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More for firefighters?

Chief says higher millage needed to maintain services

BY MARY KECK
 Clarkston News Staff Writer

Firefighters need a millage increase just to stay in the game, according to the chief.

Chief Steve Ronk and Captain Mitch Patterson presented the Fire Department's Budget Analysis to Independence Township Board of Trustees, April 10. Ronk and Patterson said they need renewal of the current 3.1688 millage rate and an increase to replace personnel, restore equipment, and maintain facilities.

"We need to get back on the track we were on before the economic downturn," Ronk said.

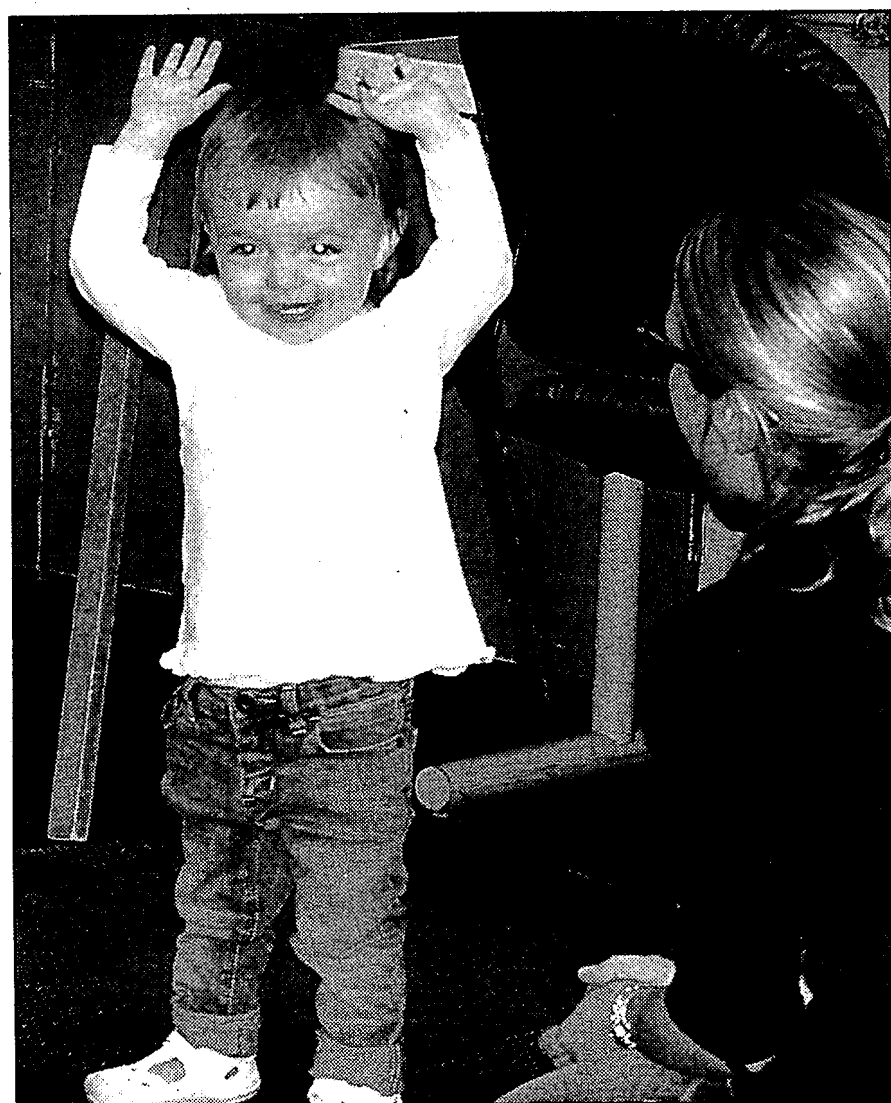
The fire department has not only cut back on personnel but reduced employee salaries and health insurance coverage. They also haven't had as many on-call fire fighters to rely on as they have in the past. As a result, "we've dropped a man per shift," and the department would like that to change, Ronk stated.

Despite budget cuts, "we've lost roughly \$1 million in revenues in the last four years," which leaves the department with little funding left over at the end of the year for future planning, he said.

Patterson and Ronk said the department needs to be prepared for future crises, which is where the millage increase comes in.

They currently depend on tankers that are 12 years old and two ambulances that are nine years old. In the next few years, these

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Gotta dance!

Isabella Baumann, 1 1/2, dances to the music with her mother, Anna Baumann, at the Little Giggles reading group at Independence Township Library, April 16. The group ended its school year session, but returns with the Summer Reading Program in June. Call 248-625-2212. Photo by Phil Custodio

Group feels 'Positively Clarkston'

BY MARY KECK
 Clarkston News Staff Writer

When a letter arrived in your mailbox from "Positively Clarkston" over the weekend, you may have raised an eyebrow. Who was behind the mysterious post?

Answer: Mayor Joseph Luginski, former mayors Steve Arkwright and Sharron Catalo, City Manager Dennis Ritter, and City Councilman Eric Haven, who say the message isn't funded by the city but by a growing group of concerned citizens.

According to organizer Luginski, "there's another side of the story" that you may not have heard. Positively Clarkston residents are responding to the view that the city should be dissolved, which is advocated by resident and former City Councilman Cory Johnston. In particular, the Positively Clarkston group is interested in opposing the arguments expressed lately in Johnston's letters to the editor. In their mailing, they asked "haven't we let a few detractors assault our community long enough?"

What's their side of the story?

"We want to continue having our own governance because it's nice to be able to control your own destiny," Luginski explained. Their Positively Clarkston publication states, "although we understand that times are very tough and that nobody wishes to pay more taxes than necessary, we believe that the premium we pay is well worth the value."

From Johnston's point of view, the city is not controlling its own destiny.

"There's no reason to pay higher taxes if I'm not getting anything for it," he said. "No one enforces the ordinances, and the city doesn't have the funding to exercise the control they say they want."

As for the accusation of negativity about Clarkston, Johnston says, "I'm 100% for [Positively Clarkston's] slogan. I've lived here for 32 years, have served in the government, and shop here as much as I can." What he's not so positive about is the city's governance. He believes it's "inept and getting worse."

While Johnston doesn't plan to formally respond to Positively Clarkston's letter, he plans to move forward with his peti-

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School Bond questions and answers

In Dr. Rod Rock's column "Reasons for bond's capital projects," March 28, the Clarkston Schools superintendent presented his plan for about half of the \$20 million bond proposal.

His reasons prompted some questions, which are presented here with Dr. Rock's responses:

Why didn't the previous administration and school board budget sufficient funds to maintain the district's roofs, furniture, parking lots, and sidewalks?

The state has reduced funding to CCS and all school districts in the state. As an example, our 2012-2013 projected funding from the state is at the 2005 level. Hence, the district has reduced spending, for a number of years, in order to balance the budget. In doing so, the district has worked very hard to maintain programs for kids and to lower class sizes. This means that cuts came in other areas, such as delaying capital improvements and purchase of textbooks, athletics, staff concessions, and technology, reducing number of administrators, and professional development. It is because of the state's reduction in funding to schools that the district was not able to update technology and capital needs through its general fund.

What percentage of sports gate receipts and participation fees go to maintenance?

The annual cost to run our 28 sports is around \$750,000. Through budget cuts, the district has reduced funding for athletics to around \$350,000. The difference is made up in pay-to-play fees, fund raising, and gate receipts. This leaves very little money for updating athletic facilities, meaning that major projects, like replacement of tracks and tennis courts, are cost prohibitive within the athletic budget. As state revenue declines, it becomes more difficult for the district to update athletic facilities.

Building security systems were state-of-the-art not too long ago—the school board mentioned an upgrade back in 2009. Why are they now inadequate?

The district has 12 buildings, 8,000 students, and 1,000 employees. Our facilities are used seven days per week, year round by students, staff, parents, and community. Our building and grounds staff, along with students and staff,

do an amazing job of maintaining our facilities. In fact, this is one of the first things that visitors to our schools notice—well kept, clean facilities. Wear and tear are natural effects of constant use. In our 12 buildings, we have literally hundreds of entrances and exits. Safety and security are fundamental, primary needs and concerns. Keeping security systems, entrances, and exits up to date is essential for the safety and security of our students, staff, parents, and community. As state revenue declines, it's more difficult for the school district to update security systems.



Rock

Why does Independence Elementary have improper insulation? Who was the contractor? Could they be made to fix it?

Independence Elementary, which is one of the most beautiful and well kept elementary schools in Michigan, along with all of our elementary schools, was built to specifications and design. The need for additional insulation emerged over time and was not the result of faulty design or construction. Just as in our homes, these needs emerge over time. As state revenues decline, it becomes more difficult for the school district to update its facilities.

Why would a state-qualified bond require a millage increase of 4-5 mills, while a non-state qualified bond only 1 mill?

A state-qualified bond requires a 4-5 mill increase because Michigan's treasury requires the school to use the prior 5-year, taxable-value average for the life of the proposed bonds, which results in property valuations decreasing every year at a negative rate, which is unrealistic, since taxable values have already moved in a positive direction. A non-state qualified bond, which also has very strict pre- and post-election oversight, allows the district to base the required millage increase on taxable-value forecasts over the life of the bond. The current trend and conservative forecast indicates a 16 percent improvement by 2029, which is the year of payoff for the 2012 bond. This means that a non-state qualified bond, which is used by at

least 33 districts in Michigan, raises the same \$20 million in capital to meet the district's technology and capital needs over 17 years through a one-mill increase as a state-qualified bond raises through a 4-5 mill increase.

What are Administration Fees in the bond, and who do they go to?

The fees cover legal counsel, bond counsel, bond underwriting, any design or architectural fees, any construction management fees, the estimated \$35,000 in election costs, and all other fees associated with the bond. This is a standard element of bonds.

What are the results of the technology pilot programs regarding student learning? How durable has the technology been?

The technology pilots have produced extremely positive results. As you saw from the teachers and students at the technology showcase, there is a palpable excitement for the use of instructional technology by parents, teachers, and students. Our teachers have noticed improved student engagement and learning. The teachers involved in the pilots have indicated a very strong desire to expand these learning opportunities to all students. The preliminary results, along with references to several studies of technology use in schools, are found in our 1:Global technology plan/report.

Schools' April-May 2012 newsletters include "Bond 2012 An Election Update" with "roof maintenance," "plumbing repairs," and "parking lot and concrete repairs," for which bond proceeds can't be used. What happened there?

Besides the oversight of our bond counsel, school board and administration plan this bond and determine what is legally bondable. Any decisions to the contrary would be considered fraudulent and would result in severe punishments for those who made the fraudulent decisions. The district has always used bond monies exactly as indicated in elections. In 2012, the district will use bond dollars exactly as determined by community members, school officials, staff, parents, and the school board through our strategic planning processes, as indicated on the needs list. Any variance would require by law the consent of the majority of electors.

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Group spreads word on school bond

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

For Clarkston Kids First members Aimee Baker, Mary Herzenstiel, Kelli Horst and Anna Muzzy, the \$20 million bond proposal is all about information.

"We're also meeting a lot of people face to face in the community to answer questions about technology – what it means, what the money will be used for," Horst said.

"We've researched every question anyone could ask," Baker said.

They're also clearing up misconceptions about the bond, set for a May 8 vote, Herzenstiel said.

"It won't be used for football turf or concession stand," she said.

It also won't replace teachers, she said.

"If teachers felt they would lose their job, they wouldn't support it," she said.

The group is working to get Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock's message out on the bond, using postcards, buttons, Facebook, Gmail, and meetings, Herzenstiel said.

"From day one, Dr. Rock spoke about his plan, the direction for Clarkston Schools," Herzenstiel said. "They've been planning for this for two years, a long time."

The biggest question they've heard is the district's \$200 million total debt, Horst said.

"It seems very scary, and sure, it's scary," she said. "But the reality is the State of Michigan forces communities to make decisions on how much to invest in the kids. The state system is flawed."

The state cut \$5 million in per-pupil funding in 2010 and passes along retirement costs and other expenses, she said.

"The community must decide what it values and if there's the will to fund it," Horst said. "The debt is neither scary nor unusual in the state of Michigan. Does the bond make sense? To me, it does."

"Since his first day, Dr. Rock has been focused on the kids," Baker said. "He has such strong commitment. He's a brilliant man, very respected outside of Clarkston. We're very fortunate to have him."

He's done his homework on the bond, she said.

"There are reams of paper work supporting this. The only thing standing in the way is getting the money to do it," Baker said.

She's seen how technology pilot programs make students excited to learn, she said.

"Give a kid a piece of equipment and watch it become part of the learning process," she said. "I can't fathom a reason why anyone would oppose this."

A volunteer at Andersonville Elementary, Herzenstiel sees the need for updates.

"We can provide better," she said. "As anyone in the classroom could see, there's a need in the schools. I'm not saying Clarkston is doing a bad job, but it could do better."

"I'm impressed with the schools but there's room for improvement," said Muzzy, who re-



From left are Aimee Baker, Kelli Horst, Mary Herzenstiel, and Anna Muzzy of Clarkston Kids First. Photo by Phil Custodio

cently moved to Clarkston with her family from Virginia. "That's why I'm here, to help Clarkston schools continue to improve."

The bond would be about \$100 a year for families, she said.

"I spend more at the grocery store in one week. It's not a lot of money," she said.

It would also be worth it to families in free- and reduced-lunch programs because it would provide computer access to their children, Herzenstiel said.

"This is a great equalizer – it opens the world to them," she said. "From my perspective, \$20 million for me is a bargain."

Facilities upgrades, about half the \$20 million bond, are needed whether it is approved or not, Horst said.

"We need to replace the things on the list," she said. "The 2003 bond was right for the time. But it's 10 years later. It would be irresponsible not to put this in place."

"With the bond, the money that would have been spent out of the general fund to replace a boiler can be put in the classroom to lower class size," Herzenstiel said.

The proposal is structured to update technology every five years, she said.

"Technology will become obsolete; it plans for that," she said.

"Technology builds on the concepts of creativity, cooperation – those are never obsolete," Horst said. "It's a tool that enables other things."

Another issue is the durability of computer tablets and other technology.

"Textbooks are \$300 apiece, and students are taught to take care of those," Baker said. "Teach kids respect for all items, that's the parents' responsibility."

Parents will receive education too, Horst said.

"Dr. Rock's vision will happen," she said. "The bond is well thought out, and it's equal for all."

Equalization of state school funding is the problem, said Horst, who as a member of the PTA regularly talks to legislators about it.

Clarkston is the fourth lowest funded district in Oakland County, she pointed out.

"I don't know if anyone is brave enough to tackle it at state level," she said. "I don't see this governor tackling it."

State government has played fast and loose with school funding, she said.

"Without an equitable funding level, communities like us eat the costs. It makes me angry," she said.

"This has nothing to do with Clarkston, nothing," Baker said. "Clarkston is very responsible."

"The state dropped the ball. We as a community must decide if our schools have to suffer because of that – that's what the bond asks," Herzenstiel said. "Don't let cuts affect our kids."

"Our kids are worth it," Baker said.

"Create an education system for our kids and make them ready for a future not imagined yet," Horst said.

Herzenstiel offered to show residents around the school if they want.

"Come and see what's going on," she said. "There are great things going on, but definitely great needs too."

"Teachers are bubbling with excitement," Baker said. "It's the best it's ever been internally."

"We're really excited, and we're proud of our district and Dr. Rock," Baker said. "I'm looking forward to seeing where we can go."

"Visionary leaders don't come that often," Horst said. "It can change the way our kids learn. We're pretty fortunate."

"We don't necessarily realize what we've got," Herzenstiel said. "People in other districts, outside our walls, have heard of him. They're enthusiastic about him and his level of talent. We need to make sure we don't miss out and waste the opportunity to use his expertise and knowledge."

Anyone can help, Horst said.

"We welcome all hands on deck," she said. Check Clarkston Kids First on Facebook or email Clarkstonkidsfirst@gmail.com.

Briefly

School budget talk

Clarkston Board of Education will consider \$1.2 million in budget cuts, including \$210,000 in staff reductions, at Monday's meeting.

Potential staff reductions could include layoff notices for 12 full-time-equivalent employees.

The next meeting for the board is Monday, April 23, at 7 p.m. at the Administration Building, 6389 Clarkston Road.

White Cane Week

Clarkston Area Lions take to the streets and store fronts, April 27-May 5, for their annual White Cane Week.

Funds donated will be used to support sight and hearing projects including Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, Michigan Eye Bank and Transplant Center in Ann Arbor, Lions Bear Lake Camp for Physically Challenged Youth in Lapeer, Penrickton Center for Blind Children in Taylor, Beaumont Silent Children Fund, and the District 11A2 Lions Hearing Program for Oakland and Macomb Counties.

Check www.clarkstonlions.org.

Neighbor to Neighbor

The Clarkston congregation of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints hosts its fifth annual Neighbor to Neighbor Giveaway, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., April 28.

"Over the past five years, church volunteers have helped hundreds of individuals in Clarkston and surrounding areas receive free clothing, furniture, games for kids, bedding, and other household items they simply could not afford," said Bishop Matthew Laker, leader of the congregation. "Our hearts reach out to those who truly need help in these desperate economic times."

This year, large item donations, such as furniture, appliances, televisions, etc., will be posted with contact information on a bulletin board at the Clarkston chapel, 5464 Waterford Road.

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Mitt Romney's music teacher reminisces

BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Have you ever wondered what Mitt Romney was like before he became a presidential hopeful?

Clarkston resident Nancy McGuire knows. In 1952, she was Romney's kindergarten music teacher at Vaughn Elementary School in Bloomfield Hills.

"He came in holding his mother's hand, and he was as cute as he could be," she said.

McGuire described 5-year-old Romney as a "nice little boy" and recalls his hesitation to leave his mother to join his classmates. During her class, Mitt Romney sang and was well behaved, McGuire said. She also remembers his mother, who she thought of as "genuine and charming."

The good opinion McGuire has of Romney and his family is based on her personal interactions with them, but also on *The Real Romney*, a biography by Michael Kranish that McGuire keeps on her coffee table.

"I would like to see him become president because I think they are good, honest people," she said.

McGuire isn't the only one from Vaughn Elementary who remembers Romney.

In January 2008, he ran into his first grade teacher, Mrs. Blazo, after an Americans for Prosperity event. Romney told CBS News that he started using his middle name "Mitt" in first grade because he didn't want to be called "Billy" (short for Willard) anymore. McGuire, who was 21 when she taught at Bloomfield



Nancy McGuire sits before her wood stove where her photos of Mitt Romney and his family are displayed. Photo by Mary Keck

Hills, doesn't recall Mrs. Blazo, but she does remember calling young Romney by "Mitt." Now that Mitt Romney is a candidate for president, Nancy McGuire feels "pretty proud of him."

Around Christmas time, she received a signed family photo of Mitt Romney in the mail that she keeps near her piano. "It's fun to remember," she says with a smile.

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Local volunteer Rachael Brown is planning the event, June 2 at Powell Lake Park in Oxford. It will include an obstacle course, games, a raffle, and vendors, in addition to the walk around the lake and adoption services.

"It'll be a fun event," said Brown, who joined the group last May. "This is a good way to get the word out and get some adoptions."

The center has about 30 fosters and about 50 volunteers from all over the county.

"This has been a really fantastic year – we've adopted out hundreds of dogs. That's pretty phenomenal," Connie said. "But we're always looking for more to help save more dogs."

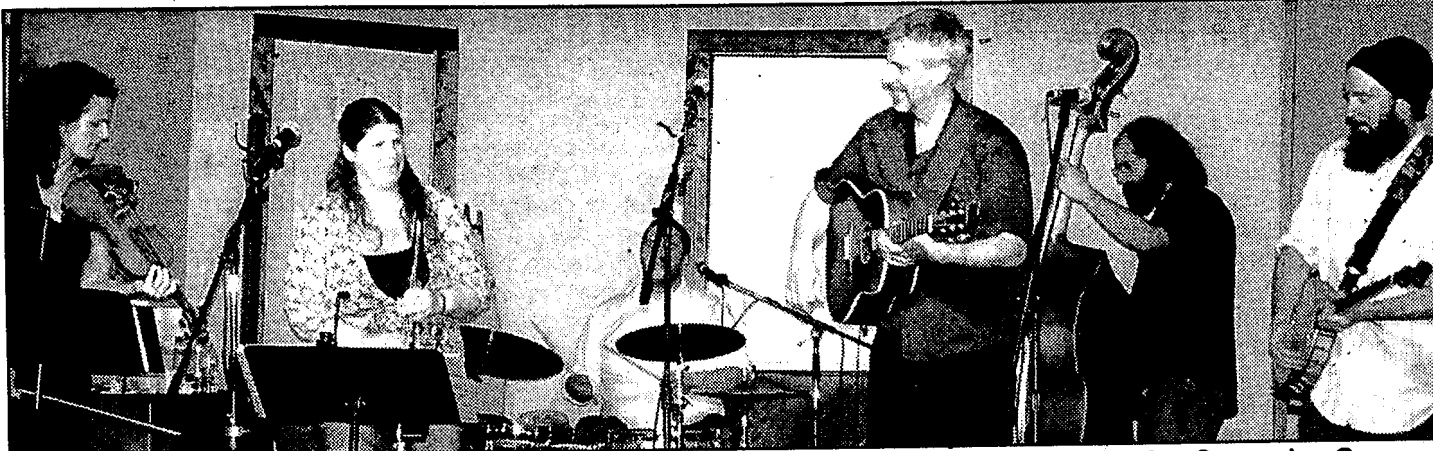
"I like fostering – I've had dogs since I was little, all kinds," said Brown, who's fostered about 34 dogs. "It's interesting and really rewarding."

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– Phil Custodio



Volunteer Rachael Brown holds Carla, who's looking for a home after recovering from being hit by a car. Photo by Phil Custodio



From left are The Red Sea Pedestrians, Cori Summers, Rachel Flanigan, Michael Simmin, Jay Gavan, Ian Gorman, and Ira Cohen. Photos by Lance Farrell



Glenn Poorman taps a tune on his 12-string Chapman stick.

Clarkston moves to the music

BY MARY KECK
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Local residents tapped their toes to the first performance of the Clarkston Center for the Performing Arts' "Music on the Move" series last Saturday.

The show at the Depot Theater featured Glenn Poorman playing the Chapman stick followed by The Red Sea Pedestrians, a band of six musicians with a unique blend of sounds and styles.

Ian Gorman, the band's mandolin player and accordionist, described their distinct style as "world roots," because it mingles Eastern European styles like Greek traditional with American folk and rock.

He added, "what we enjoy doing is finding that middle ground between different cultures and styles."

Gorman is credited with starting the band, which has been together since 2005 and has produced three full-length albums. Depot Theater patrons heard tunes from the Pedestrian's earlier work and from their newest CD titled *The Electromagnetic Escape*.

When you listen to The Red Sea Pedestrians, it's no wonder they don't fit easily into any one genre because all six band members take part in writing the original songs that make up their set.

Depending on who is doing the writing, "it's almost like a different band," drummer Michael

Simmin explained.

"There's definitely different personalities to all the songs, but they all work together," guitarist Jay Gavan added.

Each musician brought a special talent to the performance on Sunday. In their song "Golden Apple," the merging of Cori Summers' violin and Rachel Flanigan's clarinet created a chamber music sound while Jay Gavan's vocals and guitar offered a minstrel vibe.

"Everybody is really active in composing their own parts and adding to songs," Gorman said.

The Red Sea Pedestrians credit their ability to blend genres to the freedom encouraged in the Michigan music scene.

Gorman commented on the "community and camaraderie in the state," and said, "people are constantly collaborating, and so many of us play in multiple bands. It is really supportive."

The group takes part in many Michigan folk festivals where they bond with other musicians; however, they've also left their home base of Kalamazoo to perform in Iowa and Illinois.

Here in Clarkston, the unique sounds of both the Red Sea Pedestrians and Glenn Poorman were popular with audience members.

"I thought both acts were spectacular. I was blown away," Chris Hill said.

Ian Gorman's father, Jim, came from Birmingham to see his son perform and stated that he would "come back to Music on the Move."

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Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Reardon

Costly decisions

I am a person who weighs every pro and con before making a decision.

Thinking things through may be a good quality, but it has taken awhile to sit down and address the upcoming \$20 million bond proposal for Clarkston Community Schools.

Here is how it goes in my head:

Pro: Technology upgrades to give students a boost in the technological advanced world around us.

Con: The cost is high.

Pro: The bond is really three bonds, addressing the issues of ever changing technology.

Con: It is \$20 million - which is set to be paid off in 2029. The bond will increase the current 7 mills on property to 8 mills - \$1.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation.

Pro: It is only an extra \$100 per year if the taxable value is \$100,000 - just over \$1.92 per week.

Con: There is absolutely no guarantee that the only increase will be one mill over the next 17 years. The board of education can vote to keep it at eight mills, but the people on the board change every 2-4 years. Depending on how much comes in for tax collection, it can change.

Plus, anything could happen in the next few years like increase of millages for county parks, library, safety path, etc. It all adds up.

Pro: The students already using some of the technology in schools have benefited. It is a different tool to use and they are learning.

Con: What is the extra cost? What if it breaks? What if the student loses it? Have you visited an elementary school - any elementary school? The lost and found is piled high with items forgotten. Not just mittens and hats but books and folders.

Pro: More organization. (The mention of folders sparked it.) No more blaming the "dog" for eating the homework.

Con: What virus protections will be on the technology? A virus can wipe out more than a fictional dog eating homework that was never finished.

The big con over and over again is the cost. It is still extra money and money some families may not have especially with rising costs of gas and groceries.

But with technology all around us, if the bond fails the possibility to take it out of the general fund is high. Then who really pays?



Reader sees no future in bond

Dear Editor,

On May 8, the Clarkston School Board will ask voters to approve a \$20 million bond issue. They propose to use 10.5 million of those dollars to upgrade technology.

While I believe that our children should be provided with every possible opportunity to prepare them for a successful future, I do not believe that this will be facilitated through this proposal.

There does not appear to be any clear cut plan regarding the purchases. When asked for specifics, it was explained that technology changes too fast to make a commitment now. Items like netbooks and iPads are being bandied about. We are being asked to provide a blank check; the expenditures will be decided later.

This brings a few questions to mind: Do we wish to purchase items which will be obsolete in 2-3 years while taxpayers take 17 years to repay the money borrowed for them? Who will be responsible for lost, stolen or broken articles? Will the taxpayers also need to provide replacements? What are additional costs to parents for insurance, screen protectors, cases, etc? Are the taxpayers aware of the schools intent to use \$98,000 out of the general fund each year for maintenance? Equally important, has anyone researched or

addressed the potential health issues that arise from constant exposure to the micro-waves in wireless devices: neuro-degenerative diseases, DNA damage and cancer to name a few. Young bodies that are still developing would be especially susceptible. This research is in the developmental stage. Has the School Board researched these implications and are they willing to accept this responsibility?

Don't be bullied into feeling that you are not fulfilling your responsibility as a parent by not blindly following the School Board's recommendation for this Bond Issue. Demand to be fully informed as to their intentions in regards to this money. Insist that they be fully accountable for the amount of the request and the expenditures. We can ill afford to offer carte blanche to a group of people who do not feel that it is necessary to fully explain their intentions.

VOTE NO on this proposal and send them back to the drawing board!

Grace Haag

Independence Township

In response, Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock said Clarkston Schools are governed by OSHA and MIOSHA, and the technology meets safety standards set by the FCC, EPA, and CDC.

Bond invests in kids, reader says

Dear Editor,

Did you attend the school district's technology showcase? It was exciting to see how many different ways our teachers are using technology at various grade levels to engage students in learning. It's not about putting a screen in front of kids. Our teachers are using technology to help all kids learn and collaborate and become better thinkers and problem-solvers. I walked out of that showcase convinced that ALL kids in the district need to have those same opportunities.

Our administrators have clearly spent a lot of time researching and thinking through

the purpose, implementation and safety of technology as a key tool in engaging our kids in their education.

The technology showcase and the long-term technology plan that was shared with the board of education on April 9 proved to me this is the right strategy for our kids and their future. By voting yes on May 8, we will be making an investment that will prepare all of the kids within the district to compete and be productive, positive contributors in a global economy.

Kerry Carpentier

Springfield Township

A call for doing what's best for kids

Dear Editor,

As a parent of two Clarkston graduates and a teacher in this fine district, I am saddened to read the personal attacks that have accompanied the letters regarding the bond issue.

This is about doing what is best for our students, and what is best is providing them with the tools they will need to be global learners and deep thinkers, a goal that should be shared by all parents, teachers, and administrators in our district.

I have seen first-hand the positive effects

that have come from this incredible way of thinking and learning, as evidenced from the technology fair recently held at the Board Office.

Each student will have their learning needs better met as a result of the passage of this bond. It will allow teachers the tools to teach in ways we have only dreamed about! I encourage each voter to put aside personal views of administrators and do what is best for students: Vote YES on May 8th!

Kathy Noble, first grade teacher

Bailey Lake Elementary

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

A Look Back

From *The CNews* archives

15 years ago - 1997

"Bike theft puts damper on spring"

Mitch Kusza had his brand new bike stolen. He saved \$200 for a new silver Viper Diamonback BMX bike. He earned money by keeping his room clean as well as studying and going from not on the honor roll to making the list earning A's and B's in his classes.

"Councilman hot about M-15" Although it was nowhere to be found on the official agenda, the Clarkston City Council spent around 40 minutes going over the hot topic of road conditions in its regular meeting. Councilman David Savage tossed out a series of requests ranging from lowering the Main Street speed limit to 10 mph to banning all trucks going through the city in an effort to preserve some of the historical buildings along the M-15 corridor.

"Bond issue ready to go to voters" Clarkston Board of Education approved the wording of a bond proposal to build a new elementary school and add onto other schools. The June proposal would cost taxpayers \$57,650,000 and be financed over a 25 year span, adding 1.36 mills to the debt-requirement levy.

25 years ago - 1987

"O'Dey aids champs" Pat O'Dey, a Sashabaw Junior High School student, helped his team beat Amherst, 3-2, in the final game in the Pee Wee Major National Championships in New York. His team finished the season 60-9-4.

"Wildlife artist captures award" Independence Township artist Russell Cobane wins the 1988 Trout-Salmon Stamp Competition. The Atlantic salmon pictured on the stamp is unique because it doesn't spawn and die, but remains in the Great Lakes for fishing throughout the season.

50 years ago - 1962

"Former Resident on Bob Newhart Show" Mr. Gene Scholler, a charter member of the Clarkston Village Players, appeared Wednesday, April 18 on The Bob Newhart Television Show.

"Cancer Films in this area" Special theater showings of the latest film for the protection of women against the scourge of breast cancer, *A Breath of Fresh Air* was shown in Farmington, Ortonville, Rochester, Oxford, Holly, South Lyon, and Pontiac beginning April 23.

"Fire Department" Since Thursday, April 12, the Independence Township Fire Department was called on seven grass fires.

Mike and Bubba dominated our news

I don't remember what television news program I watched most in the past half century, but it wasn't *60 Minutes* and Mike Wallace.

Reading about his passing this week makes me a little sorry I missed his interviews. If he was as prepared and thorough as his obituaries read, he must have been great at his trade.

But, an after-note caught my ear. It said cable tv took audiences from conventional news programs like *60 Minutes*. Cable is less expensive, and its expansion made daily news readers listeners.

This reporting took away many daily newspaper subscribers. How quickly the "thickness" of our daily paper became a "thinness."

Now we have a zillion tv channels and 5 zillion "bulletin" interruptions every day. Are we better informed or just informed more often?

Of course, there's this upside: Because dailies' revenues lagged, reporters were laid off, which lead to less "local" news reporting. I suppose cable or satellites or something will come along, but right now the weekly newspaper industry is doing fairly well, thank you.

It remains readers' choice for local (school, governments, obits, accidents, happenings) news.

On to the world of golf.
Bubba Watson.

Jim's Jottings



a column by
Jim Sherman

What a great human interest sports story.

A man who never took a golf lesson won perhaps the most prestigious golf event in the world: the Masters.

He won it on the second playoff hole. He'd hit his drive far into the woods, while his opponent, Louis Oosthuizen of S. Africa, hit his drive down the fairway.

From Bubba's second shot the tv cameras could not show us the green. The left hander whopped the ball way high, and it landed a dozen feet from the pin.

It took Louis three shots to get his ball into the hole, Bubba two.

And what a moving sight. A very humble winner, hugging all around and shaking from crying, worked his way into the trophy room to accept the Masters' Green Jacket.

Long live the scene Florida's Bubba Watson created.

They must be making labels on men's shirts and pants longer or somehow more obvious.

My new pant label reads, "I have personally examined every detail of this garment to make sure it meets our high standards. Inspector 57."

Thank you, Inspector 57.

My recent shirt purchase label read: "Made in En Cho En China. Wash before wearing." I've never washed anything before wearing.

But, my ceramic-making friend Susan says she washes everything before wearing. Something about the dyes, she says.

I haven't had anything worth quoting from my friend John Patrell for a long time, but he left me this note on my answering machine.

"This is Johnny. When you finish your paper work, call me." In re-thinking that, he still hasn't said anything worth quoting for a long time.

- A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
- What do you get when you cross a snake with a hotdog? A fangfurter.

- All men are animals. Some just make better pets.

Over medicating our youth? Local thinks so.

Once again, I love my job. One of the cool things about being Johnny-On-The-Spot, Ace-Reporter, and Award-Winning-Columnist of Don't Rush Me fame, Don Rush, is community contact. Readers write!

They write me, they write opinions, articles and books. And sometimes (if I am lucky) they write me about the books they write or causes they are championing. I was geeked when Clarkston jeweler/bed & breakfast operator Buck Kopietz told me about an Independence Township resident and Clarkston pharmacist who had written a book about medicating youth.

My spidy-senses started a tingling, my heart started a pittering and a pattering and my palms started a sweating when I heard that news. (Usually what that type of news means is I get to read another book for free, and being the cheapest guy in town, getting to read free books sets my happy feet a tapping. I don't know if it is true or not, but I have been told I get a certain glow on when I get free stuff. I guess I'm just kooky that way.)

So, with much anticipation I waited to hear from the pharmacist who says we are buying too many drugs. I love the irony

there, don't you?

Frank Granett, RPh, is a dapper-looking dude in his white pharmacist's coat. Neat hair, cool mustache and well spoken. He and his wife have six kids at various stages of their educational journeys. And, from one of those journeys, a tragedy led to Frank writing, *Over Medicating Our Youth*.



A column by
Don Rush

The thing is Frank sees the amount of mind/mood altering drugs doctors are prescribing children. He fields the questions from well-meaning and worried parents, and he's done his research. He likes to quote a United States Senate report from 2011, in regards to Child Foster Care. A number of states (including Michigan) were investigated and it "uncovered excessive and inappropriate prescribing of ADD stimulant and psychiatric medications to children within the foster care system."

Did you know, says he, that since 1987 sales of ADD and psychiatric medications

have increased from \$1.5 billion to over \$100 billion annually?

His book's introduction starts, "The medications used to treat attention deficit disorder (ADD) as well as psychiatric disorders are being prescribed to our youth at an alarming epidemic rate. America's children consume over three times more ADD and psychiatric medications than the rest of the world's children combined... This book offers constructive guidance to parents, educators, physicians, policymakers, and the drug industry for the purpose of realizing the dangers of overmedicating our youth..."

"... The United States leads the world with over 120,000 annual deaths due to overall adverse drug reactions, including overmedicating, which makes this statistic the third leading cause of death after cardiac disease and cancer."

His book is just shy of 200 pages. It's an easy read. And, if it were available, I'd recommend you pick up a copy today. But it isn't, so I won't. It can be ordered now and should be in print early this June.

Frank says he is not about trashing one industry over another. He says, though, before medicating a child, a thorough

screening needs to be completed. The screening needs to include nutrition, blood toxieity, psychological counseling and even spinal alignment (nervous system). In other words, the entire child's being needs evaluation.

He also warns, if your child is currently on medication NOT to cut 'em off cold turkey. Start getting the evaluations done, and work WITH your doctor.

Frank is also spearheading a new group called the Coalition Against Over Medicating Our Youth. To that end, there's a meeting June 5 at the Clarkston High School Auditorium, 7 to 8:30 p.m. He will speak and be there to talk about and sign his book. (I am sure he's up to selling a few copies, too.) You can go to www.overmedicatingouryouth.com for more info.

I hope to interview and tape Frank for my on-line show, at www.ClarkstonTV.com Watch for news of this. I will post it on-line and here.

Aren't you geeked?

Something that can have profound affects on individuals and the nation is starting right here in our backyard -- we can watch it grow. That (along with free stuff) gets me stoked!

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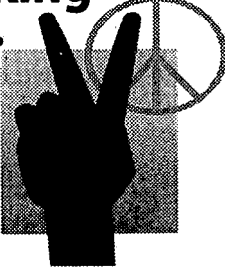
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Stolen cash

Someone took \$1,000 in cash from a home in the 8000 block of Hunters Creek Drive, March 31. On vacation, the homeowners left the house in the care of a babysitter, who had friends over while they were away.

Fighting under the influence

A 17-year-old Pontiac girl and 17-year-old Pontiac boy were cited for fighting after scuffling in the street in the 6000 block of Paramus, 8:04 p.m., April 3. The boy, who had a preliminary breath test result of .05, was also cited for minor in possession of alcohol.

Unlawful house party

Eight Clarkston, Auburn Hills, and Waterford Township youths were taken into custody in connection with a loud house party in the 5000 block of Rochcroft, 12:15 p.m., April 3. The house was supposed to be vacant due to foreclosure. All the minors in custody were issued citations for unlawful entry and the ones who had been drinking were also issued Minors in Possession citations. Investigation showed that the former owner's son had advertised the party on Facebook.

Log breaks window

A Crimson King Circle resident heard a bang, 2:15 a.m., April 5. The next morning he found a rear garage window broken by a small log.

Accidental death

An autopsy revealed a 6-month-old Independence Township boy's death was accidental, 8:14 a.m., April 7, in the 5000 block of Rendell Lane. The child had apparently fallen between the mattress and wall while his mother was sleeping with the child, according to police reports.

Engine fire

A 24-year-old Roseville woman kept driving on northbound I-75 with an overheated engine. When the engine started smoking, she pulled over and called 911, 5:16 p.m., April 5. Independence Township firefighters extinguished the fire, which consumed the vehicle.

Rejected tax return

An Independence Township man's tax return was rejected, April 6. Someone had filed using his name and Social Security number back in January and received his return.

Stolen equipment

Construction equipment was taken from the open bed of a pickup truck parked in the 4000 block of Fox Creek, April 6.

Driving with vodka

A 42-year-old California man was trying to make a U-turn on Sashabaw Road, 6:25 p.m., April 6, when he pulled his travel trailer in front of a vehicle, which drove through it. Smelling strongly of alcohol, the California driver was found with an open half-gallon bottle of vodka. His preliminary breath test was .344. He was cited with open liquor, .17 or more drunk driving, and driving with a suspended license. He also had an extradition warrant out of Orange County, Calif.

Stolen goods recovered

A shopper watched a 24-year-old Brandon Township woman run out of a convenience store with a full cart without paying, in the 5000 block of Clarkston Road, 8:42 p.m., April 7. The witness wrote down the woman's license plate and reported it to employees, who called police. Deputies tracked the woman to her home and recovered the \$277 worth of toys, food, drinks, and makeup items. She said it was for her kids.

Window damaged

Someone damaged a window to get into a car parked in the 5000 block of Parview Drive, April 7, and took audio equipment and a GPS.

Marijuana citation

A deputy on patrol stopped a 19-year-old Independence Township driver for turning left on a red light, 6:20 p.m., April 8, at N. Main and Washington Road. The officer could smell marijuana, and the driver said he smoked some after work. He was found with three pipes, grinder, bong, and a gas mask, as well as some marijuana. He was cited for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia, and disobeying the traffic light.

Illegal license confiscated

After running his license plate, a deputy pulled over a 39-year-old River Road resident for expired driver's license, 4:45 p.m., April 9. The driver had no Social Security number, as he was in the United State illegally. He was cited with driving with an expired license, fraud in obtaining a driver's license, and no proof of insurance. The expired license was confiscated and his vehicle, impounded.

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Off to a confident start

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

A home run hit from junior Sydney Hasselbach boosted the Lady Wolves in their first game against Rochester Adams last Wednesday.

The Clarkston Girls Varsity Softball team opened the first game of their double header with four runs and kept the momentum going, finishing with a 9-0 win. The next game ended with a successful 6-0 win.

"We came out really strong," said senior Megan Hastings. "It was a really good first game."

Teammate senior Rachel Pytel agreed, and added it was only the beginning.

"It only gets better from here," she said. "We will continue to grow and improve as a team."

During the first game in the OAA cross-over against Rochester Adams, Hasselbach hit 3-for-4 and had three RBIs. Hastings also hit 3-for-4 with a triple and one RBI as senior Tara Perry had two doubles and one single in her 3-for-4 hits at the bat.

"We were expecting to play our hardest," Hastings added. "We didn't know much about their team, and teams change throughout the year, so we couldn't really predict from last year. We just have to have the confidence we are going to win every game and just play hard."



Sydney Hasselbach eyes the pitch during the third inning against Rochester Adams. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Freshman Madeline Maday was the winning pitcher in her first game. She only allowed two hits and had 10 strikeouts.

Freshman Candice Kitchen also opened her season with Clarkston as winning pitcher in the second game. She struck out three hitters. She walked one player and allowed four hits.

"It was lots of fun," said Don Peters, head coach. "Obviously impressed with our two freshmen and their shutouts."

Perry and Hasselbach hit 3-for-4 in the second game. Hastings and Pytel both hit a double.

"Megan, Sydney, and Tara had a great game," Peters added. "It is a good start. We will be tested when we have Troy on Wednesday. They are becoming quite a rivalry."

Troy has six key returners following their success from last year - ending as regional champions.

"They are a good team," Peters added. "They have good fundamentals. They are probably known more for their hitting."

But the Lady Wolves are ready to face their OAA Red opponents in their double header.

"They are really well-rounded with their arms, hitting, knowledge and savvy," Barry Bailey, assistant coach, added about Clarkston's strengths going into the game.

"Our strengths are a lot of things including good attitude," said Peters.

"You have to go out hard every game no matter who the team is," Pytel added.

The Lady Wolves host Troy on Wednesday, first game of the double header begins at 4:30 p.m.

They travel to Swartz Creek on Thursday for another double header, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

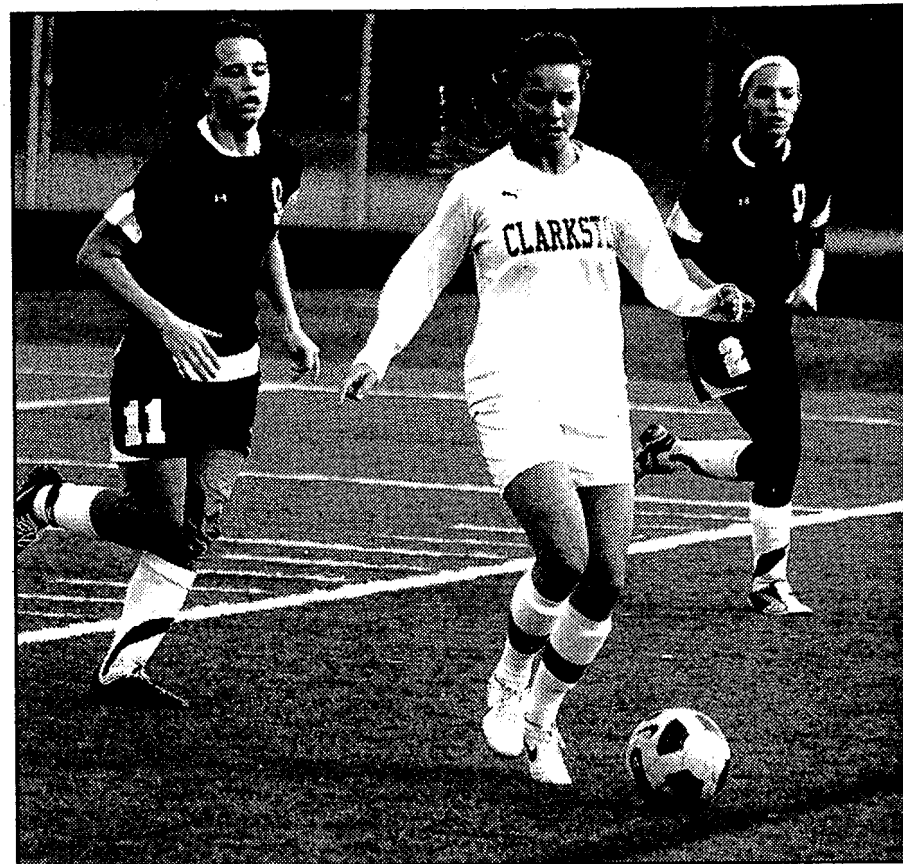
The girls host their first annual Girls in Pink Classic tournament on Saturday with Fenton, Regina, and Stevenson.

"Don decided we were going to put a tournament together in honor of breast cancer," added Amy Quayle, assistant coach. "The girls will be wearing pink jerseys. It is going to be pretty cool, and it will be a lot of fun."

T-shirts are on sale for \$10 each, and entry for the games is \$5. All proceeds go to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

The event begins at 10 a.m. at the Lady Wolves' softball field at Clarkston High School.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Lindsey Adams leads the ball into Oxford's turf, April 12. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Adams aiding the way

Senior Lindsey Adams boosted her team with three goals last week.

The three goals came as a result of scoring one goal per game as the Clarkston Girls Varsity Soccer team beat Andover, 3-0, and Oxford, 2-0, and lost to Waterford Mott, 5-1.

During the Lady Wolves home game against Oxford last Thursday, both teams remained at zero on the board.

Junior Pearl Brochu passed the ball to Adams. Adams took the chance and made a shot on goal with 14:44 left in the first half. Her shot went past Oxford's goalie and put Clarkston on the board.

Adams kept Mott from scoring a shutout with her goal in the first half on Friday night.

Adams signed her letter of intent on Feb. 7 to continue her soccer career at University of Indianapolis after she graduates in June.

"I am really excited," Adams said. "I have played soccer my entire life. To move on to the college level is really exciting."

She verbally committed to the college last August after talking to the coaches and attending one of their camps.

"They were all really nice and welcoming," she said. "I felt like I would fit in really well down there."

"We are excited," said mom, Kelly. "She has worked all her life playing soccer. She always wanted to play while she was in college. It is exciting to see her dream come true."

Adams was split between secondary education and a history major or study health to become a nutritionist or dietitian.

Catch the team April 26 as they host Soccer Youth Night, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Free entry for kids wearing soccer jerseys, plus half-time Soccer Shootout.

~Sports Writer Wendi Reardon

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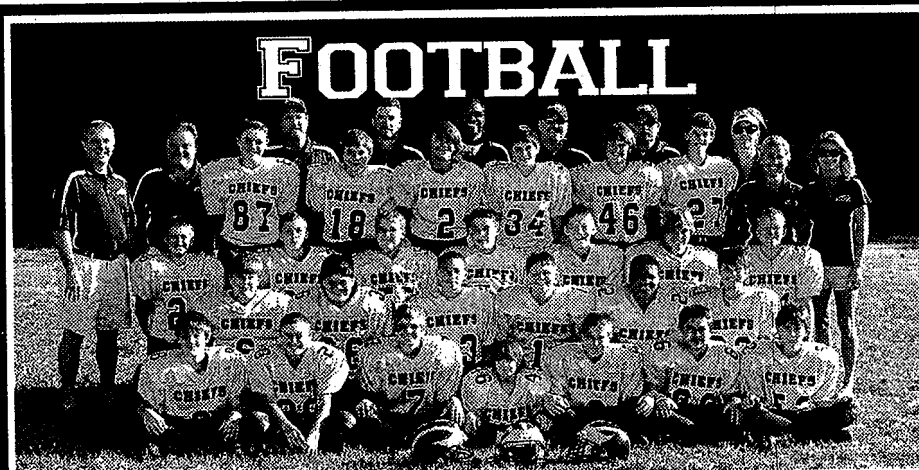
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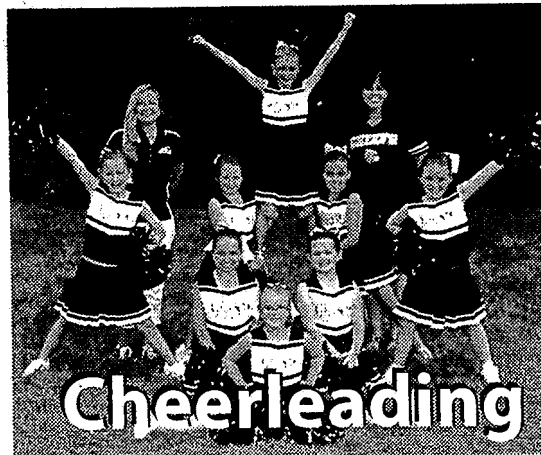
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Two shutouts boost week

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Senior Lisa Lyons waited for the signal before she took the penalty kick against Oxford's goalie.

With the signal to go and 24:35 left in the game last Thursday, she swung a swift kick at the ball. Clarkston fans eagerly watched as the ball slipped past Oxford and gave the Lady Wolves a 2-0 lead.

The girls continued their drive for another goal but the game ended with their second shutout for the week.

"It was a good win for us," said Clarkston Girls Soccer Head Coach Sarah Wasilk. "We have been working on some things in practice that we applied tonight. It was nice to see we are progressing in the right direction. At the beginning of the season we were having problems generating offense, and now we seem to be going in the right direction."

The Lady Wolves held onto control of the ball during the first half of the game keeping the Lady Wildcats from getting into their turf.

With less than 15 minutes to go in the first half and both teams still at zero on the

scoreboard, the tide was about to change.

Clarkston pushed the ball back out 25-yards from the net. Junior Pearl Brochu passed the ball to senior Lindsey Adams. Adams gave it a fierce kick to the net, passing the goalie and into the back of the goal.

Miller had two saves during the night and Clarkston had seven shots on goal.

Senior Caitlin Kirby had a good night generating offense Wasilk added.

"She had really great movement off the ball and created a lot of offense for us," Wasilk smiled. "She didn't score any goals but she generated a lot of opportunity for us."

The girls beat Andover on April 10, 3-0. Kirby, Lyons and Adams scored a goal each.

The Lady Wolves finished last week with a loss to Waterford Mott, 5-1. Adams scored the lone goal in the first half.

The girls host West Bloomfield on Thursday and head to Stoney Creek on Friday night.

Both games start at 5:30 p.m. with JV opening, varsity follows.

"Hopefully we keep our momentum going and we can get another league win," said Wasilk.

Wolfpack Update

Both Clarkston Track and Field teams continued to top their competitors, this time with wins over Rochester Adams.

The Lady Wolves won 67-61.

Taking first place in nine events were the 3,200-meter relay team of Natalie Smith, Erin Billette, Jill Harris, Kylie Knavish; the 400-meter relay team of Maicey Peterson, Maddie Wilson, Kristen Robinson, Taylor Mullin; Peterson in 100-meter high hurdles; Molly Jeffers in 400-meter dash; Franzi Loetzner in 300-meter low hurdles; Billette in 800-meter run; Kayle Sherwood in shot put and discus; and Anna Manilla in high jump.

The boys beat the Highlanders, 89-39.

They led the way by taking first place in 12 events. The athletes finishing in first were the 3,200-meter relay team of Spenser Pawlik, Nick Moore, Sam Tanielian, Adam Bruderick; 1,600-meter relay team of Tanielian, Bruderick, Travis Smith, Blake Sutherland; 400-meter relay team of Devon Williams, Mike Schwartz, Jared Yaroch, Ian Ericksen; Dan Bryne in 3,200-meter run; Bruderick in 800-meter run; Jordan Shive in 300-meter hurdles; Sutherland in the 400-meter dash; Matt Wright in discus; Schwartz in high jump; Jacob Turner in long jump and Colin Kupper in shot put.

The teams host Lake Orion next Tuesday, 4:30 p.m.

Hitters opened their season with a 9-7 win over Rochester Adams last Wednesday. The Clarkston Boys Varsity Baseball team scored

four runs in the top of the seventh inning to take the lead.

Dylan Peck led Clarkston by going 3-for-4 with two doubles and two RBIs. D.J. Zezula went 2-for-3 with a double and scored twice for the Wolves. Jake Forsten was the winning pitcher.

The boys lost to Stoney Creek on Friday, 11-1. They head to Rochester on Friday and host Lake Orion on Monday, both games are at 4:30 p.m.

The Lady Wolves lost to Birmingham Seaholm in their first OAA Red match up in tennis, 6-3.

Katie Brozovich defeated Labina Petrovska, 7-5, 6-3, in singles.

For doubles, Dana and Paige Olsen beat Annie Grier and Arielle Williams, 6-1, 7-5; and Katie Hubregson and Monique Zentner beat Lauren Hextell and Lauren Benderoff, 6-4, 6-3.

They headed into their match against Rochester on Tuesday with a 0-2 record. They head to West Bloomfield on Thursday, 4:30 p.m. and go to the Pioneer Invite on Saturday.

The Clarkston Varsity Golf team won their first meet, April 9 at Franklin Hills. They led the way with a score of 165. Cranbrook had 166 and Lake Orion, 171. The four golfers counting in the match were Jimmy Delnick with a par of 38; Jack Alli, 41; Nick Surovec, 42; and Cam Krausman, 44.

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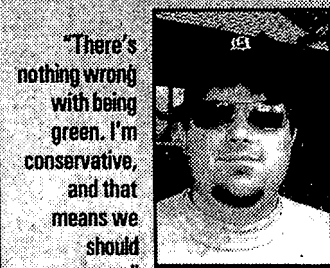
"We garden, recycle, make sure to turn off the lights when not used to save electricity."

— Sarah Meloche,
with Annabella Meloche



"Save the trees. We need more of them. We cut down too many trees."

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By Phil Custodio

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Family research reveals Civil War history

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

During the Civil War, brother fought brother as North and South struggled for survival.

That's true for Vesta DeRiso's ancestors. Her great grandfather on her mother's side, Isaac Elliot, ended up fighting for both sides.

"He almost died," said DeRiso, Independence Township resident. "He ended up in Michigan with a couple of his brothers."

She discovered this and much, much more when she was bit by the genealogy bug. It took awhile, though.

"My mother was interested in genealogy. I grew up with it, all the pictures and letters, but I had no context for it," said DeRiso, who grew up in Pittsburg, Pa. "She passed away in 1997 without explaining it. I got all of it, boxes of it, but didn't look at them for years."

About seven years ago, she decided to open the boxes of letters, pictures, and other documents collected by her mother.

Right on top were letters written by her relatives during the Civil War.

"They wrote about their crops, weather, the price of beef, what they thought about slavery," she said. "They wrote about the war, from both sides, how the troops would take their chickens."

Her great-great-grandfather, Loyal Young, ran an Underground Railroad stop in the basement of his church in Pennsylvania.

"He was a resolute abolitionist, sharing his feelings about slavery,



Vesta DeRiso's poster-size family tree is the result of years of research. Photo by Phil Custodio

freedom and Abraham Lincoln in a book he had written," she said.

She became more active in the local Sashabaw Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, becoming an officer of the club. She also worked with Clarkston Area Historical Society.

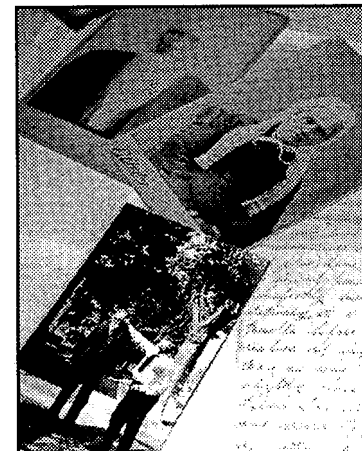
"I joined the DAR a long time ago, but I started to get interested," she said. "I started to understand what it all meant, who they were and

their relationships."

So far, she's traced her father's side of the family to when they came to America from Ireland. On her mother's side, she's still filling in the blanks.

"Every time I find out something, it presents two more mysteries – it never ends," she said. "When you find someone, it's exciting. It's neat to be able to do this."

She moved to Clarkston with her



Just a few of the family photos preserved for the future.

husband, Mike DeRiso, in 2003 because of work.

"My grandfather was born here," she said. "We found a house like the one in New York where we lived – Fairport, New York, a pretty little town. Clarkston is a lot like that."

Her story is featured in the PBS series *Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr.* on Detroit Public Television. The series tells stories of local residents who were able to find their own roots through local historical or genealogical groups and organizations.

"I'm happy to share – family history is interesting," DeRiso said. "Everyone's history is interesting."

Her story will continue to cycle on Detroit Public Television throughout the show's 10-week run, through May.

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Public hearing on fire millage

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vehicles will need to be replaced, but without a higher mill rate, the fire department will not be able to purchase them, Ronk said.

Although Captain Patterson has written grant proposals to the federal government for medical equipment, the department may need to ask voters for a millage increase that will be "less than one mill," Ronk affirmed.

Before the millage goes on the ballot, the fire department hopes to get feedback from the public.

"Your millage runs out this year. So, that means we have to do something to have a fire department," Trustee Neil Wallace said.

In response to the chief's presentation, the board made plans for a public hearing to determine what kind of mill increase the citizens will accept. The hearing will take place on May 1 at 7:30 pm at Independence Township hall.

Group supports Clarkston cityhood

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tion to dissolve the city.

To discontinue the city or not is the question, and the view most supported by the Clarkston public remains to be seen. Ritter and Luginski have stated they've received a lot of encouraging words from the public in response to their mailing.

Positively Clarkston is a leaderless group that hasn't held any regular meetings but formed out of "an understanding that we shouldn't let an opportunity to say that Clarkston is a vibrant, productive community get away from us," says Dennis Ritter.

The fledgling organization has no current plans to meet again but hasn't ruled out future actions in support of maintaining the City of the Village of Clarkston. For more information, interested parties should contact positivelyclarkston@yahoo.com.

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Lacrosse team packs a punch

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Wolves and St. Michael's College-Toronto finished discussing their next plan of action as mother nature intervened with thunder and lightning pausing the game on Sunday.

Thirty minutes later the game was called, and the Wolves wouldn't have an opportunity to come back from the 7-3 loss.

"It was a good game," said Clarkston Boys Varsity Lacrosse Head Coach Brian Kaminkas. "These guys are ranked 33rd in the nation. We played very well. We were doing a lot of things right. We came out in the second half and had our runs. They took advantage, but we had our plan, and we weren't going to alter it."

The Wolves opened the game with a goal from Mike Vanderweel within the first few minutes. He added one more before the quarter ended to put the score 2-1.

St. Michael's tied the score two minutes into the second quarter. With nine seconds left Jordan Kincaid brought the boys back into the lead after swinging his lacrosse stick, putting the ball into the net.

St. Michael's made five goals before the game was called with 3:24 left in the third quarter.

"I thought defensively we played one of the better games we have played all year," Kaminkas added. "The second half we may have hiccupped, but over all we did well - our clears were going well, our rides were going well."

The boys beat Bloomfield on Friday, 15-2. Kincaid led with five goals and Kevin O'Grady had three goals in the game.

Goalie Adam Gohl had six saves.

"It was a good game," said Kaminkas. "It was absolute domination from the whistle. We took 41 shots in the game, picked up 37 ground balls, and had 22 takeaways."

One of the goals posted for Bloomfield was scored by Clarkston defender Preston Haven but he acted quickly on the mistake.

"He answered it with the next ball," Kaminkas added. "He picked it up and went down the other way and scored"

The boys head to Notre Dame Prep on Thursday and host Troy Athens on Monday, both start at 7:30 p.m.

"From the beginning of the year we said we were going to be stonger, and each game keeps getting better and better," Kaminkas added. "I wouldn't want to play us this week."



Kevin Horton runs into St. Michael's defense. Photo by Wendi Reardon

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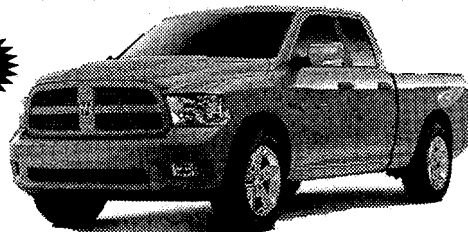
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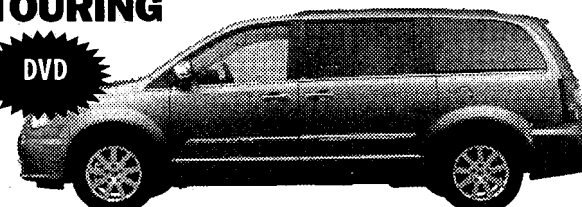
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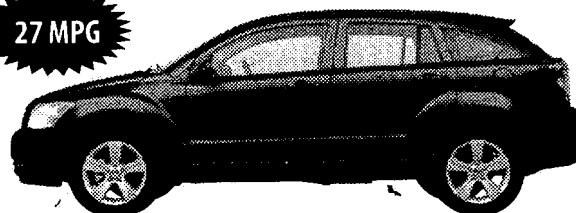


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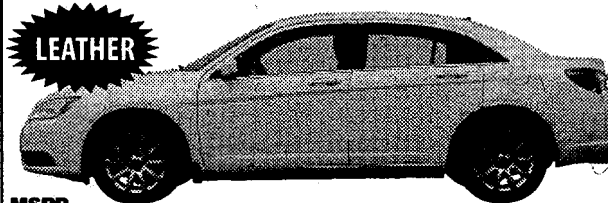


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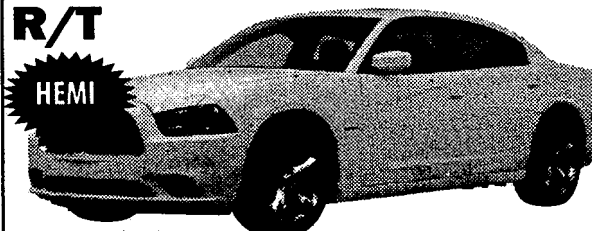


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Around Town



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

Fashion Show, Clarkston Women's Club, 8 p.m., April 19, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. With resale finds, repurpose clothes.

Community Teenage and Adult Poetry Slam, 7 p.m., April 20, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. 248-625-1611.

Kids Garage Sale, 6-9 p.m., April 20, Pine Knob Elementary, 6020 Sashabaw Road. Free admission for buyers, \$5 for sellers, 4x6 area. Books, electronic devices, games, toys.

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

Computer and Small Electronic Community Recycling Day, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., April 21, Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane. \$5 donation. Items accepted include working and non-working computers and accessories, printers, video and audio equipment, cameras, cell phones, and other electronics. 248-623-4572.

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

Mercy Oakland Hospital, discusses falls, safety, and injury prevention. 248-625-3288.

Annual Awards Ceremony, students honored by Kumon of Clarkston, 4-6 p.m., April 22, Sashabaw Middle School cafeteria, 5565 Pine Knob Road.

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

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

A Taste of Spring Wine Tasting Gala, Clarkston Rotary, 6:30-8:30 p.m., May 3, Fountains Golf and Banquet, 6060 Maybee Road. \$35/advance, \$45/door. 248-953-0438.

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

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

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

Dolores Jean Harris, 80

Dolores Jean Harris, "Trudy," of Ortonville died April 16, 2012. She was 80.

She was born Nov. 28, 1931, in Lansing, Mich., to the late Eric E. and Vivian (nee: Douglas) Post. She married Raymond G. Harris on Aug. 4, 1950, in Lansing.



Trudy is survived by her beloved husband, Raymond; one loving daughter, Raeanne (Richard) Frazer; one "adopted daughter," Betty Hewitt; one grandson, Ryan E. (Dean) Frazer; one brother, Lon E. Post. She served as a Girl Scout Leader, worked as a paraprofessional with Brandon Schools and was a member of PFLAG-Genesee County.

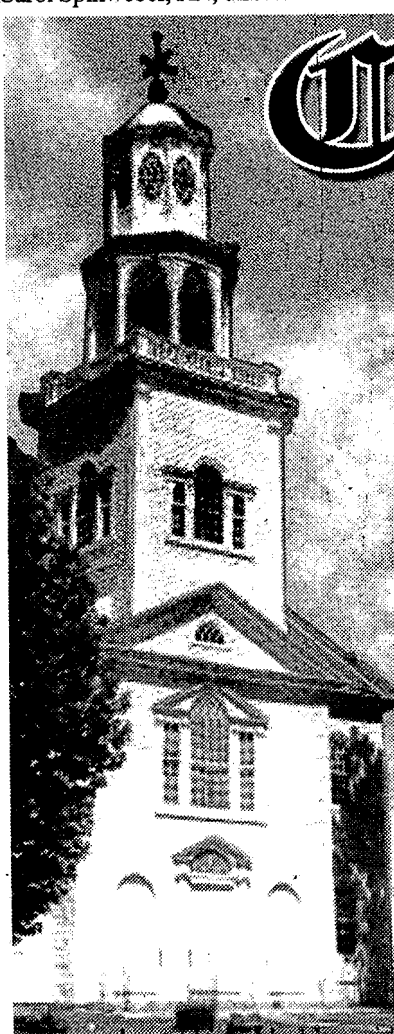
Funeral service will be 11 a.m., Monday, April 23, at Ortonville United Methodist Church, 93 Church St., Ortonville, where she was a longtime member and also sang in the choir. Pastor Jeremy Benton officiating.

Family will receive friends on Sunday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. at **Coats Village Funeral Home**, Ortonville, and after 10 a.m. Monday at the church. Interment will follow at Ortonville Cemetery.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the church or PFLAG. Envelopes are available at the funeral home. To send a private condolence to the family go to guestbook at www.CoatsFuneralHome.com/obituaries.

More obituaries on page 22

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Clarkston cyclers on a mission this summer

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Emmalilly Hoxsie and Kelsey Merz hit the road this summer, cycling thousands of miles to help those in need.

"It'll be fun, an adventure," said Hoxsie, a 2008 graduate of Notre Dame Prep. "I'm anxious to start."

"It combines my passion for bike riding with serving others," said Merz, a 2007 Clarkston High School graduate. "When we get into it, it'll be awesome."

They are training for the fifth annual Fuller Center Bicycle Adventure, supporting the Fuller Center for Housing's mission to eliminate poverty housing.

"We'll bike down the country while helping build and repair impoverished homes. I'm very excited to have this incredible experience this summer," said Merz.

"The Fuller Center Bike Adventure is going to be an amazing trip in which we serve others and raise awareness about poverty housing through cycling," Hoxsie said.

They learned about the trip on Facebook, where the center had an ad for the trip.

"The biking and mission work looked appealing," Hoxsie said.

"That's two of our favorite activities," Merz said. "We've been biking all our lives. It's a fun way to keep in shape."

"It brings our families together," Hoxsie said.

Members of Clarkston United Methodist Church, they participated in several summer mission trips over the years.

"We've had fewer opportunities since we went to college," Hoxsie said.

This is their first bicycle mission trip. Hoxsie will cycle 2,000 miles from Saco, Maine, to Key West, Fla. For Merz, the trip is 1,210 miles from Saco to Charleston, S.C.

"It goes by segments," Merz said. "I only have time for the first three segments."

Training includes bike rides 25-30 miles a day, building up to about 100 miles a day before they leave.

The mission trip will include about 70 miles a day, with some days for building



Emmalilly Hoxsie, left, and Kelsey Merz will ride thousands of miles to help people in need. Photos by Phil Custodio

homes for those in need and other mission work.

Hoxsie is a senior at Michigan State University studying social science and health studies. She will graduate in May.

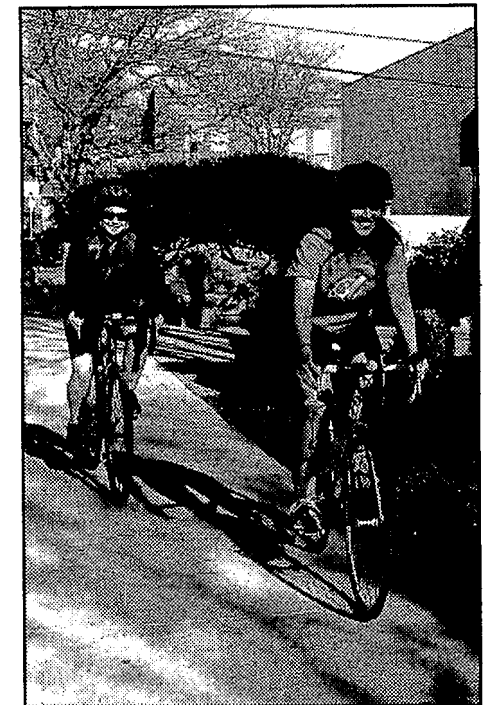
Merz is a graduating senior at Alma College studying elementary education.

All funds support Fuller Center projects across the U.S. and around the world.

Over the past four years, FCBA riders have cycled more than 10,800 miles through 30 states, worked on 41 homes for low-income families and individuals, and raised over \$500,000 for families in need around the world. This summer's cyclists will continue the work

by fund-raising, building and renovating Fuller Center homes, and speaking to church groups, the media and civic organizations along the way.

Visit www.fullercenter.org/bikeadventure for more information or to donate towards Hoxsie or Merz's ride.



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NEWS RESEARCH: From left, Tiger Scouts Evan Pliska, Sean Dankert, and Kieron Holloway, Pack 192 of Davisburg, check out some of *The Clarkston News*' archive editions during a tour, April 4. *Photo by Phil Custodio*



MEETING WITH THE GOV: Jill Giovas' third grade class at Pine Knob Elementary visit with Gov. Rick Snyder during their visit to Lansing, March 27. *Photo provided*

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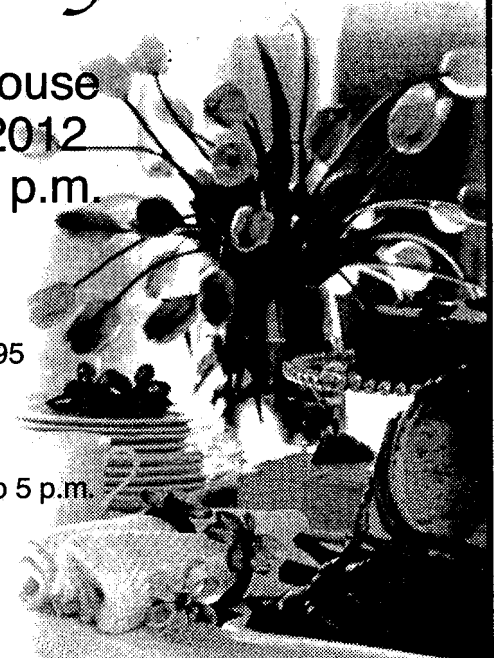
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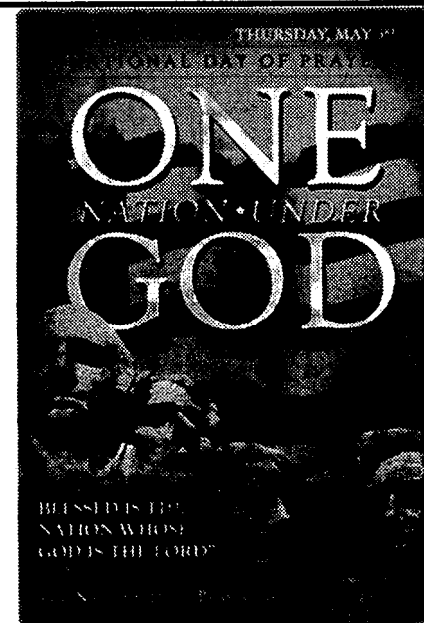
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Leota S. Hart, 87

Leota S. Hart (Muxlow) of Waterford passed away April 12, 2012, at age 87.

She was preceded in death by the love of her life husband James. She was the mother of Cande (Ben) Tschetter, Penny (Kermit) Peters, Judy (Robert) Aguayo, James Hart, Dorothy (Donald) Manion and Nancy (Jack) McDaniels; and like a mother to Michelle Hart; also survived by 15 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren; her devoted twin sister Leona McCulloch and Zella (Fred) Dalton and many nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Hart was a hairdresser and business-woman and later in life spent more than 20 years by her twin's side at Leona's Penfield's Restaurant in Peck, Mich. She will be remembered as a Christian woman ahead of her time, she never missed an opportunity to help another or to share her Bible knowledge.

Funeral was April 16 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Graveside service was at Omard Cemetery, Brown City. Memorials may be made to Oatie's Living Water Memorial. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Norman Walker, 58

Norman M. Walker of Clarkston passed away suddenly April 14, 2012, at age 58.

He was the beloved husband of Carol; father of Michael; brother of Loran (Susan); brother-in-law of Robert (Patricia) McClellan; uncle of Adam, Barbara, Jason and Michelle; preceded in death by his parents Norman and Lois Walker, formerly of Toledo, Ohio.

Mr. Walker graduated from Interlochen Arts Academy and North Texas State University with additional education at Oakland Community College where he also served as an adjunct professor. Norman worked as a teacher and a professional musician before beginning his career at Comerica Bank in Auburn Hills.

At the time of his passing, Norman was an IT Application Analyst and Programmer in the Information Services Dept. at Comerica.

Visitation was April 17 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral service/interment at Toledo Memorial Cemetery. In lieu of flowers any donations to the family will be used for Michael's future education. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Kenneth Steven Sprung, 54

Kenneth Steven Sprung, 54, of Noblesville, Indiana, formerly of Shelby Township and Clarkston, Michigan, died on Wednesday, April 11, 2012 in Largo, Florida. He was born on July 13, 1957 to Kenneth E. and Clara (Siewert) Sprung in Mount Clemens, Michigan.

Mr. Sprung lived most of his life in Michigan, and most recently, in Indiana. He spent most of his life as a manager at Church's Lumber Yard in Utica, Michigan, and he worked for Elite Landscape Company in Romeo, Michigan. Ken received his Bachelor's Degree in Education from Wayne State University, and pursued a second career in teaching high school with the Waterford Public Schools in Waterford, Michigan and Carmel Public Schools in Carmel, Indiana.

He was a member of Bethel Lutheran Church in Noblesville. He enjoyed golfing, music, and competitive car shows. He was a kind and loving husband, son, and brother, and a sweet soul.

He especially enjoyed being with his grandchildren.

He will be forever missed by his wife of 10 years, Juliann (Pingel-Harder) and her children, Emily (Jonathan) Martin and Thomas Harder; his parents Kenneth E. and Clara Sprung; his grandsons Noah & Jacob Martin; his sisters Lynette (Robert) Toney, Annette Powell, Kristine (John) Reno, Janet (Randy) Parrott, and Connie (Scott) Rhodes; and many nieces and nephews. He now joins his granddaughter, Baby Ellory in heaven.

Services were April 17 at Bethel Lutheran Church, Noblesville, with Rev. Doug Gast officiating. Burial, Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

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FILE PC #2011-009
William Kruse Jr applicant representing Deer Lake Properties, Petitioner
Location 7504 Dixie Hwy REQUESTS SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL For Outdoor Seating Per Zoning ord. Sec. 50.861
Special Land Use Request: Add outdoor seating
Parcel Identification Number: 08-30-251-009
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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT THE ABOVE REQUEST MAY BE EXAMINED at the Township Building Department during regular business hours. Written comments may be sent to the Planning Commission c/o the Independence Township Building Department, 6483 Waldon Center Dr., Clarkston, MI 48346 prior to the Public Hearing/Meeting. For further information call (248) 625-8111.
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Decedent's Revocable Trust

Revocable Trust of Donald R. Reidsma, Deceased
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The Settlor, Donald R. Reidsma, who lived at 2080 South Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, born August 14, 1917, died on March 9, 2012. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Donald R. Reidsma Trust under Trust Agreement dated July 21, 1993, will be forever barred unless presented to Jay D. Reidsma, 811 Hidden Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304, Trustee, within four months after the date of publication of this notice.
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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.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2012 2012 FIRE DEPARTMENT MILLAGE RENEWAL / INCREASE

A Public Hearing will be held by the Charter Township of Independence Board of Trustees in the Township Hall Meeting Room, 6483 Waldon Center Drive, P.O. Box 69, Clarkston, Michigan 48347 on Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. to consider a Fire Department Millage renewal and possible increase for the August 2012 State Primary Election. For additional information, the Fire Department's Tuesday, April 10, 2012 budget presentation can be viewed on the Township's website at www.twp.independence.mi.us.

Comments can be expressed at the Public Hearing or written comments and questions can be directed to the attention of the Township Clerk at the above address or by email to bpallotta@twp.independence.mi.us no later than 4:00 p.m. on the Monday before the meeting. Questions may also be directed to the Township Clerk by email or by phone at (248) 625-5114; Ext. 203
Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC
Township Clerk

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SYNOPSIS
TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
APRIL 10, 2012

- A. A Regular Budget Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 6:04 PM at the Independence Township Hall.
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.
- C. ROLL CALL: Present: Lohmeier, Pallotta, Rosso, Wallace
Absent: Carson, Petterson, Wagner

- There was a quorum present.
- Also Present: Carol Gabris, Human Resources Director; Steve Ronk, Fire Chief; Mitch Petterson, Staff Captain
- Appointment of Acting Chair - Approved
- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approved
- E. CLOSED SESSION: Union Negotiations, as permitted by MCL 15.286(c)

- The meeting RECESSED at 6:07 PM.
- The meeting RECONVENED at 7:00 PM.
- F. BOARD / PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Larry Rosso, Trustee announced that the Seniors will be holding their annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon at 11:00 am on Friday, April 13th at St. Daniels Catholic Church.
David Lohmeier, Trustee announced that planning is beginning for the annual 4th of July Parade.

- G. PUBLIC COMMENT: None
- H. PUBLIC HEARING: None Scheduled
- I. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:
1. Budget Presentation: Fire Department (Steve Ronk, Fire Chief; Mitch Petterson, Staff Captain)

- Request to Suspend Rules - Approved
- Request to Schedule a Public Hearing -
- J. CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS: None
- K. CONSENT AGENDA: None
- L. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None
- M. REGULAR BUSINESS: None
- N. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Board members discussed various topics.
- O. COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / REPORTS:
Larry Rosso, Trustee: Scheduling of Open Burning Ordinance
- P. ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Budget Meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
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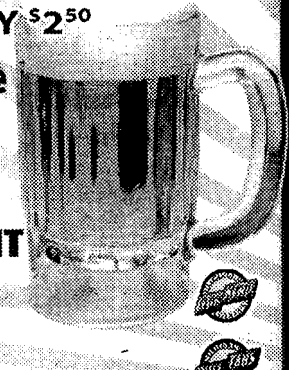
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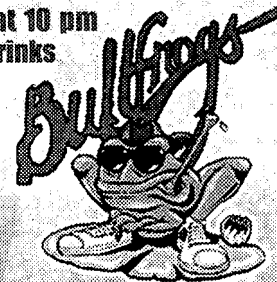
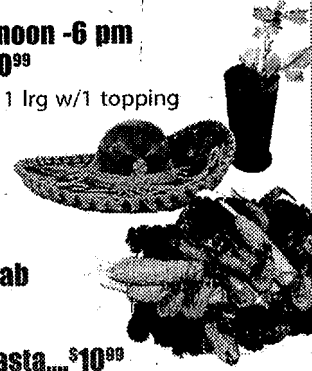
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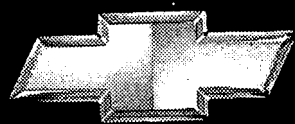
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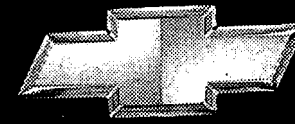
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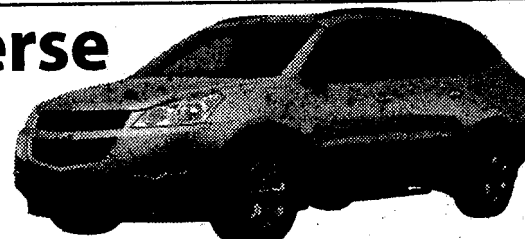


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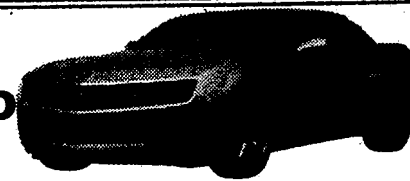
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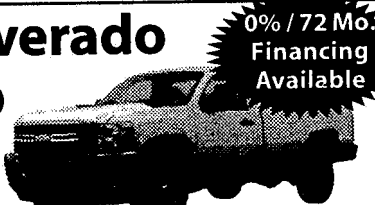
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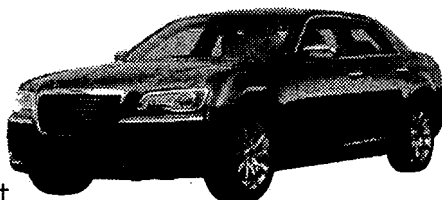


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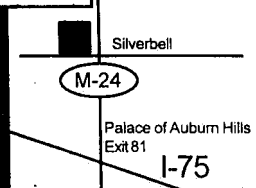


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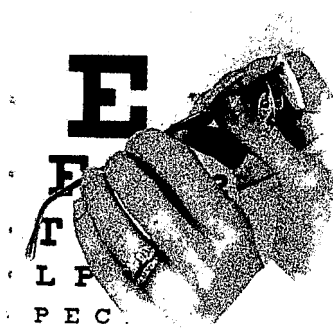


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"Digital lenses continue to give us some amazing improvements in how glasses work and look, offering pa-

tients a more precisely-finished lens with less distortion and clearer vision," Dr. Becker said. "Digital Surfacing gives manufacturers the amazing ability to minimize the aberrations normally created in lenses via the manufacturing process."

Drs. Walton, Becker and Moran provide complete examinations of the whole visual system. The doctors can diagnose, treat and manage diseases and disorders of the eye along with many other health issues.

Dr. Becker wished to remind parents of the importance of regular eye examinations for children. A baby's first visit to an optometrist should happen between six and 12 months of age. This is a critical time for eye and vision development.

Parents with babies in the 6-to-12-month age range can have their infants examined free of charge at Walton & Becker because both Drs. Becker and Moran participate in the InfantSEE program. For more information about this program, please visit www.infantsee.org or call (800) 396-3937.

The old adage is if you're not moving forward, you're moving backward. Nowhere is that more true than when it comes to technology.

Walton & Becker Eyecare, P.C., located at 837 S. Lapeer Rd. in Oxford Township, understands this concept very well.

That's why the practice added electronic health records to its system. It's been up and running since April 2011.

"Our patients were fabulous handling the transition," said Dr. Elizabeth Becker, whose colleagues include partner Dr. Theodore Walton and Dr. Tracy Moran. "They were really patient with us during the first three or four months, and we appreciated it very much."

Electronic health records have a number of advantages over their paper counterparts. Not only do they make it easy to store and retrieve information, they will make the process of exchanging information with other doctors and insurance companies faster and more efficient in the future.

"Already, we can often see online the medications people are taking, which is helpful because it's hard for some patients to remember all of their medications," said Dr. Becker.

Dr. Becker is extremely grateful to Dr. Moran for the "hours and hours of extra work" she put in to make the electronic records a reality. She's also thankful for all the additional time and effort of the practice's dedicated staff.

"We had to rethink how we document our exams," Dr. Becker said. "We customized the software we had to make it work for us."

The practice continues to offer SynergEyes, a type of hybrid contact lens that affords the comfort of a soft lens and the optics of a hard lens.

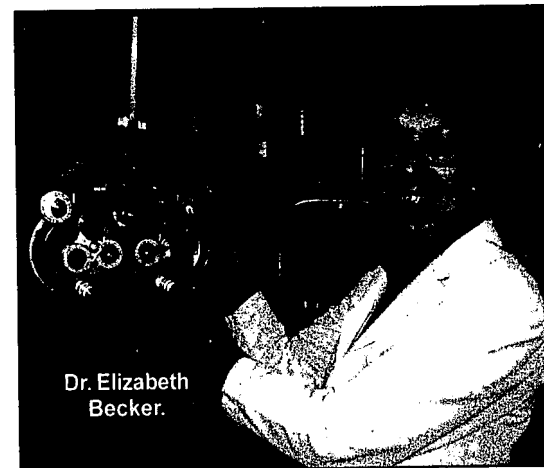
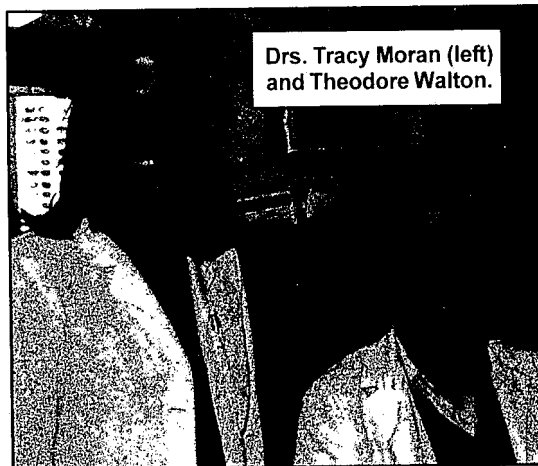
Dr. Becker noted that the practice is adding a new instrument this year. Called an OCT, it will give doctors "the ability to check the eye in even more detail than we're able to right now, so that the examination of the retina and optic nerve can be seen with high magnification and detail."

Dr. Moran recommends that a child with no vision problems have an examination every couple years.

A child with a vision problem, or the potential for one, should have an examination every three, six or 12 months, depending on the situation.

As always, Walton & Becker Eyecare is continuing to offer experienced, expert eyecare at affordable prices. The practice serves patients of all income levels.

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Grant helps Lourdes Senior Community residents stay in-tune

Lourdes Senior Community has recently been awarded a grant from "Well-Tuned: Music Players for Health." This grant provides Lourdes residents living with dementia an iPod shuffle. The 50 shuffles were presented to those residents who exhibit anxiety, wandering or other behaviors often associated with dementia.

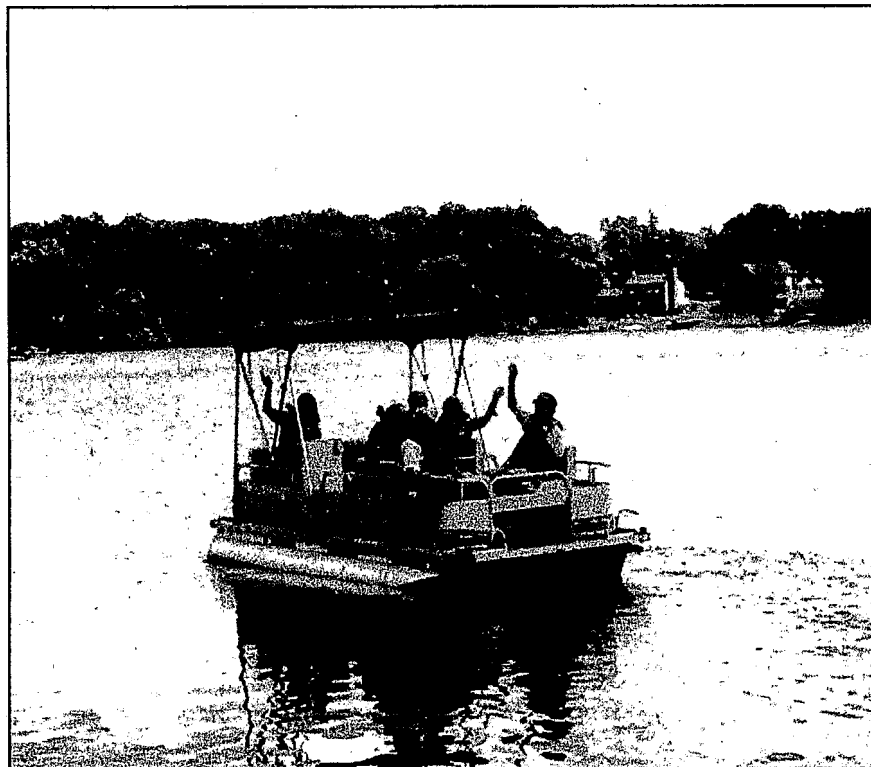


Helen Burns, 94, Clausen Manor Resident, enjoys her new iPod.

This grant is a collaborative program between Music & Memory and the Institute for Music and Neurologic Function of New York.

Music has always been an integral part of life for all the residents who live at Lourdes Senior Community, through the Music Therapist and Life Enhancement Programs.

With this new music program residents with dementia are able to enjoy music that they recognize and



Residents Walter, Paul, Rosemary, Helen and Paul take a ride with Joy on Scott Lake.

enjoy. Research has shown that music can drastically reduce agitation and sundowning, increase attention and cooperation, increase engagement and socialization, provide meaningful activity, enable a non-pharmaceutical approach to reducing pain and calm and relax individuals.

Staff worked with

residents and family members to develop individual play list and volunteers downloaded music through the i-Tunes cards which were also awarded through the Well-Tuned grant. Within moments of putting the headphones on the residents at Clausen Manor, the Memory Care facility at Lourdes Senior Community, residents relaxed and just enjoyed their music. This award winning facility is home to 20 individuals living with dementia. Music therapy, exercise, golf cart rides to the lake, gardening, cooking and so much more means your loved one can still enjoy living.

"I was skeptical at first," said Salli Sovey, Clausen Manor resident care coordinator.

"I was not sure the residents would like the headphones. I have changed

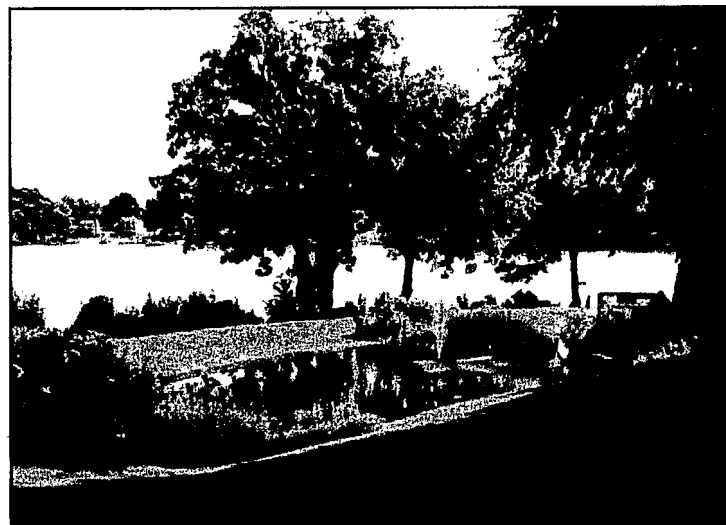
my mind. Cecilia [one of the residents] would stay in her room all day. Now with her headset on and her music choices she is moving around in her wheelchair singing and smiling. Simply put this is amazing."

At Clausen Manor someone living with memory loss will experience the care and compassion you would expect from family.

Music as an intervention works wonders with all residents but is of special significance with people with dementia. Words to songs are often remembered long after words and names of familiar people are lost. Dancing is a great way to exercise when some support is needed to stand or walking alone is unsafe. Music is magic with many residents.

Clausen Manor is just one of the living options at Lourdes Senior Community. Lourdes also offers Fox Manor on the Lake Independent Apartments, Mendelson Assisted Living Apartments and Lourdes Nursing Home for long-term and short-term rehab. It is wise to plan for the "what ifs" which may come your way as you age. To stay in control of your own life and to help your children know what your wishes are plan ahead. Think about where you would want to live if staying at home becomes difficult, unsafe or lonely. Tour facilities in areas where you want to live—then let your family know your wishes. If the time comes where you would need short term rehab or long term care your family will make informed decisions for you.

Sponsored by the Dominican Sisters of Peace, Lourdes Senior Community is located at 2300 Watkins Lake Road, Waterford, Mi. For more information about any of the living options at Lourdes Senior Community call Colleen Burke at 248-673-1720.



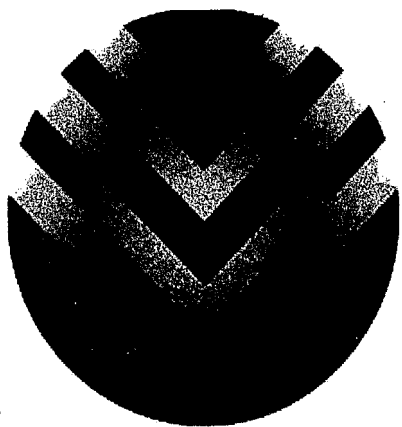
View of the fountain and Scott Lake from Lourdes Senior Community

**Colleen Burke, Director of values integration
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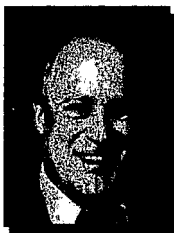


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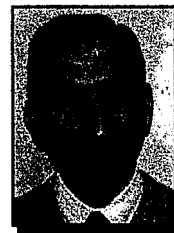
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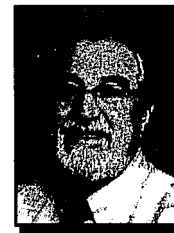
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"We get to know each patient well, and their family and whatever special situations they have," he said. "It helps us treat them better."

He enjoys seeing patients of all ages and strives to provide all phases of dental treatment.

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Dr. VanderVeen is a general dentist and has completed post graduate courses in orthodontics (braces), cosmetic dentistry, restorative dentistry including implant and crowns, and sports dentistry.

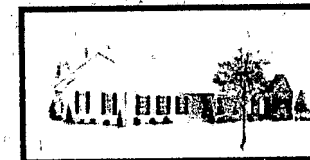
"We are dedicated to helping our patients achieve and maintain dental health while providing state-of-the-art comprehensive dental care," he said. "We enjoy treating the people in the community - it's a great community to be a part of."

Dr. VanderVeen received his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the University of Detroit in 1983. Upon graduation, he served in the Public Health Service in North Carolina and earned the United States Public Health Dentist of the Year award in 1986. He then returned to Clarkston to begin his private dental practice.

In 1996, he was appointed to the Michigan State Board of Dentistry by Governor John Engler and also selected as dental and hygiene board examiner. He is a member of the American, Michigan and Oakland County Dental Associations.

Dr. VanderVeen's office welcomes people of all ages who are looking for excellence in a full-service general and cosmetic dental practice.

Dr. VanderVeen Family Dentistry



"We are interested in science and technology, and are constantly motivated by the new techniques available to us as dental care providers," he said. "We enjoy dentistry, and its unique challenges of health, comfort, precision and esthetics."

Dr. VanderVeen and his staff put service and care of the patients as their top priority.

"You are welcome to visit with us prior to making an appointment," he said. "It is our priority to make your visits with us as pleasant as possible. We take time to thoroughly discuss procedures and make sure you are comfortable with your treatment."

Dr. VanderVeen and his family live and have been a part of the Clarkston community for 26 years. He is an avid golfer and is chairperson of the annual golf outing to benefit SCAMP.

"I believe you will see our commitment to quality care in every aspect of our office - from your initial greeting, treatment and patient education, to financial arrangements and follow up appointments," he said.

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Dr. Brian Kopitzki

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Skin cancer is a disease that affects men and women of all ages. One in five individuals will be diagnosed with skin cancer in their lifetime and this is increasing at an epidemic rate. There are many different options for treatment of skin cancer depending on the size, location, and type of skin cancer. The most effective treatment for many of these is with Mohs surgery.

Mohs surgery was developed by Frederic Mohs, MD, during the 1930's. It is primarily used to treat the most common forms of skin cancer; basal cell carcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma. The technique involves taking a minimal margin of normal tissue surrounding the skin cancer and then processing the tissue, while the patient waits to look at the entire margin to see if any skin cancer is still left. If there is any remaining, it is precisely mapped and more tissue is taken only around the area that still has skin cancer. It is the most tissue sparing of any removal technique and offers the highest cure rate, up to 99% for a primary basal cell cancer. It is usually performed for cancers on the head and neck, as well as recurrent cancers on the extremities. The entire procedure is done with local anesthesia in the office.

Dr. Brian Kopitzki is board certified in dermatology and internal medicine. He also completed a one-year fellowship in Mohs and dermatologic surgery under the guidance of Roger Ceilley, MD, who is a former pupil of Dr. Mohs. During his fellowship he completed over 1,400 cases and is an expert in skin cancer and its management. His office is located at Clarkston Dermatology where he performs Mohs surgery for basal and squamous cell carcinoma, and also sees general dermatology.

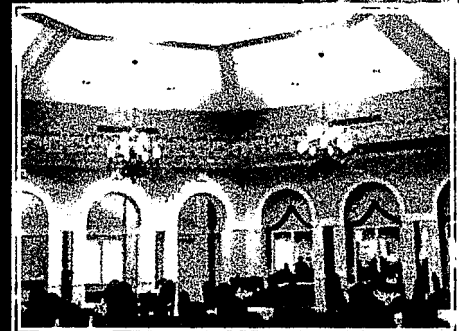


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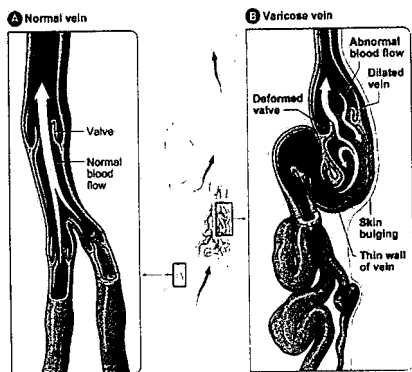


Leg Pain - Do You Have It?

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"Thrombosis is the formation of blood clots, which are most dangerous in deep veins, due to clots that may dislodge, and travel to other parts of the body, causing embolisms. Venous Reflux causes backwards blood flow in the veins and leads to other conditions like varicose and spider veins, venous stasis ulcers and may predispose to thrombosis."

The most common symptom of venous disease is generally aching of the lower extremities that worsens during the course of the day," states Thomas Shuster, D.O., Director of Integrated Vascular Vein Center of Michigan. At the onset of disease symptoms may not be obvious, and many patients tend to overlook subtle changes or may attribute them to other sources. Venous disease may also cause discoloration of the skin's surface. Genetics is the leading contributor to developing a vein disorder, although lifestyle issues accelerate the issue. People who stand for prolonged time periods or endure trauma to the legs have an increased probability of developing venous disease. "Other side effects include edema, itching, burning, and an overall heaviness that is felt in the legs." Age and obesity can also be factors in developing vein abnormalities. Women are more susceptible than men to develop venous disease due to hormonal influences, especially during pregnancy, and taking contraceptives. Many women believe that they should wait until they are finished having children before they get venous diseases, such



as varicose veins, treated.

Many patients are unaware that the symptoms they experience are actually caused by their veins. Dr. Shuster, D.O. encourages patients to talk to their primary care physician as soon as they see or feel enlarged veins or abnormalities, such as soreness, in their legs. Varicose veins can eventually lead to deep vein thrombosis. Several treatments exist, such as compression stocking therapy, which can help alleviate symptoms before they begin to impact the patients quality of life. "With the minimally invasive techniques that we have today, we can treat veins more effectively." So patients should also discuss treatment options with their doctor to prevent more serious conditions from developing.

The only option to treat varicose veins, a decade ago, was vein stripping which required general anesthesia and a lengthy recovery period.

Less invasive treatment is now offered. Dr. Shuster D.O., who specializes in the treatment of varicose veins, credits laser and ultrasound technology with expanding available treatments. He says "people need to understand that they are living in the midst of a major revolution in vein disease. Ultrasound has changed anything in the past, because we can actually see the disease without cutting people."

Dr. Shuster states laser treatments require only local anesthesia, leaves few scars, and patients may resume all their daily activities that same day. Hospitalization and its cost has been eliminated because the procedure can easily be done in a physician's office. Endovascular laser treatments are success-

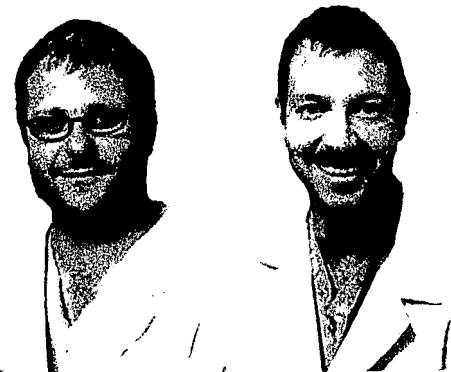
ful 98 percent of patients with only 7 percent recurrence rate after two years. Dr. Shuster performs laser procedures to treat the main vein that causes varicose veins. For smaller varicose vein clusters, Dr. Shuster says one minimally invasive option is a microphlebectomy, in which a special hook is used to remove veins through multiple small incisions. The outpatient procedure only requires local anesthesia. Unlike Varicose vein, which can lead to ulcers and blood clots, spider veins don't typically cause serious medical problems, although they contribute to symptoms.

Dr. Shuster also states there are non-invasive treatments for people who want to eliminate spider veins. Foam sclerotherapy, in which physicians use tiny needles to inject a chemical into surface veins, is a common treatment for spider veins. Sclerotherapy requires no anesthesia and patients can resume daily activities. Dr. Shuster has a high success rate among patients he has treated for varicose and spider veins. Still, he says, it's a good idea to choose a physician who is committed to a comprehensive, long term treatment plan. "Even after a laser procedure, it's prudent to have regular checkups, to make sure everything healed up as perfectly as possible," he says.



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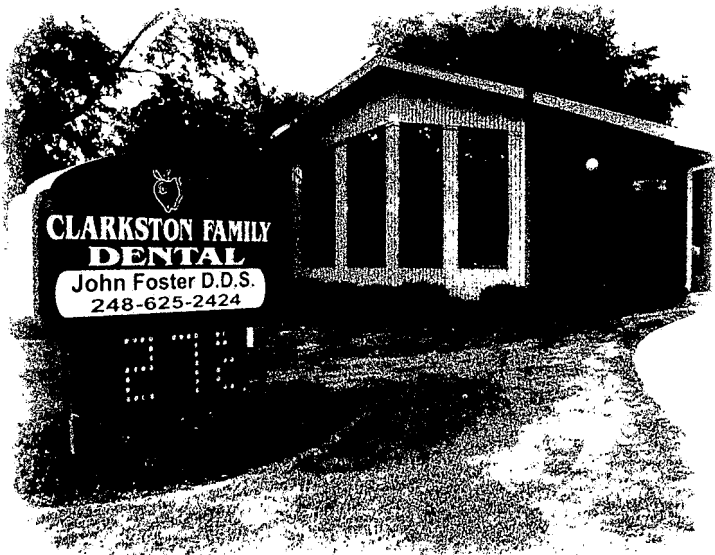
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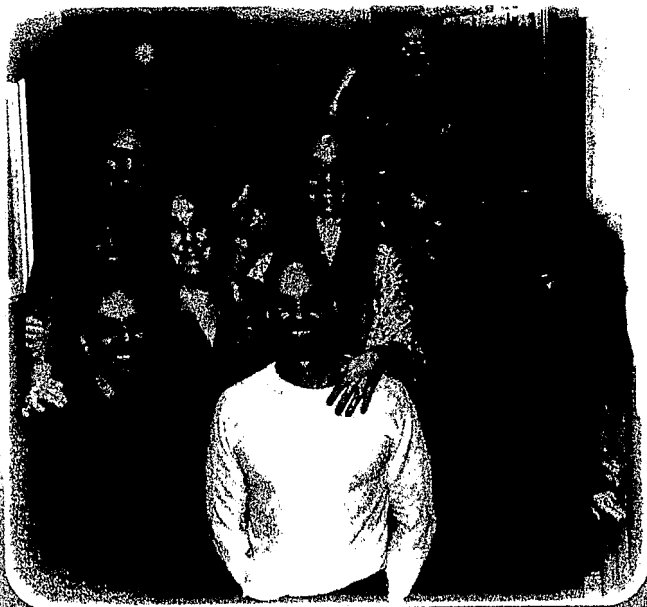
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Prevention Is Key

In an endeavor to convey the importance of how maintaining one's oral health contributes to overall health, Clarkston Family Dental would like to take this opportunity to introduce to you our practice and specialized staff and remind you that in the dental world, prevention is key.

Clarkston Family Dental is committed to providing excellence in family dentistry to meet the needs of today's patients in a family-oriented, non-clinic atmosphere. With a broad array of dental services offered, we are dedicated to your independent dental health by offering personalized care in our private treatment rooms. Our staff strives to make every patient's dental experience as comfortable as possible, treating them not only as patients, but as family as well.

Dr. John P. Foster is the owner of Clarkston Family Dental and has been practicing at the office since 1997 upon graduating from Dental School from the University of Detroit. After practicing as an associate for five years with the office, Dr. Foster purchased the practice in 2002 and became its' primary provider.

One of Dr. Foster's goals that he implements into his everyday work is to provide gentle, quality and affordable dental care to all patients in need. To meet this goal, we do not only participate with multiple dental insurance plans, but we also accommodate those who have no or non-traditional insurances. We do not want people putting off their dental treatment due to financial reasons, so we provide to our patients some options that help alleviate the financial burden. For example, we participate with CareCredit, a credit card for health care, which offers low monthly payments and no up-front costs or prepayment penalties.

For those who do not have insurance but are in need of dental treatment we offer the Clarkston Family Dental Smile Saver Program. This is an in-house discount program that we extend to our patients in order for them to receive the dental treatment necessary to save their smiles. Maintaining your regular recommended schedule of dental appointments is important for the prevention of gum disease, cavities and oral cancer; therefore, we offer this program to our patients who have yet to meet their oral health goals but need to alleviate the financial pressure to do so. This program is exclusive to Clarkston Family Dental and is designed to provide accessibility to quality and affordable dental services for one low annual fee.

An extension of Dr. Foster's main goal is to provide complete dental services to patients of all ages and needs. In order to accomplish this, we have spent the last two years working to expand our practice and staff in order to make our team and services more comprehensive. In addition to Dr. Foster, Clarkston Family Dental has two associate general dentists, Dr. Marco Tauil and Dr. David Kamen. We also have two specialist providers on staff. Dr. Mark Isler is here as our board certified Periodontal Specialist and Dr. Yuksel Erpardo is with us as our offices' Oral Surgeon. Between these providers, we are able to provide an array of dental services to our patients, making their time spent with us more efficient and convenient.

Lastly, remember that prevention is imperative in the dental world, as it is often the cheapest and easiest way to maintain your dental health and catch any potential problems before they become even more costly. Putting off a filling because of the expense could lead to further decay, which could potentially lead to additional expenses. Regular check-ups are a crucial part of keeping our mouths and overall health in good condition. Regular appointments keep gums and teeth healthy and allows for the early detection of potential oral health issues such as cavities, gum disease and oral cancer.

It is our commitment to increase patient awareness, convenience, and comfort within our office; therefore, we are available to answer any dental-related questions that you may have, so feel free to call and/or make an appointment to visit our office with your concerns.

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Dr. Michael Baker

A Baker's Dozen of Important Health Practices - By Dr. Michael Baker

As you the patient become your personal healthcare decision maker it is important to be knowledgeable and mindful of these items as you make your day to day lifestyle choices.

My Top 13 List:

- 1. Discontinue (or don't start) tobacco usage.** Cigarette smoking is the single most harmful thing you can do to adversely affect your health. Cigars, chew and pipe smoking are unhealthy as well. No tobacco!
- 2. Lose weight.** Obesity is epidemic and has negative effects on every aspect of health. Burn off more calories than you take in. Weight Watcher's, medically supervised programs and even weight loss surgery for the very obese are on the short list of tools at your disposal.
- 3. Increase Your Physical Activity.** 30-60 minutes of moderate to vigorous activity 5 times weekly will aid in your weight loss, increase your heart and lung function, relieve stress and improve your overall health status. Yoga is a healthy alternative. Get up and move!
- 4. Reduce Alcohol.** Up to 2 drinks/day especially red wine can reduce your heart risk. More than that definitely reduces your health status. Resveratrol supplements seem to provide the red wine benefit without the alcohol risk or calories.
- 5. Consume good fats.** Monounsaturated fats, olive oil, small amounts of nuts such as walnuts and almonds and foods or supplements containing Omega-3 fatty acids have a multitude of health benefits.
- 6. Eat smaller amounts of locally produced (preferably organic) foods.** Increase green leafy vegetables, beans, whole grains. Grow your own. Avoid products sweetened with high fructose corn syrup.
- 7. Eat Chocolate.** Dark chocolate with >70% cacao has been shown to have a multitude of beneficial health effects. Avoid highly sweetened and milk chocolate.
- 8. Drink Black Coffee.** Many studies have demonstrated superior health status in moderate coffee drinkers. Avoid the sugar and fat rich lattes and mocha drinks. If you are caffeine intolerant green tea is an excellent alternative.
- 9. Take Vitamin D.** Almost all people residing in the Great Lakes region are vitamin D deficient. Exposure to the sun is our primary source. Vitamin D is important for many aspects of health.
- 10. Get Enough Sleep.** Requirements vary by age and individual. Find your need and get a little extra.
- 11. Be in a Monogamous Long Term Relationship.** Married people live longer than unmarried. This is especially true for men.
- 12. Have a Hobby.** Gardening, woodworking, sewing, music, art etc. Good for the body, mind and soul. Life is good!
- 13. Maintain Regular Follow up with your Primary Care Physician.** Age related checkups for testing, monitoring, and vaccinations are all key to health improvement and maintenance.

No rocket science here, although these suggestions have been well distributed, it never hurts to review and reinforce.

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Many people are unaware that orthodontists are qualified dentists, who after graduating from dental school, go on to additional full-time university-based education in an accredited orthodontic residency program. That additional training lasts at least two academic years and sometimes more. Both Dr. Charles F. Munk and Dr. Charles W. Munk received their orthodontic training at the University of Detroit Mercy.

By learning about tooth movement and guidance of facial development, orthodontists are the uniquely trained experts in the dental field to straighten teeth and align jaws.

Dr. Charles F. Munk and Dr. Charles W. Munk are both members of the American Association of Orthodontists.

Some early signs that indicate an orthodontic exam would be appropriate include:

- Early or late loss of teeth
- Difficulty in chewing and/or biting
- Mouth breathing, loud snoring at night, and fatigue during the day
- Finger sucking or other oral habits
- Crowding, misplaced, or blocked-out teeth
- Jaws that shift, make sounds, protrude or retrude
- Speech difficulty
- Biting the cheek and/or biting into the roof of the mouth
- Protruding teeth
- Teeth that meet in an abnormal way or do not meet together at all
- Facial imbalance or asymmetry
- Grinding or clenching of teeth

In fact, the American Association of Orthodontists recommends that children have an orthodontic evaluation by the age of seven.

- An orthodontist can spot subtle problems with emerging teeth and jaw growth, even while some baby teeth are still present.
- To answer patient and/or parent questions of concern.
- To treat orthodontic problems if early treatment is indicated.
- To monitor growth and development for optimal treatment timing if early treatment is not appropriate.



Being an orthodontic specialty practice, we utilize the latest technological advances. This allows us to diagnose and treat patients earlier, in less time, with more options, and greater patient comfort. Our goal is to provide patients with long-term health care as well as cosmetic tooth alignment.

Never underestimate the power of a great smile. Straight teeth are not only beautiful; they also promote good health. Straight teeth can help reduce the incidence of heart disease, gastrointestinal disease, and other health conditions. Teeth that are properly aligned chew more efficiently, aiding in proper digestion. Also, teeth that are straight and properly aligned create a more perfect bite, and that helps to avoid excessive stress, headaches, and strain on the supporting bone and tissue.

We want to change the way people think about orthodontics. For instance, orthodontics is not just for children and teens. We work with people of all ages interested in enhancing their smile. Adults can benefit greatly from orthodontic treatment. Today, one in five orthodontic patients is an adult. Orthodontic treatment changes looks and outlooks. Orthodontics has boosted the self-esteem of countless patients, whether they had braces as children or sought treatment as adults.



At our office, it is our mission to improve and enhance people's lives through orthodontics. Our office provides quality and service in a lighthearted, honest, and friendly environment. We do orthodontics for our patients, and with our patients; instead of doing orthodontics to our patients. We treat each patient as an individual with his or her own goals, concepts of self-image, dreams, and aspirations. By combining the right mix of personal attention, the latest technology, and continuing education, we maintain a commitment of excellence to our patients in every facet of our practice.

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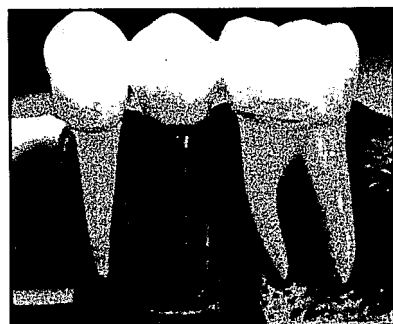
A child's lost tooth is ceremoniously placed under a pillow, waiting for the Tooth Fairy to leave a prize. What about adults? What are you supposed to do if you lose a tooth?

You need teeth. They're not in your mouth just to look nice. They chew food and work with lip muscles to form words. Properly aligned teeth help your temporal mandibular (TMJ) jaw joint hinge in the correct manner to prevent headaches and ear, neck and shoulder pain.

So what can you do to replace a lost tooth – or even several teeth? There are three very life-like options:

1. An Implant is like an artificial root placed into your jawbone under anesthetic. Initially a "healing cap" may cover the implant itself while the area heals. In about 3-6 months, your dentist prepares a crown specifically designed to fit over the implant and look like a natural tooth.

Not everyone, however, is a good candidate for dental implants. Much depends upon your bone density, general and oral health. It will



Dental Implant

all be discussed during your evaluation, and you may want to bring someone with you to help take notes. Home care of an implant is like a natural tooth. You'll still need to brush and floss daily to remove bacteria, and continue with regular professional care.

Cost: an implant replacing the root is a separate unit and a separate cost from the crown you see in your mouth. It is a more conservative and more expensive option, and the closest thing to a natural tooth.

2. A Fixed Bridge is an artificial tooth supported by the two teeth on either side. The adjacent teeth are shaped and prepared for crowns, and patients leave with a temporary bridge while the permanent one is custom-made by a dental laboratory. When completed, your dentist cements it in place as a full unit. A fixed bridge can replace one or more teeth in a row, but because it has to be manufactured as a unit, it cannot be attached to an existing crown.

Home care for a fixed bridge requires a little more work, as the area under the bridge also must be kept clean. Sometimes an irrigator is recommended, and sometimes a special type of floss or a floss-threader will do the trick. Your dentist or hygienist should show you what's best for your situation.



Dental Bridge

3. A Removable Bridge can also replace one or more teeth at a time, and may be a better option if cost is a concern. If just one tooth is missing, an artificial crown may be fitted with little hooks to clip to the adjacent teeth. When more than one tooth is missing, or if there are missing teeth on both sides of the mouth, a removable partial or full denture is a good and serviceable option.

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fitting than the dentures of your grandparents. It's better than doing without. And for some, it may be a good step while they save for an implant or a fixed bridge.

Home care is a little different. Remaining natural teeth and gums still need regular home care and professional dental visits, but the removable ones need different solutions or cleansers to keep them from becoming scratched and losing their luster.

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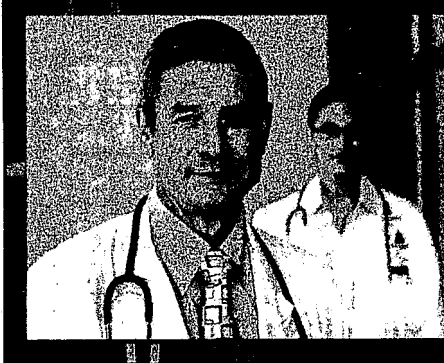
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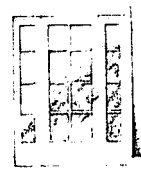


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