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STRONG DEFENSE: Senior Cooper Parks fends off a Northville defender during the first quarter of the Wolves' game on Saturday. Photo by Wendi Reardon

\$1M surplus kicks off long-term school finance planning

Part 5 on Clarkston schools' new five-year Strategic Plan is on its fourth focus area, Finance.

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Clarkston schools' second amended budget shows \$1 million surplus. How to use those extra funds is what the Strategic Plan is all about, officials say.

"We need to have meaningful dialogue to understand all our needs in the district and decide on how to apply the surplus that has been identified," said Joan Patterson, school board treasurer.

Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock recommends spending it on critical needs, including teachers, technology, and building, maintenance, and other capital projects, while

maintaining a five percent reserve fund balance.

The school board will review the recommendations based on the new strategic plan, Patterson said.

"It has been a problem in the past when the administration spent resources on initiatives the entire board was not aware of and may not have supported," she said.

Board President Rosalie Lieblang agreed.

"A Strategic Plan should help prevent making financial decisions based on personal preferences," Lieblang said.

One example is the Fast ForWord program, which the district purchased in 2009 for about \$300,000, Lieblang said.

"We didn't have a Strategic Plan but this was a priority of our previous superinten-

dent," she said. "When Dr. Rock arrived, this program was not his priority so the use of the program decreased significantly but, unfortunately, the \$300,000 was sunk cost."

The \$1 million surplus was a result of over budgeting for insurance premiums for the staff, said Board Vice President Susan Boatman.

"As it turned out, numerous employees decided to drop their district health insurance which resulted in under spending our budgeted amount for health insurance," Boatman said. "This is likely a one-time event though there is no guarantee that employees may change their mind and request district insurance in the future."

While the district has \$1 million savings this year, last year it lost \$2 million on

healthcare, which came directly out of fund equity, Lieblang said.

"One thing to keep in mind about the projected \$1 million surplus – we believe we will achieve the surplus based on employees not selecting the district's healthcare. "We have many priorities and employee compensation is one of them."

Teachers and school employees attending school board meetings have asked the surplus be used to restore pay and benefits lost over the years.

"We did not go into this job for the money, but we do expect our salary to value our sacrifice," said Ryan Eisele, teacher at Clarkston High School at the March 24 school board meeting.

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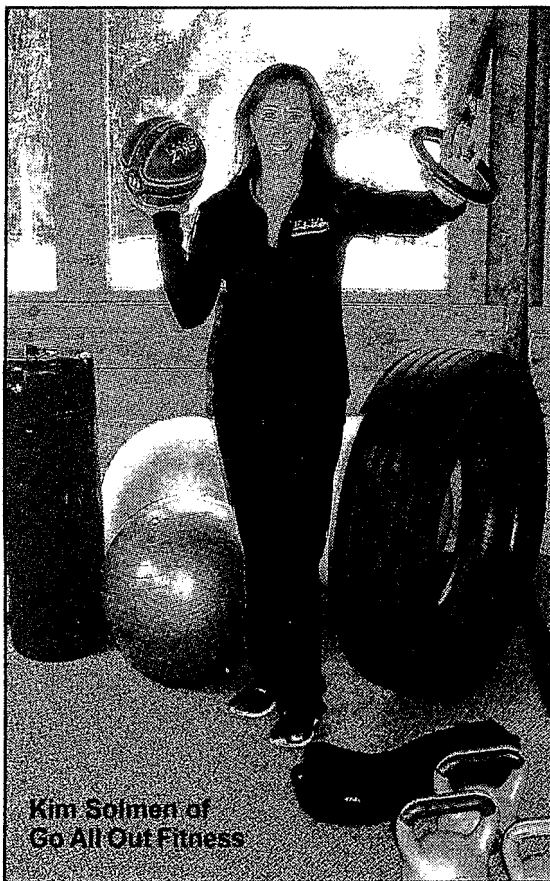
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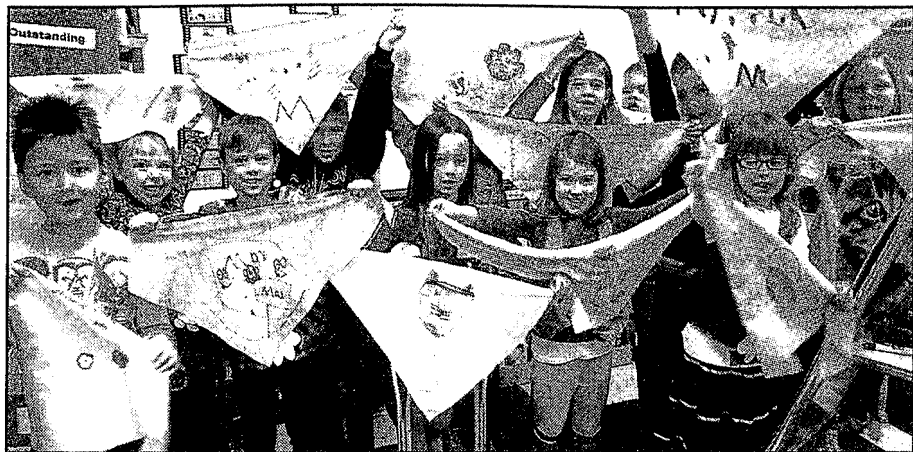
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Service to others

Students at Independence Elementary helped the community in many ways, March 20, during their S.O.C.K.S., Serving Our Community Kids Style, day. Each grade helped different community groups during the Academic Service Learning Project.



Carolyn and Michael Burklow of Independence Township spent their morning being entertained and interviewed by Independence Elementary fifth graders, Brandon Massey and Brennan McLean.



Mr. Lamb's third graders display their S.O.C.K.S. project for Meals on Wheels in Clarkston and Waterford. Photos provided

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Just a few benefits of Tai Chi include reducing stress, a feeling of relaxation and helping range of motion and flexibility.

Space is limited, please call 248-625-5998 to register or for more information.

NovaCare is located at 6770 Dixie Highway, Suite 104.

Family Game Day

Clarkston High School's Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) club is hosting a Family Game Day this Saturday.

The high school cafeteria is open to the public from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. for the 2nd Annual International Tabletop day.

Games and cards will be available to use or bring your own. A few volunteers are on hand to help setup and teach games. It is free and a ton of games are available for people of all ages.

For more information, please visit www.tabletopday.com/item/clarkston-community-schools-family-game-day/

Car raffle

Clarkston Schools Instrumental Music Association is raffling off a 2014 Crystal Red Metallic Chevy Sonic 5 Door LT.

Tickets for the fund raiser are \$50 at Bowman Chevrolet at M15 and Dixie Highway. Drawing is May 7. Winner need not be present to win.

If less than 500 tickets are sold, the raffle will revert to a 50/50 drawing. For more information, email Kathy Bertolini at kbertolini@comcast.net.

Arm wrestling contest

The Third Annual East Michigan Armwrestling Championships is April 5 at Buck Shot's Bar & Grill, 7048 Gateway Park Drive.

Weight ins are 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Competition starts at 1:30 p.m. Entry fee is \$15, \$10 for additional weight classes.

For more information, call Steve Pettis at 269-757-3694.

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One more chance for library millage

BY ANDREA M. BEAUDOIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

If voters shoot down a library millage on Aug. 5, Clarkston-Independence library will close.

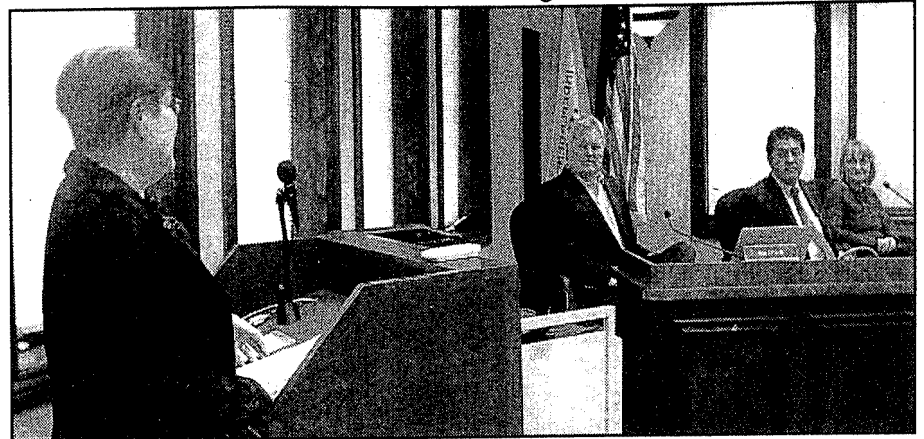
Officials are asking taxpayers to pay about \$125 per residence a year, which is \$58 more than the average \$67 paid now.

"We can run a terrific library on \$125 per residence," Marilyn Pomeroy, president of the library board. "We are asking for about \$52 a year increase from last year. That is why the Clarkston-Independence Library will ask voters to give them another shot."

Neighboring libraries have a reciprocal agreement with Clarkston's library, which would be void if it closes, said Library Director Judith Meridith.

In 2012, the newly organized district library, which had operated .691 millage rate, asked voters to increase that rate to 1.25. Voters rejected the request, with 58 percent against and 49.92 percent, or 9,443, for it, a difference of about 30 voters.

The library stayed open but hours were cut from 63 hours to 57, with the library closed



Marilyn Pomeroy, president of the Clarkston library board, discusses the upcoming bond election with Independence Township Board. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin.

on Sunday. One full-time staff member also cut.

"Because the library had closed an additional 23 days, stopped opening on Sunday in the summer months, teens, children's, and after school program also got cut," Pomeroy said. "The budget for books, movies and music was slashed to 43 percent."

Pomeroy said many voters at the time

were unaware of library funding or that the library system lost funding.

In 2012, the library was reestablished under the District Library Agreement, with two chances to get funding.

If voters turn down the millage and the library closes, the building and assets would be transferred to Independence Township.

Plan includes lessons from past, board says

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Success of the plan depends on transparency from administration, said board Secretary Craig Hamilton.

"The limit on how much money can be spent before board approval is just over \$20,000," Hamilton said. "It is shocking how many transactions are just below that amount, and who knows how many are broken up into multiple smaller transactions to avoid having to get board approval for purchases; essentially circumventing the board and board approval."

Patterson agreed, "The process is dependent on accurate data provided before, during, and after the process to drive our decisions. In the past, the data was not provided in a timely fashion or to the level of detail requested. Hopefully through leveraging the strategic plan development process, we can obtain the data needed to operationalize resolution of our needs and to evaluate the effectiveness of our decisions."

Student Achievement is the number one board priority, the treasurer said.

"Using that and the other components of the strategic plan, we can evaluate, in an open way, alignment of an initiative to the district goals; and be held accountable for doing so," she said. "Is this initiative the best use of our funds or is it the program or idea of the day?"

One of the goals of the strategic plan is to develop long-term, multi-year financial planning, including financial forecasts, trends, and impacts, audit results, and recommendations for savings.

"I would hope that we use the strategic plan to develop a multiyear map/plan of what

we would like to do and when based on how urgent those needs are," Hamilton said. "This is just me hoping, since we are yet to be provided with anything but the generalities you have seen at the board meetings."

"I am hopeful that with the development of a strategic plan and annual operating plans that the board and administration will be united in our focus on district initiatives," Boatman said.

Focus-area strategies also include developing ways to maximize resources and funding, and budget parameters as a framework for discussion and decision-making; review and manage reserve fund balance policy and all potential revenue sources and expenditures, including athletics, community education, facilities, shared time partnerships, and future debt including refinancing options; and explore new ways to fund technology, equipment replacement, and repair and maintenance schedules, and increase revenue.

Hamilton has learned a lot from last year's budget process.

"The foremost being Dr. Rock telling me, months after the fact, that we approved the elimination the director of technology position because the board approved a budget without salary for that position in it," said the board secretary. "I thought that was an underhanded way of doing it, but I have learned that it is how things are done with this administration."

Each year, the administration should identify priorities from the strategic plan and create an annual operating plan, Lieblang said.

This annual operating plan provides more specifics on how the administration will address the selected strategic plan priorities, she said.

"My vision would be that we stack rank the priorities and associated budget related solutions to these priorities," she said. "We would fund the priorities in order until we reach the amount of available budget we have for the year. We need to be cautious, however, that we understand not only how much surplus we may have but we also need to understand, is it one time or recurring surplus."

Clarkston Community Schools receives \$7,140 per student from the state during the 2014 school year, reports administration. With an estimated student count of 8,246, revenue from the state will be about \$58.88 million. Total revenue is budgeted at \$76.2 million, up from last year's \$72.85 million.

Last year's per-pupil funding was \$7,082 and student count, 8,024. The district's reserve fund balance this year is estimated at \$3.32 million, 4.3 percent of total revenue. In the 2008 school year, the fund balance was \$14.46 million, 19 percent of the total budget.

Retirement costs for 2014 is an estimated \$12 million, about 30 percent of the budget, up from \$7.69 million in 2008, 16.72 percent.

Insurance costs will be an estimate \$7.255 million in 2014, down from \$10.9 million last year due to restructuring and employee concessions, administration said.

Total salaries are an estimated \$42.21 million in 2014, down from \$48.4 million in 2010.

Total general fund expenditures will be an estimated \$75.9 million in 2014, down from \$77.4 million last year.

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The Liquid Lightning team won several state honors. Photo provided

Clarkston swimmers win state titles

Clarkston residents Rhinanna Hensler, Sydney Stricklin and Haley VanBuskirk swam their way for top finishes at the 2014 Michigan State Championships with Liquid Lightning, March 7-9.

Stricklin and VanBuskirk helped in the 200-yard free relay for the state title with the girls 11-12 team. Hensler finished in third for the same relay.

Stricklin, Hensler and VanBuskirk were part of the 200-yard medley relay team to finish with a third place overall with a time of 1:57.73.

Stricklin placed in top 16 for Liquid Lightning in three events: the 50-yard freestyle,

50-yard butterfly, and 200-yard IM. Hensler also place in three events: the 50-yard butterfly; 50-yard backstroke and the 100-yard butterfly. VanBurkirk placed in the top 16 in five events: the 50-yard freestyle, 100-yard freestyle, 200-yard freestyle, 500-yard freestyle, and 50-yard breaststroke.

Coaches for the program are Colin and Blaine Dolcetti and Ashley Corriveau.

"Each member of the state team rose up and swam their heart out," said Colin. "We are always proud of our swimmers when they rise up to each new challenge and continuously exceed our expectations."

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Andrea's Anecdotes

A column by Andrea Beaudoin

Strange theories

I love strange and unusual theories. I wrote a paper in college about "The Theory of Everything", also known as the String Theory. This theory seems to tie in many (about 50) different laws of physics harmoniously. It seems to explain it all. Under this theory, everything makes sense in the universe, everything is working in harmony vibrating on a flat membrane type surface.

It even talks about how matter is like strings that almost play off each other like strings of an instrument. This strange theory leads to the possibility of parallel worlds and multiple dimensions. All of it is made for science fiction stuff.

So strange the theories, scientists say there could be multiple versions of ourselves in these other dimensions. They propose there is one of you somewhere out in the universe that made a decision that resulted in a completely different life than you have now. But yet this you keeps living this life.

Even stranger, real scientists suggest there could be countless versions of ourselves out there.

It really does sound stranger than fiction. The universe really is strange. Far...far stranger than we can even begin to imagine.

Speaking of strange, I am just perplexed by the missing airplane. There are 26 nations out there trying to find it and poof... it just disappeared.

It disappoints me when they have no proof that the pilots did anything wrong, yet they throw them in the spotlight as the culprit. Perhaps they are the heroes.

In between all this interesting news, I'm trying not to freeze.

I can't take anymore of this cold weather. I'm lucky I did not freeze to death being on propane all winter. Out propane company ripped off out gate to the house and then charged 50 cents more per gallon than they had told us it would be.

Propane companies that gouged this winter when it was already painful--should be penalized.

Anyways, spring is in the air and nice days are almost here to stay. Time for spring cleaning. Get ready for more outdoor activities, beaches, camping, golfing and picnics. There will be those couple people that always complain it's just too hot!

By the way I loved the Taco Bell commercial where they found a bunch of Ronald McDonald's to say they love Taco Bell breakfast.



Opinion Pages

Letters, columns & Editorials

Ramp not top priority, reader says

A new ramp should be furthest from the townships mind.

Independence Township has sat on Tri-party funds now for years and every year the township gets a letter from the road commission telling them to use it or lose it. Every year the township comes up with some wild unaffordable concept in order to delay the threat.

The township says the ramp idea is a free study from the township engineers, however, as we taxpayers know, nothing in life is for free. You, too, would do a study if you stood to make hundreds of thousands of dollars for engineering and construction over site.

Guest viewpoint



Mark Petterson

The time is now for the township board to unleash taxpayers' tri-party money and repair the roads they have. Our roads' poor conditions are not the fault of the road commission, rather the fault of the township board. The commission has for years provided funds to repair roads and the township board refuses to use said funds for what the township feels is the county's problem. Ultimately denying the taxpayers good safe roads and saving the money for pet projects like new construction that we can't afford to maintain.

The township has been sitting on millions of taxpayer dollars for years as our roads crumble and now coming up with some grand unaffordable concept, a pressure release valve off Clintonville Road, is at best a complete disregard for the long term infrastruc

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Support for ramp

Dear Editor,

As I read the story in *The Clarkston News* about an exit ramp at Clintonville, which is long overdue, I get the sense the "not in my backyard" syndrome is rearing its head again. I'm sure the people who lived up Clintonville before Oakhurst was built, or those along Maybee before the failed subdivision/golf course came along were saying the same thing about those developments. Doesn't seem anyone was able to stand in the way of the developers then, why is it there's an issue now?

Complaining about an on-ramp at Clintonville to southbound I-75? Why, there should be a full-fledged exit at Mile Marker 87, Clintonville Road, just like there is at mile 89, 91, and 93 - every two miles, just like the road commission would draw it up. Looking at the map, we could have the northbound on/off ramps just west of Mt. Zion church exiting on Maybee, and the southbound on/off ramps exiting on Clintonville.

Would the exits get used? Yes. Would there be more traffic on Clintonville that might lead to its expansion to four lanes around I-75? Most likely. Could those that live anywhere near Clintonville and Waldon/Maybee roads get onto I-75 quicker? Of course. Would there be less traffic/congestion at all times of day/night at Sashabaw Road, even when there's not a concert at DTE (Pine Knob to the oldtimers)? Guaranteed.

So what's wrong with this plan, and who's complaining? Let's get on with getting this exit built. It's called development, and if we didn't have any, most of this township would still be apple orchards and fields.

John Orminski
Independence Township

Studies aren't free

Dear Editor,

The article "Ramp riles residents," March 26, says "The township supervisor said the study is free."

Later in the article, "The township's engineering firm Hubble, Roth and Clark, as well as the South Eastern Michigan Council of Governments, will conduct a feasibility study..."

The engineering firm will be paid with taxpayers' money! They are not doing it for "free." Mr. Kittle would have known better before he was elected supervisor. How quickly citizens become politicians.

Rick Gutowski
Independence Township

Thanks to community

Dear Editor,

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Clarkston community for all the support we've received this past winter for our upcoming service trip to Kenya.

We have reached our fund-raising goal and would like to thank the countless family members, friends, neighbors, and community members for their friendship and generosity.

Special thanks to the Clarkston Chapter of Woman's Life for sponsoring a pancake breakfast fund raiser that was loads of fun and a huge success. Our service trip is only three short months away and we are very excited about this opportunity.

We're looking forward to sharing our experience with you when we return from Kenya. Again - many thanks!

Malcolm and Veronica Hill
Springfield Township

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1999

"Consumers Energy bends to wetlands concerns on proposed pipeline route" The proposed pipeline project previously scheduled to pass through wetlands in Springfield Township was planned to be rerouted. Consumers Energy and TriState Pipeline Company had proposed six alternative routes. The pipeline would connect with other systems bringing natural gas from western Canada to eastern Canada and the northeastern United States.

"The goose gets a twist" Retired Kindergarten teacher Ann Moeller was decked out as Mother Goose at Springfield Plains Elementary and gave the classic nursery rhymes a '90s twist during Celebrity Readers Day.

"Clarkston State Bank donates downtown" The movement to help revitalize downtown Clarkston received a big boost from one of its newest businesses. The Clarkston State Bank contributed an \$8,000 check to the revitalization effort spearheaded by Clarkston city councilman David Savage.

25 years ago - 1989

"Determined neighbor thwarts robbery" Not many people have the courage to interfere with a crime in progress but that's what happened on Big Lake Road in Springfield Township. An alert neighbor spotted strange car at the house next door and noticed two men walking toward it with their arms full of electronics. The neighbor chased the two, let the air out of their tires, dodged a knife one was carrying and called the police.

"Artist draws on farm experience" Del and Bob Miller designed and built a spacious, wing-shaped ranch farm overlooking their 102 acres of land in 1974. The scene with horses, ducks around a quiet pond, gently rolling hills provided Del with inspiration for an activity she had done all her life - painting.

"Sculptor's career takes shape with county awards" Authenticity means a lot to artist Patrick Smith from Independence Township and if he couldn't do a project justice, he won't do it. His hand-carved totem pole won the Pontiac Oakland County Art Show at Summit Place.

50 years ago - 1964

"Forensics contest judged excellent" An excellent performance and close decisions marked the local Forensics contest. The contest was judged by the faculty of the English Department.

Leaky government fund never stops flowing

Leaky tanks.

I've mentioned before that I'm a news junky.

I read and hear lots of messages from Washington and Lansing.

I sit a little straighter when one of our boys and girls say something that had crossed my mind from time to time.

I'm particularly attentive when the topic is cutting expenses.

Where are they cutting?

Where's it being directed?

Cutting? Really?

Taxes are never CUT.

A headline in the *Detroit Free Press* January 19, "Gas tank leak fund flows elsewhere."

In 1988, our Lansing polls set a fee of 7/8 cent on every gallon of gasoline imported or sold in Michigan. It's called the Michigan Underground "Storage Tank Financial Assurance Fund." Its purpose was to assist gas station owners and operators with the high costs of removing a leaking underground storage tank

and cleaning up related contamination.

Overwhelmed by station owners needing help, the state halted the program in 1995. But it kept collecting the fee.

Over the past 9 years, Michigan has spent more than \$850 million from the fund, most of it going to the State Department of Environmental Quality, Department of Agriculture and Rural Development.

See a pattern or collusion there?

Are environmentalists and mid-America farmers (politicals) collaborating to redirect funds?

The leaking underground storage tank owners now have to push for money to be redirected from other sources, and they will find it in taxpayer "funds."

Forever we've heard and read of money collected by our state and federal

governments for exact purposes getting re-routed for political purposes doesn't reach the intended.

And, forever it will be!

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• I complimented my friends moustache - - - and now she doesn't speak to me.

• Why can't mosquitos suck fat instead of blood? I'm sure our government will give me a grant for the study.

• What did Delaware? Her New Jersey.

• Humpty Dumpty was pushed. He's interviewing attorneys now.

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A long time ago, maybe, when I attended one of my half dozen 1-room country schools the word maybe came up. The teacher inserted, "If there's a "maybe" then there is also a maybe not."

I think of that when I hear a "Lifelock" commercial. The announcer says, "If you had Lifelock you may have been notified before someone used your account."

I have a similar device, and have the same "may".

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• Was it Snowden who convinced President Obama liquor and marijuana have equal affect on our bodies?

• Panera Bread say they use all natural eggs. So, who is using the unnatural eggs?

• Some people, like Pete Kalohn, should have been kept on a tether much longer.

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A charity roast of Jim Sherman, Sr., is Saturday April 12, starting at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$70 each or \$130 a couple. Seating is limited to 250 and includes your choice of three meal options, prime rib, bone-in pork loin or salmon fillet. Cash bar at 6; dinner at 7 p.m. The roast is at Boulder Pointe Conference Center, 1 Champions Circle in Oxford. You are encouraged to mail checks and dinner choices to the Rotary Club of Oxford, PO Box 347, Oxford, MI 48371.

Jim's Jottings



A column by Jim Sherman, Sr.

The beard is back, now it needs to go

What a difference some sunshine and a few Fahrenheit degrees can make!

It was getting depressing looking outside and seeing gray and feeling cold. Sticks and branches on yellow and brown dead-looking lawns. Blach. Dirty piles of snow. Yuck. And, then . . .

. . . Sunday morning coming down, the sky turned blue, the wind died down, the birds started singing and heck, the temperatures reached up to the mid 40s. All was right with the world. Well, at least our neck of the woods in Southeastern Michigan.

(Holy Cow. I'm singing praises for mid-40 degree weather? I need a life!)

At any rate, whilst I was out breaking up branches, sticks and twigs (and then making piles based on length, thickness and species) I had time to rheumante. And, the one thought that kept on interrupting deep thoughts was, "My face itches."

Now, I could have thought about wearing gloves because of my blood-dripping fingeral digits, or my mud soaked sneakers and socks. But, I didn't. I thought my face was itchy. Hmm. Then I remembered, "Oh, I grew beard."

If you think back real hard, you may well recall I wrote I would, and I did. If you don't recall, some-

time during the first week of February I wrote:

I remember there was a time -- actually most of my adult life -- when I would grow a facial hair. Yep, back before the TV show Duck Dynasty made beards popular, yours truly had a nice, manicured one. I guess that puts me ahead of the curve on the men's fashion list.

Sometimes I would just grow it in the fall. Sometimes I would grow it for the winter. And, some years I had it even in the hot summer months. I shaved it off about six or seven years ago because the red beard that I knew and loved, was invaded by patches o' gray -- most noticeably right on my chin.

Youngest son, Sean, said with his little boy voice that he didn't like it that I had removed the beard. "I hope you grow it back soon."

I remember thinking, "Thanks, you little six-year-old puke. I like the way your face looks, too." I said nothing and to show my independence didn't grow it back . . .

. . . until this weekend.

I wondered how much gray has crept in said beard? So, this past Saturday I just shaved under the jowls and on top of the cheeks. It's kinda of an experiment on aging. I will report back in a few weeks.

Well, I reckon I was negligent in reporting back "in a few weeks."

So, how much gray is there in this mess on my

face. In a word, "a lot." (Okay, that's two words, but lots of times folks make it one so I'm sticking to it.) It ain't totally gray, but I'd say it's living the 80-20 rule: 80 percent of my beard has given up and turned gray; 20 percent is putting up the good fight and staying reddish.)

I suppose I could shave it, but I had already told Sean I would shave it only when the weather hit 60 degrees or when the Tigers when the World Series. I am hoping it will hit 60 degrees soon.

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Speaking of the Detroit Tigers professional baseball team, Who Is Your Tiger?

Is it pitcher Justin Verlander or that two-hued eye guy, Max Scherzer? Do you like super-duper rich Miguel Cabrera or utility player DKB (Donny Kelly, Baby)?

The gals in our office are all agog over the Tigers new manager, Brad Ausmus. They like the "hunk" factor of this, your Detroit Tigers team.

My favorite all-time Tiger is the late first baseman Stormin' Norman Cash. When I was a teen, I used to like utility player Johnny Wockenfuss because of his funny batting stance (and I liked saying his name.) My favorite Detroit pitcher is Mickey Lolich (because he made the best donuts in Lake Orion) and my favorite interview with a Detroit Tiger was with Hall of Fame pitcher Hal Newhouser.

Monday was the season opener for 2014. Any predictions?

Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

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Suspended licenses

A 33-year-old Independence Township woman was stopped for driving with headlights off on Dixie Highway at Maple Drive, 9:38 p.m., March 19. A license plate check also showed it was unregistered. She was cited with driving with a suspended license and improper plate.

A deputy found a vehicle with an expired license plate tab in a parking lot on Sashabaw Road at Maybee Road, 9:28 p.m., March 22. The driver, a 29-year-old Independence Township man, was cited for driving with a suspended license and no proof of insurance.

Borrowed plates

A deputy stopped a car when a record's check showed its license plate belonged to a different vehicle, 7:54 p.m., March 20, on Dixie Highway at M-15. The driver, a 23-year-old Flint woman, said she took the plate off her brother's car because her vehicle's license was expired. She was cited for improper plate.

A deputy checked the license plate of an SUV in front and found it was registered to a different vehicle, 4:26 p.m., March 27, on White Lake Road at Deer Lake Road. The driver, a 48-year-old Ortonville woman, said she took the plate off her boyfriend's vehicle. She thought it was OK because she paid its insurance. She was cited with improper plate.

Expired licenses

A 41-year-old Warren man was cited for driving with a suspended license and no insurance after being stopped for expired plate on Waldon Road at Sashabaw, 11:55 p.m., March 20.

A deputy found a vehicle with an expired license plate tab in a parking lot on Sashabaw Road at Maybee Road, 9:28 p.m., March 22. The driver, a 29-year-old Independence Township man, was cited for driving with a suspended license and no proof of insurance.

Felony warrant

One of the passengers in a vehicle involved in a traffic crash on Ortonville Road at Cranberry was found to have a felony warrant for his arrest out of Oakland County, 6:56 p.m., March 17. The man, a 38-year-old Independence Township resident, was jailed on the warrant.

Sweepstakes scam

An Independence Township resident received a call from someone saying he won a sweepstakes contest, 7:16 p.m., March 24. The caller wanted to meet the resident at the nearest Walmart to give him his winnings. After he called back to tell the "winner" to bring \$500, the resident called police.

Reckless driver wanted

A deputy watched as a pickup truck sped through the right lane to pass traffic waiting on Clarkston Road at Sashabaw, then move to the left to cut off a vehicle, 8:58 p.m., March 24. The officer stopped the driver, a 30-year-old Independence Township man, and found he has a Friend of the Court warrant for his arrest in Sixth Circuit Court for being behind \$3,925 in child support. He was cited with driving without due care and caution, and picked up by Oakland County Friend of the Court. His current girlfriend picked up his vehicle.

Drunk driver

Witnesses called police to report a woman asleep at the wheel on Nelsey Road at Andersonville Road, 9:03 p.m., March 24. The deputy knocked for about five minutes before the driver, a 43-year-old Waterford woman, woke up. She had a bottle of vodka next to her on the front seat. She was jailed for drunk driving, with a warrant sought for blood test.

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

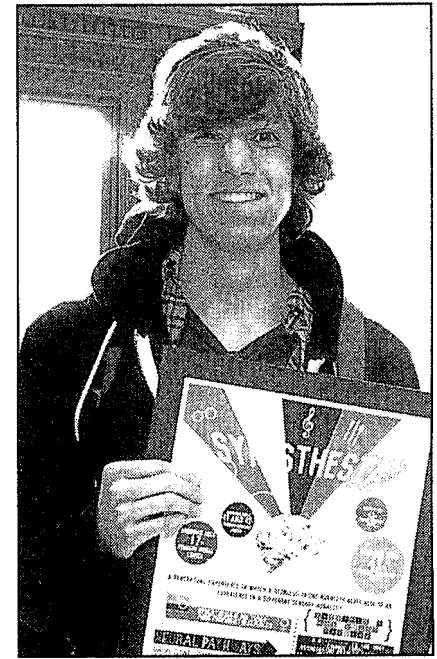
Students achieve success

Clarkston High School senior **Daniel Deschaine** won a \$10,000 scholarship to attend Kendall College of Art and Design in Grand Rapids.

Deschaine won the award in the college's annual Art Day Competition, with \$200,000 in total scholarship awards. This year, 130 students submitted 390 pieces of work, with 20 students awarded scholarships.

Northern Michigan University's Dean's List for the Fall 2013 semester include Clarkston students **Samantha Clemence** and **Lucas Runyan**, with a grade point average of 4.00; and Clarkston students **Amber Fullmer, Angela Goodwin, Austin Handley, Jennifer Kirby, Olivia Lohmeier, Margretta Lundquist, Kelly Peters, Elizabeth Ridge, Allison Roberts, Jordan Stokes, Taylor Tomei, Taylor Watts**, and Davisburg students **Reginald Bowden** and **Analicia Honkanen** with a grade point average of 3.25-3.99.

Central Michigan University graduates, December 2013, include Clarkston students **Kristin Boozer**, Bachelor of Science in Education; **Kathryn Chase**, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration; **Kelly Christenhusz**, Master of Arts; **Benjamin Clark**, Bachelor of Applied Arts; **Jennifer Coates**, Bachelor of Applied Arts; **William Cooke**, Master of Science in Administration; **Alexandrea Decker**, Bachelor of Applied Arts; **Ryan Ehlike**, Bachelor of Applied Arts; **Kaitlin Grost**, Bachelor of Science; **Robert Hearnnes**, Bachelor of Science; **Maria Henige**, Bachelor of Science in Education; **Maureen Herrell**, Bachelor of Science; **Lauren Johnson**, Bachelor of Science in Education; **Ian Kander**, Bachelor of Science; **Anthony McMillin**, Bachelor of Science; **Angela Orlando**, Bachelor of Science; **Kaci Poland**, Bachelor of Science in Education; **Erik**



Daniel Deschaine

Thompson, Bachelor of Science in Education; **Jeffrey Thomson**, Bachelor of Science in Education; **Michael Tubbs**, Bachelor of Science; **David Valentine**, Bachelor of Science; and **Joseph Wilmot**, Bachelor of Applied Arts; and Davisburg students **Adam Sharp**, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration; and **Edward Strecker**, Bachelor of Science.

Saginaw Valley State University's Fall 2013 Deans' List includes Clarkston students **Anna Ascitutto, Kayla Eberle, Eileen Gemborys, Clare Harrison**, and **Meredith Harrison**.

Aaron Barber, Clarkston High School 2013 graduate, was named to the Dean's List at the University of Michigan for winter semester.

Caitlin Kato of Clarkston was recently initiated into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at Western Michigan University.

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Clarkston's Sporting News

This Thursday...

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Home advantage for the win

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The first minutes set the tone for the Wolves against Northville at Detroit Catholic Central on Saturday afternoon in their 14-7 win.

The Mustangs won the face-off to open the game but the Clarkston Boys Varsity Lacrosse defenders turned over possession with a block.

Senior Robert Hall passed the ball to senior Reid Kaminski, who shot on the net, putting it in for the first goal with 11:26 left in the first quarter. Kaminski struck again 15 seconds later, tacking another goal onto the score.

"We were at a neutral site but it was still a home game for us," said Brian Kaminkas, head coach. "We haven't lost at home in three years and it is an important thing for these guys to keep the tradition going. The seniors, more than anyone, stepped up at the start of the game. They took that responsibility on and did well with it. They worked hard and they were full of energy. I was very happy with it."

The Wolves continued control of the ball and scored five more goals before the quarter finished with two from senior Connor Ward, one from senior Cooper Parks, one from junior Andrew Williamson and one from Hall, putting the score 7-0.

Kaminski led the scoring with three goals and one assist while Ward and Cole Phillips added two goals each. Ward assisted on four

goals for the day.

"Reid had a nice game and Ward had a good game," Kaminkas added.

The Wolves made 24 shots on the Mustangs' net and senior Jake Hendricks made nine saves before sophomore David Taylor took over covering the net.

"Jake played an extremely good game," Kaminkas said. "He was terrific in the net against Northville and Detroit Catholic Central. His save percentage was well over 50 percent both times which is good for a goalie."

The Wolves lost to Detroit Catholic Central on Thursday in their season opener, 11-9.

The game was tied with four minutes to go before the Shamrocks scored two goals late in the game.

"We had an opportunity for a shot and we didn't get it to bring it within one," Kaminkas added. "It was a great game especially with all the practice challenges we have been having with the weather."

Ward led with five goals and Kaminski had two goals in the game. Senior Connor Dziewit and Williamson added one goal each. Dziewit also had two assists.

The boys made 23 shots on the net and Hendricks made 12 saves for the night.

"When we are talking about DCC, we are talking about a different breed," Kaminkas added. "They are one of the traditional

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Kacy Robinson receives support from her teammates as she signs to Madonna University. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Joining the Crusaders

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Senior point guard Kacy Robinson finished her final season with the Lady Wolves Varsity Basketball team but she is far from finished with playing.

She signed her letter of intent to continue her basketball career at Madonna University, March 25.

"I am very excited," she said, between the congratulations from friends, family and teammates.

She met the team a few times as well as attended a few games. She found the players to be open and the coaching staff was nice and welcoming.

"It is a great day for Kacy, but it is an even better day for Madonna University," smiled Carl Graves, head coach for the Lady Crusaders. "We are getting a quality athlete and a quality student. I think she could come in and contribute right away. We are really excited."

He added he, as well as other members

for his staff, visit a lot of Clarkston games.

"Kacy is a dynamite player," he said. "She has a high basketball IQ and a great court sense so she is ready to take the ball and the pressure. She has a really good size for a guard. I think she will be able to spread us out a little bit. She will give us an opportunity to be very good defensively as well."

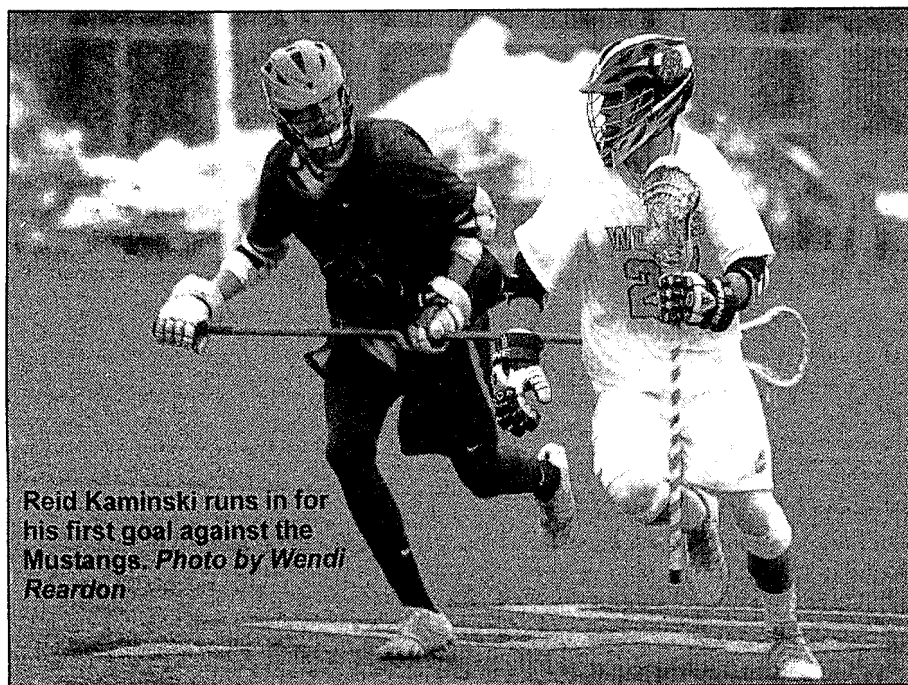
Graves added Robinson will see minutes as a freshman if she doing what she needs to do and comes ready.

"She has a lot of things to learn and work for, but she will have that opportunity," he said, adding the Women's Basketball team will go against teams in different divisions.

"It excites me to play against the different levels of competition and different types of players," Robinson said.

She added playing with the varsity team the last four years will help her as she moves on to the college level.

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Reid Kaminski runs in for his first goal against the Mustangs. Photo by Wendi Reardon

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Challenging week upcoming on field

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longstanding powerhouse teams in the state of Michigan. To be that close and do that well early in the season says a lot about our guys."

He noted the games against Northville and Detroit Catholic Central as the boys take on Haslett and University of Detroit Jesuit High School.

"It is going to be a difficult week," Kaminskas added. "We set our schedule up so we were playing most or if not all of the powerhouses going into spring break. We wanted to test ourselves early."

The Wolves opened the week on Tuesday against Haslett.

"Haslett is a pretty big competitive team from mid-Michigan area," he said going into the game.

Then, they head to University of Detroit Jesuit on Thursday, which he noted is one of the longstanding lacrosse teams.

"We still have practice challenges. It will be a challenging week we are playing two more really good teams. We are expecting the guys to respond and play well and play our game. I think good things will happen for us. I think it will let us know where we are before we head into break next week."

The game against the Cubs is at 8200 S. Cambridge in Detroit. JV begins at 5 p.m., varsity follows.



Connor Ward carries the ball into Northville's territory. Photo by Wendi Reardon

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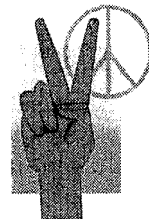


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Robinson set for pre-med

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"Playing in the OAA Red we always face the best competition so I feel like I will be prepared going in playing for Madonna University," she added.

Robinson ended her season being named All-League and also named co-Most Valuable Player for the Lady Wolves.

"I am really excited for Kacy," said Tim Wasilk, head coach for the Lady Wolves. "She had a great four year career for us. She is surely going to be missed on the floor. She is a good kid, pleasure to be around, and has a great personality. She will be a great fit for Madonna."

He added Robinson has a strong presence on the floor in the point guard position.

"She played almost the entire game and when she was in the game our offense flowed better," Wasilk continued. "She was able to break presses. She brought a lot of energy to

our team."

Robinson will be a premedical student and plans to become a pediatrician.

"Ever since I was really young I would always go to my family doctor. I just fell in love with the job," she said, earlier this year.

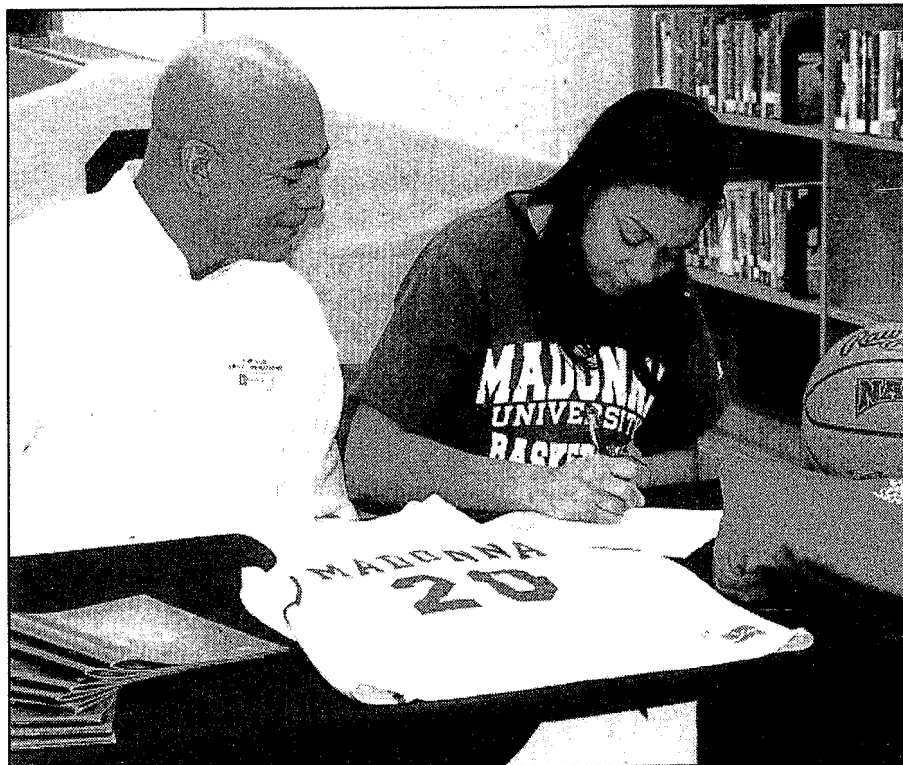
Robinson began playing basketball eight years ago.

"My dad coached my sister when she was younger," she explained. "I would go to her practices and just mess around with her team. Then, I started playing."

Her parents are Antonio and Toni.

Graves added the entire Robinson family will be an asset to Madonna University.

"They are a nice family and we are excited about it," he smiled. "When you recruit kids, you recruit the whole family and she has a nice family. They will fit well into the group of parents we have. It's always nice to have people who are positive."



Kacy Robinson, right, signs her letter of intent while her dad proudly watches the moment. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Fielding victories

The Lady Wolves finished the Huron Relays with athletes placing in four events, March 22.

"They did pretty well," said Clarkston Girls Track & Field Head Coach John Yorke. "We used it as a scrimmage. Out of 40 schools we had six girls place in the top eight."

Megan Nicholson placed in the high jump; Courtney Roland, hurdles; Lysnie Gram, mile; and Gram, Mackenzie Proper, Helen Jeffers and Jessica Altene, distance medley relay.

"It was a way for them to compete," Yorke added. "They have been competing all winter so way for them to keep competing and carry into our regular season. We had some new girls run as well. It was good to see what some of our new kids could do in the other events."

The girls and boys track teams had their first few meets of the season postponed due to weather.

They will start the season after spring break when they open against Rochester Adams and Rochester at home, April 15.

The meet begins at 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling

Michigan Arms is hosting the 3rd Annual East Michigan Armwrestling Championships this Saturday at Buck Shots Bar & Grill.

The championship includes brothers Derrick and Darin Bills facing off for a best three out of five and Dominic Rigato and Trevor Sly for a best two out of three.

It is a fast start, double elimination tournament and AAA rules apply. The weight classes for Men's Novice Right & Left: 0-165lbs, 165-198lbs, 198-over; Men's Open Right & Left: 0-154lbs, 154-176lbs, 176-198lbs, 198-242lbs, 242-over; and Womens Right: open. Awards are given for first, second and third place.

The weigh ins are 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the competition begins at 1:30 p.m.

The entry fee is \$15 for first class and \$10 for additional classes.

Buck Shot's Bar & Grill is located at 7048 Gateway Park Drive, on the corner of White Lake Road and Andersonville Road.

For more information, call Steve Pettis 269-757-3694, visit www.michiganarms.com, or check out Michigan Arms on Facebook.

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Caiden Ash Murray, 3

Caiden Ash Murray, 3-year-old son of Ashley Rettig Murray and Nicholas S. Murray, died Thursday, March 6, 2014 at Georgia Regents University Children's Medical Center, Augusta, Ga., after a sudden illness.



Survivors, in addition to his parents, include a brother, Bryce Murray; sister, Kori Murray; brother, Dominick Murray; maternal grandparents, Mark and Terri Rettig, Aiken, SC, formerly of Clarkston, Mich.; maternal great-grandparents, Jay and Sue Sasse, Butler, Pa.; paternal grandparents, Johnny and Tammy Spicer, Gilbert, SC; paternal great-great grandmother, Julia "Bela" Murrow, Longs, SC.

A scholarship fund has been established for Bryce Rettig Murray, in memory of his brother, Caiden Ash Murray. Donations may be directed to Bank of America, 167 Laurens Street, SW, Aiken, SC 29801. Please make checks payable to Bryce Rettig Murray.

Jeanne E. Neff, 87

Jeanne E. Neff of Flint, formerly of Clarkston, died March 28, 2014. She was 87.

She was born April 5, 1926, in Chicago, Ill., to the late William and Florence (nee: McGeeney) White; survived by four children, William (Penney) Neff, Lisa (John) Pambid, Barbara (Dominick) Flack and Diane Neff; one sister, Rita (Robert) Neiman; seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren; preceded in death by her loving husband Robert Neff in 2002.

Jeanne was a 1948 graduate of Marygrove

College. Visitation was March 31 at St. Anne Catholic Church, Ortonville, followed by Mass of the Resurrection, Fr. Gerard Frawley, Celebrant. Interment, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Arrangements were entrusted to **Coats Village Funeral Home**-Ortonville. Memorial contributions may be made to the Care and Share Fund at St. Anne.

To send a condolence to the family go to www.CoatsFuneralHome.com/Obituaries.

Kenneth Upton, 92

Kenneth C. Upton of Ortonville passed away March 30, 2014, at age 92.

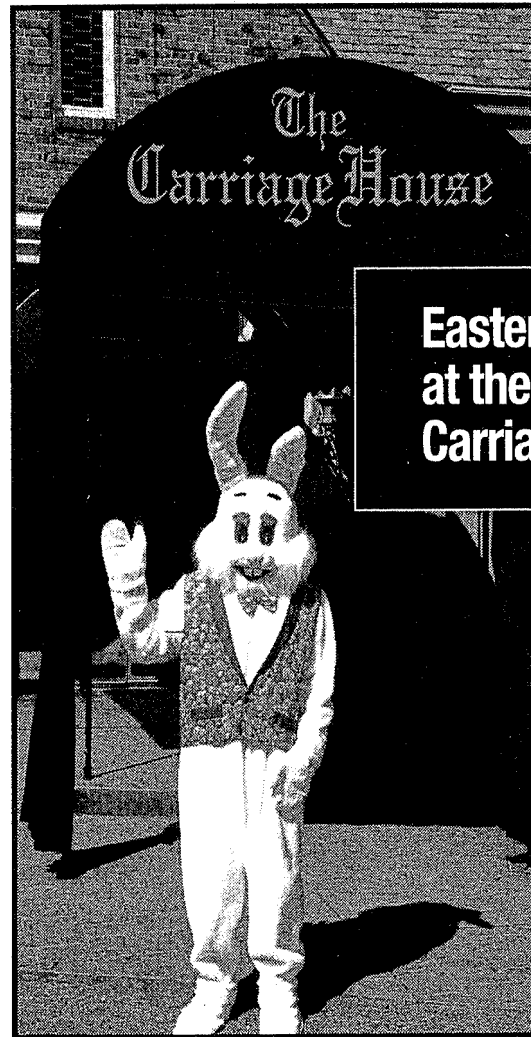
He was preceded in death by his wife Lillian, brother William Darrell and granddaughters Wendy Upton and Tina Hale. He was the loving father of Judi (Henry) Brown, Vivian Upton, Ed (Vicki) Upton and Tammy (Tony) Hale; also survived by six grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren.



Ken retired from Pontiac Motors. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Funeral Service, Thursday, 10 a.m., at the **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, where friends may visit, Wednesday, 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Mercy Hospice. Online [guestbook](http://www.guestbook.wintfuneralhome.com) www.wintfuneralhome.com

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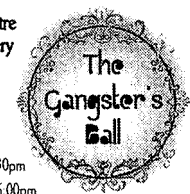
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GOB Gymnastics: 'Invaded by cheerleaders'

"If cheerleading was easy, they'd call it football."

This phrase is taken to heart at GOB Gymnastics, 142 Harbor Pointe, where the staff is helping cheerleaders evolve in the sport that has become increasingly competitive over the years.

Cheer Invasion has returned to GOB, with the gym competing in the Amateur Athletic Union. The developmental class is designed to encourage strength and agility in athletes while they learn the basics of cheerleading. Staff includes a professional tumbling coach and professional cheerleader to ensure top notch training. GOB staff includes Coach David, a Detroit Pistons cheerleader, as well as Coach Amy, a nationally recognized judge for all levels of gymnastics. Coach Micah is a personal trainer, certified through the National Academy of Sports Medicine, with a degree in exercise science. GOB is family-oriented, owned by Paul and Julie Frezza, whom are joined in coaching by their children, Paul Jr., Garrett, and Amanda, as well as more USAG certified coaches, all experienced and trained in safety— Tessa, Erica, Miranda, Nick, and Matt.

Cheer Invasion is a feeder program for



high school cheerleading. GOB staff are the official tumbling coaches for Clarkston High School varsity and junior varsity cheer teams (both league champions), Waterford Kettering, Detroit Country Day, and Everest Academy.

All-Star Cheer focuses on ages 5-13 so they can join the high school team in their freshman year with confidence, ready to follow Michigan High School Athletic Association rules. GOB's programs focus

on music, dance, and tumbling on spring floors with safety always at the forefront.

"Cheerleading is the single hardest sport out there and the most dangerous," said Coach Paul. "If you don't train properly, you can get hurt. At GOB, you learn how to fall, land, and the proper strength conditioning. We work on flexibility, stretching and proper landings, and do it all in a way that makes it fun."

Coach Paul Frezza is aiming to have 100

cheerleaders in Cheer Invasion, with multiple teams competing at various levels, all trained in motions, jumps, walkovers, handsprings, backtucks and more.

"My goal is to get kids to be good, strong athletes, keep them busy and help Mom and Dad send their children to a college in their chosen sport— cheerleading or gymnastics," he said. "When we are a feeder system for area schools, teams are safer, schools have more pride, parents are happier and we create goal-oriented kids. It's proven that children perform better in school, have better attitudes, abilities, and interaction with peers if they are held accountable from a coach who is concerned about their growth and development."

Besides cheerleading, GOB continues to offer superior recreational gymnastics for boys and girls, which helps them excel in all sports.

"Our professional staff can help you become a better athlete," Coach Paul said. "Gymnastics is a body sport. You only get one body— if it doesn't work right, you're limited."

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Reader against ramp

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ture of the township.

Pine Knob traffic is nothing new, especially to long time residents of the township. At least four board members live close to the Sashabaw and Clintonville corridor. The board already has a majority.

So, what about the rest of the township? Waldon Road west of Sashabaw to downtown, Maybee east of Sashabaw, Maybee at Spring to Lake just past Birdland, Sashabaw north of Clarkston Road to Oakhill, Parview. And let us not forget the Allen, Rattalee, Ellis, Hubbard, Cranberry, Perry Lake north and south, Hadley, Shoup, dirt roads that need gravel. Those residents don't matter, right?

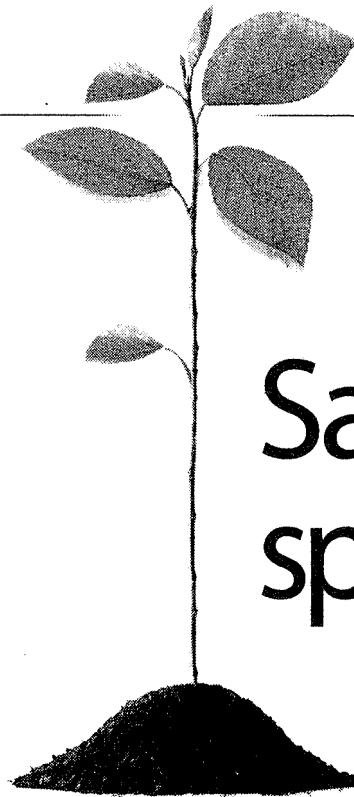
The fact is the hospital on Sashabaw Road, after losing in court, is not coming any time soon, so saying we need tri-party funds to add a lane to the bridge, create a round about at Sashabaw and Waldon, extra on and off ramps for I-75 at Sashabaw, would be putting taxpayers on the hook for something the hospital should be paying for. Taxpayers have already done our share. I strongly suggest they band together and demand their portion before the township runs out and spends their money. The uncrossable crosswalks on Sashabaw and streetlight costs should be the only upgrades the township concerns itself with.

We taxpayers are simply tired of our tax monies being redirected. We have spent millions on Sashabaw Road. The answer is simple, remove the Corridor Improvement Authority, return all CIA captures to the departments as promised, lower our millages in the amount they were raised to off set the loss of capture. Redirected funds from the fire department mill to fund sidewalks? To be sure, a well funded sidewalk is more important than new breathing tanks for those who save our lives. To the Township Board, get your priorities straight, remove your death grip on the tri-party funds, and fix the roads you have, and do it expeditiously, or you all may be the next meal in the Year of the Wolf.

Mark A Petterson is a former Independence Township trustee

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- Tonya Cunningham



"Some guy asked me if this was my natural hair color."

- Candance Jomasney



"I was at a local restaurant when one of the waiters was so awkward. He brought me a beer even though I was pregnant and the whole experience was just strange."

- Kagleigh Hawkins



"Me and my husband Bob were going to a funeral in a place we have never gone before and when we got there, a lady walked up to us, gave us a big hug, and said it's so nice to see you. When we sat down, we realized we were at the wrong funeral."

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Women's Club celebrates 60 years of service

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Clarkston Community Women's Club celebrates its 60th anniversary with a community tea, 2-4 p.m., Saturday, April 12, at the Clarkston Independence Library.

"Our number one goal is to raise funds to help others," said club member Gail Ferguson. "In the process, we also have found friends to share a laugh and have a little fun."

Since the club was founded in 1954, members started the library, sponsored library programs, provided college scholarships, and raised funds to support Clarkston Area Youth Assistance, Concerts in the Park, Clarkston Rotary's Shoes for Kids, and other community projects.

It's a community organization with a social aspect, said Sue Sajdak, club member.

"In this day and age, we're so involved with family. This is an opportunity to get together with women for a girls night out, with food and community," Sajdak said.

"It's a great opportunity for those new to the community," said Louise Bisogni. "There's no obligation. Come in, sit, and be welcomed."

Carolyn Morrison joined in 2003.

"I saw a little blurb in the paper," Morrison said. "They had a speaker on feng shui. I'm into feng shui and yoga. It was interesting. I've missed very few meetings since."

Every meeting includes a program dedicated to expanding knowledge in gardening, cooking, crafts or personal or financial growth.

"Most speakers are very interesting. I can always learn something," Morrison said.

They also invite speakers on women's issues, health, cancer awareness, identification theft, a psychic, handwriting analysis, photography, and other topics of interest to ladies of all ages.



Clarkston Community Women's Club members Louise Bisogni, Gail Ferguson, Carolyn Morrison, and Pat Smolen at Clarkston Independence Library. The club funded the globe as well as puppets for the library. Photo by Phil Custodio

Over the years, they've organized trips around Michigan as well as Toronto, Chicago for the Oprah and Donahue shows, and south for the Kentucky Derby.

"We've had some good trips over the years, Ferguson said.

Their biggest fund raiser is their annual Poinsettia and Greens Sale, Bisogni said.

"Each year it gets bigger and bigger," she said. "A lot of people in the community buy them."

Bisogni has been a member for 20 years, and Ferguson joined in 1971.

"I joined as a young stay-at-home mother," she said. "A good friend said you ought to come, it's a fun group, a way to get out for the evening."

They met at the old township hall, 90 N.

Main Street.

"It was very proper," she said. "We all wore dresses and had afternoon tea service and a speaker."

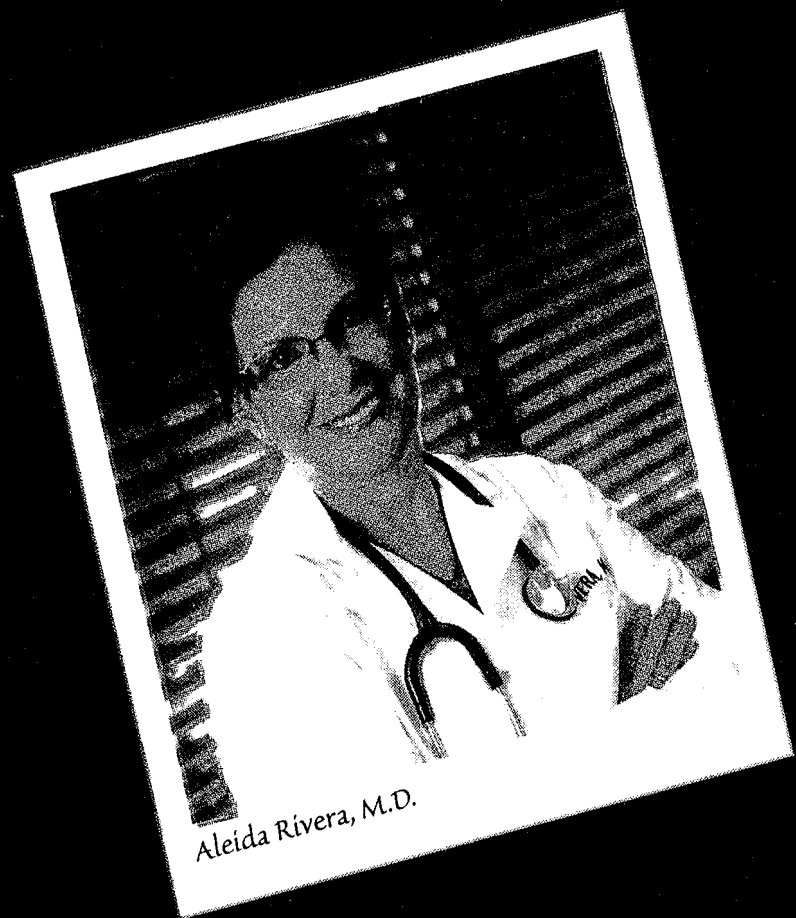
Pat Smolen has been in the club for eight years.

"We moved to Clarkston over 15 years ago," Smolen said. "I was working at the time, near retirement. This was something to do. I saw a notice at the library, came by to see what it was all about, and stayed. It's a nice group of women. I like what they stand for, helping children."

The club meets at 7 p.m., third Tuesday of the month at the library from September through April. For more information or to RSVP for the anniversary tea, call 248-623-9462.


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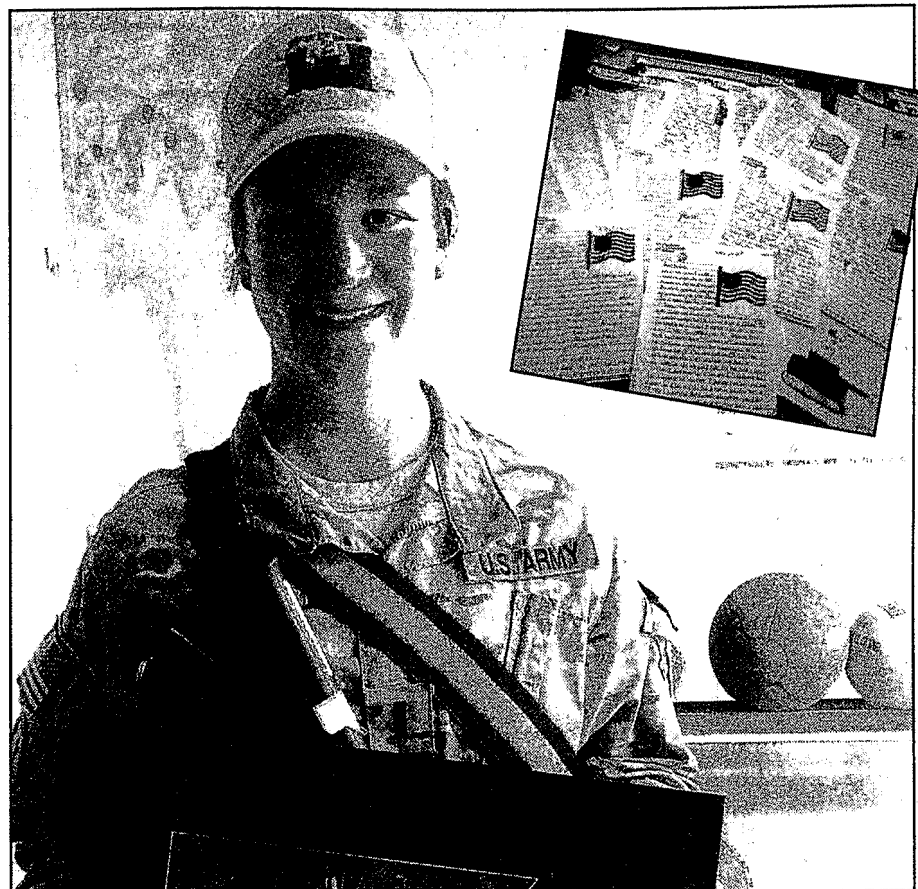
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Marcus Westlund pitches for fun and prizes, as Tristan Westlund watches.



Isla Temelko, who went to the fair with her dad, John Temelko, makes her way through an inflatable obstacle course. Photos by Phil Custodio

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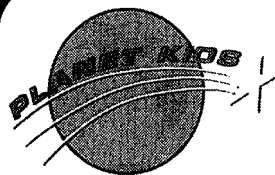
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Fitness Fair, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., April 5, Mueva Fitness, 6465 Dixie Highway. Free. Lindsay Green Power Pilates, 9 a.m.; Jess Heslip Kickboxing, 9:30 a.m.; Maki Vine Hatha Yoga, 10 a.m.; Lindsay Green Vinyasa Yoga, 10:30 a.m.; Renee Turner Boot Camp, 11 a.m.; Zumba Fitness with Jen, 11:30 a.m.; Bokwa Fitness with Teresa, 12 p.m.

The Truth about Global Warming, with Paul Gross, Local 4 NBC meteorologist, 7:30 p.m., April 11, Clarkston United Methodist Church. Free, freewill offering.

60th Anniversary Tea, Clarkston Community Women's Club, 2-4 p.m., April 12, Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. RSVP, 248-623-9462.

Easter Egg Hunt, 3 p.m., April 19, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Easter Bunny, crafts, snacks. 248-625-1611.

The Onyx Ball, Helping Hearts Helping Hands, 5 p.m.-1 a.m., April 26, Deer Lake Banquet Center, 6167 White Lake Road. Appetizers, dinner, silent auction, live auction, cash bar, music, dancing. 248-980-5090.

Spring tree and shrub sale, Oakland Conservation District, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., April 26, Waterford Oaks Greenhouse, 1702 Scott Lake Road. 248-922-7822.

Monday

Line Dancing, Mondays, 1-4 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Country, salsa, cha-cha, rock and roll with Rosemary Hall. All welcome. \$3/drop in.

Clarkston Area Mothers & More, 6:30-8:30 p.m., third Monday. Red Knapps restaurant. Call Shelly, 248-778-8115, or Allison, 248-462-5510

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

Pilates and Sculpt, Mondays, 7-8 p.m., Bay Court Park's Lakeview room. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.

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

Bingo games, Community Singles, Mondays, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Big Boy, 6440 Dixie Highway. Dinner, dessert prizes. 248-812-0604.

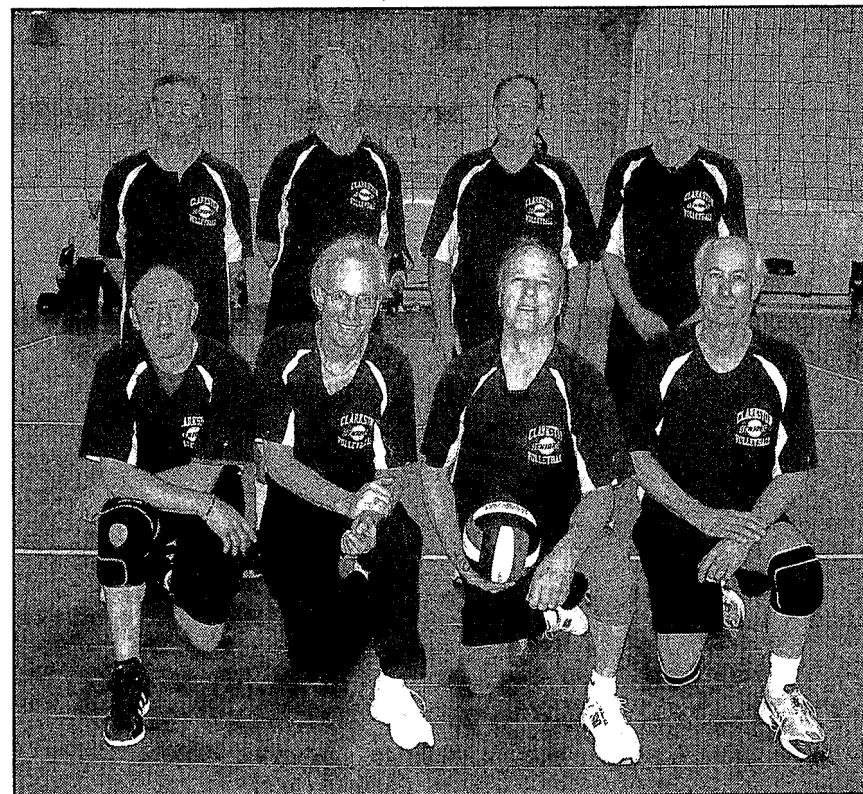
Tuesday

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

Around Town



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



CHAMPS ON THE COURT: Standing from left are Clarkston Legacy of America volleyball players Dan Nicholas, Fred Stark, Jeff Reinhout, and Tom Groves, and kneeling from left, Joe Blair, Al Brown, Pat McMullen, and Chuck Martus. The team won the Senior 55-plus volleyball league championship. With a 62-6 record, they dominated the C Division, winning 91 percent of their games. The games were played at the Blue Water Sports Complex in Warren each Tuesday during the 20 week season, November-March. Each year, senior volleyball players 50 and older play on Wednesdays and Fridays at St. Trinity Lutheran Church in Clarkston. Photo provided

Clarkston Community Band rehearsals, 7-9 p.m., Tuesdays. \$30/semester, free for high school students. Band room, Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane, clarkstonband@gmail.com.

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

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

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.

50+ Pickleball, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., \$3; Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., \$4; Saturdays, 9-11 a.m., \$3. All welcome.

LegalShield and Identity Theft Shield information sessions with Carol Compagnoni, Tuesdays 12:15-1:30 p.m., Buck Shots Bar and Grill, 7048 Gateway Park Drive, 248-420-3126.

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, third Wednesday through October, 7-8:30 p.m., Library Community Meeting Room, 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.

Office hours, Clarkston City Councilman Mike Sabol, third Thursday, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Village Bakery, 10 S. Main Street.

Local Business Network, Clarkston/Auburn Hills Chapter, first and third Thursday, 7:30-8:45 a.m., North Oakland County Board of Realtors, 4400 W. Walton Blvd., Waterford. 248-370-8029.

Lunches for 50+, Thursdays, 12 p.m., made-from-scratch. \$6. Independence Township Adult Activities Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Make reservation by Monday before, 248-625-8231.

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.

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

Saturday

Project Kidsight, Clarkston Area Lions Club, second Saturday, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Photos taken of child's eyes to check for potential vision problems. Immediate results. Free. 248-625-2212, www.clarkstonlions.org.

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

Volunteer opportunities

Avalon Hospice, sit with patients, hold their hand, listen to stories, personal care, or just be there. Two hours a week or more. 800-664-6334; **McLaren Hospice**, not-for-profit, companionship-type to visit and provide emotional support for patients living with terminal illness, 248-320-0106. **Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Oakland County**, 55+, opportunities at hospitals, cultural institutions, food pantries, tutoring. 248-559-1147 ext. 3435. **Service With Love**, RSVP of Oakland County. Older adult volunteers, call seniors regularly to check on health and safety, share friendly conversation. 248-559-1147 Ext. 3937.

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Religion

Events Preaching

Make world better with spiritual growth

Mudslides in Washington State, dozens killed plus dozens more missing and presumed dead. An Airliner disappears, hundreds are presumed dead. Friends are losing their lives to cancer, heart disease and other causes.

Our hearts and our prayers reach out to these people, their family and friends to receive comfort in this time of adversity. May they realize "the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:7

A pop singer's concert is protested by a religious group prompting me to ask the question, which group was acting more Christian? "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22:37-39

One group is protesting against a lifestyle that they abhor based upon their interpretation of Old Testament scripture; an interpretation which may be valid for them but I believe has been taken out of context in modern times to promote a limiting religious view point. "Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get." Matthew 7:1-2

A counter protest by the singer's fans responded with compassion for the death of the religious group's founder, "Sorry for your loss" read one banner, plus hope for the future, "Live your life and be awesome" read a second banner. When I first read this article I had to chuckle. I turned to my wife and said, "There is hope for the future."

"Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment." John 7:24

These two apparently contradicting statements of Jesus, "judge not" and "judge with right judgment" are reconciled within the context of Spiritual Growth. When we are judging others, we are focusing on the outer physical or material plain of existence:

the level of appearances.

Our judgment of the outer world is a reflection of our inner world, what we see is what we are: our sense of being. One person sees beauty where another sees ugliness. One person sees love where another sees hate. The Truth is that there is only God; all that is seen came from the unseen: God; all that exists came into being through God; all there is to know is God; "For in him we live and move and have our being." Acts 17:28

In the context of Spiritual Growth, I learn to "not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment." I look beyond the outer appearances, the effects, to the inner causative level of thoughts and feelings. Realizing peace and love are our inner work.

Acting out of peace and love to make our world a better place for all is our outer work. Whether we are waiting tables or running a corporation, if we are not doing so in an awareness of peace and love we are under paid; we are short-changing ourselves. "God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God and God abides in them." 1 John 4:16

Our outer world is reflecting the Spiritual Growth of our collective consciousness. In my lifetime we have experienced major shifts in consciousness. Martin Luther King graduated from seminary the year I was born; when I was 18 months old Rosa Parks sat on a bus; now we have a black man in the white house.

When I was born, lead based paint was the norm. Since then we have stopped belching leaded gas fumes into the atmosphere. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the good news to every creature." Mark 16:15

In the 1970's we cleaned up rivers and lakes only to see many of them threatened again in recent years. Fracking, in addition to all the other negative consequences, bonds poisonous chemicals to water molecules making this increasingly precious resource unusable for future generations.

The good news is that there is still hope for the future. We are continuing to see the changes in consciousness necessary for us to live in harmony with each other and our environment, to protect our right and ability to survive on this planet.

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Seuss Night



Kendalynn Diegel shows off her fancy foot work at one of the many games at Seuss Night at Bailey Lake.

What better way to celebrate March is Reading Month than to celebrate one of the most famous authors in history, Dr. Seuss, at Bailey Lake Elementary, March 26?

Bailey Lake Elementary awarded visitors lots of goodies and activities as people filled the halls in celebration at the free event in honor of Dr. Seuss.

The writer would have been 114 on March 2. His books, such as *The Grinch*, *Green Eggs and Ham*, *The Lorax* and *The Cat in the Hat*, are just a few of the reasons the colorful character is celebrated for his magic with words. Seuss, a poet and cartoonist, combined his talents to teach children.

During his lifetime, Theodor Seuss Geisel won two academy awards, two Emmy Awards, a Peabody award and a Pulitzer prize.

Kids, siblings and their families were able to follow along down the halls and partake in many activities and games. Visitors crafted goodies, got their face painted and were awarded entertainment from the Clarkston High School Mime Troop.

— Andrea Beaudoin



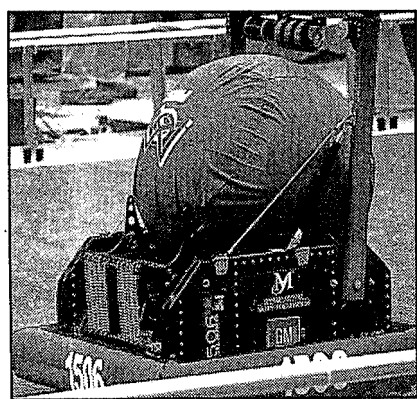
Ella Kurmaniak, Caralyn Haas, Laura Lemerond and Lily Kurmaniavk all wanted to take part in the fun.



Richard Ragatzm as the Cat in the Hat, and Meredith Turner and Maria Magidsohn as Thing 1 and Thing 2 entertain Phoebe and Olivia Sanders.



Srra Galik, Darian Razdar, Dagny Koehler and Dan DeSchaine from the Clarkston High School Mime Troop. Photos by Andrea Beaudoin



CHAIRMAN'S AWARD: Metal Muscle FIRST Robotics Team #1506 out of Kettering University, which includes students from Clarkston, Brandon, Atherton, Lake Orion Baptist, Oakland Christian, Flint Southwest Classical Academy, Oxford Cyber Academy, and Stanford Online High School, won the District Chairman's Award at the West Michigan District Event, March 20-22. The award is given to the team with the most impact on students, FIRST and community. *Photo provided*

In our local churches

Requiem performance by John Rutter, Chancel Choir, flute, oboe, cello, harp, glockenspiel, timpani, organ, 7 p.m., April 18, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road.

3D Vision Youth Group for grades 6-12, Wednesdays, 7-8:45 p.m., North Oaks Church, 9600 Ortonville Road. 248-922-3515.

Wednesday Evening Feast, 6 p.m., free nursery. Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-3288. www.calvaryinfo.org

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

First Friday Family Fun, 7 p.m., St. Trinity Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road. Board and video games, snacks for all ages, kids movies. 248-625-4644.

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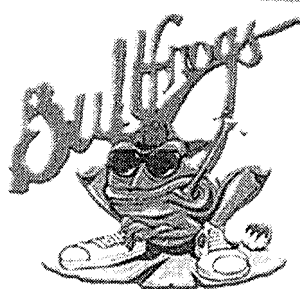
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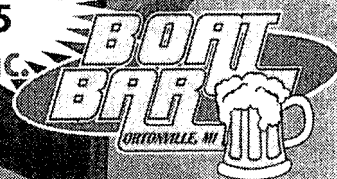
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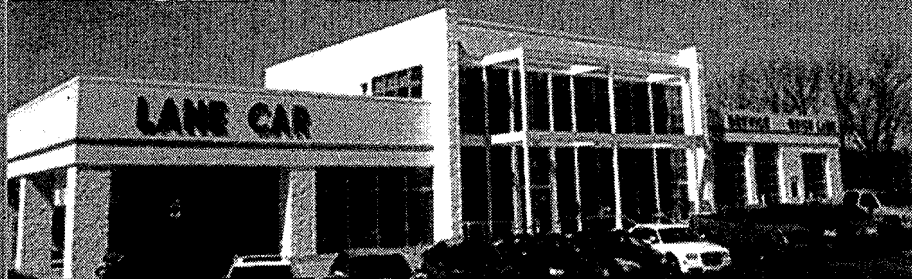
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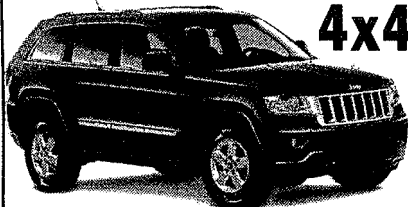
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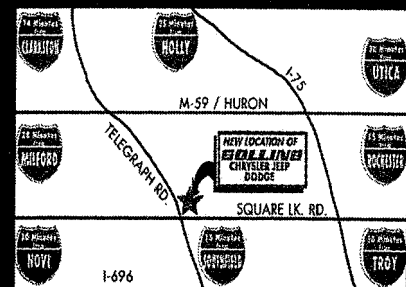
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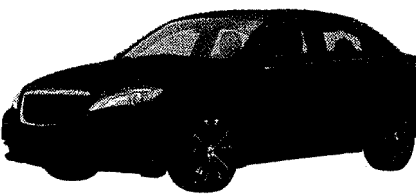
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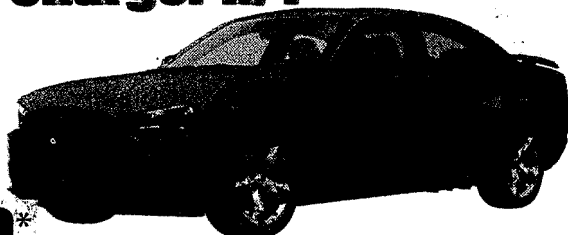
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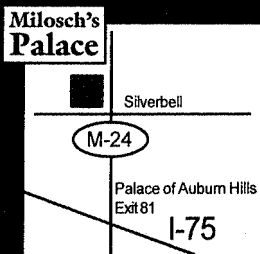


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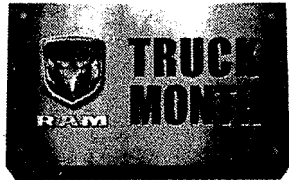
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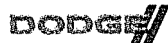
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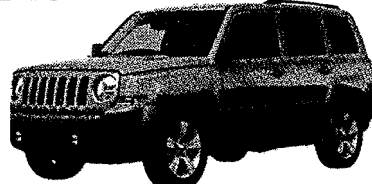


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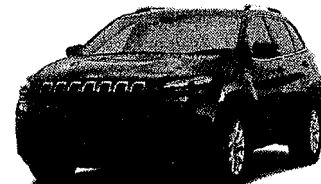
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