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## It's official Police consolidation decision goes to vote of the people

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

City voters will officially decide the fate of the Clarkston Police in an Aug. 3 primary.

"In the minutes of the public hearing no less than five times did many of the people in this room say 'put it to a vote,' said Mayor Steve Arkwright. "I do think that's where it needs to go is to a public vote."

The council voted unanimously at the Monday night meeting to decide the issue with a vote of the people. However, they will also enter agreements with Oakland County Sheriff's Office and Independence Township substation, contingent on whether the vote passes.

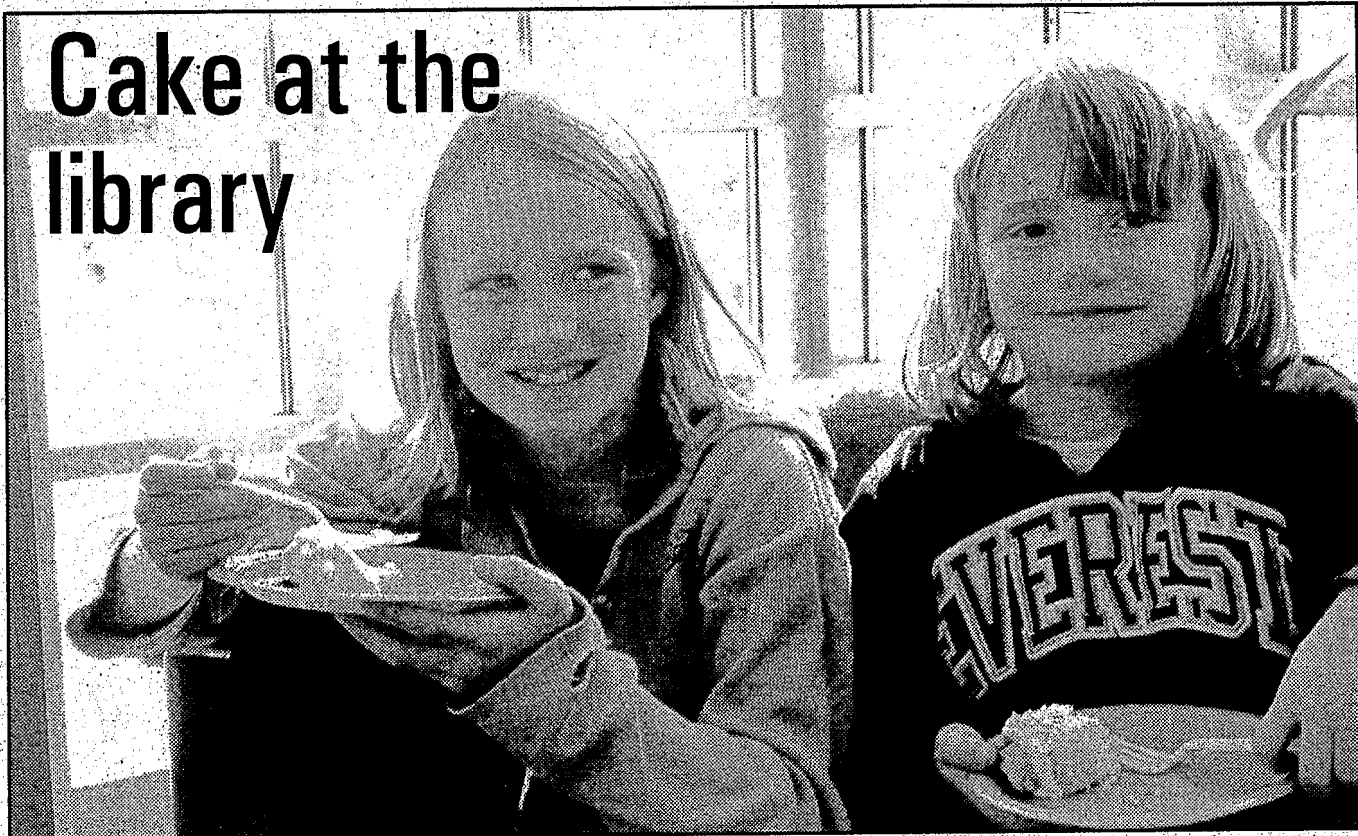
If voters decide to sign on with OCSD, village residents would pay the same millage rate as Independence Township residents, which is still to be decided by the township board.

Resident and former Councilman Cory Johnston along with a group residents wrote up a resolution and sent it to the council to do a special assessment of \$200 per house, so further options could be explored.

"It's our opinion that this needs more consideration, people don't have enough information to make a decision about this," he said. "We think there needs to be some citizen involvement. Some of us are under the opinion we were blindsided by the last meeting."

City Manager Dennis Ritter said the  
*Please see Council on page 2A*

## Cake at the library



Theresa and Stephanie Suran enjoy some cake at Independence Township Library's National Library Week celebration. Please see page 8A for more pictures. Photo by Trevor Keiser

## Seven apply for open seat on school board

Deadline was Monday for the open treasurer's seat on Clarkston Board of Education.

"We have seven applicants for the open seat," said board President Steve Hyer. "The board will have the chance to review the documents submitted before the meeting."

Trustee Joan Patterson expects the information in her packet as soon as possible, as

well as a clear idea of when the board is able to interview applicants during the meeting.

"Most importantly, we have to have time to have input and ask questions," she said.

As of Tuesday afternoon, the board hadn't met for the agenda planning meeting, to discuss when the process would take place.

"I believe we are going to start with the interview and selection process at five," said

Hyer.

The seat became available March 22, when Treasurer Joe Armstrong submitted his letter of resignation, citing illness.

Interviews will be part of April 19's regularly scheduled public meeting at the Administration Building, 6289 Clarkston Road. For more information, call 248-623-5400.

— Wendi Reardon

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# Council says 'no' to special assessment

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finance committee, which consists of himself, Councilmen Jim Brueck and Mike Gawronski, Mayor Arkwright, and Treasurer/Clerk Jan Gillespie have looked at every single line item.

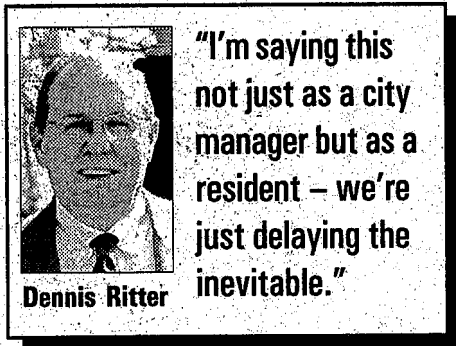
"The special assessment district is to delay time so another committee of unelected people can review it - I get it," said Ritter. "If we weren't doing our job, that would be another story, but the finance committee has worked diligently and we've looked at lots of alternatives."

Ritter said he prefers to keep the police, but "facts are facts."

"I'm saying this not just as a city manager but as a resident - we're just delaying the inevitable," he said.

Many of the residents said they were worried about response times and house checks.

"One thing that's really bothering me is we keep going back to house checks (by police). Am I wrong," asked Councilman Charles Inabnit. "I check on my neighbors and I know they check on our house when we're not there. Is there not that sense of community throughout the rest of the city?"



Dennis Ritter

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Resident Peggy North, who was born and raised in Clarkston and has been a village resident for the past 20 years, spoke in the minority, and said she was offended people felt the village is an elite part of Clarkston over Independence Township.

"I'd like to feel my family that grew up in Independence Township were just as fine outstanding residents as the village people are," she said. "I'm baffled by the fact you would think the county doesn't protect as well."

For anything above writing a ticket, Clarkston PD calls for backup from county

deputies anyway, she said. "The money factor is huge," she said. "It's a shame you're losing people who wish to live here based on the taxes being so ridiculous, part of that being the police factor."

Councilman Stephen Hargis agreed the tax rate was "out of line with reality and higher than it should be."

Even members of the council who are in favor of handing over law enforcement to Independence felt it merited a vote of the people first.

"I probably would have been under the persuasion to vote for this intergovernmental agreement with the township, but at the same time based on open public hearing and tonight I think a vote at the primary of election time would be appropriate," said Brueck. "It's a significant issue."

Gawronski said it was a choice between "gas in the car and buying beefaroni or riding a bike and getting a steak for the weekend."

"It's a cost-benefit ratio," he said. "As such, it makes sense for the entire community to cast their votes and decide what we can afford and what we can't."

## Landscape Tips from Tom Lowrie

### It's Mulch Time

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



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

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

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

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

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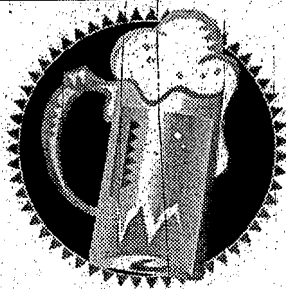
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It's crunch time for tax payers, as well as preparers like Shirley Swoffer, right, and Denise McGorisk of H&R Block. Photo by Phil Custodio

## Time's up for taxes

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

Preparing more than a thousand tax returns, Shirley Swoffer and Denise McGorisk of H&R Block know how people are doing this year -- not so good.

"It's been a hard time for people -- many are losing their jobs and their homes," said Swoffer, senior tax advisor at H&R Block, 7103 Dixie Highway in Independence Township. "That's Michigan. Clarkston is doing a little better than a lot of areas, but people are still hurting."

Many clients have been downsized over the past year, facing unemployment or a lesser-paying job, said Denise McGorisk, tax preparer.

"Clients who were making decent money in the past are now making about a quarter less," she said. "Lots of people are working part time."

"Many are opening their own businesses," Swoffer said. "Others work out of state."

IRS changed tax-withholding tables last year with the Making Work Pay credit, resulting in higher take-home pay, but sometimes also more to pay at tax time.

"A lot of people owe this year," Swoffer said. "People aren't withholding enough, then they owe at the end of the year."

"If you owe this year, be sure to adjust your withholding," McGorisk said.

Many clients took advantage of expanded American Opportunity Credit for college education, Earned Income Credit for children, tax deductions for new car purchases, and credits for energy-efficient home improvements.

"Energy credits are expanded, although many can afford only one window instead of the whole house," Swoffer said. "It applies to dish washers, washing machines, refrigerators, but not clothes dryers."

Upper tax brackets are set to change this year, increasing tax rates for earners making more than \$200,000, with a top bracket of 39.6 percent.

"Capital gains credits are set to expire, which will affect investments," she said. "Many people are pulling from retirement funds to make it through -- we're seeing a lot of that. We'll see more of that next year if things don't change."

People are hopeful things will turn around, though, McGorisk said.

"People are optimistic about the future," she said.

H&R Block is doing what it can to help clients who need it, offering tax-preparation fee freezes and other accommodations.

"We'll work with our clients to make sure they file," Swoffer said.

For more information, call H&R Block.





## Let's 'paws' for a moment

Marley, Maggie, and owner Diane, Skipper, Beaton and Carol Ruby, Bailey and Nancy Grimmer, Encore along with Claudia were at Independence Township for National Library Week. Photo by Trevor Keiser

## Township building department stays

Independence Township building department lives to see another day.

Township officials voted not to outsource the department to Carlisle/Wortman Associates.

The vote was split 3-3.

Trustees Neil Wallace and David Lohmeier along with Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen voted in favor of the proposal. Trustees Larry Rosso, Mark Petterson and Supervisor Dave Wagner voted "no." Treasurer Curt Carson was absent.

## Why All the Household Dust?

I'm Keith Meadows, owner and operator of American Power Vac, Inc. For years, I've been improving our community's health one family at a time. By now we've all heard the statistics: 50% of all illness is a direct relation to dirty indoor air and our indoor air

is up to 90 times more polluted than outdoor air. Yet, 90% of the calls I receive everyday are from desperate people complaining about dust. They tell me they dust the T.V. on Friday, but by Sunday they are pushing the dust out of the way again so they can watch

Desperate Housewives, and none of them know exactly where it's coming from. Well, I'm here to tell you that it's not because you're a bad housekeeper, I tell people that simply having your ducts cleaned will drastically reduce household dust, and the reason is, your cold air returns.

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Visit our website [www.americanpowervac.com](http://www.americanpowervac.com) for an actual photo of the debris that is pulled from a typical home. Cold air returns are also the reason new homeowners are experiencing dust. While your drywall was being sanded, your cold air returns sucked all of the dust through the system and it settled on the bottom of the duct lines, where a little at a time gets blown back into your home. To prove it, take a walk down into your basement, look up at the ceiling for thin sheets of tin nailed between your floor joists. These are your cold air return lines.

Give them a good pounding. You'll see puffs of dust seeping out of the edges. That, my friends, is the reason you have uncontrollable dust problems!

This debris cannot be removed without a professional. Which brings me to my next point: choosing an air duct cleaning company. Most companies use portable units, which are like a shop vac that you would vacuum your car with, obviously absolutely useless. Then there are companies who claim they have a truck-mounted system. In reality,

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## Keiser's Role

A column by Trevor Keiser

### Who's slaughtering who?

During budget cuts last year, Independence Township Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen felt like the "sacrificial lamb."

"I feel I'm being unduly focused when there is other people (departments) who should pony up a little bit," she said at the Dec. 15 public hearing.

I am all for being fair and I agree certain departments could use some cuts in personnel, just like the building department, which went from 11 staff members down to four.

Sometimes I think the clerk's office could use more trimming. Township taxpayers pay someone \$200 a meeting to write minutes. This equals about \$4,800 a year. There is also a deputy clerk who puts the agendas together. Let's not forget, the board approved an electronic records retention program which cost \$400 to setup, \$300 a month, and \$40 a month for five gigabytes of storage. What does the clerk have to do for her paycheck?

I know government, left on its own, just grows and grows, but . . . Shelagh VanderVeen campaigned the township clerk could work parttime, for half the pay. What happened to that campaign promise?

On Dec. 21, VanderVeen once again said she was giving up more than other departments, an innocent lamb being led to the slaughter.

I don't think the clerk is the one being slaughtered, but she certainly is one of the ones sharpening an axe. Read a comment Little BoPeep made at the April 6 board meeting, during discussion of outsourcing the building and planning department and then tell me who has blood on their axe.

"I'm going to say something and I'm not going to make any friends here tonight, but my whole thing has always been what's best for this township," Vanderveeen said. "I have been here for five-and-a-half years. For the first four, I would say we didn't really have our building director present. We had our assistant building director running the department . . ."

Talk about throwing somebody under the bus. I think that was uncalled for. The question on the table wasn't if the director was present or doing his job, it was should the township outsource the department.

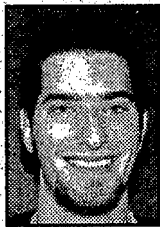
It was not a personnel hearing, nor an evaluation of an individual's performance. Those things are usually done behind closed doors.

But, a point of reference . . . If someone is not "present" at their desk, it doesn't mean they're not doing their job. Heck, if you come by my office, there are days when I am not there. Why?

Because I am out interviewing, taking pictures, or having to hunt down public officials to get information. And another thing, since moving into the new building, I've noticed the clerk is not as "present" as she was at 90 N. Main. Were I to use her logic, I would assume she's not doing her job. That would be wrong of me, as it was of her.

Our elected officials seem to be making decisions based on personal feelings. This is so wrong.

So, I pose this challenge to you: Stop playing the little lost lamb; stop leading others to the slaughter. Stop the finger pointing. Look in the mirror and start doing what is right



## Congrats on MEAP improvements

Kudos to Clarkston students, teachers, support staff, and administration on continued improvements on the MEAP test ("Officials pleased with test results," April 7)

Scores are up in almost all categories. Third-graders especially achieved outstanding scores, 98 percent in math and 96 percent in reading.

As Deputy Superintendent David Reschke said, the test is a tool to highlight areas needing improvement. As such, it appears social studies and science

need attention, with scores in the upper 80s and lower 90s. Science is important as

Michigan struggles to develop sustainable energy and industry.

In as much as social studies includes civics, history, and the U.S. Constitution, this is also critical as we move into the future.

The test is but one aspect of a total education, but parents and the community should be proud of Clarkston's academic performance.

—PMC

### Editorial

## Reader still favors sheriff service for city

Dear Editor,

In response to the individual who said I should "get (my) facts straight" about traffic citations in Clarkston ("Reader wants creative ideas to keep police," April 7), per *The Detroit News*, Clarkston Police Department writes an average of 800 tickets per year, and as high as 1,300 per year.

I consider this to be a high number for a city that has an area of 0.46 square miles. The same article states that the Oakland County Sheriff's Department write approximately 1,800 tickets for a 36 square mile area, for many townships, equating to 25 tickets per year per 1/2 mile covered.

That was the point of the *News'* article. As for you stating,

"writing only a ticket a day since the beginning of the new year," the only thing I can say is that the summer driving season hasn't begun yet. I'm sure Clarkston Police will pick up the pace.

Clarkston taxpayers' dollars would be more wisely spend by contracting with the Oakland County Sheriff's Department for their police protection.

Clarkston would not have to pay for and maintain police vehicles or endure any other expenses that are required to run a police department.

Isn't freedom of speech great!

Bernard Potts  
Springfield Township

### Letters to the editor

## School pride shouldn't extend to finances

Dear Editor,

Senator Bishop is again fighting the good fight, but his common sense approach has been defeated by the interests who maintain a right of entitlement to the taxes collected by all levels of state and local government.

Until state, county, township and school district leaders realize that the primary purpose of the tax dollars collected is to provide service to the customer, Michigan citizens, we will continue to see our governmental leaders cut services and programs, in favor of the locomotive like public sector wages and benefits engine, which is careening off of the tracks into the gorge.

Our leaders must come to realize that they first need to define the mission and services to be provided to the public, then determine what labor and fringe benefits can be afforded. The opposite is what is happening to Clarkston Community Schools.

The district sees the \$66 million in wages and fringe benefits as being fixed, since they signed a two year deal which is projected to grow at a rate of more than four percent annually, and is responding to the loss in revenue, \$87 million revenue in 2009-2010 to \$74 million in revenue in 2010-2011, by reducing the Non Labor and Benefits items from greater than \$20 million to as little as perhaps less than \$10 million.

The approach of eliminating services and products instead of cutting wage and fringe benefits across the board is a scorched earth approach, the impacts of which was demonstrated to our community via the nationally televised bankruptcies of GM and Chrysler. Maybe the school board should

seriously consider bankruptcy, and let a judge decide what it can pay for labor and fringe benefits, since it so blindly made a two year commitment which is crushing the education delivered to its customers, our children, and flushed a \$14 million equity, rainy day fund, right out the front doors.

I read a statement from a teacher in another school district saying that the staff of their district had built up their rainy day fund, but the hubris of that mentality, namely that the tax revenue collected for education is the property of the MEA, and is to be controlled by the MEA and its affiliates, is simply wrong. The funding of Michigan Education is not as broke as the expenditure of Michigan Education dollars.

Some will accuse me of having issues with teachers and other staff, but this is not true at all. During the 100+ hours of my personal time which I volunteered last school year and am on track to donate again this year, I have been able to meet many people in the many layers of direct and indirect support to the educational process. I specifically met teachers who I am glad chose to be in the classroom, instead of the many other fields of employment at which I am sure they could have been successful.

I don't feel they are making too much money, but feel that we cannot afford to pay them what they are making, which is going to negatively impact the product which they are delivering.

However, like every other industry in our state, education is changing, and seems to be behind the curve.

Jeff Gibbs  
Independence Township

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# Ah, sports, what a multi-purpose invention!

In the same week recently golf and basketball sports fans were treated to continuous exposure, via television, of replays, plays and diagnoses ad nauseam.

The most powerful radio station in Michigan (there's a 50,000 watt limit) WJR, interrupted the most powerful conservative radio mouth in the world (Rush Limbaugh) to bring us the confessions of a guy who plays around (no pun intended) on a grassy field, Tiger Woods.

Then on Saturday and Monday the world had to see and hear about 10 young men passing a round ball around while awaiting their turn to handle it. Ah, the NCAA basketball finals!

The finance channel on the tube replaced their money making/saving tips to let us hear from a guy who has made more money in six years hitting a little ball than financial advisors have promised, and that's more money than even the Obama stimuluses have stimulated.

Tiger Woods told the millions of viewers/listeners, (yes, I heard some of it) he'd been unfaithful to his wife, injured himself while in a snit, accepted the blame for everything except Hiroshima, and will now set a goal of earning back all the sponsors who dropped their endorsement.

I couldn't get a real close look at the im-

print on his shirt, but I think I read "dumb ass."

While at the basketball tournament there was more excitement. I especially like these games that are scheduled to start at 9 p.m., and begin at 11:45 p.m.

## Jim's Jottings



a column by  
Jim Sherman

I was particularly drawn to the final, Monday night game. It took us back to early televised games, maybe the 50's. Oh, how far we have come! Not in the playing of basketball, but in styles.

We were shown a picture of the cheerleaders standing on the sidelines near a basket awaiting a hoop to shout about. The girls wore plaid skirts below the knee. Blouses were buttoned to the top.

While out on the floor were ten guys with swimsuit style shorts. Got the picture? Girls with lengthy skirts, men with ultra short shorts.

Switch to 2010.

The cheerleaders have swimsuit style outfits and the boys wear shorts that look like pillowcases covering their legs.

So, all you shrinks, what does it all mean?

I need counseling. Anyone recommending one of Tiger Woods'?

Maybe we spend some stimulus money on it.

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Again, different strokes for different folks. At the first sign of spring many people light up with, "I saw my first robin today."

So do I. Then there are other spring bird watchers who seem much less happy. That would be golfing types who run across the first signs of geese's return.

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I just found a Christmas-wrapped package of precooked bacon in my freezer. I attract bacon gifts. Maybe someone will send me this one.

A Florida paper reported someone making bacon-chocolate cupcakes. It also mentioned baconnaise, BaconPop and bacon-flavored popcorn, and bacon salt. Enough already.

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- Bumper sticker: Use caution passing drivers chewing tobacco.

- Discover wildlife - Have kids!

- A drunk was in front of a judge. The judge says, "You've been here before for drinking!" The drunk says, "Okay, let's get started."

## FOIA documents open new batch of questions

Dear Editor,

The next Clarkston Community School Board meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 19 at the boardroom in the district Administration Building at 6389 Clarkston Road.

I recommend concerned residents and/or employees attend this meeting. The public can speak for up to two minutes on stated agenda subjects before the board goes through its agenda, or on any issue after the board completes its business.

The school board will vote on a replacement member for the Board of Education. This person will play an important role in shaping our District Policies and Budget for FY11.

According to the Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates contract I received, the District will end up paying this recruiting firm from Chicago more than \$18,000 for their search for replacements for the HR director and deputy superintendent. Dr. Al Roberts already selected and announced the finalists for the two positions.

The board is expecting to vote on the confirmations of the internal promotions of Anita Banach, public relations director, to HR director, and Shawn Ryan, from principal at Clarkston Junior High to deputy superintendent.

I question why Dr. Roberts announced the two internal promotions before seeking

approval from the Board of Education.

I'm all for promoting from within when it makes sense, but I question why he is filling both positions with internal candidates who have no experience doing these critical jobs for the district, especially in these challenging times.

Couldn't the recruiting firm find any qualified, experienced candidates to fill at least one of these positions? What did the District receive for HYA's large fees?

On March 31, we were given an hour to view documents I requested under the Freedom of Information Act. I will be able to pay for and pick up hard copies of documents, requested on March 31, on April 13.

Here is a sampling of what we found:

The JP Morgan Chase district credit card approved signers list was dated March 29, 2010, two days before we were shown the document. I have asked for all versions of the document going back two years.

Dr Roberts' credit limit was \$2,000 per month, yet he was over that limit on the February 2009 statement I analyzed.

I saw the district credit card documents for the February, 2009 bill. I found four laptop computers purchased for board President Steve Hyer, listed under CSMTech teacher Kyle Hughes' district credit card account. Hyer is also a volunteer for Team RUSH.

Did the district provide computers to Team RUSH members? If so, why? It is my understanding that Team RUSH is not part of the school curriculum and is more like an after school club. I have requested receipts and will be investigating further.

It appears that the District may have also changed position descriptions for HR director and deputy superintendent in the last few months:

According to the HR director description supplied by the district March 31, requirements include master's degree or equivalent, along with experience in contract negotiation, contract administration with solid knowledge of employment law, collective bargaining, and personnel administration, or as determined by the Board of Education.

A previous version of the same document's requirements include a minimum of bachelor's degree in human resource, personnel management, business management, or related field preferred, with work experience in school administration preferred.

Was this change to the document done to match Anita Banach's resume to the "position description" for the job to justify the promotion?

Dawn Schaller  
Independence Township

## A Look Back From The CNews archives

### 15 years ago - 1995

"Kids rap about their rights in speech contest" Sashabaw middle schooler Ben Ness tied for third place in the Region III Oratorical Contest, hosted by Clarkston Optimist Club at Clarkston High School. Students from all over southeast Michigan competed in the speech contest, with the theme "Listen to Me."

"All the right 'career' moves" Jessica Wright, Katie Mack, and 25 other Sashabaw Middle School and Waterford students learned about career options at a Business and Professional Women gathering. Wright was interested in being a doctor, and Mack thought "airline pilot" sounded good.

"Bailey Lake principal pays up on bet" Principal Chris Turner dressed up as the Easter bunny, part of a deal he made with his students. He agreed to appear in the furry costume if students read at least 4,500 hours during the month of March. They read 6,177 hours.

### 25 years ago - 1985

"Dixie Baptist founder tells story" Dr. Paul Vanaman, pastor of Dixie Baptist Church in Springfield Township, explained how he founded the church in 1953. At 26 years old, he was called to found a church somewhere on Dixie Highway, and went door to door. He didn't have to go far before he found a property owner waiting for someone like him to stop by.

"Bailey accepts chief job" Capt. Dale Bailey, Independence Township Fire Department, accepted the position of fire chief. He was promoted after Chief Frank Ronk was elected township supervisor. A selection committee initially selected another candidate for the post, but public outcry led him to decline the post.

"Clean sweep" Village Marshall Charles Small manned the broom after a three-car accident on Main Street. As he swept up the broken glass and metal littering the road, he joked, "I don't even do this at home."

### 50 years ago - 1960

"Local women help cancer crusade" About 100 Clarkston area women, volunteer workers for North Oakland unit, Michigan Cancer Foundation, participated in the April Crusade. They worked to educate neighbors about the dangers of cancer and the importance of frequent check-ups.

"Clarkston local" Mr. and Mrs. Peter Notch went to Ypsilanti for Founders Day of Sigma-Sigma-Sigma Sorority, as a guest of their daughter Joy.



# Independence celebrates National Library Week

BY TREVOR KEISER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

This week is National Library Week, and Independence Township Library joined in the commemoration.

"National library week itself it kind of an opportunity to celebrate the contribution libraries have made to communities or to whatever academic group they serve," said Keegan Sulecki, head of teen services. "For us it would be whatever strides we've made towards our patrons and taxpayers."

This year's theme is "Communities thrive at your Library," which Sulecki sees as an important role in the current poor economic conditions.

"Libraries are kind of a way to ease the burden a little bit," she said. "That's kind of the role we're trying to take on."

On April 12, between 1-6 p.m. workers and friends started the week by handing out cake and beverages in the lobby to people that came in. In the community meeting room they also played a video paid by the Friends of the Library, which featured patrons of the library explaining what services they enjoy and how they feel the library has been important to their lives.

"Friends of the library have always been very dedicated the money they raise goes towards buying a lot of things,"

Sulecki said.

She said they had a scavenger hunt to help people find and locate things in the building as well as questions they might need to ask staff members which can generate dialog.

"Maybe because I'm new to it I still get excited when I tell somebody about something they didn't know we provided before," Sulecki said, who's been working at the library since September. "I started as a volunteer at this library, I've known Julie (Meredith, library director) since I was 13 years old. I've been part of this community for a long time."

Those who finished the scavenger hunt correctly were entered into a drawing for a prize of either a \$10 or \$5 dollar gift card to Dairy Dream, or a \$5 fine forgiveness voucher.

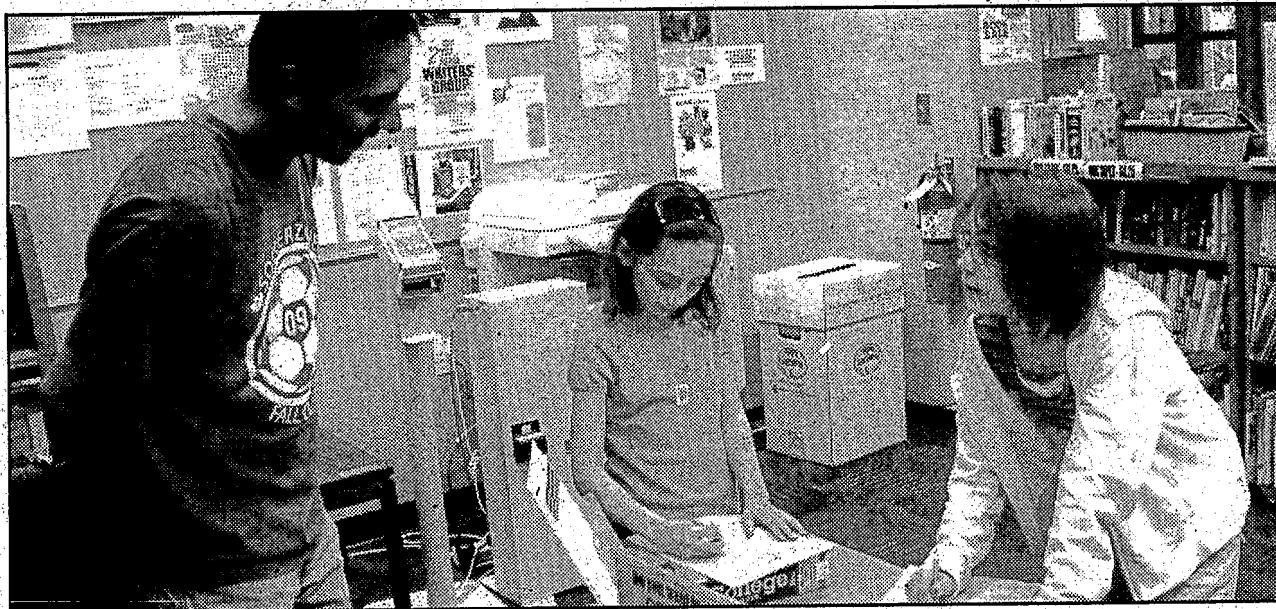
"This will be if people use the library regularly you maybe always forget your dvds for a day or something like that," she said. "They can use towards waiving their late fines."

For the last part of the day they also had "Read to Paws" dogs.

"It is for young children who are struggling to read or maybe they're intimidated by reading to an adult or someone else who can hear them, so we have a whole group of trained therapy dogs they can read to," she said. "National Library Week is about letting people know about the programs and hopefully those are things they latch onto."



Brittani Bridger enjoys a piece of cake.



Tom does the scavenger hunt with his two daughters Lucy and Rachel. Photos by Trevor Keiser.

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# Public Safety

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

## Swervy attitude

A deputy driving north on M-15, 1:36 a.m., March 28, got behind a swerving car and stopped it at I-75. The driver, a 47-year-old Lake Orion man, said he had four beers at an Independence Township restaurant and was heading home. Breathalyzer showed a .17 blood alcohol level, and he was arrested for drunk driving.

## Smashing entrance

The right rear passenger door window was smashed and purse stolen from a car parked in a parking lot in the 5000 block of Clarkston Road, between 9:45 a.m.-2 p.m., March 31.

## Hear the sound and run

Two suspects climbed over a fence and broke a storage shed door, 3:52 a.m., April 1, in the 7000 block of N. Ortonville Road. An alarm went off and they fled the area.

## On the run

Deputies responded to an attempted home invasion, 4:24 a.m., April 2, in the 100 block of Pine Tree. Resident said someone broke out a side kitchen window, and fled when investigated. K-9 conducted a track but was unsuccessful in locating anyone.

## Good citizen

An Independence Township man driving down Mann Road saw a purse lying on the side of the road near Hunters, 9:45 a.m., April 3. He picked it up and turned it in to police, who found it belonged to a Waterford Township woman and was stolen the night before.

## Pain at the pump

A 35-year-old Oxford Township woman was gassing up her car at a Sashabaw Road station when the metal top of the gas pump machine blew off, hit her car, and then hit her on the right side of the body, 1:50 p.m., April 3. She suffered scratches to her car, but was not injured.

## Stroke victim

A 59-year-old Independence Township man suffering a stroke crashed his car into the curb in the 5000 block of S. Ortonville Road, 5:50 p.m., April 3. Deputies broke the passenger side window to gain access when the man, confused, tried to drive off. He was taken to St. Joe's for treatment.

## Attempted break-in

A W. Circle Drive resident saw a 16-year-old neighbor trying to get into his car, 11:30 p.m., April 5. He filed a police report, and he and deputies spoke to the boy's parents.

## Suspended driver

A deputy checking out cars at Baycourt Park, 8:40 p.m., April 1, found one the owner of which had a suspended driver's license. He stopped the 19-year-old Waterford Township man as he drove out of the park and cited him for driving with a suspended license.

## Spread like wild fire

When an Independence Township man returned to some burning brush he left unattended in the 4000 block of Algonquin, 3:50 p.m., April 2, he found it spreading quickly. His efforts to extinguish it with a garden hose failed and he called 911. The fire burned several acres, but Independence Township firefighters put it out.

## In need of direction

GPS units were taken from a vehicle left unlocked in the driveway in the 7000 block of Oldensturbridge Trail, April 1, and an unlocked vehicle in the 7000 block of Deerhill Drive, April 2.

A Sashabaw Road resident said an antique milk canister was stolen from the front yard, April 2, after it had been there about 10 years without a problem.

## Ticket before click it

A deputy on patrol stopped a 52-year-old Orchard Lake woman whose license plate registered suspended, 10:05 p.m., April 4, at Clarkston Road and Colonial Lane. She also had seatbelt violations in Bloomfield Hills and Clarkston.

## Nine bottles of beer

A white man in his 40s or 50s walked out of a S. Ortonville Road convenience store with about nine bottles of alcohol hidden in his jacket, 7:47 p.m., April 3. He was wearing a white hat, blue jacket with white or tan sleeves, some sort of patch on left shoulder, white hooded sweatshirt under jacket, blue jeans, and white shoes.

## Side to side

A 37-year-old Independence Township man was pulled over after weaving from side to side on Sashabaw Road near Maybee, 2:26 a.m., April 8. The driver said he had three beers at an Auburn Hills restaurant, and had a preliminary breathe test of .101. He was arrested for drunk driving.

## Backpack stolen

When a Sassafras Circle resident returned to her car parked unlocked in the driveway, April 13, she noticed her backpack filled with items missing.

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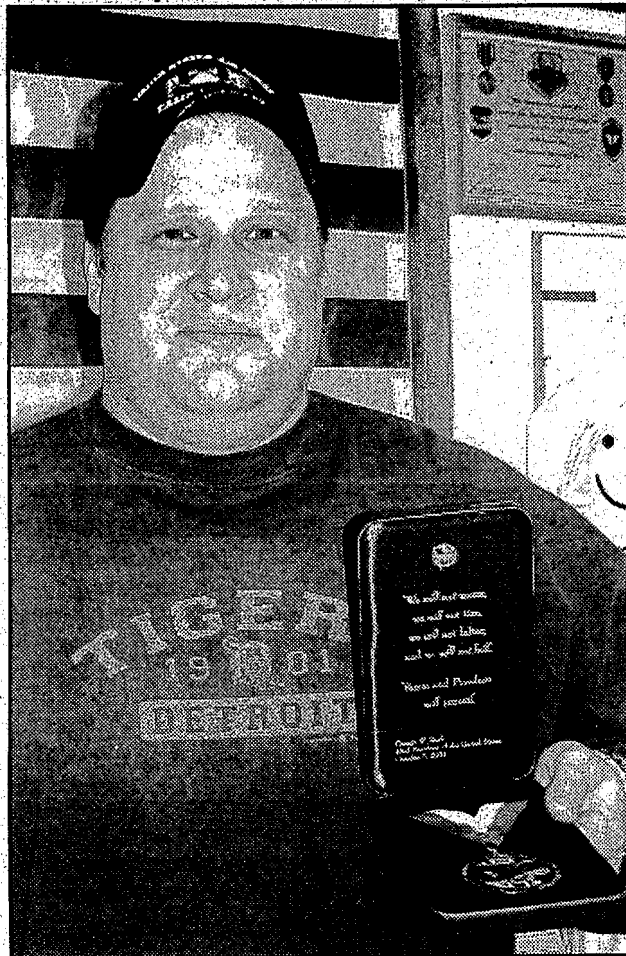
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John Bokor displays his Hometown Heroes medal.



Jimmy Allen, second from right, with his unit in Iraq.

## Good neighbor award

For John Bokor of Independence Township, helping out his neighbor Jimmy Allen and his family was just the right thing to do.

For Allen, serving in Iraq, such behavior deserved a medal. The U.S. Air Force agreed, presenting Bokor with a Hometown Heroes Salute award.

"He puts his life on the line for my family – the least I can do to help is shovel the snow," Bokor said. "It's who I am, I don't know any other way."

Allen also presented Bokor with an American flag flown in Iraq, which Bokor displays with pride in his Independence Pool and Spa store on Sashabaw Road.

– Phil Custodio



Jimmy Allen presented Bokor the medal during a visit in March. Photos provided

## Palin keynotes Clarkston summit

Vice-presidential candidate and former Gov. Sarah Palin is keynote speaker at the second bi-annual Michigan Defending the American Dream Summit, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, May 1, at Mt. Zion Church, 4900 Maybee Road.

Hosting the summit is Americans for Prosperity Foundation, a national non-profit group based in Washington, D.C. It offers educational programs and analyses on economic policy and the constitution. It supports cutting taxes and government spending, removing barriers to entrepreneurship and opportunity, and judicial reform of economic regulation.



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Speakers also include economist Steve Moore, Wall Street Journal and Fox News contributor, and foundation President Tim Phillips. Topics include health care, property rights, taxes, federal and state budget, government transparency, educational choice, and cap-and-trade.

Attendees will also receive grassroots training in citizen activism. For more information, check [www.Midream.org](http://www.Midream.org) and [www.americansforprosperityfoundation.org](http://www.americansforprosperityfoundation.org).

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# Oakland business students conquer the Palace

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Senior Dylan Coutelle watched closely to the action taking place on the Pistons hardwood floor at The Palace of the Auburn Hills.

For the kids learning basketball fundamentals and tricks - it was a success and a plus to be on the same floor as their NBA basketball team.

For Coutelle and his classmates from the Business Management, Marketing and Technology program at the Oakland Schools Technical Campus - Northwest in Springfield Township, it was the end to one of their biggest projects of the year.

The project was the third annual Skills, Drills and Thrills basketball clinic - and from beginning to end the students ran it like they would any event at the Palace.

"They determine what they want to do with the clinic," said instructor Tom Neal. "They determine pricing, cost for lighting, employees, marketins, find and sell to sponsors, make phone calls, promote and sell the clinic."

They broke into teams to conquer everything they had to do - promotions, courtside activities, basketball team, sales, ticket, crowd control and survey and half-time show.

The students determined the price of the tickets to sell to kids for the clinic - taking in consideration additional costs like having the Pistons' mascot Hooper and the Pistons Flight Crew performing during the clinic.

Each student had one ticket they had to sell to their target market. The students could also sell the tickets to sponsors and had the opportunity to send children from Salvation Army Youth Basketball League - who helps families and children who can't afford sports.

"We reached people and made connections," said Coutelle. "It was very business like and we kept up on updates."

"Networking is important," said instructor Ryan Matousik. "Not just networking with themselves but businesses and still using the skills and relationships afterwards."

Zachary Horning enjoyed the experience and opportunity he has had in the BMMT program.

gram.

"It allows you to do hands on projects," he said. "It beats reading a textbook."

Every year they seek to improve or add something new - Coutelle worked on getting media coverage and called *The Clarkston News*.

Horning, Coutelle and their classmates didn't just have to pull off an entire event from beginning to end, but competed with the afternoon BMMT class to make sure their clinic was the best.

They included a half-time show with dodgeball, had the Pistons' Flight Crew perform and show off their tricks to the kids, and took the kids on a tour of the Pistons' lockerroom.

"We are rewarded based on the sales and quality of the event," said Coutelle. "The winning team gets gas cards."

The class does projects all year. Some projects include working with Oakland County Parks. The final project is a fundraiser for Clarkston SCAMP at Shepherd's Hollow Golf Club.

Last year, they worked on a project in partnership with Domino's Pizza to sell their newest sandwich - the winning team had lunch with Domino's CEO Dave Brandon.

Coutelle, Horning and Connor Gooden proudly took the honors and learned tips during the meal.

"The test is how much did you learn," said Neal. "As well as what did they take from the first event to the next event and so on until they reach the last event."

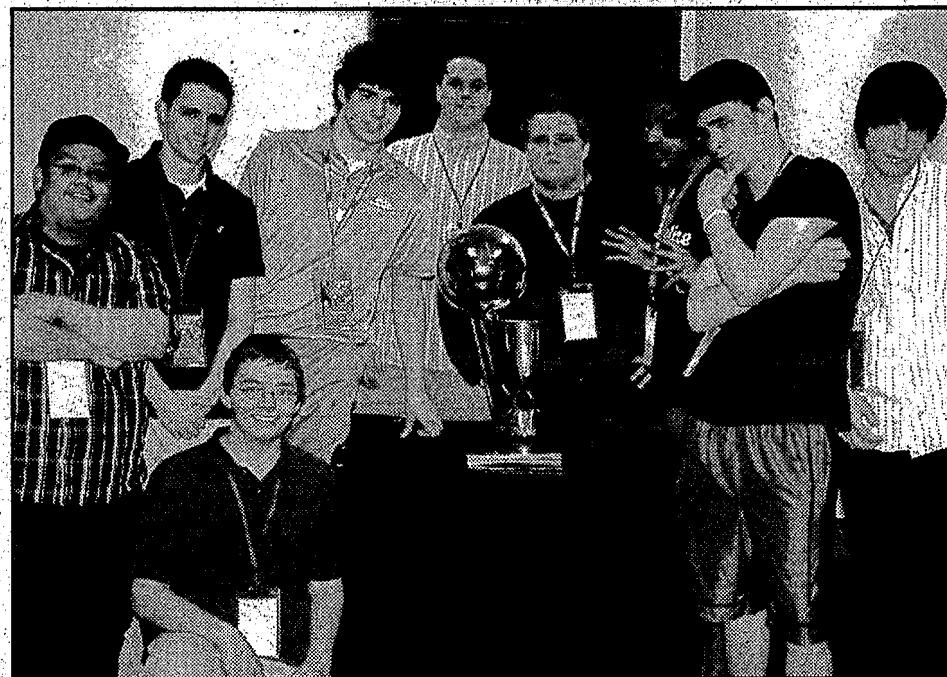
Besides working on projects, BMMT classes increase their skills for the business world and becoming a better leader.

Coutelle is certified in customer service as well as in Microsoft Word and Excel.

"It is fun to get these students focused, certifies and give them experience to talk about at interviews," said Matousik.

When Coutelle was hired, he asked his employers why they picked him.

"They said because I was certified in customer service," he found out. "I knew how to deal with all types of people and situations."



In back, Omar Benitez, Connor Gooden, Robert Mantha, Zachary Horning, Michael Martin, and James Love; in front, Alec Fisk, David Seaman and Michael Addison take a moment during the Detroit Pistons locker room tour to pose with the championship trophy.



Kelsey Thompson and Katlyne Harris ask Instructor Ryan Matousik a few questions. Photos by Wendi Reardon

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# Boyd brings home state honor

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

With a big smile Springfield Township resident Micheal Boyd stood in the center of basketball court at Michigan State's Breslin Center.

The audience cheered as he accepted the Charles R. Forsythe Award from the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

Boyd had one word to describe the feeling of getting the award on March 27 - outstanding.

The award is given to individuals for their longevity with the program and outstanding contribution to the interscholastic athletics community.

As athletic director for Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes, Boyd has brought guidence to the coaches and athletes.

"We have a good program and I have been here for so long," he said. "I will be

starting my 45th year here. I has been a great experience with the kids, athletic teams and everything," he said.

Besides being athletic director, he has coached the boys basketball team and girls softball team - but his legend lies with the football program where his career at OLL started.

The Lakers have made it to playoffs 21 times under Boyd's guidence, winning the MHSAA Division 8 Championship in 2002 and finishing as runner-up twice in Class DD.

His record after the 2009 season was 339-102-1, put him in third place on the MHSAA's all-time football coaching list, and putting him a few career wins ahead of his cousin, Leo "Smokey" Boyd, he only has 308 wins.

Boyd said many of his former athletes are coaching at various levels.

"They gave me credit for guiding them a little bit," he admitted.

With his guidence came lessons they could use on and off of the field.

"Be good citizens, have integrity, always work to be successful, work hard, put forth the effort, if you want to succeed you have to work," Boyd listed as some of the life lessons.

He admitted though he coached and helped them off the field - it was the kids with the talent.

"They all had the talent it was just a matter of pushing them for them to succeed," he said.

His former athletes still keep in contact, keeping him updated on their lives as well as

see what Boyd is doing.

Orginally from Saginaw, Boyd came to the area when he visited his aunt and uncle during the summers.

His brother used to joke he should be a coach at OLL because it was just starting up and he spent his summers working in the area.

"I just sort of laughed at him," Boyd said.

Following his first wife's death, he stayed in the area for a few days. By chance, the coach had just resigned, Boyd applied and got the position.

"I think somebody upstairs put their hands on my shoulders and guided me," he said.

Boyd is a member of the Detroit Catholic League, Michigan Football, Basketball and Softball halls of fame, as well as the Michigan Coaches Hall of Fame. His success netted numerous Coach of the Year honors throughout his career. He is a longtime member of the National Football Coaches Association and National Softball Coaches Association.

Boyd served terms on the board of directors for the Michigan Football Coaches Association and is a past vice president for the Michigan Softball Coaches Association. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and Clarkston Chamber of Commerce.

The award is named after Charles E. Forsythe, Director of MHSAA from 1931 to 1968. Rudy Godefroidt, superintendent of Hemlock Public Schools also received the award.

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Mike Boyd, left, receives the Charles E. Forsythe from Jim Derocher, superintendent of Negaunee Public Schools, and president of the MHSAA Representative Council. Photo by Terry McNamara Photography, Royal Oak

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Jason Dunn of Clarkston organized a benefit concert as his Eagle Scout project.

Doors open at 6 p.m., Saturday, April 17, at Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. All donations benefit Oakland County Animal Shelter.

"I chose to help out the animal shelter for my project because I love animals and I wanted to bring attention to their needs," said Dunn, who has been planning the project since November. "More and more people are dropping off their animals at the shelter because they can no longer care for their

animals."

Set to perform are bands The Loose Tie, of Flint; Mystery Key, Sterling Heights; Chemical Switch, Clarkston; Take a Hint, Clarkston; and Intensiosity, Rochester.

Wish list for donations includes dog food, canned cat food, cat litter and pans, bound carpet samples, pet carriers, pet toys, leashes and collars, food dishes, towels, and blankets.

Dunn's goal is collecting 200 pounds of dog and cat food.

For more information, email [jdunn@bsa49.com](mailto:jdunn@bsa49.com).

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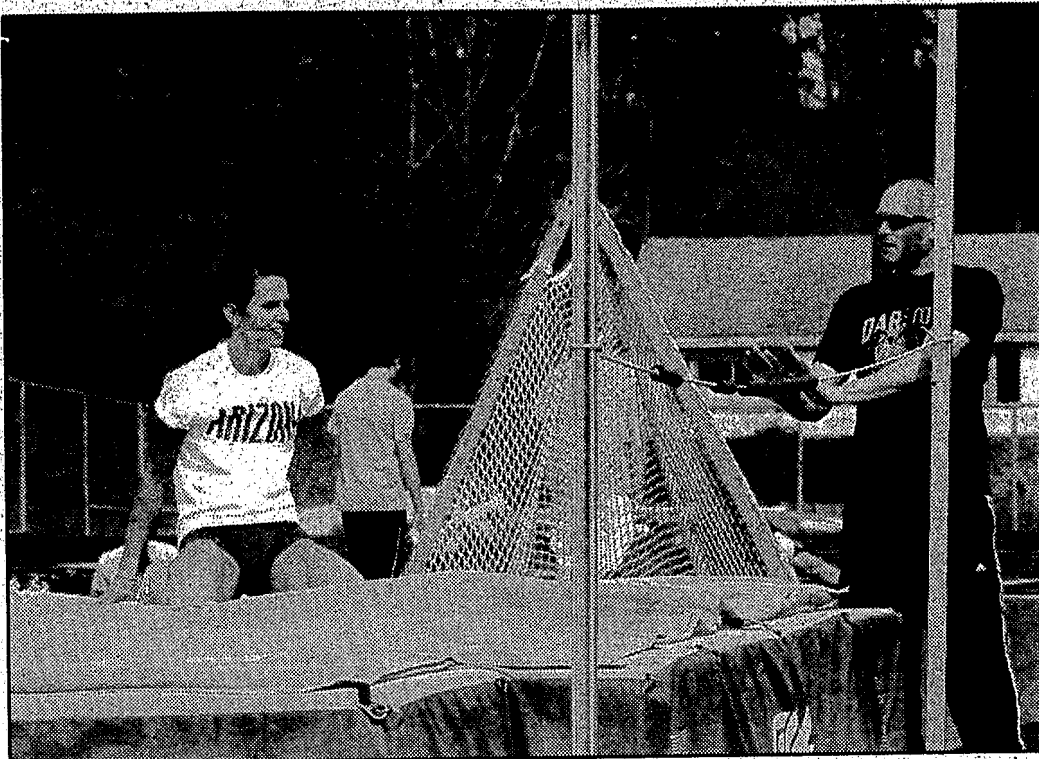
## Spruce up Davisburg, April 24

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Contact Erin Mattice at supervisor's office at 248-846-6502 to sign up or register groups.



## Learning by leaps and bounds

Coach John Yorke gives some high-jump advice to Clarkston High School sophomore Anna Manilla during track and field practice, April 12. Photo by Wendi Reardon

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# Diverse experience takes girls lacrosse to next level

**BY WENDI REARDON**  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

When the Lady Wolves concluded last season - this year's returners and Coach Renee Turner knew changes would have to be made.

The changes started on the field as well as in every player to put last year's ending record, 4-2-7, into a distant memory.

"The girls have been coming to grips they have to make a bigger commitment to the team to raise their skill level," said Turner. "They have been working really hard."

One of this year's focuses is to practice each day as they would want to play on game day.

"Hard, aggressive and strong," Turner explained on how the girls have been preparing for game day.

Another focus is commitment to playing as a team.

"We are going to start with a good foundation of putting the time in and working as a team - not as individuals," said Turner. "Lacrosse isn't really a game of running but a game of passing."

Changing the players' mindset on the game can help in the long run as they pass to each other noticing which of their teammates is open to push the ball forward or to score.

The team lost a majority of their players last year to graduation and Turner is looking to this year's seniors Katie Chasins, Andrea Kovacic and Cassie Neynabar to lead the team.

"They help build the program with integ-



The girls practice blocking during Monday's practice

ity," said Turner. "They take a big part in practices and motivation and keeping an eye on the end result. As well as keeping the girls working hard."

Kovacic and Chasins will lead on offense

while Neynabar leads the defense end of the field.

Also making a return for her second year on varsity is sophomore Danielle Dunn, playing both attack and defensive wing.

Many of the new faces on the team were moved up from last year's JV team and have been playing since they were in middle school.

"The skill level was higher from the get-go. It has helped tremendously," Turner added.

"I have very talented sophomores, juniors and a freshman," she said. "We are in for the long haul. We are planting seed. We want a team that plays with integrity."

The girls start competing in games this week and took on Waterford United on Tuesday.

They play their home opener against Carman-Ainsworth on Friday night.

"We haven't looked at where they are at," Turner admitted. "We have been focusing on us and where we are at in skill level."

Turner and the players are focused on making this season more successful than last year.

"The best things to learn out of life come out of the hard experiences," she said. "We have to work through it to get to the other side. That is our goal - get the basics, get the skill level, work as a team and the success will follow."

Ainsworth played two games before *The Clarkston News* went to print. They lost both, scoring only three points and giving up 23 points. JV begins at 5:30 p.m. and varsity follows.

"I am excited about the season. I am really hopeful they are going to be more successful this year," said Turner.

## Athletes of the Week

### Two to watch this spring season

Their names are as synonymous across Oakland County and the state as the Clarkston program they play for.

Seniors Bailee Braunreuther and Taylor Hasselbach begin the first week of games in their fourth and final year on Clarkston Girls Varsity Softball team.

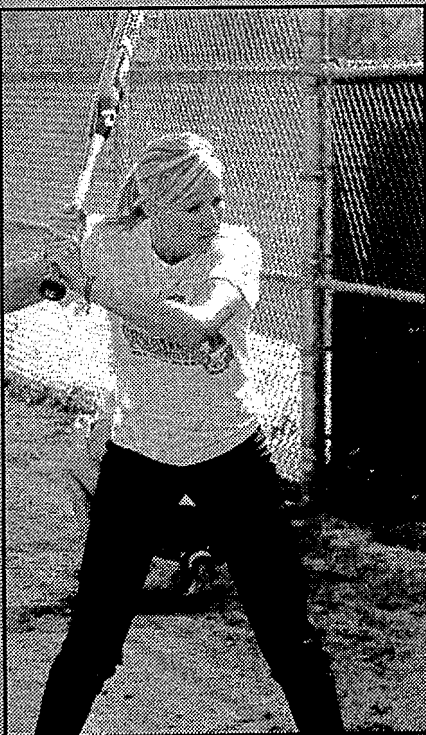
"I expect a lot from them," said Don Peters, head coach. "They have had great seasons and I expect more of the same. They both have been successful."

This year they step into leadership roles as they co-captain with senior Amanda Martin.

"I think Taylor is one of the best softball players in the state and will be in the running for Miss Softball," said Peters. "Bailee is also another one, obviously, to watch."

Hasselbach plays short stop and third base and Braunreuther is one of the pitchers.

"They know what it takes to be successful and pull the other girls to where they need to be," said Peters.



Bailee Braunreuther



Taylor Hasselbach

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# Put them in coach - they are ready to play

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Lady Wolves are fired up to start hitting home runs as they play their first games this week.

"It looks very positive. The girls have good attitudes, willingness to work hard at their game and as a team," said Clarkston Girls Varsity Softball Head Coach Don Peters.

Assistant Coaches Kelly Martin and Amy Quayle agreed. "We have a lot of good returners coming back," said Martin.

With them comes the characteristics every Lady Wolf possess - experience, leadership, dedication and role models to the younger players.

The strength of the team begins with the three captains, seniors Bailee Braunreuther, Taylor Hasselbach, and Amanda Martin.

"Each one brings their own type of integrity and work

ethic to the game," said Quayle. "Bailee is a leader on the mound, Taylor is a talkative leader from shortstop and Amanda is a leader in the outfield so having them in three different position helps because they are in contact with all types of players."

Quayle added they each have the drive to take the team far in the season and help their teammates keep their focus.

Another strength is the team has a lot of depth with three quality starters and the defense.

"Behind it is our defense," said Peters. "We have a lot of girls that are good hitters and have a lot of power."

The players to watch this season are leading hitters Hasselbach, Braunreuther, Sarah Altene and Syney Hasselbach. Leading strike outs and no hitters on the mounds are Braureuther, Altene and Megan Hastings.

"Amanda Martin and Liz Zezula are going to have their breakout year this season," said Peters.

The girls have a tough season in front of them but are prepared for anything.

"We learned a lot from our scrimmages two weeks ago," said Quayle. "We worked on areas we thought were potential weaknesses. We have a lot of potential going into those games it's just maintaining that focus and dedication to do what they want to do. Any game can be won by anybody it's just the attitude you come out with, the drive you have to be there."

The goals for the season are to keep getting better in their positions, as well as win the OAA Red league and make it to the Final Four this June for the highest honor - state championships.

"We know that we had the potential last year to be in the final four. If a few things would have bounced our way we would have been there," said Quayle. "If we can diminish the amount of errors we have in a game and maintain the focus of what their ultimate goal is to be in the state finals then we could end up there."

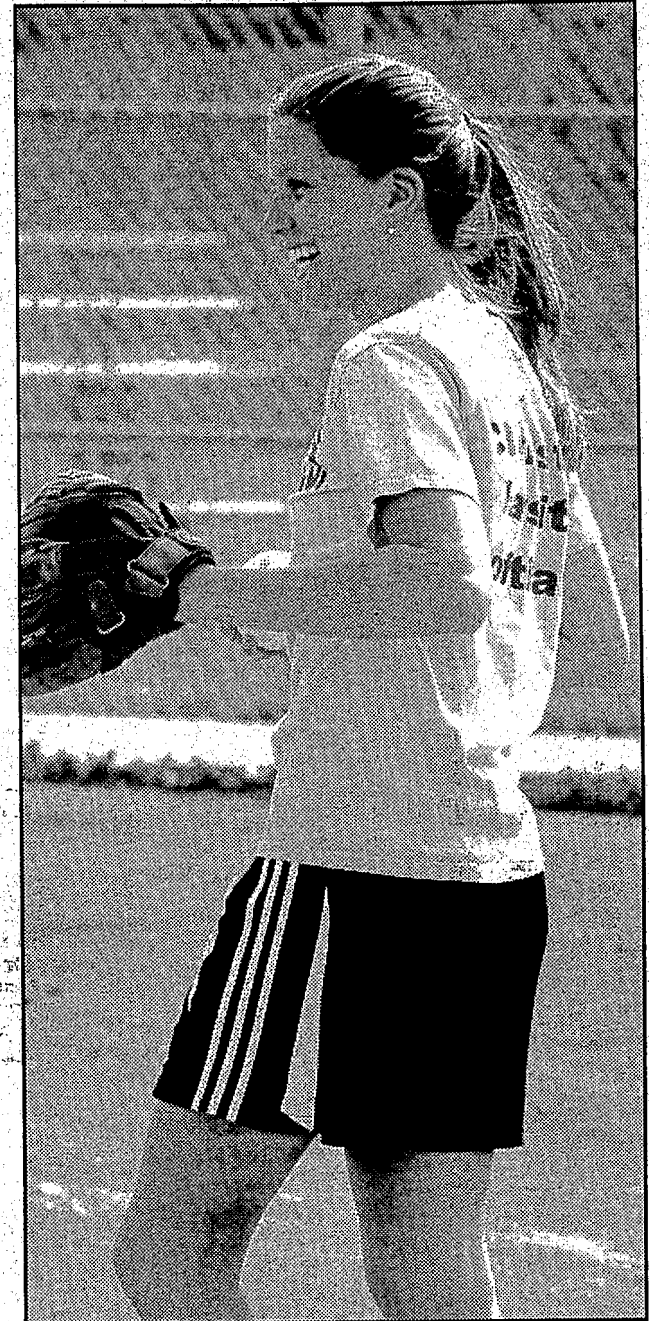
Last year the girls won their second consecutive league championship in the OAA Red and won districts. They lost to Troy in the Regional playoffs, 1-0.

They are currently ranked ninth in Division 1.

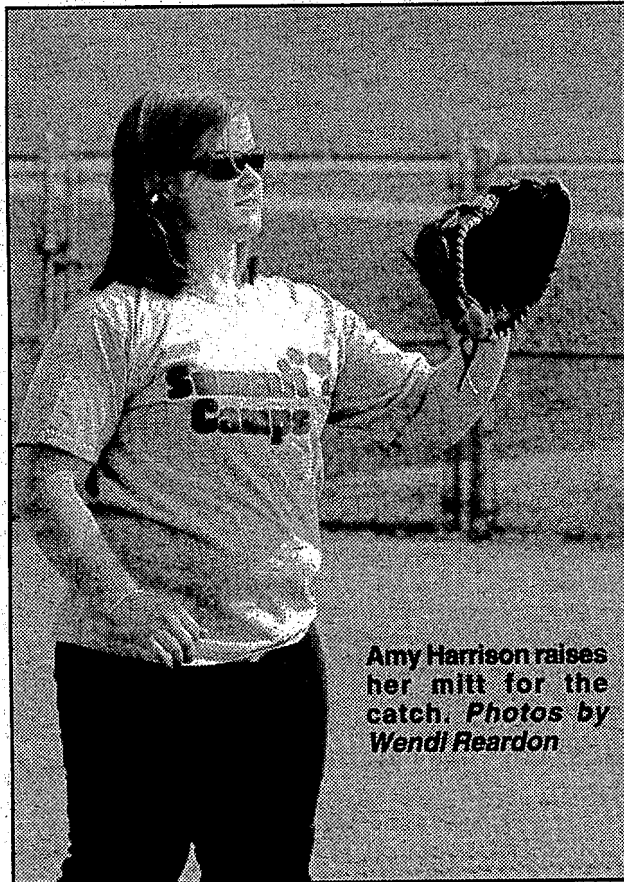
"There is a good reason for it," said Peters. "They are good players."

They play their first game on Wednesday at Troy-Athens. They play in the Pinconning Spartan tournament on Saturday and head to Avondale on Monday.

They host their home opener on Wednesday against Farmington in a double-header. The first game begins at 4:30 p.m.

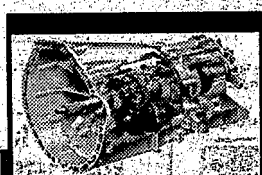


Amanda Martin prepares throw during Monday's practice.



Amy Harrison raises her mitt for the catch. Photos by Wendi Reardon

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## Athletes run and jump into first meet

BY WENDIREARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The track teams are ready to see what they have got as they head to Lake Orion on Wednesday.

"I think it is going to be a really close meet," said Girls Track Coach John Yorke. "Lake Orion has a couple of good standouts. Our depth is going to help us."

Yorke expects the team to do well in the distance events this year with his key returners Becca Culver, Natalie Smith, Caitlyn Post, and Danielle Blythe.

Smith will compete in the mile, Post in 400 meter and 800 meter run and Blythe in 400 meter run.

Yorke has a young team this year - mostly freshman and sophomore improving their skills and building onto experience to help Clarkston score points.

"We will do pretty good," Yorke said about the season. "I do think we will improve as the year goes on. It's a young team and I am looking for someone to step up this year and see what our younger kids can do."

Boys Track Coach John Bennink is also ready to see what Lake Orion has and which boys in his team will stand out.

"I expect Lake Orion to be good like they always are," he said.

But the team is looking at the big picture and continuing to improve from where they were at last year.

They have a lot of returners - but the team is still young with a bulk of juniors and sophomores.

"We are looking for some of our younger

guys to step into different roles and start scoring points for us," said Bennink.

Standouts for this year are Chris Canada, 400 meter, Rawley Hallman, 400 meter, Brian Benway, long jump, and Jordon Garrison, high jump.

"I look for Benway to be real solid this year," said Bennink. "Garrison will do a decent job in the high jump."

Christian Bonzheim, a strong runner, continues to look good in his distance events.

"Our scorers for us last year should do a little bit better," Bennink noted. "We still have a long ways to go. I think next year will be our year when we will start seeing big changes in our program."

Especially when the team gets back a few guys they lost this year because of injuries they sustained playing other sports.

"CJ Gozdor we expected big things out of him as a sophomore. He won county last year," said Bennink.

His competitors in the high jump events will have a challenge waiting for them next year. As well as Nick Pike's opponents in the hurdles when both come back healed.

"We are all excited about the season," said Bennink. "We like all the kids. They

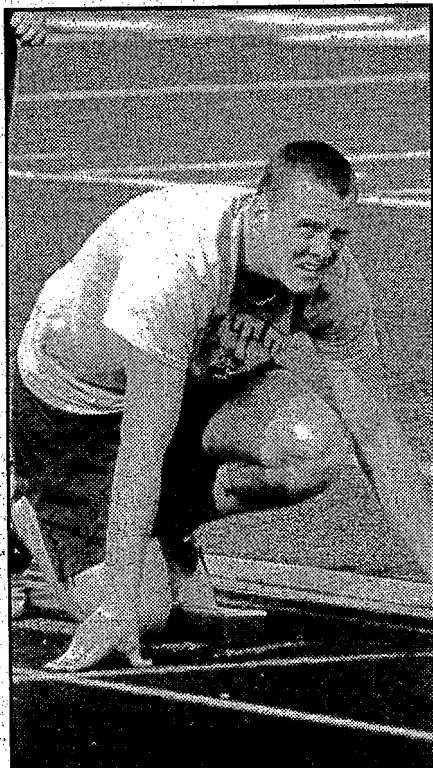
work hard and we will see a lot of good strides from the boys."

The goals for the season is continue to improve and get better every day to make next year's program a force to be reckoned with and win a league meet.

Bennink won't know anything until after Wednesday's meet.

"I am looking for our guys to compete and if there is something out there to grab hold of it and chase people down and win some races," he said.

Both teams compete at Lake Orion High School, beginning at 4:30 p.m.



Chris Canada readies himself for the signal to go. Photo by WR

## Equestrian Team Ready To Ride

The Clarkston Equestrian Team is setting its sights on another run at a State Championship, after finishing fourth in the 2009 State Meet, 20 points out of first place.

Coaches anticipate another run at the state title, with 14 returning riders and a number of promising incoming freshmen.

The season kick-off meeting for all interested riders and parents is Thursday, April 15, at 7 p.m. in the Clarkston High School LGI room.

Practice runs throughout the summer. District meets start in early September.

Anyone interested in becoming part of the Clarkston Equestrian Team should plan to attend the meeting, check out the team website under the Clarkston High School Athletic Department, or call 248-933-6512 for more information.

The Junior Equestrian Team meeting for 6th, 7th and 8th graders is scheduled for Wednesday, April 21 at 7 p.m. at Renaissance High School for the June horse show.

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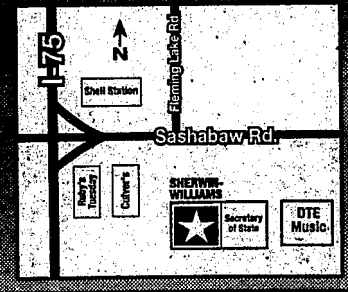
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## 'Dawgs 5K Walk/Run this week

Clarkston Youth Baseball Organization hosts its Annual Clarkston Riverdaws "Spring Training" 5K run/walk this Saturday. Registration is \$25 per person and \$65 for a family of five.

Runners are timed electronically with a chip device. One of the sponsors, Qdoba, will provide entré cards to the first 200 runners.

The event is held at Clintonwood Park, 6000 Clarkston Road in Clarkston. It begins at 10 a.m. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. and continues for an hour. Registration information, sponsorship information and forms are available on [www.RiverdawkRun.org](http://www.RiverdawkRun.org).

For questions regarding sponsorships, call Laura Kuczanski at 248-770-2700.



# Wolves at bat for season opener

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Opening the season against a big rival could leave a team shaky - unless the team is from Clarkston.

Now spring break has passed the boys varsity baseball team is ready to start the season against Lake Orion.

Coach Phil Price admitted it is tough to go against a big rival and league opponent in the first game, but has seen the talent he has on the diamond.

"Our kids are giving good effort and I have high expectations for this year," he said.

The Wolves' strength is in the core of players - a mix of seniors, juniors and one sophomore ready to compete.

"We have a lot of good players," Price added. "We have a deep pitching staff. I don't know if we have anybody who is a lights-out-upper-80s-lower-90s-pitcher but we have a lot of very good high school pitchers."

He has six pitchers, Matt Miller, Jarett Coy, Vince Siwicki, Andrew Fairse, Alex Topham and Matt Rodgers. All, he said, are capable of beating anybody.

The team has two standouts for hitting - seniors Chris Mocerino and Tyler Scarlett, both three-year starters for the Wolves.

"With Chris, he is a short stop and a returning short stop, which is one of the key positions," said Price. "To have him is a big asset for us."

As for Scarlett, his experience and athleticism helps the team.

"Tyler has been through battles in the football season and the basketball season. He knows how to win," Price pointed out.

"It is nice to have someone with such experience who is a leader."

Catching this season is the youngest on the team - sophomore Dylan Peck, he was also last year's catcher.

"He is going to help us quite a bit," said Price.

But the player to watch for the season is centerfielder Chase Toth.

"He is really going to blossom for us this year," said Price. "He has got some ability. He has the tools - he can run, he can hit above average and he can play defense. He can really change the game by himself."

The boys play Lake Orion at home on Wednesday and head to Rochester Adams on Friday. Both games are single games beginning at 4:30 p.m.

The boys host Avondale on Monday night in a double header. The first game is at 4:30 p.m., the second is at 6:30 p.m.



## League champs

The Clarkston Auto Body senior volleyball team are the champions in the 55 plus volleyball league. With a record of 66 wins and 14 losses the team placed first for the second time in three years and received the Division 2 league champion trophy. Games were played at the Elite Sports Center in Warren each Tuesday of the 20 week season which ran from November through the end of March. During the season senior volleyball players age 50 plus practice three days a week at St. Trinity Lutheran Church. Standing, from left, are Jerry Rocheleau, Dennis McCarty, Jerry Akehurst, Don Tyler, and Mike Tyler. Kneeling from left are Dan Thomas, Don Olson, and Bob Brown, manager. Not pictured are Gary Lange, Pat McMullen, Tom Harrison, and Fred Stark.



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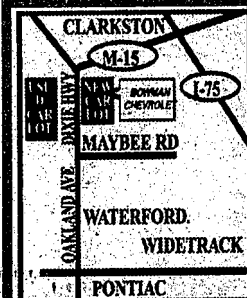
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- Jane Jones



"It's not done yet - I'm self-employed. I don't think I owe."

- Shelly Lucas



"I haven't filed yet. We should get something back."

- Dana Campbell

By Phil Custodio

# The Clarkston News' Millstream

A section dedicated to showcasing the reasons this is a great area to live and work!

## Morgan's pass on service station legacy

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

With more than 30 years on the job at Morgan's Service station and their youngest daughter of four finally graduating high school, John and Connie Morgan decided to pack their bags and retire on the Sturgeon River in the Upper Peninsula.

"I'm excited," Connie said. "We're ready to go live life."

She is looking forward to kayaking, biking, camping and traveling.

"And fishing," added John. "We never had time to fish before."

A small group of family and friends gathered at the Main Street service station on March 31 to send John and Connie off into retirement on a two-seater, tandem bike supplied by Kinetics Bike Shop, as well as congratulate Scott and his wife Marty McIntyre as the new owners.

"We had a lot of people come back for support today and that surprised me," Connie said. "I didn't know they'd miss us so much, so that will be hard."

John said he knows Scott and Marty will do well.

"I think Scott is the right guy," said John. "He'll carry on the name (Morgan's), he knows everyone real well and customers all like him."

"They always thought Scott was our son," noted Connie. "Now they think Marty is our daughter, so it's working."

Scott, who has worked with John for the past 12 years, said they are "excited and apprehensive."

"It's a pretty long history, which is a lot to look up to," he said. "John and Connie are the greatest people in the world."

Marty agreed.

"They're the best people you could ever have in your family or non-family. They're part of our family," she said. "They've been wonderful to me and Scott and our kids."



John Morgan (right) shakes hands with new owner Scott McIntyre. Photos by Trevor Keiser

John's father, Richard, borrowed \$200 from his father to buy the station in 1932 at 16 years old. With two older sisters, John was born when his parents were in their early 40s.

"I guess I was a blessing for them," he said. "He (dad) would have never been able to stay going. Of course he worked-up until he was 90. I knew I wasn't going to do that."

John said his plan was to retire around 50 years old. He is now 52.

With tear-filled eyes, John said "I'd like to thank all the people in Clarkston for being so good to us."



John and Connie ride off into retirement.

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**Clarkston Community Women's Club**, 7 p.m., April 15, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Speaker: Bethany Munsell of Bordine's Nursery. Call Linda, 248-625-4945, or Gail, 248-623-9462.  
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**Carrick Home Concert**, Kelly Joe Phelps and Corinne West, 7:30 p.m., April 16. \$10 donation. 248-394-0113.  
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**Earth Day Celebration**, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., April 17, Indian Spings Metropark Environmental Discovery Center. Guided hike, crafts out of recycled materials, learn about alternative "green" energy sources. Free. For ages 4 and older. 248-625-6640.  
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**Little Red**, original puppet play by Nancy Penrose, Clarkston Village Players, 1 p.m., 3 p.m., April 17, Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road. \$6. 248-575-4104.  
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**Mom 2 Mom Sale**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, April 17, at Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. Gently used items for children and mom, \$1 admission. 810-423-5898.  
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**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.  
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**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/cham-

# Around Town

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

ber early bird. 248-625-8055.  
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**Rhythm Kings** in concert, 9 p.m., April 24, Shotmakers Lounge, Fountains Golf and Banquet center, 6060 Maybee Road. Free. www.myspace.com/therhythmkings.  
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**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 23. 248-625-8055.  
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**40th reunion planning meeting**, Clarkston High School Class of 1970, 6:30 p.m., April 29, Clarkston Junior High School, 6595 Waldon Road (former high school). Call Jane, 248-625-3069.  
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**Modern and oldies**, coffee-house concert, with Matt Packer and Richard Kerry Thompson, 7 p.m., May 1, Clarkston United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 6600 Waldon Road. Free-will offering, donation for dessert. Free babysitting available by calling the church by April 16. 248-625-1611.  
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**Community Awards Breakfast**, 7:30-9 a.m., May 20, Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road.  
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**Angels Place Race**, 5K Run/Walk benefiting the developmentally disabled, 9:30 a.m., May 22, St. Daniels Church, 7010 Valley Park Drive.

www.angelsplaceraace.org.  
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**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.  
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**Adult Basketball League**, 18 and over, 12-5 p.m., Sundays, Clarkston Junior High, 6595 Middle Lake. \$450/resident team. \$550/non-resident team. Referee fees are an additional cost. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.  
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**Pony Basketball League**, for high school boys not on the school team, mid afternoons, Sundays, Clarkston Junior High, 6595 Middle Lake. \$200/resident team. \$300/non-resident team. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.  
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**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.  
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**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.  
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**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.  
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**Clarkston Rotary Club**, Mondays, 6:30 p.m., Clarkston Community Education Center, 6558 Waldon Road. \$10. 248-625-4244.  
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**Pilates and Sculpt**, Mondays, 7-8 p.m., Bay Court Park's Lakeview room. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.  
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**Basic Yoga** with Noreen Daly, beginning and intermediate techniques, Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:45 p.m., \$7 per session. Bring mat. Peace Unity Church and Holistic Center, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-310-7878  
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**Men's 50+ Softball**, practices on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays in April at Clintonwood Park. League games start in May. All skill levels welcome. Call 248-625-8231 and leave name, address.  
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**Tai Chi** with Tammy Cropp, gentle movements for healing, stress reduction, balance, increased flexibility, Tuesdays, 10 a.m. \$8 per session. Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-420-6119.  
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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.  
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**Clarkston Community Band** rehearsals, 7 p.m., Tuesdays. Especially needed: percussion, clarinets, trumpets. \$30/semester. Band room, Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine

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## Health food author at Essence

Essence on Main welcomes award-winning author Diana Hunter to their health food store on Saturday, April 19.

Hunter is currently on a national tour featuring her most recent book *FoodSmart: Understanding Nutrition in the 21st Century*.



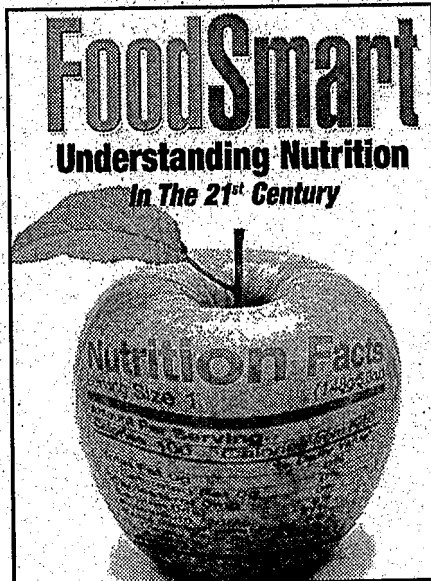
Diana Hunter

In *FoodSmart*, Hunter covers a wide variety of both traditional and current nutritional topics, including irradiated and genetically modified foods, dieting, organics, sweeteners and supplements. The book also includes food and drug interactions, food safety issues and food storage durations.

Hunter's approach is based on empowering people to learn about nutrition and how it affects them individually.

"The more people who can answer 'yes' to the question 'Are you FoodSmart?' the healthier we will become as a nation and as a planet," she stated.

Meet Hunter at Essence on Main, 4 S. Main Street, downtown Clarkston, on Saturday at 1 p.m.



urday at 1 p.m.

Hunter is a nationally noted author, speaker, and researcher with a diversified background in journalism, behavioral science, and nutrition. Hunter resides in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

For more information, please visit [www.foodsmart.org](http://www.foodsmart.org) or [www.essenceonmain.com](http://www.essenceonmain.com).



Dean of Beer University, Dan Izydorek, with his wife, along with Committee member Matt Castillo, enjoy the winter lager tastings at the Chamber's February Beer University. Photo provided

## Clarkston Chamber's Beer U wants you

Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce hosts Beer University on Thursday, April 29, 5-8:30 p.m. at Oakhurst Golf & Country Club

This event will feature up to 8 styles of Michigan Beers. Tickets are \$50 per person and includes a take home souvenir.

However, early birds can save \$15 by purchasing their tickets in advance from the Chamber through April 23

Beers will be paired with appetizers prepared by Oakhurst's Chef Joseph Morin. A Beer Master will share insights and information about the beers during the event.

Beer University is open to the public. For more information call 248-625-8055.

# Top Physicians Team Up in Clarkston

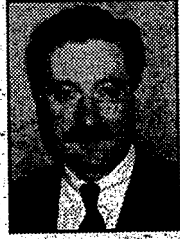
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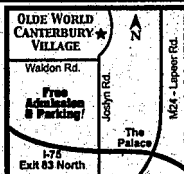


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# Milestones



Gary Gavulic, Charlotte Cooper, and Patrick Zaremba

## Business achievements

Architect Gary J. Gavulic and landscape designer Patrick Zaremba have again received design awards for their work in Clarkston, as part of the sixth annual Detroit Home Magazine Design Awards Competition, March 14 in Troy.

Gavulic was recognized for his historically inspired garden element designs, consisting specifically of stylized lattice panel fencing, punctuated by Colonial Revival gates, for the residence of Darrell and Charlotte Cooper. The solution was composed to blend comfortably with the natural landscape of the surrounding yard, while complementing the character of the adjacent home, renovation of which was also overseen by Gavulic.

Zaremba was similarly recognized for landscaping designed as part of the renovation of the Cooper home. His entry in the category of 'residential landscape design construction, included the entire property, highlighting the simplistic geometry of the design, while featuring bluestone walks, granite curbing, a pergola, and boxwood plantings. He was also recognized for a separate project in the category of 'exterior use of stone, tile, and concrete'.

All of the winning designs, representing work executed exclusively by Michigan based architects, landscape architects, and interior designers, are currently featured in the spring edition of Detroit Home Magazine.

## Students achieve success

Clarkston students earning University Honors at University of Michigan include:

Aaron W. Tyler, Adam Nicholas Fasbinder, Alex L. Henke, Allison Beth Richards, Amanda Nicole Siuniak, Amanda Vivian Broderick, Anne Blair Jones, Austin James Redick, Bethany Lynn Kovacic, Brian A. Williams, Bryan Elliott Sharkey, Caitlin Elizabeth Smith, Christopher Douglas Anderson, Colleen Patricia Gemborys, Curtis Stephen Kowalk, John Paul Daukas, Katherine Danielle Slaga, Kathryn Ann Siuniak, Kelsey Lynne Clancy, Kristina N. Avery, Michael Charles Kittle, Michelle Dannette Cardinal, Michelle T. McNulty, Nicholas James Damico, Nicholas R. Fantin, Nicolas M. Hedtler, Norah Elizabeth Kelly, Rachel Elliott Deriso, Sarah Ashley Jennett, Sarah Renee Cortez, Scott

Andrew Leigh, and Theresa Anna Magidsohn.

Clarkston UM students earning University and James B. Angell Scholar honors include Brian J. Flynn, Emily Rose Landgraf, Laura Beth Gabriel, Lauren N. Byrd, Michelle VanderVoord, Philip David Rutila, Remo Antonioli, and Steven Michael Kast. Spencer C. Ford of Clarkston, earned University and William J. Branstrom Freshman Prize honors.

Davisburg students at University of Michigan earning University Honors include Christina Y. Carr, Dayton R. Paul, Diana Cristina Searl, Katie M. Kirn, Roger J. Elsworth, Sean M. Haller, and Shannon H. Mash. Matthew J. Sternemann of Davisburg earned University and James B. Angell Scholar honors.

Send milestones to 5 S. Main St. or e-mail [Clarkstonnews@gmail.com](mailto:Clarkstonnews@gmail.com)



## Religion

# Little word reason for much frustration

I cannot believe the number of times a little three letter word has caused so much anger to well up within me. Come on, a three-letter word? I know several four-letter words (think 'pardon my French') that have not gotten me as angry as this little word. In fact, people have said things about my family and me that have not gotten me as angry as this word.

What is this word that can send a reasonable person, such as me, into such a tizzy? It is the word 'why'. Yes, why is a three-letter word that has been the reason for much of my frustration in life.

Here's the thing: It doesn't have to do with the way that a child asks 'why' a thousand times to every answer you give. "Daddy, why do...?" and then whatever answer you give is followed by the question, 'why?' Nope, that doesn't really bother me.

It drives me nuts when I give someone an answer to their religious or theological inquiry and they have the audacity, the temerity, and the outright nerve to ask 'why?!'

Why? What do you mean 'why'? Are you telling me that my answer, an answer that has served me well for the past 20+

years is not good enough for you? Why? Why? Well...because! That's why.

Yep, I get pretty logical when that happens. It isn't pretty and will one day be recorded on someone's phone and posted on YouTube.

### Spiritual Matters



Pastor Dave Gerber

You know what I discovered? I discovered that if the person to whom I was talking, didn't accept my answer, I didn't know what to say after that.

I realized I didn't know what I was talking about. I realized that much of my beliefs in God and Jesus and the Christian life were based on little more than

talking points.

At a recent funeral, the wife of the deceased asked me why God would allow her husband of 37 years to die. The old Dave might have had an answer like, "God has a plan for each of our lives. We cannot know it, but we can be assured that God intends good to come from it."

And that would be a fine answer unless she utters that dreaded three-letter word 'why'.

Do you want to know what I told her? I said that I didn't know why God let it happen, but I know why God gave us to each other: so we can help each other through this life.

If she asks me 'why' about that answer I can go on for a long time and not exhaust the love of God and our need to carry each other's burdens. I can talk about being a physical representation of the love of God to each other in a sometimes horribly unfair and painful world. But a talking point answer isn't going to do her much good.

Take some time this week and ask yourself why you believe what you believe. When you get to a sticking point, go to your pastor and ask him/her about why your church believes what it believes.

He or she will be happy to explain it and get you past the talking points into a deeper, more fruitful conversation. I promise.

*The Rev. Dave Gerber is pastor of Lake Louise in Ortonville.*

## In our churches...

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

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

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**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.

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

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**Divorce Care support group**, Tuesday, 6 p.m., Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Blue

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# Church Directory

### SASHABAW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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625-4580  
Rev. Christopher Maus  
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Nursery Available: 9:00 & 11:00 am  
Religious Education: 625-1750  
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Scripture Study, Youth Group

### THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

5449 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston  
(248) 394-0200  
Fax: (248) 394-2142  
Rev. Doctor Martin Hall  
Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.  
Children's Sunday School 10:00 am  
Dream Keepers Youth Group  
Bible Study  
Wednesday 7:00 pm  
Youth Groups 6-12  
Wednesday 6:30 pm  
www.FirstCongregationalChurch.org

### THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

6490 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston  
Sunday 8 am & 10 am  
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www.clarkstonepiscopal.org  
248-625-2325

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www.sainttrinitylutheran.com  
e-mail: sttrinity@comcast.net  
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Worship:  
Sunday 8:15 am & 11:00 am  
Sat. 6:00 pm  
Sunday School 9:45 am  
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Preschool: 620-6154

### CLARKSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

6600 Waldon Road, Clarkston  
248-625-1611  
Website: clarkstonumc.org  
Sunday Worship: 9 am & 11:15 am & 6:11 pm  
Nursery available for all services

### DIXIE BAPTIST CHURCH

8585 Dixie Highway, Clarkston, MI  
(248) 625-2311  
website: www.dixiebaptist.org  
Home of Springfield Christian Academy & Children's Ark Preschool  
Pastor: J. Todd Vanaman  
Sun: 10:00 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship  
11:00 am Worship Service  
6:00 pm Worship Service  
Wed: 6:45 pm AWANA  
7:00 pm Teen Meetings & Adult Bible Study  
Nursery available for all services.

### CLARKSTON FREE METHODIST CHURCH

5482 Winell-Clarkston  
(corner of Maybee & Winell)  
248-623-1224  
Service 9:00 - 10:30  
www.ClarkstonFMC.org  
Wednesday 7 pm  
Youth & Adult Ministry

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CLARKSTON

5972 Paramus, Clarkston, MI  
(248) 625-3380  
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Pastor: Russel Reemtsma  
Sun: 9:30 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship  
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### OAKLAND EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Services held at Mount Zion Center  
4453 Clintonville Rd. at Mann Rd., Waterford, MI  
Sunday School at 9:15 am  
Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 am  
Bible Study Wed. Eve., 6:30 pm  
at Church Offices - Yellow House  
7205 Clintonville Rd., Clarkston, MI  
Phone (248) 858-2577  
Fax (248) 858-7706

### BRIDGEWOOD CHURCH

6765 Battalee Lake Road  
Clarkston, 48348  
(248) 625-1344  
Services:  
Sunday 9:00am & 10:45am  
Morning Worship Service  
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Wed. 6:45pm Fit For Life  
Adult Life Ministry  
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Ozone - Children's Life Ministry  
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A Church For Life  
www.bridgewoodchurch.com

### CALVARY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

6805 Bluegrass Drive, Clarkston  
(W. of M-15; just S. of I-75)  
625-3288  
Sunday Worship:  
8:15 am (traditional worship)  
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11:00 am (contemporary praise)  
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Dan Whiting, Geoff Black  
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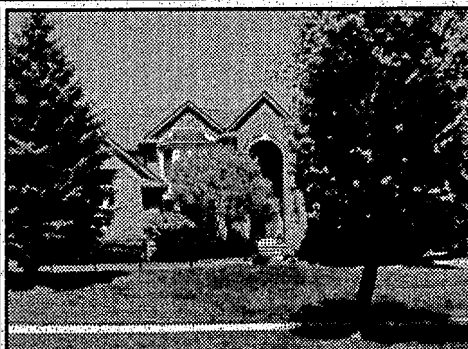
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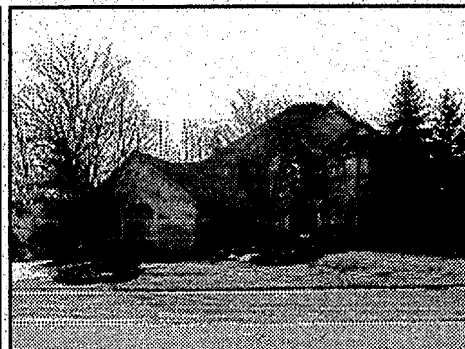
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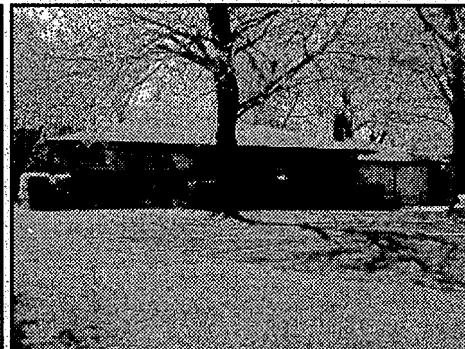
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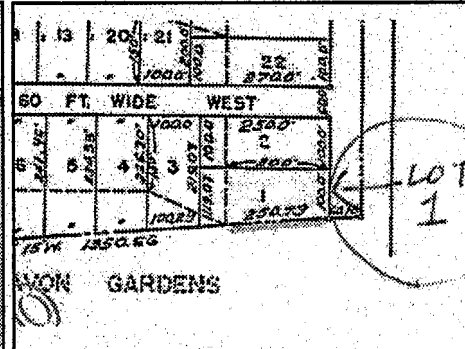
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# Poolmart and Spas celebrates 30 years in business

Poolmart and Spas is celebrating 30 years of creating family fun in the Clarkston area.

The store's 30th Anniversary Sales Event provides customers a 30 percent discount on all Dimension One Hot Tubs and all in stock above ground Doughboy Pools through May 2. The store also offers all customers an in store free water analysis lab, chemicals, pool toys, monthly service plans and service on all makes and models of products they sell.

"We're in the business of taking care of our customers, which is why we service what we sell," said Jim Bishop, owner. "We want to continue to grow the business with the help of our current customers and new customers."

"We listen to our customers and value their input," said manager Shannon Crane.

Poolmart and Spas have been at their location on South Main Street in Clarkston since it opened 30 years ago, providing above ground pools, hot tubs, chemicals, and services. The business was purchased by Jim Bishop in 2007.



Poolmart and Spas staff will help celebrate the store's 30th anniversary. Photo provided

## Around Town

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Knob Lane. Independence Township Parks & Recreation, 248-625-8223.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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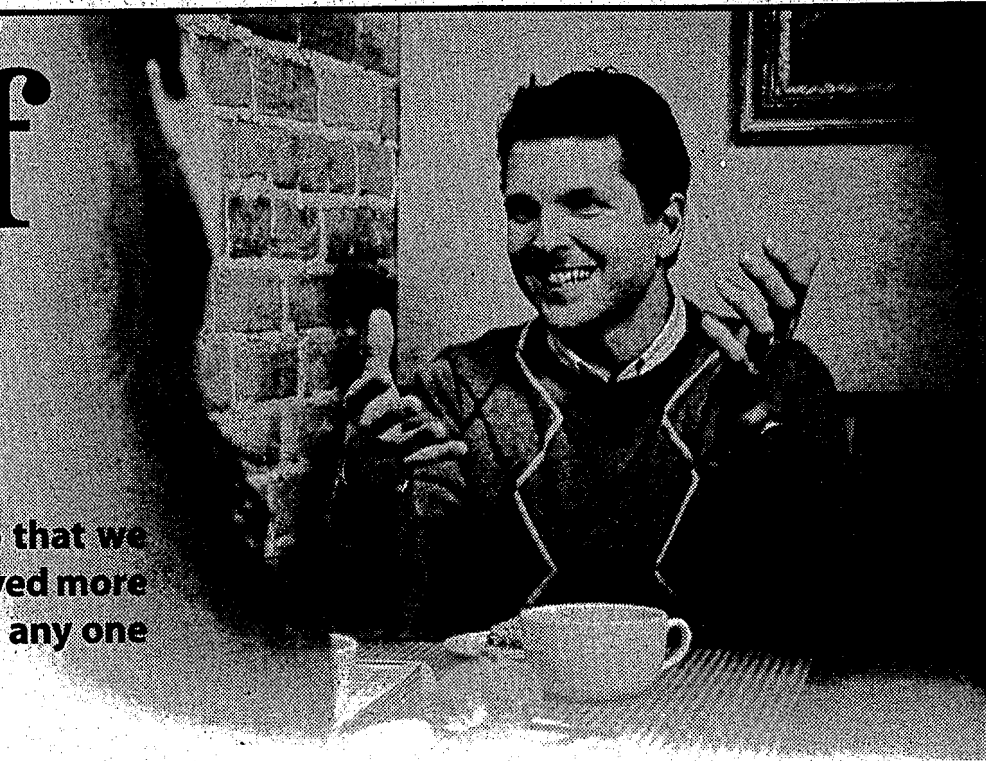
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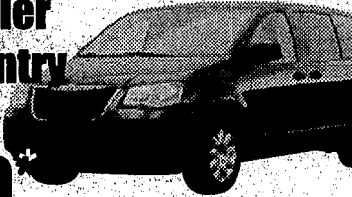
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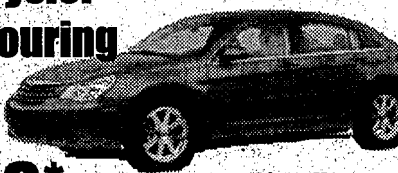
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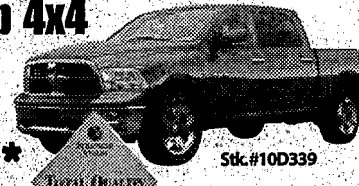
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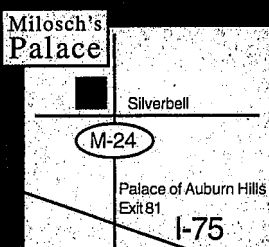
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# Obituary

## Michael J. Frenchi, 23

Michael James Frenchi of Clarkston passed away, April 9, 2010, at age 23.

He was born Sept. 5, 1986, in Pontiac. He graduated from University of Detroit Jesuit High School in 2004, where he excelled in academics and sports. He was the captain of the swim team there, and an all-state swimmer.

He graduated from Albion College where he did very well, being named to the Dean's List many times, and he was a proud member of Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity.

Upon graduation from Albion, he entered the University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry.

Mr. Frenchi truly enjoyed his family and friends. He was always there for anyone who needed his help. He always made sure other people were taken care of, even at his own expense. He loved honesty.

The family are members of the Detroit Yacht Club (DYC), where Michael was a member of the swim team, and also at Harbor Bay. He was a swimmer at Albion College for two years.

He was Recruitment Chair for his Fraternity (Delta Sigma Phi), and he was an expert gamer (computer games). He will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him.

He is survived by his parents, Kathy and Mark; brother, Richard; grandparents, James Frenchi and Rose Riopelle; surviving aunts and uncles Karl Riopelle (Sue), Diane Dubois (Dennis), Denise Garriott, Karen Cagle, Joan Chester (Jerry), Mary Girschach (John), Donna Durham (Robert), Janice Mayrand (Greg), John Riopelle (Trish), Paul Frenchi, Sue Frenchi, and Angela Sushko (Jack); also survived by numerous loving cousins and friends.

Michael was preceded in death by his grandfather, Francis X. Riopelle, his grandmother, Irene Frenchi, and by his uncles Francis T. Riopelle and Michael D. Garriott.

Visitation and Scripture Service was April 13 at A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, Troy.

Funeral Mass, Wednesday, April 14, 10 a.m., at St. Daniel Church, 7010 Valley Park Drive, Clarkston. Visitation at church begins Wednesday at 9 a.m.

Interment, All Saints Cemetery, Waterford. Memorial Tributes may be made to U of D Jesuit High School, 8400 S. Cambridge, Detroit, MI 48221 or Albion College, 611 E. Porter Street, Albion, MI 49224.

Share memories at [obit.DesmondFuneralHome.com](http://obit.DesmondFuneralHome.com).

Obituaries updated at [Clarkstonnews.com](http://Clarkstonnews.com)



## Marceline A. Rathsburg, 75

Marceline A. Rathsburg, "Marcie," of Clarkston passed away, April 9, 2010, at age 75.

She was preceded in death by her husband John "Jack" and her brother Joe (Trudy) Youngblood. She was the mother of Martin (Paula) of Clarkston, Marie (Mike) Joyal of E. Tawas, Ann (John) Dickie of Davisburg, Daniel of Brandon Township, and Teresa Ramsey of Clarkston; grandma of Martin, Jr. (Tracey), Amy, Daniel, Jessica, Christopher, Nicholas, Sara, Sally, Adam, Kelly, and Cody; great grandma of Jack, Luke, Ryan, Aidan, and Dominick; and sister of James (Joan) Youngblood of Lincoln and Sister Mary Ellen Youngblood of Adrian.

Mrs. Rathsburg was active at St. Daniel Catholic Church and enjoyed quilting and painting.

Visitation, 3-5 and 7-9 p.m., with a Scripture service at 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 14, at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral Mass, Thursday, 10 a.m., at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston. Inurnment, All Saints Cemetery, Waterford. Memorials may be made to Capuchin Soup Kitchen or Lourdes Campus Fund.

Online [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com) guestbook

## Mary R. Pykor

Mary R. Pykor of Waterford passed away, April 7, 2010, preceded in death by her husband Harry and son Gerald.

She was the loving mother of Geri Nice, Jackie (Carl) Koehler, Karen Neisany, and Harry Pykor, Jr.; grandma of Angie (Robbie) Patton, Teresa Hamilton, Michelle (Mike) Harrell, Birt Zaika, Kimberly White, Stephanie (Joe) Atherton, and Susan Nice; great grandma of 17.

Private family services entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Online [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com) guestbook

## Robert Adams Green, 57

Robert Adams Green of Southfield passed away, March 19, 2010, at age 57.

He was the son of Wilmore "Pete" and Mary Lou of Sanford; brother of William Green of Lapeer. Mr. Green retired from Southfield Post Office.

Memorial service, Sunday, April 18, at 1 p.m., at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit from noon until time of service. Inurnment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society or American Heart Association. Online [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com) guestbook

## Virginia M. Young, 98

Virginia M. Young of Orion, formerly of Waterford, passed away, April 7, 2010, at age 98.

She was preceded in death by her husband Charles H. Young and son Charles G. E. Young; grandmother of Charles (Becky), Daryel, and René Hubbard; great grandmother of Jennifer (Nick) Boose, Laura (Steve) Gunn, Alicia (Dave) Schoeneweg, and Ashley Young; great great grandmother of five; sister of Marion Gage.

Funeral Service was April 9 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Mercy Hospice.

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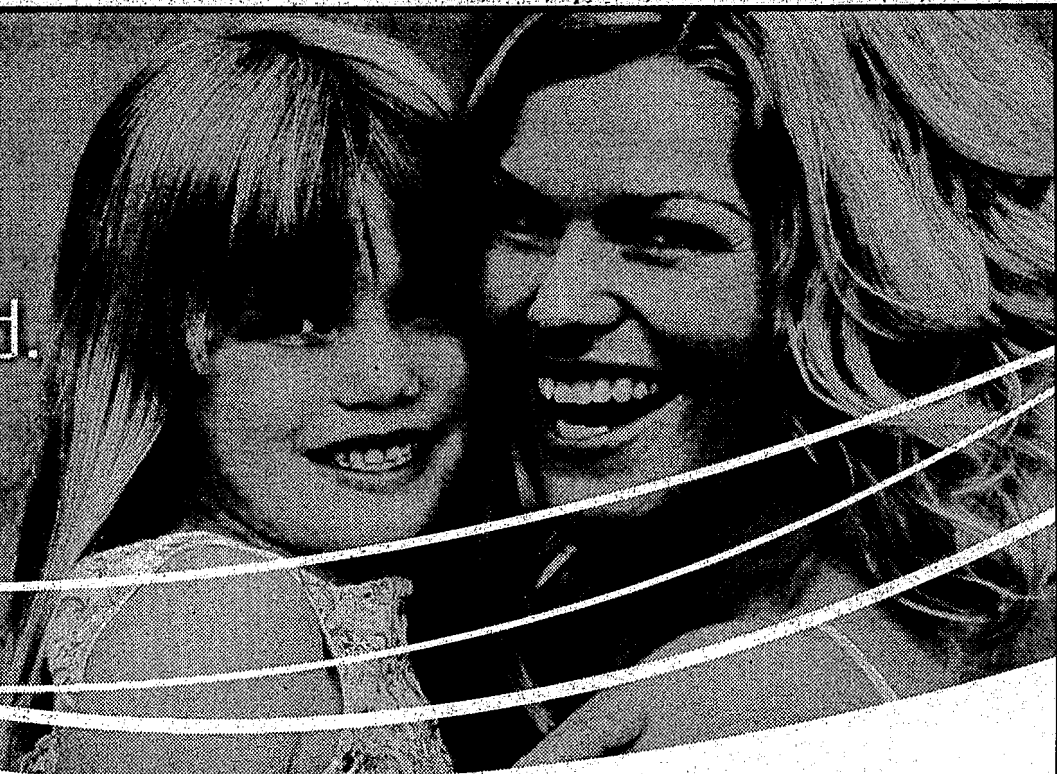
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Michigan Senior Olympics is a non-profit organization that promotes healthy lifestyles by organizing state games, sports competitions, plus health, fitness, nutrition and wellness programs for the over 50 age group.

To register and for more information, visit [www.michiganseniorolympics.org](http://www.michiganseniorolympics.org) or call 1-800-400-8161.

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Clarkston Area Optimist Club hosts a Junior Golf Tournament Qualifier for boys and girls ages 9-18, Saturday, May 8, at the Fountains on Maybee Road. Entry fee is \$55, with a reduced fee of \$40 for 9-10-11 year olds.

This is an "entry-level qualifier". It may be the first competitive match for many of the younger golfers who must have a working knowledge of the game, including course management. There will be no on-site lessons given.

Entry is by pre-registration only, and forms are available at The Fountains Golf Course, at all Clarkston schools or by contacting Optimist Junior Golf Chair Sherry Regiani, at [regiani@comcast.net](mailto:regiani@comcast.net).

Winners and those who qualify by score will be eligible to advance to the District Tournament. This year it returns to Davison Country Club, June 21-22, where they will have an opportunity to qualify for the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships in July at the PGA National Resort and Spa in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

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Beth Morrison of Haven, left, and Donna Clancy of SCAMP, second from right, accept donations from Oxford Bank employees Emily Pesta, second from left, and Steffany Romero, right. Photo by C.J. Carnacchio

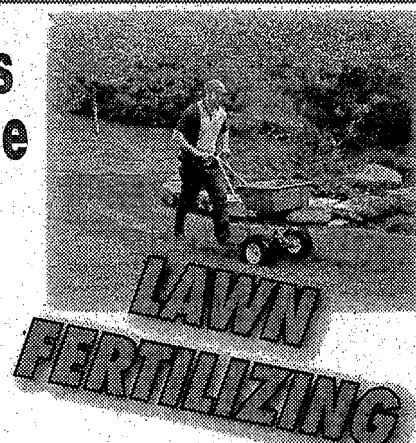
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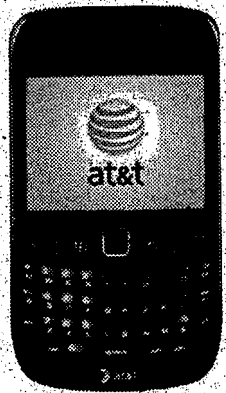
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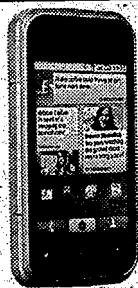
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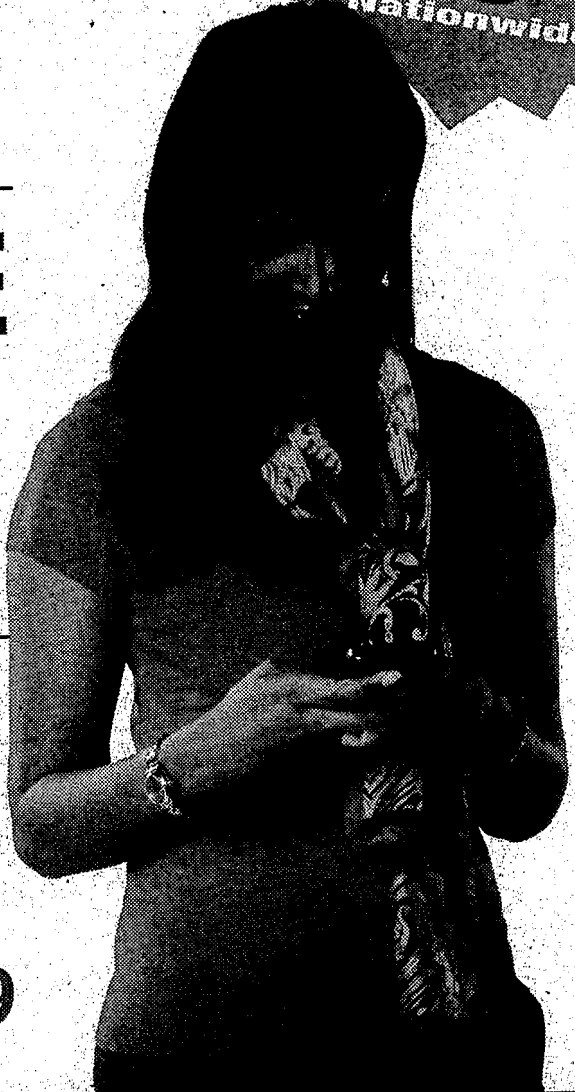
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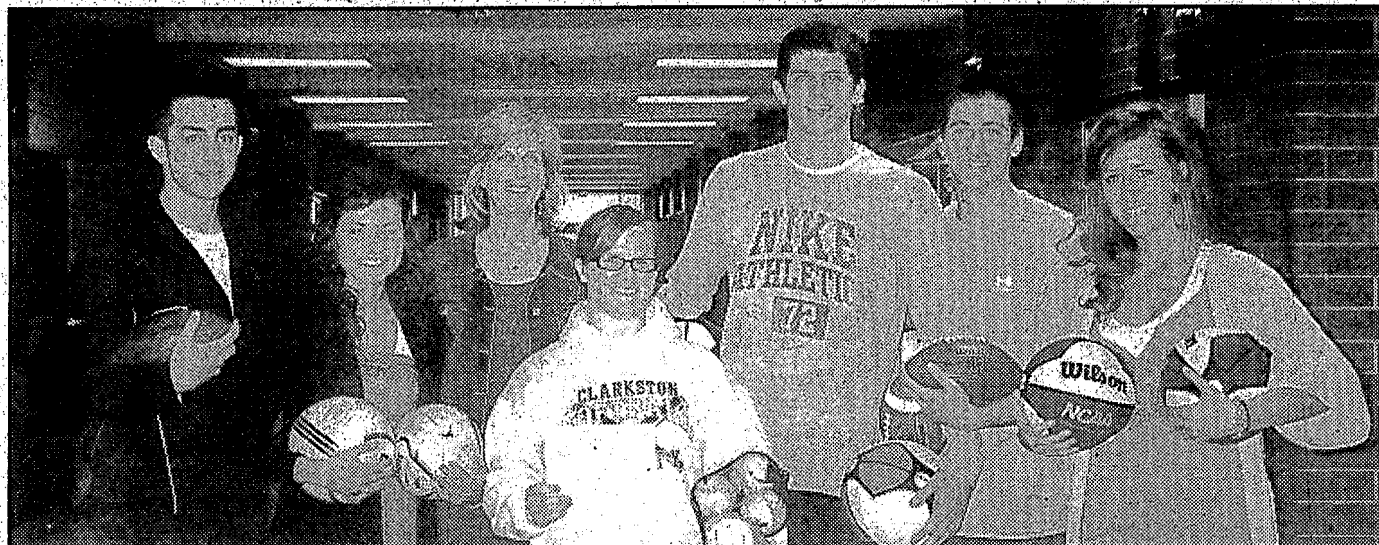
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Student athletes Tyler Scarlett, Kaleigh Kenny, Demaree Wells, Jordon Clark, Matt Kamieniecki, and Amy Harrison, with Assistant Principal Nancy Mahoney

## Athletes win new equipment

Clarkston High School scored a bundle of athletic balls, courtesy of House of Bedrooms.

The store hosted the contest during March Madness, giving away two bundles to support school physical education pro-

grams. Shoppers were asked to vote for their school to win. Wiley Elementary in Shelby Township also won the contest.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know

#### INDEPENDENCE TWP.

SYNOPSIS  
TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD  
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE  
APRIL 6, 2010

- The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:30 p.m., at the Independence Township Hall.
- Roll Call: Present: VanderVeen, Lohmeier, Wallace, Rosso, Petterson, Wagner  
Absent: Carson
- The Agenda was approved as submitted.
- The public forum opened at 7:31 and closed at 7:37.
- The following items were approved under the Consent Agenda:
  - Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2010 and Special Meeting Minutes of March 4, 2010
  - Accounts Payable Check Run
  - Resolution - Goose Nest Destruction on VanNorman Lake
  - Resolution - Goose Nest Destruction on Greens Lake
  - Resolution - Goose Nest Destruction on Lester Lake
  - Resolution - Goose Nest Destruction on Heather Lake
  - Renewal of liability insurance with Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority
- Public Hearing on Police and Library Millage opened at 7:38 p.m. and closed at 8:53 p.m.
- Motion for outsourcing Building Department tied and, therefore, failed.
- Approved motion to extend meeting past 10:00 p.m.
- Presentation on Green Community.
- Approved Plante & Moran 2009 Audit Fee Proposal.
- Approved 2010 Chloride Dust Control Program.
- Approved motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing Teamsters Union contract at 11:29 p.m.
- Came into open session at 11:36 p.m.
- Approved motion to hire expert witness for fact finding hearing and report to Board
- Presentation of 2009 Year-End Investment Report by Munder Capital
- Meeting adjourned at 11:37 p.m.

Shelagh VanderVeen  
Township Clerk

Published: 4/14/10

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#### INDEPENDENCE TWP.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet on Wednesday, May 5, 2010, 7:30 PM in the Independence Township Hall Conference Room, 6483 Waldon Center Dr., Clarkston, MI 48346, to hear the following cases:

Case #10-0007 Rea, Trisha, Petitioner  
APPLICANT REQUESTS 21' FRONT YARD SETBACK VARIANCE PLUS 8' REAR YARD (ORDINARY HIGH WATER MARK) SETBACK VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 25, SECTION 50-890 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO CONSTRUCT ADDITION  
4700 Hillcrest Dr., R-1A  
Clintonside, Lots 12 & 13  
08-31-427-061

Case #10-0008 Skrzycke, Ted, Petitioner  
APPLICANT REQUESTS 367 SQ. FT. SIZE VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 24, SECTION 50-837 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO CONSTRUCT ADDITION TO ACCESSORY STRUCTURE  
6624 Roselawn Ave., R-1A,  
Clarkston Park Sub, Lots 61, 62 and Part of 63  
08-20-477-029

Case #10-0009 Galey, Robert W., Petitioner for Oakland Woods Baptist Church  
APPLICANT REQUESTS 14' FRONT YARD (ROAD RIGHT OF WAY) SETBACK VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 25, SECTION 50-890 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO EXTEND EXISTING CANOPY  
5628 Maybee Rd., R-1R, 5.01 Acres  
08-27-400-021

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Shelagh VanderVeen, Clerk  
The Township will provide the necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at a public hearing/meeting upon advance notice in writing or by calling the Township Building Department (248) 625-8111

## News tip?

Call us at 248-625-3370

STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:  
PROBATE COURT  
COUNTY OF OAKLAND

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
Decedent's Estate

Estate of PHYLLIS MAIDEN, Date of birth: 1-4-22  
TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, PHYLLIS MAIDEN, who lived at 7019 Cooley Lake Rd., West Bloomfield and 5295 Pontiac Lake Rd., Waterford, Michigan died Jan. 12, 2008.

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

April 9, 2010  
Beth Malden  
5295 Pontiac Lake Rd.  
Waterford, MI 48327  
248-681-6995

### 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 21, 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 16, 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

## Brunch for moms

Clarkston Co-op alumni moms host a Mother's Day brunch, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Saturday, May 8, at the Fellowship Hall of the Clarkston United Methodist Church, 600 Waldon Road.

Join current and past Co-op teachers, moms and friends for a morning filled with memories and hot and cold brunch from Brioni Cafe.

Cost is \$20. To RSVP, please send a check before May 1 payable to Clarkston Co-op Preschool.

Bring a current photo of former co-op students for a "where are they now" poster. For more information, call 248-625-2368 or check [www.clarkstoncoopreschool.com](http://www.clarkstoncoopreschool.com).

## Grand Opening for new Weingartz

Weingartz hosts a Grand Opening, 12-2 p.m., Saturday, April 17, at its new Independence Township location, 6585 Dixie Highway.

Chuck Edwards of WYCD emcees the event, with free hot dogs, popcorn, and a chance to win a free Cub Cadet lawn tractor.

"I'm thrilled to partner with Cub Cadet on this promotion," said Dan Weingartz, owner. "This is a great opportunity for us to give back to our community and show our gratitude to our loyal customers."

Register for the Field of Dreams Giveaway at any Weingartz store, or online at [www.weingartz.com](http://www.weingartz.com). Eight finalists chosen at random will each receive a key to the \$2,000 tractor, one of which will work. Runners-up receive a \$50 gift card.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

At the request of the Springfield Charter Township Board, Oakland County, State of Michigan, and by the authority conferred on the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment by Public Act 451 of 1994, Part 419, as amended, and Section 250, Public Act 380 of 1965, and Section 41, Public Act 306 of 1969, a hearing will be held in the Springfield Charter Township Hall Meeting Room 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, Michigan at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, April 29, 2010.

At this hearing the Department of Natural Resources will gather information from the public concerning possible changes in the interest of public safety to current laws concerning hunting and the discharge of firearms in the Eliza Lake area, Springfield Charter Township, Oakland County.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Township Clerk at 248/634-3111, a week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

All interested persons are invited to attend and offer comments orally at the public hearing. Interested persons unable to attend this hearing may, within 30 days after the hearing, submit written comments to:

Department of Natural Resources and Environment  
Law Enforcement Division  
Attn: Specialist Peggy Ruby  
P.O. Box 30031  
Lansing, Michigan 48909



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**HOURS:** Monday through Friday 8-5; Oxford - Saturday 8-Noon; Lake Orion & Clarkston Offices Closed Saturday

## 020 GREETINGS

SHERMAN PUBLICATIONS  
DEADLINE FOR  
CLASSIFIED ADS  
MONDAY NOON &  
CANCELLATION DEADLINE  
MONDAY NOON  
248-628-4801

MOM 2 MOM SALE. Clarkston Community Church. Saturday, April 17, 9am-1pm. 6300 Clarkston Rd. Space available. Call Debbie, 810-423-5898 for more info. IIC373

CARNIVAL STYLE BINGO. Saturday, April 17, 11am-8pm. 345 Ball St., Ortonville. 248-627-6447. Cash prizes, 50/50 raffle, refreshments. IIZX342

## 030 WANTED

WANTED FREE. clean fill dirt. 248-760-1578 IIL192

WANTED: Guns: Winchester, Colts, Savage. Top dollar paid. 248-628-7086. IIL192

WANTED: Lawn mowers, tractors, motorcycles, snowmobiles. Free pickup. 248-804-9915. IIL182

WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE lawn & garden tractors & related equipment. \$\$\$ Plus repair services. 248-342-9829. IIC383

WANTED: OLD motorcycles, minibikes, ATVs and mopeds. Running or not. 810-338-6440. IIZX324

SINGLE DOOR REFRIGERATOR & electric stove. Will buy. 248-236-0936. IIL192

CASH FOR UNWANTED Vehicles. 248-914-6932. IIZX324

TOP DOLLAR PAID for unwanted cars. 248-670-0089. IIL174

JUNK CARS & TRUCKS Wanted. Top dollar paid! 248-978-7944. IIL1412

TO ANYONE WHO HAS the Gail Howard Lottery Program that would like to exchange thoughts & ideas on this program. 248-496-8570. IIL182

LOOKING FOR Repairable cars/trucks. Up to \$5,000 cash paid. Quick pick up. 810-724-7647, 810-338-7770. IIL174

WANTED: UNWANTED TRUCKS & autos. Will pay top dollar. 248-342-7280. IIC402

## WANTED

JUNK CARS, TRUCKS & SCRAP METAL  
**TOP \$ PAID**  
248-860-5799

L174

CASH FOR JUNK & unwanted vehicles. Free pick up of lawn tractors, etc. 248-670-7417. IIL173

UNWANTED CARS, TRUCKS, Gas powered toys, and trailers. Any condition. Top dollar paid. 248-891-6306. IIL166

## 040 PRODUCE

BEAUTIFUL 2ND Cutting grass hay, 75lb bales, no delivery, \$8.00. 248-969-0861. IIL192

FIRST CUTTING HAY, \$3/ bale. Cash only. 248-627-2684. IIZX352

HAY FIRST CUTTING \$4.00/ bale, 2nd \$4.50/ bale. All no rain, delivery available. 248-467-7008. IIZX351

## 050 FIREWOOD

SEASONED QUALITY hardwood, cut and split, delivery available. 248-627-6316. IIZX324c

FIREWOOD DIMENSIONS: a full cord is 4'x4'x8' and 4'x2'x8' is half cord. A face cord is 4x8x16 and 1/3 of a full cord. IIL341fdh

## 060 MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

**EXPERT PIANO TUNING**  
Call Matt  
248-766-3122

R5228  
PIANO F.S. Kohler and Campbell, 1 key out of tune, \$250. Must remove. 248-623-2955 IIC2402

BACKSTAGE MUSIC Now Open. Buy, sell trade. Deals in guitars, amps; drums, pro sound. 1116 S. Lapeer Rd., Lake Orion. 248-693-9363. IIL451fc

## 070 TUTORING/ LESSONS

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA from home. 6-8 weeks. Nationally accredited. Better opportunity for job placement. Payment plan. Free Brochure 1-800-264-8330 www.diplomafromhome.com Benjamin Franklin High School. IICPM1

AIRLINES ARE HIRING Train for high paying Aviation Maintenance Career, FAA approved program. Financial aid if qualified job placement assistance. Call Aviation Institute of Maintenance 877-891-2281 IICPM1

## 080 LAWN & GARDEN

**SCREENED TOPSOIL**  
5 yds, \$129.  
10 yds Hardwood Mulch, \$269.  
15 ton 21AA Gravel, \$279.  
7 Ton 1ft-2ft Boulders, \$499.  
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RICK PHILLIPS  
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EDGAR PERREAULT  
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Spruce Meadows Tree Farm  
810-577-2419  
LZ184

MASTER GARDENER SERVICES. Prune, Plant, Cleanup. 248-505-2205. IIC392

JOHN DEERE 425 & Toro 416 large garden tractors. Both like new. Extra attachments. \$3,000 & \$1,800. 810-614-1819. IIL182

KUBOTA L2350 4WD 25hp diesel, 469 hours, turf tires. \$6,850. 248-628-7086. IIL12

## Landscape Trees

6-12ft Spruce  
6-12ft White Pine  
Shade Trees  
Robert Hauxwell Tree & Landscape Co.  
Full Landscape Service  
231-492-6237  
231-775-8587  
RZ194

PREVIOUSLY OWNED LAWN and garden tractors, farm tractors, and also repairs. 810-397-2944. IIZX354

TWO 48" 12hp Walk behind Pro Mowers; Two 12hp Giant Vac Blowers. Many more parts for walk behind. Call John 248-703-7903 IIL192

MURRY TRACTOR 18hp 46" cut, \$450; Huskee Lawn tractor 14.5hp, 38" cut, \$350. Call 248-628-3020 IIL182

## 090 AUCTIONS

AUCTION  
Sat. May 1, 2010, 4:00p.m.  
Stow-Away Storage  
3060 Adventure Ln., Oxford  
Unit #252, Vicki LaLone, Household. Unit #53, Robert Mitchell, Miscellaneous. Unit #236, Kevin Ozanik, Household. Units #121, 122, Dominic Parini, Miscellaneous. Unit #113, Chris Russell, Garage Items. Units #88, 91, 99, Neva Sisson, Miscellaneous. Unit #275 Nick Tisch, Electronics.

"CASH SALE"  
\$100 Deposit, Refundable when unit is cleaned out.  
L192

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## EXPRESS MINI STORAGE

2121 Lapeer Rd., Oxford  
Announces the sale of: Unit #60 leased by Michael Lock- Misc. boxes & paint buckets. Unit #118 leased by John Miller- Misc. household items, couch, cabinet. Unit #185 & 263 leased by Debra Blanchard- T.V., hockey sticks, misc. boxes. Unit #242 leased by Stephanie Pirozek- couches, T.V., lawnmower, misc boxes. Unit #279 leased by Steve Gould- table, weed trimmer, misc. boxes. Unit #334 leased by Lori Gardiner- Yamaha dirt bike, mini dirt bike, chairs & boxes. May 1, 2010 at 10:00am. Each unit sold as a whole. Cash Sale Only. 248-628-0380  
L19-2

## 100 FREE

FREE FLOWERS- GERMAN Bearded Iris. Clarkston area. 248-625-8672. IIC401f

## 110 GARAGE SALE

MOM2MOM SALE. Saturday, April 17th, 9am-1pm at Lake Orion High School, 495 E. Scripps Rd., Lake Orion 48360. \$1. admission, strollers allowed. Early Bird at 8:30am- \$2. Department-store style sale is hosted by Greater Oakland Mothers of Multiples. www.gomoms.org IIL182  
SATURDAY & SUNDAY, April 17-18, 9am-5pm. 5580 Delmas, Clarkston. Baby toys, garden tools, household items. IIL191

DO YOU SEE A ☺ OR A ★  
NEXT TO AN AD? Check our classifieds on-line for a photo or a Google map. Oxfordleader.com IIL19-ftdh

ESTATE SALE. 1989 Viola Dr., Ortonville (off M-15 just north of Bullfrogs). Also, pontoon boat & trailer. Saturday & Sunday, April 17 & 18, 9am-5pm. IIL2191

MOM2MOM SALE. Saturday, April 17th, 9am-1pm. Bridgewood Church, 6765 Rattalee Lake Rd., Clarkston 48348. \$1. Entry. Tables available, \$20. Contact Teresa : teresamary@comcast.net IIL2184

GARAGE SALE: PLUMBING, tools, baby, yard equipment & all kinds of stuff. 695 Sebek, Oxford. April 15-17, 9am-5pm. IIL191

RUMMAGE SALE. Paint Creek Methodist Church, 4420 Collins Rd., off Orion Rd. by Paint Creek Cider Mill (Goodison). Friday, April 16th, 9am-5pm (early birds 8:30am \$2.00). Saturday, April 17th, bag day, 9am-1pm. IIL191  
FURNITURE SALE- Sofas, tables, lamps, pictures, small appliances, Saturday, April 24, 8am-2pm. 2398 Somerville, Oxford (off W. Drahnor, Near Clear Lk. school) IIL192

HUGE SALE- Inside and out. Something for everyone, especially kids furniture. April 22-24th, 9am-5pm. Corner McGregor/ Miller, Lake Orion. IIR192

MOM2MOM SALE MAY 1ST, 9am-12noon. Christ the King, 1550 W. Drahnor, Oxford. Tables \$15-\$20 after April 17. \$1 entry benefits MOPS. Nicole: 248-860-6123 or oxfordorionmops@yahoo.com IIL164

CLARKSTON RIDGE, 7724 Parkcrest Cir. N. Clarkston Rd./ E. Sashabaw. April 15-17. IIL191

MOVING ESTATE SALE- Home has many quality pieces of furniture, 2 dinette sets, china buffet, 5pc bedroom set, curio cabinet, plus much more. Large Garage Sale including 4400 Homelite generator, chest freezer, fax machine, gun cabinet, tools, heavy duty aluminum car ramps, 72" 3pt finish mower, many more items. No children's stuff. 1962 Mill Pond Dr., Oxford (Newman and Drahnor) April 16, 17, 18, (Fri-Sun), 9am-4pm. IIL191

LAKEVILLE UMC  
Annual Rummage Sale  
Donations of saleable furniture, working electronics, TVs (must be cable ready), household, linens, tools, collectibles, gently used, clean clothing, etc. now being accepted. Items dropped off lower level, 1477 Milmine, Thurs. 8:30-5:00/ Fri. 8:30-3:00. 248-628-5171  
L191

MOVING SALE- APPLIANCES, tools, antiques. April 15-17, 8am-4pm. 207 N. Slater, Lake Orion Village, IIR191

3788 ESTATE, SEYMOUR Lk/ Baldwin. April 15-17, Party-Lite, Home Interior, Household, Crafts. IIL191

MOVING SALE. Tons of stuff. It all needs to go! Quality name brands. 368 Cypress Dr. West Drahnor, off Augusta, Paint Creek Village Sub. April 15-16 & 22-23, 8am-4pm. IIL192

BIG GARAGE SALE- April 17th, 8am-5pm. Lots of stuff! 9505 Ridge Rd., Goodrich. IIZX341

SATURDAY 4-17, Sunday 4-18, 10am-4pm. Clothes, TVs, lots of stuff. 8655 Crosby Lake Rd., Clarkston, 48346, near White Lake and Andersonville IIL191

## 120 CRAFT SHOWS

## FLEA MARKET

5855 Oakwood Rd  
1/2 Block W of Baldwin Rd.  
Every Saturday 9am-4pm  
VENDORS WANTED  
Charles Kniffen  
248-628-3899  
Jim Gibson  
248-820-7001  
Robert Reese  
248-682-6963  
L164

SPRING CRAFT/ VENDOR Open House. Friday, April 16th, 1pm-9pm. 2860 Mann Rd., Clarkston. 248-802-0880. IIL182

DAVISON H.S. Spring Spectacular. April 17-18. 10am-4pm. For space: 810-658-8080 or 810-658-0440. IIZX343

## 130 HOUSEHOLD

ANTIQUUE DROP LEAF table, \$150; Antique round oak table, 48", \$150. 248-628-5824 after 5:30pm. IIL239ftdh

AMISH LOG Beds, dressers, rustic table and chairs, mattresses for cabin or home. Lowest price in Michigan! 989-923-1278 dandanthemattressman.com. IIC

A BRAND NAME King Size pillow top mattress set in original plastic, includes deluxe frame. Cost \$1499/ sell for \$475. 989-631-2280 IICPM1

A AMISH LOG Headboard and queen pillow top mattress set. Brand new, never used. Sell all for \$275. 989-772-1517. IICP

A TEMPERPADIC STYLE Memory Foam Mattress set. Queen, never used, as seen on TV, with warranty. Cost \$1800/ sell \$895. Can deliver. 989-832-2401 IICP

YOUTH BEDROOM FURNITURE- Dresser with mirror, desk with hutch, corner table, & headboard. Excellent condition. \$150. 248-922-9877. IIL182

## 140 COMPUTERS

COMPUTER ISSUES? CALL for help with any computer problems. Alex, 248-245-4968. IIZX334

COMPUTER PROBLEMS? Remove unwanted software, spyware, viruses. Is your computer as fast & stable as mine? Onsite at your convenience. Refurbished computers for sale. Free follow-up tech support. Scotty 248-245-9411. IIL2184

COMPUTER PROBLEMS? Microsoft Certified Technician. Free diagnostic. John: 248-892-5667 (Clarkston). IIL2164

## 150 ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

ANTIQUUE DROP LEAF table, \$150; Antique round oak table, 48", \$150. 248-628-5824 after 5:30pm. IIL239ftdh

Ye Olde Stuff & Antiques  
Downtown Orion- unique place of treasures. An amazing "tool" wall, classic furniture, and everything in between.  
Enjoy coffee & a model  
Downtown Lake Orion  
20 E Front/ Wed. 12-6  
R184

ANTIQUUE LEADED GLASS doors and windows- All as-is". 248-693-9456. IIL192

FLOOR MODEL Columbia Grafonola (Victrola). Crank it up and listen to those 78's. \$300. gets you the music box, lots of 78's and a magazine ad from 1919. Call 810-636-3798 from 4-9pm. Pictures online at www.oxfordleader.com. IIL1ftdh

## 160 APPLIANCES

JENN-AIRE GAS Cooktop, complete with exhaust system. 2 burners and griddle or 4 burners, \$250. 248-628-4562 IIL182

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**160 APPLIANCES**

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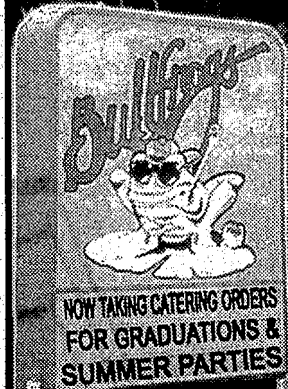
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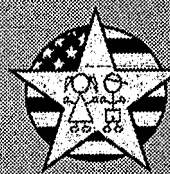
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## Treasures abound at Digs

Lots of great stuff is coming (and going) at Digs. Gina Leehy has been a business proprietor in Clarkston more than 18 years, but says she really had to take a leap of faith 2 1/2 years ago when she opened this furniture and home goods resale store.

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

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

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

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

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

"Digs has almost 1,000 consignors already. Our consignors like watching their consignment activity online. It's easy. If you are interested in consigning here at Digs, you should stop in and pick up a consignment guide and see how it works before choosing a consignment store."

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

Digs Consignment Studio is at 6535 Sashabaw Road in Clarkston, just south of I-75, Hamlin Pub plaza; 248-625-4230.

Visit their website at [www.digsconsignment.com](http://www.digsconsignment.com).

New summer hours are Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Sunday, 12-4 p.m., no consignments on Sunday.

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

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

"Last year, we put up a bulletin board for local businesses to display flyers or cards. We've also made some changes in where our products are purchased, most everything we sell now is bought from Michigan compa-



John Bokor

nies."

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

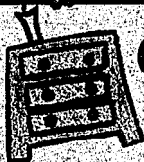
"I'm just a pool guy," he said.

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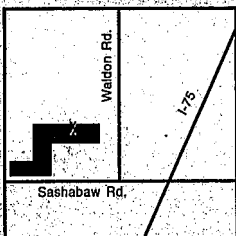
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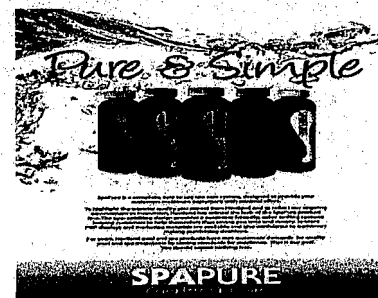
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2010 also brings a new 'look' to Bordine's. For the past 20 years, we have called ourselves Bordine Nursery, yet this year we are phasing in our new logo and re-branding ourselves as simply, Bordine's.

We hired a local, family-owned, Michigan-based advertising firm to help us create this new look. You will see our new look on our uniforms, signage and vehicle designs.

We have incorporated what we call 'The Big B' into our new logo design. You will see much more of the Big B for years to come. We are excited about this change, as it shows that we are looking to remain fresh,

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This program's unique approach focuses on improving body composition, consideration of each person's biochemical individuality, use of a modified Mediterranean Diet Plan (low glycemic index & load diet) and customized recommendations for nutritional supplements.

The overall goal of the program is prevention and early intervention of potential chronic diseases, improvement of quality of life, and improved management of existing chronic diseases. A standard "one diet, one supplement for all" is NOT what this program is about.

Individuals who experience fatigue, hormone imbalance, low sex drive, stress-related symptoms, poor memory or lack of mental clarity and other symptoms find the program helps them with these symptoms.

Medical conditions which have been identified by many health organizations as being responsive to lifestyle change approaches, like FirstLine Therapy, include:

- High cholesterol
- High blood pressure
- Metabolic Syndrome
- Type 2 Diabetes

- Cardiovascular disease
- Osteoporosis
- Osteoarthritis

And, conditions related to aging  
Individuals currently in The Downing Clinic program stated the following as reasons they signed:

- To lose weight
- To gain better control of their blood sugars
- To improve their overall health and energy
- To minimize fatigue and pain
- To improve their sleep

Early feedback from our first two groups indicates the following results:

- Reduced feelings of hunger
- Weight loss
- Overall feeling of being more healthy
- Less pain and more energy
- Lower blood sugar readings
- Blood pressure returned to normal

The program is managed by Ann Heusted, RN, FirstLine Therapy Program Coordinator. In addition to individual participant counseling, biometric feedback analysis to check participants for progress, Ann also teaches the classes, which help participants learn about and integrate new changes into their lifestyle. Dr. Laura Kovalcik oversees the FLT



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## On the road again

Two young bicycle riders take a break from their springtime bike ride to check out the Millstream from the bridge in Depot Park.

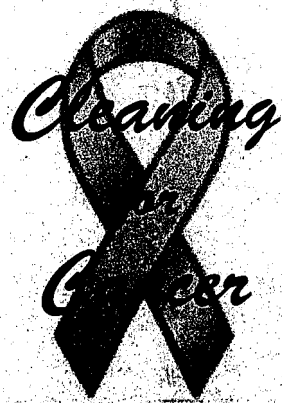


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Dana, Chuck and sons Lane, Brendan and Cameron welcome you to Ironton Rustic Furniture & Accessories.

"We proudly offer Moon Valley Rustic Furniture's full line, in addition

to other fine lines of rustic log furnishings," notes Dana, the store's manager. "IR also features a fantastic array of rustic home accessories, including antler lamps, floral arrangements, rugs, bedding and artwork. If it has a deer, a moose or a bear on it, or if it's made of antlers, we probably sell it!"

Ironton Rustics is a true family venture. Dana's husband, Chuck, is involved merchandising. Son Lane serves as director of sales and is busy building the company's website at [irontonrustics.com](http://irontonrustics.com). Son Cameron



The Fortinberry family, Chuck and Dana, and sons Lane, Brendan, and Cameron, of Ironton Rustic Furniture.

puts his mechanical talents to work building and delivering furniture. Even son Brendan, a Groveland Township firefighter/paramedic, is landscaping the outdoor display area.

"We're very excited to open a family business serving the community we love so much," says Lane. "Join us at Ironton Rustics!"

Ironton Rustic Furniture & Accessories is located at 4977 Dixie Highway in Waterford, next to Gardner White.

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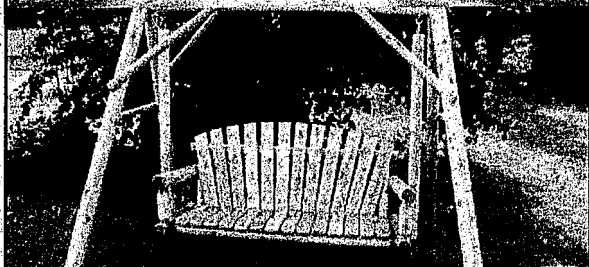
### Spring means time for ice cream

Scott Erskine, of Clarkston, and his daughter Hanna Erskine enjoy some warm spring weather with some ice cream on the front step of 5 S. Main Street, home of *The Clarkston News*.

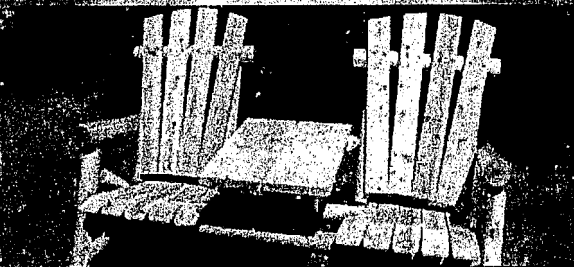
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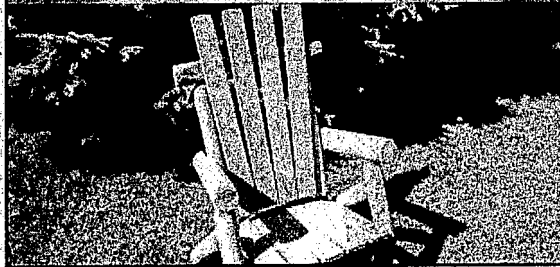
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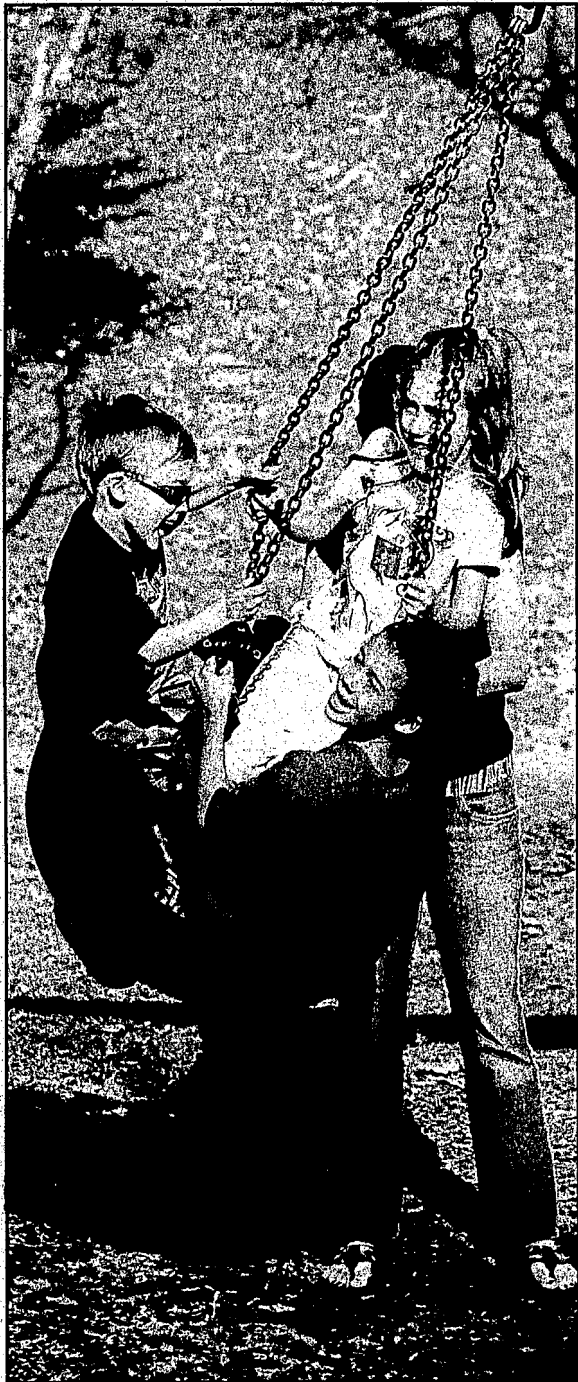




Amanda Hutchons enjoys a see-saw ride with her son, Sean.



One of the Johnson twins, David or Michael, waits with his grandpa to see who's coming down the slide.



Thrill seekers enjoy the tire swing and merry-go-round at Depot Park. Photos by Wendi Reardon

## Springing outdoors

Clarkston's Depot Park beckons with the arrival of spring, and children answer. The park playground's many slides, merry-go-round, and swings offer lots of fun in the sun for kids and their parents.



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Associated Radiologists of Clarkston (AROC) is pleased to sponsor the Clarkston ACS Relay for Life. As we work toward our fundraising goals, let us take this opportunity to remind ourselves of the one thing we can do individually as women to help win the fight against breast cancer mortality...

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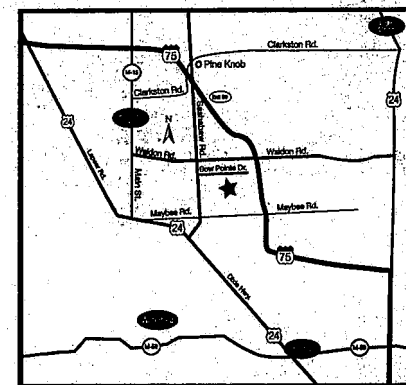
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## AROC encourages Clarkston women to 'Talk the Walk'

Associated Radiologists of Clarkston (AROC) is getting the word out about the importance of screening in the fight against breast cancer with their "Talk the Walk" campaign. This year AROC will proudly support the American Cancer Society (ACS) 2010 Clarkston Relay for Life.

"The Relay for Life is an important way to not only raise money but awareness for the ongoing fight against breast cancer mortality," said Mary Slabinski, practice manager of AROC.

"But just as important is the one thing each woman can do individually ... get

screened themselves. It's time to talk the walk - to encourage sisters, daughters, mothers, friends to get involved and get screened."

The 2010 Clarkston Relay for Life will kick off Saturday, May 15, 2010 at the Clarkston Middle School.

There is still time to join the AROC team. Contact Kelly Duty today at 810-908-6376.

For more information about the ACS 2010 Clarkston Relay for Life or to make a donation, please contact Kelly Brown at 248-663-3414 or visit [www.relayforlife.org/clarkstonmi](http://www.relayforlife.org/clarkstonmi).

For more information about AROC, visit [www.arocimaging.com](http://www.arocimaging.com) or call 248-620-9199.

## Is your workplace making you sick, literally?

An EPA study shows a percentage of contaminants from household and office cleaning solvents **IN PEOPLE**. (Please see the article, next page).

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# Workplace making you sick – literally?

By Penny Wolfe

Most of you probably have heard of the dangers associated with cleaning chemicals.

But did you know the EPA warns these chemicals are capable of causing cancer, brain and nervous system damage, birth defects and immune system problems?

The national Cancer Prevention Coalition lists Lysol disinfectants as one of the top ten!

The EPA has shown indoor air contains 2-5 more times pollutants per cubic foot than outdoor air, and in extreme cases can be 100 times more polluted.

The *New York Times* wrote in an article on Jan. 6, 2001, that an EPA study revealed some toxic levels in homes were "greater than the levels that qualify as a chemical waste site for Superfund status."

It is very important to know what chemicals are being used when cleaning your home, and what chemicals are being used to clean your office.

Most office buildings have to rely on ventilation systems – are they removing all contaminants? Most do not have windows that open.

Then there are the chemicals on the surfaces that you touch.

People who already suffer from respiratory conditions such as asthma or chronic bronchitis should not ever be exposed to bleach or around where bleach has been used.

And yes, bleach has been the "old standard" for years as the disinfectant cleaner. Many cleaning products contain bleach.

But studies show that bleach is effective at killing mold and bacteria, although it is far less effective than most people think.

When it comes to mold, it kills most surface mold on hard non-porous surfaces, but on porous surfaces, it is far less effective. Warning labels on products only address issues caused by ingestion.

Ninety percent of health problems are caused by inhalation.

Bleach can cause respiratory difficulties, headaches, skin burns, loss of consciousness, and vomiting.

Many of the harsh chemicals in cleaning products can have serious adverse effects on janitorial staff, building occupants, and the environment.

Is this going overboard? Is there really a way to get around using harsh chemicals and still get things cleaned and disinfected?

The answer is yes. If you found a non-chemical cleaner that worked as well as the harsh chemical cleaners, would you use it?

Vinegar is great for killing germs, bacteria, and most mold, due to high levels of acidity. There are essential oils that are known to be antibacterial and antimicrobial.

Research also shows antibacterial plant oils may not cause drug resistance, as could common disinfectants.

Don't like the smell of vinegar? The smell evaporates after a short time, but you can also use scented oil to eliminate the vinegar smell and get the antibacterial benefits from the oil too!

A few tips on usage for cleaning in your home:

- To clean a grease splattered oven door window – saturate it with full-strength white distilled vinegar, keep the door open for 15 minutes before wiping with sponge.

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

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

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

Many people are being more conscious of what is being used in their home.

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

Not everyone is going to switch from their old standard cleaners they have used for years.

But by making even a few switches, it can lead you on a path to a healthier home and indoor air working environment.

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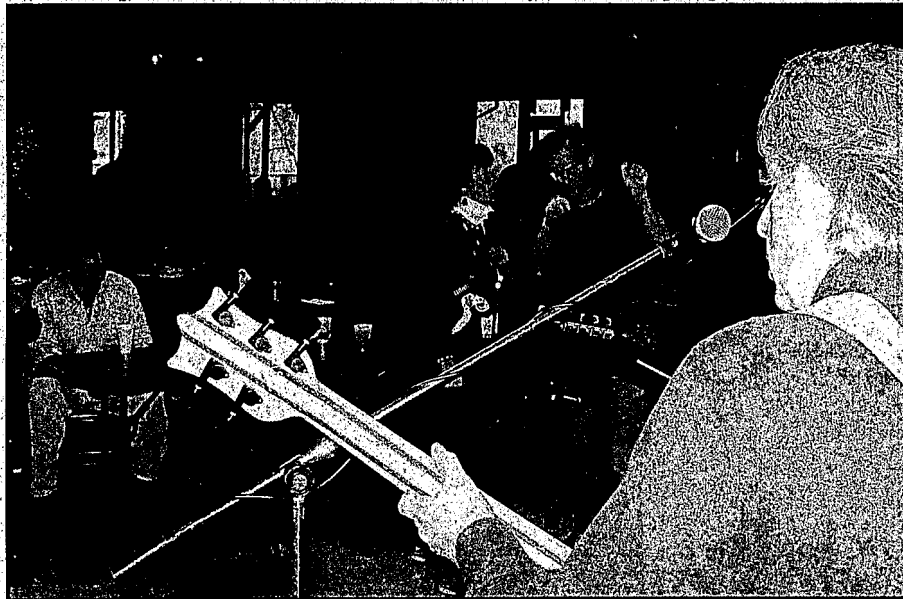
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## Egg hunt marks spring's start

Theo Boucke examines his collection of Easter Eggs at this year's Mill Pond Park Easter Egg Hunt.



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### Landscape Tips from Tom Lowrie

#### 6 Questions to ask your Landscape Contractor

Choosing the right landscape designer and contractor is the best way to ensure your landscape project runs smoothly and looks beautiful. It is relatively easy to start a business and call yourself a landscaper, so be careful not to be swayed by the lowest bid. Ask the following key questions when choosing a landscape contractor:



**Can you show me pictures?** Every professional landscape contractor will have a portfolio of past work. If you don't like the looks of their work, no sense going any further.

**Can you provide references?** Find out if previous clients were happy with their end results. Did the design match their vision? Did the project stay within budget? Did the designer offer creative alternatives? Were the workers professional? Was the project completed on time?

#### How does the design process work?

A professional landscape contractor will start by asking you questions to guarantee the end result reflects your style and personality. If they start telling you what they'd do, watch out! You might end up with a generic looking landscape.

**What's included?** Will they handle design, installation, irrigation, lawn, lighting, permits, and disposal? One stop shopping makes the process smoother.

**Will you educate me?** Ask your landscaper how and why specific plants are chosen. If you're doing any type of hardscaping (patios, walks, decks, walls) ask about ground preparation, drainage plans, and material selection. A professional landscaper will take the time to offer clear explanations.

**Do you have a written guarantee?** Construction work should be guaranteed, in writing, for two full years and specified plants should have a written one year warranty.

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

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## Keep an 'eye' on seasonal allergies this spring

For most Americans, the start of spring is welcomed by thoughts of warmer weather, beautiful flowers and picnics in the park. But for the 50 million Americans who suffer from allergies, the early signs of spring more closely resemble sneezing, coughing and itchy, watery eyes.

Eye allergies, also called "allergic conjunctivitis," are a reaction to indoor and outdoor allergens-pollen, mold, dust mites and pet dander-that get in the eyes and cause inflammation of the tissue that lines the inner eyelid.

While eye allergies can affect anyone, the spring can be particularly hard on contact lens wearers. Extended wear time and infrequent lens replacement are two of the main reasons contact lens wearers face more severe symptoms. Optometrist Barbara Horn recommends contact lens wearers consider the following to make the spring season more comfortable:

- Reduce contact lens wearing time when possible.
- Talk to your optometrist about changing your cleaning method or using daily disposable contact lenses.
- Use eyedrops as prescribed by a doctor of optometry.

When it comes to treating symptoms of allergies, the American Eye-Q, a recent nationwide survey conducted by the American Optometric Association (AOA), found 36 percent of allergy sufferers use antihistamines or

other medications to treat their symptoms. While antihistamines can help with typical symptoms such as runny noses and sneezing, the medication can make ocular symptoms worse by reducing tear quality and quantity.

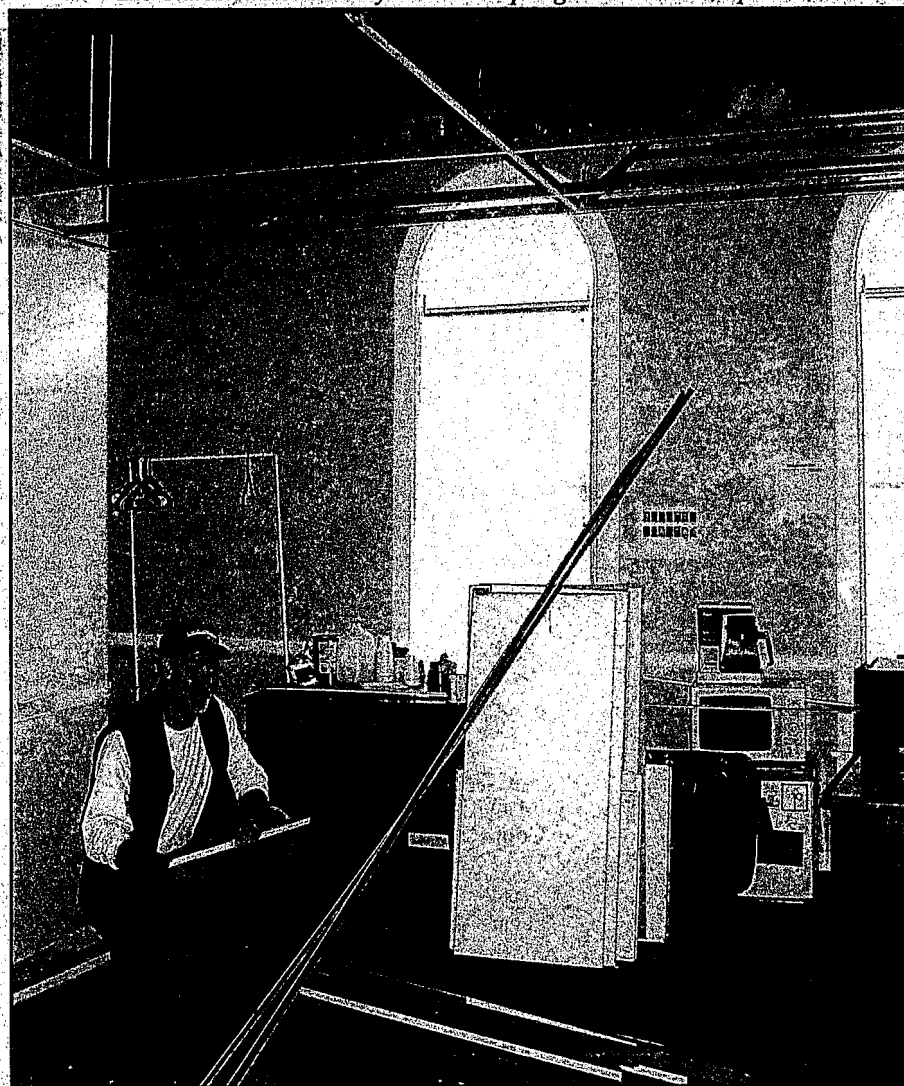
"To effectively treat and relieve the symptoms caused by eye allergies, patients should see their optometrist," said Dr. Horn. "In most cases, we can soothe allergy-related conjunctivitis with prescription or over-the-counter eyedrops depending on the patient and his or her medical history."

While eye allergies can be a nuisance and affect job performance and leisure and sporting activities, symptoms of allergies can be curtailed and prevented by following these recommendations from the AOA:

- Don't touch or rub your eyes.
- Wash hands often with soap and water.
- Wash bed linens and pillowcases in hot water and detergent to reduce allergens.
- Avoid sharing-and, in some cases, wearing-eye makeup.
- Never share contact lenses or contact lens cases with someone else.

Beyond discussing allergy relief with your optometrist, the AOA also recommends adults age 60 and under have a comprehensive eye exam every two years. Adults over age 60 should have eye exams annually.

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## Key questions to ask your HVAC contractor

In many cases, getting your heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC) system to operate at its peak starts with asking your contractor the right questions. The right questions may also help you save money.

For example: How can I make my system operate more efficiently? What other, more efficient systems are available? How can I lower my monthly heating and cooling bills? Is there any basic routine maintenance I can do to help the system's functionality? What benefits would I get from an ENERGY STAR system?

Some say the key question is whether or not the contractor uses certified technicians for the job. For example, North American Technician Excellence (NATE)-certified technicians are skilled professionals who have proven their knowledge in the HVAC industry by passing specialized certification tests.

Plus, they will not only be knowledgeable about high-efficiency systems, but will be able to help lower homeowner utility bills by ensuring proper installation and maintenance.

In selecting a contractor, you should also ask about the range of services the contractor provides (scheduled maintenance, re-

pairs, 24-hour service). Ask for a preliminary inspection prior to having the contractor make any recommendations, and always ask for and check references.

In addition to the energy savings resulting from an efficient system, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act now provides homeowners with additional expanded tax incentives on energy-efficient HVAC systems. A NATE-certified technician should be able to tell you if your system qualifies for the incentives.

To help, a Web site called HVACRAAdvice.com provides a number of useful documents and information pages, including An Energy Savings Calculator; Heating/Cooling Checklist; Maintenance Tips; Information on how to make your home more energy efficient; Details on carbon monoxide safety and detection; and Definitions of efficiency ratings (AFUE, SEER and HSPF).

The site also features a contractor locator where homeowners can type in their Zip Code to find companies that employ NATE-certified technicians.

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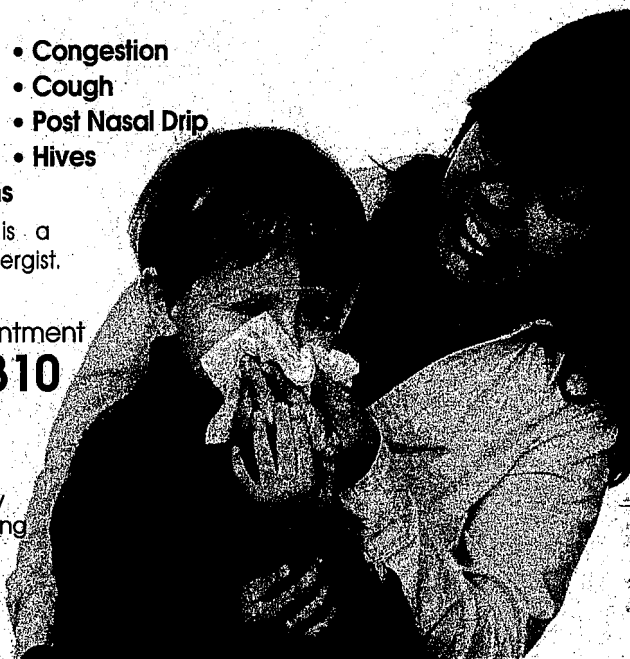
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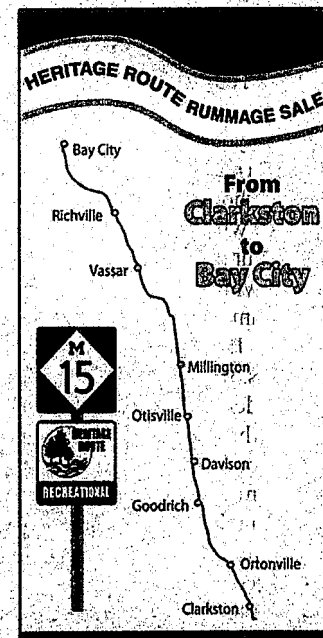


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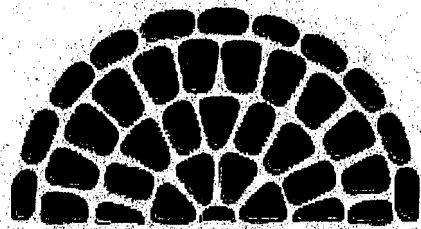
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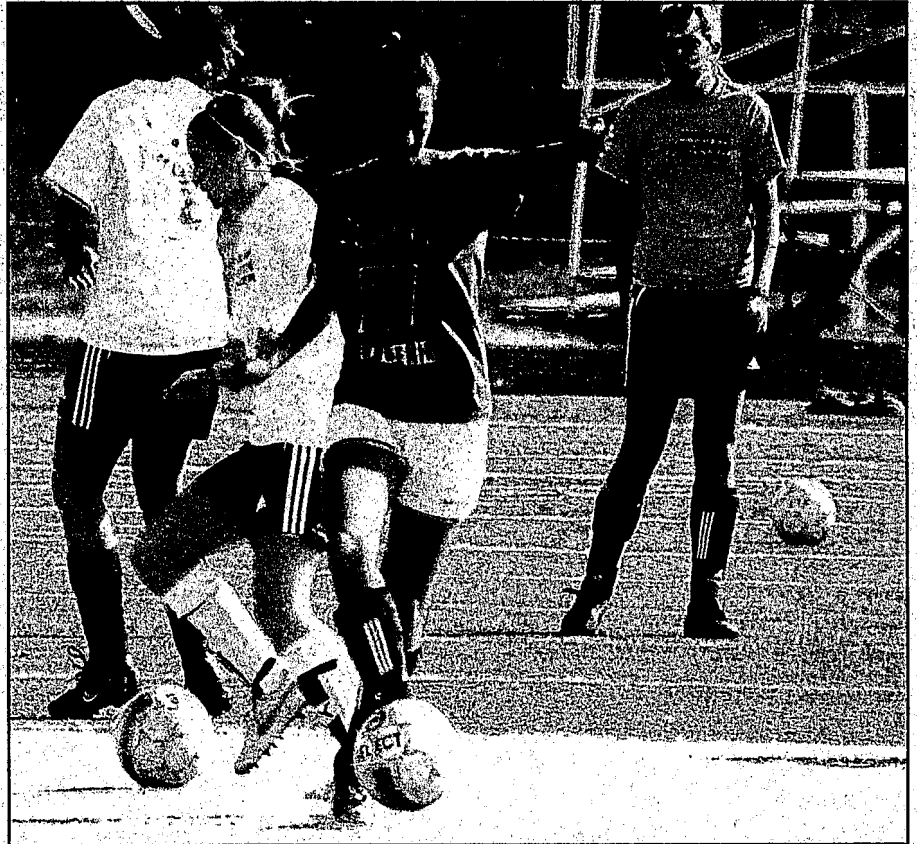
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## Spring is time to hit the field

Katie Viazanko practices her soccer dribbling skills, preparing for the Clarkston High School spring season.

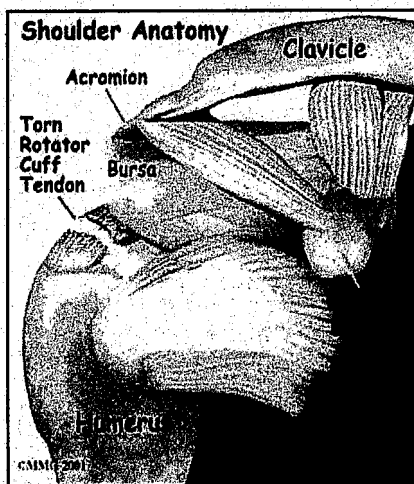
## New advances in shoulder surgery

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

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

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

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



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

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A person's smile is one of the first things to be noticed by others. Straight teeth are not only beautiful; they also promote good health.

In fact, a healthy body starts with a healthy mouth. A healthy smile definitely includes straight teeth and a proper bite.

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