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Residents angered by concrete company's addition

Objections to noise and runoff

BY EILEEN McCARVILLE
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A proposal for a building addition to the The Clarkston Premarc Corp. on White Lake Rd. was tabled by the Independence Township Planning Commission last Thursday after a long and heated debate.

"The room was full," said commission chair Steve Board of residents from surrounding neighborhoods who packed the township annex during a public hearing on the matter. Neighbors are upset about the noise and runoff that would worsen should development occur.

Premarc manufactures concrete pipes for sewers, utility lines and other uses, Board said, and wants the added space for increased manufacturing. The corporation is requesting site plan approval and a special land use on White Lake Rd. Certain structures that are a part of the operation exceed 60 feet in height, which is over the height requirement for heavy industrial zoning, township planner Dick Carlisle said.

Commissioners tabled the matter for further study. The Premarc situation is indicative of what's happening on White Lake Rd. with a major portion devoted to heavy industrial, Carlisle added. It has been zoned that way since the mid '70s.

The problem is, there are a lot of existing neighborhoods, Board said. "We're going to start seeing more development along White Lake, so the conflict is going to be commercial versus residential." Though the public hearing is over, he said the commission will certainly consider neighbors' comments.

Doug Burke, an eight year resident of Hillcrest, said neighbors are concerned about the noise that will come from increased concrete pipe manufacturing at the site. They're also worried about disappearing wildlife from the surrounding wetlands.

"When we moved in that wetland was just loaded with habitat — frogs, peepers, muskrats, rabbits, deer." Now, most of them are gone, he said.

Burke was surprised to hear about the inevitable industry coming to White Lake Rd. "Oh, no," he said. "I wish (the township) would just throw them all out of there." He said he works long hours and can't rest because of the noise. "I cannot get my sleep. I'm to the point where I'm getting bonkers."



Out enjoying Depot Park in the warm spring sunshine Saturday afternoon were (from left) Will Braun, 4, Andrea Johnson, 5 1/2, Emily Braun, 6, and Mitch Johnson 2 1/2, all of Clarkston. More photos are on page 44.

Spring has sprung . . . early!

Anyone who lives in Michigan knows you can have snow one week, and sunshine the next.

That was the case in Clarkston recently, with a few inches of the flaky stuff less than two weeks ago, and warm balmy temperatures over the weekend.

Even with the warmer, drier winter, most folks hibernated. But on Friday and over the week-

end, bikes came out of the garage and children climbed playscapes.

Runners, roller bladers and skateboarders were everywhere and people began working in their yards.

Crocus are blooming, leaves are popping out on bushes and lawns are becoming green.

Let's hope it's here to stay.

Toxic dump site in Springfield Twp. picked for cleanup

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A longtime eyesore in Springfield Township is about to have some eyedrops administered to it, thanks to the Environmental Protection Agency.

A toxic waste dump site, located at 12955 Woodland Trail, south of Davisburg, has been targeted by the U.S. EPA to be cleaned up.

The four-acre site was first contaminated in the 1960s by 1,500 55-gallon drums of industrial waste by several auto-making companies. Much of the waste consisted of liquid chemicals that have since seeped into the ground at the site.

In 1979 and 1980, the state performed partial clean-ups of the site, but it had not been completely rid of all wastes present. Since then, the state has done extensive testing of the soil to determine what kind of wastes are there, and how it can be best cleaned up.

The U.S. EPA will be in Springfield for a public hearing Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Hart Community Center to answer questions regarding the clean-up. The 30-day public comment period extends until April 27.

Springfield Township Clerk Nancy Strole said the site is a poster child for pollution prevention.

"This is going to end up costing millions of dollars, not to mention the damage to the environment and the concern of the residents," she said. "This is an oversight by the EPA's federal authority on making a determination on the clean-up."

The News in Brief

Severe Weather Awareness Week

Clarkston schools will hold tornado drills this week in honor of Severe Weather Awareness Week, March 29 through April 4.

According to the Michigan State Police, the state experienced 19 tornadoes, 72 flood events and numerous thunderstorms last year, which damaged or destroyed property worth over \$150 million.

'Michigan Reunion'

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Boys and girls will obtain the Lego blocks and help construct the house at 4-H Discovery Day, May 2 at Springfield Oaks Activity Center in Davisburg. For more information call (248)858-0889.

'Spring ahead' this weekend

Believe it or not, it's already time to change our clocks for daylight savings time. The time change takes place at 2 a.m. Sunday, Apr. 5, when we turn our clocks ahead to 3 a.m.

Acting Fire Marshall Greg Olrich reminds us that although more American have smoke alarms than ever before, nearly half of them don't work.

He asks that when we change our clocks, we also replace the batteries in our smoke detectors.

Building Department Open House

Got a question about building, remodeling or fixing up? In observation of International Building Safety Week, April 5 through 11, the Independence Twp. Building Department will be open from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wed., Apr. 8 to answer questions on code-related topics. For more information, call 625-8111.

Clarkston Chamber meets April 16

Veterinarian Dr. Howard Schwartz will speak on the care of reptiles at the next Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce meeting Thursday, April 16.

The regular monthly luncheon meeting begins at 11:45 at Clarkston Creek on Maybee Rd. The Cost is \$10 per person. For more information and reservations, call Penny Shanks at the chamber office, 625-8055.

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Chess overtakes recess

Students learn concentration in monthly chess tournaments

BY EILEEN MCCARVILLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The sounds of Beethoven's "Für Elise" wafted over the classroom, as 16 busy little heads bent in concentration.

Just the right kind of background for a chess game, noted teacher Gary Amick, although he joked he had considered Ozzy Osbourne.

But all kidding aside, Amick talked about the chess tournaments he holds every month for fourth- and fifth-graders at Andersonville Elementary. It all started over a year ago when one of his students brought in a game set. "They were just enthralled," Amick said.

Since then, the kids play monthly tournaments, starting out with 16 players. After a series of games, it's down to the two finalists. Last year there were eight champions, Amick said.

The length of the tournaments has varied. "The shortest has been four days, the longest, four weeks," Amick said. Sometimes that depends on experience. Experienced players tend to concentrate, while new participants hurry more, he said.

In order to make it fair — because so many want to play — Amick draws names out of a hat. "I really ham it up," he said. "Then, the kids write letters together for reading (class). They say 'I'm gonna beat you.'"

Amick lets the kids play on their own. He doesn't interfere until someone yells "Checkmate!" Then he just makes sure that's happened.

Looking at the larger picture, Amick said chess is a great skill-builder. There's an obvious parallel to school. "It involves strategy, concentration and it's you. It's not a team sport. You have to play on your own. A lot applies to school. Kids learn to concentrate, to study, to do their schoolwork. I firmly believe that."

Many of them agree.

"It's a game you really have to think about," said Nick Whitney, a fourth-grader. "You have to know where your queen is at all times. You have to not allow your queen to get taken, 'cause she's the most powerful piece. I'm getting better at turning in my homework." He grinned. "Cause if I don't, I get kicked out of the chess tournament."

Students sacrifice their recess to meet in Amick's portable during lunch hour. "I have no problem finding contestants. They want to play so badly," Amick said, adding that the kids bring in their hot cafeteria lunches or brown-bag it. However, there's not much problem with sticky pawns or bishops, he added.

"They quietly grip their hamburgers in hand and stare so intently, watching the game, they forget they're eating," he chuckled.



Left to right, Ian Schornak and Josh Hicks barely breathe as they concentrate on their game.



A group of youngsters finishes the first set of games in a new tournament.



One of 16 players, Erin Bokuniewicz (right) enjoys the tournaments. She's playing Alex Keesling, at left, while Nick Whitney (center) watches.

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Sashabaw party store plans expansion

BY EILEEN McCARVILLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Pine Knob Wine Shoppe owners Ron and Ann Bahri have many fond memories from the last 20 years. They remember how popular their candy was, when they first opened in 1978.

"You know all the little kids who used to come in here, they're all married and have their own kids now," Ron mused. "When we came to this area, the kids were all babies; they came in and got candies. We went through two generations. Now they're bringing their kids in to get candies."

The Bahris are nearly doubling their 3,000-square-foot party store on the northeast corner of Sashabaw and Maybee with a 2,200-square foot addition out back, along with extra parking. A conceptual site plan was unanimously approved, 7-0, by the Independence Township Planning Commission March 26. They will need one more trip to the commission for final approval.

The addition is needed "because the area is growing too big now and we have a lot of development going on," Ron said. "We have enough problems with the bottles, plus we're building larger quarters for our beer and pop and we need the area for storage." They also plan an extensive remodeling job for the existing store, including new shelving.

"The whole store is going to be gutted down, new floor, ceiling, etc.," he added.

Approximately half of the new space will be devoted to bottle storage; the remainder will be used to expand the deli, now located at the front. The Bahris want to increase their current fare of homemade pizza, subs and stromboli to include fresh bread, lunch meat, produce and other items. They plan to also feature Middle Eastern fare like shish kabob, gyros and tabouli.



Nicholas sweeps the parking lot, while the rest of the Bahris, Ron, Ann and Natalie, pose in front of

the family's store, Pine Knob Wine Shoppe.

Ron said he wants to operate a more convenience-type store for families in the area, and also for those picnicking at local parks and beaches.

The Bahris said they have enjoyed serving the community for 20 years, sponsoring numerous kids' baseball teams and providing pizza and other supplies to groups like the all-night senior class party at Clarkston High School every year.

Their own two children, Nicholas, 15, and Natalie,

16, have been a part of family business since they were small, and can now pretty much run the store, along with all their wonderful employees, Ann said.

"They've been helping out since they were six. They've done bottles, cleaned the parking lot, washed windows. They have knowledge and responsibility and they have very much grown into the business. I think that's the best thing you can do for your children, to

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This old farmhouse

BY EILEEN McCARVILLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A local developer has given Independence Township the gift of land and an old farmhouse in exchange for increased density on property he's developing north of Clarkston Rd.

Developer Alex Bruni is planning to deed 33 acres on the northeast side of Pine Knob and Stickney roads, as well as the farmstead, located on the northwest corner, to the township. The remainder, nearly 40 acres north of the farmhouse, will become Stonewall Farms.

The 1837 farmhouse and its other structures, known as the McCord farm, are thought to be the oldest buildings in the township and have been inventoried by

the township's Historic Preservation Committee for the 1990 survey. Original rock rows will be preserved on the site, said township clerk Joan McCrary, adding that part of the project was honored with the Historic Preservation Award.


On March 17 the Board of Trustees approved the first reading for rezoning Bruni's 74 acres to a PUD (planned unit development) from rural residential after

more than two years of study. He will need to return to the board for a second reading and approval.

Originally Bruni wanted to develop the entire parcel but, because of the area's unique history, he said he was open to creative ideas as to how the site could be preserved. The PUD will enable him to develop 40 site condominiums on 37.8 acres, seven more than the 33 provided for under rural residential. Bruni said Monday homes will be priced at \$350,000 and above.

Board members applauded the project, calling Bruni's efforts cooperative. "What we're looking at is a real gem and one of the best opportunities to protect and preserve in this township," trustee Dan Travis said.

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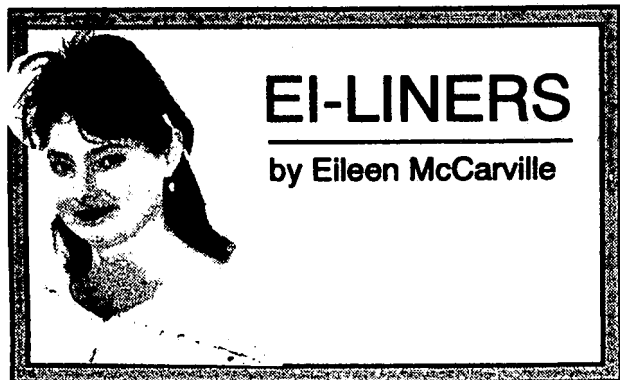


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Editor's note: In last week's Letter to the Editor about commercial zoning from Gary Stonerock, The Clarkston News in no way wished to make the connection between a reported Ponzi scheme and Independence Township supervisor Dale Stuart. If it was taken that way, we sincerely apologize.



EI-LINERS

by Eileen McCarville

Disasters aren't just for movies

Some of my friends think they are capable of predicting their own disasters. One viewed "Jaws" and swore she'd never go to a beach again. Another won't set foot on a cruise ship because she saw "Titanic."

I was never so affected myself, even after a heady dose of pulse-pounding flicks like "The Poseidon Adventure," "The Towering Inferno" and "Deliverance." I continued to frolic on ferries, climb to the top of the highest buildings and became acclimated to the joys of white-water rafting even at my tender, middle age.

"Titanic" is the culmination, and I haven't met too many people who disagree, except those guys who think "It's a chick flick," like the crusty character who sat next to me at the movie theater. Afterwards, he turned to his wife and said, "I'll pick the movie next time."

Ditto for my husband, who says he'll wait to see it on video. But if he says that one more time (he thinks it's just hilarious to see smoke coming out of my ears), as Anita sings in "West Side Story" — I know a boat you can get on. Bye, bye!

I have never wallowed in a movie so thoroughly. Anyone who knows me knows I'm a hopeless romantic — I have been soaking up nose tissues since "Bambi." (Your mother can't be with you anymore. Waaahh.) If other such movies are five-hanky tear jerkers, "Titanic" could sink a cargo load of Kleenex. But it's my current guilty pleasure.

Pretty soon I will be running neck-to-neck with the myriads of pre-pubescent girls who have stood in line to see two phenomenons: "Titanic" and Leonardo DiCaprio. I'm on my third viewing, which is not unusual for me since I have seen films like "The French Lieutenant's Woman" at least 10 times.

Settling down into my seat with a large buttered popcorn for the afternoon, I wallow in a water world of self-indulgent tears.

I choke up at the sight of Kate and Leo "flying" at the prow of the ship. I sniff when the good captain realizes the boat hit the iceberg. I begin to weep when the string quartet finally calls it quits. By the time Kate lets go of Leo, I'm blubbering like an idiot.

When it comes to real-life disasters, however, that's another story — and I had one, just last week.

I had been taking some pictures in front of Farmer Jack when, to my dismay, I couldn't find my car keys. Trying to keep calm, I retraced my steps. No luck. I called the fire department.

It was my own very personal disaster flick for, you see, I have no extra set of keys (I've been meaning to get one for the past three years). My life was on that key ring.

Doing a little quick tabulation, I realized with a gasp, there were also my apartment keys, work keys,

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Letters to the editor

Legislation could help preservation

Dear editor:

Your readers who own commercial buildings and homes and other types of property located in both rural and urban areas of Michigan should know that the Senate Finance Committee is now considering bipartisan legislation which would provide many of them with an incentive to restore their properties, and, in the process, create many new jobs and businesses while protecting our valuable historic resources.

Before the Senate Finance Committee are Senate Bills 105 and 106, sponsored by Senator John Schwarz (R-Battle Creek), which would provide a 25 percent state tax credit for people who restore or renovate their historically significant homes, barns, commercial buildings or industrial property.

The Senate Finance Committee also has before it parallel legislation, sponsored by Representative Kirk Profit (D-Ypsilanti), which recently passed the Michigan House of Representatives by a vote of 106-1 and picked up an additional 55 Republican and Democratic co-sponsors.

Imagine what this legislation will do to boost urban and rural areas of Michigan! People owning homes, barns, and farm houses will have a strong incentive to fix up their properties. The owners of commercial buildings or industrial property in large or small towns of Michigan will find the prospect of restoring their resources very appealing. In addition, property which will be eligible to receive these tax credits will be very attractive to private developers.

Besides protecting many of our most historically significant resources for future generations and revitalizing our neighborhoods, downtowns and small towns, the legislation would also:

- Create new jobs and businesses in the building construction and materials fields;
- Boost small businesses, which traditionally provide services and materials to historic preservation projects;
- Improve Michigan's neighborhoods and downtowns and rural communities and their

surrounding farmsteads, reversing urban decay, and preserving historic areas as features of our multi-million dollar tourism industry; and,

- Attract private development and return long-abandoned properties to the tax rolls.

If one past historic preservation project is any indicator, Michigan stands to benefit economically from the legislation. Did you know that 85 percent of the work done on restoring the State Capitol came from Michigan companies, especially small businesses? Imagine how busy contractors, tradesworkers and building supply companies would be if people began restoring their properties as a result of the tax credits!

The legislation is supported by the Michigan Association of Home Builders, Michigan Historic Preservation Network, Michigan Association of Realtors, Small Business Association of Michigan and the Michigan Barn Preservation Network.

Chairing the Senate Finance Committee is Senator Joanne Emmons (R-Big Rapids). To this date, Senator Emmons has not yet set a date for a hearing or vote on the legislation.

Anyone desiring to see these bills pass should call Senator Emmons at (517) 373-3760. Letters can be faxed to her at (517) 373-8661 or mailed c/o State Capitol, Lansing, MI 48909. Using the same address, please also let Senate Majority Leader Dick Posthumus and Governor John Engler know you support this legislation as well.

For more information on the bills, please feel free to call me at (248) 625-8181.

It is important that this legislation passes so we can improve our downtowns, neighborhoods, and villages while we boost businesses, create new jobs, and protect our historic resources.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Radcliff
President
Michigan Historic
Preservation Network

Clarkston's wetlands endangered

Editor's note: City of Clarkston manager Art Pappas said there has been discussion over the years about connecting Waldon and White Lake roads, but there is no plan in the works.

This past year two articles concerning our Clarkston area were published in local newspapers. The first article sketched a proposed road plan to connect Waldon Road with White Lake Road. The second article, along with an advertisement, promoted "luxury Condo living on Main Street" with a higher "standard of living."

I questioned each immediately, "what will we dig up" to meet these proposals. If they involve uprooting any wetland areas, let's halt and consider the nature and importance of wetlands before digging begins this summer.

Our wetlands are diminishing due to development and road expansion resulting in a loss of 70 percent of Michigan's wetlands. Understanding the ecology of wetland existence will help to acknowledge this as a serious matter.

Wetlands are multi-functional, they support and maintain a multitude of nature's life forms as well as filter and cleanse pollutants from water run off. Wetlands also act as a sponge to absorb runoff waters that might otherwise result in flooding. According to the current status of wetlands, only 30 percent now exist to carry this awesome work load.

Supposedly developers are to allow space for wetlands to exist and/or are allowed to alter it to suit their developmental needs. What do you think of the altered wetland along Sashabaw between Maybee and Waldon, and the other "pond" between Clarkston Road and Waldon?

This matter is serious! Each time we disrupt or destroy a wetland, we reduce the 30 percent available to carry the workload of filtering pollutants and absorbing water. Consequently, reduction of the remaining 30 percent of wetlands means an increase in water pollution and flooding.

In addition, to support my call of "save our wetlands," *Sierra Club Conservation Guide*, December 1996 explains, "Humans and all other life forms, microscopically and macroscopically, depend on plants, fish and wildlife for everything, from food to energy sources, and for medicinal drugs."

As we allow individual species to become extinct by development projects, we threaten essen-

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tial natural processes upon which human survival depends. All species play an important role in maintaining the Earth's systems which keep us all alive. An ecosystem's loss of one species can trigger a chain reaction with far-reaching and unpredictable consequences."

To become a political activist, write mec@voyager.net and say "I want to be an MEC volunteer," which will provide the opportunity to become a participant in the collective voice for environmental protection in our local region reaching up to the State Capitol.

We have an urgent need to think long and hard

about what is occurring in our Clarkston area, noting not only overdevelopment of wetlands that surround downtown Clarkston, but also becoming aware of the impending and threatening loss of our wetlands and farmlands that lie along and within Sashabaw, Dixie Highway, and other related outlying land areas in Springfield and Independence townships.

As a matter of fact, let's do this: let us turn our attention to density development (neo-traditional), and let us legislate for GREEN OPEN SPACES and/or a GREEN LINE! Please get involved to help protect the health and beauty of the America our children will inherit.

Elaine Chamberlin, Clarkston

People poll

By Eileen McCarville

What's your best April Fool's Day gag?

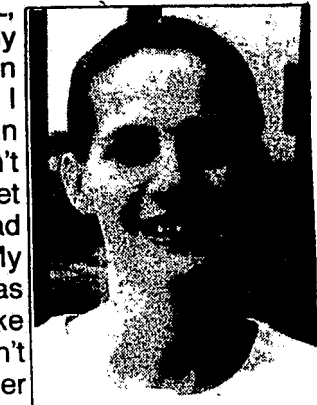
RAY STEELE, DAVISBURG: The best one we ever had, our neighbor brought over what we thought was a fantastic cake. My kids were all excited. The thing is they went to cut into it and it was just frosted cardboard. That was the cake. So that was that.



ADAM CARROLL, CLARKSTON: I put a rubber spider under my sister's blanket in her bed and I told her there was a real spider in her covers.



CINDY CARROLL, CLARKSTON: My daughter was born on April Fool's Day and I told my mom I was in labor. But I didn't even have time to get on the table; I had her in 20 minutes. My mom though it was an April Fool's joke because she didn't think I could have her that fast.



JOYCE MCINTYRE, CLARKSTON: The only thing that comes to mind is my daughter told me I won the lottery. I was so excited, and then she told me, "April Fool!" I thought that was terrible.



JUDY WADE, CLARKSTON: I think when my husband told me the Jimmy was stolen and it really was. I thought he was trying to pull a joke and he wasn't.



DON'T RUSH ME / by Don Rush

Color my world



With all this unseasonably warm weather, signs of life are bursting everywhere. My otherwise black and white (and read all over) world is teaming with colors. And as is often the case with my mind, once I start thinking too hard on any one subject, you all get the brunt of it. So, fasten your seatbelts, put on your crash helmets 'cause here we go.

The grass at my palatial one-acre spread is green with life, as I am sure yours is. The crocuses next to my garage are up and as yellow as can be.

On my windshield is the season's first splatter of red bug guts (that will not go away with any amount of windshield wiper fluid, or swipes with the wiper blades.). The color of dirt seems more rich. The sky seems more blue -- hey, which reminds me.

Who was the brainiac who decided to add a blue hue to one of my favorite candies? I have a fondness for green, red, brown and yellow M & Ms, but their sure ain't gonna be no blue M & M melting in mouth nor my hand.

Was their a customer survey done, and if so, why wasn't I contacted. All of a sudden there are blue M &

Ms messing up the mosaic of my otherwise stable, comfortable M & M dish. I'm here to tell you I don't like it. Not one bit.

I don't mind when they have their holiday special issue M & Ms, like all the pastel colored ones that take up all that shelf space at store these days. I guess someone figured that pastels covered chocolate pieces are more appealing during the Easter season.

I don't know.

What's wrong with leaving a good thing alone? How many billion M & Ms were eaten before those blue interlopers came along? Was the market share going down because there were no blue M & Ms?

I hardly think so, sports fans.

I'm not eating a blue M & M. There's something wrong with a world that introduces such an ugly colored candy. I haven't been able to nail down the facts yet, but I'm sure it's some new world order conspiracy or something. Blue M & Ms and the United Nations' Blue Helmets.

I just might be on to something here. If you read that some "accident" happened to me, you'll know I was right and that I had to be quieted.

Down with the blues!

JIM'S JOTTINGS / by Jim Sherman

Just jotting



Have we as Americans lost our motivation as columnist Dave Barry says? He writes that we set unrealistic goals, like: "I will do volunteer work for a worthy cause." Whereas, our realistic goal is: "I will give myself a hearty scratching."

He also says we should write motivational messages in large letters where we will see them often, like inside our eye glasses: "I can do it, and I will do it! Starting next year!"

Retired pharmacist Bill Patterson says, "There are two people who have the answers to all our problems, but, unfortunately, they are busy cutting hair and driving cabs."

Since I'm quoting notables this week, how about a few lines from the New York Times?

Here's some good reasons to be a guy: Your underwear costs \$10 a 6-pack.

You can watch a game in silence with your buddy for hours without thinking, 'He must be mad at me.'

People never stare at your chest when you're talking to them.

Three pair of shoes are more than enough.

A 5-day vacation requires only one suitcase.

John Patrell told me his psychiatrist told him: "Congratulations, sir. You are now cured!"

John said: "Great, doc. I used to be Julius Caesar, now I'm nobody."

Quickies: My wife is outspoken, but I don't know by who.

The temperature in any room is known as room temperature.

If pro is the opposite of con, is progress the opposite of Congress?

Did you hear about the waiter who asked the four elderly women having lunch: "Is anything all right?"

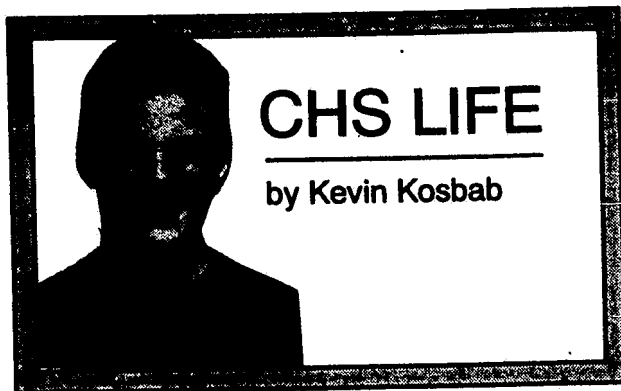
As we near the income tax paying deadline... an anonymous IRS agent said: There is hardly an American citizen above the poverty level whose tax conscience is so clear that he isn't scared of being audited.

Leona Helmsley said, "We don't pay taxes. Only little people pay taxes." She went to jail, remember?

Rep Pat Schroeder: From a tax point of view you're better off raising horses or cattle than children.

Pres. Warren Harding: "I can't make a damn thing out of this tax problem."

Mickey Hiatt is wondering: Is America the only country where you can go on the air and kid the politicians - and where politicians go on the air and kid the people?



CHS LIFE

by Kevin Kosbab

The locker on my back

My backpack gets heavier by the week simply through the addition of endless handouts and other paperwork.

I don't want to know how many trees I kill each year to get paper. I think I average about two new sheets per class per day being added to my binders. My science notebook has just exploded due to use and overstuffing and I'll be forced to repair it with duct tape.

I used to be able to fit my two binders in my bag with two textbooks. After repeatedly trying to stuff the second textbook in and popping the zipper open in the process, I have determined that I can only fit one book in now.

When someone else picks up my bag, even without any textbooks in it, they ask, "Are you carrying your whole locker around in there?" I don't know where they get this idea, because I still have four textbooks and other various items in my locker that I have to haul around sometimes. For a while, I would not even admit that the bag was heavy if I wasn't carrying at least one book, but books are no longer the primary source of weight. It's those wretched binders, with their innocent looking sheets of paper that add up to pounds and pounds.

Perhaps in comparison to other people, I do carry the contents of my locker around on my back. My locker is less full and more organized than many I have seen, even with my former locker partner's trash shoved at the bottom. My schedule prevents me from making trips to my locker after every period, so I have to carry stuff I would normally keep there with me.

But it's hard to tell if that's still advantageous or not: I may be sacrificing the convenience of having my stuff readily available by lugging a huge, heavy bag around all day. There's no happy medium. I'm either ill prepared or I have a sore back.

I've recently started to notice my bag's effect on my back. I can't comfortably carry it for long periods of time. That's partially due to my insistence upon wearing it only on my right shoulder, rather than harnessed on both. It's going to be a chiropractic nightmare in the future.

Not only am I endangering my own health, but that of others, too. My bag is so large that it's always in the way and hits people on my bus every once in a while. And whose fault is that? Certainly not mine it's those thousands of sheets of paper. But there is a bright side: at least I don't have to drag around those purses and makeup bags that most of the females I know are burdened with.

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bicycle key and a few strange sculpted pieces of metal (which I never throw away since I figure they must unlock something).

But suddenly, my Titanic did a rewind. I noticed the passenger door was unlocked. Voila! Thank God for a forgetful teenager. My son didn't lock the car door after he got out for school.

It was too close for comfort, but the flick with disaster turned out to have a happy ending.

If there's a moral to the story, I guess it would be this: If you ever take a cruise, don't forget your car keys. After all, one disaster's enough.

A note: The Clarkston News is looking for folks who have a connection to "Titanic." If you're the relative of a survivor, collect memorabilia or have any other neat ideas, call Eileen McCarville at 625-3370.

15 YEARS AGO (1983)

Clarkston teachers want to present their side of the contract negotiation struggle, so they've set up a Parents' Night at Clarkston High School. A panel of representatives from each level — elementary, junior and senior high school — will answer questions. Tom Brown, Clarkston Education Association spokesperson, says the intent is to clarify the misinformation that's been circulating and to present the CEA's position.

It looks like Pine Knob patrons won't be allowed to bring alcohol to this year's concert season, which begins May 27 with the Beach Boys. A request by the owners to extend the liquor license to include the pavilion is still on hold before the state's Liquor Control Commission.

Residents of Springfield Township will have more police protection this year. The township board signs a contract with the Oakland County Sheriff's Department for two full-time deputies. Previously, Springfield shared one of the deputies with Holly and Rose townships.

25 YEARS AGO (1973)

Shoplifting is on the rise in Clarkston, and local merchants agree the bulk of it is due to junior high school girls. Several comment on the situation, including Keith Hallman of Hallman's Apothecary, Lou Goldfaden of Wonder Drugs, Fred Ritter of the Town Shop and Rudy Schwarze of Rudy's Market.

A new budgeting method permits some 40 Independence Township electors to take a good look at the township's record setting budget of \$810,276 during the annual meeting. The total is approved, with little comment, despite a jump from last year's \$550,000. The increase is due to anticipated federal and state grants, says supervisor Robert Vandermark.

Baseball season is warming up as the Independence Township Recreation Department announces player registration for Summer '73, to take place April

6 at all nine Clarkston schools. Last year over 700 boys registered. All but 39 were organized and placed on teams in the 49-team, five-league program.

50 YEARS AGO (1948)

This week Independence Township passed its \$750 goal in the Red Cross Campaign and reached \$825. Since the report last week, several other communities joined White Lake Township in going over the top. They include Springfield, Brandon, Bloomfield and Birmingham.

Values at the 5 cents to \$1.00 store in Drayton include girls' and boys' blue denims, \$1.98 a pair; household brooms, \$1.15 each; plastic children's purses, 59 cents to \$1.29; baseball caps, 59 cents each; and galvanized wash boilers, \$2.49 each.

Showing at the Drayton Theatre are James Cagney and George Raft in "Each Dawn I Die," Errol Flynn and Ida Lupino in "Escape Me Never," Joan Crawford and Dana Andrews in "Daisy Kenyon" and William Elliott and Gabby Hayes in "Wyoming."

60 YEARS AGO (1938)

While everyone is anxiously waiting to see the movie "Snow White and the Seven Dwarves," you can partially satisfy your longing by attending the Puppet Show in the Clarkston School Gym April 8, sponsored by the PTA. The popular fairy tale will be presented through puppetry. The public is invited to have a good time for a dime. And to make the show more interesting, there will be a little ventriloquist.

Specials at Rudy's include smoked hams, 22 cents a pound; Henkel's Flour, 24 1/2 pounds for 83 cents; salmon, two cans for a quarter; Mother's Oats, a large box for 17 cents; and Climax Wall Paper Cleaner, three cans for 20 cents.

Playing at the Drayton Theatre are Frank Morgan and Florence Rice in "Beg, Borrow and Steal," Bette Davis and Leslie Howard in "It's Love I'm After," Laurel and Hardy in "Plotto" and Shirley Temple in "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm."

Fit for Life

By Heather Haepers

Plateau busters



Whatever your fitness goals might be, sooner or later you will most likely hit the inevitable plateau. This means that your body composition has not changed for the last four to six weeks - whether your goal is losing body fat, gaining muscle, or a combination of the two.

Luckily, once you know how to bust through a plateau, this frustrating occurrence will no longer hinder the achievement of your goals. This month's Fit For Life will discuss how to break through a plateau while trying to lose body fat.

A plateau during body fat reduction can be extremely frustrating and is sure to test your ability to stay motivated. Fortunately, there are several means of breaking through this type of plateau. Your first step should always be to take a look at your daily caloric intake. Are you recording your calories accurately and consuming the correct amount?

If so, the solution is easy - adjust your workout. If you do the same workout for weeks and weeks your body will adapt to the workload and therefore burn fewer calories during exercise. By creating an unaccustomed workload, or overload, you will again begin burning a greater amount of calories. This can be achieved by changing one or more aspects of your workout, which include: frequency, duration, intensity, and mode.

For example, if you have been doing the treadmill three days a week for 20 minutes at a heart rate of 130 for the past eight weeks, your body has probably adjusted to the workout and is no longer burning as many calories as it was in the first few weeks of the workout. This is because the energy needed to do the work is less than when it was a new, unaccustomed activity. In fact, your workout probably feels quite easy after eight weeks and a change is needed.

For example, you could switch from the treadmill to the stairstepper, and increase the duration to 30 minutes. Another option would be to stay on the treadmill, but increase the intensity and frequency by adding a 5% incline, working with a heart rate of 140, and exercising four days per week instead of three. There are many options when adjusting your workout. Sometimes just changing one aspect is enough, and other times two or three changes might be necessary.

After the changes have been made you should break through the plateau within two to three weeks. If not, make small adjustments to your workout again until you begin losing body fat.

Continue to change one or more aspects of your exercise routine every three to six weeks to avoid future plateaus.

Steaming mad? Want folks to know about it?

Write a letter to the editor at:
The Citizen, 331 S. Mill Street, Ortonville, MI 48462

Johnson kicks off campaign for House seat

Clarkston business owner Ruth Johnson kicked off her candidacy for the Michigan House of Representatives Sunday and she did it the old fashioned way.

Johnson made her announcement while standing in the back of a 1955 blue Ford pickup truck. The age of the pickup is significant because that is the year Johnson was born.

Johnson, a Holly resident, is co-owner of the Clarkston Professional Center and an Oakland County commissioner (R-Holly).

She told a crowd of nearly 200 supporters that she will, "work to eliminate wasteful government spending, fight to keep drinking water safe and work against unwanted prison or chemical dumps in our communities, just like I have done before."

Johnson added bringing more money back to Oakland County for road repairs would be a top priority. "We need to get more of this money back to invest in fixing roads like M-15 and Davisburg Road and Dixie Highway and Milford Road, and all the bumpy, washed out back roads that criss-cross north Oakland."

Johnson is running for election in State House District 46, which encompasses the City of Clarkston, the townships of Brandon, Groveland, Highland, Holly, Independence, Rose and Springfield, and the villages of Holly and Ortonville.

There will be a reception and fund raiser for Johnson Sat., April 4 at the home of Clarkston residents Kathy and Jeff Lynn. For more information, call (248)634-4977.



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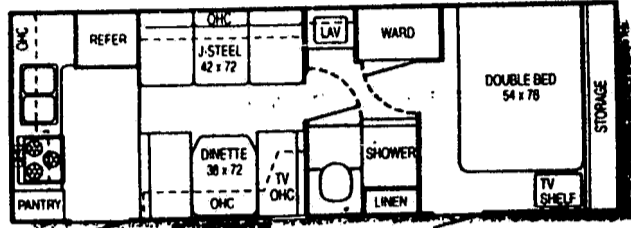
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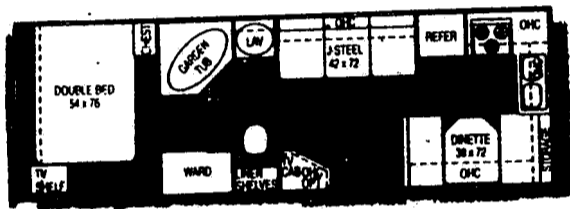
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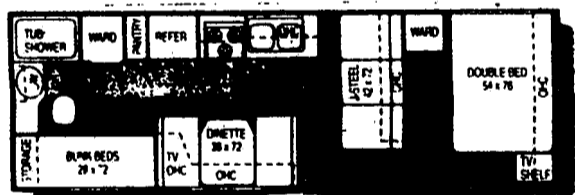
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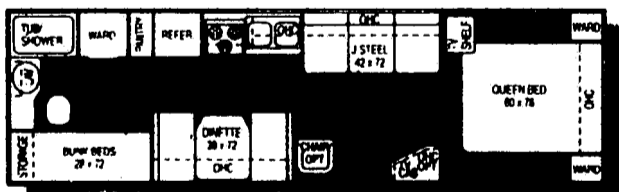
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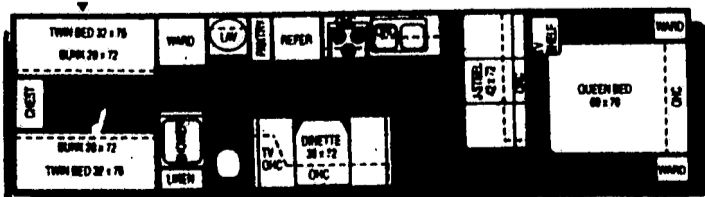
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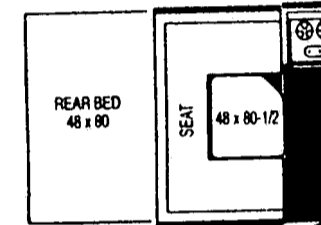
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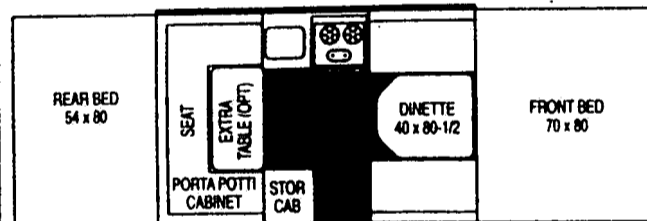
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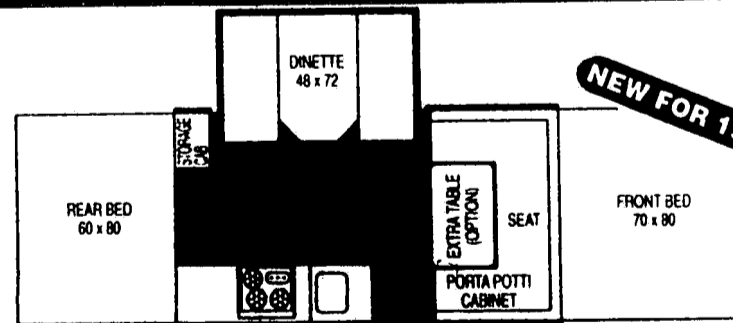
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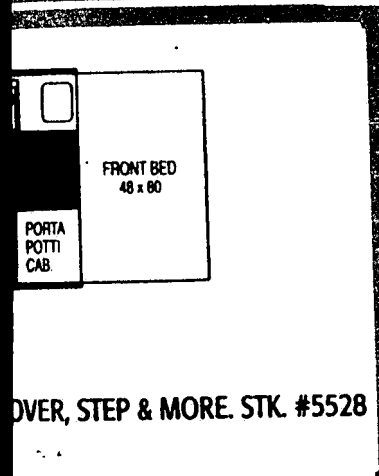
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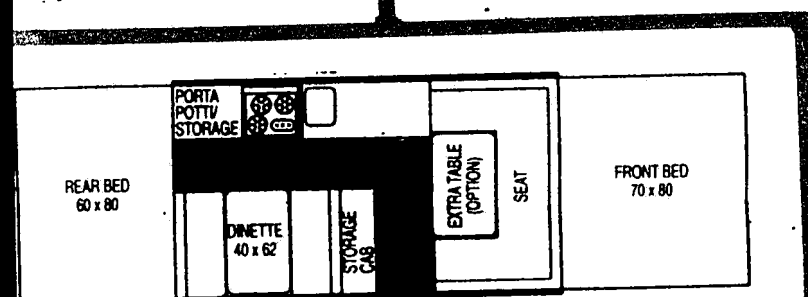
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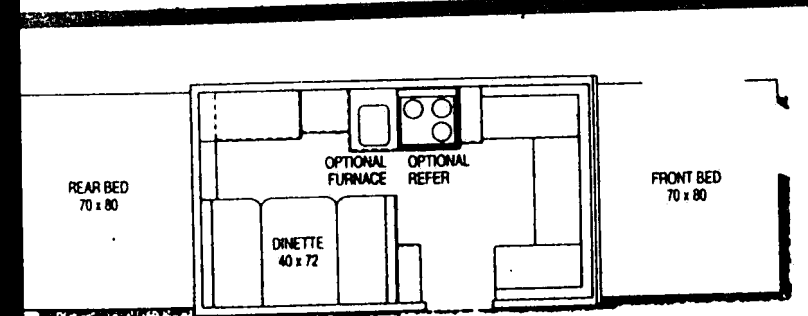
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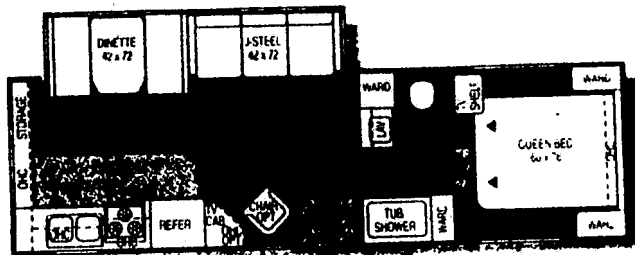
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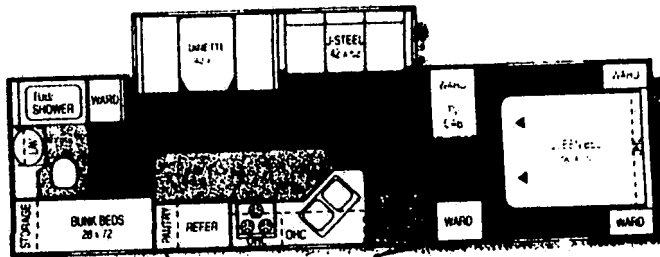
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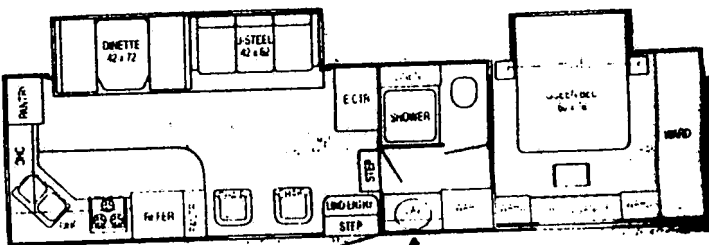
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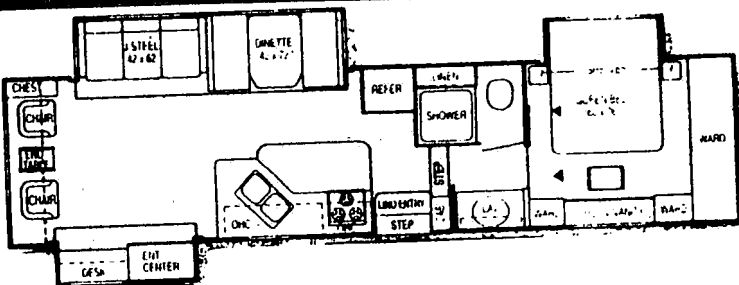
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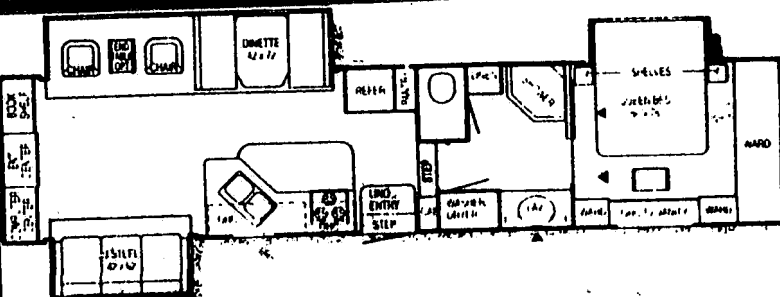
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They'll go to state competition in Traverse City next week

OTEC students earn honors in health care

By Maralee Cook
CLARKSTON NEWS EDITOR

Three Clarkston High School students earned top honors recently at the Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) regional competition in Bay City.

The students are part of the Health Occupation program at OTEC, and competed with about 400 students at the Bay Arenac Convention Center Mar. 14.

Senior Monica Coy earned a first place medal for dental spelling. She said the competition was set up like a regular spelling bee, with rounds. Coy won by correctly spelling the word "periodontist."

Shanda Loba, also a senior, took home a gold medal for first place in the dental terminology test.

Loba, who said the test was "real hard," competed against 27 students. She answered 100 questions on dentistry, anatomy and radiology.

Loba also took second place in the dental assisting skills competition. Students were required to prepare a patient and take a written test.

Junior Scott Bickerstaff placed in the top 10 out of 25 contestants in the extemporaneous speaking competition.

He said with only 10 minutes to prepare, students were asked to speak on the topic, "How well HOSA and you will help patients of the future."

Students in the health occupations programs can choose the dental intensive, medical intensive or both if they take the second year option.

During the first semester, all students follow the health core curriculum, said instructor Ann Nordstrom. They learn subjects common to all medical programs, and the proper way to protect themselves from communicable diseases.

During the second semester, the dental program



Monica Coy, Shanda Loba and Scott Bickerstaff treat Resusci-Anne for imaginary injuries in the Health-Occupation Program at OTEC. The stu-

dentists won medals in recent regional competition and travel to Traverse City this month for the state competition.

qualifies graduates as dental assistants. In the medical portion, students receive Red Cross medical first response training.

Scott said he's interested in studying law enforcement. Medical first response skills are required for

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police because they are often the first persons on the scene of an accident, said Nordstrom.

The program acquaints students with treatment of stabbings, gunshot wounds, amputations and how to

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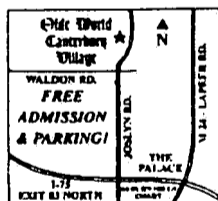
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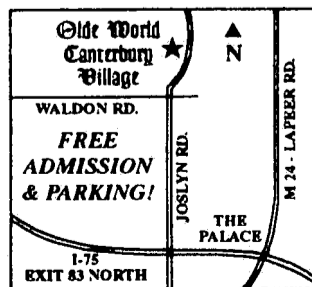
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Business Briefs

● Two Clarkston-area businessmen are serving on the Oakland County Local Development Company Board of Directors.

Bob Olsen, president of Planned Financial Services, Inc. is a current trustee and a former chairman of the board. Ed Adler, owner of Food Town stores, was recently appointed to the board of directors.

The LDC is a non-profit organization formed 12 years ago with the purpose of promoting job development in Oakland County. The LDC promotes cooperation between lending institutions and government agencies and assists small businesses with securing less-expensive loans with lower down payments and longer duration. For more information about the LDC, call 858-0724.

● Michael Brown of Clarkston has attained the highest score on the Michigan CPA exam and the second-highest score in the nation. Brown earned his BS in accounting in April, 1997 from Oakland University, graduating with a 3.95 GPA. He is a senior assistant at Deloitte & Touche in Detroit.

● Davisburg insurance executive Dennis Pursell, Area Leader for the Franklin Life Insurance Company, has qualified for membership in the 1998 Franklin Million Dollar Conference, the company's elite organization of national sales and sales-management leaders. His accomplishment will be recognized in May at the conference in Rancho Mirage, California.

● Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home has been awarded the Excellence Award for its participation in the Memory Tree program, which has so far planted over 35,000 trees in the U. S. Only one funeral home per community is selected.



Century 21 and Associates celebrates grand opening of new offices on Dixie Highway

Friends and associates helped celebrate the grand opening of the new Century 21 and Associates office at White Lake Road and Dixie Hwy. last week. From left are Century 21 and Associates assistant manager Tom VanderElzen, education coordinator Jackie Speagle, CEO Ted Kolasa, manager Joanne Ponkey, and broker-owner Bill Eldridge.

Sweet shop opens downtown

A new sweet shop featuring coffee, baked goods and candies is up and running inside the Union General store on Main St.

Owner Ann Stevenson opened the cafe, a cozy nook in back of her unique gift and curio shop, just over a week ago. She's stocked it with plenty of goodies just in time for Easter, including scrumptious items from Gayle's Chocolates, a local chocolatier.

"She's whimsical too," said Stevenson. For example, one of the large chocolate bunnies is playing a

saxophone. "Our whole plan was to have as many Michigan products as we could. But we have a lot of great chocolate around here and Gayle's so phenomenal."

The chocolates and other homemade goods and confections, including tasty, petite cheese cakes, are showcased in a display case. Against the wall, tall shelves hold a variety of other local items, including teas, herb dressings, nuts, biscuits — nearly every kind of unique product you can think of.

The cafe's setting is rustic, but upbeat. Some

tables hold small pots with growing herbs. A couple of round contemporary tables carry the trusty motto, "Wake up and smell the coffee." Folks can relax there while they enjoy various brews like coffee drinks, cappuccinos, espressos and teas, along with the sweets and baked goods.

Stevenson said adding the cafe to her existing gift shop is a great way to indulge her sweet tooth — and those of her customers. "With the people who know we're here, they come back really often and that's great."

Monday, March 23, medicals on Clintonville, M-15, Dvorak and Elmdale.

Car windows smashed on Jerome St.

Obscene phone calls on M-15.

Items taken from a vehicle on Maybee Rd.

Minor traffic accident in Dixie Hwy. parking lot.

A Pontiac man was arrested in the city on an outstanding warrant out of Clarkston. He posted bond and was released.

Tuesday, March 24, medical on Ridge Top.

Personal injury accident on M-15 north of I-75.

A Waterford woman, driving the wrong way into a Main-Washington parking lot in the city was cited for improper plates, driving with a suspended license and failure to appear at court on the latter.

Theft of a cell phone and pager from an unlocked vehicle on Dixie.

Minor traffic accident on Eastlawn. No injuries were reported.

Rear end collision on Dixie near Maybee Rd. No injuries were reported.

Cell phone taken from a business on Dixie.

Harrassing phone calls on Waterford Hill.

Wednesday, March 25, medical on Waterford Hill.

One Clarkston driver changed lanes on Dixie to avoid hitting a truck that pulled out in front, hitting a vehicle driven by another Clarkston driver. No injuries were reported.

Car-deer crash on Clarkston Road. No injuries were reported.

An 18-year-old man was arrested for drunk driving - zero tolerance limit under 21 years of age.

Items were found missing from a residence on Pine Knob Lane.

Thursday, March 26, medical on Clintonville Rd.

Fuel spill on Sashabaw.

A W. Washington resident reported hearing pounding noises at a back window. Clarkston Police checked the property and found a shed door open.

A window was broken but nothing was taken at a business on Maybee.

Stolen property found on Eston and returned to the owner.

Larceny of an air compressor on Flemings Lake Rd.

Friday, March 27, medicals on Garnet, Curtis, Forest Valley and Transparent. investigation on Stickney.

A Pontiac man at M-15 and Waldon in the city was ticketed for driving with a suspended license.

Rear-end collisions in parking lots on Middle Lake Rd. and Dixie Hwy.

One vehicle struck another on southbound Sashabaw after passing, then left the scene. No injuries were reported.

Larceny of a CD player and CDs from a locked vehicle on Sashabaw.

Larceny of a boat motor on Maybee Rd.

Larceny from a commercial van on Oakhurst. A Clarkston woman was arrested for drunk driving on W. Washington.

Saturday, March 28, medicals on Dixie Hwy. and Clintonville Rd.

An elderly Wyandotte man driving erratically on S. Main in the city was stopped after he ran his car off the road. He was confused and didn't know where he lived. Police called a relative who picked him up. He was ticketed for not possessing a driver's license.

A Davisburg man ran a red light at N. Main and Washington in the city. He was cited for the above offense, in addition to having plates belonging to another vehicle and not possessing proof of registration and insurance.

Hang-up calls on Surrey Lane in the city.

A vehicle struck a commercial sign on Main St.

Car-deer accident on Sashabaw north of I-75. No injuries were reported.

A blade from a snowplow was found missing on DeerHill Dr. Larceny of a cell phone and portable CD player on Meyers.

Vehicle door locks damaged on Mann Rd.

A Waterford man was caught spray painting graffiti on walls of businesses. He was ticketed for malicious mischief.

Sunday, March 29, personal injury accident on M-15.

Complaint on Cram Lane.

Fuel spill on Dixie and White Lake Rd.

Clarkston Police ticketed a Clarkston man for driving with improper plates and lack of registration and insurance.

Capsules found at CHS cafeteria

A cafeteria worker found orange and yellow capsules in fruit cups before they were to be filled last week. The capsules were tested by the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, and found to be an oil-based lubricant used for precision machines, said Dep. Bill Evans of the OCSD. He added they would probably have not been seriously harmful if swallowed.

New condos coming

At the March 28 planning commission meeting, developer Mike Clark received final site plan approval for 29 detached condos to be built on 10.5 acres. The property is located at the corner of Clintonville and Maybee roads, adjacent to I-75.

He hopes to break ground next month on Gemini Landing, named after his twin boys. The new condos will be priced from \$170,000 to \$180,000 apiece.

Clark secured a variance from the zoning board of appeals after he failed to win approval for rezoning the property so he could build a 58-unit apartment complex. The township required less density, he said.

"We compromised," Clark said, adding the perimeter will be heavily protected from the expressway with a 100-foot buffer.

Relief from flooded wetlands temporarily delayed

Independence Township and Clarkston schools were unable to begin pumping out the flooded wetlands behind the homes of Almond Lane residents last week as hoped.

Pumping out the excess water is one of the short-term solutions chosen to solve the problems caused by above average rainfall and runoff from the new high school site.

Clarkston schools director of business services Craig Kahler said they had hoped pumping could begin last week. The excess water will be directed into a storm drain system south of Waldon Road.

Before pumping can begin, the schools must receive permission from residents on Waldon and Patrick roads to run hoses across their property. As

of Monday morning, permission had not been received from any of the residents.

When first approached most of the residents told the schools, "We need to talk about it," he said.

"It threw us a bit of a curve ball. We didn't expect it," Kahler said. He added he will try to get an 'okay' from the residents this week.

Kahler said the pumping should take no more than a week, and then the hoses will be removed.

In a press release issued last week, Clarkston schools' superintendent Al Roberts said the schools know they have a runoff problem. "... we have been working with both the school and township engineers to quickly resolve it. We intend to be good neighbors."



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by Robert E. Kostin
Attorney at Law

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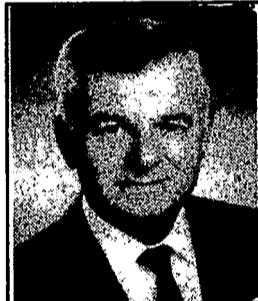
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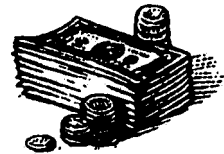
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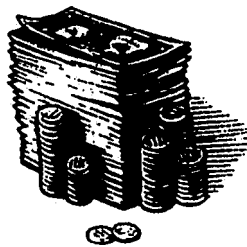
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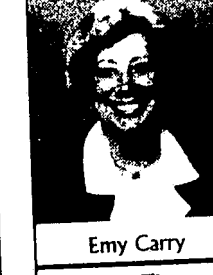
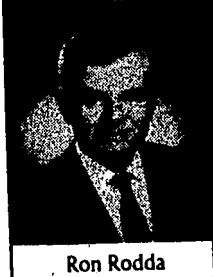
Finance director Kerry Donahoe is leaving after nine years with Independence Township, clerk Joan McCrary announced last week. The township is in the process of hiring a new finance director and reviewing applications.

Speaking of Donahoe, McCrary said, "He's the person who's been in charge of all our accounts for nine years. We've always had a good, clean report from our auditors and we'll sure be sorry to see him leave."

Treasurer Jim Wenger also mentioned Donahoe had been very helpful during his first term in office. "He's very knowledgeable."

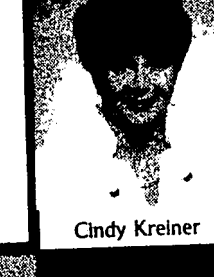
Although Donahoe announced his resignation, he's staying on long enough to prepare the annual report for the auditors, McCrary added. "We'll try to have the new person in at that time, so he or she will be able to see how it progresses," she said.

● Attention all kids ages 5-10: This week, The Clarkston News and Country Cards is sponsoring an Easter Coloring Contest. In this week's classified section, you will find five Easter eggs. Ask mom or dad to help you cut them out. Then, place the eggs on the correct places on the coloring contest page. Send or drop off your colored page to The Clarkston News, 5 S. Main St., Clarkston, MI, 48346. The deadline is 5 p.m., Wed. April 8. Have fun and good luck!

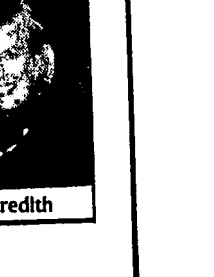
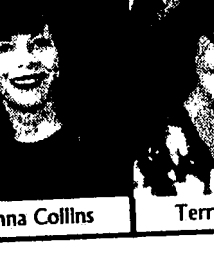
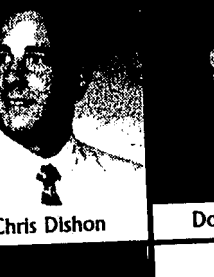


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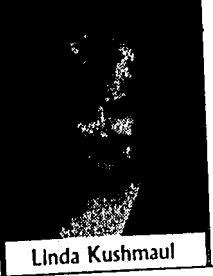
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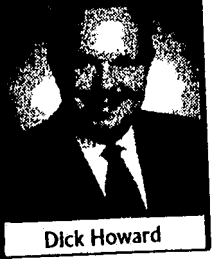
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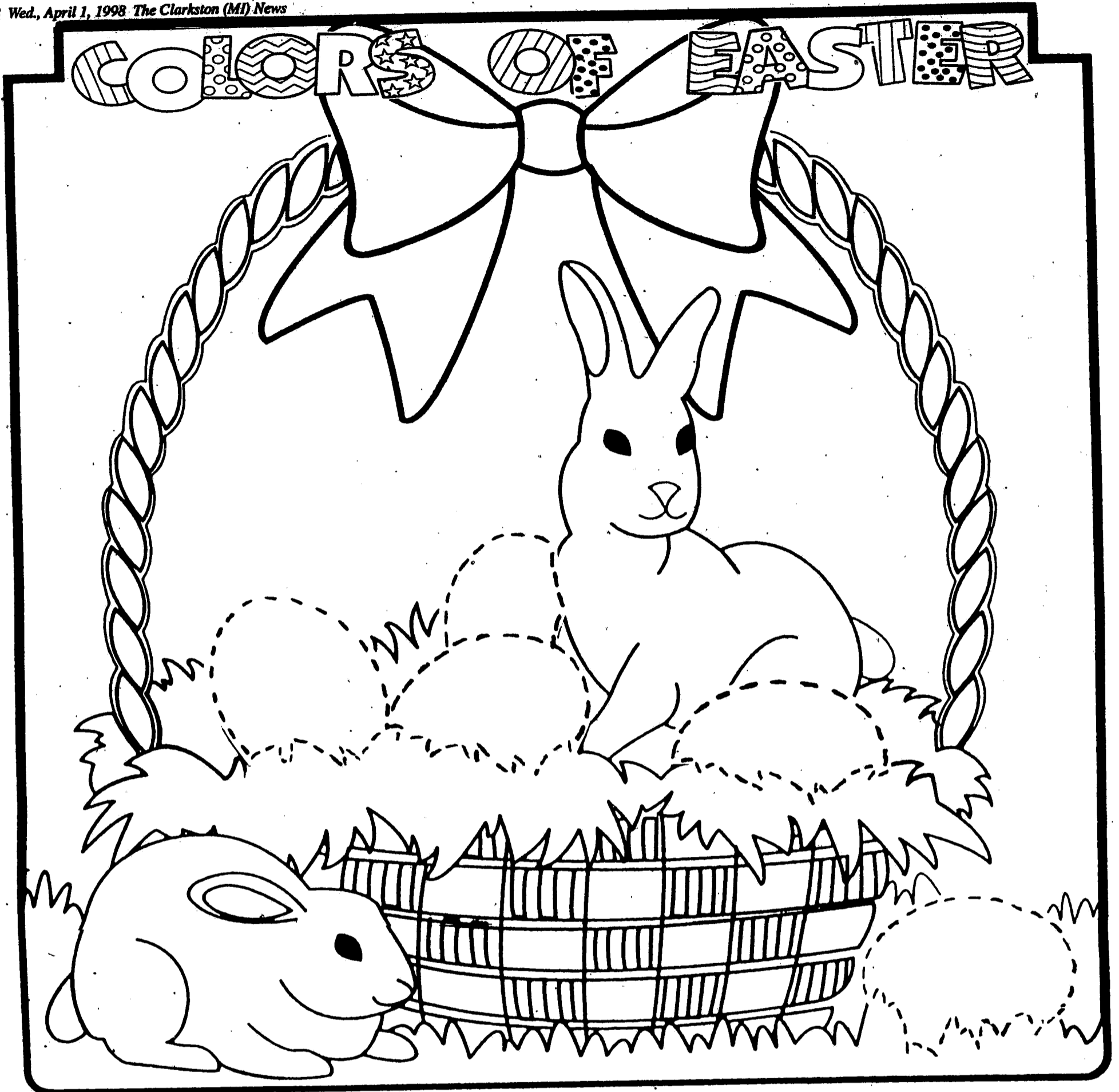
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teach them that kind of responsibility."

The Bahris have been thinking about the addition for several years. Ann is glad it's finally happening. "I'm so excited. I need a facelift in here," she said.

They said they have tried to comply with everything the township wanted, including lots of new landscaping around the perimeter. The existing store sign, located at the top of a pole out front, doesn't meet current sign ordinance requirements because it's too tall. But, since it's grandfathered in, they're allowed to keep it.

However, Ron said he's going to take it down and put up a new one. "We don't have to do it, but we like the township and we want to make everybody's life easier," he said.



American colonists found many oil wells while looking for salt. Salt makers regarded petroleum oil as a nuisance, but other people sold it as a cure for physical ailments.

OTEC

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stop bleeding.

Coy said she will probably enroll in Oakland Community College's dental hygiene program, adding she likes the medical first response program and may also study the Emergency Medical Training program.

Loba said she'll start out at OCC also, with final plans to study dentistry at the University of Michigan.

"This program has taught me so much about our future," she said. Bickerstaff added he "appreciates the professional attitude here."

The students are off to Traverse City's Grand Traverse Resort for the state competition, April 5 through 7. Nordstrom said OTEC staff members are excited for the students and a few will accompany them to Traverse City.

The national competition follows this summer at the new Condor facility at Disney World in Orlando.

Farmhouse Continued from page 5A

McCrary said the township hasn't formally considered uses for the land and farmhouse, but has ideas. "We haven't even discussed this as a board, but we have discussed maybe we could have a fund-raiser, to try to raise some money to restore it, or someone could take it over and donate that."

One of the uses includes turning the farmstead into a restored working farm, where school groups and others could visit and absorb local history. Other uses mentioned by McCrary include a bed and breakfast or a conference center.

"We do want it to be a historic farmstead," she said. The project could incorporate the vacant land, adding "gardens and paths that lead to a passive park... You would have these natural fields. It's such a lovely location. People could go there and relax."

The township has also considered deeding the 33 acres to the Independence Land Conservancy, which has expressed interest.

McCrary said the farmstead needs intense restoration to make it valuable to the township. "It can't just sit there unless it produces (tax) revenue," she said.

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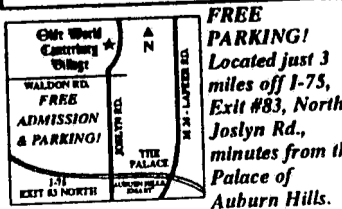
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The Clarkston News

Wednesday, April 1, 1998

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Clark's 11 K's give Wolves season-opening win

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

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The warm and windy weather conditions for Friday's season-opening baseball game certainly weren't expected.

One thing that was expected was an excellent performance by Clarkston senior pitcher Josh Clark, who struck out 11 to help lead the varsity baseball team to a 3-1 win over the Troy Athens Red Hawks at Troy's Flynn Park.

Clark, who signed with Western Michigan University in December, said he felt comfortable and confident on the mound.

"You use the first game to help get the bugs out, but I was real proud of our guys behind me," he said. "You've got to get the defense, and they were terrific today. They helped me out a lot."

Clarkston coach Roy Warner said he knew Clark would be ready because of all the off-season work he did.

"Josh threw all winter, and it showed with his sharpness today," he said. "He has better command of his pitches and knows how to work out of a jam."

Clark didn't find himself in many jams, as he baffled the Red Hawks into 11 strikeouts on the day. He only allowed two walks and three hits, with two of those runners getting picked off by Clark and catcher Derek Casper.

Leading the offense for the Wolves (1-0 overall and in the OAA Division I) was junior John Drallos, who went 3-for-4 with two doubles and two runs scored. Warner said Drallos' offense was a pleasant surprise for the team.

"John was excellent today, wasn't he?" Warner said. "He made contact and the balls found open spots for him today."

Junior Eric Jenks scored the game-winning run on a wild pitch in the top of the seventh inning. He reached base in all four of his at-bats, with two walks and two singles.

Jeff Oliver drove in Clarkston's final run with a sacrifice fly that scored Drallos in the seventh.

Athens' only run of the game came in the fourth on a suicide squeeze play with runners on first and third. On the next sequence, Athens pulled a double steal to put runners on second and third with only one out. But Clark struck out the next batter and forced the following one into a fielder's choice out to get out of the inning. It was the only major threat the Red Hawks mounted in the game.

Sophomore Chris Mitchell drove in Clarkston's first run with a long double to center that drove in Drallos. Mitchell joined Jenks as players who reached base all four times they were up to bat. Mitchell walked twice and reached on an error in addition to his RBI-double.

"It's nice to start out with a win, especially a league win," Warner said. "We had to play for one run, and our defense was very good for a first game. If you



Clarkston's Phil Johnston lays down a sacrifice bunt in the bottom of the first inning in Friday's game against Troy Athens. Johnston and the Wolves defeated the Red Hawks 3-1 thanks to the pitching of Josh Clark and the hitting of John Drallos.

'You use the first game to get the bugs out, but I was real proud of the guys behind me.'

Josh Clark

can't score, you have to play perfect defense, which we pretty much did."

Clark pitched 1-2-3 innings in the second and seventh innings, and faced only four batters in the first, third, fourth and sixth innings.

Monday, the Wolves dropped a 3-1 decision to the Troy Colts. Clarkston is now 1-1 overall and in the OAA Division I.


The Wolves next hit the diamond Wednesday afternoon (today) at Lake Orion. The team has its home opener at Clintonwood Park Friday against the Rochester Adams Highlanders. The first pitch for the games is at 4 p.m.



Senior Jared Thomas stretches to catch this throw from third base during Clarkston's baseball game against Troy Athens. Thomas will be counted on for power hitting on this year's squad.

Soccer team stumbles vs. tough teams

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

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The wind was beneath the win in Clarkston's season opener Wednesday.

The Wolves dropped a hard-fought 1-0 decision to the Grand Blanc Bobcats, a preseason top-15 team, in a windy night at the CHS field.

With the wind at their back, the Wolves were in control all through the first half, getting three quality scoring chances. But in the second half, the Bobcats used the wind to help take control and score its lone goal at the 15:04 mark.

"This was a game we could have won, with a little

luck," Fitzgerald said. "Everyone played really good tonight and I was happy with what I saw. We gave it all we had, we just lost to a tough team."

Clarkston's best chance came with two minutes left in the first half when senior Amanda Yarber hit the crossbar with a shot from 50 feet out that would have given the Wolves a lead. Clarkston got behind the Grand Blanc defense several times, but were unable to catch up with the ball to create an opportunity.

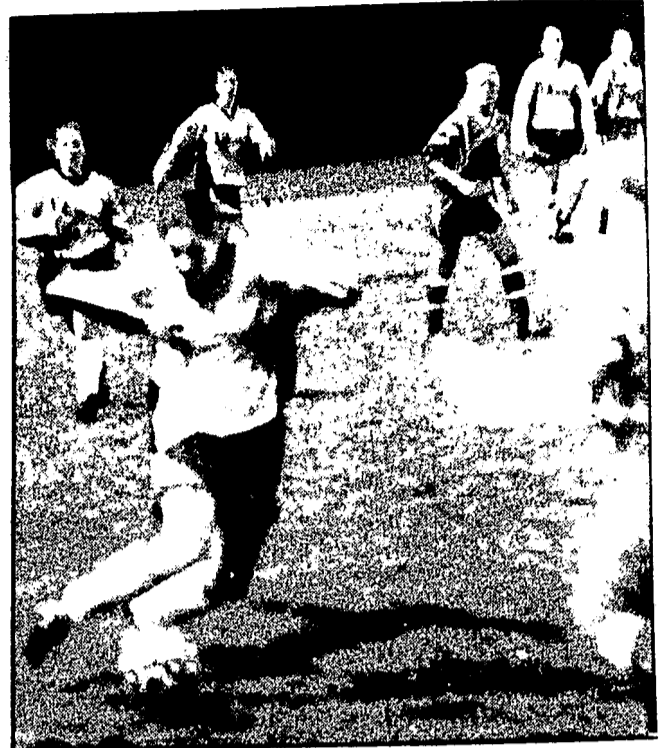
After Grand Blanc scored its goal, Fitzgerald moved Katy Piechura and Jennifer Kerney from the midfield to forward positions, and Clarkston put the pressure on late in the contest.

"This was a good game, because we know we can hang with a team that good," Fitzgerald said.

Clarkston's next game is Wednesday at Auburn Hills Avondale. The next home game comes up Friday when the Wolves host Rochester in another OAA crossover game.

Monday, the Wolves were crushed by the Rochester Adams Highlanders 11-1 at the CHS field. Adams entered the game ranked in the top three in the state in Division I and showed how good it was. Adams' Abby Crumpton, the state's top junior, scored four goals in the game. Senior Georgia Senkyr scored Clarkston's lone goal with 25 minutes left in the first half. Junior Alaina Dodds assisted.

The Wolves fell to 0-2 overall, and have not played a league contest yet.



Freshman Sara Voss (16) moves the ball up during the varsity girls soccer team's opening game against Grand Blanc Wednesday. Voss and Sarah Morgan are the only freshmen on the varsity team this season.

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IN THE PENALTY BOX

with Brad Monastiere

April Foolin'

● I remember the first time I was victimized by an April Fool's Day joke.

It was 1982, I think. I just took the garbage out of our old home in Farmington Hills when my dad comes running up to me.

"Did you hear about the big trade?"

Even at nine years old, I kept up on the day-to-day events in sports. "No, what are you talking about?" I replied.

"The Tigers just traded Kirk Gibson and Alan Trammell to the Yankees for a couple players I never heard of."

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"Calm down pal. April Fools!"

You got me on that one, dad.

● One final thought on the boys basketball season. Dane Fife has shown me a lot in terms of on the court skill and off the court lifestyle, but I was more impressed with him than ever after Clarkston's loss to Detroit Central in the state quarterfinals.

Around 15 minutes after the game ended, he strode out of the locker room, ready to answer the questions of the half-dozen sportswriters there to cover the game. He answered questions honestly, calmly and was a picture of maturity. I'm sure inside, he was torn up about losing. In getting to know him, I've seen how competitive he is beyond his years time and time again. After that loss that ended his high school career, he was a man who knew how to take life's good with life's bad. That's a quality uncommon in 18-year-olds, and one that showed me that he will do just fine at Indiana next year.

● I like the Red Wings' acquisitions at last week's trade deadline. Jamie Macoun and Dmitri

Mironov are two experienced defenseman who know how to play playoff hockey, much in the same way Larry Murphy does. Don't expect the addition of Mironov to resurrect the Russian Five we remember, because Mironov isn't in the same league as Vladimir Konstantinov was, but Mironov is a quality player who will contribute. The Wings were able to upgrade the defensive corps, and now have as good a shot at the Stanley Cup as anyone. I look for Colorado to get upset early in the playoffs, and the Dallas Stars to be very tough. When healthy, the Stars play the game as well as anyone, and will give the Wings all they can handle in the Western Conference Finals.

● Two of Clarkston's varsity volleyball players were recently given an honor they should be very proud of. Seniors Nicole Nelles and Amber Mitchell were named Class A Academic All-State for this past season. Nicole has been accepted to the honors college at Michigan State University next year. Amber has a zero-hour class at CHS and a sixth-hour class at Oakland University packed into her day. Regardless of their volleyball achievements, they deserve a tip of the hat for their hard work and long hours in both academics and athletics. Great job, ladies.

● My awesome readers may remember when last year, Mother Nature had to spend some hard time in the Penalty Box. However, you can't complain about the weather we've had to start the spring season. Bright, 60-degree days with a nice breeze are about all you can ask for in Michigan in late March and early April. That is, until Saturday. The only time it rained all last weekend was naturally when the varsity softball team was going to play its first games of the season. The day wasn't a total loss, however. Girls like Aimee Giroux, Corinne McIntyre, Mandie Harrison, and a cast of others found their way to National Coney Island for a fun lunch, where the mirrors provided the most enter-

tainment.

● I've read quite a bit about the sanctions against the Grand Blanc hockey team after its disgusting display against Clarkston in the district finals.

The administration decided to bar the offending players from the team banquet, remove their names from the record books and give them a five-day suspension from school.

The big question is: is this a strong enough punishment, and I say no.

The worst part of the whole episode wasn't necessarily the players jumping Clarkston players from behind after the game ended. It was some Grand Blanc parents encouraging their kids to do so, and the coaching staff doing little or nothing about it. Those offenses are more serious than anything those kids did.

So why not punish the parents and coaches by suspending the program for one year? Rarely has a school district barred an entire program for a year, but I feel it is warranted in this case. This would give the school district a chance to bring in new coaches with new blood, and teach a lesson to the players as well as parents. That was the worst thing I had ever seen in high school sports, and the program deserves a punishment fitting that.

● Thursday's National Girls and Women in Sports Day at CHS was an excellent program for all the female athletes. It's good for the girls to know that their efforts are recognized, and that their hard work does mean something. I've seen far too many girls suffer from low self-esteem for no good reason at all. Sports helps build self-esteem and teamworking skills, but most important of all, creates wonderful memories for everyone involved. Events like this can help set the stage for future growth in women's sports both in number of participants and number of sports. Keep up the good work, everyone.

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Boys track hoping for a repeat performance

Biggest track team ever looks to defend OAA II title

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

If there is such a thing as strength in numbers, the 1998 Clarkston boys track team is a Hercules.

With more than 80 team members - the most in school history - the Wolves set out to defend their OAA Division II championship from last year. The team opens its regular season Tuesday with a home meet against Ferndale. The meet begins at 4 p.m.

Longtime coach Walt Wyniemko said the team will be relying on a number of runners in several events this season.

"We're pretty strong in the field events, middle distances and the distance running," he said. "We're counting on a lot of people to step up for us, from our returning veterans to some younger guys as well."

One of the team's veteran leaders is senior Marc Venegoni. He fell just short of qualifying for the state meet in the long jump last year, and has his sights set on that this year. Look for him to also score points in the 200 and 4x200 relay.

"Marc will be a big key for us," Wyniemko said.

The team will benefit in the distance events from a talented crop of runners from the boys cross country team. Sophomores Chris Weber, David Sage, Dan Burke, Matt Haver and Kevin Breen, as well as Scott Watson, Jon Burklow, Brett Quantz and Matt Baker could all run in the 800 and 4x800 relay teams. Wyniemko said to expect the 4x800 team to break some school records before the season is over. Many of those same runners will also see time in the 4x400 relay.

Wyniemko said success in the field events will in part, be determined by how well the younger athletes develop. Breen and Ricky Williams will join Venegoni in the long jump, Jeff Long and Ron Tolbert head up the shot put group, and Dave Chavers, Klint Powell, Steve Bradford and Marc Wisniewski will throw the discus. High jump is a wide-open event right now, according to Wyniemko.

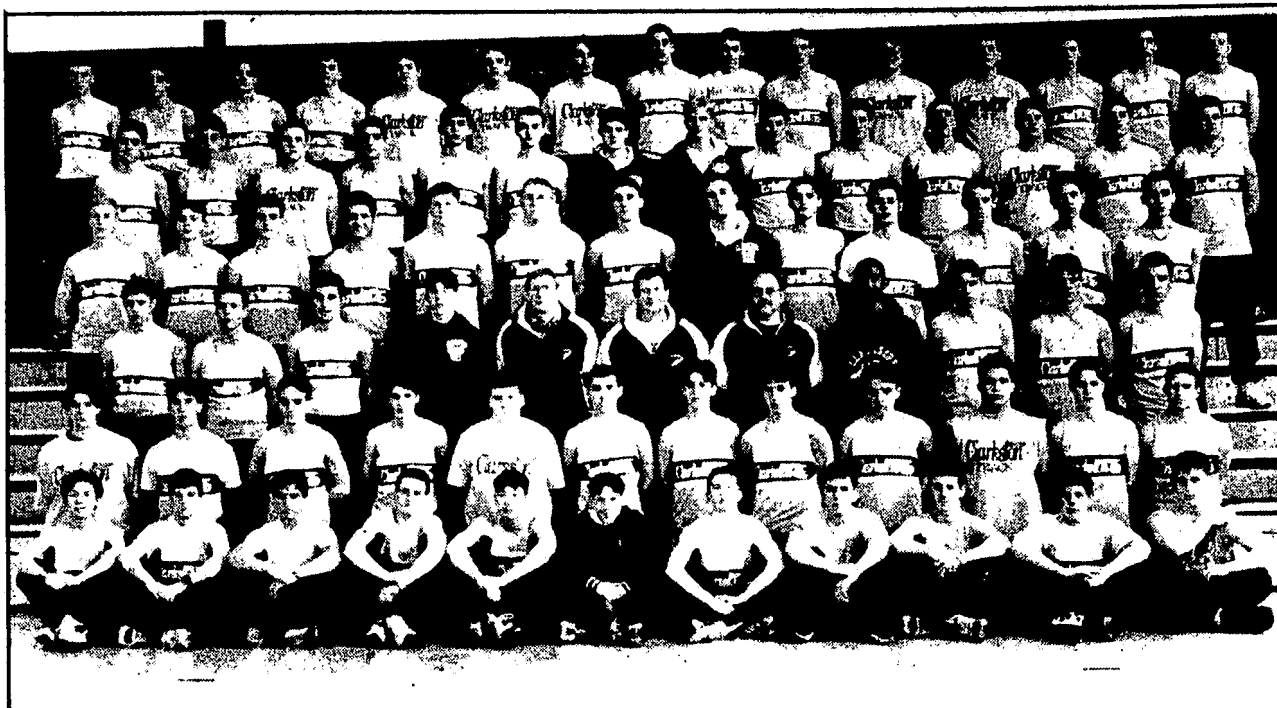
Senior Curt Brewer leads the way in both hurdle events. The Wolves lost Chris Evans, the best hurdler in school history, to graduation. Evans now runs track for Harvard. Brewer still gained plenty of experience last year, and Wyniemko said he expects some good things from him this year.

The team's top sprinters should come from this group: Long, Brent Bergkoetter, Brent Deuel, Mike Renda, Adam Gebus and Nick Holland. Renda and Bergkoetter were regulars on the district-champion boys soccer team last fall, while Deuel could see lots of playing time in the backfield for next year's varsity football team.

Wyniemko didn't hesitate when naming Clarkston's toughest league competition this year.

"Lake Orion," he said. "They bring a lot of people back and are very good in the distance events. It always seems like there's a lot on the line when we take on Orion, and this year will be no different."

Wyniemko also said Ferndale, excellent in the sprints and field events, and Waterford Mott will be teams to be reckoned with.



The 1998 Clarkston boys track team

Last year's team won the league championship for the first time since 1989 with many of the same strengths this year's team has.

The team will also move into a new regional this year, getting out of the very tough Milford regional. Clarkston will be in the Holly region Saturday, May 16. The other top teams at that region include Flint Central, Flint Carman-Ainsworth, Lake Orion, Davison and Grand Blanc. Getting out of the region that included sprinting teams like Pontiac Northern and Pontiac Central and distance teams like Lakeland and Milford could mean more Clarkston athletes will make the state meet.



Two CMS students part of state-championship hockey team

Adam Rath and Alan Marchio, eighth-grade students at Clarkston Middle School, were a part of the Bantam A Lakeland Hawks hockey team that won the state championship at Cheboygan March 15.

Rath is a goaltender and Marchio is a center on the Hawks, who defeated the Grosse Pointe Bulldogs 3-2 in the state finals. Grosse Pointe had won the state title three years in a row and was crowned national champions last year.

Jenkinson a top slugger at OCC

Amanda Jenkinson, a 1996 graduate of Clarkston High School, was recently named the athlete of the week by Oakland Community College.

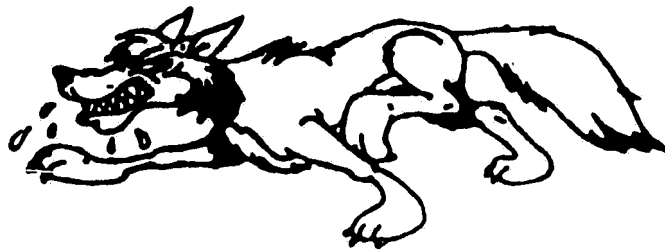
Jenkinson, a sophomore catcher for OCC, led the team in hitting with a .458 average on its season-opening spring trip. Included in her 11 hits were three doubles, a grand slam home run, seven runs batted in, and a stolen base. She also carried a .708 slugging percentage and has scored six runs on the season.

1998 Clarkston Boys Track Schedule

April 1	Rochester, Holly (S)	H-4 p.m.
April 7	Ferndale	H-4 p.m.
April 9	JV at Flint Central Inv.	A-4 p.m.
April 21	at Lake Orion	A-4 p.m.
April 23	West Bloomfield	H-4 p.m.
April 25	at Andover Relays	A-10 a.m.
April 28	at Oak Park	A-4 p.m.
May 2	at Ashley Relays	A-10 a.m.
May 5	at Berkley	A-4 p.m.
May 7	Coed Relays at Lake Orion	3 p.m.
May 9	at Oxford Invitational	A-10 a.m.
May 12	Waterford Mott	H-4 p.m.
May 16	Regionals at Holly	A-TBA
May 21	JV at Lake Orion	4:30
May 22	Oakland County Meet at Hazel Park	
May 23	9th Gd. County Meet at Milford	
May 28	7-8 County Meet	H-3:15
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Long to carry the pigskin for Albion

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Jeff Long had a tough choice to make for where to play college football. He could go to a mediocre Division II school and not play much his first two years, or go to a Division III school, contend for a national title and play right away.

Long, a senior at Clarkston High School, chose the latter, deciding to attend Albion College next year and play for the football team.

Albion is a Division III college in the southwestern part of the state. Albion won the National Division III football championship in 1994, and has remained a national power ever since. Albion's gridiron excellence was a big factor in Long's decision.

"Albion is a national contender, and they get to the playoffs, and I wanted to be a part of that," he said. "Their success was very appealing to me. I know they will have a shot at the playoffs, and the possibility of playing on ESPN."

Long said the other finalists for his choice were Grand Valley State University and Wayne State University. He said he enjoyed both visits to the schools, but Albion's campus made him feel comfortable, and the high academic standards were important.



Jeff Long shares a laugh with CHS varsity football coach Kurt Richardson. Long will head to Albion College next fall to play for its football team as a fullback.

"Albion is a place I can call home," Long said. "I went to a football camp there in 1994, and I had a nice experience. Everyone there was very friendly, and the atmosphere was a good fit."

Long's CHS coach for three years, Kurt Richardson, said Albion is a school that will fit Long very well.

"At Albion, Jeff will get a chance to play for a quality football team and get a great education. That's what it's all about," he said. "He will be able to step in there and play right away. It's a good match for Jeff and it fits his personality."

Long was a three-year starter for the CHS football team and helped the Wolves to a 23-6 record in his three seasons. Long picked up an OAA Division I championship from Clarkston's 9-1 1996 team, and was named to the SPI Tri-District First Team for football in 1995 and 1997 (there was no Tri-District team in 1996). He's also a three-year veteran of the boys track team, specializing in sprints and sprint relays.

Long was a regular starter a linebacker and fullback during his career, and excelled at both positions. Long said he'd like to start out playing fullback, but didn't rule out a possible return to linebacker.

"It was good for me to play both sides of the ball in high school, but I will probably start out as a fullback," he said. "We'll start there, and see how things go."

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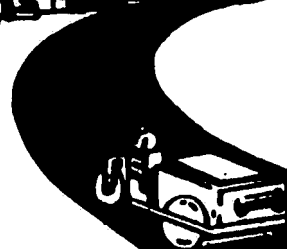
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National Girls and Women in Sports Day a big hit

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Singing, dancing, tumbling and chanting filled the Clarkston High School gym Thursday morning.

No, it wasn't a cult ritual, but a celebration of girls in athletics as CHS hosted its third annual National Girls and Women in Sports Day.

The two-hour assembly, attended by more than 250 female athletes, featured motivational speakers and teamwork-building activities.

The highlight of the assembly was when the girls were split up into their respective teams and asked to put together a coat of arms that symbolized the team and the players that are a part of it.

The varsity basketball team represented itself as a circle, or a fist, meaning when the fist is closed tight, nothing can bother it. Rival teams such as Lapeer East, Troy Athens and Rochester were shown on the outside of the fist, trying to penetrate it.

The day's theme was "No Limits." Each of the speakers stressed to the audience that if the girls believed, there truly were no limits for them.

"There are some physical limitations," said CHS assistant principal Jan Meagher. "Like I don't think Courtney Roberts could dunk like Angelo Taylor. But the only other limits are the ones you set in your hearts and your minds. If you think you can do it, you will."

Ann Lowney, varsity girls basketball coach, said the event has become better each year to the point the girls are making many others jealous.

"Other schools see the girls walk around with these t-shirts and wonder why they don't have a day like this," she said. "The boys are jealous of the attention the girls get as a result of this day. But this is something the kids asked for, and they have enjoyed it each year."

The guest speakers were Mary Rogers head of community relations for the WNBA Detroit Shock, and John Fovenesi, a motivational speaker out of Rochester Hills.

For pictures of the National Girls and Women in Sports Day, see page 8B

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Young tennis team off to promising start

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The roster of the Clarkston boys tennis team could rate as unfamiliar at best, even to close followers of the team.

Losing six quality seniors from last year's team has created a young and inexperienced team for 1998, but that doesn't mean it can't be a successful one.

Coach Kevin Ortwine said this is a team that has to play its way through the inexperience, but once it does, can compete at a high level.

"If we get through the first quarter of the season in good shape, we'll be OK," he said. "We'll have to get some of our guys some on-the-court experience and get more comfortable. Then, we'll start to click."

The team opened its season with a 4-4 tie against defending league champions Troy Athens Thursday. Clarkston won all four singles matches and lost all four doubles matches in the meet, one Ortwine called a success.

"As inexperienced as we are, it wasn't a bad way to start at all," Ortwine said. "Historically, we have a tough time with them, but they are the team to beat in the league, so a tie for us was closer to a win."

The top singles players include Jim Kyle at #1, Patrick Heber at #2, Loren Deacon at #3, and Brent Griffith at #4. Ortwine said the top two slots are set with Kyle and Heber, both coming off solid seasons a year ago.

"Jim is making a big leap from 3 singles to 1 singles," Ortwine said. "He'll have to play the cream of the crop, but he can do it. He plays year round and knows how to handle different situations."

"Patrick is a very gutty player who refuses to lose. His serve and backhand are stronger and he rarely hits errors."



The 1998 Clarkston boys tennis team

Deacon and Griffith have emerged from the pack early on to take the third and fourth spots, but Ortwine said there could still be some movement depending on the development of some younger players.

"We had four guys that could fill those two spots as well as Loren and Brent," he said. "None of those positions are set in stone right now."

The #1 doubles team pits senior Dave Trollman with freshman Scott Barnett. Ortwine said the two get along very well and are very willing to learn.

The other doubles teams set are: Nathan Davidson and Dustin Kring, Kevin Babcock and Jesse Roderick, and Blake Coe and Matt Poley. Because of this group's inexperience, Ortwine said these teams will play for

positioning everyday in practice.

Ortwine said Athens and Berkley will be the best teams in the league, with the top player once again being Peter Volez from Auburn Hills Avondale.

Look for the Clarkston High School boys tennis schedule on page 10B

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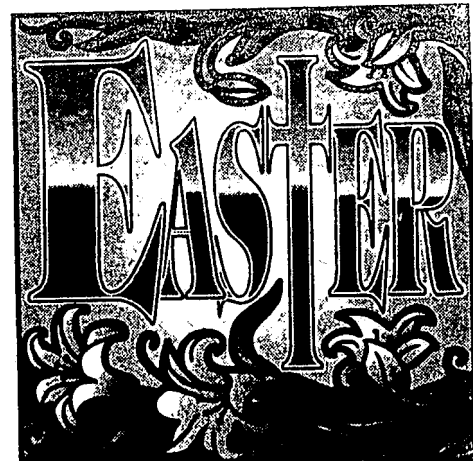
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Helping out at public TV

Millie Hiner of Clarkston will become a TV star briefly as she takes part in the Channel 56 Auction, airing this year April 28-May 3 on the local Public Television outlet. Hiner (right) is pictured with celebrity chairpersons David Scott of UPN 50 and his wife, Tammy. To donate items to the auction, call 313-876-8350.



Schafer-Colburn

James and Janice Schafer of Mt. Pleasant announce the engagement of their daughter Edi Marie to Christopher R. Colburn, son of Ronald and Helen of Clarkston. The bride-to-be will graduate from Saginaw Valley State University later this year. The prospective groom is a Clarkston High School graduate, and graduated from Saginaw Valley State University. He is enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. A September wedding is planned in Mt. Pleasant.



Mr. and Mrs. Richard Whittaker

Tara Leight Schoff, of Florida, and Richard Wayne Whittaker, formerly of Clarkston, were married Oct. 25, 1997 at the Church of Palms in Sarasota, Fla. Tara is the daughter of Carol Schoff of Florida and Thomas Schoff of Ohio. Richard is the son of Sally and Lynn Whittaker, of Florida, formerly of Clarkston. The best man was Mike Foyteck of Clarkston, and the matron of honor was Ange Perry of Florida. After a honeymoon in the Caribbean, the couple will reside in Sarasota, Fla.

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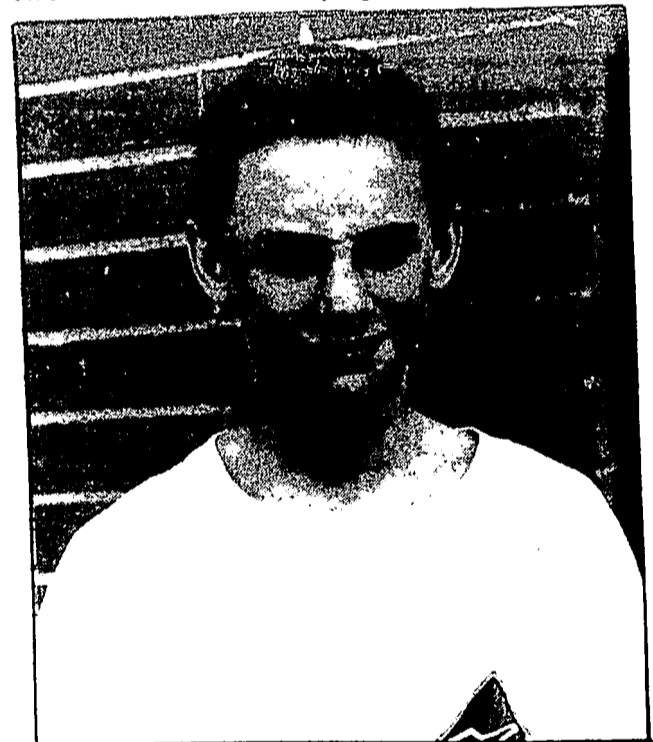
● Le'Ana Jo Asher, Robert McNeil, Dwight Roberts and Lynda Smith, all of Clarkston, and Alexandra Daros of Davisburg all made the dean's list at Eastern Michigan University for fall semester.

● William Haslinger, Jason Macco and Thomas Tomich of Clarkston and Ryan Yelland of Davisburg all received degrees from Ferris State University this fall. Haslinger received an MISM in information systems management with highest distinction. Macco received an AAS in automotive body. Tomich received an MISM in information systems management with highest distinction. Yelland received an AAS in automotive service technology.

● Jonathan Dean made the dean's list at Notre Dame University for the fall semester. He is the son of Mike and Jane Dean and is a junior majoring in business. He is a 1995 Clarkston High School graduate.

● Matthew Gifford made the dean's list at Michigan State University for fall. A 1997 Clarkston High School graduate, he is studying business and finance.

● Juliana Bell of Clarkston has been accepted by North For Understanding International Exchange as an exchange student. She will live with a family in Japan on the YFU 1998 summer program.



B.J. Cooper

Congratulations to Clarkston Middle School 7th grader B.J. Cooper, who is one of 103 students participating in the 10th Annual Michigan Geography Bee April 3.

The state bee, held at Central Michigan University is the second level of a national competition sponsored by the National Geographic Society. The contest is open to students in grades four through eight.

B.J. said he answered all of the questions in the preliminary rounds correctly, and in the final written test, "I didn't get that many wrong, just a few." He added he took another test to qualify for the state contest.

More than 200 Michigan schools participated in preliminary bees in January. Winner of the preliminary round took a written qualifying test, which was scored by the National Geographic Society in Washington D.C. The top scorers advanced to the state bee.

The winner of the state bee will receive \$100 and an all-expenses paid trip to the national finals May 19-20 in Washington D.C. The national champion receives a \$25,000 college scholarship.



Corinne McIntyre (top), Carmen Lund, Rachel Fuller, Jennie Winn (middle), and Mandie Harrison (bottom), all members of the varsity softball team, celebrate National Girls and Women in Sports Day at the CHS gym Thursday morning.



CHS varsity basketball players Deana Kanipe (left) and Lori Wild (right) discuss their coat of arms during Thursday's National Girls and Women in Sports Day. Each team came up with its own coat of arms demonstrating its own unique characteristics.

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Clarkston News Staff Writer

When a team can measure a winning streak in years, you know there's pressure to win.

For the Clarkston girls track team, it's pressure that is welcomed. Coach Gordie Richardson has guided the program to league titles in 13 of the last 14 years and a 14-year league dual meet winning streak.

This season might not be any different, with a strong senior class and a group of newcomers that could step in and contribute right away.

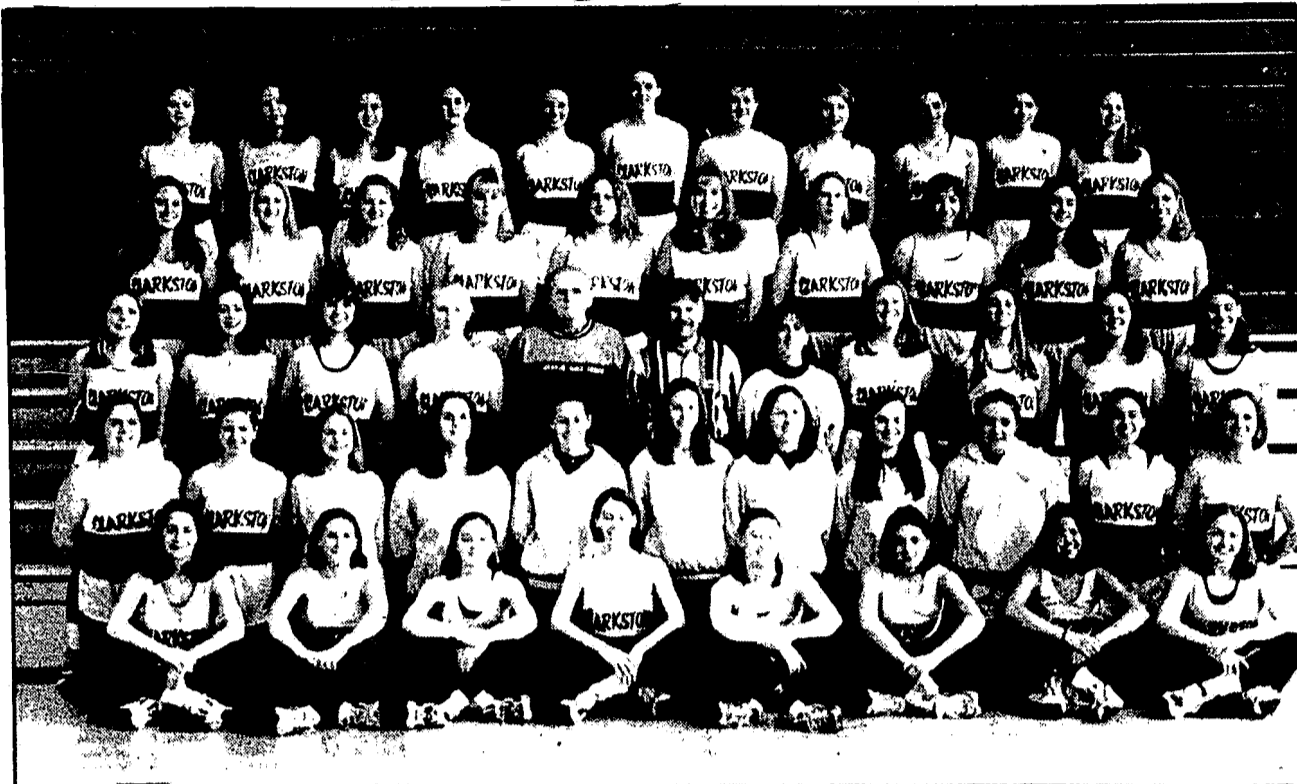
"This group of seniors gives us leadership across the team, as well as we've had here in a while," Richardson said. "They will help give the team direction and help some of the younger kids we've got on the team."

Richardson points to seniors competing in almost every different type of event as a big help to the team. Leading the field events group is senior Latisha Hawley, who should consistently score in the shot put and discus.

"Latisha had as good a spring as she ever had," Richardson said. "She's had some leg problems that we'll need to keep an eye on."

There are quite a few young athletes who could step up in those events, including freshman Katie Jerge and sophomores Ellen Cushing and Becky Friesen, a transfer student from Troy.

Junior Michelle Wilson and sophomore Brittani Brewer lead a solid group in the high jump, an even Richardson calls one of the best on the team. Wilson fell just short of qualifying for states last year, and Brewer has improved her overall athleticism. Look for senior Gretchen Pitsier and freshman Lindsay Brandt to make contributions in that event also.



The 1998 Clarkston girls track team

"All of those kids have cleared 4-6 already for us," Richardson said. "We have the potential to have five or six kids clear five feet in that event."

The long jumping group will be led by junior Lauren Bogart, an athlete who improved as last season went along, and sophomore Rachel Uchman, the team's best sprinter. Richardson said Uchman may not long jump all the time if the team needs her in other events. An athlete can only participate in three events per meet.

"We've also got some younger kids who are untested," Richardson said of the long jump.

The hurdle events could end up being a strength

for the team this year, led by standouts Wilson, Brewer, senior Heather Brown and freshman Amanda Chicalas.

"Amanda has been a pleasant surprise for us," Richardson said. "She has some speed and really doesn't like losing. Heather will help us in the 300 hurdles, but she needs to improve her speed in the 100. Brittani has gotten stronger and will be a nice help."

Just like the long jump, Uchman and Bogart will lead the team's sprinters. Richardson said he isn't sure who will step up after those two.

"Gretchen could help out there, but we're looking

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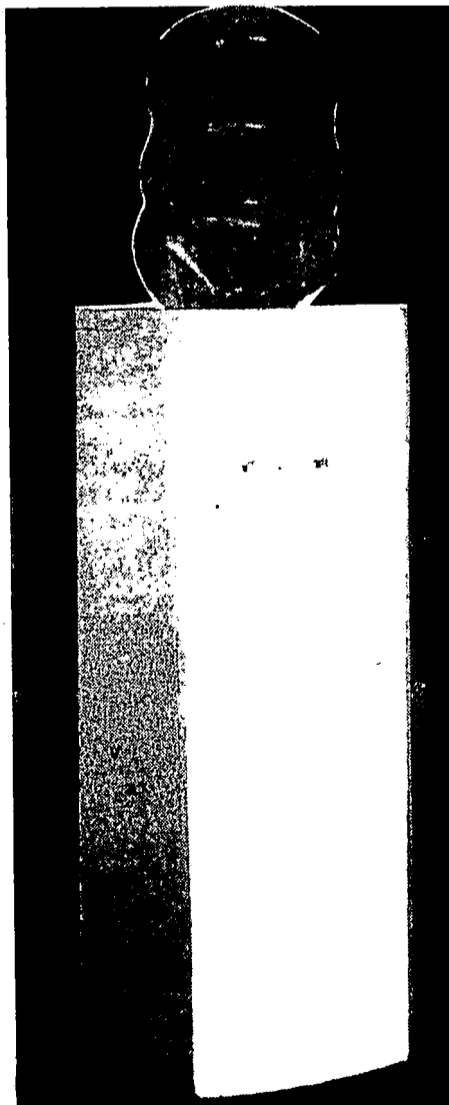
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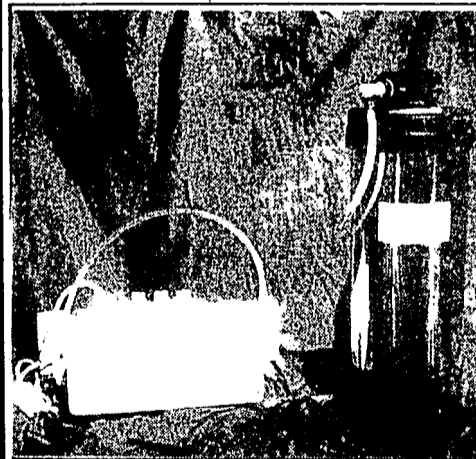
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Clarkston's girls track team has a winning tradition

From Page 11B

at Rachel and Lauren to get the ball rolling," he said. The middle distance and distance events will once again be a Clarkston strong point, thanks to returning state qualifiers Megan Plante and Jennifer Rooding. Seniors Erica Holman and Emily Hogan, along with juniors Jenni Gifford and Christina Rooding make this group very flexible with its lineup and tough to beat in all the events.

"This group can be bounced around a bit and it makes the entire team stronger," Richardson said. "We have to find places that fit the kids the best and go with those."

He said to expect some contributions from Katie Bills, Nicole Fischer and Karyn Erkfriz as well.

As usual, Clarkston is the main target of OAA Division II foes, and this season sees the league with better balance than it's seen recently. Lake Orion returns solid performers in many events, as does Waterford Mott. Oak Park and Ferndale will be strong

in the sprints, while Berkley and West Bloomfield always have excellent athletes on their rosters.

The girls join the boys team at the Holly regional this year, meaning it gets away from state-contending teams like Pontiac Northern, Pontiac Central, Lakeland, Rochester Adams and Brighton. Richardson said it's possible more kids could qualify for states through that regional.

The team opens its dual meet season Tuesday at home against Ferndale. The meet begins at 4 p.m.

Got a good sports story to share? Call Brad at The Clarkston News, 625-3370.

1998 Clarkston Girls Track Schedule

April 1	Rochester, Holly (S)	H-4 p.m.
April 7	Ferndale	H-4 p.m.
April 9	JV at Flint Central Inv.	A-4 p.m.
April 21	at Lake Orion	A-4 p.m.
April 23	West Bloomfield	H-4 p.m.
April 25	at Andover Relays	A-10 a.m.
April 28	at Oak Park	A-4 p.m.
May 2	at Ashley Relays	A-10 a.m.
May 5	at Berkley	A-4 p.m.
May 7	Coed Relays at Lake Orion	- 3 p.m.
May 9	Clarkston Invitational	H-9:30.
May 12	Waterford Mott	H-4 p.m.
May 16	Regionals at Holly	A-TBA
May 21	JV at Lake Orion	4:30
May 22	Oakland County Meet at Hazel Park	
May 23	9th Gd. County Meet at Milford	
May 28	7-8 County Meet	H-3:15
May 30	State Finals at Bay City Western	

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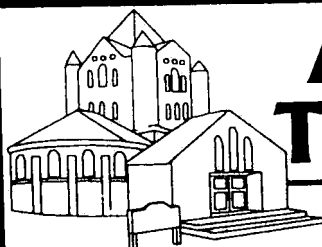
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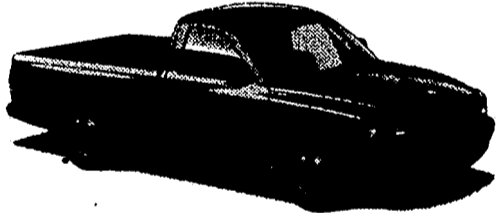
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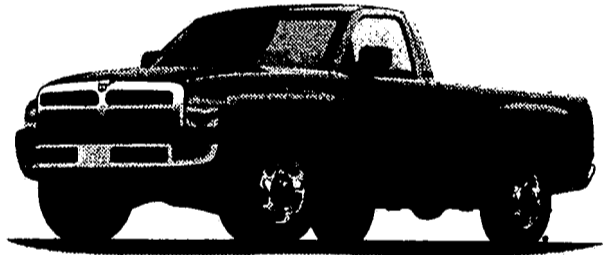
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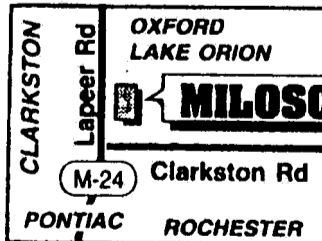
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Obituaries

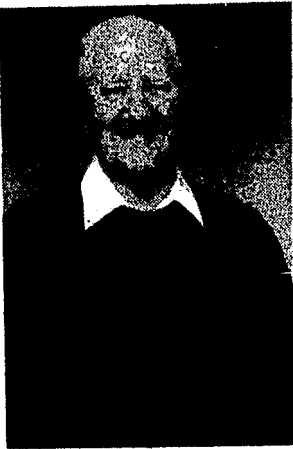
John Hastie

John P. Hastie, 73, of Clarkston, died March 26, 1998.

Mr. Hastie was a World War II veteran, serving in the U.S. Navy on the ship the U.S.S. Tuscaloosa.

He is survived by his wife Patricia; daughters Sandra (Jerry) Bristol of Harrison and Suzan (Bill) Miller of Lake Orion; sons Bill of Clarkston and David of Waterford; stepchildren Teresa Brown of Clarkston, Cathy (Mike) Artley of Clarkston, Pam (Joel) Burkland of Troy and Greg (Lee Ann) Hall of Florida; grandchildren Pete, Ben, Bonnie, Shannon, Jason, Crystal, Andrew, Jesse, Alisa, Jennifer and Julie; great-grandchildren Corey and Alexis; and sister Marie (John) Humphrey of Connecticut.

Funeral arrangements were made by the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston. Memorials can be made to the Rainbow Connection.



John Hastie

Joseph Brandenburg

Joseph "Pete" Brandenburg, 86, of Pontiac, died March 29, 1998.

Mr. Brandenburg was retired from Pontiac Motors after 36 years of service, and was involved with Meals on Wheels.

He is survived by his wife Kathryn; sons Mike (Glenda) of Tennessee and Paul (Jeanette) of Tennessee; daughter Sue (Tony) Evans of Clarkston; 11 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother and two sisters.

A funeral service will take place Thursday at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston with Pastor Rick Hartsell officiating. Memorials can be made to the Gideon Bibles in Drayton Plains.

Know anyone who has an unusual talent or hobby? We'd like to hear about it. Give us a call at The Clarkston News - 625-3370

Recreation roundup

Marshmallow Drop

Kids ages 12 and under are eligible to participate in a Marshmallow Drop on Saturday, April 4 at Clintonwood Park, at 11 a.m. Watch the helicopter fly over and sprinkle you with marshmallows that can be turned in for an Easter treat. Ticket price is \$3 residents/\$5 non-residents in advance; \$5 residents/\$7 non-residents on site. Tickets are on sale now at Parks and Recreation, 625-8223.

Easter Egg Hunt

Children ages 2-5: meet the Easter Bunny and have a great time playing games, participating in fun activities, and take home a photo of you and the bunny on Tuesday, April 7, from 10:30 a.m. to noon at Clarkston Christian Association on Sashabaw. Space is limited, and pre-registration is necessary by Friday, April 3. There will be no tickets sold on site. \$4 resident/\$6 non-resident. Call Parks and Recreation at 625-8223.

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet Wednesday, April 15, 1998 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 #98-0023 Kurt Richardson, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE TO EFFECTUATE SPLITTING OF PROPERTY
White Lake Rd, Lot 6, R-1A
Supervisor's Plat No. 3
08-30-476-006
- Case #98-0024 Swain Brothers, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE TO CONSTRUCT ADDITION ON NON CONFORMING LOT OF RECORD
Rockcroft, Lot 4, R-1A
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08-33-378-007
- Case #98-0025 Constantinos Glanakos, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS SIDE YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 4' TO CONSTRUCT ADDITION ON NON CONFORMING LOT OF RECORD
Edgewood, Lot 15, R-1A
Merrie Oaks Gardens
08-35-351-007
- Case #98-0026 Louis Hill, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE TO ALLOW TEMPORARY SALES TYPE TRAILER (FOR WORK AREA) FOR 6 MONTHS (MAY THROUGH OCTOBER 1998) SETBACK TO BE CONSIDERED
North Main, C-2 and R-1A
A.S.T. Inc
08-20-179-005
- Case #98-0027 Frank Sullivan, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS REAR YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 10' TO CONSTRUCT NEW HOME ON NON CONFORMING LOT OF RECORD
Woodhull Dr, Lot 149, R-1A
Woodhull Lake Sub No 2
08-34-379-003
- Case #98-0028 James Mellema, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE FOR PLACEMENT OF NEW RESTAURANT
Pelton and Sashabaw, OS-2
Pelton Pointe
08-34-326-012
- Case #98-0023 James Dixon, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE TO ALLOW RECONSTRUCTION OF NON CONFORMING MULTIPLE FAMILY USE AND STRUCTURE, DESTROYED BY FIRE (IN THE HEAVY INDUSTRIAL ZONE)
White Lake Rd, MH
08-31-301-002
- Case #97-0114 Tabled from November 5, 1997
Rick Nelson, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS USE VARIANCE TO ALLOW CONSTRUCTION OF DUPLEX ON PROPERTY
Waterford Rd, Lots 118 & 119, R-1A & C-3
08-33-357-009 & 010

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

Respectfully submitted,
Joan E. McCrary
Township Clerk
Beverly A. McElmeel, Director

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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 9, 1998 at 7:30 p.m.

at the Independence Township Board Room, 90 North Main Street, Clarkston, Michigan 48346, to consider the following:

FILE # 98-1-017

Arthur Cobb, Petitioner

REQUEST REZONING

From: R-1C Suburban Farm Residential

To: R-1R Rural Residential

Intended Use: Private Horse Stable & Training Farm

Parcel Identification Number: 08-01-200-024

Common Description: Baldwin Road, 29 Acres

Any further information regarding the above Public Hearing may be obtained at the Township Planning Office during regular office hours 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by phone at 625-8111.

Joan E. McCrary, Clerk

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The Planning Commission of Independence Township, Oakland County, Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on:

April 9, 1998 at 7:30 p.m.

at the Independence Township Board Room, 90 North Main Street, Clarkston, Michigan 48346, to consider the following:

FILE # 98-1-019

David I. Katz, Petitioner

REQUEST REZONING

From: IOP Industrial Office Park

To: OS-2 Office Service Two

Intended Use: Coffee Cafe

Parcel Identification Number: 08-27-201-022

Common Description: Sashabaw, South of Waldon
1.35 Acres

Any further information regarding the above Public Hearing may be obtained at the Township Planning Office during regular office hours 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by phone at 625-8111.

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TOWNSHIP BOARD

AGENDA

7:30 p.m.

DATE April 7, 1998

- Call to order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Opening Statements and Correspondence
- Approval of Agenda
- Minutes of Previous Meeting
- Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run
- Approval of Purchase Orders
- Public Forum

Report - Post Board of Review, Assessing Department

Old Business

1. First Reading of Housing for the Elderly Ordinance
2. Permission to Hire - Parks & Recreation
3. Consideration of Resolution Regarding Circuit Court Action for Woodhull Lake Subdivision
4. Historic Structure Survey Proposal
5. Resolution in Support of M-15 Improvements
6. Bid Award of Brush Truck - Fire
7. Investment Policy Compliance

New Business

1. Repaving Contribution Request - Birdland
 2. Natural Feature Setback Appeal
 3. Selection of Architect for Remodeling of Fire Station 3
 4. American Legion Floating Retail Sales License
 5. Appointments to Election Board of Canvassers
 6. Approval of Merger Agreement New Inter-local GPAC Agreement
 7. Renewal Approval - Library Millage
 8. Consideration of Request to Extend Sewer District
 9. Permission to Bid for Spring Clean-Up
 10. Road Funding
 11. Cable Franchises Extension
- Only those matters that are listed on the agenda are to be considered for action. A majority vote of the Board members may add or delete an agenda item.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID ELEVATED WATER TOWER PAINTING

Proposal: Sealed bids are invited by Independence Township for the painting of the exterior surfaces and components of an existing 500,000 gallon, single pedestal, elevated spheroidal tank, on Dixie Highway, Independence Township, Michigan.

Due Date: Independence Township will receive bids at the Office of the Township Clerk, 90 N. Main Street, Clarkston, Michigan 48347, until 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, 1998 at which time and place bids will be opened and publicly read. Any bids received after the deadline will be deemed late and not opened nor considered.

Time of Completion: The Painting Contractor shall complete the Contract paperwork and execute the Agreement within 14 days of the Award by the Township, unless agreed upon otherwise with the Owner. The work may start immediately upon receipt of the executed Agreement by the Township. All painting shall be complete by June 19, 1998.

Bid documents may be obtained from the offices of Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 555 Hulet Drive, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, 48302.

Each Proposal shall be submitted on the forms provided and shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope plainly marked "Independence Township Water Tower Painting" on the outside.

Bid security in the amount of not less than 5 percent of the Bid must accompany each Bid. Bid security shall be in the form of a cashier's check, certified check drawn on an open, solvent bank in good standing, or a bidder's bond. Bid security shall be made payable to Independence Township.

The Bidder agrees that this bid shall be firm and may not be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the scheduled closing time for receiving bids.

RIGHTS RESERVED BY THE OWNER: Independence Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informalities in the bidding and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the Township.

Joan McCrary
Township Clerk

Enjoying a sunny afternoon



Alex Comstock, 7, has some fun on the Bridgewater Apartments playscape.



Clarkston Middle School student Nicole Larson (left) and her friend Lindsay Thompson, from Waterford's Pierce Middle School enjoyed the unusual spring weather at Depot Park Saturday.



Play ball! Little Shannon Brandon, 2, romps gleefully in the fresh, spring air.



Hampton, Lynne, Trapper and Tom Swayne (from left) of Clarkston brought snacks from Rudy's to enjoy in Depot Park Saturday.



Amy Kay, 7, and her brother Chip Hampton, 10, took a spin on the tire swing at Depot Park Saturday.

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