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More city wells tested

New contamination found on Bluegrass

BY EILEEN OXLEY
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Several years ago Clarkston resident Kelly Toth thought there was something funny about the green fluid she saw flowing from the Shell station at M-15 and Bluegrass and down the side of her street.

"You didn't have to be a brain surgeon to know something was wrong," she said.

Alarmed, Toth figured the suspicious-looking liquid must be radiator fluid and worried about it entering Bluegrass residents' wells. Knowing that contamination from the Ben Powell Landfill had affected wells on Northview, the Toths put themselves on bottled water.

"It was too close for comfort," Toth said.

That was five years ago. Now, after reading about Clarkston's growing contamination problems, Toth has become even more fearful — not only for herself and her husband Mark, but for her small son Chase.

"I read an article in The Clarkston News and saw the box in the middle that said one of the worst contamination sites was the Clarkston Shell station. I have a 19-month-old baby. I couldn't subject him to this. So then, I called the city and said, 'I need my water tested,'" Toth said.

Clean-up fund faces insolvency

A report commissioned by the Department of Natural Resources on the Michigan Underground Storage Tank Financial Assurance (MUSTFA) program has concluded that the program must be shut down immediately.

MUSTFA, a supplier of reimbursement funds for owners and operators of underground storage tanks whose gasoline leakage has caused contamination problems, was adopted by the Michigan Legislature in 1988. It has funded cleanup through an annual fee of 7/8 of a cent for every gallon of refined petroleum sold in Michigan.

For the last 18 months the DNR has been borrowing money. The DNR is notifying owners and operators of underground storage tanks by certified mail that MUSTFA will no longer accept claims, work invoices or requests for indemnification after June 29, 1995. Thereafter, those affected will need to obtain pollution liability insurance or other means that comply with financial assurance requirements set by state and federal law.

Toth was advised to call the Oakland County Health Department. She reached Karen Kubik, a public health sanitarian, who agreed to test her well. Kubik and Michigan Department of Health environmental sanitarian Lois Graham took samples of the Toths' water, suspecting them to be affected by underground storage tank petroleum leakage from the M-15/Bluegrass Shell station.

The results of the testing revealed three parts per billion methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE), a constituent of unleaded gasoline. That level is below the level required to issue a health advisory.

"It looks like contamination has spread farther than we thought," Graham said.

She told Toth that testing was last done on Bluegrass two years ago, though the Toths' well was not one of those tested. At that time, results showed no contamination.

Two weeks ago Graham and Kubik took 16 water samples from Bluegrass wells — including a second from the Toths' — and are awaiting the results which could take several weeks. The water samples are being evaluated at the state health department's lab.

If found to be affected, Bluegrass wells would be monitored every three months. A level of 40 parts per billion MTBE would indicate a dangerous level of contamination, according to Graham.

Graham said the Shell station has hired a consultant to review a treatment system that will clean up contamination.

"We're investigating. We're reviewing groundwater data to see if the treatment system is properly designed to clean up the site," Graham said. She added that, if wells on Bluegrass are found to be significantly contaminated, "I'm hoping we can work with Shell to



Wary of contamination, Kelly Toth, her husband Mark and 19-month-old son Chase have used bottled water for the past five years.

provide bottled water and replace the affected wells."

Two residences in Clarkston have been using bottled water supplied by the state for four years.

Toth said Graham told her not to be too worried about the situation.

"She said that I shouldn't be alarmed about it, but I should be concerned because it's something that shouldn't be there," Toth said.

Businesses angry over parking loss

BY EILEEN OXLEY
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Clarkston's City Council may have to offer downtown businesses the olive branch Thursday after an unannounced vote eliminated 10 prime parking spots on Depot last week.

Mayor Sharron Catallo and City Manager Art Pappas will meet with Max Broock and Dunlap Realtors at 9 a.m. in the City Hall to discuss possible modifications.

Present will be Bob DeCorte from Traffic Improvement Association of Oakland County. DeCorte undertook a parking study last fall that found several downtown parking spots in violation of state vehicle code, including the first two on Depot. Council decided to remove them in October.

Council voted 6-0 after a closed session at its

April 10 meeting to rid Depot of all 14 spaces. The action was taken in the wake of a court decision that awarded damages to a victim who slipped and fell in front of Max Broock's. The meeting's agenda did not include the subject, nor did it alert business owners to possible action.

However, City Manager Art Pappas said Tuesday morning that Mayor Sharron Catallo decided to leave the bottom two spaces on Depot's north side open. All others have been eliminated with black paint and no parking signs.

"We figured that was pretty flat there," Pappas said, referring to the hill. "We'll leave them for the time being." He added that Catallo would approach council about the situation at its next meeting April 24.

The eliminated spots have long been used by downtown businesses for customer and employee

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The news in brief

Police called in cat custody dispute

An Oakland County Sheriff's Deputy was called upon to exercise the wisdom of Solomon April 15 in a dispute over two cats.

Sgt. Dave Piment of the Independence sub-station responded to a 911 call on Hubbard Rd. Saturday where a couple who had broken up were accusing each other of stealing a pair of expensive Persian cats.

"I said, 'We could resolve this like King Solomon and cut the cats in half,'" Piment said. That seemed to calm the parties down. When he asked what it would take to resolve the problem, each said they'd be happy with one cat, and that's how the matter ended.

"Either that, or you can go to court and let the judge decide who gets custody of the kids," said Piment, who said it wasn't the value but a genuine love of the cats that caused the problem.

Brick tumbles, parking closed off

A brick from the Apothecary Antiques building hit the pavement over the weekend on Main Street, causing the city to rope off the area immediately in front of the building to avoid potential injury.

Clarkston mayor Sharron Catalo said Monday she had notified the building owner. Workers were inspecting the building that afternoon but it was unknown as of presstime what action would be taken.

Depot Park playground nears completion

Clarkston Department of Public Works supervisor Bob Pursley announced last week that the new wave runner slide to Depot Park's playground has finally arrived. Pursley hopes to incorporate the slide into the park's playscape structure soon, along with sod. With all the rain, the playground has been very muddy this spring and will greatly benefit from the sod, Pursley said.

Business group installs phone line

Thanks to Neil Russo, manager of NBD Bank in Clarkston, the Clarkston Downtown Business Association now has its own phone line. Members and others may call (810) 625-6300 to access information about the organization. Russo generously donated space for the extension in his bank. The newly formed CDBA is presently discussing bylaws and future business promotions that will tie in with events like Fun Daze and the SCAMP Home Tour.

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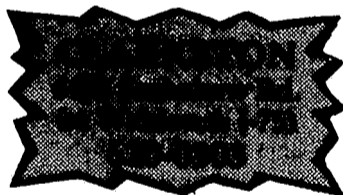
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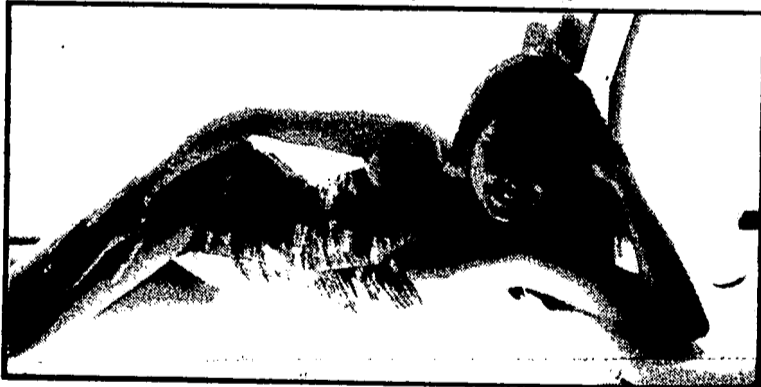
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All the right 'career' moves

Girls sample occupations at Business and Professional Women gathering

BY EILEEN OXLEY
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Jessica Wright paid all her bills and took a look at her budget.

"I still have \$200 left in my savings account," she said, proudly.

Jessica isn't really old enough to live in the adult world yet, but the Sashabaw Middle School eighth-grader made some big decisions last week. She took part in a "Choices" program to prepare her for the future and a possible career as a writer of young adult novels.

Approximately 25 teen women from Clarkston and Waterford had hands-on experience in the program sponsored by the Waterford-Clarkston Business and Professional Women at Mitch's II restaurant April 13. They selected occupations, received monthly salaries and sampled spending them for housing, transportation, utilities, food — even luxuries like travel.

Salary information was based on a "Michigan 2,000" publication which predicted earnings into the 21st century.

Making the rounds through tables that represented a "reality store," the young women paid bills, balanced checkbooks — and got headaches. They could even decide whether or not they wanted children, having to include them in sometimes frugal budgets.

They also had a chance to talk with representatives from various occupations, including judges, business owners, insurance agents, accountants, hospice managers, teachers, public relations workers and counselors. All shared their experiences with the young future careerists.

"They're allowed to choose a career that allows them so much money. Then they have to spend that money, buy a house, furniture ...," Dawn Diederich, president of WCBPW, said. Diederich hopes to make



Lindsay Talbot, a sixth grader at Clarkston Middle School, designed the "Choices" T-shirt.



Clarkston father Russ Mack looks over a budget with daughter Katie, who decided to become an

airline pilot.

the program an annual event.

"This is what this is — choices. What kind of choices they make, whether or not they're in debt up to here ... This event is a hands-on experience to give them decision-making experience."

For example, Clarkston Middle-Schooler Callista Mitchell figured she'd made a good choice in selecting a career as a doctor.

"I have over \$2,000 left over," she said, after paying her bills for the month. Callista may very well choose that profession. "I'm good in science. I made it into Awesome Tech Academy this year."

Her classmate Mia Harris figured she made a good choice — but only had \$200 left a month to spend on groceries. However, she wasn't concerned about making money. She was more concerned about her career and figured she could survive on a meager menu. When asked if she thought her food budget was rather tight, the teen answered, "Yeah. But I want to be a veterinarian because I like to help animals out — sick animals."

Choices involve more than just money and career, said WCBPW president-elect Liz Talbot. They also involve a variety of values — which are not the same for everybody.

"The girls will begin to develop some choices in life by balancing career and life issues," Talbot said. "They include monetary issues, life issues and education."

After they had circled the tables, and before the evening closed with a pizza party, the young women met with business representatives to take a quiz that involved looking closely at choices they might make. They received a book called, appropriately, "Women Helping Girls With Choices." It featured a brief survey.

"Our choices have more to do than with just where we work," said Sharron Johnson, a CEO and

Holly business owner. She was working one-to-one with Clarkston Middle School sixth-grader Melodie Arremine, asking the teen questions such as, "Would she rather have an expensive house or a piece of artwork, travel or stay at home?"

Some students circled the tables more than once, finding they had to make adjustments.

Clarkston father Russ Mack, who sat next to daughter Katie and shared a pizza, noted she had changed her career.

"She decided modeling didn't pay enough at \$20,000 a year — The \$54,000 salary of an airline

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Sharron Johnson
Holly business owner

pilot sounded better."

North Sashabaw Elementary student Elizabeth Abrams also changed her mind.

"I went through twice, first as a teacher and then a commercial artist. I like art and people — and a commercial artist makes more money," the teen said.

"Some of them found, as they got to the end of the line, that they were running out of money. They had to go back and make different choices in terms of a vehicle or housing ..." said past WCBPW president Sandy Diederich, who, in speaking for the young women, added a humorous footnote.

"I guess I can't have that Porsche," she said, with a laugh.

Businesses angry over parking loss

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parking. Significantly affected are Dunlap and Max Brook Realtors, located on the north and south sides of Depot. Although both businesses are trying to curb the problem by asking their employees to park elsewhere, owners and managers are angry.

Clarkston Downtown Business Association president Buck Kopietz said he was "informed" prior to the CDBA's last meeting that the spots might be eliminated. But he and others aren't happy about the way it was done.

"I don't think they (council) should have done that without talking to business owners about alterations," Kopietz said, calling the elimination a "major impact."

"Business is suffering terribly for retail downtown... It's going to be the straw that broke the camel's back for a lot of those businesses near the corner." Kopietz added that Max Brook broker and sales manager Ron Rodda was "livid."

When called last week, Rodda said he had "no notice except after the fact" when Catallo presented him and those at Dunlap's with letters informing them of council's action.

"There was no opportunity to sit in on any discussion," Rodda said. "If they were to take 14 (parking spots) off on Main we'd look like a ghost town. It's no less of an effect on Depot. You're taking a tremendous amount of parking away."

"One fella, one stroke of the pen and it's done—no parking. Of course, we want to work with the city, but we don't want to be shut out. Our livelihood depends on this."

Max Brook owner Bowen Brook agreed.

"You don't cut the legs out of somebody and not give them a crutch," he said, angrily responding from Brook's corporate headquarters in Bloomfield last

week. "You have to keep the downtown vital. The decision was pre-emptory. Obviously it came as a total surprise."

Though upset as well, Dunlap sales manager Carol O'Neill was a little calmer.

"The parking problem is serious already. I've parked on that hill since 1978 and I'VE never fallen," she said with a laugh. "There should have been another way to handle that," she added, referring to council's decision. "They could have posted signs about icy conditions."

"We thought the matter had been handled, that the decision had been made to eliminate those first two spots (on Depot) and it was done."

O'Neill called council's decision a "knee-jerk reaction."

When asked why the city failed to notify downtown business owners of the action, Catallo said, "The problem was there wasn't much to discuss, to be honest. There had been discussion on it when we had to take off the red spots on the corner."

Catallo said she's willing to consider alternatives on Depot.

"One thing that might be (possible) would be to mark new spots down lower where it's flat. You can enter both (Realtors') buildings from the rear so you wouldn't have to walk up that hill."

Correction



● The name of one student (pictured, left) from last week's front page photo was incorrect. Her name is Jamie Johnson.

Dogs missing

An animal owner's worst fear has come true for owners of at least 15 dogs in Independence Township.

A resident of Clinton Drive told the Oakland County Sheriff's Department April 11 that her full-blooded chow had apparently been stolen. A beagle was also reported missing April 13 from Eastview.

Christina Roberson said hers is just one of 15 dogs, including labradors, shepherds, rottweilers, the beagle and other chows, missing from the neighborhood in incidents dating back to October.

The OCSD Independence substation indicated that two dogs have also been reported missing in Springfield Township, one chow and one labrador.

Roberson said the owners have checked local animal shelters and come up empty. Her dog and a shepherd/chow mix were chained in her yard.

"The chains are still here; the leashes aren't broken," she said. "But the dogs were so friendly anyone could have walked up to them."

The theft of her one-and-a-half-year-old chow occurred at night while the home's residents were sleeping, she said. Earlier missing dogs were not reported because the owners thought they had run away or been picked up by animal control, Roberson said. However, there have been two reports of people in vans trying to coax dogs into their vehicles, she said.

Roberson said there have been no neighborhood problems that might have provoked the dognappings.

"Most of the dogs run loose. They played with other dogs and played with the kids when they came home from school," she said.

"I've talked to a lot of my friends about it. A lot of people are saying maybe they've been picked up by a cult."

Roberson is also afraid the dogs have been stolen to train other dogs to fight. She doesn't believe they're being stolen for breeding purposes because the dogs' papers would be required.

"We just want to know where they're going and what they're doing," she said. "I could see it if it was just any dog. But they're all purebred."

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Free chloriding for township roads

BY DARREL W. COLE
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For the first time ever, Independence Township will pick up the tab for chloriding all local and private roads.

In past years the township split costs with residents through the Road Commission for Oakland County chloriding program. This year, however the township received a better deal from Road Maintenance Corporation and will pay all costs.

In 1994 the township's cost for half was \$24,475 for road chloriding. This year it will cost \$49,000 to do all 46.5 miles of the township's local and private roads.

The road commission charges 32 cents per foot for individual orders and 26 cents if all township gravel roads are covered. Road Maintenance charges 28 cents for individual orders and 20 cents for total coverage.

To cover all township roads at road commission prices it would have cost \$63,000.

The township board of trustees voted 5-0 (treasurer John Lutz and trustee Jeffrey McGee were absent) to chloride all public roads at a special meeting April 13. In addition, the board also voted to accept the Road Maintenance bid of 20 cents per foot and waive bid procedures.

A separate vote was also taken on the issue of whether or not to pay for the chloriding of private roads. The board agreed to pay 16 cents per foot for private road costs but the bill from Road Maintenance would have to be presented to the clerk's office for reimbursement. Trustee Bruce Mercado cast the lone no vote.

Residents living on public roads will not receive

a bill, as the township will pay Road Maintenance directly.

The Michigan Township Association says its illegal for municipalities to spend public funds for private purposes. But township attorney Gerald Fisher said it is not illegal and state laws allow such practices as long as it furthers a public interest.

Township Supervisor Dale Stuart said chloriding the roads will not only help preserve them, but helps protect trees, plants and fields from damage caused by blowing dust.

Stuart said the township did receive one other bid, but that company's references did not check out. Road Maintenance owner Pat Eisenhardt currently contracts with Springfield Township, as well as several other communities in Oakland and Lapeer counties.

Eisenhardt said she coordinates her road chloriding with the county's road grading schedule. Once the grading has been completed she applies the chloride within 24 hours.

The county does not grade private roads so any residents along private roads must first have their road graded before chloride can be applied.

Private road debate

The MTA's law firm of Bauckham, Sparks, Rolfe and Thomsen has opined that "it is improper for township funds to be used for chloriding private roads," based on state laws.

"By definition, private roads are private property, owned and controlled by private persons, not by any unit of government ... Spending township funds to maintain private roads does not advance any public interest and only benefits the people who have the responsibility for maintenance," the law firm stated.

Fisher, in a written opinion to the board dated

April 13, disagrees with the MTA. He says a municipality is authorized to improve private roads under the Michigan Township Improvement Act of 1954.

"The particular public interest and purpose in this regard is the promotion of the ability for emergency response by police, fire and emergency medical service, in addition to promoting general safe travel by residents and guests gaining access to homes and businesses situated on private roads," Fisher said.

Fisher said the township can avoid any liability of chloriding private roads by having the resident representative sign a waiver stating "the township is merely reimbursing a portion of the expense of maintenance."

Township Clerk Joan McCrary said the township chlorided 10 private roads last year, costing about \$2,800. She said there are no figures available on how many private roads the township has.

"Our position has been that we want those roads taken care of too," said McCrary. "We feel they all pay property taxes and deserve this."

Trustee Mercado said he voted no to chloriding private roads because of the MTA opinion and because there is no way of knowing how many private roads will request a reimbursement.

For more information on the chloriding program, contact the township clerk's office at 625-5111.

Super Moms needed

Does your mom scoot off to work every day with a big black briefcase? Or does she just make the best chocolate chip cookies in the world? The Clarkston News would like to know just how special your mother is and feature her in a Mother's Day story. Let us know by calling 625-3370. Three moms will be selected.

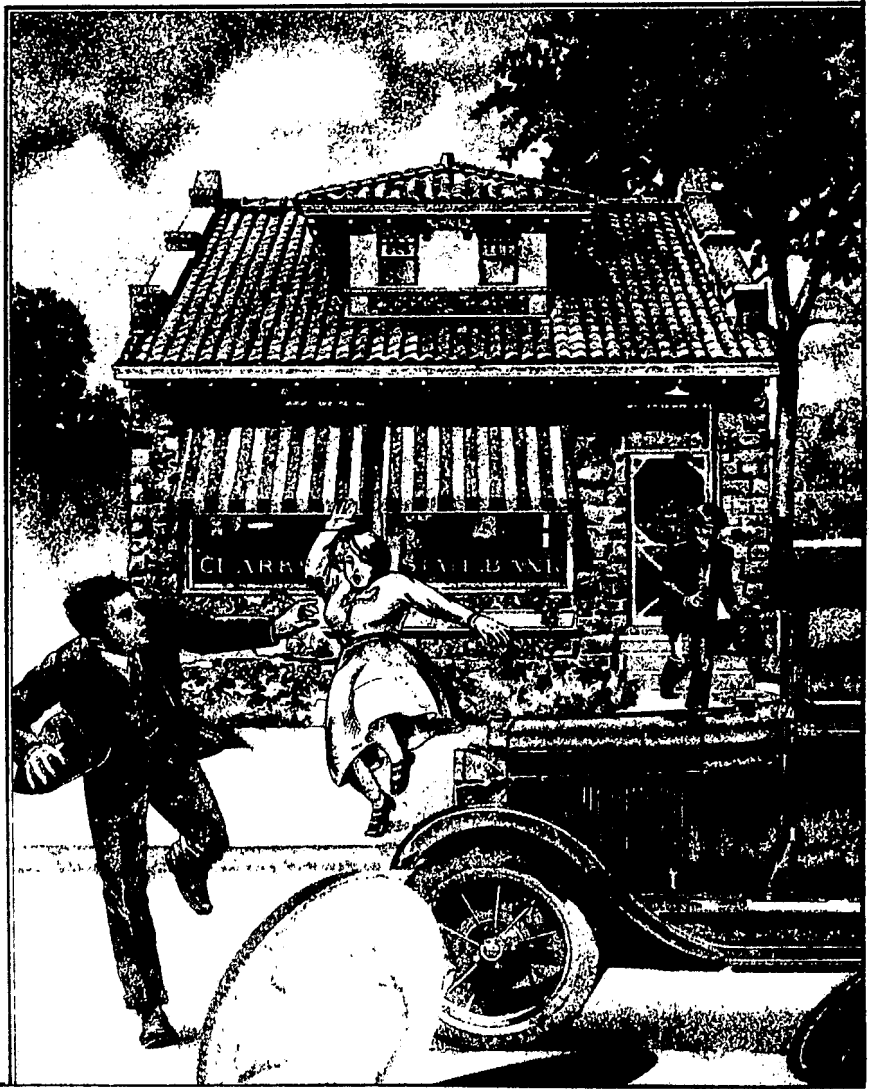
Clarkston Bank Robbed!

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The three robbers stole money from the bank and sped away in a 1932 Chevrolet.

This fascinating story from the rich history of Clarkston is just one of many found in the new book "Our Children's Heritage - A History of Clarkston/Independence Township". This wonderful new book is the result of the combined talents of local teachers Rosemary Lewis, Julie Matthies and Bill Genshaw along with the illustrations of Jim Russell and the financial backing and coordinating efforts of the Clarkston Community Historical Society. A textbook version of this book will be provided for study to all the second grade classes in the Clarkston Elementary Schools.

A special version with a refined cover is now being offered for sale to the general public. This book will be something you and your family will surely enjoy. Though written for children, adults will find the text interesting and the illustrations beautiful. This is a rare opportunity to teach your children the history of their community. The book also makes a great gift for grown children who have moved from their hometown, and for grandchildren as well. The books can only be purchased from the Historical Society and will be sold on **Monday, April 24** and **Tuesday, May 2 from 7-8 pm** in the History Room of the Independence Township Library on Clarkston Road. The cost is \$25, and all proceeds will help fund other CCHS programs. Don't miss this opportunity to learn our history, from Chief Sashabaw to Henry Ford, and from Jeremiah Clark to the Saginaw Trail.



OPINIONS

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In Focus

by Annette Kingsbury

Stage fright: not terminal, but fatal

It's been many years since I picked up an oboe (I won't say how many), the instrument I used to play in high school band. But every year when the solo and ensemble ratings come in, I can't help being transported back to the days when I used to compete. For me, the memories aren't totally cool.

The reason is that I was (and to some extent still am) a victim of performance anxiety—stage fright. And every time I walked into a situation where I had to take center stage, I would freeze up.

It didn't matter how well prepared I was. I always had the material down cold. We were well-rehearsed by our band director. But rehearsals gave no clue that I would fall apart in the performance.

Maybe fall apart is too strong—I didn't forget the notes. But I did have trouble breathing. And when you're playing a wind instrument, that can be fatal.

The oboe is especially difficult in that regard. On some instruments, you run out of breath. But on oboe, it's quite the opposite. You have to exhale to release the built-up air pressure in your lungs. Imagine that when you're also terrified.

The sound that had just moments ago been robust and sweet now came trickling out of the instrument, like an asthma patient gasping for air. Perhaps understanding what was happening, the judges weren't too hard on me. But you can only get so far sounding like that.

That wasn't the only place I was affected. I can remember having to give a speech one time in an English class and watching my hands shake as I spoke. The difference was it's a lot easier to speak than to blow the oboe. I could get through the speech and no one would be the wiser.

I know I'm not the only one to be afflicted with this anxiety. Carly Simon and Barbara Streisand are among the most notable talents who have stayed off the stage for years because of performance anxiety. Heck, Aretha Franklin performs little these days because she's afraid to fly. Guess I'm in good company.

Nevertheless, when I talk to students about the various competitions they enter, whether it's solo and ensemble or forensics or whatever, I always have a little bit of extra admiration. Sure, they're talented. But it also takes some courage, something many perhaps don't realize or appreciate. That courage, that self-assurance, that 'I can do it' attitude will take them far in life, even if they never set foot on a stage again.

Arts and crafts

● A benefit craft show for Amy Tucker, who needs a bone marrow transplant, will be held at Troy Athens High School on Saturday, May 6, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tucker is a 20-year-old Troy resident suffering from chronic myelogenous leukemia which was diagnosed shortly after she began work as a medical assistant.

Letters to the editor

Tavern owners reconsider options

The angry letters which have appeared in your "letters" column the past couple of weeks have stunned me. As one of the people who has put forth the time and energy to plan the proposed downtown restaurant, I was disappointed to read the letter writers' reactions.

We believed the tremendous effort that went into the adjacent Parsonage's revival would demonstrate our good intentions for the property. To many, demolishing that building would have been more realistic than restoring it. We believe that leveling the former church would be a sad solution.

Our planned conversion is a mild one, with minimal impact on the building. We also believe that our focus on food and our overall approach is one which would be good for the community. But we are reconsidering our intentions.

If we were to use the building to house a record store, could we come under fire for the music the business sold? The church chose to sell the building. The church decided to sell it to someone other than another church. They sold it without imposing restrictions on any of its future uses. After the sale, the congregation was allowed to continue to use the building for over a year, while they awaited completion of their new facility.

While it was our initial intention to give the old building a sort of continuum by choosing a name which was reminiscent of its original use, we decided, some time ago, to use a name that is not tied to the structure's past use. The name we have chosen, "The Clarkston Grange," relates to the history of the community.

Our establishment will focus on simple, hearty food served in a simple atmosphere. The chosen

name would suit our menu. As a community whose prominent Main Street houses were built by successful farmers, and whose earliest industry was plowed by Ford tractors, "The Clarkston Grange" name would fit the history of the village itself—even if the history has already been bleached by franchises on its outskirts.

When the concerns about the sale of alcohol in the city's boundaries were focused on our proposal, I only had to look out my window to see a slew of precedents. There are other businesses on Main Street which sell alcohol incidental to the sale of food. It was never suggested that these businesses, or Hallman's Apothecary, ever corrupted our youth.

We don't think our simple fare formula would corrupt Clarkston's youth, or change the complexion of the community.

Nonetheless, we are stepping back and taking another look at our plans, and we'd be happy to hear from anyone with new ideas or fresh concerns.

John Campo
Curt Catallo

More letters on next page

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Don't Rush Me

By Don Rush

Thoughts for Earth Day



So, Earth Day is Saturday, aye? Twenty-something years ago, some long-haired flower children got together and decided to do something; Earth Day was born.

In celebration I, myself, will do the composting. I'll get some wood pallets, wire 'em together and start shoveling the stuff (some say I'm good at that). I'll put the grass clippings in there, the leaves, even some twigs, but I have one question: what kind of smell am I looking at here?

Is something foul going to waft on over to my neighbors? Does it smell a lot for a long time, or a lot in short spurts? What will be worse, the occasional burn, or the compost smell?

I guess we'll just have to wait and see, won't we.

Speaking of recycling and reusing and all that, did you know that the paper you are reading is made of newsprint containing 12 percent recycled fiber. This paper is printed at our Oxford plant. We go through about 22 tons of newsprint every three weeks.

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From my handy dandy Michigan trivia calendar: the first papermill in the state was established in 1834 on the Raisin River, near Monroe.

Since we're on the subject of trees, how come after Detroit Edison trimmed the trees in my yard they left the scrub wood, stacked up in neat little piles for me to take care of... but took the maple they cut?

Earth Day also marks the return of Kid Slice to the links. Kid Slice, AKA Don Rush, warns all area golfers to beware. Hard hats, while not in season and definitely not in fashion, are advised.

This year my golf bag will be a little easier to lug around. Not because I've gotten into shape, but because at the end of last year I deposited my four iron in some body of water.

And, on a final back-to-nature note: congrats are sent out to brother-in law and wife, Michael and Denise Marcks, on the birth of their first child, daughter Emily Michelle. Little Emily weighed in at 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 20 inches long.

A look back

15 YEARS AGO (1980)

A height fight is arising over rides for the proposed amusement park at Pine Knob. At last week's Independence Township board meeting, a proposal was passed for an interim zoning ordinance regulating amusement parks which would limit the size to four acres, rides to 16 and height of rides to 35 feet. Two proposed structures, a ferris wheel at 88 feet and a parachute drop at 125-150 feet, would be affected by the ordinance.

The second man convicted of the Sept. 2 slaying of Monica Hockey in Independence Township receives sentencing Tuesday. Township resident Jeffery Allen Coyle gets life without parole from Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Farrell Roberts. Coyle intends to appeal the case.

During a Reading Olympics program at North Sashabaw Elementary School, \$3,600 is raised for the March of Dimes. Youngsters read 4,000 books during March, gathering pledges for each one, and collected the money at the month's end. Over 300 children receive awards, with sixth-grader Roberta Paul topping the list at 45 books read.

25 YEARS AGO (1970)

A travel club formed by two sixth-grade Clarkston Junior High teachers results in a trip to Washington for 68 students. Since school policy doesn't sanction such trips, teachers Gary Midora and Rayna Conley organize the club which is removed from school jurisdiction. The students will leave Detroit's Metropolitan Airport on Saturday morning and return in the evening.

Clarkston resident Dan Fife is praised by University of Michigan basketball coach Moby Benedict for his "great hustle. When a guy is known as a 'hustler' it usually means that he doesn't have the ability to back it up. Danny does. His hustle and his attitude is a bonus to the team," Benedict says. Fife has been Benedict's starter in center field all season.

Clarkston Junior High School's Vocal Music

Department prepares for the annual spring concert. The 200-member chorus will be singing everything from selections of the 16th Century to a square dance number and familiar tunes of Broadway.

50 YEARS AGO (1945)

Clarkston's Rotary Club sponsors a clothing drive for those suffering in war-torn countries in Europe. Warm clothing, including children's, is needed badly. Warm blankets are especially appreciated.

Mr. Rudolph Herman, Czech consul to Japan for the five years preceding this war and former business manager of a Czechoslovakian auto plant, will address Clarkston Rotarians Monday. Mr. Herman has one son who is fighting with Philippine guerrillas and lost another son in a Japanese prison camp. He will speak on "American Commonwealth in the Philippines Contrasted to Japanese Co-Prosperity in Manchukuo."

In keeping with other public institutions, Clarkston schools will fly flags at half mast for 30 days, following the death of President Roosevelt.

60 YEARS AGO (1935)

It is predicted that the outlook for the Clarkston School is the best in five years. Through the use of a plan for the payment of delinquent taxes with state bonds, the greater portion of the past due bonds have been canceled. Obligations should be paid up to date in a short time. In addition, if the Thatcher-Sias bill passes in the state legislature, a new law will assist in taking care of some of the school's operating expenses.

A crowded Main Street in Clarkston tells the story of improvement. Car owners are filling up parking spaces and not "window shopping" — they are buying, with sales reportedly increasing.

Saturday, May 25 is designated Poppy Day in Clarkston and immediate vicinities. Women of the Campbell-Richmond Unit of the American Legion will distribute little red poppies on the streets to honor those who died in the World War.

If It Fitz

by Jim Fitzgerald



What you take is telling in emergency

Suddenly one afternoon a siren shrieked over the intercom in our vacation apartment in Florida. An ominous voice ordered all occupants of the seven-story building to evacuate immediately because of an emergency situation. Use the stairs.

I knew it was no drill. The power had been off for an hour while repairs were being made to the elevators, which had stopped working the day before. My first fearful thought was that a hot wire had been cut accidentally, starting a fire, with a devastating explosion coming soon to our neighborhood.

Realizing there was no time to waste, and that all our tourist possessions could be destroyed, I quickly grabbed what was most important to me and ran for safety.

What would you have grabbed?

Besides my wife, I brought along that day's Miami Herald newspaper and a paperback book. And I left behind around \$2,000 in cash.

When my wife questioned my choices, I explained that I knew damn right we'd have to stand around outside the building for Lord only knows how long. I am mentally incapable of waiting for anything without something to read, and reading \$50 bills is boring.

The emergency was short, with no fire or other damage, and I got very little reading done because my wife kept wanting to talk about family values or something like that.

Next evacuation, she'd better watch out.

Speaking of the Miami Herald, something weird occurred our first few days in Naples, and at first I thought it was just an unusual coincidence. But when it continued to happen almost every day, I began to keep score, and the final results were:

For the 25 straight days I bought the Herald from several different vending boxes, at various times of the day, 23 times I got the last newspaper. I mean the paper displayed in the box window, which I slipped out of its cage after my inserted coins allowed me to open the box and see no papers inside.

You may think I'm terribly hard up for something to occupy my mind while on vacation. But I think there are a lot of people in Naples who don't know it's possible and legal to remove the display paper. After spending the money to discover an empty box, they walk away robbed, needlessly.

The Miami Herald publisher is Dave Lawrence, who used to hold the same position at the Free Press. Dave played an important role in bringing about the joint operating agreement between the Free Press and the News. Which I mention only because, if the Herald is getting paid for more papers than are sold, it's fitting that a JOA in Miami forces the Herald to share the windfall with Cox Newspapers, which owned the defunct Miami News. The JOA is in effect until 2021, although the News closed in 1988.

Naples, like many other sections of Florida, is full of aged retirees. You see them everywhere, including the mirror — white-haired, baggy, moving slowly, often with the aid of a walker. Or trying futilely to stride briskly, arms swinging, hoping that the absence of sauntering is good for longevity.

Radio stations constantly advertise pain remedies, face-lifts and medical insurance. My brother-in-law bought a tube of salve for his wife to put on his back rash. She rubbed in toothpaste by mistake, and so far there's not one cavity in his back.

Wise guys call Florida God's waiting room. But I was prompted to memorialize a more optimistic wisdom: One good thing about being real old is you no longer have to worry about dying too young.

More letters

Astute + Apolitical = Abbott

As long time residents of the City of the Village of Clarkston and "spectators" of the political tennis match . . . three cheers for Jon Abbott and his ability to "sum up," so clearly, what many residents have known for years. Unquestionably it is becoming more and more apparent decisions are being made on the "who you know" theory with the speed of the process clearly linked to "jeans"! (spell check didn't work.)

City residents . . . if enough is enough, quit being spectators at the tennis match, and throw your hat in the ring for the next election. (This means you, David Bihl.)

Carol Eberhardt
Lorry Mahler
Stuart Mahler
Clarkston

Questions for school board

Dear Editor,

1. Why can they build a 10-story hospital in Pontiac for \$30 million and it costs \$56 million to build a school in Clarkston?

2. Could you build 50 \$1 million neighborhood schools as needed to teach the basics?

3. Do we need a gym for 3,500 people?

4. Do we need another place to swim?

5. Why ask for more funds again after just eliminating school property taxes? Isn't state funding enough?

6. Who prays for school board members when they can't pray for themselves? Whose decisions are they? Who guides administrators' actions? Who is influencing our teachers?

7. Why must absentees request ballots for school elections?

Ralph A. Chambers
Clarkston

The 'A' list

Ten ways to get on the "A" list in Clarkston:

1. Paint your house white.

2. Make a large contribution to the "Historical Society." (Paint your house any color you wish.)

3. If you are a cop, forget the list, but if you wear a 42-long uniform we have a job for you.

4. Rid the Mill Pond of ducks and geese (leave no corpses).

5. Don't start a home occupation. We already have one. Look in phone book under interior design.

6. Never be seen shopping in downtown Clarkston.

7. Ministers automatically make the "A" list. Unfortunately they must supply their own church because Clarkston's churches have been converted into houses and saloons.

8. Move an historic home to Clarkston.

9. Restore historic home after moving it.

10. Under no circumstances propose converting relocated restored historic home into a bed and breakfast — "A" listers must refrain from uttering the cursed words, "bed and breakfast."

Jon Abbott
Clarkston

Focus on the family by Dr. James Dobson

Sponsored by First Missionary Church, 4832 Clintonville Rd.

QUESTION: What is the most common error made by parents in disciplining their children?

DR. DOBSON: In my opinion, it is the inappropriate use of anger in attempting to control boys and girls. There is no more ineffective method of influencing human beings (of all ages) than the use of irritation and anger. Nevertheless, most adults rely primarily on their own emotional response to secure the cooperation of children.

One teacher said on a national television program, "I like being a professional educator, but I hate the daily task of teaching. My children are so unruly that I have to stay mad at them all the time just to control the classroom." How utterly frustrating to be required to be mean and angry as a part of a routine assignment, year in and year out. Yet many teachers (and parents) know of no other way to lead children. Believe me, it is exhausting and it doesn't work.

Consider your own motivational system. Suppose you are driving your automobile home from work this evening, and you exceed the speed limit by 40 miles per hour. Standing on the street corner is a lone policeman who has not been given the means to arrest you. He has no squad car or motorcycle; he wears no badge, carries no gun and can write no tickets. All he is commissioned to do is stand on the curb and scream insults as you speed past.

Would you slow down just because he shakes his fist in protest? Of course not! You might wave back as you streak by. His anger would achieve little except to make him appear comical and frustrated.

On the other hand, nothing influences the way Mr. Motorist drives more than occasionally seeing a black-and-white vehicle in hot pursuit with 19 red lights flashing in the rear-view mirror. When his car is brought to a stop, a dignified, courteous patrolman approaches the driver's window. He is 6-foot-9, has a voice like the Lone Ranger and carries a sawed-off shotgun on each hip.

"Sir," he says firmly but politely, "our radar unit indicates you were traveling 65 miles per hour in a 25-mile-per-hour zone. May I see your driver's license, please?"

He opens his leather-bound book of citations

and leans toward you. He has revealed no hostility and offers no criticisms, yet you immediately go to pieces. You fumble nervously to locate the small document in your wallet (the one with the horrible Polaroid picture).

Why are your hands moist and your mouth dry? Why is your heart thumping in your throat? Because the course of action that John Law is about to take is notoriously unpleasant. Alas, it is his action which dramatically affects your future driving habits.

Disciplinary action influences behavior; anger does not. As a matter of fact, I am convinced that adult anger produces a destructive kind of disrespect on the minds of our children. They perceive our frustration is caused by our inability to control the situation. We represent justice to them, yet we're on the verge of tears as we flail the air with our hands and shout empty threats and warnings.

Let me ask: Would you respect a superior court judge who behaved that emotionally in administering legal justice? Certainly not. This is why the judicial system is carefully controlled to appear objective, rational and dignified.

I am not recommending that parents and teachers conceal their legitimate emotions from their children. I am not suggesting that we be like bland and unresponsive robots who hold everything inside. There are times when our boys and girls become insulting or disobedient, and our irritation is entirely appropriate. In fact, it should be revealed or else we appear phony and unreal.

My point is merely that anger often becomes a tool used consciously for the purpose of influencing behavior. It is ineffective and can be damaging to the relationship between generations.

These questions and answers are excerpted from the book, "Dr. Dobson Answers Your Questions." Dr. James Dobson is a psychologist, author and president of Focus on the Family, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home. Correspondence to Dr. Dobson should be addressed to: Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, CO 80903. (c) 1982 Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.

Heritage Hunt II by Virginia Block

Wandering the byways of the Prodigy offerings, we stumbled onto "Service Clubs" and found a wealth of information about all the myriad of organizations offering knowledge about their particular group.

High on our list of interest, we found E-Mail inquiries answered for 4-H activities, followed by a look at the listings for Kiwanis, the Masons and the Rotary Club Internationale. Because of being familiar with the "Fellowships" in Rotary, we anticipated finding an update on doings in the area of their genealogy fellowship.

For many years Charles Townsenda, of Florida, has published a magazine called "Roto-Gene" and we had earlier presented a program in Lake Orion before the Rotarians, attempting to foster interest in their club for collecting members' family history.

Since that time, the advances making medical techniques for treatment, the computerizing of health awareness and concerns plus all the ways to "do" family researching at home practically impossible to ignore.

Unfortunately, as with all of us, time for seminars, workshops or even membership in any group outside of daily bread-winning prohibits the pursuit

of enjoying the "extras."

At this point, it calls for practice of the Serenity prayer to gain a perspective of where to turn next.

We were honored to meet Dr. James Redmond, superintendent of Oakland Schools, recently and feel that the literary aspect of our "Catch 'Em in the Cradle" program may well be an approach to resolving many problems faced by all of us: parents, grandparents and the child, as well.

With an understanding in the community that "volunteers" cannot control violence, address the cutbacks in funding for good cultural programs, and even meet the "generation" gap needs, it's up to your writer to decide what the priorities are, at this point.

Does this column serve your need to be informed on the various ways to gather what you seek? We know and appreciate the many ways that Sherman Publications supports our endeavors, but feel that they have little space to "donate," if you don't read and use it without acknowledgment of its value.

Please look at the plight of the churches, schools, civic leaders and community to serve each of us, and become part of the TEAM.

Happy Hunting.

People poll

By Eileen Oxley

Are you looking forward to the return of baseball?



CHARLES GALBRAITH, CLARKSTON: No, it's greed versus greed. That's just about it—I could care less.



MARK WEISS, INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP: Not especially. It's a great American tradition. I hope for the sake of the kids it returns. I hope the players and owners return to a love of the game the way the kids do.



MARY MCGUIRE, CLARKSTON: Yes. Since I have a grand-nephew playing for the Boston Red Sox—he pitches—I want to see him on the plate. Get rid of the strike, get on with the game.



JIM BICKFORD, CLARKSTON: No, it's both their faults—the owners and the players. I feel both of them have gone too far in not negotiating.



LINDA BERWAGER, WATERFORD: Yes, as long as the Tigers win.

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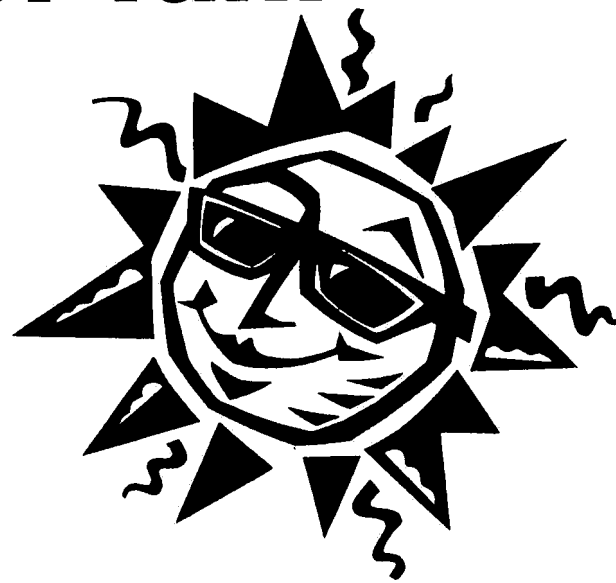


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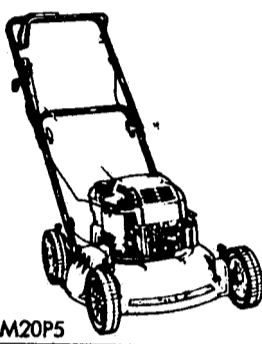
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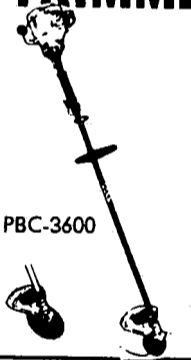


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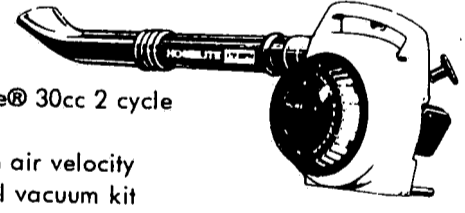


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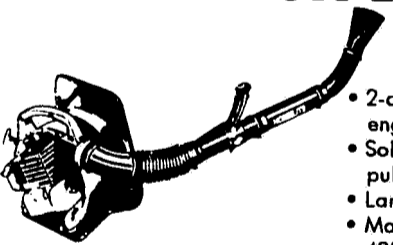


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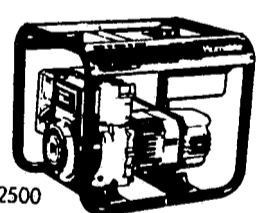


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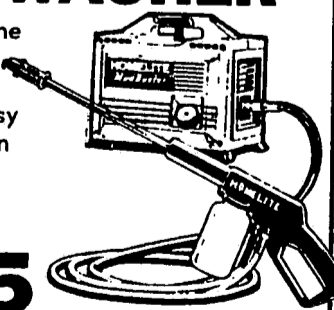


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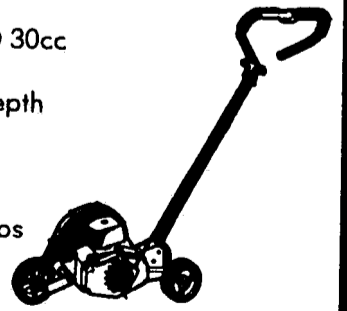
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CHS singers compete at state

Four vocal events from Clarkston High School earned top ratings at the state solo and ensemble festival April 1 at the University of Michigan-Flint.

To get to the state level, students first had to win top ratings at the district festival January 29 at Eastern Michigan University. At state, each event had to perform two prepared pieces, sight read and answer questions demonstrating the students' knowledge of music theory.

Earning ratings of I (superior) were: soloist Bobby Vance; the trio of Vance, Julia Freeland and Sara McNew; the quartet of Vance, Freeland, Joe Diliiegghio and Kristen Wicklund; and the Madrigal Singers, composed of Vance, McNew, Diliiegghio, McNew, Freeland, Steven Anderson, Kelly Biegan, Sara Chamberlain, Alesha Dowdle, John Dugan, Maria Fifelski, Scott Hund, Ryan Moore, Katheryn Morris, John Nicholson, Joe Tersigni and Kristen Wicklund. The quartet earned a perfect score in all categories of grading, said Director of CHS Choirs Grayce Warren.

Earning ratings of II were: soloists Alesha Dowdle, Maria fifelski, Jennifer Harsch, Marisa Jannaman, Alisa Visconti and Kristen Wicklund; and a barbershop ensemble composed of Joe and Scott Sanford, Ryan Seaman and Jimmy Territo.

"I am most proud of all of the students who participated at this level of competition as they demonstrated their very fine skills," Warren said. "They represented our high school extremely well."

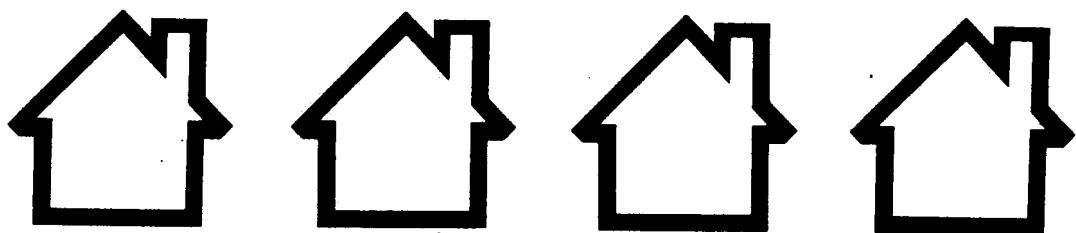
Students win honors for poster contest

Three Clarkston Middle School students attained recognition in a poster contest sponsored by the Detroit Sewer and Water Department. The posters centered around the theme, "The Importance of Wastewater Treatment in Our Environment." The contest was open to schools

in southeast Michigan. Placing in the middle school division were, left to right: Jacqueline Litra, first place and recipient of a \$600 savings bond; Jill Randall, second place and a \$500 bond; and Erin Trepte, who earned an honorable mention award.

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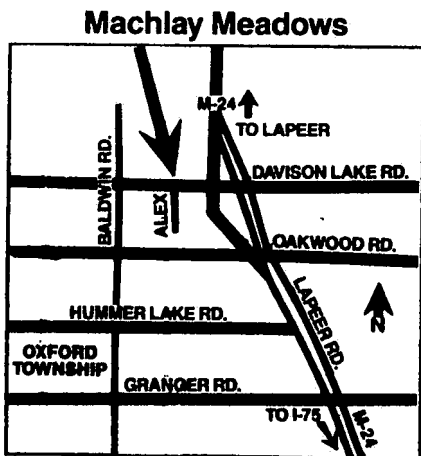
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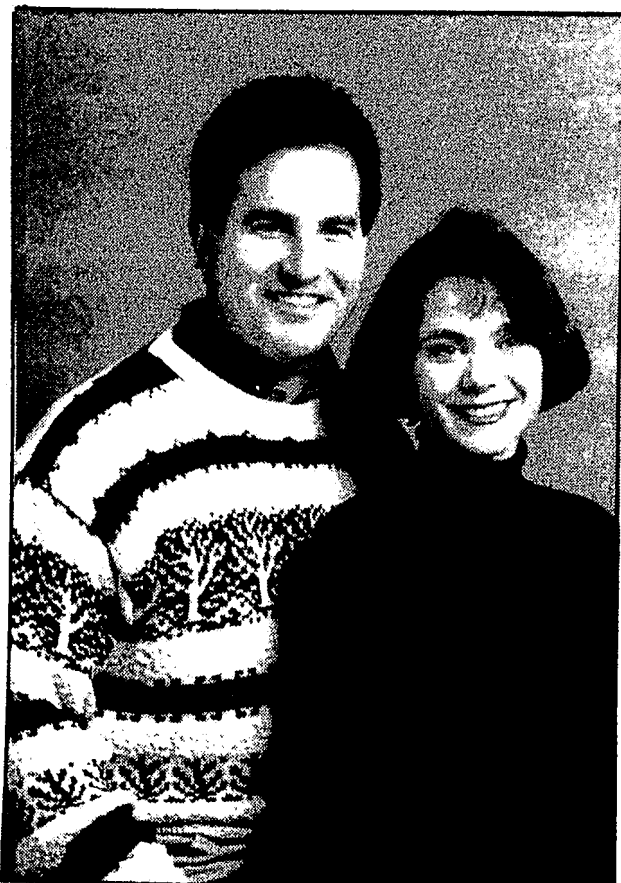
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Roselli-Gedris

Lila and Frank Roselli of Clarkston announce the engagement of their daughter, Carrie Lynn, to Scott William Gedris, son of Bill and Janet Gedris of Cornstock Park. The bride-to-be received a bachelor of applied arts in communications and French from Central Michigan University and works as a research analyst for Hewitt Associates in Troy. The prospective groom earned a bachelor's in business and a master's in accounting from the University of Michigan. He is employed as a tax consultant for Ernst & Young, Detroit. A July 1995 wedding is planned at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church.

In service

● **Army Cpl. Eric Rushlow** has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal which is awarded to soldiers for meritorious service, acts of courage or other outstanding accomplishments.

Rushlow, a ground surveillance radar technician, is the son of Arthur Rushlow of Rochester Hills and Janice Rushlow of Waterford. He has a BA from Florida State University.

● **Robert Gelske** has joined the U.S. Army under the Delayed Enlistment Program. A senior at Clarkston High School, he will report to Ft. Knox, KY for basic training in September. He will earn \$25,000 towards his college education during his enlistment. He is the son of Belinda and Edward Gelske of Clarkston.

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Welch honored by SME

Albert Welch of Clarkston has been selected by the Society of Manufacturing Engineers to receive the 1995 Joseph A. Siegel Service award June 3 in Baltimore.

The award is granted for significant and unique contributions which benefit the Society.

In the early 1980s, Welch's work led to the offering of a Fellows grade of SME membership to recognize outstanding contributions of members in research, education and industry. In 1986, Welch was in the charter class of fellows. He is currently a member of the Fellows Selection Committee.

Before his retirement in 1989, Welch was manager of systems engineering, Manufacturing Development, at GM's Tech Center in Warren. During a 41-year career, he held various positions, principally applying electronics and computers to manufacturing. After retirement he became a consultant to the auto industry and later to the Nissan Research and Development Group.

In 1975 Welch received the Albert M. Sargent Progress Award, granted "for outstanding work and leadership in systems engineering, especially CAD/CAM. He is a Fellow of the Society of Automotive Engineers and an inventor with four patents.

He earned his bachelor's degree in electrical



Albert Welch

engineering from Tufts College and an MBA from Michigan State University.

At school

● Five Clarkston High School seniors have been selected to receive academic scholarships from Western Michigan University. **Kelly Biegan, Kerry Kelly and Allison Vallad** are eligible for University Excellence Awards, worth \$8,000 over four years. **Stephanie Higdon and Kelley Wall** are eligible for WMU academic scholarships worth \$4,800 over four years.

● **Amy Keller** received a BS from Central Michigan University in elementary education with a major in child development and a minor in music. She now teaches third grade in the Lamphere school district. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Keller and a 1989 graduate of Clarkston High School.

● **Judy Fauss** of Clarkston, a student at St. Mary's College in Orchard Lake, has been named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." A senior, she is scheduled to graduate May 6.

● **Kristen Gray**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gray of Clarkston, has been named to the Ohio Northern University deans' list for the winter quarter. She is a fifth-year pharmacy major.

● **Janet Molen** of Clarkston and **Gale Smith** of Davisburg, both students at OCC's Highland Lakes Campus, have received scholarships for the spring semester.

● **Gilbert Decker Jr., Margorie Johnston and Carla Reynolds** made the all academic honors list at Ferris State University. To be eligible students must have compiled a 3.5 grade point average in at least 12 hours of work.

● **Gail Gilday** of Clarkston, a student in Oakland Community College's culinary arts program, took a silver medal for her Australian lace cake at the Michigan Culinary Arts Salon April 3 in Detroit.

The competition included professional, junior members, college and high school levels and is sponsored by the Michigan Restaurant Association and the Michigan Chefs de Cuisine Chapter of the American Culinary Federation. OCC students collected 11 gold, five silver, seven bronze and seven honorable mentions, as well as the show's four top awards.

● **Gina Gehrke** of Davisburg and **Alyssa Ferguson** of Ortonville are among 26 University of Michigan-Flint freshmen who received the William J. Branstrom Award for their high level of academic achievement during their first semester at the university. This work places them in the top five percent of their class.

Reunions

● The Clarkston High School Class of 1975 is planning a 20-year reunion. For information call Vivian Roy, 627-5964, Jill Pointer, 625-8125 or Gale Hyde, 625-4771.

● The Clarkston High School Madrigal Singers will hold the 25th madrigal reunion at Deer Lake Racquet Club May 27 at 6 p.m. All present and former madrigal singers, family and friends are invited. Anyone who has received reservation and biography information is asked to return them as soon as possible. Anyone who hasn't received the information should call the CHS vocal music department at 625-0900, ext. 253.



Cangemi-Jutras

Mr. and Mrs. Vito Cangemi announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Heyman, to John Salazar, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Jutras of Gaylord. The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Clarkston High School and will graduate in 1995 from Baker College in Flint with a bachelor's in management. The prospective groom is employed at Randy Hosler Pontiac, Inc. in Clarkston. A June 1995 wedding is being planned.

Composer, 12, wins state contest

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

Though he's only 12, Patrick Heber has been playing piano already for nine years. He's also a composer.

"I compose stuff all the time," he said. "It just happens."

Patrick, a seventh-grader at Sashabaw Middle School, learned last week one of his compositions took first place at the state-level competition in the PTA Reflections contest. He'll go to Traverse City later this month to receive his award.

The Reflections contest offers students an opportunity to demonstrate their talents in a variety of arts, including photography, and visual arts. In the music category, students must compose a piece, write it out and record it.

Patrick submitted his piano piece in the local contest earlier this year, where it won and was forwarded to the state. It now goes on to the national contest, to be held at Orlando, FLA. Patrick also won the category three years ago while a student at Bailey Lake Elementary.

He comes from a musical family. His mother, Christine, is music director at St. Daniel's Church. Two older brothers have college degrees that are music related. "Everybody except my dad (Mitch)," is musically talented, Patrick said.

Patrick's piano teacher is Carol Alessi. He also plays baritone in the school band.

And he's already got his composition started for next year's Reflections contest. As he played a few bars of the bright, beautiful as-yet untitled piece one day last week at school, students began to gather



Patrick Heber is already working on a composition for next year's Reflections contest, even though he hasn't yet picked up his award for this year.

outside the door.

"That was cool," one girl said when Patrick stopped playing. "I want to hear it again."

For his part, Patrick is modest about his talent, appears to play effortlessly and seems to wonder what all the fuss is about.

"I think it (composing) is just natural. It's so easy. It's not that hard."

CMS musicians compete at solo & ensemble

Eight soloists and six ensembles composed of Clarkston Middle School instrumental music students participated in solo and ensemble festival at Farmington Harrison High School on Saturday, April 8.

Those receiving superior ratings (I) were: soloists Mike Lenhardt on trombone, Catherine Thomdycraft, trombone; Kristin Cronin, flute; Kristin Fair, flute; Laura Greve, flute; Courtney Bates, flute; Laura Mazzeo, clarinet; and Jeremy Parott, trumpet.

Ensembles receiving a I rating were: Bethany Hakim and Jill Randall, clarinet duet; Eileen Hart, Catherine Thomdycraft and Neil Meyer, low brass

trio; Eileen Hart and Neil Meyer, low brass duet; Adrian Bassett and Tom Wisniewski, low woodwind duet; Jeff Ginn, Justin Gay and Adam Sloan, trumpet trio; and Kristen Cronin and Heather Barber, flute duet.

Students receiving the next level of rating, a II, were: soloists Jeff Ginn, trumpet; Katie Bills, flute; and Heather Barber, flute; Laura Greve and Kristin Fair, flute duet; Neil Meyer and Catherine Thomdycraft, trombone duet; and Kelly Hott and Stacey Centers, clarinet duet.

Keep the dream

Volunteers will polish up playscape

Circle the weekend of April 29-30 on your calendar.

That's when the annual maintenance of Baycourt Park's playscape will be carried out by, hopefully, an army of volunteers.

Sheila Ritter said she is looking for 100 people, who will be known as "The Dream Keepers," to sand, paint and otherwise fine tune the playscape, which was built last summer with all volunteer labor. Lieutenant Governor Connie Binsfield later visited and proclaimed Independence Township a fine place to raise a family, based in part on the community effort to build the playscape.

"Every year we will gather together a group of people who want to work," Ritter said. The name Dream Keepers plays off last year's theme, "Help us build the dream."

The playscape requires a yearly safety check to make sure "everything is still in top working order," Ritter said. If there's enough help, organizers hope to be able to build more picnic tables and benches as well.

Volunteers from teenagers on up are invited to help. Bring tools if you have them. Babysitting will be available for the younger set.

Money has been donated for the project and meals will be served. "Lots of people are needed," Ritter said, both those who are comfortable with power tools and those who are not.

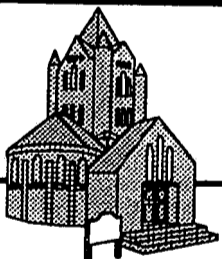
"Nobody should feel discouraged if they don't know how to run a power tool," she said. "Everyone is welcome."

Hours are 8 a.m.-dark on Saturday and noon-dark Sunday.

Ritter promised that the weather will be better than last summer's build week, when temperatures hovered around the 100 degree mark. She's hoping for closer to 70 this time around.

For more information call Independence Township Parks and Recreation at 625-8223 or Ritter at 625-4434.

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Bailey Lake Elementary School principal Chris Turner dressed up like the Easter bunny Thursday, the last day before spring break, and read to each class in his school. The gimmick was part of a deal he made with his students during March, which is reading month. He told the students that if they could collectively read at least 4,500 hours he would meet their challenge. The students read, or were read to, 6,177 hours so Turner had no choice but to appear in the furry costume. "You did a lot of reading; now it's my turn to read," he told the kindergartners of Sharon Thomas.

"Pretty soon we're going to be first-graders and our teacher will say, 'I didn't know you knew how to read.'" said an obviously proud Samantha Shalla.

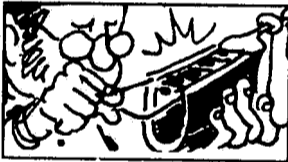


Kindergartners in Sharon Thomas' class Turner, the guy in the rabbit suit. enjoyed their visit with their principal, Chris



Turner shows off his paws, which he said made it difficult to turn the pages of the book.

Bailey Lake students read, or had read to them, for a collective 6,177 hours



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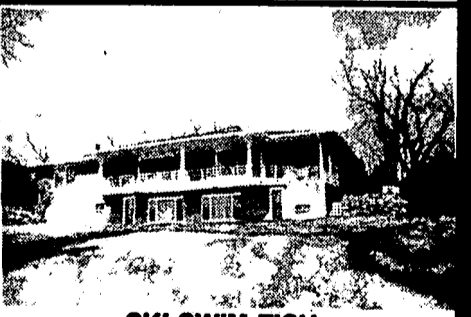
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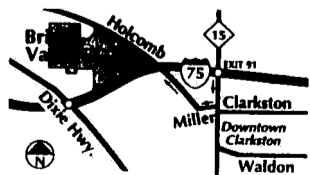
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White Lake Rd. project advances

BY DARREL W. COLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

After months of difficulties, cooperation has helped move the White Lake Road improvement project along.

Independence Township Supervisor Dale Stuart said the entire \$3 million road improvement project, between Dixie and Andersonville Road, is finally making progress.

"We're making substantial progress now," Stuart said. "I'm very confident this is going to happen because it looks as if everyone is finally working together on this."

That "everyone" includes the Road Commission for Oakland County, the Michigan Department of Transportation and the township, not to mention the various departments of each.

The almost two-year-old project has run into several snags. In late 1994, Stuart said one part of the plan gets completed and several more problems seem to pop up.

But, with some pushing by Stuart, the main players are now trying to work more closely together. "We're right now in the process of obtaining easements, having the appraiser look over the area and plans are being sent to the state highway agency."

The road improvements include adding safety paths, road paving, widening and storm and water

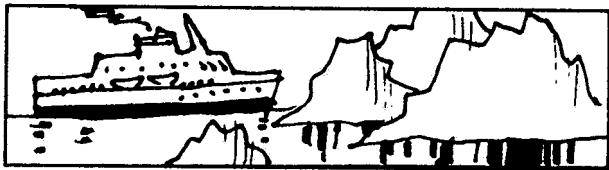
drain improvements. The project is broken down into two separate plans.

The Downtown Development Authority will pay for the road improvements from Clement to Dixie. That is expected to cost around \$160,000.

The federal government — through MDOT — has also awarded a grant for that part of the project from Clement south to Andersonville. The grant will pay 80 percent, and the county and township 10 percent each for the reconstruction and widening of the half mile of road.

Despite all the progress being made, Stuart said there are still some problems obtaining easement rights to the Buckeye Pipeline, which runs across White Lake Road.

"It's a private company who owns it and so it's still up in the air," he said. "It's between the road commission and that company now, but they are being difficult saying they have very broad easement rights along there."



The greatest number of icebergs reach the routes of transatlantic liners in April, May and June. That is why ships crossing the Atlantic during those months follow a more southerly course.

Schools to buy land

The Clarkston school district intends to go ahead and buy a parcel of land on Flemings Lake Rd. for a new high school, even without a bond approval.

According to a draft of a bond proposal packet being prepared for public distribution by the school district, the land is the only remaining property in the district considered suitable for the proposed new high school.

"The board will proceed with the purchase of the site whether or not the bond issue is approved in June of 1995," the draft reads. "Since the property was first considered for a high school, the appraised value has jumped from under \$500,000 to over \$2 million."

Independence Township assessor David Kramer said the property, bounded by Flemings Lake Rd. and Walters and situated north of Waldon, contains 109.9 acres and is zoned R1A (residential). It has a taxable value of \$440,300.

"Whoever buys this property is going to pay a premium for it because of its location," Kramer said.

Robert Carey, an agent for the landowners (who live in Hawaii), said the owners have entertained offers over \$2 million from prospective developers.

"I am aware that negotiations have been going on (between the owners and the school district) but I am not aware that any final arrangement has been made," Carey said Monday. He said the owners came to Michigan to meet with school officials to discuss the purchase.



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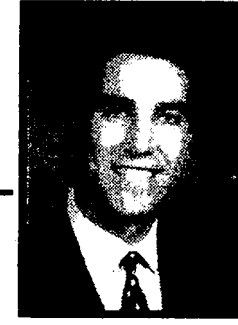
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Miller a no-show

Secretary of State's chief of staff visits Clarkston

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

During her election campaign, Michigan's new Secretary of State, Candice Miller, promised to visit all 181 branch offices of her department.

She was scheduled to keep that promise last week in Clarkston, but had to cancel due to a scheduling conflict. In her place, she sent her chief of staff, Patrick Anderson.

Anderson showed up at the Clarkston branch, on M-15, shortly after 2 p.m. April 12, accompanied by Miller's Director of Elections, Chris Thomas. Anderson took a number, looked at his watch and noted the time. He wanted to see how long it would take for his number to be called, he said. Then he went behind the counter to talk to the customers.

"How are we doing?" he asked the first customer, Clyde Carrick, of Roseville. Carrick said he'd come to the Clarkston office because he'd been advised of a two-hour wait at his local branch. "The lines in Clarkston are shorter," he said.

Anderson asked his next customer, Brian Stewart of Ortonville, if he would be interested in being able to FAX in his license-plate renewal.

"Yes, I have a FAX at work," Stewart said. At that point Anderson announced that a new, statewide FAX service would go on-line the next day. It allows anyone eligible to renew license plates by mail to also do so by FAX, and is the first such service in the country.

The number is (517) 322-6TAB and it can be accessed from any FAX machine, any time, if a credit card is used to pay for the plates. There will be no extra charge for the service, said Elizabeth Boyd, a Secretary of State spokesperson.

The Michigan Association of Insurance Agents quickly endorsed the plan. AAA members can FAX free at the company's offices; non-members will be charged \$3.

"FAX has become a part of the American way of doing business," Boyd said. "If you are running a little late it allows you to get the process underway. We think it's just one more option to keep people from going to a branch office."



Patrick Anderson, right, waits on customer Brian Stewart of Ortonville. Clerk Lucy Wise was called up to answer questions when Anderson

couldn't and also to give her opinion on a few departmental issues.

The project was already successfully piloted in Clinton, Ingham and Eaton counties, Boyd said. She said in future, all eligible license plate renewals mailed out by the Secretary of State will carry the FAX information.

Meanwhile, back in Clarkston, after waiting on a few more customers, Anderson told branch manager Ruth King the good news: "Four out of four customers said there's good service here in Clarkston." King gave the credit to her employees.

"I have an excellent staff, very hard-working," she said.

As to why Miller didn't appear, Anderson said she was testifying that day in Chicago, representing

Michigan at a hearing of the federal Base Closing Commission.

"The only reason she cancelled is the hearing," Anderson said. "She has expressed an intention to visit all the offices."

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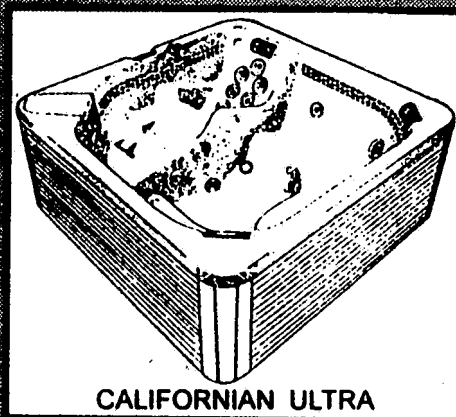
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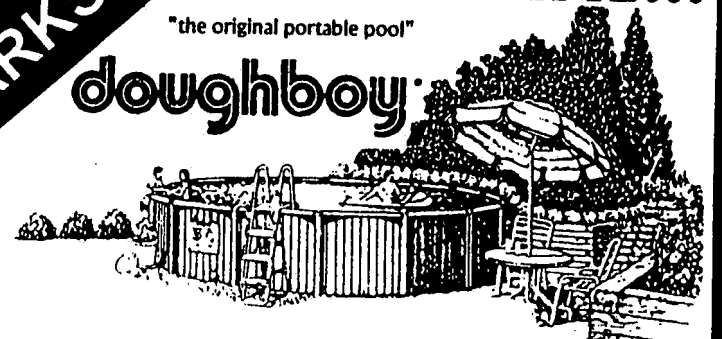
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MONDAY, APRIL 10, two patients were taken to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital after a one-car accident on Andersonville Rd.

Medical on Oak Park; one to St. Joe's. Water leak on Parview.

Medical at the high school; one to St. Joe's. Medical on Dixie; one to North Oakland Medical Centers.

TUESDAY, APRIL 11, fire alarm in a home on Misty Hill; the alarm was found to be faulty.

Medical on Westview; one to Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital.

A child got a finger stuck in a machine at a business on Dixie. It was extricated by the fire department. The child was taken to a doctor's office.

One patient was taken to a hospital after a two-car accident on Dixie near White Lake Rd.

Medical on Cecelia Ann; one to POH.

Medical at North Sashabaw Elementary; no transport.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, injury accident on White Lake Rd.

Medical on Dixie.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, a report of a building fire on Parview turned out to be smoke from a fire extinguisher (see sheriff's log).

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, a truck was leaking liquid fertilizer on Timber Ridge.

Grass fire on Mann Rd.

Dog stuck in the mud with a possible broken leg on Indianwood Dr.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, large grass fire on Almond Lane. About 10 acres burned in the fire, which is considered "suspicious" in origin. Two other departments were called in to help fight the fire.

Medical on Lancaster Hill Dr.

Odor investigation on Flemings Lake Rd.

Medical on Pine Knob Lane.

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, building fire on Michigamme. An electrical surge is blamed for a power outage at two homes. There was smoke and minor damage.

Medical on Ortonville Rd.

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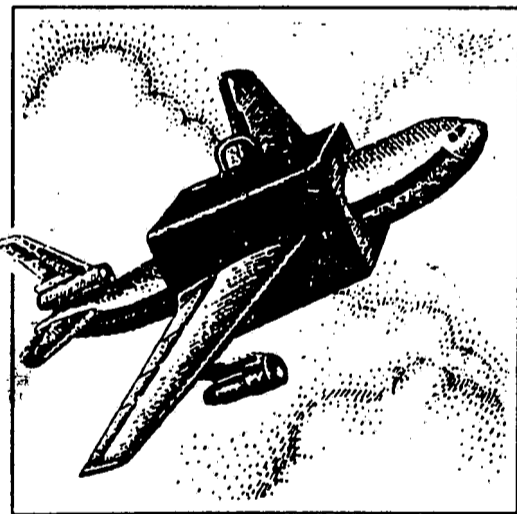
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Sheriff's Log for Independence Township

MONDAY, APRIL 10, a Detroit man stopped for speeding on I-75 was arrested on two outstanding warrants, from Detroit and Oakland County.

Harassing phone calls on Princess.

Bricks were broken off a building on Maybee Rd.

A 17-year-old Waterford boy was treated and released at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital after he lost control of his car on Andersonville Rd., hitting a retaining wall and a parked car.

Non-injury accidents on Maybee and on M-15.

TUESDAY, APRIL 11, larceny of clothing valued at over \$1,700 on Almond Lane.

A private investigator called police to a parking lot on Dixie Highway saying he had recovered a stolen car. The man said he had been hired to get the car back by a car dealer in Durand.

Larceny of three bicycles from an unlocked shed on Williamson.

Larceny of \$30 cash from a purse accidentally left in a break room at a business on White Lake Rd.

Attempted breaking and entering of a home under construction on Forest Ridge.

A 19-year-old Ortonville man was injured after his car left Ranch Estates at a high rate of speed, hit a culvert, became airborne and came down on some rocks.

Non-injury accident on Dixie Highway.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, a man said he was hit in the head by a female acquaintance on Sashabaw Rd. Later he began getting hang-up phone calls.

A 39-year-old White Lake man stopped on White Lake Rd. for driving with an expired license plate was arrested on two outstanding warrants and taken to the Oakland County Jail.

Two planners were taken from an unlocked 1985 Buick parked on Hubbard Circle. One of the planners was later found in the road.

Threatening phone call on Joy.

Non-injury accident on White Lake Rd.

A car backing out of a parking space in a Dixie Highway lot hit a pedestrian. The 75-year-old Clarkston woman was taken to a hospital.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, an 18-year-old Tiohero resident was ticketed for hosting a party where alcohol was served to minors.

Larceny of golf clubs, a cart and bag from a garage on Ennismore.

Deputies were called to an apparent apartment fire on Parview but it turned out to be a false alarm. Smoke had been released from a chemical fire extinguisher in the basement of the building. Residents fled when a thick, white smoke filtered up. The extinguisher came from a box on the first floor of the building.

A jogger on Sheffield found a wallet belonging to a Clarkston man in the road. It was returned to its owner by police.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, a 28-year-old Davisburg man stopped on Dixie Highway for driving without headlights was arrested for drunk driving after failing sobriety tests. When tested his blood-alcohol level was more than twice the legal limit. He had previous convictions in Waterford and Gladwin.

Family fight on Mann.

A 19-year-old woman reported her brother, 22, grabbed her by the neck, choked and hit her on Pelton Rd.

Deputies were called to assist Auburn Hills police arrest a 20-year-old Clarkston man who had allegedly just robbed a Food Town market of \$250 in groceries and caused an auto accident while fleeing. He was arrested without incident at his home; he appeared to be intoxicated at the time.

A GMC Safari parked on Hillcrest was keyed and a nearby light pole was broken.

Car/deer accident on Sashabaw near I-75.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, larceny of a mink coat from a home on Andersonville Rd. overnight. There was no sign of forced entry but the resident found the garage door open in the morning.

Two reports were filed stemming from an incident on the Clintonwood trails. An adult male reported his son had been hit by rocks. Another boy's parents reported that the first man assaulted their son, age 14, whom he suspected of throwing a rock.

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, a street light belonging to Independence Township was struck by an unknown vehicle at Dixie and Deer Lake and knocked down.

Clarkston Police

MONDAY, APRIL 10, threatening phone calls and possible stalking were reported by a resident on Surrey.

TUESDAY, APRIL 11, an Ortonville man driving with improper license plates was issued a misdemeanor citation.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, a property damage accident was reported by a Goodrich woman who backed out of a parking space behind a Clarkston business.

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, a Pontiac woman was arrested on an outstanding warrant for driving with a suspended operator's license. She had six previous suspensions in Pontiac and Bloomfield Hills. The woman was lodged in Oakland County Jail where she posted bond.

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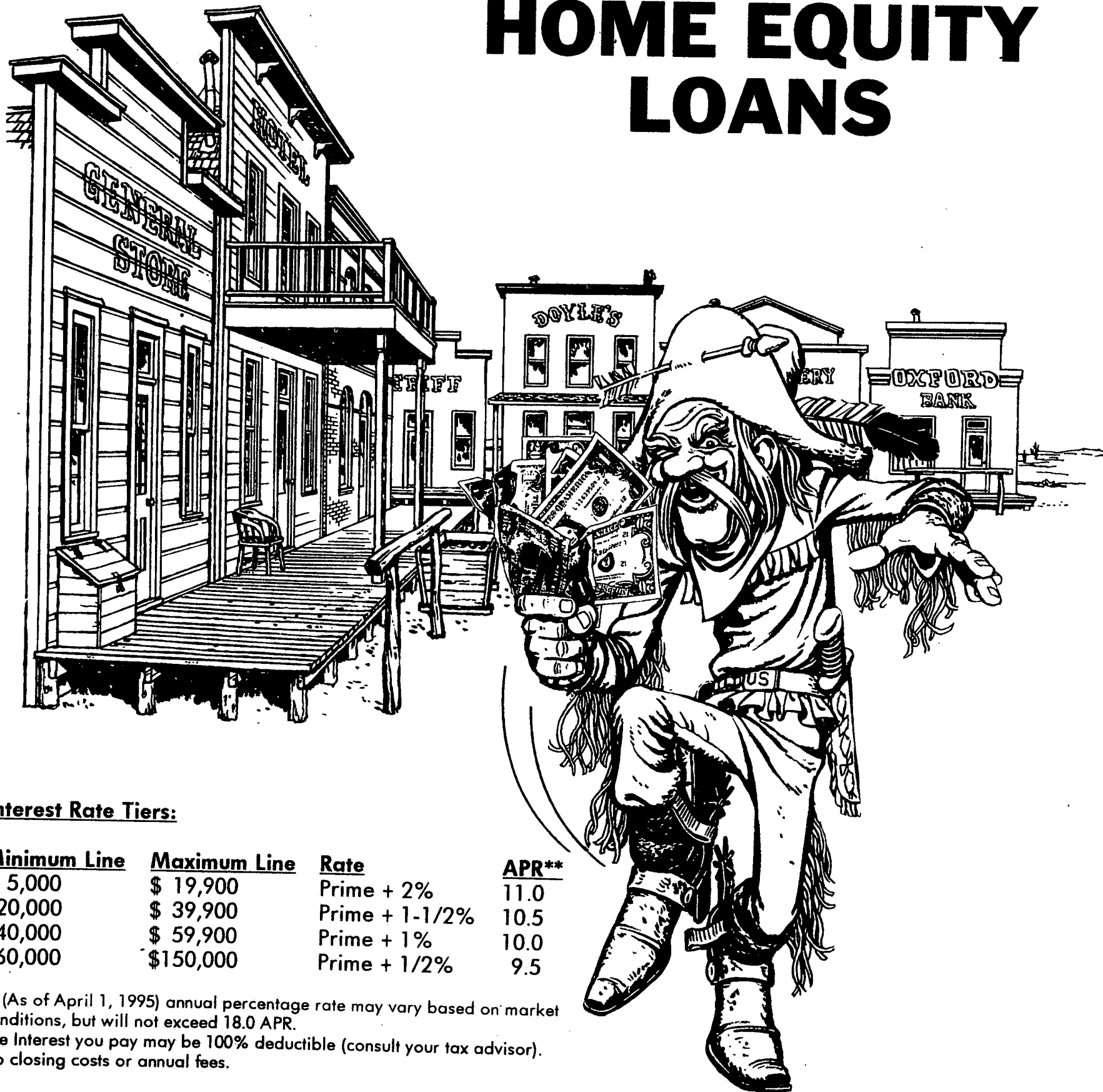
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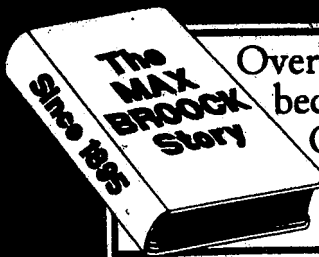
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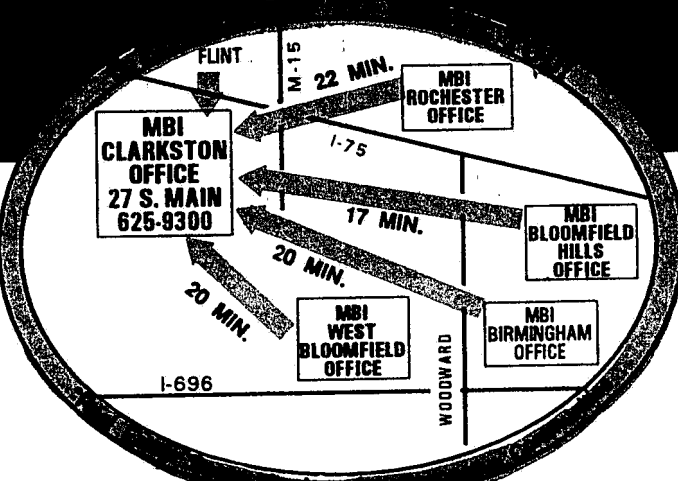


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Section B

Earth Day events

SEVEN PONDS NATURE CENTER: Celebrate the 25th anniversary of Earth Day with a day full of activities Saturday, April 22, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Build a bluebird nestbox, customize your own T-shirt, pot a white pine seedling and take an ecology walk with a naturalist. Pack a picnic lunch. Admission is \$1.50 for adults, 75 cents for children (free to members). Some activities have additional fees. Seven Ponds is located at 3854 Crawford Rd. in Dryden. Call (810) 796-3200 to pre-register or for more information.

INDEPENDENCE OAKS COUNTY PARK: The annual Earth Fair returns Saturday, April 22, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Environmental exhibitors will include the Detroit Zoo, Michigan Nature Association and Oakland Audubon Society. A master gardener will give demonstrations and answer questions, and environmental singer-songwriter Kitty Donohoe, a Clarkston native, will sing. You can recycle nature magazines, hike, and participate in hands-on activities. The fair is free except for a \$4.50 vehicle entry fee. Call 625-6473 (TDD 858-1684) for more information.

RECYCLE PLASTIC milk and juice jugs at Clarkston Elementary School through April 30. A bin has been placed in the parking lot, and all plastic collected will go to a company which makes playground equipment out of recycled plastic.

RECYCLE AUTO BATTERIES: Ford dealers will give you a free tree seedling for bringing in a spent lead-acid auto battery for recycling, now through April 23. About 95 percent of such batteries can be recycled. Ford estimates that nearly six million scrap batteries are being stored all over the country in garages and backyards. The recycling is an effort to keep the batteries out of landfills and the environment.

TALK ABOUT RECYCLING: People over 18 can donate blood at St. Daniel's Church on Sunday, April 23, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 625-4583 to make an appointment; walk-ins are also welcome.

THE INDEPENDENCE LAND CONSERVANCY, a group which preserves land in its undeveloped state, will meet May 20 at 8 a.m. at the Independence Township Annex. The public is invited to attend this meeting of the Board of Directors and Auditors. For more information call Thomas Stone at 625-8193.

MARCH FOR PARKS: Volunteers, including the Clarkston High School student council, will collect pledges and gather at the Mill Pond in Davisburg to walk the Shiawassee Basin Preserve Park in honor of Earth Day on Saturday, April 22 and April 29 at 10 a.m. for a one-mile walk. Money raised will be used for improvements at the Mill Pond Park. The event is sponsored by Springfield Township Parks and Recreation. For more information call 634-0412.

HELP SAVE THE ANIMALS by becoming a member of the Detroit Zoological Society. The Zoo Pass is available (\$35 for an individual, \$50 per family) during the spring membership drive and allows free, unlimited admission to the zoo, Belle Isle Zoo and Aquarium for one year, free parking, the zoo newsletter as well as free admission to 150 zoos across the U.S. Members will also be invited to the grand opening of the zoo's new Wildlife Interpretive Gallery in September. Call (810) 541-5717.

Youth challenged to save the earth

Improve on older generations' record, SMS students are urged

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

As she held her somewhat-worse-for-wear blue globe in her hand, Jenifer Strauss Ivinskas apologized for its appearance.

She said it had rolled around in her car and, over the years, had been cracked and battered. It needed paint, a little TLC.

Then she drew an analogy.

"Our earth's kind of bashed up right now," she said. "It needs some help."

Ivinskas, a storyteller, lit her story lamp and spoke to Sashabaw Middle School students last week in anticipation of Earth Day. Her appearance was one of a week's worth of activities the students were part of before leaving on spring break.

Through native American stories and her own unique style of delivery, Ivinskas, of Hastings, captivated her audience with tales of nature interspersed with messages about saving the earth. A former school-teacher, she gave up that work three years ago to become a full-time teller of tales.

"The Lakota people believed that wherever they were they lived in beauty," Ivinskas told the students. "But that's not so true for us any more . . . The generations that went before you and even before me didn't do the greatest job. They brought this planet to a place of danger."

"It was interesting," said Janelle Herzog, a seventh-grader. "She's saying how our earth is all messed up and how kids can fix it." Herzog said she does her part by recycling at school.

"She had very good stories to tell," said Stephanie Greene, also a seventh-grader. "People our age need to do that because we're so young and we don't care. She made you think about how to care for the earth."

During the week's activities, students at SMS had engaged in a number of earth-awareness activities. Some collected trash from the classrooms and offices,



Adie Verla (left) a seventh-grader, and Nicole Cryer, an eighth-grader, show off some of the New Eden Products their environmental club sold in honor of Earth Day.



Storyteller Jenifer Strauss Ivinskas lit her story lamp before beginning to tell her tales.

none of which is recyclable, and stacked it in bags in the school's courtyard. By the end of the week, the students could see just how much they were responsible for putting into a landfill, and just how fast it accumulates, even though the school regularly recycles styrofoam, cardboard and paper.

The school's environmental club also contributed some activities, with a sale of earth-friendly products under their house brand, New Eden Products. The items for sale included herbal bath products, canvas tote bags and Earth Day buttons. Advisor Ellen Whitehead said the club would also raffle off a mountain bike.

The activities coincide with the results of a poll recently released by the Caring Institute of Washington, D. C. Last fall the group polled American elementary school students about what most concerned them. Their answer? The environment.

Twice as many children expressed a concern for the environment as they did for any other issue. The other top issues of concern were racism, homelessness, violence and abuse, in that order. Interestingly, the older children got, the less frequently they put the environment at the top of their list.

"We often say that children are our future, but no one ever asks them what do they think of their future and the state of the world they will inherit," said Bill Halamandaris, president of the Caring Institute. "We thought we would . . . These school children show an amazing grasp of the problems that confront our society and significant knowledge of what must be done to correct them."

Ivinskas implored the students to take that concern and do something with it.

"The older generation in this case needs to let you lead the way," she said. "Maybe it'll get a whole lot better because of what you do."

Weather cuts track meet short

Kirk sets school record in long jump

BY DARREL W. COLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Rain, fierce winds, snow and hail weren't enough to stop the Clarkston girls and boys track teams from performing in a storm-shortened meet.

What started out as a fair weather Rochester Adams dual meet April 12, ended after only seven events. During the girls' 4 x 800 relay the bad weather hit and the athletes scattered to shelter.

Girls coach Gordie Richardson said the completed events will count but the meet will not be made up.

What few events were completed put the girls squad in strong position to win. "The meet was where we thought it would be at, tight all the way," said Richardson. "Whoever won, it would have been around an eight-point difference."

Five girls qualified for the May 26 Oakland County meet with their performances, while the boys' J.R. Kirk set a school record in the long jump.

The senior smashed the old CHS record of 22-4 1/2 when he jumped 22-11. Wayne Thompson set the old mark in 1975.

Junior Nicole Bauer qualified in the hurdles with a second-place finish in a time of 16.9 seconds and the 4 x 3200 relay team of senior Leah Scharl, junior Stephanie Bradford, and freshmen Jennifer Bauer and Megan Plante qualified with a first place in 10:14.

Besides running the relay, Bradford was third in the shot put and second in the discus. Her teammate, sophomore Kammy Powell, took first in the shot put with a throw of 31-11 and was third in the discus.

Junior Liz Murphy took third in the long jump with a leap of 14-5 and third in the hurdles in 17.8 seconds.

The Wolves received solid sprinting from sophomore Kellie Christie, second in 100-yard dash in 13.71 seconds, and freshman Adrienne Brown, third in the 100 in 13.94.



Senior Renee Staley (top) finishes the last event at the April 12 dual meet as hail, snow and cold rain blow hard across the track.

Chris King (right) readies to finish second in the hurdles earlier in the meet when it was still nice outside. The meet with Rochester Adams was canceled indefinitely after only seven events.

Although about half the team is gone on spring break, Richardson said he is conducting practice as usual.

The track team's next meet is scheduled for April 25 at home against Berkley.



Briefly

From the NCAA News: Females constitute a major portion of those playing basketball between the ages of 12 and 17, according to data provided by the Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association and the American Basketball Council.

Of those in that age group who play basketball, 41 percent are girls — the highest percentage among any of the six age groups surveyed. The second largest percentage of female basketball players is in the 6-to-11 age group, 38 percent.

Participation by both males and females of all ages has been increasing steadily since 1987. In 1993, the most recent year surveyed, a total of 42.1 million Americans played basketball at least once.

Tennis squad wins opener

BY DARREL W. COLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

It wasn't the opening lineup first-year tennis coach Kevin Ortwine expected.

But it definitely wasn't second rate. The Clarkston boys tennis squad won their first match of the season 5-2 April 11 over Lapeer West, a non-conference opponent.

More impressively, they did it without planned #1 singles player Mike Aulger and doubles player Kyle Stout. Aulger, a sophomore, left early for spring break while Stout, also a sophomore, was not feeling well.

"I was definitely worried at first, especially when you have to basically move everyone up a position," Ortwine said. "But it was important to get that win and get us ready for the league."

Taking over at the #1 singles spot, junior Mike Kopec performed like he belonged there, winning 6-1, 6-1. "He will be strong all year at his #2 spot once Aulger comes back," the coach said.

Senior Rob Goeckel moved from the #3 singles spot to #2 and also won an important match. The other winners were the #2 doubles team of juniors Zach

Sanger and Dan Brazier, the #1 doubles team of junior Paul Wolven and freshman Jim Kyle and the just-inserted #3 doubles team of freshmen Kevin Babcock and Dave Trollman.

Ortwine was very impressed with the determination the freshman doubles squad showed in winning a critical match, 6-3, 7-5. "They had the point that clinched the team victory for us," Ortwine said. "It was great to see two freshmen playing in their first varsity match and win."

"I told all the kids where they were playing before they got off the bus and when I told them you could see they had a different look on their faces. It was great to see."

Ortwine said he was even pleased with the efforts of the players who lost. But, as he pointed out early in the season, most of his players still need to work on consistency, instead of only playing well in spurts.

The latest obstacle for Ortwine will be practicing with half his team gone on spring break. "We'll have light practices over the break and hopefully most of the guys will come back ready to go."

That might be difficult because there will be only time for one day of practice after spring break is over. The Wolves next match is scheduled for April 25 at Royal Oak Kimball.

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Untested Wolves show spark, split doubleheader

BY DARREL W. COLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Playing two games before spring break was better than not playing at all for coach Al Land.

Land's Clarkston varsity softball squad opened the season with a doubleheader against Lapeer West, but four other scheduled games were canceled due to bad weather conditions.

And just as the team opened the season, spring break temporarily closed it.

With the weather, lack of practice time and spring break looming overhead, the Wolves still played well against West April 11, losing 4-3 in the first game and winning 12-10 in the second.

In the extra-innings loss, Land said his team showed they need more game situations, especially on the defensive side.

"We really needed to start playing and get some of those kinks out," he said. "We should have won but we made a couple of fielding mistakes that cost us. Actually, though, I expected us to have some problems."

Clarkston was in the first game right to the end and led 3-2 going into the seventh inning, before West tied it and won in the eighth.

The second game proved to be even more exciting, especially since the Wolves scored six runs in the final inning to earn the win.

Umpires told both teams the Wolves would have last at bat in the sixth inning, due to darkness.

Trailing 10-6, Land said his team never gave up and came through with the clutch hits. Freshman Aimee Giroux smashed a two-run triple to tie the score

and junior Amanda Jenkinson hit a double that drove in Giroux for the game-winner.

But hitting was never a real concern for Land this season. As the team proved in both games, they can hit the ball, but it will take more time to feel comfortable on defense.

"We hit the ball real well but made defensive mistakes. Sometimes early on the kids try to do too well. They really just need to relax because it will come."

Land admits the weather and lack of games isn't good for the team, especially on defense. "The hitting we can do in the cage, so there really is no difference there, but with fielding there is nothing like having runners on base and having that pressure on you."

With spring break going on, the team will take a few steps back. Land said about half of his players are on vacation and once they do return it will be even more difficult to get them back in form. In the meantime, he will hold a few batting practices during this week for the players remaining.

"When they get back (school resumes April 24) we have the toughest part of our schedule with Brandon (April 24), Brighton (April 25), Rochester (April 26) and Kettering (April 27)," the coach said. "I'll be happy to split that week."

In both games of the doubleheader, Land said junior Stephanie Giroux had "an outstanding day," hitting 6-for-8, stealing two bases and playing strong defense in center field.

Juniors Amanda Jenkinson, catcher, and Aimee Giroux, second baseman, were 4-for-8 hitting on the day.

Despite being the team's first game, junior short-stop Crystal Lemke was a defensive demon, coach

Land said, crediting her with grabbing everything in reach.

"I really think she's one of the best shortstops in the state. She's not flashy but very business like, smart and strong."

For the season-opener, Land said he got a good effort from his young squad. He says they have a lot of talent and will only get better with more games and experience.

"The mistakes we made are all correctable. I'm patient and realize it's impossible to go undefeated during a season. I think it will take this team 10 or 12 games before we can fit it all together."

The softball team's canceled games were a Rochester Adams doubleheader on April 10, Troy Athens on April 12 and Owosso on April 13.

Sports in brief

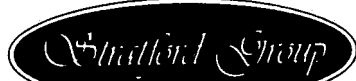
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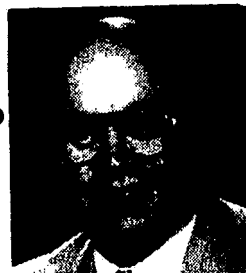
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The column

By Darrel W. Cole

Just part of a dream

The "entourage" wasn't much to brag about. There was nobody decked out for the occasion and hordes of media didn't show up. But the scene of Jeremy Fife's signing of a National Letter of Intent to play college basketball was just as it should be.

He was surrounded by a few teammates and friends, his parents Jan and Dan (also his coach) Fife and Clarkston High Principal Brent Cooley.

But signing to play at Niagara University in New York, a Division I private school, wasn't the highlight in Jeremy's portfolio of basketball moments. The real special moments came when he first dreamed of playing college basketball.

It's those moments alone, practicing, shooting jumpers, driving for layups, sweat dripping in the eyes that are the real times to cherish. With that dream firmly positioned in his mind, Jeremy, probably like hundreds of thousands of other kids, might have shot 100 more jumpers or worked out an extra hour.

Always believing — and hoping — a little extra hard work will make it happen. At those times there were no cameras flashing, only a kid, a ball and visions of playing before thousands of people in a college stadium.

Surely Jeremy's signing was special, but also anticlimactic for someone who dreams as a youngster, and finally gets to realize it.

Many high school athletes dream of participating in college athletics. The state's Mr. Basketball, Robert Traylor of Detroit Murray-Wright, dreamed of it too and on the day he signed to play for Michigan dozens of TV, radio and newspapers were there to cover it.

But just like Jeremy, at some point in his life,

Traylor was a little boy thinking to himself, "What if I could play college ball?"

As a youngster, I can remember asking myself that too. For me, it began after my sophomore year in high school. The dream was very much alive as I shot baskets in the snow, on a crooked driveway, with only a lamp to guide the ball in the hoop.

As a freshman I couldn't shoot a layup correctly. As a sophomore I started on the varsity, thanks to months of hard work and encouragement from my coach. It was then I realized anything is possible. And my dream began.

It continued when I walked-on at a junior college, then three years later, did the same at Oakland University.

So don't believe all the stuff about these "signings" as the real event. The real special moments for all college wannabes came when they were alone, dreaming, as kids are prone to do, of what could be. Never letting anyone or anything stand in the way.

We all see the heavy spotlight put on sports and often, like Traylor's press conference, sports is too much production. But not all kids will have the huge showing to announce where they will play in college.

Those shows are for the elite. The other 90 percent of college athletes sign their letters of intent with no cameras flashing in their face. If they are not so lucky to be recruited, they try out for a team as a walk-on, giving their dream one last try.

No big deal. Just the next step in a dream that began for Jeremy, and others, as a child, on a court, alone with a ball.

J. Fife ready to play Division I

BY DARREL W. COLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

It won't be like playing in front of The Jungle, but Jeremy Fife is living out his dream of playing NCAA Division I basketball.

Fife signed a National Letter of Intent April 13 to play hoops at Niagara University, a 3,000-student private school in the suburbs of New York City, about four miles from Niagara Falls. He was offered full scholarships from two in-state Division II schools.

When asked why he chose Niagara, Jeremy said, "First, because it's Division I, and because I got along with the coaches and players too."

Jeremy is the fourth Clarkston hoopster to go to a Division I school. The others were his father and coach Dan Fife in 1967 to Michigan, Tim McCormick in 1980 to Michigan, Ed Whitaker to Toledo in 1985, and Dugan Fife to Michigan in 1992. Many other players at CHS went on to play at Division II and lower colleges.

While Niagara's basketball program enticed Jeremy to sign on, it is the school's academic program that is a real benefit. "They have real good business, law and medical programs so it gives me a chance to go any way," said the 3.8 grade point average student.

Niagara University is also the home of former NBA stars Calvin Murphy and Larry Costello, coach Hubie Brown and current Utah Jazz exec Frank Layden.

Dan Fife said Niagara struggled last season but has a strong nucleus coming back.

"They don't really have a point guard and I like the coaching staff for the reasons they had interest in Jeremy. They like him for the way he plays and they didn't concentrate on what he couldn't do."

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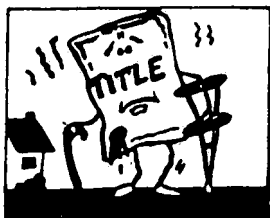
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Competitive team splits two before spring break

BY DARREL W. COLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A team effort earned the Clarkston girls soccer team its first win of the season last week.

The Wolves beat Lapeer West 3-1 April 10 but lost a close 1-0 decision to OAA foe Brandon April 12.

Coach Dan Fitzgerald was pleased at how his squad played as a team against West, but said they should have beaten Brandon also.

"We played hard against West and it's a good sign when you play a team that is equal to you and you win," the coach said. "But against Brandon we let them have a 'fluke' goal and didn't play quite as well.

"I think Lapeer West was less aggressive and when that happens there's less pressure, you have more time and so the kids can play more comfortable. Brandon was different because they pressured and we really didn't have the time."

Fitzgerald continues to mention the fact his team plays hard and has shown it can compete against the OAA Division II squads. While he admits they are not as fundamentally sound as varsity players should be, he likes their tough attitude.

That attitude was evident against West as the Wolves scored three first-half goals and never trailed. Senior Audrey Schlaff and juniors Brynn Allyn and Becky Olsen scored while Fitzgerald gave credit to the entire team for a good game.

"We had a little advantage in the first because the wind was strong," he said. "But we played real solid in the beginning of the second half and they scored their

goal late in the game."

Fitzgerald said he was a "little disappointed" about losing to Brandon, although the team still played hard.

"We had a few chances to score against Brandon but if we don't take advantage of those opportunities it will be tough to win. We are a competitive team and depth-wise we are close to other teams but other squads have one or two players that are real good so we have to use our depth and play exceptional to do well."

The Wolves, now 1-4 overall and 0-2 in Division II, expect a tough, rebuilding season, Fitzgerald said. Before the season is over he expects to bring up three or four junior varsity players and give them some time.

"The JV team is doing real well and they are winning," the coach said.

The Wolves won't play another match until April 27 because of spring break. The next challenge for Fitzgerald is to make due with the players who aren't leaving for spring break.

"There's probably only three girls not going away so we'll get together with the JVs and maybe try and scrimmage the middle schools," said the coach. "The bad thing is everything you improve on we will now have to start all over when they get back. And then there is only three weeks left in the season. It goes by real fast after that so the kids have to be ready."

The April 11 match against Rochester Adams was cancelled because of weather. The Brandon match was a make-up from the originally scheduled April 4 date.

Detroit sailing club makes Clarkston stop

The Detroit Sunfish Club will hold a regatta on Deer Lake May 7 and everyone is invited.

Clarkston resident Anne Weber, executive director of the group, said the Deer Lake visit is the sailboat club's first to Clarkston. She said members come from all over the Detroit metro area.

The event, scheduled for noon, is not limited to members only, however. Weber said she encourages anyone and everyone with a sailing boat to come out.

"We're really looking for more than just members to come out and have fun. Although you have to comply with some guidelines, we'll take people of any age and ability," she said.

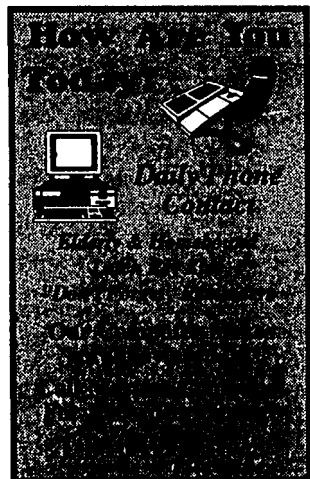
The club has been in existence over 30 years and holds two regattas each summer, with an average of about 11 boats each race, although membership is much larger.

"This is a small but serious group of people and in its heyday we had up to 30 boats a race," Weber said.

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● Clarkston High School seniors are reminded that the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce is offering a \$500 scholarship to a senior pursuing a business or business-related degree. See Mr. Hart in the school counseling office for an application. Deadline is April 28. A fund-raiser bowl-a-thon for the scholarships will be held April 30 at Cherry Hill Lanes North at 2 p.m. Call 625-8722 or 625-5011 for details.

● A blood drive will be held at St. Daniel's Church on Sunday, April 23, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome but to schedule an appointment call 625-4583.

● The Clarkston Community Women's Club will meet Thursday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Library. This month's speaker will be librarian Patience Beer on the latest books. All women are invited to attend. Call 625-0112 for more information.

● A used book sale sponsored by the Independence Township Friends of the Library will be held

May 4-6 at the library, with a Friends-only preview on May 3, 6-8 p.m. (Join the Friends at the door for \$15 to gain admission to the preview.) Sale hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday, 1-6 Friday and 10-2 Saturday. Saturday is "Buck-a-Bag" day. The library is located at 6495 Clarkston Rd.; call 625-2212 for more information.

● The Flint Youth Theatre presents two spring classes at the Bower Theater. "Puppets to Go" is for grades 4-6 and runs three Saturdays beginning April 29 from 10-11:30 a.m. "Hot Tots Playshops" is for ages 3-5 and their parents and runs two Saturdays, May 13-20, 10-11:30 a.m. Call 760-1018.

● "Five Guys Named Mo!" will perform at the Highland Lakes Campus of Oakland Community College Friday, April 21 at 8 p.m. in the Student Center Arena. Tickets are \$8, \$6 for students and senior citizens for this eclectic mix of swing, ranging from old vocal standards to jazz instrumentals, western swing, free-wheeling be-bop and more. The campus is located at 7350 Cooley Lake Rd., Waterford. Call 360-3057 for more information.

● A free widowed support group will meet Thursday, May 4 at 7 p.m. at the Independence Township Senior Center at Clintonwood Park. Topic is loneliness. For more information call 625-5231.

● Free weight-reduction classes will be offered by the Oakland County Health Division at the Department of Social Services office, 196 Oakland Ave., Pontiac on five consecutive Tuesdays beginning May 23. Classes run 10 a.m.-noon. Classes are free but you must pre-register by calling 858-5136 before May 17.

● A well-child clinic for patients without HMOs or Medicaid are offered by the Oakland County Health Division at 14 locations around the county. Services include physicals, immunizations, vision, hearing and lab testing and growth and developmental screening. For more information or an appointment, call 858-1311 or 858-4001.

● Oakland Family Services will hold a volunteer recruitment fair on Tuesday, May 2 at the Pontiac office, 114 Orchard Lake Rd. Walk through

any time between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. to learn more about volunteer opportunities. For more information call Beth Snyder at 858-7766, ext. 274.

● How to avoid probate, reduce taxes to your heirs and take advantage of a living trust will be the topics of discussion by financial expert Paul Leduc at the Waterford Senior Center, 6455 Harper, on Thursday, May 4 at 1:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public; call 623-6500 for reservations.

● The Oakland County Reading Council will hold its final meeting of the year April 25 at the Kingsley Inn, 1475 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Author/consultant Donald Robb will speak on reading and writing strategies. There will also be exhibits by members of the Michigan Association of Educational Representatives, as well as election of officers. For more information call 625-2317.

● Calling all chili cooks: The Great Chili Cook-Off and Country Music Festival will be held in Davisburg on Saturday, July 15. The winner of the cook-off receives \$500 and a chance to compete in the world championship. To register to cook or for more information, call 1-800-482-1455. Proceeds benefit the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan.

● The Michigan Historic Preservation Network invites anyone interested in historic buildings to attend the spring conference, "Practical Preservation Answers: Living with Commercial Codes and Residential Requirements" at Frauenthal Center in Muskegon April 21-22. Keynote speaker is Sharon Park, senior historical architect with the National Park Service. For more information call 8181.

● Oakland Family Services is looking for people to make a difference in a child's life. Volunteer opportunities are available in CHAMPS, an after-school program for children from chemically dependent homes in Pontiac. Tutors, group assistants and people to provide transportation are needed. Call Kim Marks at 858-7766.

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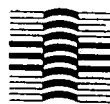
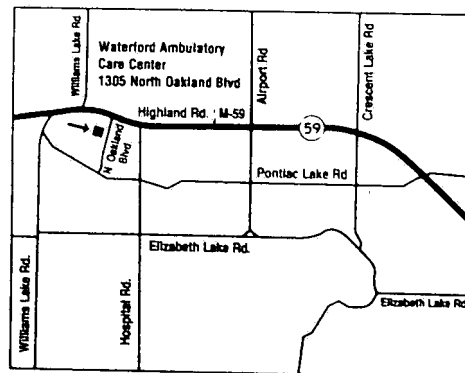


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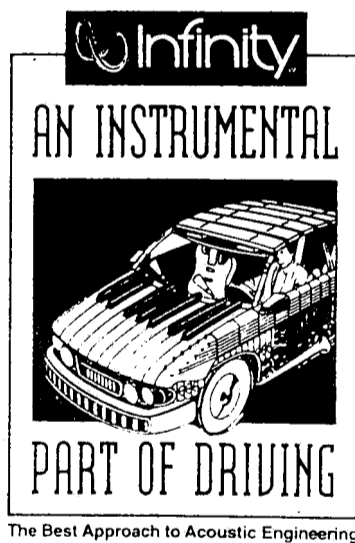
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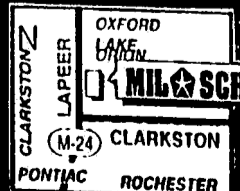
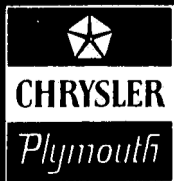
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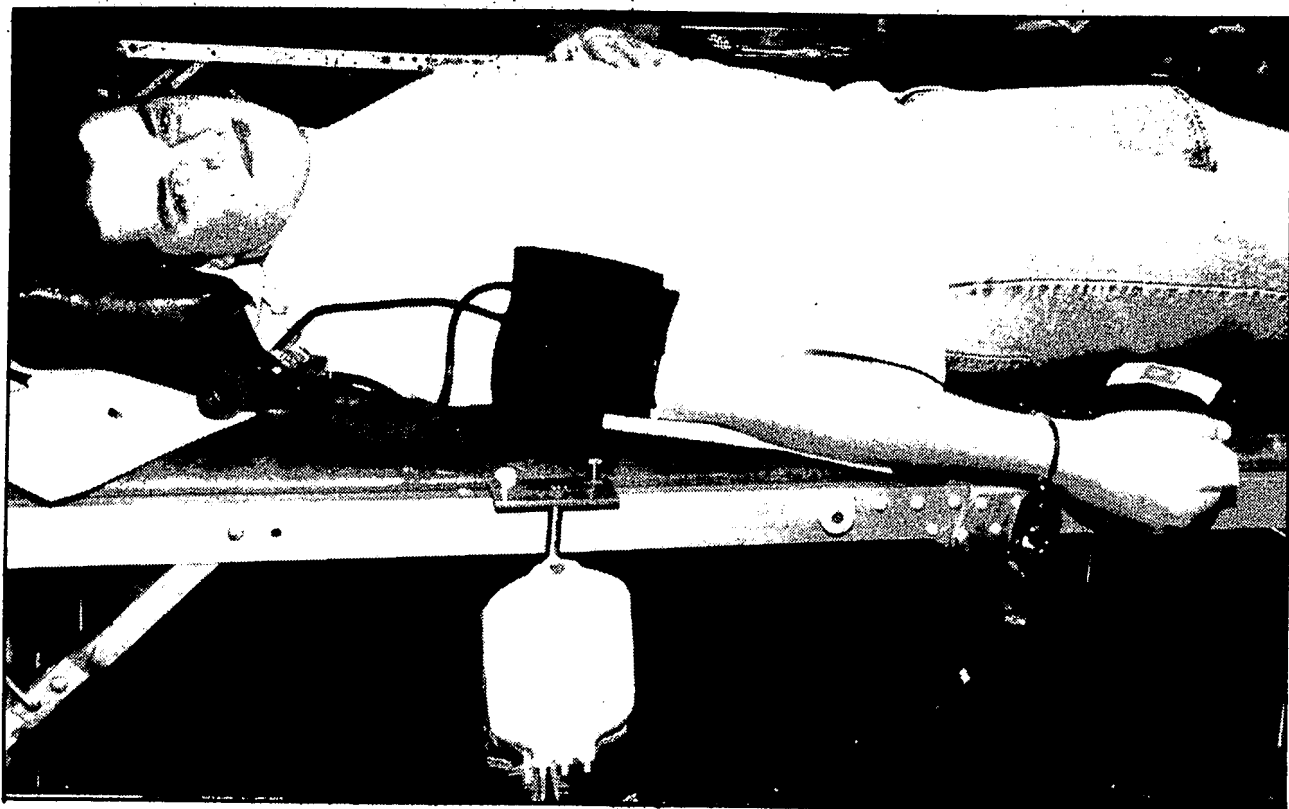
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On the road

From left, Sandy Gudenburr, Pat McGowan, Geri Ilg, Carolyn Place, Judy Mellen and Jeannie Gamboa, all of Clarkston, are among the members of the Oakland Shores Sweet Adelines who are getting ready to travel to London, Ontario for the annual district competition May 13. Each chorus must prepare one "up-tune"

with choreography and one ballad and will be judged on music, sound, expression and showmanship. The competition helps preserve the barbershop style of music. The top-rated chorus in the district (which includes eastern Michigan and parts of Ontario) will compete at the international level in October in New Orleans.

Obituaries

Shirley Tersigni

Shirley Ann Tersigni, 59, of the Clarkston and Waterford area, died April 14, 1995.

She is survived by her husband, Peter; four sons, Dean (Cathy), Daniel (Cindy), Donald (Lisa) and David (Joanne); three daughters, Diane (Kevin) Gerndt, Dawn (Mike) Kruchko and Debbie (Norm) Hunt; 13 grandchildren; two sisters, June (Burnell) King and Ella (Lloyd) Gilbert; a brother, Joseph (Sandy) Slaughter; and many other family members.

Mass of the Resurrection will be held tomorrow (Thursday) at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church in Waterford. A rosary service will be held today (Wednesday) at 7:15 p.m. at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston, with visitation from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association.

Roland Leclerc

Roland Ernest ("Frenchie") Leclerc, 91, of San Antonio, formerly of Pontiac, died April 14, 1995.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret. Mr. Leclerc was retired from Fisher Body in Pontiac.

He is survived by a daughter, Iris (Ronald) Hershberger of Texas; stepchildren Don (Cathy) Benway of Davisburg and Barbara (Harold) Holmes of Bloomfield Township; a sister, Rosanne Dionne of Massachusetts; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston. Interment was in Lakeview Cemetery.

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Senior spotlight

This Week's Lunch Menu

The Independence Township Parks & Recreation Department nutrition program is held at noon, Monday through Friday, at the Senior Center. Reservations are needed by noon the day prior to your scheduled visit. A donation of \$2 is requested from those age 60+, there is a charge of \$3 for anyone under age 60. Homebound meals and supplemental liquid meals are also available. For further information or reservations call Sarah at 625-8231.

- April 13 — Turkey Almond Casserole
- April 14 — Closed - Good Friday Holiday
- April 17 — Salisbury Steak
- April 18 — Heart Smart Casserole
- April 19 — Spinach Turkey Meatballs
- April 20 — Polish Sausage
- April 21 — Jackie's Baked Lasagna

Steak Roast Dinner

Take the night off from cooking and join us for a delicious grilled steak dinner with all the good stuff included! After dinner, laugh 'til your sides hurt at the hilarious stand-up comic Edna Brown. Reservations must be made by Wednesday, April 19. Program date is Friday, April 21, 6 p.m. Cost is \$7 per person. For additional information call 625-8231.

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet Wednesday, May 3, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Annex Board Room, 90 North Main Street, Clarkston, MI 48346 to hear the following cases:

- Case #95-0029 William Ferguson, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE TO CONSTRUCT NEW HOME ON NON CONFORMING LOT OF RECORD
Washington Ave E., Lot 68, R-1A
08-20-477-006
- Case #95-0030 Dennis Martin, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS REAR YARD SET BACK VARIANCE OF 40' AND SIDE YARD SET BACK OF 40' TO CONSTRUCT POLE BARN
Waldon Rd., R-1R
08-26-200-044
- Case #95-0031 John Nordstrom, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS REAR YARD SET BACK VARIANCE OF 6'8" TO CONSTRUCT DECK
Golf View Dr., Lot 63, PUD
Spring Lake South
08-28-453-008
- Case #95-0032 James Helman, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS REAR YARD SET BACK VARIANCE OF 17' TO CONSTRUCT DECK
Waldon Woods Dr., Lot 32, R-1A
Waldon Woods Sub
08-28-102-030
- Case #95-0033 Ward Bowker, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE TO EFFECTUATE SPLITTING OF PROPERTY PLUS EXISTING BARN SITE TO BE CONSIDERED
Dora Lane, R-1A
08-25-427-003

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT THE ABOVE REQUEST MAY BE EXAMINED at the Independence Township Building Department during regular hours each day, Monday through Friday, until the date of the Public Hearing.

Joan E. McCrary,
Township Clerk
Katherine A. Poole
Clerical/Technical

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CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
THURSDAY, MAY 4, 1995
HEARING ON REQUEST FOR
FRONT SETBACK VARIANCE

On Thursday, May 4, 1995, the City of the Village of Clarkston Zoning Board of Appeals will hear case B-39 at 7:30 in the City Hall, 375 Depot Road, Clarkston, MI 48346.

Case B-39 is a request by William McCarty, 16 Clarkston Road, 08-20-401-025, for a 2.5 foot front setback variance in order to erect a covered porch on an existing residence.

James Schultz, Chairman
ZBA Chairman

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CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
THURSDAY, MAY 4, 1995
HEARING ON REQUEST FOR
SIDE SETBACK VARIANCE

On Thursday, May 4, 1995, the City of the Village of Clarkston Zoning Board of Appeals will hear case B-40 at 7:30 in the City Hall, 375 Depot Road, Clarkston, MI 48346.

Case B-40 is a request by Michael Kelley for a 4-foot variance on the side setback for an addition to an existing residence at 81 South Main Street, 08-20-382-010.

James Schultz, Chairman
Zoning Board of Appeals

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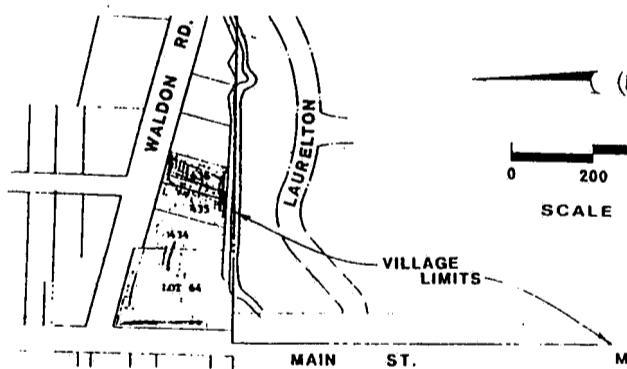
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CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING
REZONING REQUEST
MAY 1, 1995, 7:30 P.M.

The Planning Commission of the City of the Village of Clarkston will hold a Public Hearing on May 1, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. to present a request from Robert and Deanna Olsen to rezone property at Waldon and M-15 in the City of Clarkston. This hearing is being held by the Planning Commission prior to its recommendation to the City Council.

The request is to rezone the following lots from Residential, R-1, to Local Business, B-1 (see map):
Assessor's Plat of Clarkston, Lot 64.

Clarkston Estates No. 2, Lots 434, 435 and 436.
Residents and neighboring property owners are invited to attend the hearing to offer comments on the above request.



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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Commission of Independence Township, Oakland County, Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on April 27, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Board Room, 90 North Main Street, Clarkston, Michigan 48346, to consider the following:

FILE #95-1-013

REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL BY:

Carmal Associates, Inc/Pine Knob Country Estates II

REQUEST CLUSTER HOUSING OPTION IN R-1C ZONE in accordance with Section 5.24. (A Single Family Residential Development)

PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 08-14-402-012 & 08-14-100-023, Phase II, 36 Acres

Common Description: Off Greenview between Pine Knob Road and Michigamme.

Any further information regarding the above Public Hearing may be obtained at the Township Planning Office during regular office hours 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by phone at 625-8111.

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SPRINGFIELD TWP.

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
RESIDENTS

SPRING CLEAN UP

SPRINGFIELD OAKS
YOUTH ACTIVITY CENTER
12451 Andersonville Road
SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 1995
8 A.M. to 3 P.M.

Verification of Township residency or property ownership is required.

The fees are:

- \$1 per car
- \$5 per pick-up truck
- \$10 per large truck
- \$10 per item with freon

For more information contact John Lamberton, Ordinance Officer, at 625-4802 or 634-3111.

John Lamberton
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CRAMLANE DRIVE AND WALDON ROAD
DITCH ENCLOSURE FOR THE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

The Charter Township of Independence will receive sealed bids until 2 p.m., Local Time, Wednesday, May 3, 1995 for the Cramlane Drive and Waldon Road Ditch Enclosure at 90 North Main Street, Clarkston, Michigan 48347, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read.

The project consists of the following:

- 12" Storm Sewer, HDPE, A-2000 PVC or Equal, Trench A — 297 ft
- 12" Storm Sewer, HDPE, A-2000 PVC or Equal, Trench B — 1,428 ft
- 12" Storm Sewer, C-76, CL-IV, Trench A, 49 ft
- Catch Basin/Manhole, 4' Diameter, 4 ea.
- Inlet, 2' Diameter, 10 ea.
- Miscellaneous items of removals, restoration and traffic control

Plans and Specifications will be on file, and available beginning Wednesday, April 19, 1995 at the offices of Hubbell, Roth & Clark Inc., Consulting Engineers, 555 Hulet Drive, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. A fee of Twenty-Five (\$25) Dollars, in the form of a check made payable to Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc., will be required on the project plans and specifications, which will be non-refundable.

A certified or cashier's check or bid bond payable to the Charter Township of Independence, Oakland County, Michigan, in an amount equal to five (5%) percent of the bids, shall be submitted with each bid.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory insurance certificates and policies, Performance, Labor and Material, and Maintenance and Guarantee Bonds.

RIGHTS RESERVED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE:

The Owner reserves the right to accept any bid, to reject any or all bids, to waive any and all informalities not involving price, time, or changes in the Work and to negotiate contract terms with the Successful Bidder, and the right to disregard all nonconforming, nonresponsive, unbalanced or conditional Bids. Also, the Owner reserves the right to reject the Bid of any Bidder if the Owner believes that it would not be in the best interest of the Owner to make an award to that Bidder, whether because the Bid is not responsive or the Bidder is unqualified or of doubtful financial ability or fails to meet any other pertinent standard or criteria established by the Owner.

No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receiving bids for at least forty-five (45) days. Also, no Proposal will be received unless made on blanks furnished and delivered to the Township Clerk on or before 2 p.m., Local Time, Wednesday, May 3, 1995.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN
Joan McCrary
Township Clerk

Publish April 19 and April 26, 1995



Olivia Tomei wore a garden-type straw hat with a dainty pink veil.



Nathan Tajima (center) had a bit of a struggle keeping his enormous duck hat on his head. The large brim on Clayton Fowler's hat (right) kept wandering from front to back, side to side.

Bonnets on parade

"In your Easter bonnet, with all the frills upon it . . ."

Three-year-olds at Clarkston Co-op Preschool were challenged to design a hat for the school's annual Easter parade. Looking at the finished creations, it was clear they'd had a lot of help from Mom and Dad, but what hats they were!

There was one with a wide brim covered with plastic Easter eggs; one with a sprawling Bugs Bunny on the back, plopped on his tail in some Easter grass; several with huge sunflowers; even one very large duck.

All lined up at parade ready, it was a colorful sight to behold.

--By Annette Kingsbury



Natalie Roosa was a picture of spring with her big sunflower bonnet.



Leah Ouellet's white straw hat (right) was bright and colorful with Easter grass and eggs.