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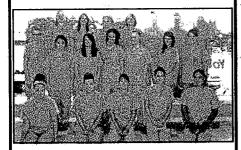


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COLD COLLECTIONS: Steve Marks, Clarkston Knights of Columbus, braves a cold spring shower, March 30, during the Knights' annual Tootsie Roll Drive to help people with intellectual disabilities. *Photo by Phil Custodio*

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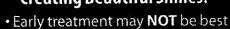
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First-grader Keaton Hill finishes a dog toy for the Michigan Humane Society.



Kindergartner Victoria Carnell shows off one of the bags she decorated and filled for Grace Centers of Hope.



Third grader Riley Beernink wraps ribbon around his box of treats to be delivered to Meals on Wheels.

Kids serve community

First-grader Jordin Moore spreads cheese on a dog biscuit, adding more zing for dogs at the humane society. Independence Elementary students spent March 22 participating in S.O.C.K.S (Serving Our Community Kids Style), their academic service learning project. *Photos by WAR*

Landscape Tips from Tom Lowrie

Buy Bulk Mulch

Bagged Mulch Can Be Up To 10 Times More Expensive!

Knowing how much mulch to purchase for your

beds or gardens is always a bit of a guess, but if you own a pickup truck or your project requires two or more yards of mulch, buy bulk. Bulk mulch is



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

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

- There are 27 cubic feet in a cubic yard.
- The average 40 lb. bag of mulch is approximately equal to 1 cubic foot.

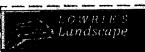
The only compelling reason to buy bagged mulch is ease of transportation. Bagged mulch can be up to ten times more expensive than bulk mulch. It makes sense to pay a delivery fee and borrow a wheelbarrow if you don't have

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

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

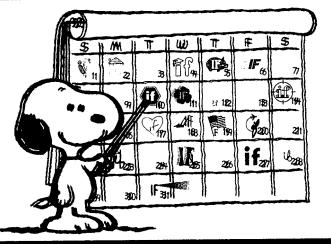
- For a soothing, natural look, use darkcolored mulch.
- For a brighter bed, use lighter mulch or consider light colored gravel.
- For a classic look, choose un-dyed dark brown.

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Larkin O'Donnell acts out parts of The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig.



Wolfie high fives the readers.

A furry tale

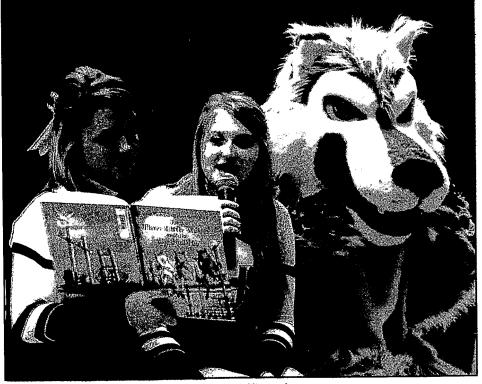
Wolfie, Clarkston High School mascot, and his two helpers, cheerleaders Rachel Henderson and Sarah Keller, stopped by Andersonville Elementary during lunch on Wednesday.

During the month, students had celebrity readers every lunch on Wednesday for March is Reading Month.

Henderson and Keller read *The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig* by Eugene Trivizas while Wolfie acted out some parts of the book.

Wolfie gave students leaving lunch a high five for reading.

Photos by Wendi Reardon



From left, Rachel Henderson, Sarah Keller and Wolfie read.

Celebrating art in the city

Clarkston patrons celebrated the arrival of Detroit Institute of Art Inside/Out, March 28, with wine and cheese at City Hall.

"I wanted to do something to celebrate the fact we were selected to participate with the DIA," said City Councilwoman Peg Roth.

The Parsonage, Clarkston Union and Woodshop, Essence on Main, Lisa's Confection Connection, and Rudy's Market all contributed hors d'oeuvres and snacks to the event

"I was so pleased our retailers contributed to our refreshment table," Roth said. "I thought that was very, very nice."

Local residents and public officials also enjoyed a tour around town with resident and DIA Volunteer Sharon Hurlbert to explain each painting.

"I thought Sharon did a fabulous job on the tour," Roth said. "She is so enthusiastic and so knowledgeable about these pieces of art. It's really amazing."

"I was very pleased so many in the community in an evening stopped by to look at the art," Hurlbert said. "And to listen and to find out why the Detroit Institute of Arts had come to our community."



Sharon Hurlbert explains "View of the Tiber with the Castel Sant'Angelo" by Bernardo Bellotto. Photo by Trevor Keiser



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When a wisdom tooth is unable to erupt or come into the mouth normally, it is said to be "impacted". Nine out of ten people have at least one impacted wisdom tooth resulting from a lack of space in the mouth.

How Serious is an Impacted Wisdom Tooth?

Impacted wisdom teeth can result in pain, infection and crowding of, or damage to, adjacent teeth. More serious problems may occur if the sac that surrounds the impacted tooth fills with fluid and enlarges to form a cyst. This enlargement can hollow out the jaw and cause permanent damage to the adjacent teeth, jawbone and nerves. In rare cases, if the cyst is not treated, a tumor may develop from the walls of the cyst and a more complicated surgical procedure may be required to remove it.

Many people believe that as long as they are not in pain, they do not have to worry about their wisdom teeth. However, "asymptomatic," or "pain free," does not mean the absence of disease or pathology. A recent study by the American Association of Oral Surgeons found that wisdom teeth that have broken through the tissue and crupted into the mouth in a normal, upright position may be prone to many of the same diseases as those wisdom teeth that remain impacted.

Why have your Wisdom Teeth Removed?

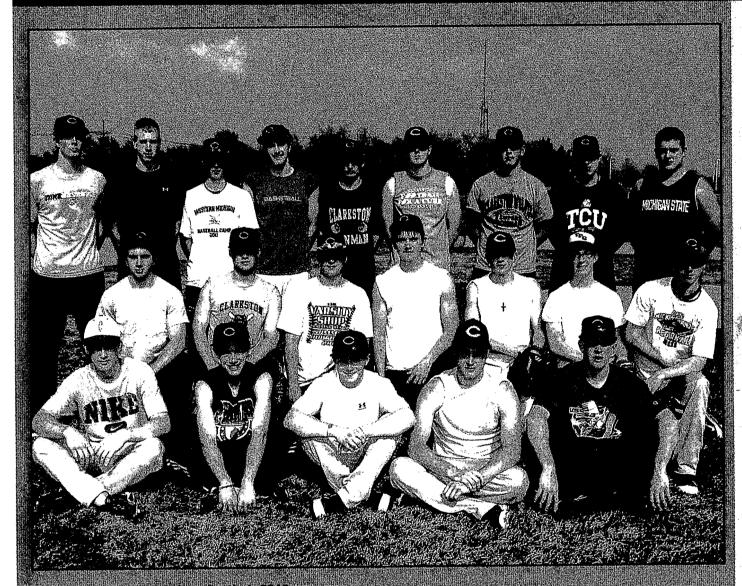
Bacteria that cause gum disease may exist in clinically significant numbers in and around non painful wisdom teeth and cause damage before symptoms let you know that something is wrong. Impacted wisdom teeth can contribute to a variety of problems, including infection, damage to neighboring teeth, tooth decay, receding gums, loosened teeth, bone loss and tooth loss. Research suggests the bacteria surrounding wisdom teeth may contribute to systemic health problems, including diabetes, heart disease, and kidney disease. Other studies have found that gum disease in expectant mothers is strongly associated with a greater likelihood of preterm and low birth weight babies.

It isn't wise to wait until your wisdom teeth start to bother you. Summit Surgery strongly recommends that to prevent future problems, wish teeth are removed by the time that patient is a young adult.

Live found that older adult patients may be at greater risk for the development of disease, including periodontitis, in the tissues surrounding the way teeth and adjacent teeth. In addition, the longer wisdom teeth remain in your mouth, the more likely they are to cause problems. When they do, these complications may be sore difficult to treat in older patients and, may affect your general alth.

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Varsity Roster

#2, Alex Peck, sophomore #3, Ryan Rea, sophomore #5, Christopher Dickey, senior #5, Donovan Zezula, freshman

#6. Kyle Savoie, junior

#7, Dylan Peck, senior #9, Jordan Cox, junior

#10, Nicholas Mazzone, junior

#11, Jordan Robak, junior #15, Jacob O'Berry, junior

#20, Ryan Slaughter, junior

#21, Jacob Laporte, sophomore

#22, Weston Sielaff, junior

#24, Sean Martens, sophomore

#28, Eric Tait, junior

#32, Zachary Altpeter, junior

#41, Alexander Barta, senior

#44, Jacob Forsten, senior

2012 Schedule

April 11, Adams, away, 4:30 p.m. April 13, Stoney Creek, away, 4:30 p.m.

April 16, Oxford, home, 4:30 p.m.

April 17, Lahser , home, 4 & 6 p.m. April 20, Rochester, away, 4:30 p.m.

April 23, Lake Orion, home, 4:30 p.m.

April 27, Adams, home, 4 & 6 p.m. May 2, Stoney Creek, home, 4 & 6 p.m.

May 3, Avondale, home, 4 & 6 p.m. May 5, Nathan Manuel Memorial, home, 10 a.m.

May 9. Oxford, away, 4 p.m., 6 p.m. May 11, Kettering, home, 4 & 6 p.m.

May 16, Rochester, home, 4 & 6 p.m. May 19, Roy Warner Classic, home, 10 a.m.

May 22, Lake Orion, away, 4 & 6 p.m.

May 26, Grand Blanc @ CMU, away, TBA May 29, MHSAA District 29, 1 or 2, away, TBA

June 1, MHSAA District 29, 1 or 2, away, TBA June 2, MHSAA District 29, 1 or 2, away, TBA June 9, MHSAA Regional, away, TBA

June 12, MHSAA Quarterfinal, away, TBA June 15, MHSAA Semi-Final, away, TBA June 16, MHSAA Final, away, TBA



Clarkston High School Varalty Soft Ball Team is set for their spring season.

Hopes high for Lady Wolves

Don Peters, head coach, is looking for another winning season for Clarkston High School Varsity Softball Team.

"Our pitching's pretty good, batting is good, a little above average — they're looking good all the way around," Peters said.

Freshmen players Rathel Vicita, Mateline Maday, Candace Kitchen, Mikayla Blaska, and Victoria Sharkey form juniors Sydney Hasselbach. Katte Nelson, Alysia Armanong, and Brenna Copper, and synhometer Radiel Alliand Mackezie King.

"It's a young team, with five freshman on varsity," said Barry Bailey, assistant varsity coach, "If everyone stays healthy, with our returning upper classmen, we should be OK. Staying healthy, that's the key. That can change the whole entire season."

Four seniors, Rachel Pytel, Megan Hastings, Shauna Siwicki, and Tara Perry, are really to lead the team to victory, Peters said.

"Rachel, Megan, Shama's all district and all state, Tara's an excellent outfielder and a miple-threat butter—drag, stap, or hij wer in the second

"We're looking pretty good," said. Hastings, a team captain: "We're on the right track with strict practices and drills, working on a lot of different aspects of the game."

"We have a lot of good freshmen," said Perry, captain. "Rachel Vierra's a really good fielder, and good on oftensa."

The Lady Wolves finished 28-8 over all stir the season his year 8-4 in the OAA red.

Varsity Roster

#13 Rachel Pytel, senior

#31 Megan Hastings, senior

#5 Shauna Siwicki, senior

#15 Tara Perry, senior

#23 Sydney Hasselbach, junior

#6 Katie Nelson, junior

#7 Alyssa Armstrong, junior

#3 Rachel Alli, sophomore

#19 Mackezie King, sophomore

#17 Rachel Vieira, freshman

#33 Madeline Maday, freshman

#11 Candace Kitchen, freshman

#12 Mikayla Blaska, freshman

#97 Victoria Sharkey, freshman

#14 Brenna Cooper, junior

2012 Schedule

April 11, Adams, home 4:30 &6:30 p.m.

April 18, Troy, home 4:30 & 6:30 p.m.

April 19, Swartz Creek, away, 4:30 & 6:30 p.m.

April 21, Girls in Pink Classic, home 10 a.m. April 24, Goodrich, away 4:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m.

April 25, N. Farmington, home 4:30 & 6:30 p.m.

April 30, Avondale, away, double header

May 2, Lake Orion, away 4:30 & 6:30 p.m.

May 3, Carman-Ainsworth, home, 4:30 & 6:30 p.m.

May 5-6, Michigan Stars, away TBA

May 9, Farmington, away 4:30 & 6:30 p.m.

May 10, Davison, away 4:30 & 6:30 p.m.

May 12, St. Clair Tourn, away, 10 a.m.

May 16, Oxford, double header, away, TBA

May 18-19, UM Tournament, away, TBA

May 22. Rochester, home, 4:30 & 6:30 p.m.

May 29, MHSAA District 29, away, TBA

June 1, MHSAA District 29, away, TBA

June 2, MHSAA District 29, away, TBA

June 9, MHSAA Regional, away, TBA

June 12, MHSAA Quarterfinal, away, TBA

June 15. MHSAA Semi-Final, away, TBA

June 16, MHSAA Final, away, TBA

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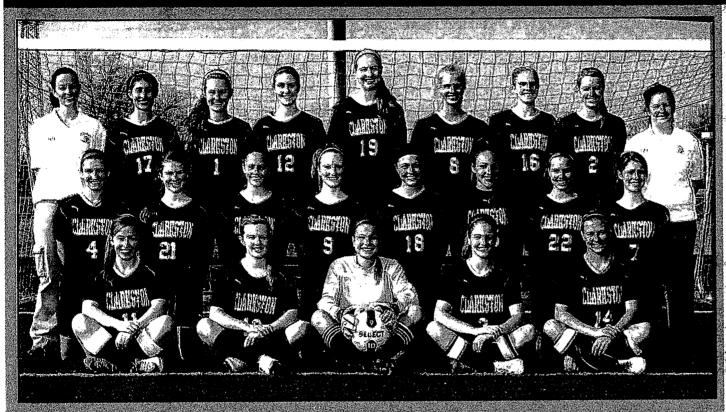
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The Clarkston Girls Varsity Soccer team. Photo by Visual Sports Network

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Kicking into gear for a new season

The Lady Wolves have already opened the season with scrimmages. and a few games, giving them the chance to hone their skills before going into the bulk of the season, beginning with Andover, April 10.

We made a lot of progress since our first week," said Clarkston Girls Various Species Head Coach Sarah WATE !

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Renkiewicz, Allison Roberts, and Miranda Siegrist; sophomores Kayla Grzesiak. Shelby Hopper, and Samantha Messer, and freshmen Brooke Henney. Madison Herbert, and Alexis Shamoun.

We have a lot of young girls and a lot of potential." Stokes said: "This is the year the freshmen have really taken over. They are really going to be mout this year.

"They are so young they are going to help the feath in the next counter of seasons, toor Lyons added The yare some io sian with this team which is a solid cemeand a solid bond with everybedy Care Built (Statemare Bessential)

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wards this season is the league championship.

"We are definitely competing for that," said Wasilk. "The league is going to be tough. There isn't anyone who is just going to run away with it. Everyone is going to have to fight. Everyone is going to be close in differential

Another goal they continue to work myards is bringing home their first dis-THE WEITHOUSINE

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off season. Stokes and This going to bring up the introduct this year.

After opening the season against Water opening the league up the league against Berkley, the next opposes the entine Lady Worker Foot private to unine is Lake Crook. "A family this well now creative con-

Varsity Roster

#1 Madison Herbert - freshman

#2 Taylor Stokes - senior

#3 Shelby Hopper - sophomore

#4 Sarah McCallum - senior

#5 Katie Miller - junior

#7 Alexis Shamoun - freshman

#8 Caitlin Kirby - senior

#9 Miranda Siegrist - junior

#10 Olivia Brochu - junior

#11 Morgan Todd - junior

#12 Chelsea Chase - senior

#14 Kayla Grzesiak - sophomore

#15 Samantha Messer - sophomore

#16 Lindsey Renkiewicz - junior

#17 Allison Roberts - junior

#18 Brooke Henney - freshman

#19 Andrea Dumais - senior

#21 Lisa Lyons - senior

#22 Lindsey Adams - senior

#25 Emma Eriksen - junior

2012 Schedule

April 10, Tues., 7 p.m. at Andover April 12, Thurs. 7 p.m. vs. Oxford

April 13, Fri., 7 p.m. at Waterford Mott

April 16, Mon., 7 p.m. at North Farmington

April 20, Fri., 7 p.m. at Stoney Creek

April 24, Tues., 7 p.m. at Lahser April 26, Thurs. 7 p.m. vs. Andover

May 1, Tues., 7 p.m. vs. Royal Oak

May 3, Thurs., TBA at Oxford

May 7, Mon., 7 p.m. vs. Lapeer East

May 11, Fri., 6:30 p.m. at Lapeer West

May 15, Tues., 7 p.m. vs. Avondale

May 17, Thurs. 7 p.m. vs. Holly

May 22, Tues., TBA at Lake Orion

May 29, Tues., TBA at MHSAA District

May 30, Wed., TBA at MHSAA District

May 31, Thurs., TBA at MHSAA District

June 1, Fri., TBA at MHSAA District

June 2, Sat., TBA at MHSAA District

June 6, Wed., TBA at MHSAA Regional

June 7, Thurs., TBA at MHSAA Regional

June 8, Fri., TBA at MHSAA Regional

June 9, Sat., TBA at MHSAA Regional

June 13, Wed., TBA at MHSAA Semi-Final

June 16, Sat., TBA at MHSAA Final

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Varsity Roster

#1 Lauren Sharkey, junior #3 Anna Gray, senior #4 Ashley Piper, senior

#5 Rachel Manssur, senior

#6 Danielle Dunn, senior

#7 Mary Schlaff, freshman

#8 Gianna Locricchio, senior #9 Lizzy Butzler, sophomore

#10 Whitney Kelley, senior

#11 Stephanie Dellinger, senior

#13 Abbey Hall, senior

#14 Paige Miller, senior

#15 Caitlin Toth, sophomore

#16 Madeline Lussenhop, senior

#17 Brittney Jaynes, junior

#18 Samantha Wesley, sophomore

#20 Kylie Cohu, junior

#21 Lyndsey Pike, freshman

#22 Madeline Maquire, junior

2012 Schedule

April 11, Wed., 7 p.m. at Waterford United

April 12, Thurs., 7 p.m. at Farmington Hills Harrison

April 16, Wed., 7 p.m. at Troy Athens April 20, Fri., 7 p.m. vs. Rochester April 25, Wed., 7 p.m. vs. Bloomfield United

April 30, Mon., 7 p.m. vs. Birmingham Consolidate

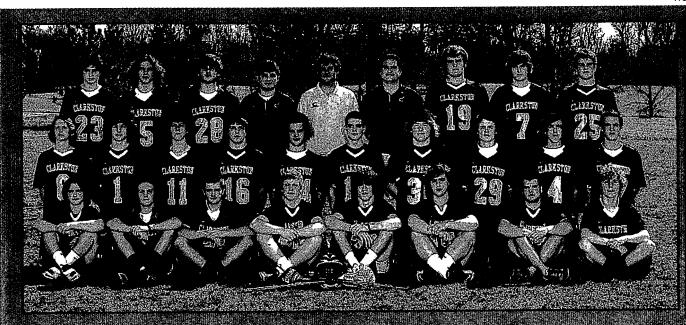
May 3, Thur. 7 p.m. vs. Stoney Creek May 4, Fri., 7 p.m. vs. Swartz Creek

May 7, Mon., 7 p.m. at Troy

May 9, Wed., 7 p.m. at Lake Orion May 12, Sat., TBA Game for a Cure

May 14, Mon., 7 p.m. at Farmington
May 17, Thurs., TBA at MHSAA District

June 6, Wed., TBA at MHSAA Semi-Final June 9, Sat., TBA at MHSAA Final All home games are played at Clarkston High School Stadium.



Varsity A Team Schedule

April 7, Sat. 10:30 a.m. at Pickerington North April 7, Sat., 5:30 p.m. at Olentangy Liberty

April 13, Fri., 7 p.m. at Bloomfield United

April 15, Sun., 12 p.m. vs. St. Michael's College April 17, Tues., 7 p.m. at Birmingham Consolidated

April 19, Thurs., 7:30 p.m. at Notre Dame Prep

April 23, Mon., 7:30 p.m. vs. Troy Athens

April 28, Sat., 1 p.m. at Toledo St. Francis

May 1, Tues., 7 p.m. at Farmington

May 3, Thurs., 7 p.m. at Rochester Adams

May 5, Sat., 2 p.m. vs. Okemos

May 8, Tues., 7 p.m. at Stoney Creek

May 11, Fri., 7 p.m. vs. North Farminton

May 12, Sat., 7 p.m. vs. Lake Orion

May 15, Tues., 7 p.m. vs. De La Salle Collegiate

May 17, Thurs., TBA at MHSAA District

May 18, Fri., 7 p.m. vs Midland Dow

June 6, Wed., TBA at MHSAA Semi-Final

June 9, Sat., TBA at MHSAA Final

play Lake Orion, our crosstown rival. We play them for our Game for a Cure."

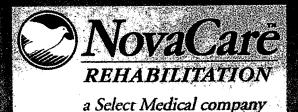
The second team, the Varsity Blue squad, is a new varsity squad coached by long time coaching legend Doug Monforton. The team is made up of 21 underclassmen that play a full varsity schedule around the state.

"Clarkston is one of three other programs with the players and the ability to establish two varsity programs."

Varsity B Team Schedule

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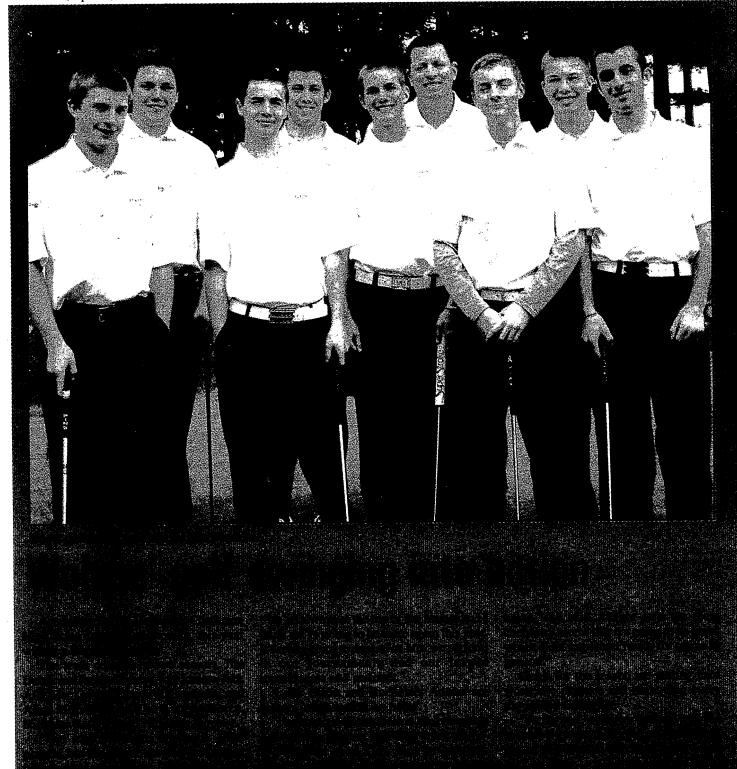
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April 28, Sat., 8 a.m. at Traverse City Invitational

April 20, Mon., TBA at Orchard Lake Country May 2, Wed., 3 p.m. at OAA #3 at Sanctuary Lake

May 7, Mon., 12 p.m. at Invite at Oakland Hills May 9, Wed., 3 p.m. at OAA #4 at Oakhurst May 14, Mon., TBA at Prestwick Village May 16, Wed., 9 a.m. at Oakland County at **Pontiac Country Club**

May 22, Tues., 3 p.m. at OAA #5 at Twin Lakes

May 29, Tues., 1 p.m. at OAA at Katke Cousins. May 31, Thurs., TBA at MHSAA District

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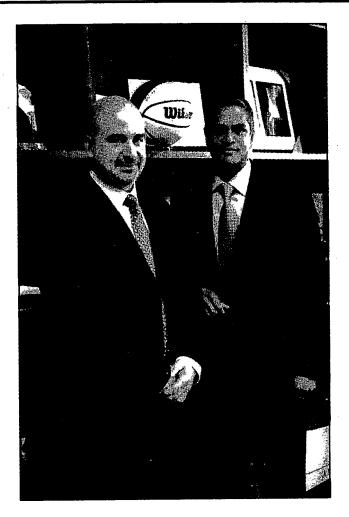
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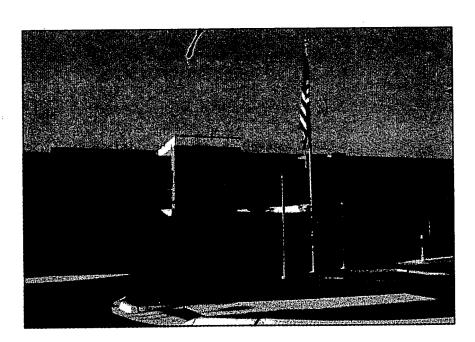
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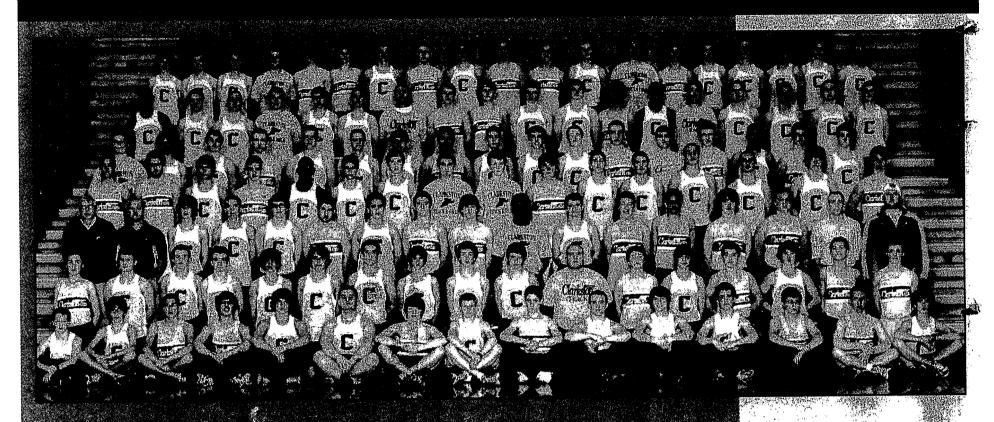
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April 17, Tues., 4:30 p.m. vs. Rochester April 24, Tues., 4:30 p.m. vs. Lake Orion April 28, Sat., 9 a.m. at Titan Relays at Sterling Heights Stevenson

May 1, Tues., 4:30 p.m. at Oxford May 3, Thurs. 3 p.m. at 9th Grade Invitational at Pontiac

May 4, Fri. 3 p.m. at Bay City Western Invitational

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2012 Girls Track Schedule

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The Lady Wolves have faced the hot weather and the chilly weather - now they are anxious to see what else spring has in store as they start their track and field sea-

We should be prefly good," said Clarkgion Cirls Varyiny Track and Held Head Couch John Yorke, "We will be on the top of the league with a few other schools. We have a lot of returning girls and we are strong in a majority of the events. Our strength is our

The returners include A mar Mamilla, who fine reinters include Anna Manna, was finished All-State in the high jump and will also compete in the long simp; Natatic Smith running in the I-mile and 2-mile races and was All-State in cross country: Kayle Sherwood at the shot put; Megan Peterson in the disc; Branzishi Loctana, in the 500-meter low buildes; and Erin Billiette in the

400-meter dash, 800-meter run and the half

"We are going to have a really good dis-tance program," Smith added. "We have been training very hard during indoor season. mink we will do really good in the 4x800 relay and the one mile and two mile. Hopefully in

the 4x200 relay, too."

Smith has set her goal to finish the sea son All-State in the I-mile run and see the 4x800 relay team make it to states, and would aiso like (o break five minutes in the 1-mis

and 11 minutes in the 2-mile run.

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season

We have a lot of overlapping. We have a lot of different athletes from different events coming in and helping each other out. It is a team effort."

The effort will help as the team has set their goal to win the OAA Red league.

"Rochester Adams is the favorite but we will see how it goes," said Yorke. "Rochester also looks tough. There are new contenders as well. Oxford and Stoney Creek are new to our league."

The meet they are looking forward to the most is the MHSAA Regional in mid-May.

"It is the big one we always go after every year," Yorke added. "Rochester is in our region this year and they were state champs two years ago. The returners will help during the season because they have all been training hard. It is going to show this year."

Their first home meet is April 17.



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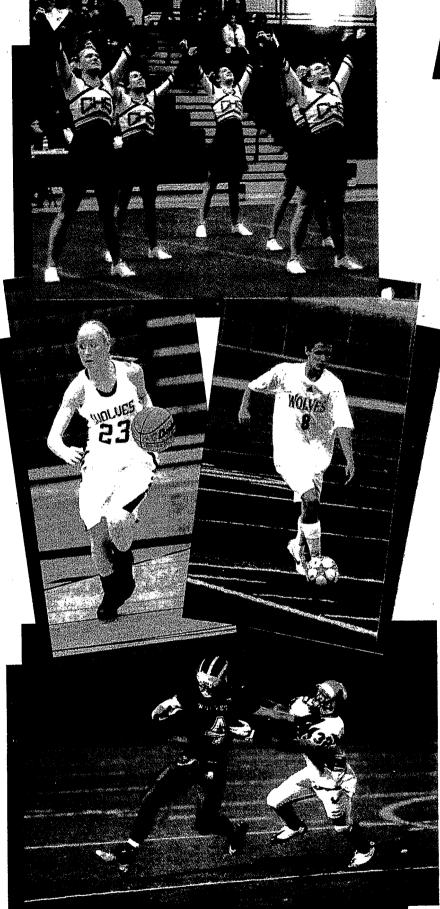
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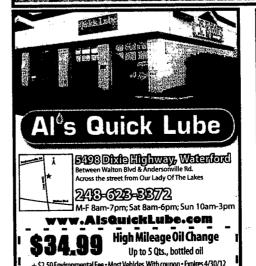
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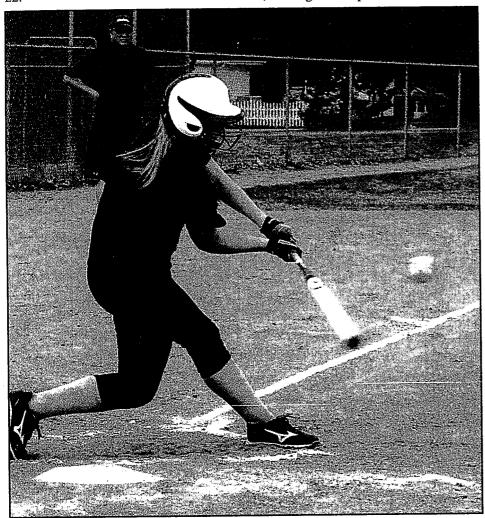


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Hitters take the field

Clarkston High School Softball Team put their spring training to the test at a at home with a double header against scrimmage against Lapeer West, March

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Megan Hastings gets a hit. Photos by Phil Custodia





Tara Perry scores a run for the Wolves.



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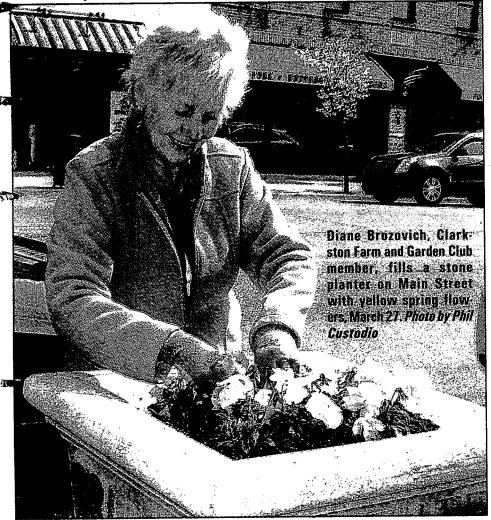


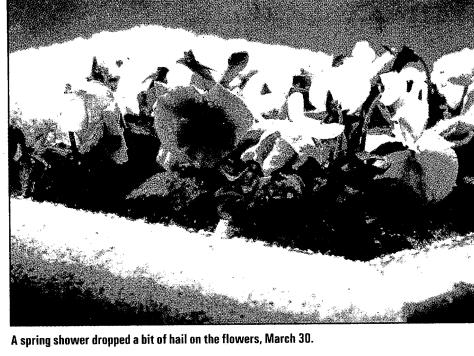


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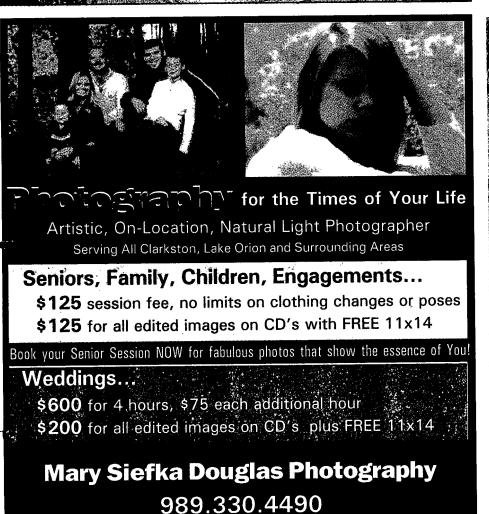
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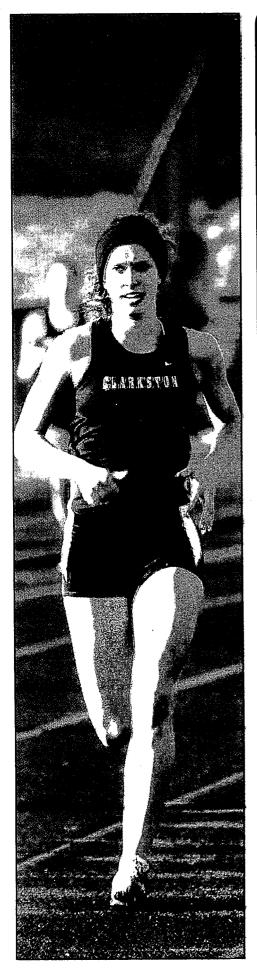
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Clarkston High School Track Team runner Anna Manilla competes in the 400-meter dash at the Stoney Creek meet, March 27. *Photo by Larry Wright*



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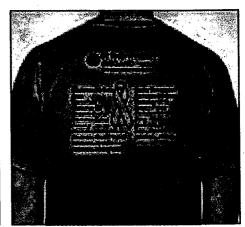
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They are available now for \$10.

T-shirts can be ordered by emailing Kim Kneisel at kk2tall@aol.com by April 16 or can be purchased at Coaches Corner, 12 South Main Street in downtown Clarkston.

"The shirts this year are being created by Coaches Corner," added O'Grady. "We're excited to be working with them and keeping it local. It's a win-win situation for ev-

Game for a Cure is May 12, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Clarkston High School stadium. All proceeds from the event go to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Cancer Research Center in Pontiac.

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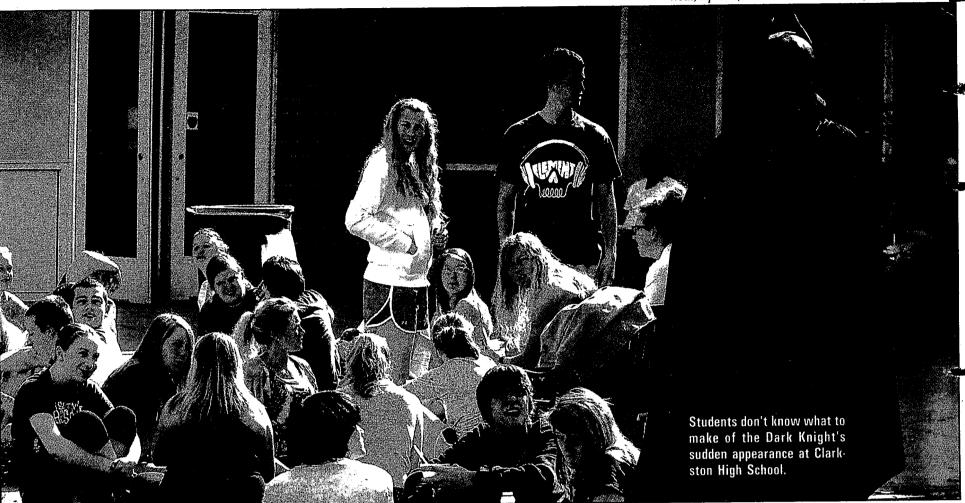
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Their idea - raise funds and awareness for the American Diabetes Association.

"We have a friend who was diagnosed with Type I Diabetes," said Andrea Dumais.

"They asked if I had any ideas -

Erika Nowak and Andrea I came up with Mr. Kaul wearing a costume at lunch," Nowak said.

Students voted by making donations into three jars, marked "Superman," "Spider-man," and "Batman." The Caped Crusader won the vote.

"We asked Mr. Kaul if he would dress up for a day," Nowak said. "It's really nice of him."

Nowak works at Sutton's Costume Store on Dixie Highway every Donna Nowak.

'We're make up artists - we make people monsters," Erika said.

She asked if the costume shop could help out, and they donated the Batman costume for the entire

"It's the best quality one," she said. "It was very kind of them."

In full costume, Kaul passed out cards printed with facts about dia-

Halloween season with her mother, betes, including "You don't have to be a superhero to defeat diabetes," "diabetes is a major cause of heart disease and stroke," and "diabetes is the seventh leading cause of death."

"It's fantastic," Kaul said. "Any time I can support a good cause put together by the kids, particularly on their own volition, it's my duty to help, even if feel foolish."

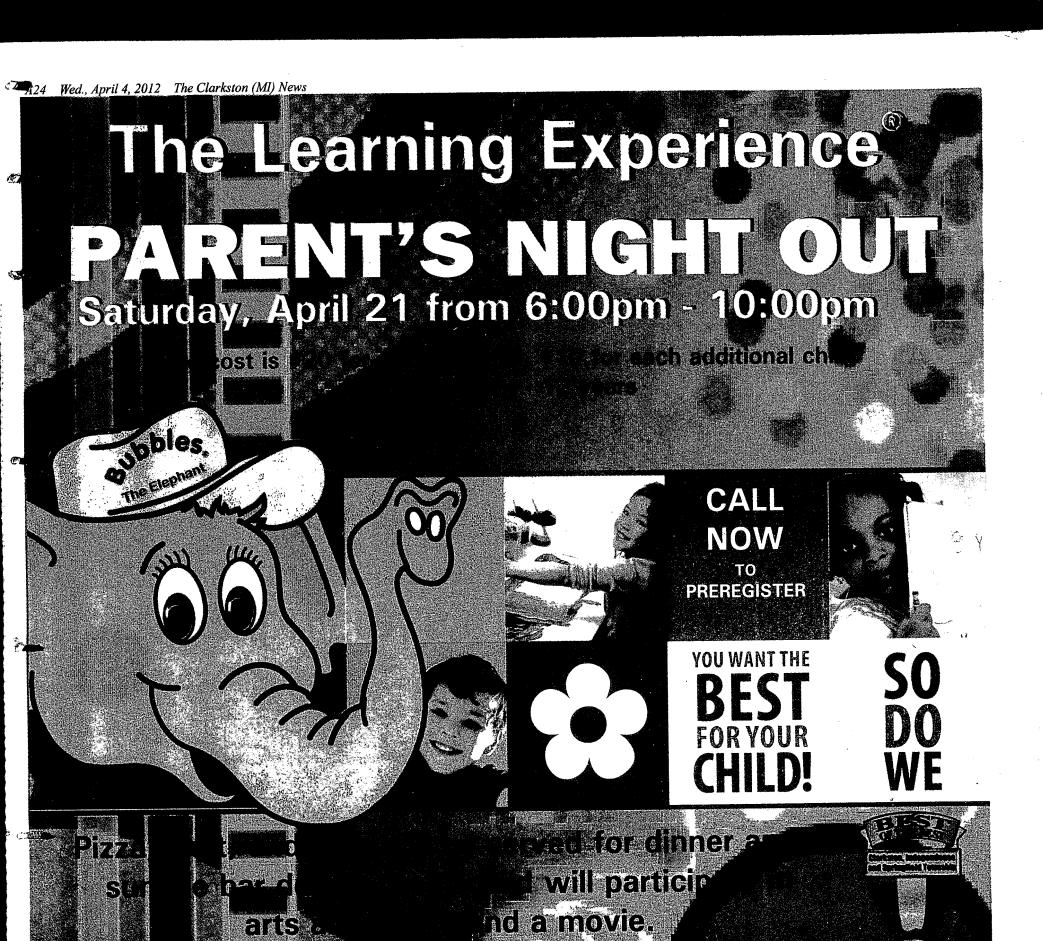
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Erika Nowak, left, and fellow student Andrea Dumais organized the project with the cowled Kaul.



Principal Kaul as Batman distributes information about diabetes to students in the Clarkston High School cafete Photos by Phil Custodio



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Learning to stand united against bullying

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If Everest Academy eighth graders Becca Luttinen and Emma Cross saw someone being bullied, they know what to do.

"If I see a bullying circle, I hope to not be a bystander or henchman," Luttinen said. "I'll strive to stop the bullying, even if I get bullied. It would be bad if no one stands up."

"I hope I would be a defender," Cross said. "If it's serious, I'd get a teacher."

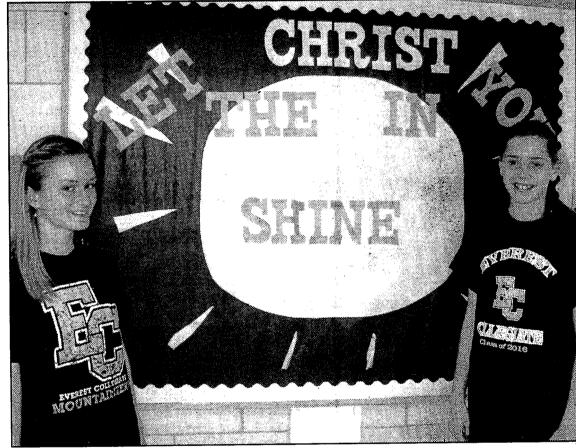
Everest introduced the school-wide program, called the Golden Rule Campaign, in January.

"Instead of focusing on bullying, it's to let Christ in so you see the Christ in others so bullying doesn't happen in the first place," said Chelsea Gheesling, Everest marketing and communications director. "A process is in place on how to deal with it when it happens."

"The main point is to provide a unified front, involve the entire school community and be proactive," said Erin Van Wagoner, Everest Girls School dean of students. "This is an ongoing program to eliminate and prevent bullying throughout the school environment."

The Christ-centered, faith-based program includes school-wide presentations, classroom discussion, and individual reflection.

"It's about helping others, like when they're having trouble with friends or when my brother needs help with homework," Luttinen said.



Everest students Becca Luttinen, left, Emma Cross and classmates are learning how to prevent and respond to bullying. Photo by Phil Custodio

"We see how to be better and help others," Cross said.

The campaign teaches them to stand up for each other, Gheesling

"How to stand up and be strong, not be mean," Cross said. "If done smartly, there'll be peace."

"We talk about how not to be a

bystander, to go and stop it, to stand up for people when others are making fun of them," Luttinen said. "It's the right thing to do."

It also helps outside of school, Cross said.

"Like in the neighborhood," she said. "Or with little siblings, stand up for them."

The Golden Rule Campaign will be renewed at the beginning of every school year.

"As we get older and more mature, we'll learn how to handle other situations," Luttinen said. "When they get on your nerves, how to get along with others and deal with bullying."



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Around Town

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

Special Events

Annick Hivert-Carthew will speak on Early French Medieval Gardens, Springfield Garden Club, 10 a.m., April 4. Springfield Township Civic Center Meeting Room, 12000 Davisburg Road. \$1.

Prayer Vigil Day for Children, Seymour Lake United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., April 7, Seymour Lake and Sashabaw Roads. Call Linda Britton at 248-625-7977 to submit first names of children for prayer.

Office hour with state Rep. Eileen Kowall, 12-1 p.m., April 9, Pete's Coney II, 6160 Dixie Highway. 866-334-0010.

Mass No.2 in G by Franz Schubert, Clarkston High School Vocal Music Department with CHS Orchestra, 7 p.m., April 10, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Free, donations accepted.

Clinton River Watershed Council presentation, Little Things You Can Do To Keep Our Water Clean presentation, 7:30-8:30 p.m., April 11, St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park Drive. Free. 248-601-0606.

Scraps for Seniors iron and metal collection, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., April 21, 6000 Clarkston Road. Refrigerators and dehumidifiers should have freon removed, lawn mowers should have gas and oil drained. Recycled by Dixon Metal Processing. Proceeds go to Friends of Independence Township Senior Citizens. 248-625-8231.

Health, Wealth, and Life to the Fullest, 4-5:30 p.m., April 22, Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. Carol Spinweber, RN, director of trauma services at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital, discusses falls, safety, and injury prevention.

248-625-3288.

Youth Recognition Ceremony and Dessert Reception, 7 p.m., April 25, at Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. 248-623-4313.

Spring Book Sale, 10 a.m., April 25-28, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 248-391-4424.

Chuck Keegan Race for the Kids, 9 a.m., May 5, Clarkston Junior High School track, 6595 Middle Lake Road. 5K run, 3K walk, Donut Dash for children 10 and under. By April 16, \$50/family, \$20/individual, \$5 for Donut Dash. www.clarkstonfoundation.org.

Weekly meetings

Monday

Mothers & More, non-profit dedicated to improving lives of mothers through support, education, advocacy, 7:15 p.m., third Monday, Red Knapp's Restaurant, 6722 Dixie Highway. 248-507-4839.

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

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.

Job Ministry presentation for unemployed or to hone employability skills, third Monday, 7:30 p.m., St. Daniel's Cushing Center, 7010 Valley Park Drive. 248-625-4580.

50+ Line Dancing, Mondays, 1-4 p.m. Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road, Dance to country, salsa, chacha and rock and roll rhythms with Rose-

mary Hall to exercise your body and mind. Drop in fee \$3 per person.

Tuesday

Pickleball, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., 5449 Clarkston Road, \$3, drop in, all levels welcome; Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., \$4, drop in. First Congregational Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road.

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

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

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

Clarkston Area Youth Assistance, second Tuesday, 7 p.m., Clarkston Community Education Building, 6300 Church Street on Waldon. 248-623-4313.

Wednesday

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

Women's Cancer Support Group, second Wednesday, 6-7:30 p.m., McLaren Cancer Institute, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. 248-922-6623

Thursday

Clarkston Masons/Cedar 60, first Thursdays, 8 p.m., 1 East Washington. 248-625-4610.

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Trustees look to lower next supervisor's pay

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

David Lohmeier, Independence Township trustee, wants to lower the salary for the next supervisor from almost \$80,000 with benefits to \$25,000 with no benefits.

"I think we need to give the next board every opportunity to succeed," Lohmeier said. "I think handing them a position that has very, very few responsibilities at an extraordinary high rate of pay doesn't really give them that kind of flexibility.'

Treasurer Curt Carson said the decision should be handled during or after this year's election, in which the entire board is up for a

"If we make a move like this now, we are basically, as a board nearing an end of it's term, making the decision that we're changing the form of government. I think that is a slap in the face to the voters and the people of this township," he said. "They need to be able to make that decision."

According to township charter, the board can't lower an elected official's salary unless that official agrees to it. However, the board transferred most supervisor duties to other officials in the wake of current Supervisor Dave Wagner's yearlong sick leave.

The duties were passed to Deputy Supervisor Michael Clark and appointed Superintendent Bart Clark. All that's left is to chair meetings, Lohmeier said.

His proposal would not affect the current supervisor's salary or benefits, he said.

Fred Ritter, who served on the Township Board from 1974-1984, said things have changed, but he was afraid the current proposal would preclude a number of qualified candidates who could be full-time elected supervisor with full management

"Think it through," Ritter said. "I think it's a big deal, it's a big decision and if you're going to change your level of government, the public needs to be engaged in the conversation."

Resident Jane Boyer agreed.

"I think if you do diminish the supervisor



Resident Fred Ritter addresses the Independence Township board. Photo by Trevor Keiser

to part-time and at a lower rate of pay, you're diminishing the way we govern also," Boyer said. "I'm not sure we can afford to do that."

Director of Public Works Linda Richardson said Bart Clark brought stability to the township and taken a burden off the department heads.

"If we had a supervisor who was as meticulous as Mr. Clark, then I would say they would deserve the whole salary, but there is no qualification to be a supervisor of a. township," Richardson said. "Since you can't pick qualifications in elected officials, I think Mr. Clark is probably our best bet."

Trustee Larry Rosso believes the board made the right decision when they appointed Clark as superintendent, and he brought professionalism that was lacking.

"This is good food for thought and good

to debate this, but I think this should be given a little more notice and more people should weigh in at another board meeting," Rosso said. "It should be a discussion because there may be people who are reluctant to run_for supervisor if they know it is going be a parttime position at part-time pay.'

Clerk Barbara Pallotta said it would open a can of worms.

"Right now we have ideal circumstances. We have an unavailable supervisor and an awesome superintendent. If we did something like this, we would have a part-time supervisor, part-time or full-time superintendent, one with the vote and one with all the work," she said. "If that's not an accident waiting to happen, I don't know what

Pallotta added it would only work if both the supervisor and superintendent agreed on it. Otherwise it would just cause tension.

"I can tell you unequivocally it depends on the people in the position, whether a structure like this would work," she said.

Carson agreed.

"Whether we have a supervisor or a manager, they're only as good as the person who's in there," he said. "You can pick a bad superintendent, too."

Trustee Neil Wallace said salaries do not ensure good candidates.

'We're in a noble experiment that we've handled nobly and it's gone very well," he said. "We should give the next board opportunity to continue that."

Lohmeier agreed.

"I think we want to empower the next board as much as possible. I don't think you sit back and say 'unless the people tell us to change the government structure, we're not going to mess with it," he said. "We already did. We hired a superintendent, we hired a permanent one and it's worked out fantastically."

The board voted 3-2, March 20, to postpone voting to hear more from the public on the issue.

Carson and Pallotta voted no. Trustee Mark Petterson was absent.

Briefly

Truck grant on hold

Clarkston may not get two new grantfunded trucks after all.

The CMAQ grant program's diesel retrofit projects are under review throughout the state, said Stephen Brudzinski of Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

City Manager Dennis Ritter said he hopes the state rules in favor of the grant.

"If the grants don't come through we'll have to seek alternatives," he

Performing arts show

Clarkston Center for the Performing Arts, Clarkston Village Players and Clarkston Conservatory of Music host their first show of the year, 4:15 p.m., April 15, at the Clarkston Village Players Depot Theater, 8861 White Lake Road.

The opening act features musician and composer Glenn Poorman playing the Chapman Stick. Main act is The Red Sea Pedestrians from Kalamazoo.

Ticket price is \$15. All funds go to the performers and funding for the show.

For more information and to purchase tickets, call 248-625-9530. Seating is limited to 65 people.

Clean water program

 Clinton River Watershed Council hosts the free presentation "The Little Things You Can Do To keep Our Water Clean," 7:30-8:30 p.m., April 11, at St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park

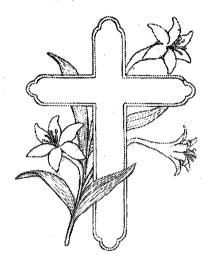
Attendees will learn how to help creeks, lakes, drains, and rivers by making changes in landscaping and home practices, Call 248-601-0606. Register at contact@crwc.org.





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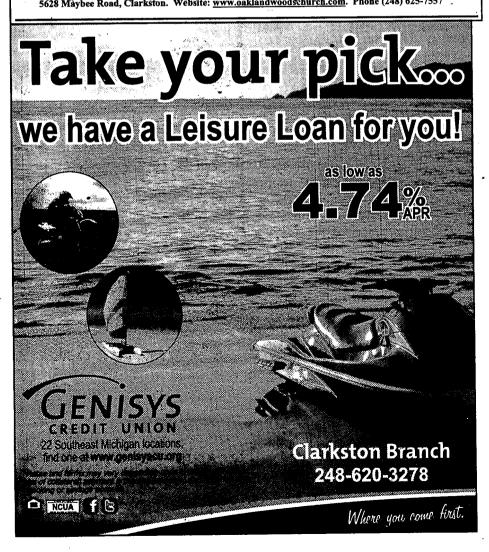


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April 6 Good Friday Service	7:00 p.m.
April 7 Easter Cantata	6:00 p.m.
April 8 Easter Sunday Schedule	
Hour of Praise (Traditional)	9:30 a.m.
Celebration Service (Contemporary)	11:00 a.m.
A Rible Study (All ages)	0.30 & 11 a m

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Schools looking at \$3.4 million shortfall in next year's budget

BYPHILCUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

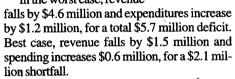
Clarkston Schools are looking at a \$3.4 million shortfall in next year's budget.

"Indicators predict 2012-2013 will be the worst year yet for revenue, based on the

governor's budget proposal," said Mary Beth Rogers, executive director of business services.

The state budget will not be approved until October, so Rogers presented three scenarios to Clarkston School Board, March 26.

In the worst case, revenue



In the most likely case, revenue decreases by \$2.4 million and spending goes up \$1.0 million. The scenario assumes loss of 50 students and no change in state per-pupil funding

"There are still a lot of unknowns," she said. "Hopefully it will be closer to the best case."

All three scenarios include a 2.73 percent increase in Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System payments, \$1.1 million, and revenue loss of \$1.2 million in federal Education Jobs funding.

The school board selected the most likely scenario

"We'll work from that as we go forward," Rogers said. "We'll do what we need to do to balance the budget."

The board will decide how much of the \$3.4 million deficit will come from the district's \$8.48 million fund balance and what would be cut in the budget.

"The state definitely needs to provide more revenue - education needs more funding," she said. "The state is funding us at 2005 level, while we have 2012 expenditures."

School board, administration, and employees are all fiscally responsible, she said.

"The school board is fantastic - they make changes they need to make," she said. "Staff and administration have worked together to fix health insurance, they've accepted pay freezes and no step increases."

Administrative priorities include class size, athletic funding, full implementation of Elementary World Language, band uniforms, and technology updates.

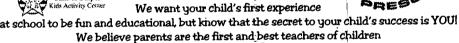
The uniforms and technology could be funded by the proposed \$20 million bond proposal, up for a vote May 8. According to state law, bond funds can't be used to pay teacher salaries. For more information, check www.clarkston.k12.mi.us.

Open House & Family Fun Night Clarkston Co-Op Preschool Thursday, April 12th from 6:30pm-8pm Come Join the Fun!

Rogers

Fall Enrollment has already started for our 4 year old, 3 year old, and 2 year old parent/tot classes. Come see our school and enjoy a family fun night complete with relay races, clowns, face painting, crafts and treats.





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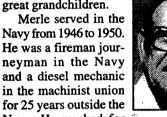
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Merle Ray Bloyed, 84

Merie Ray Bloyed, age 84, born on Dec. 2, 1927, in Joplin, Missouri, entered into rest at Good Samaritans Spokane Valley on

March 27, 2012, in Spokane Valley, Wash.

Mr. Merle is survived by his son Merle Ray Bloved II of Spokane, Wash., his daughter, Traci Hart, of Liberty Lake, Wash. And his step-daughter, Kandy Chaney of Spokane, Wash., seven grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.



Navy. He worked for Cummins Motors and helped build the first Cummins motor ever built. Merle enjoyed traveling and was a gold miner. He was a great Dad and Grandfather who will be dearly missed.

A Memorial service was March 31 at Hazen and Jaeger Valley Funeral Home, 1306 North Pines Rd, Spokane Valley, WA

Shirley Edwards, 88

Shirley M. Edwards of Waterford passed away March 30, 2012, at age 88.

She was the wife of David for 70 years;

mother of Pam (Jeff) Maddock. Mark Carol Edwards, Campbell, Sue (Dennis) Mihalek and Kathy Grappin; grandma of David. Sherry, Marianne. Sandra. Holly, Casey, Dennis, Chad. Brad and Kara; great grandma of 16: sister of Mary (Vern)



Solwold and Jane (the late Reg) Shaw; preceded in death by her parents Clyde and Ruth and her brother Jack Garner.

Mrs. Edwards was a lifelong member of Congregational Church. Clarkston. She was a talented seamstress and enjoyed traveling the world. Her family was her life. She will be dearly missed.

Visitation was April 2 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral service was April 3 at Congregational Church, Clarkston. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

guestbook Online www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Obituaries

Gary E. Grice, 68

Gary E. Grice of Auburn Hills passed away March 30, 2012, at age 68.

He was the father of Gary Jr., Rick, Shanna,

Matthew Grice and Me-(Anthony) Harper; grandpa of Keilee, Elizabeth, Nika, Monique, Cody, Dymunz, Inocencia and Desperado; great grandpa of Emmit; brother of Shelva (Lupe) Gonzales, Sharron Clevenger, Harold



(Barb) Grice, Roger Grice and Ardith (Ron) Hall; preceded in death by his siblings Shirley, Barb (Lucion) Herron and Don (late

Chapel Service was April 2 at Perry Mt. Park Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

John J. Rudzewicz, 66

John J. Rudzewicz of White Lake passed away March 29, 2012, at age 66.

He was the husband of Vicky; father of

Michelle (Rob) Laing and John "Jay" Rudzewicz; proud papa Trevor and Stephanie Laing; son of Irene (the late Al) Rudzewicz; brother of Diana (Tom) Jankowski; beloved uncle to many nieces and nephews.



Mr. Rudzewicz began working for Gordon Follmer as an employee and as the business grew, he became a managing partner of Follmer and Rudzewicz accounting firm. He enjoyed golfing, gardening, reading, video games, gambling and was known to "make

Visitation was April 1 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was April 2 at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston. Rite of Committal All Saints Cemetery. Celebration of Life memories will be shared at the Luncheon. Memorials may be made to Detroit Zoo or Walsh College, Troy.

guestbook Online www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Obituaries posted daily at Clarkstonnews.com

Hiram Vrooman Jr.

Hiram P. Vrooman Jr., "Skip," of Clarkston passed away March 31, 2012, at age 80.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Phyllis. and son, Jeff. He was the loving father of Lisa Ann (Dave Dahline) Vrooman and (Michael Sandra Lapinski) Parr; proud grandfather of Morgan Parr, Amber Vrooman, Chelsea Dahline and Jeffrey Vrooman, Jr.



Mr. Vrooman retired from General Motors after 32 years of service. He was a lifetime member of the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club. Skip enjoyed restoring antique cars with his son-in-law.

Private family services entrusted the Lewis Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the Oakland County Sportsmans Club. Online

Around Town

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Clarkston Area Lions Club, second and fourth Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m., Carriage House, Clintonwood Park. 248-802-8603.

Clarkston Community Women's Club, Thursday, April 19, 7 p.m., Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. "Resale" fashion show. Refreshments served. All welcome. 248-625-1326

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

DivorceCare facilitated discussion, Thursdays, 6:45-8:30 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road, room 122. 248-625-1611.

Saturday

Preschool Vision Screening for children 6 months-5 year, second Saturday, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Photos taken of child's eyes to check for potential vision problems. Immediate results. Free. Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, www.clarkstonlions.org.

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

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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Keiser's Role

A column by Trevor Keiser

Goodbye to you

Five years ago I wrote my first column for *The Clarkston News*. Now, I am writing my last.

To some of you this may be sad news and to others a sigh of relief, but don't worry, I'm not going far. I am going

across M-24 to our sister paper The Lake Orion Review.

I couldn't pass up an opportunity (with a little nudge from Assistant Publisher Don Rush) to further my journalism skills as co-



editor at the Lake Orion newspaper.

Trust me, it wasn't an easy decision. I've come to love the Clarkston community and the people in it. Many of you have let me into your homes and into your lives. We've not only talked about things relating to the latest story I was writing, but we discussed matters of family, faith, and community.

Even on the political side of the spectrum, where I've been known to hit right between the eyes at times, I believe all political leaders both City Council and Independence Township Board are well-intentioned folks.

As I said in the past, if I never questioned a decision made or challenged public officials on an issue, then I wouldn't be doing my job.

Though I may be across town, I promise I will still be keeping an eye on what's going on around here. I will be interested to see those who challenge for spots on the Independence Township Board.

I'm not only going to miss the Clarkston community, but I am also going to miss the wonderful staff at the *CNews* office. We've become like family over the past five years.

Whether it was deep conversations about life, laughing to the point of tears over an inside joke, or just each of us doing our part to put out a great paper, I've been proud to serve that office with each of you.

I'd like to thank my bosses, Editor Phil Custodio, Assistant Publisher Don Rush, and Publisher Jim Sherman, Jr. for pushing me and challenging me to the next level. Also, thanks to my wife, Noell, and my family for your understanding and encouragement.

Finally, Pd like to thank all my faithful readers who tuned in *Keiser's Role* and my news bylines on a regular basis. Thank you Clarkston and God bless!

School bond reasons from a teacher

Dear Editor.

As a teacher of 24 years in the Clarkston Schools and VP of the CEA, I am in full support of the upcoming bond election. As an employee, former CCS parent, and citizen I followed the process that resulted in this decision.

I whole-heartedly trust the judgement of my leaders and I believe in their vision and thorough review of all possible options, that this is the best and most prudent strategy to move our school district further into the 21st century.

The timing may not be ideal, but often times if you wait for the right time, the window has shut on your opportunity.

The bond will provide needed building upgrades that will improve their safety and energy efficiency as well as update the schools for wireless internet access and provide the tools with which to learn the skills necessary to succeed in a global society. Granted, our buildings currently operate suf-

ficiently and we do have access to technology, but in order to keep up with the rapidly changing world we are preparing our students for, these further changes and improvements are needed. And I think it's safe to say the costs of these necessary upgrades will only continue to rise.

The citizens of our community are once again being asked to invest a bit more of their hard-earned money to their school district, but I have to believe this investment will pay off ten-fold in the long run.

This bond election is not only an investment in the future of the Clarkston Schools, but also the entire community. Real estate values and prospective home-buyers are greatly influenced by the quality of the local school district, so this bond is an investment in the future of all the citizens of Clarkston. I encourage you to consider this when you got to vote on May 8.

Paul Sabbag Sashabaw Middle School teacher

Reader sees shifts in school bond plan

Dear Editor,

The Clarkston Community Schools administration has stressed the May 8 bond proposal is what is best for the students and is supported by a solid plan, particularly in terms of the technology portion of the bond. I find two aspects of that argument particularly interesting.

First, when the administration introduced its 2011-2014 technology plan in May 2011, it indicated that \$8.3 million would need to be funded through a bond. Between then and now that number has become \$10.5 million. It is safe to assume this is not rounding. Second, as representatives from the administration have met with parents and other community members the plan continues to change.

Both these points are indicative of an administration that does not have a well-thought-out plan with sufficient detail to support the expenditures for which it is asking. The repeated circling back to amend the underlying documents points one to the con-

clusion that this is an initiative for which a number (\$20 million) was selected followed by an exercise in document production the administration felt was sufficient to support that number.

It is the board's and the administration's responsibility to students, parents, teachers and the community to develop a vision, work through the detail to produce the strategies, objectives and tactics that will support the vision, then conduct the due diligence required to identify activities in which the district will be engaged and the resources that will be needed to meet the district's objectives and achieve its vision. Anything less than a well-developed and executed plan is not in anyone's best interests.

Let's support the students' best interests in the broader context of what is also best for the parents, teachers, the community and the long term financial health of the district by voting "No" for this proposal.

Lawrence Matta Independence Township

Thanks for S.O.C.K.S. Day muffins, notes

Dear Editor

A special thanks goes out to the third graders at Independence Elementary School for furnishing all of the wonderful muffins for our Meals on Wheels and Seniors at the Center.

The seniors loved the muffins and the thoughtful notes from the children on each box. You made our day extra special.

It was a special experience to attend your Ninth Annual Serving Our Community Kid Style (S.O.C.K.S.) Day and being presented with the muffins.

Keep up the good work at your school. Thanks to Chris Turner and everyone involved in making it a success.

Barbara Rollin, coordinator Ind. Twp. Senior Adult Activity Center

Write a letter to the editor at ClarkstonNews@gmail.com

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1997

"Rain doesn't stop" April showers didn't put a damper on the annual Marshmallow Drop. Independence Township Parks and Recreation switched the event from Clintonwood Park to Clarkston High School, where children enjoyed marshmallows and games.

"The registry" There were 16 men listed on the sexual offenders registry as living in Independence Township. The registry was released thanks to state law taking affect April 1. The law was passed by Michigan legislature.

"Does smoking lead to other drugs?" In part two in a series about smoking, experts agreed smoking led to other drugs. Surveys dating back 20 years showed the percentage of smokers trying illegal drugs were much higher than non-smokers trying illegal drugs.

25 years ago - 1987

"Park plans win board's OK" Independence Township approved a new parks and recreation master plan, calling for a parks and rec millage, Bay Court Camp study, and park improvements.

"Rifle fire kills pair of swans" A pair of swans were killed by rifle fire during the weekend in a channel between Woodhull Lake. After finding the bodies, residents were trying to save the six eggs left in the nest.

"Artist's flowers to bloom at DIA"
Donelle Reese Vogel's artistic creation
of poppies and sweet William, titled
"Mosaic," was a finalist in a poster design competition for an exhibit at Detroit Institute of Arts during the Arts
and Flowers: A Festival of Spring show.

50 years ago - 1962

"New administration building now in use" The new administration building located at the northwest corner of the Clarkston High School and contained 3,200 square feet for offices, storeroom and a combined conference and school board room.

"Twins Mothers' to hold hat and card party" The Twins Mothers' Club of Oakland County planned to hold a Hat and Card Party with spring hats offered for sale.

"Local residents" Sharon Mayo celebrated her ninth birthday April 1st with a skating party at at the Clarkston Rollercade and enjoyed ice cream and cake.

Saving things is a good habit if memory holds

I'm sure Webster would define thrift, cheap, saving, frugal and being economical each differently, but to me they are very similar.

I'm not recommending everyone go through a depression like that of the 1930s, but it was necessary to put those adjectives into use. Hard times bring out the savings habit.

Wasting food was not allowed. If mother put it in front of us, we ate it. "Clean up your plate" was a command, not a suggestion.

Oh, how I hated . . . oops, aren't supposed to hate anything, though terribly dislike doesn't see strong enough for the way I felt about rutabagas.

Egg plant and head cheese sandwiches were also on the short list of food dislikes, too.

Some Depression thinking should have been used during recent cold mornings when I'd see people wasting gas (money) warming their car while getting ready to start a workday.

I think more people could suffer a cold butt with gasoline over \$4 a gallon.

Anyone visiting my so-called work area in the basement would see what I mean by savings and thrift. I'm

I have about 16 sq. ft. of pegboard on the walls lined with baby food jars of screws, nails, nuts, bolts, tacks,

It's a treasurer trove of miscellanea. In the same area is a metal cabinet with numerous drawers filled with door knobs, hinges, c-clamps, etc.

Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

certain doorknob. I also have a collection 2x4s in varying lengths, wire, lots of wipe-up rags, and an endless assortment of paint cans, some full, some partially used and some solidified.

You never know when you'll need a

It's just the way we were reared. Waste not, want not.

Who buys toothbrushes any more, when the dentists give them to patients. I only discard soap bars when they get to the see-though stage.

I have given up darning my holey socks, but not without a few tears.

With the proliferation of dollar stores, I have reduced the number of times I clean a paint brush.

As the economy improved, my financial reasoning changed. There was a time in the 1980s when I traded cars every couple years. I had more than one suit of clothes, my necktie count went to over 200, I went from Three Feathers whiskey to Canadian Club and have

two riding mowers.

However, the 2000s have brought my thinking and needs back to what I call comfortable ranges.

The word "comfort" has replaced the word need, at least until that 'recession' devil alights on my shoulder again. - - - 0 - - -

• Don't sweat the petty things. Don't pet the sweaty

• I'm not your type. I'm not inflatable.

Corduroy pillows are making headlines.

- - - 0 - - -With so much being written and spoken about school kids being so involved with i-pads, etc. I wondered aloud to my 12-year-old grand twins if they are taught spell-

After all, Spell-check is everywhere, I'm told. Well, in fact, spelling is a factor in their writing at school.

With that thought I reminded myself of the spelling test I gave those looking for reporter work. Our test had 11 words, which my recently departed friend Jim Fitzgerald gave me with the promise, "if they get those right they can spell everything:"

Auction, yesterday, opinion, candidate, potential, consistent, superintendent, prerogative, insensitive, prescription, peculiar and calendar.

Of this and that (or not much at all)

I found it interesting to listen in on some of the discourse between United States Supreme Court Justices and solicitors for the government and the 20-odd states against what is now a "good" term, Obamacare.

While the justices already know the outcome of the court's decision -- partially or totally, Constitutional or not -- we won't know for a few months. They are writing their stances.

Whatever the outcome, is the outcome, that's not the point of what I'm typing today. What is, is how the process worked.

I found myself pulling my nose out of whatever book I was reading to listen to the justices turn arguments around and ask questions. Electronic media isn't allowed in the chambers much, so hearing the exchanges was to me fascinating.

And, I can wait to hear the fallout after their decision is released. It's gonna' be a whine-fest.

presidential candidates.

Okay. I didn't opine. To use the phrase from the previous paragraph,

Don't **Rush Me**

A column by **Den Rush**

my column was a "whine-fest" with me as The Commander-in-Chief of Whine.

Most folks who wrote me were of similar opinion: they hate the amount of robo calls that come during election sea-

I included some of those letters in a sub-

sequent column . . . but nothing for the other side. I didn't think anybody would actually smile at the prospect of those stupid calls, but as is the case 97.8 percent of the time, I was wrong. Read the following.

Don, I guess I'm one of the few A few weeks ago I opined on the people who look forward to robo calls.

merits of robo calls for and against Nobody wants to talk to me anymore, so I enjoy talking to someone new.

I do however find it a little disappointing when the call is a recorded message. I'm still anxious to talk to them, but I have trouble trying to get a word in edgewise. I was excited to hear that you can also get robo calls on your cell phone!

I'm looking forward to the fall campaign and I'm hoping to have my cell phone charged up and ready. My cell phone battery has been dead for the last 3 years. Maybe it's time for a new bag phone?

I'm also hoping that the candidates accelerate their campaign ads on TV. I don't understand why people object to the so-called negative ads? How else will we learn the truth about the candidates?

I enjoy most of your weekly columns, but find that some of your readers are selfish with their time and unwilling to support the robo caller. They've got to earn a living, too.

I also will be mailing my political leaders concerning robo calls and I will encourage them to keep up the good work.

Formally of Leonard (but still an avid subscriber)

Okay, maybe Joe was being sarcastic. But, I am not sure as I ain't good with sarcasm unless I am dish-

I will end on an "uplifting" note. website, found www.DoomsdayApp.com

You can go there, sign up and have all the end-of-the-world news crap sent to your "smart" phone 24/7.

Complete with newsfeeds from NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration), and NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) you can be up-to-date, and prepared when it all "ends." I think there may be even a link to folks who build bomb shelters.



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The Clarkston team includes, standing from left, Tom Groves, Jeff Reinhout, Dan Nicholas, and Fred Stark, kneeling from left, Pat McMullen and Al Brown, and, not pictured, Tom Harrison, Bob Holley, Chuck Martlus and Mike Crabtree.

Clarkston team league champs

The Clarkston Legacy of America team won the championship in the Senior 55-plus Volleyball League.

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Drunk driver crash

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Suspended speeder

A deputy stopped a 22-year-old Flint man for driving 90 mph on I-75 at Sashabaw Road, 2:44 a.m., March 20. He was cited for speeding and driving even though his license was suspended.

Home burglary

Someone pried open the front door to a Joy Street home, March 22, ransacked the place, and took money and jewelry.

Speeding with marijuana

A deputy on patrol on I-75 was passed by an SUV going about 80 mph, 3:23 p.m., March 25. The deputy stopped a 37-yearold Flint man, who had marijuana as well as a medical marijuana card. The amount didn't exceed legal limits.

However, he also had a felony warrant for cocaine possession out of 68th District Court in Flint. He was cited for speeding and arrested on the warrant. The marijuana was confiscated.

Public Salew

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

Report revision

A deputy interviewed the owner of a limo bus, March 23, in regards to a malicious destruction of property report in the 6000 block of Dixie Highway. The owner said gasoline had been put into the vehicle's diesel engine in an act of vandalism, Jan. 27, and wanted a report indicating that for insurance purposes.

The deputy pointed out it was more likely gas was put there by mistake. The owner admitted he had a driver out with the vehicle at the time who couldn't produce a receipt indicating what fuel he used, and who quit right after the incident. The deputy changed the report to "damaged property."

Hospitality abuse

A \$1,000 ring was taken from a Parview Drive home, March 27. A resident had a friend over, who asked if he could use a computer in the bedroom where the ring was kept. He was left there by himself for about 30-40 minutes.

Drugs caught up in search

A young Parview Drive resident told authorities he was playing outside when the passenger in a light blue pickup truck pointed at him and threatened to shoot him, March 27.

Deputies were on the lookout for the suspect when they stopped a vehicle matching the description, 7:44 p.m., March 27, at Dixie Highway and Maybee Road.

The officer asked if the driver, an 18-year-old Independence Township man, had any weapons or contraband, and he handed over a small glass jar with marijuana in it. Asked if he had a smoking device with it, he handed over a small pipe, and also said he had more marijuana in a baggie. He was cited with possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Unlocked vehicle

Tools, CDs, and medication were taken from an unlocked vehicle in a parking lot in the 6000 block of Lancasterlake Court, March 27.

Copper theft

Copper pipes were stripped from a sprinkler system in a building in the 6000 block of Sashabaw Road, March 27.

Stolen car ends up in swamp

A resident in the 10000 block of Wagoner Circle heard her dogs barking at about 2:14 a.m., March 28, and noticed her SUV missing from the parking lot. She said she last saw the vehicle at about 6 p.m. the previous evening, and the keys may have been left in it accidentally. Deputies checked the area and found it about half a mile from the residence partially submerged in a swamp.

Drunk driver

A deputy on patrol stopped a 47-year-old Waterford man after watching him drive with no headlights, weaving from lane to lane, 11:08 p.m., March 28. The driver said he had 4-5 beers at a local bar, and asked to be let go – if arrested, he faced 10 years in prison in Florida for violating his parole, he said. With a .178 preliminary breath test and suspended license for six prior drunk driving convictions, he was arrested and jailed for Operating While Intoxicated, third offense.

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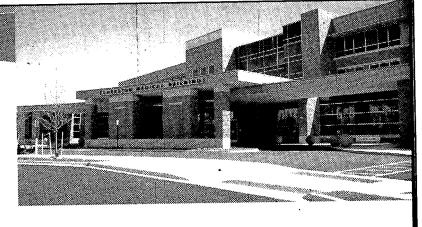
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Running to a win in league

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Wolves have taken their first win in the OAA Red in their season opener after competing against Stoney Creek, March 27.

The Girls Varsity Track and Field team won their meet, 94-34.

"It was a good first meet," said John Yorke, Lady Wolves' head coach. "It was a solid win. We had a lot of first race performances that I thought did particularly well."

The Lady Wolves swept the high jump and the shot put events. Anna Manilla led the way in the high jump in first place with a 5'2" finish. Tessa Manilla took second place, 4'10" and Seneca Moore took third place, 4'6."

"Anna finished great in the high jump," said Yorke. "It is really high for the beginning of the year."

For the shot put event, Joslyn Hastings took first with 20'11"; Sarah Poduba, second with 20'9", and Cherelle King, third with 13' 9.5." In discus, Laura Smokaoska took first with a 80' distance and Kayle Sherwood took second, 78'4."

Anna Manilla also took first in the long jump, 14'2", and the 400-meter dash, 1:06.75.

Franzi Loetzner finished in first place in the 300-meter hurdles, 49.56; and third in the 100-meter hurdles, 17.68. Also, for hurdles, Maicey Peterson took second in the 100-meter hurdles, 17.47, and third in the 300-meter hurdles, 50.8.

For distance, Natalie Smith took first place in the 3,200-meter run, 11:46, and the 800-meter run, 2:26.22. Kaitlin Catania took third in the 3,200-meter run.

Madison Wilson took first in the 100-

meter, 13.91, and the 200-meter dash, 27.63. Taylor Mullins finished in second in the 200-meter dash, 28.15.

"Madison and Taylor were a nice surprise," Yorke added. "They are our freshmen sprinters."

The Lady Wolves took first and third place in the 1,600-meter run with Erin Billette finishing in first, 5:27.6 and Jill Harris in third, 5:45.

For the relay events, the girls took first place in the 3,200-meter, 10:07.02; first in the 1,600-meter, 4:36; first in the 800-meter, 1:57; and second in the 400-meter, 57.94.

The boys team also won their meet, 97-30. They took first in 13 events including four relay races.

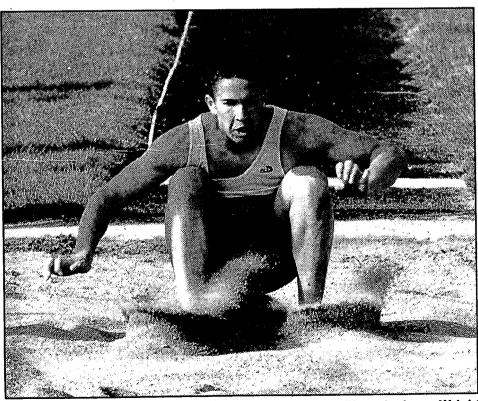
The Wolves finished the 3,200-meter relay in 8:27; 1,600-meter relay in 3:37; 800-meter relay in and the 400-meter relay in 46.85.

Devon Williams took first in the 100-meter dash, 11.84, and the 200-meter dash, 24.87. Blake Sutherland finished 54.28 in the 400-meter. Sam Tanielian finished the 1,600-meter run in 4:36 and Adam Bruderick finished the 800-meter run in 800-meter run.

Also, Mike Schwartz finished with 5'10" in the high jump; Jacob Turner, 18'5" in the long jump; Matt Wright, 121'5" in the discus; and Mitch McCord, 44.5 in the 300-meter hurdles.

Both teams host their first meet next Tuesday as they take on OAA league foe Rochester Adams, 4:30 p.m. at Clarkston High School stadium

"They are the favorites along with us in the league," said Yorke. "We are looking forward to it."



Cole Holliday finishes with a landing in the long jump. Photo by Larry Wright

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Going for the gold

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Bettina Winkler, a 12-year-old Clarkston resident, is putting her drive and determination on the 2016 Summer Olympics.

Her speed and drive has already paid off as she recently finished in first place in the 50- and 200-meter dash at the Junior Olympics AAU Nationals for indoor track.

"It is exciting to watch because she is so young and she has so much ambition and drive," said mom, Helga. "When she started this about two years ago we thought it was just going to be a phase. But each year she continues and gets better."

Bettina and her dad, Marvin, were watching footage of the 2008 Summer Olympics on cable when an idea struck.

"She said 'I can do that," Marvin remembered the seriousness in her voice.
"Then it was 'I am serious, dad. I can do that.' With the determination she has now I know she can do it. When you have a kid dedicating six days a week to it - you know she is serious."

Marvin added Bettina reads the Olympics packet before she goes to bed and is thoughtful over decisions asking herself how it will affect her and her training.

She spends every day focused on running and her training. When she is not going to Ann Arbor for training she is at home stretching and keeping in shape.

Bettina also has the option to try-out for either her first choice United States of America or the Germany team, since she has dual citizenship.

She began running two years ago after she was approached by her athletic director when he noticed her speed even though she was in fourth grade.

"Him and my brother tried to convince me to convince me to try cross country," Bettina said. "It only took a day or two."

She decided to give it a chance and see if she enjoyed it as much as playing basketball.

."It's fun," Bettina said. "I get a good feeling after I run."

"It is something we never expected. No one in the family runs," Helga explained.

We are kind of blown away when we watch her. She was naturally fast.

Bettina also runs with her 9-year-old sister. Anna.

"She is a long-distance runner," she said. "It's good because during cross country she can help me and during track I can help her. I usually have fun when I am with my sister."

Running comes first but Bettina also enjoys playing basketball and watching sports.



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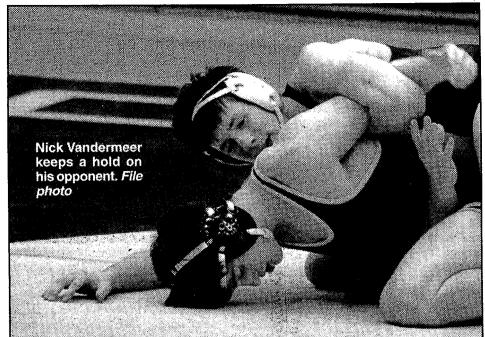
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MYWAY state finish

Four Clarkston wrestlers finished their season in the top ten at the MYWAY State Wrestling Championships held at the Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek, March 23-25.

Nick Vandermeer, from Clarkston High School, finished in first place in the 155pound weight class. Nathan Troutvine, from Clarkston Junior High School took second place in the 196-pound weight class. AJ Ryan, also from the junior high, finished in sixth in the 131-pound weight class. Nevin Strayer, from Sashabaw Middle School, seventh in the 184-pound weight class.

Congratulations to all the Clarkston wrestlers that qualified and competed in the State wrestling tournament.



Sophomore Nicholas Werner blocks Walled Lake Central. Photo by WAR Sports Preview for more Wolves action.

Wolfpack Update

The Clarkston Boys Varsity Lacrosse A team opened the season with a win over Orchard Lake St. Mary's, March 27.

They beat the home team, 10-5. Kevin O' Grady led the team with three goals and two

Jordan Kincaid had two goals and one assist and Mike VanderWeel scored two goals and had two assists.

Travis Craft, Reid Kaminski, and Brad Leuenhagen had one goal each.

Adam Gohl had 10 saves in the net and the defensive team of Evan Kneisel, AJ Schlaff, Ethan Frick and Nick Demattia had a combined total of 11 turnovers.

The varsity lacrosse B team lost their game against Walled Lake Central last Thursday, 9-8. Austin Egler and Cooper Parks led the team with two goals each.

The Clarkston Girls Varsity Soccer team opened last week with a tie against Berkley,

After Berkley scored in the second half, Lisa Lyons tied the score with her own goal with an assist from teammate Lindsey Adams. Katie Miller had three saves and the Lady Wolves made six shots on the net.

They lost to Royal Oak on Thursday, 2-1, putting their record at 0-2-1.

Clarkston is on spring break and will return next Tuesday. The Girls JV and varsity soccer teams are at Andover High School, beginning at 5:30 p.m. and the track teams compete at home against Rochester Adams, 4:30 p.m.

Check out our color section for the Spring



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Preparation for early spring reflects life

What an amazing spring we have had! March started out with April weather, then moved to May weather, and then gave us a taste of June weather with temperatures in the 80's.

That is my kind of March. Every year, I anticipate and measure the coming of spring and the return to the beautiful green-colored trees and grass, which I love!

An early season means that I will see mostly green during the first week of May; a later spring, such as last year, will mean that it can come a week or two later.

This year, the first week of April will resemble an early spring first week of May. It is funny how we respond to what we get used too.

A normal high of 50 degrees with sun will feel good in a normal year; but this year, when it was 50 and sunny at the end of March, it seemed so cold.

Once we get used to the higher temps, it is hard to tell our mind what the date is because we are used to something different.

There is something about the

human condition that makes our expectations change based on the conditions we are surrounded by.

Well, I guess it should be expected since even the trees have been fooled by the Spiritual

weather. trees Many have blossomed early and a cold spell, which is quite normal in April, could cause damage to the blossoms and trouble for the fruit season in the fall.



Matters

Pastor Loren Coverrubias

It seems that unpredictable patterns can be a source of trouble for everything.

We can see that the same thing has happened to our society in the economic realm.

Unusually, prosperous conditions over a 25-year span have conditioned us to think that we do not have to prepare for bad times economically.

For many years, our government and the people have lived with

the idea that we could shield ourselves from the low points of the economy, so typical throughout

I perceive that we are now operating in a state of denial, trying to assume that past policies will protect us and give us back the wonderful season we loved.

I could be wrong, or there could be a fix for a season, but my observation is with the human condition.

It is very difficult to tell people that we cannot go by how we feel. we must look at the calendar from time to time and realize that the seasons are sometimes out of whack, but they will eventually return.

Winter looks different in every part of the world I have traveled, and I have been to many—but sooner or later, winter comes.

Of course the opposite is true: so does spring, summer and fall. The important thing is that we learn how to prepare for the cycles of life that will surely come.

I am a part of the baby boomer generation and we love to say that 60 is the new 50 or 70 is the new 60,

because we refuse to believe that the cycles of life will affect us.

Maybe this is the result of the illusion we have developed from the good times we have lived in.

The Bible says in Ecclesiastes 11:4-5, "He who observes the wind will not sow, And he who regards the clouds will not reap. As you do not know what is the way of the wind, Or how the bones grow in the womb of her who is with child. So you do not know the works of God who makes everything."

Weather can be a temporary condition, no matter how long it lasts. In the end, the climate will manifest itself and the seasons will

We do not always know exactly what is going on, but we must know that God has a plan, and we must recognize the need to line up with the plan by preparing for the seasons that will surely come.

Are you preparing for the coming season or are you stuck in what you feel today?

The Rev. Loren Covarrubias is pastor of Mt. Zion Church

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City, township talks district library millage

Independence Township and City of the Village of Clarkston formed a District Library Committee to pursue creation of a new district library for the Clarkston area.

Its first step: agree on a millage rate. This was where negotiations between the city and township fell apart in 1992, according to Independence Township Library Director Julie Meredith.

"The township wanted 1.75 mills and the city wanted 1.25 mills," she said at the March 20 Independence Township Board meeting. "The current millage rate is 0.691, which brings in \$982,009."

The committee will discuss millage rates from 1-1.5 mills. A single mill would bring in an estimated \$1.4 million, while 1.25 mills would bring in about \$1.8 million; 1.38 mills would bring in \$2.0 million; and 1.5 mills, \$2.1 million.

Representatives on the committee from Independence Township include Trustee Neil Wallace, Superintendent Bart Clark, and residents Janice Gaffney and Marilyn Pomeroy. City representatives include Mayor Joe Luginski, Councilman Eric Haven, and residents Mary Himberg and Ann Rose.

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Upcott-Locher

Clarkston High School graduates Ashley Upcott and Brock Locher are engaged to be married.

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She will be given away by her father at the June 2012 wedding at Boulder Point in Oxford.

The future groom, an electrician at Hutchison's Electric in Waterford, is the son of Heidi and Wendell Hutchinson of Clarkston and DonaldWayne and Sherry Locher of Waterford.

The couple will reside in Clarkston.



Brock and Ashley

Local news

Nanci Anderson-Bereznicki was appointed to serve on the Women's Advisory Commission for Oakland County, representing District 4.

She was appointed by county Commissioner Tom Middleton.



Anderson-Beceznicki

Kirsta Rumschlag,

Clarkston alumni and resident, has been named to the Deans List at Baker College-Auburn Hills for fall and winter semesters. She is studying in the Medical Assistant program.

Saginaw Valley State University Deans' List for the Fall 2011 semester includes Clarkston students Kaley A. Gross, Meredith C. Harrison, Alex R. Keesling, Heather L. Pantea, Collin D. Rodebach, Katie L. Smith, and Taylor P. Walker, and Davisburg resident Olivia L. Nixon.

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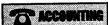
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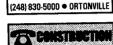
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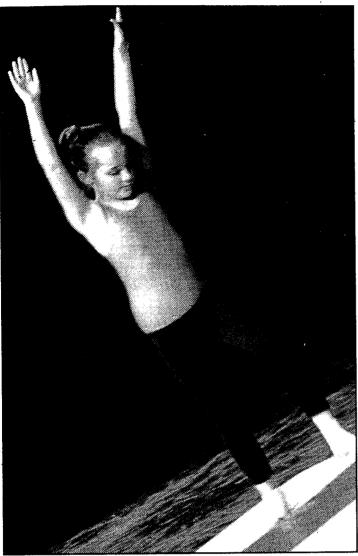
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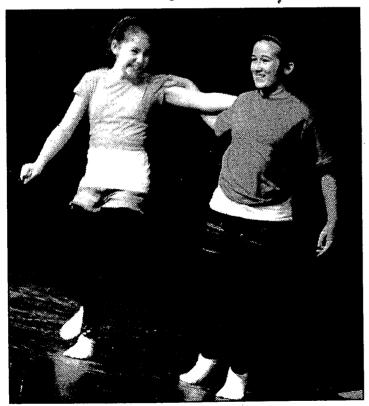


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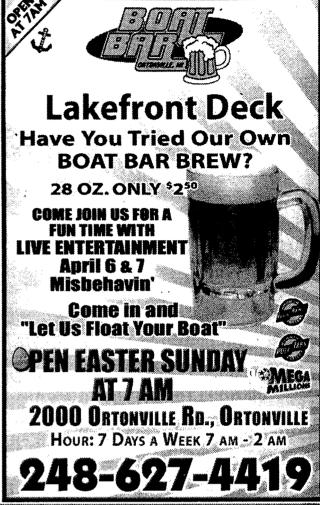
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- I guess with that mindset it is like money raining from the sky onto the schools. This is when I realized logic does not matter. They are in a position to make a bet and if they win that bet they can spend the bond money in any way... 2012
- Virtually everyone realizes the importance of education, and no one wants to be perceived as being "against" education. The phrase "for the children" has become so overused... 2003
- I see nothing to indicate that the present board has a vision to utilize facilities and consider alternatives i.e. longer class days, year-round terms, home computer classes for older students, etc. There are many possibilities... 1997
- For around \$100 a year for most of us, for our children, the educators at Bailey Lake Elementary and the Clarkston Schools family as a whole, continue to put all that aside to do what they know is right... 2012
- The ability to use and apply technology is more important today than ever before. Success in the marketolace only comes to those who have developed strong basic skills. 1997

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was established through the strategic planning process and lists how the district will utilize bond monies, is the establishment of 1-to-Global learning environments in each of our schools and classrooms.

Here, the district will supply each student with a digital learning device that will open up the world of learning and better prepare our students to compete with those in Rochester, Birmingham, Novi, Espoo, and Kallang. Toward this end, tive overarching principles will guide our decisions regarding technology, the curriculum, and instruction, including:

- · to foster in each student the dispositions embodied in our Mission, Vision and Learner Profile (in what types of thinking do we want our students to engage?)
- to focus on the deep exploration of big ideas (what's worth learning and thinking about?)
- to make learning both individual and collaborative (how do we attend to and celebrate individual students and simultaneously collectively engage our learners?)
- to make learning interdisciplinary (how do we make K-12 learning a coherent experi-
- to provide students with the tools to demonstrate and perform their learning (how do we know that each of our students has learned and can think? what evidence will we accept?)

Imagine a Social Studies classroom discussion involving Syria. The teacher asks the students to use their digital technology to identify four sources supporting each side of the country's civil war, two perspectives from China and Russia, and two perspectives from the UN. The teacher asks the students to document the various perspectives and to engage in conversations with other students in the class who have identitied different sources and perspectives.

The teacher then asks the students to take a side and to provide evidence for their decision. Next, the teacher asks each student to exchange his/her side with another student who has the opposite perspective and to defend that perspective.

Finally, the teacher asks students to gather into groups and create a video demonstrating their collective stance on Syria. What should the country do next? How should it resolve these issues? What role should the UN play? How should the UN deal with China and Russia? What are the possible repercussions for taking such a stance regarding China and Russia? What are the long term possibilities for the people of Syria?

Now imagine the Mathematics classroom next door. The students from the Social Studies class enter and are asked by the teacher to discuss the economic realities within Syria. Using a digital textbook created jointly by the students' mathematics, Social Studies,

Included in the district's needs list, which English, Physical Education, Art, and Science teachers, the students explore economic sources from the region and elsewhere around the world. The teacher asks the students, What economic factors affect the situation in Syria? What economic effect will the proposed solutions have on the country and the region?

Next, the students enter a Science classroom wherein the teacher asks the students to analyze the geographic region, the effects

Words from the Sup't



Dr. Rod Rock

the country's economy and health, and the level of scientitic knowledge in the country. What are the health standards? What are the country's geographic limitations? What does the country need to do to move fonivard?

of geography and climate on

After Science class, the students go to English class where they are asked by their teacher to write a pa-

per around their conclusions. Using their mobile learning device, the teacher instructs the students to create an interactive paper including maps, videos, graphs, and text.

Students will work on this writing assignment in the groups established in Social Stud-

At the end of the day, the students attend Physical Education class where they again use their mobile learning devices to investigate games played in Syria. Through a seethink-wonder thinking routine, the students observe one another engaged in the games and make connections to Syria's science, culture, and economics.

The next day, the students return to their Social Studies classroom to continue their work on their group projects, which they will eventually use as their unit assessment for each of their classes. The teachers will work together to give each student feedback on his/her development of core curricular understandings.

The team will also give each student feedback on his/her development of the dispositions of creativity, problem solving, critical thinking, written and oral communication, imagination, and collaboration. Parents at home will have access to the videos created by students and the feedback on students' content area and thinking disposition development. The conversations around the dinner table during the unit of study may well involve the entire family thinking together about the deep learning taking place at school

In 2012, this is the type of interactive, deep, all-inclusive learning that we believe is essential for every single child we serve. In 2012, we are obligated to prepare our students to sit shoulder to shoulder with students from Rochester, Birmingham, Novi,

Espoo, and Kallang.

We believe that our focus on the five principles (mentioned previously), Combined with

1:Global technology, will help us make this a reality for every child we serve in 2012 (the receipt of first bond series); in 2016 (the receipt of the second bond series); in 2020 (the receipt of third bond series); on May 1, 2021 (when the first bond series is fully repaid); in 2025, when next Kindergarten students graduate from high school (and on May 1, 2025 when the second bond series is fully repaid); on May 1, 2029 when the third bond series is fully repaid; and beyond.

The May Bond election will cost \$35,000 (which bond proceeds can reimburse) and give the district access to bond proceeds in June 2012, allowing us to move forward with 1:Global technology and capital needs updates before school begins in the Fall 2012. The district will fully implement 1:Global technology for every student in the district within three years.

The bond series makes technology upgrades sustainable. The technology portion of the bond series, which amounts to 57% of the entire bond, will allow the district, over a period of fifteen years, to continue to update our technology.

As opposed to traditional bonds that require school districts to spend all of the proceeds in four or five years, the bond series we have selected to utilize gives us sustainability and allows us to consider ongoing technological advancements, along with data from the work of our students and teachers, to make informed decisions about future technological purchases.

The bond series provides a safety net for the community. If taxable values increase, the district can adjust the amounts of the second and third series and perhaps get more for our money. If taxable values decrease, the district can adjust the amounts of the second and third series in the bond in order to maintain the one mill increase

The bond series is a sound idea for the Clarkston Community Schools and each of the students we serve. It is an idea that gives this district and community sustainability and safety in meeting our technological and capital needs over the next 17 years. Given the district's commitment to preparing every student we serve for whatever future they choose, this is a very sound investment.

I hope that this is what you want for your child. I hope that this is what you expect from your school system. I hope that this is what you will demand from the educators who serve your children, now and in the future.

Please watch for additional details related to the bond, including videos on cable TV, printed materials, and presentations. You can always find information at the district's Website.

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

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