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Board OKs 119 school budget cuts

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Staff Writer

For more than a month, March 22 was billed as the time school board members could make their mark on a list of 119 budget cut items.

It wasn't much. The Clarkston Board of Education voted 5-1 at Monday's meeting to approve the entire list, cutting \$10 million.

"The items are brought forth from administration and we have looked at

it for the last three months," said Trustee Barry Bomier, who voted for it. "I am really hesitant to remove anything on this list. I think many of the items are interlaced together."

Trustee Rosalie Lieblang, who opposed the budget item to outsource principals and assistant principals, voted "no."

"I can't agree it is good to outsource administration that has direct day-to-day contact with students and have direct responsi-

bility for student safety," Lieblang said. "The people who would have direct contact with our kids would be contractors and not our employees - I am disappointed I had to vote no on the entire package when I agree 99.9 percent."

She suggested the district find someplace else to cut the \$130,000-140,000 so the district didn't have to outsource administrators.

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People want vote on police consolidation

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Let the people vote.

That was the consensus of residents packing Fire Station #1, Monday, to share their opinion of a proposal to disband Clarkston Police Department.

"Crime is real and it's escalated and I think we have to decide where we put our money as citizens," said lifetime resident Terry Summerlee, whose Springfield Township business has been hit nine times due to increased crime. "It needs to be in the protection of our citizenry first, that needs to be the priority. We need to think about where else we can make cuts."

Mike Moon agreed.

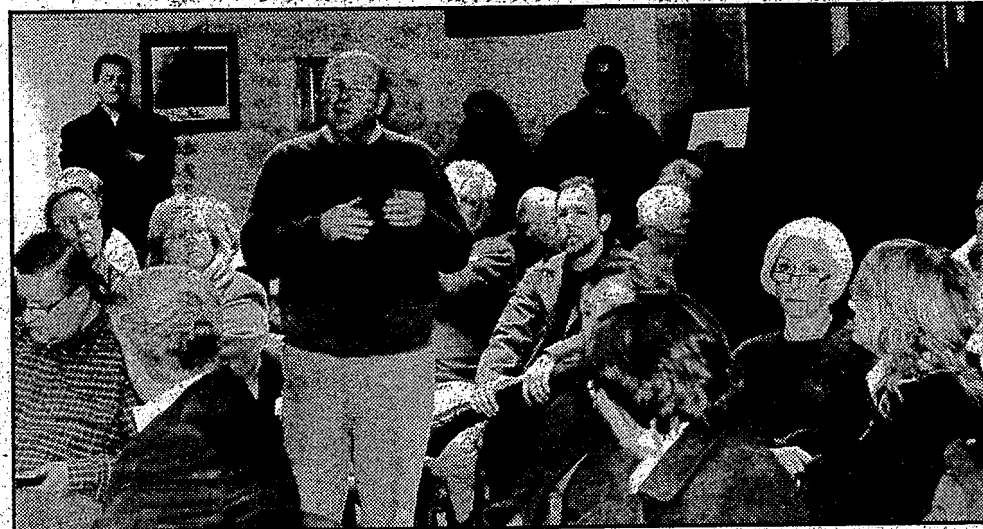
"In this kind of economy, on the other hand, I think one of the last things you want to do is to pack up public safety," Moon said.

Ruth Brueck said she pays enough in taxes already and, with a fixed income, was opposed to paying any more.

"I think the Oakland County Sheriff department does a good job," she said. "They did the job before."

Lorry Mahler felt the same.

"If we had a lot of people who lived in the village, I would agree whole heartedly, we



Commissioner Tom Middleton explains county services. Photo by Trevor Keiser

should have our own police department," Mahler said. "I just don't think it makes sense for 1,000 people to pay the additional cost when we don't have to do it."

Prior to becoming a city in 1992, police protection was delivered by the Oakland County Sheriff Department, but because the village became a city they were required by state law to offer police services and police

protection.

"I'm not a fool. I realize with officers in town dedicated to the city, the intensity of that coverage is going to be different," said Mayor Steve Arkwright. "I understand that, I think the council understands that also. We can get the same services, but maybe not the same intensity with the Sheriff's

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Resignation opens school board seat

Citing illness, Joe Armstrong resigned his position as school board treasurer.

"As much as I want to finish my term on the Clarkston Board of Education, health reasons have prevented completion," Armstrong said in his resignation letter to board President Steve Hyer. "It is with much regret that I present this resignation."

Armstrong has been absent from board meetings since February 8.

"He has not been with us recently due to a health issue," Hyer said at the March 22 meeting. "He said he feels badly and enjoyed his time working with the board for the last four years."

The board has 30 days to fill the vacancy. Applicants can submit a letter of interest and fill out a questionnaire, found on www.clarkston.k12.mi.us. Both items must be addressed to Hyer and dropped off at the board office by 4 p.m., April 12.

"The materials will be posted on the district website in the next day or so," Hyer said, Tuesday.

The board will interview candidates and vote at its next meeting, April 19.

-Wendi Reardon

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Residents like police, but not higher taxes

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department.”

The city police deficit is expected to grow from \$77,205 in 2011 to \$145,796 in 2012, and \$160,596 in 2013. Currently the department's budget is about \$287,000 this year, out of \$816,381 in total revenue. Contracting with Oakland County Sheriff Office through Independence Township would cost \$93,000-\$98,000. The consolidation plan would save almost \$190,000.

Arkwright pointed out they currently share services with Independence Township for Library, Fire and emergency medical protection, Sewer and water maintenance, Parks and Rec, Deer Lake Beach, fleet gas cost, share equipment, recycling/clean up day, and the Lake Improvement board for the Mill Pond.

“We've been doing this a lot for a long time, so this is not a new concept,” he said.

However, resident and former councilmember Cory Johnston said they became a city in order to “be independent and have a say.” If they give all their services over to the township, the rates paid are set by the township and the city has no say.

“The only thing left we will have direct control over, when we give the police over to them, is the DPW. You will have close to



Judge Joseph Fabrizio speaks in favor to keep the police department. Photo by Trevor Keiser.

\$500 administration cost in fees, fees we pay to the township so we can govern \$180,000 worth of DPW services, which is essentially lawn mowing,” Johnston said. “The question is, what's the future of Clarkston? Why are we here if all we're going to do is have a glorified lawn service?”

He also pointed out, for the first time ever, the city's property values are less than in

Independence Township's, but city residents pay 36 percent more in taxes.

Johnston recommended both the police and library be put on the ballot in August, the same time Independence Township residents will be deciding on their police and library millage.

Joe Luginiski agreed.

“At the end of the day we live in this village and it's up to us,” he said. “If we want to pay it, then great. If we don't, then we have to seek an alternative path, but it's the people of this village that should have the ability and the right to make that decision.”

Councilwoman Peggy Roth said she spoke with many residents in the City of Clarkston and business owners, but “across the board everybody really likes the police department, not one person was for a tax raise.”

Curt Catallo said “it's not about protection, it's about definition.”

“The police department was born out of city hood. It has come to really stand for what separates us,” he said. “There aren't many things that separate Clarkston from every other exit along I-75, but patches on the officer's shoulders tell you a lot about the fabric of the community and you can't take that for granted.”

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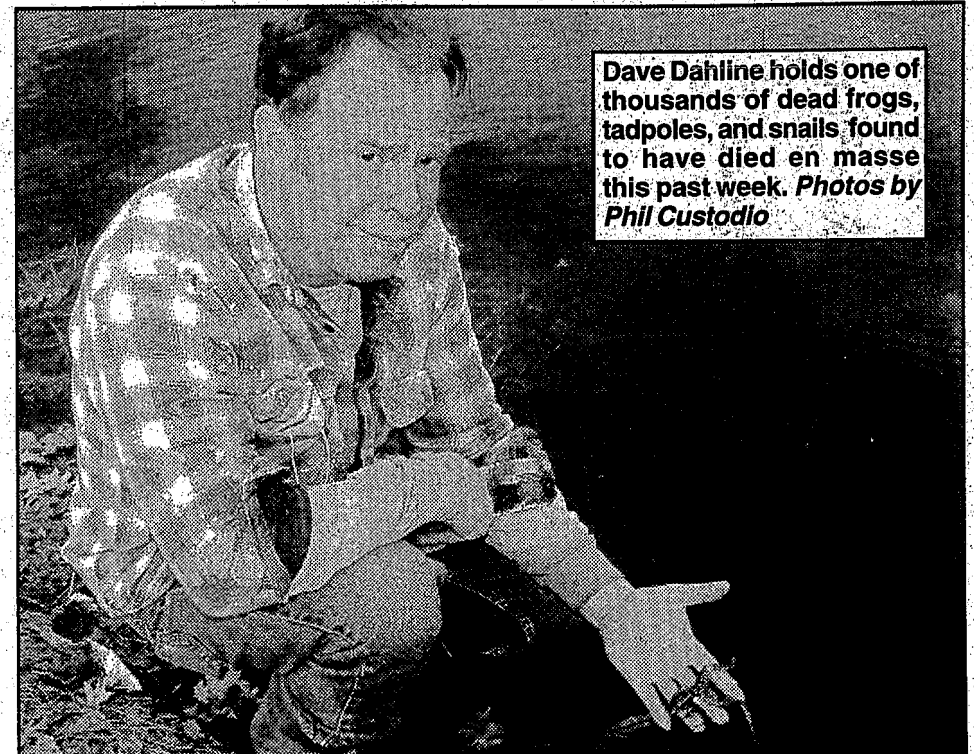
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Dave Dahline holds one of thousands of dead frogs, tadpoles, and snails found to have died en masse this past week. Photos by Phil Custodio

Melting ice reveals frogs' fate

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Piles of creatures lying dead in the mud, once vibrant water now still.

For Dave Dahline of Springfield Township, the sight seemed familiar.

"There was a fish kill last year — now a year later, my frogs are dead," said Dahline, whose pond is adjacent to Lake Waumegah.

Melting ice revealed masses of dead frogs, tadpoles, and snails near the bank around the entire pond, just to the north of the lake.

For Dahline and Jeffrey Holler, environmental consultant with J.D. Holler Associates, the dead amphibians seem linked to last year's Lake Waumegah fish kill.

In what the state Department of Natural Resources ultimately deemed an "act of God," thousands of fish died at about the same time in March 2009.

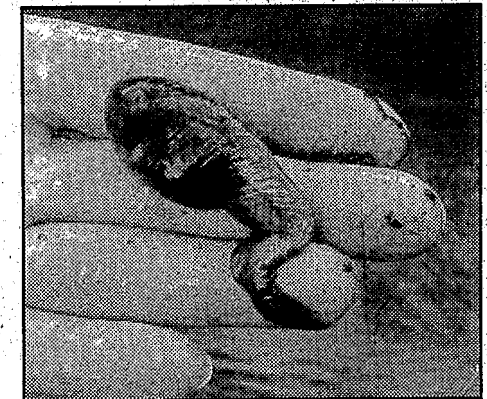
"This is so unusual — everything should be being born," Holler said about Dahline's pond. "My theory is this is the lingering effects of repeated chemical treatment from past years — it's all the same water."

The Lake Improvement Board for Waumegah Lake will look into it, said Mike Trout, board member.

"I spoke to Mr. Dahline this afternoon and I have forwarded the information to our biologist, Gary Crawford," Trout said. "I have no idea what may have caused this, but will continue to look into it."

"This is a concern for everybody," said Board member Mark Petterson, who lives on the Independence Township side of the lake. "There are a lot of issues, the chemicals and augmentation well. We'll check into it."

Dahline spoke by phone with a DNR fisheries official, who said it may have been a winter kill, unrelated to the lake. But raising



bullfrogs for almost 20 years, this hasn't happened before, he said.

"I love the sound of bullfrogs, and they help keep down mosquitos," he said. "I don't use any pesticides in my pond. We swim in the pond and eat fish caught in pond. I like to keep it as natural as possible."

A neighbor's pond is also filled with dead frogs and tadpoles, except for one corner.

"This is the way it should be — it should be teeming with life," said Holler, pointing to a swimming mass of tadpoles. "But past a certain point, all the frogs are dead."

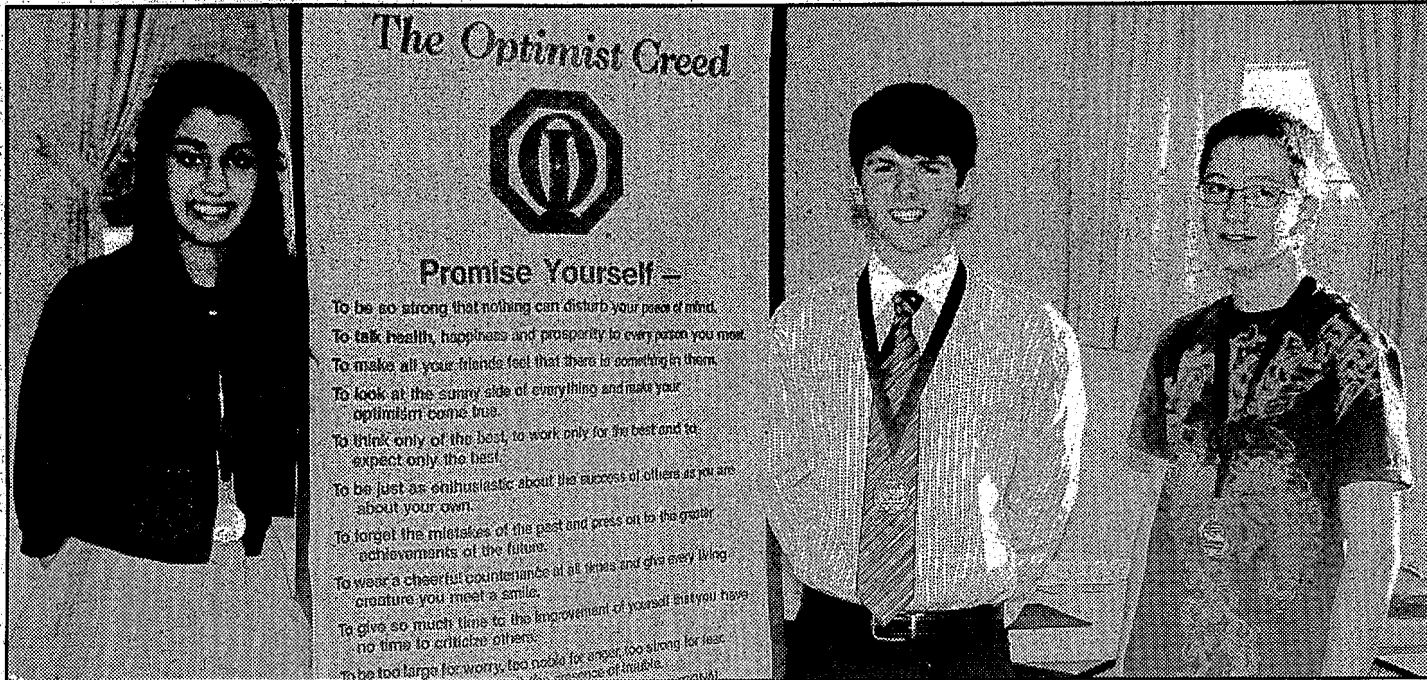
A quick inspection of Lake Waumegah revealed no frogs, dead or alive.

"It's quiet — nothing is there," Holler said. "There's nothing left to kill."

The Waumegah Lake Association meets at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 25, at Springfield Township Fire Station #2, 10280 Rattalee Lake Road. The Lake Improvement Board for Waumegah Lake meets 7 p.m., Monday, March 29, at the station.

Dahline doesn't live next to the lake, but plans to attend.

"It's affecting me now," he said. "I'll be there."

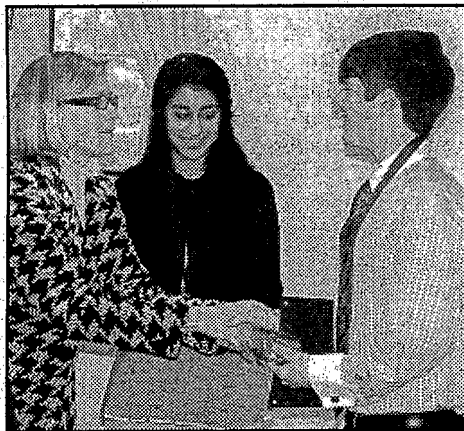


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From left are Optimist essay winners Meghna Dhir, first place, Drew Niederluecke, second, and Tyler Trask, third.



Joan Patterson, Clarkston Area Optimist Essay Chair congratulates the winners. Photos by Phil Custodio

Optimists honor young writers

Clarkston Area Optimist Club honored three Clarkston students in its Optimist International Essay Scholarship Contest.

First place and a \$100 Border's gift card went to Meghna Dhir, Clarkston High School; Drew Niederluecke, Clarkston High School, earned second place and a \$75 Borders card; and third, along with a \$50 gift card, went to Tyler Trask, Clarkston Junior High School.

"It's an honor to win the essay contest," said Dhir, who advances to district level competition. "It was an interesting topic — very relevant to today's youth."

"I had a hard time connecting with the topic, but when I did, I took it and ran with

it," Niederluecke said. "It's a good thing to give scholarships to young people. It gives them hope. I'll probably be an Optimist one day."

Twelve junior high and high school students wrote essays based on the topic, "The Internet — Today's Evolution or Tomorrow's Menace." The top three attended the Optimists' March 17 meeting at Clarkston United Methodist Church to read their essays and enjoy breakfast.

Judges were Optimists Jerry Schmidt, Maria Rotondo, and Mel Vaara. Top national scholarship prizes total \$44,000, with \$6,000 going to the top essayist.

Briefly

Springfield park millage language OK'd

Springfield Township Board voted unanimously, March 11, to approve millage language for parks and recreation.

The ballot proposal would levy .75 mill on township residents for four years, 2011-2013, to provide funds to develop, maintain, and operate parks, preserves, recreational sites, facilities, trails, programs, and services managed and/or owned by the township.

The millage would collect 75 cents per \$1,000 of taxable property value, an estimated \$428,360.68 total.

Friends of the Parks drafted the proposal to avoid interfering with township police and fire millages. The police millage comes up for renewal in 2016, and the fire millage, 2017.

Voters will decide Aug. 3.

Correction

The story "Community wants to know what happened with school budget," March 10, should have attributed "On Jan. 22, 2009, I ran a budget for 2010-2011 — I don't know if it's necessarily shared with all the board members" to Bruce Beamer, executive director for business services.

We regret the error.

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Keiser's Role

A column by Trevor Keiser

Georgia Peach

I've heard it said "love is a journey," but how about a journey to find love.

After having a few girlfriends back in college and going on dates with a woman since then, but not finding what my heart was looking for, I decided to check out internet dating.

However, I did not go with the highly commercialized E-Harmony, or Match.com. Though I did check them out, I was not willing to "pay for love," but instead, find it "for free."



In my search for "the perfect girl," I found many "prospects." The problem was, none were close by. I chatted with a few, got a couple phone numbers and maybe talked a couple of times, but I thought "ahh they're just too far, what's the point."

However, there was one girl from Georgia in particular who caught my attention. Her profile personality was somewhat similar to my own, her "ideal date," was almost exactly what I put, and I saw we had similar core values and beliefs, so on July 12, I shot her a message, part of which said:

"Hey, I know we're like 16 hours apart, but we should go bowling or putt putt sometime."

Much to my joy she responded. We corresponded little chitchat for six months. Finally in January she sent me a message "By the way...It's only 12 hours from Lapeer Mich., to where I live... If only we could teleport :)"

After reading that, I decided to take a risk and ask her for her phone number. She gladly gave it to me. I called her on Jan. 13 and have been talking to her everyday since. On March 11, I decided to board a plane to Atlanta, Georgia. I can say it was one of the best risks I've ever taken.

Ms. Jenny Tuggle is a true "Southern Belle," or shall I say a true "Georgia Peach," she even says theater pronounced like "thee ATE her," which makes me laugh everytime.

Jenny is an absolute joy to be around and has added a spring to my step and bigger smile to my face. Beyond her beautiful hazel eyes, her sweet smile, and her amazing personality, she has a heart for loving God and loving people.

I'm proud to say, Trevor Keiser is no longer single. After much prayer and patients, I've found a girl to love, I just had to fly to Georgia to meet her.

Viewpoints

Family ties in Fast ForWord?

Dear Editor,

It would be interesting to understand why the Fast ForWord program was fast forwarded to this fiscal year.

I believe that the proposed \$300,000+ cut to budgeted software expenses for fiscal year 2010-2011 was the proposed \$300,000+ purchase of Fast ForWord. Then all of a sudden, it was accelerated into this fiscal, which already projected a \$6+ million deficit.

I believe that the Fast ForWord program was approved at a special meeting via an emergency telephone voice vote of one of the board members.

Did the superintendent and school board president know about the staggering 2010-

2011 fiscal year deficit at that time?

Also, it was pointed out that two of the board members have kids attending the school district at this time.

I wonder if there is any way to find out how many school board members have financial ties to the school district.

For example, who is employed by the district or has a spouse who is financially tied to the district, or has a business relationship which derives some form of fiscal benefit from the district?

I would hope that number would be less than the number of board members with children in the district, but doubt it.

Jeff Gibbs
Independence Township

Letters to the editor

Thanks for helping out at schools

Dear Editor,

We would like to thank Wendi Reardon for participating in our Career Day at Bailey Lake Elementary School.

Wendi generously gave of her time to tell the children what it is like to be a journalist. She demonstrated the importance of asking questions and how to put a story together.

The children also learned that through the press, everyone has a voice and, without journalists and news organizations, we wouldn't

always know what was happening, even in our own school district and township!

Thanks to the publishers of the Clarkston News for allowing Wendi to participate.

We would also like to extend a special thank you to all of our presenters who took time out of their day to make this event a success!! A great (and informative) time was had by all!!

Rosalie Lieblang
Independence Township

Roberts spending to secure future?

Dear Editor,

Here's a prediction about our distinguished Clarkston Schools Superintendent Al Roberts.

My prediction is based on a scenario that took place early 2000's. Back in 2000 when charter schools were popping up everywhere, Central Michigan University Charter Schools Office contacted then Flint Superintendent James Ray about turning a few more schools into charters.

There was tremendous interest from the Flint Community, that's why CMU made contact. However, Dr. Ray wasn't interested as

he already had a contract with the Edison group and felt the four Edison schools operating were enough. He was pouring good money after bad into these failed Edison projects, which no longer exist in Flint today.

The prediction? Dr. Roberts, who is on thin ice with the community, is pouring good money in the International Baccalaureate program like there is no tomorrow.

Dr. Roberts is buying himself a future just like Dr. Ray did with Edison ... just wait; we will see this happen.

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Independence Township

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A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1995

"Board steps back from privatization"

Trustee Barry Bomier and other Clarkston School Board members challenged Superintendent Gary Haner to provide more information on a central administration reorganization plan. The plan was needed for privatization of bus and maintenance jobs, which Haner did not consider to be a board matter. Board President Tom Howard defended Haner, saying they shouldn't "second guess the superintendent."

"Reading is fun" Kindergarten Anne Moller donned a wicked looking false nose and black dress as storybook character Viola Swamp, for her students at Pine Knob Elementary. The presentation was part of Family Reading Night.

25 years ago - 1985

"Chief decision causes uproar" A decision by Independence Township Board to hire William Carver of Petosky as fire chief created a furor. An on-call firefighter turned in his gear, and 15 firefighters stormed out of the meeting following the decision. He was chosen over Capt. Dale Bailey, a 32-year veteran of the department.

"Environmental protection's most important in Springfield" Supervisor Collin Walls vowed to protect Springfield Township's trees, fields, hills, and other natural features by adopting environmental standards into development ordinances.

50 years ago - 1960

"Richard Funk heads P.T.A."

Clarkston Elementary School parent teacher association elected President Richard Funk, Mother Vice President Myrna Conrad, Father Vice President Curtis Bishop, and Teacher Vice President Sara Lou Davison.

"Localite receives scout appointment"

Mrs. H.E. (Ella) Richmond of Clarkston was appointed North District Chairman by the Oakland Girl Scout Council. She was set to supervise Holly, Davisburg, Oxford, Ortonville, Lake Orion, Carpenter-Gingelville, Sashabaw, and Clarkston neighborhoods.

"Clarkston locals" Gar Wilson hosted a surprise going-away party for Bill White. Guests included Naomi Armstrong, Bobo Christides, Harold Weston, Sandy Asher, Bob Walker, Larry Blackett, Gay Ann Hoffmen, Kathy Taylor, Ron Walter, Jack McCall, Cheryl Ellibee, Nancy Elembaum, Richard Caverly, Shirley Bauer, Skip Bonner, and Sharon Dawley.

What's a newspaper (guy) to do?

"Once America was John Wayne: stoical, taciturn and tough as hell. Now it's a babbling neurotic on the couch, popping pills and whining about its self-esteem. What went wrong?"

— From Christopher Hart's review of "Smile or Die: How Positive Thinking Fooled America and the World" by Barbara Ehrenreich

Last week's Clarkston News was jammed full of interesting stuff... and taken separately just depicts life in the fair city. But, if you read the edition again, look for trends. See if you can connect the dots, extrapolate and draw conclusions.

We have been pretty tough on local government-types these days.

And, it is not because we have an axe to grind. I'd venture to say we even personally like some of them government-types we've been tough on.

We've been tough, because, dangblab it, it is our job. And, we could have been tougher.

• We touched on Clarkston's need to whack its police department, due to having no money. We didn't go on to report, city council voted on an increased budget last time around, knowing full well they couldn't afford it.

• Stories on Clarkston schools let the superintendent defend new program spending, in light of nearly \$10 million in budget cuts. But, let's be fair, The Clarkston News has been critical of the school administration.

I'd like to pull some quotes from last week's *CNews* and then opine on them — so I will. The newsstaff submitted a Freedom Of Information Act request to the schools for budget stuff. To this, Superintendent Al Roberts wrote us, "If you prefer to have this type of relation-

ship, we will all need to play by the rules. There are timelines, extensions and costs under such a formal system. If you are choosing to FOIA the information, I will have our FOIA coordinator contact you with the approximate cost and timelines for response."

What our boy Al forgets is this is the relationship he created — hell, even members of the school board have had to threaten FOIA'ing him to get information.

Al has never, on his own, without prompting "given up" information. He hangs onto it and doles it out only as he

sees fit.

"We have asked for detailed reports, but have not yet received what we requested... have also asked to review our financial processes to assess if we have the information we need to make decisions."

That wasn't the *CNews*, asking, that was an elected official trying to get info from Al. That was a representative of the public getting jerked around by the superintendent. Teachers are not 'sposed to talk to school board members, school board members are not to speak with the press. Why does he disdain the public so much, what truth can't we take?

Al says discussing current and past cuts are not productive.

We all need to remember, if we don't study history, we are doomed to repeat it. I learned that by listening to my history teachers at Clarkston High School. I have also

learned usually folks who only want to look to the future are the ones who messed up the past.

People in this district, parents, teachers, staff members and business owners, do not trust Clarkston school administration — how do I know this? They have contacted me personally, but all are too scared to go public for fear of reprisal.

The *Clarkston News* did not create this environment of distrust. Much like the media didn't create the mistrust in the Oakland Intermediate School District (their super created it). What I am saying is let us in... let the sunshine inside select school/government buildings. Let the people see what is going on.

So, what should we do, Clarkston? Should we stick our heads in the sand? Should we sit on our hands?

I ask, because while all of this stuff with local government has been going on, the number one newsstory in Clarkston the past two years has been: "What will be painted on the wall of 5 S. Main Street?"

If we chastise government-types, people call us negative — and we all know only good, positive things happen in Clarkston, right?

What do you want? Do you want a watchdog? Do you want a newspaper to ask the hard questions for you? Or do you want a Suzie Sunshine Everything Is Rosy chamber of commerce publication?

What is your opinion? Is this Stepford or Clarkston?

Are we gonna' be tough as hell or babbling neurotics on the couch, popping pills and whining, "What went wrong?"

Let me know, don@dontrushmedon.com

Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

A true story and a questionable one

I like to start a *Jottings* with pointing out, as they do on the tube, "This is a true story, only the names have been changed to protect the innocent."

This has to be true, our daughter told it to me.

These two lady friends went shopping a Kroger store. One is a diabetic and wears a pump to use when she feels the need. While the friend shopped elsewhere, the ailing one collapsed. Medics were called and were working on the lady when the friend appeared and told the aides of the pump.

The greatly relieved medics started pumping. In time the lady showed signs of recovery.

The medics started asking her questions. "Do you know where your are?" No. "Do you know what day this is?" No. "Do you know who the president is?" The lady mumbled, "Bush."

A medic said, "Let me help you, Barrack."

Immediately the lady was wide awake and stating quite loud and excitedly, "Obama! I hate that man!"

Helen, of Oxford, not of Troy, wonders if she got this right:

If you cross the North Korean border illegally, you get 12 years hard labor.

If you cross the Iranian border illegally, you are detained indefinitely.

If you cross the Afghan border illegally, you get shot.

If you cross the Saudi Arabian border illegally, you will be jailed.

If you cross the Chinese border illegally, you may never be heard from again.

If you cross the U. S. border illegally, you get:

- A job.
- A driver's license.
- Social Security card.
- Welfare.
- Food stamps
- Credit cards
- Subsidized rent or a loan to buy a home.

- Free education.
- Free health care.
- A lobbyist in Washington.
- Billions of dollars worth of public documents printed in your language.

And the right to carry your country's flag while you protest that you don't get enough respect.

I just wanted to make sure I had a firm grasp of the situation. -- Helen.

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• How did so many of us live to be past 50 without purified and/or bottled water?

• I take ma'dog Shayna most of the time when I drive somewhere. Whenever I see a dog up ahead, coming or going, I say, "Look, Shayna. There's a dog!" Almost always Shayna will wait until we're past the dog before she turns and looks for a long time at the other dog. What I'm telling you is, dog's eyes aren't as interesting to another dog, as its other presentation.

• Hm-m-m. I found a note on my front door recently from a Peeping Tom. It read, "Please close your blinds."

• Are you like me in that you have a dust collecting exercise bike in your basement, and park your car as close to the store's front door as possible? Exercise is overplayed, and a communist ploy.

• A commercial states: "You'll feel better knowing your water is being heated in an environmental way." What stimulus package paid for that nonsense?

• I love to end columns with sick jokes: A happy, drink-buying guy at a bar is like a mushroom, because he's a fungi.

Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

Clarkston police not necessary

Dear Editor,

By having the Oakland County Sheriff patrol Clarkston, which they already do, should improve community business.

I personally avoid Clarkston because of the over zealous part time police. They don't really do much police work other than trying to justify their existence by writing traffic tickets.

Bernard Potts
Springfield Township

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Township reinstates ordinance officer

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Independence Township's ordinance officer is back, reinstated by the Township Board.

The position had been cut for budget reasons. The voted 4-3 to reverse the decision. Wage and benefits for the officer is \$66,500.

"We cannot operate without an ordinance officer," said Supervisor Dave Wagner at the March 16 board meeting. "It's virtually impossible unless we want to let the township deteriorate to a state that none of us want to be in."

Trustee Larry Rosso also saw a need.

"I definitely believe we have to have an ordinance officer or it makes a mockery out of ordinance enforcement and that will get around," Rosso said.

Treasurer Curt Carson, who brought forth the motion, said the ordinance officer is one of the busiest in the entire township.

However, Trustee Neil Wallace felt the conversation was "premature," since the board will be discussing possibly outsourcing the building department at the April 6 meeting.

"To me this is more management issue than a board issue, that's how it ought to be handled," Wallace said.

Trustee Mark Petterson said there is an "absolute need" for an ordinance officer.

"Nobody knows the codes like he does, he does a great job," Petterson said. "He's got a great vocabulary to deal with the public in trying situations. A lot of great things this man does, which is a very thankless job."

Contacted for more information, Monday, Human Resource Director Carol Gabris said she was too busy.

"I don't have five minutes," Gabris said. "I'm trying to get ready for union negotiations, maybe another time."

Bomb threat deemed 'non-credible'

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Text by her daughter about a bomb threat at Clarkston High School, a concerned parent was surprised when the school was not evacuated.

"Nancy Mahoney, one of the assistant principals gave me this whole song and dance about they didn't think it was a credible threat. There had been a conversation on facebook and they talked to the kid who had been responsible for posting this bomb threat and this kid was expelled," said the parent, who wishes to remain anonymous. "I'm sorry, but my child's life and every other child in that building is not worth messing with because the administrators don't think it's credible."

When Clarkston News called to speak with Mahoney, she directed questions to Communications and Marketing Director Anita Banach.

According to Banach, the school received calls between 7-7:05 a.m., March 19, from parents concerning a bomb threat made

through Facebook.

"The student who made the threat was identified and immediately brought to the office for questioning," Principal Lacata wrote in a e-mail sent to parents. "Our police liaison officer was involved and the parents/guardians were immediately called and came to school. Through the statements made by the student and our police/administrative investigation, the threat was deemed 'non-credible.'"

As a precaution, Banach said they did a "full perimeter search" of the school within the first 10 minutes of the start of the school day, which included checking all bathrooms and trash receptacles.

Banach said police dogs were not called in because the threat was deemed "non-credible," by the school's liaison Officer Gary Crake, who knew the student.

"We're all kind of trained in it, custodians, administrators, and key staff members," she said.

Banach noted it is school policy to only release students from the school if the threat is deemed

"credible."

"Regardless if they think it's credible or not, kids should be removed from the building until they are absolutely 100 percent certain," said the concerned parent. "I think the school district needs to have some checks and balances."

Banach said the student, who was expelled for the threat, has already posted on his Facebook, that the message was not intended to be real, but only a joke.

"As you know, Facebook is not used here at school and is blocked by our district server. I am pleased with the parents and students who took swift action and alerted our building administrators to this type of behavior," Banach said. "Any type of threatening action towards our school or classmates will not be tolerated."

Clarkston News requested the Facebook message, Banach said they did not have the message, but the police may release the report. Independence Township substation said they did not have a report as of yet.

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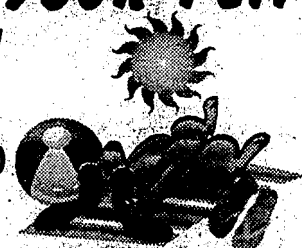


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Public Safety

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

Hazardous duty

Joel DeLong of Independence Township got an earful, 12:15 p.m., March 22, in front of the U.S. Post office on Main Street. He was gathering signatures for the Recall Wagner petition when a man approached and DeLong asked if he was a township resident. The man reportedly became angry, cursed at him, and told him to "get a life." DeLong said he had a life, and the man went into the post office. As he exited, they continued the verbal confrontation, with DeLong writing down the man's license plate number and the man taking DeLong's picture with a cell phone. DeLong filed a report with sheriff's deputies because the man threatened him, he said.

Uninvited visitor

A Heath Avenue resident got home after a trip, 9 p.m., March 16, and went to bed. The next morning, she noticed a large set of keys on her front porch railing that were not hers, covered in mud, and front and back window screen raised up about two inches. Neighbors said they saw a gray car sitting in the driveway the previous day.

Internet scam

A Smokey Hollow Lane resident put an engine block up for sale this past February on Craig's List for \$500. He got an email from a person interested in buying it sight unseen, and a check from cashregisterstore.com in the mail for \$3,600, via UPS Next Day Air, March 17. Instructions were to cash the check, keep \$500 for the engine plus \$100 for his trouble, and send the rest by Western Union to Vernon Hills, Ill. He was suspicious, so called the website, and they said it was fraudulent, part of an ongoing scam, and not to cash it.

Unintended consequence

A 20-year-old Independence Township man came to the Independence Township substation, 4:53 p.m., March 16, to ask deputies to run the identification number on a jet ski he got from a friend to see if it was stolen. Deputies ran the jet ski, which wasn't stolen, and also the man's name in Law Enforcement Information Network — it showed he had a suspended driver's license and warrant for malicious destruction of trees, shrubs, crops, grass, turf, and soil. Deputies checked and saw he drove the jet ski to the statio, so cited him for driving with a suspended license.

Suspended license

A 28-year-old Oxford Township woman was cited for driving with a suspended license, 1:05 a.m., March 10, at Clintonville Road and Eston Street.

Unintended consequences 2

A 36-year-old Waterford Township man was out drinking with two Pontiac women, 8:51 p.m., March 17, in the 6000 block of Maybee Road when the boyfriend of one of them showed up. The 23-year-old Grand Blanc man wanted the 21-year-old woman to leave with him, and the Waterford Township man followed them out.

As they were leaving, the Grand Blanc man reportedly threatened the other man, and the Waterford man called police. When the responding deputy said he wouldn't make an arrest for a verbal threat, the Waterford man got angry and swore at him. He got more angry when the deputy suggested he leave for the evening, and kept swearing and yelling until arrested for disorderly conduct, when he started yelling about "police brutality." He apologized to the deputy later at the substation.

Beer theft

Two men broke into a couple restaurant storage sheds, 1:47 a.m., March 17, in the 7000 block of N. Ortonville Road, and stole 10-12 cases of empty beer bottles and 5-6 kegs of beer. Video shows the suspects making several trips from the sheds to the parking lot.

Broken brake light

A deputy stopped an SUV for a burnt out brake light, 4:47 p.m., March 17, on Sashabaw Road near I-75. The driver, a 38-year-old Waterford Township man, has an expired and suspended driver's license, and no proof of insurance. He was cited for driving with a suspended license, given a waivable citation for the light, and a warning for the insurance.

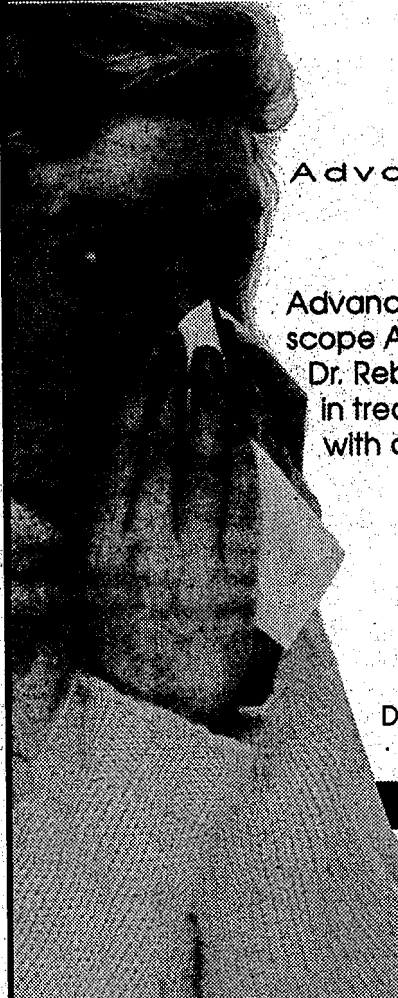
Involuntary committal

Deputies used stop sticks to stop a 32-year-old Independence Township woman, 11:44 p.m., March 20.

The woman's husband called police to report she drove away from their home in the 6100 block of Pine Knob Road in an extremely distraught state. Deputies found her driving north on Clintonville Road and followed her.

They were able to talk to her on her cell phone, and she said she wanted to end her life. She made her way to I-75, heading towards Pontiac, when deputies deflated her tires using the stop sticks. She was taken to North Oakland Medical Center for involuntary committal.

— Reports collected by Phil Custodio



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FOIA info: school programs cost \$1.7 million

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Budget information provided under the Freedom of Information Act showed four new programs, International Baccalaureate, CSM Tech, All Day Kindergarten, and Fast ForWord, cost a total of \$1.68 million.

State cuts of \$165 per pupil total \$1.36 million, for Clarkston's 8,228 students. The district is cutting \$10 million.

International Baccalaureate \$598,101

IB's Expenditure Summary Report dated March 18, 2010, includes an adjusted budget of \$598,101.78, which is \$93,578 more than indicated in its Dec. 4, 2009 report.

The budget includes \$233,419 in salaries and \$52,735 in benefits. As per budget cuts, "project coordinator" funding is eliminated, cutting \$19,500. However, \$90,000 is added for "purchased services."

This \$90,000 is to send Clarkston High School students to the IB program in Lakeland High School, Huron Valley Schools. The amount is spread over two years, \$45,000 each, said Communications Director Anita Banach in an email.

"This amount will go down in the next two years, as we now offer the program and no longer have the need to send students to Huron Valley," Banach said.

IB has about 27 students and 13 teachers. Class size range from 2-20 students, with an average of 11.5 students.

CSMTech \$415,160

The half-day Clarkston Science Math Technology program has 172 students and a \$415,160 budget, \$263,406.37 spent so far.

Budget items include: Salary, \$272,600 budgeted, \$166,678.92 spent; Benefits, \$127,560 budgeted, \$89,650.97 spent; Field trips, \$1,200 budgeted, but \$3,015.20 saved; Conference and registration, \$1,200 budgeted, \$774.39 spent; Advertisement, \$2,000 budgeted, \$1,137.93 spent; Teaching supplies, \$9,000 budgeted, \$7,495.36 spent; and New equipment, \$1,600 budgeted, \$684 spent.

CSMTech has open enrollment, and includes 18 students from Brandon. It is a half-day program, so state funding for these out-of-district students is about \$74,000.

Average class size is about 20 students, with four teachers.

All day kindergarten \$94,455

In its first year, all day kindergarten budget was \$94,455.38 total, which includes \$82,309.34 in supplies and \$6,073.02 for a one-day training workshop.

Fast ForWord \$568,540

Total software perpetual license, \$364,540, which was paid from three funds, district General Fund, \$276,681; federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funds for Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, \$60,000; and state Durant Fund, \$27,859.

During implementation year 2009-2010, \$102,000 was spent on staffing.

Next year, cost obligation is a maintenance fee of \$4,500 per site, for a total of \$49,500. This includes ongoing assessment studies. Anticipated staffing costs for next year include \$10,500 for aides, paid from the general fund, as the program is embedded into the regular reading curriculum.

Follow-up questions were emailed to Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts, requesting more information on Fast ForWord's coordinator and teaching staff. No response was made by email nor phone calls returned.

"I believe you wrote to Dr. Roberts and stated you wanted a more formal relationship through the use of FOIA," Banach said.

The Clarkston News submitted a FOIA request for the information, March 22.

The original FOIA request for budget information was made, March 12. The district provided the information, March 19.

Resident also wants more info

Alarmed by what she has seen and learned about Clarkston school spending, Dawn Schaller of Independence Township was inspired to find out more.

She submitted a Freedom of Information Act request, March 16, asking for complete credit card statements; detailed budget and actual expenses for all board general ledger accounts; list of all contractors and suppliers with payment details; and monthly check registers, all for fiscal years 2008-2010.

Clarkston Community Schools responded, March 18, with a "rough estimate": 12,000 pages, 10 cents per page to copy, as well as labor.

Schaller was shocked.

"I cannot see how what I asked for would be 12,000 pages, nor can I afford this and I'm sure that was their plan," she said. "At 12,000 pages, I'm sure there is a load of unnecessary garbage in there."

Heidi McClain, FOIA coordinator for the district, offered an alternative.

"I can arrange for personnel to be available if you choose to come in to review the documents in person," McClain said in an email.

Schaller said she wants to look at documents in person, along with some volunteers to help.

"There's a lot of crooked stuff going on - I didn't realize how much until all this hit," she said. "I want to get involved and help get to the bottom of this."

-Phil Custodio



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Heartbreaking finale against Southfield in regionals

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Senior Matt Kamieniecki hugged Bluejay Carlton Brundidge and congratulated him on winning the MHSAA Regional championship before joining the rest of his team.

Clarkston concluded their season with a 67-57 loss to Southfield on March 17.

"I am proud of our kids and what we accomplished," said Dan Fife, Wolves Boys Varsity Head Coach. "Losses don't come easy after 28 years, but I can't be upset with my kids' effort. They fought even when they were 12 down."

Sophomore Nick Tatu got the game rolling scoring on three 3-point shots. A basket from senior Tyler Scarlett put the boys 11-2 with five minutes left in the first quarter.

They held onto the lead going into the second quarter but the Bluejays adjusted to the Wolves intensity, quickly catching up.

Brundidge tied the game at 20 points with one basket at the free throw line and with three minutes left in the half, Southfield grabbed the lead.

They held on and ended the half, 29-25.

Kamieniecki opened the third quarter scoring on a 3-point basket. Teammate Jordan Clark also scored on a field goal, tying the game 33-33.

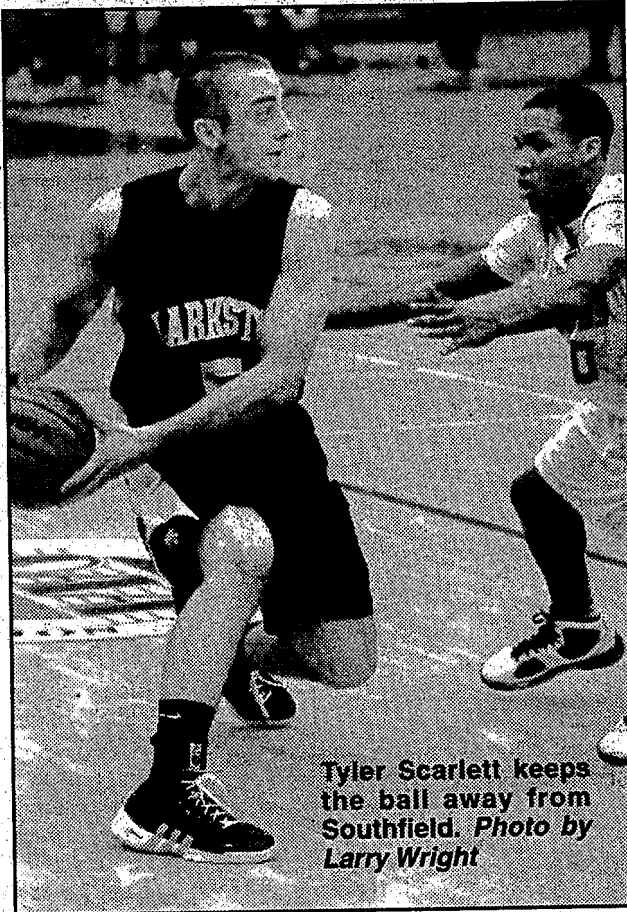
The control shifted again for Clarkston and as they had a few minutes to go in the quarter Southfield scored eight points to secure their lead, 45-39.

The Wolves put on the pressure facing a 12-point lag in the final quarter.

Kamieniecki forced Southfield to turnover the ball with two minutes to go and ran down the court, scoring his gain.

He scored again and another basket from Scarlett closed the gap to seven points.

Mitch Baenziger grabbed the ball and passed it to teammate Marcus Hardy. He passed it back and Baenziger put the boys at 57-62 on the scoreboard.



Tyler Scarlett keeps the ball away from Southfield. Photo by Larry Wright

Southfield scored five more points, three from free throws to end the game, 67-57.

"We wanted to maintain the lead," said Southfield Coach Gary Teasley.

He admitted one of the components the Bluejays had to get ready for when seeing Clarkston for the third time this season was Kamieniecki.

"He's a good player and came to compete," Teasley said. "It's hard to stop him. We noticed his free throw shots not making it and it could have been from scoring when coming in from behind."

Kamieniecki hit 2 of his 15 free throw shots, a concern for fans, but not for Fife.

"We aren't even close to where we would have been without Kamieniecki. He brought us back near the end with his effort," he said. "He kept throwing baskets and if it's there, it's there. We have won 19 games with Kami missing at the free throw line. We can't walk into the gym without thanking him for the record we have."

Kamieniecki was the leading scorer with 22 points. Tatu added nine points and Scarlett, along with Marcus Hardy had eight points.

Brundidge led Southfield with 25 points and Desmond Barnes had 19 points.

"Southfield is a good team. They beat us," said Fife. "They have a lot of weapons - hard to guard, hard to control penetration."

Clarkston ends the season 19-6 and loses three of their starters, Clark, Kamieniecki, and Scarlett.

The boys were back in the gym after the game preparing for next season and Fife said communication is the key during the off-season and turning the loss into a positive.

"They have to battle all their lives to turn negatives into positives," said Fife.

"The character of how they look at the program and how they look at Clark, Scarlett, and Kami's legacy is how they respond to the loss," he added.

"The kids know how hard those three worked and how hard they compete. The kids work hard and it leaves a heck of a legacy for the rest of the kids to work hard."

Athletes of the Week Liberty Cheer sparkle never fades



Bright personalities and big smiles have led the Liberty Cheer teams to a sensational season ending.

The Sparklers, who compete in the Youth Level 1 division, and Firestorm, which competes in Junior Level 2, are both National Champions after competing at the Contest of Champions All Star Cheer Nationals at Disney World on February 27.

The Firestorm team was also named High Point Champion among the 16 teams competing in Level 2.

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This is the third time Liberty Cheer teams have attended and the third time that they have won.

The girls train at the Stars and Stripes Kids Activity Center at 4630 White Lake Rd. in Clarkston.

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The boys varsity lacrosse team practices for their first game. Photos by Wendie Reardon

Wolves' ready for action

BY WENDIREARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The boys have their lacrosse sticks are poised to go for their first face-off this week.

"The season looks pretty good," said Brian Kaminskas, head coach of the boys varsity lacrosse team.

"We are faster. We are more athletic. We are smarter," he added. "We look a lot better than where we ended last year and we thought we had a good year last season."

The boys have worked on their skills from last May up to the beginning of March in training and going to camps and clinics.

"They have put a lot of time in the off season and it really shows," said Kaminskas. "They are starting to understand with the time they put in the offseason and during the season they can be a better team than they give themselves credit for."

Leading the team in their captain roles are seniors Jeff Turner, Andrew Miller, Hunter Layson and Luke Platte. All four add their own touches to different areas on the field.

Turner's place is in the net, guarding against any opponents wanting to shot past and score on Clarkston.

"He is tremendous and one of the best in the state, without a doubt," Kaminskas added.

Miller serves as the main midfielder.

"He should be able to face off 60-70 per-

cent this year and those are huge numbers for a face-off guy," said Kaminskas.

Leading the attacker is Layson - controlling and running transition and Platte leads defense.

The team plays the season without one of last season's strong players Jon Avery due to an injury.

"I give a lot of credit to these guys instead of panicking and worrying about it they are picking up the slack and filling in the gaps," said Kaminskas.

The boys begin the season this week with their first game at Walled Lake Northern on Wednesday.

"We have never played them, but we are in the same region," said Kaminskas. "We always seem to mirror each other. We either win the first rounds or lose in the first rounds. It should be an interesting match up just because we always seem to be doing the same things."

The team then takes on Perrysburg in their home opener on Friday. "The guys are really moving," said Kaminskas. "They are faster and hungrier than they were. These guys step back and realize we can start the tradition Clarkston has (and have it in lacrosse)."

The game begins at 5:30 on Friday for JV and varsity follows.

The boys head to Walled Lake Central on Tuesday.

Lady Kickers take on Corsairs

BY WENDIREARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The sun shined on the practice field on Friday afternoon as the girls from the varsity soccer team prepared for their first game.

A strong wind blew in to give the girls another component besides Waterford Mott to get ready for this week.

"I am excited for the team to start," said Sarah Wasilk, head coach.

"They have been working really hard during the off season and I have a positive outlook."

The drive began after finishing last year's season to Grand Blanc in the second round of district playoffs, 4-1.

Being only a few points away from the last round provided the girls a taste of what they could achieve for the next season.

"This year their goal is to win the league and possibly the district," said Wasilk. "We have never won a district championship. It would be a great achievement."

The team has 21 players on the team this year with a blend of new faces and returners. The strengths of the team lies within the senior leadership on and off of the field.

"The veterans have worked together for years," Wasilk added. "They are a solid group of girls and have been playing together since they were little. They know how each other plays and what to expect from each other."

Senior Breanne Timm, a four-year starter, leads defense and the leadership for the back.

"The defense is really strong," said Wasilk. "I have a lot of confidence in them."

The girls play their first game on Thursday night against Mott.

"Mott is a good team and I expect it to be a competitive game," said Wasilk. "It's

not a game we are taking lightly."

The girls host Mott on Thursday and Oxford on Monday. Both games begins with JV at 5:30 p.m. and varsity follows.



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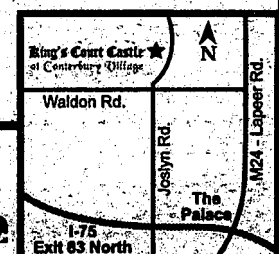
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List of cuts still changing

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Board Vice President Susan Boatman and Trustee Joan Patterson voted with Lieblang to remove the item from the list, resulting in a tie vote - Bomier, President Steve Hyer, and Secretary Cheryl McGinnis voted against it. Meeting rules considered tie votes to be a defeat.

The audience applauded when Patterson asked that Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts' proposed concessions, \$120,000-160,000, be tabled for further discussion.

"We are getting information coming back to us on a daily basis on other initiatives that may impact this one," she said. "With the sacrifices we have seen with all the groups I would like to make sure we are all sharing it."

Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts said it will be considered at the next meeting.

Patterson and Lieblang also voted to hold on "reorganize and reduce administrative positions," because the cut increased from \$305,000 to \$550,000 in a course of a week.

Human Resources Executive Director Linda Nester explained they looked at what people would be cut and their salaries. One layoff notification was presented earlier in the meeting for Pine Knob Elementary Principal Valerie Grimes.

Lieblang asked for clarification and information on administrative cuts. Roberts explained candidates for layoff asked for confidentiality, but he could get her the information later, though it wouldn't change the new number. It was denied, 4-2.

Also set for the next meeting is discussion of reducing the school board's budget for conference fees, registrations, and expenses.

"I would like to see additional work go into that," said Boatman. "We just received a detailed listing of the board budget and we can make additional cuts there."

The board agreed and Hyer said they plan to create a task force during the next meeting to look at board fees and budget.

Boatman also asked for the administration to compare increasing prices for a la carte cafeteria food items with other districts. Her concern was Clarkston would be higher than the average price of districts in the area.

Recent administrative changes to the list include eliminating outsourcing transportation and custodial services, in exchange for employee concessions. The district and employee unions agreed on a new contract. Transportation employees agreed to a reduction of \$302,942, and custodial services, \$487,777, cutting a total of \$790,719. The contract changes include reduction of paid days per year, pay cuts, as well as a pay freeze.

The board will have another chance to review recommendations when administration presents the budget. The next board meeting is Monday, April 19, 7 p.m. at the Administration Building, 6389 Clarkston Road.

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Train your brain with Attuned Mind

Being a former teacher, a stay-at-home mom as well as working with a foundation to give out grants and scholarships, Sheri Grant has always had a desire to help people.

After receiving help from a new technology called "Brain State Conditioning™," she decided to "pay it forward" and help others with this new-found technology, which is why she decided to open Attuned Mind with her partner Julie Lamphier.

Originally, Attuned Mind was based in Lake Orion, but after needing a larger space, they came to Clarkston in November.

Grant, who went through a divorce five years ago, did what many people do. She sought traditional and experiential therapy, which she said had great success for about three years, but she still wasn't completely her normal self. "I found myself just stuck," Grant said. "I was still not feeling 100 percent, still not sleeping great and still dealing with a lot of anxiety."

Her therapist and life coach Ted Klontz recommended she check out brain training, which was founded in 2001 by Lee Gerdes of Brain State Technologies in Scottsdale, Ariz.

"Immediately I started doing due diligence. That was about a six-month period of time where I researched the company, researched the technology," she said.

After brain training, Grant said she was

completely relieved of her anxiety.

"Any anxiety or anxious feelings were totally normal, no longer were they crippling, no longer did they cause me to procrastinate, no longer did they cause me to go take naps and avoid things, they were just gone," she said. "I slept through the night and depression symptoms were also gone, no medication, no insomnia drugs, nothing."

How does brain training work?

Grant said they used a patented proprietary software and process called "Brain State Conditioning™," which uses real time balancing. They start with a brain assessment and gather information by measuring brain activity, similar to a EEG.

"From that we produce a brain map," she said. "On that brain map, numerically we can see imbalances in the brain."

With the software, they are able to mathematically transform the brainwaves to sound waves, so a person can hear their brain. She described it as a "loop."

"Out goes the electrical current through the computer, translates it to sound, sound comes in your ears and now you're listening to digital tones that is actually your brain's activities," she said. "It gives it a mirror so it can see itself. When it sees itself it can correct its own imbalances."

Grant said they do sessions based on a personal protocol plan concerning the goals people want to improve, achieve, or reduce.

The optimal is 10 sessions, 70 minutes each. After 10 sessions, there is a three-week integration process in which the person is not allowed to drink alcohol or receive any therapies that manipulate the nervous system such as chiropractic, deep tissue massages, acupuncture, or cranial sacral therapy.

"That's when the brain integrates what has happened, what it's learned, and how it's changed," Grant said. "Then we touch base with our clients and see how it's going after three weeks."

She said around 90 percent of their clients have not returned after the 10 sessions.

"We don't make guarantees to our clients," she said. "We believe everybody's brain is their finger print, everybody is going to respond to training in a different way."

They also work with children as young as five, but they must be able to sit still, while in the chair. Sessions are shorter for children as well.

Grant said they have had great success helping people specifically with things like attention deficit, addiction, depression, sleep issues, anxiety, traumatic brain injuries, post traumatic stress disorder, and troubles with



Sheri Grant performs a brain assessment on Julie Lamphier.

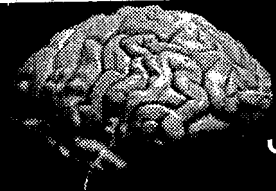
focus and memory. It's also improved neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and victims of a stroke.

"We don't diagnose, we don't cure, we don't treat, we're not in the medical field," she said. "You don't have to talk about your problems, you don't have to analyze your problem, and you don't have to think about your problems or issues or whatever you're dealing with."

However, Grant noted they do have a psychologist, Nancy Phillips on hand, if anyone would like to consult with feelings or issues they're having.

Attuned Mind also offers other services such as massage, foot detox, reflexology, and Reiki therapy.

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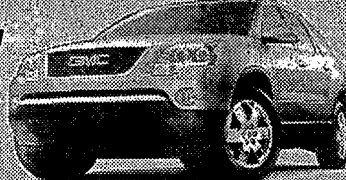
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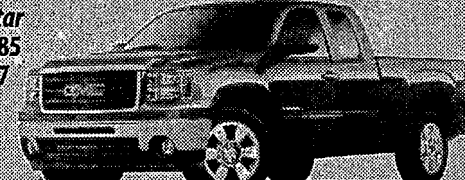
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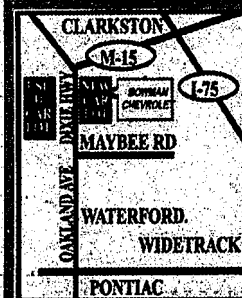
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— Craig Frazer

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— Cory Johnston

"Regrettably, I say we need to consolidate. In different economic circumstances, it would make sense to have our own police department, but now, it's not possible."



— Stewart Mahler

"Keep the police department, of course. Getting rid of the police department would create a mess like Sashabaw."



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Dr. Nedra Downing was inspired by her grandchildren to write a book. Photo by Phil Custodio

Picture book author's gift to grandkids

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

When Dr. Nedra Downing needed a way to comfort her granddaughter Katie, Downing's mother and one of her closest friends came to the rescue.

"Katie had never been without mom and dad," Downing said. "It was naptime, and we were sitting in an antique oak rocking chair given to me by my mother."

One-year-old Katie's parents, Margaret and Temel Tirkes, were on a trip this past summer to the Upper Peninsula with her brother, John.

The sound of a 135-year-old clock, given to Downing by her friend Elizabeth Yeager Grosch, filled the room.

"We rocked to the tick-tock sound of the clock, I looked at the sky and the birds, and the baby settled in my arms," Downing said. "I've had so many jobs to do, and it seemed this was my reward for all my hard work. I had nothing more to do but rock — nothing was more important."

She put those feelings into words, which became the poem "Tick Tock," the first to be included in her new picture book "Carousel."

"This is my legacy as a grandma to her grandchildren," she said.

The book, published by Clifton Carriage House Press, includes four poems for children, all inspired by her grandchildren.

"It's intended for children 1-4 years old, learning what words sound like through repetition and rhythm," she said.

The poem "Carousel" was inspired by John, 4, and Katie's visit to the Indianapolis Children's Museum and its fully restored, 93-year-old merry-go-round.

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Melville Boys, Clarkston Village Players comedy, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, \$13; 2 p.m., Sunday, \$11; March 25-27. Depot Theatre, 4861 White Lake Road. 248-575-4104.

Women in Business, Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce. Pure Michigan, 10:45-1 p.m., March 25, Fountains, 6060 Maybee Road; True Colors, 2-5 p.m., April 29, Oakhurst Country Club. 248-625-8055.

Frog Survey Training, 7-9 p.m., March 26, Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks County Park. Free. Register by March 25 at 248-858-0704.

Open audition for one male actor, Clarkston Village Players, 7 p.m., March 30, Depot Theatre, 4861 White Lake Road. Rehearsals begin in April. Performance, June 1-6. 248-666-3094.

Meet and greet, North Oakland Bethany, 7 p.m., March 31. Music by Steve Floyd. Mesquite Creek, 7228 N. Main St. 248-464-0756.

A Taste of Spring, Rotary's wine tasting, 6:30-8:30 p.m., April 1, Oakhurst Country Club, 7000 Oakhurst Lane off Clintonville Road. Michigan wines featured. \$50 in advance, \$60 at the door. Proceeds support Clarkston Rotary's local, international projects. Clarkstonrotary.org.

Softball for 50+ Men, 9 a.m., April 5, Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Meet to plan season. All skill levels welcome. 248-625-8231.

Lawn Wars free presentation, 7:30-8:30 p.m., April 7, at St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park Drive. North Oakland Wild Ones Chapter. Author Lois B. Robbins discusses

natural landscaping. 248-625-7597.

Earth Day Celebration, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., April 17, Indian Spings Metropark Environmental Discovery Center. Guided hike, crafts out of recycled materials, learn about alternative "green" energy sources. Free. For ages 4 and older. 248-625-6640.

Community Awards Breakfast, 7:30-9 a.m., May 20, Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road.

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.

Pony Basketball League, for high school boys not on the school team, mid afternoons, Sundays, Clarkston Junior High, 6595 Middle Lake. \$200/resident team. \$300/non-resident team. 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.

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.

Zumba for 50+, Mondays, 6-7 p.m., March

31-May 19. Hypnotic musical rhythms and a dynamic workout. \$48 for eight classes. Community Room-Clarkston Specialty Care Center, 4800 Clintonville Road. 248-625-8231.

Therapeutic Yoga classes, Mondays, 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.; Tuesdays, 7:15-8:30 p.m., Jewels Yoga Fitness, 4612 Mountain View Trail, Independence Township. \$12 walk-in fee. 248-390-9270.

Clarkston Rotary Club, Mondays, 6:30 p.m., Clarkston Community Education Center, 6558 Waldon Road. \$10. 248-625-4244.

Fountains charity poker, 5:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday. \$30 buy in. Fountains Golf and Banquet, 6060 Maybee Road. 248-625-3731.

Pilates and Sculpt, Mondays, 7-8 p.m., Bay Court Park's Lakeview room. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.

Basic Yoga with Noreen Daly, beginning and intermediate techniques; Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:45 p.m., \$7 per session. Bring mat. Peace-Unity Church and Holistic Center, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-310-7878

Tai Chi with Tammy Cropp, gentle movements for healing, stress reduction, balance, increased flexibility, Tuesdays, 10 a.m. \$8 per session. Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-420-6119.

Co-Creating Healthy Families, Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m., "Bradshaw on: The Family," PBS series presentation, support group, 7:30 p.m., Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-891-4365.

Clarkston Community Band rehearsals, 7 p.m., Tuesdays. Especially needed: percussion, clarinets, trumpets. \$30/semester. Band room, Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane. Independence Township Parks & Recreation, 248-625-8223.

Breast Cancer Support Group, first Tuesday, 7-9 p.m., 21st Century Oncology, 6770 Dixie Highway, Suite 106. 248-625-3841

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

Community Singles, third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Community Presbyterian Church fellowship hall, 4301 Monroe St., off Sashabaw, Waterford. All ages, men and women. 248-394-0412.

Belly Dancing, Tuesdays, 10-11:30 a.m., Bay Court Park. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.

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

Widowed Friends, Tuesdays, 12 p.m., Collier Bowling Alley, 879 S. Lapeer Road, Oxford. \$2 per game. 248-628-5437 or 248-877-6692.

AARP Income Tax Preparation Assistance Program, Tuesdays, through April 13, Carriage House, 6000 Clarkston Road. AARP volunteers prepare federal and state returns for seniors. Call 248-625-8231 for appointment and list of 2009 financial papers required.

Pickleball for Adults 50+, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., two hours, \$3; Fridays, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., and Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., three hours, \$4. First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. All skill levels welcome. 248-625-8231.

Softball for 50+ Women, practices in April, games Tuesday evenings beginning in May. 248-625-8231.

Clarkston Area Optimist Club, 7:30-8:30 a.m., Wednesdays, Clarkston United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 6600 Waldon

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Church celebrates 50 years

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Church of the Resurrection, 6490 Clarkston Road, marks its 50th Anniversary on Palm Sunday.

"I've been a member for approximately 40 years," said Judy Roeser. "We've had our ups and downs, but I'm so grateful to the good Lord we're still in existence and happy to celebrate our 50th anniversary."

The first service was held on Palm Sunday, April 10, 1960. About 35 people gathered at Jack and Muriel Haupt's home on Main Street to celebrate Holy Eucharist with Bishop Archie Crowley and the Rev. George Widdifield, rector of All Saints Church in Pontiac, assisting. With blessings from the Diocese, Widdifield and a group of families from All Saints Church stepped out in faith to establish a mission church.

The Clarkston Episcopal Mission's first service was at the local elementary school, June 19, 1960. Less than four months later,

Mr. and Mrs. John DeLind donated property for the church, and its name was selected.

The Rev. Alexander T. Stewart accepted the call to be vicar of the fledgling mission. He began his service on Nov. 6, 1960 and served 27 years until he retired. The mission was accepted as a Diocesan mission on Feb. 1, 1961.

Aug. 5, 1964, ground was broken for the new church building and construction began. The dedication took place on May 23, 1965. Construction of a new vicarage took place in 1968 and in 1974 the parish hall was expanded.

At the 1976 Annual Convention of the Diocese of Michigan, the church was accepted as a parish. In 1985, another major building renovation and expansion was undertaken and in 1989, the new addition was dedicated.

Member Larry Campaigna, who raised his family in the church since 1973, said "it's great to see an institution like the church to celebrate at least 50 years,

hopefully we'll be here another 50 years."

"It's just a group of very nice people that really make that church up," he said. "I think that's why I think the church has continually gone forward and is still vital on the community."

Dianne Clark, who's been a member with her husband Bart for the past five years, agreed.

"We were so warmly embraced there and it feels like we've come home," she said. "It's a great little parish, they're wonderful people and we're celebrating a new priest coming in and we're excited to be apart of all of that."

The mission of the church is "to proclaim the power and love of Jesus Christ, through worship, fellowship and service to others."

Those interested in celebrating the 50th Anniversary, as well as welcoming the new Rev. Cynthia Garman on March 28, service will be at 10 a.m. with a Holy Eucharist Rite that is filled with music and followed by brunch and fellowship.



Roberta Thomas, who just celebrated her 80th birthday, is ready to roll a strike for Bowling for Meals on Wheels.

Bowlers help Meals on Wheels

More than 40 bowlers rolled for strikes at Cherry Hills Bowling Alley.

Independence Township Adult Activities Center hosted Bowling for Meals on Wheels,

March 14, raising more than \$500 to support its Meals on Wheels program for seniors.

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Lake Orion Family Dentistry welcomes Dr. Brad Greenfield

Talk with Dr. Brad Greenfield just a minute or two and it's easy to see he's passionate about his work at Lake Orion Family Dentistry and committed to providing high-quality, innovative care.

Add his friendly personality to the mix and patients feel instantly at ease.

"I just love Dr. Greenfield," wrote one patient in a survey. "He's a perfect fit for this office."

Established in 1960, Lake Orion Family Dentistry offers a wide variety of preventative, cosmetic and general dentistry for both children and adults, as well as a state-of-the-art—yet warm and welcoming—facility. Dr. Greenfield over the practice in February.

"I walked into a situation where I can do what I love, focus 110 percent on the patients and know the staff is very supportive and taking care of the things that need to be done," he said.

Dr. Greenfield, who completed his dental training at the University of Detroit-Mercy in 1999, also said he's looking forward to continuing his work with patients who experience a great deal of anxiety over going to the dentist.

Sedation dentistry, through nitrous oxide—or "laughing gas"—oral sedation and



Dr. Brad Greenfield and the team at Lake Orion Family Dentistry offer quality, innovative care and a warm, friendly atmosphere.

IV sedation are available at Lake Orion Family Dentistry to support those high-fear patients.

"This is huge for people who are afraid to go to the dentist," said Dr. Greenfield, noting he'll be bringing a certified nurse anesthesiologist on board to administer IV sedation and care for patients before during

and after their appointment. "When you're dealing with an abscess tooth, or gum disease, for example, you've got to get it taken care of—these things can lead to much larger health issues."

Dr. Greenfield and his team also practice holistic, metal-free dentistry.

"We will never suggest treatment or

materials we would not place in our own mouths," he said.

Office Manager Lisa Allain said she searched far and wide for the right person to take over the practice after her husband, Dr. Keith Allain, passed away in 2008.

"It was important to me to find someone with as much passion and dedication as my husband had," Lisa Allain said. "He loved the practice, and truly cared about our patients. Dr. Greenfield hasn't skipped a beat—we're hearing a lot of really good feedback."

While the majority of patients stayed on during the search for a new doctor, newcomers are welcome.

"A lot of people like the fact that we use CEREC technology, which means they can come in and get a crown done in one day and not have to come back several times," said Lisa Allain.

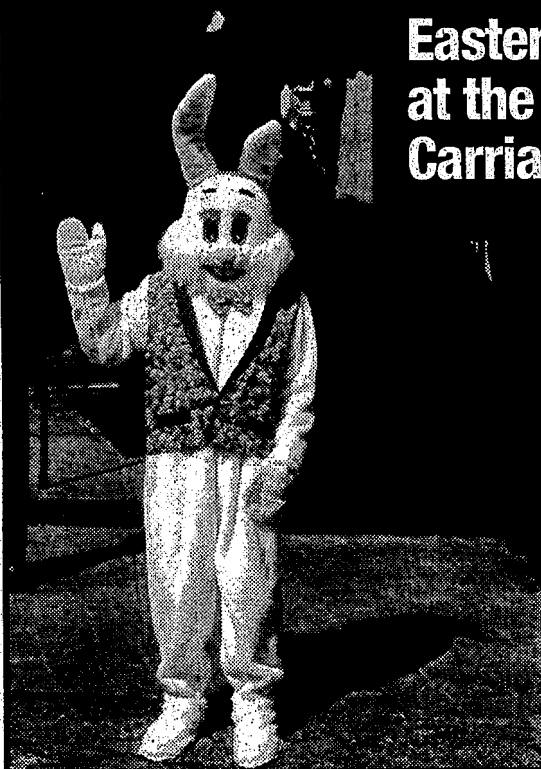
Other services at Lake Orion Family Dentistry include bridges, partials and dentures, mercury and metal-free restorations, night guards and TMJ therapy, sealants and fluoride for children and more.

Lake Orion Family Dentistry is located at 1375 South Lapeer Road, Suite 200 Call 248-693-6213 or visit www.DrBradGreenfield.com

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Landscape Tips from Tom Lowrie

It's Mulch Time

Mulch is a relatively inexpensive way to improve the health of your soil and beautify the appearance of your landscaping.

Annual weeds are less likely to sprout and less time will be spent on upkeep if you keep the soil surface in the dark. Even a thin layer of mulch will lesson evaporation from the soil surface reducing the amount of water needed. Mulch used immediately after planting encourages root growth because it keeps the soil moist and protects roots from Michigan cold snaps and hot spells. Mulching around trees keeps weed whackers and lawn mowers a safe distance from roots.

Bulk mulches from reputable landscape companies are likely clean and safe. Be wary of cheap bag mulches as they may contain shredded construction debris or other waste with toxic chemicals. Mulches vary in makeup, color, texture and appearance. Use the following examples to help guide your selection:

Tom Lowrie owns Lowrie's Landscape in Clarkston, Michigan and has been making the world a more beautiful place since 1979. Sign up for exclusive email tips and specials at www.LowriesLandscape.com or call (248) 625-8844.



- For a soothing, natural look, use dark-colored mulch.
- For a brighter bed, use lighter mulch or consider light colored gravel.
- For a classic look, choose un-dyed dark brown.

Big chunks such as bark nuggets may last longer but can be hard to dig around in flower beds. Gravel, recycled glass or recycled rubber tires help keep weeds down by covering the ground but won't improve the soil and sometimes get spread around the yard.

Bag mulch is much more expensive than bulk mulch. Bulk mulch is measured by cubic yard. To determine how much mulch you need, break your areas down to rectangles or circles, measure the areas and take your measurements to your supplier.

There is usually no need to remove old mulch but make sure you don't spread it too deep or you can obstruct water and air to roots. Avoid fabric or plastic barriers as they do not allow mulch to enrich soil.

Milestones

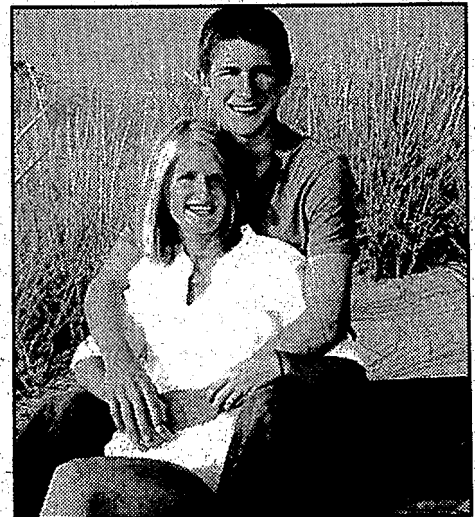
Whiteford-Holmes

Jim and Abby Whiteford of Springfield Township are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Abby Elizabeth, to Brett Holmes of Okemos, Mich.

The bride-to-be graduated from Michigan State University in 2009 with a Bachelor of Science Early Childhood Education degree and is a lead teacher at Rainbow Child Development Center in Okemos.

The future groom graduated in 2008 with a Bachelor of Arts, General Business Management degree from Michigan State University. He is pursuing a medical degree from MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine. He is the son of Gale and Connie Holmes of Okemos.

An August 2010 wedding is planned at the Alumni Chapel on the campus of Michigan State University.



Abby and Brett

Students achieve success

Antoinette M. Kreager of Clarkston earned her Certificate in Medical Insurance Specialist, Magna Cum Laude honor status, at Baker College Corporate Services campus.

Michelle Zeile of Clarkston graduated this past fall from University of Dayton.

Central Michigan University fall semester honors list includes Clarkston students Samantha Marie Adams, Ryan Michael Alexander, Jonathan Thomas Arcobello, Katherine M. Bailey, Jessica Renee Beare, Michael Black, Matthew Frederick Bleau, Angela Marie Bollini, Johann Christian Britting, Jonathan Charles Brown, Krista Jordan Cassisi, Benjamin Michael Clark, Meredith Lynee Clark, David E. Creech, Marina L. Dabrowski, Shane Matthew Fitzgerald, Susan Elisabeth Fritz, Timothy Lee Ginn, Alana Rose Goeringer, Jenna Leigh Guilds, Robert James Hearnes, Dustin Humphreys, Amanda Rose Johnston, Jaclyn Anne Johnston, Kristen Jeanne Judge, Lindsay Ann Kolich, Katarzyna K. Laskowska, Dustin J. Markwood, Anne Christine Maxwell, Paul Daniel McKinney, Lauren Marie McLeod, Rebecca A. Meisner, Casey E. Merte, Brittany Rose Noble, Jessica J. Osmak, Jeffrey A. Pearce, Rebecca Kaylyn Reas, Jessica Marie Rendon, Lauren Elizabeth Ring, Kirsten E. Rogers, Christine Rozwadowski, Leah M. Schmidt, Renee

Marie Slaughter, Michelle H. Sun, Erik Michael Thompson, William Robert Thompson, Stephen Daniel Trawick, Laycee N. Tubbs, Megan Elizabeth Vance, Brittney M. Volin, Lindsey Willyard, Katie Wilmot, Richard L. Winbigler, and Kristina Marie Work, and Davisburg students Lindsay J. Cronin, Brittany Mary Elia, Vanessa Rose Grover, Renee N. Loubert, and Adam R. Sharp.

Mansour Masoudi of Clarkston received a graduate degree from Kettering University at commencement this past June.

Central Michigan University's December 2009 graduates include Clarkston students Andra Barget, Bachelor of Science in Education, Matthew Chesley, Bachelor of Applied Arts, Nicholas Daly, Bachelor of Applied Arts, Kristine Keusch, Master of Science in Administration, Emily King, Bachelor of Applied Arts, Kathrine Klockow, Bachelor of Science, Rebecca McGovern, Master of Science in Administration, Ryan Parker, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Lindsay Smith, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Wei Sun, Bachelor of Science in Education, Roxanne Tripi, Bachelor of Science in Education, and Lauren White, Bachelor of Science in Education, and Davisburg students Matthew Hill, Bachelor of Science, and Louise Kavanaugh, Bachelor of Applied Arts.

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Religion

All must answer call to serve

I am getting to go to the church and lead a funeral service. It is what I do. Some people get up and drive to an office. Some get on planes to lead or attend seminars and conventions. Some are busy every morning getting everyone else going. Others woke up today with nothing planned or anything to do.

I do funerals. I also do weddings, baptisms, lead worship, offer care to those who need a listening ear or prayer. I preach sermons. I try to help people get beyond the stereotype of church and understand what it means to be in a community of believers who are captured by divine love and striving to figure out how to live faith out in everyday life.

Clergy are as different as any other group of people. Of course, there are the assumptions of what we are like. Over the years, I have had people apologize to me for behaviors they would never have apologized to someone else.

I never let strangers I meet on the golf course know I am a pastor right away. It often makes them uncomfortable when they find out. Such knowledge can mess up their game.

My kids were asked once by their friends if they could see the Bible room in our house. This confused our children. They never saw a room in our house filled with just Bibles and lit candles.

Spiritual Matters



Pastor Richard Dake

My life is different than most because my vocation gets to be the calling God has placed on my heart. I get to be with people in the most tragic and joyous moments of life. My vocation allows me to find ways each day to serve the God I would serve no matter what else I may do. I have a church full of people who need me to be faithful, a world that may not understand people like me but often times treats me as if they actually think what I am doing is important.

I am in awe of Christians who go to work, stay home, or fulfill vocations that are not by definition religious and still find time to grow in their faith, serve in the church and care for others in the community.

When God called me into ordained ministry at the age of 16, I was scared and excited all at the same time. That seems to me a trademark whenever God calls any of us.

And be clear, we are all called. Each of us no matter our vocation, life journey or skills; we are all called. It is in our calling we find meaning and fulfillment. It is where we have the greatest chance to impact the lives of others.

The funeral I am going to do is for a woman who found her calling as a mom, neighbor and friend. I know because I saw her love and gifts change the lives of others.

I know because as we remember her life, there is ample reason to give thanks. I pray the same will be able to be said of us all.

The Rev. Richard Dake is pastor of Clarkston United Methodist Church.

In our churches...

Coffee House, featuring Amy Kucera and local talent, 7 p.m., March 19, Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

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.

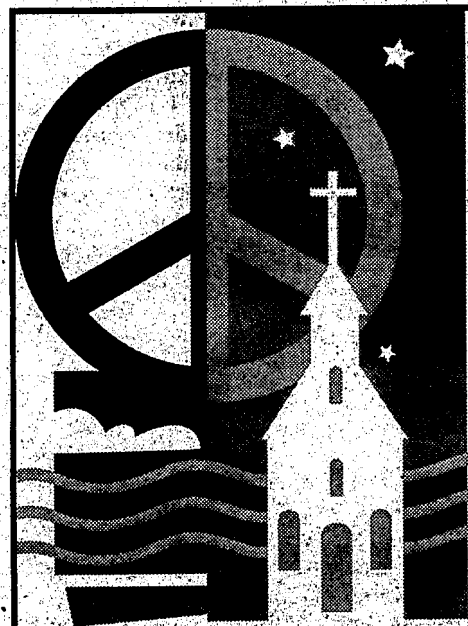
Metaphysical Bible Study, Sundays, 8:30 a.m., discover the inner, spiritual meaning behind the stories. Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

Bethany North, peer support to all faiths dealing with 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.

Men's and Women's Bible Study, Tuesdays, 7 p.m., St. Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road. 248-625-4644.

Divorce Care support group, Tuesday, 6 p.m., Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. Childcare provided. 248-625-3288.

Wednesday Evening FEAST, dinner at 6 p.m., worship
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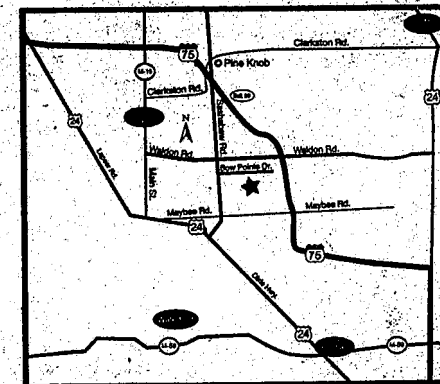
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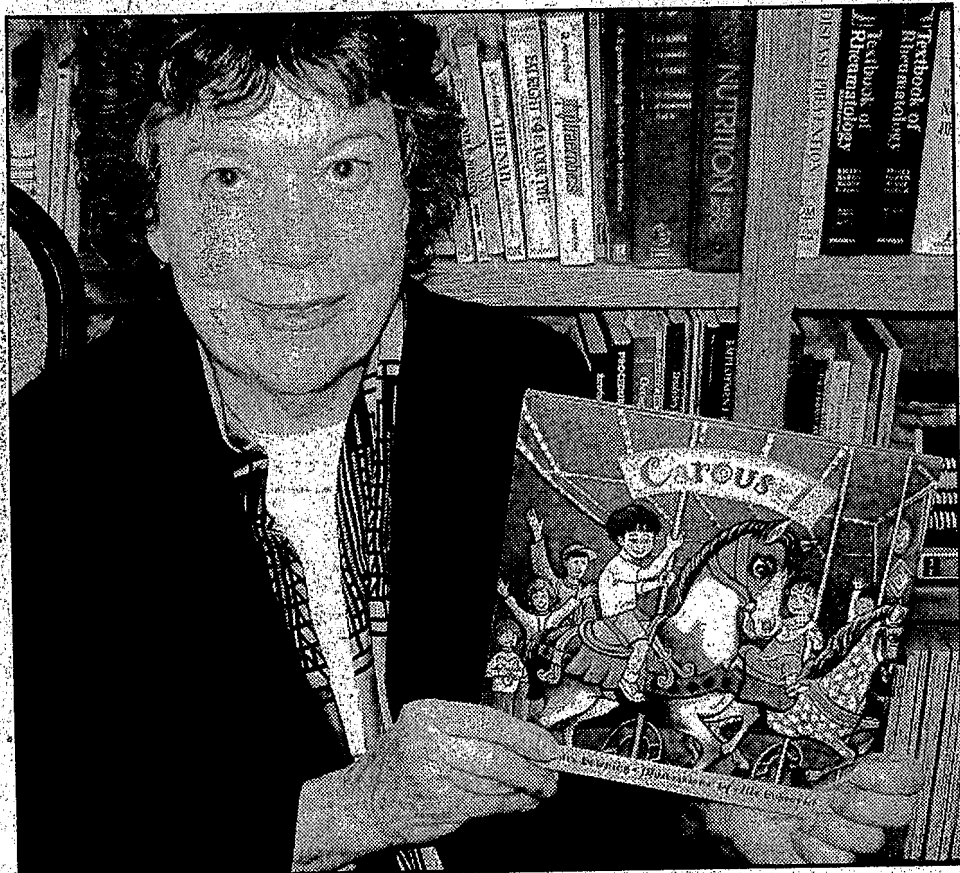


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The book is named after a restored Carousel in Indiana.

Author is retired doctor

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"John told his dad about it - he was so excited," Downing said.

The poems "Bath Time" and "Feeding Birds" round out the book.

"It's all about family values and having good times together," she said. "One of John's favorite things is to feed the birds with his mom, and Katie and John like to splash around in the bath."

Downing retired in 2006 after 19 years as a physician and nutritionist with The Downing Clinic in Independence Township.

"I never expected to be an author," she said. "I've done a lot of writing. My daughter (Margaret Tirkes) said my poems were better than the ones she was reading to her children - why not put them in a book? That's how it started."

The book is illustrated by Alla Dubrovich, Downing's art instructor at Flint Institute of Art.

"The illustrations bring the poems to life - she's very talented," Downing said. "The Carousel horses are very detailed."

Dubrovich and her husband, graphic designer Igor Macherkevich, incorporated Downing, Katie, John, the chair, clock, and toys, and the Indianapolis carousel into the illustrations.

"You can see the actual toys my grandchildren play with," Downing said.

Dr. Downing was born and raised in Wauseon, Ohio. She graduated from the University of Michigan Pharmacy School, and

owned and operated her own pharmacy in Flint for several years. She returned to Michigan State University to attend the School of Osteopathic Medicine and also earned a Master's degree in nutrition. She completed her medical internship at Flint Osteopathic Hospital.

Nedra and her husband, Howard, live in Holly. They have two daughters, Margaret Tirkes and Laura Kovalcik, married to Richard Kovalcik.

"Carousel" is published by Clifton Carriage House Press, BRIOprint.

"I felt compelled to finish it by Christmas," Downing said. "I sent it out to the publisher on a Monday and then on Thursday they said they'd like to publish my book. I felt extraordinarily lucky."

She had her first book signing at the Indianapolis Children's Museum this past December.

"It was quite an experience," she said. "There were people from all walks of life. The museum was all decorated with Christmas trees and elves, and a great big slide from the second to the first floor."

She plans to write additional books including one she wrote when her children were young about their family cat, Minette.

"Carousel" is available at the Downing Clinic, 5715 Bella Rose Blvd., suite 100 in Independence Township or her website at www.nedradowning.com. It will be available on Amazon.com and local bookstores this fall.

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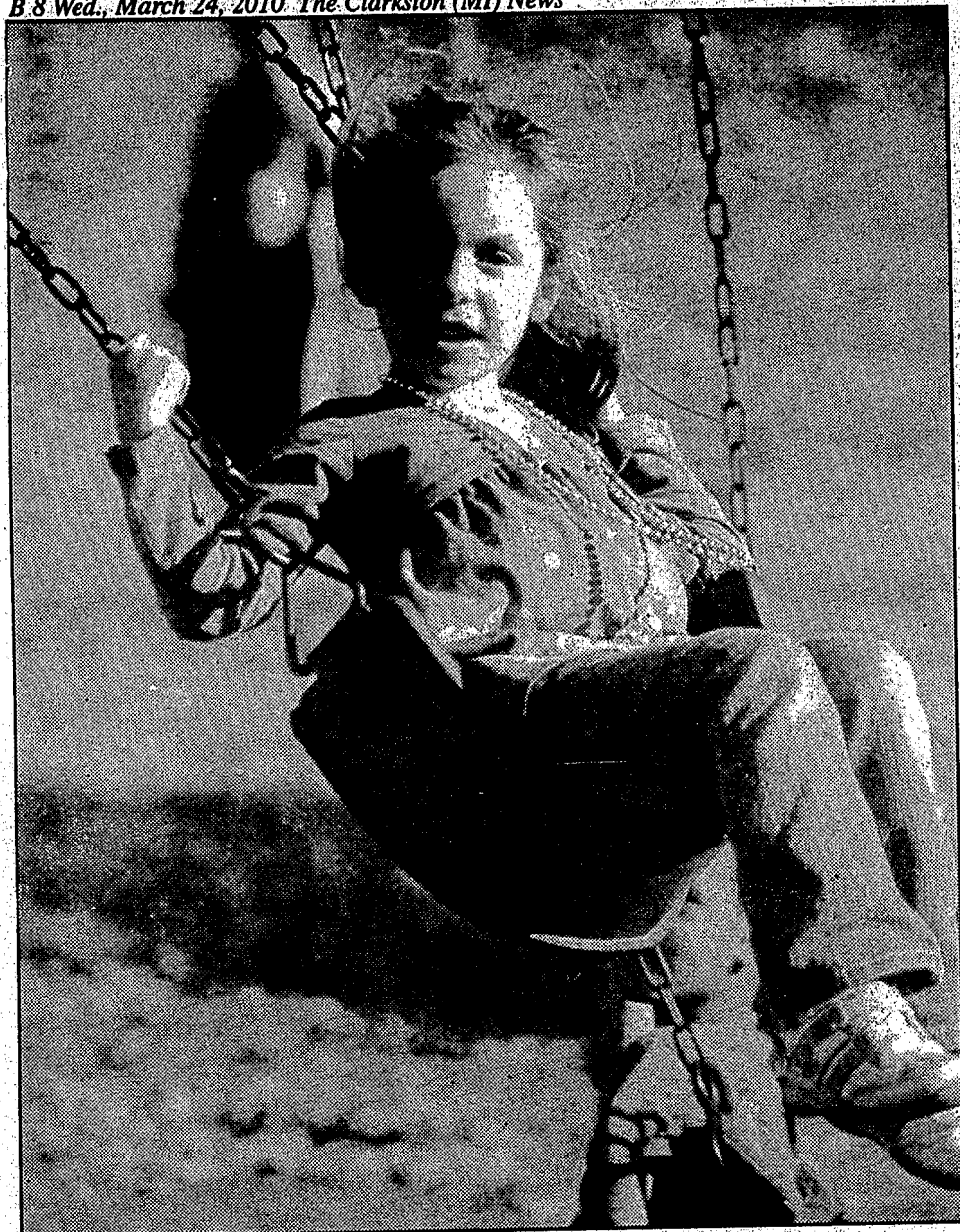
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Faded Ink



Grace Trevino catches some air on the swing.



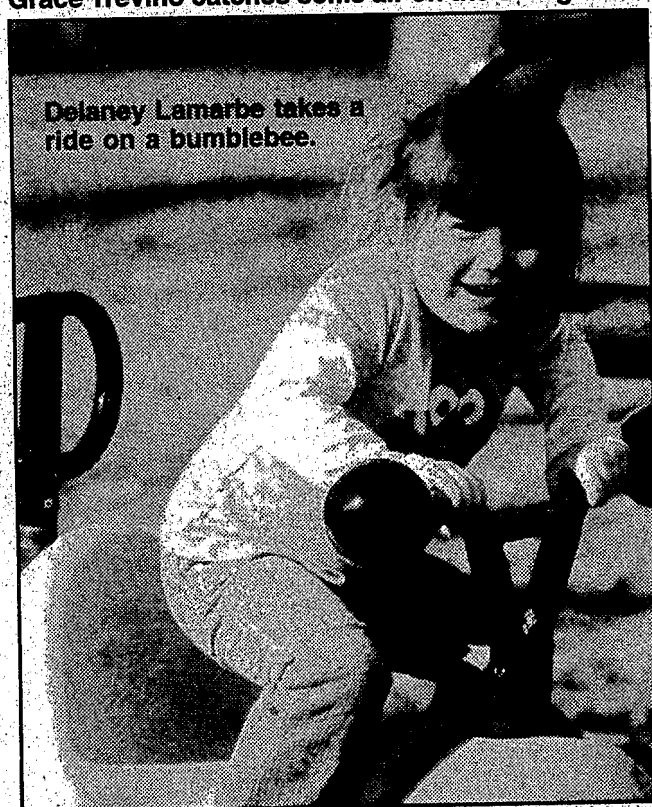
Declan Lamarbe goes down the slide with help from mom, Brandi.

Spring has sprung

Before the cold weather found its way back to Michigan during the weekend, kids were enjoying warm weather on March 17. The temperatures reached up to the sev-

enties while children and their families enjoyed a visit to Depot Park in downtown Clarkston. The perfect backdrop for picnics, fun, and smiles.

Photos by Wendi Reardon



Delaney Lamarbe takes a ride on a bumblebee.



David and Michael Johnson find sticks.



Audrey Trevino conquers the caboose.

Hands-on learning with crawling creatures

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Eva Hernandez-Rosas held up the crayfish to her classmates in her group.

They observed how their crayfish responded and put it back down into the basin and wrote down what they saw.

Around them Andersonville Elementary fourth-graders were doing the same thing in Kelly Willard's class.

The students were learning about the structures of life for science and focusing on the crayfish.

They had studied the crayfish's habitat, characteristics, adaptations and food

webs.

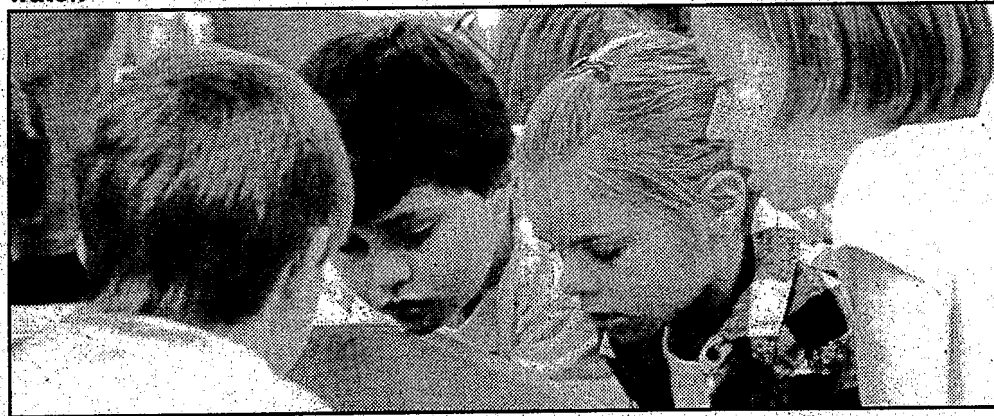
During their observations last Thursday they also noted each crayfish had a different personality.

When the students reached into the crayfish's basin some squirms away or were aggressive. They also observed how the crayfish reacted if they touched it's back, tail, antennas or put another crayfish in the environment.

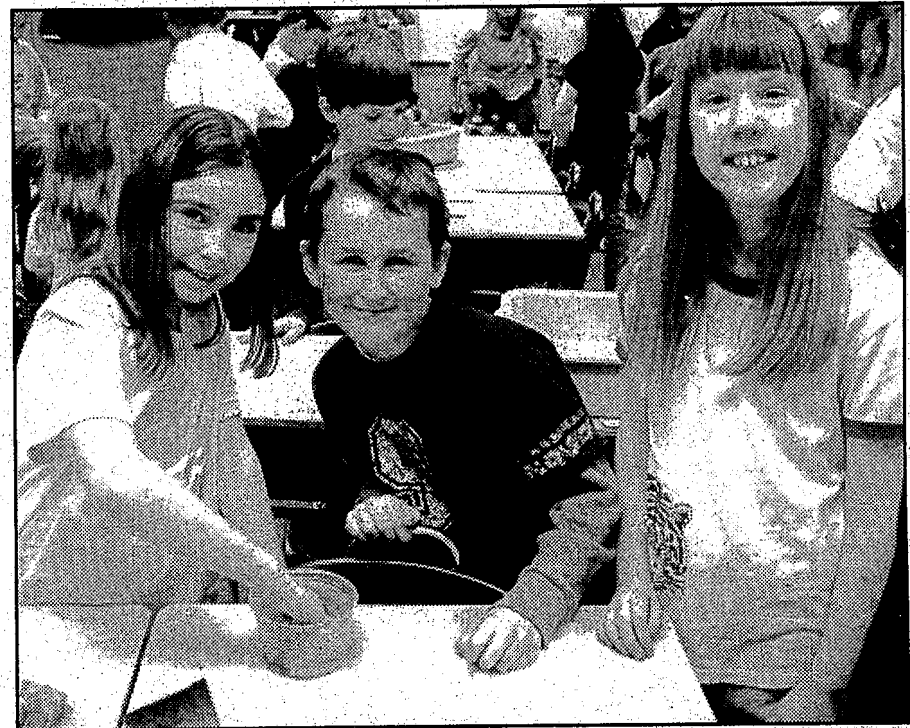
Megan Lockwood noticed her group's crayfish stayed still when they left it completely alone and would go into their houses once the houses were put into the basin.



Josh Cantu and Mykala Wendt watch as "Big Daddy" reacts to being out of the water.



Chase Moscovic, Jake Phelps, Krisy Cummings and Cyndi Wurtz observe as their crayfish goes into the house.



Megan Lockwood, Drew Sagowitz and Haley Higdon pose with their crayfish - but he was shy and went back in his habitat.

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Obituary

Martha White, 92

Martha White, nee Miller, lifelong resident of Clarkston, passed away, March 18, 2010, at age 92.

She was preceded in death by her husband Stanley. She was the mother of George (friend Suzanne Holm) White and John (Elaine) White; grandma of Mark (Sherry), Michael and John Jr.; great grandma "GG" of Emily & Dane; preceded in death by her brother George Miller; also survived by her friend and caregiver Judy Bennett.

Mrs. White was a caring neighbor and friend to many. She was a member of Clarkston United Methodist Church.

Visitation was March 21 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral service was March 22 at the Clarkston United Methodist Church. Interment Lakeview Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Clarkston United Methodist Church or Genesys Hospice, Goodrich. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.



William H. Mines, 73

William H. Mines of Waterford passed away, March 20, 2010, at age 73.

He was the husband of Dorothy; father of Kim (Victor) Hubbard of Clarkston and Kent (Jeanette) Mines of Waterford; grandpa of Johnathon, Nathan, Emily, Aaron, Sierra, and Cody; brother of Carol (Paul) Veenstra; like a grandpa of David and Daniel.



Mr. Mines was a prayer warrior for his family. He was a member of C & M.A. Church, Pontiac, and currently attended Highland Park Baptist Church.

Visitation was March 23 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral service, Wednesday, 11 a.m., at Highland Park Baptist Church, Southfield, where friends may visit directly at the church, 10 a.m. until time of service. Interment Oakland Hills Memorial Cemetery. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Obituaries
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William R. McBride, 74

William R. McBride of Ortonville passed away, March 10, 2010, at age 74.

He was born May 17, 1935 in Detroit. Mr. McBride graduated from the University of Colorado, Boulder, Colo., as a mechanical engineer where he was a member of the the gymnastics team.

He worked at Ebbert Engineering in Troy, Mich., until the 70's and joined his family business as a third generation family member. The business was established in 1910 as Russell Hardware Company with two locations, Bloomfield Hills and Harbor Springs. He loved flying. He restored and owned several airplanes presently housed at his property in Ortonville.

He loved animals, especially his German Shepherd, "Winnie." He was an avid snowboarder at Harbor Springs.

He is survived by his wife, Judith Schaffer, whom he married October 14, 1988. Children are Lincoln J. (Claire Pairaud) McBride of Belmont, Calif., Jane (Mark Wilson) McBride of Royal Oak, Morgan S. McBride of Ortonville, and Mackenzie A. McBride of Ortonville; grandfather of Clare, Henry, Max and Leo; and brother of Jack (Linda) McBride of Maui, Hawaii.

Memorial Service was March 14 at ADI Aerodynamics, Waterford. Memorials suggested to Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Church Street Station, P.O. Box 780, New York, NY 10008-0780, Grand Traverse Conservancy- Benzie Co. 3860 N. Long Lake Rd. Suite D, Traverse City, MI 49684 or Michigan Humane Society, Memorial Dept., 30300 Telegraph Rd. Suite 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025-4507. Arrangements by William Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, Utica.

Jon-Erik Ylvisaker, 24

Jon-Erik B. Ylvisaker of Clarkston passed away, March 17, 2010, at age 24.

He was the son of Jon Erik Ylvisaker of Clarkston and Renee' LePage of California; brother of Konrad; brother of Konrad Ylvisaker and Alexius Desire' LePage; grandson of Bernard and Dorothy LePage; preceded in death by grandparents Tekla and John Ylvisaker, M.D.; also survived by many aunts, uncles, and family members.

Friends may visit at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, on Wednesday, 6-8 p.m. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Helen J. Ardelan, 88

Helen J. "Jackie" Ardelan of Clarkston passed away, March 16, 2010, at age 88.

She was preceded in death by her husband John and daughter Delores Recknagel. She was the mother of Barbara (Ernest) Myre, John (Janet), Diana (Bill) Buck, JoAnne (Chuck) Waterhouse and Michael (Denise); also survived by 16 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and one



great great granddaughter.

Memorial service, Saturday, April 10, at 3 p.m., at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit from 2 p.m. until time of service. In lieu of flowers, family prefers donations to a charity of your choice. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Healing Hearts to meet

Wint's Healing Hearts Grief Support Group meets Tuesday, April 13, 7 p.m., at Carriage House, Clintonwood Park.

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Lenten Bible Study, Wednesdays, Feb. 17-March 24, 6-6:45 p.m., St. Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road. Lenten Church service, 7 p.m. 248-625-4644.

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North Oakland Wild Ones Chapter hosts a free presentation, 7:30-8:30 p.m., April 7, at St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park Drive.

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H.O.P.E., Health Optimism Perseverance Education, cancer support group for people with any type of cancer, third Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m., Great Lakes Cancer Institute - Clarkston, Conference Room, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. Emotional support and education to help with adjustment and coping. Care-givers, family, and friends are welcome to attend with the cancer patient. Walk-ins welcome. 877-627-6248.

Zumba - Gold Fitness, Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m., Clarkston Specialty Health Center Community Room, 4800 Clintonville Road. Hypnotic musical rhythms, moves in a dynamic workout. Session I: through March 17, Session II: March 31-May 19. \$48 for 8 classes. 248-625-8231.

De-Stress Gentle Yoga, Wednesdays through April 4, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Carriage House in Clintonwood Park. \$42 for seven weeks. Drop in, \$7. 248-625-8231.

Kickboxing for 50+, Wednesdays, 7:15-8 p.m., March 31-May 19. \$48 for 8 classes. Community Room-Clarkston Specialty Care Center, 4800 Clintonville Road. 248-625-8231.

Introduction to Tai Chi for Adults 50+, Wednesdays, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., March 17-May 19, Carriage House in Clintonwood Park. Improve movement and balance. \$50 for 10 weeks. 248-625-8231.

Clarkston Area Lions Club, second and fourth Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m., Carriage House, next to the Senior Center, in Clintonwood Park. Visitors welcome. 248-802-8603.

Local Business Network, Ortonville/Clarkston Chapter, first and third Thursdays meets, 7:45-8:45 a.m., Harvestland Ministries, 5848 Clintonville Road. 248-505-5091.

Local Business Network, Independence Township Chapter, 7:15 a.m., second and fourth Thursdays, North Oakland County Board of Realtors, 4400 W. Walton. Call Stacy Meagher, 248-241-6000.

Coffee House, third Friday, 7 p.m., Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. Featured musicians, poets, dancers, other performers, open mic. Free. 248-625-5192.

Yoga for the fibromyalgia patient, 11:30 a.m., first Saturday. Taught by an instructor living with fibro. Support and community follows class; \$12 walk-in or purchase 10 visits for \$100 class card. Jewels Yoga and Fitness, 4612 Mountain View Trail, Clarkston, 248-390-9270.



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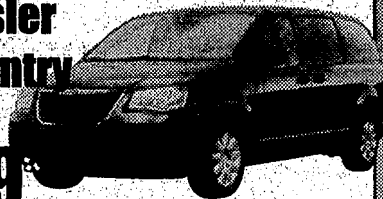


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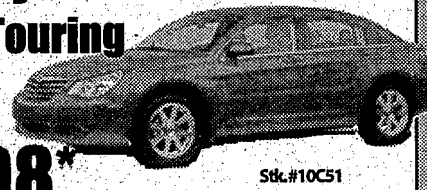
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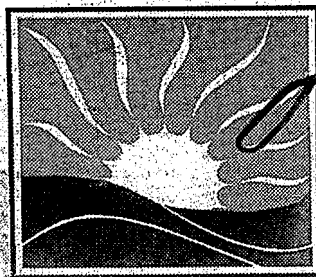
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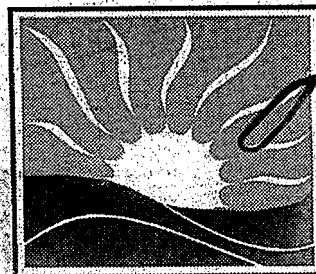
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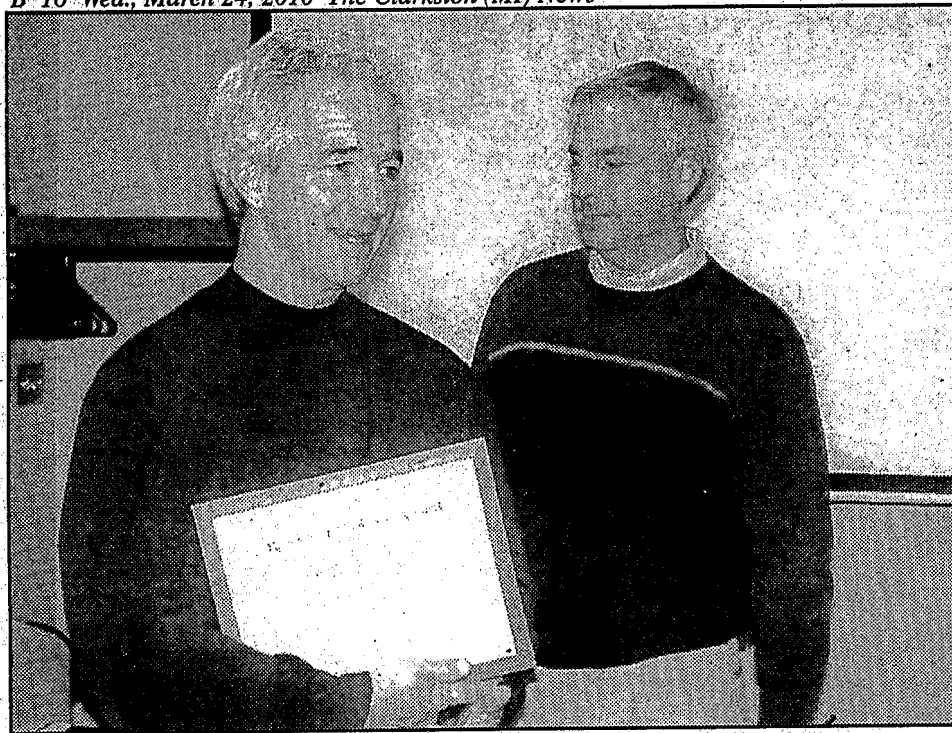
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Tom Lowrie, left, says a few words after presented the Springfield Township Business Excellence Award by Mike Trout. Photo by Phil Custodio

Lowrie's earns award

Tom Lowrie, owner of Lowrie's Landscape on Dixie Highway was awarded Springfield Township's first Business Excellence Award.

"He sets a very high standard on how property in the community should be kept," said township Supervisor Mike Trout, at the March 11 presentation.

The business opened 30 years ago and is located in a historic house at 9539 Dixie Highway.

"The landscape business is my passion," Lowrie said. "When we bought the house, people said to tear it down and replace. I said no. I hope it stands for another 180 years."

The award will be ongoing program, with 2-3 recognitions a year, Trout said.

"It was an idea I had to recognize good examples of property maintenance," he said.

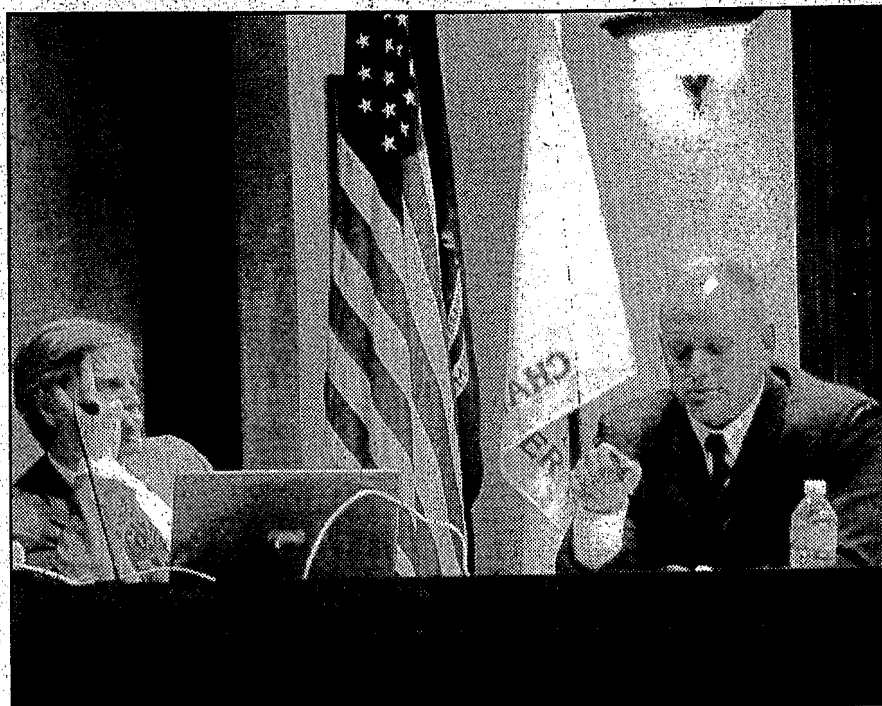
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Independence Township Trustee Neil Wallace, left, listens as Trustee Mark Petterson makes a point at the March 16 Township Board meeting. Photo by Trevor Keiser

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New Roth IRA rules make converting option for all

The goal of retirement saving is to build a nest egg big enough for you to live off during the retirement years.

But paying taxes on your retirement income can sometimes make you feel like all of your hard work is quickly being diminished.

There is one particular type of retirement savings vehicles that alleviates this future tax liability and frustration, and starting this year, all retirement savers have the opportunity to take advantage of it ... the Roth IRA.

Before 2010, Roth IRAs were not available to all, but effective January 1 of this year, income limitations have been lifted, meaning no matter what your income is, you

can open or convert your old retirement account to a Roth IRA.

The benefits of Roth IRAs include tax-free growth; the account holder doesn't pay taxes upon the withdrawal, but rather pays taxes when they contribute or on the amount converted to the account.

Roth IRAs are especially appealing to those retirement savers who believe tax rates are likely to increase by the time they need to access the account for retirement income.

Since taxes are paid up-front, funds in the Roth are able to grow tax-free throughout the owner's lifetime and are distributed tax-free, as long as the distribution meets the requirements of a qualified distribution.

If you do decide to convert to a Roth IRA you will have to pay taxes on the con-

version amount, but paying taxes today is still considered favorable since many retirement savers are betting taxes will go up in the future and are locking in the lower tax rates of today.

Retirement resource



A column by David Boike

Paying taxes on a retirement account now is also beneficial because the amount of taxes owed on retirement accounts is based on your current tax bracket, which can be higher in retirement if your income goes up due to Social Security or a pension and you have fewer deduc-

tions and credits.

There are several factors retirement savers must take into consideration when determining if a conversion is the right financial move, including:

- Can you rollover? Examples of accounts that are a good match for a rollover would be a traditional IRA or 401(k) from a previous employer. If you have already made changes to your account in the past, you may need to check with a qualified financial professional, as there are additional rules to adhere to.
- Can you cover the taxes on the con-

version? (Note: this should not come out of the account itself) Taxes on Roth conversions are paid upfront, but in 2010 you can split this liability and pay half in 2011 and the other half in 2012. You don't want to pay the taxes on the conversion out of your Roth because it depletes the account, you'll pay a 10 percent penalty and you may end up paying a hefty early withdrawal penalty as well; make sure you have enough out-of-pocket cash to pay the taxes before making a final decision on converting.

- Can you afford to wait? If you need your retirement funds in less than five years you might want to reconsider converting to a Roth because funds that are rolled over to a Roth IRA must remain untouched in the account for five years, unless you're 59 1/2 or older. Failing to wait means you will have to pay an early withdrawal penalty of 10 percent.

The tax-free growth offered by a Roth IRA and the advantage of no Required Minimum Distribution make a Roth IRA a good savings vehicle for some retirement savers.

David Boike owns Retirement Resources tax, mortgage, and financial consulting practice in Clarkston with his sons, D.J. Boike and Jake Boike. Call 877-732-5751.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know

INDEPENDENCE TWP.

SYNOPSIS
TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
MARCH 16, 2010

1. The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:30 p.m., at the Independence Township Hall.
2. Roll Call: Present: VanderVeen, Lohmeyer, Wallace, Rosso, Petterson, Wagner, Carson
Absent: None
3. The Agenda was approved with the addition of an item, Public Hearing for April 6, 2010, on millage rates.
4. The public forum opened with Lisa McCoy, Jim O'Neill, Mike Clark, Rick Gutowski and Bob Roth addressing the Board.
5. The following items were approved under the Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2010, February 16, 2010, February 23, 2010, and March 2, 2010
 - b. Accounts Payable Check Run
 - c. Resolution - Deer Lake Goose Roundup
 - d. Resolution to withdraw Metro Net Library Consortium Membership
 - e. Clinton River Watershed Council Membership Renewal
 - f. (removed to end of meeting)
 - g. Resolution for Clarkston Schools Instrumental Music Association to be recognized as a non-profit organization for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license
6. Approved motion to obtain legal opinion as to legality of Triumph Telecom System Contract
7. Discussion on Information Systems Policy and obtaining network traffic management equipment
8. Township attorney presented an update on amendment of CIA with citizens given an opportunity to address the Board
9. Parks and Recreation Director gave an update on the Deer Lake Beach budget
10. Approved motion to reinstate the Ordinance Officer Position
11. Approved motion to extend the meeting past 10:00 p.m.
12. Approved motion to engage the Operation Review Task Force to review of the Parks and Recreation Department.
13. Approved the EECBG Grant Agreement and authorizing DPW Director to sign on behalf of the Township
14. Approved bid award for uniforms for 2010 Youth Baseball and Softball teams with Tool Sport & Sign
15. Presentation of 2009 Year-End Investment Report by Munder Capital
16. Approved motion to set Public Hearing on April 6, 2010 for millages for Library and Police
17. Approved Blanket Purchase Requisition for Carol Gabris and Rita Heady
18. Meeting adjourned at 12:32 a.m.

Shelagh VanderVeen
Township Clerk

Published: 3/24/10

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet on Wednesday, April 14, 2010, 7:30 PM in the Independence Township Hall Conference Room, 6483 Waldon Center Dr., Clarkston, MI 48346, to hear the following case:

Case #10-0003 Heleski, Gregory, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS 23' REAR YARD SET BACK VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 25, SECTION 50-890 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO CONSTRUCT ADDITION (ADDITIONAL 3' TO PREVIOUSLY APPROVED 20' REAR YARD SETBACK VARIANCE)
8248 Deerwood Circle, R-1A
Deerwood, Lot 89
08-16-104-011

Case #10-0004 Wancour, Richard, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS 30' SIDE YARD SETBACK VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 24, SECTION 50-837 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO CONSTRUCT ACCESSORY STRUCTURE ON NON CONFORMING LOT OF RECORD
4599 Waldon Rd, R-1R, 3.5 Acres
08-25-200-007

Case #10-0005 Harrell, Jeff, Petitioner for Linder, John and Tammy
APPLICANT REQUESTS 3'6" SIDE YARD SETBACK VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 25, SECTION 50-890 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO REBUILD HOUSE AND GARAGE (DUE TO FIRE) ON EXISTING FOUNDATION
6247 Snow Apple Dr., R-1A
Stern & Selligman Sub., Lot 53
08-28-102-014

Case #10-0006 Powers Real Estate Investments Co. II, LLC, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 24, SECTION 50-838 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW 6 (SIX) ADDITIONAL DIRECTORY SIGNS
5710, 5715, 5730 and 5750 Bella Rose Blvd., OS-2
08-15-376-006, 08-15-376-007

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT THE ABOVE REQUESTS MAY BE EXAMINED at the Independence Township Building Department during regular hours each day, Monday through Friday until the date of the Public Hearing. For further information call (248) 625-8111.

Respectfully submitted,
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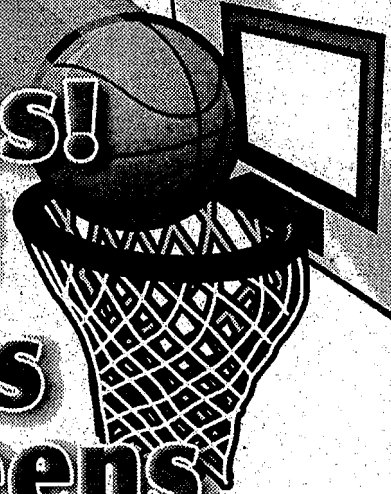
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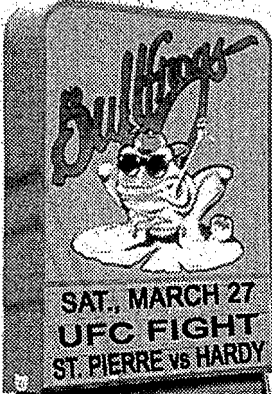
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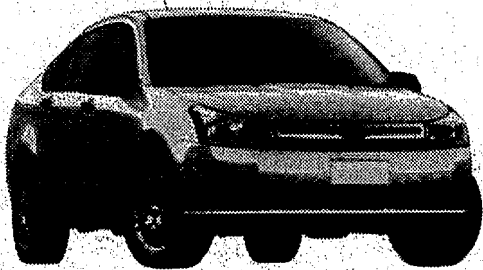
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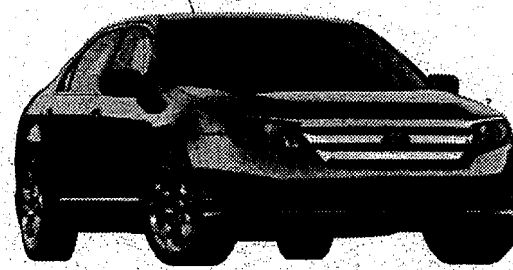
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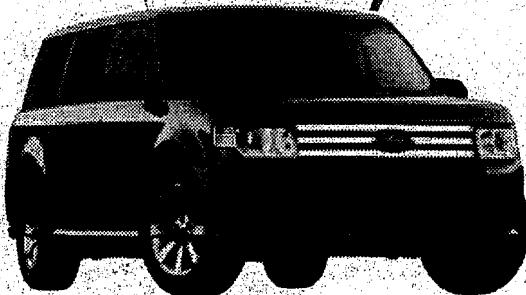
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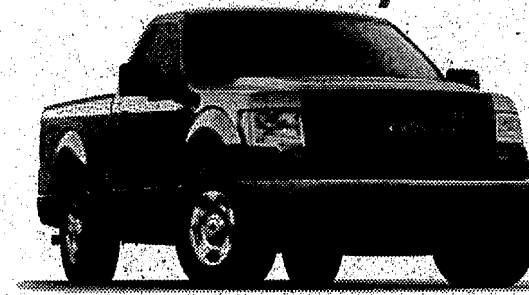
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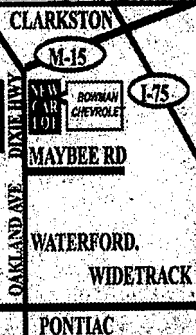
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