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Local fans loco for Lucca

BY WENDI REARDON
 Clarkston News Staff Writer

While Clarkston graduate Tony Lucca was preparing for his next round in NBC's *The Voice*, his family and friends were in Depot Park raising support and hopefully votes.

Lucca was chosen by Adam Levine from Maroon 5 to continue on to the live performances where two from Team Adam would be eliminated based on votes from the audience.

"I wanted to get the word out as much as I can," said cousin, Sarah Jane. "Everyone can only do so much."

Jane, part of the Tony Lucca Street Team, was one of the many to pass out posters and bumper stickers supplied by One-Eyed Betty's to assist in getting the word out to more people and places.

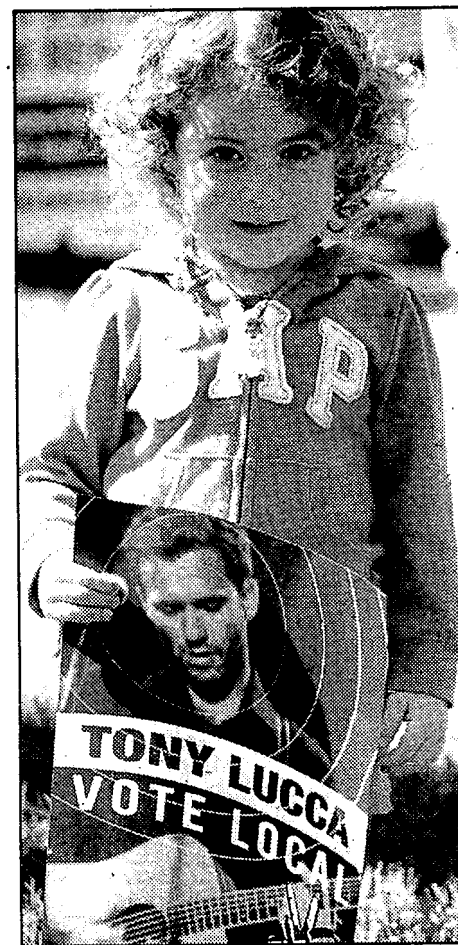
"It is so exciting," she added. "It has been amazing. It has brought our family together. People I haven't spoken to since school are asking what is going on. It is bringing the community together too. I grew up in Waterford and knew people and businesses in Clarkston because our family is here. A lot of local businesses are really receptive."

Jane has also been wearing the same "Tony Lucca" T-shirt every day since March 20. She plans to continue wearing it every day until he wins.

"I thought it would be a fun, catchy way to get attention," she smiled. "I love him. I am the biggest fan ever. I didn't realize until now what a big deal it was. I have been posting a photo every day on my Facebook. Now people are asking me where can they get a T-shirt and what will I wear next with it?"

The show premiered on Feb. 5 after the Super Bowl with his family watching ever since.

"I hosted a party and was on pins and needles," said his sister, Ami Sakalian. "We couldn't breathe. It was exciting."



Avrey Wisser shows support for Tony Lucca. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Each one of the four chairs turned with the judges – Levine, Cee Lo, Christina Aguilera and Blake Shelton – all vying for him to be on their team during the competition.

"You want to know who is going to be the first, and it was Adam," Ami smiled. "We all

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Egg-citing catch

Vincent Angelini grabs an egg for his basket at the Springfield Parks and Rec Egg Hunt, April 6. See page 18 for more. Photos by Wendi Reardon

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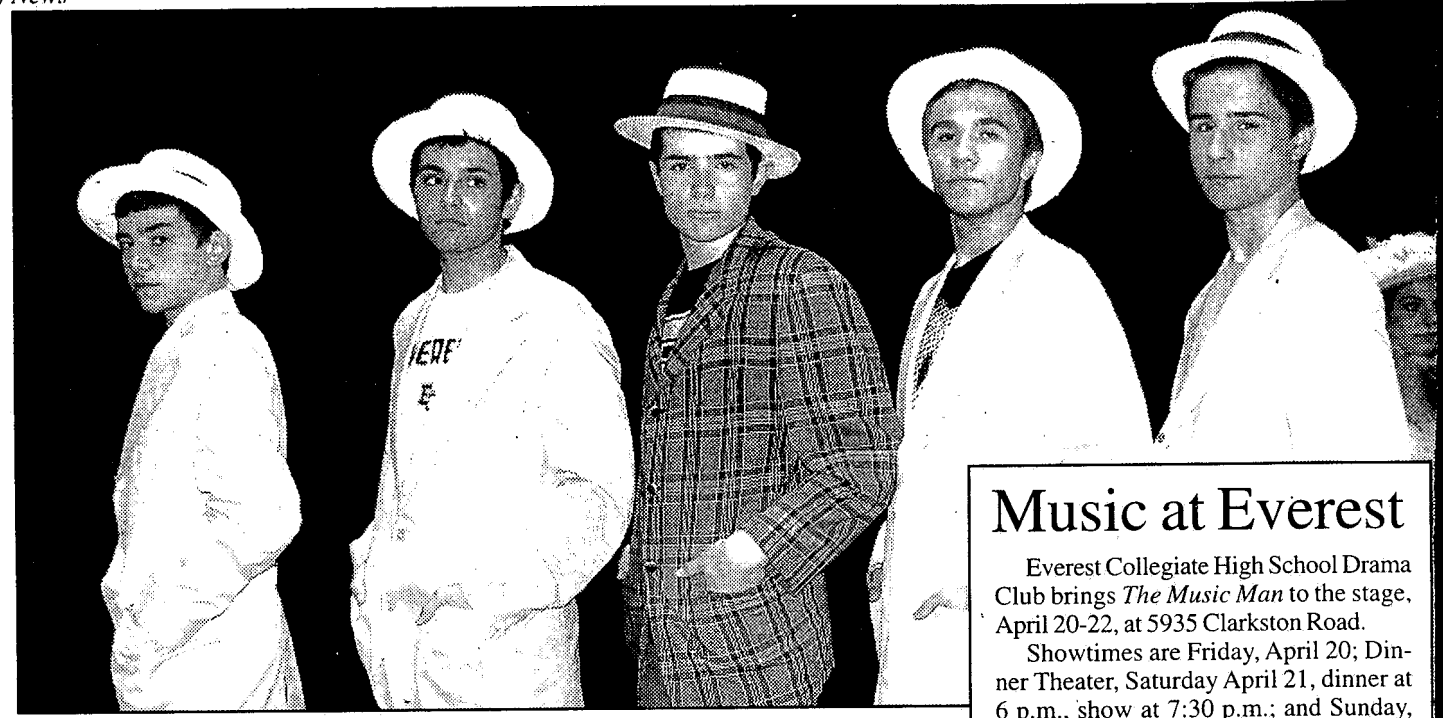


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From left are Everest *Music Man* performers Paul Bradley, Damon Nallamothe, Chris Bradley, Gabe Fenske, and Aaron Murawa.

Music at Everest

Everest Collegiate High School Drama Club brings *The Music Man* to the stage, April 20-22, at 5935 Clarkston Road.
Showtimes are Friday, April 20; Dinner Theater, Saturday April 21, dinner at 6 p.m., show at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, April 22, 2 p.m. Dinner theater tickets must be purchased in advance by April 18. Call 248-620-3390.

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From left are Shannon DiSalle, Kim Suran, Jackie Beltowski, Morgan Rendell, and Monica Lis-Planells.

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Keck leaves classroom for newsroom

Mary Keck joins *The Clarkston News* as the newest addition to its reporting staff.

She moves to Oakland County with her husband, Lance Farrell, from the southern-most tip of Indiana this past week.

"I've noticed that while the temperature is a bit cooler, the warmth of Michiganders is in abundance," Mary Keck said. "Before saying his goodbyes, Trevor Keiser introduced me to a few people. I could see he had a special role in the community and had formed lasting relationships with many of you. While I won't be able to replace him, I'm looking forward to finding my own unique place here."

For the past six years, she has been teaching college composition courses and grading research papers while writing for her county's newspaper, *The Mount Vernon Democrat*.

"Now I've traded in my red pen for a reporter's notebook," she said. "While I enjoyed being in front of a classroom, I regularly turned from essay grading to blogging or following a tip from a citizen."

She's loved writing since she was a kid copying down sections of the dictionary and penning ghost stories as a teenager," she said.

"Now that I'm a little older, it's time to stop procrastinating like my students and embrace my passion for writing, which is why I'm excited to be a part of *CNews*," she said.

While a freelance correspondent in Posey County, Ind., she mainly covered the school beat. She wrote about New Harmony School's



Mary Keck is a new reporter with a passion for writing. Photo by Phil Custodio

consolidation and the subsequent citizen protest to save the school. She also interviewed the administration about their proactive measures to curb bullying and photographed a student who dreamed of playing varsity basketball despite numerous brain surgeries.

"Now, I'm wondering what stories Oakland County has to offer, and I'd love to hear from its citizens," she said. "Feel free to pop in to the *CNews* office and introduce yourself."

— Phil Custodio

Trustees keep supervisor pay decrease options open

BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Citizens were prepared to debate changing the next supervisor's salary, April 3, but Trustee David Lohmeier took it off the table.

Lohmeier originally proposed the next elected supervisor earn \$25,000 without benefits, a reduction from the current almost \$80,000 salary with benefits.

Although this item was on the board's agenda for Tuesday, Lohmeier did not pursue it, explaining that he didn't "see enough promise of support and [did not] want to waste any of the board's time."

Citizens and board members in attendance were not dissuaded from discussing the matter despite its removal.

Resident Joe Waldron spoke first saying, "People in the audience want to talk about this. Let's get it out in the open."

Former Independence Township clerk Joan McCrary echoed Waldron's opinion on the importance of public input.

"If there's a thought from this board that we go from a township manager full-time to a part-time supervisor, it should be put on the ballot," she said.

Several other residents agreed the change

requires feedback from the public and should not be determined by the current board alone.

Treasurer Curt Carson said, "there can be an advisory vote, but the board is not obligated to follow that."

If the citizens suggested a vote, it could be attached to the ballot as soon as this year, but the board wouldn't be required to add it, Carson said.

Although Lohmeier intended to withdraw the supervisor's salary debate from the agenda, citizens in attendance went beyond suggesting a vote and continued questioning the wage reduction.

"Who is going to run for a \$25,000 job," Sam Moraco asked.

His concern was that the suggested salary decrease might not draw candidates with the best expertise for the election.

"You tie our hands on who we could attract to the position, and that's unfair before the next election," he said.

Trustee Larry Rosso, who hadn't expected Lohmeier to pull compensation talks, took the opportunity to share his opinion that citizen's should "weigh in."

He felt if the board waited for a wage adjustment until after the upcoming election

residents could vote on candidates based on their opinion about a part-time or full-time supervisor.

Treasurer Curt Carson agreed contenders should run on the concept of a government change rather than the current board deciding on one before the election.

Despite Lohmeier's claim that his "motion has nothing to do with restructuring government," others on the board and among the public made it clear they interpreted his recommendation differently.

Sam Moraco noted Tuesday's agenda change meant interested residents might have to attend another meeting to share their views if discussion of the pay decrease was added to the agenda later.

Then, he asked for a commitment from the board to agree that deliberation on the topic would be put aside before the election.

Lohmeier answered, "I'm not saying I wouldn't bring it back up because I think it's the right thing to do."

Whether Trustee Lohmeier's proposal is labeled a salary alteration or an adjustment to the Independence Township government, the door on talk of this subject remains open.

Briefly

History workshop

The Oakland County Historical Commission presents The History of the Railroad in Oakland County, 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Saturday, April 14, Springfield Oaks County Park's Activities Center, 12451 Andersonville Road.

Activities include workshops on the Interurban Rail System and lighthouses along the railroads and a tour of the Ellis Barn.

Admission is free. For more information, call 248-625-3010 or check www.oakgov.com/historic.

Desert Angel party

Oakland County Sportsmen's Club hosts A Fresh Start, Desert Angel Miracle Box Packing Event, 4-6 p.m., Thursday, April 12, at Oakland County Sportsmen's Club, 4770 Waterford Road.

Suggested items include canned and boxed food, personal hygiene items, and new men's and women's socks, black only, medium and large T-shirts, and medium boxer shorts.

For more information, call 248-623-0444.

Race for the Kids

Early registrations for Chuck Keegan Race for the Kids are due by April 16.

The race, co-sponsored by Clarkston Junior High and Clarkston Foundation in honor of Chuck Keegan, a former Clarkston teacher, is May 5.

Events include a 5K Run, 3K Walk, and a "Donut Dash" for children 10 and under, all starting at the Clarkston Junior High Track, 6595 Middle Lake Road. Registration begins at 8 a.m.; races begin at 9 a.m.

By April 16, \$50/family, \$20/individual, \$5/"Donut Dash." After, \$60/family, \$25/individual, \$5/"Donut Dash."

Proceeds provide scholarship opportunities for Clarkston Community Schools' students.

Check www.clarkstonfoundation.org for registration information.

Correction

Union Woodshop co-owner Erich Line's name was misspelled in "Art livens up downtown," March 28 edition.

Also, in the story "High school speeder wrecks car, tree," March 28, the speed limit on Walters Road should have been listed as 35 mph.

We regret the errors.

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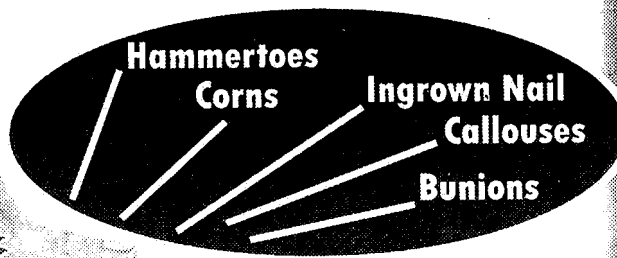
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Trustee opts out of re-election

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

After receiving a promotion at his job with Allied Construction, Independence Township Trustee Mark Petterson has announced he will not be re-running for a position on the township board.

"I've worked at my job for 27 years. I work from dark to dark every single day, and it's difficult for me to make these meetings because I'm a working man," he said.

Petterson was planning on throwing his hat in ring for township supervisor, but after being promoted at his job he said he has to do what's best for his family.

While Petterson has delayed running this year, he may be a candidate in 2016. "In four years I'll be ready to retire from my job," Petterson said. "So, don't be surprised if I come back to run for supervisor."

Petterson urges the public to get rid of every current board member and start fresh. He called the last four years on the board "a college education in the political world," that has allowed him to see how "ridiculous and redundant government can be."

"There have been Letters to Editor asking why I am so angry," Petterson said. "Well, if they knew what I knew, they would be angry too."

One of the biggest disappointments over the past four years has been expenditures, he added. Whether it was the thousands of dollars and time spent "chasing down an old broken down tractor that never belonged to the township" or the thousands of dollars spent in the Triumph Telecom lawsuit, Petterson believes money's been wasted.

"Even more so our big three: township planner, engineers and attorneys have never

been put out to bid," he said. "I have beaten my drum about that from day one since becoming a trustee."

He also shared disappointment in deputy supervisor/superintendent appointments.

According to Petterson there was "a roller coaster of a bunch of poor decisions," which led to the appointment of current Superintendent Bart Clark.

"I do not believe we should have a township manager and changing the way we govern. You're

going to have good supervisors and not so good supervisors," he added. "I think it would be very disappointing to the public if we were to keep this superintendent."

If it is determined in the next election to keep a superintendent style of government with a part-time supervisor then Petterson says both the clerk and treasurer should be part-time as well.

As for current issues to keep an eye on, Petterson said the District Library proposal is one. If the proposal is approved without a CIA (Cooridor Improvement Authority) capture, he believes the CIA will be done and would "stifle" the ability for McLaren to come to Independence because the township won't have the funds to contribute to the project.

Though he is not running this term, he plans on staying active in the community as current President of Clarkston Chiefs and a proud member of the Clarkston Knights of Columbus. He will keep close watch on the next board.

"They're not going to pull the wool over my eyes because I know too much," he said.



Petterson

Retailers seek sign amendments

BY MARY KECK
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Some Clarkston retailers want a brighter downtown.

Kevin Harrison, owner of KH Home on Main Street, told Clarkston City Council signs could make a difference.

"To many of us, this is not a vibrant business district," said Harrison.

Harrison and other members of Clarkston Retailers Group sought amendments to two City Zoning Ordinances at Monday's council meeting. They want to put lighted "open" signs in their windows and sandwich boards on the sidewalks.

Some citizens, however, were concerned bright signs in shop windows would take away from the historic downtown.

"The thing that we hear the most from people who come from far away is how charming [Clarkston] is," said Curt Catallo, owner of Clarkston Union on Main Street. "But I can tell you that one trip to Sam's Club to get

one of these 'open' signs will suck the charm out of a building like a vampire bat on a water balloon full of ox blood."

Councilman Michael Sabol was worried about violations of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act if sandwich boards were placed on already crowded pedestrian areas.

While many on the City Council were sympathetic to the concerns of the Clarkston Retailers Group, Mayor Joseph Luginski made it clear, "bottom line: it's against the ordinance, and you're voluntarily breaking the ordinance. Our duty is to uphold the laws and ordinances of the city."

City Manager Dennis Ritter had sent several notices to violators, including Harrison, who had a lighted sign and sandwich board in front of his business.

Although the business owners did not get the "temporary reprieve" they were hoping for, council members did not believe amendments were impossible if the retailers group went through the proper channels.



Ashley Dunlap

Fifth grader spells success

Ashley Dunlap, fifth grader at Andersonville Elementary, finished in the top five in the county at the spelling bee regional competition, March 11 at Oakland Schools intermediate district building.

"It runs in the family - everybody knows how to spell," said Dunlap, daughter of Jeff and Laurie Dunlap of Springfield Township.

She advanced to regionals after winning the Andersonville Elementary bee last December.

She trained for the spelling bees online at Myspellit.com.

"It has a lot of challenging words they use in spelling bees," she said. "I'll probably try again next year."

Ninety-five students in Oakland County who won local school bees competed in the regional bee.

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Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

An Easter cat-astrophe

An Easter lesson for me this year – cat claws are sharp!

I didn't have the pleasure of learning this lesson myself. That went to my cat Henry at the claws of fellow cat, Crawford.

I was babysitting Crawford while my ex was on vacation. The two of them don't get along as well as they used to, putting on some sort of dominance display for the benefit of my two girl cats, I suppose.

I thought they wouldn't seriously injure each other. Cat's coats are pretty thick, and they did grow up together, after all.

But I was wrong.

I came home from Easter Vigil services to find Henry lethargic in bed. Checking on him, I found a three-inch gash in his side.

It wasn't bleeding, but it had more the look of raw meat. I should have rushed him to the vet immediately, but I didn't.

Maybe it wasn't too serious, I thought. Maybe I can take care of this myself. I found myself inventorying whatever medical supplies I had on hand.

I've had a little bit of medic training in the Army. I had some bandages and antiseptic cream, and some clippers to trim away his fur. I got him in the tub and ran some water on it, then realized it was far beyond whatever I could do about it.

So 3 a.m., Easter morning, I was at the animal emergency room getting my cat stitched up.

It took a bit of haggling with the vet for me to get things going. The doctor ran up a bill of procedures almost reaching \$1,000, a bit too much to spend on an old kitty, I thought.

But the vet knocked off a few x-rays and blood work, shaving more than \$300 off the bill, and, with my ex offering to pay half, gave the go ahead to save my cat's life.

I have an old dog cage for his convalescence, with his stitches, two drain tubes and a cone of shame – oh, he loves that.

He doesn't like his medicine, so I put in his food – at least he's getting wet catfood, a bit of a treat in my household.

He's in his twilight years, but I didn't want his end to be at the hands of his



Bond defeat just start for reader

Dear Editor,

Citizens of Independence Township, please make our voices heard on May 8, when it is time to have another stealth election to fleece our wallets.

It's not stealth like the last time Oakland Intermediate Schools fleeced us but the School Board is by-passing the spirit of the new state law requiring school elections be held with other County, State and Federal elections. Think the School Board and Doc Rock have an agenda?

This bond will put our school district debt to over \$200 million. Are they insane? And they're crowing that are debt rating is rated moderate. Moderate by what standards? The federal government?

I urge all sensible voters to read between the lines on the onslaught of pro-bond pro-

paganda that the tax, tax, and more tax crowd is sending home.

Let's defeat this bond soundly. Then we can listen to the enlightened ones lecture us on the reasons it didn't pass.

You can bet the first reason will be that they didn't get the message out so we could understand. You see when we defeat a proposal, it's not because we are tired of taxes, it's because we aren't educated enough to know what's best.

Defeat the bond, then we go after the four career board members who voted for it.

After we run them out of town, tarred and feathered on a rail, we will then look for a replacement for good ole Mr. status quo, Doc Rock.

Brian Kitchin
Independence Township

Letters to the editor

Reader sees lofty goals for bond

Dear Editor,

Imagine you're a surfer, and you spot a hungry 12-foot tiger shark lurking below your board. Where would you prefer to be, frantically paddling behind the wave or riding the crest of the wave swiftly toward shore?

In the context of "livelihood", the surfer's plight is analogous to having, or lacking, internationally marketable work skills. When it comes to connecting with skills employers truly desire from employees, nothing is more universally sought than relevant technical competency.

The world has reaped untold productivity benefits – getting more of everything and faster while expending less effort, energy, and cost – because when evolving with technology. The very best, most successful companies and people are those that keep pace with powerful digital technology. They are the surfers riding the crest of the wave while others scramble frantically or become casualties of our fast-evolving economy.

The point is, the pace of technology is so fast and there is so much competition for jobs in the world, that the only way for our kids to be on the right track is to create an entry point for them to be onboard with technology so that they can ride the wave of knowledge that comes with it. We either help them to the crest of the wave or watch them suffer the inevitable.

The biggest, best employers are already abandoning email in lieu of virtual collaborative work environments, e.g., Lotus Connections, similar to Facebook. The reason: email is too linear and inefficient! Collaborative virtual work environments are like synaptic spider webs that connect people, subjects, and resources in more useful ways than ever imagined.

This means that employers, hospitals, insurance companies, engineering firms, etc., not

only want technically proficient employees, but those who understand how to collaborate with others in this new virtual world. How prepared are our children to interact competently?

"Cloud computing" has reduced the investment cost per pupil and the risk of hardware obsolescence by as much as 90 percent for casual users over the past four years alone. Unlike in the past, computing power is now largely "in the cloud" rather than performed by hardware on a desk. This allows each pupil to use a low cost device such as a basic iPad to access a universe of content and ever-evolving power in cyberspace.

Moreover, cloud computing offers a practical opportunity for users to learn how to interact in a collaborative virtual environment where they can share knowledge and work, e.g., Google+, in real time. For example, our 12 year-old daughter watches YouTube math tutorials to supplement her advanced math class lectures, and she studies with her friends collaboratively on Google+.

Help our next generation of young workers successfully ride the crest of the technology wave by voting "yes" for the technology and capital improvement bond on May 8.

We can now, more easily and with a more immediate return than ever, help Clarkston's 8,100 students, including about 600 graduates per year, become more capable with relevant skills that employers want. And, for the first time in years, our graduates don't need to leave the state to find good paying job opportunities.

Highly skilled, highly paid virtual collaborative workers that employers crave (engineers, attorneys, programmers, sales people, customer service, employment recruiters, consultants, accountants, etc.) can work virtually, own a home, and pay taxes right here in our own community.

Jay Smith

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1997

"Councilman hot about M-15" Clarkston City Council spent 40 minutes discussing the hot topic of road conditions. Some requests from Councilman David Savage ranged from lowering the speed limit on Main Street to banning all trucks going through the city to preserve some of the historic buildings.

"Bond issue ready to go to voters"

The Clarkston Board of Education approved the wording of the June 9 bond proposal that would build a new elementary school as well as add onto other schools in the district. The bond would cost taxpayers \$57.6 million and be financed over a span of 25 years.

"Schools add string program"

Sixth-graders would have one more option in their academic choices after the board of education unanimously approved adding a string program to the instrumental music curriculum.

25 years ago - 1987

"Layoffs hit teachers" Eighteen school teachers for Clarkston received their layoff notices following the unanimous vote from the board of education approving the layoffs.

"Sashabaw shopping center nets first approval" Arkan Jonah was one stop closer to building a grocery store and shopping plaza at the corner of Waldon and Sashabaw Roads in Independence Township after the board approved the first reading to rezone the nearly 9-acre site to planned shopping center from single family residential and highway commercial.

"Roadside trash dumping trouble Boy Scout" Thirteen-year-old Boy Scout Ethan Lee shared his concern about garbage dumping, especially when the previous October he and fellow Boy Scouts spent a day cleaning up garbage along a 5-mile stretch in Springfield Township.

50 years ago - 1962

"Jaycees for Clarkston in Beginning Stages" Because of interest shown at the meeting of local young men and members of the Pontiac Area Junior Chamber of Commerce plans were underway to form the Clarkston Area Junior Chamber of Commerce.

"Harlem Magicians to Perform Here" A group of basketball stars were on their way to the area to take on the "Clarkston Faculty."

"Local resident" Lisa Vaara celebrated her first birthday on April 11 with family and friends.

Politics are causing our dreams to fade

Court rulings, our governments actions and inactions and judicial interpretation are giving further cause to wonder if our grandchildren's futures are at stake.

Oh, sure, our predecessors had the same thoughts going through depressions, world wars and plague threats.

But, at least they had a belief in our Constitution and a belief our Supreme Court would uphold our laws and interest.

Now we have law makers and justices saying in fat, or jest, "Do you expect us to read all 28,000 pages of this?"

Such was the question asked in the Senate and recently by a Supreme Court justice on the health care law before them.

The law is no longer even referred to as the healthcare law. It's the Obamacare law. That's how political it is.

It's the president's bill.

And, it's going to be decided by a totally partisan court, split by four people appointed by democratic presidents and five of Republican presidents.

Our media quickly points out that one of the justices is a split-vote, suggesting he has been known to vote along non-party lines.

Ain't that wonderful?

One of the nine members of our Supreme Court can interpret a law based on wording in our Constitution.

Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

Whereas the other eight are said to stick with their party's leaders, come hell or high water.

A lawyer friend said this movement has been evolving through out the years, as law school teachers suggest their students consider the possibility that words in our Constitution can be interpreted to mean something the writers did not mean. (Obama taught Constitutional law at the University of Chicago Law School.)

You may take my words and twist them to mean anything you like, 'cause I ain't educated, but the Constitutioners were.

And not all these Obamacare backers are educated either.

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Bring me out another soapbox, and I'll get back to normal, for me, nonsense.

RE: Headline writers and editors thereof.

The front page of the business section of The Detroit News Friday, March 30 had these headlines above the fold:

Mich. economy hits 6-year high.

Analysts see brick car sales in March.

Income in Mich. shows strong growth.

Then drop your eyes below the fold, to the bottom of the page. The headline reads: Best Buy to cut 50 stores, corporate jobs."

That's the newspaper types way of giving our readers good news and bad news without inhaling. We can exult and depress very quickly.

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I'll close with a touch more from NPR's Garrison Keeler:

• A man went to the doctor and told him his pants didn't fit. The doctor weighted him, but he hadn't gained a pound. The doctor said, "You must have Furniture Disease. That's when your chest starts sliding down into your drawers."

• What do you do when attacked by a gang of clowns? Go for the juggler.

• What's the worst thing about living on O street? Having to go a block to P.

Goodbye, Garrison

Thoughts from the Don't Rush Me files

I save up reader e-mail and once in a while let you, the reader, write my column for me. No better time than now. First up is Clarkston-area thinker/ranter, Dave Cleveland.

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Taxes are the American Way

• A car company can move its factories to Mexico and claim it's a free market.

• A toy company can out source to a Chinese subcontractor and claim it's a free market.

• A shoe company can produce its shoes in Southeast Asia and claim it's a free market.

• A major bank can incorporate in Bermuda to avoid taxes & claim it's a free market.

• We can buy HP Printers made in Mexico.

• We can buy shirts made in Bangladesh.

• We can purchase almost anything we want from 20 different countries, BUT heaven help the senior citizen who:

A. Dares to buy their prescription

drugs from a Canadian pharmacy. That's called un-American!

(Think the pharmaceutical companies don't have a powerful lobby?)

Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

And B. Complains about having to pay income tax on their Social Security benefits, which has been true since 1995.

The original FICA law promised that would never happen. Our seniors lose as much as 40 percent of their benefits because our government decided in 1995 (tie breaking vote in the Senate made by Al Gore by the way) they would tax Social Security benefit checks as **income**; a benefit, by the way, that has already been paid for with their (and our) tax dollars (FICA withholding tax and Payroll tax for employers). What a country!

Only in America do we come up

with the concept of taxing an already existing tax on the one group of people in our country who can least afford to have that done to them (the retired senior citizen).

Maybe these are issues that should come up in the next election instead of the other pie in the sky promises that are usually made.

Regards, Dave Cleveland

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At times, I have heard folks discuss how they want to die. Most folks chuckle and throw out, "Peacefully in my sleep." Some simply say, "Quickly and painlessly." I have heard, "In battle." I even heard, "By drowning in a vat of beer." I have never heard of death by hamster.

Personally, I don't like thinking, let alone talking, about death. It is not in my scope of interpersonal communication topics. I mean, I feel bad when folks die. I feel sad when someone I know, and love, dies. I feel pained when I learn of people being killed in a disaster or in war.

I just don't think or dwell on it.

There is too much to think about when it comes to life and the land of the living. There's a wife to love. Kids to raise, bills to pay, home repairs to be made ... you get the picture.

Well, dangblab! Death never was a part of my thinking until this darned story. Here's more from the Globe article:

"The only other known incident of LCMV-infected organs causing a death occurred in Wisconsin in 2003.

"Humans become infected with the virus when they come in contact with rodent urine, feces or saliva. In healthy people, LCMV usually only causes flu-like symptoms.

"But organ recipients get drugs that suppress their immune system to help prevent organ rejection. The downside, officials said, is that they are more vulnerable to infectious disease. Officials would not identify the donor or victims, citing privacy laws."

From the best-of files of Don't Rush Me. Don returns next week.



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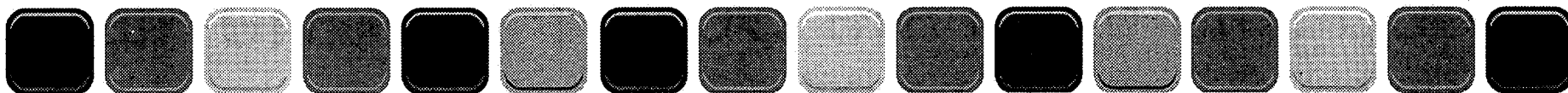
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Medals won for business skills

Clarkston High School students Aaron Barber, Daniel Byrne, Riley Dixon, Alana DuLyn, Christine Enright, Megan Grant, Kyle Gruebna, Kyle Inch, Sharvil Patel, Taylor Santo, and Grace Smith represented their school at the 2012 State Leadership Conference for the Michigan Association of the

Business Professionals of America, March 23 in Grand Rapids.

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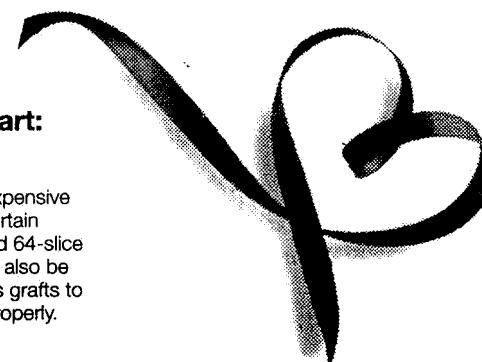


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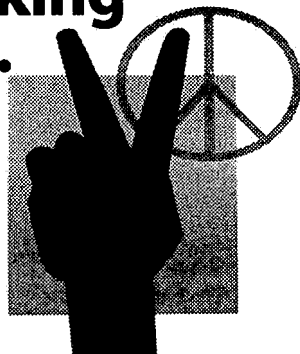
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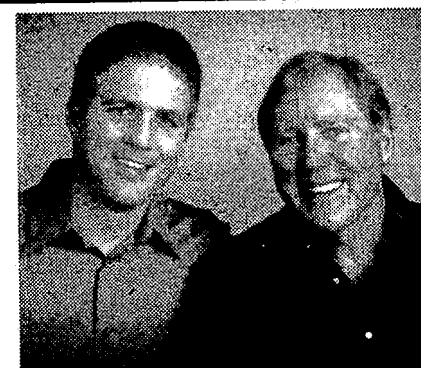


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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Gabriella Spindler during tennis practice last year. *File photo*

Spindler honored

Clarkston High School senior Gabriella Spindler will receive the United States Tennis Association/Midwest Section's Helen Shockley's Award on April 21.

She was recently honored as the 2011 Hoxie Memorial Award Junior Player of the Year from the Southeastern Michigan Tennis Association.

Spindler finished 2011 ranked No. 5 in Southeastern Michigan and No. 33 in the USTA/Midwest Section. She competes in USTA and USTA/Midwest Section tournaments.

Spindler has played high school varsity tennis the past three years and has an overall 60-6 record.

During her high school career she has won All-League, All-Region, All-County and All-State tennis honors.

During the past two years Spindler has competed as part of the Southeastern Michigan Tennis Association squad at the prestigious USTA/Midwest Section Marian Wood Baird Cup. Each year she finishes in the top tier of the Southeastern Michigan Tennis Association Junior District Qualifier.

Spindler is also a member of the National Honor Society and is a volunteer tutor and mentor at her high school. She

also volunteers at two local tennis clubs.

After Spindler graduates in June, she will continue her academics and tennis at United States Military Academy at West Point.

"I am really excited," she said after signing her letter of intent, Nov. 18. "It is an honor to be chosen to not only go to the best school, but go into the military and serve my country after high school.

"The bonds you make at West Point, you make for life," Spindler added. "I could see it as soon as I was there. Your life depends on them - you are a unit. They are all super friendly and super nice."

Over 25,000 apply to West Point with 1,000-1,200 being accepted. Only 20 percent are female.

The Helen Shockley Award recognizes the outstanding 16 or 18-and-under age division female player from the USTA/Midwest Section for the highest standards of tennis accomplishments, character, conduct, sportsmanship and amateurism.

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Rolling back from break

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Wolves added one win and one loss to their record over spring break last week in Ohio.

"We did alright," said Clarkston Boys Varsity Lacrosse Head Coach Brian Kaminskas. "We are starting to come together a little bit more and starting to develop that chemistry. It has been difficult because we have had a slow start to the season. We had a tough time playing in southern Ohio. There are very good teams down there."

The boys opened Saturday with a close win over the Pinkerington, 9-8.

They took the lead in the first quarter with two goals and kept Pinkerington to zero. By the time both teams broke for half time the Wolves still held the lead, 4-3.

Seniors Kevin Horton and Jordan Kincaid led the game with three goals each. Kincaid aided on one assist. Seniors Sam Moore added two goals and had one assist and Kevin O'Grady added one goal and two assists while sophomore Reid Kaminski had one assist.

The boys continued the day with a loss to Liberty-Olentangy, 11-4. The Wolves were scoreless ending the first half as Olentangy led with seven points.

"They were considerably better," said Kaminskas. "They had some parts of the game plan that we weren't necessarily prepared for. Their kids were a little bit hungrier and we were tired. We made a lot of mistakes and we didn't communicate very well. Their

guys took advantage of it like they should have."

Seniors Kincaid, O'Grady, Travis Craft and Brad Leuenhagen scored one goal each. O'Grady and Connor Ward had one assist.

Senior Evan Kneisel led the defense with four takeaways and three ground balls while junior Preston Haven had four ground balls.

Junior Jordan Stover also had a good weekend as faceoff man for the Wolves.

"He played exceptionally well," said Kaminskas. "He was one of the guys that kept us going in our loss against Olentangy. He did a very nice job of being the anchor for the team. He kept into it, kept them pumped up and kept working for it. He had a very nice weekend."

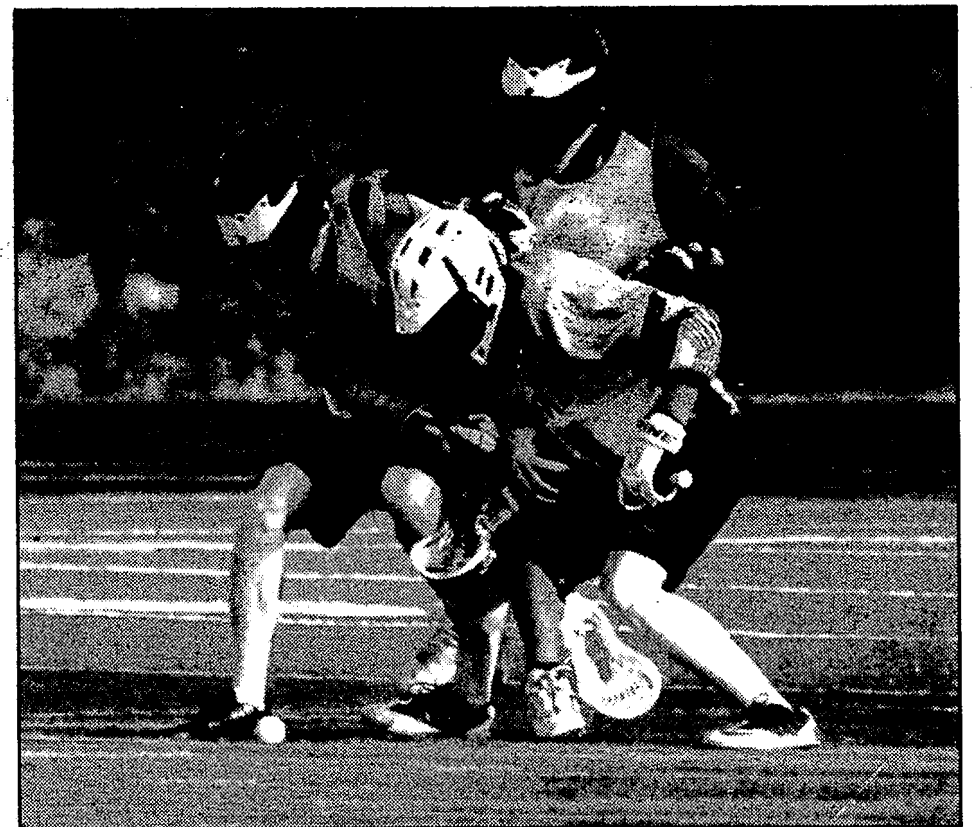
The Wolves take on Bloomfield United and St. Michael's College - Toronto this week.

"We had a few days off and it gave us some time to fix things from the weekend," Kaminskas said. "I like our chances going into this weekend against two traditional strong teams. They will be good battles and we have good talent on the team. We have a lot of guys with a lot of skill."

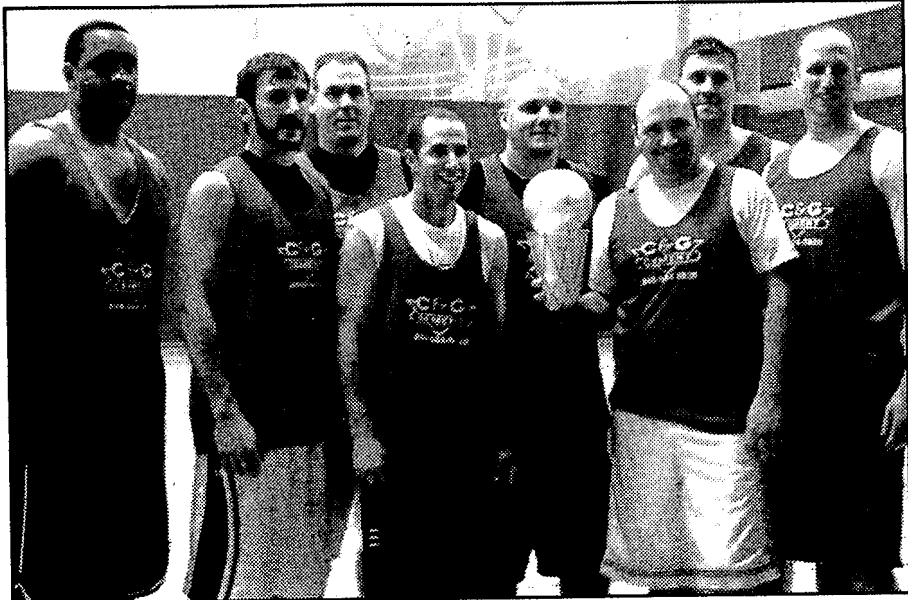
The boys play at Bloomfield United on Friday. JV begins at 5 p.m. with varsity following as the Varsity B team heads to L'Anse Creuse North.

The Wolves host St. Michael's College - Toronto on Sunday. JV begins at 10 a.m. and varsity follows.

"We will get rolling into our regular season and have a lot of success," added Kaminskas.



The Wolves fight for possession during a scrimmage. *File photo*



From left are Cory Hightower, Brandon Cassise, Andy Short, Justin Zoldos, Jason Rennie, Michael Allan, Anthony Kann and Dennis Price. Not pictured, Jason Petiprin and Chad Woodhull. Photo submitted

Cagers Score Championship

Cagers are champions after their Michigan Recreation Parks Association state tournament.

The Independence Township Parks and Recreation had one of their men's basketball teams win in Midland the end of March.

They won by 15 points during their first game and 20 points in their second game. During the last game they won by 20 points. They hit a three quarter court shot at the buzzer in the first half to make the lead 13 points.

Varsity ball teams start season

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Hitters are ready and anxious for their moment to step on the plate and begin the season.

Both the Clarkston Varsity Baseball and Softball teams play Rochester Adams in their season opener on Wednesday.

"We have had a lot of time outside so we should be hopefully off to a good start," said Phil Price, head coach for the baseball team. "But so have other teams because how the weather has been. The kids are working hard. We are looking forward to it. Adams traditionally has a strong program. Their coach does a nice job and they will be prepared."

Sophomore Alex Peck is slanted for the starting pitcher against Wednesday and senior Dylan Peck will be behind the plate as catcher.

"I have some seniors that will produce for us this year," Price added. "Hopefully good things will happen. It is good to have Dylan behind the plate. He has been there for many years. Jake Forsten is my short stop and he is a veteran too so that should really make us strong up the middle."

He said Dylan and Jake have been swinging really well and should be strong

this season.

For the Lady Wolves, seniors Megan Hastings, Shauna Siwicki, Tara Perry and junior Sydney Hasselbach will be the hitters to watch for.

"Sydney and Megan have just been great in the pre-season in hitting wise," said Don Peters, head coach for the softball team. "Our hitters look great. We have some kids that have done a nice job so far in the cages and scrimmages hopefully that translates to on the field and actual games."

"It looks like it will be a lot of fun," he added about this season. "We have had some scrimmages and the girls have done well so we are looking forward to doing well this year."

The Lady Wolves are ready for Adams to have good pitching as well, as they go for their first double-header win.

"They are fun to compete against," Peters added.

The Wolves play at Adams on Wednesday while the Lady Wolves stay at home for their double header. Both begin at 4:30 p.m.

The Wolves head to Stoney Creek on Friday for a game and host Oxford in their home opener. Both games begin at 4:30 p.m. The boys host Lahser on Tuesday in a double header, 4 p.m.

Fall prevention seminar

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

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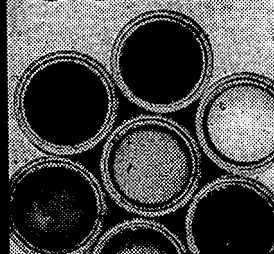


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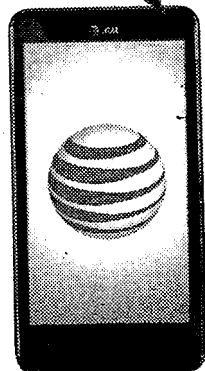
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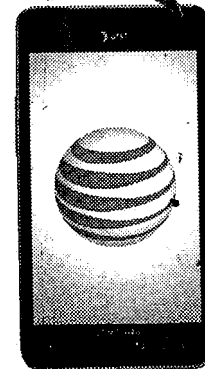
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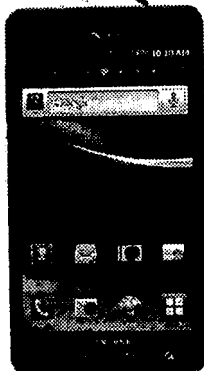
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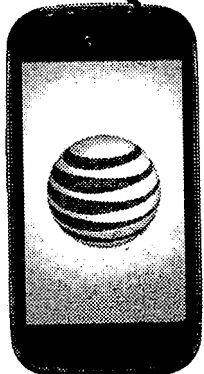
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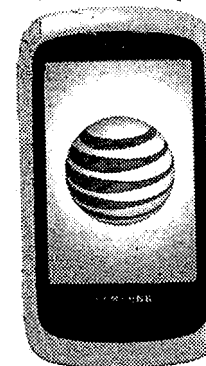
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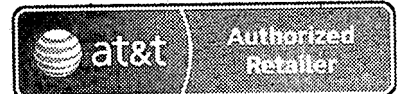
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Donald M. Bump, 88

Donald Max Bump of White Lake, formerly of Waterford and Clarkston, passed away April 4, 2012, at age 88.

He was the brother of Joyce Bailey of White Lake and the late Kenneth Bump; uncle of Gregory (Lynn) Bump and Gary Bump both of Georgia; great uncle of many.

Mr. Bump retired from GM Truck and Coach after 34 years of service and was a member of UAW Local 594, Pontiac. He was a member of Oxbow Lake Baptist Church and former member of Central Christian Church and Sunnydale Chapel.

Max was a member of T.O.P.S. #1093 of Clarkston and enjoyed fishing. Funeral service was April 7 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment Oakwood Cemetery, Fenton. Memorials may be made to American Heart Association. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Walter Peterman, Jr., 69

Walter B. Peterman, Jr. of Clarkston passed away April 9, 2012, of a sudden heart attack at age 69.

He was the husband of Sandra; father of Michelle (John) Hunt, Alicia, and Dallas; papa of Sam; step father of Christian (April) Robinson; brother of Danny (Tollyan).

Mr. Peterman owned ThermoVac, Inc., Oxford.

Friends may visit at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, Wednesday, 5-9 p.m. and Thursday, 3-5 & 7-9 p.m. Funeral service, Friday, 11 a.m., at Clarkston United Methodist Church. Interment White Chapel Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Clarkston United Methodist Church.

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Obituaries

Shirley Podpora, 77 Joanne Spiker, 72

Shirley A. Podpora of Davisburg, formerly of Garden City, passed away at age 77, April 7, 2012.

She was preceded in death by her husband John. She was the mother of Jackie Kilgore, Kim (Mike) Vecchioni, Teri Saylor, Michael (Shelly) Hartline; also survived by 12 grandchildren, three great grandchildren, one brother and her beloved dog Heidi.

Mrs. Podpora was a fan and big supporter of SprayMasters Waterski and Show Team and she enjoyed casino trips.

Funeral Service, Wednesday, 10 a.m., at the **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment, Andersonville Cemetery, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Meal on Wheels. Online guestbook: www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Joanne Spiker (Burkhart) of Clarkston passed away unexpectedly, April 2, 2012, at age 72.

She was preceded in death by her husband Dwight, parents Martin and Evelyn (Shields) Burkhart and brother Martin. She was the mother of John (Lisa) and Betsy; grandma of Logan, Quentin and Benjamin; special niece of Elaine Shields; sister-in-law of Luella Moshier, Marilyn (Bob) Rumohr, the late Glenna Foster, Dale (Sue) Spiker, Mildred Macco and the late Eileen Whittaker; also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Spiker enjoyed volunteering and her grandchildren's activities. She was a lifetime member of the Friends of the Independence Township Library and was formerly active with Clarkston Athletic Boosters. She was a talented watercolor painter.

Funeral service was April 10 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment, Andersonville Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Clarkston SCAMP or Autism Speaks. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Bart Vanicelli, 86

Bart Vanicelli of Lake Angelus passed away April 9, 2012, after a battle with cancer at age 86.

He was the husband of Louise; father of Dan (Sue Yagiela) and Patricia (Patrick) Felt; grandpa of Stephanie and Danielle Vanicelli, Miles, Maria (Steve Malis) and Kyle Felt; preceded in death by his grandson Josh; brother of Flavio (Wanda) Vanicelli, Alice Vanchina, the late Jenny Paleri and the late Nick Vanicelli.

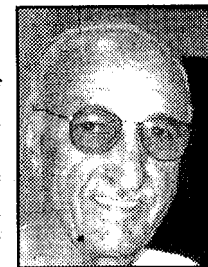
Mr. Vanicelli owned and operated Van's Auto Supply, a family business since 1961. Formerly, he was an automobile salesman and Detroit police officer.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Friends may visit Wednesday, 3-5 and 7-9 p.m., and Thursday, 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral service, Friday, 10 a.m., at Clarkston Community Church. Interment, All Saints Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

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Frederic F. Saber, 68

Frederic F. Saber, "Fred," of Clarkston passed away April 3, 2012, at age 68.

He was the loving husband of Mary Anne for 46 years; beloved father of Fred (Kelley) Saber and Jeff (Nicole) Saber; proud papa of Ashley, Austin, Taylor and Jordan; great papa of Owen; brother of Pammy Jean, Nance (Bill) Ebbing, Paul (Dianne) Saber; preceded in death by his siblings Mark (Late Sarah) Saber and Madeline (Babe) Rattray.

Fred and his wife founded Saber Carpet Cleaning over 40 years ago. Funeral Service was April 7 at the Clarkston United Methodist Church. Visitation was April 6 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



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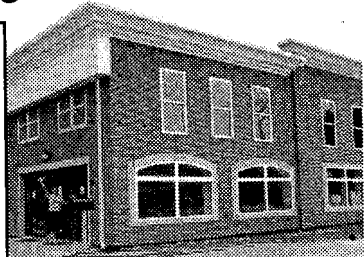
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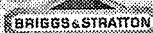
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Clarkston City Manager Dennis Ritter checks out a damaged swing in Depot Park. Photo by Mary Keck

Vandalism at Depot Park

Spray paint vandals struck again; this time painting the image of a woman's face on Clarkston City Hall, this past weekend.

Bob Pursley, Department of Public Works director, said the graffiti is similar to the stencil sprayed onto the side of the Clarkston News building last month.

City Manager Dennis Ritter is looking into security cameras for Depot Park.

"Maybe an infrared camera just during the dark hours," Ritter said at Monday's City Council meeting. "It's a continual head-

ache."

Pursley also recently cleaned up vandalism around the park, including broken railings on the wooden swings, damage to the upper railing and spindles of the gazebo, and shattered glass bottles.

He called Oakland County Sheriff's Department last week and requested extra patrols to curb the vandalism, which he believes has returned to the park early this year due to the warm weather.

- Mary Keck

Public Safety

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

Tree cut down

An Oakhurst Ridge Road resident called police after someone cut down a tree in his front yard, 11:42 p.m., March 17. Checking on a noise, he saw young people standing in front of his house, then running to a neighbor's where he heard them laughing about cutting down a tree.

Loose load

A 53-year-old Waterford man was cited for spilling a load on the roadway and an unsecured load after a pontoon boat he was towing came loose on S. Ortonville Road at Dixie Highway, 7:20 p.m., March 29.

Drug trouble

A 46-year-old Independence Township man was cited and jailed for possession of drug paraphernalia, 7:59 p.m., March 30, in the 4000 block of Sunflower Circle. He wanted his three teenage children to give him money for drugs, but his mother wouldn't let them. Deputies were called after he got into a loud argument with his son, and they found a crack pipe in his possession.

Wicker taken

Four pieces of wicker lawn furniture were taken from the front porch of a home in the 5000 block of Sunnyside Drive, March 31.

Warrant shuffle

A deputy on patrol ran the license plate number of a vehicle in front of him, 9:43 p.m., April 2, at Sashabaw and Maybee roads. The vehicle's registered owner, a 26-year-old White Lake woman, had a misdemeanor warrant for driving with an expired license in White Lake. Stopping the vehicle, the deputy found a 23-year-old White Lake man behind the wheel. The driver's license was suspended due to unpaid traffic tickets in Flint, and for a Flint bench warrant for drunk driving. Flint Police didn't respond to the deputy's call, so he was cited for driving with a suspended license and released. The car's owner, who the driver called for a ride, showed up and was promptly arrested on the warrant. She was turned over to White Lake Police.

Call Oakland County Sheriff's Office
CRIME TIPLINE, 888-TURN-1-IN OR 1-888-887-6146.

CNews People Poll April 11, 2012

What's your favorite Easter tradition?

"We always go to an Easter brunch after mass. The whole family gets together with yummy food."



- Marie Riley (son Brendan)

"I like to decorate eggs!"



- Morgan Jenzen

"My husband and I help make Easter breakfast at Saint Trinity Lutheran church. We have scrambled eggs, ham, sausage, and hash browns."



- Julie Schultz

"We like eating breakfast!"

- Abby Schultz, her daughter

"Eating lamb and being with family."



- Peter Mandas

"Between my wife and I we have 21 grandchildren. We have dinner and celebrate Easter at our house with about



35 people at a time."

- Fred Cady

- Mary Keck

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The Clarkston News'

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

Soldier retires to spend more time with family

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

After more than 20 years with the U.S. Army, active duty and reserves, Paul Workman is ready to retire.

"I'm happy with my career," said Workman, who retires on April 29 as a captain. "I achieved all I wanted to in the Army, it's time to retire."

"I'm really proud of him, but I'm very glad he's retiring," said his wife, Holly Workman, a licensed professional counselor in Clarkston.

He's looking forward to coaching 10-and-under softball with his wife, attending dance recitals with their daughters Hannah and Paige, and spending time at the family cabin up north.

He also volunteers regularly at Clarkston Elementary with his girls, conducting military presentations and flag-folding ceremonies on Veterans Day.

He joined the Army in 1991, serving as an infantryman and military police officer.

"As far back as I can remember, it's what I wanted to do," he said. "It's a family tradition. My dad served in the military, and his dad served."

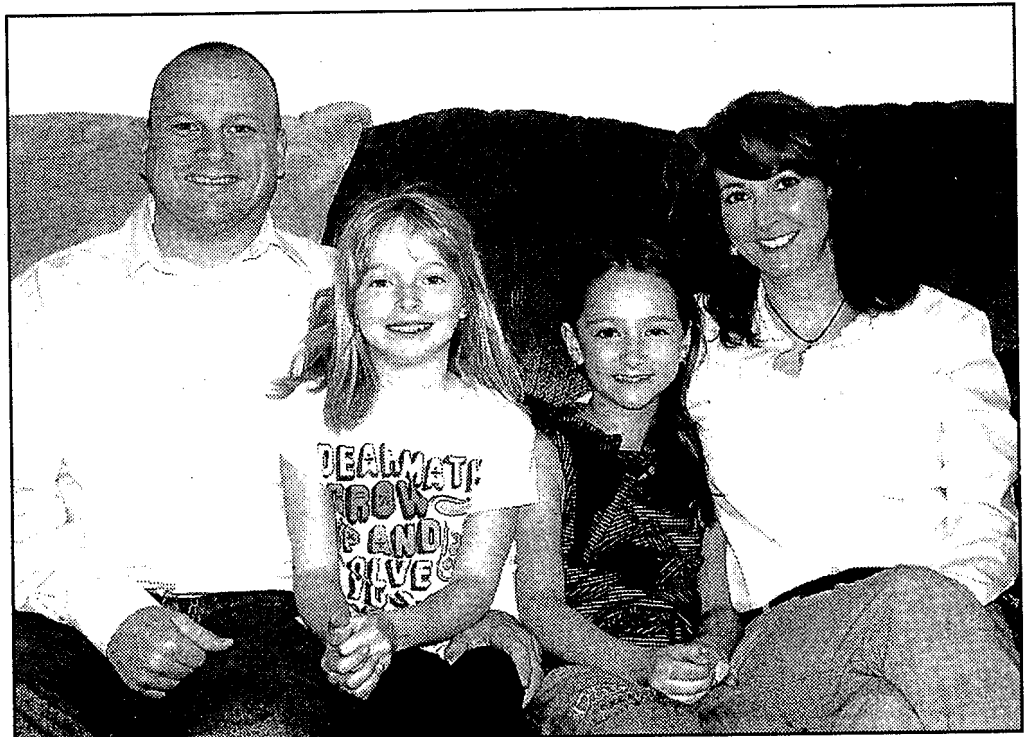
He went to college while serving in the Army Reserves and earned his commission as a lieutenant in 2002.

During that time he was selected as Soldier of the Year at many levels, Non-commissioned Officer of the Year, and was inducted in the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club for Leadership Excellence. Duty stations as an enlisted soldier included Egypt and Korea.

In 2006, he became company commander of the 783rd Military Police Battalion, Headquarters Company.

"I came full circle; I served in the same battalion in 1995 as an enlisted man, then again as company commander," he said. "As commander, I deployed my unit to Bagram, Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom."

"I was sad when he left," said Paige, 8.



Paul, Paige, Hannah, and Holly Workman of Clarkston are happy Paul is retiring from the U.S. Army. Photo by Phil Custodio

"I was proud of my dad and glad he was serving, but I was very sad," said Hannah, 10. "I was really scared that he might get hurt."

"It was one of the hardest periods in our lives," Holly said. "It was tough for both of the girls."

Missions included detainee transfers in Afghanistan and Iraq, and planning and construction of a new military detention center in 2009. As an investigator, cases included accusations of detainee abuse by units within the brigade. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal due to his accomplishments in Afghanistan.

"It was long hours and I was away from home. Honestly, it just sucked. It was a rough time

over there. Many had it a lot worse, but it definitely was not a good time," Paul said. "But I loved serving. I don't regret anything."

He got back from Afghanistan in 2009 and continued as company commander until the unit was deactivated earlier this year.

He joined the Oakland County Sheriff Office in 1997.

"It was a natural progression into law enforcement," he said.

As a sergeant assigned to Rochester Hills since March 2011, he looks forward to continuing his career with the department.

"It's had its ups and down, but they've been

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Chloe Furman holds on to her basket and treats.



Mackenzie and Savannah Kramer play before the egg hunt. Photos by Wendi Reardon.



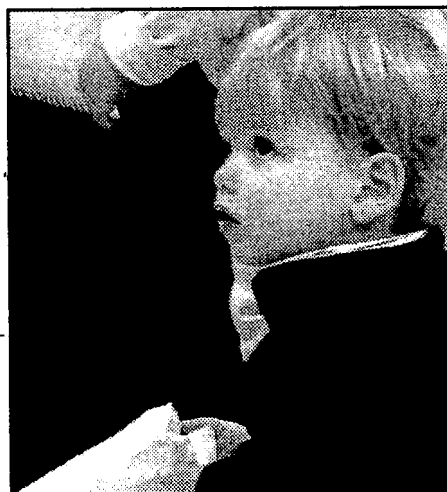
Kaitlynn Suida leaves with her goodies.

Egg hunt

The sun shined as kids of all ages prepared for the start of Springfield Parks and Recreation Easter Egg Hunt in Davisburg last Friday.

After collecting all the eggs they could find, the kids and parents enjoyed refreshments and visiting the Easter Bunny.

They also pet real bunnies the Oakland County 4-H Youth Rabbit and Cavy Club brought to the event.



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The Voice likes Lucca

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had our hearts set on it. The chairs kept turning and that's what we were hoping for."

His mom, Sally, and dad, Tony, joined their daughter-in-law and grandchildren for a few of the shows.

"We were there for the battle rounds," Sally remembered when Lucca sang U2's Beautiful Day with Chris Cauley. "I thought we were going to lose it. I was so nervous I could hardly breathe. Then, Adam called his name, and it was like woooooo!"

"I felt nauseous," his dad added. "They sang well, and Adam said you both did a good job but I am going with Tony. The whole time I felt like I was throwing up. Monday night will be just as bad. I am nervous for him because he seems not to get nervous. He has toured with NSync and Sara Bareilles and has n industry contacts. And that is what it is about connections and kids voting. It is a popularity contest."

Many viewers remember and were introduced to Lucca as a former cast member of the Mickey Mouse Club with Aguilera as well as Britney Spears and Justin Timberlake.

But family and friends know him as the musician; he always sang and comes from a family of musicians. Sally said she found him singing in a room when he was just 2-years-old.

"I went to see what he was doing," she said. "I was walking down the hall and heard him singing a song I just bought. He knew every word to every song on the album."

He started playing in a band with his cousin, Cole Garlak, when he was 12-years-old and auditioned for the Mickey Mouse Club two years later.

But he was reluctant at first because

he thought the audition was for something else but Ami gave him a nudge.

"We were young, and he was talented," she said. "I thought he was being a big baby that day. I said mom drove all the way down here for you. If I had the talent you do I would do it. The funny thing about it he was in there the longest. We kept seeing kids coming and going. They finally came out and said there is a chance you might have to come to Florida."

"We are looking at this as chapter two," said his dad. "This is like chapter two for him because when he was little he was a mouseketeer. He went through that for four years and then headed west for his music. *The Voice* is helping to break ceiling for bigger venues than in the past. It is really exciting."

He continued with music performing at small venues and clubs. Then he was asked to audition for the show last year.

"It is just such a joy to watch," Ami said. "We love watching him as a family and for everyone to see how good and talented he is. It is so exciting. We are over the moon. When we were younger we loved it. We didn't think about it – the chances we had to vacation in Florida were amazing and a gift for the whole family. Now for him, his wife and his kids to experience it - it is a joy."

"You can see the excitement," Sally added. "It started with a friend from high school; they all went to Clarkston. He got my son a job at Overtyme, and tickets sold out within 12 minutes. We just went what?! It was unheard of. There was a time he played to ten people and still played his heart out. Now we are just in awe. There have been wonderful responses."

For more information, visit www.TonyLucca.com. The results from Monday's show were broadcast Tuesday night.



Tony Lucca sings for *The Voice*. Photo by Lewis Jacobs/NBC



His cousin, Sarah Jane, basically put the rally together. Photo by Wendi Reardon



Family and friends show support for Lucca. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Religion

Shining a ray of light on difficult times

How difficult life can be! Think of all the things put on our plate on a regular basis. First, there is the full schedule, then having to work overtime to complicate matters even more.

There are the sports schedules or the recreation times, making sure we get to the Club and spend time with our friends. There are all the family commitments and...life gets pretty hectic, doesn't it?

During His ministry, Jesus would often invite the disciples to get away for just a while.

It might mean a trip up a hillside or journey to the Mount of Olives. Often they would spend time together relaxing in the garden called Gethsemane.

Yet that garden would carry a foreboding eeriness as Jesus took His disciples there on the night of His arrest and trial. From the moment of His arrest it all moved so quickly. The trial. The flogging. The crucifixion. The death and burial.

The death and burial.

Maybe you can identify with the heavy hearts of Jesus' followers when, on the third day, the women headed to the tomb to finish preparing the body for death and the disciples hid behind locked doors out of fear.

The sorrow can be overwhelming and crippling, making life itself a heavy burden.

But then the ray of light begins to shine through. That first ray across the tomb that brings a little joy to our life.

We enter where there should be death and we find life. We hear the words spoken, proclaimed: Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. (Luke 24:5-6) What a change in mood, what a change in attitude!

There are many who come to hear only those messages of joy. Maybe we feel obligated to come at Christmas and Easter because that is the thing to do. What about our faith the rest of the year? Do you believe in God?

Many say they do but realize that even the devil believes in God—and knows Him

and fears Him! Can we say the same? The day of judgment will come. Where will we stand on the day of the resurrection of all the dead?

God is not seeking only a few hours of our life.

He wants all of our life and all of our devotion. God wants a relationship, a solid relationship with each of us. He wants us to experience the birth and the death of Jesus but He offers us so much more.

Now that we have experienced the Resurrection again, take time to resurrect the relationship God would have with you.

Take time to be with Him each day as you open His Word and pray.

Take time to grow, joining with other Christians, in weekly worship. Take time to experience both the highs and the lows of the Christian year as you spend time with Him.

And then, as Paul Harvey used to remind us, then you will know the rest of the story. A blessed Resurrection to you!

The Rev. Kendall Schaeffer is pastor of St. Trinity Lutheran Church.

Spiritual Matters



Pastor Kendall Schaeffer

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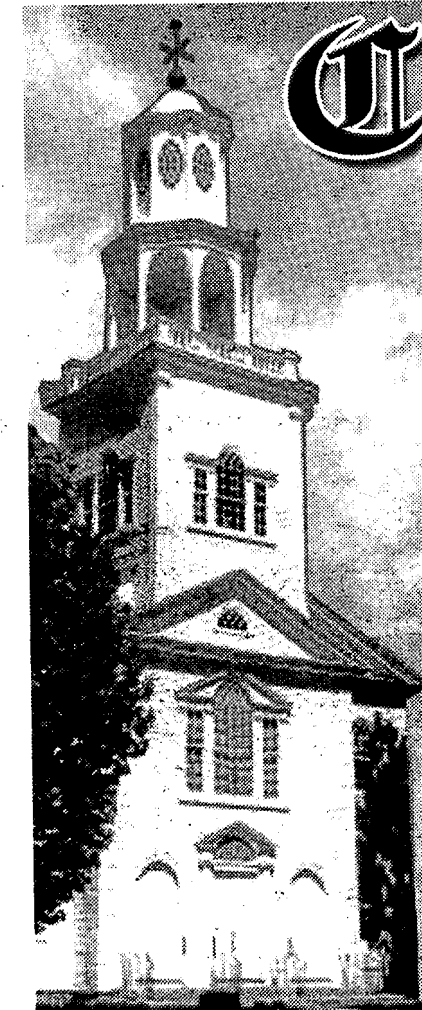
Wednesday Evening FEAST, 6 p.m., classes for all ages, 7:15- 8:30 p.m. Free nursery. Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-3288.

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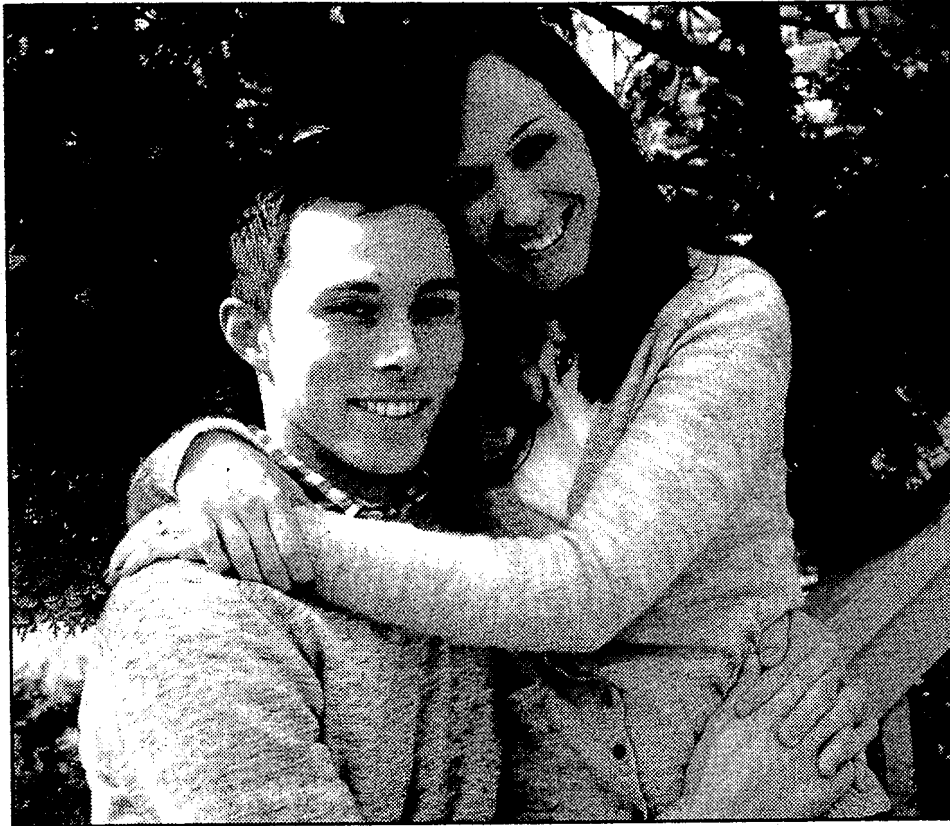
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Adam and Jennifer

Hopcian-Hamilton

Tom and Patty Hopcian of Clarkston are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer, to Adam Hamilton, son of Gordon Hamilton and Terrie Hamilton.

Jenny graduated from Clarkston High School in 2003. She earned both a Bachelor of Arts and Master's in Curriculum and Teaching from Michigan State University. She is employed as a teacher at Haviland Element-

tary School in Waterford.

Adam, a 2000 graduate of Clarkston High School, holds a Bachelor's Degree from University of Michigan-Flint and a Master's in Counseling from Oakland University. He is a clinician at a private mental health practice.

The happy couple will exchange vows among family and friends in July at Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church in Lake Orion.

Students' success

John Vanderveen of Clarkston was one of 18 Hope College students who presented research at the 2012 National Conference on Undergraduate Research, March 29-31.

The senior discussed education and psychology.

Marissa Ortiz, Denison University student from Clarkston, was one of 25 seniors presented with the 2012 Distinguished Leadership Award.

Denison annually recognizes graduating seniors who have demonstrated exemplary leadership and service to the college through their involvement in student organizations, in co-curricular activities, on the residential education staff, and as athletes and scholars. Nominations of deserving students are made by faculty, staff and student peers.

House history workshop

Ron Campbell, preservation architect for Oakland County Planning and Economic Development, will show property owners how to research the history of their home or building, 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 17, in the Independence Township Library community room, 6495 Clarkston Road.

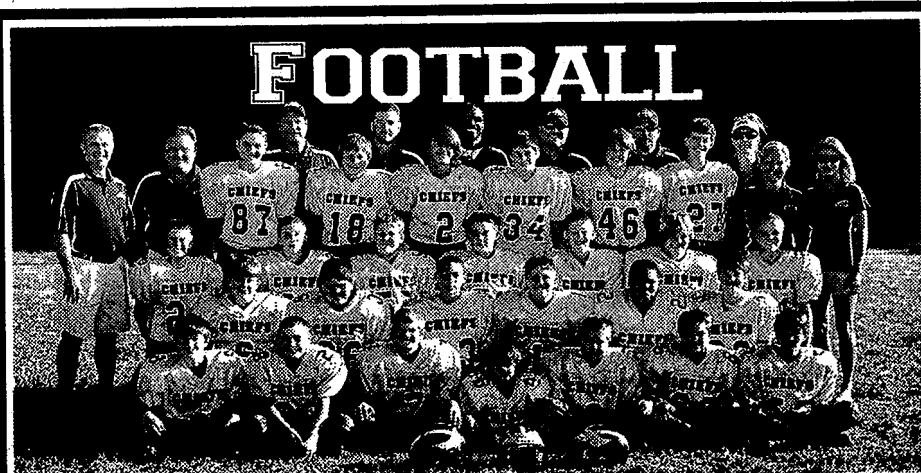
The free program, sponsored by Clarkston Community Historical Society, is

open to the public.

Campbell will show building owners how to use public records and other sources to date their home or business. Old photographs and other data can help owners make historically accurate repairs and restorations.

Refreshments will be served. For more information, call the historical society at 248-922-0270.

Send your milestones to Clarkstonnews@gmail.com



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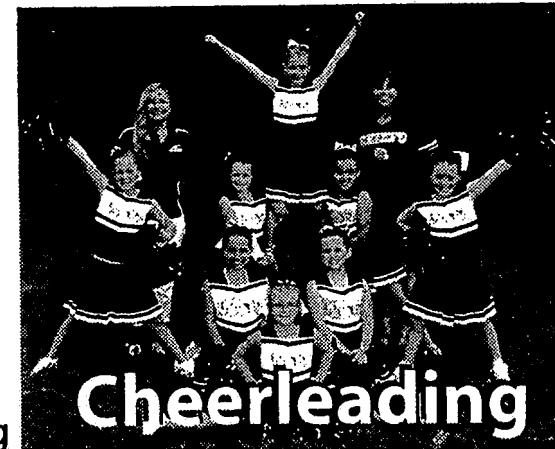
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Clarkston hall of famer reflects on the past

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Before Det. Kirk Matich was helping to keep students in line as the Independence Township Sheriff's Office police liaison at Clarkston Community Schools - he was helping his teammates on the field.

This year he is being inducted into the Michigan Touch Football Hall of Fame.

"I didn't even know there was one," he smiled. "It is an honor. It is something you always have fond memories of playing."

Some of the memories include the comradery between players, the physicality of the game and the uniqueness of the game.

"I always like organized sports," he added. "I like to be involved in team sports - I coach baseball and coached Clarkston Chiefs football. My boys play football, basketball and baseball."

He played in the 1980s and the 1990s after Ron Honaker, one of the coaches, asked if Matich wanted to play for his team.

"It continued on from there," he said, adding he played as middle linebacker. "I was a tightend in high school. I had big hands so I was a good target as receiver."

He always remembers one play Honaker always talks about.

The team was losing and had only one play left in the game and the line of scrimmage was on the 50-yard line.

"I told the quarterback to throw it as far as he could," he said. "I am tall so I said throw it to me. I told another receiver to go five yards behind me and I am going to tip it to you. The quarterback let it fly and the defenders are jumping up for the ball."

He didn't look behind him and watched the ball come at him. He made a quick contact with it as he tipped it back to the player behind him as hard as he could.

The receiver he told to get behind him caught it and ran 10-15 yards into the endzone to score and win the game.

"The odds to catch that, like Rod always says, was an amazing play," Matich smiled. "We say it was a Hail Mary pass - all the stars had to align right."

During his time with the team he won two league playoff championships, one snow bowl championship, played on two All-Star teams and played in one MVP playoff.

"I have had a team since 1976," said Honaker. "Kirk is one of the best I have ever played with."

Playing football runs in the family - his two older brothers played and his dad played



Det. Kirk Matich

Clarkston High School. "They both started on the varsity football team as freshmen which is unheard of because you don't even make the varsity team on the starting line."

Matich began playing when he was in seventh grade and growing up in Rochester. He continued playing through middle school, junior high school and high school.

"I kind of instill on my boys the competitiveness to play," he said. "It may have been touch football but it was tough. You are blocking the guys and we played some Pontiac teams. It was full contact. It wasn't just a little touch. It was push you down."

He didn't play football when he went to college but he did play baseball for Oakland Community College where he received his associate's degree. He continued his education at Michigan State University and received his bachelor's degree.

"I had letters of interest for college. I just didn't have guidance," he said. "My dad worked full time. I am trying to instill in my kids to get their names out there and follow up with recruiters. We were undefeated in high school so we got the attention in football. We won the division but I didn't go to the colleges for a visit. I was a kid so I really didn't know."

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"It is in my blood," he added it is in his sons' blood as well - Nick, a sophomore, and Adam, a freshman, both currently attending

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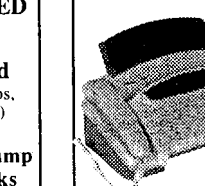
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of Marilyn P. Garrison. Date of birth: 11/4/1925
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Marilyn P. Garrison, died 12/17/2011.

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

4-4-12
Kathryn M. Caruso (P44723) Margaret John
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INDEPENDENCE TWP.
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet on Wednesday, May 2, 2012, 7:00 PM in the Independence Township Hall Conference Room, 6483 Waldon Center Dr., Clarkston, MI 48346, to hear the following cases:

Case #12-0004 Tapper, Richard, Petitioner (Representing Phantom of Michigan)
APPLICANT REQUESTS A LOCATION VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 25, SECTION 50-849 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR TENT/STAND AND STORAGE TRAILER PLACEMENT IN PARKING LOT FOR 10 DAY SALE OF FIREWORKS. ALSO REQUESTING THIS VARIANCE FOR NEXT FIVE YEARS
6697 Dixie Highway, C-3
Cherry Hill North Bowling Lanes
08-29-452-008

Case #12-0005 Greer, William, Petitioner for Harvest Land Ministries
APPLICANT REQUESTS A SETBACK VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 24, SECTION 50-838(d)(1)(e) TO PLACE A GROUND SIGN 8' INTO THE FUTURE ROAD RIGHT OF WAY OF CLINTONVILLE RD
5840-5848 Clintonville Rd., R-1R
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08-25-301-004

Case #12-0006 Allied Signs, Inc., Petitioner for McDonald's
APPLICANT REQUESTS A 40 SQ. FT. SIZE AND 9 1/2 INCH HEIGHT VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 24, SECTION 50-838(j)(3) FOR TWO DRIVE-THROUGH MENU BOARDS
6695 Dixie Highway, C-3
McDonald's Restaurant
08-29-452-003

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

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara A. Pallotta, Clerk
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very good to me," he said. "They were very supportive of my family when I was gone."

He received an Officer of the Year award from the American Legion Post and Unit 172 in Rochester.

"That was really nice," Paul said.

Paul and Holly dated when they were students at Brandon High School, but broke up when he went into the military. They got back together when his active-duty enlistment

ended and he returned home.

"He called me to see what I was doing and we started going out again," Holly said.

"I wanted to see what she was up to. I still liked her," Paul said.

They married in 1999 and moved to Clarkston in 2003, into the home of Holly's grandparents, John and Evelyn Craven.

"My grandfather passed away and we had the opportunity to purchase the home," she said. "We like Clarkston. We wanted Clarkston schools for our kids."

"We know people in the area," Paul said.

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NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS DRY RUN DRAIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that special assessment amounts and the apportionment of costs of lands within the Dry Run Special Assessment-District for maintenance of the Dry Run Drain will be available for review on April 25, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner's Office, One Public Works Drive, Waterford, MI 48328.

This special assessment will be for properties located within the Dry Run Drainage District, described as those properties located in Sections 25, 35 and 36 of the Charter Township of Independence and Sections 31 and 32 of the Charter Township of Orion.

Therefore, all unknown and non-resident persons, owners and persons interested in the above described lands, and the County Clerk of Oakland County, Board of Oakland County Road Commissioners, Michigan Department of Transportation, Charter Township of Independence Supervisor and Charter Township of Orion Supervisor are hereby notified that the time and place aforesaid and at such other time and place to which said day of review may be adjourned, the apportionment for benefits and the land comprised within the Dry Run Special Assessment District will be subject to review.

The owner of any land in the special assessment district or any city, village, township, district or county who may disagree with the apportionment of benefits may appeal the apportionment within ten days after this day of review of apportionments by making an application to the Oakland County Probate Court for appointment of a Board of Review, as provided in Section 155 of the Michigan Drain Code (Act 40 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1956, as amended).

The County of Oakland will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the review should contact the Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner's Office at least one week in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

SYNOPSIS
TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
APRIL 3, 2012

A. A Regular General Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:36 PM at the Independence Township Hall.

B. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.
C. ROLL CALL: Present: Carson, Lohmeier, Pallotta, Petterson, Rosso, Wallace
Absent: Wagner

There was a quorum present.
Also Present: Bart Clark, Superintendent; Carol Gabris, Human Resources Director; Ken Elwert, Parks, Recreation and Seniors Director; Joe Barnhart, Cable Access Program Manager
Appointment of Acting Chair - Approved

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As amended.

E. CLOSED SESSION: Union Negotiations, as permitted by MCL 15.286(c)-Cancelled

F. BOARD / PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Joe Wauldron: Rotary Wine Tasting; May 3, 2012;

Clarkston Area Youth Assistance- Golf Outing; June 15, 2012
Sam Moraco: Governor Moses Wisner House Spring Clean-up; April 21, 2012

G. PUBLIC COMMENT:
Joan McCrary; Sam Moraco; Mike Clark; Jane Boyer; Rae Luallen; Trevor Keyser, *Clarkston News*

H. PUBLIC HEARING: None Scheduled

I. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:
1. Report: Superintendent's Update

Agenda Items Removed from Regular Business:

7. Request to Adopt: CPAC Policy, PEG User Agreement; and Appearance Release- Approved

8. Request to Expend Funds for Improvements Proposed for the Clarkston Calendar- APPROVED

J. CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS:
1. Request to Establish Compensation for Supervisor's Position Effective for the 2012 Term of Office - Removed

K. CONSENT AGENDA:
1. Request to Attend Advanced Treasurer's Institute-Removed

2. Board of Trustees Regular General Meeting Minutes - March 6, 2012-Approved

3. Board of Trustees Regular General Meeting Minutes - March 13, 2012-Approved

L. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:
None

1. Request to Attend Advanced Treasurer's Institute-Approved

The meeting RECESSED at 9:26 PM
The meeting RECONVENED at 9:32 PM

M. REGULAR BUSINESS:
1. Request to Approve 2012 Gravel and Limestone Participation Program - Combined with Regular Business Item M-2

2. Request to Initiate 2012 Tri-Party Fund Options- Approved with conditions

3. Request to Schedule a Special Meeting-No action taken

4. Request to Award Bid for 4th of July Fireworks Display-Approved

5. Request to Award Bid for Baseball Uniforms- Approved

6. Request to Appoint Parks, Recreation & Seniors Advisory Committee Members- Approved

9. Request to Approve Accounts Payable Check Run and Payroll in the amount of \$344,553.11-Approved

N. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Board members discussed various topics.

O. COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / REPORTS: None

P. ADJOURNMENT: The Regular General Meeting adjourned at 11:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC
Township Clerk

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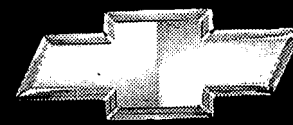
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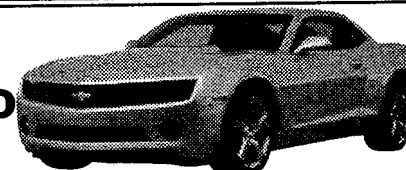
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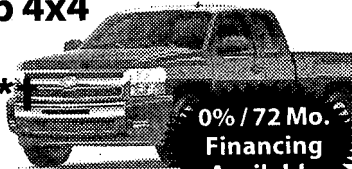
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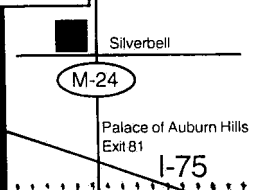


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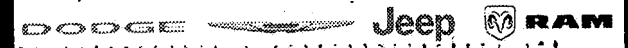
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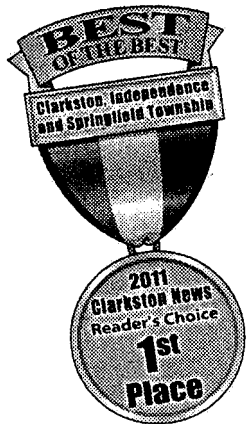


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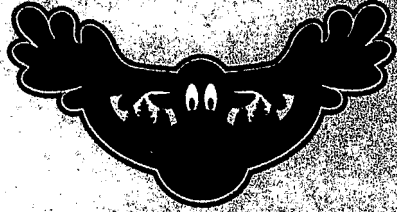
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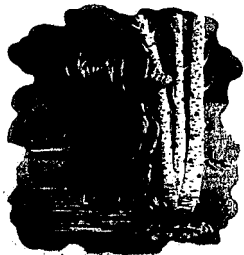
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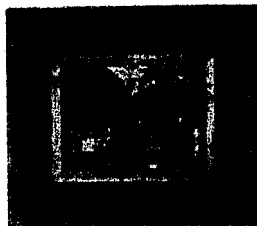
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Establishing, maintaining proper pool water chemistry

A backyard swimming pool is a welcome respite from the hot sun and summer heat waves.

Pools provide exercise and enjoyment for those of mostly every age. This is what makes a pool installation a popular home improvement project. Once you have established the size, type and shape of the swimming pool, you want and have secured the proper building permits and contractors to install the pool, your next main task could be to take a crash course in pool water chemistry.

A pool is essentially useless without clean, hygienic water.

Achieving clean water starts by understanding what is necessary to keep pool water clear and safe for swimming, and knowing the terminology related to testing pool water. There are five different chemical levels with which a pool owner should be familiar. Here are the basics behind each one.

Chlorine

Even the most wet-behind-the-ears pool owner knows that he or she will need a disinfecting agent in the pool, which is commonly a chlorine-based product. Chlorine serves as a sanitizer that kills off germs and keeps the pool safe.

Mark Steiner, owner of Mark Steiner's Pool Place on Dixie Highway (see ad on Page 12), says, there are many different types of chlorine sanitizers on the market, from liquid chlorinator to slow-dissolving tablets to powdered forms that must be dissolved in water. In terms of checking chlorine levels, you should be familiar with free chlorine, or FC, combined chlorine (CC) and total chlorine (TC). Free chlorine refers to the active amount of chlorine in the pool water that is available to sanitize it.

Organic matter in the pool as well as sunlight can use up free chlorine very



quickly. It is good to habitually check the FC chlorine level on a daily basis and add as needed to keep the level adequate for your size pool. It is best to add chlorine to raise FC in the evening when it will not be affected by sunlight.

Combined chlorine is the broken-down amount of chlorine used in the pool — in other words the used-up chlorine. This is what causes the "chlorine smell" many people associate with over-chlorinated pools. In essence, a chlorine smell means that your pool likely needs more available fresh chlorine.

CC indicates there is something in the pool that the FC is trying to break down. As long as you maintain an appropriate FC level, CC should remain at near zero.

Total chlorine is the sum of FC and CC in pool water. When you use an inexpensive water test that only measures one form

of chlorine, it is likely TC. This is usually adequate for testing if the water is clear. However, in the presence of algae or another water problem, TC level is useless on its own as a barometer of water quality.

pH and Total Alkalinity

The proper pH, or balance of alkalinity or acidity of the water, must be maintained to prevent irritation of the skin and eyes and to prevent corrosion of the pool equipment.

Many pools tend to drift upward to the high level over time. This may result in eye burning that is often blamed on chlorine levels. The pH is raised with borax or washing soda (often the same chemical used in pH "Up" in pool stores), and it can be lowered using muriatic acid. Total alkalinity is the water's ability to buffer pH changes. This means you'll need less prod-

uct to change the pH.

The level of TA needed varies depending on the type of pool material (plaster or vinyl). In general, pH levels between 7.0 and 7.6 are fine for most pools.

Water Hardness

Water hardness, also known as calcium hardness, indicates the amount of calcium in the water.

Plaster pools are susceptible to damage from low-calcium levels because the water will then tend to dissolve calcium out of plaster, stone, concrete, tiles, and other surfaces. Homeowners with a vinyl-lined pool typically don't have to worry about calcium levels.

Cyanuric Acid

Cyanuric acid protects chlorine from deterioration in the sunlight and will correspond to the amount of FC needed in the pool. CA is often called stabilizer because it helps to lock in the chlorine in the water and make it less susceptible to breakdown from the sun.

According to John Broker, owner of Independence Pool & Spa on Sashabaw Road (see ad below), it is important to keep the FC and CA balanced; otherwise you could use more chlorine or stabilizer than is necessary. In general, the more CA in the pool the more chlorine that will be needed to keep the pool clean. Keep in mind that many tablets contain both chlorine and CA, which could be detrimental because there will be a constant rising in CA, necessitating more and more chlorine.

A thorough pool water test kit will measure all of these levels and help you gauge when to add which chemical.

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Landscape Tips from Tom Lowrie

Pool, Spa or Hot Tub. Are You Ready to Take the Plunge?

A pool can offer more entertaining, more fun with your family and more exercise. Are you ready to take the plunge? Check with a Landscape designer before heading to the pool store. Why? Professional landscape designers know which pool contractors do a good job, finish on time and come in under budget. Further, a landscape designer will help you walk through the following questions:



Why Do I Want a Pool, Spa or Hot Tub?

Ask every person in your house why they want a pool, spa or hot tub. Actually write "wish-list" notes, who will use it when, who will each person invite? Does anyone "not" want a pool? Why?

What Will I Use It For?

Do you plan on swimming laps? Is it about function or fun? Do you have visions of entertaining guests in and around your pool? Is it for your children and their friends?

What Type, Size and Shape of Pool Do I Want?

The options are limitless. What shape, size, combination will work with your property and goals? Tear out pictures from magazines, print pictures from the web, ask friends who already have pools what they'd change. If you have unlimited space, the sky is the limit. Smaller sites can work with creativity and custom design. *You need an expert opinion on landscaping and hardscaping because the finishing touches are what makes the space enjoyable.*

What's My Budget?

There's a pool for nearly every budget but you must ask questions for realistic expectations. Financing a swimming pool project is like any other home addition, and the funds often come from the same sources: home equity accounts or lines of credit, savings, inheritance, home loans, family, etc. As with any home addition, expect it to cost at least 10% over anticipated budget and ask about ways to maximize your return on investment.

Who Will Maintain the Pool?

Heaters, chlorine, bromine, pumps, pool vacuums, test kits – pools take upkeep. Are you up for the time commitment and monthly costs of maintaining your pool? Educate yourself about all that's entailed in maintaining a swimming pool, spa or hot tub.

How Long Will it Take?

Be realistic about the time it will take to build or install your pool, and discuss with potential contractors which months will be optimal for construction.

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

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Create an outdoor retreat

This year, transform your outdoor area into a family retreat with an "out-of-the-box" vision, careful planning and the appropriate tools.

According to Tom Lowrie, owner of Lowrie's Landscaping (see ad to left) first, gather your family together for a brainstorming session and target what you want to do in your outdoor haven. Next, make a to-do list of the projects required to make your vision a reality. Decide if you want to hire a local company like Lowrie's or do it yourself.

If you want to "do-it-yourself," Tommy MacDonald, host of "Rough Cut — Woodworking with Tommy Mac" on public television, has a few tips for your outdoor adventure.

"Before you saw a board or drive a screw, make sure you have all the tools, supplies and plans you need rounded up and ready for the project at hand," says MacDonald. "Stopping and starting to hunt a tool or make a trip to buy materials wastes time and energy better spent on building. Don't forget the safety gear and first aid kit and work with a partner on the big projects whenever possible."

Gathering Places

Decks, patios and porches, both open and enclosed, invite people to gather for a meal, share conversation or play games.

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Comfortable Furniture

Whether you're on the deck or on the lawn, comfortable furniture will enhance your outdoor living experience. There is a wide selection of outdoor furniture found stores around Clarkston or you can build them yourself from plans, including Adirondack chairs, swings, garden benches, rockers, picnic tables and benches, arbors and much more.

For your furniture projects, use the Rockwell BladeRunner, a portable, multipurpose precision cutter that uses any T-shank jigsaw blades to make straight, curved or controlled cuts, allowing you to use both hands to guide the material (wood, metal, ceramic tile, aluminum or plastic).

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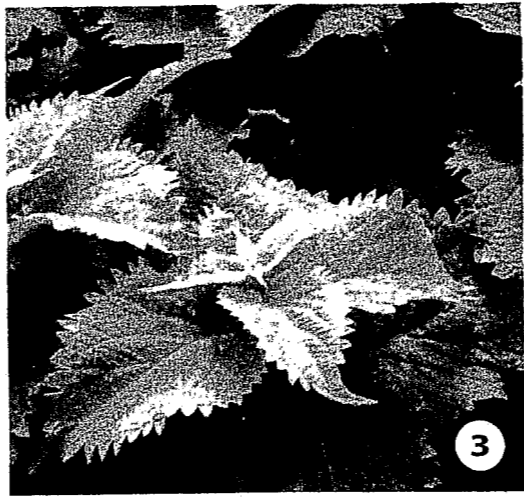
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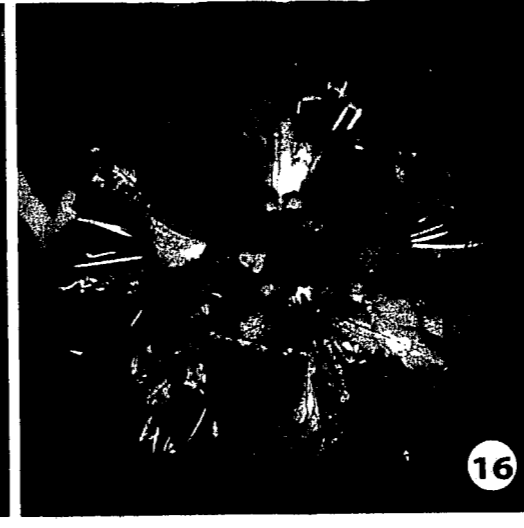
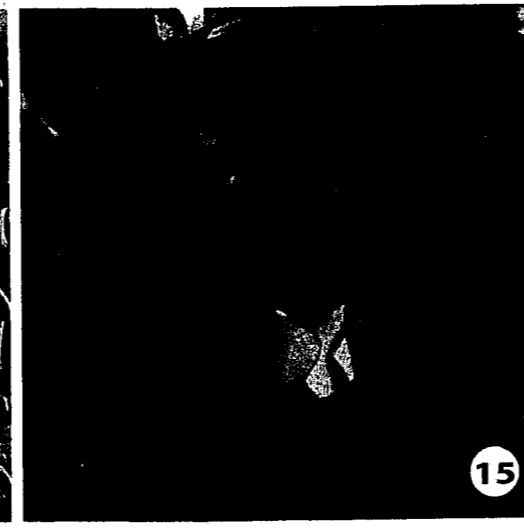
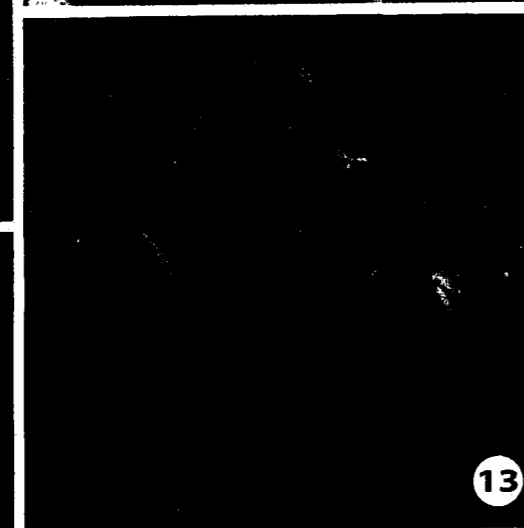
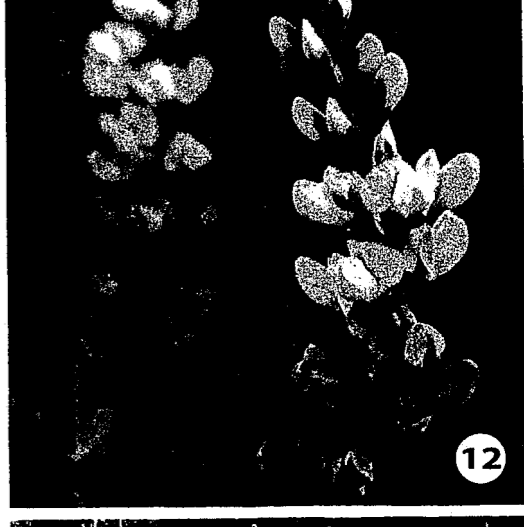
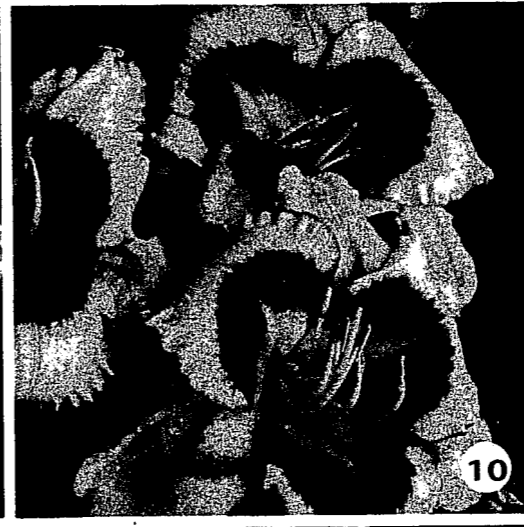
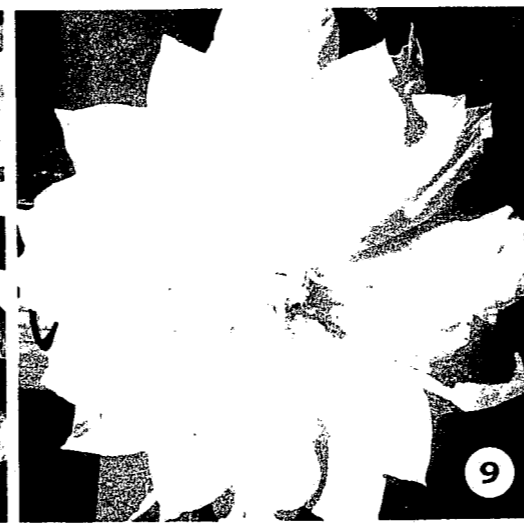

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Cheap ways to freshen the house

According to Dawn Raffler, owner of Clarkston Cleaning Services in Clarkston (see ad to the right), most people want their living spaces to smell clean and fresh. However, pets, aromas from the kitchen, cigarette smoke, and other things can make a home smell bad. Here are inexpensive ways to remedy all that.

- * Find the source of the bad smell and eliminate it. This could be a garbage pail sitting in the sun or sink disposal that's filled with food debris.
- * Use a chunk of cedar or sandalwood in drawers and closets for a fresh woody smell.
- * Simmer some cinnamon sticks and water in a pot on the stove.
- * Dab a favorite essential oil onto a piece of fabric and stash it wherever you want a pleasant smell — even in the car.
- * Toss a used dryer sheet in the linen closet to keep sheets and towels smelling freshly washed.
- * Grow herbs in a window box. When the breeze blows, the fresh smell of basil or rosemary will come into the home.
- * Keep fresh flowers or plants inside the home. They'll filter the air and provide a pleasant aroma.
- * Use lemons to clean the sink and kitchen surfaces for a fresh, citrus smell.
- * Bake some cookies or another dessert for a wonderful aroma.
- * Place a tray of fallen pine needles on a cookie sheet sprayed with a little water into a warm oven. The pine scent will fill the house.
- * Push cloves into an orange. Hang the clove-studded orange on a string and place in a corner. The orange clove scent will slowly fill the room.
- * Open up the windows and let fresh air in.
- * Soak cotton balls in vanilla and stash around the house.
- * Bathe and groom pets frequently.
- * Use a favorite-scented reed diffuser, which will lightly scent the house for weeks.
- * Keep a pot of water with potpourri on a wood-burning stove.

All-natural ways to...

The quickest fix to a problem is not always the best fix. Many convenience items are full of chemicals that may not be safe for the environment. And although many medications may be ideal for treating ailments, some people prefer a more natural method to treat certain ailments.

There are many all-natural items that can be put to use for personal care and home care if you know where to look. It is important to note that some supplements or herbs are not advisable for pregnant women or those with certain conditions. Therefore it's best to check with a doctor or pharmacist before beginning any regimen.

... get rid of ants

Make a sweet solution of sugar water and borax, also known as sodium tetraborate. Borax is not toxic, but it should not be ingested, and it may cause minor skin irritation. You can also try substituting washing soda for the borax, which is sodium carbonate. The ants will feed on the solution, take it back to the colony, and eventually the numbers will dwindle.

... reduce irritation from a sting

Apply a paste of baking soda and water to the sting and it will help reduce the pain and swelling. This also may work on jellyfish stings and on other bug bites.

... fall asleep more quickly

Passion flower is known to produce mild sedative effects that can help induce sleep. Passion flower can be found in tinctures, teas and capsules. In tea form it can be mixed with chamomile to improve flavor and boost even further relaxing feelings.

... relieve nasal congestion

A stuffy nose can make sleeping difficult, contribute to a dry throat from mouth-breathing and just be a nuisance. There are many different ways to open up nasal passages. Saline solutions that are sprayed or misted into the nose can loosen mucus and help it to drain. The same principal applies when using a neti pot. Eating spicy foods, such as hot peppers, wasabi or jerk seasonings, can also temporarily cause the nose to run and alleviate pressure.

... remove grass stains

Using the wrong items can set in a grass stain quickly. Wet the stain with rubbing alcohol and let dry to dissolve some of the stain. Then wet the fabric

with water, pour detergent right on the stain and wash as usual.

... clean up pet accidents

Pet urine can stain and smell. Quick clean-up is key, but use a product that will neutralize odor. Oxygen powder bleach diluted in a bucket of water can be used as a carpet shampoo. It will clean up the stain and remove the odor.

... remove a wart

Coat the skin around the wart with petroleum jelly to protect it. Soak a small piece of cotton in apple cider vinegar and place it directly on the wart. Cover with medical tape or a bandage and repeat daily. The vinegar will kill the wart in a matter of days or weeks.

... treat dandruff

Medicated shampoos and products can smell harsh and leave hair lifeless. Tea tree oil already found in shampoos can be applied to the scalp as a separate therapeutic step to help reduce dryness and dandruff.

... exterminate household bugs

All sorts of insects like to come indoors from time to time. While many are harmless and some can be beneficial (like spiders), most people care not to cohabitate with six- or eight-legged friends. Diatomaceous earth (DE) is a powdery substance made from small crustaceans. It is typically used as a swimming pool filter-medium to trap dirt. The drying properties of DE can be used to eliminate bugs. Insects walk through a sprinkling placed in areas where they are often found (such as crevices in a basement). The sharp, microscopic edges of the DE penetrate the insects' exoskeleton and the product also dries out the tender internal areas. DE can be irritating to the skin and the dust should not be breathed in, but generally the product is safe in small amounts and non-toxic, unlike bug sprays.

... keep a pool or spa clean

Many people think they need a host of chemicals to keep a pool or spa clean and healthy or spend a lot of money doing so. If you read the labels of many "pool" chemicals, they're actually household items you probably have on hand. Sanitize and keep the pool clean with ordinary household bleach, or sodium hypochlorite. Raise pH in a pool with washing soda used in laundry. Raise the total alkalinity of water with baking soda. Match up the chemical names to the in-

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The Clarkston Farm & Garden Club's annual Perennial Plant Exchange is Saturday, June 2, 9 a.m. in the downtown parking lot (behind Washington and Main streets). For more information watch The Clarkston News.

Springtime in Clarkston is garden time!

Few things in Clarkston are anticipated more than the arrival of new leaves on the trees and budding flowers in the garden. A landscape awash with fresh colors can brighten the spirit and make anyone want to head outdoors.

There are many different plants that begin to show their colors in the spring. A number of perennials, annuals and trees begin to flower or show new sprouts come the springtime. Before heading over to Bordine Nursery on Dixie Highway (see their 4-page spread inside this section) for your flower order, here are some plants that can be planted for springtime enjoyment.

Annuals

Looking for first signs of color? Look no further than these wonderful annuals.

* Alyssum: Starting in April, this cascading bounty of tiny flowers offers a sweet aroma that attracts butterflies.

* Dianthus: These vivid flowers also attract butterflies and are often a cottage garden staple.

* Gypsophila: Also known as baby's breath, these delicate flowers can serve as filler in any landscape. Pink and white varieties are available.

* Impatiens: One of the best-known plants for the garden, these annuals come in scores of colors and can generally tolerate full sun to full shade.

* Larkspur: Belonging to the buttercup family, these flowers bloom in shades of white to violet.

* Pansy: These flowers are some of the earliest spring bloomers, arriving alongside spring bulbs like tulips.

* Petunias: Petunias put on a show of color through the entire season, making them a popular bedding flower.

Perennials

These plants will come back year after year and offer spring

shows.

* Cherry blossom: The flowers that sprout on cherry trees are some of the first signs of spring. Their pink or white buds are often a spectacle, so much so that towns and cities hold cherry blossom festivals.

* Columbine: These beautiful blooms attract butterflies and can be a nice part of a garden bed.

* Jacob's ladder: Variegated foliage that is dappled with violet-colored flowers can add a sweet smell and visual interest to the garden.

* Primrose: These flowers come in a variety of shades, making them versatile in any garden. They also tend to attract butterflies and hummingbirds.

* Sweet violet: These fragrant flowers are edible as well as attractive. These plants can self-plant, so unless a gardener wants them to spread, they should be kept contained.



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Fun facts about earthworms

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earthworms turning over the soil and chewing on organic matter. Without earthworms, most plants would not thrive.

Earthworms have mucous covering their bodies in order to stay moist. This helps them to breathe through their skin. You may have noticed that after it rains worms appear on sidewalks and outside of their underground burrows. This is not because they are drowning underground, but because the environment is moist after it rains, making it more conducive for worms to breathe and move around to find mates.

Normally the dry conditions above ground make them dry out and die. Earthworms can be remarkable creatures to watch. Contrary to popular belief, worms do have a mouth and an opposite end for waste removal that is not interchangeable.

All-natural ways to...

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redients on bags of pool products and you just may find you're spending more money when you could simply shop in the laundry aisle.

... polish chrome on cars

Use vinegar full strength on a rag and wipe the chrome components until nice and shiny. Metal parts that have been rusted can also be soaked clean in undiluted vinegar overnight.

With little knowledge, people can remedy many ailments with all-natural products that are safer on the environment and the body.

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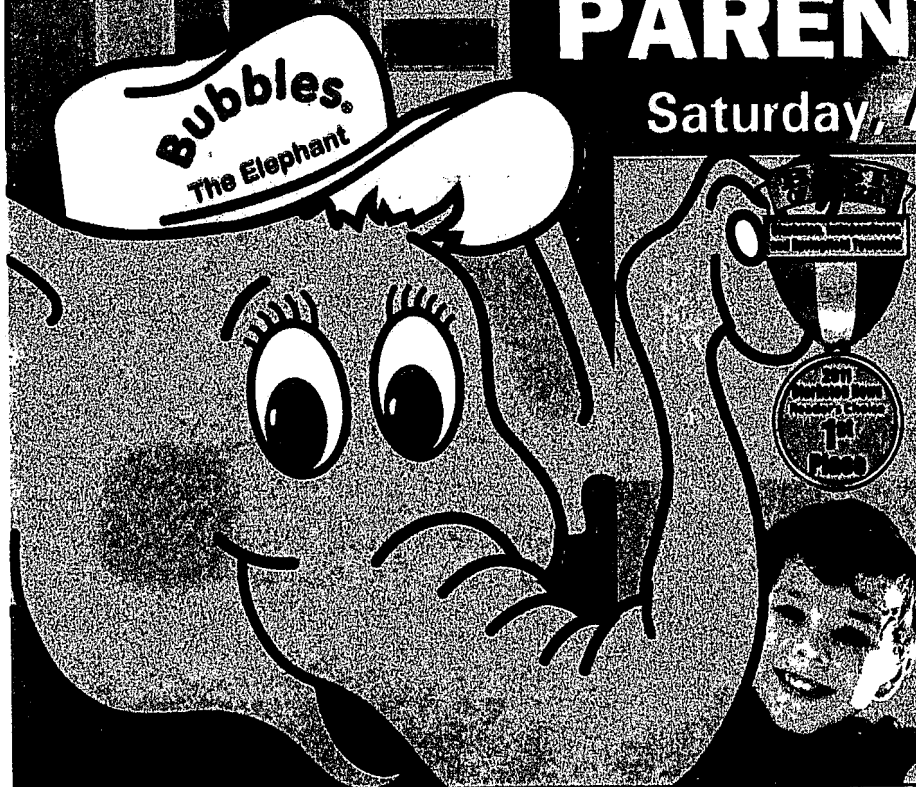
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Large or small doesn't matter, you have plenty of space to garden

Believe you need an acre of property to start gardening? Think again.

Individuals can grow their own patch of greenery in just about any space they have on hand.

When it comes time to getting your hands dirty, it doesn't matter if there are rolling hills or a single container filled with soil on which to plant. Although many gardening professionals present plans for larger-scale gardens, it's possible to create smaller-scale options that require a great deal less maintenance and upkeep.

To get started, homeowners or apartment dwellers need to first look at the space they have. Perhaps this is a few flower pots or a small square of exposed dirt in an otherwise concrete jungle. Others may have an expansive backyard in which to toil in the soil. Either way, knowing what you have to work with can help home gardeners map out a more successful plan of action.

Next, it's important to consider the climate and the soil conditions. Soil can be amended to a point, but plants that require a lot of water may not do well in an area plagued by drought.

Color is another thing to consider. Gar-



Now's the time to get your garden going. Plan it out and get it done!

deners with smaller spaces may want to think about keeping gardens mainly monochromatic, which will look more cohesive. Cool-colored flowers and plants will help make a garden look larger. Warm-colored flowers will add impact

and could create a cozier feel. Hanging baskets and raised containers can add height and free up more floor space for gardens. They're particularly helpful when space is at a premium. Keep in mind that baskets and contain-

ers tend to dry out easily, so using peat moss, vermiculite and other products that tend to hold onto water will help keep the soil moist. These containers also may need to be watered more frequently.

Containers also can be used to plant small trees or shrubs. Use them for vegetable plants as well. The advantage to containers is they can be moved elsewhere if a plant is not thriving in a particular area.

People who have an extremely small space with which to work may be limited to a few flower pots in the window, but they can easily grow herbs or annual flowers.

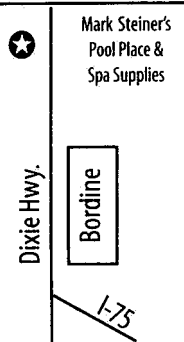
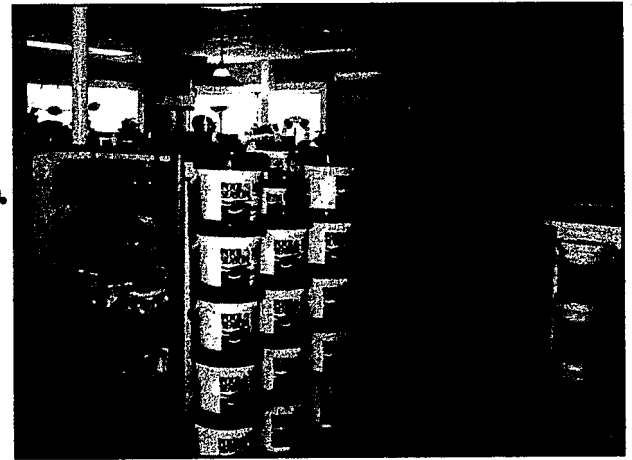
Those who have a large space may want to consider breaking the landscape down into smaller quadrants; otherwise, the garden can seem unruly.

Use hardscape materials, such as mulch, rocks, boulders, and slate to break up the greenery (and also cut down on items that need pruning and watering). Individuals who don't know where to start can page through gardening magazines for ideas. Alternatively, they can consult with an area landscaper to find out which plants will do well.

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