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Springfield Township resident turns glass into works of art, please see page 1B

Parents dig for school information

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

An hour doesn't last long when evaluating a table filled with financial information.

"It's a lot to go over," said Dawn Schaller, who submitted a Freedom of Information request to examine an estimated 12,000 pages of Clarkston Community Schools' check registers, contracts, and other documents.

The hour session, March 31, was all that was granted by administration, citing scheduling conflicts.

"It's a lot of information to go through," said Mick Goik, Clarkston schools' parent who volunteered to help. "It will take some time to get a handle on everything. Time will tell."

Schaller submitted a followup FOIA requests, March 31 and April 1. She requested photocopies this time, which are subject to

She requested conflict of interest policy change backup documentation, job descriptions for central office employees, board packet that details the 2009 Capital Needs Projects, district organization chart, detailed monthly check register for July 2008 to June 2009, list of approved credit card signers, credit card statements for July 2008 to present.

Heidi McClain, district FOIA liaison, said the information will be provided, April 13, due to offices being closed April 2-9, spring break.

"I'm a little disappointed it will take 2-3 weeks to get documentation. It would take Please see Parent on page 12A



A good ega

Miles Heming, 2, finds tons of glorious eggs during Springfield Township Mill Pond Park's Annual Easter Egg Hunt in Davisburg. See more photos on page 19A. Photo by Wendi Reardon

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Clarkston loses friend

Long-time village manager, Art Pappas passes, April 3

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Describing Art Pappas, friends and coworkers say he was always a gentleman, steward, and good friend. He died April 3, 2010 at the age of 76.

"Highly respected and a gentleman in every sense of the word," said Clarkston Councilwoman Peggy Roth.

The community has lost a man that epitomized what service in the government should be, he never had his own personal agenda," said former Mayor Sharron Catallo. "He worked tirelessly for the people. that live here, probably put more time into it then they ever realized. He Pappas came at it from the



standpoint he didn't want recognition for what he did. He just wanted to do a wonderful job, which he always did."

Pappas first started to work for the then Village of Clarkston in 1962. He worked as treasurer, clerk, city manager and other posts before retiring in 2008.

Catallo, who worked with Pappas for much of that time, said he was a "sounding board" to her and a pleasure to work with.

City Hall Administrative Assistant Marcy Rotondo, who worked with Pappas for 10 years, agreed he was a wonderful man.

"I learned a lot from him, he was a great mentor, we never had any kind of disputes working together and we always got along," she said. "I don't think the people of the city realize what the man did for the city. He's just been a gem all the way around and is

going to be missed very, very much."

Mayor Stephen Arkwright also said
Pappas was a great mentor and friend.

"I will miss him very much. He was chosen Please see Pappas on page 19A

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Briefly

Tornado alarm test

Oakland County tests its Early Weather Warning System, I p.m. Wednesday, April 14, as part of Severe Weather Awareness Week

For more information, check www.Oakgov.com/homelandsecurity.

Angel's Place Race registration starts

Registration is open for this year's Angels Place Race, 9:30 a.m., Saturday, May

Organized by Paul and Maggie Maxwell of Clarkston in 2008, the 5K Run/ Walk begins at St. Daniels Church, 7010 Valley Park Drive. All proceeds used to create group homes and programs benefiting the developmentally disabled.

For more information, check www.angelsplacerace.org.

Players stage puppet show

Clarkston Village Players presents 'Little Red," an original puppet play written by Nancy Penvose.

Based on the traditional fairytale Little Red Riding Hood," the show for all ages is filled with catchy tunes, laughs. surprises, and audience participation.

Show times at Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road, are 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., Saturday, April 17. Tickets are \$6. Call 248-

Carrick concert

Carrick Home Concert host Kelly Joe Phelps and Corinne West in concert, 7:30 p.m., April 16.

Doors open at 7 p.m. Pizza, munchies, coffee and water bottles provided. \$10 donation, Call 248-394-0113.

Attention businesses

What are you doing to stimulate the local economy - The Clarkston News wants to know. Stop by at 5 S. Main Street, call 248-625-3370, or email Clarkstonnews@gmail.com.



Coffee talk

Dennis Walter of Walter's Financial Group talks shop with about 30 local entrepreneurs and professionals at the Coffee Club networking meeting, April 1. The club meets Thursdays, 7:30-9 a.m., at Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road.

Officials pleased with test results

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The scores are in and students in the Clarkston Community Schools district continue to improve in the MEAP test-

While average results in the Michigan Education Assessment Program testing shows a small difference in some areas - it shows improvement.

"We continue to be pleased with the efforts of our students on the MEAP," said Deputy Superintendent David Reschke. "Across the board, our students continue to show strength and improvement in nearly all areas of the test,"

MEAP results are used to analyze curriculum and target area needing improve-

The results rose a few percentages in most areas except all the subjects in fifthgrade, eight-grade science and ninthgrade social studies.

Reading and science for the fifth-graders dropped down while the fifth-grade math, eight-grade science and social studies remained at the same percentage.

The results for the science portion can be attributed to the mandated changes made in the last few years.

Clarkston have also surpassed the averages percentages for Oakland County which has come from focus from the district and staff.

"Our teachers continue to focus on specific assessment data to make decisions about teaching," said Reschke. "They continue to work cooperatively to plan strategies to help students focus on their strengths and weaknesses. This is all part of the continuous improvement program we have."

Over the last several years the students have remained steady even why requirements and standards have changed with MEAP.

"Our teachers work daily to address the needs of students, focusing on assessment of students within the classroom as well as within a grade level or department," said Staci Puzio, Director of Assessment, Research and Evaluation.

The testing was slightly different this year because it did not include testing in writing and English Language Arts for all grades except fourth and seventh.

The Michigan Department of Education explains the decision was driven by "logistical, financial and measurement quality concerns."

Though the two grades were tested, the results are unavailable according to MDE because they are being used for The average percentages for research purposes in guiding the development of the writing assessments for the MEAP test this fall and every year

MEAP scores

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Kindness Revolution Coordinator Rachel Stone, Allison Clark, Anne-Marie Dargay, Jala Smith, Red Cross representative Amy Kubli, and Pine Knob Principal Valerie Grimes. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Students reach Haiti-help goal

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The goal was high but Pine Knob Elementary students were ready to raise \$1,000 during "Our Hearts to Haiti" week.

They surpassed it - raising \$1,637.64 in five days.

Fifth-grader Anne-Marie Dargay set the fundraiser in motion when she presented the idea to Principal Valerie Grimes.

Dargay had watched the news and images of the people affected by the earthquake, she saw they had little and wanted to help.

Along with students Allison Clark, Jala Smith and Kindness Revolution coordinator Rachel Stone, they brainstormed on ideas on what to do.

"We came up with an idea for a fundraiser week," said Dargay.

Students had a variety of options on how they wanted to help Haiti during the week of February 8-11.

For the low price of \$1 they could wear a hat during "Hats on for Haiti" day or stay inside during recess and watch a movie in the warm gym.

On "Sacrifice for Haiti" day the students could donate any amount they wanted. Throughout the week the students brought in cans and bottles as well.

"A lot of people helped out," said Clark. "It was great everyone wanted to help out Haiti."

They were surprised by all of the students and school staff donating during the week.

"Before the week started I thought they wouldn't have helped," said Smith. "Once it got started my mind had changed - everyone participated."

The girls handed the check to Amy Kubli, a Red Cross representative from the Southeast Michigan chapter.

She explained the donations will go towards providing a warm and safe shelter for the Haitians.

The goal is to have 1.3 million sheltered by May 1 - the height of the rainy season, said Kubli.

The donations will also go towards providing food, clean water and counseling to the earthquake victims.

Kubli also explained to them how the smallest donation goes a long way -a five dollar donation provides a water container for clean water and ten dollars is a first aid kit or two water containers for a family.

"It means a great deal," said Kubli about Pine Knob students helping. "As a chapter we are always very touched from the kids helping. It never gets old. It never loses its emotional value for us."

Everyone who donated received a "I Helped Haiti" sticker.

Dargay, Clark and Smith are members of the student council and are preparing for their next project - recycling and picking up trash outside during April for Earth Day.

"It is great to have student leaders that show their leadership through caring," said Grimes.

Dargay, Clark and Smith have helped the Clarkston community as well. Along with their classmates they participate in the Kindness Revolution program.

Kindness Revolution was created at Pine Knob Elementary to have students and their families be more involved in the community through different projects.

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Church marchers cross downtown Clarkston

Churchgoers with Calvary Evangelical Lutheral mark Good Friday with a traditional Crosswalk up Main Street. Volunteers take turns bearing the cross as they make their way from Citation Drive, north on Main Street to their church on Blue Grass Drive. Photo by Trevor Keiser

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Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Reardon

Sweet sounds

Amazed

After a week and a half I find myself still thinking about a concert I went to at The Palace of Auburn Hills - Michael Buble.

It was the first time - and I didn't know what to except. Some performers greet the audience with a settle "Hi; (fill in the name of city here)!" From the moment, he asked

why he had to say Detroit when The Palace was in Auburn Hills, nearly 30 miles away I knew he was going to be different.

"I have been to Detroit - no one is there," he joked.

Buble had personality and a stage presence. Oh and of course fabulous, smooth singing. He even paid tribute to Michael Jackson with a few

Not to mention he wished a very special man in the audience a happy birthday. Thousands clapped as Gordie Howe stood from his seat and listened to us sing "Happy Birthday."

It was a surreal and an exciting night. I came back into the office the next day, dazed and still humming "Haven't Met You Yet" (I can't help it, it's my new anthem.) I began thinking as I sat at my desk I am lucky - I don't have to go very far to listen to great bands or singers.

I have stopped by a few band performs at the high school and let my camera catch a few images and let my ears catch the sound.

Extraordinary!

If you are in band, keep it up! If you sing, practice those chords! I have looked at the upcoming April calendar - seems to be a lot of spring concerts and talent shows planned. I can't wait to see what you have to showcase.

Until then enjoy your vacation Clarkston students - spring break is almost over.

Ah, spring. It is renewing. Almost like the beginning of a new year.

New possibilities, new chances.

And fresh air. It is definitely a motivator to walk outside when you don't have to inhale the cold, crisp air of winter. I just have one obstacle before I hit the sidewalk with my headphones - sneakers. Maybe this week so I can enjoy the weather while I can.

The Clarkston News

Viewpoints

Keep shining light on local news

Dear Editor

Mr. Don Rush, HANG TOUGH ("What's a newspaper guy to do," March 24)! Print what is news-worthy and clearly stated in grammatically correct articles.

Controversial? If true, print it. Call a spade a spade. Honor kids who achieve. Be a

tenacious watchdog of our local politicians and their conduct of the peoples business. School board members and administrators should bear the same circumspection.

They govern many more taxpayer dollars, employ many more people, and should be accessible to any who ask for their time and responses regarding legitimately posed issues.

A newspaper is a collaboratory effort of many creative individuals. It is sad to see the electronic media wreak havoc worldwide on your industry.

A local newspaper is a signature of the community. Yes, it is a bulletin board but it is so much more. Without a *Clarkston News* to scrutinize, examine, ask the tough questions, how will we know what is going on?

Letters to the editor Most residents cannot go to meeting after meeting; know background facts of an is-

sue, or even understand the tenor or language of the various boards without in-depth study.

Representative governance is absolutely necessary. A newspaper should be the vehicle to explain issues and actions to readers. Be tough as hell. Dig into the stories, hold feet to fire and EXPOSE ALL TO THE SUNSHINE and transparency of honest and forthright governing. We would all do well to be John Waynes.

Dan Travis Independence Township

Lawsuit makes no sense to reader

Dear Editor

How interesting that township Supervisor Dave Wagner's current lawsuit against the Oakland County Election Commission, filed Jan. 29, 2010, claims the state recall law is suddenly unconstitutional.

He is suing the Oakland County Election Commission because they ruled that the revised recall petition was clear and that we Citizens Against Independence Township Waste could begin the petition drive.

But at none of the three recall petition hearings did Mr. Wagner ever claim the state law

was improper. Apparently only after the commission ruled against him did the law become unconstitutional.

Please visit: www.RecallWagner.com for more information AND supporting documentation concerning the reasons for the recall.

Also, check public access cable channels for a show discussing how the new Township Hall was purchased without voter approval and why we object to a lack of transparency and accountability in our township government.

Henry S. Woloson Independence Township

A call for more options to save police

Dear Editor,

We appreciate the local government hosting a meeting to update residents about financial issues forecasted for the next three years

It is important to participate in the happenings of the village when it involved such a major decision — elimination of Clarkston Police. Once the department has been eliminated, it will not be easy to reestablish in the future. We must think about the long-term consequences instead of short-term budget shortfalls.

In these difficult economic times, a permanent tax increase would be hard to swallow. Therefore let's think outside the box for other options.

One possibility would be a short-term as-

sessment. It would cost each household and business les than 75 cents per day to fund Clarkston police for the upcoming fiscal year.

Depot Park maintenance and improvements could be removed from the budget. Let's rename the park "The Art Pappas Depot Park."

Art has meant so much to our village for so many years — many would want to contribute to support the park in his memory.

Other residents likely have thoughts and ideas as to how to save Clarkston Police.

Instead of rushing to a decision, let's take some time to get as many citizens as possible involved in the process of finding alternative solutions to the budget shortfalls.

Frayer, Moon, and Luginski households Clarkston

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1995

"Business owners stress unity" Buck Kopietz, Carroll Harris, Sue Gahan, Neil Russo and about a dozen other Clarkston retailers met at Clarkston Union to discuss strengthening downtown business. Clarkston Downtown Business Association's concerns included parking, event planning and financing.

"Parking just got worse" As if downtown parking wasn't already bad enough, almost a dozen spots on Depot Road were eliminated due to a court decision. A lawsuit involving a slip-and-fall on Depot Road resulted in a City Council decision to remove all parking on the hill.

"Student sends huggables to earthquake victims" Cate Jantzen and her classmates at Cedar Crest Academy organized a variety show to raise money and collect teddy bears for children in Kobe, Japan, site of a recent earthquake.

25 years age - 1985

"Puppy love: training Leader Dogs"
Neighbors Diane Smith and Wendy
Rollins, both Clarkston High School students, trained puppies for the Leader Dog
for the Blind program,

"Some village ordinances unlawful"
Attorney James Dietz was completing an assignment to review Clarkston's 130 ordinances to organize and update them. Ordinances recommended for update included one regulating where to hitch your horse, and another requiring those showing any kind of "moving pictures" to the local police chief for review.

"Alaskan travels follow tradition" Edward Kuhn of Independence Township organized and led trips to Alaska for more than 430 local teens and families over almost 30 years, continuing a tradition from his own youth.

50 years ago - 1960

"Fluoride clinic starts April 5" The Clarkston schools clinic recommended children in kindergarten, second, fifth, and eighth grades have their teeth treated with fluoride. Cost was \$4 for four applications.

"Two local 4-Hers win county honors"
Karen Johnson and Philip Weber won ribbons at the Achievement Day and Dress
Revue at Pontiac Northern High. Johnson won honors for her slim teal blue skirt, and Weber, for his dark green cook's apron.

"Localites in 'Operation Blue Star"
Marine Pfc. Gary Martin and Acting Sgt.
George Pine, both of Independence Township, took part in a huge amphibious landing exercise on Formosa's southern coast.

Reader wants creative ideas to keep police

I read with interest the front page article on the proposal to disband the Clarkston Police Department ("People want vote on police consolidation;" March 24).

Although there are no obvious and easy answers to the critical need for increased funding. I agree with Mayor Arkwright, "the intensity of coverage will not be the same with the Sheriff's Department." In addition. Curt Catallo's statement about CPD being "one of the few things that separates Clarkston from every other exit along I-75," is also very well taken.

The officers are not some impersonal face of a department, but rather an integral part of the community. Besides normal duties of providing traffic and law enforcement, they also provide added emergency response services to the public and criminal justice system.

Their face-to-face presence is a continuing deterrent to crime and a welcome support to the community. Little known, perhaps, is their frequent personal contact and visits with Clarkston businesses, with their smiling and reassuring presence to those working in these establishments. This kind of valuable personal interaction won't be available with the otherwise busy Sheriff's De-

On a personal level, having lived in the area for almost 25 years, I couldn't disagree more with the Springfield Township letter writer who said, "I personally avoid Clarkston because of their over zealous police ... trying to justify their existence by writing traffic tickets" ("Clarkston Police not necessary," March 24).'

Perhaps Mr. Potts should pay

more attention to obeying the traffic laws if he's worried about traffic tickets. With Main Street being a major connector road and carrying a high volume of traffic at times, I value the CPD's strict enforcement of the city's speed limits and other traffic laws.

Besides city funding, have all of the other sources of revenue been looked into? Have all the myriad federal, state, community and other grants been investigated and exhausted? It may take some really creative, out-of-the-box thinking to un earth potential funding sources from the complex web of governmental grants and other assistance programs. It may also take a very personal and introspective look at what the spending priorities are or should be in terms of Clarkston's values as a community.

Dick Uhrick Independence Township

Resident has high hopes for health reform

Dear Editor.

I had to laugh at those Republican politicians scurrying around like rats, challenging the recently passed Health Insurance Reform Bill. It makes you wonder if an election is coming soon.

They have placed a target on U.S. Rep. Gary Peters, vowing to remove him from office because he voted for the reform bill. Most of us agree this bill did not cover all the bases, but at least it is a start.

I live in U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers' district. He is a typical "career politician." He is a follower, not a leader. He votes lock-step with the Republican Rep. John Boehner. Rep. Rogers sent me robo-emails explaining why he voted no on health care reform, saying it was in the best interest of his constituents. He did not vote in my best interest.

Early in my career as a journeyman carpenter, my family and I had good health care at affordable cost. went for an occasional check-up, but hardly ever went to the doctor. Now that I am in my early fifty's, when things are starting to wear out, and the need for good health care becomes more apparent, my optical and dental benefits were taken away, because of costs.

Our Blue Cross Blue Shield coverage became too expensive, forcing our union to find less expensive coverage, with less of a cap and higher co-pays. Over the years, our union chose to put a percentage of

our wage increases towards our health care benefits, due to the outof-control rising insurance rates. This got us nowhere. We still lost benefits, and reduced coverage for higher costs.

Meanwhile Rep. Rogers enjoys his best-in-the-nation health care coverage. Could it be he voted no on health care reform because Blue Cross Blue Shield is one of his biggest contributors?

Remember, folks, this November is an election year for many career politicians, who are only there to benefit themselves. Look up the track record of Rep. Mike Rogers and Rep. Gary Peters and judge for yourself.

Tim Heming Independence Township

Keep an eye out

Keep up the good work, the more info we have the better ("What's a newspaper guy to do," March 24). I wish more residents would keep a watchful eye on our government, and school staff. I think it is a sad day that we have to cut our teachers who are the ones to guide the next generation.

I always enjoy your column and Jim's Jottings. We need humor along with special interest. Good Luck in your column.

> Gail Ferguson Independence Township

Doggone dog not always mans best friend

Seeing deer wander across my lot usually makes me smile. They wander often, not necessarily to get to the other side, but I think sometimes they want to see if they can entice ma'dog Shayna to cross her electric fence limits.

Six times they succeeded because I forget the batteries on her warning (shocking) system need changing.

On a recent eve, three deer wandered out of the brush. They drew Shayna's attention, and she promptly ran to the limit of her alarm, about 50 feet from the other four-leggeds.

Through time, both kinds of animal have learned their limits. Now they all stand there starring at each other for a while, then the deer go back to grazing and the dog goes for a drink of wa-

However, down by the deer, my tulips have started to grow. Tulips to deer are like tequila to many drunks. They devour them quickly.

This evening I was bound and determined to save my tulips at all costs. Shayna never has learned "sic 'em," so I began walking toward the intruders, stocking-footed, shooshing and waving my arms.

The deer continued working their way toward my tulip bed. I started walking faster and waving harder.

Finally, I got the reaction I wanted. Each deer left the area in a different direction.

Satisfied with my victory, I returned across the lawn in the dusk, oblivious to the fact that this area is also Shayna's dumping ground, if you know what I mean.

Them socks are never to be worn again, but the smell and feel will be remembered, forever.

In the meantime, sitting on a backyard knoll, was that nowgrinning man's best friend.

• My clicker lingered too long going past "Desperate Housewives." After a few minutes I concluded the "desperation" on the part of the actresses is to see who can display the most leg and claimed by his owner.

cleavage.

On my package of Liquid Fence, bought to repel the deer from my tulips, was a \$5 rebate coupon. I always fill out these rebate coupons. Under the line

Jim's **Jottings**



a column by Jim Sherman

for my name was "Name (Hombre.)" In my youthful movie-going years, I saw mostly westerns when a white man was called "Hombre." I never related it to "name." in anything but slang. Hope I get my

\$5. How do they know I'm not a senora? Isn't protecting tulips women's work?

• TV commercial: "If you have more than \$10.000 in credit card debt, etc." Well, don't call that number on your screen. Call a shrink, talk to God or look deeper into your mirror.

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From the animal news department: Pay heed to the remark, "Don't let them get our goat."

Because of the nations' rising ethnic population, the demand for chevon (goat meat) is in demand, It's especially popular on holy days.

The United States must import 750,000 goats yearly from places like Australia. Slaughtered goats are now bringing about \$2 a pound. That's double what's being paid for cattle.

Then there's this. Out in Fairminded. New mexiceo an patient limped into a hospital. It was

When the automatic doors at San Juan Regional Medical Center's emergency room slid open one night the pooch walked in, blood on his nose and paw and a puncture hole in one leg.

Officials determined the German shepherd mix got into a row with another dog - and knew enough to go to the right place.

He was taken to the Farmington Animal Shelter, and

Clean up Park and Ride

While driving the neighborhood looking for Edison repair men, we turned into the Park and Ride lot on the southwest corner of M-15 and I-75.

What a litter infested trash pit that location has become! If this is state property, someone should tell the governor to get some biodegradable trash bags and some of her husbands' mentored youth

over here to clean up!

If the property is MDOT's responsibility, then maybe they could send one of the more than a dozen new vehicles they park next to their new building in Pontiac. Send one of those nice red pickups out here to pick up the trash. Oh, and maybe a couple of engineering interns to rake up.

> Rob Namowicz Independence Township.



Sheila Turk refills her glass.



Teresa Rigato, caught look'n towards the



April Chisholm and her friend Laura.



Jules Keilitz talks about different kinds Al Pope fixing a tasty salad. of wine with Doug Metzger.

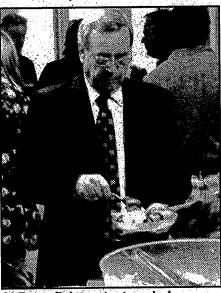
Rotary tastes Spring

Spring was in the air at the Clarkston Rotary Club's as annual "Taste of Spring" wine taste at Oakhurst Golf and Country Club on

According to President Jason Webster, the club sold over 175 tickets and raised between \$3,000-\$4,000.

The money is used for various projects such as the Labor Day Parade, Rotary International projects, local projects like playground equipment in Depot Park, and sponsoring school programs and scholarships.

Photo story by Trevor Keiser



Clarkston News Staff Writer

Police issue not decided yet

BYTREVORKEISER

Whether the fate of Clarkston Police goes to voters is still up in the air, offi-

· "It's certainly a big enough decision it should go before the people to vote about it, but in that same tone I know there are people in this city, regardless of whether they want a police department or not, cannot afford any tax increase," said Councilman Charles Inabnit. "Those are the people I worry about. How are they going to be affected if it does pass?"

It's also not necessarily something to be decided just by the council, Inabnit

"I certainly don't like living my life job. paycheck to paycheck and it seems that's been doing for awhile now," he said. "Just hoping and praying some sort of hiccup doesn't come in the road."

City Council members will discuss the topic further at the April 12 meeting.

"I'm not disagreeing that cutting the police may be what we have to do," said former Councilman Cory Johnston. "My argument is I don't think there is enough information to decide that's the solution we have to go forward with."

City Manger Dennis Ritter said in an earlier interview the matter would be voted on by the citizens.

'I was really bothered by his quotes because it seems that decision has been made." Johnston said. "He may be correct, but I've been scolded for trying to speak for the city without the City agreeing with me."

Johnston said there could be a possible savings in the DPW, to help offset the police cost, due to the major expense of equipment used for snowplowing, but definitely not enough to cover the whole thing.

The budget does not tell the true story," he said. "Police is all on one page and DPW is spread out all across the place. No where do they tell what it cost us to have a DPW department. I think that is an insult to the people to try and

Carol Eberhardt said she is a firm believer people would pay the extra

"My major concern is they will pull the entire amount they need to run the police department and fund it 100 percent with a separate millage, which could be a lot of money," she said. "I'm going to be real interested to see what process they pick because I did some quick figuring when I sat at that meeting and there shortfall isn't that bad. The mill rate contributory fund."

could be fairly high if they funded the entire amount rather than the shortfall."

Like Johnston, Eberhardt does not want to forfeit all their resources to the Independence township and be controlled by township voters.

I like being able to affect change," she said, which why she lives in the village. "I have the ability to put pressure on and it's easier to affect what happens to me here then it would be in a 35,000 resident township and I'm willing to pay more taxes to do it that."

Inabnit agrees the police is the one service where everybody in the city benefits, but for he personally doesn't feel any safer than if OCSD was on the

"I think they would do a fantastic job, exactly what the city is doing and has I feel they're the most professional department in the state myself," he said. "I'd put them up against anybody in the country, they're just that good."

He said he doesn't mind the Clarkston police, but is not willing to pay extra taxes to keep them.

Councilman Stephen Hargis said he is for keeping the Clarkston police and believes it deserves to be a vote of the residents, but has to look at all sides of the table.

"I'm here to take in all information and take in what I hear from people, the way they talk and then work with the council and with the mayor to make the best decision for the city," he said. "I'm trying to stay as neutral as I can up until the rubber meets the road."

Resident of 20 years, Don Frayer said he believes the two scenarios of eliminating the police department or raising the taxes is "too limiting" because he also sees neighbors who are hurting financially.

"I suggest we as citizens perhaps through neighborhood meetings discuss other options to this end such as special assessments for 2011 and 2012, rather than a permanent tax increase," he said. I believe it is imperative we look out into the future beyond the next three years and think of the consequences of any current actions."

Frayer said they need additional time for discussions because the budget tax base estimates are "guesses with a probable bias toward 'worst case'"

"We need to buy some time through 2011 and 2012 to see what transpires," he said. "At the same time we can make some smaller moves and free up some money for the DPW by deciding where volunteer work is feasible and by funding Depot Park through a

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

Wrong vehicle

A deputy on patrol ran the license plate of a car in front, 5:30 p.m., March 23, on Waldon Road and Timbercreek Drive, finding it didn't belong to the vehicle to which it was attached. He stopped the driver, a 41-year-old Independence Township man, and cited him for driving with a suspended license and improper plate, given a warning for no proof of insurance, and advised and released on an arrest warrant. His passenger, a 42-year-old Independence Township woman, had an arrest warrant from White Lake Township. She was cited for lying to a police officer for initially providing a wrong name, and handed over to White Lake Township Police.

Basement break-in

A property owner in the 5000 block of Mary Sue Avenue was getting ready to show a rental house, March 23, and found it with a basement window kicked in, and several pieces of copper pipe cut and removed.

Drug arrest

Noticing its license plate was expired, a deputy over an SUV on southbound I-75 near Sashabaw Road, 1:30 a.m., March 24. The driver, a 21-year-old Pontiac woman, had a suspended license. She said she was giving a ride to her passenger, a 26-year-old Pontiac man, because he was drunk. She also had two felony warrants for identification theft in Troy and document forging in Waterford. She was turned over to Waterford Police. The passenger was found with a baggie of marijuana in his pocket and another under his seat. He was cited for drug possession.

Thefts from churchgoers

Thieves preyed on Sunday worshipers, March 28, smashing into three cars parked at two churches in the Maybee and Clintonville Road area. A purse, tote bag, and laptop were reported stolen.

Dress-up turns to arrest

An Independence Township doctor called police to report a patient wearing a police uniform, possibly armed, 11:01 a.m., March 31. Deputies located him driving on Dixie Highway and stopped him at Deer Lake. The patient, a Holly Township man, was wearing a police-type uniform, police badge, gun belt, and .40-caliber pistol. Deputies asked if he was a police officer, and he said he wasn't. Doctor's office workers said he regularly came in for appointments dressed in uniforms, and that day dressed as a cop. He had a license to carry a concealed pistol. He was arrested for impersonating a police officer.

Over the legal limit

A deputy on Sashabaw Road, 2:15 a.m., March 29, watched a car swerve to avoid hitting a vehicle turning onto I-75. The car accelerated to 50 mph at Clarkston Road, then to about 65 over the hill when the deputy pulled him over. The driver, a 21-year-old Bloomfield Township man, had a .20 blood alcohol and was arrested for drunk driving.

No trespassing

A deputy on patrol saw a car parked in an undeveloped part of a Coulter Lake subdivision, 6:30 p.m., March 29. He found three people on private property by a pond, asked if they were residents, and they said they weren't. The driver, a 40-year-old Brandon Township resident; said they were drinking and smoking marijuana. He was arrested on a felony warrant for violating probation for drunk driving. His passengers were an 18year-old Brandon Township man and 17year-old Lake Orion girl. The 18-year-old had two misdemeanor warrants from Oakland County and another from Madison Heights for drunk driving. Madison Heights Police picked him up.

Electronics stolen

When arriving home, 11 p.m., March 30, a White Lake Road resident found the front door wide open and called police. No one was found inside, but the entertainment center was overturned, and flat-screen TV, laptop, and DVD player, missing. A dining room window was broken in.

Dogs gone wild

A Reese Road resident said he was charged by a neighbor's two golden retrievers as he walked his dog, 9:40 p.m., March 30. He said he was knocked to the ground, threw a rock at them, and ran to his house with his dog. The two dogs also barked at and charged the responding police car. Their owner was cited for dogs at large.

Catch is fishy

An Independence Township woman met a man who said he was a Waterford resident on an internet dating site over a month ago. She gave him her phone number and address, and he sent her several packages in the mail, asking her to forward them on to Ghana, where he said he worked. Starting Feb. 26, she shipped a laptop, clothing, and other items, but a jewelry package received March 31 raised her suspicions. She called the jewelry company, and they said it was fraudu-· lent and asked her to call police. Deputies -advised-her-not-to-accept-any-more-pack-





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Online info

Schools posting into to internet, but not Clarkston

While Dawn Schaller has to submit Freedom of Information Act requests and foot the copying bill for check register information, parents in other districts can get it online

According to the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, a Conservative, free-market thinktank based in Midland, 65 schools districts throughout the state, serving about a quarter of the student population, post spending online, including Holly Area Schools, Oxford Community Schools, and Waterford School District.

Asked this past June whether Clarkston Community Schools would follow suit, Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts and school board President Steve Hyer said information had to be presented in the right context.

We need to make sure the information is easy to get to and in context," Roberts said. "My concern is how the data doesn't tell the whole story."

One detail revealed by Clarkston's check registers, uncovered during Schaller's FOIA session: the district spent 640.65 British pounds, about \$979, on Oct. 28, 2009, for office supplies for the new International Baccalareate program, including about 70 posters each costing four pounds, about \$6.

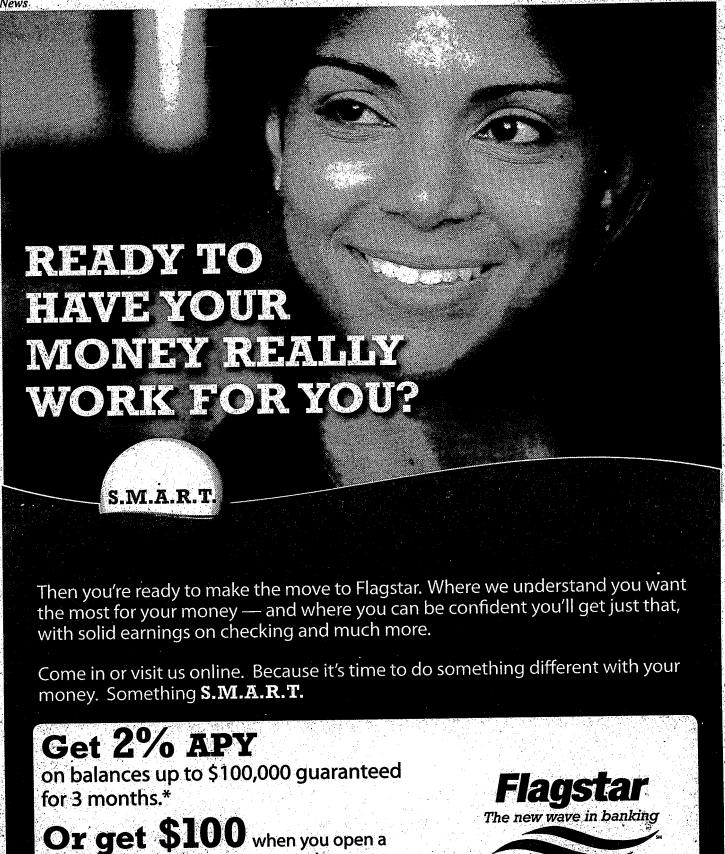
This is part of \$14,500 total budget for office supplies out of a total \$598,101.78 budgeted for IB this school year.

This past June, Hyer said the school board would consider posting information online information during the summer, but discussions didn't take place.

Mackinac Center posts links to all participating schools' information online as part of its Show Michigan the Money project at www.showmichiganthemoney.org/9329.

- Phil Custodio



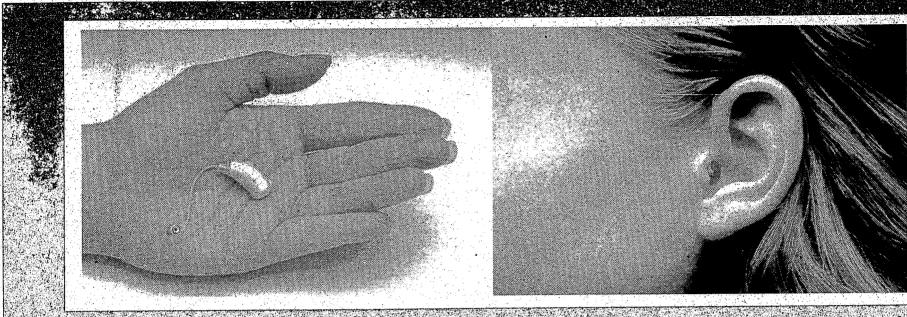


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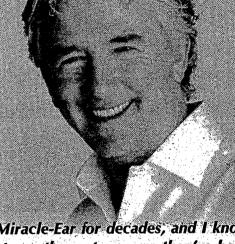
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Parent leads volunteer audit

Continued from page 1A

two hours to copy," Schaller said.

Concerns so far include the district's organization chart, which shows only department head titles, with no employee names or how many people are in each deparment. It; should include job titles, descriptions, and names for at least district central office employees, Schaller said.

That was a concern for me given the fact that Clarkston Community Schools is the largest employer in Independence Township and one of the largest employers in Oakland County," she said. "I believe that I have a legitimate concern about how CCS could do job evaluations on all of it's employees without job descriptions."

She will pay FOIA fees including 10 cents per page as well as labor costs.

"I'm like the majority of parents who thought things were going fine, and no point in going to meetings," Schaller said. "I read about budget issues in February, and one of the kneejerk reactions was to stop busing altogether. That's just grossly irresponsible. I was just flabbergasted."

She started attending Clarkston Board of

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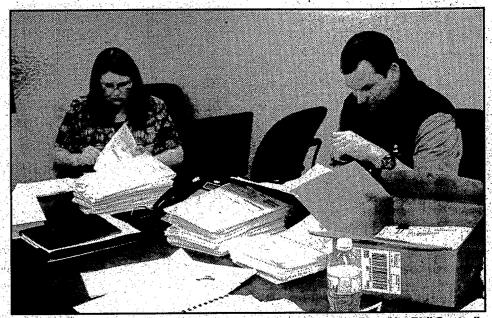
-- Dawn Schaller

Education meetings in February. Schaller, who already had a trust issue with administration based on an issue with her child, wasn't impressed.

"Board members were so antagonistic to people asking questions," she said. "Everyone needs to get the same information, and it wasn't happening. The district is so closed mouth, it makes you suspicious."

Budget cut proposals this past January, cutting up to \$13 million, were also a concern for Goik.

"I have kids in the school district - I don't like that there was a surplus of funds, now



Dawn Schaller and Mick Goik sift through school information. Photo by Phil Custodio

there's a deficit, and they're cutting programs, outsourcing, busing issues," he said. "We moved here to Clarkston 10 years ago because of the reputation of the school district - I don't want to see it degrade as a result of mismanagement and lack of fiduciary respon-

Once she has the information she seeks,

she plans to go over it with the help of friends, neighbors, and others interested in helping.

"We have a lot of experience in financial areas, a good eye for what's going on," Schaller said. "It's Clarkston Community Schools - it's the community's district, not the Roberts and Hyer company."

School board set to fill empty seat, admin vacancies

BYPHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Deadline to apply for appointment to fill a vacant seat on Clarkston Board of Education is April 12.

District residents interested in applying for the seat can download a Board Applicant Questionnaire from the district website, www.clarkston.k12.mi.us, fill it out, and return it along with a letter of interest to administration building, 6389 Clarkston Road, by 4 p.m., Monday, April 12.

The school board plans to fill the vacancy with a vote at its April 19 meeting, said board President Steve Hyer.

They would be able to vote on everything that comes before the board after that," Hyer said.

Votes may include approving administration recommendations for deputy superintendent and human resources di-

Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts said he will recommend

deputy superintendent and Anita Banach, director of communications, as human resources director.

'Shawn emerged from the candidate pool as the individual who is best suited to replace Mr. (Dave) Reschke," Roberts said in an email. "The competition was strong, but Shawn's capacity to complement the abilities of the central office administrators and the leadership skills that he demonstrated throughout the budget reduction process make him an ideal choice."

Banach was also among the strongest candidates, Rob-

"I had originally planned on recommending a more experienced HR Director," he said. "However, I have an opportunity to capitalize on Mrs. Banach's interest and potential, as she has had experience in negotiations and coursework in personnel law, while reducing the budget by eliminating a

Shawn Ryan, Clarkston Junior High School principal, for central office administrator position (director of communications). Therefore, I will be recommending that Anita replace Linda Nester."

Admininstratin hired the consulting firm Hazard, Young, and Attea of Glenview, Ill., for \$18,500 to assist in the administrator search. The \$6,000 reported in last week's edition was the amount billed to the district so far, Banach said.

According to the contract, the district paid travel expenses for candidates invited to interview with consultants or the district. Information on travel costs, how many were interviewed, and information on the candidates was requested but not provided.

We are seeking legal counsel on what information is to be released regarding candidates and their rights to privacy, Banach said in an email. "Dr. Roberts is still waiting to hear if there are any legal issues in terms of privacy. What can be released will be given to you as soon as possible."







Artist makes one last appeal for mural wor

To be announced, a public execution for the painting that scares children and a guillotine to chop off paint brushes. According to the city, the painting invited graffiti from vandals, and deserves justice ("Mural madness, Aug. 26,

So the city can't do anything about removing the painting. How bout a public outcry that a painted tree and horses scare children and they can't walk down Main Street?

I can't speak for Mr. Sherman's motivation, but I can speak for my own. I don't have a publicist and apparently need one because I'm not a graduate of charm school. I'm only a painter. I call myself an artist because I paint ideas, not because I think I'm better than anyone. I went to IU and majored in art but find academic painting insufferable when it involves making others feel stupid. I'm not motivated by ridicule of anyone who doesn't understand the value of this painting the way I do.

While it may be "only a wall" to many, by calling for and condoning its removal, some are not only undermining Mr. Sherman's property rights and free speech position, but asking him as well to throw his gift to this community in the trash, not to mention setting a precedent for exclusivity and discretion with respect to imagination, AND disappointing a bunch of kids who made memories assisting in its production or

sat for portraits drawn on the wall.

If we purport this much exclusivity and discretion for considering foreign ideas, how will we ever experience varied growth - personal, and as a city? To some outsiders looking in, this city is a fortress, a sovereignty. Three hundred plus homes policed by its own law enforcement and coming soon a great big giant wall symbolic of "most ideas are welcomed here."

I can hang my head down low and take my punishment like a good artist, excuse myself for offensive ideas and a meager budget for intentions, and watch painfully as some cheer while the executioner applies white paint on an idea. labored over with heart. Or, I can call on many of you to recognize the implications of removing it with respect to Clarkston's vision as a city, on behalf of supporters, and most importantly a handful of kids who cling like dryer sheets when I'm on an occasional walk in the village, They want to know if its true that the mural might be

Sometimes paintings may get removed, fade, fall to new development or ideas, but it's extraordinary if one gets covered for just not liking it, especially after this much work. We all know that everyone cannot be pleased and have prejudgments and have made fun of something, but when our judgments result in deconstructing something, annihilating it, tak-

ing it away from other people, by censoring it petually complained? and our neighbors, isn't it time to ask ourselves: "are we going too far?"

Regardless of anyone's ability to wrap one's head around a debate about "what is art," or

Guest viewpoint



by Michelle Tynan

how long it takes, removing the painting sends a message to kids growing up here. If we complain enough, we get what we want. But will we ever really get what we want?

Is next time around gonna be easier? No more threats to boycott the newspaper?

For Mr. Sherman, there is a chance to give people something to believe in by standing behind this - every person that gave a shout out

from their car, sent supportive letters, or stopped in from "Ferndale" wants to see a vision suc-

They want to see their kids faces memorialized. Show their kids by example that doing your best work and believing in yourself is the foundation for their dreams.

Who wants to see a picture of a property owner stomping on three years of someone's work - because some unsatisfied people per-

Many of us can't see beauty in art, or beauty in anything for that matter, when we won't let go of what we think should be there and how it should be done, and we hate it when it's not.

The image some want to preserve may not be appealing to others when it marginalizes growth and free thinking and may have more to do with empty store fronts and empty homes than whether or not we have a police patrol. We CAN have both, preservation and growth - and a picture that represents our tolerance and beauty as a city.

I know there are many people out there who want the painting to be shared. The ultimate decision is Mr. Sherman's. While the prospect of covering it is troubling, I remain grateful for this experience and the support I have. This picture means a lot to me, why wouldn't it? This is my hometown.

I would like Mr. Sherman and the people who live here to be proud of the painting, and my commitment to it. Mr. Sherman, I am asking you to continue to support the painting. A legacy doesn't take something away, it keeps giving.

Michelle Tynan of Independence Township was hired in August 2006 to paint a mural on the side of 5 S. Main Street. Building owner. Jim Sherman Sr. decided this past February to cancel the project.



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Wolves gave one last push as they tie the score on Detroit Country Day

hidn't go as planned and they ended e gaine with a loss, 7-6.

They played well even though we made mistakes," said Boys Varsity Lacrosse Brian Kaminskas. "As we went more into the game we corrected a few of them. We came back into the game a little too late but the guys worked hard.'

Joe Sharkey and Joe Puertas scored two quick goals in the first minutes of the game. As the teams went into the last quarter, Detroit Country Day led the game by three points, 7-4.

They took a shot on the Wolves net from the start and goalie Jeff Turner stopped it from going in.

With six minutes left in the game, Travis Craft aimed to score on Detroit Country Day but it didn't make it in. Instead the Wolves built momentum moving and turning over the ball more quickly.

One minute later Hunter Layson sank the



Kevin Horton fights off a defender as he closes in on the net.

ball in the net, putting the score, 7-5.

Defense formed Wolfpacks around Detroit Country Day cornering them and forcing them to lose control of the ball.

The boys fought in the last minute and

Kevin Horton scored for Clarkston to put them one away from a tie. Sophomore Mike VanderWeel assisted on the goal.

With 11 seconds left, Alex Dziewit gave it a try with a shot on the goal but the boys ended the game, 7-6.

"We had a short bench," said Kaminskas, commenting on how some players were injured and others headed out of town for spring break.

I think these guys know when we get everybody back and work from strength these games would have been wins," he added. "It's a good time for break and good time to get healthy and come back and be strong.

The boys played Canton on Thursday and lost in overtime, 12-11.

"The game was tough," said Kaminskas. "We lost the game in half-time."

Sharkey and Layson scored three goals during the game.

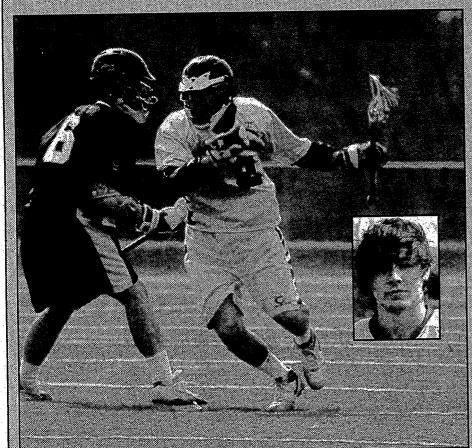
The boys played Walled Lake Central on March 30 beating them, 14-1. Layson and Alex Dziewit scored four goals each during the game and Sharkey put three into the net.

"We will be healthy after break," said Kaminksas. "The guys that are injured have been mending for a week. By the time we get back from break we will be fine."

Possible

They head to Troy Athens on April 15. JV begins at 5 p.m., varsity follows at 7 p.m.

Athlete of the Week Whitey part of the almighty



Chapin White rushes past a Detroit Country Day defender. Photos by WR

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Senior Chapin White adds it all when he is on - as well as off - the field.

'He is an absolute workhorse,'' said Boys Varsity Lacrosse Coach Brian Kaminskas, nominating White.

'He is nonstop and never gets off the field. He is always moving the ball on offense and he is a defense middie. He has a great competitive spirit and is a leader on the field and

White was honored with the nomination.

"It feels pretty good," he said. "But if we can't pull off these wins then it doesn't mean anything."

The team lost their game to Detroit Country Day by one point on Saturday - in which White made quick attacks as defense. He pushed the ball forward to offense and helped getting it to teammates as well as taking shots

His leadership also helps when the team

is behind or after they have lost a game.

"I help to get the team revved up," he

He began playing lacrosse when he was in eighth grade. He was playing football at the time when he was approached with the option to play lacrosse, as well.

He decided to check it out and after going to a meeting signed on. He continued to play football as well until his junior year - when he chose to commit to lacrosse all year.

For his last season, White is working towards going for All-State honors as a middle and improving his skills for next year - when he plays lacrosse in college.

He offered advice to younger lacrosse players to not take anything for granted and work

'Last year I didn't work as hard and this year I realized it could be my last year." he added. "Keep pushing at what you can do to make yourself a better player.

His parents are Charles and Nicole.

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Lady Wolves start with two wins

BYWENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Kickers are proving they are a forced to be reckoned with this season.

Within the first week of the girls soccer season, the varsity team has shut down two opponents.

Sophomore Lindsey Adams scored the Lady Wolves lone goal against Oxford on March 29. The girls made a total of 13 shots on the Wildcats' net.

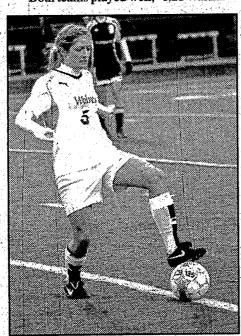
Demaree Wells guarded Clarkston's net. "It was a good game," said Girls Varsity Soccer Head Coach Sarah Wasilk.

The girls had their first win when they had their season opener against Waterford Mott on March 25.

Mott scored 17 minutes into the first half.

The lead was short-lived as Caitlin Kirby struck three minutes later and scored for Clarkston.

"Both teams played well," said Wasilk.



Katie Vondette holds the ball.

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Wells had four saves during the night.

"Our team had a stronger half," said Wasilk, commenting on how Mikayla Ferer broke the tie in the second half, for the 2-1 win,

"I think they relaxed a little bit," said Wasilk about the difference between the halves. "It was the first game so they were excited and nervous. They got in their groove a little bit better the second half which made them play better."

Though undefeated Wasilk saw places the girls can tweak as they go further into the season.

"There are still a few things we need to work on and get worked out as a team. Overall I am happy with where we are at this point in the season," said Wasilk.

The girls come back from break to play three games. The team had practice for the players who remained at home during the break. Other members were given a daily workout to follow while on vacation.

The outcome for the three games depends on how much work they put into the regiment while on spring break.

"I hope they come back ready to play," said Wasilk. "Last year they worked out and did well when they came back, but every year is different."

The JV Lady Corsairs team didn't stand a chance duing the game with Andrea Dumais on the field.

During the 9-1 win over Waterford Mott Lady Wolf Dumais scored four goals in the first half, before Mott scored their first and lone goal.

Keeping the momentum going, Erin

works

Sophomore Caitlyn Kirby leads the ball into Waterford Mott territory. Photos by Mark Kelly

Castillo, Lindsey Renkiewicz, Katie Miller, and Allison Roberts added to the tally. Roberts scored two goals, her first with 10:26 remaining in the game and her second over a minute later.

Both teams come back from break to host Hazel Park on Tuesday.

They take on Pontiac on Thursday.

Both games start at 5:30 p.m. with the JV team, varsity follows.



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When the horn sounded they ran out to the field in droves and quickly the eggs disappeared.

After they counted the treasures inside the eggs, the kids were able to meet the Easter Bunny, pet real bunnies, and enjoy a snack and juice.

Photos by Wendi Reardon



Isaac Gloeden and Alec Fair meet the Easter Bunny during the egg hunt.



Gracie Sielinski and Lauren Heming (back) set off for eggs.



Theo Boucke pets a real bunny.

Pappas remembered

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as one of the city's most valuable resources also," Arkwright said.
"(His wife) Maryann is an incredible person, her and the entire family were great to Art and always been great to me and my heart goes out to them.'

Pappas retired from the city on June 30, 2008, at age 74. He began his long tenure with Clarkston when he was appointed village clerk, at the time a part-time elected position, in 1962. In 1972, he switched to the treasurer's hat, also a parttime elected position, and held the title until 1988 when he retired from his teaching career.

Pappas taught business at Clarkston High School from 1959-1966. His career also included time in Oxford and Walled Lake classrooms, at North Oakland Vocational Center and Oakland Community College.

He retired in June 1988, and by October he was working fulltime as Clarkston's manager and treasurer

"Certainly his contributions to the village can't be compared with anybody else's," said Councilman Thomas Hunter.

The city named June 30 as Art Pappas Day and is continuing plans to have City Hall named after him

Art and Maryann also raised four children who went through Clarkston Schools, Katie, Kit, John and Mandy.

"The whole Clarkston community has lost a really great man and my wife and I have lost a really good friend," said Doug

Roeser recalled when he and his family moved to Clarkston in 1970, voter registration was in Art and Maryann's living room.

"The guy was honest, hardworking, confident, personable, and really had a good sense of humor," he said. "We really miss him already."

Former councilwoman Kristy Ottman agreed.

"He handled everything from business to his friendships with the utmost respect and integrity," she said. "He was a great steward of the community. He absolutely epitomized everything our city was supposed to be about, which was serving other people."

Former Councilman Corv Johnston said "he was a great man to talk to and took care of business without complaining."

Laura Colvin, Lake Orion Review editor and former Clarkston News reporter, said she always remember Art as a "genuine person a great sense of humor and dedication to everything he did."

"He always called me 'kiddo' and that's probably what I'll remember about him the most. It always made me feel good," Colvin said. "I was honored to know him and honored to write about him. He was a good man."

Funeral service is 10 a.m., Wednesday, April 7, at St. George Greek Orthodox Church, Bloomfield Hills.

Interment Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Mercy Hospice. Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home offers an online guest book at www.wintfuneralhome.com.



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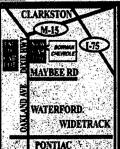
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What would the community be like without the Clarkston News?

"The key thing that would be missed is the analysis of township issues and infractions. You give a critical evaluation of town politics."



-Bart Clark

*Our Rotary wouldn't get any coverage, I would miss it and not know what's going on in the



- Mary Sloan Litchy



"It would be disjointed. You give good unbiased coverage of everything and we would be uninformed of local important news."

– John and Connie Morgan

The community would lose touch with what's happening in town with local news. The Oakland Press does a little, but not



the flavor of a small town paper."

—Jim White

By Trevor Keiser

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Shella Partington's husband Alan built a studio for her fused glass hobby, filled with supplies, a kiln, and works in progress.

Artist has fun fusing glass

BYPHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

On vacation in Wisconsin about five years ago, Sheila Partington found a new hobby.

"It was a rainy day so we went to a hands-on art studio," said Partington, who lives in Springfield Township with her husband, Alan. "It was filled with ceramics, mosaics, you name it. They also had glass fusing. That's what I did that day, and I was hooked."

Glass fusing involves heating specially formulated glass until it has the consistency of toffee, she said.

Then the artist can work it into different

shapes, patterns, and designs as it cools, about 15 seconds, before having to heat it up again.

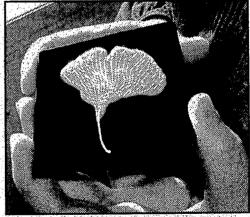
"I started in basement using my husband's wood working equipment," she said. "It keeps expanding – it's taken over the laundry room for cold work and there is glass all over the house."

Alan built a studio for her in the backyard, with recycled windows, worktops, and cabinets. It is filled with different types and sizes of glass, and a kiln for firings.

"I wish I had a bigger one," she said.

She purchases glass in sheets of different thickness, color, and shade, ground glass, rods,

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

Carrick Home Concert, Kelly Joe Phelps and Corinne West, 7:30 p.m., April 16. \$10 donation. 248-394-0113.

Earth Day Celebration, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., April 17, Indian Springs 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.

Little Red, original puppet play by Nancy Penvose, Clarkston Village Players, 1 p.m., 3 p.m., April 17, Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road. \$6. 248-575-4104.

Spring Book Sale, Friends of the Independence Township Library, April 21-24. Preview night, April 20. Thousands of books in more than 50 categories, most 10 cents-\$2. Donations accepted. Join at the door. 6495 Clarkston Road. 248-625-2212.

Luncheon mixer, Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m., April 22, Longhorn Steakhouse, 4864 S. Baldwin Road. Speaker: Ed Barry of SCORE. \$25, \$20/chamber early bird. 248-625-8055.

Beer University, Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, 5-8:30 p.m., April 29, Oakhurst Golf & Country Club. Features eight styles of Michigan beers. \$50, or \$35 through April

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

Angels Place Race, 5K Run/Walk benefiting the developmentally disabled, 9:30 a.m., May 22, St. Daniels Church, 7010 Valley Park Drive. www.angelsplacerace.org.

Waterford Hills Road Racing Race #2, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., June 5-6. Great Lakes Challenge Series, with Formula Fords, Formula Continentals. Oakland County Sportmen's Club, 4770 Waterford Road, 248-623-0444.

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

Pony Basketball League, for high school boys not on the school team, mid afternoons, Sundays, Clarkston Junior High, 6595 Middle Lake. \$200/resident team. \$300/non-resident team. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.

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

Highway. 248-969-9788.

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

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.

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

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

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

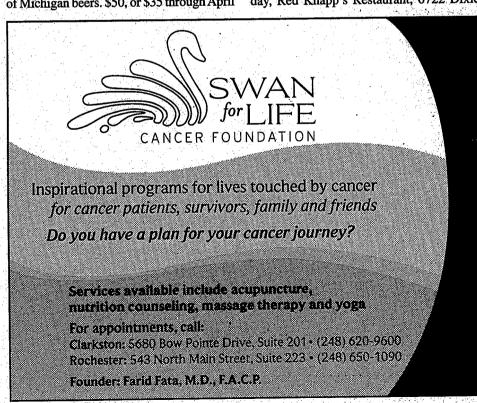
Needlework Night, fourth Tuesday, 6:30-8 p.m. Stitch and visit. Everyone welcome. Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

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

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

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

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The cast of Finn McCool and his Fearless Wife. Photo by Madison Devine

Irish comedy at Clarkston Junior High

Clarkston Junior High School performers presented a comical view of an old-fashioned moral with the play "Finn McCool and his Fearless Wife.'

The play, March 26-27, was narrated by three sly leprechauns, Shillelagh, Shannon, and Shay, played by Larissa McLetchie, Mackenzie Proper, and Jessica Tucker.

Freshman Caleb Johnson played the lead as Finn McCool, an Irishman who accidently allows his boasting to get bigger than him. He tells such fables as being able to carry nine cornerstones, throwing a cow, and walking a distance with peas in his shoes.

"It was a great experience but I thought it was fun just because of the people in the

play," said Johnson.

With the help of his crafty wife, Oona, played by freshman Olivia Lohmeier, he is able to "perform" all of his feats.

"The play was really a great experience and was made all the better because our whole cast was really close almost like a second family. It was awesome that we could all get together and do what we really loved day after day," said Lohmeier.

The played was directed by Mark Magni, drama teacher at Clarkston Junior High. The cast put in three months of hard work to put together a wonderful show filled with genuine Irish brogues and authentic attire.

- Madison Devine



Water optional in canoe race

Kim Pabin and Hollie Sayles "race" against Gary Zirwes during an innovative Virtual Canoe Trip at Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce Women in Business, March 25. It was part of Heavner Canoes' presentation on how to connect to nature. For more information on Women in Business and other Clarkston chamber events, call 248-625-8055. Photo provided

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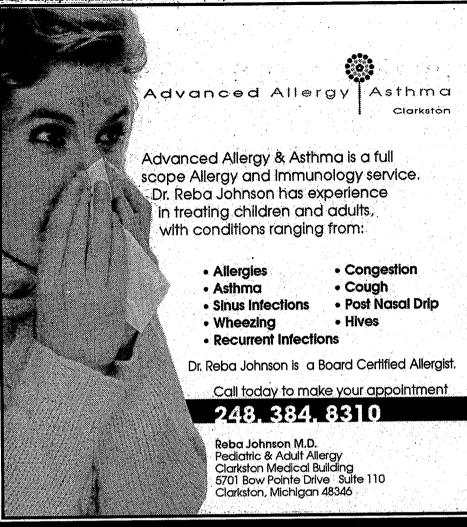
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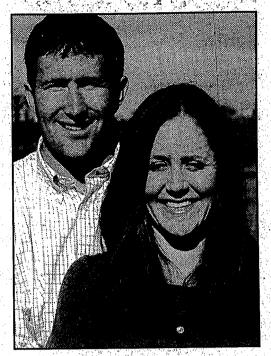
Higdon-Vandel

Clif and Micki Higdon are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathryn, to Andrew Vandel, son of George and Mary Vandel of Pierre, S.D.

Kate graduated from Clarkston High School and Purdue University. She is Curator of Exhibits at the South Dakota State Historical Museum.

Andy graduated from Riggs High School in Pierre and South Dakota State University. He is a civil engineer for the South Dakota Department of Transporta-

Kate and Andy will continue to live in Pierre following their August 2010 wed-



Andrew and Kathryn

Students achieve success

Caitlin Wylie of Clarkston won the Zerby Essay Prize this year at Michigan State University for her essay "Pleasures of the Intellect in Mill's Utilitarianism."

"It lays out Mill's arguments clearly and

concisely, assesses them critically, finds them unpersuasive, and then offers a plausible way to save Mill's position," according to selection the committee's report. "She argues deftly and carefully, like the fine philosopher she has shown herself to be."

Caitlin, daughter of Sue and Steve Wylie of Clarkston, has been a philosophy major at MSU since 2008, and attended Case Western Reserve in Cleveland and Notre Dame Prep before that.

Brittany Allen of Clarkston was honored at Lipscomb University for academic achievement during the fall semester 2009. Allen, an Oakland Christian School graduate and pre-nursing major, was named to the Provost's List.

Amanda Anderson of Clarkston made the Dean's List at Kettering University.

Benjamin Parker of Clarkston was named to the Dean's List for the 2009 fall semester in the Villanova School of Business. Pa. He is a freshman.

Michael Auchter of Clarkston, senior studying computer engineering, was named to the winter quarter Dean's List at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.

He is the son of Mark and Elaine Auchter.

Got a Milestone to share?

We'd love to see them - births, weddings, engagements, military, business and school achievements! You can drop them off at our downtown office at 5 S. Main St. or e-mail Clarkstonnews@gmail.com

Rabbits aside, Easter means Jesus is risen

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By the time you read this column, Easter will be in your rear view mirror, spring is sprung and summer is looming large.

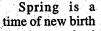
While I'm writing this we are in the midst of Lent, snow is on the ground and I am contemplating the coming of spring and the mysteries of Easter anew.

At this time of year, I often notice big signs stating "He is Risen" alluding to the premier event of the Christian calendar celebrating the resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth nearly two thousand years ago.

A significant event must have occurred to turn a bunch of weak kneed disciples into confident Apostles preaching the good news. I believe in Jesus, and I believe Jesus when he tells me, "The works that I do, you will do and greater works than these will you do." (John 14:12)

Easter derives its name from the Great Mother Goddess of the Saxon Peoples of Northern Europe, Eastre, the Goddess of Fertility who was honored in the the sun and the moon, by the spring. Both rabbits and eggs were associated with her as fertility symbols.

Much of our Easter stories and traditions have parallels that come from ancient traditions such as that of Eastre, the stories of Isis and Osiris, and the flight of the phoenix for examples.



for plants and animals, the natural cycles of the earth's flora and fauna are in evidence abundant.

Easter is the one Christian holy day that is not determined by a date on the calendar or governmental edict creating a three day weekend. It is determined by the date of the full moon following the vernal equinox. It is determined by

cycles of nature.

It is the natural cycle of life that this mythic Hero's Journey of Good Friday, Easter and the Day of Ascension (40th day after Easter) symbolize: crucifixion, resurrection and ascension, or death, rebirth and transcendence.

This is a journey we all participate in, dying to the old so that we may be reborn to the new and elevated to a new transcendent level of awareness.

This new level transcends our old consciousness and allows us to know our relationship with God's Universe in a new and infinitely more creative way.

People who have had near death experiences, such as myself, tend to come back with a new awareness of their connections with Universal Energy, with God.

And you do not have to have passed through the gate of death and returned to experience this connection. This infinite, eternal, unlimited energy, presence and power that is God permeates all of existence, it transcends existence and makes existence possible.

Through consciously affirming the presence of God in prayer, making conscious communion, and submersing our will into God's in meditation on the infinite reality of the Divine; we can know God.

In knowing God we realize the healing, harmonizing, prospering energy of God that is manifesting as each one of us. We make it real by expressing health and wholeness, peace and harmony, prosperity and abundance in all that we are: in all that we think, say and

My vision for you is that you experience this spring as a time of ascendance in your life as you know with our brother Jesus, "I AM Risen!"

Thank you. The Rev. Matthew E. Long is pastor of Peace Unity Church & Holistic Center

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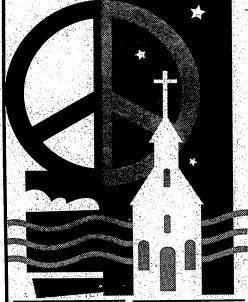
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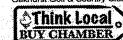
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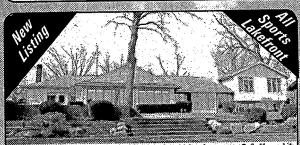
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ays something new to learn with glass hobby

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"All glass is different - they're so beautiful," she said. "I love working with glass because there are so many different processes you can use to achieve your desired results."

She makes bowls, vases, plates, jewelry and other works of art.

"My favorite is always my newest one," she said. "There is always something new to learn. It teaches you patience. If you open the kiln to peek, the glass can crack due to thermal shock."

She also enjoys the technical knowledge needed to be successful. When fusing pieces of glass, the artist must also know each one's Coefficient of Expansion (COE), so it expands and contracts uniformly.

"If glass of different COEs are

fired together, the piece will crack, she said, "Firing schedules depend on the size and thickness of the glass. The larger and thicker, the slower you fire.

Sheila and Alan have three children and six grandchildren. She is active in Clarkston Garden Club and plays handbells in her church choir.

"I've been blessed with family, friends and teachers who have encouraged me," she said. "I will have a booth at the Peacefest on June 12-13 on Dixie Highway. I will also have my glass for sale at the Clarkston Garden Walk, July 14."

She has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Design from the University of Michigan.

For more information on Partington's Sand Hill Studio, check sandhillstudioglass.com or www.sandhillstudio.etsy.com.



Sheila Parington has her own kiln for fusing glass.



This piece took much precision and many firings to complete.



She created individual glass fish and sea life before assembling them for firing.



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Foundation makes a difference for cancer patients

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Reentering the work force after raising her children, Lisa DePillo of Clarkston had a different standard.

"I was looking for a job with more meaning and purpose, a way to help people," said

Catching up with her friend Leah McLean two-and-a-half years ago, she found they both felt the same way.

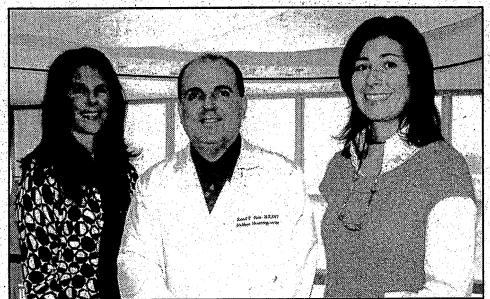
"Raising children is the epitome of purposeful - it set my standards higher," McLean said.

McLean, licensed master social worker with Oncology Social Work Certification, found what she was looking for with Swan for Life Cancer Foundation, founded by Dr. Farid Fata.

"I heard about Dr. Fata this past fall, met with him, and learned about his program," said McLean, clinical oncology social worker.

She called DePillo, who has marketing experience in the pharmacy industry, this past December.

"It came full circle," DePillo said. "This is a perfect fit, a great opportunity - to be able to do something to help someone on their journey with cancer, it's a great gift to do that. It makes a difference.'



From left are Leah McLean, Dr. Farid Fata, and Lisa DePillo of Swan for Life Cancer Foundation. Photo by Phil Custodio

Swan for Life is a non-profit group providing support, education, and resources to those newly diagnosed with cancer, patients with recurrences, friends and family, and survivors throughout Northern Oakland County.

"There is a huge need for this in the community," said Dr. Fata, medical oncologist.

"Medicine is only one piece of the oncology puzzle. When other resources such as education, community support, a plan of action and therapy options are available, patients find it easier to face the challenges and changes that come with any cancer.'

"The Foundation's mission is to offer

coaching and support for those affected by cancer," said DePillo, program coordinator.

"We want to help people develop and implement a plan to navigate their journey with cancer so that they will be inspired to live a life that is dignified, hopeful and positive. We take pride in the comfort our programs provide.

Workshops and programs include Patient and Caregiver support groups; Nutrition, diet and cooking; Symptom management; Navigating insurance issues; Integrative medicine such as yoga, massage, art therapy, meditation, and acupuncture; and Wellness, living and survivor workshops.

"Our goal is to offer nutrition workshop once a month, and education workshops and wellness programs every day," McLean said.

Support groups are free, education workshops may have donation fees, and wellness programs are fee for service.

"Our programs go beyond the clinical needs of the patient," DePillo said. "It means different things to different patients, support groups for one, individual yoga for another we believe this part of care ensures that every patient has access to an optimal oncology experience."

For more information, call Swan for Life, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive, at 248-620-9600.

In our churches

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Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

Bethany North, peer support to all faiths dealing with divorce or separation, general meeting, 7:30 p.m., fourth Monday, Cushing Center, St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park, call Tim, 248-628-6825, or Joann. 248-673-2539.

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

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

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

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The pieces are designed as charms that can be worn on chains or bracelets, mounted on objects such as a pocket knife or money clip, or embedded in Lucite for use as a key ring. The finger-prints can also be laid into a rimmed heart or remembrance ring.

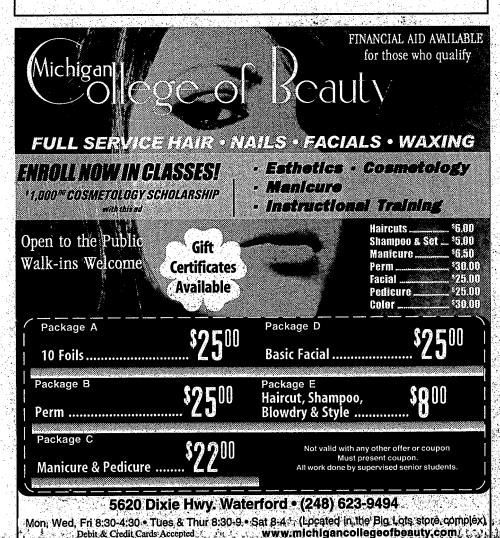
"These keepsakes really do help," said Tim Currier, Funeral Director at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. "You can feel the ridges across the surface, and that touch somehow connects you to the memory of someone who is no longer with you."

Thumbies work for other kinds of separation too – a child going away to college, a son or daughter deploying overseas, a parent retiring to a warmer climate, a grandparent moving into a



nursing facility, even for a pet, Currier said.

For more information about Thumbies keepsakes, contact Wint Funeral Home 248-625-6231



Obituary

James E. McAlister, 74

James "Jim" E. McAlister, Jr., 74, of The Villages, Fla., died on Thursday, March 25, 2010.

Mr. McAlister was born in Fayetteville,

Tenn., and moved to The Villages from Gladwin, Mich., in 2004. He was of the Church of Christ faith. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

He enjoyed watching college basketball, especially Michigan and Michigan State.

He was interested in the performing arts, physical fitness, boating, reading, and dining out.

Jim had a great sense of humor and a zest for life that inspired others and was proud to enjoy The Villages lifestyle.

He is survived by two sons: Jim McAlister, Plymouth, Mich., and Chris McAlister, Grant, Mich.; two daughters: Jodi Strong, Holt, Mich., and Carrie Mobley, Tampa, Fla.; sister, Betty Hall, Gilbertsville, Ky.; and 10 grand-children.

A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m., on Wednesday, April 7, at Beyers Funeral Home Chapel, Lady Lake, Fla., with a visitation from 5-6 p.m. prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718, 800-228-4327. Online condolences may be left at www.beyersfuneralhome.com. Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Lady Lake, Fla.

Cleo 'Red' Buttrey, 95

Cleo A. "Red" Buttrey of Pentwater, formerly of Auburn Hills, passed away, April 3, 2010, at age 95.

He was preceded in death by his wife Virginia. He was the father of Janice (James) Seifert of Lake George and Larry (Joan) Buttrey of Pentwater, formerly of Union Lake; grandfather of Danielle, David, and Todd; great grandfather of Seth, Rachel, Sarah, and Jason. Mr. Buttrey retired from General Motors in 1969 after 33 years of service.

Funeral service, Thursday, April 8, at 12:30 p.m., at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit Thursday, 11:30 a.m., until time of service. Interment Crescent Hills Cemetery. On line guestbook, www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Artemus M. Pappas, 76

Artemus M. Pappas of Clarkston passed away, April 3, 2010, at age 76.

He was the husband of Mary Ann; father of Katie (Bob) Leach of Wisconsin, Kit (Teri) Pappas of Illinois, John (Candace) Pappas of Chelsea, and Mandy (Tom) Higgins of Chelsea; "Papou/ Granddad" of Alex, Spencer, Mary Claire, Madeline, Sophia, August, Elizabeth, and Thea; brother of Connie (Angelo) Voutsos of Lincoln Park and Jim (Helen) Bourandas of New Mexico.

Mr. Pappas served Clarkston since 1962, retiring as city manager in 2008.

Visitation and Trisagion prayer service were April 6 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral service, Wednesday, 10 a.m., at St. George Greek Orthodox Church, Bloomfield Hills. Interment Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Mercy Hospice. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.



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"It's the joining of two great minds," said Suzie Bennett, owner of Plum Hollow.

"With the economy the way it is, we needed to form a partnership," Lowrie said. "We had a discussion this past December and we realized we have a lot in common."

"We have a similar clientele," Bennett said. "I thought, wouldn't it be nice to have the same location?

Plum Hollow specializes in beautification of every room inside the home, and Lowrie's spruces up the outside, so they have the entire homestead covered.

"It's a one-stop shop," Bennett

Lowrie's, located in a historic house at 9539 Dixie Highway, now showcases Plum Hollow's room arrangement and design, window treatments, wall coverings and decor, fine rugs, custom bedding, bathroom tile, and color schemes.

"I lived here 15 years ago - it looks 10 times better than when I lived here," Lowrie said. "It has nice ambiance. The colors are a lot warmer."

The decor will change to show different styles and ideas, Bennett

"I added fun, new things to make a homey atmosphere," she said. "I want to show what I like in my own home."

Lowrie's, voted "Best Landscaper in Oakland County and Clarkston" by both Oakland Press and Clarkston News readers, offers award-winning landscape designs, seamless landscape installations, ponds and cascading waterfalls, brick patios and walkways, retaining walls, and bulk landscape supplies.

Lowrie's backyard terrace with tent, seating of up to a 100, granite top kitchen, artificial-turf putting green, and play structure, is available for gatherings.

Many of Lowrie's decorative statues and planters are included inside

"I included a lot of Tom's retail with ours," Bennett said. "Clients are really excited about it - they can't wait to see it."

"We share ideas - I have good



Lowrie's Landscape owner Tom Lowrie and Suzie Bennett, owner of Plum Hollow, offer complete home decor service.

ideas for her business, she has good ideas for my business," Lowrie said. 'We feed off each other."

Lowrie has been a Clarkston business owner for 31 years. Bennett has been assisting customers for 18 years as manager, owning the business for the past year.

"We've made a commitment to our customers," she said. "This is my passion," Lowrie said. "It's one of the most rewarding occupations you can do."

Call Lowrie's Landscape at 248-625-8844 and Plum Hollow at 248-620-

Landscape Tips from Tom Lowrie

Patios, Paths, Walls & More

Landscape

Hardscaping is a term landscape contractors use to refer to the part of a home or building's grounds consisting of structures, such as patios, retaining walls

and walkways made with hard materials. Anything made of hard material that's not living is hardscaping. Whether attempting a hardscaping project yourself or hiring a professional to do it for

you, use the following tips to a expensive pitfalls:

Look at the big picture. Even if you're only tackling one element at a time, consider designing the entire area before you begin. Once a hardscape project is in, it can be costly and difficult to tear out and

Pay attention to drainage. Make sure you have adequate drainage and when possible capture the water and use it on

Balance boulders. A big rock, sitting on top of soil does not look natural. Bury boulders deep enough so they blend in and balance them with plants.

Love your lines. Think about the natural lines of your outdoor space, use curves to transition gracefully from one element to the next for a natural look. Hard rectangles and squares work well for a contemporary design.

Leave some lawn. Many homeowners in southwest states opt for all hardscape and plants but there's nothing like walking barefoot in your yard during summertime in Michigan. Leave enough grass to mow.

Carefully mix colors. Complement your home's exterior by finding two or three materials that coordinate with each other and your home. Consider texture as well as color and remember wood decks and railings count as a texture and color.

Consult an engineer on big projects No explanation needed, it will cost you plenty if a big project fails structurally.

Use good material. A great design will only last as long as the material used holds up and don't skimp on site preparation only to have your hardscape settle and heave in frost.

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MULCH MADNESS every Saturday in April!

Coats hosts grand opening



Heather Coats and Tim Nye offer personalized, comprehensive funeral service and support to Clarkston families.

Coats Funeral Home, 8909 Dixie Highway, hosts its Opening Dedication, 8-9 a.m., Wednesday, April 14.

Owner Heather Coats, Timothy Nye of Clarkston, managing director, and staff offer a wide range of funeral services from pre-arrangements, on-site banquet services in their Sky Room, and web-casting - live-stream video of funeral and memorial services.

'Our family has served the Oakland County community for 85 years. We believe that our relationship with a community begins long before a death occurs and continues for as long as you need the support," Coats said. "We are proud to have Tim leading our services for Clarkston families and he will be a great asset to the local business community."

Nye was formerly a director at Coats' Waterford location for 12 years. Nye received his bachelor's degree from Wayne State University and his mortuary license in December 1993.

Coats Funeral Home is a fourth generation family-owned and operated business since 1925. For more inforlog www.coatsfuneralhome.com.

Learn to let go of stress

What can one do to release stress? Surrendering is a good place to start. Who did what to whom, where, or when, is mainly re-living past painful experiences?

Accepting personal responsibility is a life-long school, no one graduates pain free, we are all students and all teachers to one-another.

The process of accepting responsibility begins in childhood. No-one escapes without scars, which often resurface in adult life. Too much responsibility may have been placed on one individual without adequate distribution among other members of the family; thus resulting in victimization of one individual.

As an adult in charge this process could be unconsciously re-enacted generally with much surprise to the person. When others do not meet our expectations, the automatic response is to criticize, blame or complain about those who are not affirmed either.

Relationships with others are a reflection of the relationship with self. If others disappoint us; it generally is the mirror of self-disappointment.

To forgive the self, is to see your actions; a recipe to access "judgment free living" with those we love.

The road to recovery may seem

Guest viewpoint



Rotondo-Mark

painful and time consuming, yet the only path to live free from the prison of disappointment, discouragement, despair and anger.

Those who are aware must be courageous enough to maintain balance of centered self, as others observe how we treat ourselves.

We are mirrors to one-another of human worth; the mirror is a mere object without voice.

Hope these thoughts can guide your path to "peaceful co-existence" not victimization.

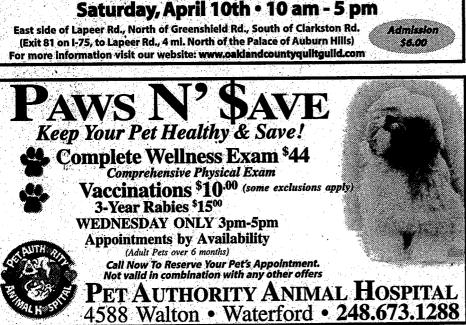
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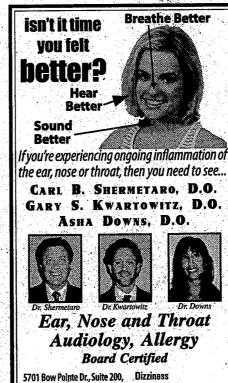




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Around Town

Continued from page 2B \$2 per game. 248-628-5437 or 248-877-6692.

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.

Keyboard Lessons, Tuesdays, 1-2 p.m., Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. "Easy play" method by Evola for beginners. Instruction and book. \$50 for 8 weeks. 248-625-8231.

Clarkston Area Optimist Club, 7:30-8:30 a.m., Wednesdays, Clarkston United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 6600 Waldon Road. 248-622-6096.

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

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

Proposed Construction of Cell Tower Highland, Oakland County, Michigan Alcatel Lucent (Sprint) proposes to construct a new 194-foot (198-feet including appertenances) monopole tower at 5339 Milford Road in Highland, Oakland County, Michigan (Project #17088).

In accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended and the 2005 Nationwide Programmatic Agreement for Review Under the National Preservation Act; Final Rule, Sprint is hereby notifying the public of the proposed undertaking and soliciting comments on Historic Properties which may be affected by the proposed undertaking. If you would like to provide specific information regarding potential effects that the proposed undertaking might have to properties that are listed on or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and located within one-half mile of the above address, please submit the project number (provided above), property address, and comments to: Ramaker & Associates, contractor for Sprint, 1120 Dallas Street, Sauk City, Wisconsin 53583 or via e-mail to history@ramaker.com.by April 30, 2010.

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.

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

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

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

Travel program, second Thursday, 6-7 p.m., Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. April 8, Temuco Chile and the Mapuche; May 13, Korea; June 10, Vietnam, Malaysia, Southeast Asia; July 8, Africa; Aug. 12, Japan, China; Sept. 9, Thailand. 248-625-2212.

Lunches for 50+, Thursdays, 12 p.m., madefrom-scratch. \$5 donation. Independence Township Adult Activities Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Make reservation by Monday before, 248-625-8231.

Community events?

Tell us about them at ClarkstonNews@gmail.com or 248-625-3370

PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know

CLARKSTON

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON 375 DEPOT ROAD CLARKSTON, MI 48346 NOTICE TO BID

LAWN CUTTING SERVICE

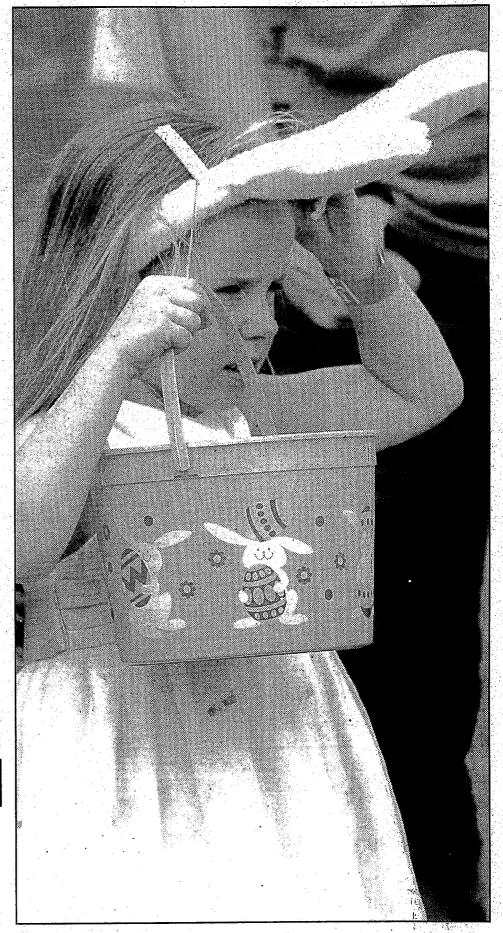
The City of the Village of Clarkston will be accepting bids for lawn cutting services of all City property, including Depot Park, for the 2010 season. Sealed bids shall be submitted and received no later than 4:00 PM, Wednesday, April 14, 2010, at the City Offices, 375 Depot, Clarkston, MI 48346. All bids will be opened at that time and announced.

A pre-bid meeting will be held April 9, 2010 at 1:00PM at the City Hall, 375 Depot, Clarkston, MI.

This is a mandatory meeting for anyone who wishes to submit a bid. Project specifications will be provided at this meeting.

Dennis M. Ritter

City Manager



Ready and set...

Larkin O'Donnell prepares to look for some eggs at the Mill Pond Park egg hunt in Springfield Township. Photo by Wendi Reardon

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MOM2MOM SALE MAY 1ST 9am-12noon, Christ the King, 1550 W. Drahner, Oxford. Tables \$15-\$20 after April 17. \$1 entry benefits MOPS. Nicole: 248-860-6123

oxfordorionmops@yahoo.com 11L164

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cover, jewelry, household items.

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