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Independence Township Firefighter Nick Wilson fills one of his boots with donations from drivers on Main Street, July 25. The Fill the Boot donations are helping a local family send an 11-year-old boy to MDA camp this summer. Please see page 30 for story. *Photo by Phil Custodio*



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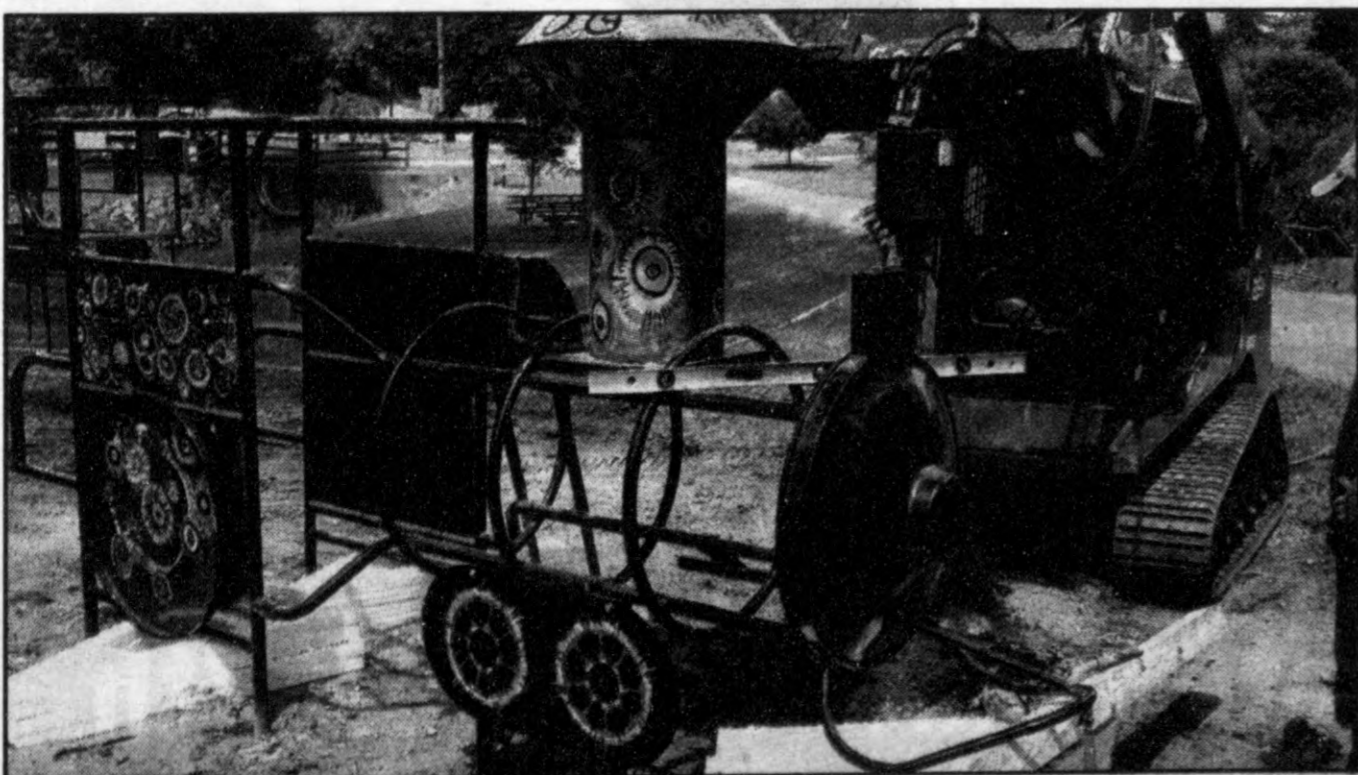
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From left, Eric Haven, Ken Ermer, John McDonald, and Bill Cox, as well as Tom Lowrie and Tom Middleton, not pictured, work to reinstall the park playground equipment.



DPW Director Mike Speagle uses the city skid steer to move the renovated play locomotive into place. Photos by Phil Custodio

Depot Park playground back on track

Shovels in hand, volunteers from Clarkston Optimists and Friends of Depot Park helped Clarkston DPW reinstall the train and truck play pieces at the new entrance to the park playground, July 25.

In a project that started last spring, the Evan's Choo-Choo railroad 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.

Briefly

Sidewalk work

City Council approved \$20,000 to repair all the sidewalks in Clarkston.

Italia Construction will replace 216 broken sidewalk slabs in the city. The funds, approved July 23, include \$15,000 already budgeted and \$5,000 from the parking meter fund.

The parking meter fund has collected \$17,992.20 as of the end of June, earning about \$1,800 per week as expected, said City Manager Jonathan Smith.

Independence Township recently signed a three-year agreement with Italia for safety path and sidewalk work, and the city is allowed to sign up at the same rate, Smith said.

The city manager will mark the broken slabs with spraypaint and work will start in late August or early September, finishing by the end of the year.

City hall bids

Clarkston's Facilities Committee is reviewing its plan to repair and expand city hall after receiving two bids for \$485,000 and \$700,000.

Earlier this year, they were expecting bids in the \$250,000-\$300,000 range, said committee member Rich Little at the July 23 City Council meeting.

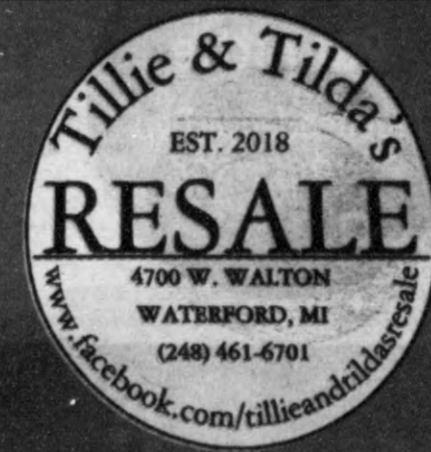
July 16 was the deadline for bids. The city received three bids, but one was just for signage, Little said.

"It's still under investigation," he said. "We have to do something."

Work would include repairs to the roof and back wall, expanding the building eight feet out the back, adding two rooms and a vehicle bay, improved lighting and security, and public rest rooms.

The committee will return with an update in the next month or so, Little said.

"We're disappointed but we'll be back," he said.



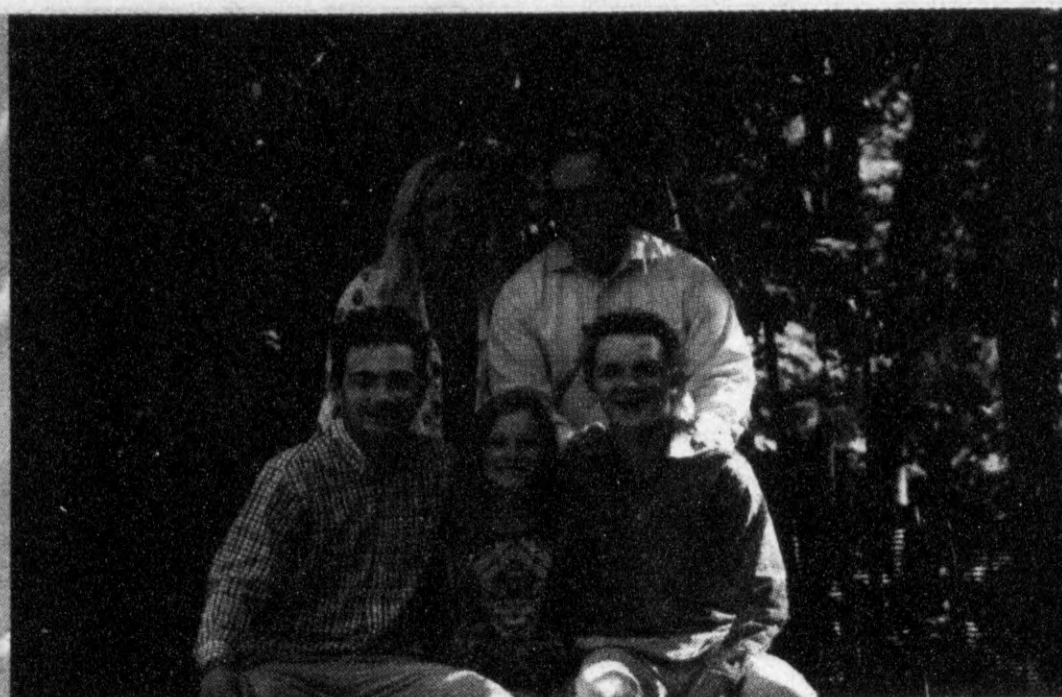
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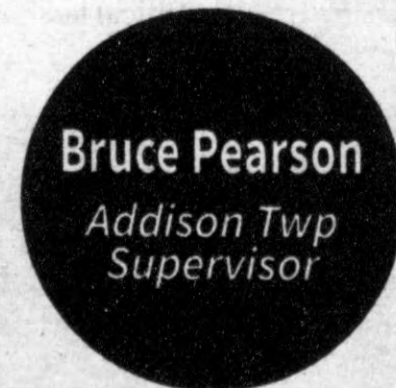
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Township officials run for state rep

Three candidates are running for the Republican nomination for 43rd District state representative, a two-year term – Jose Aliaga, Anthony Bartolotta, and Andrea Schroeder.

Jose Aliaga, 41, is a small business owner who has lived in Independence Township for 18 years. Currently serving as an Independence Township trustee, he is running to help his community and all Michiganders.

"Government should be less involved in our daily lives and the few things it should be doing it should be doing better," Aliaga said.

His top issues are fixing roads, lower car insurance premiums, lower taxes across the board, eliminate pension tax, and promote skilled trades in education and employment.

He would solve these issues through reform and prioritized spending in the budget.

"Don't just assign money to things," he said. "Sometimes, spending more up front on things, like roads, saves more money in the long-run. We need to think about more than just the next few years when we make these decisions."



Aliaga

The state already collects high taxes and spends too much on too many things, he said.

"We can do more with less if government gets out of our personal business," he said.

Education should focus on the students, not the schools, he said.

"The parents should have more options and more control in educating their children. This includes introducing them to more than just academics and a path to college," he said. "With lower taxes and a better prepared workforce, we can attract businesses to Michigan without handing out our tax money to them."

Voters should select him because he puts his community first.

"Always have, always will," Aliaga said. "The people know that I keep my word. I am one of them, not someone seeking power, titles or climbing political ladders. I am 100 percent pro-life, 100 percent pro-Second Amendment, and 100 percent against tax increases, whether they're gas taxes or new millages. We need to focus on how to spend less before we ever consider taxing more. I want to fight for the 43rd District, and all Michiganders, the way I have done for Independence Township for the last six years."

Anthony Bartolotta, 64, has been a Waterford resident for over 20 years, managed the family business here for 26 years, and has been a trustee on the Waterford Township Board for the past eight years.

"While on the board I've opposed and worked to prevent our local government from imposing new fees on our citizens," Bartolotta said. "Voting against budget

amendment requests, SAD's and millages over the years. It is now time to bring this knowledge and experience to serve as your state representative, I'll work hard in Lansing and always vote to let us keep more of our own money."

His top issues are roads and no-fault insurance reform.

"I would support dedicating all pump taxes, including sales tax to roads. The root cause of our roads crumbling is money being spent on poor construction quality standards," he said. "There are new product innovations and maintenance techniques that may cost more up front but will save taxpayers money in the long run."

Michigan has the highest average auto insurance premiums in the country, and he proposes eliminating the statutory coverage mandates and introduce a Tort based system.

"Offer the option for rate payers to coordinate their health insurance policy and/or disability policy with their automobile insurance," he said. "The consumer can make their health insurance the primary and their auto insurance excess. I would support moving the MCAA out of the hands of insurance companies and into state control. Lower rates – greater choice."

He also supports eliminating the Mandatory Unlimited Health coverage.

"Anthony Bartolotta is a name you can trust with a proven record of defending the financial interests of the citizens of Waterford Township," he said. "As 43rd District State Representative, I intend to use my extensive experience to do the same for the citizens of District 43."

Andrea Schroeder, 54, is a business consultant with 20 years living in Independence Township, and serves as an Independence Township trustee.

"My parents are two former U.S. Army officers who raised me to understand that the privileges of citizenship come with a responsibility to serve," Schroeder said. "As a township trustee, president-elect of the Optimists Club, and parent volunteer in the schools, I have a long history of proven results in improving the economic development, education environment, public safety, and general quality of life of our community. I've earned the trust of those I serve through my commitment to transparency, integrity, and inclusion."

Her top issues are economic development, education reform, infrastructure improvements, and enforcement of our laws.

"I will pursue policies that promote government working with the business community to create the proper business environ-

ment, and support workforce development for critical job needs: professional trades, technology, and engineering," Schroeder said.

For education reform, we need to develop a plan that all stakeholders can adopt and stick with it, she said.

"The revolving door of educational strategies has created a culture of hesitant adoption with each new proposal. Consistency and valid metrics will help restore trust in the data and drive better policy decisions to improve outcomes," she said. "Opportunities might include expanding educational choices in professional trades, multidisciplinary studies, and dual enrollment to reduce costs for the college bound."

She would work to develop a comprehensive infrastructure plan that balances critical repairs and long-term improvements for roads, bridges, and waterways.

"I supported using part of the budget surplus for roads. Moving forward, we need to look at operational efficiencies along with adjusting taxes and user fees that complement future mobility technologies," she said.

For law enforcement, existing law should be respected, from local control issues in the state to immigration issues at the federal level, she said.

"We have processes in place to change policy as circumstances and society dictate," she said.

Schroeder is a pro-life, pro-Second Amendment, pro-jobs conservative who believes that we – the people – should be in charge of our government.

"I believe we deserve a representative with the professional background, educational experience, and communication skills to step up and be a leader in Lansing," she said. "I am the only candidate who is endorsed by every elected official with whom I've served, except an opponent. The only candidate endorsed by local, school, and county leadership and our most recent former state representative. The only candidate who has experience as both a senior corporate executive and a successful small business owner. The only candidate who has kids in our public schools for the past 20 years. The only candidate whose background has been fully vetted by both the Governor's office and the state Senate – twice. The only candidate for the 43rd District that has been a lifelong Republican."

Voters head to the polls for the primary election on Tuesday, Aug. 7. The winner of the Republican nomination goes up against the Democratic and other party nominees in the general election, Tuesday, Nov. 6.



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Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Price

The basement Barbie built

I would like to say the purge of 2018 is done. It isn't quite done yet, but it's getting really close. Plus, within the last few weeks it has gotten a lot easier in a way.

The gender of our second child was revealed and Jonathan will have a little brother - so all those bins and boxes filled with Barbie doll memories can move on to someone else.

The day after we found out it was off to the garage to hose off some of the big items like the Barbie and the Rockers tour bus. Then, moving some of the furniture I had put to the side in with the rest of the furniture to sell.

All of the bins have been gone through. Most of all of the items are organized. Even all the small accessories have been put into sandwich bags and organized like all the food is together, dishes, hats, and so on.

There is still a six foot table full of random items needed to be put away with their like items or Barbie bicycles waiting for missing pieces to magically appear.

One more bin remains unorganized - the very miscellaneous bin where Then, there things missing major pieces like the Heart Family Playground Swingset has most of the pieces but one which it hard to attach the roof.

Though Google has been amazing to match pieces with sets or even furniture with a 1990 Barbie A-Frame Pool House (guess I can take those out of the summer furniture box and put them with their true home.)

Then, there was the huge goal of matching Barbie dolls with the original outfit it came with. With less than two weeks to the garage sale, the goal may not be met. It took me 20 minutes to match two dolls with their original outfits and I knew what they wore from memory - not from Google. I might just put clothes in individual bags and it will be random which doll gets what outfit.

Some items will make it to my friend's three-year-old daughter as her Disney Princess dolls will gain two horses to ride. She will also get Barbie's white cat, Fluffy, after I asked her if she would take care of it. Fluffy is ready to go to her new home as her bed, travel carrier and scratching post.

Well, hopefully kids still play with dolls. I know trends have come and gone and Barbie has reinvented herself quite a few times.



New ID law for air travel

Beginning Oct. 1, 2020, the federal government will start requiring Michigan residents to show a REAL-ID compliant document when boarding domestic flights.

If you don't have a valid U.S. Passport or Enhanced Driver's License or state ID card, then you will not be able to board a domestic flight unless you have a REAL ID compliant license.

The good news is that you may already have an acceptable REAL-ID document, like a valid U.S. passport, a passport card, an Enhanced Driver's License or a U.S. military ID.

Your driver's license or state ID card is REAL ID compliant if it has a star circled in gold printed in the upper right corner of your card, or if you have an Enhanced Driver's license or state ID card which has a small American Flag printed on it. When you get your renewal notice in the mail, it will state whether or not your license or state ID is REAL ID compliant.

You can get REAL ID-compliant driver's licenses or state ID cards through the Secretary of State's office at no extra cost from our regular fees. We at the Michigan Secretary of State's office are happy to make the process of getting a REAL ID compliant license as simple as

Guest viewpoint



Ruth Johnson

possible.

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If your name is different from what's on your birth certificate, you'll need to bring in certified name-change document(s), such as your marriage license or court order. Multiple documents may be needed if your name has changed more than once.

Alternately, if you bring a current, valid U.S. Passport and the name on your passport matches the name on your driver's license or state ID card then you do not need to bring your birth certificate or name change documents. For more information, visit Michigan.gov/REALID or TSA.gov.

Congress first enacted REAL ID more than a decade ago in response to 9/11. This is a Federal mandate that each state must carry out.

REAL ID sets document and security protocols for the production of driver's licenses and state ID cards, including the use of features to prevent illegal copying or altering.

Remember starting October 1, 2020, you will not be able to board a domestic flight without a REAL ID compliant document. Having a REAL ID compliant license simplifies domestic air travel.

Ruth Johnson is Michigan Secretary of State

City seats up for vote in November

City Council member Eric Haven's resignation on July 20 to run for mayor in November has raised questions about proper notification of his now-open, one-year seat.

Nomination deadline for city office was July 24. According to City Charter Section 3.8, the "number of persons to be elected to each office" must be published at least one week, and not more than three weeks, before the deadline.

David Marsh, a former council member, is the only candidate registered to run for the one-year term vacated by Haven.

Responding to emailed questions from city resident Cory Johnston, City Manager Jonathan Smith said he consulted with city attorney Thomas Ryan and the Oakland County Elections Division.

"It just was not feasible - given the timing of the resignation - to have restarted the entire petition process, allowing petitioners to select a one-year or two-year term," Smith said.

Two of the petitions were submitted before Haven's resignation, and many of the signatures on the other petitions pre-dated the resignation, said the city manager.

Also at issue, City Charter states the deadline for submitting petitions shall be the "first Tuesday after the first Monday in August," or Aug. 7 this year.

However, on April 9, City Council voted unanimously to approve a resolution to follow Michigan Election Law, to change the petition submission deadline to 15 weeks prior to the general election, or July 24 this year, Smith said.

According to Michigan Election Law 168.644e, "beginning January 1, 2014, if a charter provides for nomination by caucus or by filing a petition or affidavit directly for the general election, the candidate filing deadline or certification deadline shall be 4 p.m. on the 15th Tuesday before the odd year general election."

"I have confirmed with city attorney Tom Ryan that because this resolution was to simply follow Michigan Election Law, it is not considered a change to the Charter and therefore does not require a vote of the people," Smith said.

Haven is the only candidate running for mayor, a two-year position. Running for three open, two-year seats on the City Council, are incumbents Sharron Catalo, Rick Detkowski, and Sue Wylie; and challengers Al Avery, a former council member, and Hampton Swayne. Write-in candidates for the Nov. 6 election must file a Declaration of Intent form with the city clerk no later than 4 p.m., Oct. 26.

- Phil Custodio

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 2003

"Area market flourishing" Despite an economy which had seen better days, real estate companies in Clarkston said they were doing excellent business because of the low interest rates available at the time.

"Schools save \$10 million on bonds, begin projects" Clarkston Community Schools and taxpayers would save about \$10 million on the bond issue approved earlier in June. Action by the board of education led to sale of \$83.7 million worth of bonds at 4.7 percent interest.

"Clarkston student joins United States hockey team" Clarkston High School student Tim Miller was selected to play for the United States under 17-year-old hockey team in a national tournament held in Prievidza, Slovakia.

25 years ago - 1993

"Fire hall site recommended off M-15" After weighing the pros and cons of six sites, the Independence Township fire hall committee recommended the next station be built on Citation Road.

"Finally!" After several years of citizens' pleader for traffic lights at the intersection of Ortonville and Clarkston roads, a light was finally put up on July 21.

"4-H: From pets to a profession" Seventeen-year-old Janice Rumph talked about the experiences she had with 4-H as she prepared for the annual Oakland County 4-H Fair for her third year showing rabbits and first for calves. She also discussed how it helped her in her decision to become a veterinarian.

50 years ago - 1968

"Troop 126 gains two more Eagle Scouts" Brad Funk and Bill Svetkoff became the 15th and 16th Eagles of Troop 126. Both were members of the troop for the previous three years and served as Assistant Patrol Leaders, Patrol Leaders and assorted Warrant Officer jobs. Both were also members of the Order of the Arrow.

"Girls victorious again" For the fourth year in a row, the girls swimming team won the relay races at MacDougall's Beach at Deer Lake. Eighteen girls out swam 18 boys in the annual Clarkston swim relays.

"Round the town" Dr. and Mrs. Ronald LePere entertained 55 at a family gathering at their new home on Waldon Road. Relatives joined the LePere family to honor Mrs. LePere's brother and sister in town from Missouri and California.



RIBBON CUTTING: Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce members, Independence Township officials, and employees celebrated Oakhurst Golf & Country Club's new Champions Grille with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, July 25. The bar and grille, at 7000 Oakhurst Lane, features contemporary design and sleek finishes, a brand new media wall, new pool furniture, and private event enhancements. *Photo provided*

Said the sucker to the suckee . . . bug off!

We media types love (with a capitol LOVE) it when a "new" disease is discovered somewhere in the world. It has probably been that way since the beginning of the modern era of journalism. When I first tried my hand at writing "Don't Rush Me" (over 30 years ago) their was this "new" disease that folks were afraid of. It was AIDS.

There was no 24-hour news cycle as there is now. There were no instant news blogging internet sites like there are now. Information dissemination moved snail-like compared to how fast we get news today. I remember folks were actually concerned they could contract (do you contract it?) AIDS by the bite of an infected mosquito. I even penned a column on it.

That AIDS is transmitted from mosquito to human was proven false, but a few facts were true.

1. Mosquitoes suck the blood of people.
2. Mosquitoes sometimes can pass on diseases to people.
3. Mosquitoes suck.

Not too many years ago, the West Nile Virus was the all the rage — and some folks got sick and even died because of a mosquito "bite."

It has been a super dry 2018 summer. Kinda' hot, too. The good thing, 'skeeters are not abundant and we haven't heard much about them in the press. Some years the suckers were out in force; other years there was nary a nibble. I remember I was rather bummed when, a few years ago, I learned of another "new" mosquito warning. State officials told us suckees living in Southeastern Michigan, to be on the lookout for symptoms of Eastern Equine Encephalitis

Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

virus (EEEV).

Does anybody ever hear about this any more? Or, are we just too absorbed with why The Prez hates all innocent life on the planet? Heck, we don't even talk about the Zika Virus these days and it was all the rage last year.

To remind you about EEEV, here is what the Centers of Disease Control (CDC) said in 2014.

"... transmitted to humans by the bite of an infected mosquito. Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) is a rare illness in humans, and only a few cases are reported in the United States each year. Most cases occur in the Atlantic and Gulf Coast states. Most persons infected with EEEV have no apparent illness. Severe cases of EEE (involving encephalitis, an inflammation of the brain) begin with the sudden onset of headache, high fever, chills, and vomiting. The illness may then progress into disorientation, seizures, or coma.

"EEE is one of the most severe mosquito-transmitted diseases in the United States with approximately 33% mortality and significant brain damage in most survivors.

"There is no specific treatment for EEE; care is based on symptoms. You can reduce your risk of being infected with EEEV by using insect repellent, wearing protective clothing, and staying indoors while mosquitoes are most active. If you think you or a family member may have EEE, it is important to consult your healthcare provider for proper diagnosis."

Here are some other things mosquitoes are good for: Chikungunya, Dengue Fever, La Crosse Encephalitis, Japanese Encephalitis, Malaria, St. Louis Encephalitis, Western Equine Encephalitis and Yellow Fever (not to mention annoying, itchy bumps and buzzing around my ears whilst I'm trying to sleep).

Do you know what was the first effective treatment for

malaria? Quinine. Do you know where you can find Quinine? Tonic water. While I am not a doctor, I recommend, at least for peace of mind, drinking lots of tonic water (add gin, if you so desire).

Here are some facts you may (or may not) want to know about skeeters.

■ Mosquitoes have successfully adapted to climates from the Arctic to the Equator.

■ Some mosquitoes prefer frogs, others mammals, still others birds.

■ No product, including mosquito traps, foggers, pesticides, Citronella candle, smoking coils or DEET, works equally well on every species of mosquito. (GREAT!)

■ They also transmit heartworms to cats and dogs.

■ Mosquitoes do not feed on blood. The female mosquito requires a blood meal for development of her eggs.

■ Mosquito adults feed on flower nectar, juices, and decaying matter for flight energy.

■ Mosquitoes don't see very well — they zoom in like a heat-seeking missile. In the spherical arrangement of their compound eyes, blind spots separate each eye from the next one. As a result, they can't see you until they are 30 feet away. Even then, they have trouble distinguishing you from any object of similar size and shape like a tree stump or 55-gallon drum. When they are close they use extremely sensitive thermal receptors on the tip of their antennae to locate blood near the surface of the skin. The range of these receptors increases threefold when the humidity is high.

■ There are over 170 species of mosquitoes in North America. Several species have been accidentally introduced from other parts of the world. The average life span of a female mosquito is three to 100 days. The male lives 10 to 20 days.

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Runners get ready to race at last year's Bucket Run. Photo provided

Bucket Run to support DRAW

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor
Runners can help fill DRAW's buckets with needed emergency supplies at the second annual Bucket Run, Sept. 7. DRAW, Disaster Relief At Work, named the 5K run/walk after the orange supply buckets their volunteers deliver to victims of natural disasters around the country. DRAW's first race last year came during a busy summer, said Greg Martin, director of the non-profit group.

"It was right after Harvey hit, and then Irma hit," Martin said. Volunteers spent nine weeks delivering emergency supplies and providing assistance in Houston, Texas, struck by the category 4 Hurricane Harvey, then went to Jacksonville, Fla., to help victims of Hurricane Irma. "We had a big outpouring of people coming out to run to help," Martin said. So far this year, DRAW responded to a tornado and flooding emergencies in Monroe and Houghton, as well as in Pennsylvania. "Flooding seems to be the thing this year," Martin said. "They've had over 14 inches of rain in three days (in eastern Pennsylvania) – a lot of homes underwater. Three local fire departments called to ask for supplies." They took a load of supplies down, enough to help 75-100 families, and may send

Talk of speed bumps on Holcomb

City Council is looking into speed humps or bumps on Holcomb Road to slow traffic through town. "It's essentially a residential neighborhood – it's time we put the safety of residents at the forefront here," said Council member Jason Kneise, who lives on Holcomb Road. "RCOC (Road Commission for Oakland County) isn't interested in our concerns. It's up to us to do something." A pedestrian was hit by a car and injured when crossing at the Holcomb and Washington intersection, July 17. Speed humps would cost from \$2,000 for a removable, polymer item to \$80,000 for a permanent installation made of cement. Other ideas under discussion include

another one, he said. All proceeds of the Bucket Run support these and future relief operations, he said. This year's run will have a new route and evening start time. Registration and check-in on race day, Friday, Sept. 7, starts at 5:30 p.m. at Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. The 5K race, laid out on a flat and fast course through residential areas, starts at 7 p.m. "We've had a good response so far. We had 109 last year. We're building on that this year," Martin said. "We'll have more of a party atmosphere. Lik Gelato Bar (a sponsor) will provide their frozen treats at the finish line." They may also offer coupons at the race to DRAW's new coffee shop, the Coffee Bucket, opening in early September by Airport Road in Waterford. The coffee shop will support on-call first responders so the group can have a paid staff always ready to go. They'll also have information and recruit runners and volunteers for the Clarkston State Bank Back Roads Half Marathon, coming up Nov. 11. DRAW is one of the half marathon's official charities this year, Martin said. Bucket Race registration is \$35, plus a \$3 online sign up fee. Price increases to \$40 after Aug. 31. To sign up, so to runsignup.com/Race/Events/MI/Clarkston/BucketRun5K.

more Oakland County Sheriff's patrols, costing about \$10,000/year; adding two electronic "your speed is" signs, \$3,200 each; and installing a mini roundabout at Washington, \$50,000-\$80,000. Changing Washington and Holcomb to a four-way stop would be opposed by the Road Commission for Oakland County, and a three-way stop would cause confusion and a false sense of security for pedestrians, said City Manager Jonathan Smith. Also, changing Surrey and Holcomb to a four-way stop was not recommended by the city engineer, city attorney, or Oakland County Sheriff, and could create false sense of security for pedestrians, Smith said. – Phil Custodio

Robbery suspect arrested

A 33-year-old Woodhaven man arrested for armed robbery in Wayne County last week is suspect number one in the armed robbery of the Subway restaurant at 6684 Dixie Highway in Independence Township.

He was arrested in Brownstown Township, July 25, after a short pursuit. He is suspected of robbing a Subway shop at gunpoint in Oakland Township on July 22. The robber wore a construction outfit with dust mask, escaping with about \$200 cash, a sandwich, and two cookies.

The Independence Township restaurant was robbed at 8:38 p.m., July 23. Video surveillance showed the robber was wearing a construction style outfit in this case also, with a dust mask partially covering his face.

The subject placed an order with the

clerk for a sandwich. As the clerk began to prepare the sandwich, the subject pulled out a semi-auto handgun and demanded the money from the register.

After taking the money from the register, the subject racked the weapon and ordered the clerk into the freezer. The suspect then exited the store and fled on foot with approximately \$200 to \$300 cash. His sandwich was left on the counter.

Three OCSO K-9 Units were called to the scene and tracked the suspect to the side of the business where a surveillance video from a nearby business showed the suspect fleeing in a white vehicle.

He was on parole for armed robbery, and is in custody in Wayne County. The case was turned over to the FBI Violent Crimes Task Force, where he could face federal charges.

Public Safety

For Clarkston and Independence Township

Disturbing the peace

An 18-year-old Farmington Hills man was cited for disturbing the peace after causing trouble at a DTE music theater concert, 8:59 p.m., July 21. He refused to follow deputies' instructions, grabbed people, screamed and yelled, and rammed his head against the police car window. He said he had been drinking rum, and preliminary breath test result was .274.

Warrant arrest

Deputies picked up a 35-year-old Independence Township man with an outstanding warrant out of White Lake Township at his home in the 6000 block of Snow Apple Drive, 9:34 a.m., July 21. He was turned over to White Lake Township police.

Outdoor fight

A 28-year-old White Lake man was cited for malicious mischief after getting into a fight with two men in the 5000 block of S. Ortonville Road, 1:35 a.m., July 22. The suspect's girlfriend said she was harassed by the two victims while inside the bar, and he assaulted them with closed fists when they went to the outdoor patio.

Misuse of 911

A 26-year-old Independence Township woman was cited for misusing 911 repeatedly, 10:24 p.m., July 23. She wanted deputies to take her to Common Ground. She was speaking rationally and did not complain of any issue causing her to be transported to the hospital or Common Ground. She was advised to call a taxi service or a caregiver.

Friend of the Court warrant

A deputy on patrol stopped a truck and trailer with no commercial license plate, 11:07 a.m., July 25, on Clarkston Road at Clintonville Road. The business owner was cited for allowing a person to drive without a medical certificate, no US DOT number, no fire extinguisher, no triangles, no truck or trailer annual inspection, and defective equipment for four lights out on the trailer. The driver, a 52-year-old Dearborn Heights man, was found with a Friend of the Court warrant out of the Third Circuit Court. He was jailed pending pickup by Wayne County.

Sheriff reelected

Oakland County Sheriff Michael J. Bouchard was recently reelected unanimously as vice president, government affairs chair of the of the Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA).

"I will continue to fight for public policies which support law enforcement and protects the public from the ever-evolving threats we face," Bouchard said. "In the future, I will continue to work with the current White House Administration and our federal partners to ensure these goals are met."

As VP and government affairs chair, his job is to work with the presidential administration and federal agencies on law enforcement issues and policy decisions.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know
INDEPENDENCE TWP.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That at its Regular meeting on July 24, 2018, the Charter Township of Independence Board of Trustees approved a second reading and adoption of an ordinance to amend certain provisions of the Independence Charter Township Code.

A true copy of this Ordinance is on file and available for inspection between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday at the Independence Township's Clerk's Office, 6483 Waldon Ctr. Dr., Clarkston, MI 48346 and available on the Township's website at: www.indtwp.com.

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF OAKLAND THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE ORDINANCE # 2018-11-001

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE INDEPENDENCE CHARTER TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 11, "COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT," ARTICLE II, "CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY," BY AMENDING SECTION 11-20, "CREATION OF AN AUTHORITY," IN ORDER TO AFFIRM AND CLARIFY THE NAME OF AND MANNER IN WHICH THE CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY MAY BE REFERENCED.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE ORDINANCES:

Section 1. ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.

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

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 July 24, 2018, and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law.

Ayes: Pallotta, Brown, Aliaga, Loughrin, Ritchie, Schroeder, Kittle

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

) ss.

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 July 24, 2018, the original of which is on file in my office.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

By: Barbara A. Pallotta, Clerk

Introduced: July 10, 2018

Published: July 18, 2018

Adopted: July 24, 2018

Published: August 1, 2018

Effective: August 1, 2018

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SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE JULY 24, 2018

- A. A Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Independence Township Hall
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Eden Diver and Gabriel Diver of Troop 1999.
- C. 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.

E. CLOSED SESSION / BUDGET SESSION / STUDY SESSION: None

F. BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Clerk Pallotta

G. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

H. PUBLIC HEARING:

- 1. 2nd Public Hearing: North Sashabaw Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project; Adoption of Resolution #5 Confirming Special Assessment Roll Sashabaw Road Sanitary Sewer Special Assessment District

I. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:

- 1. Report: Supervisor's Update - None

J. CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS: None

K. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Approval of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes of July 10, 2018
- 2. Approval of the July 17, 2018 Check Run (\$211,865.75), Ratify July 10, 2018 Payroll (\$311,585.36) and Ratify the June 2018 External Wire / EFT / ACH Transfer Activity (\$243,753.45)

L. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None

M. REGULAR BUSINESS:

- 1. Adoption of Resolution #5 Confirming Special Assessment Roll for the Sanitary Sewer Improvement Special Assessment District, Sashabaw Road Between Flemings Lake Road and Clarkston Road
- 2. Approval of 2nd Reading and Adoption of Ordinance - Chapter 11 - Community Development; Article II - Corridor Improvement Authority; Section 11-20
- 3. Approval of 1st Amendment - Waterford - Independence Sanitary Sewage Services Contract Approval of Interlocal Agreement - Independence Township / City of the Village of Clarkston - Clarkston M-15 Safety Path Connector
- 4. Approval of Emergency Purchase & Associated Budget Adjustment-Lake Oakland Woods VFD
- 5. Reappointment / Appointment Board and Committee Members - Safety Path Advisory Committee
- 6. Approval of Out-of-State Travel - 2018 National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Annual Conference
- 7. Appointment of Board and Committee Members - Senior Community Center Advisory Committee
- 8. Rescission of Purchase Offer and Approval of 2018 Budget Amendment #28 - Foreclosed Real Estate by Authority of Public Act 123 of 1999 - Motion Failed
- 9. Acceptance of Proposal and Approval of 2018 Budget Amendment #27 - IT Services / OnBase

N. COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / REPORTS:

- 1. Report: Building Department Monthly Report - June 2018
- 2. Report: Fiscal 2018 Actual to Budget Update for Period Ending June 30, 2018
- 3. Minutes: Election Commission - Final; November 1, 2016
- 4. Minutes: Information Technology Oversight Committee (ITOC) - Final; June 12, 2018

O. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None

P. ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC
Township Clerk

Published: Wednesday, August 1, 2018

Clarkston's Sporting News

Who is the next AOW?

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

Wolves tackle hunger

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The countdown is on as the fall season officially begins on Monday, Aug. 6. The Clarkston Football players are also preparing for another big day - the 21st Annual Rush for Food, Saturday, Aug. 18.

From 11:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., Clarkston Football players will go to neighborhoods and collect non-perishable food and toiletries for Lighthouse Emergency Services of Clarkston, off Dixie Highway.

Senior Garrett Arms is in his fourth year doing Rush for Food and still remembers his experience as a freshman as he sorted donations into boxes and learned about Lighthouse.

"It was cool to see how much we could do," he said. "It's cool because it's not just one grade level - it's all the grade levels. It's the seniors, juniors, sophomores and freshmen all together."

Through the last two years, he has collected from neighborhoods and witnessed how willing the community was to help out.

"When we went to houses it was nice to see the amount of people who donated," he said, adding almost everyone gave the players something. "It was pretty generous."

He added he enjoys helping the

community that comes out to see the Wolves play every Friday night.

"It's pretty cool," Arms said. "The things we do are above and beyond. I have gone to the same neighborhood the last two years in a row. I would say I know the people near the neighborhood I go to pretty well. We have a nice relationship with everyone which is super nice. It's really cool to form a connection with them, see where people are, and who supports the football team. It's cool how everyone knows each other."

The goal this year is to collect 8,000 pounds of goods as last year they collected over 7,600 pounds.

Signs will be placed in front of neighborhoods the football players collect from before the event.

You can also drop off donations at participating drop off locations including St. Daniel's Catholic Church, Mt. Zion, Clarkston Independence District Library, the clubhouse at Oakhurst Golf & Country Club and Neiman's Family Market.

Donations can be dropped off at Clarkston High School on registration day, Tuesday, Aug. 14.

Donations can be placed in a bag or box marked "Rush for Food."

Captain Jake Jensen discusses his experience in next week's edition.



Sophomores Harry Skinner and Brevin Stout unload bags of donations during last year's Rush for Food. *File photo by Wendi Reardon Price*

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Perfect pitching

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Dominic Scalzo is heating up the summer as he pitched a perfect game with the Waterford Outlaws 16U Black team in July.

"It was probably one of the greatest moments I had playing baseball," said the Clarkston High School senior about the achievement. "It was great to have my team there to back me up the whole game. It was a great experience overall."

Scalzo pitched a perfect game as the Outlaws took on the Waterford Outlaws 16U Red team at Rochester High School, July 17.



Dominic Scalzo readies to pitch with the Waterford Outlaws. *Photo submitted*

Scalzo and his teammates closed out the game in five innings with a 12-0 win. Scalzo had four strikeouts in the game.

"It was really a team effort getting me a perfect game," he said. "My defense really came out big in some tough situations."

He has pitched in about nine games for the Outlaws this summer. He added his pitches a lot with his summer team.

"It is pretty awesome," Scalzo said. "I go to my pitching coach Mark Avery and work on my pitching so I can help my summer team win."

The Outlaws 16U Black team finished the season in North Oakland Baseball Federation with a 8-3 win over the Oxford Wildcats, July 22.

They played two tournaments this summer and compete in two more before the season ends.

Scalzo began playing baseball when he was about five-years-old with T-Ball and has played ever since.

"Baseball is the sport I have always loved since I was a kid," he said. "Once I found out I had the gift of being a good ball player I just wanted to keep getting better and better."

He added he enjoys pitching.

"I like being in control of the game," Scalzo said. "It really helps me help my team out more when I am on the mound."

During the spring, he plays with the Clarkston Varsity Baseball team and usually plays second and third base.

"Playing in the summer helps me work on my craft and improve on things so I can help my high school team come spring time," he added.

His parents are Keith and Christine.

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Mason McClelland slides to home, scoring a run.

Ruling the 11-12 Boys league

The champions of the Independence Township Parks, Recreation and Seniors 11-12 Boys Baseball League celebrated their season.

The team, sponsored by Chase Plastics, won the league championship with a 11-2 record during the spring season.

They closed the season with a 3-1 win over the Bandits.

"It was a great season and the boys worked really hard," said Coach Dave

Murphy. "It was incredible to see the growth and improvement in every one of them. We are so proud."

The team is Max Beach, Daniel Blaine, Alex Brisse, Caleb Cummings, Scott Dobson, Skyler Farrar, Jacob Fielbrandt, Landon Hogan, Mason McClelland, Andy Murphy, Pierce Peruski, Zachary Torres, Zane Wilson, Ethan Zak with Coach Dave Murphy and Assistant Coach Bob Wilson.



The boys celebrate their win as they hold up their championship trophy.



The Independence Township Parks, Recreation and Seniors 11-12 Boys Championship team, sponsored by Chase Plastics. From left in back row, Assistant Coach Bob Wilson, Zane Wilson, Jacob Fielbrandt, Pierce Peruski, Caleb Cummings, Ethan Zak, Coach Dave Murphy; front row, Alec Brisse, Zachary Torres, Max Beach, Mason McClelland, Andy Murphy and Landon Hogan. Not pictured, Skyler Farrar, Scott Dobson and Daniel Blaine. Photos submitted



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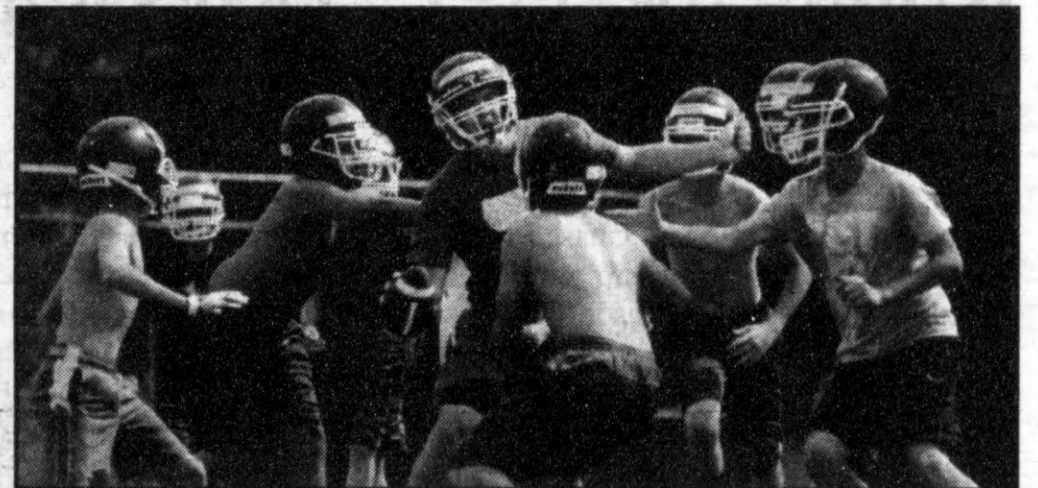
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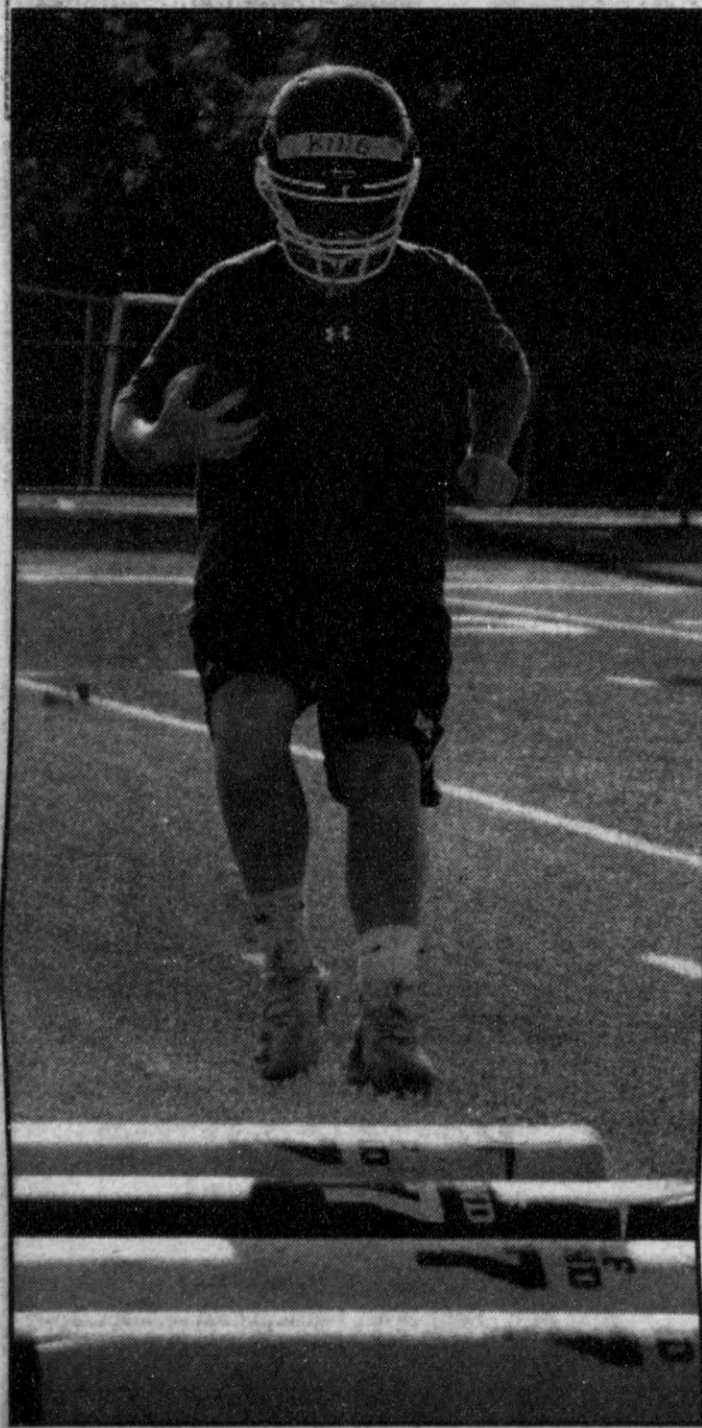
Boys practice throwing at the Clarkston Wolves Football Camp.



Defensive and offensive lines surround the ball carrier during one of the games last Thursday.

And so it begins...

Athletes at the Clarkston Wolves Football Camp, going into grades 6-9, worked on their skills while learning and receiving tips from Wolves Varsity Football Head Coach Kurt Richardson, coaches in the Clarkston Football program, current varsity players along with alumni.



Mason King quickly makes his jumps through the course.



Boys wait their turn as they prepare to run their quickest time through the obstacles.



HOW TIMES CHANGE: From left, former Clarkston State Bank employees Terry Tick, Barb Williams, Marty Wheeler, Ann Holmyard, Mary Ronk, and Rose Mayo check out their old workplace, now the Fed restaurant, during a visit for lunch, July 19. Wheeler was their branch manager from 1975-1985, long before the historic building was renovated into a stylish downtown eatery. The old vault, which was preserved along with other pieces from the bank and Clarkston history, seemed familiar. *Photo by Phil Custodio*

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There are many ways to donate!

Look for signs at the front of your neighborhood to see if we will stop by; or drop off at our participating drop off locations:
St. Dan's, Mt. Zion, Clarkston Library, Clarkston News, Oakhurst Club House, Nieman's Market and CHS on registration day (8/14).

Please leave your donations in a bag or box labeled "RUSH FOR FOOD"

Thank you for your continued support of the Clarkston Lighthouse, Clarkston community, and the Clarkston Wolves Football program.
 Questions contact: Erika Arms at arms_erika26@msn.com or Karen Nicklin at knicklin@gmail.com

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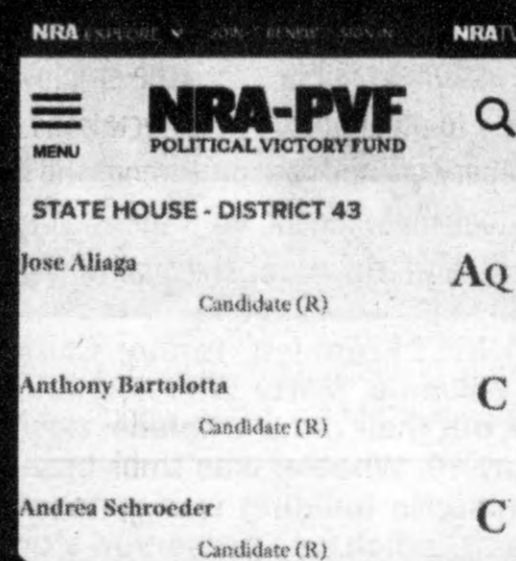
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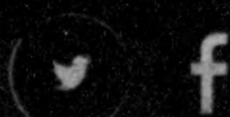
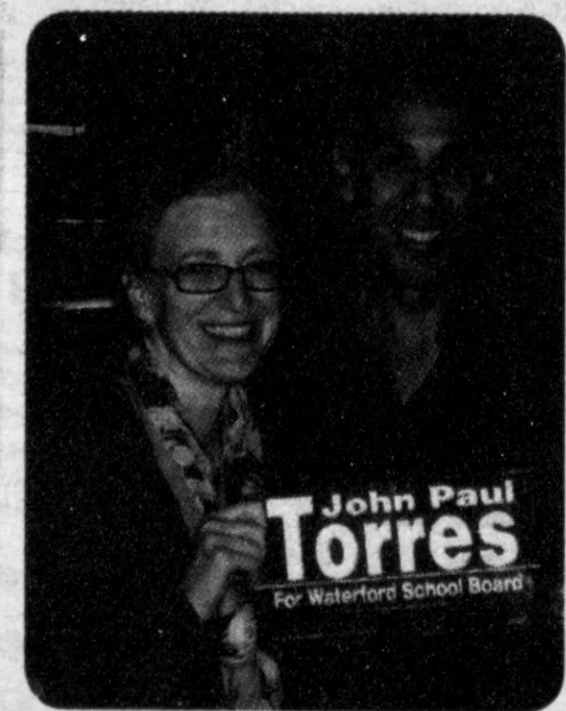
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Open Letter From Independence Township Resident Jose Aliaga

Dear Neighbors, Unfortunately, I feel a response is owed to clear up gross misrepresentation made of me by my opponent in the race for the right to represent you as the Republican candidate for Michigan's 43rd District of the House of Representatives.

My opponent talks about my former employer, the Department of Health and Human Services, without knowing anything about it. She makes assumptions and accusations based on limited, personal information which she should not have in the first place. Not all records in the State of Michigan are for public knowledge. Employment records are personal and private. A person truly concerned about our state and wishing to make our government better would, upon presumably receiving these records in email, as she claimed, focus on how the private records of state employees are being leaked. My opponent instead used it for personal gain. What a coincidence that these particular records just happened to be emailed to her.

So, let's talk about the DHHS.

Once again, she does not understand the problems our state faces. She sees a bad performance review and assumes fault lies with the employee. However, this is not always the case. It is quite easy to meet or exceed expectations in government work if you are willing to generate paperwork and care little about the details, putting quantity ahead of quality. I, however, took my work and my responsibility, both to my clients and to the taxpayers, very seriously. My focus was on the quality of work, not quantity. I did the best I could with what I had, as did my colleagues.

The software the state provided for us to use is far from the best. It was designed to handle 400 cases per worker, but each case worker currently does the workload of at least 2 people. This has led to many system problems and costly updates. The State of Texas warned us against using the system, but state policy required us to take the lowest bid. As a result, we got what was cheapest in the short-run with no real consideration of future costs. So, already, you have overworked staff and inadequate tools.

Then, doing the job properly means taking the time to check for fraud, not just rubber-stamping everything. This is not always easy to do. Stronger laws aimed at cutting waste and fraud could actually help, but, for now, we do what we can. It seems my opponent would prefer we simply hand out money without concern as that is what it would take to do what she implies. Is she not concerned about fraud? Does she not understand not all who apply for welfare genuinely need or are qualified to receive it? Would she rather run the state into debt in order to look like we're helping? What then? Raise taxes to cover the rising cost?

Welfare is meant to be temporary assistance, not a way of life or easy money. Many honest, hardworking people need that help. I want to help them, but I also want people to work and not to live off of the taxes paid by Michigan families. So, I try to be true to my job and my responsibility. I try to help those in need. Of course, not all who apply are approved and many who were denied were trying to cheat the system, to cheat the government, cheat you and me. That won't stop them from complaining about the one who denied their request.

This is a problematic system I have seen first-hand. I want to go to Lansing to clean up the messes, help the people and make life better for all. I have always done my best in all my work and I promise to do so in Lansing.

I ask everyone to use their own best judgment and look into the past of all of us candidates for the 43rd District, and you will find that I am true to my word. I humbly ask for everyone's support on August 7, if you believe in Honesty, Integrity, Revoking the Pension Tax, Lowering Auto insurance, stopping Sanctuary Cities.

Regardless who wins the Primary election, I felt compelled to write you. I have worked hard at becoming an American citizen and my reputation in my community is something I needed to defend.



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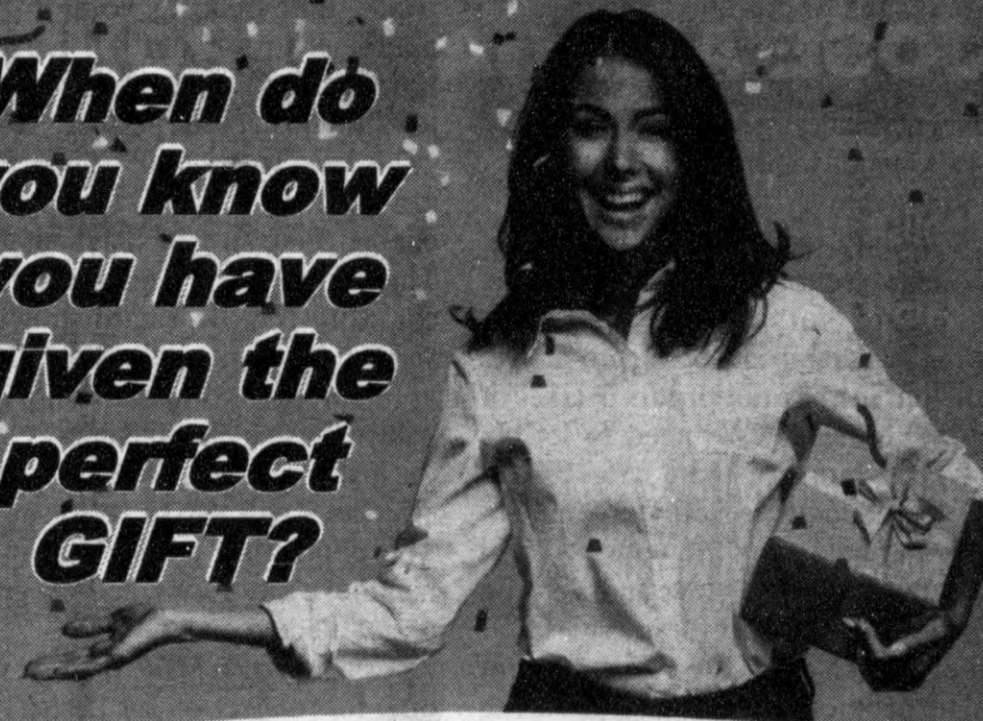
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Businessman challenges Bishop

Lokesh Kumar of Lansing, 54, an automotive manufacturing business owner living 18 years in district, is running for the U.S. House of Representatives District 8 to protect our values, he said.

"This race is about ordinary Americans taking a stand against career politicians who do nothing for us," Kumar said. "People want a federal government that works and a better America for our children. Big government has become wasteful and self serving. While the world races ahead, we are going backwards. We cannot go on living like this."

Top issues include reducing income tax to 15 percent, make government smaller, make more in America to bring back long-term growth and opportunity, reduce cost of healthcare, protect social security; and live and let live.

He would solve these issues by providing leadership and being pro-active.

"Half our income disappears in taxes of all types," he said. "We need to let tax payers keep more of their hard earned money, by reducing wasteful government projects and balancing the budget. I will actively promote this view and vote on spending bills that meet these criteria."

Where ever possible, government needs to promote local manufacturing without hurting it, he said.

"I'll work with manufacturers and township officials to setup manufacturing plants in the district," he said. "Make it easy and cost effective for manufacturers to operate. Reducing cost of operation and time to market will also allow manufacturers to become viable long-term exporters."

Also, help reduce cost of operating healthcare by removing costly and protectionist policies for this industry, he said.

"Government needs to be out of primary

healthcare, but continue to provide Medicare," he said. "The healthcare and drug industries need less protectionism, more competition, and easy entry for new players. This will create market potential and result in major savings for consumers. I will work to limit new drug patent duration from 20 years to 5 years, and require unique inventions not minor variants. I will protect social security because it is a contract with the American people."

His vision is pro-second amendment, no handouts, back to principles, lower taxes, and smaller government.

"I have a lifetime of experience in business, manufacturing, international trade, and making something out of nothing. Most of all I'll listen to you, and hold quarterly meetings in every county to talk with you in person," Kumar said. "This year voters have a choice they have not seen in a generation. There is a challenger to an establishment incumbent. The choice is very easy for voters. You can vote for the establishment and be served the same stale dish. Or you can vote for me, someone who stands for values, fresh ideas, and energy to give you the leadership you deserve. In the general election, it will also be very easy for voters. The opposition party is promising free handouts, more laws, and big government to get elected."

Congressman **Mike Bishop**, who is running for re-election for District 8, did not respond to questions.

Elected to Congress in 2016, his platform includes tax reform to build jobs and the economy, protecting the Great Lakes, pipeline safety, curbing opioids, improving education through more local control, making college more affordable, defending values including the Second Amendment, pro-life, strong immigration enforcement, and religious freedom, and protecting our kids. He previously served in the Michigan Senate and House of Representatives.



Kumar

Democrat unopposed for state house nomination

Nicole Breadon, 46, is running unopposed for the Democratic nomination for the 43rd District, Michigan House of Representatives. Breadon is a community organizer living in the Clarkston area from 1974-1990 and 2007-present, 27 years total.

"I graduated from Clarkston High School in 1990 when Michigan was one of the top 10 states in the country for education. Now Michigan falls in the bottom 10," she said. "Our roads are a disaster and are in perhaps the worst shape in the modern history of Michigan. The American Society of Civil Engineers gave Michigan a D- grade for the roads. I'm running to properly fund our public schools, our roads and to improve the lives of the residents of District 43."



Breadon

There's a growing shortage of teachers in Michigan due to declining salaries and the threatening of teachers' benefits packages including pensions and health insurance, she said.

"There are 5,000 fewer certified teachers than 14 years ago and enrollment to teacher education programs have declined," she said.

In January 2018, School Finance Research Collaborative released a comprehensive, evidence-based guide to what Michigan schools

need to succeed.

"I will work with those on both sides of the aisle to improve the lives of students, staff and educators," she said.

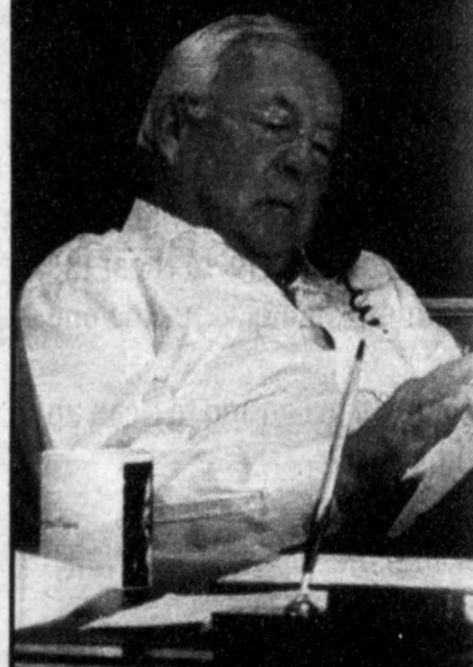
The average tax payer spends approximately \$700 a year in maintenance and repairs on their car.

"The inconvenience and cost of the repairs is affecting our quality of life and so many are struggling financially just to keep their cars on the road," she said. "I support changing the current formula of county road funding to something more equitable. I also support tightening accountability to those businesses that build our roads and get a guaranteed product. We have one of the worst truck-weight laws in the country and allow twice the weight than federal regulations. Businesses that share the road with us need to pay their fair share of road maintenance costs."

She will be an inclusive voice and will represent everyone that lives in this district, she said.

"I'm a mom of two boys with special needs and know firsthand the struggle that families face in this situation," she said. "I'm a former small business owner and I know how to balance a budget, make tough decisions and work with others to get the job done. I have deep roots in this community and I'm committed to improve the quality of life for all citizens of District 43."

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Four vie for Republican bid for 12th District state senator

Two sitting state representative and two challengers are running for the Republican nomination for state senator, 12th District, a four-year term, in the Aug. 7 primary.

Mike McCready of Bloomfield Township, 57, has lived in the greater Bloomfield area most of his life, serving as 40th District state representative, Bloomfield Hills City Commission member, and principal at McCready & Associates, a furniture manufacture's representative, in operations since 1991.

"I am running for the 12th Senate district because I want to continue serving my community and making Michigan a better place to live and raise a family. Michigan has come a long way since the great recession and I want to ensure that our state continues on the path that we are on," McCready said.



McCready

Top issues include getting Oakland County's road fixed, lower auto insurance rates, and preparing students for the modern workforce.

"The roads are in terrible shape. I support prioritizing existing excess revenue towards infrastructure as well as taking a thorough review of the budget to find additional dollars for road repair. I also support reforming Act 51, the formula used to distribute road repair dollars across Michigan, ensuring Oakland County gets its fair share," he said.

For years residents have been plagued by ever increase auto insurance rates, he said.

"I support making needed reforms to the system, such as establishing a fraud authority and reducing the amount of uninsured driving, while preserving the benefits our current system provides," he said.

Too many students are not graduating with the skills needed to be contributing members of our communities, he said.

"I will work to ensure our students are equipped with the skills they need whether they seek higher education from a university, community college or a vocational training

center," he said.

Voters should select him for the 12th Senate District because of his professional and political experience, as well as his dedication to serving the community, he said.

"Also I am the only candidate who has focused on the issue of getting Michigan roads fixed and reducing auto insurance rates from the beginning," he said.

Vernon Molnar of Auburn Hills, 64, has been a resident of the district for 30 years.

His top issues include fixing the roads, lowering taxes, and building Michigan tourism.

"Our roads need help and I have the professional expertise to provide it. I'd like to get on the transportation committee and get our roads into shape," Molnar said.

He would also unwind gasoline taxes in Michigan.

"Just make one uniform tax and have it all directed toward roads," he said. "As far as tourism, there's just a multitude of things we could do to improve tourism in the Great Lakes. We should just explain it more and get more tourists here."

Molnar has 30 years of experience in heavy construction, is a supporter of President Donald Trump, and has never been elected to public office, he said.

"I'm not part of the swamp. I'm just somebody new with fresh ideas," Molnar added.

Jim Tedder of Clarkston, 49, is serving as state representative for District 43 and is an 18 year resident of Senate District 12.

"I am running to make Michigan better for everyone. I'm proud to call Northern Oakland County my home. This is where I was born, where I chose to raise my family, and where I've run my small business. There's still plenty of work to do, but I look forward to continuing to be a proven leader that provides results," Tedder said.

His top issues are standing up for taxpayers, fixing roads without raising taxes, and limiting the size of government.

"Government must live within its means,



Molnar

just like families are forced to do. As chair of the House Tax Policy Committee, I have led the fight to repeal the Granholm 'temporary' tax increase on hard-working families. I will continue this effort and always look for ways to put money back in taxpayers' pockets," he said.

We need to ensure better quality construction and dedicate additional funding to repair our deteriorating roads with money we already have, he said.

"While other politicians try to claim they can't serve taxpayers and fix our roads, I am demanding we stop the excuses and make the tough decisions," he said.

He is a small business owner, so he knows the importance of saving money and time.

"I will continue my work to eliminate job-killing regulations and fight any attempt by Lansing bureaucrats to add more burdensome rules on businesses in our community," he said.

He has had seven bills signed into law during 2017-2018 alone and is always accessible to those he serves.

"I take being a public servant seriously and pride myself on getting results for the communities I serve," he said. "Northern Oakland County deserves a state senator that follows through on promises and doesn't just say what they need to get elected. It is my hope voters recognize my record of hard work, transparency and results and give me the opportunity to continue these as their state senator."

Terry Whitney of Clarkston, 42, has lived in the district for 22.5 years.

"In the fall of 2014, I had dinner after a Republican meeting with our current state representative, Jim Tedder. He flat out said he was against the proposed gas tax hike being discussed. We all know in spring 2015 both of my opponents Jim Tedder and Mike McCready, voted to increase the gas and vehicle taxes," Whitney said. "I was raised with a simple phi-

losophy, honor your word, and set out to do what you believe is right. I believe all of us in Michigan are overburdened by taxes, and I am tired of seeing our state decline while representatives like Tedder and McCready vote for special interests while the rest of us are left to shoulder the burden."

Top issues include roads and infrastructure; tax relief by abolishing the senior pension tax and income tax, and repealing the 2015 gas and vehicle registration fee hike; auto insurance rates; transparency in government and accounting; and abolishing sanctuary cities and criminally prosecuting those that aid and abet illegal immigrants.

"We are going to properly fund our roads and infrastructure with the estimated \$4 billion a year it would take to fund it," he said. "We are going to audit the states processes for business automation and process efficiency. States such as Texas and Florida have done this saved billions of dollars each year. We are going to cut the horrible pension tax, income tax and repeal the 2015 vehicle registration fee and gas taxes."

Michigan pays the highest insurance rates in the nation. Whitney would like to adopt policies from Maine, which has the lowest auto insurance in the nation, which rewards good drivers with lower auto insurance fees and criminally prosecutes those who drive uninsured.

"I will author a bill that makes it a felony for any state, or local resource to go to those involved in illegal immigration with mandatory prison sentences and hefty fines," he said.

Whitney is self-funding his race.

"I am not beholden to any special interest group," he said. "I am tired of watching my neighbors and community suffer under the abusive tax and spend policies of Lansing. I am tired of the litany of broken promises by career politicians. If people want a business leader with solutions and integrity, one willing to fight for them, then I humbly ask for hiring me for the next four years to solve the problems we all face put upon us by Lansing."



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Democrat hopefuls look to ride Blue wave to victory

Two candidates hope to face off against incumbent Congressman Mike Bishop in November, but first, one must emerge with the Democratic nomination in the Aug. 7 primary.

Elissa Slotkin of Holly, 42, is a former acting assistant secretary of defense who grew up in Oakland County and spent her early life on the family farm in Holly, where she lives today.

"I believe the current tenor and tone of our politics is fundamentally unbecoming of the country I served, and the country we all love," Slotkin said. "In my 14 years in national security, serving under both Republican and Democratic administrations, no one ever asked me what party I was from because we were focused on the mission of protecting U.S. forces and the U.S. homeland. I believe now more than ever, we need mission-focused leaders in Congress who will put partisan politics aside and focus on getting things done for Michiganders — and that's why I started thinking about running for Congress."

The issue ultimately motivating her to run was healthcare.

"My mom died in 2011 of ovarian cancer after struggling to afford coverage for years since she had a 'pre-existing condition' after having survived breast cancer as a young mom," she said. "When I saw our current representative, Rep. Mike Bishop, celebrating after voting to repeal the Affordable Care Act, something just broke for me. He hadn't held had one real town hall, or conversation with doctors, nurses, or constituents about how it would affect them. I decided to get in the race because I believe we need a Congress that's accountable and focused on improving people's lives, not scoring political points in a way that hurts people here."

Top priorities would be to lower the cost of healthcare and prescription drugs, fix crumbling roads and water infrastructure, and curb the corrosive influence of money on politics.

"I believe all people deserve access to healthcare they can afford, and how we achieve that goal is our generation's principal challenge

to solve. To lower costs, I would create a buy-in to Medicare. If people can get good coverage for a decent price, people will flock to it. I would also work to lower the cost of prescription drugs, particularly by allowing Medicare to buy drugs in bulk. This could create competition and bring down prices for everyone," she said.

The need to fix our roads and improve our infrastructure is one of the common threads that binds all Michiganders together, regardless of party., she said.

"If elected, I will fight for a once-in-a-generation investment in our roads and water infrastructure," she said.

People feel their representatives have been bought and sold by special interests, and are more focused on those priorities, rather than the people they represent, she said.

"That is why I have decided not to accept corporate PAC money, as I wanted to make it crystal clear who I was fighting for. I have also committed within my first year in office to work on campaign finance reform legislation," she said.

When serving in Iraq, they were laser-focused on achieving the mission at hand.

"While our team could disagree on strategy and approach, we sat around a table, worked through those issues and options, and came up with a plan," Slotkin said. "The stakes were just too high to kick the can down the road on tough issues. I believe that our elected representatives in Congress should take the same approach. There are so many issues where our Congress should be working together to help solve real problems, like lowering prescription drug costs. And while there may be issues of disagreement between the parties, leaders have a responsibility to do their jobs — to get in a room, find the common ground, and force compromise in the name of progress. That's what I will do if elected, just as I have always done in my national security roles."

She has spent her career in national security, serving under both Democratic and Republican administrations, including directly for President Bush and President Obama.

"I know what it means to put politics aside, put your head down, and get to work," she said.

Chris Smith of East Lansing, 60, is a professor of criminal justice at Michigan State University, and resident for 23 years.

"We need a new representative in Congress who will focus on problem solving and the needs of individuals and families in the 8th district," Smith said. "Too often today, we see Political Action Committees use their campaign contributions to dictate decisions in Congress that favor the interests of corporations and the wealthy while ignoring pressing problems affecting people's lives today and in the future."



Smith

His experience in teaching public policy and law for more than 30 years, including the past 24 years at MSU, prepared him to bring a problem-solving approach to Congress, he said.

"We need to use our knowledge of science and research-evidence to address problems, rather than having policy decisions to score political points or advance an ideology," he said.

Top issues are health care, infrastructure and environment, and education and job training.

"I am the only candidate who advocates Medicare for all. Every one American should have guaranteed access to the health care they need, just as we see in so many other industrialized democracies around the world. Health care affects many aspects of people's lives, including their ability to work, to focus on child rearing, to focus on education, and to pursue career advancement," he said.

We need significant investments in roads, water systems, electrical systems, and a move toward renewable energy, he said.

"I am the only candidate to say that there should be no pipelines under the Great Lakes. Michigan has a sacred responsibility to protect the significant portion of the world's water that surrounds us and is within our borders," he said. "We should not accept any risks of catastrophic events that might spoil our fresh water, endanger public health, and devastate our tourism industry."

We need greater investments in education at all levels, from Pre-K through universities, he

said.

"We must improve accessibility, affordability, and quality. The federal government can assist with funding and programs to equalize educational opportunities in our system of separate and often unequal local school systems. I advocate following the lead of states that now offer free community college and technical training," he said.

Free community college will also help future cohorts avoid some of the problem of student loan debt affecting many people today.

"I was making student loan payments until I was 40 so I understand this burden. We need a low fixed rate for student loan interest rates, centralized non-profit, government loan administration, and greater opportunities for student loan forgiveness," Smith said.

His life experience growing up in Michigan combined with his professional experience teaching law and public policy for more than 30 years provide him with a strong background to understand the problems facing people in the Eighth District as well as the problem-solving skills to use research evidence to address these problems, he said.

"I am different from others who run for political office. I have made a commitment to be forthright, clear, and honest about my policy positions," he said. "I fear no question and avoid no audience. Our current representative in Congress will not hold town halls to listen to his constituents' concerns. In my view, it is a central responsibility of members of Congress to listen to constituents, including those who present criticism and disagreements."

While other candidates fly around the country to fundraising events sponsored by Political Action Committees, he stayed in the district to hold 12 open town hall events, including at least two in each of the district's three counties, he said.

"If we want politics to be different, then we need candidates who will do things differently," he said. "My experience and my commitment to being independent and responsive make me especially well-prepared and qualified to represent the Eighth District in Congress."

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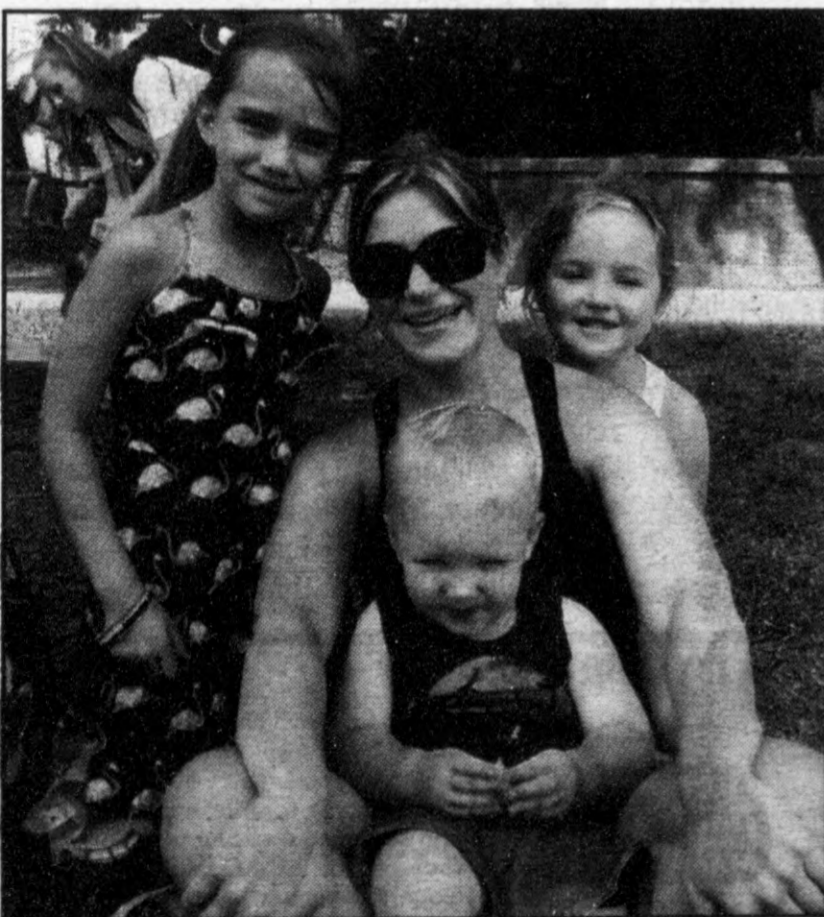
Lori Hall, Caroline Riddock, Meghan Riddock, Charlotte Riddock, Andrew Shipp and Mallory Shipp enjoy Harmony in the Park.



Joyce Pennycoff, Sofia, Jett Robbins and Jill Robbins visit the park. Photos by Serena Stauffer



Music Man Dave performs for the kids in Depot Park. Photos by Serena Stauffer



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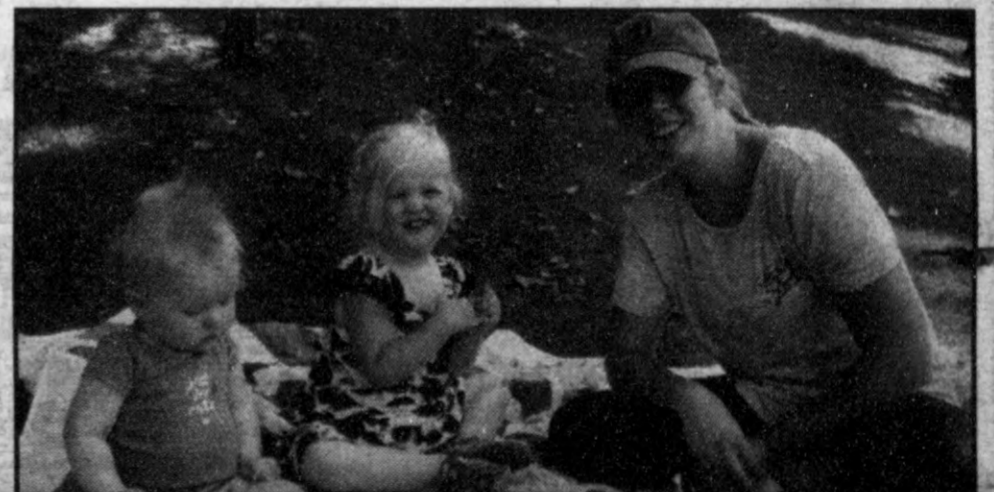
Clarkston Cultural Arts and Clarkston Conservatory of Music's Kindermusik are hosting Harmony in the Park in Depot Park.

The free summer concert series features the Children's Theatre of Michigan on Wednesday, Aug. 9; and The Candy Bandits on Wednesday, Aug. 23. Concerts are

10:30-11:30 a.m. at the gazebo.

Singing and dancing are encouraged, as well as make-and-take an instrument, sponsored by Clarkston Area Optimist Club and Goldfish Swim School of Clarkston.

For more information, check clarkstonarts.org/events.



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Events

Rummage sale by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit #63, 8047 Ortonville Road, Aug. 2-3, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Aug. 4, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Donations accepted. 248-625-9912.

Free Summer Soccer Camp, Aug. 6-8, 9 a.m.-p.m., K5-6th grade, Oakland Woods Baptist Church, 5628 Maybee Road, lunch, snack provided. Register, www.OaklandWoodsChurch.com/Soccer-Camp.

Music Camp for Kids, Aug. 8-10, 4-6 p.m., First Congegational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. Free, ages 4-12. Introduction to instruments, rhythm and singing; 7 p.m. concert, Friday. Instruction by Glen Holcomb of Flint Institute of Music. 248-394-0200.

Golf Outing for Hero Foundation, White Lakes Oaks, Aug. 25, 8:30 shotgun start. \$100/person w with carts, food before and after, skins, contests, 50-50, raffles, prizes. Al Knake, 248-674-0051, allanknake@att.net; Katie Larsen 248-840-0238.

Monday

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.

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

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

Clarkston Area Coin Club, second Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 5464 Waterford Road. 248-345-8555.

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

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

Around Town

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



Volunteers get to work at the spring Community Impact Weekend. Photo provided

Sign up projects for Impact Weekend

The next Community Impact Weekend by My Habitat Clarkton is months away, but now is the time to sign up projects for low-income, elderly, veteran or disabled community members and their families.

They need time to review and coordinate resources for large projects, such as concrete repair, eaves clean-up and repair, shingle repair, major plumbing issues, and heating-cooling improvements.

"We need to find the larger projects before Labor Day so they can be assessed and planned for prior to November," said

Julie Nemeth of My Habitat Clarkston.

The next Community Impact Weekend will be on Nov. 3-4.

Community Impact Weekend is held twice a year in northern Oakland County and consists of nearly 1,000 volunteers serving their neighbors and non-profits, working under Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County.

For more information, contact Calvary Lutheran Church, 248-625-3288, or Clarkston Community Church, 248-625-1323. Check www.impact-weekend.org.

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Clarkston News' Coffee Club business networking, 7:30-9 a.m., Clarkston United Meth-

odist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Free. Facebook.com/coffeeclubmi, and www.clarkstoncoffeeclub.com.

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

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

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 Jackie Fromm, 248-425-4095.

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.

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

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.

Free yoga with Yoga Oasis, 9:30-10:30 a.m., July 28, Clarkston Farmers Market. Bring mat and water. Donations go to Sanctum House.

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 to check for potential vision problems. Immediate results. 248-625-2212.

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Religion

Events Preaching

Turn to God to beat anxiety

A motivational speaker on stress management illustrated a point by raising a large cup and asking: "How heavy is this glass of water?"

The audience called out answers ranging from 1/2 to 5 pounds. The speaker replied, "I don't really know the precise weight, but in this case it is not the weight that really matters. How heavy it is depends on how long you try to hold it.

Spiritual Matters



Pastor Jonathan Heierman

"For example, if I hold it for a minute, that's easy. If I hold it for an hour, my arm will certainly ache. But if I try to hold it up for a whole day I might collapse. In each case, the glass is the same weight.

"However the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes. And so it is with our stress. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, the burdens will become increasingly heavy and we won't be able to carry them. When that happens, as with the glass of water, we have to put them down or something even worse will likely happen."

We certainly are living in anxious and stressful times. But that does not mean that we have to live as weighed down or stressed out people.

That is, if we can find a way to set our burdens down for awhile without simply avoiding or denying them, and have life restored to us.

There are many good stress management tools and techniques to help us deal with worry and anxiety and depression.

Getting exercise and a good diet certainly can help a lot with stress, as does getting good sleep.

Finding others for support, such as in a faith community, is also very important. We were never meant to carry our stress and burdens alone. God made us to be "better together."

I believe that stressful times in our lives also call for us to trust God more and turn to faith.

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30 NRSV)

Or as this passage appears in The Message: "Are you tired? Worn out? Even burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life.

"I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."

Jesus does not offer us a religion with more burdens and stress.

Rather Jesus offers us a life-giving relationship based on God's grace and unconditional love. He desires to share with us an eternal perspective and a way of living today consistent with God's purpose and plan.

Our stress does not magically go away nor are our problems all immediately solved when we give them to God. But we do get a rest from them, and we do regain our confidence and hope as we realize we are not carrying the weight of the world by ourselves, and that ultimately everything is in God's hands.. As the old gospel song reminds us:

He's got the whole world in His hands...

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He's got the sun and the rain in His hands...

He's got the rivers and the mountains in His hands...

He's got you and He's got me in His hands...

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The Rev. Jonathan Heierman is pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church

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• Death notices & • Obituaries

Charles Biggs, 51

Charles "Jeff" Biggs of Orchard Lake, formerly of Clarkston, passed away July 25, 2018, at age 51.

He was the husband of Angela; brother of Sherry (Dan) Schell and Diane (Mike) McDonald; uncle of Kim (Mike) Bolling, Christopher (Veronica) Bonhamgregory, Cindy (Rodney) Brown, Mickey (Amanda) McDonald and Nathaniel Bonham; survived by many great nieces and nephews and family members; preceded in death by parents Charles and Helen.

Jeff retired from Waterford Police Department and worked as a school liaison officer at Pierce Middle School.

Visitation was July 29 at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Private graveside service at Lakeview Cemetery at a later date. Memorials may be made to Michigan Humane Society. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Sandra Morales, 73

Sandra Lee Morales of Clarkston passed away July 25, 2018, at age 73.

She was the loving mother of Miranda (Mark) Clancy; grandmother of Marissa and Michael. She was preceded in death by her husband Hector, parents Howard and Bea Ward, son Jeffery, sisters Jean Frances Flores and Mary Kay Graham. She was also survived by niece Kimberly (Tom) Lockard and their children; nephews Chris (Kim) Flores and his son and Matt Graham; brother in law Sydney Graham; loving friend Deborah Turner; and companion Albert Castello.

Visitation was July 31 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Private Inurnment at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the ASPCA. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Obituaries
posted daily at
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Linda Elaine Robertson, 72

Linda Elaine Robertson of Clarkston passed away July 24, 2018, at age 72.

She was the loving mother of Christopher (Kristina) Houston; grandmother of Claire Elizabeth Houston; sister of Brian (Karen) Howe; sister-in-law of Barbara Howe, and aunt to several nieces and nephews; preceded in death by her parents Ernest and Evelyn Howe and brother, Ronald Howe.

Linda was a long-time member at Clarkston United Methodist Church and embraced her love of music by singing in the choir. She had a soft spot in her heart for Cairn Terriers and not only fostered many in her home as a volunteer with the Colonel Potter Cairn Rescue Network but adopted several; her "fur kids."

A visitation will be held at the Clarkston United Methodist Church on Monday, Aug. 6, from 4-8 p.m. On Tuesday, Aug. 7, Clarkston United Methodist will host a visitation at 10 a.m. with a memorial service immediately following at 11 a.m.

Memorials may be made to Col. Potter Cairn Rescue Network and the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. Arrangements entrusted to **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com

Jennifer Stark, 74

Jennifer (Clark) Stark, a longtime resident of Clarkston, died peacefully at home surrounded by her family on July 28, 2018 at the age of 74.

She was born in Surrey, England, on Aug. 5, 1943, and immigrated to the United States in January, 1949, with parents John and Rosalie and siblings Peter, Patricia and Susan. Her sister, Elizabeth, was born in the U.S. Jennifer grew up in Pontiac, Mich., and graduated from Pontiac Central High School in 1961.

She became a U.S citizen when she was 18. She married Fred Stark on Dec. 7, 1963, and they made their home in Clarkson in 1965, where they raised their four children, Jeffrey, Amy, Matthew and Melissa.

Jennifer was a member of St. Trinity EV Lutheran church.

Her current favorite song was Vince Gill's "Look At Us."

Services will be held privately. For further information, phone **Lynch & Sons**, Milford 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchandSonsMilford.com



Students achieve success

Clarkston students recognized for exceptional academic achievement at Albion College in 2018 included:

Elaina Braunschweig, Dean's List. Braunschweig graduated this semester, receiving a degree in German and economics and management with a minor in international area studies. She is the daughter of Doug and Pam Braunschweig of Clarkston and is a graduate of Clarkston High School;

Zachary Brueck, Dean's List honors for 3.5 or above GPA, majoring in English, creative writing emphasis, and is a member of the Prentiss M. Brown Honors Program. Brueck is the child of John and Veronica Brueck of Davisburg and a graduate of Clarkston High School;

Matthew Bur was named a new Albion College Fellow, honored for maintaining a 3.7 GPA for three consecutive semesters. Bur is majoring in biology education and minoring in psychology education with a concentration in the secondary education program. He is the son of Bradford and Donna Bur of Clarkston and is a graduate of Notre Dame Prep;

Adrianna Fay, Dean's List, graduated this semester, receiving a degree in psychology with a minor in sociology and a concentration in human services. Fay is the daughter of Lloyd and Norma Fay of Clarkston;

Sophie Neale, Dean's List, is a sophomore, daughter of Simon and Vanessa Neale of Davisburg and graduate of Clarkston High School; and

Dylan Perry, Dean's List, majoring in biology and is a member of the Institute for Healthcare Professions. Perry is the child of Jane Perry of Clarkston and is a graduate of Clarkston High School.

Clarkston students named to the Grand Valley State University Dean's List for the Winter 2018 semester, with at least 3.5 grade point averages, include **Kelly Arndt; Olivia Baker; Ian Baron; Andrew Benedict; Landri Berman; Haley Biondo; Riley Budzinski; Elise Cameron; Briana Crist; Kathryn Culver; Rachel Darin; Ariana Deherder; Madeleine Dunckley; Kiley Ferer; Dana Ferrand; Megan Genslak; Stacey Goebel; Francesca Golus; Meghan Gruebna; Danielle Hart; Kyle Harvey; Hannah Hooton; Johnathon Hubert-McLennan; Kalei Hubert McLennan; Cierra Levering; Emily Luettk; Sadie Makuch; Seth Miller; Lindsay Myers; Shannon Napier; Alaina Norrito; Kerriann O'Connor; Mitchell Piazza; Jessica Poland; Jesse Reitz; Alexa Reynolds; Bryan Seguin; Shannon Seguin; Jessica Slayton; Nicholas Smart; Jackson Stowe; Nicholas Surovec; Carly Sutkiewicz; Christian Uhlig; Jake Vanderheyden; Brianna Vaughn; Margaret Warner; Michael Whiting; Darius Youngblood; and Morgan Zubalik.**

Clarkston students graduating from Grand Valley State University last April included **Haley Biondo, BBA; Mackenzie Boston, BSW; Gavin Butler, BBA; Andrew Campbell, MBA; Stacey Goebel, BS; Francesca Golus, BS; Megan Hanselman, BBA; Danielle Hart, BBA; Kelsie Ihm, BBA; Courtney Kennedy, BS; Zachary Miskowski, BFA; Lindsay Myers, BME; Shannon Napier, BS; Garrett Polish, BBA; Alexander Propson, BBA; Jordan Ruggeri, BBA; Nicholas Seguin, BBA; Brandon Shefcyk, BSN; Nicholas Smart, BS; Stephen Stawara, BS; Kimberly Suran, BS; Nicholas Surovec, BBA; Brianna Vaughn, BBA; Samantha Wesley, BBA; and Morgan Zubalik, BS.**

Dylan Rosen of Clarkston graduated from SUNY Canton with the Class of 2018. Rosen majored in Finance.

Makayla Tuomi of Clarkston was named to the University of Wisconsin-Madison Dean's List for the spring semester. Tuomi is a student in the School of Education.

Jacob M. Kersten of Clarkston was named to the Wichita State University dean's honor roll for spring 2018, earning at least a 3.5 GPA.

Victoria Caine of Clarkston graduated with a MS-Nutrition from East Carolina University during spring commencement exercises May 4 in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

Luke Rodgers of Clarkston was named to the Dean's List at Endicott College for spring 2018, obtaining at least a 3.5 GPA. He is a junior majoring in Sport Management and is the son of Jim Rodgers and Laura Rodgers.

Jacob Klausmeier of Clarkston, a senior in Secondary Education, Broad Field Science, was named to the Concordia University Spring Honors List for the 2017-2018 academic year, achieving at least a 3.60 GPA.

Martha Steupert of Clarkston, who graduated from the International Academy - West Campus in 2017, attends the Honors College at the Marshall School of Business, at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. This is her second semester of achieving Dean's List Status.

Amber Hallmann of Clarkston graduated with a BA degree, majoring in Marketing, from Miami University during spring commencement, May 19.

Jonathan Harrity of Clarkston, a graduate of Troy High School majoring in music education and instrumental performance, was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2018 semester at Baldwin Wallace University, receiving at least a 3.6 GPA.



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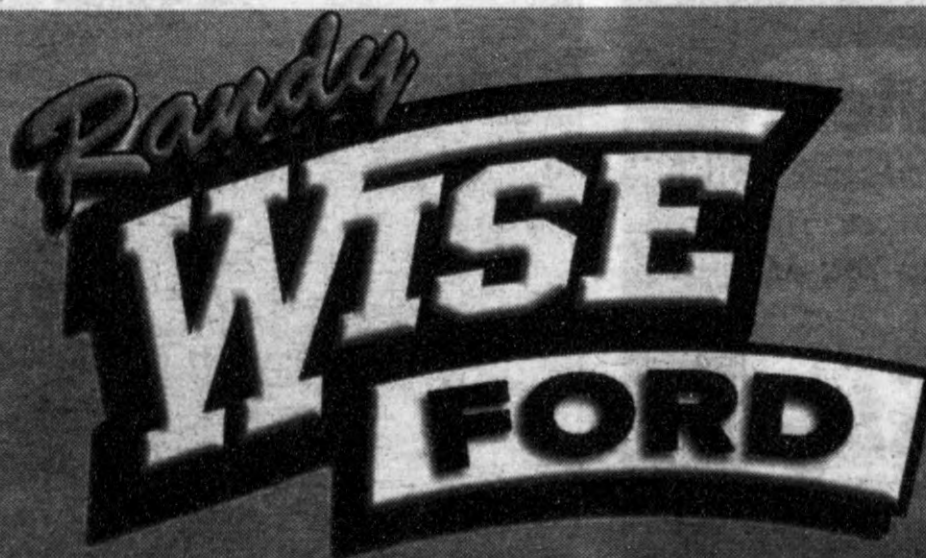


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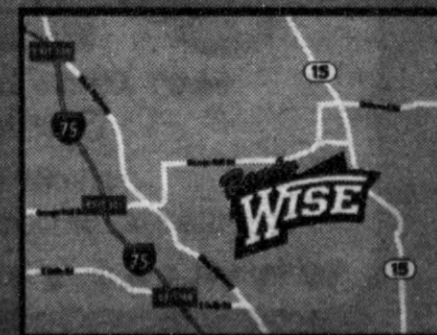
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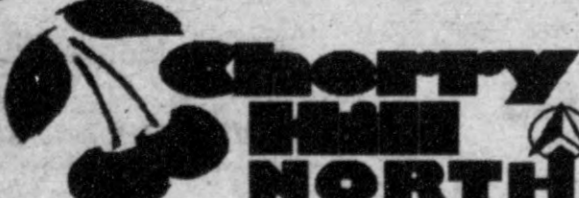
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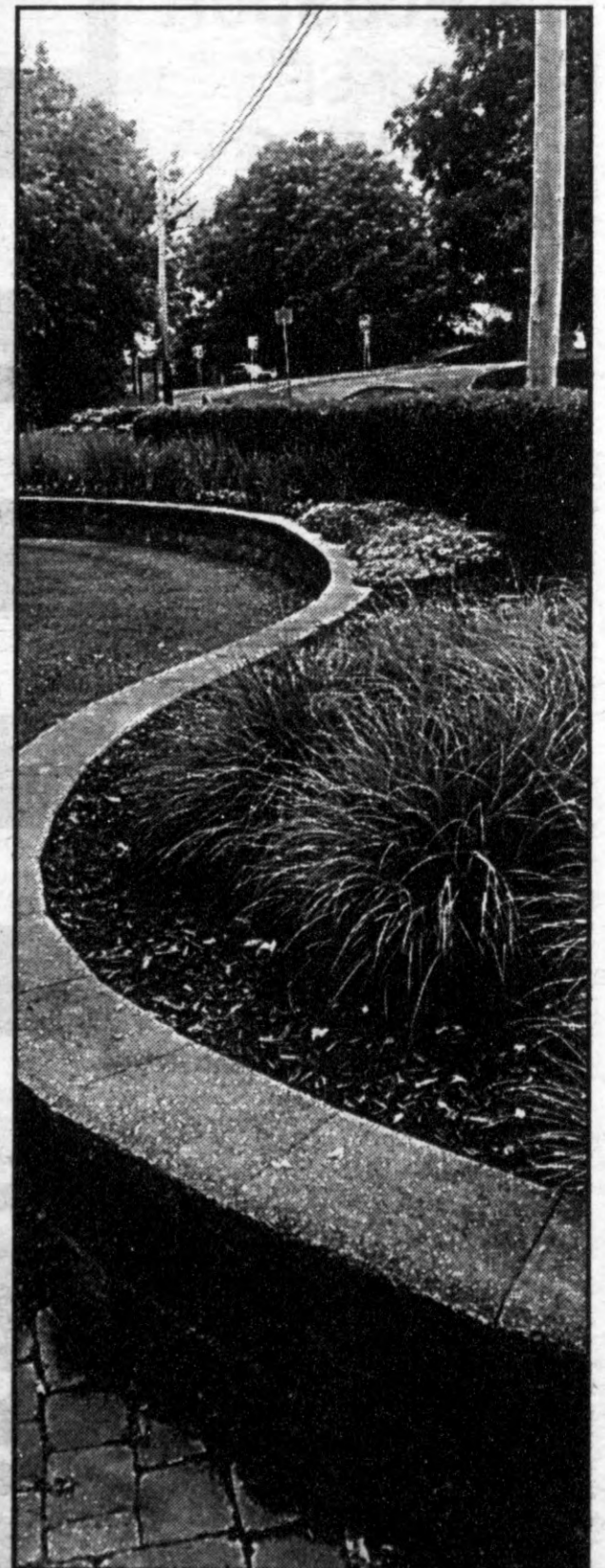
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Clarkston City Manager Jonathan Smith is thankful for local landscapers' volunteer work on Depot Park gardens.

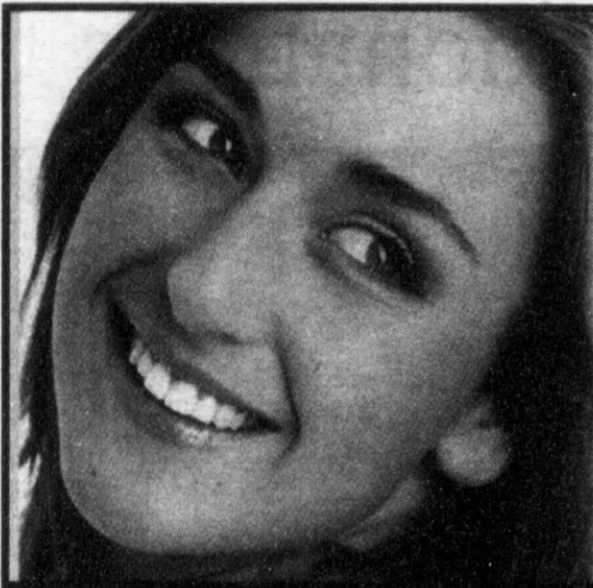
"On behalf of the entire Clarkston community we want to express our profound gratitude for the beautiful floral displays the following companies have created in the raised planters along the safety part in Depot Park, Zaremba & Co, Distinctive Landscape, Lowrie's Landscape, Essential Outdoor Services, and Breckenridge Gardens," Smith said.

The joint effort between the city and these independent businesses is a wonderful example of what can be accomplished when the city's hard-working DPW and creative private businesses work together, he said.

"Please encourage everyone you see to patronize these companies who have generously contributed their time and resources to making our city and Depot Park outstanding among southeast Michigan communities," he said.



Local landscapers made Depot Park gardens look good. Photos provided



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The landscaping businesses are volunteering their labor and expertise at the Depot Park gardens.

Candidates unopposed for state senate nomination

Libertarian Jeff Pittel and Democrat Rosemary Bayer are running unopposed for their party nominations for District 12, Michigan Senate, in the Aug. 7 primary.

Jeff Pittel of Bloomfield Hills, 54, is a product design engineer who has lived in the district for one year, 30 years in Oakland County.

"I am running to provide voters with an alternative to the big government policies offered by the Democrats and the big business policies offered by the Republicans," Pittel said. "As the Libertarian candidate, I advocate individual rights and freedoms versus special interest benefits and corporate cronyism."



Pittel

His top issue is education reform due to spending and poor educational performance of students, he said.

He is the only candidate proposing a reduction in the size and scope of state government, he said.

"As a citizen you should vote for me if you believe government at all levels should be limited to the essential services necessary to uphold individual rights, maintain public order, and adjudicate disputes," he said.

Rosemary Bayer of Beverly Hills, 59, has lived in Michigan all her life; in District 12 for 32 years. She is a lifetime computer engineer, now a computer software small business owner.

"I'm running to actively listen to and represent its people. I'm not a career politician. I'm a business leader who sees divisiveness and inaction in our state senate today, just when there is so much to accomplish," Bayer said. "Our citizens face so many negative challenges on a daily basis. I feel a duty to be of service, to work to make Michigan better for the people of State District 12 and all Michiganders."

Top issues include equitable access to high quality education for everyone; affordable healthcare for everyone; infrastructure we can trust: water we can drink, roads that don't destroy our cars and the protection of our

community and individual health and well-being through responsible environmental stewardship, she said.

She would ensure equitable access to free quality public education; listen to Michigan education experts and experts in states who have successfully implemented excellent educational systems; eliminate excessive testing; create a long term, effective educational plan; leverage new technology for educational content delivery; revise how we fund schools; and leverage the statewide research from the Michigan School Finance Research Collaborative to ensure equity. She would also provide affordable healthcare for everyone; and reinvest in infrastructure so we can safely drive, swim, drink water, and breathe.



Bayer

"We must pay to fix our roads, our bridges, our pipelines, and our protections including appropriate, skillful engineering. We must ensure compliance to regulations," she said.

"As an engineer, I excel at listening, evaluating challenges, problem-solving, applying innovation, and cooperating with diverse people and organizations," she said. "My long technology career is based on analytical, action-oriented skills that can be applied to make our state government far more responsive and efficient. My experience in education, information technology, business leadership, entrepreneurship, environmental stewardship as well as my lifetime of service to the community are the foundation that will help me collaborate in Lansing, to ensure that all aspects of our government work better for Michigan citizens."

She is an empathetic fighter, she said.

"I will fight for children, families, seniors, the most vulnerable among us, and all our citizens," she said. "The people of Senate District 12 have not been listened to and represented for a long time. As a private sector leader with a mission, I will listen to, and fight for, the people of SD 12, and for all of Michigan every day."

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Local boy heading to MDA camp thanks to donations

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Independence Township firefighters, Local 2629, collected almost three grand in four hours last week for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

"It's going great," said Firefighter Nick Wilson, holding a boot more than half filled with donations from drivers on Main Street, with a couple hours left in the Fill the Boot fundraiser.

The firefighters collected donations at local intersections and businesses from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. on July 25.

"We haven't done this in years," said Wilson, Local 2629 president. "I thought this would be a great way to get out into the community and help out."

Their Fill the Boot fundraising campaign will help the Steel family of Lake Orion - Chris and Dawn Steel, 13-year-old son Derek, and 11-year-old son Mason - send Mason, who has Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD), to MDA's summer camp at Camp Cavell in Lexington, Mich.

"Every year Mason looks forward to his week away at MDA camp, where he doesn't feel left out because he can't do the things that other kids his age can," Dawn said. "His favorite activities at camp are tree climbing, horseback riding, getting to ride on a motorcycle, meeting the Lexington fire department, playing baseball and all the other fun activities they try to fit in. He has also made special friendships with those that volunteer and spend the week at camp with him. He enjoys seeing them every year at camp and the MDA Muscle Walk of Detroit."

Firefighter Wilson campaigned on including the MDA program in Local 2629's charitable activities this year

"We are thrilled to be working for the first time with the Independence Township firefighters," said MDA Senior Funding Coordinator Aaron Lewber. "The Fill the Boot program helps provide the funds needed to find treatments and cures for muscular dystrophy, ALS and related diseases that severely limit strength and mobility. The



Mason Steel enjoys a ride in a motorcycle at MDA camp. He's heading back this year with the help of Clarkston drivers donating to the Independence Township firefighters' Fill the Boot campaign. Photo provided

dedication of these firefighters and IAFF to MDA's mission is unwavering."

Mason was diagnosed with DMD on June 27, 2014. The genetic mutation, which effects one out of 3,500-5,000 boys born worldwide, prevents the body from producing the protein muscles need to work properly. The disease, which causes muscle cells to become damaged and weakened, is currently irreversible, progressive, and incurable.

Over time, children with DMD develop problems walking and breathing, and eventually muscles helping the lungs and the heart stop working. More than 90 percent of children with DMD will be in a wheelchair by age 15.

"Mason is a sweet, brave, wonderful 11-year-old," Dawn said. "He is interested in

Minecraft, YouTube, model airplanes and robotics. He also enjoys rides on his dad's motorcycle and riding around the neighborhood in his electric wheelchair."

An MDA representative was there at the time of diagnosis to support the family, she said.

"When we first received this diagnosis, we were devastated. We felt we were just given a death sentence for our then 7-year-old son," she said. "The diagnosis was very difficult to deal with and, as parents, all we wanted to do was protect our son and give him the best possible life."

The Mason family has also participated in the annual MDA Muscle Walk every year for the past 3-4 years. This year, Mason was a Shambassador in March and went to his

local Kroger store to thank employees participating in the sale of Shamrocks to raise funds for the MDA.

Funds raised through programs like Fill the Boot helped send two children from Clarkston to MDA summer camp this year. This year, MDA of Greater Detroit provided camp to 87 children. Summer camp per child costs over \$2,000. Contributions also help fund research and life-enhancing programs such as state-of-the-art support groups and Care Centers, including the MDA Care Center at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit, and the University of Michigan Pediatric Rehabilitation Center in Ann Arbor. Learn how to help fund cures, find care and champion the cause at mda.org.

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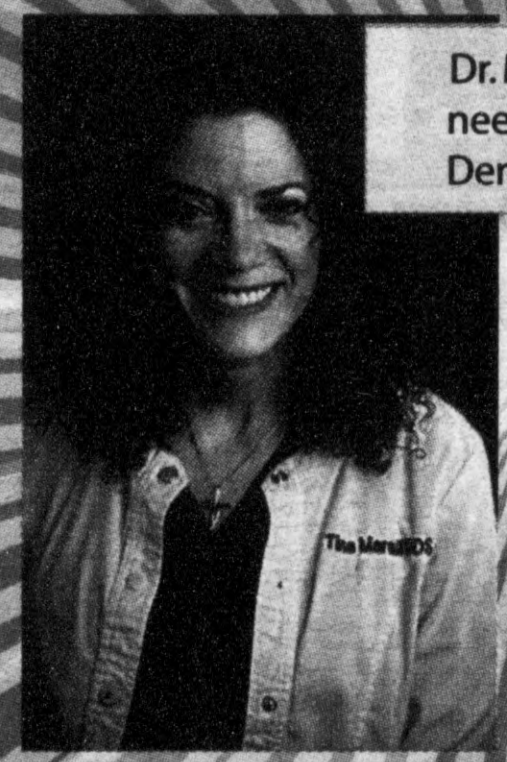
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