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Larger classes likely as \$1.8 million cut

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

For Andrea Duhaime of Independence Township, school budget cuts are uncomfortably close to the classroom.

"We're very happy with the schools, but increasing class sizes severely concerns us," Duhaime said, addressing the board, April 13. "I'm a teacher myself, and I know managing 26 students can be very difficult - I'm wondering, have you exhausted all avenues?"

Duhaime suggested a teacher buyout, but Clarkston already did that a few years ago, said Trustee Barry Bomier.

"We have a young teacher base in Clarkston," Bomier said.

"We want to see class sizes as small as possible, but we're at the point where every cut we make is painful," said board President Stephen Hyer. "We've trimmed everything that can be trimmed. We're down to the core, bare bones."

The district still employs classroom aides

in large classes, said Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts.

"Despite the tough economic times and the need to reduce expenditures, we will thrive," Roberts said. "Our district has a history of doing more with less."

Larger class sizes, which may result from a budget-saving measure of filling classes to contractual levels, is one of eight measures designed to save \$1.8 million. Larger classes should save \$200,000. Other measures are

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Joining forces Conservation groups consider consolidation

BY LAURACOLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Are two heads really better than one?

Local conservationists hope the old adage is collectively true, as members of the Clarkston Watershed Group and the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy explore the possibility of joining forces.

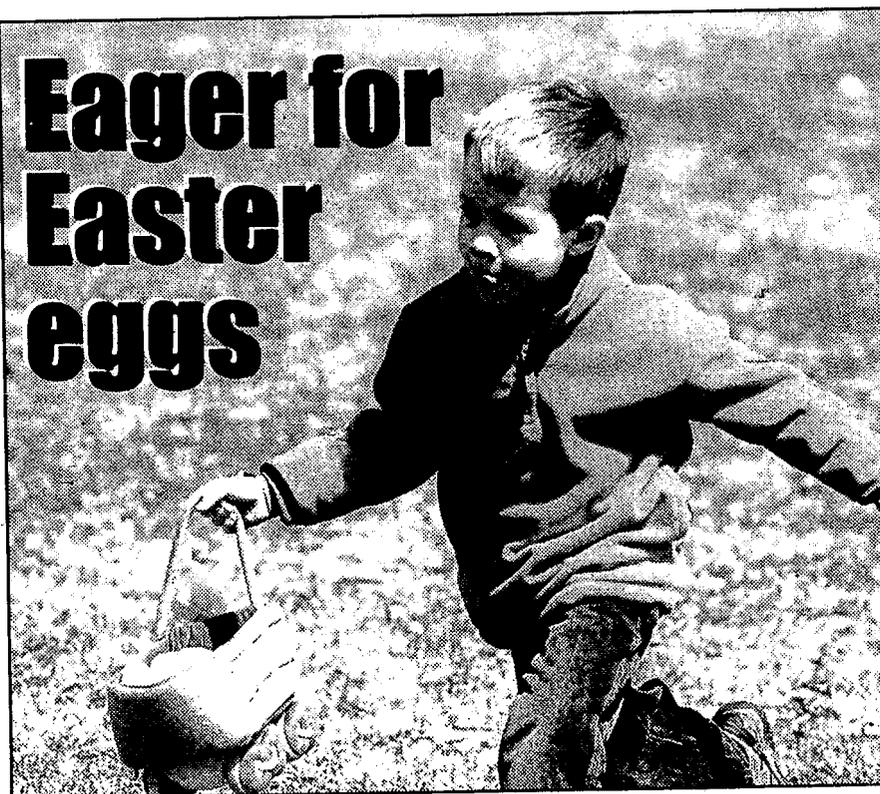
Although the idea only recently surfaced for discussion, both groups see potential benefits.

"I think we're looking at more pros than cons," said CWG co-chair Jim Brueck, after representatives from both organizations met last week. "The biggest potential advantage is that the NOHLC has a 501(3)(c) non-profit status, and that's a nice umbrella to have."

The CWG, he pointed out, needs support for the projects it has planned, especially creation of an "environmental showcase" in

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Eager for Easter eggs



Kyle Jarvis happily runs toward his family after filling his basket at Friday's annual Easter Egg Hunt at Mill Pond Park in Davisburg, where hundreds of kids turned out for an egg-stra special time. For more photos from this event, please see page 20A. Photo by Laura Colvin

School board candidate profiles in next week's Clarkston News

Incumbent Stephen Hyer and challengers Michelle Beck of Davisburg and Rosalie Lieblang of Independence Township are running for two

open seats on Clarkston's Board of Education, May 5.

Check out next week's edition, April 22, for profiles on the three candidates.

Supervisor on the mend after surgery

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Dave Wagner, Independence Township supervisor, has been feeling a little more than "under the weather" lately.

Wagner was taken by ambulance to St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital in Pontiac on April 1, because of severe stomach pains. Infection had spread from a torn stomach lining, damage during severe coughing.

Doctors performed surgery, Friday.

"Two hours worth of surgery and they repaired everything," Wagner said. "They said there was so much infection inside of me, they were not sure how much longer I would have been able to go. They said

the good thing was I couldn't take the pain anymore and the ambulance got me into the hospital."

Wagner had battled sickness for the past few months, which is why he was absent from office and township board meetings.

"It started out with pneumonia, and I kept on getting sicker, sicker, and sicker," he said. "I started going in for IV's every other day with antibiotics and all that kind of stuff. I would start to feel better then I would go down hill again."

Wagner said he went to work the Monday prior and lasted about two hours before going home. By Wednesday, the pain was too much to bear.

"I was in so much pain. I wasn't thinking of anything, other than I'm just sick," he said.

Wagner returned home from the hospital on Sunday, April 5.

"I'm healing now and plan on being back to work in a week or so here at full speed, whatever 'full speed' is," Wagner said with laugh. "But I'm doing alright and I'm on the mend."



Wagner

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Rabbit makes the rounds for seniors

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Peter Cottontail was seen hopping around Clarkston Specialty Healthcare Center last week.

During the week prior to Easter, Home Instead Senior Care members and Peter Cottontail visited seven senior care facilities in Oakland County, spending time with and entertaining residents, stopping for pictures, and passing out plastic eggs filled with candy.

"It's a wonderful program from Home Instead, to find a way to brighten up our senior's day, whether they're in a nursing home or assisted living," said Shannon Wygant, owner of Home Instead Senior Care. "Everyone's a kid at heart and when they see a 5-6 foot Easter Bunny with a smile on his face, their eyes light up like they're children. They just love it."

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Peter Cottontail with Donna Walters. Photo submitted

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Trustees to hear Dixie Hwy. plan

Independence Township Board is set to consider Dixie Highway revitalization plans recently recommended by the township planning commission.

The board meets 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 21, at Township Hall, 6483 Waldon Center Road, near Sashabaw and Waldon roads. Call 248-625-5111.

Clean-up, May 9

Springfield Township will hold its annual Spring Clean-up Day on Saturday, May 9. For a fee—\$1 per car, \$5 per minivan/SUV, \$10 per pick-up truck—residents may drop off household waste materials.

If possible, bag, box or bundle all trash. Items not allowed include brush, farm tractor tires, leaves or grass clippings, stumps, oil, propane tanks, paint, flammable liquids, concrete or bricks. No commercial dumping is allowed.

The collection site is located at the Springfield Oaks Youth Activity Center, 12451 Andersonville Road in Davisburg. For more information, call the supervisor's office at 248-846-6502.

Cutathon for mission trip

Glitz of Clarkston, 7198 Ortonville Road, hosts a cut-a-thon fundraiser, 11 a.m., Sunday April 19, for Clarkston Mom Squad.

Mom Squad members Shelley Schafer, Danette Meny and Melanie Traver are traveling to Nicaragua, May 16, with the group Living Water International to help drill a well for a local village. They will also work with mothers and children in the village, teaching them proper hygiene to prevent illness and dehydration. All proceeds go to the trip. Cost for women's cut and style is \$42, eyebrow waxing, \$15. Customers will be entered into a raffle for prizes.

E-mail info@ClarkstonMomSquad.com or visit www.ClarkstonMomSquad.com.

Chiefs golf, May 9

Chief Pontiac Baseball Club's golf outing is Saturday, May 9, at Fountains Golf Club on Maybee Road, between Dixie Highway and Sashabaw Road.

Registration forms can be found on <http://chiefpontiacbaseball.org>.



Sign of spring

Mary Alice Cook, Catherine Grogan, and Elena Forbes and other members of the Clarkston Garden Club decorated planter boxes throughout downtown, last week, with bright colored fabric for the spring season. They will be back in summer to plant flowers, trees, and other plants.

Photo by Trevor Keiser

Planners refurbish greenways plan

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Navigating area roads twists and turns, drivers know Independence Township is filled with lakes and woods.

With new Green Infrastructure maps, now they can see where, and how they're connected.

"It is so important for planning commissioners and elected officials to study ecology," said Planning Commission Chairman Sam Moraco.

As part of continuing education classes through the Michigan Association of Planning, planning commissioners took the course "Green Infrastructure: Linking communities to the environment," last year.

"One of the things we learned was that Independence Township had never done a greenways plan like other neighboring communities," Moraco told the township board, April 7.

Moraco said Waterford and Springfield townships' greenway plans showed connections from one green way to the next.

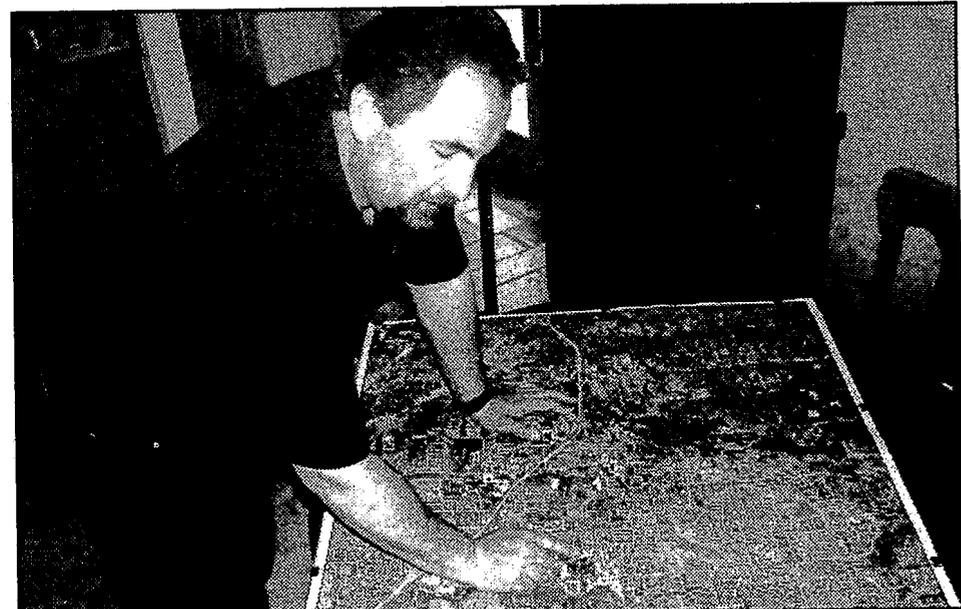
"The greenways plan we had (as a part of the master plan) was weak, it just showed where the dedicated spaces were, the public spaces, wetlands, lakes and rivers, and utility easements," he said.

This past May, commissioners set up a workshop with the county planning department to work on the map.

"It was then that we realized that ecological boundaries transcend political boundaries," Moraco said. "We connected to all the other communities that had already done it. We went around to the neighboring communities and got copies of their greenways plan. Then we tried to get our properties to hook up with their properties."

The connectivity is through tree rows, utility easements, and river beds.

Members of the planning commission also



Sam Moraco studies the greenways map. Photo by Trevor Keiser

worked with residents from Clarkston and Springfield Township, Independence Township planner Dick Carlisle, and members of North Oakland Headwaters Conservancy.

"I think it was a great collaboration of great minds," said NOHLC Executive Director Katie Anderson. "Those are a lot of people with a lot of good knowledge about what's important to preserve in the township and I'm a big fan of the county procedure that you go through to identify what you want to preserve."

Independence Township Trustee Mark Petterson was glad to see so many people come forward to help out.

"This is just another thing that the planning commission has been doing without costing us (the township) anything and its leaps and bounds, it's huge," Petterson said. "I just think the planning

commission has been doing a wonderful job and their volunteerism is above and beyond what anybody could expect."

Trustee Larry Rosso said "it's exciting" and "adds another attractive feature for residential living in this township."

"We win all the way around on this," Rosso said. "It brings an economical benefit, it brings an environmental benefit and I think in general it's good for the ecology."

Moraco said the county planning department said they would supply the township with framed copies of the maps that they hope will be displayed in the township building department to aid future developers in identifying parcels that are important to the communities green way, but he is glad to see another thing accomplished.

"It was just something that needed to be done and everybody stepped up and got it done," he said.

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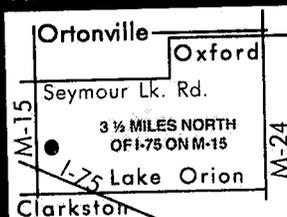


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Ideas include combined projects

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Depot Park.

The project, a master plan combining ecological design with aesthetics, includes ideas such as expanded and additional rain gardens, designs for city office and grounds improvements, porous path surfaces, and installation of a wave garden to showcase the beauty—and benefits—of native plants.

Ultimately, the plan was developed to attract and educate visitors—who would, ideally, take ideas for sustainable practices back to their own homes and neighborhoods.

But, while the CWG has secured several small grants in recent years, a project the scope of an “environmental showcase” would require a higher level of funding, such as that available from organizations like the Erb Family Foundation.

The foundation is a Michigan-based group that funds a number of initiatives, including site-based conservation activities aimed at educating the public and changing behaviors and public policy—both individual and institutional—on environmental toxins and pollutants.

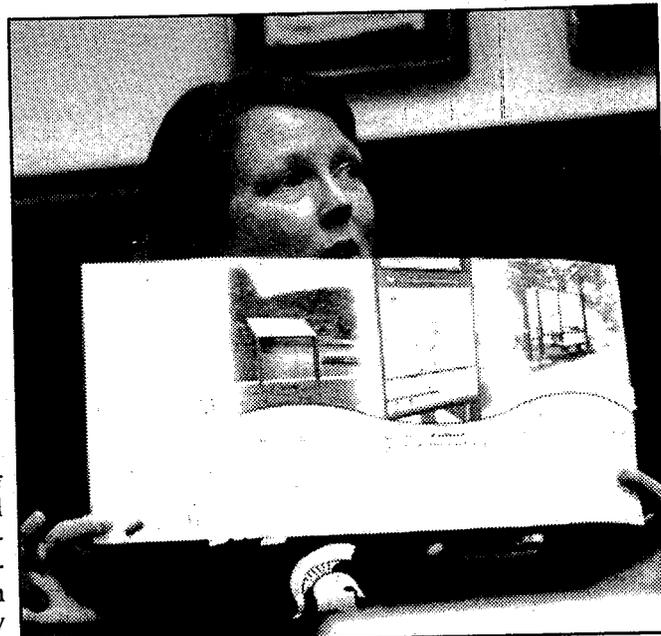
In order to even apply for a grant from the Erb Family Foundation—which the CWG said it is very interested in doing—an organization must have the 501(c)(3) status—which the CWG does not.

A partnership with the NOHLC would not only give CWG such a status, but would bring other benefits as well, Brueck explained.

“It partners us with an organization that, while our objectives aren’t exactly the same, they’re pretty closely linked,” he said. “The NOHLC is in the process of amending their bylaws to include a higher degree of land stewardship, and that falls in line with a lot of the things we’ve done.”

And, while the NOHLC is generally focused on stewardship—the organization currently protects 52 properties, with the majority in Independence and Springfield townships—as well as some in Rose, Holly and Brandon—the group is also interested in educating the public about what they do.

“We could be a catalyst for them to jumpstart their efforts toward education,” Brueck said, noting the NOHLC’s administrative structure would also benefit the Clarkston



Colleen Schmidt, a landscape architect and member of the CWG, discusses ideas for signage at last week’s meeting.

Watershed Group.

“It would take us outside asking the city to do special things to control our funds,” he said. “It hasn’t been a problem, but it’s not a city function.”

Ideally, a merger would allow the CWG to maintain its watershed stewardship focus in Clarkston and the surrounding area, but benefit from the overall administrative support and non-profit status of the NOHLC.

In turn, the NOHLC would benefit from expanded membership, and a stronger watershed focus in Clarkston and Independence Township, where many of its properties are located.

Members of the NOHLC were enthusiastic about exploring a merger. “The potential for collaboration is excellent,” said NOHLC Executive Director Katie Anderson.

“We all envision the ecological showcase as a wonderful way to engage the community in learning about sustainable practices; to engage the citizens of the Village of Clarkston and surrounding townships in those types of practices is a goal of both organizations. If we can be more effective by being together, that’s great.”

The groups have worked together successfully in the past, Anderson pointed out.

“The Clarkston Watershed Group has folks who are very dedicated to the cause,” she said. And if they see an advantage to pairing with us, it’s certainly worth exploring. Our membership would benefit from their dedication to preserving water quality.”

But, she warned, it’s important for both groups to explore the idea of a merger carefully before making a decision.

Members of the CWG agreed a group of four group members—two from each organization—would begin meeting this week to discuss how a collaboration could fit into the mission and goals of both the NOHLC and the CWG.

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Breaking down the MEAP

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Considering raw MEAP scores, Clarkston schools are 11.67 percent better than average. But here's more to it than that, school officials say.

Clarkston schools combine MEAP scores with classroom grades, tests and other assessments to determine priorities and where funding and resources should go, said Stephen Hyer, president of the Clarkston Board of Education.

"We break the data down into subgroups and determine weak points, where to help kids," Hyer said. "It's a way to measure what we accomplished."

MEAP results are used to analyze curriculum and target areas needing improvement, said Dave Reschke, deputy superintendent.

"Clarkston is a top performing district, but there's always room for improvement," Reschke said.

"I'll never be satisfied until 100 percent of kids score at the highest level possible," said Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts.

Results of the fall MEAP test are available sooner than previously, which helps, but it still has some problems, Hyer said.

Differences between sections of the test, such as multiple choice questions in math and rubric-scored writing, make direct comparisons difficult, he said.

"We can't compare scores across sections — they're not calibrated to each other," he said.

Changes to the test from year to year also complicate long-term comparisons, he said.

"It's frustrating. Once you change the test, you can't compare data anymore," Hyer said.

Using MEAP scores to meet federal No Child Left Behind requirements also causes a problem, Roberts said.

"I support No Child Left Behind in theory, but if one group does well, the next group can suffer," he said.

Federal Annual Yearly Progress requirements mean the following year's class has to do better or else be considered below standard, he said.

"It's ridiculous," he said.

The district is looking into an alternative, Growth Model curriculum, Hyer said.

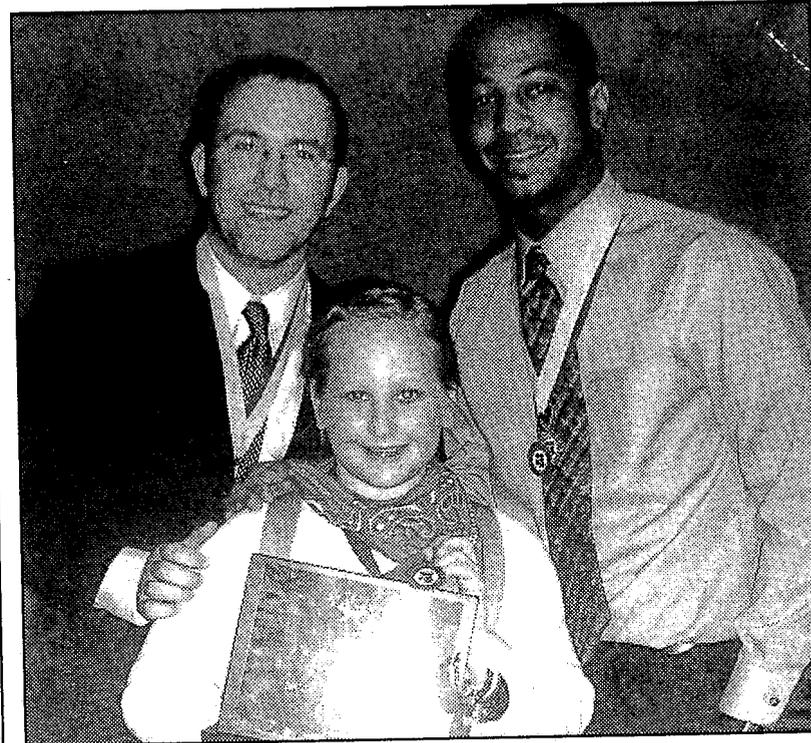
While No Child Left Behind's goal is all students achieving "proficient" ratings, a growth model would focus on lifting all students no matter

By the numbers

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Fall 2007, 2008	Fall 2008
Grade 3	Grade 3
Math, 94.5, 96.7	Math, 91
Reading, 92.8, 94.1	Reading, 87
Writing, 68, 79	Writing, 61
ELA, 90.3, 93.7	ELA, 83
Grade 4	Grade 4
Math, 95.9, 91.2	Math, 88
Reading, 96.5, 92.7	Reading, 83
Writing, 62.2, 61.1	Writing, 44
ELA, 92.5, 89.5	ELA, 77
Grade 5	Grade 5
Math, 90.5, 90.3	Math, 77
Reading, 93.9, 96.1	Reading, 81
Science, 95.3, 95.7	Science, 83
Writing, 83, 82.4	Writing, 63
ELA, 92.5	ELA, 78
Grade 6	Grade 6
Math, 91.7, 91.5	Math, 80
Reading, 91.4, 93.1	Reading, 80
Social Studies, 91, 89	Social Studies, 74
Writing, 87.2, 88.1	Writing, 76
ELA, 91.4, 92.8	ELA, 79
Grade 7	Grade 7
Math, 88.9, 93.1	Math, 83
Reading, 89.2, 91.9	Reading, 79
Writing, 90.8, 91	Writing, 78
ELA, 90.6, 92.7	ELA, 80
Grade 8	Grade 8
Math, 85.3, 87.4	Math, 75
Reading, 88.9, 85.1	Reading, 76
Science, 91.1, 88.4	Science, 77
Writing, 84.1, 84.2	Writing, 74
ELA, 88.2, 87.2	ELA, 77
Grade 9	Grade 9
Social Studies, 86.1, 84.9	Social Studies, 72
<i>ELA, English Language Arts</i>	

how they score, he said.

"If a teacher has 25 students, it would be that teacher's job to make sure all 25 show growth," Hyer said. "That's the challenge — it would be a positive thing."



Color guard champ

Olivia Packard of Clarkston, fourth grader, with her coaches Cedric Nicholson and Ben Clark of Lake Orion Performance Ensemble-C, holds the first place trophy for Michigan Color Guard Circuit State Championships, March 28 at Saginaw Valley State University. This is the first year Olivia and her squad members participated in Color Guard. Photo submitted

Layoffs coming April 27

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cutting Sashabaw Middle School's Real Time program from its schedule, saving \$70,000; outsourcing substitute-teaching management to the county, \$40,000; eliminate noon bus runs because of the district's switch to all-day kindergarten, \$150,000; delay technological upgrades, \$200,000; and delay textbook adoptions, \$100,000;

The plan also calls for 30 additional students, bringing in \$225,600 more in

state funding, and \$860,000 more in federal IDEA and Title I funding, from stimulus money.

The proposed 2010 budget of \$82.9 million includes a \$5 million dip into the district's reserves of \$11.4 million. The district has until the end of June to finalize its budget.

Roberts will present a list of staff layoffs at the board's next meeting, April 27. By state law, all layoff notices must be issued by the end of April.

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Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Reardon

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I have the bug.
Not a bug as in a sick bug.
The "shutter" bug.
As the days increasing get warmer and sunnier, soon it will be every day, an overpowering urge to get out the camera and "click, click, click" takes over.

The urge has been dormant over the winter and started coming out during a visit to the Detroit Zoo a few weekends ago. Remember the one Saturday it started off a little windy but then got warmer - that beautiful day.

It was my friend's toddler's first visit of the season to the zoo and I accounted almost every moment. I was the toddler paparazzi.

I was the only one with a camera and while mom and dad were able to share the little one's joy and discoveries - I documented it.

It started with the excitement over the frogs at the amphibian exhibits onto the reptiles where she found the snakes and scaly creatures so interesting.

The momentum weened down at the kangaroos. They were resting and after five shots of the same sleepy pose - I was done and clicked a few here and there of each animal after that.

I did document her first taste of cotton candy - she did not like the sugary treat.

So be prepared.

Click. Click. Click.

I will be roaming around more as the weather gradually gets warmer and hopefully a lot more sports photos coming your way via the Blue Button.

Click. Click. Click.

An icon celebrates her 50th birthday this year. If you haven't heard or walked into an array of pink at Toys R Us, then I will tell you.

It's Barbie's birthday.

She has had over 80 careers and I don't remember her carrying a notebook, recorder and press pass with the name "Reporter Barbie" on the box - very disheartening.

When I was a little girl, I did play with Barbies. It was were my creativity came alive, armed with clothes, cars, a dreamhouse, and a Barbie and The Rockers tour bus (I had to sell a lot of my unwanted toys at a garage sale to buy that.)
Happy Birthday!



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Viewpoints

Taxpayer storm is coming

Dear Editor,

Normally, people look to the government for help, but now it's the government we need to be rescued from.

Programs being forced on us by our president went from millions to billions to trillions, spending money on mice in California, a train from Nevada to Disney World, and a study on how to make a pig not smell like a pig, with our money, our childrens money, and our grandchildrens money.

And now, our president tells us that we will have to make further sacrifices and it will be "painful" at times, but that the Utopia is ahead of us, and be patient. Now this also comes from a president who had our entire Congress sign a bill that no one was allowed to read, and he and Pelosi and Reid changed it after it was signed in, and not only do Americans know nothing about it, but every answer coming is generic and tells us nothing.

Rumors of global currency replacing our money, rumors of an American Union that combines Mexico/America/Canada as one big country, and rumors of global confiscation of guns, but rumors of mandatory electric cars are no longer a rumor.

Our government hires the CEO of AIG and fires the CEO of GM. Rumors of our government taking over banking are no longer a rumor, and taking over the auto industry is coming true.

The people already know we can stop our dependence on "foreign oil" by using "American oil," simply by drilling here in the U.S., but our government has to pacify their environmental lobbyist group, so they can continue getting millions in future campaign contributions. The American people know how

to solve many of the problems, but our government isn't listening!

The people have now begun to fight back, since our government is ignoring us like a child that is told to "go away." Thousands, if not millions of people have now decided to get their attention with Tea Parties on tax day, April 15.

The local one is here will be in Lansing, and since the liberal media refuses to acknowledge it, email and Fox News got the word out.

Millions of people in other countries find it hard to believe that the American people are allowing our government to destroy what we, as a superpower, have achieved, since the creation of our U.S. Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, and our Bill of Rights.

I could just imagine the look of disbelief that our soldiers will have when they return from fighting for our freedom, seeing that the America they left will not be the one they come home to.

More and more American people are now realizing and acting on the reality that we, the American people, have to fight back against our government against tyranny, like our soldiers are fighting against the terrorists who want to crush our freedom, just like our own government is doing.

Just as our government has waged war on the American people by their actions, so will we, the American people, fight back by forcing our elected officials, our government criminals, to pay the price for their crimes against America.....on election day!

Don't worry, Congress, our storm will be much bigger than yours!

Hank Turzanski
Independence Township

Volunteering still important

Dear Editor,

None of us is happy about the economy, but some of us are less affected by it than others.

Our challenge is to give of ourselves so that others, who need it, may benefit. One way to do that is to volunteer - our money, our energy, our time - to service groups, churches, agencies, shelters, and food pantries.

When you volunteer you are giving something back to your community by lending a helping hand to people and organizations. What you may not realize is that volunteering also benefits you as an individual.

There are many good reasons to get involved in the community, including learning something about yourself.

The world is not a perfect place, and many people, animals, places, and communities need help. Governments and professionals try to meet everyone's needs, but it's impossible for them to do it all.

This is why people become volunteers: because they can make a difference where someone or something needs help. If people never help each other and only care about themselves, the world becomes a crueler, sadder place.

But when we volunteer our time, money, or talents, we help make our planet a better, happier home where people work together to make life easier for all.

Tom Stone
Clarkston

A Look Back

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15 years ago - 1994

"Clarkston children write to Bosnian girl" Clarkston Middle School students learned about the war in Bosnia through the writings of a Sarajevo girl. Teacher Joanna Stroebel had her students write to several people in the news to give them real-world writing experience.

"Oakland County population growth: appears to be no end in sight" Detroit-area population was shifting north and west. Reasons include job movement away from Detroit and the area's semi-rural atmosphere.

"Experiencing the Holocaust" Clarkston Middle School students, studying "The Diary of Anne Frank," visited the Holocaust Memorial Center in West Bloomfield. They spoke to a Martin Lowenberg, concentration camp survivor.

25 years ago - 1984

"Hobby is eggs-actly right for Easter"

Daisy Dowling collected eggs of all sizes for 40 years. She had eggs made of hand-painted tin, wood, crystal, precious stone, marble, spun sugar, and mother-of-pearl.

"Residents honor volunteer youth"

Clarkston Area Youth Association honored young volunteers, including Clarkston High School students Freda Mae Franklin, who volunteered at Pontiac General Hospital, and Scott Davis, who rescued a man from a frozen lake.

"Look-alikes" Clarkston Elementary students made life-size mannequins of themselves as stand-ins during parent-teacher conferences. They painted their faces, dressed them in clothes they brought from home, and decorated them with their own caps, ribbons, and sunglasses.

"Mall proposal is tabled again" Wanting the landscape and parking plan updated before making its decision, Independence Township Planning Commission tabled preliminary site plan approval for a proposed 50,000-square-foot shopping mall on M-15.

50 years ago - 1959

"Happy Helpers get Achievement Day ribbons" The Clarkston 4H group earned honors for exhibits at the Pontiac High School event. Projects included making skirts and blouses, knitting, and crochet.

"Gardenettes group met last Tuesday"

The group learned about the Selection and Care of New Fabrics, presented by Mrs. Richard Blasey. Mrs. George Stickle, hostess, served a surprise buffet lunch.

"Student Council announces carnival"

Clarkston High School invited everyone to its carnival, featuring games and prizes, and crowning of king, queen, prince, and princess.

'Full transparency' is a phrase, not a practice

Put 'full transparency' down on your list with 'going forward,' 'global,' 'fact of the matter is,' basically and other oft-used and often questionable words heard too often in interviews.

All too often a politician, in trying to answer a question will say, 'Fact of the matter is' when it isn't really a fact, but an interpretation. It's a time and space filler.

I'm one who needs to fill space once a week. So, as a matter of fact I'm showing full transparency in telling you of how ma'dog Shayna, going forward, convinced an officer of the law to let me off with a nod and well wishes.

It's like 7:15 p.m., and we're going down a street in Oxford, drove past a school. I'm doing 26 mph. A county sheriff pulls out behind me. I slow to 25 mph.

I turn my signals on longer than usual before my turn. The officer follows me. I recheck everything including my breath. I'm clear.

Suddenly those fearfully exciting red and blue lights start lighting the atmosphere. I

ease off the road.

Seeing the officer walking beside my car I lowered my window. Shayna wakes up. She becomes more alert when the officer, with experienced strong tones says, "Show me your license and registration."

Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

As I reach into the glove box, Shayna sticks her Shepherd head out the window, ears back, tail wagging hard, smiling and sniffing.

The officer said, "Just your registration will do." I handed him my registration and noticed Shayna's blue eyes are intent on his

blue eyes. He's warmed to her.

He says, "This is last year's registration." Then he asked, "Do you still live on Drahner?" Yes. "I stopped you because you have last year's tabs on your plate. Make sure you get new ones right away."

The officer and ma'dog said their good-byes silently, and I went home with my 8-month-old illegal plates, and no citation.

Shayna got an extra dip of ice cream at bedtime.

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Billy Mays is gaining popularity, or notoriety, with his tv commercials for things like OxiClean and the Slider Station. He spiels as a stain remover, OxiClean will remove up to 50 percent of the stain. That means there is still a stain. No reason for me to buy that product.

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The middle finger is being seen everywhere these days. It's a salute of sorts. Maybe word has gotten around on what happened to Galileo's middle finger, and people want to display theirs.

Galileo's middle finger is in the Museum of the History of Science, Florence, Italy.

In 1737, when Galileo's body was being moved from a storage closet to its final resting place in a mausoleum in the church of Santa Croce, a nobleman named

Anton Francesco Gori cut off three fingers from Galileo's right hand for a souvenir.

The middle finger was eventually acquired by the Museum of History of Science, the other two surviving fingers "are in a private collection."

So, when you see the middle finger being waved at you, take it as sort of a salute to scientific achievements.

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Brian Poloniak was the guest speaker at Oxford Rotary last week. He lives locally, but travels the world as a manufacturer's rep. He goes to China, India, Japan, Europe and South America several times a year.

He's often in the company of industrial and political leaders. He's a tall, good-looking man who impressed the heck out of me.

He talked of trends worldwide. He said India will lead the world in engineering, China will lead in manufacturing, Europe in finance and the United States will be the global leader in medical devices and medical science. He called them all positive trends.

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Smiles of the week

Anna Coyle, left, and Madeleine Foslien show off their show rabbits at last week's 10th annual Easter Egg Hunt in Davisburg. The girls were among a handful of youngsters who brought bunnies to the event—much to the delight of the children who had a chance to pet the wiggle-nosed, silky-soft creatures. Photo by Laura Colvin

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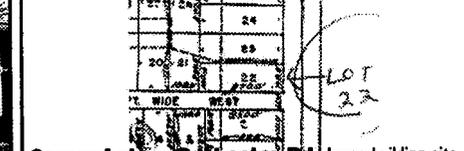
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The manager of an Independence Township office supply store called police April 2 after discovering a number of fraudulent returns, totaling \$3,752 were allegedly made by an employee.

Glass and glop

A man babysitting his grandchildren in the 5900 block of Misty Hill April 4 called police after going outside in the morning to discover someone broke his windshield and smashed out the passenger window of his Ford Explorer with a brick. Eggs and cottage cheese were also discovered on the Explorer, as well as on the house and another vehicle. According to police reports, the man's son—the homeowner—coaches the Rochester High School track team, who defeated Clarkston High School's team last week. No one was sure whether a connection between the events existed, but the Clarkston High School sheriff's office liaison was advised of the situation.

Broken door leads to jail

A 29-year-old man looking for a place to sleep was arrested and jailed April 4 after he kicked in a door of a building adjacent a party store near White Lake and Andersonville Road. The owner told police he allowed the man to warm up in the store, but told him he couldn't sleep on the premises. The man, he said, then went outside and kicked in the door

Public Safety

Reports from Clarkston Police, Oakland County Sheriff Deputies and Independence Township Fire Department

to another building. When police arrived they discovered the man—who was drunk—had stolen two cans of corned beef from the store, and also had valid Friend of the Court warrants out of 6th Circuit Court.

Dangerous driver

Police were seeking a warrant for against a 20-year-old Brandon Township man after a rollover accident on Maybee Road near

Sashabaw Road on April 4. A witness told police she saw the man swerve back into his lane three or four times after driving on the shoulder, then watched as he approached a curve and swerved again to avoid hitting a guardrail; this caused him to enter oncoming lane of traffic, so the driver then swerved back into his lane and hit the guardrail, causing the vehicle to roll on its side. The man told police he was taking a number of prescription medications.

Man ties, beats and robs "friend" after sharing pizza

A man who allegedly robbed, beat, hogtied and nearly drowned a "friend" at his Independence Township apartment is being held at Oakland County Jail while he awaits trial.

Jason Stephen Szydle, 34, was arraigned at 52-2 District Court on charges of unarmed robbery, unlawful imprisonment, and assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder.

His victim, a 35-year-old Springfield Township man, told police he went Szydle's apartment, ate pizza and fell asleep on the

couch after calling his friend for a ride when his car broke down around 10 p.m. March 7.

The victim said he woke in the early morning hours of March 8 and went to question Szydle after noticing his phone, necklace and prescription pain medication were missing.

The victim claimed he gathered his belongings after spotting them on Szydle's dresser, and went back to the couch only to be dragged



Szydle

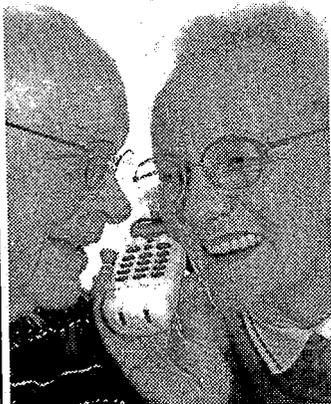
off and knocked out; when he woke he was "being hogtied, gagged, blindfolded, beaten and drowned in the bathtub."

It was several hours, he said, before he was untied and allowed to leave.

A passer-by picked up the victim as he walked down Andersonville Road and gave him a ride home.

The man had injuries consistent with being bound and gagged, said Independence Township Detective John MacDonald, who was investigating the case.

Szydle is being held on \$50,000 bond.



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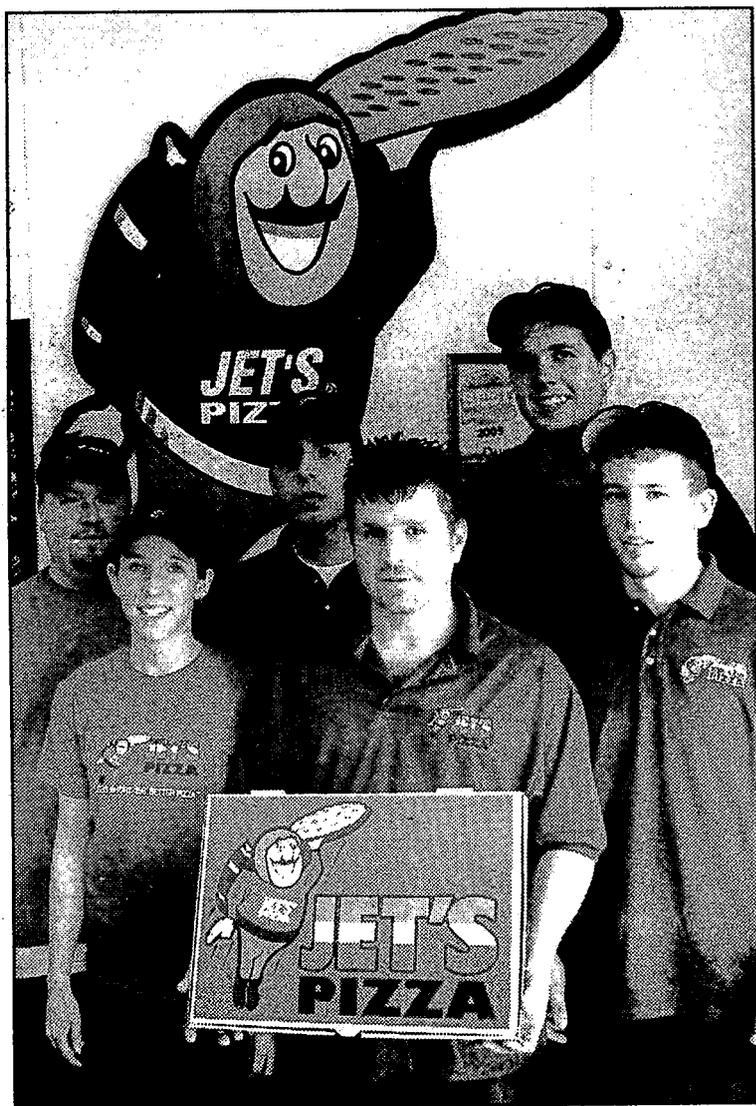
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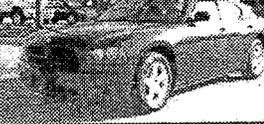


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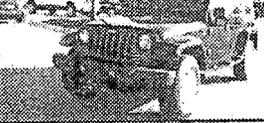
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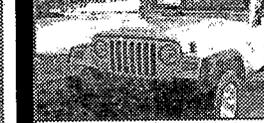
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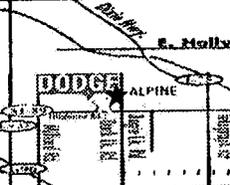
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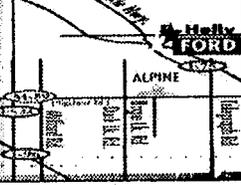
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Versatility to lend a hand in successful season

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

After last season's soggy end, Lady Hitters are looking forward to beginning their season this week with weather predictions in the 60s.

The girls varsity softball team has already warmed up with three scrimmages.

Coach Don Peters said they were good scrimmages for the girls and they look good for the season.

The girls will play their first game this week on Thursday at Davison.

"We plan to play hard, have fun and take a look at what we need to work on," said Peters.

Davison has an advantage with already playing a double-header against Fenton before going on Spring Break last week, but Davison lost both games.

Nine players are returning to the team this season and four new versatile players have been added to the already talented roster.

Lady Wolves' leading hitters from last season Taylor Hasselbach and Shantel Uballe are back including leading pitchers Sarah Altene and Bailee Braunreuther.

Braunreuther will also lend a hand by playing in different infield positions during the season.

A few changes have been made to this season. Jenni Jochum will move to the outfield position and Allie Reeves will be ready as catcher and to play on third during some games.

The new players include three freshmen - Megan Hastings, Tara Perry and Shauna Siwicki and a new Wolf, Junior Amy Harrison.

"She swings a nice bat," said Peters. "And she is a nice

kid."

Even though all the freshmen can play in different positions, Peters will have them in a few key places to help the team.

Hastings will be an infielder and pitcher and Perry will be in the outfield and hitter.

The goal for season is for the team to build onto their skills and get better.

"We always want to continue to improve as individuals and players," said Peters.

Another goal is to do well in the league and in playoffs. Last season they tied for first place in the league with Troy and Farmington.

"We have great coaches helping us out," said Peters. "The girls look good and I am pleased."

The girls who didn't go away on vacation last week worked on their throwing, hitting and catching to get ready for the games this week.

They have double header games at Davison on Thursday and at Holly on Friday.

The Lady Wolves will have their home opener next Wednesday against Troy-Athens.

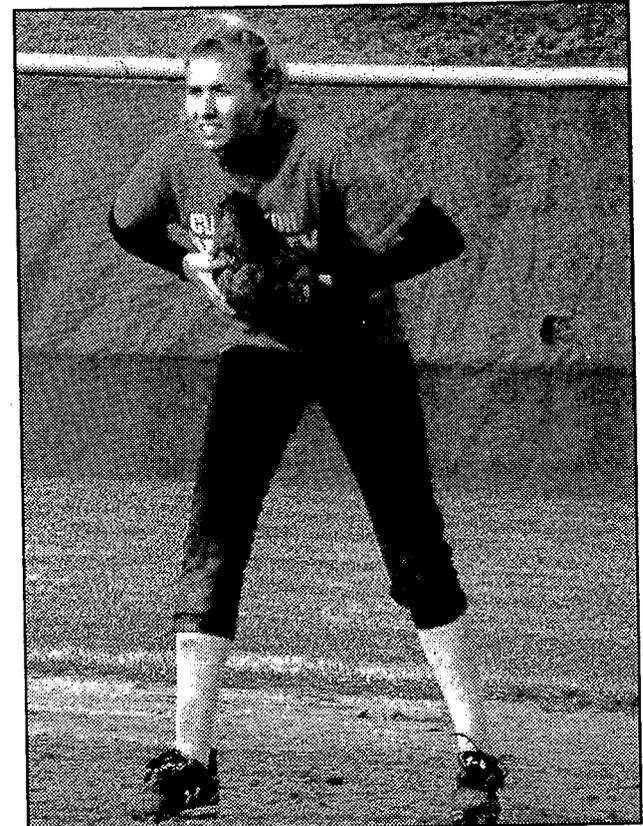
All games begin at 4:30 p.m.

"I am excited to start the season," said Peters.

"Come out and watch," invited Peters to the community.

"They are fun to watch."

Can't wait to see how your Clarkston team played? Check out the Wolfpack Update at www.ClarkstonNews.com



Bailee Braunreuther keeps her eye on the hitter during Clarkston's scrimmage against Lapeer West. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Athlete of the Week Zak brings on the attack

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Senior Adam Zak led his team towards their first two wins before heading into the week off for Spring Break.

He credits the win to advice his coaches gave during the games.

"Our coaches helped us out a lot," he said. "They gave us a lot of good pointers and really helped me out with the way I have been playing. I think it helped out the entire team."

The pointers he received will help as the boys get deeper into the season. The team hopes to get further in playoffs than they did last season when it ended at regionals and they will use the pointers for the goal.

Zak joined the varsity lacrosse team at the end of his sophomore year during the playoffs.

"He came alive as junior," said Coach Brian Kaminskas. "He earned and kept the spot as a senior. He is an anchor on our offense and can really lead offense. He is focused and prepared."

He began playing in seventh grade with friend, Kevin Gaier.

"I had played hockey for a little while before that and thought it would be fun," said Zak. "We decided to start playing."

Playing hockey helped to play lacrosse on the grassy field, both have the same concepts and both concentrate on hand-eye coordination.

"It's a good honor to be Athlete of the Week," he said. "I have never been one before so I am pretty excited."

For Wolf Cubs looking to be on the varsity team in the future Zak offers the advice to keep working and listening to what the coaches are saying.

"The things that they teach us here are skills we can use against any team," he said.

Zak is hoping to play lacrosse at Grand Valley State University after he graduates.

He has a GPA of 3.4 and is taking an AP Calculus class to help him in his future studies. He hasn't decided what he will focus his studies on in college but is looking for something with math in it.



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Miller strikes a chord at state competition

BY WENDIREARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Clarkston Chiefs Mitchell Miller has a talent to captivate an audience just by doing what comes naturally to him - playing the piano and composing music.

He used his talent to win an Award of Merit for the Michigan PTSA Reflections contest.

"My mom showed me the letter a few weeks ago," said Miller. "It was great and it inspired me to create more music."

His winning piece, "Performance Live" was created keeping this year's contest theme in mind - "Wow" and it could be anything that made the entrants think "wow."

"It was very exciting," said mom, Lynn. "The award ceremony was held at Livonia Stevenson High School, where I went to high school. He missed it because he was skiing in British Columbia."

The Springfield Plains Elementary student began playing the piano when he was five and hasn't stopped composing since he started three years ago.

He has picked up a few more skills when he started the guitar a few months ago and is now playing an acoustical and electric guitar.

"It's great," said dad, Dave. "If anything it will make him a better musician and he will probably pick up more instruments."

Mitchell has composed over ten songs, including a classical symphony in which he uses a keyboard to mix in different instruments for different sounds.

He has played in school and church performances and is looking forward to his next performance at Sunrise.

Mitchell has two goals he is working on. He plans to continue his progress with the piano and will try to achieve more and better things and to expand on his talent and skill.

His second goal is to go to Interlochen Center for the Arts and participate in their summer camp.

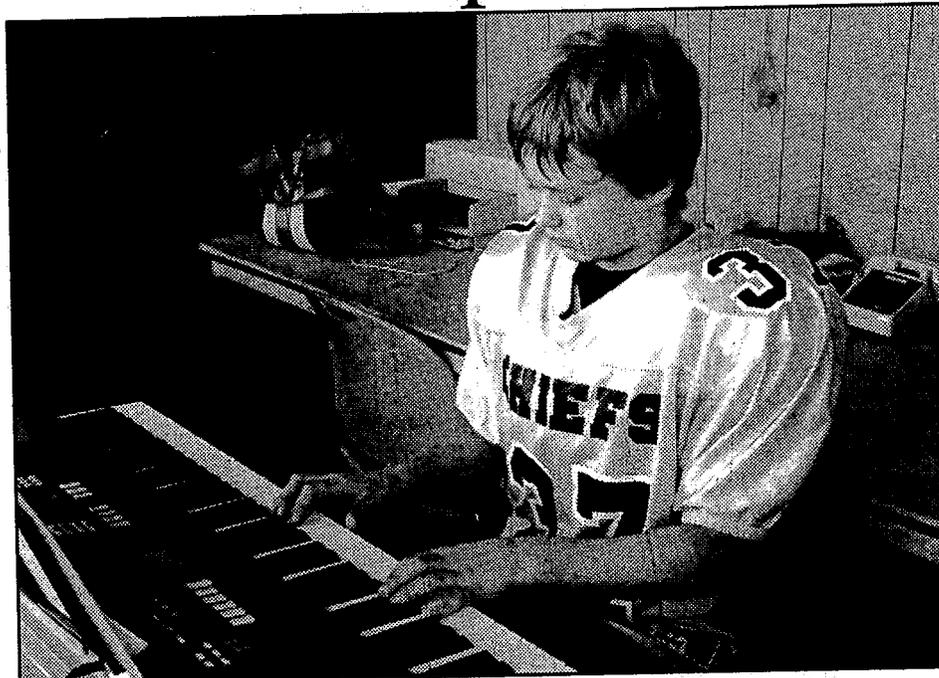
He is helping with his dad at Castlewood Custom Homes by doing a bit of carpentry and cleaning up. He is putting what he earns towards Interlochen.

"Mitchell is pretty determined," said Dave. "It's awesome and he is pretty self-motivated."

Students from Springfield Plains, Bailey Lake and Pine Knob elementary schools, Sashabaw Middle School, Clarkston Junior High School and Clarkston High School were presented the theme in November.

They could submit works in musical composition, literature, photography, visual arts, dance choreography and film/video production in different grade levels.

Each piece was judged at the school level.



Mitchell Miller plays the National Anthem before a Clarkston Chiefs game last fall. File photo

The first and second place winners continued to the state level to compete against all of the state wide entries.

Mitch was one of three Clarkston entries to win in musical composition. The other two

winners are from Sashabaw Middle School.

Matthew Dahl won an Award of Merit and Malcolm Hill won Award of Excellence

Springfield Plains will hold an award ceremony for Mitchell on April 28.

Game for a Cure

Clarkston Lacrosse will host its third "Game for a Cure" on Saturday, April 25.

All proceeds go directly to Karmanos Cancer Institute. In addition to fundraising dollars going to the study of Prostate Cancer, as it has the last two years, this year we are increasing our focus to include Breast Cancer research.

It will be an all day event, kicking off at 10 am with the 5 and 6th grade players.

The day will conclude with the Boys Varsity at 8:00pm Saturday evening and we will have a full and exciting day of Lacrosse in between.

The fundraising efforts are focused in three areas; T-shirt sales, Coach for a Day program and Corporate Sponsorships.

Players have forms to take T-shirt orders or can contact Arsey Miller.

Quantities are limited and last year we sold out very quickly. Admission is free when you wear your "Game for a Cure" shirt.

Other sponsorships include Coach for a day and Corporate/ Family Sponsorships

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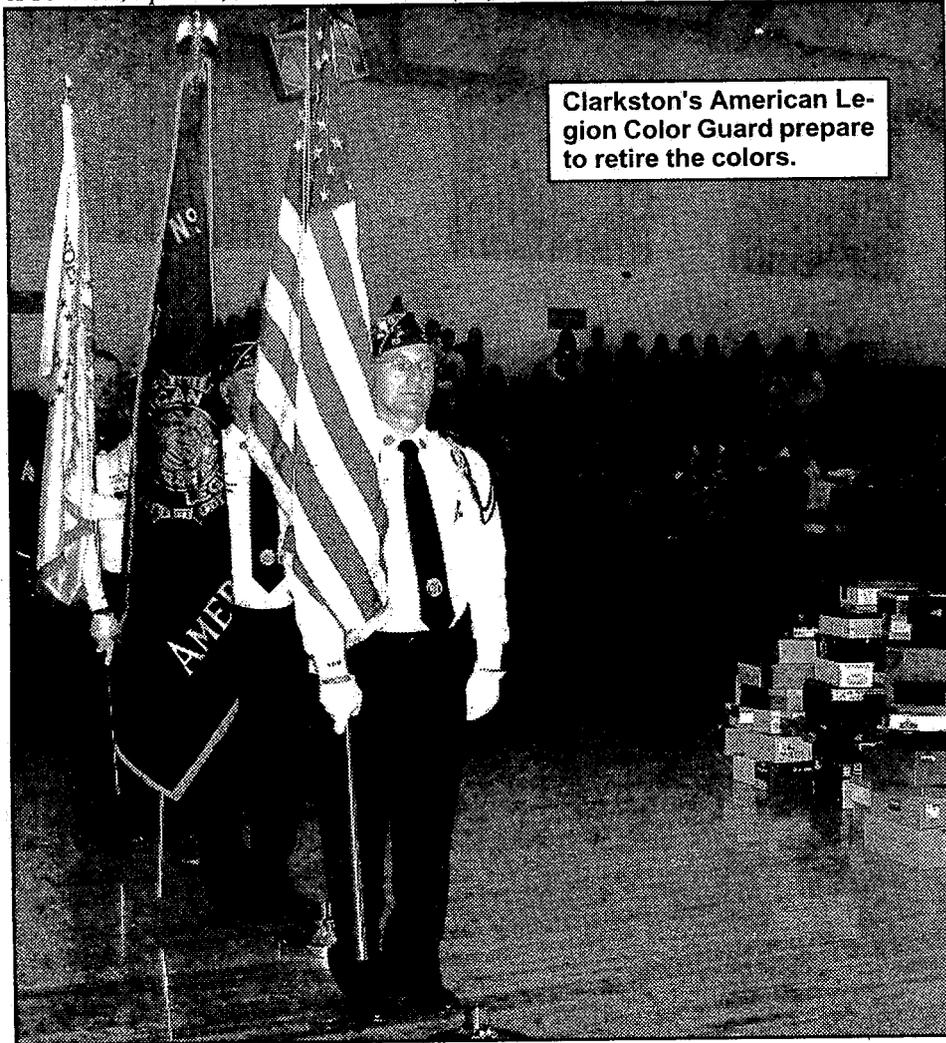
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Clarkston's American Legion Color Guard prepare to retire the colors.

Learning about service

Led by Student Leadership Club, Sashabaw Middle School students filled 150 shoeboxes with personal hygiene and other items for troops overseas.

Working with Give2theTroops, the students collected donations for two weeks, then invited American Legion Color Guard and Marine Corps representatives to accept

them, April 3.

The Academic Service Learning Project was part of lessons on the Middle East and America's involvement there, said teacher Missy Ludd, club advisor.

"Students understand more now how many are still affected," Ludd said. "So they decided to help out. It worked out really well."



Sashabaw Middle School student Paul Sabbag sings "God Bless the USA." Photos by Phil Custodio



Student Leadership members collect donations after the assembly.

Why All The Household Dust?

I'm Keith Meadows, owner and operator of American Power Vac, Inc. For years, I've been improving our community's health one family at a time. 90% of the calls I receive everyday are from desperate people complaining about dust. They tell me they dust the T.V. on Friday, but by Sunday they are pushing the dust out of the way again so they can watch "Desperate Housewives" and none of them know exactly where it's coming from. I tell people that simply having your ducts cleaned will drastically reduce household dust, and the reason is, your cold air returns.

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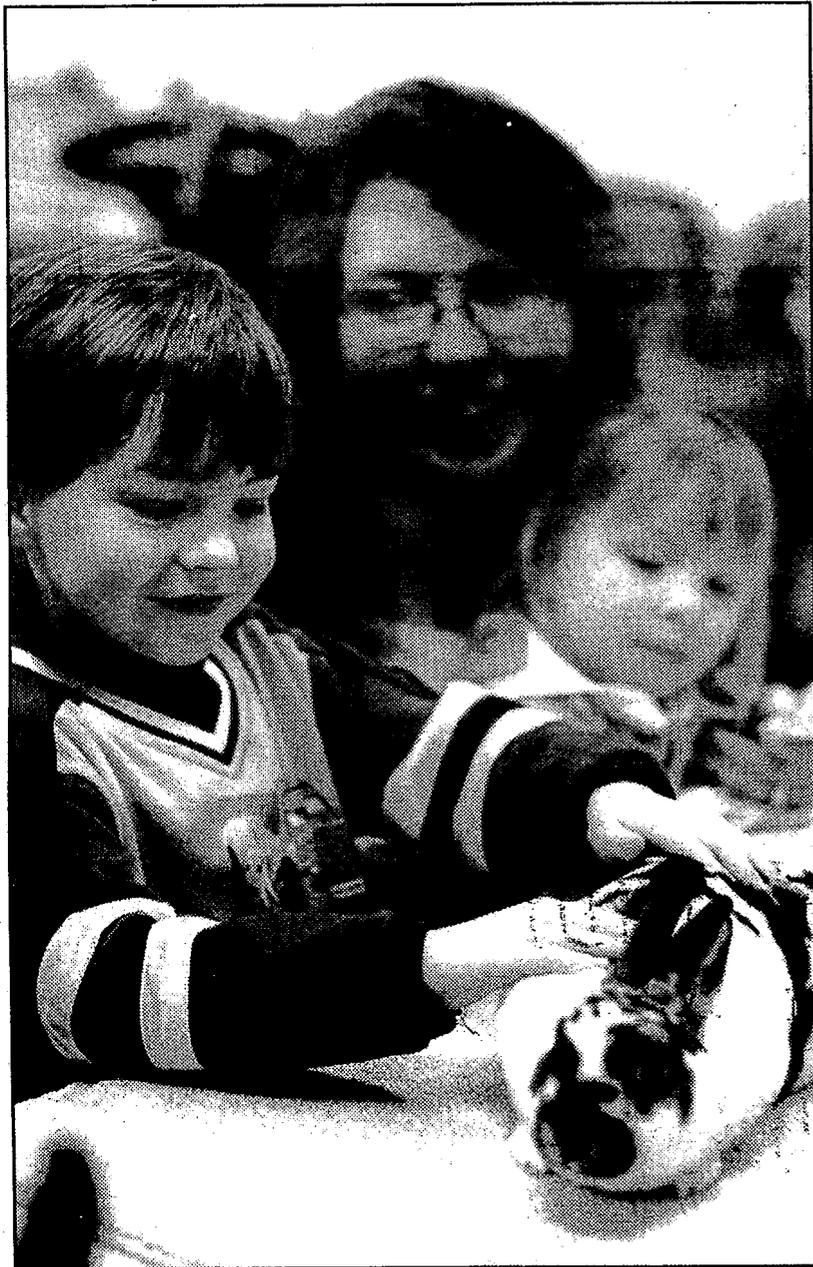
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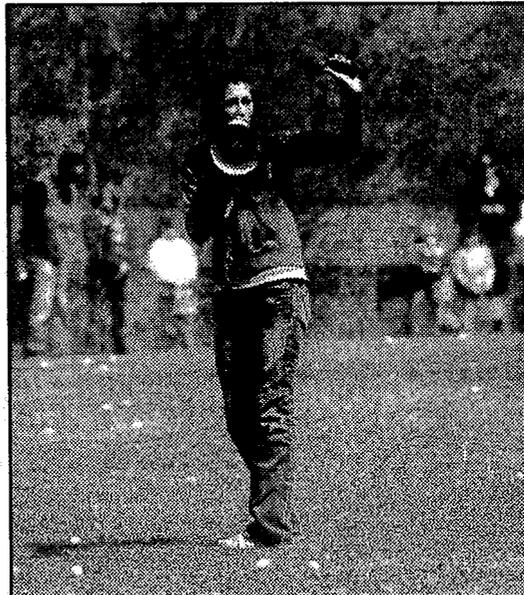
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Jacob Zelinski pets a bunny while his mom, Tamara, and sister, Abigail, look on.



Audrey Morgan gives the bunny a kiss bye-bye.



Recreation Coordinator Casey Reed gets ready to cut the egg hunters loose.

Hoppy Easter

Hundreds of kids and their parents enjoyed an egg-s-tra special time at Friday's annual Easter Egg Hunt at Mill Pond Park in Davisburg.

The event, sponsored by Springfield Township Parks and Recreation, gave kids the opportunity to collect candy and toy-filled eggs, pose for photos with the Easter Bunny and even pet some real bunnies—and boy, were they soft!

To see these and more pictures from the egg hunt in full color, check out our website at www.ClarkstonNews.com.

Photos by Laura Colvin



Elsie Roberts, 4, and her brother Lewis, 3 months, visit with EB himself.



Everyone got a second chance to find eggs.



Lauren Heming spots another egg.



Dominic Temple makes a new friend.

People Poll

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What are you doing for Earth Day?



"Walking, raking the yard, cleaning up winter's destruction, getting ready for sunshine - there's lots to do."

- Mary Jane Smith



"My daughter and I walk through the neighborhood picking up all the garbage we see. She's 7 years old and really looks forward to it."

- Kara Evans White



"We're doing a no-garbage day, not making as much garbage at school."

- Roman Crozier



"I think it's really important we focus on making things greener to protect the earth, with alternative energies and things like that."

- Josh Fox

By Phil Custodio

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Crossing Clarkston

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

They travelled from Dixie Highway through downtown Clarkston carrying a cross.

Many were silent as they approached Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, Good Friday, with the cross.

Matisse Vitale, 10, explained why she wanted to take part of the Cross Walk during Holy Week.

"So I could feel Jesus' pain," she said. "But it was a lot more pain for Jesus."

This was Matisse's second year participating in the experience, a reflection of what they believe it was like for Jesus to walk through downtown Jerusalem on the way to his crucifixion. Her dad, David, has taken the walk for the past four years.

"It's fantastic, sharing it with my children," he said after the walk. "It moves us a step closer to our faith and moves them to the place of understanding what Jesus had gone through. There is an act of humility."

The Cross Walk began as a youth event.

"It was amazing to see the different reactions and being in the open about Christianity," said Kellee Keton, one of the youth leaders. "When I was their age, I don't

know if I would have done it. It says a lot about the humility they have."

Each year the event has grown and recently families have joined in on the experience. They had the biggest turn out this year, with more than 50 people.

"It says a couple of things," said the Rev. Jonathan Heierman, pastor of the church. "One, people are really taking seriously wanting to pass the story on to their kids. The experience sinks more deeply when they experience it. Also, this year with the current situation, there is a lot of hope."

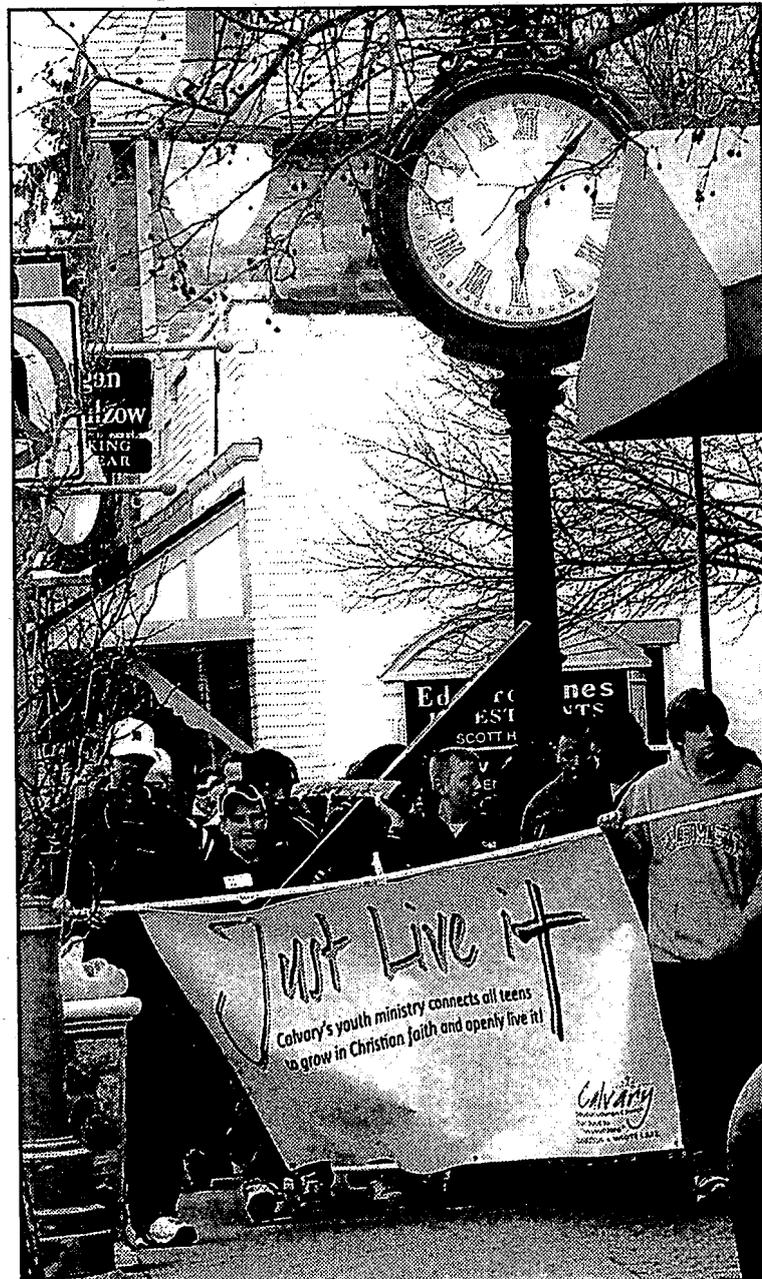
During the walk, participants stop along the way and read the story. When they arrived at Calvary, they brought the cross into the church and took it to their Good Friday worship. The cross was carried to the front by the youth, and they held it there during the service.

"Everybody who comes tonight has the opportunity if they wish, to be able to hold the cross," said Heierman.

They tapped a person on the shoulder and took their turn holding the cross.

During the service, members pounded nails into the cross, representing their sins and burdens,

Please see Church on page 3B



Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church members took turns carrying a cross through downtown Clarkston on Good Friday. Photo by Trevor Kelser

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Around Town

"Pack Your Bag" Medication Consultation, with CVS pharmacists, 11:30 a.m., April 16, Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

Clarkston Community Women's Club, 7 p.m., April 16, Independence Township Library, Clarkston Road. Speaker: Dick Powe, owner of Eagle Eye Inspection, on how to fix home problems. 248-623-9462.

Family Movie Night, 6:30 p.m., April 17, Bailey Lake Elementary School, 8051 Pine Knob Road. Features "Homeward Bound." Benefits Oakland County Animal Shelter. Call Kathy at 248-623-5360, Stacey at 248-623-5361 or Sarah at 248-623-5362.

Spaghetti Dinner, 5-7 p.m., April 17, All you can eat spaghetti, meat sauce, garlic bread. \$5. Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

Clarkston Village Players, 6:30 p.m., April 18, games, skits, songs, food and drinks. Free. Depot Theater at 4861 White Lake Road. 248-625-8811.

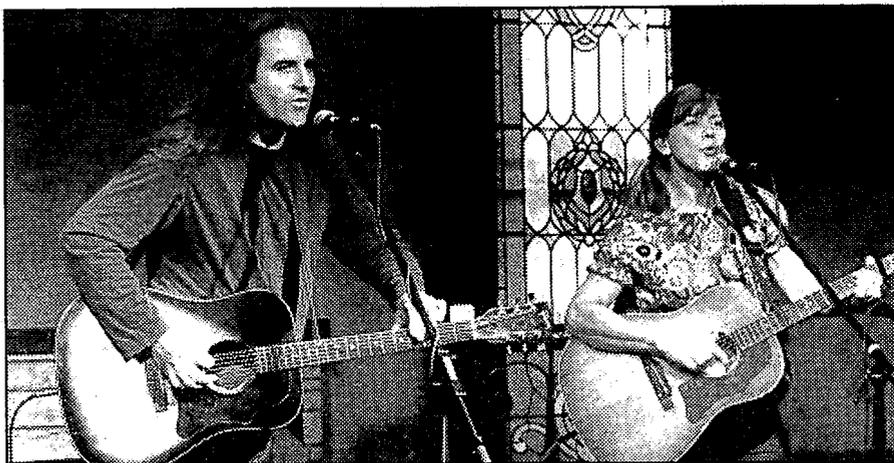
Blood drive, 2-8 p.m., April 22, St. Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road. Walk-ins welcome. 248-625-4644.

Travel Show, 1 p.m., April 22. Presentations on Mediterranean Cruise and Alpine Holiday with Oberammergau Passion Play, 2010. Free. Carriage House, Clintonwood Park. 248-625-8231.

AARP Driver Safety Program, 1-5 p.m., April 22-23, Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Defensive driving tips for drivers 50+. \$10. 248-625-8231.

Town Hall For Hope, nationwide town hall meeting on the economy and money management with Dave Ramsey, 8 p.m., April 23. Free. Bridgewood Church, 6765 Rattalee Lake Road. 248-625-1344.

Princesses and Superheroes Night for Preschoolers, 6:30-8:30 p.m., April 23, Sashabaw Middle School gym. Independence Township



Mark Stuart and Stacey Earle will perform a Carrick House Concert, 8 p.m., April 17. Photo provided

Folk, blues concert at Carrick's

Carrick House Concerts in Clarkston hosts Stacey Earle and Mark Stuart, Nashville Americana/folk artists, 8 p.m., Friday, April 17.

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Pet Fair, 4-6 p.m., April 24, Bailey Lake Elementary School, 8051 Pine Knob Road. Oakland County Animal Shelter will bring pets needing homes. Call Kathy at 248-623-5360, Stacey at 248-623-5361 or Sarah at 248-623-5362.

Vascular tests, by St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and Advanced Screening and Wellness, April 27, Carriage House, Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Ranges from \$69/basic screenings to \$219/Complete Wellness screenings. Pre-register at 800-541-8110.

Rummage sale, 12-7 p.m., April 30; 9 a.m.-5 p.m., May 1, with bake sale; and 9 a.m.-2 p.m., May 2. First Congregational Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road. 248-394-0200.

Teen Support Group, Bridges Bereavement Program by Coats Funeral Home, for ages 13-18 experiencing death of a loved one, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m., May 2 and 9. North Oakland Family Counseling Center, 6887 Dixie Highway. 248-623-7232.

A Tea to Remember, benefits ESTHERS Children, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., May 2. Theme: hats. \$25. Clarkston United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 6600 Waldon Road. 248-620-6828.

Chuck Keegan Race for the Kids, 9 a.m. May 2, Clarkston Junior High School, 6595 Waldon Road. \$20 by April 20; \$25 after. \$5/Donut Dash for children 10 and under. Benefits Clarkston Foundation scholarships. 248-623-5400.

Daffodils and Duds, Springfield Garden Club's style show and luncheon with Kim Rose Fashions, 11:30 a.m., May 5, Genesys Conference and Banquet Center, Grand Blanc. \$25. Silent auction, door prizes. Proceeds to 4-H, NOHLC, Oakland Tech Center. 248-891-0900 or 810-695-3793.

Relay for Life Clarkston, American Cancer Society, 10 a.m., May 9, Clarkston Junior High School. Teams of 10-15 people take turns around the track to benefit cancer research. 248-663-3414.

SCAMP fundraiser, 5:30-8:30 p.m., May 14, Lowrie's Landscape, 9539 Dixie Highway, with Moon Valley Rustic Furniture, catered by Clarkston Union, beverages by Caribou Coffee. 248-625-8844.

Pain, Stress, Emotion and Arthritis program, 5:30-8 p.m., May 28, Professional Development Center, Oakland Schools, Waterford. Speakers: Dr. Amita Bishnoi, medical management strategies for rheumatoid arthritis and osteoarthritis, and Psychologist Jane Savoy, how to use the mind to reduce pain and negative feelings. 800-968-3030.

National Kidney Foundation Golf Classic-Oakhurst, June 8, Oakhurst Golf and Country Club, off Clintonville Road. 800-482-1455.

Adult Basketball League, 18 and over, 12-5 p.m., Sundays, Clarkston Junior High, 6595 Middle Lake. \$450/resident team. \$550/non-resident team. Referee fees are an additional cost. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.

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Church youth group and parents get close to the finish, at Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Church honors Good Friday on the road

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and reflect on what Jesus did for them.

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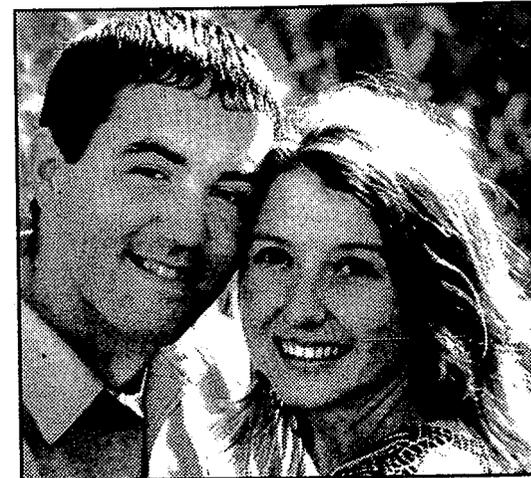
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Katie attended Michigan State University and Justin is a graduate of Central Michigan University.

Justin is a band director in Clarkston Community Schools and has a Masters

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A June 2009 wedding is planned.

Wheeler-Seibert



Jennifer and Joseph

Dan and Ruth Wheeler and Jim and Sue Seibert of Clarkston are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Jennifer Lara Wheeler and Joseph Alfred Seibert.

Jennifer and Joe are both graduates of Clarkston High School.

Jennifer is pursuing a degree in nursing at Madonna University.

Joe graduated from Northern University with a degree in Environmental Conservation.

A July 2009 wedding is planned.

Gove-Miller



Jamie and Mark

Mike and Kaki Gove of Clarkston are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Jamie Leigh Gove to Mark Elton Miller, son of Jim and Lou Anne Miller of Tekonsha.

Jamie is a 2007 graduate of Albion College and a teacher for the Kalamazoo Public School District.

Mark is a 2003 graduate of Kellogg Community College and is a physical

therapist assistant at Oaklawn Hospital. A December 2009 wedding is planned.



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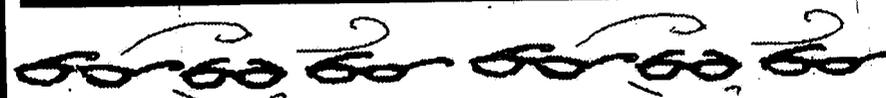
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Religion

Show support at Day of Prayer

My husband and I have lived in Clarkston for nearly 25 years. Often I reflect on the divine providence involved in circumstances that have allowed us to raise our family in a warm and caring community where neighbors show concern for one another, education is a primary value that adults seek to pass on to children, and natural beauty surrounds us at every turn.

My faith community, St. Daniel, has been the rich soil that has nurtured my family's Christian faith and graced us with many life-long friendships. I am fortunate to have a job where I feel freedom of expression as well as the ability to reach out to others and affirm the divine uniqueness given to every individual.

Clarkston is a community that is blessed with spiritual vitality, as witnessed by its many churches. While faith expressions may vary, we share belief in the eternal truth of God's being and an overabundance of God's love that fills the world and overflows...even throughout the universe!

The Holy Spirit, working through each individual church and member, is present and effective, and Christians experience this most profoundly in Word, Worship, and Sacrament. We are, indeed, a fortunate community.

Gratitude is an oft-encouraged disposition for coming to the Lord in prayer. Even during difficult economic times, we have much to be thankful for, only one of which is the com-

munity in which we live. And yet, we most likely find ourselves turning to prayers of petition as well, especially in times of great need or when we require consolation.

I'd like to suggest that praying with others in community is not only unifying in nature, but it is also an appropriate method of gathering up all that we are and acknowledging in humility who God is. And the numbers don't hurt! I have a friend that, while keeping a sense of community in mind throughout her personal prayer, likes to imagine the Verizon commercial with all the folks standing behind the guy with the cell phone. I have my people! Community support in prayer is essential.

This year, I would like to encourage you to attend a special gathering of members of our community to join in prayer regardless of your church affiliation. The National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 7, from 7-9 a.m.

The National Day of Prayer, now in its 58th year nationally, encourages Americans to pray for our nation, its leadership and its centers of power: church, education, family, government, business, and civic groups. The observance pre-dates the founding of our nation in 1775, when the Continental Congress called on colonists to pray for guidance as they founded the nation.

A joint resolution of Congress in 1952 established a national day of prayer; and, in 1988, an amendment designated the first Thursday of May for the observance.

This year, St. Daniel will be hosting the event which will
Please see Spiritual Matters, page 8B

Spiritual Matters



Cheryl Smith

In our churches...

Positive, Practical Metaphysics, class series, 7 p.m., April 16: "Applied Spiritual Economics"; April 23: "How I Found Health"; April 30: "Love the Life You Live, Live the Life You Love." Peace Unity Church, 8080 Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

Thirteen, Modern Rock Worship Group, 7 p.m., April 18, Community Presbyterian Church, 4301 Monroe Street, Waterford. 248-673-7805.

Earth Day Celebration, 12 p.m., April 26, Heather Muzzy presents "Going Green Simply." Peace Unity Church, 8080 Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

Singer/songwriter Peter Mayer in concert, 7:30 p.m., May 10. \$14. Church of the Resurrection, 6490 Clarkston Road. 248-625-2325.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, biblically based, financial workshop for everyone, Sundays, 4 p.m. Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-1611.

Prayer Partner Training, 10:30 a.m., second Sunday. Participants will receive a prayer syllabus. All welcome. Peace Unity, at Sashabaw Presbyterian, 5300 Maybee Road. 248-891-4365.

Bethany North, peer support to all faiths dealing with
Please see In Our Churches, page 8B



CHURCH DIRECTORY

DIXIE BAPTIST CHURCH
8585 Dixie Highway, Clarkston, MI
(248) 625-2311
website: www.dixiebaptist.org
Home of Springfield Christian Academy & Children's Ark Preschool
Pastor: J. Todd Vanaman
Sun: 10:00 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship
11:00 am Worship Service
6:00 pm Worship Service
Wed: 6:45 pm AWANA
7:00 pm Teen Meetings & Adult Bible Study
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6805 Bluegrass Drive, Clarkston
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625-3288
Sunday Worship:
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9:30 am (blended worship)
11:00 am (contemporary praise)
Nursery available
Sunday School (all ages)
9:30 (Seasonal)
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Wed. evening - Dinner & Bible Study 6 pm (Seasonal)
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6600 Waldon Road, Clarkston
248-625-1611
Website: clarkstonumc.org
Sunday Worship: 9:00 & 11:15 am
Sunday Connection Service: 6:00 pm
Fellowship Time: 10:00
Nursery available for both services
Children's Sunday School:
9:00 & 10:10 am & 11:15 pm
Adult Sunday School: 10:10 am
Sunday Youth Groups:
Grades 6-7 5:00 pm
Grades 8-9 & 10-12 7:00 pm

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www.peaceunitychurch.org

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625-4580
Rev. Christopher Maus
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Pastor Wayne Uppendahl
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4453 Clintonville Rd. at Mann Rd., Waterford, MI
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Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 am
Bible Study Wed. Eve., 6:30 pm at Church Offices - Yellow House
7205 Clintonville Rd., Clarkston, MI
Phone (248) 858-2577
Fax (248) 858-7706

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www.sainttrinitylutheran.com
e-mail: sttrinity@comcast.net
Worship: Sun. 8:15 am & 11:00 am
Sat. 6:00 pm
Sunday School 9:45 am
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THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
5449 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston
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Fax: (248) 394-2142
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BRIDGEWOOD CHURCH
6765 Rattalee Lake Road
Clarkston, 48348
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Services:
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Ozone - Children's Life Ministry
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www.bridgewoodchurch.com

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CLARKSTON
5972 Paramus, Clarkston, MI
(248) 625-3380
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Pastor: Russell Reemtsma
Sun: 9:30 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship
10:30 am Worship Service
6:00 pm Evening Service
Wed: 6:15 pm Awana Club
6:30 pm Teen Ministry
7:00 pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study

CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CHURCH
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Sunday: Worship 9:30 & 11:00 am
Spiritual Formation 11:00 am
Nursery Care at all services
Wednesday: Children's Ministries 6:00-8:00 pm
Sunday: Youth Ministries 5:00-7:00 pm
www.clarkstonchurch.com



Carol Peters, Kelley LaFontaine, and Marie Hauswirth enjoy a chat.



Mike Gregory cheers with a glass of wine



Kathy Browe samples a new wine.

Spring and wine

Wine, food and laughter filled the air at the Rotary Club's "Taste of Spring" wine tasting at Oakhurst Golf and Country Club on April 9.

The club raised around \$4,000 projects through wine and ticket sales, and raffle items. All money goes to Rotary's local and international projects.

"We do things like buy shelter boxes for families who have been displaced by natural disasters. We support a anti-polio

drive. We support local charities, local scholarships and we have built some toys in Depot Park," said Rotary President Bart Clark. "We do a lot of local things."

Clark said the value of the event is twofold.

"One, it raises money," he said. "Two, it's really good for the community. It's something that adds a little spark and life to the beginning of the spring season."

Photo story by Trevor Keiser



Joe Wauldron fixes a plate of tasty food.



Kassandra Ogans and her mom, Kym, share a smile.



Dave Noble-Jack takes a sip of wine.

Jet's Pizza takes flight

Jet's Pizza has a family tradition of consistency, quality and customer service.

"We make sure every pizza that goes out the door is made to our own standards," said owner Tim Shamoun, who along with his brother Dave has owned and operated two local Jet's franchises for the past 14 years "If it's as good as we would make it for ourselves and our own family, we know our customers will be happy."

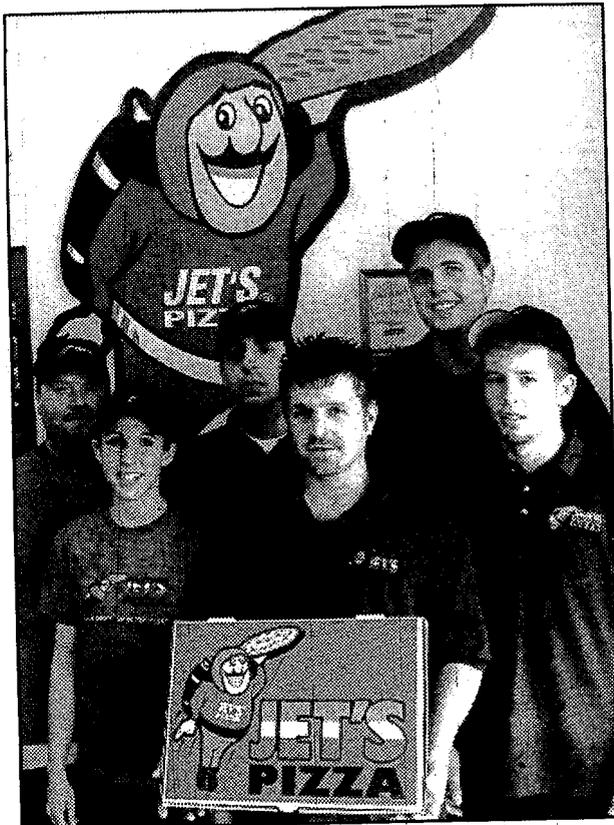
And with a family the size of the Shamouns—mom and dad raised 11 kids—the brothers, along with six other family members who work between the two locations, have had plenty of practice creating the perfect pizza.

"One of us is always in the store," Tim said, noting he insists on the very best ingredients; from Dearborn ham to the most expensive cheese. "As a family, we know everything that happens here affects our business in the long run."

Both he and Dave, Tim said, are committed to being in the store to make customers are getting a great pizza and quality service.

"We like our customers, and know many of them on a first-name basis," he said.

And for good reason—in addition to pizza making, the family is also involved with the community and supportive of the Clarkston Wolves; Nick Shamoun—a son, nephew or cousin, depending on whom you



The staff of Jet's Pizza use the best ingredients.

ask, was the team's starting quarterback during the 2007-2008 school year.

With one store located just inside Waterford, at 5332 Dixie Highway (248-623-8727), and the other in Lake Orion, at 1019 S Baldwin Road (248-391-3400), both Jet's Pizza locations draw a large part of their customer base from Clarkston.

"It's a great community," said Tim. "We love being a part of it."



Carolyn Thiele, owner of Curves of Davisburg, with food donated by members for Neighbor for Neighbor. Photo by Phil Custodio

Working out for Neighbors

While losing weight and getting healthy, Curves members and friends also donated 1,500 can and boxes of food for Neighbors for Neighbors.

"I'm very pleased about it, especially with the economy the way it is," said Carolyn Thiele, owner of Curves of Davisburg. "There's a greater need for it

too."

The fitness center collected about 400 more items than last year during its annual food drive, through the month of March.

"Everybody really pulled together," Thiele said. "We collected a great variety of healthy food, a well rounded menu."

Around Town

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team. at cost. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.

Mothers & More, non-profit dedicated to improving lives of mothers through support, education, advocacy, 7:15 p.m., third Monday, Red Knapp's Restaurant, 6722 Dixie Highway. 248-969-9788.

Clintonwood Teen Sand Volleyball Leagues, teens ages 13-17, Sundays, sand courts of Clintonwood Park. Independence Township Parks and Rec. League play starts first week in

June, regular season lasts eight weeks. All games self officiated, six per team. Must sign up as teams. 248-625-8223.

Men's 50+ Softball, Independence Township Senior Center, practices Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays. League games start in May. 248-625-8231.

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

Clarkston Rotary Club, Mondays, 6:30 p.m., Deer Lake Athletic Club, 6167 White Lake Road. \$15. 248-625-4244.

SMILE OF THE MONTH



Nolan Wilson
Nolan is a freshman at Clarkston Jr. High. He plays football, lacrosse and enjoys making music and being with his friends.

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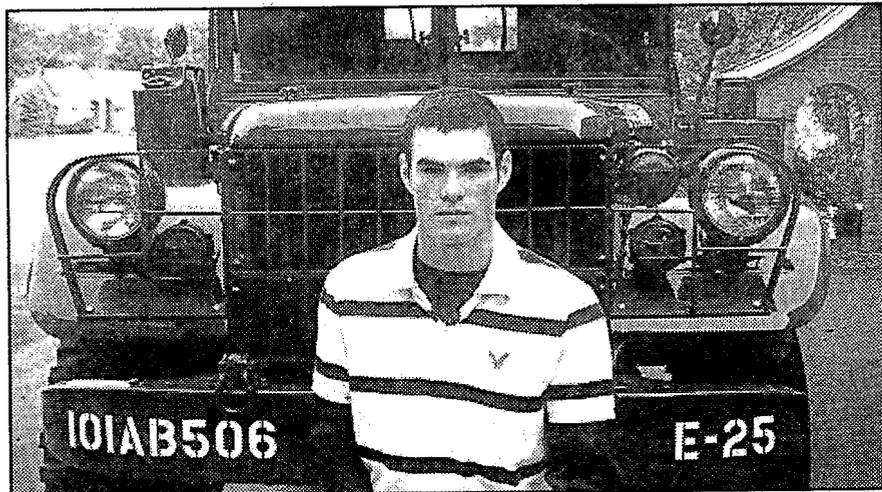
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Teen at talk about truck project

Clarkston Rotary Club hosts Zachary Nattrass, Clarkston High School Senior, presenting "Not Your Typical Teenager Vehicle," at its weekly meeting, 6:30 p.m., Monday, April 20, at Deer Lake Athletic Club, 6167 White Lake Road. Nattrass will describe the restoration project of a 1954 multi-purpose, weapons-carrier truck. For more information, call Rotary President Bart Clark at 248-922-9166.

In our churches

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divorce or separation, general meeting, 7:30 p.m., fourth Monday, Cushing Center, St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park, call Tim, 248-628-6825, or Joann, 248-673-2539.

Yoga, 10 a.m., Wednesdays; 5:30 p.m., Mondays, instructor Noreen Daly. Beginning and intermediate techniques. Bring mat. \$7/class. Peace Unity and Holistic Center, 8080 Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

Wednesday Evening FEAST, dinner at 6 p.m., worship at 6:50 p.m., classes for all ages, 7:15- 8:30 p.m. Free nursery. Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-3288.

The Four Spiritual Laws of Prosperity, class series based on the book by Edwene Gaines, Wednesdays, 12 p.m. Peace Unity Church, 8080 Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

Rainbows meetings, Thursdays, 7-8 p.m., Cushing Center., St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park Drive. Outreach program for children and adults dealing with change in their lives due to death, divorce or other significant loss. 248-625-1750.

Community events?

Tell us about them at
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or 248-625-3370

PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know

CLARKSTON CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON 375 DEPOT ROAD CLARKSTON MI 48346 SUMMARY MINUTES CITY COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 23, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Arkwright. Moved by Ottman, supported by Johnston to "Have the Consent Agenda items reflected in the minutes and the acceptance of the monthly bills with the dollar figure". Motion carried.

Motion by Ottman, supported by Inabnit to "Approve the minutes of the March 10, 2009 meeting with detail of the Consent Agenda items added". Motion carried.

Mayor Arkwright reviewed the current quarterly billing rate of \$57.00 per REU (Residential Equivalency Unit) of which \$4.52 goes to Independence Township, \$50.00 to the Detroit Water and Sewer Department for disposal, leaving \$2.48 for City's emergency reserve fund for the City's Sewer System. With the costs of repairs at 42 W. Washington, the City needs to build up the Sewer reserve fund. The proposed quarterly rate would be raised to \$97.00, of which \$19.92 would go to Independence Twp, \$55.00 paid to the Detroit Water and Sewer Department for disposal, \$10.78 to Independence Twp in catch up payments, leaving \$11.30 for the City Sewer Fund Reserves.

Resolved by Johnston, supported by Ottman to "Resolve that the new quarterly sewer rate be set at \$97.00 per REU beginning with the second quarter 2009 billing cycle.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Motion by Roth, supported by Inabnit to "Limit the City Council meetings to two (2) hours with the option to extend Council Meetings with majority approval. Motion carried.

Resolved by Johnston, supported by Ottman, "That the City of the Village of Clarkston formally commit to renovating and/or expanding the existing municipal facilities at 375 Depot Road in a sustainable manner that will reduce energy costs, improve the overall efficiency of the City operations, and enhance the use of the City's Depot Park."

RESOLUTION FAILED.

Resolved by Roth, supported by Inabnit to "Accept the Finance Committee 2008-09 Amended Budget Transfers for General Fund".

RESOLUTION RESOLVED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet C. Gillespie, Clerk

Spiritual Matters

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include a full breakfast, music by members of the community, and Dr. John Canine as the keynote speaker.

Dr. Canine's topic is, "Prayer: Hope of the World". A prolific speaker and author, Dr. Canine will be joined by representatives from government, education, civic groups and

other key community agencies.

Tickets are \$7 and available at many area churches. If your worshipping community does not have tickets, please contact Dianne Bretz (248-625-3288) at Calvary Lutheran Church to obtain your ticket. I hope you'll seriously consider joining us. There's power in numbers!

Cheryl Smith is director of Adult Faith Formation at St. Daniel Catholic Church.

Like to join in
Spiritual Matters?
Call us at 248-625-3370

PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know

INDEPENDENCE TWP. BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Date and Time: April 21, 2009, at 7:30 p.m.

Place: Independence Township Hall*
*6483 Waldon Center Drive,
Clarkston, MI, 48346

*NOTE NEW MEETING PLACE

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Opening-Statements and Correspondence
5. Approval of Agenda
6. Public Forum - *Individuals in the audience will have the opportunity to address the Township Board on an issue that is not on the Agenda, limiting their comments to not more than three minutes.*
7. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2009, and Regular Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2009 and April 7, 2009
 - b. Approval of Purchase Orders
 - c. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run
 - d. Water Meter Electronics Bulk Purchase Exceeding \$10,000.00

Public Hearing

Reprogramming of CDBG Funds

Unfinished Business

1. Update on Patricia Clark case
2. Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Fire Prevention Code and Open Burning Regulations
3. Second Reading and Adoption of Amended Final PUD Site Plan (PC file #2008-018), McLaren Health Care, Daniel J. Medrano, Petitioner, Sashabaw Road and Bow Pointe Drive, 70 Acres, PUD Zoning, 08-27-251-010 (5700 Bow Pointe Dr.), 08-27-251-011 (5680 Bow Pointe Dr.), 08-27-251-012, 08-27-252-006, 08-27-252-007 (5701 Bow Pointe Dr.) 08-27-252-008, 08-27-276-002, and 08-27-276-004

New Business

1. Planning Commission Dixie Highway Study Discussion
2. CCIRF Presentation
3. Reprogramming of CDBG Funds
4. First Amendment to Sewer Maintenance Agreement - City of Clarkston
5. Discussion of Operations and Management Study
6. Discussion of Capital Improvement Plan
7. Discussion of Parks and Recreation Plan
8. Water System Reliability Study/Contingency Plan Update
9. Renewal of liability insurance with MMRMA
10. Propose sending to the Planning Commission authority to review and come up with Zoning Ordinances for:
 - a. Owner occupied multiple residential
 - b. Dark Sky Ordinance for commercial/industrial properties

Only those matters that are listed on the Agenda are to be considered for action. A majority vote of the Board members may add or delete an agenda item.

The Charter Township of Independence will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at a public hearing/meeting upon advance notice in writing or by calling the Township Clerk's Office at (248) 625-5111.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know

INDEPENDENCE TWP. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet on Wednesday, May 6, 2009, 7:30 PM in the Independence Township Hall Conference Room, 6483 Waldon Center Dr., Clarkston, MI 48346 to hear the following case: Case #09-0004 Jones, William, Petitioner

APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 24, SECTION 50-837, ACCESSORY BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES, FRONT YARD PLACEMENT VARIANCE TO CONSTRUCT ACCESSORY STRUCTURE 4920 Hillcrest Dr., 1.1 Acres, R-1A Clement's Greens Lake Sub., Lots 5 & 6 08-31-427-057 and 08-31-427-058

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT THE ABOVE REQUESTS MAY BE EXAMINED AT THE TOWNSHIP BUILDING DEPARTMENT during regular business hours. Written comments may be sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals c/o the Independence Township Building Department, 6483 Waldon Center Dr., Clarkston, MI 48346, prior to the Public Hearing. For further information call (248) 625-8111.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelagh VanderVeen, Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know

INDEPENDENCE TWP. SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE APRIL 7, 2009

1. The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:30 p.m., at the Independence Township Public Library.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call: Present: VanderVeen, Petterson, Wallace, Rosso
Absent: Wagner, Lohmeier, Carson
There was a quorum.
4. Opening Statements and Correspondence
5. The Agenda was approved, as amended.
6. Citizens were offered a chance to address the Board regarding subjects that were not on the Agenda.
7. The following Consent Agenda items were approved:
 - a. Resolution for Michigan Athlambra House to be recognized as a non-profit organization for purposes of obtaining a charitable gaming license
 - b. Resolution - Cranberry Lake Goose Round-up
8. Approved bid for the Chestnut Hill Well #1 repair from Raymer in the amount of \$19,893.50, and approval of an additional \$5,000.00 to cover any unforeseen repairs
9. Approved the Oakland County Road Commission bid with respect to the 2009 Road Chloride Program as discussed in Mr. Wagner's memo to the Township Board dated April 3, 2009
10. Approved that the Township would reimburse 50% of the cost of chloriding private roads within the Township upon submission of invoices to the Township provided they also contract this work through the Oakland County Road Commission
11. Approved selling Library equipment as specified on the Board Action Request from the Library Director
12. Approved Accounts Payable Check Run
13. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Shelagh VanderVeen
Township Clerk

Published: 4/15/09

Obituary

Judith A. Clark

Judith A. Clark of Grand Blanc passed away, April 5, 2009, at the age of 67.

She was the loving wife of Richard for 20 years; beloved mother of Kristy (Jeff) Eisenberg, Michael (Kari) Pawley, Kim Hompstead, Steven (Bridget) Clark, Paula Clark, and Beth (Jim) Galt; daughter of Rose Ann and the late Virgil D. Frazier; proud grandma of Kyler, Mason, Madison, Rachael, Nathan, Haley, Celeste,

Abby, and Olivia; sister of Darrell Frazier; and dear aunt of Andrew Frazier.

Funeral Mass was April 8 at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston. Rite of Committal, All Saints Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Arrangements by Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com

Michael A. Regiec

Michael A. Regiec of Troy passed away, April 5, 2009.

He was the loving husband of Shirley; beloved Father of Michael D. (Hannah) and Kathy (Kevin) Sparks; proud grandfather of Jesse (Dr. Janelin) Regiec; and preceded in death by his siblings Stanley and Andrew Regiec, Helen Michon, and Mary Konieczny.

Mr. Regiec retired from Fisher Body

Division of General Motors after 42 years of dedicated service. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII.

Private arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Memorials may be made to Parkinsons Foundation or Michigan Humane Society. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com

Ernest 'Ernie' Head Jr.

Ernest "Ernie" Head Jr. of Waterford passed away, April 6, 2009, at the age of 82.

He was preceded in death by his wife Rosemary. He was the loving father of Deborah Lynn Curtis, Larry Vaughn Head, Roxanne (Randall) Bonneau, and Hollie Joy (Rodney) Campagna; grandfather of Sarah, Jaime, Ashley, Nicholas, Kyle, and Madison Rose; and brother of Bob, Billy, J.H., Joe, and Rayburn.

Mr. Head was the Past Commander of the American Legion Post 63, Clarkston. He was a Shriner and on the Jester Court. He was a 32nd degree Mason and belonged to the Masonic Lodge. He was proud to serve in the U.S. Army alongside four of his nine brothers.

Funeral Service was April 11 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com

Obituaries updated at
ClarkstonNews.com

Richard J. 'Rick' Cianek

Richard J. "Rick" Cianek of Ortonville passed away, April 6, 2009, at the age of 54.

He was the loving husband of Denise for 30 years; proud father of Andrew, Claire, and Franklin; dear brother of Donald (Darlene), Norman, James (Connie), Kathleen (Rick) Jankoska, and Mary Jean Wojciechowski; son-in-law of Marie Mrozinski; also survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends; and preceded in death by his parents Barney and Louise Cianek and his sisters Barbara Reder and Antoinette Waskevich.

Mr. Cianek was employed with FRACO Products. He had extensive experience

in the construction industry. He was an active and past board member of the Masonry Institute of Michigan, Construction Association of Michigan, Michigan Mason Contractors Association, MIOSHA and the Knights of Columbus.

Knights of Columbus Rosary was April 10 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was April 11 at St. Anne Catholic Church, Ortonville. Rite of Committal, Calvary Cemetery, Kawkawlin. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to American Heart Association or Oakland County Food Bank. Online guestbook, www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Dean R. Dickinson

Dean R. Dickinson of Clarkston died suddenly, April 10, 2009, at 31 years of age.

He was the loving husband of Jamie Dickinson; father of Abigail and Kaleb, ages 11, and Robert, 7; dear son of Perry (LouAnn) Dickinson and Gayle (Rod) Favers; dear brother of Daryl and Stacy Dickinson; survived by his grandparents, Dorothy and Robert Dickinson and Geraldine Sweet; also survived by Jamie's parents, James and Bonnie

Webb, her grandparents Mary and Howard Webb; her brother David (Amber) Webb and her sister Whitney Webb.

Funeral service, Wednesday, April 15, 1 p.m., at North Oaks Community Church, 9600 Ortonville Road, Clarkston. Pastor Stephen Brown officiating. Visitation was at Coats Funeral Home, Waterford. Donations may be made to the family. To send a private condolence, go to www.coatsfuneralhome.com and select "Guestbook."

Michael Thomas

Michael Thomas of Clarkston passed away, April 11, 2009, at the age of 69.

He was the husband of Janet for 48 years; father of Gina (Erik) Ohrnberger of Troy, Carrie Hartt of Grosse Pointe Woods, Kim (Steve) Simmons of Grand Blanc, and Kevin (Shiel) Thomas of Richland; grandpa of Katie, Lizzy, Lauren, Michael, Anthony (Diane), Kate, Cody and Kara; son in law of Mary English; and brother of Sandra (Wayne) D'Autremont of Waterford and Karen (Ron) Wolf of Oxford.

Mr. Thomas retired from General Motors. In his retirement, he enjoyed helping his family with building projects.

Scripture service was April 14 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral Mass, Wednesday, 10 a.m., at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston.

Any donations to the family will be given to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac, in recognition of their excellent caregiving of Mike. Online guest book, www.wintfuneralhome.com.

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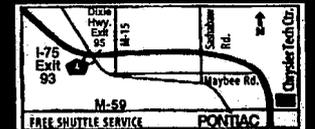
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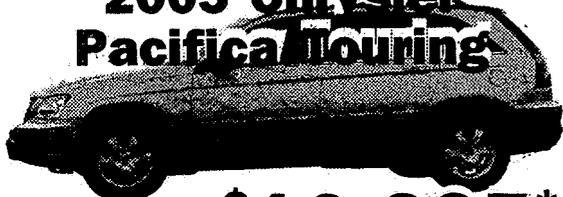
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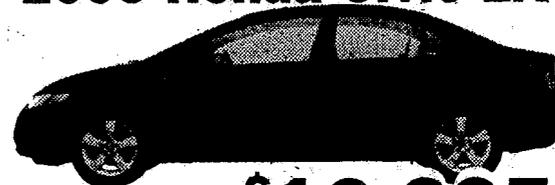
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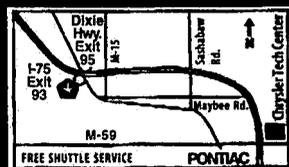
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Historic Treasures
Downtown Lake Orion
Custom Kitchen Tables
Wed. - Fri. 11-4pm
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COME and BROWSE

R184

ANTIQUE DEALERS

wanted for "Celebrate Oxford", August 1, 10am-5pm. Call Burdick Street Station. 248-628-3338 !L192
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160 APPLIANCES

KENMORE ELECTRIC RANGE, top freezer refrigerator, both almond. \$125 each. Excellent condition. 248-628-0366. !L192

170 GENERAL

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3 PIECE ART Deco bedroom set \$600. 2 burled wood art nouveau dressers \$150 each. Antique phonograph for parts \$35. 2 chandeliers (one with 70 prisms) \$125 each. 3 motor bikes. 248-238-9676. !L182

HAND GUN, RUGER 357 Mag revolver, like new. \$425. 248-605-1948. !L182

18 VENDING MACHINES, on location now. \$2,200. Call Dave, 248-875-1537. !L182

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Mother's Day Special Event

At Beadifferent
May 2 - 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
ampwork Glass Beads
By Local Artist
Ruth Forman
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APRIL 19TH CHARITY Cut-A-Thon, Clarkston Glitz. 100% of proceeds donated. Call 248-334-4793 for information and appointments. www.FirstGiving.com/ClarkstonMomSquad !L182

CASE 580 BACKHOE attachments- (1) 5ft. grading/ditching bucket; (1) cutting wheel; (1) paddle tooth; (1) dig tooth with small paddle. All in good used condition. \$600 for all. Call 248-628-1019, Oxford. !L1717fdh

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Assorted Colors
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LX28-1f

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190 LOST & FOUND

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2 BEDROOM HOUSE

Metamora hunt country on larger farm. Updated & clean. No pets. References & security deposit. \$950. 810-678-8762. !L192

CLARKSTON PLACE Apartments. Rent starting at \$525 includes heat. 1 & 2 bedroom, newly renovated. Secure entrances. Water & storage, air, vertical blinds, private balcony. Close to shopping. 248-922-9326. !LX384

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290 RENTALS

INDUSTRIAL SPACE

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OAK FOREST APARTMENTS, Lake Orion. O.F.A. \$199 move-in special plus free rent. Call 248-693-7120. !!L164

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ROOM FOR RENT- \$400/month. Looking for nonsmoker. Located in Village of Lake Orion. No lease. Need first and last month's rent. Call Randy, 248-520-9267. !!L182

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2 BEDROOM

UPPER APARTMENT

\$435/ Month

Utilities Furnished

248-693-1393

L182c

OXFORD 2 BEDROOM, Den, basement, 2 car garage on large lot. Remodeled, turnkey. Pet negotiable. \$900. monthly, plus utilities. 248-628-0449. !!L184

FOR RENT- LAKE Orion lake view, 2 bedrooms, possibly 3rd, 1 bath, full walkout basement. \$750/month. 248-628-3300. !!L182c

SHARE MY HOME between Orion & Oxford. Everything furnished. Nonsmoker. 248-628-4328. !!L192

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NORTH OXFORD EFFICIENCY Apartment, \$495 per month plus deposit. Utilities included. No pets. 248-884-3973. !!L174

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DOCK SPACE WANTED to rent on Lake Orion Lake for summer. 248-743-0494 !!L182

310 REAL ESTATE

LAPEER 4 BEDROOM HOME, Country setting. Appraised at \$120,000. \$69,900. \$0. Down Financing. 810-728-8106. !!LZ192

HOUSE FOR SALE by owner- Historic home in the Village of Ortonville. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Move in condition. \$135,000. Appointment only. 248-425-8569. !!ZX352

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Orion 1998 built 4 Bdrm Colonial, lakeview, 2,550 sq.ft. E-Z terms, only \$199,900!
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ORION

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● 3bd, 2 bth, shed, newer carpet, \$225/mo (Plus Lot Rent)
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cell: 313-815-1737

LZ191

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LZ184

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Food/ Playscape/ Games/ Beer &

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Gary Korleski

248-855-7752
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Capital 1 Commercial Group, Inc.

LZ191

340 CHILD CARE

STATE LAW REQUIRES all childcare facilities to be licensed and some to be registered. Call Bureau of Regulatory Services 248-975-5050, if you have any questions. !!LZ8tf

LITTLE BEAR DAYCARE- Licensed in-home daycare in Clarkston, near I-75 on M-15. Fun, love and learning! 248-620-0898. !!C394

TAMARA'S TINY TOTS has child care openings. M-24/ Clarkston. 248-834-9412. !!L191

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Before/ After- \$35
Oxford Area/ Draher
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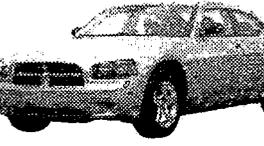
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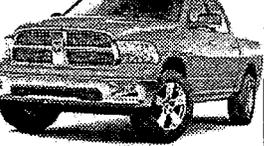
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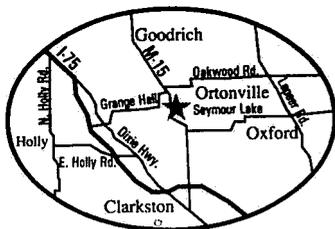
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New Manager Shannon Crane has worked the past 12 years in the customer service industry and is excited to assist Poolmart customers.

"I am looking forward to meeting all the new customers, as well as our regular customers," she said.

Owner Jim Bishop purchased the business three years ago. He has been a part of the pool and spa industry for more than 30 years. Poolmart and Spas, which began in 1980, sells above-ground swimming pools, hot tubs, chemicals, accessories and much more.

In addition to their retail products, the staff at Poolmart and Spas pride themselves on their free water analysis lab and diagnostic center. "We are known for being able to analyze water and determine what the customer needs to resolve their problem," said Bishop. "We are water-care professionals. We have many years of experience."

Currently, the staff is readying themselves for their busy season, which has already begun. The 29th Annual Spring Sales Event is going on now thru April 30th. All floor model Dimension One Hot Tubs and in stock Doughboy Pools are on sale with great finance options.

Poolmart is always looking for new products that its customers want. "Two years ago we began selling Crocs Footwear and this winter we added the SunHeat Infrared Heaters," Bishop said. These heaters can save

you up to 50% on your heating bill; visit www.sunheat.info/poolmart.com.

On April 30th, Poolmart will host their Annual Pool School which will conclude the 29th Annual Sale. It is held each year to advise customers how to open their pool and care for it throughout the summer. The business usually attracts around 70 people to the event. To sign up for the Pool School, e-mail Shannon at scrane@poolmartspas.com. With everything the staff is working on currently, the main focus will continue to be outstanding customer service.

"We're in the business of taking care of our customers," Bishop said. "We want to continue to grow the business with the help of our current customers and through referrals."

The referral rewards program that Poolmart and Spas created, gives customers a big reward toward their pool and spa needs. When customers refer friends and family to Poolmart and Spas to purchase a pool or hot tub, they can earn up to \$500 in rewards. Poolmart has an e-mail club, where customers receive e-mails with tips, coupons, relevant articles, and information about upcoming events; sign up online at www.poolmartspas.com. Also, Poolmart is introducing their new Pool Club Card which saves you money on pool chemicals and it's FREE!

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Tips on looking for housing for an elderly relative.

by Sandy Mabery

Owner of Pine Tree Place Assisted Living

At some time, everyone will probably need to find alternative housing for an elderly relative. This can be a very confusing path to walk down with lots of twists and turns. The first thing that everyone needs to know is that the government does not necessarily take care of the cost of long-term care. Medicare pays for up to 100 days of rehabilitation, as prescribed by a doctor, and ends when no further improvement is noticed. At that point you usually have three choices:

1. Take them back home. If they cannot live independently, you will need to hire a nurse, home health care aides, companion care services or elect family members to help with the care. Unfortunately, these options are generally in four hour blocks of time. Paying for 24-hour home care can run as high as \$8,000 to \$10,000 per month, depending on the care needs of the elderly person.

2. Move them to a senior apartment or assisted living facility, depending on their needs and financial situation. Both of these options are private pay.

3. Move them into a skilled nursing facility. Medicaid subsidizes the cost for skilled care, but only after you pay privately first and use up all of the resident's personal savings. Each skilled care facility will have different admission requirements, depending on their overhead costs and the number of Medicaid beds they have. Some require the resident to have up to three years of private pay funds (approximately \$300,000) before they will admit them into their facility. Many skilled facilities have waiting lists, and sadly, an elderly person with small savings will have very few facilities to choose from.

If your relative has Alzheimer's disease you will need to look for a facility that specializes in that type of care. These facilities are usually smaller and are equipped with a system to prevent the residents from wandering undetected outside. They also have higher staff to resident ratios. The cost for this specialized care can be more expensive.

Check out www.alternativesforseniors.com. It is a great on-line resource tool for investigating all types of long-term care and has a great search engine. The following is a description of the different types of facilities that exist in Michigan.

Skilled Care Facility, Convalescent Homes, Nursing Homes

Large institutional facilities that provide room, meals and 24-hour medical care for elderly residents that are licensed by the State of Michigan. These facilities accept Medicare, Medicaid and private pay. Rooms may be private or may be up to four residents in a room. Costs usually start around \$265 per day (\$8,000 per month).

Large Assisted Living Facility (licensed)

Large facilities that provide room, meals, activities and 24-hour non-medical personal care for elderly residents. These facilities house 60+ residents, generally on two or more floors, and are licensed by the State of Michigan as a "Home for the Aged". By law they can be as small as 21 beds, but smaller ones are not very common due to construction cost requirements. They have additional fees for medication disbursement and generally have extra fees for high levels of care. These are private pay only and generally are new construction. They have semi-private, studio and one bedroom units without kitchens priced from \$125 to \$260 per day (\$3,800 to \$8,000 per month). They have separate staff for cooking, cleaning and caregiving.

Large Assisted Living Facility (unlicensed)

Some larger assisted living facilities are unlicensed and therefore must contract all personal care services through a Home Health Care Agency. These facilities only provide room and meals and have additional ala carte charges for personal care and medication management. They do not provide true 24-hour care. They have semi-private, studio, one and two bedroom units (some with kitchens) priced from \$1,600 to \$4,200 per month. American House offers a MI-Choice waiver which combines HUD money for low-income seniors with Medicare dollars for personal care, but there is generally a waiting list. They have separate staff for cooking, cleaning and caregiving.

Assisted Living Home, Large Adult Foster Care Group Home, Personal Care Home

Small residential facilities housing 13 to 20 residents that provide room, meals, activities and 24-hour non-medical personal care for elderly residents, licensed by the State of Michigan as a "Large Adult Foster Care Group Home". These are generally remodeled homes, but larger ones are sometimes new construction. All personal care and medication management is included in the monthly fee but many have extra fees for higher levels of care. Medication management is included in the base monthly fee. These are also private pay only. Rooms are generally studio-type, single occupancy rooms or semi-private rooms with prices ranging from \$80 to \$200 per day (\$2,500 to \$6,000 per month). The staff

are usually universal workers that are required to do cooking, cleaning and caregiving. **Assisted Living Home, Personal Care Homes, Small Adult Foster Care Group Home**

Small residential facilities housing seven to thirteen residents that provide room, meals, activities and 24-hour non-medical care for elderly residents licensed by the State of Michigan as a "Small Adult Foster Care Group Home". These facilities are almost exclusively remodeled neighborhood residential homes. All personal care and medication management is included in the monthly fee. Generally the rooms are semi-private or private, all having shared bathrooms with prices ranging from \$60 to \$100 per day (\$1,800 to \$3,000 per month).

Assisted Living Home, Personal Care Homes, Adult Foster Care Family Home, Group Home

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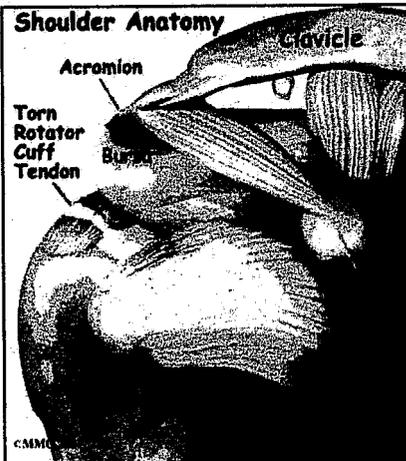
New advances in shoulder surgery

The rotator cuff is made up of four muscles that come together to form one tendon. The tendon attaches to the ball of the shoulder and helps with normal movement.

As an individual raises their arm, the rotator cuff is pinched between the two bones on either side of it. This can cause bursitis and even a rotator cuff tear.

Over time, painful bursitis and rotator cuff tears often lead to other processes including frozen shoulder and a certain type of arthritis termed cuff tear arthropathy.

If you have pain in your shoulder, particularly with overhead reaching, or are unable to sleep on your shoulder, you likely have shoulder bursitis with the possibility of rotator cuff tear. Your doctor will likely begin your treatment with a non-operative regimen of anti-inflammatory medications and physical therapy. If you continue to have pain or weakness, your doctor might find it necessary to order a magnetic resonance image (MRI), which is the only way to know for sure if you have a torn cuff. Fortunately, recent advances in arthroscopic and minimally invasive techniques have revolutionized rotator cuff repair. In the past, surgeons had to disconnect a large muscle in the shoulder to ex-



pose the rotator cuff for repair. Now, some surgeons have been specially trained in these new techniques, which help your physician visualize and repair the tendon through very small incisions with the aid of a small camera. Arthroscopic rotator cuff repair reduces post-operative pain, stiffness, and rehabilitation time as compared to traditional open surgery.

Call Maher (Matt) Bahu, M.D., Orthopedic Specialists of Oakland County, 44555 Woodward Ave, Suite 105, Pontiac, MI 48341, at 248-335-2977, fax 248-858-3880, or check www.osocortho.com.

Local pride at Independence Pool

What reminds you of spring? "The smell of a pool store, of course," replied John Bokor, owner of Independence Pool & Spa.

If you would like to deal with someone who truly loves what he does, this is your guy. When you walk in to Independence Pool & Spa, you might notice the wall of diplomas, licenses, and certifications he has worked hard for over the years. In addition, he helped bring a new chemical line to the area that is manufactured in Grand Rapids.

"I take a lot of pride in the Clear Result chemical line. The manufacturer came to us when we opened last year. It took a while to hash out the details, but together we developed one of the most extensive product lines on the market. The best part is it's made here in Michigan!"

In addition to product development, John has also been teaching water chemistry for years. John and his wife Kyle (Powell), both graduates of Clarkston High, do their best to keep as much business in the local area as possible.

"This year, we put up a bulletin board for local businesses to display flyers or cards. We've also made some changes in where our products are purchased, most



John Bokor

everything we sell now is bought from Michigan companies."

John's unique take on the business is based on his 20 years experience.

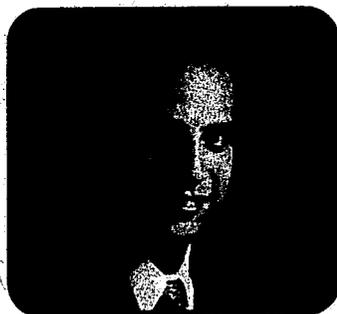
"I'm just a pool guy," he said.

If you are looking for a pool store that always sets the bar high, Independence Pool & Spa is the place for you. If you would like to attend John's Pool School, sign up soon - seats tend to fill quickly. Due to limited space, they have set aside three days, May 5, 6, and 7, from 7-8 p.m. To reserve a seat, please call John at 248-922-9910.



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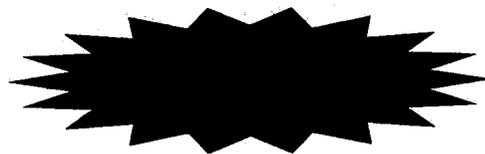
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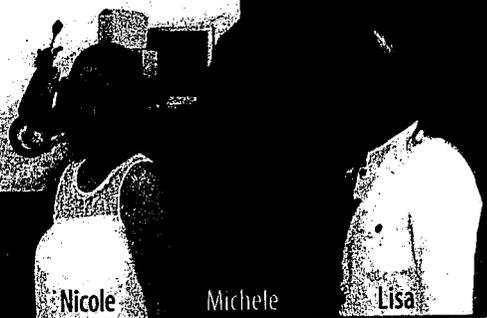
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Keep children healthier through outdoor sports

Parents can play a major role in keeping children fit and active—and there are many reasons to do so.

Why Sports

“Children not only need to burn energy for healthy development, but also need to interact with peers, parents and other role

models in a safe, supportive environment to learn life skills, such as setting and achieving goals, competing fairly and resolving disputes peaceably,” says Dr. Jim Marks, director of the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion.

Tips To Help

To help, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) suggests a few tips:

- Set a good example by being physically active yourself.
- Play and be physically active with your children.
- Make sure your youngsters know about sports and recreation programs in the community.
- See that the sport suits the child. Explains Mike Greenwell of the CDC: “For example, if a child prefers fast-paced games, par-



Katie Vondette at soccer practice at Clarkston High School.

ents can suggest running or basketball. By contrast, children who prefer leisurely activities may enjoy walking or badminton.”

sure they have the clothing and equipment needed to participate safely in physical activities.

- Teach children safety rules and make

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Children work on their basketball skills at Clintonwood Park.

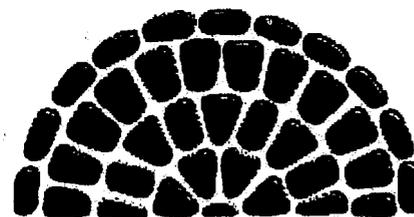
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"But many insects can cause serious damage to your landscape," says garden expert Lance Walheim, co-author of "Landscaping for Dummies."

"The pests can attack your trees, shrubs, flowers and lawn and cost you lots of money if left unchecked."

- The Emerald Ash Borer is smaller than a dime, but it has killed tens of millions of ash trees in Michigan and in several other states.

- The hemlock woolly adelgid has spread throughout the Eastern U.S., killing Eastern and Carolina hemlocks.

- The Asian long-horned beetle was discovered in Brooklyn, New York, in 1996 but has now been reported in Worcester, Massachusetts. The pest prefers maples, but infestations have also been discovered in horse chestnuts, poplars, willows, elms, mulberries and black locusts.

- According to the most recent study by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Japanese beetles cause more than \$420 million

in damage annually to trees, plants, flowers and vegetables.

- Armyworms cause arcs or circles of dead, brown grass.
- Mole crickets cause thinning or torn-up grass that dries up or turns brown.
- Grubs eat grass roots, too. Symptoms include brown patches, and in extreme cases, you can lift up your grass like a blanket.

Proper care is the key to preventing damage from insects:

Deep watering: All trees, shrubs, flowers and lawns require deep watering to promote deep roots that ensure healthy growth. Allow soil to partially dry between waterings.

Insect protection: A number of different products protect your trees, shrubs, flowers and lawns from damaging insects. Some of the products even include fertilizer and/or disease protection. Always read and follow label directions.

Regular fertilization: Nothing will grow without proper nutrition, and fertilizers provide the necessary nutrients to keep all elements of your landscape healthy.

Taking a more proactive approach to your landscape will make a big difference. It's a little like establishing a wellness program. Preventing problems is far better for your landscape and your wallet.

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At Mark Steiner's Pool Place, customer service is first

Well, another winter has passed, with the start of another pool season. This upcoming season will be my 38th year in the business. I started in the summer of 1971, riding into work with my dad, Marty.

They say if you love and enjoy what you do, you'll never work a day of your life. That's where I'm at now at 50 years old.

My store is all about customer service and having enough production inventory so they don't have to wait a day or two, or perhaps longer.

Being in the industry this long, I've worked with a lot of area builders and know the equipment they used. Meaning, if something breaks, I normally will have the parts in inventory.

Besides having a large parts inventory, I have a large inventory of new products such as new heaters, pumps, filters, auto cleaners, covers, diving boards, and liners.

I will always talk a customer out of buying new if they can fix their old.

I've got a pretty old reputation of saving customers' money.



Mark Steiner

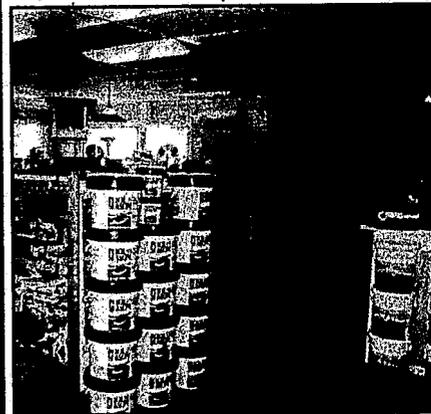
Besides selling repair parts and new equipment, pool chemicals are my biggest seller. We offer free water testing, also.

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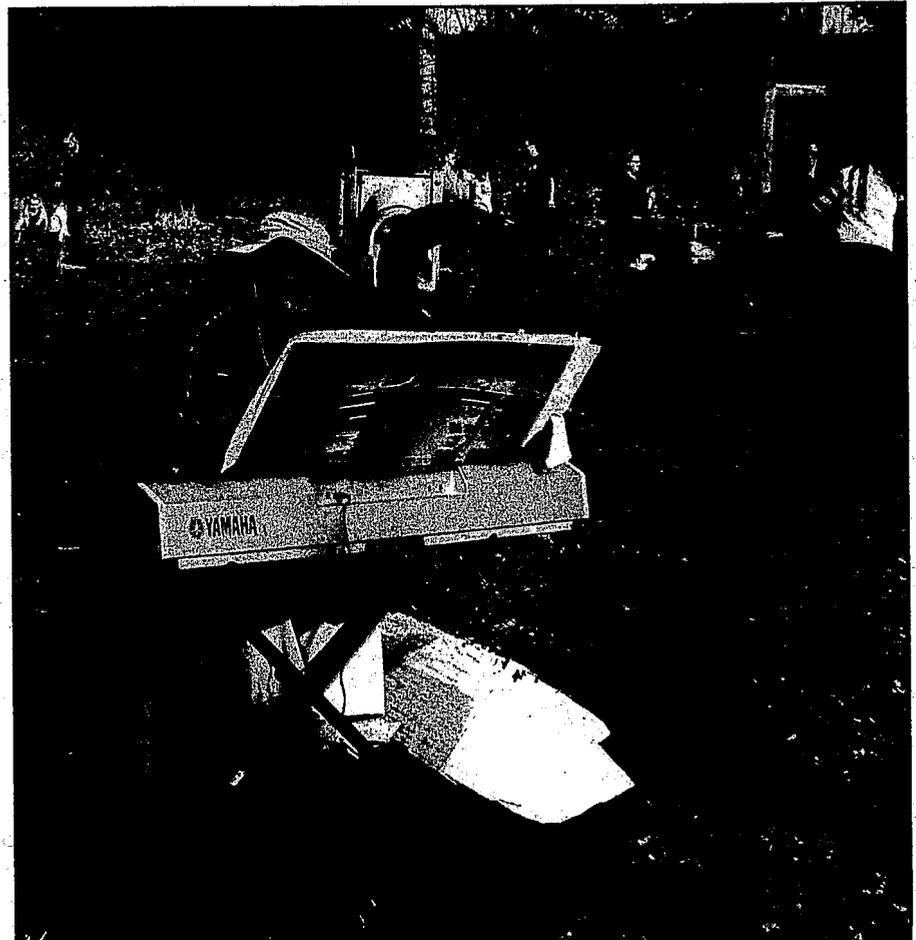
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Finally, Spring is here! You know what that means, right? Spring Cleaning! Out with the old and in the new. Basements. Garages. Sheds. The kids' bedrooms. Now, here, the problem: what do you do with the old? Sell what you can. Check. Donate what you can. Check. Now what? Set a huge pile of junk out to the road? Well, do you really want to do that to your neighbors? They might not like it very much.

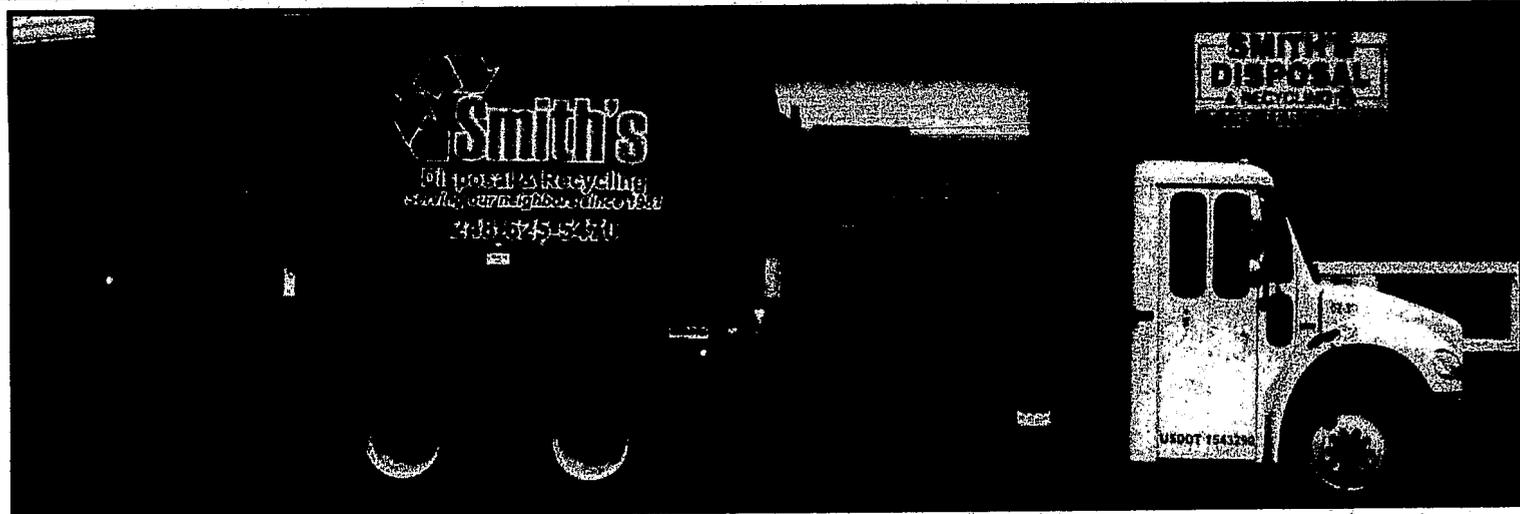
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John Meyland photographs Katie Anderson and Anne Vaara's visit to Independence Oaks Park, featuring boardwalks through several Clinton River headwaters.

Spring out to local parks

Spring means a chance for outdoor fun at the Clarkston area's many parks, such as the City of the Village of Clarkston's downtown Depot Park, Independence Township's Clintonwood Park off Clarkston Road, and Oakland County's Independence Oaks off Sashabaw Road.



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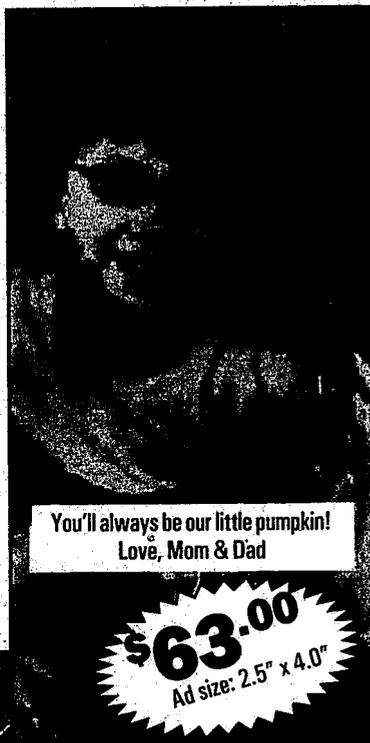
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Outdoors offer recession-proof workout



Walking outside is a good way to stay healthy.

Sometimes, when looking to save money, monthly gym memberships are among the first expenses to be cut. Yet the stress of financial uncertainty can take a physical toll on people and can even encourage unhealthy habits.

Often, foods seen as better for the budget are not great for battling the bulge, leading to more weight gain and a decline in overall health. Here are some tips to recession-proof your workout and stay motivated when you can't get to a fitness center or sports club:

1. Find a buddy and commit to one weekly athletic activity. Exercise doesn't have to feel like work—even something as simple as riding a bicycle on Saturday mornings or playing racquetball or basketball every Tuesday night can help burn calories and improve circulation. The emotional benefits of these regular, fun activities can have a big effect, too.

2. Walk every day. When it comes to both weight management and fighting the negative effects of aging, doctors cite walking as the foundation for all other exercises—it increases your stamina and has the highest compliance rate. Some experts even say that skipping a daily walk is the equivalent of skipping a full night of sleep.

3. Track your development with simple, easy-to-use home fitness gadgets. Having a computerized "personal trainer" in your pocket, tracking distance covered and calories burned, can help keep you motivated and ensure that all your effort isn't wasted energy.

Spending time at a gym is always a good idea, but whether you are time starved or just being frugal, cutting back on membership doesn't have to mean cutting out healthy habits.

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Treasures abound at Digs Consignment

Lots of great stuff is coming (and going) at Digs. Gina Leehy has been a business proprietor in Clarkston for 17 years, but says she really had to take a leap of faith 15 months ago when she opened this furniture and home goods resale store.

Digs has quickly become an area favorite! A case of being in the right place at the right time. Inventory comes in daily and most of the merchandise is sold on a consignment basis.

The store is a treasure trove where you'll find crystal, designer purses, furniture, home goods, and fun finds of all sorts. There are lots of good reasons for the popularity in resale shopping these days.

"You can buy high end at the best price, resale shopping is fun, eco friendly, and less wasteful," said Gina. "There is also the thrill of the hunt; finding that unique piece! And who doesn't love a bargain?"

We have regulars who have made an art of finding just the right thing. Designers and home stagers find great buys here too. Gina says if you want to snag the best stuff at resale stores, you must come through often and if you see something you like, grab it. If you wait too

long, chances are you'll lose it.

If you have stuff you're just not in love with any longer, you may consider letting a consignment store sell it for you. A consignment store can market your stuff to get you a better selling price than selling it yourself.

Digs has almost 600 consignors already. Our consignors like watching their consignment activity online. It's easy. If you are interested in consigning here at Digs, you should stop in and pick up a consignment guide and see how it works before choosing a consignment store.

Gina says she owes the success of Digs to all the special consignors who bring good stuff to sell and to the wonderful guests who visit often and bring back friends; also to the Digs team who manages to keep things running smoothly in spite of the thousands of items moving through the store.

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Many people are unaware of the additional training necessary to become an orthodontic specialist. Both Dr. Munks have completed an additional two-year program beyond dental school.

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Dr. Charles F. Munk and Dr. Charles W. Munk

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