council member Jason Kneisc.

Susan Bisio, represented by her attorney husband Richard Bisio, can appeal to the Michigan Supreme Court. However, the court does not have to hear the case, said city attorney Thomas Ryan.

"Four percent of all cases are heard by the supreme court," Ryan said.

Percival said they can schedule a meeting with attorney James Tamm, who represented the city in the lawsuit, if the case continues.

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

The city declined to provide 18 documents, 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.

Bisio sued the city in December 2015 for violating FOIA, arguing records produced by Ryan were subject to it. Oakland County Circuit Court ruled in October 2016 in favor of the city, and Bisio appealed.

The Court of Appeals decided on July 3 to uphold the Circuit Court's ruling in favor of the city.

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.

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The Baltimore Oriole will be the topic of interest for the Clarkston Area Birders Club at its July 25 meeting - the ones with feathers, not baseball hats.

"From the reports, questions and comments members volunteered at the June meeting, more people are seeing more Orioles in more places than ever before," said club member Bill Haney. "What are the reasons for the abundance of Orioles? Are there steps we can take to encourage them to keep the backyards of Clarkston as their preferred summer residences?"

One theory is there are more people feeding more Orioles in north Oakland County this year, Haney said.

"There is anecdotal evidence for that. Stores around Clarkston, including Bueche's and the Dollar Store in Ortonville, have occasionally had empty shelves where Smucker's, Welch's and store brand grape jelly should be found," he said.

Steve Stroud of The Gateway will host the meeting at 7 p.m. at his store, 7150 N. Main Street.

"Steve will also share some thoughts and suggestions about hummingbirds," Haney said.

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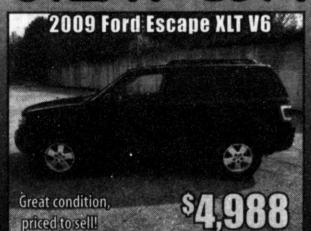
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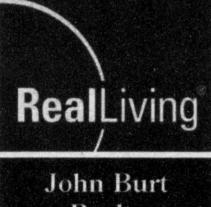
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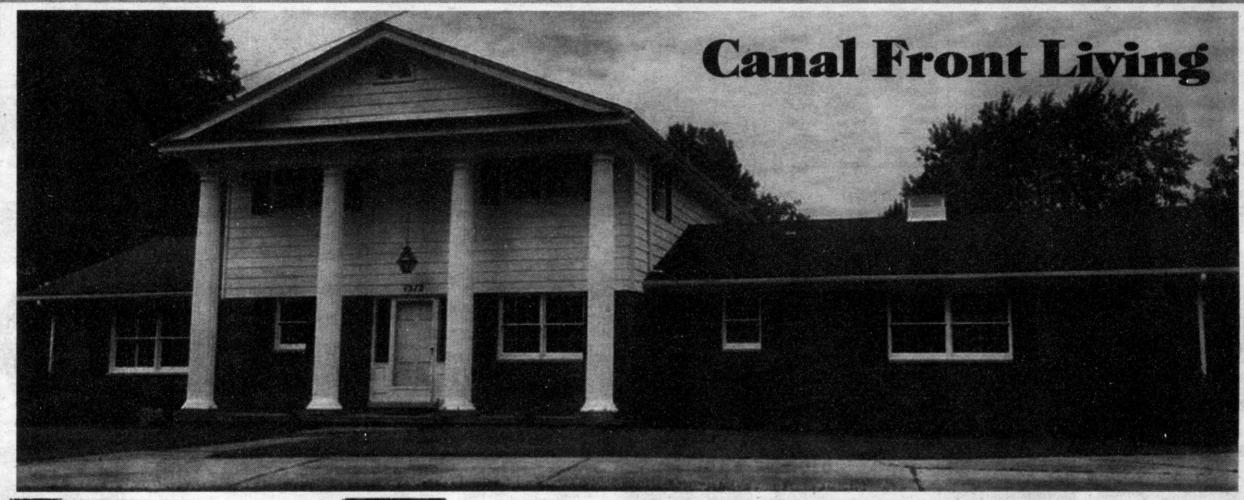
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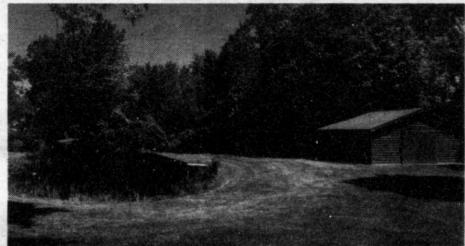
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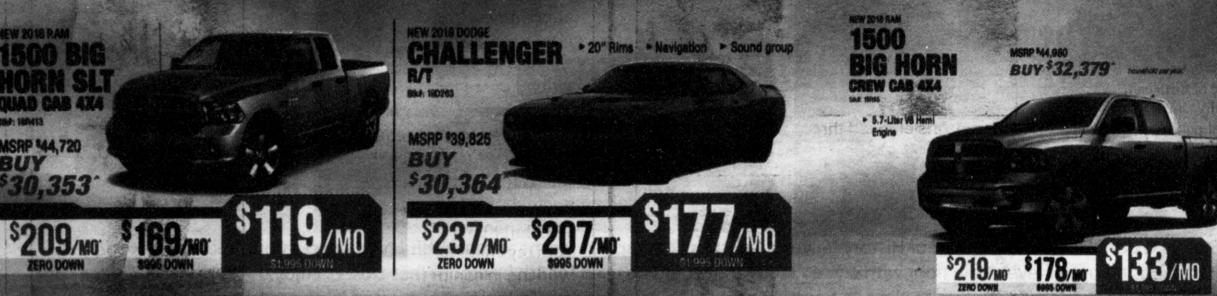
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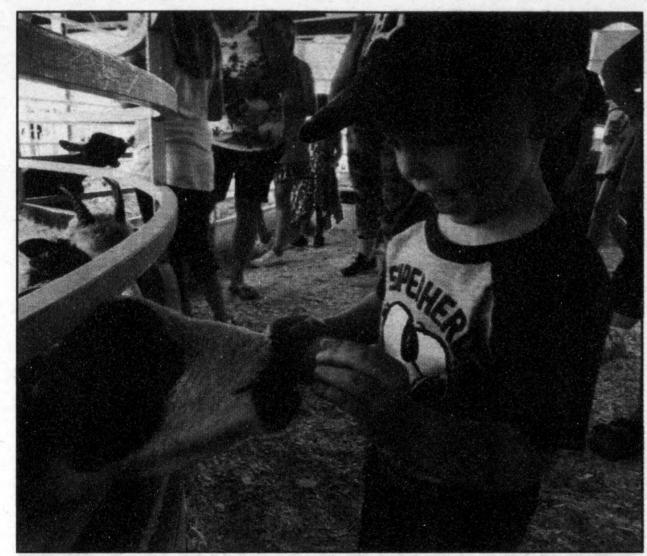


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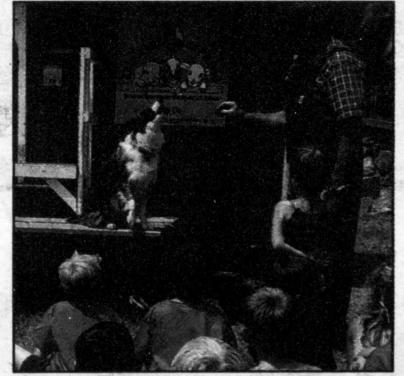


Jonathan Price feeds a cow in the petting zoo.

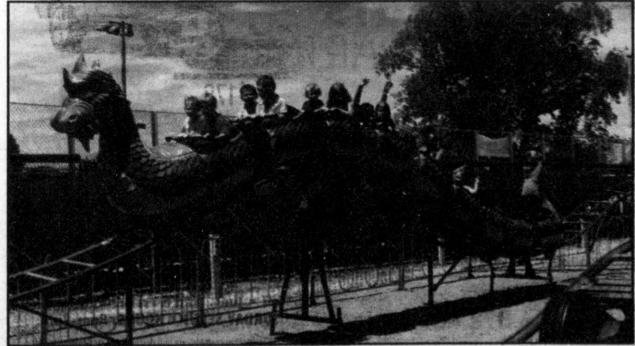
Festive fun at fair

Petting animals, pig races, riding a dinosaur - patrons enjoyed a mix of fun things to do at the Oakland County Fair, July 6-15. Big Rock Amusements provided carnival rides and games for kids of all ages while the bottomless glass of chocolate milk for the low cost of 50 cents was a popular spot on the hot days.

Fair goers also visited the Miracle of Birth barn, checked out all the livestock, horses and rabbits and participated in different daily events.



Fair patrons enjoyed three presentations a day from Barnyard Express.



Kids enjoy riding the Dragon Wagon on Toddler Day, July 10.

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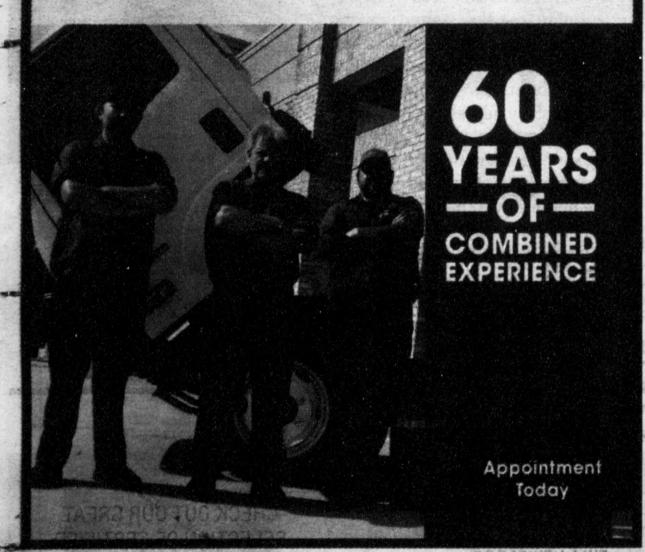


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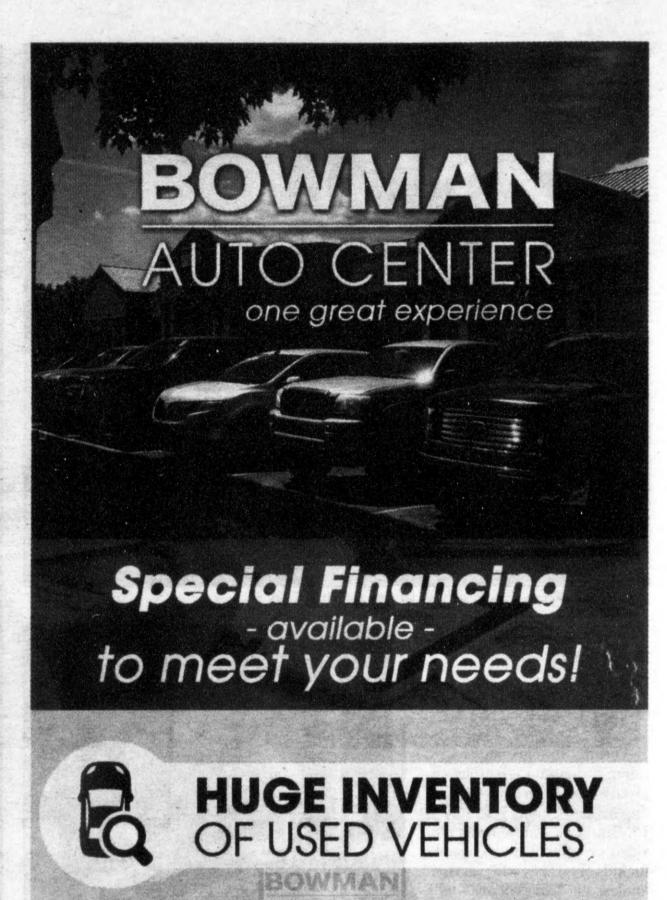
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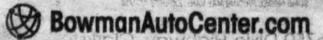


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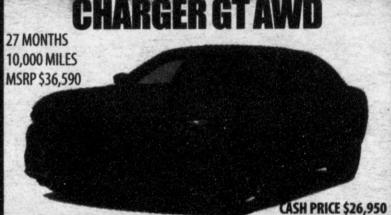
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