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## History alive

BY ELISE SHIRE

*Special to the Clarkston News*

Meet some of Clarkston's earliest residents at Clarkston Community Historical Society's fifth annual Cemetery Walk this Saturday, May 21, at Lakeview Cemetery.

"Even if you're not a long-time Clarkston resident, it's great to hear the stories of the people that helped shape Clarkston," said Toni Smith, director of the historical society. "It gives people a chance to meet Clarkston's early settlers face to face."

Visitors will be guided on a tour of the cemetery and will stop at the gravesites with costumed re-enactors depicting the early Clarkston residents.

"Last year's enthusiastic turnout convinced us to bring back the walk and tour again this year," said James Schultz, a CCHS board member and event coordinator. "The cemetery walk is a wonderful way to learn about Clarkston history in a beautiful and peaceful setting."

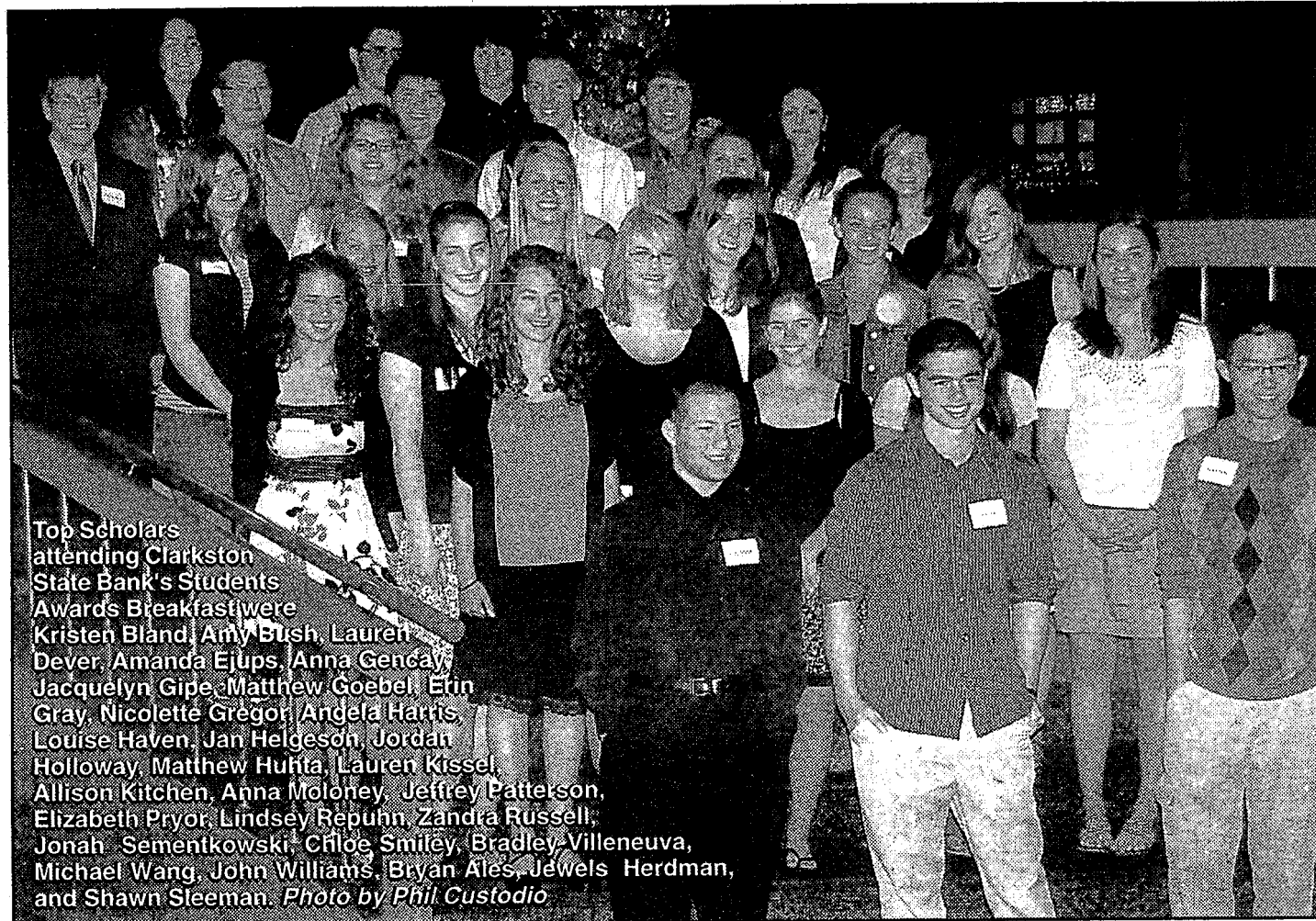
One of the early residents to be portrayed is Eva Esther Walter, a bright child born to a family of early Clarkston socialites. She will be played by local resident Julie Meredith. Although Meredith is not a descendent of Eva Walter, she is excited to take on the role.

"I was born and raised in Clarkston, so when they asked me to play a part, I was more than willing to do so. It's a really wonderful thing they're doing," Meredith said.

Sarah Foster, a woman who came from New York to visit her sister and stayed the rest of her life, will be portrayed by Kay Robertson. Jesse Skarritt, a man who operated an early horse-drawn bus line from the train depot, will be played by Fred Irish.

"It's kind of like going to see several little movies," said president of the CCHS. Jennifer Arkwright. "You get an idea of

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**Top Scholars attending Clarkston State Bank's Students Awards Breakfast were:**  
Kristen Bland, Amy Bush, Lauren Dever, Amanda Ejups, Anna Genday, Jacquelyn Gipe, Matthew Goebel, Erin Gray, Nicolette Gregor, Angela Harris, Louise Haven, Jan Helgeson, Jordan Holloway, Matthew Hufta, Lauren Kissel, Allison Kitchen, Anna Moloney, Jeffrey Patterson, Elizabeth Pryor, Lindsey Repuhn, Zandra Russell, Jonah Sementkowski, Chloe Smiley, Bradley Villeneuve, Michael Wang, John Williams, Bryan Ales, Jewels Herdman, and Shawn Sleeman. *Photo by Phil Custodio*

## Students honored for top performance

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

*Clarkston News Editor*

Clarkston State Bank honored Senior Scholars from Clarkston High School and Renaissance High School at the 2011 Clarkston Student Awards Breakfast, May 13 at Deer Lake Athletic Club.

"This is one of my favorite events," said

J. Grant Smith, president and CEO of Clarkston State Bank. "There are a lot of great young people doing great things."

Superintendent Rod Rock, Clarkston High School Principal Gary Kaul, and Billy Pambid, principal of Renaissance High School, offered recognition to the students, who were selected based on scholastic performance,

leadership skills, good citizenship, extra curricular involvement and integrity.

"This has been a fantastic year because the senior class is completely awesome," said Kaul, in his first year as principal. "This group of kids in particular has been fantastic."

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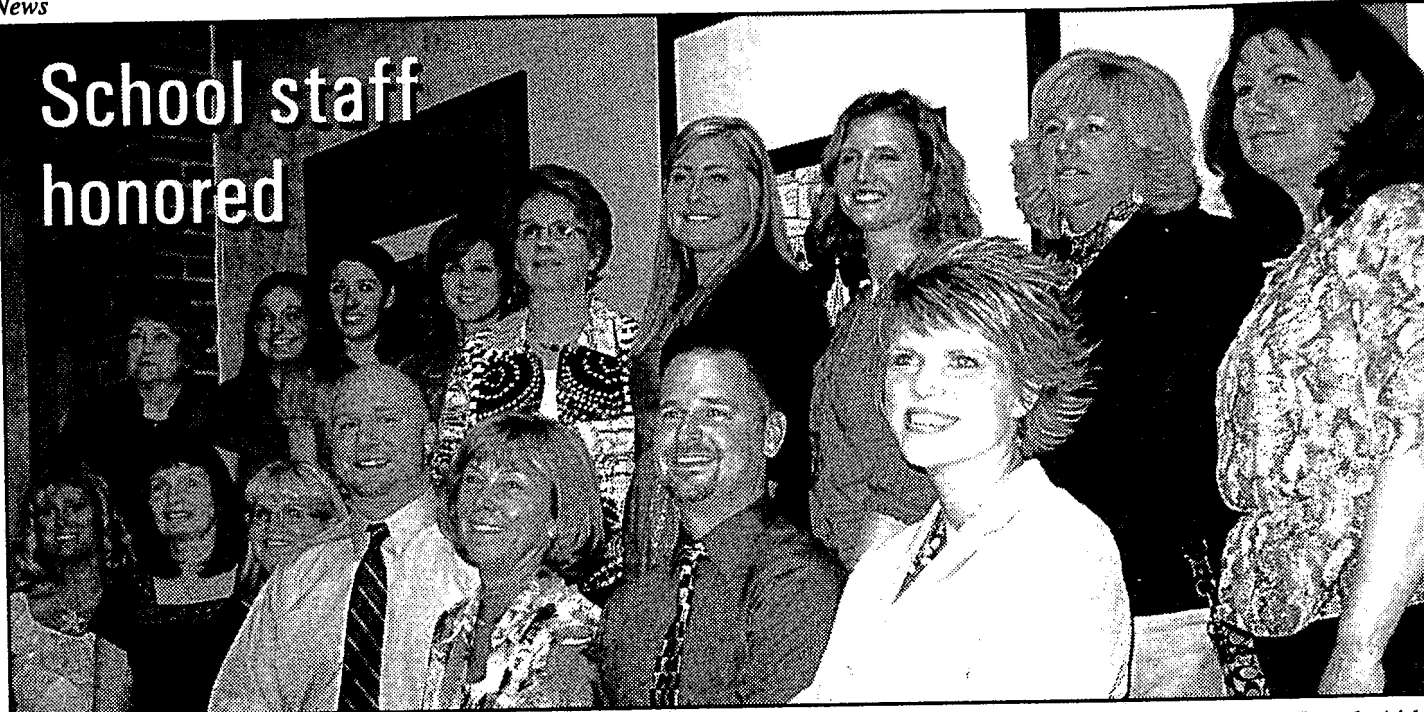
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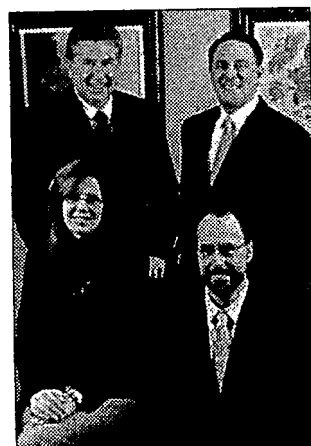
## School staff honored



Clarkston Community Schools honored 19 employees with Employee Recognition Awards at the Board of Education meeting, May 9. Congratulations to **Bernadette Castillo**, **Sharon Pillow** and **Shelley Youngert**, Kindergarten Learning Aides, Andersonville Elementary; **Kelley Woodworth**, physical education teacher, Bailey Lake Elementary; **Melinda Hart**, LRC teacher, Clarkston Elementary; **Cynthia**

**Pyscher**, fifth grade teacher, Clarkston Elementary; **Nathan Fuller**, fourth grade teacher, Clarkston Elementary; **Paula Cook**, instructional aide, Independence Elementary; **Anita Gillam**, Kindergarten teacher, Springfield Plains Elementary; **Kimberly Hempton**, subject area coordinator, Springfield Plains Elementary; **KC Leh**, principal, Springfield Plains Elementary; **Rhonda Yelinek**, head custodian, Sashabaw Middle School; **Sandi**

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Friday June 3rd 2011

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## Briefly

### New cable commissioners

Independence Township board voted unanimously to appoint Jay Clark, Rick Gutowski, Robert Namowicz, Joette Kunse, and Stacy Meagher, as the members of the new Citizens Public TV Access Committee.

Trustee Neil Wallace was named board representative and Andy Reish will represent the Clarkston Public Access Center.

### Pops concert

Clarkston High School Choir Department presents its annual Pops Concert, 7 p.m. Friday, May 20, at Clarkston High School, 6093 Flemings Lake Road.

The choir department performs the music of Lady Gaga, Little Lion Man, VV Brown, a medley from "In the Heights," Tony award for best musical in 2008, a cappella songs from NBC's reality show The Sing-Off, and others.

### Dixie block party

Local businesses offer deep discounts, door prizes, live band, car show, and food at the Dixie Highway Summer Block Party Sales, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., June 4-5.

Table rentals are available for \$25 at Waterford Hill Antiques, 5992 Dixie Highway, and Spinning Jenny's Antiques, 5878 Dixie Highway.

Proceeds go to Rainbow Connection and Desert Storm.

### Studio open house

Clarkston's Savage Photography & Design hosts a Senior Portrait Open House, Friday, May 20, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., and Saturday, May 21, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

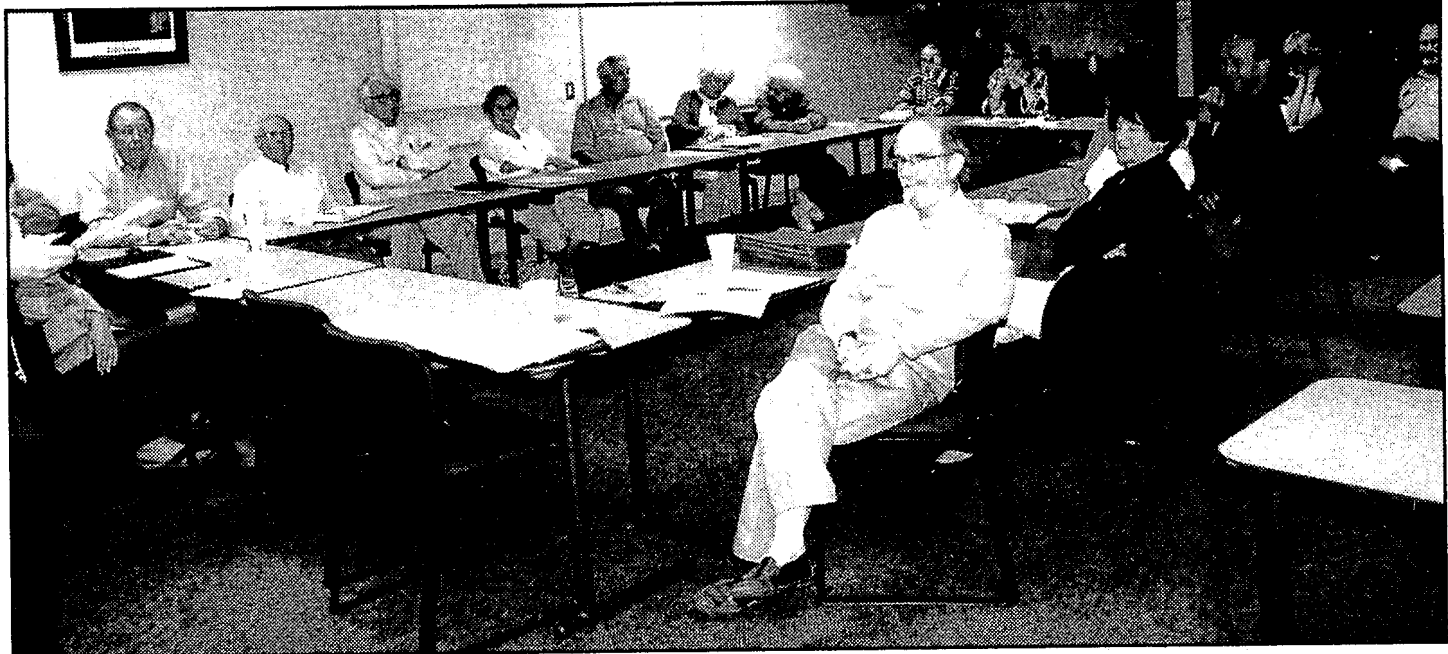
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City residents have a round table discussion at town hall meeting. Photo by Trevor Keiser

## Residents give input on city services

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

About 30 residents attended a town hall meeting, May 11, to talk about how to reduce Clarkston's budget.

Residents at the meeting, hosted by Michigan Municipal League at Independence Township Fire Station on Citation Road, discussed library services, police service, cost of government, Depot Park, and whether to remain a city or not.

"I was pleased with the turnout, better

than I expected, quite honestly," said Councilman James Brueck. "We would've liked to have more, but it was still a good turnout."

Brueck said residents' input was helpful.

"They liked the services, but what you've got to look at is how to provide those services at less cost and maintain the same kind of quality. Do you look outside, do you look inside? Contract if it's inside? How we are structured and organized. To me those are the levers we've

got to pull," he said. "We have to decide which of those make sense, to accomplish what everybody is looking for."

Mayor Joe Luginski also felt the meeting overall was good.

"It was good to get people's involvement, their thoughts and also to let them know where we are in regards to our financial situation," Luginski said. "We'll get the information back from the MML and we'll see where we go from there."

## Cemetery Walk this weekend at Lakeview

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what it was like to be that person. They could have been your neighbor and it lets you know what their life was like."

Diane Clark will portray the Lady in Mourning, greeting visitors and explaining Victorian mourning customs such as the practice of weaving small amounts of a deceased person's hair into jewelry or placing it in lockets or watch fobs.

Other Clarkston pioneers at the Cemetery Walk are Peter Addis, resident and builder, portrayed by Spencer Bunting; Peter Green, livery owner who rented horse-drawn hearses, played by Rhett Grant; and Samuel Miller, successful farmer who lived the high life, played by Clark Headrick.

Joe and Melissa Luginski portray Milton and Hannah Clark, owner of M.H. Clark Dry Goods. Cathy Phillips Forst plays Elizabeth Miller, determined farmer who lived to 101.

Forst and Melissa are descendants of the early residents they will be portraying.

Tickets will be sold at the Clarkston Country Store, 21 N. Main, and the Independence



From left are early Clarkston residents Milton H. Clark, Milton Ona Clark, Hannah Lapham Clark and Inez Josephine Clark. Milton and Hannah will be portrayed at this year's Cemetery Walk. Photo provided

Township Library. They will also be sold at the event. Prices will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and will include refreshments and live music. Guests may park at Deer Lake Beach or Depot Park and ride a free shuttle to the cemetery.

The cemetery walk and tour begins at 6:30 p.m. at the cemetery, 6150 White Lake Road near Dixie Highway. The last tour leaves at 8 p.m. In case of rain, the event will take place May 22.

For more information, call 248-922-0270.



## Top hula hooper at the park

Gracie Smiley uses her skills to win a hula-hoop contest at Independence Township Parks and Recreation's Kite Fest in Clintonwood Park, May 7. Photo by Phil Custodio

## Teachers launch blanket project

Clarkston teachers Kelly Mertz, Jessica Sorensen, Gwen Stewart, and Kerri Gualtieri are busy making fleece blankets in their A Will-to-Ty project, and they invite the community to join in.

"Last year, we launched the project as Project Pennanen, which brought in 206 blankets," Gualtieri said. "We are hoping to get even more this year."

A year ago, two Clarkston Community Schools staff had a child diagnosed with cancer. Will Pennanen was diagnosed with leukemia and Ty Duffy was diagnosed with retinoblastoma.

"Both boys and their families have shown an unfathomable amount of courage and strength throughout the last year," Gualtieri said. "In honor of these two boys, we would like to share a project that was started. The goal is to make and deliver as many fleece tie blankets as possible to local hospital pediatric wards."

Blankets will be collected through the end of the school year. Drop them off at Pine Knob, Bailey Lake, and Independence elementary schools, Sashabaw Middle School, Clarkston Junior High, and Clarkston High School.

Send donations of fleece or money to Sashabaw Middle School, c/o Kerri Gualtieri, 5565 Pine Knob Lane, Clarkston, 48346.

This project's FaceBook page has people in Montana, Ohio, and New York making blankets for their local hospitals. Visit "A Will-to-Ty" page and "like" it for updates on this project.

"We are anxious to see how far this act of kindness will spread," Gualtieri said. "We also would be thrilled for you to share pictures of the blankets that you make."

For more information, contact Gualtieri at [kerrigualtieri@comcast.net](mailto:kerrigualtieri@comcast.net).

## Clarkston Senior Scholars honored

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Clarkston High School 2011 Senior Scholars include Bryan Ales, Michael D. Arkwright, Samuel R. Bell, Kristen M. Bland, Christian S. Bonzheim, Amy L. Bush, Lauren B. Dever, Madison H. Devine, Megan L. Dumas, Amanda L. Ejups, Michael T. Gapczynski, Anna E. Gencay, Jacquelyn L. Gipe, Julia V. Gjebic, Rachel R. Glomski, Matthew A. Goebel, Jamie A. Goryca, Nicolette Gregor, Erin M. Gray, Angela K. Harris, Louise W. Haven, Jan E. Helgeson, Jewels Herdman, Jordan O. Holloway, Matthew L. Huhta, Kayla Johnson, Shayna R. Joseph, Lauren

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Also, students with a 4.0 grade point average are Holly R. Drankhan, Erin M. Gray, Ronak Patel, Megan E. Wertheimer, and Kelsey L. Luibrand.

### Landscape Tips from Tom Lowrie

#### Vacation at Home with Outdoor Living Spaces



Vacation at home every day by creating an outdoor living space. An experienced landscape designer will ask you how you and your family currently use the space, how you would like to use the space and walk you through key features.

#### Focal Point

Similar to inviting indoor living spaces, outdoor living spaces need a focal point. Your focal point may already exist in your home's architecture, in existing landscaping or in a backyard feature such as a pool or gazebo.

#### Fire Place or Fire Pit?

One of the most popular and easy additions to the backyard outdoor living space is a fire pit or fire pit table. Fire pit options are limitless and add instant warmth to any backyard. However, when fire pits are not in use they become a black hole. Fireplaces, on the other hand, are an architectural element just like indoor fireplaces and are always pleasant to look at.

#### Water Elements

Water elements add a soothing and pleasant addition to any backyard outdoor living space. It could be a small waterfall as part of the landscaping, a full blown pool or an artificial pond for real fish. Small stand-alone water fountains or bird baths offer inexpensive ways to add a water element to outdoor spaces.

#### Outdoor Seating and Hardscaping

Seating can be imbedded in hardscaping or budget conscious families can invest in outdoor furniture set with a love seat, chairs and table. The styles and materials do not have to match.

You can spray paint all of the pieces the same color or add outdoor cushions to make them appear as a cohesive set. Creative hardscaping can beautify your walkways, patios, retaining walls and seating options.

#### Designing for Function

How you want to use the backyard space should determine how you design it. A professional landscape designer will help you maximize your return on investment with creative ideas that only come with experience. The most cost effective investment you can make in your outdoor space is a table with an umbrella. With four to six chairs, the table becomes an instant gathering place for your family and friends. Use the table to eat meals, play board games, or relax while sitting outdoors.

#### Lighting

Outdoor lighting is just as important as indoor lighting if you're truly going to enjoy your outdoor space. LED lighting is a great option but solar can be a challenge when Michigan has overcast days.

#### Work with Nature

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Periodontal diseases, including gingivitis and periodontitis, are very serious infections. If they are left untreated, they can lead to tooth loss and other more serious medical problems. Early detection and prompt treatment of gum disease and infections is paramount to preventing the advancement of the disease. But since gum disease usually does not present itself until in its late stages, it is important to maintain regular dental check-ups and practice good dental habits in order to catch gum infections early and treat them immediately and effectively.

You are putting yourself at a higher risk of health problems not limited to just swollen, bleeding and red gums and facial infections. As a matter of fact, periodontal disease has been associated with heart disease, diabetes, respiratory ailments, preterm babies, strokes and osteoporosis. Researchers have discovered that the most common form of bacteria present in plaque could lead to blood clots, resulting to heart attacks once the bacteria gets into the bloodstream.

Periodontal disease, especially for those with diabetes, advances swiftly, reappears often, and is slow to heal. Being resistant to a gum disease treatment could lead to

loose teeth and tooth loss. The first stage of gum disease is gingivitis, and if this is not treated immediately it can progress to a more serious infection of the gums called periodontitis. This is why it is crucial to have regular dental appointments to expose any symptoms of gingivitis and stop its progression.

In addition, ignoring to treat infected gums and gum disease can have a great impact on your daily life. Losing a tooth can change how you chew foods, the types of foods you eat and the way you look. You can guarantee a life of healthy teeth and bright smile by detecting and treating infected gums and teeth early on, getting good expert dental care, appropriate oral routine together with a healthy diet and lifestyle.

Preserving good oral health is the best way to guarantee your overall health. Dental professionals advise brushing the teeth and gums at least two times a day, regular flossing, eating a nutrient-dense diet, limiting in-between meal snacks and going to the dentist regularly for check-ups and cleanings. Prevention is the best way to treat infected gums and prevent dental complications.

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## Elise's Entries

A column by Elise Shire

### Learn by doing

My name is Elise Shire. I am an intern at the *Clarkston News* and a journalism student at University of Michigan-Flint.

I have just started this internship a few weeks ago and have already learned so much about what it means to be a journalist.

Along with this, I have also been learning more about my community and the people in it. In my first few assignments, I am reassured Clarkston is filled with kind, intelligent, and active people.

I have lived in Clarkston since I was 5, moving here in 1990. I could not have grown up in a more beautiful and tight-knit community.

I attended Everest Academy from kindergarten to sixth grade and then went on to attend Sashabaw Middle school. For my high school years, I went to Clarkston High School.

No matter which Clarkston school I attended, I felt my education went above and beyond most other schools. I was taught many lessons that I still carry with me today. My teachers and peers were all very supportive.

A lot has changed since I was that 5-year old growing up in Clarkston. There have been many restaurants and other stores added, especially on Sashabaw Road. Many of those I grew up with have moved away for college.

Even so, there are still many things about Clarkston that have remained the same. Downtown Clarkston is still one of the best places I know to celebrate Halloween, and Depot Park is still one of the prettiest places to take pictures for Homecoming and other events.

Also, the residents of Clarkston are still as nice as they ever were. It is a comforting thought that some things will always stay the same.

This has been an exciting, yet challenging, experience for me so far. Learning about something is very different than actually going out and doing it.

Fortunately, everyone at the *Clarkston News* has been incredibly helpful. Despite certain challenges, such as a faulty "Y" key, I have really been enjoying myself and I am looking forward to further working with my community at the paper.



## Letters to the editor...

### School funding Supervisor Wagner

Dear Editor,

This is written in response to your request for feedback on school funding.

Your article ("Cuts too deep, schools say," May 11) attributes a statement to Gov. Snyder that Michigan ranks 21st in expenditures per pupil yet only 39th and 34th in fourth grade math and reading proficiency. This implies an expected correlation between funding and proficiency, presumably, "the more you spend the better the proficiency." If such a correlation exists, then I am left to assume that Gov. Snyder is cutting school funding so that our students become less proficient.

I would love to give our CHS AP Statistics students a chance to work with the referenced data set. As a class project, they could analyze and disaggregate the data to see if there is correlation and statistical significance; see if patterns are repeated at other grade level performance events; look at Clarkston Community Schools compared to state and national cost - performance models. In doing so, they would demonstrate that CCS produces minds ready to take on the challenges of the world, not just empty sound bites.

Tom Creech  
Independence Township

Dear Editor,

It is quite obvious that Mr. Dave Wagner should resign. To threaten an employee with a baseball bat is out of line and uncalled for. It's apparent that he isn't mentally stable enough to be our township supervisor.

Mr. Wagner, man up and step down. It's the right thing to do - you are no longer respected.

William Hampton  
Independence Township

### Thanks to Lions

Dear Editor,

The Springfield Township Library would like to thank the Clarkston Area Lions Club for their generous donation to the library. The funds will be used to purchase large print books and books on CD.

We would also like to thank the members of the Lions Club for all the work they do within our community to improve the lives of sight-impaired citizens.

Cathy Forst, library director  
Springfield Township Library

### Schools of choice

Dear Editor,

On Monday, May 9, Clarkston School Board discussed the possibility of implementing a school of choice program at Clarkston High School. Apparently, Dr. Rod Rock, superintendent, believes the school of choice program is what Clarkston Community Schools needs and he wants the school board to approve it.

I know many people moved to this area because of the schools. They wanted to be able to feel safe about sending their kids to their local public schools instead of having to send them to private schools. I fear that if Dr. Rock gets his way in starting the decline of the school system with the schools of choice, that it will be the beginning of the end of the Clarkston Schools as we know them and it will prompt many parents to decide to put their kids in private schools, which would be a terrible shame and a financial hardship on the parents.

Dr. Rock has not moved his family into the district and his kids don't go to school here. He may call OUR kids, "his kids", but in reality, "his kids" are 50 miles away from here in another school district.

Dawn Schaller  
Independence Township

For more on school funding from Sup't Rod Rock and Mackinac Center, go to pages 22A-23A

## A Look Back From The CNews archives

### 15 years ago - 1996

"Recreation Association honors Middleton" The Michigan Recreation and Park Association presented Rep. Tom Middleton with a "Legislative Award" for his exceptional support of local parks and recreation. This was the first year that this award was given.

"Winning student art in gallery show" Emily Boose, 11, a fifth-grade student at Clarkston Elementary School, won first place in the annual "Peace Begins at Home" poster contest sponsored by the Child Abuse and Neglect Council of Oakland County, the Children's Trust Fund and the Pontiac Creative Arts Center.

"Like dad, like daughter--for a day" Clarkston Police Chief Paul Ormiston took his daughter Molly, 14, to work with him for "National Take Your Daughter to Work Day."

### 25 years ago - 1986

"Bryan Comes Home After Transplant" Two-year-old Bryan Weightman returned home with his family after a two-year struggle with congenital leukemia. He returned to Independence Township after spending four months in Washington state, where he underwent bone marrow transplant surgery. The transplant from his father Micheal offered Bryan his only hope for long-term survival from acute lymphocytic leukemia.

"Fifty years later: A class reunion" The class of 1936 from Clarkston High School met for their 50 year reunion at Deer Lake Raquet Club.

"Energy prize: Cedar Crest best in state" Cedar Crest Academy walked away with the top state award in the National Energy Education Day (NEED) Project contest. All 40 pupils enrolled in the school participated. The prize included a trip to Washington, D.C to attend the NEED National Recognition Ceremony with other winners.

### 50 years ago - 1961

"What happened to the weather" Mrs. Beach's eighth grade science classes studied weather and had a lot to observe with extreme temperature rises and falls.

"Women's club meet" The opening fall meeting of the Clarkston Woman's Club was held in September at the Community Center. Mrs. Jack Frost, President presided over the business meeting.

"March of Dimes takes a coffee break" Howard Altman, special events chairman for March of Dimes announced a Coffee Day that took place in the Clarkston Cafe. All proceeds went to the March of Dimes.

Faded Ink

### Relay for Life

Dear Editor,

May 21 at 10 a.m. kicks off the opening ceremonies of the biggest party in the Clarkston community. It's the annual Relay for Life of Clarkston and this community knows how to throw a party!

For 24 hours we will celebrate survivors, remember those lost to cancer and fight back against this disease. We invite the community to join us at this free family friendly event, which takes place at Clarkston Junior High School track. Show your support for Relay by displaying a purple ribbon on your residential or business property the weekend of May 21-22.

For more information about Relay for Life of Clarkston, call 248-884-6709 or visit relayforlife.org/clarkstonmi.

Betty Anderson  
Independence Township

### Mill Pond thanks

Dear Editor,

Thanks to all who participated in the cleanup of the Clarkston Mill Pond this past weekend. A special thanks to the Village of the City of Clarkston DPW for picking up our collected debris.

Frank H. Schoebel  
Mill Pond Riparian representative

# Cut this out, put it on your 'fridge

I ain't saying I am getting old, but in less than two weeks I will have been working for "The Company" for 26 years. "The Company" publishes the weekly newspaper in your hand, and its sister community publications, *The Oxford Leader*, *Clarkston News*, *The Citizen*, *Ad-Vertiser*, *Penny Stretcher*, and *The Big Deal*. "The Company" has even started local internet TV stations . . .

Yikes, I am getting older. My hair is getting grayer and my eyesight worser (and my grammar is suckier). But, that's beside the point. During my tenure I have come to the conclusion that most folks, service groups, churches, businesses — basically everybody — don't know how to help themselves publicize stuff. They know they want to get the word out, but the best way eludes them. My bad.

In 26-years (a generation's worth of readers) I don't think I have helped you folks help me with new releases. Every day I come to work and I expect everybody in town knows what to do, just because I do. That is a huge, and wrong assumption. I am a highly trained, over-worked and underpaid community journalist, so I sort of know what I am doing. (I usually tell folks who care that community journalism is a lot like community volunteerism in that the pay is

the same.)

Here is the first thing you need to know: We get a ton of press releases in print and even more via e-mail. And a ton more that should really be paid advertising. This past Sunday, I spent about four hours going through e-mail for *The Lake Orion Review*. I deleted stuff that wasn't about this particular community, sorted the items that did . . . placed them into other electronic files, re-wrote some, edited all and responded to others asking for more info.

## Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

Four hours. And, this is after checking the e-mail EVERY day during the week. We get over 100 e-mails a day from folks wanting to inform the community of their event.

So, to help yourself get your news, you need to:

1. In the subject line of the e-mail type something like "Oxford local event," or "Lake Orion man" or "Clarkston woman," or "Ortonville grad . . ." Putting in the town's name automatically makes your e-mail a priority and ups the odds in your favor that your e-mail won't

get lumped in with the bazillion that just say "press release" and get deleted by mistake. Oops.

2. Write your release in paragraph form. That means with sentences containing nouns, verbs, adverbs and adjectives. Sending a flier (which is really just an ad) and hoping it gets in is, well, less than optimal. Editors and reporters are people, too. Taking time to try and think what *you* want to say and then type it requires effort. You improve your chances of success by sending us your event, promotion, notice in paragraph form.

3. On second thought, less adjectives . . . get to the point without sounding like a commercial. In other words, don't type: "Come to the most awesome event ever! Your life will be changed!" Just say, "Don's group invites the public to his event." Include, time, place, date and a brief description of what's up.

4. Send a picture. Make sure people are in your picture. And, make sure you name the people in your picture, from left to right and then front to back.

5. Make sure you include your name AND a daytime phone where we can contact you. We may have questions or your e-mail may have piqued our interest and we might actually want to do an actual, honest-to-goodness news story

on you or your event. Hey, stranger things have happened.

6. Abide by our deadlines. Your best bet is to send us stuff by Friday, before Wednesday's publication. Monday at Noon is cutting your chances between slim and none (and slim just took the last train out of town).

7. Follow up with a phone call, not another e-mail. Sometimes your e-mail will be earmarked by the electronic email gods as SPAM. I don't know what SPAM is if it doesn't come in a can, but on the computer I know it ain't good. So, call to make sure we have your e-mail.

8. Bribes of food, sweets, et al help. Send pies, cake and cookies as often as possible (the editor has a sweet tooth).

9. It is always good to make sure you read the newspaper you are trying to use. If you or your group does not subscribe, shell out the thirty bucks and make it happen. Don't cheap out. (Remember I have access to subscription records and I do check the list to see who supports us. Those who do get preferential treatment.)

Now that you know what you know, cut out this column and tape it to your 'fridge. Send copies to your group's head PR person (that would be Public Relations). Help me, help you.

# Tying a couple remotes together

- At age 13, I was going to be the greatest baseball pitcher of all time.

- April 20 my Jottings told of me soaking my pj's as an urge made me trickle on a windy day.

- Read on and I'll show how I can tie these two things together.

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At 13, the coach for the Class A Owosso High Trojans put me in as his starting pitcher for three games. I won 2 and lost 1, all by 2-1 scores.

Then we moved to Morrice and the coach put me on first base. Later, married and living in Gladwin I worked out with a tavern team.

Five months later we moved to St. Johns, and my baseball career ended. But, my love of the game didn't. I became an ardent Detroit Tiger fan and pitcher stat follower.

I know that when a pitcher has a no-hitter going in the sixth inning every player on the team, all coaches and real fans do nothing to spoil the no-hitter.

Players don't change scratching practices, batters loosen and tighten their gloves the same number of times, manager Jim Leyland did not move from the dugout railing and I stayed glued to the tube. Superstitions were heightened.

That was the scene Saturday, May 7 in Tiger Stadium as Justin Verlander was hurling his second no-hit game of his career. The Sunday Detroit News had the 3-inch headline, "Two cool!" The Detroit News-Free Press reporter for the game was Shawn Windsor.

## Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

He started the story, "In the annals of no-hitter superstition, it's hard to imagine a more uncomfortable sacrifice than the one (Tiger catcher) Alex Avila made for his pitcher Saturday afternoon at the (Toronto) Rogers Center.

"In the sixth inning, as Justin Verlander was throwing a perfect game, Avila realized he had to use the bathroom."

"But, I was afraid to go," Avila admitted.

Windsor continued, "Not until some 10 minutes after the game was finished, after Verlander had completed his second no-hitter, after the team had mobbed the pitcher on the mound and doused him with a cooler of water and sprayed him with beer back in the clubhouse, after the buzz and din of a transcendent performance had faded a bit, did Avila finally get to relieve himself."

Avila was following baseball protocol, Windsor said. This was all on the front page of the sports section.

On pages 8 and 9 there was total coverage of "the game."

- So, there you have my connection. I've loved baseball all my life, but when it comes to writing about it, Windsor and I think readers first want to read about man's "non-absorbance" experience.

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Following is a quote from a humor book given to me by Shirley Cook: "The idea for daylight savings time came from an old Indian Chief who cut off one end of his blanket and had it sewed on the other end to make the blanket longer."

- I hope when our grandchildren get to be my age there are inventions in daily use that they can't understand, just as there are in mine.

- Seems like all the promotions of President's Day have pictures of only George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Guess that tells us a lot about all the presidents since then . . . none better?

- We Americans need hard-fought elections to remind us we are a democracy, as a dog should have fleas to remind him he is dog.

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## Add it to the list

A deputy watched a pickup truck swerve in its lane, 9:50 p.m., May 5, on Dixie Highway near M-15, and stopped it. The driver, a 30-year-old Waterford Township man, had slurred speech and smelled of alcohol, and tested .15 blood alcohol level. He also had the wrong license plate on it, because he was buying it from his father and just switched plates. He was cited with drunk driving, second offense, driving with a suspended license, unregistered vehicle, improper plates, and possession of marijuana, which was found in the backseat. He also had a prior conviction on alcohol charges as a minor.

## What's 'suspended' mean?

A 39-year-old Groveland Township woman needed to take a chemical test at the courthouse as part of her drunk-driving case, for which her driver's license was suspended. She couldn't find a ride, so she drove herself and got caught by a deputy, 3:52 p.m., May 6, at M-15 and Citation. She was cited for driving with a suspended license.

## Red light runner

A 46-year-old Redford Township man turned on M-15 from Dixie Highway on what he thought was a yellow light, 7:51 p.m., May 6. A deputy on patrol saw it as red, and pulled him over. The driver angrily argued his case to the officer, who checked his license and found it was expired. He was cited for driving with an expired license and running the stoplight.

# Public Safety

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

## No sex, just marijuana

Responding to a report of sex in a car, a deputy found an 18-year-old Oakland Township man and 17-year-old Independence Township girl sitting in a car, fully clothed, 10:55 p.m., May 6, in the 2500 Mann Road. They smelled of marijuana, though, and turned over a baggie of the drug. They were cited with possession of marijuana.

## Shed on fire

A shed holding yard-care equipment in the 10000 block of Horseshoe Circle burned down, 2:07 a.m., May 7. The owner had used his tractor to cut the grass that day and locked it up in the shed. A neighbor woke him up at 2 a.m. to tell him the shed was on fire.

## Drunk driver hit

A deputy watched as a 21-year-old Independence Township woman turned her SUV in front of a car on Dixie Highway and get hit, 6:35 a.m., May 8. With a preliminary breath test of .16, she was arrested for drunk driving. She said she was on her way home after a night of drinking liquor.

## No license to fish

A deputy checked on four Upper Bushman Lake fishermen on Oak Hill near Sashabaw, 7:45 p.m., May 7. One of them, an 18-year-old Flint man, didn't have a fishing license and was cited.

## Illegal buggy

A deputy stopped a dune buggy with no license plate, 3:56 p.m., May 8, on Sashabaw Road near Flemings Lake. The driver, a 23-year-old Waterford Township man, said he was buying the vehicle and was driving it to his father's place. Checking the VIN, the deputy found the buggy had been registered to the driver since June 2010 but he had never gotten a license plate for it. He was cited for driving an unregistered vehicle with no insurance.

## Theft from car

Stereo equipment, radar detector, and gym shoes were taken from a car parked in the 5000 block of Upland Drive, May 8. The owner wasn't sure if the passenger side door was locked. There were no signs of forced entry.

## Unravel the web

A 49-year-old Independence Township man hired a 22-year-old Toledo woman to housesit his home while he went to Europe on business. He said she passed a background check, but something felt wrong so he came home unannounced, 11 p.m., May 8. He found the home a mess with signs of drug activity, so he called police again on May 9 to tell them the housesitter still had his car, which he said she could borrow, and had taken \$300. Speaking to the women, deputies found she was an exotic dancer at a men's club in Detroit, where she had met the homeowner. She said she had left the car with valets at the club. Also, the \$300 was a loan, and she had emails and texts to prove it.

## Violence against women

A 20-year-old Orion Township woman was watching a movie at the Independence Township house of a friend, an 18-year-old Independence Township woman, when her boyfriend, a 23-year-old Independence Township man, showed up, 2:55 p.m., May 7. He accused her of cheating on him, punched her in the face, grabbed her by her throat, and tried to push her into his truck. Her friend also got punched in the face. He drove off when they called police. The Orion Township woman said she had been beaten before, though not as bad as a previous girlfriend, but neither she nor her friend wanted to press charges. The case is open pending review by the prosecutor's office.

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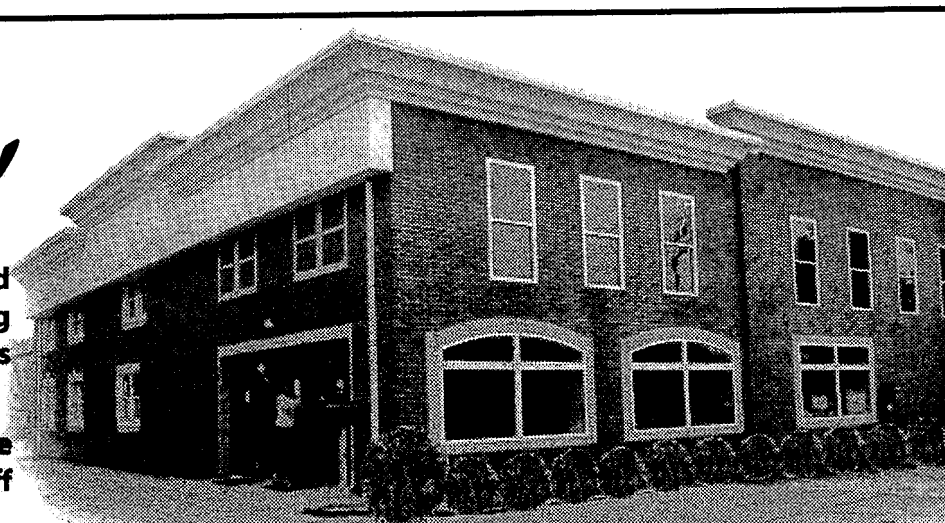
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## Cancer fight one game at a time

The rain and fog wouldn't stop lacrosse players from their purpose on Saturday - raising money for their seventh annual Game for a Cure.

Family, friends and the community came out to show their support, and through their combined efforts raised \$8,000 for St. Joseph Mercy Health Care Cancer Research Center.

"We had the worst weather we

have ever had and the best turnout," said Brian Kaminkas, head coach for the Wolves Boys Varsity Lacrosse team.

"We had a huge effort. We had a lot of moms and dads spend a ton of their time working on this, particularly Vicki O'Grady, Cathy Schlaff, Kim Kneisel, and Daneen Kincaid. It was good to see the community come and rally behind us and help us out."

*Photos by Wendi Reardon*



Garrett Dellinger blocks the defense in the Boys 3/4 Intrasquad Match-up game before the Boys Varsity game



The Boys Varsity Lacrosse team has one last pep talk before the game against South Lyon.



Fans stay warm during the evening lacrosse games.

## Davisburg Beautification Day, May 21

Springfield Township and Oakland County Parks and Recreation host Davisburg Beautification Day, this Saturday, May 21.

Volunteers are needed at Rotary Park, Davisburg Cemetery, Springfield Township Parks and other township properties.

To help, call township Clerk Laura Moreau at 248-846-6500.

Also, the township is gearing up for the new Springfield Farmers' Market.

The market, which will showcase naturally grown, locally grown, and heirloom produce,

will be Sundays, June 19-Oct. 16, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at Shiawassee Basin Preserve, Davisburg Road entrance.

Admission is free. For vendors, spaces are \$15 per market day or \$180 for the entire season. To apply for vendor spaces, go to [www.springfield-twp.us](http://www.springfield-twp.us) or email [farmmarket@springfield-twp.us](mailto:farmmarket@springfield-twp.us).

Springfield Township Parks and Recreation is also installing a new play structure in the Shiawassee Basin Preserve Park, near the Davisburg Road entrance.

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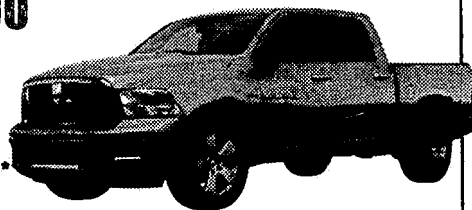


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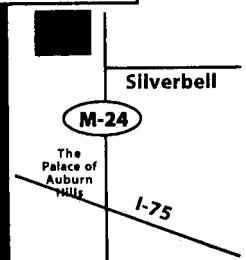
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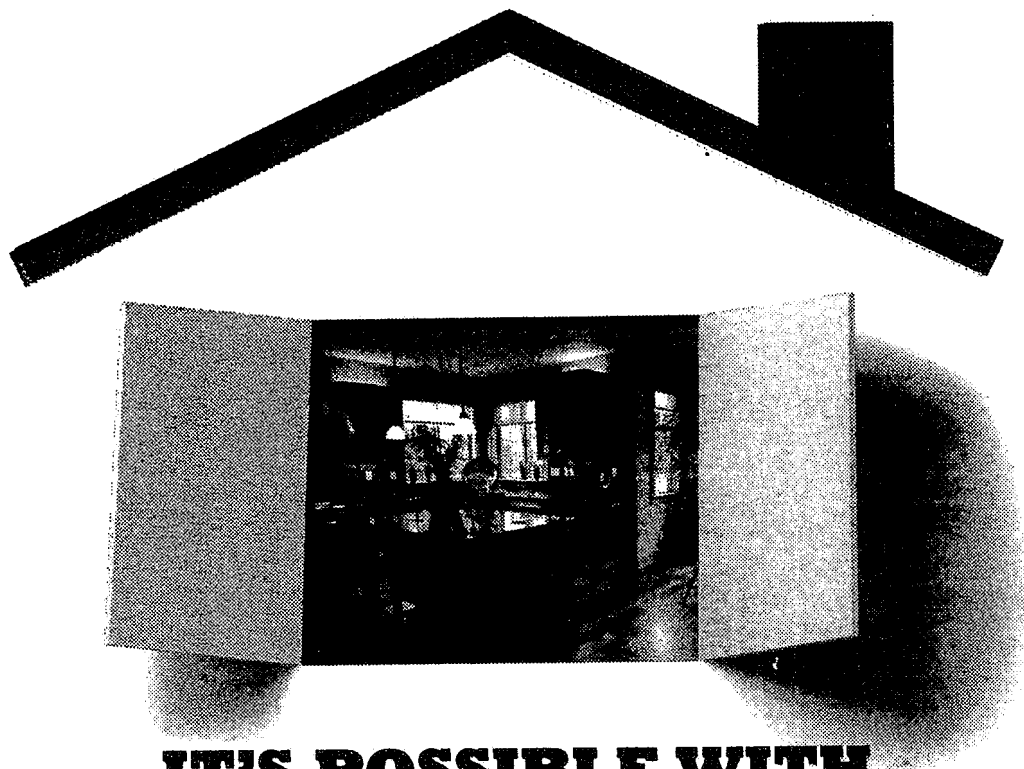
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Connor Morris, 10th grader, at the Slam Poetry. Photo by Trevor Turner

## Slam Poetry

Clarkston students took to the mic, May 3, to make their views known through poetry.

"My poem was something to inspire people," said Raven Ruelas, sophomore. "What's great about the event is that you get to hear thoughts and views from a variety of people."

Kindness was the theme of this year's Slam Poetry event in Clarkston High School's performing arts center, said Ryan Eisele, ring-leader of the event.

"The Slam Poetry movement was started by me about six years ago and has grown every year since," Eisele said. "The Slam event is not a contest but more styled after HBO's Def Poetry Jam."

Eisele believes the poetry movement has a strong following because it gives students a voice and an opportunity to be heard.

Connor Morris, a Clarkston High School sophomore, said his poem was inspired by drama he sees around school.

"We are only here for a few years, so we should all try to get along," he said.

— Trevor Turner

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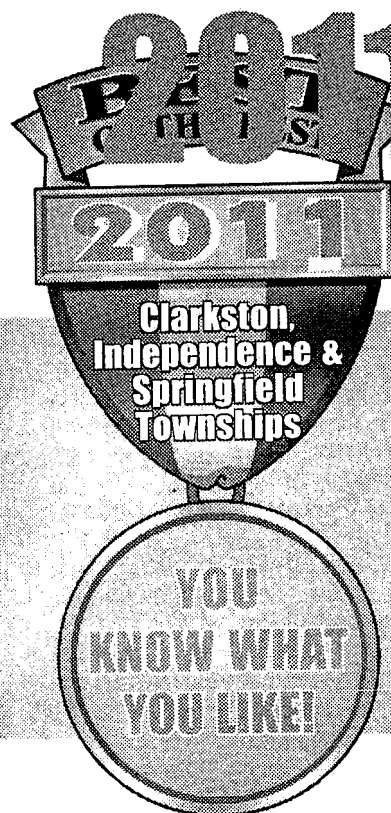
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Austin Yarger runs in the 3,200-meter relay on Friday. Photo by WAR

# Off and running for regionals

**BY WENDI REARDON**  
*Clarkston News Sports Writer*

CJ Gozdor looked at the bar and ran towards it in his high jump event at the OAA Red Track meet on Friday.

As opponents kept narrowing down, he kept soaring above each height, finishing in first place at 6'3" as teammate Mike Schwartz finished in sixth place.

The boys finished in fourth place out of the seven teams with 71 points.

"We did a tremendous job," said John Bennink, head coach for the Clarkston Boys Varsity Track team. "I knew we would have some good individuals that would score high at the meet. They performed really well. All of our guys that competed did their best performance of the season and that's what you look for this time of season."

For field events, Matt Wright finished third in the discus event, 130'4"; Brian Benway finished in fourth in long jump, 19'11".

The Wolves had two relay teams finish in as league champs after taking first place - 3,200-meter relay team of Mike McCord, Austin Yarger, Spencer Pawlik and Adam Bruderick, at a time of 8:08.97; and the 1,600-meter relay team of Bruderick, Schwartz, Alan Kamieniecki and Rawley Hallman at 3:26.89.

"Our 4x800 relay team ran their best time of the season," said Bennink. "They are really starting to come around and they are getting ready for this week. I was really happy to see seniors like Mike McCord and Rawley get a league championship under their belt. It gives them good confidence for Friday's meet."

For the track events, the Wolves dominated the 800-meter dash, Bruderick finished in second, 1:58.5; McCord, in third, 2:02.88; and Pawlik, in fourth, 2:03.24. Schwartz finished in fourth in the 200-meter dash, 22.71 and Dan Byrne finished in fourth in 3,200-meter, 10:08.39.

"Schwartz ran a good race in the 200-meter dash," said Bennink. "It was the best performance we have had in a long time in the event. Byrne only ran three races all year and finished in ten minutes."

The boys finished fifth place overall in the OAA Red, with Farmington taking the league title, scoring 122 during the league meet and undefeated in dual meets.

The Lady Wolves finished in fifth place overall in the OAA Red. They finished in sixth with 50 points at the league meet.

For field events, Kayle Sherwood finished in second 34' and 3 1/2", Anna Manilla took third in high jump, 5'1", and fifth in long jump,

15'5".

For track events, Franziska Loetzner finished in third in the 300 hurdles, 48.18; Caitlin Post, fifth in 100-meter dash, 12.88; Natalie Smith, fifth in the 1,600 meter run; Megan Peterson, sixth in the 100 hurdles, 16.29; and Kaitlyn Catania finished fourth in the 3,200 meter run and Lindsay Fantin finished in sixth.

The girls finished in the top six in four relay events. In the 3,200-meter relay, they finished in second, 9:41.75; third in the 800-meter relay, 1:54.02; and fifth in the 400-meter relay, 54.76, and the 1,600-meter relay, 4:12.18.

Both teams head to the MHSAA Regionals at Brandon High School on Friday.

"We are concentrating on finishing the season strong and getting a couple of guys qualified for the state finals as many as possible," said Bennink. "Then, have fun at Rockford."

He added they have two relay teams running at the time they need to qualify to get to the state finals.

"All we have to do is run that time and that is what we are hoping for," he said. "We could possibly get ten guys in four or five different events on Friday. We will see, but I think we have a good shot."

The event begins at 1:30 p.m. at 1025 S. Ortonville Road in Ortonville.



The Clarkston Girls Varsity Softball team celebrates their tournament win. Photo provided

## Athletes of the Week Tournament champs

Lady Hitters headed to mid-Michigan to win the Alma Tournament May 7.

The girls started out with a win against tournament host, Alma, 13-4 in five innings.

Shauna Siwicki hit a home run and had three RBIs for the first game. Teammates Sydney Hasselbach and Sarah Altene hit a double for the game and had one RBI each.

They mercied Berkley in the next game, 9-0. They opened the game with six runs and had a double from batters Liz Zezula, Megan Hastings, Rachel Pytel and Hasselbach.

Next came New Lothrop, which only scored one run on Clarkston. The Lady Wolves finished the game in the fifth inning with seven runs, putting the score 11-1.

Zezula had three RBIs, hit a double and stole two bases in the win. Altene and Hasselbach also hit a double.

During their final game they beat Breckenridge, 5-2, after scoring a pair of runs in the first and fifth inning.

Altene hit a double and Siwicki had two RBIs.

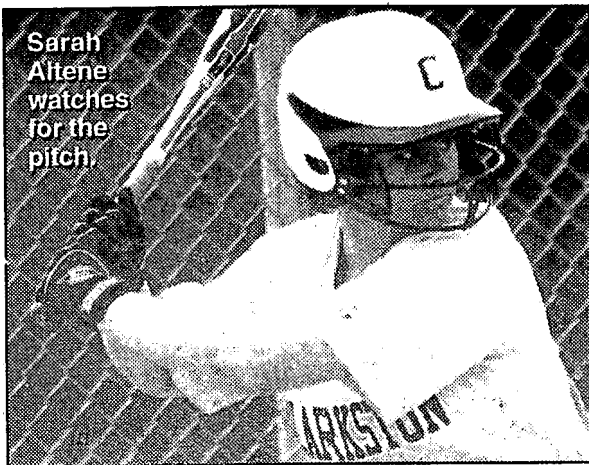
Hastings and Sam Hoeksema were winning pitchers, each with two games.

The varsity softball team is: freshmen, Rachel Alli, Hoeksema; sophomores, Alyssa Armstrong, Brenna Cooper, Hasselbach; juniors, Hastings, Tara Perry, Rachel Pytel, Shauna Siwicki; seniors, Altene, Allie Reeves and Zezula.



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Sarah Altene watches for the pitch.

## 4-inning shut down

Lady Hitters beat West Bloomfield in both of their double-header games last Wednesday.

"The game was played really nice," said Clarkston Girls Varsity Softball Head Coach Don Peters.

The girls got the first game going in the fourth inning by bringing in four runs and won the game 4-0.

Megan Hastings hit a triple and another hit from teammate Sarah Altene brought her home while Altene ran to second base for her double. Shauna Siwicki and Hastings hit 2-for-3. The Lady Wolves won the second game, 4-1. Liz Zezula and Hasting hit a double for the game. Rachel Alli hit 2-for-3.

"Their pitcher threw pretty hard," said Peters. "We got a few clutch hits and that is critical against hard pitchers."

Megan Hastings had 14 strikeouts in the first game and Sam Hoeksema had 11 strikeouts in the second game.

"Our pitchers were working well for them," said Peters. "The girls made some nice defensive plays behind them and had clutch hitting."

The girls have a 19-4 record going into this week.

They play at Oxford on Wednesday in a double header league game. It is the first time the girls have seen them for an OAA game, the Lady Wildcats joined the league this year.

"We will find out on Wednesday what happens," said Peters.

Then, head to the University of Michigan tournament on Saturday.

"We did quite well last year we were runner up," said Peters. "We look forward to open up again Milan. It should be a good measuring stick for us."



Kevin Horton runs around South Lyon defenders during the Wolves' win last Saturday. Photos by Wendi Reardon

## Horton and Kincaid lead Wolves

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Kevin Horton charged towards South Lyons' net and scored 30 seconds into the game on Saturday.

The pace only continued to mount as the Clarkston Boys Varsity Lacrosse team rallied a 13-6 win over their visitors.

"It was a good win," said Brian Kaminkas. "There were a lot of reasons to make some mistakes and do a lot of things wrong with the environment they were in. They stayed true to form, they were smart about what they were doing and had a nice win."

Jordan Kincaid led the game scoring five with three in the first half. Horton scored three and had an assist. Alex Dziejewicz added two to the board. Kevin O'Grady had two assists.

Goalie Jake Hendricks made three saves in the game.

"He did a nice job," said Kaminkas. "It was the first time he started a game all year. I thought he did a nice job. The defense, Matt Burtnett, Ethan Frick and Evan Kneisel, did a nice job of what they needed to do to make sure Jake was comfortable."

The boys also beat Birmingham - for the first time in the program's history, 8-5.

"It probably solidified our second spot in the OAA as far as rankings," said Kaminkas.

The boys took the lead early in the game and held Birmingham off to capture the win.

"We took the punch out of them," Kaminkas added. "They took a bit of a run in the third but we were able to hold them off until the end."

Kincaid led with four goals and Horton scored two. O'Grady and Travis Craft had three assists each. Matt Goebel made 12 saves in the net. The boys host Huron Valley United in their last home game for the season and end their regular season on Friday at Bloomfield United and plan to improve their current 13-1 record.

"It will be a long week with three games," said Kaminkas. "It is always tough and wears the guys down but it will be good. It will grow more difficult as the week wears on."

The boys spend next week preparing for their MHSAA Regional game on May 26 against the winner of the Lake Orion/Davison pre-regional game.

They will also work to improve their ranking in the state, as of Monday they were sitting at fifth in Michigan.

"After last year's season they got together and decided that they wanted to make sure they had a good year," said Kaminkas. "They are stepping up and having an opportunity to be accounted among the best in the state. They have put in a lot of time in the off season and they worked like crazy with the conditioning in the winter. It is starting to pay off. They have put a lot of time into the program over the years."

The boys games on Wednesday begin at 7 p.m., following the JV's game at 5:30 p.m.



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## Swinging for state

The Girls Varsity Tennis team finished their regular season with a win against Stoney Creek and Utica Eisenhower in preparation for this week. They beat both teams 8-0.

Going into Thursday morning at Rochester High School the girls are feeling confident.

"The girls have been working really hard," said Becky Freeman, head coach. "They want to stay late. They want to keep working. They don't want practice to end early. They are buckling down and really want to play well to guarantee us a spot at states to go compete at that level."

The girls will go in seeded in the top two spaces and the singles and doubles players are ready for the matches.

"They are playing with confidence. They want to go into regionals strong," said Freeman. "Our doubles team have their confidence up after the last tournament. They are working really hard. They are all committed."

The girls play at 9 a.m. on Thursday against Lake Orion, Rochester, Stoney Creek, Rochester Adams, Pontiac Milford, Waterford Kettering, Waterford Mott and West Bloomfield.

# Lady Lacrossers roll out wins on foes

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Lady Wolves formed a circle and raised their lacrosse sticks up in the air on Saturday night.

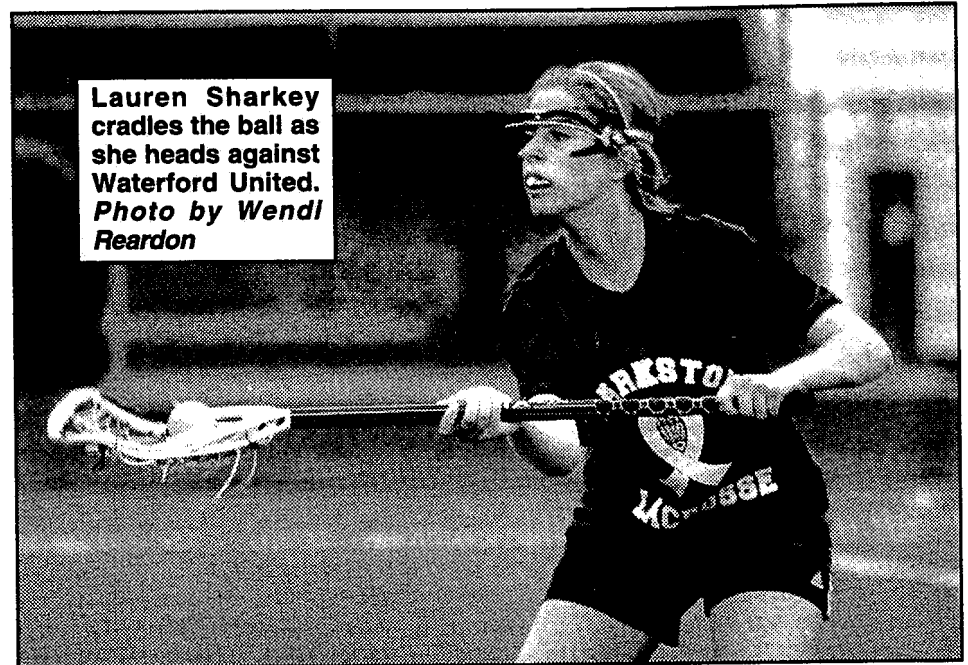
They won the scrimmage game against Waterford United. It helped prepare them for the upcoming final week of the regular season and to play for the all-day Game for a Cure event.

"It was fun," said Stephanie Dellinger, head coach for the Clarkston Girls Varsity Lacrosse team. "The seniors played a lot for senior night. We came out a little slow. They put it together the second half. Game for a Cure is always a -fun event to get all the teams together to play."

The girls beat Rochester Adams the night before, 17-7.

Lauren Sharkey, Danielle Dunn and Stephanie Dellinger scored four points each and Caroline Champion scored three goals. Sage Beauregard and Quinn Dabrowski scored one point each while goalie Kylie Cochu made 17 saves.

"She is doing phenomenal in the goal," said Dellinger. "She comes out with 17 saves a game. She is doing awesome for us. Our defense is huge. Paige Miller, Whitney Kelley, Rachel Manssur and Ashley Piper are phe-



Lauren Sharkey cradles the ball as she heads against Waterford United. Photo by Wendi Reardon

nominal on defense. They know when to attack, double team the ball and create a lot of charges."

The girls played Lake Orion on Monday and won, 19-4.

They head to Troy on Wednesday for the

last game of the season.

They will play the Lady Dragons again next Thursday for the first round of regionals.

"It is always a big rivalry," said Dellinger, adding the girls need to keep their focus on continuing the season.

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# Students rally to lower barriers for classmate

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Senior Chris Canada smiled and shook hands with his brother Drew before stepping off Clarkston High School's gymnasium floor.

Both had just competed against each other in the Wheelchair Hockey Championship round on May 5, and both teams came to a draw after winning one game each.

It was just one fundraising event during the high school's charity week, beginning May 2.

The money raised is for handicap-accessible doors at the entrance of the academic hallway near the front entrance at the high school.

The doors cost \$8,000 and the students raised \$700 during the hockey games.

"It was so exciting," said parent, Penny Canada. "I didn't know what to expect. Someone said they had three teams. Then when we got there, they had eight teams. It was overwhelming. The whole charity week the students do is great. It is heartwarming to see so many kids come out. Everyone who played had a great time."

Penny noticed in the fall for the first time at the high school how many doors there were in the school when she came with Drew and his wheelchair for his sophomore year.

He attended Clarkston Community Schools since he was in preschool, and all the other schools were barrier free, she said.

Penny approached Principal Gary Kaul and Wes Goodman, director of buildings and grounds, and discussed the doors with them.

"They said the topic had been visited by other parents in



Drew Canada zooms past defenders on the way to the goal. Photo by Wendi Reardon

the past and they were compliant ADA (Standards for Accessible Design)," she said. "They were really receptive on taking another look at it. Mr. Kaul came back with a couple of quotes to make academic hallways more accessible."

The best choice was magnetized doors that would tie into the school's electrical system and hardwired to existing infrastructure. The cost for one set of doors is \$8,000.

The PTSA donated \$500 and other ideas are being looked

at to raise the money.

Ideas to raise money for the doors include applying for the Pepsi Refresh Challenge, an online grant program for projects that benefit the community.

"The whole Clarkston community has always been wonderful for the special needs kids," said Penny. "It has been awesome to see the community, the teachers, the students and the parents come out. It was awesome."

It was also a joy watch Drew play hockey on the Clarkston High School hardwood floor since he normally practices in at another school, she said.

"He has always want to play in Clarkston's gym," said Penny. "It was a huge thrill to do it here at his own school. The look on Drew's face when he rolled into the gym to see the hockey court set up was priceless."

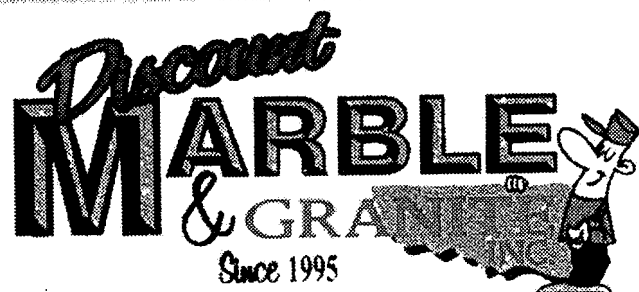
He also knew a few things about his opponent, his brother, because they have played each other before in a wheelchair hockey event in North Carolina, and they also play street hockey.

Drew was careful to watch his brother, since Chris likes to turn Drew's chair off during gameplay.

"Drew said he did it too on Thursday night," said Penny. Wheelchairs were donated by University of Michigan.

A Wheelchair Hockey tournament is planned for next year and ideas have already sparked on what else they could do during the event, including a raffle.

Donations for the accessible doors can be sent to Clarkston Community Schools, with "Door Donation" in the memo line. They can be sent or dropped off to Clarkston High School, 6093 Flemings Lake Road, Clarkston 48346, care of Brenda Dudlets.



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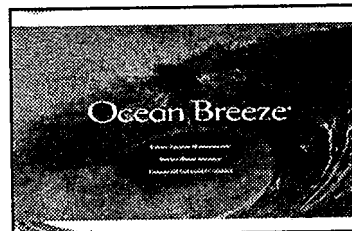
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# Local resident writes poetry book

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

In 2008, award winning photographer Joseph Crachiola spent a year on the Detroit River living on his sailboat the Half Moon, not far from Belle Isle. Each morning around the same time Crachiola would take photographs of his surroundings and e-mail the images to a few friends, one of whom is local resident Bob McGowan.

Inspired by his friend's photographs of distant skylines, cloudscapes, water fowl, ice flows, regattas and freighters or close-ups of dock details, rigging, flotsam, boat, and marina minutia, McGowan began writing poems coinciding with the images.

"I created a folder on a computer with his photos and my poems and I would go back and revise and revise and revise," McGowan said. "Then I said 'I think we have a book here.'"

The book, entitled "A Year On The River," spent several months with a major university press and even though the editor loved it, according to McGowan, the finance department said they couldn't afford to do it. So with no one to print the book, McGowan decided to start his own publishing company, the St. Clair Press.

"We're in the business of helping people

publish their own books of any kind," he said. "Memoirs, books of poetry they have, cookbooks, fiction, or the history of their company, just about anything they want."

Photos and the related poems, presented in chronological order, trace seasonal changes in life on the Detroit River.

"The book should hold a special appeal to nature lovers, boaters, and people wanting to see and show a positive view of Detroit," McGowan said.

He also pointed out the book was written, photographed, printed, and bound in Michigan, which may also give it a special appeal to locals.

"It could have been cheaper had I sent it to China or other places," he said. "But I believe in doing the business locally and keeping the business in Michigan."

The book was designed by James Russel who also designed two books on Clarkston History, which are in the Independence Township Library and used in classrooms.

McGowan was born in Toledo and grew up in Rochester Hills. He said his poetry writing goes back to 17 years old in college.

"I kind of put that on the shelf for awhile and got back to it fairly seriously maybe 10-12 years ago," he said. "I've had poems published in the Oakland University Journal,

Andrei Codrescu 'Exquisite Corpse,' an online magazine."

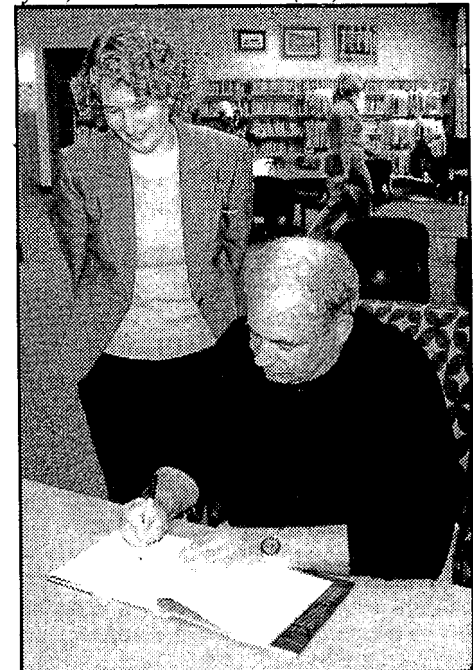
He graduated from Oakland University with a BA in English and minor in French in 1967 and then received his Master's in English from OU in 1974. After that, he spent 35 years in creative roles and partnerships with advertising agencies in Detroit and Los Angeles, and is a former Adcrafter.

He moved from Birmingham with his wife Barbra to Bittersweet Farm in Independence Township, 21 years ago. Since then he has taken an active role in the community, having served on the Independence Township Planning Commission, as well as being a master gardener, National Garden Writer member and was for many years a member of Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan board of directors. He is currently on their advisory board.

He also founded and is the executive director of Bittersweet Farm Plant-A-Row Community Garden that for 19 years has supplied the food bank with organically-grown vegetables, 5,590 pounds in 2010.

When not writing poetry or working on the farm, Bob and Barbra enjoy time with their kids and three granddaughters.

"A Year On The River" is available at the Union General, and there will be a book



Bob McGowan signs and presents his book "A Year On The River" to Independence Township Library Director Julie Meredith. Photo by Trevor Keiser

signing at Independence Township Library in the upcoming months.

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# Clarkston teachers well paid

By Tom Gantert

The Clarkston Community Schools superintendent recently sent a letter wondering whether Gov. Rick Snyder's proposed \$300 per pupil cuts were "the end of public education as we know it" ("Superintendent's call to action," May 11).

In his letter, Superintendent Rod Rock said the governor, other politicians and the Michigan Department of Education are "not knowledgeable on education."

Rock also wrote: "Improving schools is not a function of government. Governments do not improve schools. ... The government needs to get out of the education business."

Michael Van Beek, education policy director at the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, said it's ironic for a government bureaucrat such as Rock to be making such claims.

"He's hired by government officials to run a government entity," Van Beek said. "Government has to get out of the education business? Yeah, except school districts rely on government forcing people to attend them and forcing everyone to pay for them."

After Rock said he wanted government out of the education business, he next noted that schools needed options to raise revenues.

"I suspect what he means is that he wants to be able to raise local revenue, which again is only available through the power of taxation and the power of government," Van Beek said.

Van Beek said that Snyder's plan is only a 4 percent reduction in state per-pupil funding.

What Rock didn't put in his letter was that Clarkston's general fund expenditures have grown 23 percent since 2000, after adjusting for inflation.

Many teachers received raises between 6.3 and 7.7 percent this year and didn't pay anything toward their health insurance premiums.

## Guest viewpoint



Tom Gantert

The average teacher's salary has grown 18 percent in the last 10 years, after adjusting for inflation.

"According to the fiscal track record of this district, ending public education as they know it means not being able to expand their budget every year and offer gold-plated benefits for employees," Van Beek said.

Clarkston Community Schools negotiated new employee contracts for next school year that will reportedly save \$3 million a year, according to *The Clarkston News* ("Pink slips for 20 teachers," April 27). Clarkston's general fund expenditures were \$53.9 million in 2000 (\$68.2 million in 2010 dollars) and increased to \$83.7 million in 2010.

Student enrollment has increased from 7,344 students in 2000 to 8,251 in 2010.

The average teacher's salary in Clarkston was \$45,148 in 2000 (\$57,171 in 2010 dollars) and increased to \$67,995 in 2010.

*Tom Gantert is senior capitol correspondent for Michigan Capitol Confidential, a daily news site of the Mackinac Center for Public Policy.*

# Superintendent Rod Rock responds

Our teachers are our number one resource. We have to have great teachers to have a great school system.

If our district pays teachers less than other districts in Oakland County, we will not attract or keep the best teachers, and our district does not pay more than other districts in our county.

I will fight for teachers, and teachers will work with us to balance the budget, as they already have, along with our other groups. It is a collaborative process.

We are fiscally responsible. Our teachers agreed to a pay freeze for next year, which will save our district \$1 million. We switched to self insurance, which will save us close to \$2 million with teachers contributing to their health care, along with administrators and all other groups. The full family cost will be about \$14,000 compared to \$19,000 before the change. Additionally, we've reduced staff and line item expenditures by \$300,000.

Since the 2006-2007 school year, Clarkston has avoided or reduced expenditures by over \$16 million. In the next two years, without the proposed cuts from the state, we will reduce expenditures by another \$6.3 million.

The Mackinac Center is opposed to

public education as we know it. Our community needs to know of the Mackinac Center's agenda and critically consider the Mackinac Center's point of view.

Our local community, I argue, should be able to make decisions about what they want for their children.

Unfunded mandates from the state do not allow us to apply our values to our educational system.

A punitive system, such as No Child Left Behind, is not the best we can do for our kids. One size reform does not fit all. Research should inform practice, not political agendas.

I'm trained as a researcher, and I feel that I have the best perspective, along with our teachers, principals, and other administrators, to make informed decisions about what is best for our kids. We will base these decisions on research and data.

I work for the Clarkston Community's Schools Board of Education. I do not work for the governor.

I serve our teachers, community, and children. I will do all I can for them. I will not back down from my commitment to them, no matter how much pressure and press comes from those who oppose my perspective.

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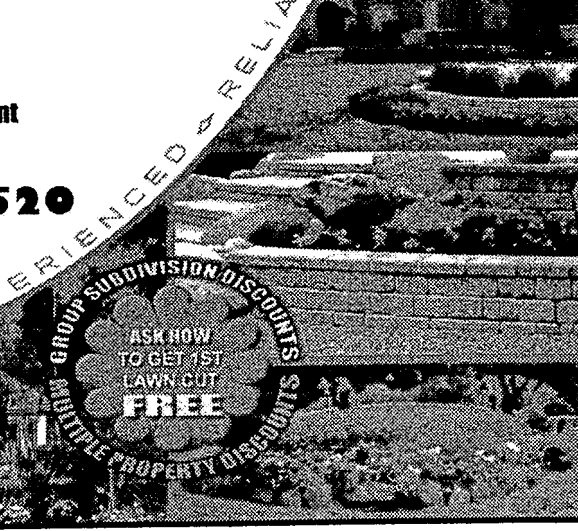


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# Superintendent's call to action: part II

I received more than 600 responses to my first *Superintendent's Call to Action* from as far away as Texas, Florida, Illinois, and Escanaba. There's a very strong push to join together in support of locally controlled schools; excellent teachers; engaged, globally connected students; and collaborative communities and parents. I'm very excited and I hope you are as well.

A particularly moving response came from a high school student in Michigan who dreams of becoming a special education teacher. His brother has special needs, and he wants to become a teacher in order to make a difference for people like his brother. He's scared that the proposed and unnecessary cuts to our local schools and children (the ones with the first, middle, and last names), will render an end to his dream. *No, not on my watch.* He is the reason I'm standing up.

I don't believe that my fellow educators have any quarrel with the fact that Michigan's economy and population have declined over the past several years. I do believe that educators are willing to do their fair share to help get the budget back into balance. No one wants to mortgage the future of our children.

Our issue is that there is enough money in the Michigan School Aid fund to maintain per pupil funding (and perhaps even to increase it). Additionally, this week, Michigan's Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference will likely show an unexpected increase of \$500+ million. If the governor's agenda is to balance the budget, let's work together on it. If the agenda is to devalue public education, then we will stand together against it. *Not on our watch!*

Although the response was overwhelmingly supportive, I welcome divergent viewpoints on this quintessential topic. In fact, I'm advocating for exactly that, *discourse*. Agendas kill conversations, right? I mean, people advocating certain agendas don't listen to other perspectives. Their only task is to ram through their agendas. Our task is different—we wish to engage in sense-making discourse toward a shared understanding of what we *know* is best for our kids, *now* and in the future.

One thing that puzzles me about education in Michigan is that our governor speaks out against teachers and schools. This makes no sense to me. Teachers are our number one resource.

They're the ones who engage with our students each day. They're the ones who make the biggest difference in students' learning. They're our coaches, tutors, club sponsors, mentors, and inspiration. (If you can read this, thank a teacher). Why would anyone think that attacking teachers would improve students' learning?

As the leader of a school district, I need teachers to focus on teaching and learning. I do not want them worried about budgets, supplies, or their safety. I want to remove the obstacles to effective teaching so that our teachers can focus on their art and craft. It simply does not make sense to use the media to bad mouth teachers and schools with suspect data. If school boards and superintendents spend most of their

time cutting budgets, how can they foster improvements in teaching and learning? If we continue to reduce the number of principals and require yearly teacher evaluations, how can we possibly think that they'll create evaluation processes that positively affect teaching and learning? An antagonistic relationships between a leader and teachers is counterintuitive.

## Words from the Sup't



Dr. Rod Rock

Maybe it makes more sense to change the governor's approach than it does to put in place more punitive systems (like Race to the Top) and unnecessarily cut educational funding. Maybe it's time for the governor to partner with MEA, AFT, MASSP, MEMSPA, PTA, MASA, MAISA, Learning Forward, Michigan ASCD, preschool groups, local school districts, and postsecondary educators to ensure that every child receives a world class education. I can't imagine a counter argument for this line of reasoning.

Last week, I entitled our cause *EducatioNO!*, which some saw as overly negative. As a learner without an entrenched agenda, I agree and have decided to evolve the name to *EducatioKNOW!*. Let's do what we *know* is right for kids *now* and in the future.

Let's not base the future of our children on political agendas or fluctuating tax revenues based solely on the economy. Like any family or business experiencing a decrease in revenues, we have to spend our money based upon our values. We value locally controlled public schools; excellent teachers; engaged, globally connected students; and collaborative commu-

nities and parents.

In a book entitled *Rethinking Education in the Age of Technology* (2009), Dr. Allan Collins of Northwestern University in Chicago stated, "The advent of the industrial age opened a window for Horace Mann and his contemporaries to shape the American education system of today. We again find ourselves at such a window of opportunity, where there is a battle raging between conventional and revolutionary venues for learning. There are many educational visionaries alive today. Not all of their dreams will succeed, but a few may capture the moment with the right idea and the right approach to change the future of education. Who is the next Horace Mann?" (p. 8).

My answer is, "I am. You are. We are. We have to be."

The really bad news is that, because we've advocated so strongly through our phone calls and e-mails to legislators and we haven't seen the kind of change we'd hoped, we're tired. This is what the governor is counting on, and it's exactly why we have to redouble our efforts. We have to let our senators, representatives, and governor know that we're standing up together against unnecessarily cuts. We won't take it. It's unjust and unfair. Instead, let's work together to make change work for every child entrusted by parents and local communities to us.

Next week, I will propose an Educational Bill of Rights and talk more about *EducatioKNOW!*.

In the mean time, please call and write your senator and representatives, go to Lansing, rally locally, and stand together for our kids. Be Horace Mann. If you don't, who will? If we don't, they'll bring us together to a slow boil, and we'll go back to react mode. *Not on our watch.*

*Rod Rock, Ed.D., is superintendent of Clarkston Community Schools*

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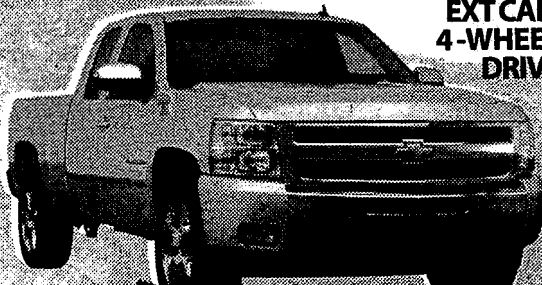
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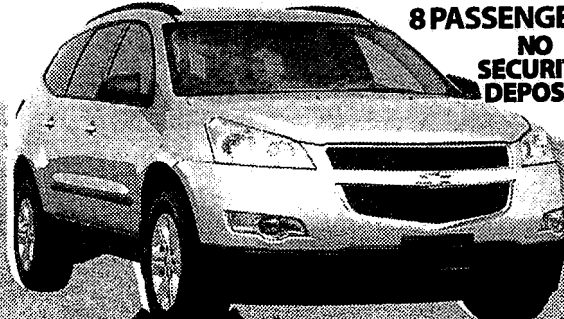


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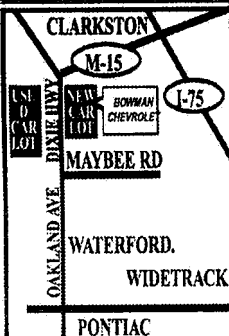
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"It broke my heart, but it was a good game though. I hope Tampa Bay wins it because of Stevie Yzerman and they're kind of the underdog which is always a good thing."



— Jeff Taylor

"I am split down the middle on it. For them to come back from being down 3-0 in the series and to force a game seven is amazing, but it was too little too late. They're still the greatest team in Hockey and I still love them. I hope Vancouver wins it because they're the best team left."



— Jason Briggs

"Everyone thought they were out, but they proved to the hockey world they still had experience and they could give a good fight. I hope Vancouver wins it because a Canadian hockey club hasn't won it in like 20 years."



— Andy Sutherland

"I was completely disappointed and now I don't know who I want to win it."



— Jean Bandy

By Trevor Keiser



Coco Siewert of Birmingham, second from left, leads a parliamentary study session with, from left, Art Margerm of Hazel Park, Barbara Bonsignore of Rochester Hills, Elizabeth Haynes of Windsor, Ontario, Linda Meadors of Independence Township, and Gretchen Denton of Rochester Hills. Photo by Phil Custodio

**Citizen experts help meetings run right**

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
 Clarkston News Editor

Almost every group and organization big and small has meetings – the Birmingham Louise Saks Parliamentary Unit is there to help.

Linda Meadors of Independence Township leads the group this year as incoming president.

"I am very honored," Meadors said. "This is a group of frighteningly accomplished people."

For the past two years, Meadors has been the unit's education chairman, while serving as vice president. Part of the education chairman's charge is to help prepare attendees to be tested for additional certification.

"We learn together by doing," she said. "Learning can be intoxicating."

Meadors, along with Barbara Bonsignore of Rochester Hills, Elizabeth Haynes of Windsor,

Ontario, Art Margerm of Hazel Park, and Gretchen Denton of Rochester Hills, are receiving instruction from Eleanor "Coco" Siewert, charter member of the group, former Birmingham mayor, professional registered parliamentarian, and member of the National Association of Parliamentarians.

As newly installed president of LSPU, Meadors hosts study sessions at her home in Independence Township, and will be one of the LSPU delegates attending the National Convention in St. Petersburg, Fla., this summer.

"I'd like to expand membership and increase outreach to schools, municipal government, and volunteer groups," she said.

The parliamentarians are experts in Robert's Rules of Order, written in 1876 as a how-to guide to run public meetings.

"It's incredible how far sighted this engineer

(U.S. Army Brigadier General Henry Martyn Robert) was," Meadors said. "They're based on democratic principles, civility, expediency, so everyone can put their two cents in."

"It promotes democracy and civic engagement," Siewert said. "Everyone has meetings – people need to know how to run them."

They consult with all kinds of organizations, including municipal government, university, home owners' associations, non-profit groups, and other organizations.

The LSPU was founded in 1976 by Louise Saks, a professional registered parliamentarian, and was chartered in 1978 as a Parliamentary Unit of Oakland by the National Association of Parliamentarians. It is an affiliate of the Michigan State Association of Parliamentarians.

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### Special Events

**Book signing**, "A Year On The River" photographs and poems with Robert McGowan and photographer Joseph Crachiola, 7-9 p.m., May 18, Union General, 50 S. Main Street. Woodshop bites, Michigan wine.

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**Community Awards Breakfast**, 7:30-9 a.m., May 19. Citizen of the Year, Youth of the Year, Adult-Youth Volunteer, Business Person of the Year, Community Beautification/Preservation, Community Enhancement, and Community Collaboration. \$10. Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. 248-568-6337.

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**Angels' Place Race**, 9:30 a.m., May 21, St. Daniel Church. 1 mile, 5K, 10K races to support those with developmental disabilities. \$20 before May 12. [www.angelsplacerace.org](http://www.angelsplacerace.org).

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**Lions Club Kidsight Free Preschool Vision Screening**, for ages 6 months-5 years, immediate results, 1-4 p.m., May 21, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 248-625-2212.

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**Cemetery Walk**, 6:30-8 p.m., May 21, Deer Lake Cemetery. Re-enactors portray nine early Clarkston pioneers of the 1800s. Music, refreshments, shuttle service from city hall and Deer Lake Beach. \$10/adults, \$5/students. 248-922-0270.

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**Warbird Fly-In**, Pontiac Miniature Aircraft Club, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., May 22, 9480 White Lake Road. Up to 75 warbirds, nitro, gas, electric. Free. 313-444-9303.

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**What Every Women Should Know about Car Care**, 6-9 p.m., June 2, 5640 Willow Lake Road. Tips on maintenance, gas mileage. Independen-

dence Parks and Rec. 248-625-8223.

**Perennial Plant Swap**, Clarkston Farm and Garden Club, 9 a.m., June 4, Clarkston Village downtown parking lot, Washington and Main. Trade divided and thinned plants with other participants. 248-620-2984.

**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.

**Look Good Feel Better**, American Cancer Society, free cosmetic advice to women battling cancer, cosmetics and wigs provided. 1-3 p.m., June 13. Great Lakes Cancer Institute, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. 248-922-6606

### Weekly meetings

#### Sunday

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

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

reation, 248-625-8223.

#### Monday

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

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

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

**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.

**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.

#### 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.

**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.

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

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

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# Clarkston Village Players explore 'Incorruptible' play

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

So what happens when four 12th century monks in financial difficulty bring in a one-eyed minstrel to help them out? Find out with Clarkston Village Players' rendition of "Incorruptible."

"Doing something from the past always gives you insight into different aspects of how people lived," said Mel Case, who plays Brother Olf. "You don't get a real flavor of monks, but it is fun."

Dave Kramer, who plays Brother Martin, said he likes how irreverent his character is.

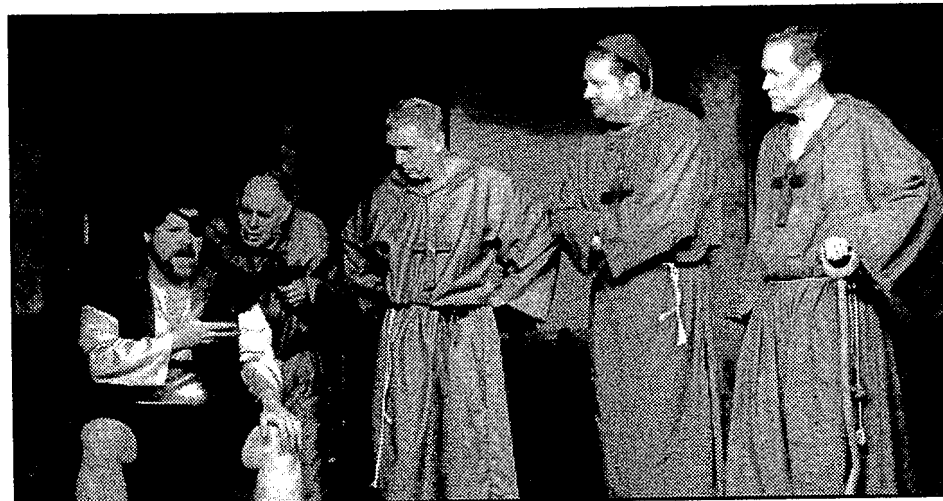
"I don't cross myself. I don't buy into any of this," he said. "I'm just 'where's the money.'"

Kramer, who's played smaller roles in ensemble comedies in the past, got the chance to play a bigger role.

"This is the first time I've had a major part in an ensemble comedy," he said. "This has been a real challenge to me with the fast pace dialog bouncing back and forth between the characters."

James Hoxsey, who plays Father Charles, said his character is pulled into a difficult situation.

"He has this guilt hanging over him all these years about his father and what happened to his father," Hoxsey said. "Then



From left, Cyrano Jones, Mel Case, Dave Kramer, James Hoxsey, and Dan Cook perform a scene from "Incorruptible."

he finds out all these years later that it was never his father's idea, but his sisters."

Tracy Selak plays the part of Charles' sister.

"I get to be a raving, angry, mean lady," she said. "It was just really hard because I'm such a nice person and it takes a lot out of me, but I like that it gets out all my frustrations of the day."

Dan Cook is Brother Felix, a new monk to the order who is also a man in conflict.

"He's trying to do the right thing in his mind, but has a past of being a lady's man," he said. "It's kind of fun to see the conflict from what he was to what he is now."

Cyrano Jones, who plays the "one-eyed minstrel," described his character as the "coyote role."

"He's the outside force, the trickster, he pushes your boundaries and he questions your rules. You look at him and say 'why don't we do that?' Then you look at him and

discover why you don't do that," Jones said. "Coyote is an object lesson and he teaches you why you're supposed to follow the rules."

Other cast include Bruce Toncray and Johana Bell

Director Lois Keel said she loved the play because it had "many layers of incorruptible."

"It's not just a play it for laughs, although there is plenty of them. The guy who wrote it did a great job with the script," Keel said. "I could see so many great things I could do with it and wanted to see if I could bring out all of those layers about not only a saint being incorruptible, but corrupting for your morals and things like that, it was a great show."

She also loved the cast, but said it was hard finding the right cast at first.

"We wound up taking an extra week just to try and come up with everybody and I'm glad we did because I'm delighted with everybody," she said. "Everybody that wound up in this show is the right one for their part."

"Incorruptible" runs May 19-21 at the Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road. Shows start at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. For tickets, call 248-573-4104. For more information, visit [www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org](http://www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org).

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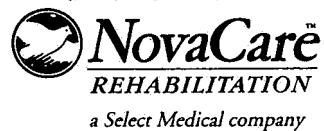
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# Milestones

## Shorts celebrate 61 years



Donald and Beverly Short

Donald and Beverly Short recently celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary.

The couple, childhood sweethearts, were married March 13, 1950 in Pontiac.

Donald is the owner of Clarkston/Brandon Glass and Beverly is the owner of Lamplighter Gift Shop in Holly and the former owner of Beverly's in Clarkston.

Donald and Beverly have four children, Danny (Karen), Cindy, Donald, and Leslie (Robert). They have 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

## Students achieve success

**Kaity Jerolamon** of Clarkston, a senior at Central Michigan University, was among 14 students helping out at the Festival De Cannes, May 11-22 in France.

The students, minoring in event management at CMU, worked alongside the staff of actor Robert De Niro, on the festival's jury for feature films.

**Liz Elias**, daughter of Ronald and Denise Elias of Clarkston and graduate of Notre Dame Prep, played in 25 games this year with the Albion College softball team, earning a fleece jacket designating her second-year award. Liz collected 10 hits, including a double and a homerun. She drove in five runs.

**Kara Wandrie**, daughter of Glenn and Faith Wandrie of Clarkston and a graduate of Clarkston High School, played in 34 games to earn a plaque designating her third-year award. Kara hit .289 with five doubles and 13 runs batted in.

**Molly Winowiecki**, daughter of Kenneth and Brenda Winowiecki of Waterford and a graduate of Notre Dame Prep, played in 32

games to earn a certificate designating her first-year award. Molly hit .282 with two doubles, three homeruns, and 15 runs batted in.

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The Clarkston High School Woodwind Quintet, **Michelle Whitmore** on flute; **Nicole Whitmore**, clarinet; **Michael Gieske**, bassoon; **Julie Gjebic**, oboe; and **Caelan Stewart**, horn, was named top Woodwind Quintet in the state of Michigan, earning an invite to perform at the Michigan Youth Arts Festival, May 12-14.

Clarkston students participating in the festival orchestra also included **Lauren Rodewald**, double bass; **Michael Gieske**, bassoon; and **Nathan Huhta**, bassoon. Performing in the festival band was **Kevin Thompson**, tuba.

Students from across the state qualified for the music festival at Western Michigan University by scoring top ratings at District and State levels of Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association Solo and Ensemble Festival.

### 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](mailto:Clarkstonnews@gmail.com)

# Find faith in God's word, in Bible and in your heart

I'm finishing a two month series of teachings on the subject of faith. The more I understand faith, the more I also understand lack of faith.

The Bible says, "When the Son of Man comes will He find faith on the earth?" If anyone understood faith it was Jesus!

There are a lot of scriptures on the subject of faith. Hebrews 11:6 says, "Without Faith it impossible to please God, you must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those that diligently seek Him. Faith is the victory that overcomes the world." Heb. 6:12 declares, "Be followers of those, who through faith and patience, inherit the promises." I Tim. 6:12 encourages us to "Fight the good fight of Faith." Ephesians 6:16 recommends that we "Take up the shield of faith that quenches all the fiery darts of the wicked one."

Matt. 9:29 warns us that "According to your faith, be it unto you." Jesus spoke to many that were healed and He said it was **their** faith that made them whole. It was not always Jesus' faith that created results.

When the disciples failed to see people delivered, Jesus said, "Oh ye

of little Faith!" The word "Ye" means "You" of little faith. He obviously expects us to exercise our own faith. God's word plainly teaches that God is no respecter of persons, but we can see through scripture that He is a respecter of faith!

How can you tell if someone has Faith or not? I believe we can tell when someone has faith based on the same criteria that Jesus used. Jesus could tell by their words, their actions or, in one case, by the results.

Prayers are offered by many Christians. From my experience, most prayers are not prayers of faith, but rather prayers of hope! But, nowhere in the Bible does it say that the prayer of hope will save the sick.

The word does not say according to your **hope** be it unto you. Faith is what gets the job done! Every Christian has faith. However, that doesn't mean every Christian is

walking in faith all the time. You can't be saved without faith! We're saved by grace through faith, and that not of yourselves, lest any man should boast, but it is the gift of God. Faith allowed salvation to come to you because you heard the gospel message about salvation.

But have you heard the message about your healing? Have you heard the word about your finances? Have you heard the word about the infilling of the Holy Spirit? Have you heard the word about your children? Have you heard the word about your peace, your strength, your love, your joy or your victory?

Even though I'm a Christian I can still get into unbelief! I can get into fear, worry and anxiety. I can even quit or give up in the midst of a battle. I can also fall victim to negative talk. All of these mindsets take me out of faith and into doubt and unbelief.

I didn't say that when I fall into unbelief, I don't believe in God or that I'm no longer saved. I'm simply not operating in the Faith that I have inside of me or I don't know what God's word says on the matter. We can't have Faith beyond what we know!

## Spiritual Matters



Pastor Jeff Stonerock

## In our churches...

**Holistic Sampler**, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., June 4, Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

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**Bethany North**, 7:30 p.m., fourth Monday, Cushing Center, St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park, 248-628-6825.

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

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**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.

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

The scriptures are clear that faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God (Rom. 10:17). You can't truly be in faith until you know God's word concerning a matter. Faith begins where the will of God is known! When I was younger in the Lord, I remember hearing many people end their prayers with the words "If it be thy will."

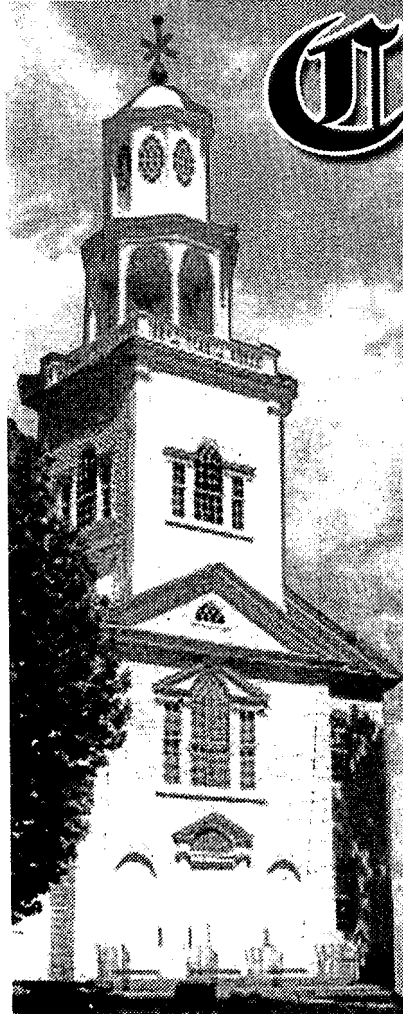
It sounded spiritual and humble. I found out that those words can be faith destroying words versus faith building words. We can use those words in some forms of prayer, but I never use those words when I'm praying the prayer of faith.

The way to get faith is to hear the word of God concerning your need. The Bible is the written word, which reveals His will. His Rhema, is the spoken word that we hear with our spiritual ears.

When God speaks to our hearts, it will produce the same faith that the written word does! Get into the Word and take advantage of what belongs to you! Remember, if you're truly hearing the word, faith will come!

*The Rev. Jeff Stonerock is pastor of Victory World Outreach Center.*

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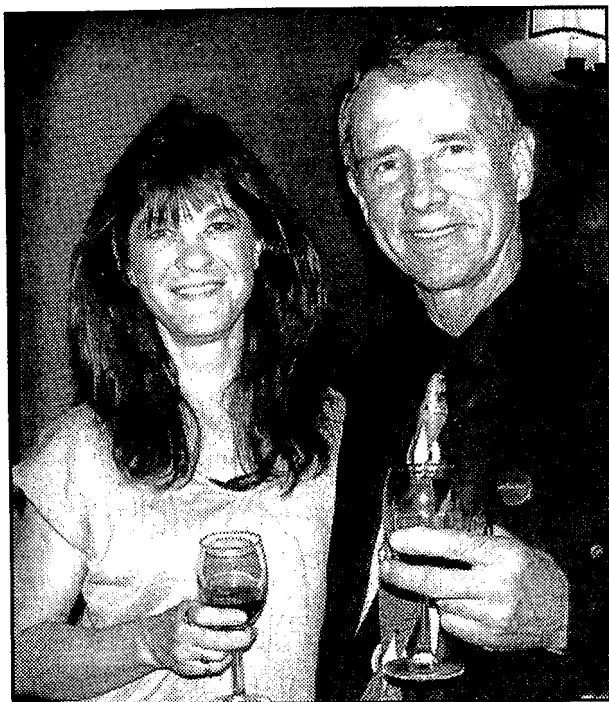
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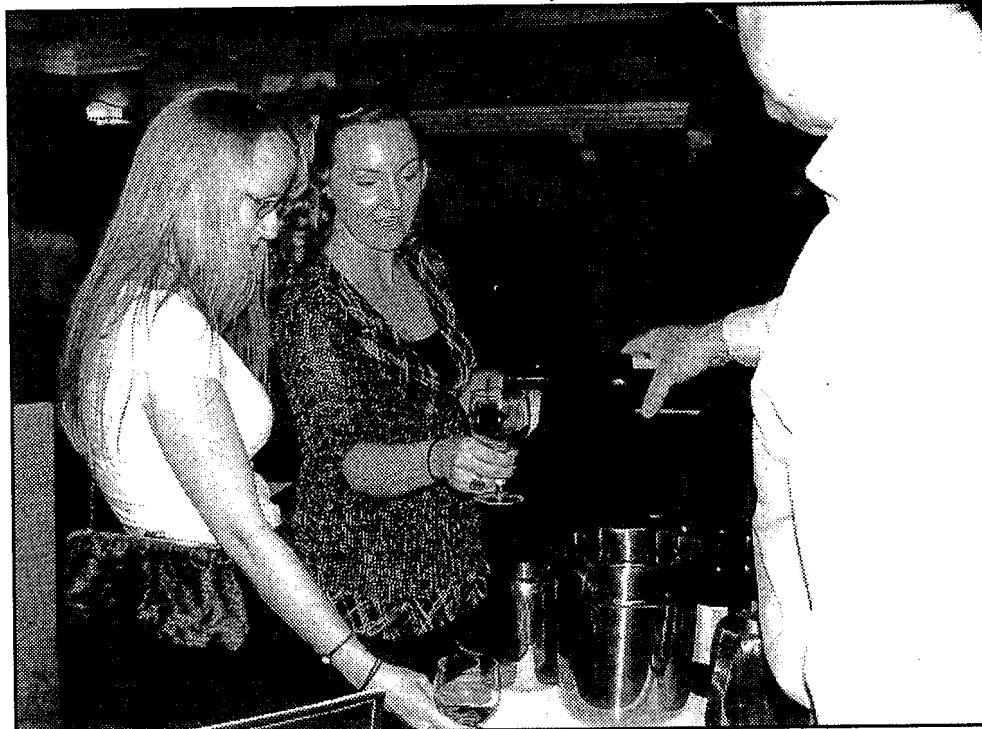
Michelle Thomas and Robert Gott sample a Michigan wine at A Taste of Spring Wine Tasting.

## Sampling the wines of spring

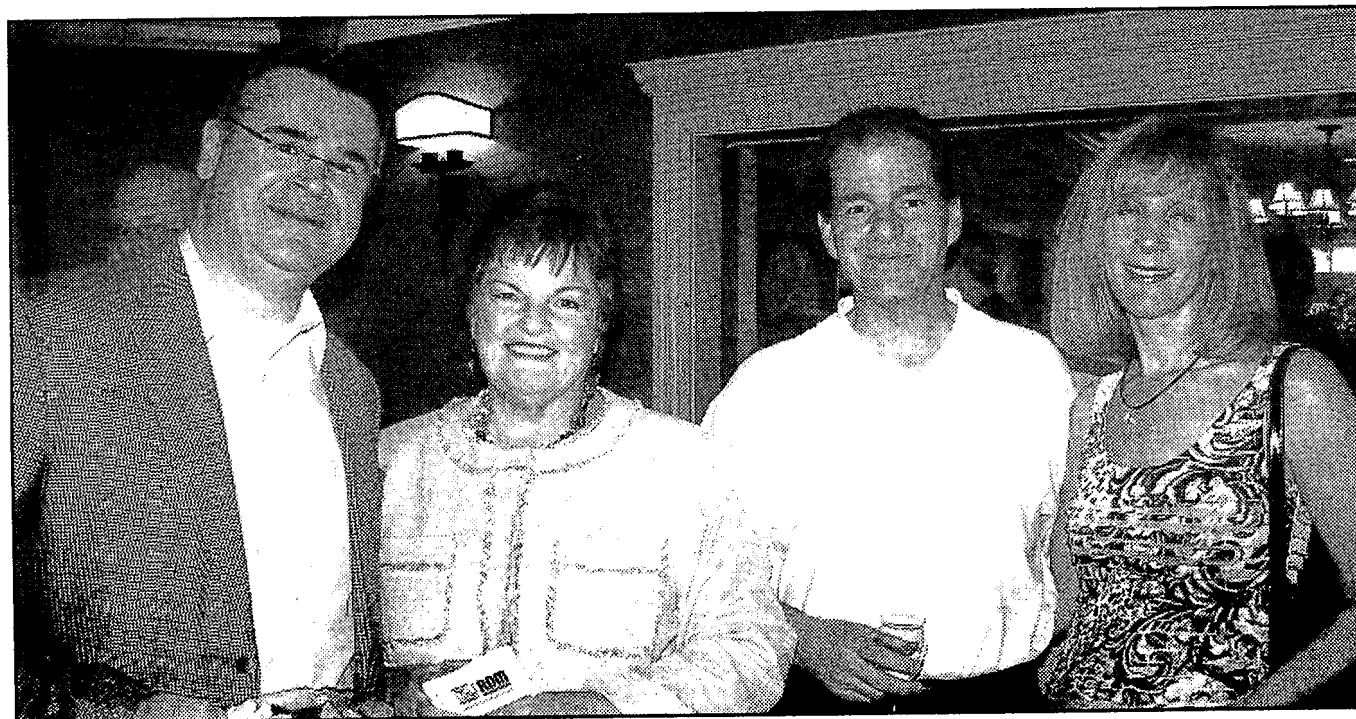
Clarkston Rotary Club celebrated a new season for Michigan wineries with A Taste of Spring Wine Tasting Gala at Oakhurst Golf and Country Club, May 11.

The fund raiser, featuring Michigan wines, supports Clarkston Rotary's local community projects.

Photos by  
Phil Custodio



Shereen Martus, at left, and Jamie Spurgeon are served a sample.



From left, Kevin Harrison, Donna Clancy, Kurt Clancy, and Sandy White enjoy the wine tasting.



Rotary volunteer Natalie Hewko and Jan VanMaanen of Chateau Chantal are ready to serve.



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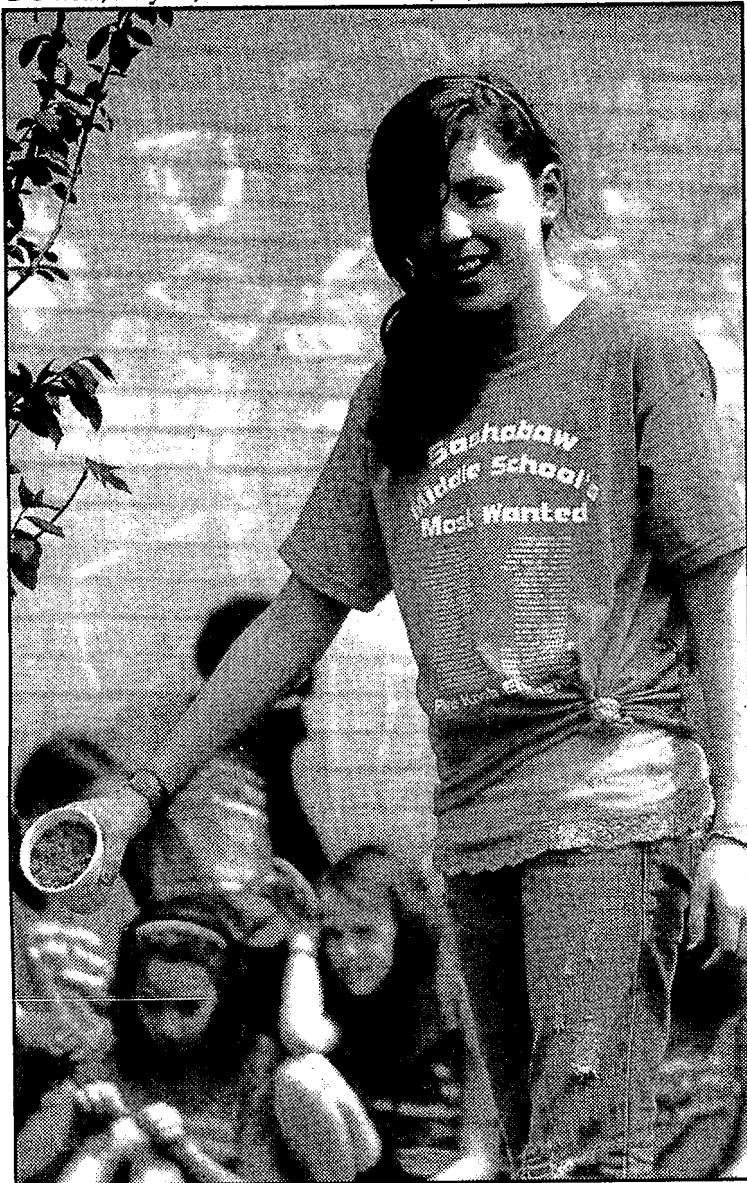
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Trinity Roodbean adds her cup of dirt to the hole.



Principal Jodi Yeloushan begins the ceremony.

## Leafing a legacy

One by one Pine Knob Elementary fifth-graders poured a cup of dirt onto the newest tree in front of the school last Friday.

The tree was a gift to the school. As it grows, the students will grow with it as they attend middle school, junior high, high school and head off to college or whatnot.

The fifth graders spent the majority of the day at Sashabaw Middle School exploring the halls of next fall's adventure, along with other fifth graders from all of the Clarkston Community Schools elementaries.

Photos by Wendi Reardon



Spencer Lenardson waits for his turn.



Pine Knob Elementary fifth-graders pose for a class picture.



## Band thanks for docs

Dear Dr. Dr. Edward J. Lis and Dr. Shivajee V. Nallamothu,

I would like to thank you for your sponsorship of the Clarkston Marching Band's trip to London to take part in the Lord Mayor's New Year's Day Parade.

It was incredibly kind of you to help the band, especially in today's economy. I thank you, and I am sure the entire marching band does as well.

Sincerely,

*Jake Parnes*

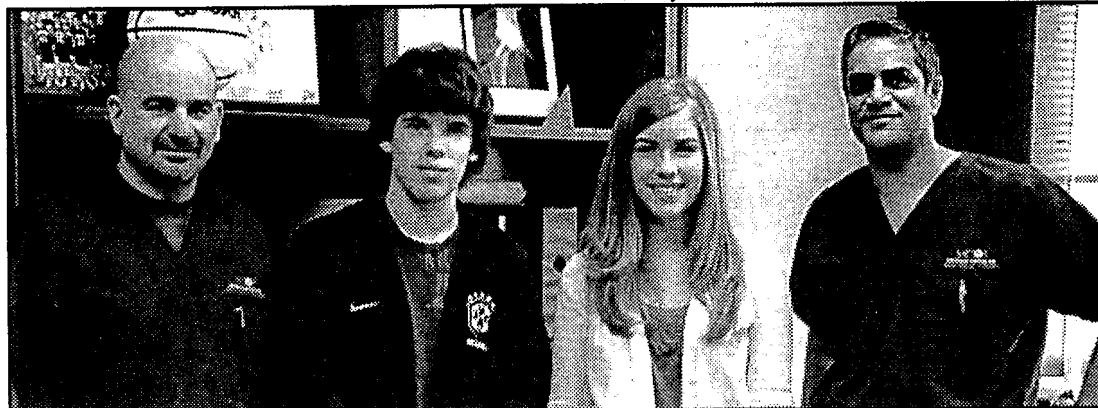
Dear Dr. Lis and Dr. Nallamothu,

Thank you so much for supporting me and the marching band on our trip to London. It was a once in a lifetime experience and your contributions were greatly appreciated. Thank you for sponsoring me on a trip I will never forget.

Sincerely,

*Kaley Gross*

*Clarkston High School Marching Band members thank sponsors of their New Year's trip to London.*



From left are Dr. Edward J. Lis, Jake Parnes, Kaley Gross, and Dr. Shivajee V. Nallamothu, at the Michigan Center for Orthopedic Surgery. Photo provided



Willow the dog, rescued by Michigan Animal Rescue League, will be at the Tail-Wagger Two-Step.

## Dog walkathon

The Michigan Animal Rescue League hosts the 18th Annual Tail-Wagger Two-Step on 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Sunday, May 22 at Independence Oaks Park.

The fund raiser includes breakfast, lunch, lap around the lake, and adoption of animals such as Willow the dog.

A passerby found Willow with a broken pelvis in Detroit and brought her to the non-profit rescue center, which provided her with immediate medical attention. After a few weeks of care, she is back on her feet, ready for her first public appearance.

"This is going to be a really fun event with great activities for families and their pets. We are glad that Willow is healthy and happy enough to join us," says Kayla Allen, MARL executive director.

Doggie Dash DeLure will present an agility demonstration. Walkers can also have their pet create unique works of art with their paws on canvas with My Painted Paws. The team with the most funds raised will receive prizes and a trophy.

Funds raised at the event help the shelter provide food, medicine, shelter and emergency care.

For more information or to register teams, visit [www.michigananimalrescueleague.org](http://www.michigananimalrescueleague.org).

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**2. Dye Testing:** A small amount of upholstery cleaner is applied to an inconspicuous area of the fabric to test for dye stability.

**3. Dry Soil Removal:** In cleaning any textile, the first step is always to remove as much dry soil as possible. Not only does this improve the cleaning process, but it also will help prevent damage and scratches to your fine fabrics from dry soil particles.

**4. Soil Suspension:** A preconditioning agent is used on most fabrics to "suspend" the soil

for more effective extraction.

**5. Soil Removal (Extraction):** A water or solvent based solution is used to wisk away the suspended soils.

**6. Pile Setting/Grooming:** Textiles that have a "pile", such as chenille or velvet, are groomed with a special upholstery grooming brush to arrange the individual fibers into a uniform position.

**7. Drying:** High velocity air movers are used to promote faster drying. This will help the fabric dry quicker and not leave a chance for mold and bacteria to grow in your fine fabrics.

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## Obituaries

### Eleanor R. Gunter, 90

Eleanor R. Gunter of Clarkston passed away May 10, 2011, at age 90.

She was the loving mother of James (Judith), David (Kathleen) and Richard (Joan); Proud grandmother of Kendra (Peter) Wills, Ronald (Jennifer) Gunter, Laurel (Adam) Vibber and Alexander Gunter; great grandmother of Elise, McKenzie, Leah, Henry, and Orion; sister of Lois (Duane) Anderson and Stewart (Liz) Baynes; preceded in death by her husband T. Edmund and granddaughter Amy.

Mrs. Gunter was a lifetime resident of Clarkston. She graduated from Clarkston High School class of 1937, was a member of Clarkston United Methodist Church for over 70 years and enjoyed golf, bowling and travel. She was devoted to family and had many friends.

Visitation was May 13 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral service was May 14 at Clarkston United Methodist Church. Interment Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Karmanos Cancer Institute or Clarkston United Methodist Church. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).



### John Witherup, 86

John Lowell Witherup of Ortonville passed away May 11, 2011, at age 86.

He was born in Wyandotte on Feb. 23, 1925. He was the beloved husband of Renée for 37 years; preceded in death by his first wife, Dorothy, of 26 years; father of Cheryl (and the late Jim) Dacus, Cathy (Kurt) Glatte, Mark (Maggie Bodwell), Matthew (Lynn), Jonathan, Courtland, Patrick, and Colby (Ethan Karsen); son of the late John and Twyla Witherup; grandfather of nine; great grandfather of 10.

He was a graduate of Michigan State University, veteran of World War II, Army, served in England, employee of Oakland County for 27 years, 20 as Personnel Director, former member of the board of directors of New Horizons and Easter Seals Society of Oakland County, former member of the Brandon School Board and Clarkston Village Council; founding member, actor, and director at Clarkston Village Players.

He was extremely active in Soap Box Derby and Boy Scouts, coached youth sports, and an avid golfer, cyclist, reader, and organizer of everything and everyone.

Funeral service was May 14 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly.

Memorials may be made to Ortonville Community Emergency Fund or New Horizons of Oakland County. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).



### Vera L. Triplett, 86

Vera L. Triplett of Clarkston passed away May 14, 2011, at age 86.

She was preceded in death by her husband Elvis, sons Daniel and Robert, and grandson Bill. She was the mother of Dianne Bretz (Ken Jaworski) of Clarkston and Pamela (Leon) Debien of Lake Orion; also survived by 11 grandchildren and six great grandchildren; sister of Leola Tanner, Marie Agy, Judy Luellen, and Gary and Donald Lockhart.

Mrs. Triplett loved her family and was a devout Christian servant.

Friends may visit at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, Friday, 6-9 p.m., and Saturday, 4-9 p.m. Funeral service, Sunday, 2:30 p.m., at Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarkston, where friends may visit directly at the church Sunday 1:30 p.m. until time of service. Private interment Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock. Memorials may be made to Disabled American Veterans.

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

**Obituaries posted daily  
at [Clarkstonnews.com](http://Clarkstonnews.com)**

### Beauty of Believing

Clarkston Community Church hosts a visit by author and tween specialist Nancy Rue, in the Faithgirlz "Beauty of Believing" Tour, 1-4 p.m., Saturday, May 21.

Rue will talk with girls ages 9-12 and their moms about girl politics, friendship flubs and being authentic during this fun, interactive event at the church, 6300 Clarkston Road.

The author has written more than 100 books for tweens and teens, with more than a million copies sold.

Admission includes the program, refreshments, giveaways and a free book.

Doors open at 12:15 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for tweens, or \$16 at the door; free for moms and mentors.

Tickets are available online at [www.itickets.com](http://www.itickets.com) or by calling 800-965-9324.

For more information, call Stephanie at 248-425-5648 or go to [www.faithgirlz.com/tour](http://www.faithgirlz.com/tour).

## Around Town

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**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.

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

### Wednesday

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

### 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.

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Lunches for 50+, Thursdays, 12 p.m., made-

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**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.

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

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### Friday

**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.

### Saturday

**Yoga for the fibromyalgia patient**, 11:30 a.m., first Saturday. Taught by an instructor living with fibro. Support and community follows

class; \$12 walk-in or purchase 10 visits for \$100 class card. Jewels Yoga and Fitness, 4612 Mountain View Trail, Clarkston, 248-390-9270.

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

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know

### INDEPENDENCE TWP.

#### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet on Wednesday, June 1, 2011, 7:30 PM in the Independence Township Hall Conference Room, 6483 Waldon Center Dr., Clarkston, MI 48346, to hear the following cases:

Case #11-0009 O'Neill, John, Petitioner  
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 24, SECTION 50-837 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO CONSTRUCT ACCESSORY STRUCTURE ON VACANT PARCEL  
Vacant Sasahabaw Rd., R-1A  
Supervisor's Plat No. 11, Part of Lot 6  
08-03-451-034

Case #11-0010 Newman, Daniel, Petitioner  
APPLICANT REQUESTS 15' FRONT YARD (R.O.W.) SETBACK VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 25, SECTION 50-890 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO CONSTRUCT COVERED FRONT PORCH  
6256 Flemings Lake Rd., R-1A  
08-21-251-013

Case #11-0011 Repinski, David, Petitioner  
APPLICANT REQUESTS 4' REAR YARD SETBACK VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 24, SECTION 50-837 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO CONSTRUCT DECK  
5700 Golf Pointe Dr., PRD  
The Ridge at Morgan Lake Golf Classic, Unit 37  
08-25-403-001

Case #11-0012 Garcia, Gilbert, Petitioner  
APPLICANT REQUESTS 27' FRONT YARD SETBACK VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 25, SECTION 50-890 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO CONSTRUCT ADDITION ON NON-CONFORMING LOT OF RECORD  
4882 Lakeview Blvd., R-1A  
Sunny Beach County Club Sub No. 2, Lot 23  
08-13-106-029

Case #11-0013 Hartfield, Jeff and Linda, Petitioners  
APPLICANTS REQUEST 25' SIDE YARD SETBACK VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 25, SECTION 50-890 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO CONSTRUCT ADDITION PLUS 30' SIDE YARD SETBACK VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 24, SECTION 50-837 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO CONSTRUCT INGROUND POOL  
10220 Perry Lake Rd., R-1R  
Equestrian Lake Village, Lot 25  
08-13-102-011

Case #10-0018 Orr, Laurie, Petitioner  
APPLICANT REQUESTS EXTENSION OF VARIANCE PREVIOUSLY GRANTED ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2010 FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 25, SECTION 50-890 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO CONSTRUCT RESIDENTIAL ADDITION  
9790 Sasahabaw Rd., R-1A  
Supervisor's Plat No. 11, Part of Lot 15  
08-03-451-021

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

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

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

### NOTICE OF HEARING OF PRACTICABILITY ELIZA LAKE IMPROVEMENT HEARING RE-SCHEDULED- PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE!

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Springfield Township Board will meet at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, Michigan at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 9, 2011 to determine the practicability of implementing an aquatic management program for the purpose of controlling nuisance aquatic weeds/algae for Eliza Lake, for treatment year 2012.

This Hearing is called pursuant to the provisions of Public Act 188 of 1954, as amended.

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**Dale Yeoman  
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**Chris,**

**As I told you on the phone, we are pleased with the response from the coupon book from Sherman Publications. This has proven to be one to the best responses we receive above any of the others. Keep up the good work!**

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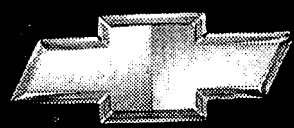
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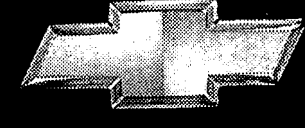
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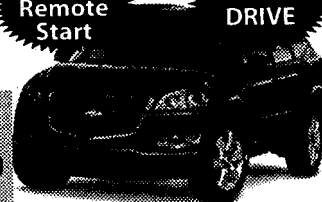
36 Month / 10K Lease

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**\$179<sup>Mo</sup>**<sup>††</sup> \$424 Total Due At Signing

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## 2010 Malibu LTZ



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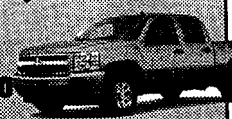


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**\$269<sup>Mo</sup>**<sup>\*</sup> \$680 Total Due At Signing



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LEASE **\$183\***

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39  
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Sale Price **\$22,137\***

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LEASE **\$233\***

Sale Price **\$19,910\***

MSRP  
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1.9% APR  
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39  
MONTH  
LEASE **\$374\***

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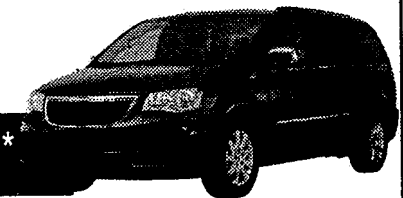
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