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School workers take 20% pay cut

Alternative was losing their jobs to privatization

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston bus drivers and custodians are doing their part to solve the school district's budget woes, to the tune of \$790,000.

District administration and union representatives from Clarkston transportation and custodial services worked since January, when budget recommendations to cut \$13 million to the 2010-2011 budget included outsourcing the two services.

Both agreed to reopen and change their contracts, and the board approved the changes during their meeting on March 22-6-0.

"I have come here with mixed emotions and a heavy heart,"

said Karl Bell, Michigan Education Association Uniserv Director for Clarkston.

"Deals have been reached. It is a deal more adequate in terms of dollars that will help district in concessions.

Bell shared his concern during the board meeting about how quickly the contracts were negotiated and final concessions were made and the circumstances behind it as well as and the impact - a 20 percent cut in compensation.

"It's a lot of money by anybody's standards," said Bell. "We have proven the Clarkston family and our family is important to us."

The total reduction in transportation services is \$302,942. The letter of agreement for both services covers the next two school years, 2010-2011 and 2011-2012.

The changes for the Clarkston Transportation Association include reduction of 20 paid days per year, freeze of one percent increase and longevity for two years, change insurance to HMO health plan, employee contribution towards

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Voters to decide on Clarkston Police

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

After last week's public hearing, city officials have decided to let people decide if they want to pay an extra millage to keep the city's police.

"The whole purpose of the public hearing was to get the input of the public. We have no intention of doing something of this magnitude in a vacuum," said Clarkston City Manager Dennis Ritter. "The general consensus was to put it to a vote of the people. This is an important issue, major issue, and that's the right thing to do. I would expect it's going to be on the August primary ballot."

The city was faced with two options: get rid the police or go broke.

Ritter said he didn't look at it as "get rid of the police," but said the issue was a budget issue because the police department takes up roughly 38 percent of the budget.

"That's the first place you look for, departments that are that large," he said. "We've have gone through every single

line item of every single department and things have been found we can do without. Things have been found that need to be done for sure."

According to Ritter, it takes the city's two Department of Public Works workers an entire day to mow the entire city, which is why they've considered privatizing the mowing for about the same price.

"What that does is two things," he said. "It gives us another full day we can use those two men to perform other tasks, we wouldn't be able to do otherwise, so we're improving our productivity 20 percent."

If they didn't privatize, Ritter said they need to buy new equipment, which would be around \$9,000.

Ritter also said he was "encouraged" concerning the conservation grant for which the city was eligible, along with Independence and Springfield townships.

"That's going to help our operations here by reducing energy costs," he said. "Every little penny counts."

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Egg-cellent to meet you

Delaney Connor, 3 1/2, greets the Easter Bunny at Deer Lake Country Club's Easter Egg Splash and Hunt, March 27. For more pictures, see page 10A. Photo by Phil Custodio

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School-post qualifications raise questions

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

After months of advertisements, consultants, and interviews with candidates from around the country, Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts narrowed his selection for new deputy superintendent and human resources director to one each.

Anonymous callers say the finalists are local hires, but administration will not confirm or deny, saying it's too early in the process.

"These individuals have a right to privacy," said Anita Banach.

Banach acknowledged she interviewed for the human resources position, but doesn't know if she's a finalist, she said.

"I have a background in school law and have worked on personnel issues for many years," Banach said. "In my previous district I was involved in recruiting, hiring and negotiations."

Roberts did not return a phone message or email for comment.

Personnel-hiring consultants Hazard, Young, and Attea conducted interviews at a cost of about \$6,000. More than 200 candidates applied, some for both positions, Banach said.

Dawn Schaller of Independence Township, school parent, examined job-description profiles used in the applicant search.

"I was appalled at the lack of professionalism of the job postings," Schaller said. "Surprisingly, neither job posting shows that the candidates required a college education or even past experience in the field."

Profile for director of human resources includes dozens of items such as "compassionate but firm," "non-adversarial," "can make employees feel important and valued," and "must like doing 'the stuff'—like insurance, other detail-oriented matters."

Hazard, Young, and Attea's profile for deputy/assistant superintendent for instruction includes "has both the 'big picture' for the school district as well as the pieces of the puzzle for the 'small picture,'" "has a sense of humor," and "can get up to speed quickly."

It does not list a degree requirement, but lists "has strong background in K-12 curriculum."

"Of the 53 requirements listed for the deputy superintendent position and 43 for the human resources director, a large percentage were personality traits rather than

job qualifications," Schaller said.

"If you 'want to be in Clarkston,' are 'comfortable using data,' 'a people person,' and 'have a sense of humor,' you might be right for the job of deputy superintendent — if you can 'serve as a cheerleader for the district,' then you may be right for the HR director position."

Deputy Superintendent David Reschke and Human Resources Director Linda Nester officially retired last year, but remained in position this school year as contract employees.

Administration's goal is to have replacements hired and ready to begin by July 1, to provide time for cross-training and quality transition, Banach said.

Clarkston Board of Education will vote to approve the hires, probably at its April 19 meeting.

Schaller recently requested an estimated 12,000 pages of school budget and spending information under the Freedom of Information Act. She and administrators arranged an hour-long session at district administration during which she and other volunteers can review documents, set for Wednesday, March 31.

Check next week's edition for her results.

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 lessen 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:

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- 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.

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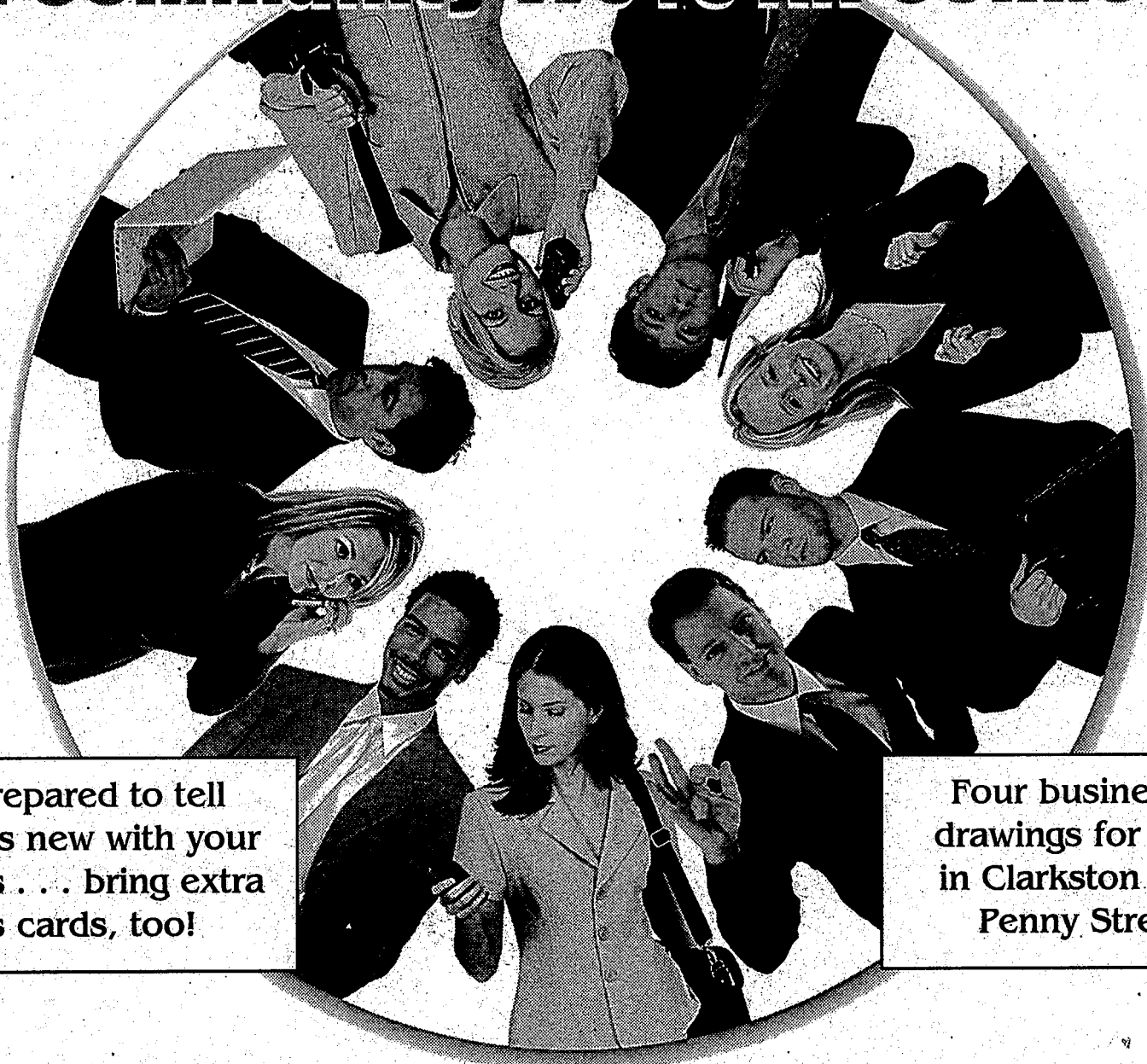
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BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

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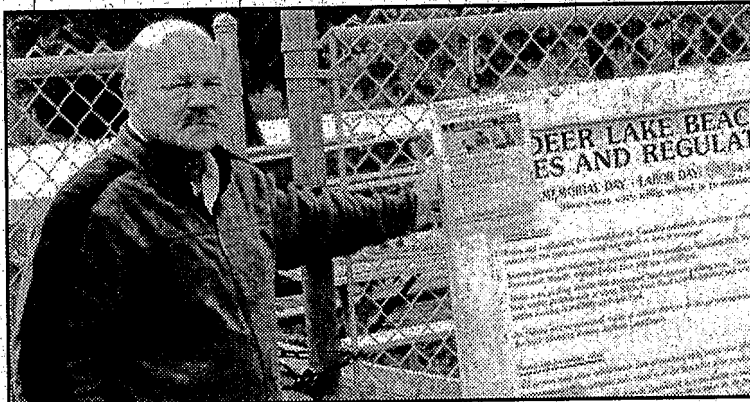
"What we've done is extended the hours between 10-8 instead of 11-7," said Independence Township Parks and Rec. Director Mike Turk. "What we'll do is keep a close eye on beach usage during the day and if it's down then we can close part of it, reduce the staffing as the weather dictates."

In January, budgetary concerns prompted Turk and the township board to consider three options.

The board asked Turk if he could come back with some sort of a "hybrid" between options two and three and if he could keep the cost within the \$55,000 range.

After doing some homework, he presented his plan at the March 16 meeting.

Along with extending hours, Turk said they will be increasing fees for daily users of \$2 for residents and \$4 for non-residents, as well as increased season passes and boat launch passes.



Mike Turk, at Deer Lake Beach.

"This is all contingent on good weather. If we have good weather, we'll have a great year," he said. "We'll have a 911 pole installed just in case something unforeseeable happens. We'll still have that as a crutch, so to speak, to use if something happens budget wise."

Through the increased prices as well as being able to break even on swim lessons, Turk was able to reduce the net loss of \$55,200 down to \$30,000.

"I think this is excellent," said Trustee David Lohmeier. "You took

our advice at the last meeting and went back and did exactly what we asked you to do."

However, Trustee Mark Petterson was still struggling with the loss.

"I'm having a very difficult time trying to spend this kind of money year after year after year. I agree the beach needs to stay open, but I'm just not so sure it needs to stay open to quite the level we want it too," Petterson said. "Every department in this township has taken a serious hit. Every little thing

in the township has taken a hit, and then we're fully manning Deer Lake Beach."

Treasurer Curt Carson also was having a hard time "stomaching" the cost.

"I was totally under the conception we were coming up with some sort of hybrid that was going to reduce our cost so we would have something between breakeven to a \$5,000-\$10,000 loss for the year," Carson said. "Every time we're spending \$1,000 or \$3,000 for anything, that's \$3,000 or \$5,000 that can go toward something else."

Trustee Neil Wallace said this year may be the last the beach is "fully manned," due to the "big hit" the township is going to take in their 2011 budget.

"Not a lot of places in the general fund for us to go to find cuts and it may be for 2011 that the (911) pole is all there is or we may not be able to keep the beach open," he said. We're budgeted for this and we've honed the number so it's even better and I think for the time being we should go forward with that."

Briefly

Clean water

Clarkston Free Methodist Church, 5482 Winell Street, is collecting funds for new wells in Haiti through April 4.

To donate to the Clean Water for Haiti fund, call 248-623-1224.

Taste of Spring

Clarkston Rotary's wine-tasting gala "A Taste of Spring" is 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 1, at Oakhurst Country Club, 7000 Oakhurst Lane.

It will feature all Michigan wines. Proceeds support Clarkston Rotary. Tickets are \$60 at the door.

Correction

In the March 24 story "People want vote on police consolidation," Cory Johnston should have been quoted "You will have close to \$500,000 administration cost in fees..."

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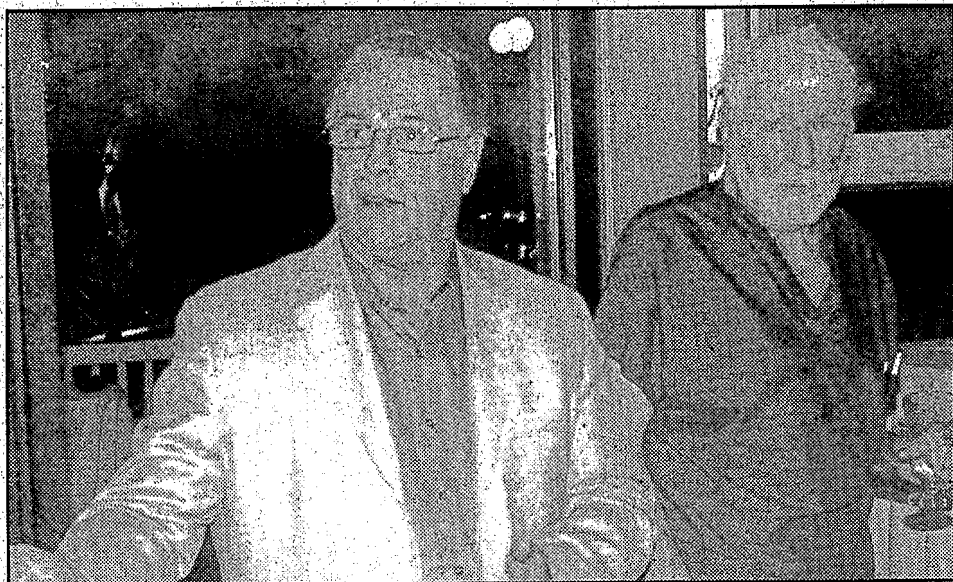
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Dr. James O'Neill (right) listens as Supervisor Dave Wagner gives a speech at the 'Stop the Recall Fundraiser.' Photo by Trevor Keiser.

Supervisor contests recall flyer

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Independence Township Supervisor Dave Wagner is again contesting information put out by the group seeking to recall him.

"This flyer they put out (paid inserted flyer in the March 24 *Clarkston News*) was very bad," Wagner said.

The flyer stated there was "excessive spending" for the new Township Hall, which cost \$3.5 million, was never approved by the voters, and the money was "spent on plasma televisions and new furniture, but not signs for the building or handicap parking."

Wagner said the current township board voted against signs for the building, and when the building was built, it "fell into compliance and didn't need any signs (for handicap parking)."

"There are other ways to get into the building on both floors," he said. "We really don't need an elevator, but we have an elevator in here just to accommodate these individuals."

Wagner said what really upset him was that the flyer said "wrongfully terminated employees later received \$3,000,000 in lawsuit settlements."

"First off, these guys know I can't talk about any settlements that were made whatsoever," he said. "The only thing I can say is there was no money paid out by this township and that's a fact."

Citizens Against Independence Township Waste member Henry Woloson said there was a typo and the figure was supposed to be \$300,000.

"Notice that the comma was correct, but there was an extra zero," he said. "We hand corrected 1,700 copies with the error and also corrected the typo on a subsequent flyer."

Woloson noted they made a mistake while trying to meet deadline.

"They've completely misled the residents," Wagner said. "The amount was paid by insurance."

As far as lifetime healthcare for him and his spouse after eight years of service, Wagner said the healthcare privilege is a perk and has been "in place for years."

Wagner also said sheriff deputies were not laid off for a \$800,000 sheriff substation, but because property taxes were "decreasing at an alarming rate."

"The cost from the county went up and we had no choice but to lay people off because the revenue was not coming in," he said. "It had nothing to do with building."

He noted the building of the new substation was not being funded by the police millage, but instead two individuals were going to privately donate the money.

As far as Wagner's trip to Peru, he said it was because he is part of the Aliaga Foundation, which was started by his friend Jose Aliaga, township resident and local businessman.

"I went to Peru on a request from the government because of all the work I've done to help raise money for kids who are in school in Peru who are underprivileged," he said. "I paid my own way, had no compensation from anyone whatsoever. I went and gave a speech at the school to talk to all the kids we have been giving supplies too, to tell them how important their education is."

He also spoke to the Supreme Court not on trash, but on the goodwill between the two countries.

"Since then, a delegation from Peru was here last week to meet with me and talk about our two countries and what possibilities the township here would have on some international trade," Wagner said. "At the same time they gave me an honoree doctrine from the University."

Wagner appeals decision to stop recall

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Independence Township Supervisor Dave Wagner is taking efforts to stop the recall effort to the next level.

Wagner's attorney Larry Barnett filed a complaint with the Oakland County Circuit Court on July 29 against the election commission.

The complaint consisted of two different counts. Count I: "Erroneous Determination Claim" and County II: "Unconstitutionality of statute claim. On Feb. 4 Barnett filed an amended complaint to include a third count "recall petition was not based on plaintiff's officer's (Wagner) conduct during his current term of office."

"If the law was unconstitutional, which is what they're arguing why was it constitutional when the first two times when the board ruled in their favor, but it wasn't constitutional the third time it ruled in ours," asked Citizens Against Independence Township Waste member Henry Woloson.

The commission voted 3-0, Jan. 21, to approve petition language calling for Wagner's recall due to bonus payments made to an employee, car allowance increases, and money spent on architectural work for a new police

substation.

Wagner said the language submitted by CAITW was "very clear."

"Even though it is misleading all they have to do is have clarity, so I don't have a problem with their language, believe it or not," Wagner said. "I completely disagree with what they're doing, but where they're falling apart and where that petition is wrong is that it was actions taken by a prior board."

Joellen Shortley Blaszcak, department of corporate counsel, represents the commission. She filed a motion for the complaint to be dismissed, on May 5.

"We haven't gotten a notice yet on the initial complaint," she said. "So, it's possible there could be a hearing on that before the motion to be dismissed."

Though there are three complaints, Blaszcak said she plans on focusing on "whether the language is clear."

Wagner said he plans to present paperwork to the judge to show the actions were done by a previous board.

"If the judge looks at all the evidence and finds even one of them is true, the whole petition is thrown out and the recall is dismissed," he said. "That's what we're going to court for."

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A column by Phil Custodio

Where's the leadership?

Of all the issues regarding Clarkston Community Schools, the quality of its teachers and students is not one of them.

I say this because I've received calls and letters from parents and students in the International Baccalaureate program, defending it from what they see are attacks on the kids and instructors.

That's not what was intended. I know they work hard and what they are learning should help them as they graduate and go to college - I've seen it and wrote about it.



The question is not the value of the IB program, and other new programs purchased or expanded in the past couple years. It's whether the school district can afford them.

With cuts employees have had to take, such as for bus drivers and custodians, it's clear it can't.

It would be great if the district could pay for all of it. Then people could argue about programs based on merit. But if the money's not there, merit should become moot. Who else buys things they can't afford, justifying it by explaining how great it is?

The district is at the point where gains in one program means cuts in another, a zero-sum game.

Some consider calling Dr. Roberts out on his trip to Italy, as I did three weeks ago, a low blow, a personal attack, beneath the standards of respectable journalism. Perhaps it was, but to me it's an illustration of a deterioration in school leadership at a time when it needs it the most.

A couple years ago, Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts refused pay raises because the district needed to make budget cuts. That's leading from the front.

Last year, he took the pay raise.

This year, he took the vacation.

In all the coverage of this year's school budget problems, Dr. Roberts has contributed little, allowing others to speak for him.

Yes, this is all a case of woulda-coulda-shoulda. But this is where the vision thing should have come into play, and people have the right to examine whether the district has that anymore.

The Clarkston News Viewpoints

Keep digging, reader says

Dear Editor,

So Don, what's a regular guy supposed to do?

We have the public schools working on a chain of command to censor all non-complying opinions as they face a huge deficit.

The City of the Village of Clarkston presenting only two options to their budget problem, illegal deficit spending or eliminating the entire police department with more money to the DPW, possibly with little input from the public and no vote.

Independence Township faces a shortfall with serious questions about the upcoming millage vote for Library and Police due to corridor improvement spending on Sashabaw.

Big issues that will affect all of us and for which most of us have little information.

Having once been a politician, I would like to think our elected and administrative officials would keep the rest of us better informed. Sunshine laws, freedom of information and all that kind of stuff.

But they don't and I'm sure they believe it

would be very difficult and disruptive to do so. I have certainly done enough yelling and writing to encourage a more open behavior and public involvement, as have others. In

most if not all cases it has done little good.

If there is not a public demand, there will be no information. To para-

phrase a former long term Clarkston elected official, "No one else is complaining so why are you?"

So you ask what, should the newspaper do? My opinion is we are not Stepford no matter how hard we try. Someone has to point out that the emperor has no new clothes, the Almighty Wizard of Oz was the man behind the curtain pulling the levers, and even that the scary tree might just be a beautiful oak in the moonlight and that the frightening red sky might be a beautiful sunrise over a new, perhaps better, way of looking at things.

I say dig deeper and write more on the bad and the good, win the Pulitzer and make us all proud.

Cory Johnston
Clarkston

Letters to the editor

Parent says IB worth the money

Dear Editor,

I am quite perplexed as to why there is so much disdain in this community concerning the International Baccalaureate program at Clarkston High School.

IB has been in place in Clarkston since 2009, yet all of a sudden it seems to be the reason for the budget crisis? Having a child already graduate from CHS, another a junior, and a third at Sashabaw Middle School, I can't tell you what the program has meant to our family.

My daughter is with a group of amazing and dedicated teachers. She is also with a group of equally amazing and dedicated students. I have seen more growth from her intellectually in the past seven months, than I

have in any other school year.

The IB philosophy created changes in her she would not have experienced without it. As a citizen of this community, I understand the concerns regarding our schools. That is exactly why we chose to move here 16 years ago.

As one reader wrote, Dr. Roberts "is pouring good money in the International Baccalaureate program like there is no tomorrow." Well, there is a "tomorrow," and our children will someday be in charge of it. IB has brought the love of learning into her life... what more could a parent or teacher ask for?

Sincerely, a very proud IB parent

Sarah Didion
Independence Township

Expect consequences with spending cuts

Dear Editor,

I've been upset about the proposed cuts just like everyone else. I don't think it's fair that the people at the bottom are taking the cuts.

The secretary position for counselors at Clarkston Junior High is being eliminated, along with one counselor. So, you better hope if your child or you needs to talk to a counse-

lor, you're prepared to wait your turn till someone can get back to you.

Then, I read with horror about outsourcing principals/vice-principals. I guess I only have one question. Since it's our taxes who pay Dr. Roberts, can we choose to outsource him?

Name withheld at author's request
Springfield Township

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1995

"Victorian secret" Arlene Detorre of Clarkston was a successful embroiderer most of her life. She taught the craft and judged needlework at the Michigan State Fair each year.

"Legislators for a week" Clarkston High School students Camille Boney, Kelly Banks, Elizabeth Schmaltz, Heather Mustonen, Josh Holst, and Simone Lutz learned about state government in the Youth in Government program. They discussed issues such as school prayer, drug testing, and standardized grading systems at the Lansing program.

"Schools reorganize central office staff" With an audience packed with employees, Clarkston Board of Education voted to reorganize central administration in a way many feared set the stage for privatization. Trustees Barry Bomier and Kurt Karlstron voted against the reorganization, saying they weren't provided enough information by Superintendent Gary Haner.

25 years ago - 1985

"Spelling victory" Michelle Davis, student at Clarkston Elementary School, correctly spelled the word "acoustics" to win the Clarkston spelling contest. She won a dictionary. Brian Sadler of Bailey Lake Elementary came in second.

"Pay raises rejected" About 40 voters at Independence Township's annual meeting approved a motion to maintain township officials' wages are current rates.

"Tom Ritter joins insurance firm" Tom Ritter, former candidate for U.S. Congress, joined a Farmington Hills company, but still lived in Independence Township. He worked with former gubernatorial candidate Richard Headlee.

50 years ago - 1960

"Child Study Club sees special film" Mrs. Earl Hawke hosted the club's meeting. Mrs. Lewis Wint and Mrs. Stan Radoye presented a program on "Safety in the Home." County Sheriff's Sgt. Donald Kratt showed the film "Rescue Breathing," and explained how to do it.

"Area growth amazes local club" Tremendous growth in the Clarkston area in the next few years seemed a certainty, members of the Clarkston Community Women's Club learned. The new super-highway was expected to increase Independence Township population from 10,000 in 1960 to 200,000 by the year 2000 (the 2000 census listed township population at 32,581).

What's a newspaper (guy) to do?: Part 2

Last week I asked the community an important (to me, the stingy, skin-flint, scrooge-like yellow journalist) question.

Actually, I asked a series of questions, and I quote: *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?"

The night the paper hit the streets, I couldn't sleep. I turned out the bedroom light at 2:30 and was up at 5 a.m. What if I misplayed my cards? What if nobody cared enough to respond? In my mind, I started to wander down a trail of tears. Would I write no more forever on the subject of this newspaper's watchdog role in the community?

Luckily for me, my sleep deprived state was much worrying about nothing. Here are some community-members' comments.

What do you want? Rush for it! Be a watchdog. Ask the hard questions. Pursue a reasonable answer. Be tough as hell.

How about an organizational chart, top to bottom, showing number of people in each position, salary range, duties and responsibilities.

I want a watchdog asking hard questions. That is what newspaper journalists are supposed to do: keeping the public informed of the nice and not so nice "stuff" going on in

the community/world. Do we want to be like the Chinese and know only the good stuff and not the truth? Heck, no!

I don't give a rip what will be painted on the wall of 5 South Main. I want to hear what Supervisor Dave Wagner and his cohorts are up to now. How are they spending our tax dollars, is it for the good of the whole township? I want to hear what Superintendent Al Roberts and our school board is doing, does he/they have the children's best interest in mind? Both of these men, are supposed to have a transparency that is built into their jobs for the public to be informed of what is going on.

Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

officials and I wish the public would wake up and smell the roses, these men aren't working for the good of the people or the township.

Be tough as hell, if these elected officials, are not being honest, forthright and admirable, let's take away their positions and give them to people who are better qualified. Please keep me informed.

I can't wait to read your column. As sad as this sounds, I'm going to have to wait until I get home to read it, since they track the sites I visit and I am on the "troublesome" list. And yes, Clarkston is often Stepford. Which isn't so bad, unless you happen to be enlightened... then it's just freaky. I'll get back to you soon.

Oh please, you have to ask? I cannot believe you have not been inundated with calls and letters given the amount of discussion I have had in the last three days. With regards to the police and the City of the Village of Clarkston in general, there needs to be a detailed presentation on the costs and alternatives.

There are people that want them and will pay, there are those that don't and will still pay, and I think there are more that cannot afford to pay, whether they want them or not. I'm not that up on the school issue since I don't have kids, but the political and parliamentary procedure side drives me crazy. Independence Township is my comic relief which is why I would rather not be directly related to them if there is another alternative.

Hoooo Boy...you will have to post your responses to that column! I loved the, "That's what I learned at CHS" quote. Makes me want to live in Clarkston and kick some butt! Sic 'em, Spanky, sic 'em! (*Don't ask where the name "Spanky" came from, please.*)

When have any of you been hard on local governments? ... Critical? I wonder what a trained journalist like yourself uses for a dictionary, as your definition of critical and Webster's definition clearly don't match. Spending some ink inspiring the citizens to step forward and speak their minds, would have been a better use of the space than you took up with this dribble of a column this week!

There you go folks, what are your thoughts? Email 'em to me, don@donrushmedon.com

My daddy died at 93: 94 if he'd sanitized

A big percent of Americans can be talked, or sold, into anything.

Like hand sanitizers, but only if they are used correctly, according to an article I read Sunday. Of course, the only reason I read it was to confirm my belief that I should have died years ago from shaking hands and using door-knobs.

Those are the only two instances emphasized in the story.

"But only if you follow tips suggested by your doctor."

The picture accompanying the story is of a salesman for Purell. I guess the writer didn't have time to go to a grocery store where bottles of the stuff are next to the carts.

I don't believe I need to buy Purell to sanitize my hands. Purell has the necessary 60 percent alcohol to sanitize. All the whiskies in my house have at least that much alcohol, so why buy Purell? I even spill enough on the floor to sanitize m'dog Shayna's paws.

I like this suggestion, though. "Build up a stash. Keep small bottles of it in your bag as well as at work." In my case that golf bag and desk drawer.

Then I read, "Don't think sanitizer is a replacement for soap, especially if you've come into contact with someone who has diarrhea. In that case you have to use soap and water."

My golf bag is going to get pretty heavy.

I've already put these sanitizer pushers in the same category as everything Al Gore promotes.

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For many years my arising routine started with turning the preset radio on to WOMC-FM, Dick Purtan. A few minutes of news, weather and sports is all I

need in the morning (when it's followed by humor). His skits, comments and interviews were great day-starters.

I said "were" because last Friday he signed off after 45 years in radioland. His name will continue to be heard through some of his six daughters on radio and television, his charity work, especially the Salvation Army, and plans to stay in touch with his audience.

Thanks, Dick, for the hours we were able to spend together.

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If I was 50 years younger, I'd have volunteered to join the volunteers who spread out across Michigan to count frogs a few Tuesdays ago.

It was the 15th annual frog count that used 200 survey routes.

In our early married days, Hazel and I joined George and Ardie Talbot some evenings to "count" frogs. We covered lowlands around Bancroft and Morrice, hoping to find enough for dinner.

Usually, we did. Then the fun of skinning the legs and salting them to watch the legs twitch before tossing them into the frying pan.

We did count them, of course. And, of course, this was before the Al Gores and other do-gooders decided they could make a fortune by lying to us. I probably won't get to 93 like my daddy.

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• You'll never see me in a light blue necktie. I don't want to even give a hint of being a politician.

• Law firms are advertising, "We'll deal with the insurance companies for you." Hey, guys, insurance companies have lawyers, too.

• Don't you love the way American junk dealers handled the "clunkers" program. People got their clunker money, junk dealers got the clunkers, took the salable parts off, and put other clunkers back on the road.

Look to D.C. for more great ideas.

News, admin both need to work together

Dear Editor,

There has to be a place for our community to become informed about local government and schools and right now the *Clarkston News* is it.

The general public doesn't have time to attend every township or school board meetings and shouldn't have to. We elected people to do the work and expect them to seek out the best solutions to problems and act accordingly.

Public officials should expect to be asked tough questions from the press and have a responsibility to answer those questions with an ac-

curate and timely response. The public cannot rely on local blogs or bakeshop conversations because they are devoid of a quality vetting process.

I also believe the paper has an obligation to seek and convey all sides of political debate. Attending a board meeting once a month may not provide a reporter with everything they should know to inform the public.

Getting the story requires building professional working relationships supported by trust. A couple weeks ago, a *Clarkston News* column by Phil Custodio blasted Dr.

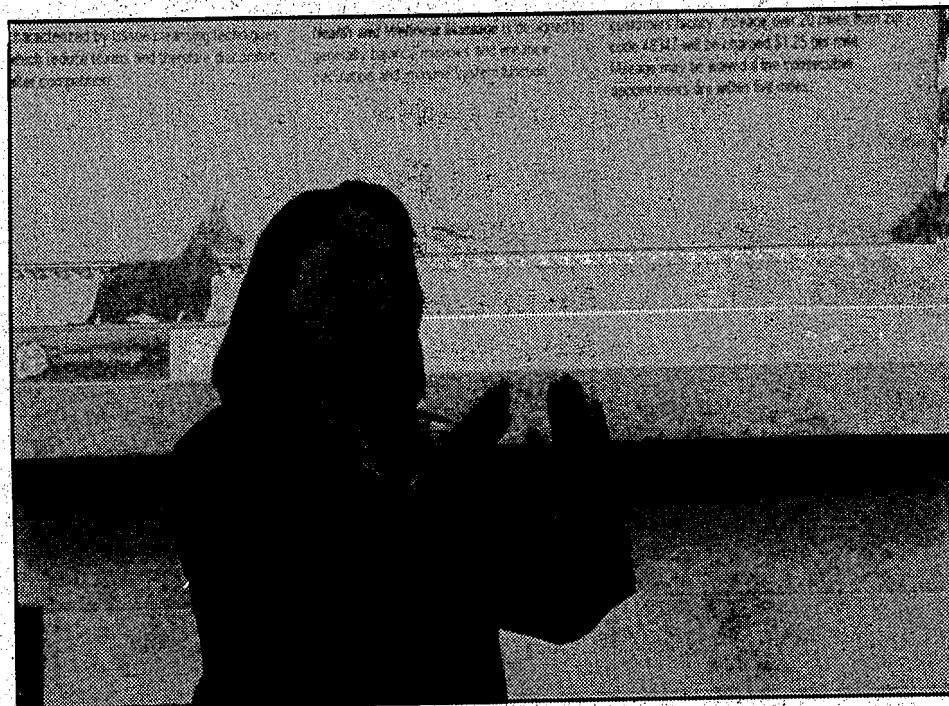
Roberts for a pre-planned wedding anniversary vacation with his family.

In my opinion that was more of a personal attack than quality news. A week later the *Clarkston News* got the cold shoulder when asking for financial documents that are clearly within your right to obtain and publish.

So I believe that the task at hand is really how do public officials and the *Clarkston News* begin to rebuild the confidence in each other to support open and honest communication?

Scott Banks
Clarkston

Clarkston Coffee Club helping business spread good news



Sue Loveless explaining about Canine Massage.



From the left, Susan Stencil, Jane Basinger and Joy Vanderweel.

Thursday mornings are becoming popular among local business owners. A new business networking opportunity has been started by *The Clarkston News* and Clarkston411.com group.

"We're starting small and trying to build momentum," publisher Jim Sherman, Jr. said of the Coffee Club.

Business owners from Clarkston are invited to attend the weekly networking group at Clarkston United Methodist Church, from 7:30 to 9 a.m. There is no cost to attend (but donations are accepted for coffee -- which is donated to the church):

"It is casual," Sherman said. "It's a chance to talk with other business owners about what's happening in the community, how business is going. It's a way to help create a sense of community among business people."

Participants get the opportunity to mingle, exchange business cards and talk what's new with their businesses:

"I think it's a great way to spread the word," Susan Stencil said. She like the opportunity to get in front of the audience, with her website projected behind her on a big screen. Stencil will open Bikram Yoga Clarkston this June, on Sashabaw Road. Bikram Yoga, she described is a "hot" yoga, where temperatures in the room get up to 105 degrees.

She is currently scheduling classes, based on what times locals want. She can be contacted for more information at Susan@bikramyogoclarkston.com.

Susan Lovelace of Canine Massage also enjoyed the Coffee Club.

"It's nice to see new businesses coming to town and to have an opportunity to learn from one another as we grow our businesses. It's a great opportunity to polish your speaking skills."

Lovelace is a member of the International Association of Animal Massage & Bodywork. She explained how massage is a benefit to both our mature and young friends. To find out more check out her

website, www.CanineMassageMI.com.

Longtime Clarkston resident, Jane Basinger has joined Wellness Company, which touts the benefits of environmentally safe household cleaning supplies, soaps and lotions. New to the business world, she thought the Coffee Club was "very informative. I enjoyed seeing other people make their presentations. She can be contacted at jebholly@aol.com.

Mark Kopp, of All Natural Cleaning & Services, LLC, had a "great experience" and called it, "invaluable."

Kopp's business feature earth friendly cleaning services for home, office, or post construction project. Their website is www.gonaturalclean.com.

Commercial photographer turned portrait photographer Mark Kelly explained why he made the switch -- a chance to work closer to home with his children, who attend Clarkston schools. Kelly offers "ala carte" packaging for weddings, senior portraits and pet pictures. His work can be viewed on his website, www.mpk-photo.com.

Representatives from the *Clarkston News* unveiled their newest "network of sites" which includes Clarkston411.com

"We are combining a business telephone directory, with on-line TV, radio and newspaper information," Sherman said. "We are building a news and interviewing studio at 5 S. Main.

"If you own a business in town go to www.clarkston411.com and click on the business directory. Make sure you're listed. The listing is free, but we want to make sure all the information is correct. If not, call your advertising rep at the *Clarkston News* so we can get you in."



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Rendezvous with a minor

A resident of the 5000 block of Maybee Road called police, 10 p.m., March 18, when he learned his underage daughter set up a meeting with a man she met on the internet. She had told a friend who told her mother who called her father. A deputy called the would-be visitor, who lives in Iowa, and told him not to come to Michigan, erase the girl's phone number, and delete her from his friend's list.

Park and steal

A resident of the 7000 block of Chipmunk Hollow said someone stole an iPod and laptop from his car when parked in a parking lot, March 18.

Silhouette man missing

A Sashabaw Road resident said someone pried his black silhouette of a man ornament off the side of his detached garage, March 18. No other damage was reported.

Nothing but a car

A 19-year-old Independence Township woman went to Detroit with her parents, March 19, to purchase a car she found on Craig's List. Meeting with a man at a fast food restaurant at 8 Mile and Greenfield, she asked why a pile of smashed glass was under the passenger front seat, and he explained his friends got in a fight one night and broke it so he had to replace it. She made the deal, paying \$2,350 in cash. When she tried to register it with the Secretary of State, she found out the title was false. The state wouldn't give her any more information because the vehicle wasn't hers. She had no receipt, and didn't know the seller's last name or the license plate number of the vehicle he left in. His phone number was disconnected, Craig's List ad cancelled, and she hadn't copied down the reference number. According to its VIN number, the car was stolen from Detroit on March 10. She was advised to file a fraud report with Detroit Police.

A three tire truck

A Mann Road resident said she heard the noise of a tool dropping in her driveway, 2 a.m., March 19, but was afraid to look out and didn't call police because it was too late. Someone was stealing a rear tire and rim from a truck in the parking lot. Deputies said she could call them at any time of night.

Car depleted

A Rochester Hills resident drove car home from the Dixie and I-75 park and ride, March 20, and noticed her license plate was gone.

Dog bite dog world

An Independence Township woman was walking her yellow lab on a leash, 5:18 p.m., March 19, in the 5000 block of Oak Hill Road when a neighbor dog ran up and bit her dog on the back. She took her dog home and called police. The neighbor told deputies his dog went over because the woman was waving her arms and yelling. The lab owner had her dog treated and sent the vet bill to be forwarded to Oakland County Animal Control. The neighbor was cited for dog at large.

Stolen cry for help

A Fox Creek resident said someone stole his address book online, March 22, and sent emails to his family and friends, asking for money to be sent to him in the UK. His friends and family immediately started emailing and calling him to see if he needed help.

Sorry, wrong house

A neighbor called police when he watched a stranger take pictures of a house in the 6000 block of Waters Edge, then walk onto the front porch and look under the front mat, as if looking for a key, 1:15 p.m., March 23. A resident arrived in time to see the man coming from the front porch, and was told, "I apologize, I have the wrong house." Deputies are investigating.

Assault on battery

A car owner in the 5000 block of S. Marchbank said someone opened the vehicle's hood and cut the battery cables, March 24. The car was unlocked, and nothing was reported taken.

Contracting a little extra

A Forest Valley Drive resident asleep in his bedroom woke up to see a contractor, a 40-year-old Rochester Hills man, going through his dresser and wallet, and taking \$12, 11 a.m., March 24. The resident pretended to sleep until the contractor left, then called police. Deputies arrived, they went to the basement where the contractors were working, and the resident pointed out the suspect. The suspect said he had no money and said they could check him, which they did. When found with \$12, he said he forgot he had it. Interviewed at the substation, he confessed to the theft.

Can't see in the dark

A deputy stopped a car because it had a burnt out headlight, 9:45 p.m., March 24, at Dixie Highway and Ortonville Road. The driver, a 25-year-old Waterford Township woman, was cited for driving with a suspended driver's license and the headlight.

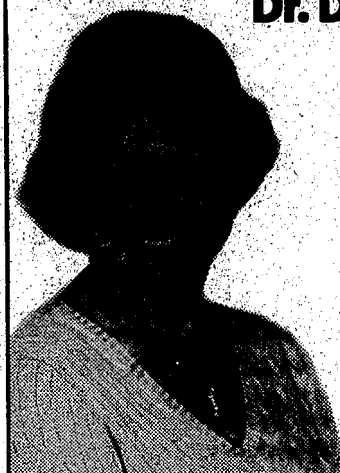
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News story just made trouble, lake residents say

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Waumegah Lake homeowners faced several problems over the past year, including up to 18 feet of weeds and last year's fish kill.

Last week's article "Melting ice reveals frogs' fate" only adds to them, residents said.

"It creates another bad situation without the facts by running to the reporter for another derogatory article without knowing anything," said Rob Brown, vice president of the Waumegah Lake Property Owner's Association. "If you had just come to this meeting, we would have helped you."

Dave Dahline, in whose pond just north of the lake thousands of frogs and tadpoles recently died, addressed the association at its March 25 semi-annual meeting.

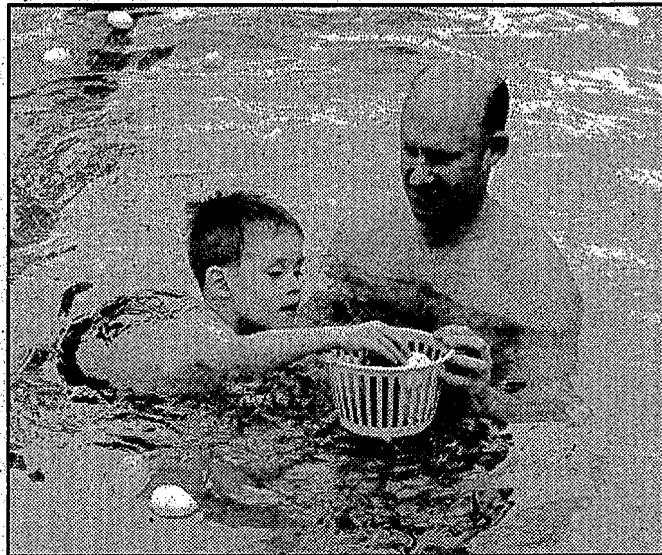
"I'm just asking questions," Dahline said. "I'll spend the money out of my own pocket to do the lab test and get back to you."

Gary Crawford, senior scientist for Environmental Consulting and Technology, consultant for the lake board, said the pond is slightly higher than Waumegah Lake, so water likely flows from the pond to the lake, not the other way around.

"A well test would determine if water in the pond comes from Waumegah or another area," Crawford said. "If anything is migrating into the ground water, it will show up in the well."

Meanwhile, the association is moving forward with its Weed Control Plan calling for chemical treatments using copper sulfite and Sonar herbicides, as well as machine harvesting, to reduce the amount of starry stonewort, an invasive species.

In the right concentration, the herbicides will kill the weeds but not harm fish, Crawford said.



Mario Liles, 4, with his father, Marty Liles, fills his Easter Egg basket. Photos by Phil Custodio

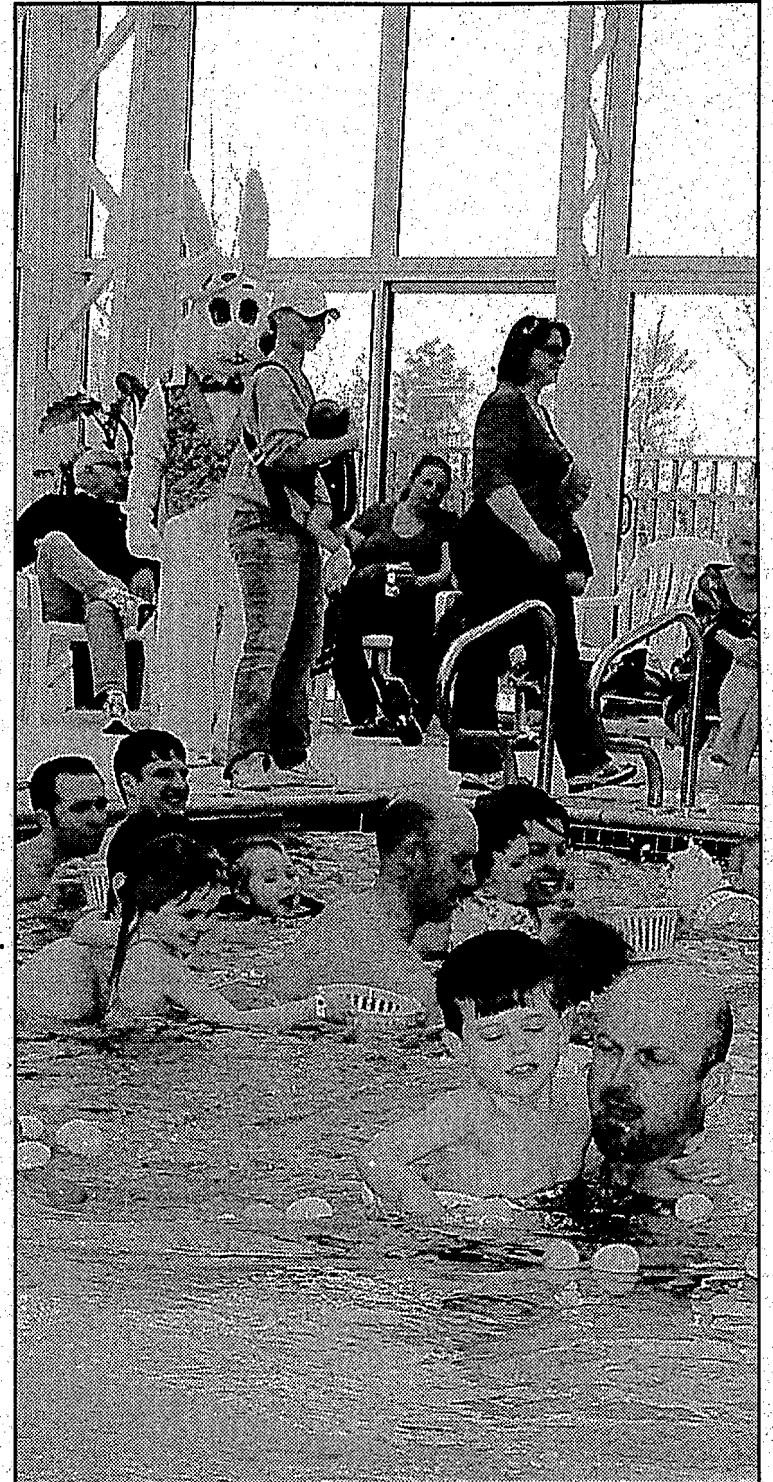
Bobbing for Easter Eggs

Kids hit the pool at Deer Lake Athletic Club, March 27, to hunt Easter Eggs. The search was wetter than normal, but everyone had a good time.

"We've done this a number of years - it's a little fun to start the season," said Forrest Milzow, owner.



Reagan Vaughn, 3, snags a bobbing egg, with the help of her father, Jake Vaughn



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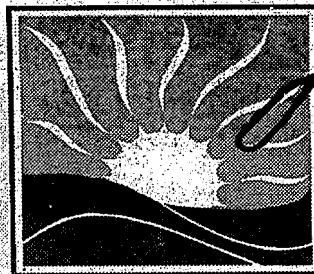
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The total reduction in custodial services is \$487,777.

The contract changes include reduction of 12 paid days per year, reduction of \$2.50 per hour wages, freeze one percent, all steps and longevity for two years, change insurance to HMO health plan, employee contribution towards insurance \$650 per year, eliminate shift premiums, no double time, eliminate cash in lieu payment, no HMO cost share payment, eliminate uniforms for one year, all recalled employees will receive \$2.50 less per hour, any new hires receive \$11 per hour and only single or two person insurance.

Also, within both letters of agreement is a good faith statement.

Human Resources Director Linda Nester said it is included in case economic times get better or worse for the district.

"It's a clarification point, if things get worse and district has to file an emergency plan with the state of Michigan we may come back and say this isn't quite enough," she said. "Likewise in good faith, if the state restores the cuts, fund equity is built back up and the district is in a healthier situation than in good faith act we would come back and something would be reinstated or there would be an approval to their working conditions."

"We have not just taken the cuts to save our jobs but to protect our children," said driver Mike Morris. "I commend our bus drivers who voted overwhelmingly to take the concession packages that would reduce our wages and our benefits."

Vote set for August

Continued from page 1A

Volunteers can help with lawn mowing or snow plowing, he said.

"Last year we put a call out for volunteers and we had some fairly good response to that," Ritter said. "Also had a lot of kids and individuals who have community service as part of their graduation requirements."

Switching to Oakland County Sheriff Department would reduce deficits, he said.

"Next year we're \$77,205 in the hole, the second year, \$145,796, and the third year \$160,596," he said. "By making up the deficit with the OCSD, that goes into fund balance; in the year 2011 the city would have \$90,770."

However, Ritter pointed out, in 2012 they would still have to come up with \$44,540.

"The key to everything is the declining property values, the ultimate key is jobs," he said. People have to get back work, regain their confidence, until that happen we're going to experience the difficulties."



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Lacrossers split week

BY WENDIREARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Wolves showed off their skills as they began the season last week.

They scored their first win on home territory against Perrysburg last Friday and taking them down, 12-4.

"I thought overall it was a good victory," said Brian Kaminkas, Boys Varsity Lacrosse head coach. "We came out a little slow, a little flat. As the game went on we picked up our intensity and our plan."

Perrysburg took control of the game scoring the first goal from the beginning of the game.

The Ohio team didn't have a chance to celebrate as junior Alex Dziewit scored on his attempt and tied the score 8:55 in the first quarter. He hit again less than three minutes later scoring another goal.

Senior Andrew Miller continued the distance adding one more with 22 seconds remaining in the quarter.

Chapin White opened the next quarter with another goal for the Wolves off a pass from goalie Jeff Turner.

As the clock counted down to the remaining eight minutes Hunter Layson rounded Perrysburg's net and tossed it in putting Clarkston at five goals.

Perrysburg grabbed control and headed to Clarkston's net finding a block from Sam Bell and Miller.

Dziewit finished off his hat trick capitalizing on opportunity.

Clarkston's attempt on the goal was stopped at the net and as the ball went loose Dziewit put it in for a goal.

Perrysburg made their attempt with 2:50

left in the half only to be stopped by Turner.

Clarkston returned the favor shooting four attempts on Perrysburg's net in the last minute of the game.

"We were a little flat coming out at half-time but it's something we can work on," said Kaminkas. "It's always nice to get a win, especially the home opener."

Miller and Layson added two more goals to finish the night with a hat trick.

Turner had eight saves for the night. "Joe Sharkey and Whitey (Chapin White) both had pretty good games," Kaminkas added.

JV outworked Perrysburg and beat them 15-1.

The boys played their first game on March 24 against Walled Lake Central and lost, 10-8.

"We did not play a very good game," said Kaminkas. "We rushed everything. We didn't settle down. We were out hustled and out muscled."

Jordan Kincaid and Miller had three goals each for the night and Dziewit scored two in the game.

"Without a doubt if we had a player of the game who was responsible for it being a close game was Jeff Turner, our goalie," said Kaminkas.

Turner had 16 saves during the game.

The boys face a busy week before going on spring break and it started against Walled Lake Central on Tuesday.

They host Canton and Detroit Country Day to finish the week.

"The competition level is going to build as the week goes on," said Kaminkas. "The rivalry will build."

The boys take on Canton on Thursday night, beginning at 5:30 p.m. with the JV game.

"They have always been a good opponent," he added. "They have a pretty good offense, a few good shototers, and pretty high pressure. We will have to prepare this week with the guys to make sure we are shooting and dodging around pressure."

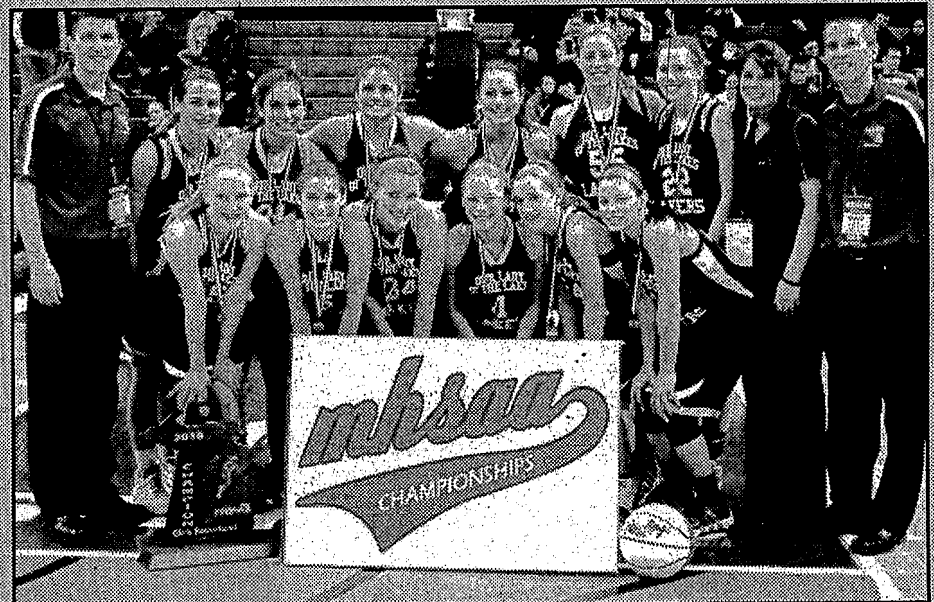
As for Detroit Country Day the boys have been waiting all year.

"This is the game the guys really wanted to play," said Kaminkas.

They play Detroit Country Day at 11a.m. on Saturday.



Nick Demattia guards against Perrysburg.



Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes State Champions for 2010 are: back row, Head Coach Steve Robak, Emily O'Brien, Kaitlin Glynn, Kayleigh Meloni, Haley Howell, Alexis Doetsch, Lauren Robak, Bench Coach Sue Robak, Assistant Coach Paul Robak; front row, Jessica Parry, Farrah Nordman, Mackenzie Novak, Meghan Topolewski, Lexie Robak, Ava Doetsch. Photo by Paula Imboden

Athletes of the Week

Locals help aid in state championship

BY WENDIREARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Alexis Doetsch held the MHSAA State Championship trophy over her head as she and her teammates showed it to their fans.

Doetsch, a Springfield Township resident, had just finished her final girls basketball season for Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes and the memory would last a lifetime.

She aided in the school's win on March 20 in the Class D state championship game after defeating Adrian Lenawee Christian, 48-43.

"It was something we wanted but wasn't expecting," said Doetsch. "It was an experience, especially to share it with Lauren (Robak), who I have played with for the past four years and my sister, Ava."

Robak, also from Springfield Township, scored a game-high of 19 points leading the team. Her sister, Lexie, scored 10 points and Ava added nine to the board.

Alexis said what helped during the season was how the team faced every practice and every game.

"We tried to have as much fun as possible," she explained. "We realized we couldn't win if we weren't having fun and enjoying what we were doing."

The team also had a goal to win the Catholic League - East championship and to appear at the state championship.

"We set it as a goal from the beginning," said Alexis.


Last year the team ended the season at the quarterfinals, helping with their motivation when the 2009-2010 season began.

"We had a team motto the entire year - not back, but beyond," said Steve Robak, head coach. "Our goal wasn't to get back to where we were but doing things that would help us get beyond the quarterfinals. We felt once we got that far we could definitely win the championship."

"They worked really hard and played tremendous when we got to the finals," said Steve.

Also, aiding in the 21-5 season was Haley Howell, from Clarkston.

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Wrestlers triumphed over foes to take first place at the second Annual Oakland County Wrestling Tournament.

Clarkston Junior High scored 240 points on March 13. It was twenty points more than second place Waterford Pierce Middle School. Pontiac finished in third with 195 points.

"The guys wrestled great," said Andy Auten, head wrestling coach at Sashabaw Middle School. "Most of the experienced guys placed and we had a few first year guys step up and make the finals."

Wrestlers from Sashabaw Middle School placed in four weight classes.

Dekote Ramsey took first in 75-pound, D.J. Zezula, second in 125-pound, Josh Cohoon, third in 152-pound, and Andrew Myers, fourth in 115-pound.

Eleven wrestlers from Clarkston Junior High place in the top four. Ethan Lisewski (80), Greg Miller (100), Cameron Wilkie (115), Steve Franco (145) and Alec Sisk (152) finished as champions in their respectable weight classes.

Brett Foltz (95), Jason McCowen (120), and Ian Ericksen (130) took second place.

Jake Dionne (110) finished in third place and Nick Morey (135) and Caine Watlington (140) finished in fourth.

School grows along with church

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Clarkston Community Church on Clarkston Road is growing, and Oakland Christian School is growing along with it.

"We've been an active participant with the church in designing classrooms and the playground," said Randy Speck, superintendent. "It benefits the school and the church. They've been great."

They are moving their Early Childhood Program for children 2 1/2-5 years old into six classrooms in a newly constructed wing of the church, 6300 Clarkston Road.

"The new space will allow our student population to double in size, to about 200 students," Speck said.

The school's kindergarten-third grade program will also be expanded, with room in the future for grades 4-5, said Principal Erin Akers.

"Many families send children here for preschool, then don't want to leave, or come back, because of the culture and quality of education we offer," Akers said.

The Clarkston location expands the school's Auburn Hills program to north Oakland County, Speck said.

"Our second largest demographic was here in the Clarkston area—this was a good move for us," he said.

As they expand, they will hold student-teacher ratios to 12:1 for younger students, 15:1 for older.

New classrooms are equipped with video projectors and sound system, moveable walls to make bigger spaces, interactive white boards, and computers, Akers said.

"We're also adding a media center," she said.

Students and staff will move into new classrooms in a couple weeks, Speck said.

"It will be good to be in before the end of school year, to give students a chance to move in and experience it," he said.

Enrollment at the school has grown 40 percent since 2003, Speck said.

"Families are looking for a safe place for their children, where they can trust that what happens in the classroom is in sync with their values," he said.

The Christ-centered school is interdenominational, with about 130 churches represented, he said.

"It's a nice mix," he said. "Students don't come to us for church. They come to use for school."

Parents are active in the school, helping out in the classroom and afterschool events, Akers said.

"Parents are here all the time," she said.

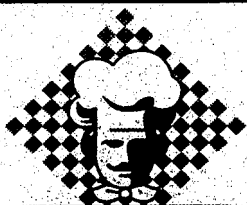
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Kindergartners Johnny Morrison and Audrey Brancheau learn to use their computers, under the instruction of Adam Keller, technology teacher.



Principal Erin Akers and Superintendent Randy Speck, in the new hallway soon to be filled with six classrooms of students.



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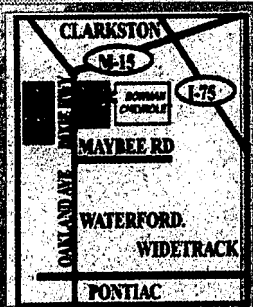
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"I told my mom I got arrested as soon as I moved to Florida. She was in Indiana. She didn't know what to do."



— Yogi Stephens

"Faking a pregnancy."



— Spencer Ford

"Toilet-papering my friend's house. Then, putting shaving cream and chocolate chips on my friend's car. It looked like a white chocolate chip cookie. We wrote 'I love you' on her back bumper. She was not happy. It was the funniest thing."



— Nicole White

By Wendi Reardon

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From left, Christine Neal, Tabitha Mullen, Bri Minando, Erin Ward, Tessa Cornwall, Shelby Nardone, Bridget Clancy, and Stefani Galik work to improve the show, as, in back from left, Jeff Strubbe, Jordan Mosher, Ivan Blade, Connor Devitt, and Conrad Rea listen. Photos by Phil Custodio

Singers make it to the big city

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

In its second year of existence, Clarkston High School's CODAS group earned a spot in national competition in New York City.

"This is great, a fantastic opportunity," said Brian Haverkate, choral director for CODAS, Clarkston's Own Dynamic Acappella Singers. "These singers are extremely proud and excited to represent Clarkston High School and community."

The group earned the spot by placing first in the Great Lake Semi-Finals, March 6, at Clarkston High School.

"It was a huge moment—I almost cried," said

Katherine Matisse, Clarkston High School student who watched with the audience.

"We just screamed, we went crazy," said Christine Neal, 12th grader and CODAS member.

"It's absolutely fantastic," said Nathan Larkins, junior. "We all worked really hard. Now it's paying off."

The group will compete against semi-finalists from around the county in the International Championship of High School A Cappella Finals, April 23, in New York Society of Ethical Culture's 800-seat auditorium across from Central Park.

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Jeff Strubbe, left, and Jordan Mosher discuss a song.

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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.

Take Back Your Retirement, free, public educational workshop and dinner with financial advisor David Boike, 4:30 p.m., April 1 and 6, Mesquite Creek Steakhouse, 7228 North Main Street. Space limited. 810-732-5753.

One Room School Houses of Michigan presentation, Clarkston Community Historical Society, 7-8:30 p.m., April 6, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road.

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.

Blood Drive, 2-8 p.m., April 14, St. Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road. Walk-ins welcome. 248-625-4644.

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.

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Around Town

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



'Passion of Mary' play at Mt. Zion

Mt. Zion presents the Easter story "The Passion of Mary: The Crucifixion Through A Mother's Eyes," a multi-media event for all ages, 2 p.m., Good Friday, April 2; and 7:30 p.m., April 2-3.

Pastor Loren Covarrubias was inspired to write this story of the crucifixion after experiencing a family tragedy. It features a

large cast of characters, as well as video, live musicians, singers and dancers.

Performances will be held at Mt. Zion, 4900 Maybee Road. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door.

For more information, call 248-409-1120. The production is suitable for ages 8 and older.

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.

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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.



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Fundraisers planned for trip

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They also plan to see the International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella at the Lincoln Center the day after competition.

CODAS includes 21 singers. Eighteen will compete in New York.

Haverkate, who sang with acappella groups with Michigan State University and at Florida State University, started the group two years ago when he joined Clarkston Community Schools.

"I wanted to incorporate high-level singing into the program - this isn't karaoke," he said.

They owe recent television music shows like "Glee" and "The Sing Off" for increasing awareness among their classmates, but hopefully with less drama.

"They're not quite as dysfunctional," said Mylene Neal, Christine's mother.

"When 'Glee' came out, we were saying, 'hey, they're copying us,'" Larkins said. "But the singing shows got people into it."

"It's cool - better exposure for us," Brown said. "We look at their song choices and fold it into what we do."

The group sings different styles of pop and acappella music such as Imogen Heap's "Hide and Seek," "Bring Me to Life" by Eva-

nescence, and "Kingdom in the Sky."

"We work as a team," said Neal, who has been with the group for two years. "I really enjoy singing the different styles."

"The whole atmosphere is great," said Larkins, also with the group both years. "We're a tight group. We hang out outside of school. Everyone wants to be here. We're dedicated, like a sports team. We have chemistry with each other."

Members learn from each other and are always improving, said Taylor Brown, junior, in her first year with the group.

"We depend on each other," Brown said. "We communicate during performances - we all depend on everyone else to make a great sound. That makes us accountable."

With each student chipping in \$750 towards the \$13,500 trip, they are planning several fundraisers, including a Bowlathon, 1:30-3 p.m., April 3, at Cherry Hills Lanes, 6697 Dixie Highway, \$20; Pete's Coney, 4-8 p.m., April 6, group members serve and perform some songs for tips; can drives and spaghetti dinner, to be organized; and tie dyed T-shirts for \$10 donations. They also seek Patrons and Donors to sponsor the group.

For more information, call Haverkate at 248-623-3519.

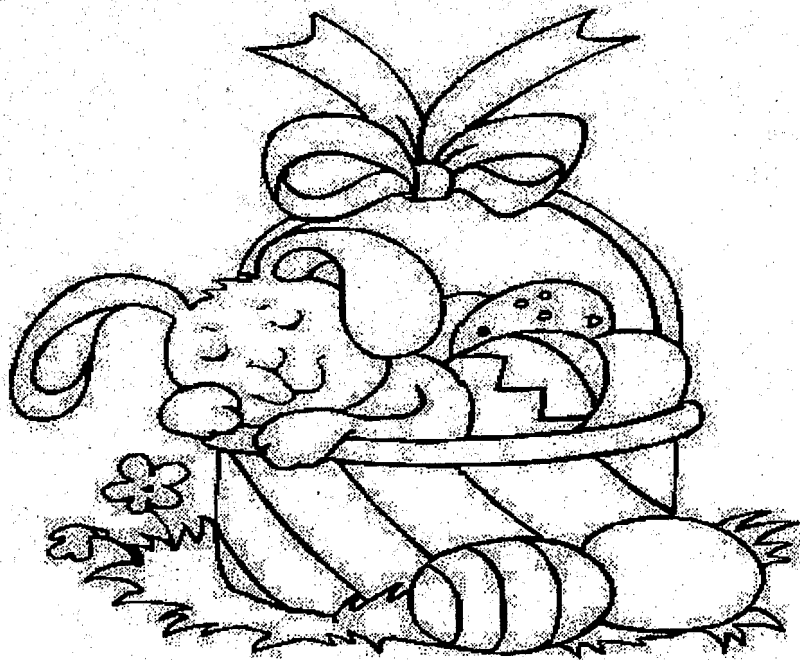


Christine Neal and Kyle Catalano sing "Bring Me To Life" by Evanescence.



The CODAS group celebrates their semi-finals win. Photo provided

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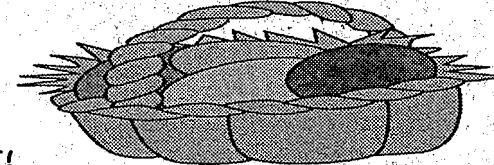
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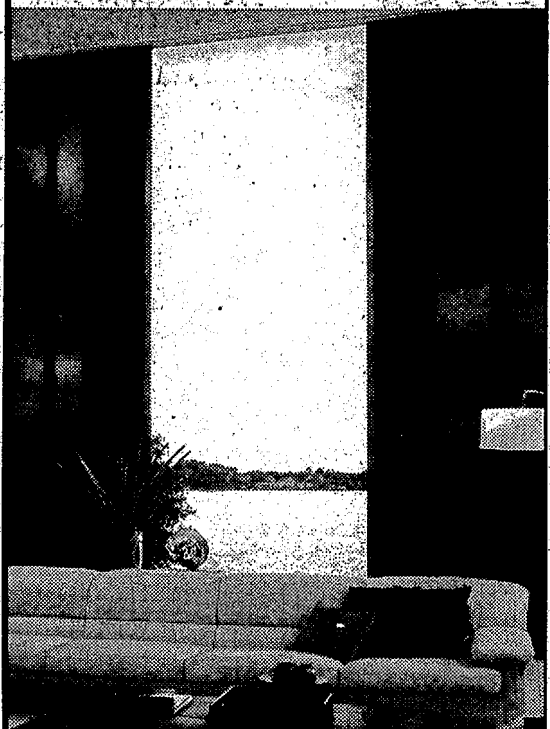
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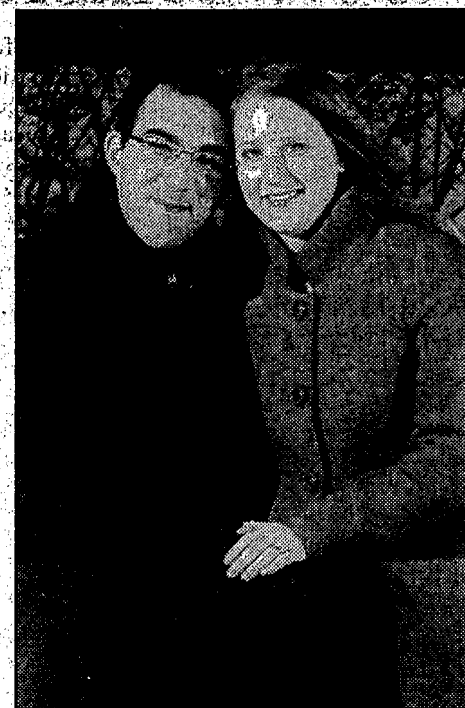
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Milestones

Dushaw -Suritz



Elizabeth and Olivier

Mr. and Mrs. J. Randall DuShaw of Clarkston are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth, to Olivier Suritz, son of Patricia Finné and Claude Suritz both of Brussels, Belgium.

The bride-to-be is a 2004 graduate of Clarkston High School. She received her Bachelor of Arts in French and Francophone Studies from the University of Michigan. She is currently teaching abroad.

The groom-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Clarkston High School. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science from H.E. Leonard de Vinci in Brussels in 2004. He is currently employed by Infusion in Toronto, Ontario.

An August 2010 wedding is planned.

In our country's service...

Army Sgt. 1st Class Raymond J. Ditmyer has arrived for duty in Denver, Colo.

Ditmyer is a station commander assigned to the Denver Army Recruiting Battalion. He has served in the military for 18 years, and is the son of Raymond M. and Maryann Ditmyer of Davisburg.

The sergeant graduated in 1989 from Clarkston High School, and received an associate degree in 2001 from Central Texas College, through the military extension program. In 2010, Ditmyer earned a bachelor's degree from Columbia College, Mo.

Air Force Airman Rockwood B. Bullard and Airman Jonathan R. Connor graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Bullard is the son of Donna Bullard of Davisburg and Rockwood Bullard of Clarkston. He is a 2008 graduate of Clarkston

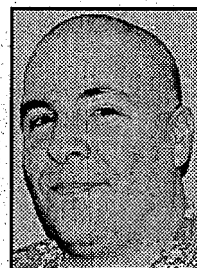
High School.

Connor is the son of John Connor of Clarkston. He is a 2005 graduate of Clarkston High School.

The airmen completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Forbes Dever of Clarkston, midshipman of the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corp at Miami University, Ohio, was chosen to receive the USAA Spirit Award

for his outstanding efforts this year. He will be awarded at the Annual Presidential Review, April 17.



Ditmyer



Bullard



Connor

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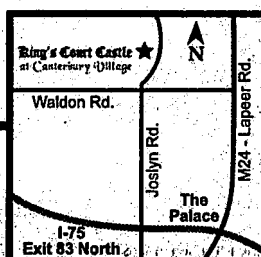
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Religion

Commemorating 'Holy Week' before Easter

This week marks an exciting week for the Christian community. We are commemorating what is often called "Holy Week."

This is the commemoration of the most important components of our faith. Friday marks Good Friday. For an outsider to our faith, one would hardly call this Good Friday when you think of what we are remembering. It is the day of the crucifixion and death of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Why do we call it good? The Bible teaches us that all have sinned and fallen short of the Glory of God. Because of sin and the penalty of sin (death), Jesus Christ had to die to pay the penalty of our sin. The Bible declares, "For God so loved the world He gave His only begotten Son that whoever would believe in Him would not perish but would obtain eternal life." Good Friday only tells part of the story.

The Bible says that God not only sent His Son as the savior of the world, but He also sent His Son

to fully experience the human condition. Jesus came and not only died for our sins, but rose from the dead and ever lives to make intercession for us! We have someone plugging for us who is fully aware of the human condition. Jesus not only died for us, He also lived for us.

In the Old Testament, the prophet Isaiah gives us insight into the early life of Jesus Christ.

He says in Isaiah 53, "He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was de-

spised, and we esteemed him not."

When Jesus Christ came to the earth, He came in the humblest of human experience. Most of us have heard of the virgin birth, and as Christians we are called to fully embrace this concept. It is not a concept easily received by the non-believer. Most people would have assumed Mary had sinned and Jesus was conceived out of wedlock. I always said that if I was God coming to earth, I would certainly have picked the genetic composition to produce a buff, athletic body and certainly good-looking.

However, Jesus came to experience life as we do, so He did not come like a Hollywood star, but as a simple and ordinary person. Why? Because His eternal purpose was to share our burdens and it was intended that He would share them in a personal way.

Our church, Mt. Zion, will present a play called "The Passion of Mary" this weekend. The story represents the crucifixion through

Spiritual Matters



Pastor Loren Covarrubias

In our churches...

Then Came Life, free drama, 7 p.m., April 2; 10:30 a.m., April 4, First Baptist Church, 5972 Paramus Drive. Written by Pastor Russ Reemtsma, the drama involves life and abortion decisions and God's offer of eternal life. Nursery, children's program available. 248-625-3380.

Fierce Light: When Spirit Meets Action movie, discussion, networking, 7 p.m., April 2, Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. Photo-journalist Velcrow Ripper's world travels and exploration of spiritual activism. Free. 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.

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NEW PATIENTS WELCOME

Student visitors learn the ways of the USA

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston High School students turned their every day life to extraordinary when they hosted Japan students last week.

The visitors were 10 teenage girls from Chiba, Japan ready to experience life as a teenager in Michigan.

"Each year it is a new excitement because it is a different kid that comes," said Faye Valtadoros, Japanese teacher at the high school. "We are just having such a good time hanging out with them, seeing them experience everything for the first time and watching the looks on their faces."

The adventure began March 21 and the students were in for a whirl of activity, taking in shopping at Great Lakes Mall, playing lazer tag, putt-putt golf and bowling.

"It is just amazing," said senior Anne Marie Hart about hosting. "A lot of people think language is a barrier but they are really good at speaking English."

Hart had an instant bond with Miyuki Kawashima, the teenager she hosted.

"They are girls and like boys and shopping," she added. "They are like us but speak a different language."

Hart also noticed how polite Kawashima was especially when it came to meals.

Kawashima and Yumi Kimura quickly noticed how big not only the food but beverages were up to three times bigger than in their country.

"I took Miyuki to Tropical Smoothie Cafe and she said she loved smoothies," Hart explained. "It was so big for her and she drank the whole thing. They will never say no even if they are not hungry."

They tried deep-dish pizza from Buddy's Pizza and donuts from the Village Bake Shop in downtown Clarkston.

"I liked and they were sweet," said Kimura. "They taste different but like both (American and Japanese)."

Kawashima celebrated her birthday while she was visiting and her host mother baked her a cake.



Students visiting from Japan pose with Clarkston High School students celebrate their arrival in Detroit Metro Airport on March 21. Photo provided

"It was a big cake," she noticed. "I was very happy."

Her host mother also made her chicken noodle soup, a speciality Kawashima has never had before.

The visitors joined their hosts for a few of their classes at the high school going to the required core classes and the elective classes. Kimura tried out an English class and reading a magazine.

"It was too difficult for me," she said about all of the words.

She also went to a math class, where formulas are universal. She found answering the equations in English had it's challenging moments as well.

Kawashima didn't attend math or English class but went to jewelry class and made a

bracelet and a necklace.

Clarkston students also learned a lot from their visitors. They played a Japanese version of the game "Red Light, Green Light" and learned about Japanese songs and fashion.

"You get to learn a lot," said host junior Michael Gieske. "It was a lot of fun, good times and lots of memories."

The visitors left early Saturday morning.

"It is always sad when they leave because you don't think you can get as close to a person in a week especially someone from another part of the world," said Hart. "You realize in the time you have so much in common."

"I don't want to go back," said Kimura. "I enjoyed my American high school life."

She noted it was her first time in America and enjoyed all of the new experiences.

Kawashima has visited the United States before and went to Connecticut noting it was colder there.

"Some students wear T-shirts and shorts in cold," she noticed.

Valtadoros said it is the only unique program of it's kind at the high school.

"We don't get any French, German or Spanish students," she said. "I look forward to having it every year. It is such a great experience for my students."

Fourteen of the Clarkston students will visit Japan during the summer.

They will spend one week with their visitors from Chiba and experience a day in the life of a Japanese teenager.

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But the students didn't know what time period she had traveled to. They decided it was up to them to find her and bring her back.

They had to visit six of the

World's Greatest Mysteries and receive clues from their hosts on March 18.

They visited Amelia Earhart, Big Foot, Lost City of Atlantis, Bermuda Triangle, Great Pyramids and Shipwrecks.

While they gathered their clues, they listened with their thirst of

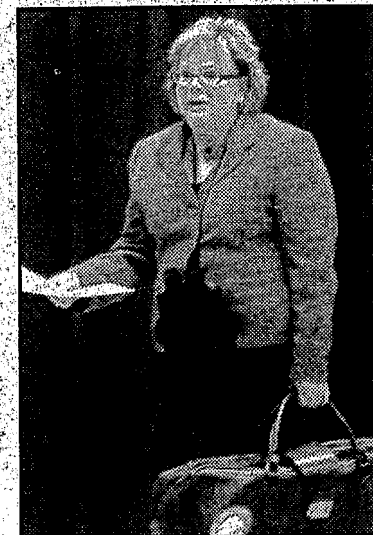
knowledge to hear more about the people and mysteries.

They found Mrs. Grimes' footprint, passport, and money leading them to her location and to the Tiger mascot.

The event was held for the school's family reading night to get students reading more.



Sarah Pullins and McKenna Larkin cross their fingers while a name is being pulled for a book prize. It works as McKenna's name is drawn. Photos by Wendi Reardon



Principal Valerie Grimes travels through time.



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Calendar of events

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.

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.

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., through May 19, Carriage House in Clintonwood Park. Improve movement and balance. \$50 for 10 weeks. 248-625-8231.

Bunco 50+, Wednesdays, April 14, 28, Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Prizes and light snacks. \$3. Lunch available before play. 248-625-8231.

Community events?

Tell us about them at
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Volunteers make fundraiser a success

Volunteers Lois Seddon, left, and Carolyn Morrison register participants for the Bowling for Meals on Wheels event, March 14. About 40 bowlers raised more than \$500 at Cherry Hills bowling alley for the Independence Township Adult Activities Center program. *Photo provided*

Learn more about one-room schoolhouses with Historical Society

One-room schoolhouses evoke images of simpler times, when children of many ages gathered together to learn reading, writing and arithmetic.

Learn more about these charming schoolhouses at a special program 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 6 in the Community Room of the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road.

The program is sponsored by the Clarkston Community Historical Society.

Guest speaker is Suzanne Daniel, a board member of the Michigan One-Room Schoolhouse Association.

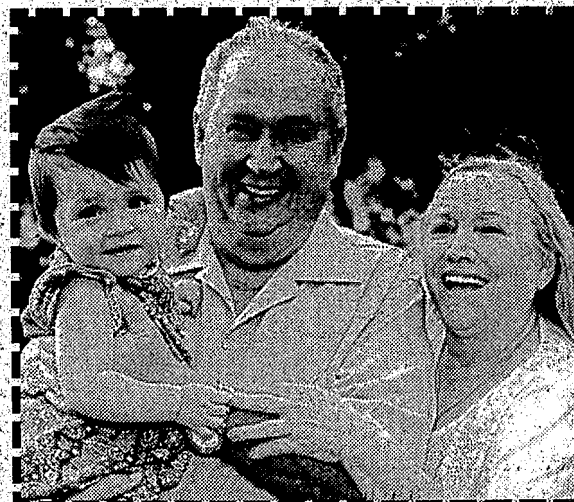
The association, the only organization of its kind in the U.S., holds an annual conference in which people from across the state come to learn how to research and restore one-room school buildings. Many also trade their stories and reminiscence about their experiences in one-room schools.

In addition, the association coordinates

an ongoing survey and inventory of all existing one-room schools in Michigan, and serves as a clearinghouse for communications and information for those involved in the preservation, interpretation and appreciation of one-room schoolhouses.

Admission is free and refreshments will be served. For more information, call the Clarkston Heritage Museum at 248-922-0270.

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Obituary

Cathy LaBarge, 68

Hugh T. Murphy, 63

Hugh T. Murphy of Clarkston passed away March 23, 2010, at age 63.

He was the loving husband of Shawnie for 42 years; father of Jennifer (Zachary) Sartell and Wayne Murphy; grandfather of Joshua Murphy and Sarah Murphy; brother of Barrie (Delilah), Thomas (Mary), Michael (Carole), Colleen (James) Neilson, and Kevin (Elaine); brother-in-law of Thomas Filipiak and Cecelia Murphy; preceded in death by his siblings Gerald Murphy, Patrick Murphy, and Joy Kathleen Filipiak.

Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was March 27 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Lake Orion. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the family. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Healing Hearts

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

Topic is "Spring Cleaning Your Grief." Meeting is free and open to all. Call 248-625-5231 for more information.

Cathy LaBarge of Waterford passed away, March 22, 2010, at age 68.

She is the mother of Bobbi (Chad) Marshall; grandma of four; daughter of Viola (the late Louis); sister of Sally Biron, Gene LaBarge, Nancy Walz, and Judy Loehne; special aunt of Jeanne Zaffina; also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Per Cathy's request, there will be no services. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Obituaries updated at Clarkstonnews.com

In our churches

continued from 5B

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.



From left, Neelam Saulopal, owners Mike and Cathy Krupp, and Tina Brady of It's A Salon, 5476 Dixie Highway.

It's A Salon opens on Dixie

Owners Mike and Cathy Krupp offer a full-service salon and also astrology readings at It's A Salon, 5476 Dixie Highway.

"We are so excited to let everyone know about it," said the Crupps. "Stop by and check out our extensive retail se-

lection or schedule a reading with astrologer Mike."

Walk-ins welcome. For more information, call It's A Salon, 5476 Dixie Highway across from Our Lady of the Lakes Church, at 248-623-9600.



In Memory of Dr. Edward H. Grattan

The staff of Grattan Optometry has been very saddened by the passing of Dr. Edward H. Grattan. Unfortunately, his courageous fight against cancer ended on Friday, March 26, 2010.

Dr. Grattan continued the legacy of his grandfather and father for over 30 years in downtown Clarkston. His grandfather, Dr. Rembrandt Grattan started practicing Optometry in 1902. His father and uncle continued the practice after their father

retired. Dr. Grattan and his brother Dr. Kenneth Grattan carried on the family tradition of caring for the many patients and their families who continue to choose Grattan Optometry for their eyecare needs. Dr. Grattan was very active in the Clarkston community, although he chose to do so quietly. He was very passionate about his work and cared deeply for everyone who came through the door. The Optometric community will miss his contribution to the profession and he will be greatly missed by his staff and patients alike.

Fortunately, his family's legacy will continue. Dr. Darren Smarch and Dr. Jill Schnurer became associates in the summer of 2008 and have recently purchased the practice. The doctors and staff are committed to continuing the same level of care that Dr. Grattan insisted upon for his patients.

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BIZ

April 2010



Mike and Elyssa Mowry, with their daughter Kaelé, are the new owners of Rio Wraps on Sashabaw Road. Photo by Phil Custodio

Family fun, food at Rio Wraps

It's a family affair for Mike and Elyssa Mowry, new owners of Rio Wraps, 6325 Sashabaw Road.

"We work together - I run the back and she runs the front," Mike said.

Their children, Chadd, 21, Kirsten, 18, and even Kaelé, 4, help out when they can.

Kirsten worked with the previous owner, who helped with the transition, Mike said.

"That made it nice," he said. "And we received good training. The franchise is like a family. They took us under their wing."

So far, the Mowrys, who live in Rochester Hills, installed a new hot-sauce bar, a new set of window blinds, and a marketing plan to grow their business.

"I went door to door to introduce ourselves to our neighbors," he said. "It's going good."

Mike was previously in the automotive industry for 10 years, and Elyssa was a teacher.

"The economy the way it is, I took a buy out," he said. "We decided to venture into a new business."

With input from the whole family, they decided on the food industry, and checked out the Independence Township Rio Wraps when they found out it was available.

"I love it - Clarkston is a great community," said Mike. "I was impressed with the location. This is a good store."

Almost all of the food is prepared fresh, which also appealed to them, he said.

"I like that most of the food is homemade," he said. "Nothing is out of a box, except the condiments."

Future plans include buying more Rio Wraps, he said.

"I'd like 3-4 of them," he said.

For the Clarkston location, he plans a grand opening the week of April 26-31, with promotions, giveaways, and a burrito-eating contest for Clarkston high-schoolers.

He is also planning Family Nights, with cartoon characters, balloon animals, face painting, and free tacobar for the kids.

For more information, call Rio Wraps, 6325 Sashabaw, at 248-625-6314.

Take a sensible step with a ladder portfolio

Investors are often disappointed to find out that the current interest rates are much lower than those of their previous fixed income investments. Fortunately, however, a proven investment technique is readily available to help make the most of an evolving interest rate environment.

Adopting a "laddered" portfolio approach allows an investor to minimize the interest rate risk that is associated with large, short-term fixed income investments. In a nutshell, this strategy adopts a longer-range outlook and diversifies the maturity structure of fixed income instruments within a portfolio. This enables the total return of fixed income investments to be less adversely affected by interest rate fluctuations.

Structuring a laddered portfolio with investments in successive maturities also allows an investor to achieve more flexible management of fixed income oriented assets. The laddered strategy can help accomplish the following goals:

- Achieve a higher total rate of return by extending the maturities of fixed income investments.
- Maintain liquidity within the portfolio through short-term holdings.
- Minimize interest rate reinvestment risk in lower interest rate environments, since the

higher rates are "locked in" to the longer maturities.

- Provide the flexibility to reassign short-term holdings to long-term investments during periods of higher interest rates, in order to lock in those higher rates.

Raymond James



A column by James Kruzan

Here are three ways that laddered fixed income portfolios can help an investor succeed in different interest rate environments:

- Interest rates remain constant. The yield of the portfolio will increase each year because investment in longer maturities will "average up" the total return.
- Interest rates drop. The portfolio is protected against reinvestment risk, because longer-term maturities continue to earn higher rates.
- Interest rates rise. As shorter maturities come due, proceeds are reinvested at new, higher levels, thereby improving portfolio return.

James B. Kruzan, CFP, is a registered principal and branch manager for Raymond James Financial Services, Inc., Fenton and Clarkston.

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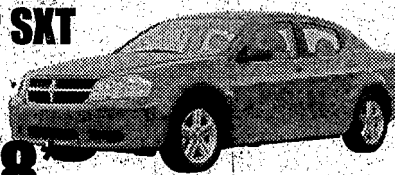
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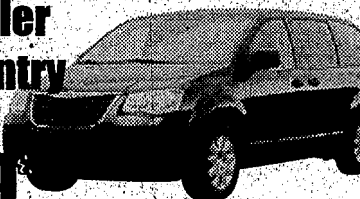
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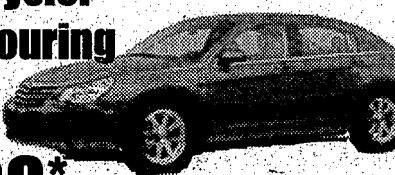
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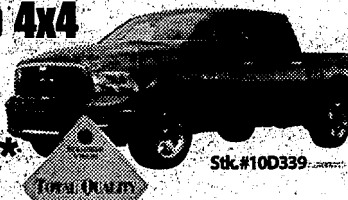
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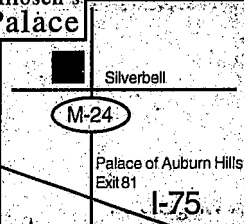
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Estate of Gordon Walter Duengel aka Gordon W. Duengel, deceased.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Gordon Walter Duengel, who lived at 577 Lowell St., Pontiac, Michigan died 07/15/2009.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Robert Farrell, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Michigan 48341-0449 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

03/25/2010
Robert Farrell
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Because the People Want to Know

CLARKSTON
CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
375 DEPOT ROAD
CLARKSTON MI 48346
SUMMARY MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 10, 2010

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Arkwright followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Roll: Present - Mayor Arkwright, Brueck, Gawronski, Hunter, Inabnit, Roth

Absent - Hargis
Others Present - City Manager Rlitter, Attorney Tom Ryan

Moved by Inabnit, supported by Roth to, "Approve the Agenda as presented." Motion carried.

Ginny Schultiz would like to put a plug in for the Police Dept. Our own Police force is vital to this community.

Moved by Hunter, supported by Brueck to, "Approve the Consent Agenda as presented; Draft Minutes of the regular council meeting 2/22/2010 and Final minutes of regular council meeting of 2/8/2010 and Treasurer's report Cash disbursements 2/9/2010-3/8/2010

General Fund	\$ 94,455.06
Tax Fund	172,966.04
Sewer Fund	24,757.43
Area 3 SAD	63,766.72
Area 1, 2, 4 SAD	68,256.70

Payroll thru 2/28/10
Monthly Wire Transfers thru 2/28/10
DPW Report
Police Report

Motion carried.
Clarkston Police Chief, Dale LaCroix, presented Officer Jim Thompson with a Life Saving Award Medal, Lapel Pin and a Certificate of appreciation for his quick action on January 21, 2010.

On that date, Officer Thompson responded to a call at City Hall for a man down. Upon his quick arrival, he immediately determined that the individual had suffered a heart attack. He immediately began performing life saving actions until Paramedics arrived, thus saving the individual's life.

Moved by Mayor Arkwright, supported by Inabnit to "Appoint Scott Meyland to the ZBA Committee with for the term expiring June 30, 2010."

Roll: Yeas: Brueck, Arkwright, Inabnit, Roth, Gawronski, Hunter

Nays: None
Absent: Hargis

Motion carried.
Moved by Inabnit, supported by Roth, "That the City Council authorizes the following road closings with proper detours for the events listed below:

- Memorial Day Parade - May 31, 2010 - 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- Fourth of July Parade - July 3, 2010 - 9:30 a.m. to noon
- Labor Day Parade - September 6, 2010 - 9:30 a.m. to noon
- Taste of Clarkston - September 26, 2010 - 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Christmas Light Parade - December 11, 2010 - 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Motion Carried.
Motion by Hunter, supported by Roth, "That the City of the Village of Clarkston Council gives permission to the Moslem Shriners to solicit funds on street corners and in front of businesses, after gaining the business owners prior approval, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 17, 18 & 19, 2010."

Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet C. Gillespie

Work place making you sick - literally?

By Penny Wolfe

Most of you probably have heard of the dangers associated with cleaning chemicals. But did you know the EPA warns these chemicals are capable of causing cancer, brain and nervous system damage, birth defects and immune system problems? The national Cancer Prevention Coalition lists Lysol disinfectants as one of the top ten!

The EPA has shown indoor air contains 2-5 more times pollutants per cubic foot than outdoor air and in extreme cases can be 100 times more polluted. The New York Times wrote in an article on Jan. 6, 2001, that an EPA study revealed some toxic levels in homes were "greater than the levels that qualify as a chemical waste site for Superfund status."

It is very important to know what chemicals are being used when cleaning your home, and what chemicals are being used to clean your office. Most office buildings have to rely on ventilation systems - are they removing all contaminants? Most do not have windows that open.

Then there are the chemicals on the surfaces that you touch. People who already suffer from respiratory conditions such as asthma or chronic bronchitis should not ever be exposed to bleach or around where bleach has been used. And yes, bleach has been the "old standard" for years as the disinfectant cleaner. Many cleaning products contain bleach.

But studies show that bleach is effective at killing mold and bacteria, although it is far less effective than most people think. When it comes to mold, it kills most surface mold on hard non-porous surfaces, but on porous surfaces, it is far less effective. Warning labels on products only address issues caused by ingestion. Ninety percent of health problems are caused by inhalation.

Bleach can cause respiratory difficulties, headaches, skin burns, loss of consciousness, and vomiting. Many of the harsh chemicals in cleaning products can have serious adverse effects on janitorial staff, building occupants, and the environment.

Is this going overboard? Is there really a way to get around using harsh chemicals and still get things cleaned and disinfected? The answer is yes. If you found a non-chemical cleaner that worked as well as the harsh chemical cleaners,

would you use it?

Vinegar is great for killing germs, bacteria, and most mold, due to high levels of acidity. There are essential oils that are known to be antibacterial and antimicrobial. Research also shows antibacterial plant oils may not cause drug resistance, as could common disinfectants. Don't like the smell of vinegar? The smell evaporates after a short time, but you can also use scented oil to eliminate the vinegar smell and get the antibacterial benefits from the oil too!

A few tips on usage for cleaning in your home: To clean a grease splattered oven door window - saturate it with full-strength white distilled vinegar, keep the door open for 15 minutes before wiping with sponge.

Clean counter tops - make them smell sweet again with a cloth soaked in undiluted white distilled vinegar.

To kill germs - spray full-strength white distilled vinegar on doorknobs and then wipe dry.

To clean and disinfect baby toys - add a good-sized splash of white distilled vinegar to soapy water.

Many people are being more conscious of what is being used in their home. But what is being used in the office where you work? Do you know what your cleaning staff is using? This can be a very important question that could affect your health. What indoor pollutants are contaminating your indoor working environment?

Not everyone is going to switch from their old standard cleaners they have used for years. But by making even a few switches, it can lead you on a path to a healthier home and indoor air working environment.

Penny Wolfe is the owner of Clarkston's "Finest" Cleaning LLC. For more information, call 248-240-4907, or email clarkstonfinestcleaningllc@yahoo.com. Clarkston's Finest Cleaning has been in business in the Clarkston area for more than 18 years. Licensed, bonded, and insured. Great references. Offers very economical prices in these economic times, all with great quality of cleaning. Offers "green cleaning" for those interested, part of all green, for the same great price as standard cleaning. Enter to win a free cleaning. Enter by submitting your business card to Clarkstonfinestcleaning@yahoo.com.

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Independence Township Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing on April 6, 2010, at the Independence Township Hall, 6483 Waldon Center Drive, Clarkston, MI, 48346, at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of hearing comments and discussing the upcoming Police and Library millages.

Individuals in the audience will have the opportunity to address the Township Board.

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

Erik Sass, Feb 24, 2010

http://www.mediapost.com/publications/?fa=Articles.printfriendly&art_id=123138

Newspaper Web sites are the single most-visited and most-trusted source of online local news, according to a survey of 3,050 adult Internet users by comScore conducted on behalf of the Newspaper Association of America.

Overall, 57% of respondents said local newspaper Web sites were their No. 1 destination for various kinds of local information - more than all other online local news media combined. The survey also revealed high rankings for the trustworthiness of advertising on local newspaper Web sites.

Breaking local content and advertising down into various categories, 29% said newspaper Web sites were their primary destination for local news, 27% ranked them first for local sports, 26% for local entertainment, and 39% for local classifieds.

Setting aside duplicates, this comes to well over half of those surveyed. The proportion of respondents ranking newspaper Web sites as their primary destination for local content rose to 60% among college-educated respondents and 63% among well-to-do households.

"The Clarkston News is trusted, and has earned its credibility over the course of 100-plus years," said Sherman Publications advertising manager Eric Lewis. "The trust we have earned from the community transfers right over to the internet."

According to CNews online tracking, as of March 3, over 4,300 people visit www.clarkstonnews.com every day. Each visit, according to the report, last over 12 minutes.

Not surprising, noted publisher, Jim Sherman, Jr. "Much of our print content goes online, but not everything. Online, however, there are different attractions. Viewers can get their up-to-date local weather, watch old movies, look up local restaurant menus, discover new recipes - even upload pictures and videos to our community galleries."

The NAA noted that newspaper Web sites beat various competitors - most notably the Web sites of local TV stations - across the board in terms of trustworthiness as well. Local newspapers were chosen as the most trustworthy source of local news by 34% of respondents, compared to 23% for local TV news sites.

They also ranked ahead of local TV news sites in local sports (30%-24%), local entertainment (30%-20%), and local classifieds (42%-13%). For advertising in general, 36% said they considered local newspaper Web sites to be trustworthy advertising media, compared to 23% for local TV news sites and just 12% for online portals in general.

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Bus. Opportunities	330	Horses	220	Rec. Vehicles	280
Card of Thanks	380	Household	130	Rentals	290
Cars	250	In Memorium	400	Services	410
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Computers	140	Livestock	210	Tutoring/Lessons	070
Craft Shows	120	Lost & Found	190	Vans	260
Farm Equipment	230	Manufactured Homes	320	Wanted	030
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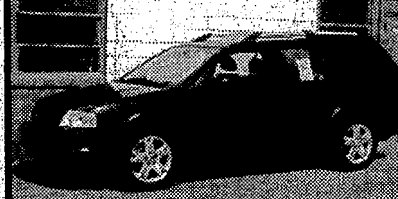
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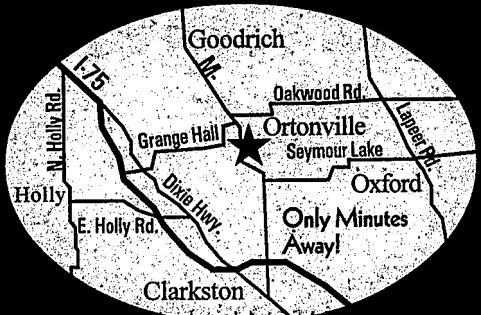
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Audrey Parker describes what she wants for her face painting.

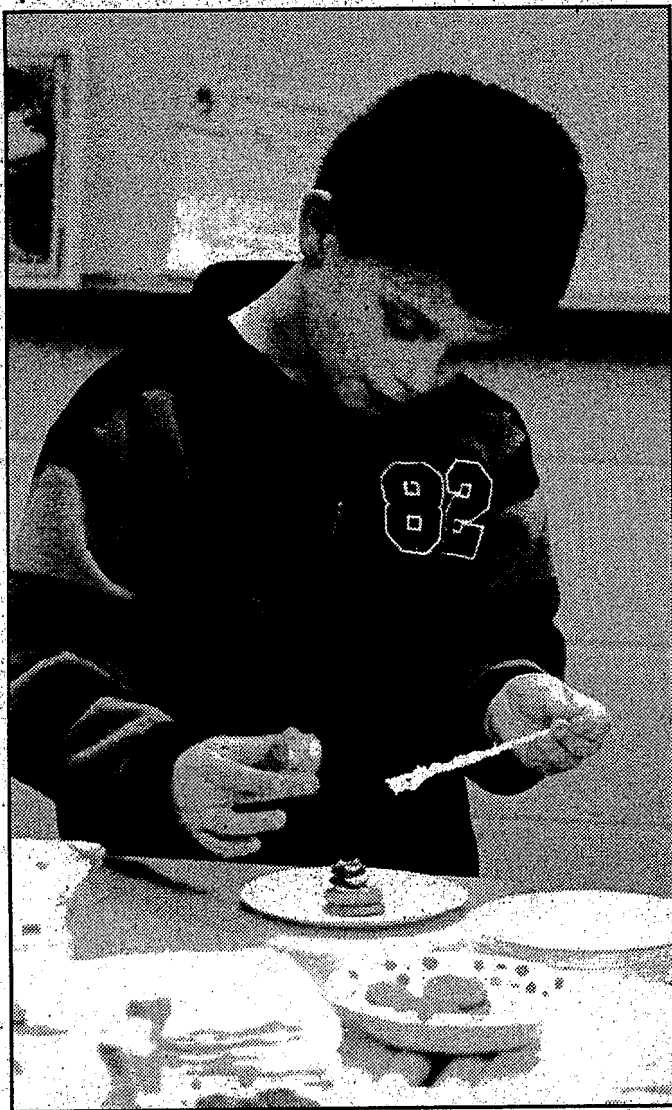
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Families at Bailey Lake Elementary spent time playing games and learning names as they celebrated Seuss Night. The annual event is in honor of legendary author Dr. Seuss, born March 2, 1904.

During the night kids plays educational games using sensory, movement, art, reading and tunes. Each game fulfilling "Get Smart" with Dr. Seuss theme.

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Justin Siko takes a break to build a tall "Hat Snack" out of candy, cookies and icing.



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