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## Layoffs for 31 teachers

BYPHILCUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Dozens of teachers face layoff this spring - Clarkston Board of Education voted 7-0, April 22, to approve 31 pink slips for teachers all over the district.

"Why are we pink slipping this many people," asked Susan Boatman.

Deputy Superintendent Shawn Ryan said administration recommended laying off 10-13 teachers, but with open enrollment and other budget enhancements still up in the air, the list had to include all potential layoffs.

"We need to keep options open," Ryan said. "This is to make sure we don't take away any options the board may like to explore this spring."

Board Treasurer Stephen Hver asked fellow board members to make decisions as quickly as possible to lessen

"This gets harder and harder every year - I know first hand these are excellent teachers," Hyer said. "The quicker we can zero in on exactly what we're doing revenue wise, (the

Board Secretary Rosalie Lieblang said the board received the plan two weeks ago and they need time for analysis.

"We need to make the right decision rather than make decisions quickly," Lieblang

"I don't think anyone wants to make this kind of cut," said Trustee Joan Patterson, "I hate doing this - I have to apologize, but I have to make sure this district can continue to go on."

According to contract, all layoff notices must be issued by the end of April, Ryan said.

The board meets for a budget workshop, 6 p.m., May 6.

# Courtney Warwick, 3, enjoys some sunny spring weather last week with a spin on the choo choo train playground in Depot Park. Photo by Mary Keck

## Sewer bills going up for township

### A million for capital plan

BYMATTHEWE.SEMRAU

Special to the Clarkston News Independence Township's

Capital Investment Plan is back in business, with \$1 million in the bank.

The township Board of Trustees voted unanimously. April 16, to appropriate \$1 million from the general fund to the plan, which includes about \$3.7 million in projects over the next 10 years.

Trustee David Lohmeier compared it to "a Christmas fund" - some people create a separate bank account just for buying Christmas presents so they don't eat into money for household expenses.

"In the future you'll be seeing a motion not to spend the money, but just to isolate it into a separate checking account so it doesn't muddy up the financials,

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#### BYMARYKECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Township residents will pay \*almost 10 percent more for sewer services for the next three years to pay for a new system to Pontiac.

According to Tim Prince, chief engineer of the Water Resources Commissioner's Office, the project will cost \$24.4 million.

Independence Township's portion of the cost will be \$1,886,400 with \$461,860 interest. Construction of a retention tank will cost Clinton-Oakland Sewage Disposal System (COSDS) \$19.3 million, and Independence's portion will be \$1,465,214. Total bill to the township will be \$3,813,474.

Independence Township Board of Trustees considered two COSDS contracts, April 16. One of them is the Perry Street Diversion Contract, which would allow construction of a new retention tank and divert flow to the Pontiac interceptor.

As a result of the project, Prince

said the rate COSDS charges. Independence will be about 10 percent more for three years, July 2014 through June 2017.

COSDS will use \$7.5 million of its reserve fund to offset some of the cost over the three years and will not add to their reserve fund during that time.

The reason these projects are needed is because communities in Oakland County have been exceeding

"There's not enough capacity in the pipe to handle the flow comings from the communities," said Prince.
"When that occurs, basically sanitary sewage comes out of the manholes and runs down the street, or it runs in a lake or it runs in the river

Diverting flow to Pontiac and building a new retention tank will increase Independence Township's flow from 8.8 Cubic Feet per Second (CFS) to 13.07 CFS

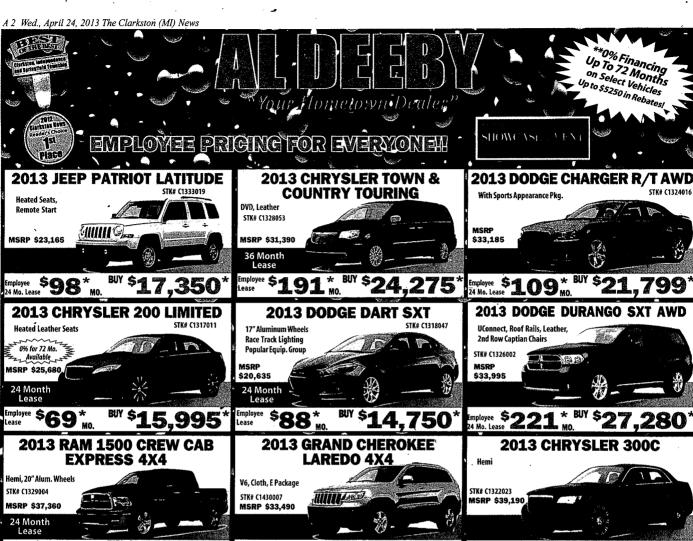
The increased capacity should be enough to last 40 years into the future. Prince said. The project would correct current and future flow capacity issues. Construction would begin this fall and last until the winter of

The second contract the township board considered was an intermunicipal contract, which will. replace the contract Independence Township signed in 1967 that has since been amended and scheduled to expire in 2017.

The previous contract included a flat rate of 8.8 CFS. The new contract includes a "True-up" provision, which will base Independence Township's rate on actual flow rather than the flat rate. If the township has a decreased flow, they will be credited for what they do not use; however, if the township goes over the allotted flow, they will pay for the extra flow needed.

Other communities in Oakland County have been asked to sign the same agreements with COSDS.

As a result of the new contracts Public Works Director Linda



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## Council thanks Ritter

BYMARYKECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

As he looks back on his tenure, Dennis Ritter feels he's accomplished a great deal, but wishes he could have done more. In particular, Ritter is proud the city "managed to grow our fund balance." He pointed out, "It was a huge accomplishment considering the massive drop in property values."

In addition, Ritter refers to his role in refinancing water bonds to get a better interest rate, which he said "saved the community \$250,000" as a proud moment. "Overall, we've managed to maintain the level of service that our residents have come to expect and enjoy, and that's pretty darn important," he pointed out.

Ritter has served as City Manager since June 1, 2008. He said retiring "was a difficult decision, but it's time for a new person with a new set of eyes and ideas to help the community progress and grow and maintain its historical character."

While Ritter feels he has achieved much, he wishes he could have overseen capital improvement projects such as replacing the bridge at the South end of Depot Park. He regrets the City could not keep their police department, too.

Before replacing Art Pappas as City Manager, Ritter worked as an Assistant Branch Manager at the National Bank of Detroit; he studied economics at the University of Michigan and served in the Army.

"I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve you and the council and the community." Ritter said when he told the council he planned to retire. "Unforeseen by any of us were the overwhelming financial obstacles we would face," he said. "We were forced to dig deep and even create solutions."

Mayor Joe Luginski said, "It's a thankless job when you're in this position, and Dennis has done it very graciously and for a long time."

"I hate to see you go," said Councilman Stephen Hargis. "I appreciate all the help you



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gave me. It's been a pleasure to know you and work with you. We wish you well in your future endeavors," he added.

"Dennis had to follow Art, which was very tough shoes to follow," noted Carol Eberhardt who will replace Ritter as City Manager on April 22. "Well, he wasn't Art,

and he was Dennis, and he did a fine, fine job," she said.

"It's been a pleasure to work with you, and I wish you well. I hope you enjoy your retirement," said Councilwoman Peg Roth.

"You will be missed," said Councilman Mike Sabol.

"I take my hat off to you. We're going to miss you," said City Councilman Eric Haven.

Although he is retiring from public service. Ritter said without question he would stay involved in the community. In his retirement, he plans to travel to warm destinations.

An Open House will be on Thursday, May 16. from 6-8 p.m. at the Village Hall to show appreciation for Ritter's service. All are welcome to attend.

## Corvette raffle for Easter Seals

John Bowman Chevrolet of Clarkston is raffling off a 2013 Corvette Coupe and \$50,000 to help Easter Seals Michigan.

Tickets are \$50 each, with a total of 5,000 tickets sold. Winning ticket will be drawn at 2 p.m., April 27, at John Bowman Chevrolet, 6750 Dixie Highway at M-15. Winner need not be present to win.

The car raffles have raised more than \$12 million in the past 20 years to help children, teens, adults, seniors and veterans of all ages with disabilities lead more independent lives.

Raffle participants must be 18 years of age or older at the time of entry. To purchase a ticket, complete an order form at carraffles.com or call 800-999-5655.

## **Briefly**

#### Walk and Roll

SCAMP of Clarkston hosts Walk & Roll, May 5 in Depot Park.

The family event, the second largest fund raiser for the summer camp for people with special needs. It features one-, two-, and five-mile routes through Clarkston.

Registration is 12-1 p.m. on Sunday in Depot Park. All ages welcome. This is a family event with team participation encouraged; pet pledge sheets are also available. The event also includes hotdogs, refreshments, live D.J, and games and activities for children.

Call 248-623-8089 or check www.clarkstonscamp.com.

#### Musical camp

Clarkston High School Drama Club is hosting the CHS Musical Theatre Camp for students in grades 2-6, May 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m., and May 11, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., with a performance for parents at 5:30 p.m.

This year's theme is "Tangled," with songs and dances based on the Disney film. The registration fee is \$50 and includes T-shirt, dinner on Saturday, and snacks. Register at 248-623-4326.

#### Race for Ryan

The Second Annual Race for Ryan Kennedy 5K is 4 p.m., May 4, at Independence Oaks. Registration is \$35 before April 29, \$25 for students. After April 29, registration is \$45.

Proceeds will be used to build a play structure at Clintonwood Park in memory of Kennedy, a fourth grader at North Sashabaw Elementary School who died after a brave fight with brain cancer last spring. Register at www.raceservice.com. Contact Amy Quayle ataequayle@clarkston.k12.mi.us or John Drallos at jedrallos@clarkston.k12.mi.us.

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## Many regs in place for oil extraction

Part II on oil and gas exploration BYMARYKECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

#### Oil and gas extraction

Once oil and gas companies Jordan Exploration or their partners West Bay Exploration identify where they want to drill using seismic testing, drilled into the earth, and placed steel piping, they are ready to extract minerals.

The oil and gas won't be lying in wait in a cavern, however. They are caught in the spaces in porous rock. Most of the rock that West Bay produces oil from in Oakland County is called dolomite.

West Bay's Vice President Pat Gibson compares the way the oil is dispersed in the rock to a jar full of marbles. "All these marbles are touching each other, but there are all these porous spaces between them," Gibson explained. "The oil is in those porous spaces."

Until they are ready to extract oil, water is kept in the steel pipe beneath the ground to hold the minerals back. Once the water is removed, "the oil comes out from between those air spaces first, and it keeps moving," he said.

"That's why it takes years to produce it because you're not sucking it out of a vacuum in a cave. It takes time for that oil to work its way through the porous spaces and into the well." Gibson pointed out.

Typically, when a well is producing, it takes between 15 to 20 years for all of the minerals to be removed. If an area yields more oil and gas, the company would petition the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to drill another well in order to extract more minerals.

The maximum amount of oil they can produce from a well in a day is 200 barrels in a 40-acre unit.

"Part of the reason for that is if you produce it too quickly you can damage the reservoir and leave a lot of oil behind," Gibson noted.

According to Jordan Exploration Vice President Ben Brower, if oil is produced it is put into a tank at the well location. When a tanker truck arrives from a refinery in Ohio or Canada to collect the oil, Jordan sells it. "We sell the oil on location," said Brower. Once the oil is sold to the refinery and taken from the site in a tanker truck, it is no longer Jordan Exploration's responsibil-

Hydraulic Fracturing

Fracking or horizontal hydraulic fracturing is a process of using millions of gallons of water, sand, and chemicals to fracture rock and release oil and gas. In the contract Independence Township is negotiating with Jordan Development, fracking is prohibited.

It's because Jordan and West Bay are extracting oil and gas from dolomite that Gibson says fracking isn't necessary. "You wouldn't ever frack dolomite; that would be counterproductive," Gibson said. "In these reservoirs that we are looking at [in Oakland County], you would damage the reservoir if you were to use hydraulic fracturing," he added.

It's for this reason that Jordan and West Bay "have offered anyone who has asked for it in our leases, a clause that says we guarantee them we are not going to hydraulic fracture."

Gibson said even if another company wanted to use fracking in areas the township has leased, they couldn't because of the contract. "It's a legal contract between whomever owns the lease and the land owner, not just the first person who signed the lease," he said.

"If eight years from now, we were to have sold that lease to somebody else because we were unsuccessful in what we were looking for, they are still bound to that no hydraulic fracturing provision, he emphasized.

While fracking permits have not been issued in Oakland County, the DEQ has allowed fracking in Hillsdale and Ionia counties.

#### What's left behind?

When Jordan and West Bay have produced all the oil and gas they can, they will restore private property based on the contract they've signed with the landowner. For instance, a property owner can include provisions in their lease requiring replanting of any vegetation that was cleared in the drilling process.

The oil and gas company will remove all of their equipment, except what's beneath the surface.

"In some cases, we would come back and remove some of the [steel] casing...because there is some scrap value available to it, but the rest is going to stay in the hole," Gibson said.

"We fill the entire hole full of cement; we dig

it down to six or eight feet; we cut all the steel off. Then after we've filled it with cement, we weld a steel plate onto the top of it."

Gibson notes about 300 wells have been drilled in Oakland County, which means there are hundreds of leftover cemented steel casings reaching thousands of miles under the ground that have been left behind by oil and gas companies.

#### Oil and gas regulations

Jack Lanigan works at the Southeast Michigan DEQ Office, and he has inspected Jordan and West Bay's well site on the corner of Teggerdine and White Lake Roads.

He assures residents they should feel safe when it comes to oil and gas exploration in the area.

"There's a plastic liner underneath almost the entire site," Lanigan explained. "On top of that, they've put a gravel pad. So, if they did have a spill it's going to be in the gravel, and it's going to be contained underneath by a plastic liner."

In addition, he said, "Jordan and West Bay are very, very meticulous about grading the sites so there is a slope on the liner that goes toward the well location." If there were a spill, the grading would ensure any liquids would drain into a containment area called a "cellar" around the wellhead.

When it comes to transferring oil from tanks to trucks, there are containers in place to catch spills, too.

'The loading and offloading places where they connect their hoses, if they are not within a secondary containment, they have catch basins underneath them contain at least two times the volumes of the hoses being used," Lanigan said. "We inspect those every time we're out there," he added.

When it comes to the worse case scenario of a major spill or break, "the operator is responsible to notify us immediately," Lanigan stated. "I would probably be out there within hours to find out what's going on, to get a boots on the ground view and make sure they have the resources they need to take care of it."

The DEQ doesn't clean up the spill. Instead, it is the oil and gas company's responsibility to take care of the mess. Lanigan notes, "We enforce the clean up standards."





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#### Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Reardon

#### Spring cleaning

After a weekend away, I came home on Sunday, threw open the closet doors and began pulling down clothes hangers.

I was declaring my freedom.

I wanted to start spring cleaning when I had more time. I also was waiting until I was done when I reached my goal weight on my nutrition plan with Nuview Nutrition

I couldn't wait anymore. I didn't want

to procrastinate anymore. I didn't want clothes taking up anymore space in the tiny space I already had so much crammed into. Plus, something inside me said it was time. I could do this. I could let



I grabbed as much as I could, knowing the sizes and threw the swirl of pants and shirts to the side.

I looked at the stack of clothes. I had gone from not being about to fit them because they were too snug on me. I just put them aside for when a few pounds were gone. Then, I went to the other extreme within a year's time - I still couldn't wear them. They were too big now.

I tried on a few shirts just to see but it only took two to decide to just throw them in the donation pile. I was swimming in those two and would swim in the rest.

I ended up putting the entire pile into the bag and glanced at the dresser. Time for that, too. But I only went through two drawers.

The dreary gray sweatpants I wore in front of the television and snacked on pizza, chips, chocolate a year ago went into the trashbag. They did go in with some hesitation but they are in the bag.

What probably helped with the cleansing was I reached my 90 pounds during the weekend. Though I will say I did gain a few pounds back. I was scrapbooking and I had more apples than allowed on my plan. Plus, a larger portion of cottage cheese. But compared to what snack foods were at the scrapbook crop I did pretty good. So I overdosed on apples, it wasn't chips or brownies. Plus, I got right back on the wagon.

I did keep one pair of blue jeans. You should also have something to show your starting point, right?

I have more drawers to go through and I know there are more clothes in the back depths of the closet. They are lurking and waiting like ghosts of pounds past. But one bag at a time is good to donate.

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# Opinion Pages Letters, columns & Editorials

#### City manager search

Dear Editor.

Even though I'm not a Clarkston City of the Village of resident, I've been watching the shenanigans of the Clarkston City Council regarding their choice of a city manager anyway.

way.

I would have to conclude changing the law to make the Carol Eberhardt appointment "legal" ignores the fact that the Clarkston City Council broke the law the moment they publicly announced they were considering her for the job. If the city council had been following the law, Ms. Eberhardt never would have been on the list of candidates. Going back and changing a law they have already violated doesn't change the fact that the council broke the law the moment they considered her for the job.

Section 4.18, "except where authorized by law or five members of the Council, elected officers shall not hold any appointed city office or city employment during the term for which they were elected, and former elected officers shall not hold any compensated appointed city office or city employment until one year after the expiration of their term in office."

Repealing a law they have already broken gives the public an acknowledgement that the city council knows it has broken a law. This is akin to someone speeding on a road posted 25, they get a ticket only to see the speed limit changed to 45 shortly thereafter. In the eyes of the law, is that person still guilty regardless of the change that was made afterward? You bet!

The board appointment of Carol Eberhardt was, and still is, illegal.

Michael Powell Independence Township

#### Hospital not needed

Dear Editor.

I'm glad to see Henry Woloson's letter re McLaren Hospital. I see no need to have another hospital with so many very good ones a few minutes away. I also feel that our township has no business interfering with the decision by the state that we don't need those beds here.

Who is to profit by this big development in our semi-rural community which I, for one, would like to see stay that way.

Jim Reed Independence Township



Social worker Shari Gillespie and daughter Alyssa of Grand Blanc, and grandfather Victor Shepard of Fenton, hope to participate again in the MORC Miles for Smiles 5K Run, May 4 at Independence Oaks. *Photo provided* 

## MORC Miles for Smiles 5K, May 4

Macomb-Oakland Regional Center hosts MORC Miles for Smiles 5K Run/Walk and Quarter-Mile Fun Walk, 10 a.m., Saturday, May 4, at Independence Oaks County Park.

Proceeds fund dental services not covered by Medicaid, including crowns, root canals, sedation, periodontal care and additional cleanings. Registration is \$30 for the event, which includes T-shirt and post-

race refreshments. Register online at www.morcinc.org or on race day at the registration tables at the Twin Chimneys site at the park in Independence Township.

"Last year people loved the course, the beautiful park, the race prizes and the tons of food," said Jennifer Lasceski, a MORC administrator and the race director. "The \$4,800 we raised last year helped a lot of people with disabilities."

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

#### A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1998

"Ole! South America comes to Sashabaw Middle School" Sixth graders got to see, smell, taste, hear, and feel what it might be like to live in South America. Students from the classes of Mary Schulte, Lee Brown, and Ken Wolven held a festival that was interdisciplinary with their study of the continent this semester. The main highlight was a llama, a native of South America.

"Sportsplex, coffee house ice-ing on cake" The Independence Township Planning Commission approved rezoning of a 1.35 acre parcel on Sashabaw Road. It was the first step needed to remodel the 2,400-square foot building into a New Orleans, French-quarter style coffee house. It would be north of the proposed 20 acres for the Independence Superior Sportsplex.

"Life's a beach for the city's lease" After a year of discussion, the City of Clarkston approved 5-1 for city manager Art Pappas and Mayor Sharron Catallo to sign the Deer Lake Beach lease with the township for one dollar. The lease would expire Dec. 31, 2014.

25 years ago - 1988

"Board cuts 38 teachers from payroll" A somber board of education voted to lay off 38 teaching staff members, cut two administrative positions and reassign two others in the school district. The district had a 5.5 mill property tax proposal on the ballot coming up that June.

"Merchants want more retail" Downtown business owners agreed Clarkston didn't lure shoppers from afar like it had once done in the past. The village planning commission share a few ideas - to split the commercial zoning ordinances into retail and office and village would have more control over what businesses moved into downtown. Another idea - the village to spend money to upgrade the downtown area and make it more attractive to walking shoppers.

50 years ago - 1963

"Like father, like son" Jim and George Easton walked off with honors during the Airway Lanes' Father and Son tournament. They received a trophy for their 1,200 score in the bantam division.

"Local news" Some 100 members attended the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club banquet. Mrs. William Fitzthomas was crowned Archery Queen for the club. All the leagues received trophies.

## Ball for Helping Hearts

Helping Hearts Helping Hands, a local non-profit organization started by Erica Cale of Clarkston in 2007, hosts its largest fund raiser of the year, the sixth annual Gala Ball, Friday, April 26, 6 p.m.-1:30 a.m., at Deer Lake Banquet Center.

Cale, 20, and her family host fund raisers in Clarkston to support her work in Honduras, including a girls' foster care home and mission projects.

The event for all ages includes dinner, silent auction, live auction, cash bar for 21 and older, music by DJ Ben Mackie, and dancing.

Admission at the door, \$90/adult, \$45/under 21; \$20/after 11 p.m.

For information or tickets, check www.helpingheartshelpinghands.org, call 248-660-4507, or email helpingheartshelpinghands@hotmail.com.



Erica Cale and children at her mission in Honduras appreciate backpack donations by Clarkston area supporters. *Photo provided* 

## My Habitat Clarkston continues with projects

My Habitat Clarkston succeeded in placing a family in a Clarkston area home last month, but the group's work continues.

The volunteer network of local churches, service clubs, organizations, businesses, schools, and residents will continue to work with Habitat for Humanity on projects throughout the Clarkston area.

The effort kicks off, Sunday, April 28. In Baycourt Park, 6970 Andersonville Road, volunteers will stain and do minor repairs and upkeep to the park playscape. Donate a couple hours or stay all day, food, water, or other beverages for workers, or funds for materials and supplies.

Volunteers will also help with Clarkston Community Schools' Spring Clean Up, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., April 28 – beautify schools and neighborhoods with flower bed clean-up, mulch spreading, trimming and pruning, window washing, planting, and other outdoor tasks. Bring your own yardwork tools and equipment.

For more information, call Clarkston Community Church, 248-625-1323, email info@clarkston community.com, or check clarkston.org/registration/index.aspx.

# Glamp on, Glamp off. It's Glamping?

So there I was, minding my own bees wax when one of our salesdudes shot me over an email from the Clarkston office. Some person, a woman Andrew Dubats is working with had won some sort of recognition for her efforts in Glamping.

Hmm? Come again? What was that she's good at?

Glamping, I didn't know what it was so I looked it up on the internet.

I kid you not, glamping – is the scrunching together of the two words, Glamorous and Camping. (I think my English teachers called that act a contraction or something else related to pregnancy.) I could not believe what I was reading – since when did camping become glamorous? My googled word "glamping" came up with the following. I think that will help explain it better than I, an embittered old white guy-camper, can.

"Organized glamping trips feature all of the exposure to the great outdoors as traditional camping trips, but the amenities found at the campsite far exceed anything most campers have ever experienced.

"During a typical glamping trip, for example, the tents are often designed with bright designer colors and materials, not the olive drab canvas tents of yesteryear. These tents can be rigged for electrical power, which means occupants can operate appliances, reading lamps, and climate controls.

"People may sleep on full-size air mattresses, or even regular spring mattresses . . ."

As the kids these days like to text to their peeps on

their cell phone, OMG! Oh, my goodness – what has happened to camping. What would Spanky, Alfalfa, Buckwheat and the boys from the He-Man Woman Haters Club think of Glamorous Camping? Would they let Darla bring a regular sized spring mattress while the crew was out in the woods?

Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

This is what happens when you invite chicks to be in charge of the camping trip. Glamorous camping. Argg! I totally blame the 37th President of the United States for this travesty of wilderness justice. Who knows where we'd be now if Richard Milhous Nixon wouldn't have signed Title 9 (the Education Amendment of 1972) into law. I'm sure I wouldn't be opining on glamping's merits. Thanks, Dick.

Da dames is messing everythin'

Camping used to be synonymous with roughing it. Camping was about eating beans out of a can. It was about bugs and feeling things slither underneath you, your sleeping bag and even under the tent. It was about jack knives, whittling, walking sticks and campfires.

Camping was about bathing in the nearest body of water, be it creek, pond or lake. Sometimes with soap, and sometimes without. There's nothing that will knock off a day's sweat, dust, smoke and grit than jumping naked into a spring-fed or beaver damned lake in the

middle of some million-acre national forest. Individual hygiene was optional while finding a the best dump stump was mandatory for every man.

Camping was about getting back something that was lost when humans moved to the city to work. It was about getting in-tune with nature: walking in the woods, observing and listening only to the sounds about you. It was about packing a dime store book in your back pocket and reading at night until you fell asleep.

The idea was to do things, live a way you didn't do at home -- without music, movies, satellite TV and computers.

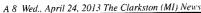
Every camper knew if it was gonna' be hot and sticky out, you were gonna be hot and sticky until you jumped into the lake. There was no mechanically climate control device.

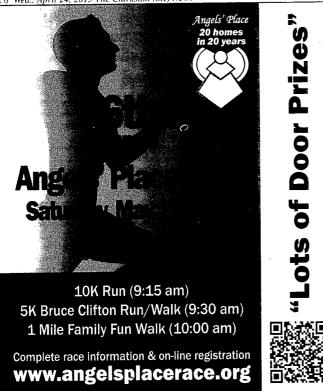
. We prayed if it rained it wouldn't down pour, but if it did, we'd get wet. Camping wasn't glamorous, it was glorious. Maybe if we were more marketing savvy back then, we would have called it Glormping.

Camping was such a part of being a young man, that this year I am taking my teenaged sons up for a week in the Upper Peninsula. Yep. We are gonna go all the way up to Lake Superior. We're gonna hike. We're gonna kayak. We're gonna back backpacks. We're gonna' cook on an open fire.

Oh, and did I tell you . . . we're gonna do it all from a base inside a cottage. Yep. Beds, TVs, washing machines, chairs, real to goodness toilets and showers. Roughing it really sounds like hard work.

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# Public Safety For Clarkston and Independence Township

#### Inside jobs

A Sunnydale Road resident hosted several friends and their children at her daughter's birthday party, April 4, and later found someone had taken \$125 from her purse and \$40 from a guest's purse.

Someone took three rings from a home in the 5000 block of Timber Ridge Trail. April 4. The victim said she had several friends over recently.

A resident in the 6000 block of Maple said part of his coin collection was missing after he and his girlfriend let her cousin and her boyfriend live with them for a while. April 6.

#### Unpaid car taxes

A deputy on patrol stopped a 23-yearold Independence Township man at S. Main and Princess. 6:47 p.m., April 5, because there was no record of his license plate. He said he bought the car at a police auction. It wasn't eligible for a plate due to unpaid taxes. He was cited for driving an unregistered vehicle, improper plate, and no proof of insurance, and the vehicle was impounded

#### Volunteer rescue

A volunteer arriving to pick up an 84-yearold Independence Township woman for church found her injured on the floor of her home. 11:21 a.m., April 7. She had been like that for about a day. She was taken to St. Joseph Mercy for treatment, and adult protective services was notified.

#### Lost dog, suspect found

A deputy on patrol stopped to help a 44-year-old Independence Township man look for his dog in the 6000 block of Southampton. 5:12 p.m.. April 7. The man was found to have outstanding warrants and arrested. The dog was found, though.

#### Thefts from garages

Someone pried open a garage door in the 4000 block of Whipple Lake Road, April 7. and took a toolbox.

Someone kicked in a rear garage door in the 9000 block of Dartmouth Road, April 17, and took two chainsaws, power drills, and other tools.

#### ATM vandalism

Someone put black tape and something in the card reader on an ATM in the 7000 block of Dixie Highway, disabling it, April 8.

#### Home invasion

Residents in the 5000 block of Whipple Lake Road found someone had gone through dresser drawers in their bedroom, taking a jewelry box, April 15. A door from the garage was found pried open.

#### Peace officer

A 40-year-old Independence Township man called police to serve as peace officers during an argument with his ex-girlfriend. 2:05 p.m., April 8. He and his mother, who he lived with, were trying to evict the exgirlfriend, and she was arguing and yelling. While there, deputies took for safekeeping a 22-caliber air rifle, a set of metal nunchuks, and a chemical spray on a keychain. He later called to inform deputies she had moved out, and to go ahead and destroy the rifle, chucks, and spray.

#### Truck fire

Independence Township firefighters put out a pickup truck on fire in the 8000 block of Pine Knob Road. 12:28 a.m.. April 10. A witness said he was awakened by a loud bang, looked out the window, saw the truck on fire, and called 911. Investigation showed the fire was not intentionally set

#### Drug suspect arraigned

Anthony Delong of Waterford, 42, was arraigned in 52-2 District Court, April 13, on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of less than 25 grams of cocaine. He was arrested in the Park and Ride on Sashabaw Road at I-75. A deputy on patrol. 7:17 p.m., April 12, ran a record's check on the vehicle Delong was in, and found he had a misdemeanor warrant out of Auburn Hills for possession of marijuana. The officer reportedly noticed a blackened socket from a wrench set in the center console, still warm to the touch, and a search revealed two plastic bags of suspected marijuana. The socket tested positive for crack cocaine, and the bags tested positive for marijuana. The suspect is free on \$50,000 personal bond. with conditions including drug screening. weekly AA/NA meetings, and no drugs or alcohol.

#### Suspended five times

A deputy on patrol stopped a pickup for an illegal turn at Sashabaw and Pelton, 9:32 p.m., April 14. The driver, a 52-year-old Waterford man, had a suspended license due to drunk driving. He was cited with driving with a suspended license, the fifth time he was ticketed for that offense, and had his license plate confiscated. The case was turned over to the prosecutor's office for review.

#### Skateboard damage?

Residents reported a car ran into concrete stair railing in the 6000 block of Dixie Highway, April 16, but it looked more consistent with damage by skateboarders.

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# Sporting News

#### This Week...

Girls Soccer hosts rivals Lake Orion on Friday, JV starts at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.

### ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



## Win for the team

#### BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Sophomore Katie Hubregsen fought in the Lady Wolves' first home dual meet of the season against Seaholm.

With a tied score, it came down to her court, Singles #4, to determine the winner. Hubregsen ended up beating her opponent, Rachel Fenberg, 6-1, 6-4, to put the Clarkston Girls Varsity Tennis team 5-4 for the ending score.

"She won it handedly. She did a great job," said head coach Becky Freeman. "She was in control and very confident. I knew we had the win based on the way she was playing. If she had not been as tough it would have been a different outcome."

Hubregsen added she thought it was a great way to start the spring season. She admitted a challenge she faced going into the match was playing singles since she was part of a doubles team last year.

"It was also a mind challenge," she said.
"Instead of being with a partner always telling you good job I had to rely on myself and figure out how I could stay mentally stable."

She is accustomed to playing on the singles court. During the summer with her Oakhurst team and in the winter with the Deer Lake 18U team.

Her personal goals for her sophomore season include making it far into the MHSAA Regional play as well as winning as many matches as she can.

"I want to be proud of the outcome no matter what it is," she added. "I want to be proud of what I accomplished even if I lose."

She began playing around three-yearsold when her older sister, Abbey, began playing.

"When I watched her play I got really excited about it," Katie recalled. "I wanted to try it. I started to play with her and it went from there. I love the game and the feeling I get when I play it. I am always excited when I get out there and play. I love being out there with my friends and meeting new people."

Abbey played the Singles #4 court last year as a senior and has helped Katie.

"She is always watching out for me," said Katie. "She wants the best for me. She is always there."

Katie added it is going to be a great year for the team since they all want the same goal to make it to state finals and are determined to achieve it.

During the fall, Katie is on the sidelines cheering on the varsity football team. She also tumbles at GOB in Ortonville.

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## Three wins for batters

#### BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The weather slightly lifted at the beginning at last week allowing hitters to get onto the field to score three wins.

The Clarkston Varsity Baseball team opened the week with a win against Rochester Adams on April 15, 8-2.

"It was a really good game," said Phil Price, head coach. "Alex Peck pitched four innings and Dave Steward pitched three they did a fabulous job. They struck them out and we got great innings out of both of them."

Peck had three strikeouts during the game and only allowed three hits and two runs.

For hitting, he had two hits. Ryan Rea went 2-for-3 during the game and hit a double.

"It was a good game all the way around," Price added.

The Wolves followed it with a double header against Bloomfield Hills the next day. They won both games, going 10-0 in the first game and 14-3 in the second game.

For the first game, Peck went 2-for-2 with three RBIs and Rea was 2-for-2 with an RBI.

Jacob O'Berry was the winning pitcher for the first game, pitching four innings and threw three strikeouts.

They finished the second game after five innings in which Sean Martens and Ryan Slaughter each went 3-for-3 in the game. Martens hit a double and Slaughter had three RBIs.

"Slaugher has been playing really good baseball for us," Price added.

DJ Zezula pitched for the second game

for three innings and only had two hits.

"O'Berry and Zezula both pitched very well," said Price.

The boys are on the road as they head to Oxford for a double header on Wednesday and host Stoney Creek on Thursday. Both begin at 4:30 p.m.

"We need to get playing," Price said going into the week. "We just need to get right back at it."

He added the Wolves have already played Oxford but only played four innings before it was rained out.

"We just need to take care of ourselves," Price pointed out. "When we play good defense we can beat anybody. For good defense, our pitching needs to keep it in the game."

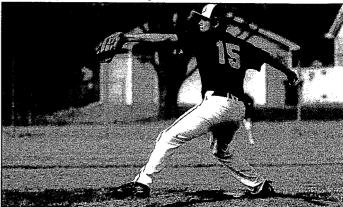
Right now one of their strengths is their pitching power. A few bonuses the team has are their overall knowledge of the game with eight senior leaders and they also have a great defense.

Though the strengths are a silver lining in the season, the weather has been a gray cloud hovering with cancelling two games last week and making it hard to practice.

"The frustrating part has been the weather," Price said.

"We have been able to practice in the gym but it is just different. Plus, we have only played three game. Everyone is in the same boat."

Check @CNewsWRSports on Twitter for the latest scores and up to date cancellations and game postponements before you go out to the field.



Jacob O'Berry winds his pitch against Bloomfield Hills Lahser in the Wolves home opener, April 16. Photo by Wendi Reardon



## On track to winning season

#### BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Wolves dominated the track and field in their first meet of the season with wins over Oxford.

Clarkston Boys Track and Field team won their meet on April 16, 91-37, while the girls team won with a 95-33 score.

"I was pretty happy with how the guys competed," said John Bennink, head coach for the boys team. "We did pretty well because we haven't been outside a lot. It was difficult to get out and do some long jumps, high jumps, hurdles or even relay handoffs. We were only able to go outside a handful of times.1

The boys took first place in 14 out of 16 events and dominated the 3,200-meter run claiming all top three places.

"Our discus and shot guys did pretty well," said Bennink. "We scored eight points in discus and six in the shot put which is good. It's big. The distance crew did big. Even the sprinters did well. It was a big day.

For the field events in first place: shot put, Nick Matich, 39'11.5"; discus, Chris Scott, 117'8.5; long jump, Caine Watlington, 18'5"; 110 hurdles, Mitch McCord, 16:52; and 300 hurdles, Watlington, 41.55.

In first place for distance, 3,200-meter relay team, Austin Draving, Nick Moore, Scott Cousino, Dan Billette, 8:28.8; 1,600-meter relay, Blake Sutherland, Joe DeFinis, Watlington, Andrew Swanson; 3:39.82; 800meter relay, Sutherland, Eriksen, Nick Smart,

Ryan Feeley, 1:35.0; 3,200-meter run and 1,600meter run, Draving; 800-meter run, Cousino, 2:04.4; 400-meter dash. Sutherland; 200-meter and 100-meter dash, Eriksen.

The girls placed first in 12 events during the meet.

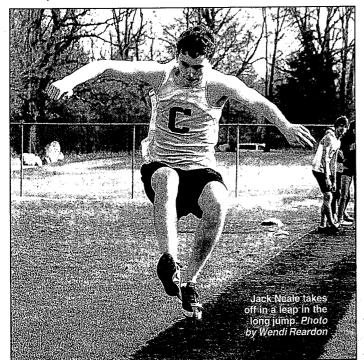
"It was a good win," said John Yorke, head coach for Clarkston Girls Track and Field team. "We had some nice surprises out of our freshmen girls. Some of our veterans did a good job - which I knew they would. We had some younger sprinters that had a good day. It was a nice win to start the year out and see what we have.'

For the field events in first place: long jump, Maicey Peterson, 15' 5.5"; high jump, Megan Nicholson, 5'0"; 100 hurdles, Peterson, 16:49; and 300 hurdles, Franzie Loetzner, 50.28.

For the distance event in first place: 3,200meter relay, Hannah Hawkins, Amanda Chamberlain, Lynsie Gram, Erin Billette, 10:07.08:1.600-meter relay, Alexis Yarnell, Molly Jeffers, Chamberlain, Hawkins, 4:37.89; 800-meter relay, Alyssa Bey, Mary Costa, Kayla Russell, Taylor Mullins, 1:52.12; 400meter relay, Madison Wilson, Russell, Costa, Mullins, 52.66; 1,600-meter run and 800-meter run, Billette; 400-meter dash, Mullins, 1:06.38; and 200-meter dash, Russell, 26.9.

Clarkston hosts Stoney Creek on Thursday and heads to Rochester next Tuesday.

'We will try to clear a few things up at practice," said Bennink. "We will find out what



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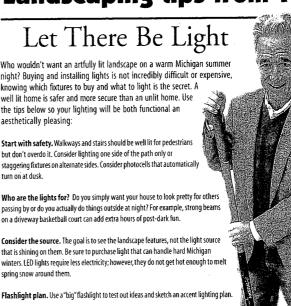
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· Downlighting. Try shining the flashlight down on features you want to highlight. Downlighting is commonly used for paths and walkways.

Backlighting. Are there any features you'd like to silhouette? Place the flashlight behind them to see the effect.

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## Wolfpack update

The Clarkston Boys Varsity Lacrosse team beat St. Frances on Saturday afternoon, 14-4. Connor Ward led the team with five goals and had two assists. Kyle O'Graddy scored three goals and had two assists; AJ Kowal, two goals; Connor Dziewit, one goal and assists; Robert Hall, Reid Kaminski and Keaton Mitchell had one goal.

The team recovered 43 ground balls during the game with eight from Kaminski; seven from Hall; and five from Evan Kneisel and Austin Egler.

The Wolves opened the week against Rochester Adams on Tuesday. They host Farmington on Wednesday, 7 p.m.. They head to Lake Orion on Saturday, 2 p.m.

The Clarkston Boys Varsity Golf team placed second out of 18 teams at the Milliken Millworks Invitational at Indianwood Country Club on Monday.

"They did great," said Coach Pete Gallagher.

Brendon Graham was the medalist of the tournament by shooting 71. Cam Krausman 76, Nick Badgley 78, Jack Alli 81, TJ Craven 83

They finished in fourth places at the OAA Red league tournament at Boulder Pointe, April 15. Jack Alli led the team with a par of 79. They scored 326. Lake Orion took first place with 315; Stoney Creek, second, 320; Rochester Adams, third, 324; Rochester, fifth, 328; and Troy, sixth, 332.

Clarkston Girls Varsity Soccer team fell to Avondale on Friday, 4-1.

Maddie Herbert scored the lone goal for the Wolves with an assist from Shelby Hopper in the second half.

The Lady Wolves were 3-1-2, 1-1-2 OAA White as they started the week on Tuesday against North Farmington.

They head to Lapeer West on Thursday and are back home on Friday as they host Lake Orion. JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.





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## Blowing away Maples

#### BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Lady Wolves needed just one more win to beat Seaholm and sophomore Katie Hubregsen served it.

She beat her opponent 6-1, 6-4 in Singles #4 court, putting the Clarkston Girls Tennis team to 5-4 in the score.

"Katie won it handedly," said Becky Freeman, head coach. "She was in control and very confident. I knew we had the win based on the way she was playing. If she had not been as tough it would have been a different outcome.

Also winning in their respective singles court were Lexi Baylis (6-3, 6-2), Isabella

Jordan Stuart serves the ball to Seaholm. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Spindler (6-0, 6-0) and Dana Olsen (6-1, 6-

For team of Paige and Alex Whall won Doubles #1 (6-1, 3-6, 6-3)

"It was tight," said Freeman. "It was real competitive. It was exciting and I was very proud of the girls. Lexi had a really good, competitor she played against. She is a very good player. Lexi took care of business very handedly. For, Isabella all of her matches so far she has won 0 and 0 - she is not opening the door at all."

The Lady Wolves followed it with a 9-0 win over Rochester Adams.

They are new to the OAA Red this year," Freeman added. "It is a new beast being in the OAA Red. They did a nice job even though the scores don't reflect it. They are a good building team in this division.

For singles, Baylis won her match 6-2, 6-1; Spindler, 6-0, 6-1; Dana, 6-1, 7-5; and Hubregsen, 6-1, 6-1.

For doubles, Whall and Paige won 6-0, 6-1; Jordan Stuart and Monique Zentner, 6-2, 6-2; Mackenzie Bedor and Amy Brozovich, 6-3, 6-4; Caitlin McCaghy and Mackenzie Sowers, 6-0, 6-0; and Kendra Mantz and Olivia Baylis, 4-6, 6-2, 10-7.

"Now that the rest of the doubles won. it gives them more confidence," Freeman added. "It gives them that little bit of swagger moving forward to grow on what they

The team fought the cold to win the Pioneer Invite on Saturday by beating Pioneer, Novi and Troy. Baylis, Spindler, Hubregsen, Dana, Paige and Whall won three of their matches and the team of McCaghy and Sowers won two matches.

Freeman added despite rainy and cold conditions, they have been lucky and have practiced a few times at Deer Lake Athletic Club with the generosity of the Clarkston Athletic Boosters.

"It helps immensely," she said.

The Lady Wolves opened the week against Troy. They head to Cranbrook on Wednesday and head south for the Ann Arbor Invite on Saturday.

Rachel Alli swings at the pitch from Davison in the Lady Wolves first game in the double header. Photo bv Wendi Reardon

# ome run on Cardinals

#### BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Lady Wolves are coming back from their first set of losses with a plan for success.

We walked away, at least I did, feeling good about what we need to do and where we need to be because we played against some really good teams," said Don Peters, head coach for Clarkston Varsity Softball team.

The girls lost to Troy last Wednesday, 3-2. Rachel Vieira hit 2-for-3 and a triple and Katie Nelson hit 2-for-2. Both had one RBI each.

Madeline Maday pitched five innings and had two strikeouts.

"There were some great plays made by both teams," said Peters. "We just didn't execute what we needed to. In some clutch pitching situations we walked a couple of batters. It made it tough for us. We had clutch plays and clutch hits. I don't know if it was the weather. the rain, the rain delays but it put it all in the mix with two really good teams together and it was a fun game. People were making great plays, runners were stealing bases. It was what we expected in a close score like that."

They also lost to Sterling Heights Stevenson on Saturday. Peters added they made some errors and had a wild pitch to end up with the loss.

'Sometimes it is more of a statement of this is what we need to do to get better," he said. "I know they will because they work their tailoff. They are going to be a force to be reck-

They opened at home on April 16 with two wins over Davison, 11-1 and 13-0.

"It was a couple of nice wins," said Peters. "It was nice to be outside. We scored a lot of runs. Things were working out for

Sydney Hasselbach hit 2-for-3, hitting a home run and a double with three RBIs. Mikayla Blaska hit 2-for-4 with two RBIs and Rachel Alli hit 2-for-3 with one RBI.

Maday was the winning pitcher and had six strikeouts in four innings in the first game. Candace Kitchen pitched for two innings and had two strikeouts.

During the second game, Maday pitched for three innings and had ten strikeouts while Kitchen and Alex Favazza pitched for one inning

"All three pitchers did a real nice job," said Peters.

The Lady Wolves head to North Farmington this Wednesday for a OAA Red league game.

'They are always tough," said Peters. "It is time to start making some corrections on some of the things we need to do."

They host Oxford in a double header on Monday beginning at 4:30 p.m.

"What we need to do is get the practices in, smell that fresh air. The games are outside, we need to practice outsidé," Peters added.



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**Question**: How do you manage healthy eating while on vacation?

Answer: There's no doubt that eating healthy can be very tricky when you're on vacation. Whether you're short on time or you want to experience all of the different foods available, it can be difficult to stick to a particular diet plan.

And you may not be as familiar with the local foods, so knowing how nutritious they are becomes a real challenge. If you're traveling by car, you can certainly bring your own snacks for the ride.

This may help you avoid the need to pick-up costly convenience foods. If you're traveling by plane, asking the flight attendant for low-fat or heart-healthy options can also help. It might be wise to book hotel rooms that have kitchenettes, and if that's the case, you can always visit the local grocery store to get some fresh fruits and vegetables and other healthful items. And if the hotel has a continental breakfast, you can try to fill up on fruits or yogurt before you head out on the town. Be sure to visit sit-down restaurants instead of fast food establishments, since servers are generally better equipped to educate you about the food they're serving. But in the end, just do the best you can, and remember that you're on vacation. If you do deviate from your normal eating habits, just be sure to get back on track once you return home.

Question: Is it alright to start an exercise program at the age of 50, and if so, what types of exercise would be advisable?

Answer: First of all, it's clear that individuals

may need to do different exercises depending on their activity levels and overall health. And the sooner you start exercising, the more beneficial it will be in the long run. Being active can increase bone strength, improve cardiovascular function, and prevent

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A column by

numerous chronic diseases. Structured exercise can also increase mobility and stability, which can help prevent falls as you age.

If you're just beginning a workout program, it's important to start slow and begin with the basics. It is also important to listen to your body. If you start some some physical pain, make sure to stop immediately. And don't forget to do a proper warm

up and cool down. Keep in mind, it will take older individuals a bit longer to recover between workouts. As a result, light to moderate intensities are recommended.

I would advise resistance training 2-3 times a week, along with some basic aerobic exercise as well. Walking and jogging are certainly reasonable exercise options, but swimming and biking will put less stress on the joints. In the end, it may be best to speak with a personal trainer so that he/she can create a customized workout program for you.

Contact Heidi Duffy a heidi.anytimefitness@comcast.net.

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## A clean family business

Blake Garner, owner of Clarkston Window Cleaning, has lots of experience in the field. He started when he was a 17-year-old student at Clarkston High School.

"My buddy was cleaning windows in downtown Rochester area, and I worked with him," said Garner, a 1999 graduate. "I like to be outside, that's the main thing."

Cleaning windows was a second job for him for several years before striking out on his own. This is his first year as a full time business owner.

"It's going really good, we're busy," he said.

His priority is to keep his services affordable and up to date by continuously researching the business. He and three employees provide services including window and gutter cleaning, screen cleaning and repair, light fixture cleaning, power washing, and ladder work. They also do inside maintenance, including fixing clogged sinks and other home repairs - all over Oakland County. It's a family business, with his wife, Jessica, doing billing, scheduling, and other paperwork.

"We hope to do this for a long time, hire more employees, and offer more services," Blake said. "This is my hometown, where we're from - we grew up in Clarkston. We're



Blake and Jessica Garner own and operate their own business, Clarkston Window Cleaning

in Clarkston all the time, at Depot Park with the kids."

Check out their website at www.clarkstonwindowcleaning.com for an instant quote, which is a new feature.

"I really want to make it easy for the customer," he said. "It's good for me because it saves time so I can get more work done.'

For more information, call 248-760-7726.

## Halo Burger lands in town

Clarkston residents will be the first to bite into a Halo Burger when six new locations open in Oakland County this summer. In May, the store at 6325 Sashabaw will be the first in the county to serve up OP Classics, crispy chicken strips, and Vernor's floats made with hand-dipped ice cream.

Bringing the popular restaurant to Clarkston is only the beginning, according to Halo Burger's Director of Marketing Polly Dortch-Conlan. She expects Halo Burger "will be all over the Midwest in the next five years," but Clarkstonites will be the first to have a taste of the expansion into Oakland County.

"We want people in Clarkston to be as excited about us as we are about them," said Dortch-Conlan. She points out Clarkston's Halo Burger will offer the same "fresh food, great products and great services," but with a slightly new spin.

Restaurants in Oakland County won't



have drive thru service like shops in Genesee County. Instead, Halo Burger's in our area will be "fast casual," said Dortch-Conlan.

Customers will order, then Halo Burger's employees will bring gourmet burgers and fresh romaine and iceberg lettuce salads out on plates and in baskets. The Clarkston location will also offer limited time only menu items all the time, and you won't be eating with plasticware, she assures.

Now, that the franchise is under new ownership, they're "a step up from your grandma and grandpa's Halo Burger," she said, "For the 90 years Halo Burger has been opened, it has been considered fast food,' Dortch-Conlan pointed out. These days, they're hoping to be thought of as "fast casual."

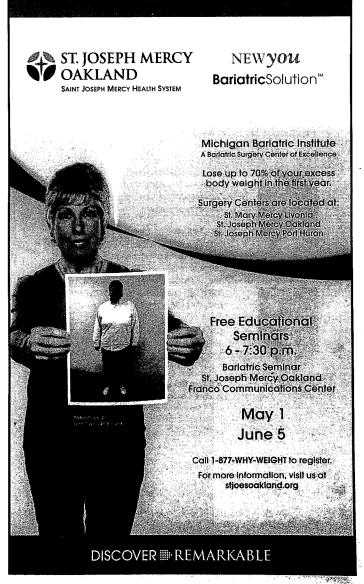
Halo Burger is family-owned and operated and to show they're ready to call Clarkston home, they've reached out to the Clarkston River Dawgs. Halo Burger intends to support their annual Clarkston Classic youth baseball tournament, along with other upcoming golf outings and fun runs organized by the community.

"We really want to be entrenched in the community and support what's going on," said Dortch-Conlan. Like Halo Burger Fans on Facebook to get updates about the Clarkston store opening or check out Halo Burger on Twitter.

- Mary Keck

SPRING CARNIVAL: From left, Rite Aid associates Sandy Salmu, Laura Glinka, and Bruce Goldberg prepare for the Children's Spring Carnival to benefit Children's Miracle Network, April 27, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., 5789 S. Main Street. The carnival will feature face painting, fire trucks, glitter tattoos, cotton candy, hot dogs, popcorn, and pizza. Call 248-625-5271 for more informa-





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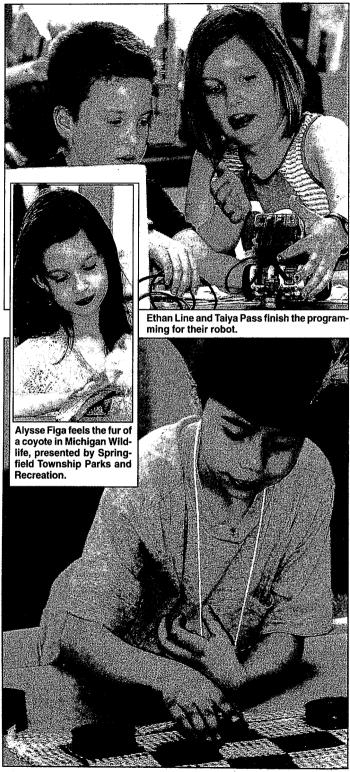
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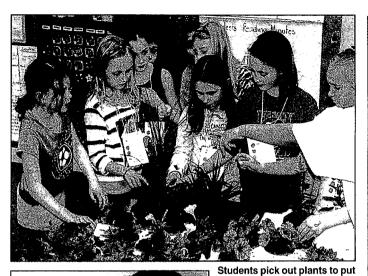
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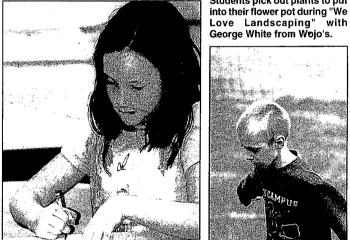
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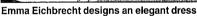


Dustin Vianueva enjoys a game of checkers after learning what life was like in a different time from the Daughters of American Revolution.





George White from Wojo's.



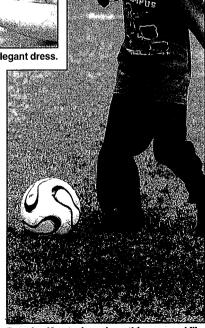
## Day of culture

With a flip and a fold, Springfield Plains Elementary students created a swan out of a small piece

It was part of their Culture Matters Festival Day last Thursday as they also learned about history, animals, health, sports, plants, making a commercial and so much more, but also were able to experience it.

A few popular spots had students creating their own robots with Team RUSH from Clarkston High School while others learned how to use movement with the mimes from the high school.

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Brandon Kroetsch works on his soccer skills.

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## Close call for Clarkston-area couple in Boston

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Clarkston area residents Kirt Stalker and Cathy Ivan escaped injury when the Boston Marathon was bombed, April 15, but it was close.

"One or two walk breaks and I would have been there," said Stalker.

Ivan, his wife, volunteered at the race. She was assigned to a spot at the start line, but when she was released she headed to the finish.

"My friend and I walked to the course and stood to watch the elite runners come in, and then we were off to find a spot to watch for my husband," Ivan said. "We walked to mile 25 after determining it would be too hard to get on the T (subway) to ride further out on the course. We waited couple hours for Kirt to come by and once he did, I headed back toward the finish line as Kirt and I were going to meet at our hotel after the race."

Stalker crossed the finish line with a time of 4 hours, 19 minutes, and 21 seconds, just a few minutes before the first bomb exploded.

"I was walking away from the finish line through the chutes," he said. "I heard the first explosion – it sounded like a cannon. I turned around and looked, and saw a big plume of smoke."

"I had just crossed over Massachusetts Avenue and thought it was an empty gravel hauler hitting some ruts in the road," Ivan said. "Then the second explosion went off. I looked behind me again, but knew it couldn't have been another truck."

"At that point, I knew something was going on," Stalker said. "When the first explosion went off, I thought it was a sewer blast or something."

Everyone was confused, Ivan said.

"I saw two cops look at each other, then start walking toward the finish line," she said. "There wasn't a lot of chaos initially, but when the sirens all started up and the cops took off running, panic set in."

People were running away from the blasts, saying "don't go in there," she said.

"I cannot say if it was just bystanders running at us or runners as well. I was too caught up in my own horror knowing Kirt could be in there," Ivan said. "I called a friend who calmed me down and had me head to our hotel room. There were people running all over and constant sirens."

On the other side of the blast sites, Stalker was concerned about his wife.

"I borrowed a cell phone from someone and left a voice message, but she didn't get it until 45 minutes later," he



Kirt Stalker and his wife, Cathy Ivan, at the Boston Marathon before the bomb attack.

said. "No one knew what was going on."

Suffering the effects of the close call as well as more than four hours on the road, Stalker wandered through the crowd for a bit before making his way back to their hotel.

"I was out of it - I had just run 26.2 miles," he said. "Volunteers got us out of the area."

For Ivan, waiting in their hotel room became a vigil.

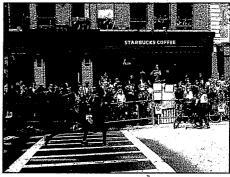
"I was getting text after text wanting to know if we were OK," she said. "Then I noticed the text notification I had signed up for to follow Kirt's progress, and he had crossed the finish line. That was huge."

When Kirt got to hotel, he found people watching television coverage in the bar.

"It showed everyone responding," he said. "I grabbed a beer, then went up to hotel room. My wife said I seemed out of it."

But he was there within about 35 minutes after she was. They spent about an hour responding to friends and family via text and Facebook that they were OK.

"Our hotel was on lockdown. All restaurants in the area, including in the hotel, were closed," she said. "We sat glued to the TV in our hotel room for a few hours then went in





Ivan took these pictures near the finish line as elite runners came through. She provided these and others to federal agents after the bombing. *Photos provided* 

search for food for Kirt. When we left on Tuesday morning, our hotel had just been released from the lock down."

As with thousands of other runners, the Boston Marathon was a long-time goal for Stalker. A cross-country runner at Clarkston High School in the 1960's, he had taken up running again about 12 years ago for his health.

"I know that running burns calories the fastest," he said.

"The Boston Marathon is the 'holy grail' for all runners," Ivan said. "I am sickened to the core that someone would bring such horror to this event and subsequently to all running events."

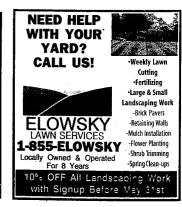
"It's not what I expected from my first Boston Marathon," Stalker said. "I'm sad for all families affected by it."

Races all over the country this year will remember and raise funds for victims, Ivan said.

"Please go to a local race and contribute to any charity that will be supporting the victims of this tragedy," she said.









STUDENTS OF THE STAGE: Sashabaw Middle School Drama Club performed "Stacks of Wax" and "Dress Code Disaster," April 11. Student actors in the club learned stage craft with pantomime activities, dance, improvisation, scene study, theater games, and other activities this year. Photo provided

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Household pets are adorably curious, but they can't read labels or plant their own gardens.

One of the biggest mistakes pet owners can make is to underestimate a pet's curiosity and overlook dangers of common household items, both indoors and outdoors. It's up to us to read labels for them, make sure cleaning chemicals and other toxins are out of reach and maintain gardens that stimulate our pets' curiosity with safety in mind

"Responsible pet ownership is about more than feeding your pet nutritious meals and going on walks. It's more holistic—it's a lot like caring for a child," says Dr. Tiffany Bierer, health and nutritional sciences manager at Mars Petcare US."You need to anticipate certain dangers and remove them from the realm of possibility. That's what we did in our office and it only takes a little effort to do the same at home."

Mars Petcare US, knows all about designing spaces with pet safety as a top priority, particularly when it comes to common toxins, Safety measures are fundamental since the company's employees are encouraged to bring their dogs to work each day. But the type of thoughtful and preventative planning they've deployed throughout their office isn't reserved only for pet food companies -- it's within reach for every pet owner in their own homes.

As such, pet owners could borrow a few tips from the makers of Pedigree, Cesar and Sheba pet foods:

· Be mindful of toxic plants. Many common plants, such as Azaleas, Oleander, Daffodils, Lilies, Tulips and Hyacinth, are toxic to pets and should be avoided in indoor and outdoor areas where pets are

free to roam. Many mushrooms also present dangers, including death. It's important to do your research since mushrooms can be difficult to identify

· Use caution when applying garden poisons, insecticides and fertilizers. Many gardeners use traps for small rodents, snails and slugs. These are extremely toxic if consumed, requiring immediate veterinary attention.

· Most over-the-counter insecticides and fertilizers can upset a pet's stomach, but some contain more dangerous chemicals that can cause death if consumed. It's important to follow directions when applying a chemical to your yard and keep pets away from the area. Inform neighbors when applying insecticides and fertilizers since these products can drift in light winds, and always store them in

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· Always store household cleaning supplies in controlled spaces. Like insecticides and fertilizers, household cleaners should be stored in controlled spaces since they can cause death very quickly. Batteries, fire logs and glue should also be kept out of reach of pets.

 Keep toxic foods and medicines out of reach. Chocolate, raisins, sugar-free gum, star fruit and grapes are toxic to pets and should be kept out of reach, just like ibuprofen and amphetamine medications.

"Following these tips is the next best thing to teaching pets to read labels," says Dr. Bierer." It not only makes your home a safer place for your pets, it makes it safer overall."

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Clarkston High School student Dominik Laureano Rovillos Monson, with his family.



Sashabaw Middle School Principal Todd Bidlack honored students Catherine Laube and Andrew Dimmer.



Clarkston Junior High School Principal Adam Kern recognized Alyssa Harbaugh and Mitchel Thompson.



Clarkston High School student Nathan Adam Yeloushan is honored with his family by his side.

# Students honored

Students from Sashabaw Middle School, Clarkston Junior High, Clarkston High School, and Renaissance High School received Optimist Club Youth Appreciation recognition last week. The students were honored for living the Optimist Creed in their community.



Renaissance High School Principal Billie Pambid honored Brendan Kelly, at left, and Trevor Neideffer. *Photos provided* 

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By Mary Keck

# The Clarkston News'

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



## Community pulls together to help family in crisis

#### BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Like many 10 year olds, Maysie Jean Madison sings along with Katy Perry and Justin Beiber. She loves writing, bike riding, painting her nails, and Sponge Bob Square

But since March 7 when Maysie was medically-induced into a coma due to seizures in her brain, she hasn't woken up to enjoy the usual things.

"It's like a bad nightmare," said William Madison, Maysie's father, of what he's experienced. He said he started a Facebook page called Wake Up Maysie Jean because he feels helpless. "I wanted to feel like I'm doing something," he said.

"It makes you pull things closer to you and appreciate the things you do have," said Maysie's Aunt Jenny Emery. Something Maysie's family has been thankful for is all the support they've received.

"Everyone's been pouring out so many good prayers and thoughts," she noted with gratitude.

"The community is just coming together and doing so much because they understand that there's going to be a ton of medical bills that are going to come from this," Emery said.

Mel's Grill, where Maysie's mother works, plans to hold a fundraiser. Maysie's school, Pine Knob Elementary, is dedicating the entire month of May to raising money for Maysie. They kicked off Mondays in May for Maysie at their talent show, where they



Family and friends are helping Maysie Jean Madison and her family as she undergoes many treatments. Photo provided

collected \$257.

On the first Monday in May for Maysie, students at PKE who donate a dollar can wear pajamas to school. On the next Monday, they'll be selling white chocolate daisies for Maysie. They plan to sell sparkly pink bracelets too.

Anyone interested in donating can give to the Maysie Madison Fund at TCF bank or the Wake up Maysie Jean/Maysie Jean Fund at Clarkston State Bank. Check for updates on Wake Up Maysie Jean on Facebook.

"Keep the prayers coming. That's the biggest thing," William Madison said.

When Maysie started having seizures, she was taken to the emergency room, but try as they might, her doctors were not been able to stop them.

They treated her with medications without success, and every test Maysie underwent didn't reveal a cause. Finally, to keep her from seizing, Maysie was put into a medically induced coma.

"She went from running around and being fine to all of the sudden. all of this, and nobody has any answers for it," Emery summed up.

Once in the hospital, doctors used Electroencephalography (EEGs) to record brain activity and concluded that Maysie's seizures were occurring in her right, frontal and temporal lobes. They diagnosed her with Rasmussen's encephalitis and determined stopping the seizures would require brain surgery.

They told us the only way she would live a seizure-free life would be to do a hemispherectomy and remove the whole right lobe," William said. So, the surgery was scheduled for March 17 at the Detroit Children's Hospital.

Maysie's doctors told her parents the outcome of her surgery would be no seizures, weakness on her left side in her hand and leg that would require physical therapy, but no major cognitive issues once her brain had time to recover and compensate. "But that's not what happened after the surgery," said

As the medication to keep Maysie Jean in a coma was reduced after surgery, the seizures started again. This time, the left hemisphere of her brain was seizing. "That's when they put her back into the coma," Emery noted.

The results of the surgery revealed Maysie's seizures were not caused by Rasmussen's encephalitis. Although they've conducted numerous tests, doctors have not been able to pinpoint the illness causing Maysie's condition, which leaves them with little understanding of how to treat it.

"The doctors are not giving up. They are willing to try anything they can think of, but they are kind of stuck," said Emery.

One treatment has yielded some positive results. Since trying five intravenous plasmapheresis treatments, Maysie's EEGs have shown less seizure activity.

Over the past week, Maysie's doctors "started weaning her off the coma meds," Emery explained. Maysie's hand and face muscles twitched, and she opened her eyes and was able to follow movement with her eyes.

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#### Events

Youth Recognition Program, Clarkston Area Youth Assistance, 7 p.m., April 24, Clarkston United Methodist Church. The Clarkston High School group Detroit Voice will entertain. 248-623-4313.

Used Book Sale, April 24, 10a.m.-8:30 p.m., April 25-26, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., April 27, bag day, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 248-625-2212.

The Sapphire Ball, Helping Hearts Helping Hands' sixth annual dinner dance, 6 p.m., April 26, Deer Lake Banquet Center, 6167 White Lake Road. Dinner, silent auction, live auction, cash bar, music, dancing fund raiser for mission to help children in Honduras. \$80 before April 20; \$90 at door. Under 21, \$35 before April 20, \$45 at the door. \$20 after 11 p.m. 248-660-4507, 248-830-6871.

*Sylvia* by A.R. Gurney, heartwarming comedy, rated PG, Clarkston High School Drama Club, 7 p.m., April 26-27. \$8. 248-623-4024.

Neighbor To Neighbor Giveaway, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., April 28, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints, 5464 Waterford Road. Free clothing, furniture, games for kids, bedding, household items for families, individuals in need. 571-221-4121

Lifeguard Certification Class and Review Class, American Red Cross, 3:30-5 p.m., April 29-May 3. Clarkston Community Education. \$185/certification, \$100/review. 248-623-3588.

Plant This, Not That, presented by Laura Zigmanth, landscape designer and corticultural consultant, 7:30-9 p.m., May 1, Clarkston St. Daniel Church Cushing Center, 7010 Valley Park Drive. Learn about native alternatives to popular plants, shrubs, flowers. Free. Register, annebushroe@hotmail.com, Wild Ones, North Oakland Chapter.

Friendship Tea to Benefit Esthers Children, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., May 4, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Luncheon tea, Creative Scarf Tying with Christina Calka of Village Fashion Boutique. \$30. Reservations by April 27, Pam at 248-421-7699 or Leslie at 248-625-8240. Also, Resale Fashion Accessory Boutique with jewelry, beads, fashion hats, scarves, belts, purses, shawls, cotton or lace gloves, etc. Drop off donations by May 3 at the church. 248-625-5185.

Chuck Keegan Race for the Kids, May 4, Clarkston Junior High track, 6595 Middle Lake Road. 5K run, 3K walk, "Donut Dash" for children 10 and under. Registration, 8 a.m.; events, 9 a.m. \$50/family, \$20/individual for 5K Run or 3K Walk; \$5/individual for "Donut Dash." Call Mike. 248-623-5631, or check

# Around Town

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

www.clarkstonfoundation.org.

Enkindle the Remnant, youth led prayer event, 6-10 p.m., May 4, Depot Park. Open night of prayer and worship for all denominations.

SCAMP Walk and Roll, family event with one-, two-, five-mile routes, May 5, registration 12-1 p.m., Depot Park. 248-623-8089.

**Daffodils & Duds** style show and luncheon, Springfield Garden Club, 11:30 a.m., May 9, Genesys Conference and Banquet Center, 805 Health Park Blvd., Grand Blanc. Fashions from Coldwater Creek, silent auction, door prizes. Reservations by April 28, \$27. Call Donna, 248-634-1680, or Vicky, 248-625-0395.

Phragmites Workshop, 9-11 a.m., May 11, Independence Township Hall, 6483 Waldon Center Drive. Learn how to properly control phragmites on your property, presented by Ernie Kafcas, phragmites consultant and retired MDNR wildlife biologist. Free. 248-454-6856.

Game for a Cure, Clarkston High School Boys Varsity Lacrosse, May 11, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Proceeds go to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Cancer Research Center in Pontiac. T-shirts are \$15. kk2tall@aol.com.

Back-40 Challenge, May 12, registration starts 7:30 a.m., American Legion hall, 8047 Ortonville Road. 10-, 16-, 24-, 48-mile routes on dirt roads through Clarkston area. Ice cream social, 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Flying Rhino Cycling Club, Kinetic Systems. 248-625-7000.

**50th Reunion**, Pontiac Northern Class of 1963, Sept. 27, Fountains Banquet, 6060 Maybee Road. Call Penny, 248-328-1217.

#### Monday

Clarkston Rotary Club, Mondays, 6:30 p.m. Buck Shots Bar and Grill, 7048 Gateway Park Drive. 248-880-0027.

Grief Support Group, Coats Funeral Home, 6:30 p.m., first and third Mondays, Community Presbyterian Church, 4:301 Monroe Street at Sashabaw. 248-623-7232.

#### Tuesday

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

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

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

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

**Town Hall Quilt Guild**, third Tuesday, 7 p.m., First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. Guest fee, \$5. 248-705-7310.

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

#### Wednesday

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

Tell Us About Your Travels, 7-8:30 p.m., third Wednesday, Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 248-625-2212.

#### Thursday

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

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

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

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

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

#### Frrday

**50+ Spanish Lessons**, Saturdays, 9-10 a.m., Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road \$60/members, \$65/non-members. 248-625-8231.

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

## Capital plan

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so we can keep our forecast clear, and fully transparent about where we are against the plan," said Township Supervisor Patrick Kittle. "But then have that little checkbook off to the side so you can see exactly where we're spending and what we're going to spend it on."

The list wasfirst presented to the board last fall.

"It was a long process to get this CIP together, identifying the right things to put on capital versus what we should expend each year," Lohmeier said. "We basically approved the plan, recognized and agreed that we were supportive of the things that were in there at the time. We kind of held short of saying 'Okay, now let's commit to spending this at the end of this year and stick the new board with it.' So that's the reason why it wasn't a commitment to the funds."

Township budget analyst Rick Yaeger said most of the funds come from the township Parks, Recreation, and Seniors budget for new equipment, renovations to playing fields and buildings, and other projects. About \$2.8 million would be spent on parks, recreation, and seniors over the 10-year plan, ranging from \$8,000 planned for 2018 and \$905,000 in 2014 — about \$280,000 a year on average.

Funding for the capital purchases will come from extra fund balance, over the 20 percent reserve, plus any future contributions to the fund balance, according to the plan. In addition to the general fund, \$1.7 million in grants and \$225,000 in donations would go into it.

This is the first time this new board has been presented with the CIP and changes may have occurred in the interim requiring careful calculations before the board is willing to vote on a motion to approve the plan, said Treasurer Paul Brown.

"We need to scrub over the numbers in greater detail," Brown said.

#### Sewer rates

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Richardson anticipates residents will see rates increase 7-8 percent; however, until a rate study is completed this year, the change to current rates is not yet determined. Independence Township residents currently pay \$83.20 quarterly for sewer. On April 16, the board voted unanimously to pay Bendzinski and Company up to \$8,000 to conduct a water and sewer rate study. The last rate study was conducted in 2004.

For COSDS to qualify for grants, communities have been asked to sign the contracts by May 16. The Board of Trustees will decide if they will sign off on the contracts at their next meeting on May 14 at 7 p.m. at Township Hall.



Clarkston grad Chelsea Kouri takes a break from building trails. Photo provided

### Kouri finishes second Americorps project Chelsea Kouri of Clarkston recently fin-

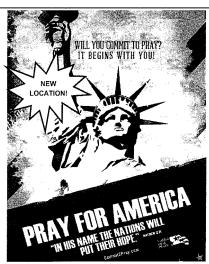
ished an eight-week project with AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC).

The eight-person team worked at the Land Heritage Institute (LHI), a living land museum, in San Antonio, Texas. This was Kouri's second of four projects in the 10-month AmeriCorps NCCC program. Her first project was in Eudora, Ark., working with the J Austin White Cultural Center.

Kouri began working with LHI in mid-January, building trails for the public, helping with Native San Antonio Day, and helping install a solar panel.

The team finished the project on March 22 and traveled back to AmeriCorps NCCC's Southwest Region campus in Denver. Kouri has now started her third project, which will be working with Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado (VOC) in Denver.

Kouri's term of service with AmeriCorps NCCC began last October. She will complete one more project before graduating from the program on July 26.



#### 2013 CLARKSTON AREA NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER BREAKFAST THEME: PRAY FOR AMERICA (Matthew 12:21)

Thursday, May 2, 2013 - 7-9 a.m.

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Bonita Laudeman, Chaplain, Oakland Co. Sheriff Dept. Emcee: Mickey York, Anchor - FOX Sports Detroit

Special Music: Matt Duncan

To be held at: Fountains Golf & Banquet - 6060 Maybee Road, Clarkston

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Contact Calvary Lutheran, 248-229-2723, or Clarkston Community, 248-625-1323.

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#### **CLARKSTON UNITED** METHODIST CHURCH

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# Religion Preaching

## Challenging times call for faith

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It has certainly been a week of disturbing news and events with the Boston Marathon bombing, the fertilizer plant explosion in Texas, a devastating earthquake in China. and more all in the headlines, as well as in our hearts and prayers.

In such times I reflect on how we, as people of faith, are called to respond. I ask

myself that familiar, but challenging always question, "what would Jesus do?" Here are a few reflections on the topic that have come to me these past few days. I hope they might be helpful to you as well.

First and foremost, in the wake of any tragedy I believe it is important to be reminded that God is with us. While we may wish that God would not allow such

things to happen, God's promise in our broken and fallen world is to be with us in the midst of the storms. Psalm 91 reminds us that, "You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust." Our faith does not protect us from crises, but reminds us that in the midst of them we can trust that we are truly safe.

Because I believe this is true, I can go about living positively and not give in to anxiety or ambivalence, hatred or despair, or fear. Martin Luther once said, "If I believed that tomorrow the world were to end, I would plant an apple tree today." Now I don't believe the world is about to end, but I do know that I want to live my life today and everyday according to my values and faith no matter what is happening in and around

Challenging times reveal our true character, as individuals and as a nation. This past week I have been inspired by many moving stories of heroic acts and bravery among first responders and bystanders alike. This is especially helpful to point out as we process such events with our children. Fred Rogers writes: "When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.' To this day, especially in times of disaster, I remember my mother's words, and I am always comforted by realizing that there are still so many helpers-so many caring people in this world." (Mister Rogers Parenting Book)

So in the wake of this tidal wave of "bad news," I am praying for the victims, giving thanks for the heroes, and I have renewed my commitment to live my faith and values as best I can, no matter what. This includes Jesus' call to love, forgive, and to be peacemakers as we combat evil with good and work together to build a more just and secure world. Cardinal O'Malley at an interfaith healing service in Boston put it this way: "In the face of the present tragedy, we must ask ourselves what kind of a community do we want to be, what are the ideals that we want to pass on to the next generation. It cannot be violence, hatred and fear." And I would add that it also cannot be prejudice and unfair stereotyping of ethnic or religious groups...

Jesus said, "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." So I leave you with this challenging idea of putting these words into action from a colleague, Pastor Rich Melheim. He posted on the internet a children's message he planned to share encouraging kids to write "Jesus kind" of letters to victims as well as "to the boy who did this terrible thing." Melheim writes: "If you dare, explain that you are a Christian, and since you follow a Jesus who teaches you to love and forgive, you love and forgive him. Close your letter saying Jesus loves him, and that you are praying one day he will know love and forgiveness. Tell him you hope and pray that one day love will crowd out the hate in his heart, and that he will be known as the kindest, most loving person in prison."

I hope and pray, no matter where we are, that we are the kindest, most loving people we can be!

The Rev. Jonathan Heierman is pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church.

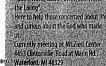
#### In our churches...

Wednesday Evening Feast, 6 p.m., Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-3288.

CrossTowne Kids' Club, Wednesdays, 7

p.m., North Oaks Community Church, 9600 Ortonville Road.

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



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## Ronald H. Fortin, 76

Ronald H. Fortin of Tucson, Ariz., formerly of Clarkston, passed away April 18, 2013, at age 76.

Mr. Fortin was preceded in death by his wife Barbara and son Rick. He was the father of Terri (Michael) Williams & Todd Fortin; grandfather of eight and great grandfather of nine; brother of Carol Terry. Connie Allen and Kathy (Frank) Shea.



Ron was proud to have served as a U.S. Marine and retired from General Motors. He enjoyed hunting, photography and family gatherings.

Funeral service, Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Alzheimers Association. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

#### Josephine J. Houts, 84

Josephine J. Houts of Clarkston passed away April 14, 2013, at age 84.

She was preceded in death by her husband Donald. She was the mother of David and Dona (Earl "Dave" Latty: sister of Ruby (George Feeman) Rhodes, the late Arnold



(Dorothy) Getzan, the late Robert (Doris) Getzan and the late Debby (Mo) Randall; she will be

greatly missed by her nieces and nephews, and dear friend of Bina Stump; Memorial Service was April 21 at Clarkston Community Church. Arrangements entrusted to the

Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Wounded Warrior Project. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

#### Daniel J. Kramer, 69

Daniel John Kramer of Goodrich passed away April 17, 2013, at age 69.

He was the loving husband of Louise for 42 years; beloved Father of Daniel (Susan), Deborah Kramer, Michael (Erin), Jason (Emily) and Christina (Joshua) Peck; grandfather of 10: brother of Peter (Gerda) Kramer and Frank (late Lorraine) Kramer.

Funeral Service was April 19 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Memorials may be made to Genesys Hospice. Online guestbookwww.wintfuneralhome.com.

#### Stephen J. Kent, 44

Stephen J. Kent of Clarkston passed away April 15, 2013, at age 44.

He was the partner of Kenneth D. Toner Jr. since December 26.

1988; son of Jim (Dorothy) Kent and the late Sharon L. Kent; brother of Michael. David (Sunni) and Debbie (Albert) Coglio; step father of Anthony Kasari; uncle of Meghan and Mathew Coglio; grandson of AJ and the late Bertha Kent.



Funeral Service was April 19 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Michigan Humane Society or SCAMP. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

#### Delores Smith, 89

Delores Mae Smith of Waterford passed away April 15, 2013, at age 89.

She was preceded in death by her husband Jay in 1971 and her siblings Dorothy Robertson and Dallas Haun. She was the special aunt of Susan Haun, William (Joyce) Haun, James (Nancy) Haun, the late Charles Robertson, and the late Robert Robertson.

Delores was a secretary for Universal Oil Seal for 20 years and Foster-Kilby Supply Co. for 21 years. A private service has been held, Inurnment White Chapel Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

#### Patricia Thomas, 86

Patricia Lee Thomas of Clarkston passed away April 17, 2013, at age 86.

She was preceded in death by her husband Terence. She was the loving mother of David (Beth) Thomas and Tara (Nick) O'Dea; proud grandma of Sean, Katherine, Elizabeth and David.



Pat graduated from Pontiac High School.

Pat retired as a teacher from Clarkston Elementary after 33 years of service. She was a charter member of the Clarkston Village Players.

Memorial Service was April 23 at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the Clarkston Village Players. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

### Dorothy Keiser, 83

Dorothy T. Keiser, 83, of Lapeer, formerly of Davison and Waterford, died on April 18, 2013. She was born Nov. 19, 1929, in Pontiac to parents James and Alma Boone. She was married to beloved hus-

band Dale W. Keiser on October 22, 1949 (63 years). Dorothy's earlier career was a keypunch operator for GM and working at Woolworths. Dorothy was a member of Faith Tabernacle in Burton, Mich., for over 15 years. Dorothy is sur-



vived by her husband Dale of Lapeer, and six children. Susan (Stan) Wiarda of Canada, David Keiser of Lapeer, Sandra (Robert) Dersa of Lapeer, Dennis (Pandora) Keiser of Lapeer, Shervl (Mike) Gosicki of Orion and Sharlene (Rob) Butler of Clarkston. She is also survivied by 18 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents and one brother Raymond Boone.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 27, at Faith Tabernacle in Burton from 1-3 p.m. Dorothy is lovingly remembered as a devoted wife, mother and Godly Christian woman of grace with a smile that lit up a room. She also had a gentle spirit whom everyone loved. Her grandchildren will remember her as a great listener and for her words of wisdom and encouragement. We all love her dearly

STEPARCO (SPAROLO)D

Wed., April 24, 2013 The Clarkston (MI) News 25 A and she will be greatly missed.

A special yhank you from the family to the loving workers from Hometown Hospice and Stonegate Health Campus. Donations in memory of Dorothy T. Keiser are being ac2 cepted for "Foundation for His ministry"; a children's orphanage in Mexico that was very dear to Dorothy and that she supported faithfully for many years.

Proverbs 31:25-28 "Strength and dignity are her clothing and her position is strong and, secure. She rejoices over the future: the latter day or time to come (knowing that she and her family are in readiness for it). She opens her mouth with skillful and godly wisdom, and in her tongue is the law of kindness; giving counsel and instruction. She looks well to how things go in her housefhold, and the bread of idleness (gossip, discontent and self-pity) she will not eat. Her children rise up and call her blessed '

#### PUBLIC NOTICE INDEPENDENCE TWP. **SYNOPSIS**

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE **APRIL 16, 2013** 

- A Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:00 PM at the Independence Township Hall.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was given
- ROLL CALL: Present: Kittle, Pallotta, Brown, Aliaga, Lohmeier, Ritchie, Schroeder Absent: None

There was a quorum present.

Also Present: Linda Richardson, DPW Director; Rick Yaeger, Budget Analyst; Steven P. Joppich, Johnson, Rosati, Schultz & Joppich, PC

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As presented

- CLOSED SESSION: None requested
  BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Linda Richardson, DPW Director; Supervisor Patrick J. Kittle: Trustee Jose Aliaga
- PUBLIC COMMENT: George Haywood
- PUBLIC HEARING: None scheduled PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:
- Presentation: 2013-2022 Capital Improvement
- CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS:
- CONSENT AGENDA:
- 1. Approval of Resolution for Removal and Nest/ Egg Destruction of Mute Swans
- Approval of Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes of April 2, 2013
- Approval Payroll of April 12, 2013 and the Check Run of April 10, 2013 for a Total Amount
- ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:
- None M. REGULAR BUSINESS:
  - Request to Approve Perry Street Diversion Project and 2013 Clinton-Oakland Sewage Disposal System Contracts - No Action Taken
  - Approval to Award Bid and Approve Letter of Engagement for Water and Sewer Rate Study
     Approval to Fund the 2013 Capital Improvement
- N. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Various comments
- were made by the Township Board Members
  COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS /
- Report: Minutes: Safety Path Advisory Committee of March 13, 2013
- Report: Minutes: Senior Adult Activity Center A. visory Committee of March 13, 2013
- Report: Minutes: Parks, Recreation & Seniors Advisory Committee of January 17, 2013
- Report: Monthly Actual to Budget Financial Update - March 2013
- ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at

Respectfully Submitted Barbara A. Pallotta, Christ Township Clerk

Published: Wednesday, April 24, 2013







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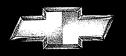
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## Classmates, community help Maysie

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"She has started to become more responsive," said Emery and added, "she can't come fully out of the coma because she's still experiencing seizures."

Maysie's father and aunt feel the Detroit Children's Hospital is the best place for Maysie, and she's getting the best possible care. Getting to the bottom of what's causing Maysie's scizures continues to be a challenge, though. Maysie's family has heard her condition described as rare and unique. "We've never seen this before." they say.

To solve the mystery of Maysie's illness, her doctor's continue to run tests, but even studying the cause of her seizures has presented problems.

"They sent out some cultures and blood samples to a lab, and the lab wouldn't do the testing because Medicaid wouldn't pay for it," said Emery. "That was frustrating."

But, it wasn't the last time doctor's were stalled when trying to find out what's wrong with Maysie. To narrow down the possible causes, they want to perform genetic testing on Maysie and her parents, but the tests are not covered by Medicaid and could cost almost \$12,000.

"We don't know what's wrong and to not be able to have all the tests done that might possibly find out because insurance won't cover it, I think that's just awful," Emery

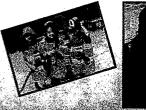


Maysie Jean Madison undergoes a procedure to treat her seizures.

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Since Maysie's has been in the hospital her family has been through a lot. Maysie's mother, Stephanie, hasn't left her daughter's side and is staying at the Ronald McDonald House near the hospital.

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