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Mary Melega of Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center presents volunteer George Thompso gift basket he won at the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon, April 8. Thompson and more than 130 other lo dents were thanked at the luncheon, hosted by St. Daniel Catholic Church. *Photo by Phil Custodio*



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Development plan for 90 N. Main goes to city council

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer After four drafts and a public hearing, Clarkston planners hammered out a proposal for 90 N. Main Street.

Proposed amendments to zoning ordinances would allow "Limited Use Overlays" for any property like 90 N. Main.

The building, formerly used as Clarkston High School, Community Center, and Independence Township Hall, is located in R1, Single Family Residential zoning. The overlay would allow it to have "uses which are compatible with a historic residential environment," including architects, engineering office, art studios and galleries, and other limited commercial uses, but not residences.

"The goal tonight is to get it out of our hands and give it to the council," said Planning Commission Chairman Robert Bondy at the April 4 meeting. "I didn't see anything objectionable to anything we found at our meeting (public hearing)."

Building owner Bob Roth said he is glad to see forward progress.

"I don't understand their issue with the residential component, but at least it's moved forward to the city council and hopefully they'll make some changes," Roth said.

Councilman Stephen Hargis voted against the proposal, saying it could lead to over-commercialism of the area.

"I don't have a good plan as to how to mitigate this issue, but I'm looking ahead down the road and I'm feeling I personally cannot support this," Hargis said.

The plan is a "real threat to our fragile community," he said.

"The core of our community is the historic nature of this little town. It isn't just the place we're speaking of here (90 N. $\,$



City planners are working on 90 N. Main Street, here used for a photo shoot by its sole occupant, David Savage. The shoot features Taylor Stokes, Clarkston High School junior. *Photo by Phil Custodio*

Main)," Hargis said.

Commissioner Mike McGraw said the document "does what it's supposed to do."

"I'm fearful this community will not continue to thrive and live the way it should if we don't make a move forward here," McGraw said. "A community is a place where people live and work, not just live. I think this will help to make us more vibrant."

Commissioner Eric Haven believed the document "mitigated some of the concerns" people had at the public hearing. However, allowing residential use at 90 N. Main was a "hang up" for him.

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"This issue of residential use is one I think we need to be sensitive to as we approach this document, in terms of approving it, or not approving or recommending it going forward," he said.

According to the zoning ordinance changes written up by City Planner Dick Carlisle, a special land use would allow "dwellings within mixed use building," but "not more than two dwelling units may be approved."

"I think we've disarmed it of a lot of its environmental concerns. I feel good about that part of it, but I think from the standpoint of bringing residences into that building, that's change," Haven said. "I think that's one of the things I heard from the people on the floor."

Commissioner Tom Goldner agreed.

"It has to be one way or the other," he said. "I think we're becoming more residential in an area we shouldn't."

After a 3-3 failed vote, local resident and municipal attorney Jerry Fisher suggested the council make a motion to recommend the ordinance to the city council without residential authorization "with the understanding that if residential is going to be included, the provisions in this draft relate to residential be included."

This motion passed 4-2. Bondy, McGraw, Haven and Jen Detkowski voted "yes" and Goldner and Hargis voted "no." Commission members Robert Hahn and Anne Clifton were absent.



A 4 Wed., April 13, 2011 The Clarkston (MI) News Play explores Easter through mother's eyes

Mt. Zion Church presents "The Passion of Mary: The Crucifixion Through A Mother's Eyes," a multi-med ia theater production opening this weekend.

Pastor Loren Covarrubias wrote the play, tell ing the story of Easter through the perspective of Mary, mother of Jesus.

"A few years ago, my mother experienced the loss of her youngest child," Covarrubias said. "I was pierced by her cry in that hospital – it was this sound that inspired me to be aware of the pain of the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, Mary, when she lost her son, yet her need to surrender him to the will of God."

The show, for ages 8 and older, features a large cast with video, live musicians, singers, and dancers.

Showtimes at Mt. Zion, 4900 Maybee Road, are April 15-17 and 22-23 at 7:30 p.m., with matinee at 2 p.m. on Good Friday, April 22.

Deaf Interpretation will also be provided on April 22, 7:30 p.m.

General admission is free at the door, which opens a half hour prior to show time. A free will offering will be taken. Seat reservations are available for \$10. Call 248-409-1120.

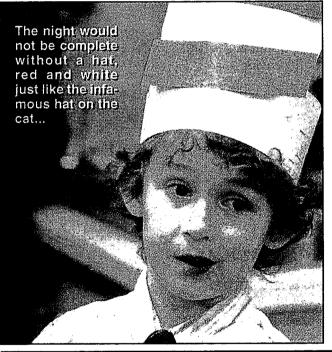


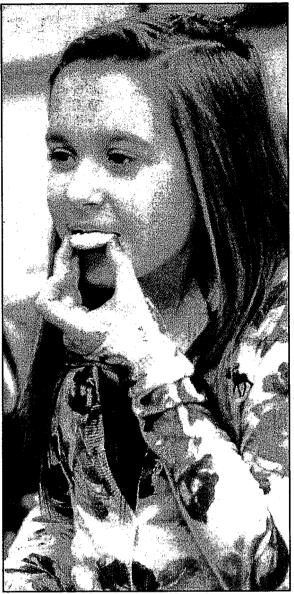
Serena Chiappelli of Clarkston and John Brock rehearse a scene. Photo provided





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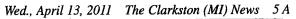


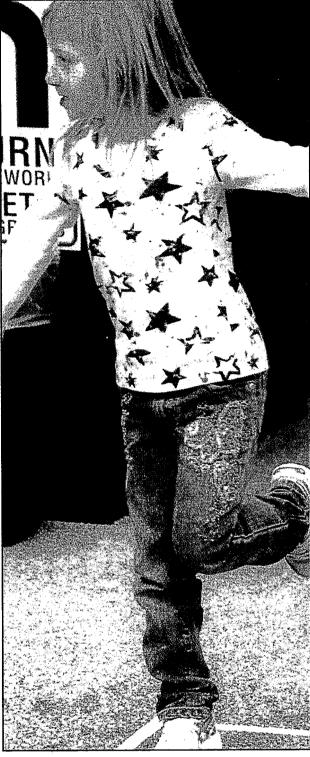
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Seuss Night

Bailey Lake Elementary students were full of energy and rhyming up a storm as they celebrated their annual Seuss Night, held on March 24.

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What a good time as we hop and rhyme...



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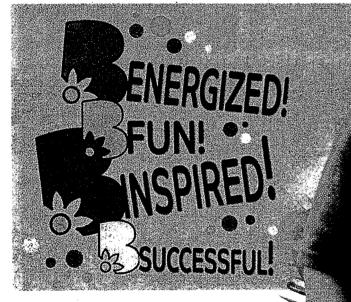
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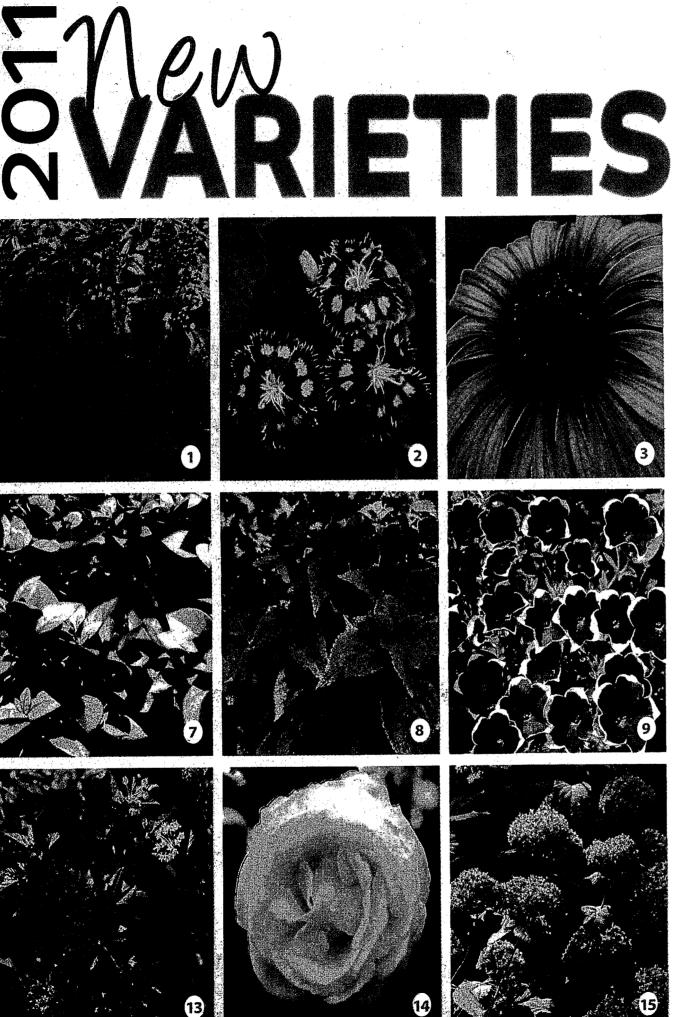
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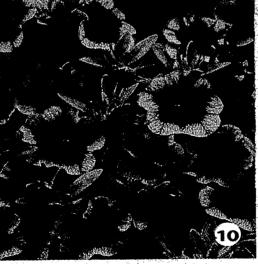
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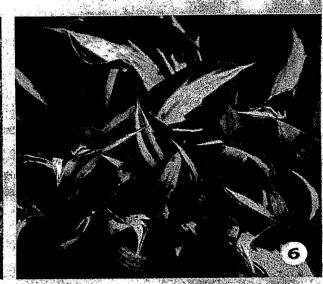




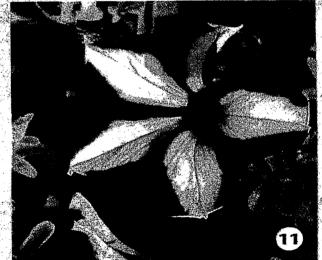
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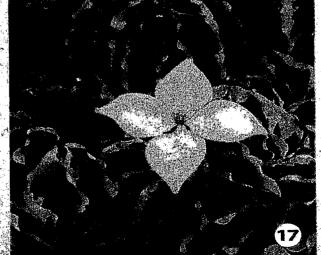
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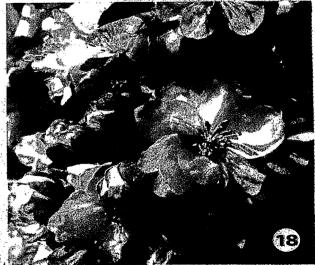


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Erika Rieck shops for a flower basket.



Spring color with Bordine's

As the weather improves, Sharon Tinker of Bordine's Nursery said now is the time to plant trees, shrubs, and perennials such as Coldhearted Pansies and Violas.

"The plants acclimate and they do much better when they're planted in a cooler environment, which it is right now," she said. "Annuals wait until it gets warmer and our nights get a little warmer."

If you have sandy soil, Tinker said you can amend it with Sphagnum Peat.

"That will help keep the water from running through so quickly, also if you have clay soil this sphagnum peat is going to help aerate that soil more," she said. "Definitely preparing the soil is key." If you need help, Tinker said Bordine's experts are available to answer any of your questions.

"We have to get some color," she said. "It's been a long, long winter and we're all anxious to get our fingers dirty and get something planted."

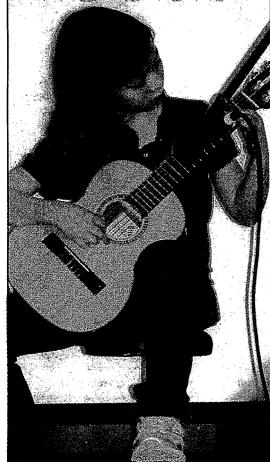
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"We have trucks full of flowers coming in here everyday and this place is going to be rocking full of flower and plants," Tinker said. "By the end of April first part of May, it's going to be gorgeous in here, a place you're not going to want to miss." - Trevor Keiser



The greenhouse Chrysanthemum flowers come in many varieties and colors. Photos by Trevor Keiser

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Kim Duthinh demonstrates her guitar playing skills.



From left, Cedar Crest teachers Anita Siciliano, Amy Salter, Karen Crandell, and Jeremy Bond assist student Nicholas Schulte with a candy-based gag.



Cedar Crest's got talent

Cedar Crest Academy students showed off their musical, comedic, and many other skills at their talent show, April 1.

Parents, friends, and fans filled Cedar Crest's gym at its 8970 Dixie Highway location, enjoying a variety of entertainment. Call 248-625-7270.

Photos by Phil Custodio



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From left, Norm Pardo, Mark Kelly, and Matt Crandall work on the layout of the upcoming Clarkston Coffee Club Expo. *Photo by Phil Custodio*

All invited to Coffee Club Expo

BY PHIL CUSTODIO Clarkston News Editor

Clarkston Coffee Club members have been making connections together for a year. Now

it's time to spread the word to the rest of the community. They'll have that chance at the inaugural

Coffee Club Expo, 4-8 p.m., Thursday, April 28, at Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road.

More than 50 local businesses signed up, offering computer, attorney, insurance, automobile, nutrition, wellness, counseling, restaurant, and many other services.

Tom Kiihr, owner of Signs Now - Waterford, provides signs for the expo, with retractable banners, tabletop displays, and other products.

"Everything we do is custom – it's not a one-size-fits-all industry," said Kiihr, booth 46. "The Expo is a great idea for community."

John Weiler and other members of North Oakland Business Network will be at Booth 33, offering life insurance, real estate, reverse mortgage, travel, document shredding, financial management, and other services.

"It's a great idea to develop business – this is a great group here," Weiler said.

Rob Schroeder, specializing in repair, paint, and other maintenance services, plans to just bring himself.

"My services speak for themselves," said Schroeder, Booth 40. "When all is said and done, that's what it's all about."

The Coffee Club and Expo are good ways to support local businesses, said John Mathers of Mathers Insurance, Booth 32.

"I find more and more people care about that," Mathers said. "I love the coffee clubs – the people are fantastic."

Gary Zirwes, health coach and Nutrilite representative, offers certified organic food supplements.

"These are a hundred percent guaranteed to work," he said. "I'm excited about the Expo. I'm looking forward to it. It's a good way to grow your business, bring the community in and support businesses in our own community."

Organized by The Clarkston News and ClarkstonTV.com, the Expo is for residents to

sample local businesses and start their own networking.

"As with the Coffee Club meetings, the Expo has no rules or regulations," said Jill Mitchell, one of the organizers.

Everyone is encouraged to bring business cards and network, whether signed up with a booth or not, Mitchell said.

"We want everyone to come down," she said. "This is something Sherman Publications is doing for the community. It's a great way to meet all the interesting small-business owners from all around here, meet your neighbors, make friends. That's the whole idea. It's a win-win for everybody."

"You don't have to get a booth, no fees, nothing's required, just come down and pass out your cards," said Norm Pardo, organizer.

Local government agencies and all nonprofit groups are also encouraged to participate, Pardo said.

"We're looking for police, fire departments, the Optimists, SCAMP, Rotary, any non-profit organization that wants to come pass out information," Pardo said. "We want all of them to come down and meet people. Let's have coffee."

A table directory is posted at Coffeeclubexpo.com, as well as contact information for everyone who's attended any of the Coffee Club meetings over the past year – more than 600 in all.

"It's going to be an exciting four hours," said David Thompson, who joined the Clarkston Coffee Club late last year to share information about his video production, postproduction, and consulting businesses. "It's a great opportunity to meet local business owners, develop relationships, and get your message out."

The Expo is an important way to connect with the community and let people know what services are available, said Justin Morgan.

"It's surprising how many don't know what's out their back door – most look in the phone book," Morgan said. "To be successful, you have to make sure people know about you by working together with the community. Connections do matter. We're all in this together." For more information, check

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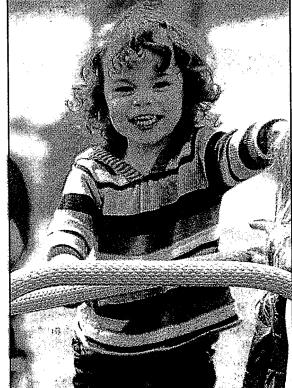
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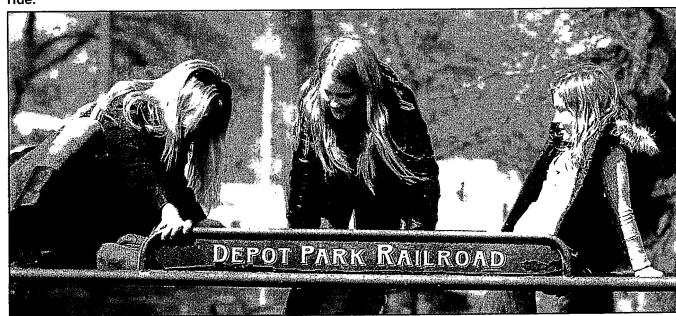
Genevieve Silvia smiles as she whirls around on the merry-go-round.

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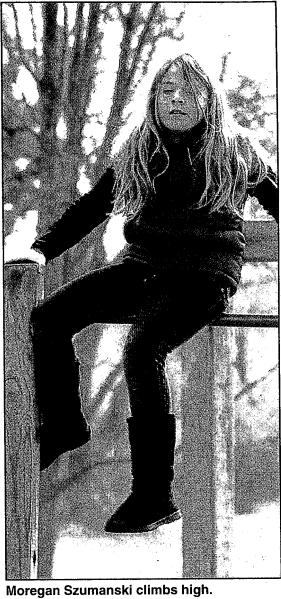
The clouds broke last Thursday, showing off some welcome sunshine for many kids on spring break vacation, venturing to Depot Park in downtown Clarkston.

They enjoyed playing on the train-themed playground equipment, along with feeding the ducks, who excitedly welcomed them and the food they brought.

Photos by Wendi Reardon



Alicen Davis joins daughters Taylor and Lexi on top of the caboose.





Hayden Plummer enjoys the view.

Children learn and play in TLE's fun atmosphere

Music, science, fitness, math, reading, technology, art appreciation – sounds like a pretty busy day for an elementary school student.

However, this is the schedule of a preschooler at The Learning Experience, a child day care center that prides itself on it's award winning, cutting edge curriculum and professional, certified staff members.

Children at The Learning Experience in Clarkston are exposed to a solid core curriculum. The day is structured to include many educational components as well as free time and fun activities. Older children have a curriculum workbook that they use everyday and keep a journal.

"Most 4-year-olds at the center are reading," said owner Pam Rush.

"This is considered a learning center. We have a very strong preschool," she said.

However, playing is still a big part of the center, and each room is filled with toys.

Besides the two large outside playgrounds, The Learning Experience is unique with their own indoor micro-Disneyland called Make Believe Boulevard.

Children love to explore socio-dramatic play and the room is one of the favorites! They adore dressing up and playing in the mock house, store, diner and fire department.



The Learning Experience staff enjoy teaching and helping children develop emotionally, socially and cognitively.

The carpeted upper level allows for some free play and also has a slide that flows into a ball pit.

"At any given time, we'll see kings, queens and princesses playing," Ms. Pam said. "We have a lot of fun here!"

In addition, children participate in enrichment programs such as Fun with Phonics, dance, art, music, math and science. Spanish and sign language are also included. A bonus that many parents appreciate is that there are no fees for enrichment programs as the tuition is all-inclusive.

The facilities at The Learning Experience are state-of-the-art. From the moment children and parents enter the building they are greeted by a warm and caring atmosphere that is clean and conducive to learning.

Ms. Pam loves working with children and their families and makes sure her staff does,

too. Staff members have to have more than a degree and spotless qualifications. They must genuinely enjoy being around children and interacting with them.

"We are here to love other people's children and keep them happy, safe and educated," she said.

A team of professionals work together to coordinate the day's activities for children. Everyone, from program and state certified lead teachers to the paraprofessionals and on-site cook, have one goal: to build a strong foundation so each child can develop emotionally, socially and cognitively at his or her own pace.

Parents concerned about safety and security can rest easy knowing that they've left their children in good hands. A security system requires that the doors remain locked all day with parents given a key fob for access.

Classrooms contain video monitoring systems so both center administrators and parents can check in on the class regularly. In addition, all staff members undergo an extensive background check.

The Learning Experience is located at 7210 Sashabaw Road in Clarkston. For more information, visit www.thelearningexperience.com or call 248-625-5285.



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Liz Andre-Stotz is filling the brackets of the first-ever Clartucky Derby, planned by the Clarkston Retailers Group. *Photo by Wendi Reardon*

Clartucky races coming downtown

BY WENDI REARDON

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Clarkston News Staff Writer

Time to grab your hats and head down to the derby – the Clartucky Derby.

The first annual event, April 30, is hosted by the Clarkston Retailers Group, My Clarkston, Buy Clarkston.

"We did the Retro Cocktail Party in January," said Liz Andre-Stotz, owner of Parsonage Events. "We are a small brainstorming group trying to come up with ways to make downtown Clarkston stand out, encourage people to come down here, bring their families and shop here. We were trying to think of other things to defor the community."

Then, she thought how fun it would be to do the Clartucky Derby since they wanted to hold an event this time of year and the Kentucky Derby occurs at the same time.

"We thought it would lead to community involvement with the big hats, tulips, horses and kids," said Andre-Stotz. "We really want to create events fun for the entire family." And they did, with food, races, games, and other activities in downtown Clarkston shops.

"Every store that is participating has something for the kids to do," said Andre-Stotz. "The vendors were very eager to participate. The retro event was so successful. We are very excited."

The main event is the Kid's Bike Derby held in *The Clarkston News*' parking lot, 5 S. Main Street, from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. for the first race and 3 p.m.-4 p.m. for the *Please see Clarkston on page 5B*

Cuts OK'd

But no teacher layoff list, despite deadline

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Staff Writer Monday's school board agenda was posted at 3:40 p.m., Monday, the day of the meeting, with one addition – approval of next year's budget reductions.

That wasn't enough time for Board Vice-President Susan Boatman.

"This wasn't on the agenda – no eblasts went out to parents," said Boatman, who made the motion to set the item as "discussion" instead of approval.

That motion was defeated, 4-2. Boatman and board Secretary Joan Patterson voted in favor. Board President Steve Hyer, and trustees Cheryl McGinnis, Barry Bomier, and Elizabeth Egan voted against. Treasurer Rosalie Lieblang was absent

"Our plan has been public for a few weeks now," said Hyer, adding it was enough time for everyone in the community to share their concerns.

He also pointed out it wouldn't be the last time before they approve the budget in June.

Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock said he sent an email to administration and district employees last week saying it would be on the April 11 agenda.

"I had the same concerns when the agenda was posted on Friday (April 1) before spring break," Rock said.

The email wasn't shared with school board members, parents or the community. Bomier and McGinnis said they weren't

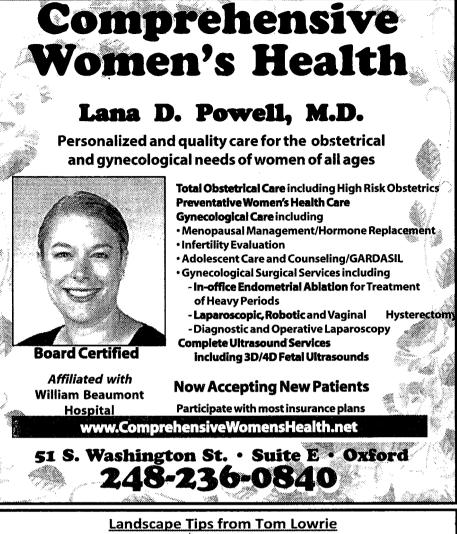
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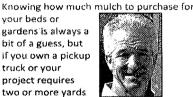


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your beds or gardens is always a bit of a guess, but if vou own a pickup truck or your project requires

two or more vards



of mulch, buy bulk. Bulk mulch is substantially more cost effective than bagged mulch. Bulk mulch, even including a delivery fee will almost always be less expensive.

To determine how much mulch you need, measure the square footage of your area and the desired depth, in inches, of mulch, If you want to compare pricing on bagged vs. bulk, know that bagged mulch is usually sold by either weight or cubic volume.

- There are 27 cubic feet in a cubic
- yard. The average 40 lb. bag of mulch is
- approximately equal to 1 cubic foot The only compelling reason to buy bagged mulch is ease of transportation. Bagged mulch can be up to ten times more expensive than bulk mulch. It makes sense

to pay a delivery fee and borrow a SOWRIE'S

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Further, cheap bagged mulch can sometimes contain shredded construction debris or other waste with toxic chemicals.

Bulk mulches from reputable landscape companies are likely clean and safe. Mulch is useful for preventing soil erosion and holding moisture in the ground. It helps to inhibit weed growth and gives a garden a manicured appearance. Mulches vary in makeup, color, texture and appearance. Use the following examples to help guide your selection:

- 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.

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

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Marcia and Gary Harrington bring adventure racing to Depot Park. Photo by Trevor Keiser

Adventure race in Clarkston

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer Teams of two will bike, run, and paddle to

the finish line in The Blast Adventure Race. June 4 in Depot Park, but there'll be no lines to follow.

Instead, they'll have to rely on a map and compass.

T "It is pretty much like a triathlon only they choose their route and they canoe instead of swim," said Gary Harrington, a member of Southern Michigan Adventure Racing Team (SMART). "You might as well plan on getting your feet wet."

The Blast lasts about six hours. Appending on route chosen, racers will bike 10-16 miles, paddle 3-6 miles, and walk 4-8 miles. Racers get maps and team passports to punch at checkpoints along the way, an hour before race time to study and strategize.

The other thing is they have to carry their own food and water and then we have a mandatory first aid kit," he said.

Racers will have a "gear check" somewhere along the course, said Marcia, Gary's wife.

"We won't tell them where," she said. "They have a long list of gear they have to carry with them, first aid, ibuprofen, antihistamines, a knife, food, and water."

Strategy is key, she said.

"How to carry your food so you don't have to get to it, how do I carry my passport so it's really handy? Keeping your map dry, things like that," she said. "The race will happen rain or shine. The only time it's ever called off is for lighting or something life threatening."

Also along the race will be special events, which racers must perform.

We're looking forward to the special events to see how the racers react to it," Gary said. "I think it will be fun."

Marcia agreed.

"We have some special events I don't think any adventure racing directors have ever done," she said. "It's been done but not around here."

Gary said they also give back to the community.

"This year we have a fellow adventure racer whose son was born with kidney failure," Gary said. "He lost both kidneys and lost a leg, so we promised so far \$640 from the race to their family to help them out a little bit."

Gary and Marcia, both triathetes, started adventure racing in 2002 after a friend told them about it.

"You go from racing an hour and half to 10-12 hours in adventure racing," he said. "Six hours is the shortest one."

"We've done 24-30 hour racing," noted Marcia.

Sponsors include American Cycle and Fitness, Running Gear, VIP Training. LaVida Massage, and Rainforest Café.

Gary and Marcia said they invite racers to bring their families to the race to enjoy the

day. "I just want everybody to have fun," Marcia said.

Prizes will be given to first, second and third place winners for men's team, women's team, and coed team. The grand prize will be a Trek Bike.

Beginner adventure racers can check out SMART'S free clinic, 6 p.m., April 29, at American Cycle and Fitness in Pontiac.

"We've had racers every year from Canada to Chicago and all over the state," Marcia said. "Adventure Racing pulls people in from everywhere, people travel to do these races because they're few and far between."

Check www.smartblast.org for more.



Marching band members Erin Mueller, Renee Morency and Eric Easterday with Onyx Salon staff.

Band members thank sponsors for London help

Clarkston High School Marching Band members spent the New Year in London, England, with help from the community.

Local businesses and organizations donated to the band, as well as sponsored band members in The Clarkston News color keepsake special section.

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In appreciation, band members sent thank-you notes, delivering them in person. Here's a few, with more to follow in the weeks to come.



Band member Maggie Moraco thanks Carol Evans of Smith's Disposal.



Maggie Moraco, with Clarkston News editor Phil Custodio.



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Layoff deadline's end of month

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ing about cuts (last February)," McGinnis said.

Teacher layoffs were not a part of previous presentations because of contract negotiations. Clarkston teachers' contract vote is set for Thursday, April 14. The school board will vote on it after.

The school board must then approve the district's teacher-layoff list by the end of the month. The board has one regular meeting left, April 25. Hyer said he will schedule a special meeting if needed.

The board voted unanimously to approve budget reductions of \$642,909 for 2011-2012: reduction of aide hours by 38 percent for \$159,000; eliminate two 42-week positions from Clarkston High School and Sashabaw Middle School, saving \$61,109; eliminate three elementary-school media specialists, \$227,800; cut International Baccalaureate at Clarkston High School, \$120,000; cut transportation, \$55,000; and \$20,000 savings in administration as two elementary principals retire this year. The list doesn not include teacher layoffs.

Human Resources Director Anita Banach said she couldn't start the pink-slip process until the school board approved budget reductions.

90 N. Main discussion

Clarkston City Council will discuss the zoning ordinance amendments recommended by the Planning Commission for 90 N. Main, 7 p.m., April 25, at City Hall.

July 4 parade meeting

A meeting concerning the July 4 Parade will be at Independence Township Fire Station 1 meeting hall, 6500 Citation Drive, 7 p.m., April 13.

Correction

The story "Teacher strike unlikely, union chief says," April 6 edition, should have said Clarkston teachers hope things don't go as far as a work stoppage, but voted to authorize Michigan Education Association to start crisis activities.

"Clarkston teachers do not want to go out on strike," said Brooke Davis, Clarkston Education Association president. "Clarkston teachers think a work stoppage is the last thing public employees should or would do to stop the attacks on them."

Also, "Kids not college-ready, study says," March 23, should have said the 24.7 percent of this year's Clarkston High School graduates ready for college places the school 18th out of Oakland Intermediate School District's 65 high schools.

Clarkston vendors provide fun, food and shopping

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second race for children ages six and under. Prior to the race, families can register the bikes at Kinetic Systems, beginning at 10 a.m. and decorate their bikes and trikes.

Between races families can visit Church Street Studio for the "Day at the Derby" event held by the studio and Parsonage Events. Children can have their photographs taken with the O.A.T.S. pony, the therapeutic horse used by O.A.T.S. - a nonprofit organization. It is from 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

Visiting every participating store is not only rewards with food, beverages and discounts but can win a gift basket with a mix of goodies and gifts from the shops.

To enter, pick up a leaderboard available at the 12 participating businesses and in *The Clarkston News*. Leaderboards are stamped at each store listed. Once it is completely filled it can be turned into one of the 12 participating vendors.

"Our retailer group love having our businesses in this great town and we really love doing things for our community," said Andre-Stotz. "We hope everyone comes down. Besides the fact you can support Michigan businesses, you should come

down to have a good time."

The event begins at 11 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. The following businesses are participating:

Artichoke Interiors, 2 East Washington St., offering Little Jockey Donut Holes and juice to eat. Activity for kids: coloring contest where kids win two hours design for mom and dad. The special during the derby is 20 percent off all art and kid's custom handprint art.

The Birdfeeder, Clarkston Flower Shoppe and Boutique on Main, 7150 North Main St., will have pink lemonade and lemon coolers. Kids can plant a Posie for mom. Discounts from The Birdfeeder is 20 percent off all birdfeeders, Bonnie & Clyde is 20 percent off all men's and women's graphic T-shirts. The Clarkston Flower Shoppe has 20 percent off all pre-booked Mother's Day orders

Church Street Studio, 6 East Church Street will have southern style berry lemonade and caramel corn. Kids can enjoy "Day at the Derby," photographs with O.A.T.S. pony from 1 p.m.- 2:30 p.m., with Parsonage Events. Church Street Studio will offer to families who stop by during the derby \$50 off any sitting during the

month of May.

The Clarkston News, 5 South Main Street, will offer derby snacks and bottled water, and have a coloring contest for kids.

Creekside Salon, 20 W. Washington Street, will have hot dogs, soda and bottled water. For kids, they will style "pony" tails and braids and yarn tails for all the kids with short hair. The special is place your bids discounts for hair services.

Essence on Main, 4 South Main Street, will have minty iced teas and "Win, Place, Show" cookies. Kids can adopt and name your own miniature derby contender from Essence Stables. They will offer a 20 percent off discount on pre-made Mother's Day gift baskets

Frank & Me, 20 South Main Street, will have "Frank"ly delicious Mimosas and truffles and 20 percent off storewide.

KH Home, 27 South Main Street, offers sweet tea and mini key lime pies. Local author Mary Douglas will read two of her books, "This Tree so High" and "Where the River Runs Blue." The readings are at noon and 2 p.m. The discount is 20 percent off one piece of furniture, artwork or gift item.

Kinetic Systems, 60 South Main Street,

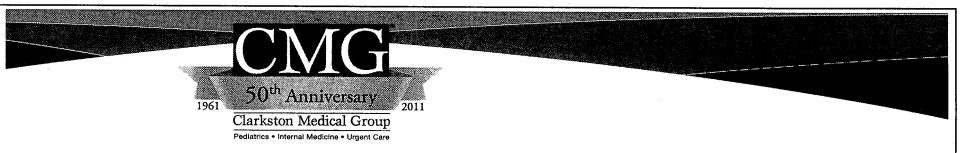
will have bales of honey stick straws, feed bags of Clif Bar Oats, buckets of Hummus and carrot sticks, troughs of organic apples for their treats. Their special discount is 20 percent off women's and girl's clothing and accessories.

Parsonage Events, 6 East Church Street, will have southern berry lemonade and caramel corn and will offer 20 percent off preordered Mother's Day orders

Rudy's Market and Catering, 9 South Main Street, lets families sample their apricot glazed sausages along with a tasty southern refreshing beverage. They will have face painting and tattoos for the kids. The special for the day is buy one pizza and get the second one free.

Union General, 50 South Main Street, offers Mint Juleps and Chive Sea Biscuits with Honey Butter and Horsin' Around Vanilla Bean Mini Cupcake. Kids can decorate a popsicle-stick racing ponies. They offer a 20 percent discount off all non-food items

Village Fashion Boutique, 6 North Main Street, will have fresh popped popcorn and root beer floats. The kids will receive a candy bar. Shoppers will receive 25 percent off everything, excluding Brighton.



Having the benefit of practicing medicine for so many years, my father has gained a very valuable perspective on what a blessing good health is. He has watched what has been the most dramatic period of improved health we have ever known. From the discovery of penicillin (he actually drove Dr. Alexander Fleming and his wife around for a day while working as an assistant to Archbishop Ryan when he was in college) to the eradication of small pox to the virtual elimination of pollo, he has witnessed an amazing period of discovery that most of us take for granted. When he ordered an IV as an intern they actually had to mix their own solution in glass bottles; today we just pull another premixed bag out of the box. This touching story reminds us of another time when healthcare wasn't so advanced and very intensive nursing and physician care was all we had to help people through illnesses we couldn't prevent or just treat with some antibiotics. Thank you to the Stamper family for both sharing their wonderful story and wishing my father well.

In 1962 we were using Dr. Buehrig and Dr. Bullard. Our son Tom Stamper came down sick with a very high fever so we took him in to see Dr. Buehrig. Dr. O'Neill had just started there at the small clinic in Clarkston. Dr. Buehrig went over and got Dr. O'Neill to come take a look at Tom to see what he thought about his situation. Dr. O'Neill immediately said he has polio.

Dr. O'Neill sent us to St. Joe's hospital in Pontiac and immediately Tom went into a unit that was intense hot packs 8 hrs a day and gamma globulin shots. They had the iron lung machines outside the door in case he had lost his breathing.

Immediately I was given double gamma globulin shots because I was 3 months pregnant with our daughter Tammy. They called in the head doctor from Sister Kenny Foundation to watch over him too. He was wrapped in hot packs for 7 weeks 8 hours daily. We had a private nurse who did them every day. Only God was on our side through the whole thing.

When Tom was discharged from St. Joe's we had to take him 5 days a week for therapy until I had Tammy the following February. It was such a tiring thing on me to carry him in there every day because he was a big baby. At 3 years old he was 35 lbs and I was pregnant the whole time.

Tom today has had a wonderful life; it didn't leave him paralyzed at all and he only has a slight limp after all these years. His limbs have been weak but over all he has done wonderfully.

Thank God for such a wonderful man as Dr. James O'Neill because we feel like he saved Tom's life by knowing that he had polio. We knew Dr. O'Neill had polio also, and he would taik to us about it. When Tom was in there all those weeks Dr. O'Neill would say this is my baby. He looked

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like Dr O'Neill; he had the same crew cut that Dr. O'Neill had and he looked like he could have been his. The nurses would tease my husband and I about him looking like Dr. O'Neill.

Dr. O'Neill has been our doctor since 1962 and has taken care of all my 5 children, all my grandkids and also all of my foster kids of 22 years. I have 4 adopted children whom he has taken care of for 22 years also. Tom also uses Dr. O'Neill; he is very special to Tom.

Thank God for you Dr. O'Neill. I know God has a special place in heaven for you not only just for my family put for all the people that you have cared for over all these years. God Bless your for the wonderful things you have done in your life time of practice. We really love you with all our hearts.

The Stamper Families!!!

~ Dr. Timothy O'Neill

COMMUNITY HEALTH WATCH Flu season is winding down but we are seeing a lot of croup now. Most children will do well with fluids and fever control but secondary ear infections and trouble breathing can occur particularly in younger children. If these symptoms occur you should contact your physician immediately. Also don't forget that spring allergy season will be here in a few weeks. It is always smart to get started on your usual allergy regimen before symptoms start.

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Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

Preserve this

I wanted a quick picture to go with the story on 90 N. Main Street, so I stopped by to get one.

The place's sole tenant, Dave Savage, was doing a photo shoot. The building owner let me in to see the insides, and all the restoration work that has gone on in there. Impressive stuff.

I remember heading over there while it was Independence

Township Hall, full of counters, desks, cubicle dividers, and paperwork.

Looking at it now, I can see the Community Center of decades past. Over the top floor is



what must be a stage, suspended over the staircase leading up to it, so the sound of the band could fill the huge open space where folks would

sit or dance, I suppose. Who'd design something like that nowadays?

It would be great if it were so used again. The acoustics, seating, amenities, and just about everything else wouldn't be as good as a brand new concert hall, as proposed to be built down in Depot Park, but it would have one heck of a nostalgia value.

Isn't that what Clarkston's supposed to be about?

Lots of fun activities planned this spring and summer. Clartucky race, with a leaderboard and everything? Awesome.

Adventure racing sounds fun too. No GPS allowed? Hope racers are up to it, or else we'll be hearing the Oakland County sheriff's helicopters as they search for folks who get lost.

I've joined the world of satellite radio, with XM service in my new car.

My subscription doesn't include it, but listed amongst the hundreds of channels is the Playboy Channel.

On the radio.

Playboy magazine? That's a great idea,

all visual and stuff.

Playboy TV makes sense too - adding motion to the visuals, and sound too. Playboy on the radio? Wait, what? No

visuals, just sound. I'm sure they talk about lots of "adult" topics and probably go into Howard Stern territory, but the image I get is somebody reading the articles, describing the pictures, etc.



Reader calls for history protection

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to recent news articles characterizing the City of the Village of Clarkston Historical Commission.

I do not reside in the city. However I am a

resident of Clarkston who enjoys the quality

of life that our historic downtown area brings to the community.

I find it hard to believe that anyone purchasing a home in the downtown area of Clarkston would not be aware that they live in a designated historic district.

Clarkston has a rich history that is worth preserving. I take pride in the history of downtown Clarkston and I applaud the Historical Commission for taking steps, albeit futile, to

preserve the integrity of Clarkston's historic district.

We cannot bring back the past, but we can honor it with awareness and steward-

ship. The early settlers of Letters to the editor Clarkston had a deep

appreciation for the town and helped make our excellent community what it is today.

The historic roots of the City of the Village of Clarkston were the victims in this situation, not the residents who chose to ignore the fact that they purchased a home in a regulated historic district. Sincerely,

> Dana Litherland Independence Township

An invitation for a first-hand look

Dear Editor,

Shame on Mr. Bob Klemmer for using the word "segregate" in a child's education. You have no idea what pressures are put on children in today's world. I would love for you to sit in my son's class for one day and see what the children are expected to learn. The material they are learning is what I learned several grades later and in some instances in high school. So, yes, Mr. Klemmer, education is faster paced than when you or I went to school. These children will not only go to the moon, they will build on Mars!

I have a child that you would "segregate." He has Dyslexia. He has an above average I.Q. and lowered ability. He is amazing and smart even though he does not fit your profile of a student that should be placed in the "normal" class where everyone could learn

more and cost less. I am thankful that he has teachers and staff that believe in him! He has been placed in a higher ability class and he is thriving due to the fact he is learning from everyone around him?

Mr. Klemmer, Before you cast judgement, sit in a classroom and see for yourself the differences. For many years my son thought he was stupid and finally he knows that he is smart! If he had been "segregated", he would not be where he is today!

I volunteer in my son's classroom every Tuesday at 9:30. Come and join me? You might be surprised at all of the differences! I sit in awe every week wondering how any of the students are able to handle the work and subject matters!

reached this far, even into the village trea-

sury? This means the cold war is over and

Who will put the 'I' back in Independence?

the Communists won!

Sincerely,

Cherie Burns Independence Township

Rob Namowicz

Independence Township

A Look Back From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1996

"Board ices hockey plan" Clarkston School Board rejected a proposal to create a varsity hockey team that would be funded by parents. Objections included future funding and gender equity laws.

"Making progress" Independence Township Supervisor Dale Stuart focused on "future planning" in the township, including Sashabaw Corridor, Independence Vision 2020, and White Lake Road improvements.

"Weather Service has all the tools" The National Weather Service recently built a Forecast Office on White Lake Road, equipped with a state-of-the-art Doppler radar, radio gear, and upper air balloon equipment.

25 years ago - 1986

"Most support bombing of Libya" U.S. bombing of Libya left area residents shaken, but many said they were glad President Ronald Reagan finally took action against terrorism. The bombing was in response to terrorist bombings against Americans by Libyan leader Moammar Khadafy.

"Sesquicentennial plan in works" The committee planning Independence Township's 150-year celebration looked into purchasing a town clock. They planned several fund raisers. Also, the newly formed Optimist Club of Clarkston pledged \$1,00 for the clock.

"Artist goes national" Guy Davis, Clarkston High School graduate and former cartoonist for The Clarkston News, got a comic book job as a penciler for Arrow Comics. The 19-year-old artist based his drawings on Japanese animation.

50 years ago - 1961

"Susan Jackson to play lead" Clarkston High School presented the play "Auntie Mame," with Jackson in the title role. Jim Woodward was the male lead, playing Beauregarde Burnside, a rich Southern gentleman.

"Township library to maintain service" The Independence Township Library at 88 N. Main Street in Clarkston was to continue operation on a part-time basis, in the wake of a failed millage drive.

"The Gat Twenties entertain" The Gay Twenties Extension Club entertained the Clarkston Evening Extension Club at the Community Center. Mrs. Barnett put on a fashion show to demonstrate how accessories can change the look of your wardrobe.

Federal support inspires no confidence

Dear Editor,

Shocking and appalling that the City of the Village of Clarkston, with all its supposed affluence and taxes cannot support herself without the largesses of the Federal Government.

Did anyone know that the tentacles

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Responding readers write

Over the past few weeks, I have tried to challenge readers about their roles in the community and this newspapers role in their lives. So, now it's time to start letting you know what your neighbors are saying. * * *

Don.

Here's my uncensored, sensibilitiesbe-damned take on the whole thing: News consumers (readers, TV viewers. radio listeners) have become lazy when it comes to getting the news. I find many young people (my own kids included) really don't care about current events unless they have do research for a term paper, or if there is a direct, social. financial impact to them personally.

"If it's on the Internet, it must be true" is a response I often hear from many people. It appears serious journalistic research is now DOA.

When there is an international incident (i.e. Libya missile strikes), the mass market here in the U.S. ("all about me") can can only concern themselves about the prices they pay at the gas pump. We live in a very self-centered, self-absorbed world these days, and the mainstream media only plays to it by focusing on pop culture and celebrity gossip.

Remember what Eleanor Roosevelt said: "Great minds discuss ideas. Average minds discuss events, and small

minds discuss people." The mainstream media is clearly going after "small the minds." Today, it is sad to note that we have national broadcast news directors and newspaper editors -- people supposedly in power -- who are more concerned about the recent buzz about A column by Charlie Sheen and Brit-

Don Rush tany Spears than our national economy and our relationships in the Mideast. This is not the journalism I learned and have practiced. This makes

me sick. -- J.L.

Don,

Don't

Rush Me

In answer to your column from last week, I just READ your newspaper. I like to read what I guess these days is referred to as hard copies. I do not have a Kindle. I still use a Webster Dictio-

Jim's

nary and a Roget's Thesaurus. I do not tweet accounts. Do not have the time use spell check. I love the smell of a new book. I have recently read two fabulous books, "The Help" and "Same Kind of Different As Me."

I write letters and thank you notes. I think it is sad that the written word is being lost in our society. I attended a lecture by the author David McCullough and was inspired to hear that he still uses a manual typewriter. So, no, I do not support getting rid of newspapers, etc. and I will continue to READ our community newspaper. P.R.

Don,

Interesting and how true.

I would hate to see newspapers disappear. Currently receive two others as well as yours. Interesting to see the delivery of the two others; in both cases the delivery person uses our drive to deliver and turn around. In one case, two newspapers are delivered close by and in the other (three days a week) no stops are made locally.

People ask me how I know so much -- well, I read a lot in newspapers besides other printed media and some select web sites. I do not have Twitter,

or interest.

Most people will say they do not get the newspaper due to: cost, not enough time, get "news" from internet, "run in" with reporter, etc. I am getting tired of providing copies of the pages of your newspaper to people so they get a story straight! I am surprised at people on community government positions that do not get the local newspaper. -- J.M.

Rush,

. . .It will be nice to have a news group that actually reports the news rather than hearing a (I don't know what to call you) person beg for community support. Let us not forget your laughable "Don't Rush Me . . . The Show." Course one only needs to remember you have changed Orion people once a year for the last three years? Certainly a normal manage would be ashamed of this point . . .well, Rush, enjoy your throne for now til AOL gets here. Hey maybe you can apply for a job . . .

Well, can't please all the people all the time and some I never will! Thanks for reading and writing. -- Don

Jottings has many ideas, some even believable

how easy they say it is to get seating? And the camera shows two guys on a practically empty plane?

* Ouestion: What/who buys the most time on tv these days: lawyers or sellers of gold?

* Three bits of wisdom for golfers: Take extra time when lining up your fourth putt; Now, before your "first round" this spring, get your retriever re-gripped; Inhale and exhale deeply before hitting five off the tee. ---0---

This next item is about ma'dog, Shayna. This notice gives anti-animal people a chance to turn the page, and dog lovers a reason continue. I've shared MY home with Shayna for nearly a decade. I let her in, let her out, feed her and thank her for doing her good night duty on time so I can get to bed on time.

My attitude and respect toward her has changed in the last two months. That's when I got a lift-chair.

You, know, a button-maneuvering chair that stands you up or lays you down.

Shayna noticed immediately that it took almost no effort on my part to get up. She has seen me work at getting out of other easy chairs.

Several days passed before I realized Shayna was receding hareline.

* Ever notice in American Airlines commercials about using me, or playing her games with me, by showing a want to go outdoors much more often.

One evening I timed her. Seven times in a 2-hour period she wanted out and in. When her ploy became obvious, I decided to **Jottings** explain things to her. I took her big head in my two hands, made her look me in the eyes, and explained:

"Shayna, this is MY house, not yours!"

Her good ear came up, a sign she heard me. Then I explained, "You're a dog. You own nothing. Your only reason for being is to please me! Don't annoy me, get it?"

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* Secretary of State Hillary Clinton seems to be aging more rapidly. So much traveling and visiting countries which don't have female counterparts could be stressful.

* Even a mosquito doesn't get a slap on the back until it starts to work.

* A line of rabbits walking backwards is called a

* You may have a heart of gold, but so does a hard boiled egg.

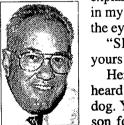
---0----Dale K. sent this one.

After having dug a depth of 10 feet last year, New York scientists found traces of copper wiring dating back 100 years and came to the conclusion that their ancestors already had a telephone network more than 100 years ago.

Not to be outdone by New Yorkers, a California archaeologist dug to a depth of 20 feet and shortly after, a story in the LA Times read: "California archaeologist discovery of 200 year old copper wire, have concluded that their ancestors already had an advanced high-tech communications network a hundred years earlier than the New Yorkers.

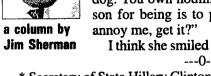
One week later. A local newspaper in Michigan reported: "After digging as deep as 30 feet in his pasture near Houghton Lake, Bubba, a self-taught archaeologist reported he found absolutely nothing. Bubba has therefore concluded that 300 years ago, Michigan had already gone wireless.

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Jim Sherman



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Tires slashed

The owner of a vehicle on which all four tires were slashed said it might have had something to do with a \$30 drug deal gone bad, 3 a.m., March 29, in the 2000 block of Mann Road

Theft of designer frames

A customer took 13 glasses frames worth more than \$1,300 from a Dixie Highway business, March 31. The suspect is described as a black woman, about 5 feet, five inches in height, medium build, wearing a blue knit cap.

Lead fizzles

The owner of a stolen laptop found what could have been her computer for sale online. April 1. She called Independence Township deputies, who set up a meeting with the seller. Assuring her it wasn't an April Fool's joke, the detective asked for permission to check the serial number, found it wasn't a match, and thanked her for her cooperation.

Whose marijuana?

A deputy stopped a pickup truck after it didn't stop for a stop sign at Miller Road and M-15, 4:39 p.m., April 3. The driver, a 20-yearold Independence Township man, smelled of marijuana, though masked by air freshener. He said his friend who has a medical marijuana card was smoking it. Giving consent to search, deputies found a burnt marijuana cigarette and debris throughout the vehicle. He was cited for marijuana possession and running the stop sign.

Failure to yield

While deputies wrote up a one-car traffic accident on I-75 near Dixie Highway, 4:27 p.m., April 3, a car drove by in the right lane at full speed. A deputy caught up with the car, driven by a 25-year-old Fenton Township man, and pulled it over. The driver said he didn't have time to move over, but had passed a police car an eighth of a mile before the accident. He was cited for failure to yield and no proof of insurance.

Child loose in car

A deputy noticed a 7-year-old child jumping around the back of a car on Clintonville Road near Fox Creek. 5:30 p.m., April 4, and pulled it over. The driver, a 30-year-old Independence Township woman, was cited for child-restraint violation. expired license, and cracked front windshield.

State police post to close

The Michigan State Police Post on Dixie Highway is set to close this fall.

Troopers, who patrol the I-75 corridor, will be stationed at posts in Oak Park. Lapeer, and Flint, as well as in detachments and troopers' houses in rural areas.

Under a new regional policing plan, state police will reduce the number of posts from 62 to 29. These 29 will remain fully operational, 12 posts will become detachments - buildings where troopers can start and end their shifts, accomplish administrative tasks, and meet with the public by appointment - and 21 posts are slated for closure, according to the MSP.

The plan emphasizes technology and data-driven policing, avoids laying off troopers, and helps the department meet the \$20.7 million general fund reduction in the FY12 Executive Budget.

Found bike

An Independence Township resident found a bicycle at Woodhull Drive and Fourth Street, April 5, and turned it over to police. Deputies have it in their property room.

Plate stolen

An Independence Township man reported the license plate taken from his vehicle while it was parked at the Sashabaw Road Park and Ride at I-75, April 5.

Driving with marijuana

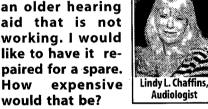
Patrolling the Sashabaw Road Park and Ride at I-75 due to theft reports, 9:26 p.m., April 6, a deputy noticed a car with two men in it. One of the men got out of the car, went to another, and both left. The men seemed anxious, so the deputy followed one of them, noticed his car had an expired registration tab, and stopped the 23-year-old Independence Township man at Hidden Lakes Boulevard. The car smelled strongly of marijuana, which the driver said was smoked by his passenger. Loose marijuana was found throughout the car, though, and he was cited for possession and improper tab display.

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Track team hopes to lead the pack this year

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Wolves are ready to win their first OAA Red league match this Wednesday after weeks of training.

We are looking good and have bright spots," said John Bennink, head coach for the Clarkston High School Boys Varsity Track. "Some of our returners in the distance are really good and a couple of field event guys are going to do well.

The distance and mid-distance events are led by junior Adam Bruderick, who finished 16th overall in the state last year.

"He was the highest finishing sophomore in the state," said Bennink. "We are looking forward to seeing him lead the group."

Others Bennink mentioned making a good push for the team are senior Mike McCord and juniors Spenser Pawlik, Daniel Byrne and Ian Brennan.

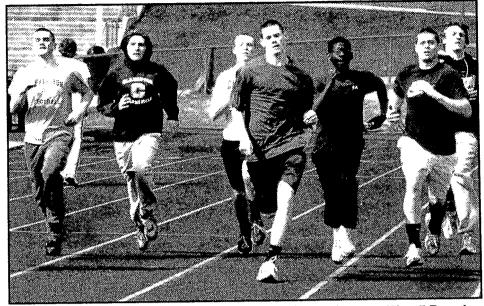
For hurdles, junior Travis Smith is returning after finishing second last year in the conference. Seniors Brent Cousino and Nick Pike are expected to shine in the hurdles, too.

Senior Brian Benway is back for the long jump event.

"He will give us a good effort along with Connor Wiseman and Chris Scott.

Junior CJ Gozdor returns after being injured last season and will compete in the high iump

"He had a really good winter indoor," said



Track team runners train at Clarkston High School. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Bennink. "He will challenge for the top of the league along with some new guys."

Bennink also anticipates a lot from his throwers with a good group returning.

'We had young guys last year that did some nice things. They are primed to do good," he added. "We have three strong throwers - Matt Wright, Colin Kupper and Travis Hargett - which is nice."

The focus for the season is to win as many

league meets they can, starting with their meet against Troy on Wednesday and have boys qualify for the state meet.

"We had a couple of guys who should have gone last year but did have a great regional meet," said Bennink. "The boys are older this year and hopefully we can get them all through. I would like to see them have success at this stage.

The girls varsity team also has a lot of

returners coming back and are ready to beat their first league opponents.

Returners include senior Caitlyn Post, a two-time named Most Valuable Player and junior Natalie Smith, an All-Stater.

Smith, joined by senior Lindsey Fantin will get points for the team in the distance events.

Junior Anna Manilla is returning in the field events along with hurdles and the 400meter run.

Junior Kayle Sherwood will throw.

"She will be one of the better throwers in the league," said John Yorke, head coach for the girls varsity team.

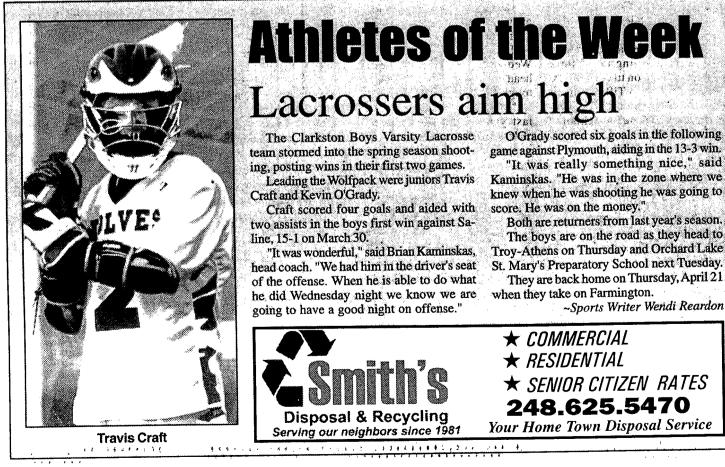
We have a good bunch of freshmen that are going to help us this year, too," he continued. "We should be pretty deep as a team."

Some athletes continued their training through spring break in anticipation for their meet against Trov.

"I think we will do pretty well against them," said Yorke. "Troy is a good team. They are usually good and right on top of the league. They will be pretty tough. But it is hard to say it depends on how many girls they bring back.'

The league meet against Troy begins at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday at the Clarkston High School stadium.

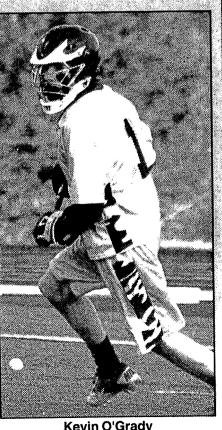
Both teams head to Birmingham Groves High School on Saturday for an invitational beginning at 9 a.m. The event is at 20500 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, Michigan.



O'Grady scored six goals in the following game against Plymouth, aiding in the 13-3 win.

"It was really something nice," said Kaminskas. "He was in the zone where we knew when he was shooting he was going to

Both are returners from last year's season. The boys are on the road as they head to Troy-Athens on Thursday and Orchard Lake St. Mary's Preparatory School next Tuesday. They are back home on Thursday, April 21



Kevin O'Grady

Lady Wolves ready for big hits

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Returning Lady Hitters still remember how the season ended last year in a tragic tie-breaker keeping them from the district title.

"We definitely expected to make it further," said Kelly Martin, assistant coach for the Clarkston Girls Varsity Softball team. "I expect us to make it further this year."

The beginning of the this season has already been tough with cold and wetness but the girls are ready to drive past it as they head into their first game and tournament this week.

"We have a nice team," said Don Peters, head coach. "Hopefully we stay healthy because we have a small squad this year. We lost two really good ballplayerrs. When you lose Taylor Hasselbach, a Louisville Slugger and All-American Miss Softball, it should be interesting.

"There were significant changes in the chemistry of our team," he continued. "We could, by the end of the season, be a very good softball team if the pieces fall together."

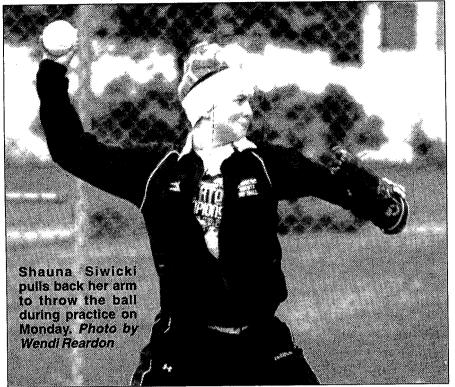
The team has eight returners and four new players to file up their line-up.

Pitchers include senior Sarah Altene and junior Megan Hastings. Rounding out the pitching is senior Rachel Pytel, sophomore Brenna Cooper and freshman Samantha Hoeksema.

"We have five pitchers which is unheard of," said Peters. "Our strength is with our pitching. We will go with the veterans first, Sarah and Megan. There could be a battle for pitching."

Hitters ready to score include senior Liz Zezula, a returning Honorable Mention All-Stater from last season and hit a 400.

"It is a huge plus," said Peters. "Plus we have Shauna Siwicki, she is a key and we will see her really blossom. We



are hoping Sarah can regain her firm. She hit awesome as a sophomore."

Also back for the season are players senior Allie Reeves, junior Tara Perry and sophomore Sydney Hasselbach. Joining them are new players freshman Rachel Alli and sophomores Alyssa Armstrong and Brenna Cooper.

"We have a lot of talent," said Marin.

"The cool thing is they are smart kids, too," said Peters referring to his three seniors already signed on to college next year. Zezula is going to Tiffin University; Reeves, Macomb Community College; and Altene, Milwaukee School of Engineering.

"I feel very privileged to coach them," he added. "They are a great bunch of kids."

Along with going further in finals is y

the aim at taking over the league.

"Every year it's different," said Peters. "It is hard to tell who will win. The power houses, Troy and us lost key players. I think it will be the traditional powers - Troy, Lake Orion and us. It is a wait and see."

He added Farmington is a contender as well because their pitcher from last year is back and was good last season.

The girls play their first game on Wednesday, against Rochester. They head to Clinton for a tournament to battle tough competition.

"They were runner-up in Division 3 last year and Saline finished in the quarterfinals," said Peters. "They are very good. Almost everything we schedule is tought. I want to see this group grow and it is the only way they can you put them in tough situations."

Defense key

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BY WENDI REARDON

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The Lady Wolves have already showed off their skills, posting their first win in the season. They beat Rochester Adams on March 29, 20-4.

"I was so excited for defense," said Coach Stephanie Dellinger. "The other team only scored four goals which is huge. We are playing a whole new defense this year we are playing man-to-man. It is teaching the girls a new defense. Our main goal is not allowing as many goals as possible - none."

During the game, sophomore Lauren Sharkey scored six goals and juniors Danielle Dunn and Stephanie Dellinger added five goals each.

The girls lost 19 seniors last year and have only a few players returning from last year.

"We are young," said Dellinger. "Besides the we are really young I am excited. I think we are going to do really good. We have a mix of players with with experience and some that have never played before.

Along with the new players, Dellinger is also new to the varsity team.

"I coached every since my daughter has been playing," she said, about her experience when her family lived in Baltimore before moving to Michigan three years ago. "I started the middle school girls team because the high school was already started."

The girls host Troy-Athens on Monday.

"We have a lot of good leadership," Dellinger said about what will help going into their second game after a few weeks of no competition. "We will be heavy on defense until everyone gets up to par."

JV begins at 5:30 p.m. and varsity follows. The girls varsity lacrosse team is: freshman, Sage Beauregard; sophomores, Kylie Cohu, Brittney Jaynes, Lauren Sharkey; juniors, Stephanie Dellinger, Danielle Dunn, Whitney Kelley, Rachel Manssur, Paige Miller, Ashley Piper; seniors, Julia Caroline Champion, Quinn Dabrowski, Erin Gray, Payton Kaminski, Kelsey Luibrand, Lindsey Mark and Madison Schaffer.



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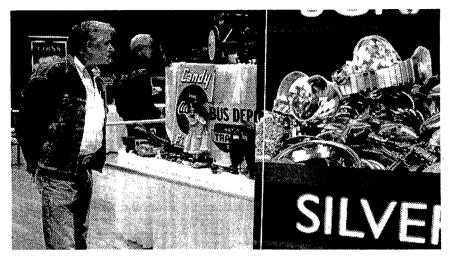
By David Morgan STAFF WRITER

Been following the gold and silver market lately? Well if you have a jewelry box, a lock box full of gold or a coffee can full of old coins, you should be, according to Ohio Valley Refinery spokesperson John Miller. "The gold and silver markets have not been this strong for over 30 years" said Miller. Typically when the U.S. dollar is weak and the economy is flat, gold and silver markets soar. "That's good news if you are sitting on a few gold necklaces or an old class ring" says Miller.

Next week, starting Tuesday at 9am and every day next week through Saturday, the Ohio Valley Refinery is setting up a satellite refinery right here in Waterford at the Comfort Inn. During their 5 day stay, anyone can bring gold, silver or platinum items and turn them in for immediate payment, explains John Miller. "Just about everybody has some amount of gold or silver just lying around collecting dust and this week anybody can sell theirs direct to our refinery. Typically selling direct to a refinery is reserved for larger wholesale customers like jewelry stores, pawn shops and laboratories" says Miller. "We are changing how business is done," he explains "we want to do business with everybody so we took our business to the streets". "Our teams visit various cities around the country hosting 5 day events and allowing the general public to take advantage of our services. "The turnout has been overwhelming" says Miller. "Usually each day is busier than the previous day. It seems once people come to us and sell something, they are so amazed what an old ring or gold coin is worth, they go home and start digging around for more and telling relatives, friends and neighbors. It's like a feeding frenzy by the third day. People line up with everything from gold jewelry to sterling silver flatware sets to old coins. I think during this bad economy everybody can use extra money, but most people say they are taking advantage of selling direct to our refinery because of the higher prices we pay".

During this special event, anyone is welcome to bring all types of gold, silver and platinum to the refinery and turn it in for instant payment. The types of items they will accept include all gold jewelry, gold coins, gold ounces, dental gold, old coins made before 1965 including silver dollars, halves, quarters and dimes, anything marked "sterling" including flatware sets, tea pots, silver bars, silver ounces and all industrial precious metals.

What should you expect if you go to the event to sell your gold and/or silver? Just gather up all gold, silver and platinum in any form. If you are not sure if it's gold or silver, bring it in and they will test it for free. When you arrive at the event you will be asked to fill out a simple registration card and will be issued a number. Seating will be available. When your number is called you will be escorted to a table where your items will be examined, tested and sorted. This only takes a



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Above: Refinery representatives will be on hand next week starting Tuesday through Saturday to purchase all gold, silver and platinum items, as well as coins. Public welcome!

and specialized equipment. Items will be counted and/or weighed. The value of the items will be determined based on up to the minute market prices. Live feeds will be available at the event displaying current market prices of all precious metals. If you choose to sell your items, they will be bagged and tagged and you will be escorted to the cashier to collect your payment. Waiting time to sell your items may range from just a few minutes to 1 hour, so bring something to read. If you are the owner of a jewelry store, pawn shop, dentist office or a dealer you are encouraged to call ahead to make an appointment with the smelt master to discuss their be reached during Refinery hours at (217) 787-7767. Ohio Valley Refinery opens

for business Tuesday. The event continues through next Saturday. No appointment is needed.



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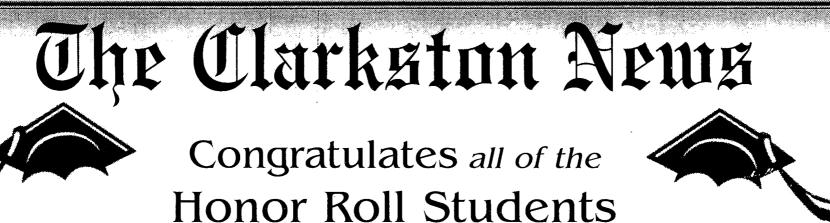
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Fees for weddings

From left, Clarkston Mayor Joe Luginski, councilmen Steve Hargis and Tom Hunter, and the rest of the City Council discuss fees for weddings conducted by the mayor. The council voted, April 11, to approve a fee of \$100. *Photo by Trevor Keiser*



County help for home sellers

BY SUSAN BROMLEY

Special to the Clarkston News

Falling property values have made selling homes a challenge, but Oakland County can help you make your current home nicer, without costing you anything until you move.

The Oakland County Home Improvement Program, funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, has been in existence since 1975 and is designed to help low and moderate income county residents improve their living conditions.

Qualified residents can have any number of home improvements done, including roofs, windows, doors, furnaces, new boilers, kitchen and bathroom remodeling, foundation work, insulation, wiring, and even new septic fields and wells. The only improvements not done are additions to the home and garages.

"Our program is a loan program, however, loans are zero percent interest and repayment is deferred until you no longer live in the house or it's no longer your principal residence," said Gordon Lambert, chief of operations for the Oakland County Community and Home Improvement Division. "We are the fiduciary— we have contractors do the work and pay the contractors when the work is partially complete, or all the way done."

The Home Improvement Program services 50 communities in the county, including Clarkston and Independence and Springfield townships. Typical contracts are \$18,000, although in some cases, a deferred loan of \$20,000 may be given. Eligibility for the program is determined by income.

For a family of one, income can not be higher than \$39,100. A family of four can not have an income greater than \$55,850. The scale continues to slide up, and a family of eight must have an income of less than \$73,850.

"We do a lot of work for single parents and the elderly," said Lambert. "We put a lien on the property and there must be enough equity in the property to support the lien. Unfortunately, this eliminates some people because of this crazy, insane housing market."

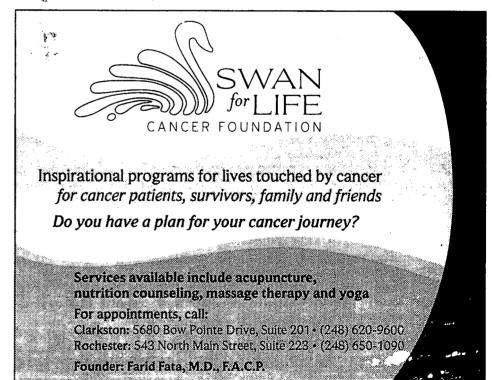
Around 200 contracts are given per year, on a first-come, first-served basis. Lambert said he hasn't been turning anyone away. Mortgage payments and property taxes must be current.

Once eligibility is determined, a technician is sent out to help write specs, with homeowner input.

The county has six contractors they work with, all lead abatement contractors, so if a home has lead paint, they will fix it. Asbestos can also be addressed as part of the contract. No money is handled by the homeowner.

"The program has been very successful," he said. "We insure that the homeowner gets what they are looking for, the work is acceptable, and make sure the proper building permits are pulled... If you need help, we're here to help you."

Go to oakgov.com/chi or call 1-888-350-0900 ext.85401.







Michigan District Governor Dorothy Tyler presents the Distinguished Club award to Clarkston Optimist Roger Diederich and past Clarkston Optimist Club president Sue Ring. Photo provided

lonors for Optimists

Clarskton Area Optimists Club received several achievement awards at the Michigan District Optimist meeting last February in Lansing.

"It's been an incredible year," said Optimist Past President Susan Ring. "We didn't expect the number of times we'd go up there."

The Clarkston Club was recognized as "triple distinguished" for building two new adult clubs, Lake Orion Optimist Club and Oakland Community College Optimist Club, three youth clubs at Springfield Elementary, North Sashabaw Elementary, and Clarkston Junior High, and ending the year with a net

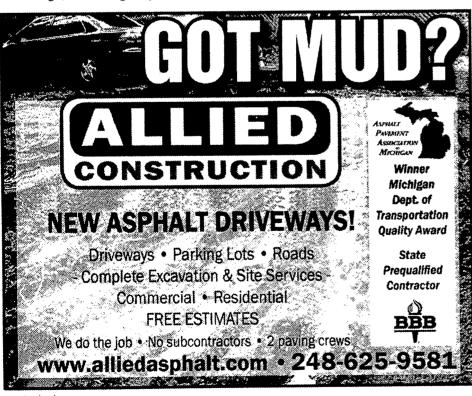
addition of plus 27 members.

Awardsincluded Honor Club patch, Distinguished Club, and New Club Builders to Roger Diederich, Don Brose, and Ring.

Ring was also recognized as a Distinguished president and presented with a watch and a framed certificate from Optimist International President Mark Shriver.

The entire club deserves credit for the awards for volunteering, recruiting new members, and helping out, Ring said.

"All of these things add up," she said. "It takes a village. This couldn't have been done by myself.'



Optimist golf tournament

Clarkston Area Optimist Club hosts a Junior Golf Tournament Oualifier for boys and girls aged 9-18, Saturday, May 7, at the Fountains on Maybee Rd. 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 sregiani@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, Fla.





See if you won when the next Big Deal Hits the streets April 27, 2011



Hundreds of patrons socialize and review silent auction items.

Generous support at Everest Gala

About 360 people filled Centerpointe Marriot in Pontiac for the 19th Annual Everest Gala Auction - "Igniting the Flames of Hope," April 9.

"It was fantastic," said Everest Executive Director Mike Nalepa. "It was our second best ever. Especially in this economy, this is a great sign of hope."

Patrons donated about \$280,000 in live and silent auctions, chaired by Shannon Gales and Terri Nallamothu.

Winning bids included \$13,000 for an Everest VIP Family package, \$7,400 for Detroit Sports Fan Package, and \$5,200 for the cover of Everest's first-ever School Photo Calendar. "We're eternally grateful," Nalepa said. "Their gifts will

have a tremendous impact."

Everest Drama students presented a dinner-theater production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."

"They were very successful," Nalepa said.

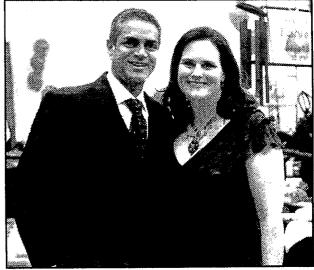
Funds raised will be used to retain and recruit faculty and staff, academic programs, and tuition assistance for about 120 students. The event is Everest's second biggest fund raiser, after its annual fund drive.

"But it's the most fun and social," Nalepa said. "It gets the community involved."

– Phil Custodio



Mike Nalepa, executive director of Everest, gets the auction started.



Terri Nallamothu, with her husband Dr. Shivajee Nallamothu, chaired the event with Shannon Gales.



Everest students present their musical production "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." Photos provided by Marek Dziekonski

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'There's no stopping me'

Ludvigsen, 63, to run 13 miles for cancer research

BY SUSAN BROMLEY

Special to the Clarkston News

Ramona Ludvigsen closed her interior design business in 2006 due to the poor economy, she felt like part of herself had been amputated.

"It had been my life," said the Groveland Township resident, who had owned the business in Clarkston for 12 years and had spent many more years in the industry. "I wanted to find something that would make me come alive again."

It took her a few years, but she found that something and now she is using her new passion to give others hope. At 63-yearsold, Ludvigsen is a runner, and one with a cause. On May 28, she will run the Bay Shore Half-Marathon in Traverse City as a member of Team in Training, raising funds for leukemia and lymphoma research.

"I'm the Grandma on the team," laughs Ludvigsen. "I'm the only one on the team this old, but I feel wonderful. It doesn't matter if you're 60, 70, or 80, you can do this. I'm upbeat and have more energy. Runners as a rule are simple people— they like the outdoors, they love good food and they like their naps."

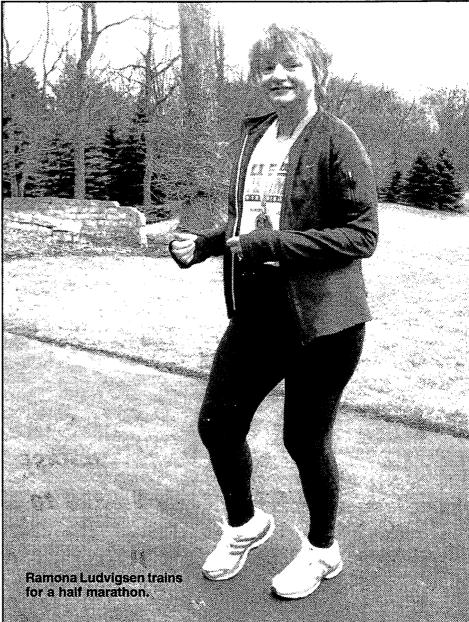
Ludvigsen, who was born and raised in Germany, believes she is now getting a chance at an American youth. In her native country, she wasn't exposed to the team sports that are abundant in the U.S.

Ludvigsen moved to this country when she was 20 and began running when she was in her late 30s for fitness and vanity, but stopped more than 15 years ago. Now she believes, "Once a runner, always a runner."

She returned to running in June 2009 after returning from Arizona where she visited her daughter, Candice, who she describes as a "fitness nut." Ludvigsen was carrying extra weight and felt sluggish, with borderline high blood pressure and borderline high cholesterol. She was determined to make a change and decided to start running again. Every day. Two or three miles each time.

"I took a day off when I was hurting so bad I couldn't move," she recalled. "I would recover and go out and run again. I built up to five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten miles... Running is physical and mental and you have to overcome obstacles on a daily basis." Some days, Eudvigsen notes, she feels

Some days, Ludvigsen notes, she feels like she could still run after doing 12 miles. Other days, she wants to quit after two, unable to breathe right, every joint hurting, hills mocking her. Usually, she adds, it is better



after four miles and then she rewards herself— with a hot shower, wine with dinner, ice cream.

This past January, Ludvigsen convinced Candice to run P.F. Chang's Rock 'n Roll Half Marathon in Arizona after she got her pace to where she wanted it to be— about 11.5 minute miles.

"When you are 63, your pace isn't what it used to be and your body doesn't respond as fast," she said. "I finished in the middle because my daughter is a taskmaster. We finished hand-in-hand... I cried, I laughed, I was hurting, but it was the most wonderful experience and I will always cherish the moment."

That race which she finished in 2 hours, 25 minutes, was another turning point for Ludvigsen. While running it, she was cheered on by runners who were part of Team in Training. When she returned to Michigan, she signed up to be a member, and her next race, the Bay Shore Half, will be to raise funds for cancer research and patient and family support.

"With the economy, I didn't know how people would react, but everybody has been positive and encouraging me," Ludvigsen said. "My pain is nothing compared to the pain of people who have lost a loved one to cancer."

She is hoping she can gain the support of the community. Donations can be made by going to www.teamintraining.org and search participants for Ramona Ludvigsen.

"Any donation will be appreciated," said Ludvigsen. "I'm not running any longer for myself, I'm doing this for many people. It's a wonderful thing— I feel blessed to be out there at my age and I feel wonderful to be able to do this. I will run as long as I can and my body will allow me to. There's no stopping me."

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PUBLIC NOTICE INDEPENDENCE TWP.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a Regular meeting on April 5, 2011, the Charter Township of Independence Board of Trustees approved a Second Reading and Adop tion of a First Amendment to the Ordinance Creating Pine Knob Corporate Center Planned Unit Development, as follows: STATE OF MICHIGAN

COUNTY OF OAKLAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE ORDINANCE NO. 83A-11-01 **FIRST AMENDMENT TO** ORDINANCE CREATING PINE KNOB CORPORATE CENTER PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT

An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 83, as ended, the Charter Township of Independence Zoning Ordinance, being Chapter 50 of the Independence Char ter Township Code, for the purposes of providing amended regulations and criteria applicable to certain portions of the Pine Knob Corporate Center Planned Unit Development

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE OR-DAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1 of Ordinance

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On June 6, 2006, the Township Board of Trustees adopted the Ordinance Creating Pine Knob Corporate Center Planned Unit Development (the "Original Ordinance Creating Pine Knob Corporate Center PUD") as a map and text amendment to the Township's Zoning Ordinance. The Township has been requested and has determined to amend certain regulations and criteria applicable to the Pine Knob Corporate Center PUD, Accordingly, in orde to incorporate the amendments into the Original Ordi-nance Creating Pine Knob Corporate Center PUD, Section Two of said Ordinance is hereby amended to read as

This amendment to the Zoning Ordinance is ap-proved subject to, and all development and use of the Property shall be subject to and in conformity with the following:

Chapter 50, Article II, Division 22 of the Indepen dence Township Code of Ordinances, as amended.

- The PUD Plan (as defined in the Development 2. Agreement, as amended, listed below) for the Pine Knob Corporate Center Planned Unit Development, as revised as of the date of the First Amendment to the Ordinance Creating the Pine Knob Corporate Center Planned Unit Development, and only as approved by the Charter Township of Independence Board of Trustees on the date of adoption of said First Amendment by the Independence Township Board.
- The Development Agreement for the Pine Knob 3. Corporate Center Planned Unit Development, dated June 19, 2006, and recorded at Liber 37795, Page 823 Oakland County records, as amended by the First Amendment to said Development Agreement.
- The Conservation Easement for the Pine Knob 4. Corporate Center Planned Unit Development, preserving all wetlands, as modified, on the Property and shown on the approved PUD Plan.
- All Easements, Covenants and Restrictions ap-5. proved by the Township.
- Any and all conditions of the approval of the independence Township Board of Trustees and 6. Planning Commission pertaining to the Pine Knob Corporate Center Planned Unit Development as reflected in the official minutes of such meet-
- All applicable Independence Township ordinances Recordation with the Oakland County Register of Deeds office of an affidavit by the owner of 8. the Property prior to commencement of construction and prior to the sale or lease of any portion of the Property, containing the legal description of the entire project, specifying the date of approval of the Pine Knob Corporate Center Planned Unit Development and amendment thereto, and declaring that all future development of the Property has been authorized, restricted and required to be carried out only in accordance with the Ordinance Creating the Pine Knob Corporate Center Planned Unit Development, as amended Such an affidavit shall be recorded with the original approval of the planned unit development and any subsequent amendments to such approval.

Section 2. Severability.

- Section 3. Savings. Section 4. Effective Date.
- Section 5. Enactment.

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CERTIFICATION

It is certified that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Indendence, Oakland County, Michigan, at a meeting of the Board duly called and held on April 5, 2011.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE By: Barbara A. Pallotta, Township Clerk

Introduced: 3/1/2011 Adopted: 4/5/2011

Published: 3/9/2011 and 4/13/2011 Effective: 4/20/2011

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

Part of the Southeast ¼ of Section 15, T4N, R9E, Independence Township, Oakland County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the North-South 1/4 line of Section 15, also being the centerline of Sashabaw Road located N. 00°14'07" E. 329.62 feet from the South ¼ corner of Section 15, T4N, R9E; thence continuing N 00º14'07" E. 792.44 feet along said North-South ¼ line and the centerline of Sashabaw Road; thence N. 89º27'17' E. 60.00 ft; thence N. 00º14'07" E. 200.00 ft. to the centerline of Clarkston Road; thence N. 89°27'17" E. (recorded N. 89°45'01" E.) 1253.98 ft. along said centerline of Clarkston Road; thence S. 00°09'48" E. 1006.45 ft (recorded as 1006.88 ft.); thence N. 89°56'04" W. 1320.87 tt. to the point of beginning. Containing 29.95 acres subject to the rights of the public over the Westerly 33 feet for Sashabaw Road and the Northerly 33 feet for Clarkston Road. All subject to easements and restrictions of record, if any

PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know INDEPENDENCE TWP. SYNOPSIS

- TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE APRIL 5, 2011
- The Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Independence Township Hall.
- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Roll Call: Present: Wagner, Carson, Lohmeier, 3. Pallotta, Petterson, Rosso, Wallace Absent: None
 - There was a quorum.
- The Agenda was approved as amended.
- Approved Motion to go into Closed Session at 7:05 5.
 - Triumph Telecom Systems, Inc. v Charter Town a. ship of Independence, et al, as permitted by MCL 15.268(e)
 - Negotiation of International Association of b. Firefighters Collective Bargaining Agreement, as permitted by MCL 15.268(c)
 - Evaluation and Contract review for the Deputy Supervisor, as permitted by 15.268(a)
 - AFSCME Union Grievance, as permitted by d. 15.268(a) Discussion regarding legal opinion received from
 - e. Secrest Wardle, as permitted by MCL 15.268(h) under Freedom of Information Act, MCL 15.243(1)(g)
- The meeting reconvened to Open Session at 9:53 6. p.m.
- Approved motion to extend meeting to 11:30 p.m. Approved "Waiver of Conflict of Interest" in Triumph
- Telecom Systems, Inc. v. Charter Township of Independence, et al. Approved action to be taken in regard to AFSCME
- Employee Grievance. 10. Approved extension of Deputy Supervisor's contract.
- 11. Public Forum Comment: None
- 12. Approved Consent Agenda:
 - Approved Resolution for Friends of Clarkston C. Lacrosse Association to be recognized as a non-profit organization.
 - Bid Awarded for the 2011 Fireworks Contract for d. Independence Day Celebration
 - Approved Parks & Recreation 2011 Youth Basehall/Softball Team Uniforms
 - Approved Contract for Lawn Care Services for
 - Parks & Recreation Athletic Fields Approved DTE Premises License Agreement g.
 - xtensior Approved Cemetery Rate Increases
 - UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- Approved Second Reading and Adoption of an Amendment to the Pine Knob Corporate Center PUD
- for Medilodge of Clarkston. Approved posting of part-time Office Assistant Posi-14 tion in the Supervisor's Office.
- 15. Approved motion to extend meeting to 12:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 6, 2011 and address agenda items

out of order. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

- Approved Accounts Payable Check Run Approved Regular Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2011 as submitted and Special Meeting Minutes 16. a. of February 22, 2011 as amended
- NEW BUSINESS Approved 2011 Road Chloride Program and Reimbursement Policy for Private Roads
- UNFINISHED BUSINESS Approved Computer Purchase and Upgrade for Com-pliance with BS&A Financial System Software. 10
- NEW BUSINESS Approved posting of Advanced Assessing Officer 20.
- (Level III) position. 21. Closing Statements by Board Members: None eeting adjourned at 12:22 a.m. on Wednesday, 22. The me

April 6, 2011. Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC

Township Clerk

Published: April 13, 2011



NOTICE OF SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Special Primary

ction will be held in the CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

Count TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2011

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN 7:00 A.M. UNTIL 8:00 P.M. AT THE PRECINCT POLLING PLACES BELOW:

- 1 Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Rd.
- 2 Springfield Township Fire Station #2, 10280 Rattalee Lake Rd.
- Andersonville Elementary School, 10350 3 -Andersonville Rd
- Oakland Technical Center, 8211 Big Lake Rd. Springfield Plains Elementary School, 8650 5
- Holcomb Rd. Springfield Plains Elementary School, 8650 6 -
- Holcomb Rd. Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000

Davisburg Rd. All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities. To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available on audio tape and in Braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats can be made by contacting the Township Clerk in advance of this election.

Absentee ballots are available for all elections; regis tered voters may contact the Township Clerk to obtain an application for absent voter ballot by calling 248-846-6510 or appearing at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, MI, 8:30 am 4:30 pm.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF NOMINATING CANDI-DATES OF ALL PARTICIPATING POLITICAL PARTIES FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICE:

County Commissioner 2nd District COUNTY Laura Moreau, Clerk

Charter Township of Springfield Published: April 13, 2011



PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CHAR-TER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Accuracy Test on the

M-100 Voting Equipment to be used for the Special Primary Election scheduled for Tuesday, May 3, 2011 will be conducted on Monday, April 18, 2011 at 10 a.m., Michigan time at the Springfield Township Civic Center, Clerk's Office, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, Oakland County, MI.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to count the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of the law LAURA MOREAU, CLERK

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Tea for ESTHERS

ESTHERS Children hosts its Fourth Annual A Friendship Tea, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, May 7, the day before Mother's Day, at Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road.

The fund raiser includes handmade specialty tea foods and desserts, Resale Fashion Show and Sale by Diva's of Lake Orion and Twice Blessed for Children, fair trade shopping from Brazil, and a Red Hat resale table.

RSVP with payment, \$25 each, to 7276 Snowapple Dr., Clarkston 48346.

Call Leslie Vaughn at 248-625-8240 or Vonda Ruth, 248-890-4876, or check www.estherschildren.org.

FILE NO: STATE OF MICHIGAN 2011-335, 384-DE **PROBATE COURT** COUNTY OF OAKLAND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

Estate of HARRY T. FLANAGAN, a/k/a HARRY THOMAS FLANAGAN. Date of birth: 08/28/1941

TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, HARRY T. FLANAGAN, a HARRY THOMAS FLANAGAN, who lived at 3750 Kingsway Drive,

Highland, Michigan died 03/08/2011. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to KIMBERLY ANNE CLARK, will be to level to all the data by the control of the material representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Fid., Ponitiac, Michigan 48341-0449 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet on Wednesday, May 4, 2011, 7:30 PM in the Inde-

pendence Township Hall Conference Room, 6483 Waldon

Center Dr., Clarkston, MI 48346, to hear the following

APPLICANT REQUESTS 9' REAR YARD SETBACK VARIANCE PLUS 66 SQ FT

SIZE VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 24, SECTION 50-837 OF THE

ZONING ORDINANCE TO CON-

SETBACK VARIANCE PLUS 278 SQ FT SIZE VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III,

DIVISION 24, SECTION 50-837 OF THE

ZONING ORDINANCE TO CON-

6410 Paramus, R-1A Clarkston Estates No. 2, ½ of Lot 417

Respectfully submitted, Barbara A. Pollatta, Clerk

STRUCT ATTACHED GARAGE

Stern & Seligman Sub., Lot 49

STRUCT ATTACHED GARAGE

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT THE ABOVE

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day, Monday through Friday until the date of the Public Hearing. For Further Information call (248) 625-8111.

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Case #11-0008 Deuel, Brent, Petitioner APPLICANT REQUESTS 4' SIDE YARD

and all of Lot 418

08-29-205-007

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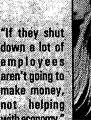
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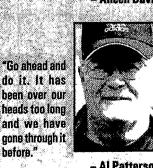
"It's scary. I am hoping things work out the way they are suppose

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- Frankie Silvia



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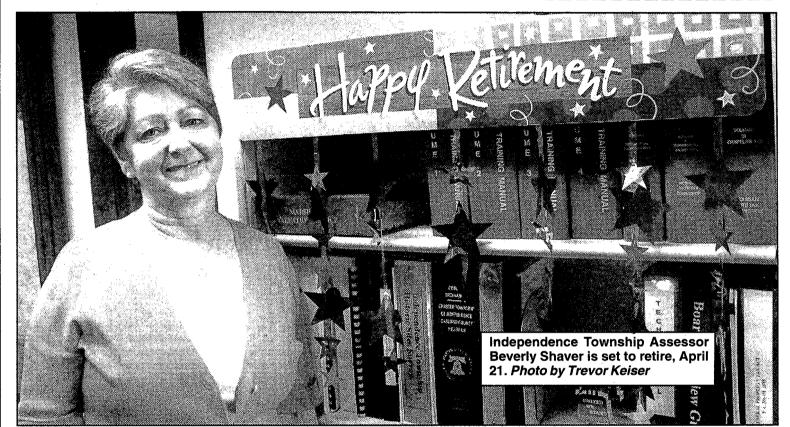
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"Go ahead and do it. It has been over our heads too long and we have gone through it

- Al Patterson

By Wendi Reardon





Assessor tired of juggling work, play

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer After nine years as Independence Township assessor, Beverly Shaver has decided it's time to join Tom, her husband of 42 years, in the fun of retirement.

"He's been retired for five years and is dying for me to be home," Shaver said. "I want to play bridge, I want to golf, I want to fish and I want to travel."

She and Tom already have a trip planned to head up north to go mushrooming, after she retires on April 21.

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"Mushrooming is a riot," she said. "It's a walk in the woods looking for morel mushrooms and then you go back and you cook them and eat them."

Shaver said she's only found three mushrooms in the past three years.

'It's all about the fun," she said. "The worst part is I am allergic to mushrooms. I don't even eat them, I'm just there to be out in the woods and to be with friends."

After that, they head to Colorado to see their daughter Tracy and son, Chuck.

"I have four grandchildren," she said.

"We're expecting a fifth and for the first time I want to be there when number five comes."

Shaver said her only hesitation in retiring is "breaking up the team" she has established with her staff.

"I absolutely love my job and I love who I work with," she said.

One of her favorite parts of the job is doing special projects.

"The research, digging in, and helping someone," she said. "I love doing this part of my job."

Please see Shaver on page 3C

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Clarkston Community Women's Club, 7 p.m., April 14, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Presentations by Bart Clark on the building of a Clarkston community theater and Michael Pachuta, president of Credential Check Corporation, discussing identity theft. All are welcome. 248-620-3255.

Easter Egg Hunt, 3 p.m., April 16, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. 248-625-1611.

Spring Training 5K Run/Walk, Clarkston Riverdawgs, 10 a.m., April 16, Independence Oaks County Park. First 150 runners get a race bag with free long sleeve t-shirt, Qdoba gift card, coupon for a free scoop of Culvers ice cream, and other items. Silent auction. Registration starts at 8 a.m., or at

www.riverdawgrun.org.

Mom 2 Mom sale, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., April 16, Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. Gently used kids clothes, toys and baby gear. \$1 admission, benefits MOPS. 248-620-4664.

Just ONCE Piano for Busy People, 6-9:30 p.m., April 20. Learn all the chords you'll need to play any song in this one session. \$30. Community Education Center, 6558 Waldon Road.

Just ONCE Piano By Ear, 6-9:30 p.m., April 26. How to play songs without relying on sheet music, \$30. Community Education Center, 6558



Waldon Road.

Youth Recognition Ceremony, 7 p.m., April 27, Clarkston United Methodist Church. Nominate any school-aged youth making a positive difference for others through volunteering or simple acts of kindness. 248-623-4313.

A Friendship Tea, ESTHERS Children, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., May 7, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Tea and dessert, shopping, raffle. \$25. Call Leslie at 248-625-8240 or Vonda, 248-890-4876.

Indoor Garage Sale, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., May 7, Clarkston Knights of Columbus, 5660 Maybee Road. Table: \$20.248-625-3772 or 248-736-4117.

Community Charity Golf Outing, Michigan Fallen Heroes Memorial, 12 p.m. registration, May 16, Oakhurst Golf and Country Club. \$150 per person, golf, lunch, dinner; \$40 per person dinner only. www.michiganfallenheroes.com/ support.

Peacefest, with over 50 artists, June 4-5, 5815 Dixie Highway. Featured artist: Carl Lundgren, psychedelic rock poster artist. Music by The Rythm Kings and other local bands.

Weekly meetings

Sunday

Adult Basketball League, 18 and over, 12-5 p.m., Sundays, Clarkston Junior High, 6595 Middle

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Lake. \$450/resident team. \$550/non-resident team. Referee fees are an additional cost. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.

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

Monday

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. 248-507-4839.

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

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

Clarkston Rotary Club, Mondays, 6:30 p.m. Clarkston Community Education Center, 6558 Waldon Road. \$10. 248-880-0027.

Pilates and Sculpt, Mondays, 7-8 p.m., Bay

Court Park's Lakeview room. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223. ***

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

Afternoon Line Dancing, Mondays, 1:30-4 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Country, Spanish salsa, rock and roll, cha cha, with Rosemary Hall. \$3 drop in.

Job Ministry presentation for unemployed or to hone employability skills, third Monday, 7:30 p.m., St. Daniel's Cushing Center, 7010 Valley Park Drive. April 18: Ed Barry, SCORE counselor, and Matt Sherwood, VETBIZ counselor. 248-625-4580.

Exercise program for all ages, joint mobility, coordination, strength, Mondays, 12 p.m., lower level, 7590 Dixie Highway. \$7/session, \$25/four sessions. 248-627-7445.

Free Smoking Cessation, Wednesdays, May 11, 18, 2-4 p.m., Great Lakes Cancer Institute, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. 248-922-6606.

Baby Boomer Boot Camp, Mondays and Wednesdays, 5-6 p.m., April 18-June 13, Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Strength, conditioning, nutrition. \$76 for 16 classes. 248-625-8231.

Tuesday

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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Shaver ready for retirement fun

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Shaver said she fell into assessing while working as a bookkeeper at a Coney Island and was tired of being "tied to a desk."

"I have way too much energy to sit in one spot for eight hours a day. The secretary for Supervisor Tink Ronk knew I was bored to tears and said 'why don't you be an assessor? There are a couple classes coming up and you could go out in the field and measure houses," Shaver said. "When she said 'out in the field,' that was my thing. I want to be out in the field."

After taking the first class, Shaver said she loved it and took the next class on her own. Before she knew it, she was a level II assessor without any experience in an assessing department.

"A job became open in Lake Orion and I took it," she said.

After joining Lake Orion in 1987 and working there for four years, she went on to work for Deerfield, Mayfield, and Mundy, before becoming the Independence Township assessor in 2002.

"I've been part of this community one way or the other for a long time," Shaver said.

She and Tom moved to Independence in 1972 and lived there until they moved to Springfield in 2002.

Prior to assessing, Shaver worked for Clarkston Community Schools, Independence Township Fire Department as one of the first woman volunteer fire fighters, planning commission, and in the building department for three years under Bev McElmeel.

She also was a part of the Clarkston Women's Club, which helped raise money to build the new Independence Township Library, as well as Ski Patrol for nine years at Pine Knob.

"I work hard and I play hard, but I'm tired of juggling them," Shaver said. "Now I just want to play hard."

Grad party fund raiser

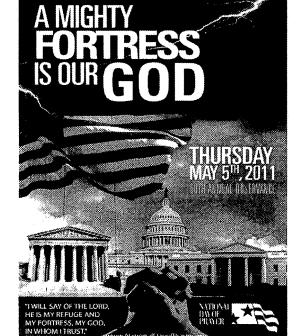
The Clarkston High School Class of 2011 Post Grad Party and Senior Picnic Committee hosts a family social mixer and fund raiser, 5-9:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 20, at The Shark Club, 6650 Highland Road.

This evening features an all-you-can-eat pasta buffet, including a variety of pasta dishes, breadsticks, salads and soft drinks for \$6 per person. Also available for a separate price arc homemade baked goods and a 50/50 raffle. The fund raiser has a celebrity wait staff which includes the high school staff.

All proceeds from the event are used for the CHS Post Grad All Night Party and the Senior Picnic.







2011 CLARKSTON AREA NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER BREAKFAST

Thursday, May 5, 2011 - 7-9 a.m. Featuring: "Men of Grace" St. Daniel Catholic Community - The Cushing Center 7010 Valley Park Drive, Clarkston, MI 48346

Tickets are \$7 each and available at: Calvary Lutheran Church (248-625-3288) or Clarkston Community Church (248-625-1323)

Milestones



From left are Allen Cook, acting district director, U.S. Small Business Administration; J. Grant Smith, president and CEO, Clarkston State Bank; Rebecca McGovern, assistant vice president and commercial loan officer, Clarkston State Bank; Nichole Smith, vice president and commercial loan officer, Clarkston State Bank; Nicole Thomson, Ioan and finance officer, Oakland County Business Finance Corporation; and Marianne O'Brien Markowitz, regional administrator, U.S. Small Business Administration. *Photo provided*

Business achievements

Clarkston State Bank earned 2010 Bank of the Year honors, selected by the Oakland County Business Finance Corporation.

"We've worked hard to provide financial support to businesses in our communities and are pleased to be recognized," said J. Grant Smith, president and CEO of Clarkston State Bank.

The selection is based on the number of and 64 jobs created and/or retained.

Hannah Gould, a freshman history major at Grove City College, has been named to the

She is a 2010 graduate of Christian Lead-

Dean's List, with a GPA of 3.40 to 3.59 for the

ership Academy and the daughter of Mr. and

fall 2010 semester.

Mrs. Greg Gould of Clarkston.

loans the bank participated in for the 2010 fiscal year, and in recognition of outstanding service and commitment to Oakland County and the Small Business Association 504 loan program.

Člarkston State Bank participated in 19 percent of the approved and funded loans with total project investment of \$4.3 million and 64 jobs created and/or retained.

Students achieve success

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Clarkston students earning degrees last December at Grand Valley State University included **Michael S. Medonis**, Bachelor of Science; **Bradley E. Nettle**, cum laude, Bachelor of Science Nursing; and **Katherine M. Thomas**, Bachelor of Science Nursing.

Got a Milestone to share?

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

Religion How we speak of hell reflects others' view of us

I want to talk about hell for a few minutes, but I'm not really going to talk about hell. And since this isn't about hell, it isn't about writing an intellectual dissertation or providing a Scriptural defense of it.

Hell is actually a prop to make my point. What this is really all about is a simple observation about how we talk about things and how people see us.

Recently, there has been a lot of discussion about hell because Rob Bell, a preacher in the Grand Rapids area, wrote a book that asked a lot of questions about it.

What is hell like? Is there a literal hell? Is it eternal torment? Who will be there? How does one keep from going there?

Even before the book was released and read, it was the hottest topic on the internet for a while. It created quite a stir and provoked a wide range of varied, but pointed, responses.

This was mostly in Christian circles. I don't know a lot of people outside of the Christian community that give a rip about entire sanctification, predestination, eternal security, irresistible grace, prevenient there.

I don't know that most folks even really care about hell, but it is the thing we are talking about and our conversations are getting noticed.

Spiritual Please don't misunderstand me; I think theology Matters

is really important. The point I'm trying to make is that people are watching In the movie "Ocean's

us.

Eleven" (2001), Bellagio casino owner Terry Benedict (Andy Garcia) and his girlfriend Tess astor Dave (Julia Roberts) are in the

casino's art gallery. As Tess leans in for a kiss, Terry moves away while pointing to a CCTV camera and says, "In my hotel, there's always somebody watching."

Gerber

To the world at large, we are all Christians. Even though we have more Christian denominations than Cold Stone has ice

grace, or any of the atonement theories out cream flavor combinations, most people just see us under one label, 'Christian.'

What I see when we discuss topics, like hell, is a group of people that sound anything but friendly and kind. I think other people see it, too.

It's okay to have differing opinions when it comes to theology. It isn't wrong. Besides, I don't think we'll ever agree on everything. Not even the apostles did that.

But we can demonstrate a grace-filled, kind, and understanding attitude even in the midst of our differences.

Jesus said that the world will know we are Christians by the love we have for each other. And yes, that applies even when we are talking about theology.

Discussions about theology are valuable and we should have them. In the process, we need to remember that in this world someone is always watching.

Are our disagreements marked by grace? Is it more important to be right than to love each other? Does it even matter? The Rev. Dave Gerber is pastor of Skin

Ministries.

Experience the Self, meditation, contemplation, discussion with Kathy Bindu Henning, 12-2:30 p.m., April 17, Peace Unity Church,

In our churches...

8080A Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

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

DC4K, DivorceCare for Kids, ages 5-12, Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening FEAST, 6 p.m. Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-3288.

A Course In Miracles, self-study course, Wednesday, 12 p.m.; Thursday, 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

P.A.T.H. - Pray And Things Happen: Spiritual Tools for Enhancing Life and Living. Thursdays, 7 p.m., Peace Unity, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

Celebrate Recovery ministry for hurting people, Thursday, 7-8:30 pm., Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. 248-625-1323. Childcare available.



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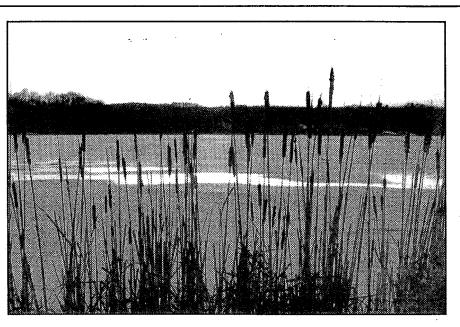
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Ice no more

John Meyland of Independence Township snapped this photo of Deer Lake as ice broke up after a long, cold winter. *Photo provided*

Student musicians make state

Several Clarkston High School students qualified to compete in state level competition in District 4 Solo and Ensemble, March 26, including:

Kristina Ballough, piano solo; Victoria Caine, flute solo; Matt Dahl, piano solo; Conor Daly-Seiler, bass clarinet solo; Michael Gieske, bassoon solo; Molly Graham, horn solo; Kelsea Horne, flute solo; Nathan Huhta, bassoon solo; Jessica Johnson, sax solo; Nathan Ross, piano solo; Caelan Stewart, horn solo; Kevin Thompson, tuba solo; Michelle Whitmore, piccolo solo; Michelle Whitmore, flute solo; Nicole Whitmore, clarinet solo; Frank Chiodo, trumpet solo; Kelsey Lowes, baritone solo; Courtney Bell, trombone solo; Samantha Hickey, cello solo; Lauren Rodewald, bass solo; Kelli Moore, viola solo;

Katie Gipe and Jenna Damico, flute duet; Michael Gieske and Nathan Huhta, bassoon duet; Maia Girard and Amanda Chamberlain, flute duet; Taylor Tomei and Nicole Whitmore, clarinet duet; Michelle Rozwadowski and Spencer Miller, sax duet; Matt Zurek and Connor Mann, clarinet duet; Kelli Moore and Avery Mitevski, viola duet;

Brian Roy, Abbey Kojima, and Alex Caine, percussion trio; Geena Kerr, Kelsea Horne, and Kaitlin Braunschweig, flute trio; Kathryn Culver, Courtney Cox, and Breanna Burch, flute trio;

Emily Rice, Kevin Gu, Michael Hart, and Adam Vinstra, trumpet quartet; Jeff Fisk, Allyson Wilson, Jenna Herkness, and Samantha Hickey, string quartet; Travis Sandor, Sierra Baker, Avery Mitevski, Sophia McFadden-Keesling, and Lauren Rodewald, string quartet;

Jordan Holloway, Zach Snyder, Kaley Gross, Stephen Plont, and Eric Shahly, percussion quintet; Louise Have, Taylor Tomei, Melissa Chamberlain, Conor Daly-Seiler, and Kristina Ballough, clarinet quintet; Michael Gieske, Julie Gjebic, Nicole Whitmore, Michelle Whitmore, and Caelan Stewart, woodwind quintet; Whitney Balkany, Mallory Linehan, Kaity Bragan, Jeseaca Shier, and Kelli Moore, string quintet;

Jackie Gipe, Jenny Zawadzki, Brad Villeneuve, Courtney Villenueve, Alex Markarian, and Michelle Tharp, trombone sextet;

Michelle Whitmore, Catie Boskee, Julie Gjebic, Kaley Gross, Nicole Whitmore, Melissa Chamberlain, Alex Thierbach, Caelan Stewart, Michael Gieske, Nathan Huhta, and Kevin Thompson, woodwind chamber ensemble;

Victoria Caine, Maia Girard, Julie Cole, Stephanie Marani, Taylor Tomei, Louise Haven, Molly Egan, Molly Graham, Michael Gieske, Nathan Huhta, and Lauren Rodewald, woodwind chamber ensemble;

Nicole Whitmore, Melissa Chamberlain, Kristina Ballough, Andrea Vedrody, Lauryn Johnson, Jordan McGowen, Camille Carnahan, Louise Haven, Mary Allau, Sean McNeil, Aingeal Miller, Mary Grego, Conor Daly-Seiler, Michael Gieske, and Emily Hyde, clarinet choir.

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BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer Brent Davies is being recognized for years

of playing his favorite sport. The 48-year-old Clarkston resident is be-

ing inducted into the Michigan Touch Football Hall of Fame.

"It was a surprise," he said. "It really caught me off guard. I guess I made an impact. I didn't play a long time. I thought you had to play for years."

He was nominated by Bob Durso, a teammate also in the Michigan Touch Football Hall of Fame.

"I was nominated because I was a very good player, because I amplify the game of football with passion, how hard I played and led with interceptions," Davies said.

He played touch football for five years as a defensive back, corner and safety in the Pontiac Touch Football League for three teams, two of which, Coach's Corner and Dillenger's Bar were in the Waterford league.

"I was fortunate to play for a good team in Pontiac," he said. "We won a lot of city championships and went to the state playoffs a lot in Grand Rapids. It was the only astroturf so we got to play on it every year."

He also had a lot of interceptions and had three during one of the games in the finals. Davies said growing up and playing foot-

ball and baseball in Clarkston really molded him. He was playing little league baseball when he was ten when he ran to the home plate to score.

"I plowed the catcher over to score," he explained. "Some of the guys on the team

that played with the Clarkston Chiefs said 'you should play football."

Davies said okay and signed up.

"Football is a sport I just love," he continued. "I love hitting people. I love the contact. I love the com-

rade, the competition and all the competitiveness of it." He was on the first Clarkston Chiefs team which went undefeated in 1974. As part of the varsity team he helped them achieve a 7-0 record. Two years later Davies helped the Sashabaw Junior High School to Davies achieve their best

point. During his freshman year the boys finished with a 6-2-1 record.

record up to that

"We played Clarkston Junior High School and we were the first team to beat them and to tie them when we played them in the first and last game," he remembered. "They were



Brent Davies, as a Madison Heights Rams in 1983 Photo provided

up eight points and in the last drive we had to score and make a two-point conversion which we did. We were the first team not to lose to them. It was cool.'

His sophomore year the JV team finished 6-3. He explained it was because the teams they played would send down their juniors to play against us because they were beating everyone.

During his sophomore year, Kurt Richardson, current head coach for the Clarkston Wolves' Varsity football team, was the defensive back coach and the defensive coordinator during Davies' senior year.

"I learned a lot from Coach Richardson," said Davies. "He is a passionate guy and loves the game. To this day Kurt is a great guy. He taught me a lot. He has really made the program there."

Davies played for the Michigan Charity Football League for the Madison Heights Rams team in 1983.

"It had a lot of college players, Canadian players and ex-NFL players," he said. "It was really competitive football."

He blew his knee out the second year and ended full contact football. Davies continued playing, five years in touch football and three years in flag football.

"It got to the point I had to retire," he said after all the injuries and when he was 42years-old he had a total knee replacement.

He is still an avid football fan and is a avid Detroit Lions fan as well.

"The NFL is the greatest league. I watch it like a fanatic," said Davies. He also played years of competive soft-

ball and played 300 games in one year.

We would rush from softball game to touch football games in the fall," he said. Now he plays a lot of golf, scoring a holein-one last year - his fourth. He also works

part-time for After School Golf Academy. "I teach little kids how to play golf," he explained. "It is very rewarding when you get a kid in week one who can't swing a club and by week four they can hit the ball. I really enjoy it."

He has also built a green in his backyard. When I get into something I really get into it." he said.

He also coaches the JV team at Everest Academy for the boys spring season.

Davies has two kids, Heather and Trevor. and is married to his wife, Kim, and owns Davies Construction and Maintenance.

"I am really proud to have played for Clarkston High School Football and Baseball," said Davies

"I am proud of all the teams I played for. It really molds you. Playing for Coach Richardson and Coach Roy Warner, I learned a lot. Clarkston is a great community. They really care about kids. It is a great community lor.klds to grow up "

The presentation is in September.

Business advice workshop set

Saint Daniel's Job Ministry hosts Should I, Could I, Start My Own Business workshop, 7:30 p.m., April 18, in the St. Daniel Campus Cushing Center Social Hall, 7010 Valley Park Drive.

Presenters are Mr. Ed Barry, SCORE counselor in Clarkston, and Ed Ronders, VetBiz executive director.

SCORE volunteers mentor entrepreneurs through one-to-one business advising sessions on a full range of business topics. Vetbiz promotes business ownership and expansion for veterans through mentorship programs, coaching, outreach, and vendor directories.

RSVP to stdanjobhelp@yahoo.com or St. Daniel's Christian Service Office, 248-625-4583 by April 14.

Treasures, Treats in Springfield

Neighbor for Neighbor, an all-volunteer non-profit charitable organization, hosts Treasures and Treats spring fund raiser, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., May 13-14, at the Hart Community Center in downtown Davisburg.

All proceeds from the sale of oneof-a-kind items and baked goods will be used by Neighbor for Neighbor to provide assistance to area families in need.

Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Department holds its Community Garage and Sidewalk Sale at the same time, same place.

Call 248-634-0900 for more information or to donate items.

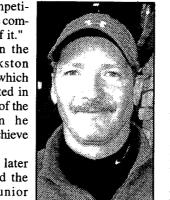
Style show for garden club

Springfield Garden Club hosts its annual Daffodils & Duds style show and luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 4, Warwick Hills Golf and Country Club in Grand Blanc.

The show features fashions from Coldwater Creek, and includes silent auction and door prizes.

Tickets are \$27 - make reservations by April 25. Proceeds benefit Woman's National Farm and Garden endowment, community beautification, and environmental projects.

Call Donna McDonald at 248-891-0900



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Chamberlain's: Sell your unwanted jewelry and make a profit!

One thing Ron & Gwen Chamberlain, owners of Chamberlain's Auction Gallery would like to stress is not to be fooled by gimmicky ads or commercials by other gold-buying stores.

Chamberlain's is an honest family-owned business and the owners have lived in the Clarkston area all their lives. They have been in the art, jewelry and antique business for 30 years. They will pay top dollar for your unwanted gold and silver jewelry and you can be confident that you are getting paid what you should! Chamberlain's will test and weigh your gold right in front of you and pay you cash on the spot. NO GIMMICKS!!!

Please do not fall victim to these fly-by-night operations from out of state who call themselves traveling road shows! They come from out of state, pay way below fair market

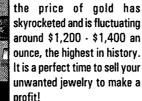


Ron and Gwen Chamberlain of Chamberlain's paid varies on the gold market, with Kodi.

value and then leave a few days later. Not only do they rip off the people of Michigan, but they also take money from legitimate economy improves, the price Michigan businesses.

Chamberlain's will buy your bracelets, rings, necklaces, earrings, watches, gold and silver coins and bars - even your sterling tea sets and flatware sets. They will buy anything made of gold, silver or platinum even your dental gold.

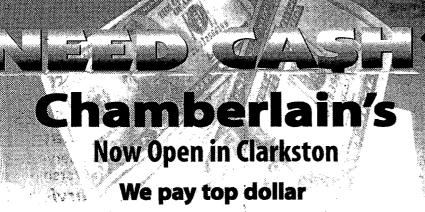
bought gold jewelry in the 1980's and should have been paying that in 1990's when gold was only \$400 an ounce. the first place. Now that the country is in a recession,



Chamberlain charges nothing to tell you whether your jewelry is real or fake and what he would pay for it. The price

but for the past year, gold prices have been consistently at a very high level. When the of gold will drop, so now is the time to sell.

Chamberlain can't stress enough to take your jewelry to an honest and established business. If other gold brokers are offering 25 or 30 percent Chamberlain noted that many people extra on certain days, they



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Obituaries

Dorothy Barnett, 85

Dorothy M. Barnett (Williams), age 85, of Clarkston, passed peacefully April 10, 2011, at St. Joseph Mercy

Hospital Oakland. She was born in Detroit on Aug. 24, 1925, to Archibald and Mamie Williams. Mrs. Barnett leaves behind her loving husband Charlie of 63 years and children Lynn (Dr. Richard) Westfall of Illinois, Nancy Barnett

of Colorado, David Barnett of Idaho and Lelia (Jeffery) Cooper of Holly; also survived by eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren as well as many nieces and nephews; and sister of the late Ray B. Williams.

Besides being a great and loving mom, Dorothy loved nature, skiing, camping and backpacking. She was a popular local potter and participated in numerous juried shows. Dorothy was an active member of the Clarkston United Methodist Church.

Memorial Service Monday, April 18, at 11 a.m. at Clarkston United Methodist Church, where friends may visit at the church from 10 a.m. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home-Cremation Services, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Clarkston United Methodist Church or American Cancer Society.

guest Online book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Ronald R. Beller, 71

Ronald R. Beller, "Ron," of Clarkston passed away April 10, 2011, at age 71.

He was the loving husband of Judy for 52 years; beloved father of Robyn (Michael) Carnill and Wendy (Matthew) Quinnan; proud grandfather of Chelsea, Clay, Jake, Anna, Cassidy, and Charli; brother of Leo (Delphine) Beller, Thomas (Margaret) Beller, and Richard (Joan) Beller.

Mr. Beller enjoyed hunting, fishing and gardening. He was an extraordinary craftsman, passionate about his family and reached out to others.

Memorial Mass, 10 a.m., Friday, April 15, at St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park, Clarkston, where friends may visit 9 a.m. Friday until time of the mass. Memorials may be made to the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries

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Jackie B. Dunahay, 77

Jackie Bell Dunahay of Clarkston passed away April 4, 2011, at age 77.

She was preceded in death by her husband Jerry. She was the loving mother of Melissa, John, and Brian; proud grandmother of Jacqueline; sister of Becky Adams, Rosetta Herriman and Jerry Varner.

Mrs. Dunahay devoted her life to family and loved ones.

Memorial Service was April 8 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home - Cremation Services, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the Michigan Humane Society. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Nicholas Sassie, 86

Nicholas Sassie, "Nick," of Clarkston passed away April 11, 2011, at age 86.

He was preceded in death by his wife Margaret, "Peggy." He was the father of Tammy (Bob) Spurgeon of Holly, Tom (Vasilka) Sassie of Lake Orion; grandpa of Jeff and Joe Spurgeon, and Brendan and Christopher Sassie; brother of Peg (Joe) Ferri and Mary Dalrymple.

Mr. Sassie retired from Ingersoll-Rand, Southfield after 33 years of service. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed playing golf and softball.

Memorial service, Friday, 11 a.m., Seymour Lake United Methodist Church, Oxford, where friends may visit Friday, 10 a.m. until time of service. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home-Cremation Services, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the church.

Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Willie Wancket, 87

Willie Achiel Wancket of Bonita Springs, Fla., formerly of Pontiac, passed away April 4, 2011, at age 87.

He was the husband of Opal of Florida; father of Mark (Sari) Wancket of Illinois; step-father of D. Gail (Ken) Kuznicki of Oxford and Virgil Dale (Denise) Vick of Goodrich; also survived by five grandchildren and five great grandchildren; brother of Marcel Wancket, Omer

Wancket, Alice Carpenter, and the late Robert Wancket.

Mr. Wancket served in the U.S. Army during World War II and retired from General Motors, Pontiac Division.

Funeral service/Military Honors were April 9 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Private interment Berlin Cemetery, Macomb County, Memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association. Onlane ruest book www.wintfunetalheat.com



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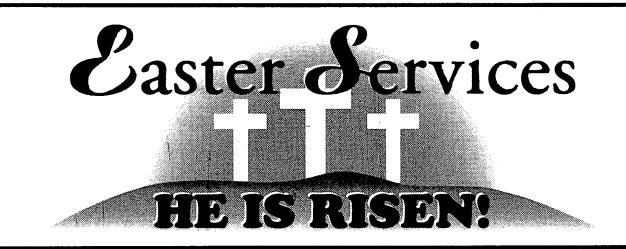
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248.625.3288 Palm Passion Sunday, April 17th 8:15 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am Maundy Thursday, April 21st • 7:00 pm Good Friday, April 22nd • 7:00 pm Easter Sunday, April 24th Celebrations 8:15 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am

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

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

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

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

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

Clarkston Area Youth Assistance, second Tuesday, 7 p.m., Clarkston Community Education Building, 6300 Church Street on Waldon.

248-623-4313.

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

Indoor Pickleball, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., \$3 drop in; Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m. \$4 drop in. First Congregational Church of Clarkston on 5449 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

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Got Beads, share love of beads and beading, second, fourth Tuesday, 7-8:30 p.m., Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 248-625-2212.

Can You Spot The Serious Back Problem On This MRI?

Do you see it? It's called a herniated disc, a painful condition that can cause severe sciatic nerve pain. And now you can knock out this painful problem with a new non-surgical and drugless spinal breakthrough. If you, or loved one, suffers from disc herniations, sciatica, or back pain you must read these facts at once...

Low back pain can be a crippling experience.

You might not be able to play golf, work, or even sit in the car for a 30-minute drive. It feels impossible for anyone around you to understand how you feel. You can't remember the last time you even had a restful night's sleep.

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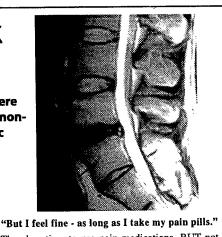
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Town Hall Quilt Guild, third Tuesday, 7 p.m., First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. Guest fee, \$5.248-705-7310. ***

Zumba, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 8-9 p.m.; Saturdays, 12-1 p.m. Clarkston Hot Yoga, 5678 Sashabaw Road. 248-620-7101.

Wednesday

Relay for Life of Clarkston Planning Committee, Wednesdays, April 13, May 4, 5:45-6:45 p.m., Church of the Resurrection, 6490 Clarkston Road. Relay, May 21-22. 248-625-9182.

Thursday

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

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

Young At Heart Active Adults, Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., lunches, guest speakers, musical performances, field trips, holiday parties, movies, bingo, games. Hart Community Center in Davisburg. \$5 yearly membership, \$5 lunch.248-846-6558.

Free General Support Group for any type of cancer and caregivers, fourth Thursdays, 2-3 p.m., Great Lakes Cancer Institute, 5680 Bow Pointe Drrive. Walk-ins welcome. 248-922-6610.

MOPS, Mothers Of Preschoolers, third Thursdays, 9-11:30 a.m., Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. Call Saleena, 734-620-2844.

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Tell Us About Your Travels program, second Thursday, 6-7:30 p.m., Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. May 12, Amazon and Costa Rica. 248-625-2212.

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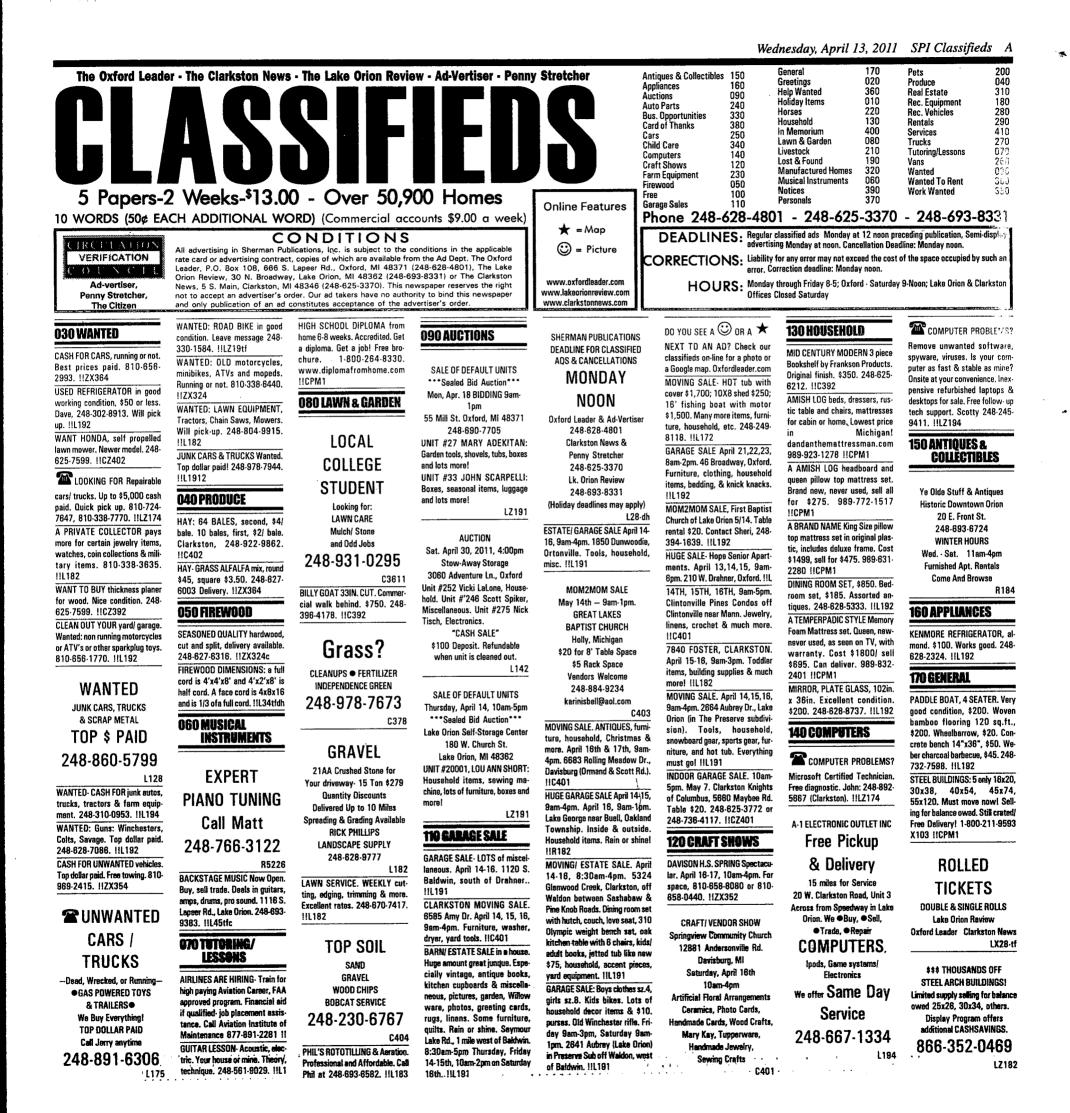
Coffee House, third Friday, 7 p.m., Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. Featured musicians, poets, dancers, other performers, open mic. Free. 248-625-5192.

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Kid's Camp Yoga, Saturdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Clarkston Hot Yoga, 5678 Sashabaw Road. \$7, for ages 5-10. 248-620-7101.

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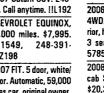
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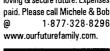
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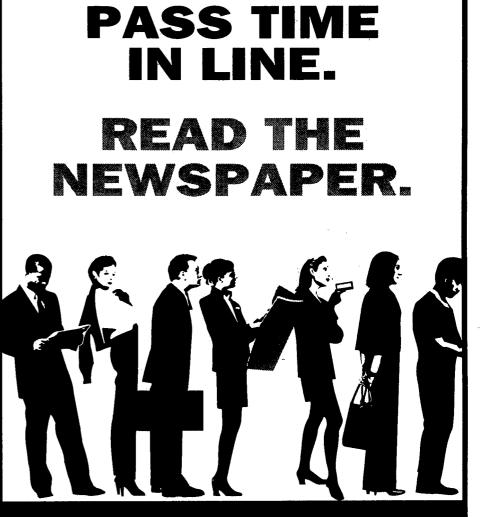
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