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*Yum, yum!*



Krista Townsend (right) offers a forkful of the sweet potato pudding she baked to Ashley Beach (left). Krista said her substitute for flan, a Spanish custard, "tastes better than it looks." The Sashabaw Middle School sixth graders had a South American festival April 3. For the story and more pictures, see Page 16A.

## Sportsplex, coffee house ice-ing on cake

BY EILEEN MCCARVILLE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

With a new multi-sports complex featuring two ice arenas, and a coffee house run by two Detroit Vipers just a slapshot away, Clarkston could become the next Hockeytown.

Last Thursday Independence Township planning commissioners approved rezoning of a 1.35 acre parcel on Sashabaw that holds the A. Larson Co. from industrial office park to office service two.

It's the first step needed to remodel the 2,400-square-foot building into a New Orleans, French-quarter style coffee house, run by Vipers general manager Rick Dudley and player Peter Cavaglia. The Larson Co., which is selling the acreage, plans to relocate to the back.

The property is located just south of I-75, and the two feel it is ideally situated with people traveling to and from work, not to mention all the students and other folks who may find it a favorite haunt.

As proposed, the restaurant, tentatively titled "The Garden Cafe," would feature all types of coffee drinks, desserts and perhaps light jazz ensembles on the weekends. Eventually it could include lunches.

Local architect David Katz, who is designing the project, said the two Vipers professionals would be "on site" to oversee the operation. "This is not just a passing fancy for them . . . This is something they will operate on a day-to-day basis themselves," he said.

Next, the partners will need to submit a conceptual site plan and request a special land use for the restaurant.

### *Independence Superior Sportsplex*

Just south of the intended coffee house are plans for one of the most state-of-the-arts sports arenas in the country. The project was extensively previewed in the Feb. 4 issue of The Clarkston News.

As proposed by a group of Clarkston developers and residents, the 200,000-square-foot facility is planned to spring up on a 20-acre site off Sashabaw. It will house two ice arenas, an in-line skating rink, two full-size basketball courts, a restaurant, virtual reality arcade and much more.

The big draw is the two ice arenas, one an Olympic-sized rink with a seating capacity for 2,000, the other an NHL-sized rink with seating for 900. The cost of the entire project is estimated to be \$12-16 million and is on the "cutting edge" of a concept that will lead to other such arenas to be built in the U.S., said Jack Leech, managing partner of Global Sports Management.

The facility is intended for day-long use and will undoubtedly be eyed by many groups, say its developers. There is talk of a local hockey association, and with trade shows, conventions and other prospects they

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## New sub concept plan nets praise in Springfield

BY BRAD MONASTIERE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Calling it "one of the three best plans to come before this board," Springfield Township members praised a conceptual site plan for a new subdivision to be known as the Wooded Hills of Jamestown at its regular meeting Thursday.

A public hearing on the site drew around 20 residents from neighboring Stone Gate Estates, who raised questions regarding the new sub's traffic flow, privacy screening and tree maintenance.

Township members did not vote on the matter, but were unanimous in their praise of the project, put together by developers Grant Ward and James Wilson.

"I would say this is one of the best, most complete plans we've seen of this kind," township supervisor Collin Walls said.

The new sub is asking for a cluster option to its special land use plan that has 22 units on a 38-acre site, located southwest of the corner of Rattalee Lake and

Bridge Lake Roads.

Ward said the cluster option in the plan allows for homes to be built close together while keeping much of the surrounding natural area intact, an important consideration for many of the gathered residents.

"These are truly clustered units," township clerk Nancy Strole said. "This did exactly what the intent of our cluster ordinance provided. I hope more plans will be like this."

Strole added that one important aspect of the plan that made it fit well with the cluster option is the way it preserves the natural resources on the site.

"All of your concerns will be taken into consideration by the township as this process moves forward," Walls told the neighbors at the meeting.

Strole said the next step for the project will be to go through the planning commission, which will look for more details of the project than were discussed Thursday.

Ward said most of the houses in the sub would be at least 3,000 square feet or larger.

## The News in Brief

### Have breakfast with the Springfield Twp. Fire Department

The Springfield Township Fireman's Association is hosting a Pancake Breakfast Saturday, April 25 from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Hart Community Center in Davisburg.

Funds raised from the event will go toward the purchase of a thermal imaging system which helps firefighters find victims in the dark.

The breakfast is \$3.50 for adults and \$2 for children under 12. Residents can pick up discount coupons at the Township Clean Up site the morning of the breakfast.

Hart Community Center is located at 495 Broadway in Davisburg, at Millpond Park. For more information call (248)634-6766 or (248)634-0412.

### Raise funds at the Renaissance Festival

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### New phone numbers for Oakland County government

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Residents in other areas should call (248) 858-1000.

### 4th of July fireworks sponsors needed

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For more information call the Chamber office at 625-8055.

### Second reading for elderly housing ordinance

April 21 is the date set for the second reading of the Housing for the Elderly Ordinance at the Independence Township Board of Trustees meeting.

Renewal of the library millage and D.P.W. network upgrade are also on the agenda. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at 90 N. Main Street.

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## A man for all seasons

New priest divides his time between parish and patients

BY EILEEN MCCARVILLE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

If you've seen the film "Good Will Hunting," you'll remember Robin Williams's Oscar-winning portrayal of a shrink who wouldn't let go — even when Matt Damon's cocky ways hit some sore spots.

That's the kind of person Father William McDonald is, says Jane Kimball, who's known Clarkston's newest priest for nearly 24 years. McDonald is Kimball's partner in a counseling service in Fenton, where she deals with children and McDonald takes the adult cases.

She feels many of McDonald's therapist qualities apply to his new position as priest of The Episcopal Church of the Resurrection. "He's very tenacious. He stays with it and he doesn't give up."

That's the same way he'll watch over his new flock, says McDonald, 56, a Fenton resident. He officially became priest Jan. 1, after filling in occasionally since the departure of former priest Charles Lynch two years ago. The church has been without a leader ever since.

McDonald says he'll be able to minister to the church as well as maintain his counseling practice. He plans to stay here until his projected retirement 10 years from now.

Ironically, he never thought he'd head a church again. Twenty-eight years ago, he was fresh from a Methodist seminary and started out as a curate (assistant) at a Methodist church in Flint. But part of his education took place in Scotland's Edinburgh University, where he discovered his beliefs were more closely aligned with Episcopalians.

"Our heritage retains much more of the Catholic aspect," says McDonald, reflecting on the splits that occurred in Europe during the Protestant Reformation. "There's more of an emphasis on the sacraments and the ritual is more important ... So, when I went to Edinburgh, that's when I realized I wanted a church with a richer tradition."

However, in Flint McDonald was only a part-timer and funds weren't plentiful enough to keep him. It was the '70s and a recession was on. "So, I was out shopping; there were a lot of churches cutting back. There were a lot more clergy than there were positions."

As is typical with many, life took him down another road. He turned to social work, and received enough clinical training to become a mental health clinician at a local hospital. Eight years later, he found he loved the work so much he decided to open his own practice.

Many of his cases involve marriage counseling and personality issues. A lion's share includes depression, but he's not an advocate for pills.

"If I have a specialty, it's working without medication. One answer is, it's a bit more raw. It's harder work, but in some ways it's faster (to recovery)." Though he concedes medication is sometimes "a god-send," it can impede a patient's progress if it masks the real problem.

"If a person makes progress, is it the medication or the therapy that makes it progress? ... One of the things I say is, 'We know how to put people on Prozac, but we don't know how to get people off of it.'"

People can be in a haze spiritually, just as they can be confused in mental matters, says McDonald. He hopes to apply that philosophy to his new congregation, which is growing. Since he's taken over, McDonald reports at least one new parishoner a month.

Two years ago, he had no intention of becoming a permanent fixture. But, "basically, I fell in love with this place. Last year I wrote a letter to the vestry, saying I want to be your priest. And that was a complete turn around from the position I had taken. I said I could give about half of my time, and they had come to the point where they could afford to hire me."

Now McDonald spends two or three days at the church as well as Sundays. He writes sermons, letters and newsletters; he answers the telephone, boots up the computer and makes appointments — wearing two hats, as a priest and as a "secretary." Eventually, he hopes to increase the single Sunday service to two.

McDonald notes the connection between people's



Father William ("Bill") McDonald poses at his new home in the sanctuary of The Episcopal Church of the Resurrection.

minds and souls, but he keeps his counseling duties separate from his spiritual role.

"I do pastoral counseling, but that's very different from clinical counseling. I will take no parishoner as a client. The relationship is different between priest and parishoner, or social worker and client." If he were to

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## It's spring at Scentiments

Spring has sprung at Scentiments! The floral decoration store at the northwest campus of Oakland Technical Center Northwest (OTCNWC) has been redecorated for spring.

Students in the horticulture program have prepared silk and fresh floral arrangements and wreaths for Easter and the new season. Other decorative knick knacks are available, and the students also provide decorations for weddings and other special occasions.

The store is located across the hall from the Northwest Inn and is open from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. During Mother's Day week, May 4 through 8, the store will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

A colorful selection of annuals will once again be available at the annual Spring Plant Sale. This year the sale is Wednesday, May 13 at the greenhouse on the campus, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

OTC is located on Big Lake Rd. just south of Dixie Hwy.



Amanda Simmons, left is the manager of Scentiments. A senior at Clarkston High School, this is her third year in the horticulture program. CHS senior Kelly Jacques, also helps out at the store. Both girls intend to continued their horticulture studies in college next fall.

# Independence approves first reading of senior housing ordinance

## Property owners contemplate projects

**BY EILEEN McCARVILLE**  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

At least three property owners are considering elderly housing for property they own in Independence Township—although they make it very clear things are only at the contemplation stage.

Long-time township resident and former township treasurer Fred Ritter and several of his brothers and sisters are eyeing the prospect. For years, they have strongly supported the idea for the 25 acres they own near Dixie Highway. The parcel is located behind Ritter's Country Square between Maybee Rd. and Citation Dr.

"We have interested parties who would like to purchase it for that purpose," Ritter said. "The senior housing concept and increased density was the result of the Vision 2020 thing. The township board and the planning commission recognized the need for this use."

Ritter said the reasons for adding senior housing in the township are obvious. "The population is aging, land availability is dwindling and it makes sense, given the market. And there is a need for it, especially in this community."

There have been several opportunities to sell the land for apartment-building purposes, but the family has held fast to the option for senior housing. "We would rather see the right developer come in to put in something we feel the community needs," Ritter said.

Two other property owners, Ozzie Jackson and Ben Benson, partners in Trinity Investments, Inc., have indicated interest although, like Ritter, they have not submitted a proposal.

Both say the idea is only a possibility at this point, not a probability. At the township board's April 7 meeting, the two said they were considering alternate uses for the 31 acres they own on the northwest corner

of Clarkston and Pine Knob roads.

Jackson said the first preference would be a subdivision, the second, a day care center and an elderly housing project. However, the two found themselves in a kind of Catch 22 situation when they and the board noted the sub would require extending the township's sanitary sewer system out of the sewer district boundaries.

The second option, a day care center and elderly housing facility, wouldn't require the extension because water and sewer could be provided for on site.

The board could grant an extension under a built-in authority in the township's sewer and water policy, township planner Dick Carlisle said. But, like the hotly debated issue of three-story construction in the township, some board members noted it could set a precedent for other like situations.

Jackson said Thursday the partners had decided to sell six acres of their parcel to local developer Bob Shell, who plans to develop it into the child day care facility. At the moment, they have no plans for elderly housing.

On Tuesday the board approved the first reading of the new ordinance. Township attorney Gerald Fisher drafted two possibilities, and the township approved the first option, 5-2, that states the maximum building height is to be 35 feet in height, or two stories.

However, the ordinance further states following recommendation of the planning commission as well as a public hearing, the board may permit up to three stories under certain conditions that include topography problems.

The other option would have also provided for two stories, but could allow a walkout, or lower story below the first floor in some cases.

In its motion the board also approved larger, revised square footages for individual senior housing units, and mandatory security systems.

Trustee Neil Wallace and clerk Joan McCrary

voted against the first reading. McCrary said adding an extra government layer whereby the township board, not the planning commission, is the final discretionary body for projects, isn't needed.

"It's just another level that holds up the developer of the property," she said. "I just think it's an unnecessary step."

Wallace continues to oppose the three-story option. "We decided a long time ago what the height limitation should be . . . and it's a bad, bad hill to start rolling down," he said.

Ritter feels the township has done the right thing in backing the three-story option. In a letter to the board, he pointed to greater affordability and access to common areas, as well as natural features preservation. The property is described as "serene and beautiful" and the family would like to keep it that way.

"That's what we were interested in," Ritter said. "Our property has rolling terrain, hardwoods, evergreens, wetlands, a pond . . . If walkouts alone were allowed, you would have to mass grade. The whole idea for asking for a third story is to save those natural features."

### City's inspection ordinance to be read at next meeting

The Clarkston city council will hold a public hearing at its April 27 meeting regarding a new inspection ordinance.

City attorney Tom Ryan said the ordinance will be ready for a first reading at the next meeting, and input from downtown business owners will be welcomed.

Until then, councilmembers, who received the first draft Monday night, will review the ordinance themselves and return with their comments and suggestions.

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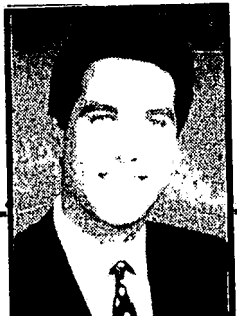
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# City council considers building ideas

BY BRAD MONASTIERE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

With the retirement of city manager Art Pappas looming at the end of the year, the Clarkston city council felt the pressure to do something about expanding city hall at its regular meeting Monday night.

Council members exchanged and critiqued ideas for a little over an hour, but did not take any action on the issue.

One thing all the members agreed upon was that finding a solution to the building expansion was a top priority, with Pappas retiring, it wanted to give the new city manager sufficient space to do his or her work.

"It's obvious to anyone sitting in this room that we need more space," mayor Sharron Catallo said. "We need space for more than just meetings. We need office space for our people here. It just isn't fair."

Councilman Doug Roesser offered many ideas to the council, including how to fund the project. He said options include paying for the project through cash reserves, or paying for it through tax dollars, something that would likely call for a bond election.

"If we try to pay for this with our current budget, we'll be in the hole," he said. "Much of our reserve dollars are already spoken for. One of our original intents when we took cityhood was that we would expand this building. Well, we've been tight fiscally for five years. There's no magic money that will appear. We need a financial commitment first."

The council threw out two preliminary figures as to how much this would cost. Some thought it would be as much as \$450,000, while others thought \$270,000 would be closer. The council said the cost estimates came from drawings done by Hubble, Roth and Clark.

A major issue in the expansion is how to give the city's Department of Public Works the space it needs. Ideas ranging from giving the entire current city hall building to the DPW, to moving the entire department to an old lumber building down the road.

"I've been asking for more space for seven years," DPW director Bob Pursley said.

Pursley said he would need at least two more bays to store equipment in, in addition to an office, saying his current office was in the bed of the new truck. Pappas' office is currently where the DPW storage shed was supposed to be.

City attorney Tom Ryan said deciding how to financially get the project done was the most important issue facing council.

"We've been struggling with this for a while," he said. "If we're heading for a millage election, which I think we are, we need some professional help with this. Maybe the Michigan Municipal League or Meadowbrook Insurance can help us out for free, or for a very nominal charge. We need to put more structure into the process. We don't have to reinvent the wheel here."

The council concluded that it would look into its options to get all the renovating it needs done for under \$100,000, and report back on it at the next meeting.

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## Police millage rate set in Springfield

The Springfield Township Board of Trustees unanimously approved the police millage rate to be voted on in August.

The board decided to go with the Headlee rollback rate of 1.3484 mills instead of 1.5 mills.

Township clerk Nancy Strole said she thought the rollback rate would be sufficient to maintain the township's current level of police protection instead of increasing the rate.

"Our philosophy is that we never try to raise taxes when we don't have to," she said. "Our projections say that at the rollback rate, we will get everything we're getting now."

The 1.3484 rate is the total of the two police millages that expire this year. The third police millage doesn't expire until 2005.

## Sending a baby photo?

All babies are beautiful, but have you ever noticed that not all of their hospital photographs are?

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## More historic structures to be inventoried

A proposal to continue inventory of historic structures in Independence Township was unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees at its April 7 meeting. The board allocated \$9,830 for the project from Community Development Block Grant funds.

The work, to be conducted by township planner Dick Carlisle and his firm, Carlisle/Wortman Associates, Inc., will be the second historic structure survey for the township. The first survey took place in 1991. Approximately 39 structures, deemed to be of historic

significance, will be inventoried in the second survey.

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## ROLLING ALONG

by Maralee Cook  
*Nesting instincts*

Every spring I am reminded of the enjoyment we get from watching wildlife activities around our home.

Our house faces east across the north end of Maceday Lake, and the sights and sounds of animals and water fowl play a big part in our lives.

We've watched scores of duck, goose, swan and bird families raise their young. Muskrats, raccoons, possum, skunk and rabbits are pretty abundant too.

Mallard ducks will nest anywhere. One year a female laid her eggs on the crooked table top on our pontoon boat. She nested on top of the table, until one by one the eggs all rolled off.

Another Mallard couple nested in a large puddle in a neighbor's front yard. They were there for three days before neighborhood dogs finally drove them away.

We currently have a female Mallard nesting underneath an evergreen bush barely 10 feet from our front door. She's driving our two dogs crazy.

Saturday, as I was raking last fall's leaves along the north side of our house, I watched her waddle out of the water and begin walking toward me. "What's this?" I thought to myself. I assumed she was coming to beg for bread crumbs.

She continued my way, and passed not three feet away, ignoring my questions about what she was up to.

She finished the 100-foot trek to our front patio and paused to watch my husband cleaning out the garage. That I understand, it's a wonderful sight.

But she ignored his questions too, turned her back on us both and scooted underneath the bush. By Easter morning she was nesting on seven eggs.

I will have to find out how long duck eggs incubate. It would be fun to watch the ducklings hatch, if the eggs survive the dogs and raccoons.

Every year we argue with sparrow families about whether or not they're going to build nests on our two floodlights and in the dryer vent over the side door.

I think it's become a game to them to see if they can get their nests up before we put the wire netting around the vent and lights.

Two sparrow families have built separate nests under the overhangs of two dormers facing our front patio.

That's fine. They nest there every year. But this year they plucked yellow insulation from our garage and wove it into their nests.

I began to suspect something was up about three weeks ago, when I found bits of insulation on the patio underneath the dormers.

Then last week, a 16-inch by 24-inch section of insulation fell from somewhere when I opened the garage door, missing my head by about a foot.

Sure enough, when I checked the nests from another window upstairs, there were little bits of yellow in them.

I've decided wildlife enthusiasts who think wild animals won't adapt to life with humans should spend a season here with us.

I know if we had deer in our area, they would find a way to make themselves at home too.

We have a nice, big, covered front porch. It's well sheltered from winter winds ...

## Editorial

### Senior housing in Independence Township deserves support

As Independence Township's baby boomers age, the need for elderly housing is an extremely important consideration.

A belief in that need is to be lauded, as expressed in the township's Vision 2020 development plan — a collaborative effort between officials, residents and business owners.

It is also to be highly commended that the township is encouraging assisted living and independent living, in lieu of convalescent care. People today are living longer and better, thanks to an age of awareness

that includes fitness, diet and frequent checkups for both men and women.

We hope the township's board of trustees and planning commission will make sure interested land-owners receive support.

As township planner Dick Carlisle, a middle-ager who's in tune with the township's baby-boomers and who spearheaded the 2020 effort, noted, let's get this plan in place before we too become of age.

It's a plan to keep residents in their home town and township, through all the life stages. And it should be supported. *EMC*

## Letters to the editor

### Thank you for your continued support

Dear Editor,

Thanks is not enough.

To my family, friends, CHS Athletic Boosters, the CHS basketball team and coaches, CHS Student Council, Independence Senior Center, Independence DPW, Independence Parks & Rec, Independence Town Hall, Independence Fire Dept., and to every young person that gave me a hug or said a nice word, I thank you all.

I want everyone to know how much strength

and courage I get from each and every one of you. Every day I'm thankful for all of the support and prayers.

No words can express how thankful I am to have you all in my life, I don't know how I would get through it all without everyone.

If there's ever anything I can do for any of you, I'll be there. Please stay in touch.

Love always,  
Karen Neubeck

### Encourage prayer and values in school

Dear Editor,

I'd like to thank Dr. James O'Neill for his letter encouraging prayer and values in our schools and workplace. The supreme court has removed prayer and religious symbolism from our schools, but we the people have allowed this to happen by not

becoming involved.

It's time to get to know who our local, state and federal representatives and candidates are and what they stand for. It is our privilege and our responsibility to be informed voters.

Nancy Grech-Cumbo

### Road rally raised \$1,300 for scholarship

Dear Editor,

The Clarkston PTA Council Road Rally Committee, would like to take this opportunity to thank this year's participants, and the many area businesses who helped make this year's Road Rally such a success. Over \$1,300.00 was raised to support our High School Scholarship Fund.

We would also like to give a special thanks to, Dan Fife and the Clarkston Boys Basketball Team,

Clarkston Dairy Queen, Mitch's II, and last but not least KOSMO.

The children of Clarkston are truly blessed, to have such terrific support!

Sincerely,  
The McGregors  
The McCallums  
The Smiths  
The Haddens

### Your contributions for Lighthouse appreciated

Dear Editor,

Clarkston Association of Support Personnel (CLASP) would like to thank Clarkston Schools, with special recognition to Pine Knob Elementary and Oakland Technical Center, for their help and support of our

food drive for Lighthouse Clarkston. Lighthouse is in need of food and personal items most of the time, now is the time to include them in your holiday plans.

Donna Jones  
CLASP

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## DON'T RUSH ME / by Don Rush



Who ya' gonna call?

Man ...

Recharge those ectoplasm blasters, fill the squirt gun with some Holy Water and don't forget to say your prayers. Something is up at my house and I don't like it.

Not one bit.

While I'm thinking about it, somebody call the Ghost Busters, I think my little home on Lookout Hill is haunted. Who knows, maybe Dad has come back from the grave 'cause he doesn't like the way I rearranged the furniture (Dad wasn't big on change). Be it the ghost of Dad or not, some weird things have happened recently.

No, the beds aren't shaking and there are no flying dishes or toasters. There are no cold spots in the home and no god-forsaken, unearthly, moans, howls or screams have I heard. No body was murdered or croaked in the place for at least the last 30 years ...

... yet ...

Some strange things have taken place -- like the ponks on the window at night. ("Ponk" is a sound effects word -- say it and that's the sound I'm writing about). It sounds like someone just using a knuckle, well, ponks on the window. One ponk, and that's it. Of course it doesn't happen all the time, but when it does, one ponk is enough to freak out the real master

of my domain, Mickey the Wonder Dog.

Speaking of my canine companion, last week she escaped from the confines of our home through a door that opens inward. And not just once, mind you, but three times. Like I said, something's up here.

In the four years that Mickey has called my home hers, she has escaped a total of six times. Three of those were last Wednesday night. It seemed every time I looked up from whatever I was doing, vacuuming, moving furniture, lemon-oiling the knotty pine, she would be gone. The door would be open.

I can explain away at least two of the occurrences. Maybe the first time I left the door ajar and the dog booked. Maybe after the second time I didn't secure it enough and the wind blew it open and the dog high-tailed it outta' there (was it a windy Wednesday?).

Maybe I was careless -- two times -- but not three smackin, frackin times in the span of three blizzin, rizin hours!

Mickey is smart, but she ain't smart enough to turn a door knob and pull open a door. No way, no how, no uh-uh.

The place has got to be haunted.

On second thought, I'm starting to give myself the willies ... maybe I *did* leave the door open three times, at least I hope so.

## A Look Back

### 15 YEARS AGO (1983)

Although the tentative Clarkston teachers' contract isn't official, negotiators are predicting approval of the pact by the teachers and the school board. About 290 teachers are expected to vote on the two-year contract April 25.

Springfield Township boosts the incomes of its firefighters. Those with the most training are to receive \$10 an hour per call with one hour guaranteed, an increase of \$2 an hour. Class 2 firefighters also receive raises.

Independence and Springfield township officials view plans for Clarkston Place, a 28-acre development that includes homes, apartments, day care and a nursing home.

### 25 YEARS AGO (1973)

The Independence Township Planning Commission turns down plans for rezoning 271 acres to permit apartments at the north end of Deer Lake. The seven members unanimously agree that developer Hugh Garner's plans are inconsistent with the township's development plan.

Examination continues in Clarkston District Court involving Michael King, 21, and Ronald Evelyn, 19, who were arrested following a break-in at the board offices on Clarkston Rd.

Clarkston resident Bob Jones, 59, is the surprised guest of honor at a retirement party for him while he winter vacations in Palm Beach, Florida. Jones is honored for his 41 years with Pontiac and Clarkston state banks.

### 50 YEARS AGO (1948)

The Clarkston PTA will hear a talk on polio April 21 by Dr. Ernest T. Calhoun of the Oakland County Contagious Hospital. Calhoun, who studied under Sister Kenny, will present movies on treatment and rehabilitation.

The seventh-graders have a wonderful time on a hay ride April 9. As part of their class party, they also go to Judy O'Dell's house for refreshments.

Specials at Kroger include veal shoulder roast, 39 cents a pound; slab bacon, 49 cents a pound; Florida juice oranges, 39 cents for an 8-pound bag; and cauliflower, 29 cents a head.

### 60 YEARS AGO (1938)

The Clarkston Child Study Club entertains members' husbands at a chicken dinner at the Seymour Lake Community House. Anyone who has ever had one of their chicken dinners knows there is nothing missing.

Dr. Monroe of the County Health Office will be the Clarkston PTA's next speaker April 20. Parents are asked to remember the grade prize and help their youngsters win by attending this meeting.

Showing at the Holly Theatre are Glenda Farrell and Barton McLane in "Blondes at Work," Claudette Colbert and Gary Cooper in "Bluebeard's Eighth Wife" and Nelson Eddy and Eleanor Powell in "Rosalie."

## FOCUS ON THE FAMILY



By Dr. James Dobson

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**QUESTION: Does the middle child really have greater adaptive problems than his or her siblings?**

**DR. DOBSON:** The middle child does sometimes find it more difficult to establish his or her identity within the family. She enjoys neither the status of the eldest nor the attention given to the baby. Furthermore, she is likely to be born at a busy period in the life of her parents, especially her mother. Then during her preschool years, her precious territory is invaded by a cute little newborn who steals Mama from her. Is it any wonder that she often asks, "Who am I and where is my place in life?"

**QUESTION: What can I do to help my middle child figure out who she is?**

**DR. DOBSON:** Parents should take steps to ensure the identity of all their children, not just as members of the family -- which can be accomplished in other ways -- but as unique individuals. This is especially needed on behalf of middle children. Let me offer a couple of suggestions that will illustrate what I mean.

1. It is meaningful for Dad to "date" each child, one at a time, periodically. The other kids should not be told where they are going until it is revealed by the boy or girl in retrospect. They can play miniature golf, go bowling, play basketball, eat tacos or pizza, or visit a skating rink. The choice of activities should be made by the child whose turn has arrived.

2. Ask each offspring to design his or her own flag, which can be sewn in canvas or cloth. That flag is then flown in the front yard on the child's "special" days, including birthdays, after she has received an A in school, when he scores a goal in soccer or hits a home run in baseball, and so forth.

There are other ways to accomplish the same purpose. The target, again, is to plan activities that emphasize one child's individuality apart from his identity within the group.

**QUESTION: My marriage has been a very unsatisfying thing for me. I would divorce my husband if it were not for my concern for our three children. What does the research say about the impact of divorce on kids?**

**DR. DOBSON:** It's now known that emotional development in children is directly related to the presence of warm, nurturing, sustained and continuous interaction with both parents. Anything that interferes with the vital relationship with either mother or father can have lasting consequences for the child.

One landmark study revealed that 90 percent of children from divorced homes suffered from an acute sense of shock when the separation occurred, including profound grieving and irrational fears. Fifty percent reported feeling rejected and abandoned, and indeed half of the fathers never came to see their children three years after the divorce. One-third of the boys and girls feared abandonment by the remaining parent, and 66 percent experienced yearning for the absent parent with an intensity that researchers described as overwhelming.

Most significant, 37 percent of the children were even more unhappy and dissatisfied five years after the divorce than they had been at 18 months. In other words, time did not heal their wounds.

That's the real meaning of divorce. It is certainly what I think about, with righteous indignation, when I see infidelity and marital deceit portrayed on television as some kind of exciting game for two.

The bottom line is that you are right to consider the welfare of your children in deciding whether or not to seek a divorce. As empty as the marital relationship continues to be for you, it is likely, from what I know of your circumstances, that your kids will fare better if you choose to stick it out.

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Send your questions to Dr. Dobson, c/o Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80903. These questions and answers are excerpted from books authored by Dr. James Dobson and published by Tyndale House Publishers. Dr. Dobson is the president of Focus on the Family, a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home.

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## THE LAW & YOU

by Robert E. Kostin  
Attorney at Law


**CONVERSION**

The law protects both our land and personal property against infringement and damage. And, while most of us are familiar with the term "trespass," which refers to any unauthorized entry to land, many may not be acquainted with the term "conversion." This tort refers to the exercise of control over another person's personal property without justification or consent. An example would be the case in which a person appropriates a neighbor's automobile without asking permission to do so. Conversion may also extend to protect such personal property as stocks and bonds from seizure or interference of use. In each of these cases, the rightful owner may sue for damages.

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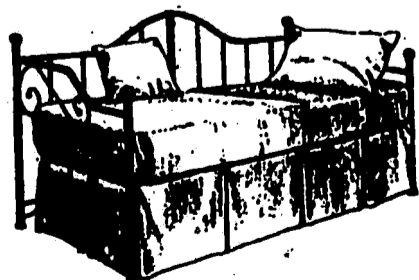


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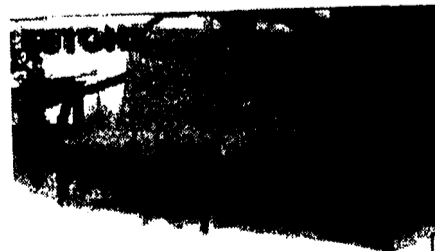
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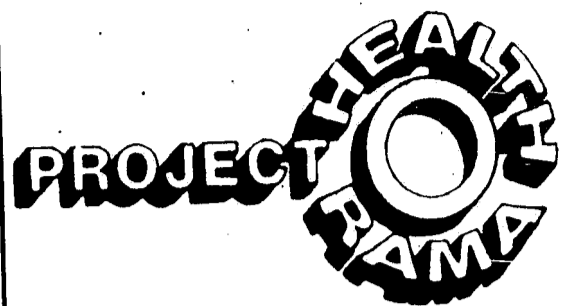


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Services for a small fee include: 23-profile blood panel including HDL and thyroid, \$22 (a four-hour fast is recommended for this test - the glucose will be affected by a non-fasting state. Do take any necessary medications); Prostate specific Antigen Blood test for men, \$25; CA 125 ovarian cancer antigen blood test for women, \$25; Colorectal cancer screening kits, \$8; H-pylori blood test for ulcers, \$15; Bone density test for osteoporosis, \$25; Confide take-home kit for HIV virus, \$35.

Persons wishing to consult with the pharmacist should bring a list of medications with the strength and dosage included or bring the medications.

Members of the Clarkston Community Women's Club will assist with the Health-o-rama. For more information call (248)424-8600 or 625-5275.

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**TCI Cable renewal considered**

Independence Township Board members are wondering if residents want to say "Cable me" to TCI Cable again. The current contract with the franchise expires April 15.

Last Tuesday the board voted unanimously to extend the contract on a month-to-month basis, but board members want to know if residents are satisfied with TCI's service. At least two public hearings are expected to take place this summer, said trustee Neil Wallace.

However, he added, residents are urged to call or write the township to share their input as soon as possible, with informal negotiations currently taking place between TCI and the township. TCI is the sole provider of cable to Independence.

As part of the approval process, the board also voted to direct supervisor Dale Stuart and attorney Gerry Fisher to send a letter to TCI, agreeing to the month-to-month procedure, and to direct the two entities to enter into negotiations.

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# Life's a beach for the city's lease

The city of Clarkston is finally ready to go forward with its one-dollar agreement with Independence Township.

After nearly a year of discussion, the council voted 5-1 to authorize city manager Art Pappas and mayor Sharron Catalo to sign the Deer Lake Beach lease with the township for one dollar. It's an 11-year agreement, with a five-year extension option. The lease

will expire Dec. 31, 2014.

Councilwoman Karen Sanderson was absent, and councilman David Savage voted against the agreement, saying he wasn't comfortable with the way it was worded.

"I would be satisfied to work out a shorter term lease," Savage explained right after voting no, during the roll call. "This is a crown jewel for the village, and

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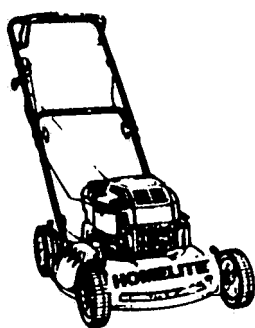
I hate to give it up for 16 years without any control."

The city will lease the beach from Independence Township for a dollar a year, under the agreement. City attorney Tom Ryan said the agreement makes sense, because city residents can use the beach and would avoid paying the non-residential fee that the township charges for its other recreational areas like Clintonwood Park.

"We need this for the long term," he said. "This way, our residents won't have to worry about paying those non-residential rates."

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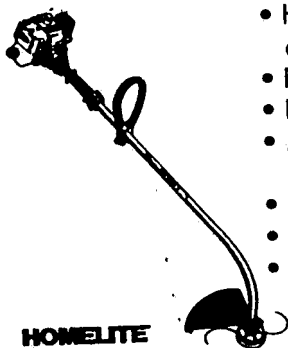


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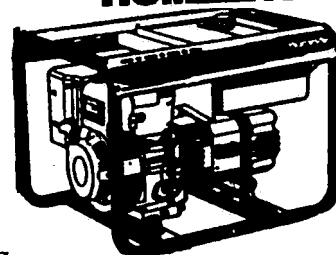
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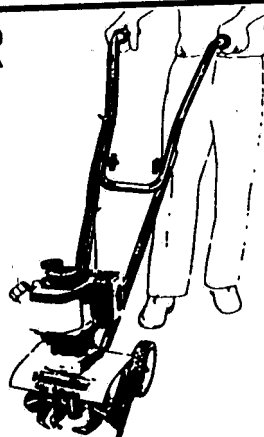
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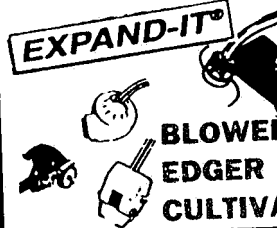


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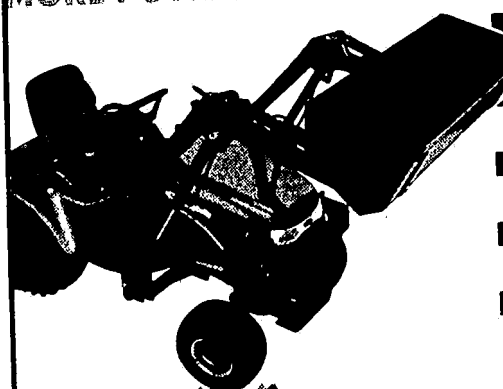
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Mark your calendars! The 13th Annual Michigan Week Community Awards Breakfast will be at Clarkston Creek Golf Club on May 20 at 7:30 a.m.

This awards program is designed to honor individuals who have given their time, energy, and talents to improve our community. This is your opportunity to recognize these individuals and their contributions.

Tickets will be available at the Chamber office for \$12 each of a table of ten (10) for \$100.

The six categories for nominations are:

- **Citizen of the Year** - An individual who has given of their time, energy and talents to improve our community.
- **Young Person of the Year** - Young person (18 and younger) who has given of their time, energy

and talents to improve our community.

- **Adult-Youth Volunteer** - Individual who has given their time, energy and talent, in a volunteer capacity, to help our area young people. This award seeks to recognize individuals who provide ongoing volunteer efforts for youth in our community.

- **Business Person of the Year** - Local business person who has contributed to the community making this a better community in which to live and do business.

- **Property Beautification** - Individual or business (commercial or residential) that has made a significant improvement to the appearance of their property (landscaping or building structure.) This award may be given to a new structure if it cleans up

an eyesore or blighted area.

- **Community Preservation** - Individual, group or business that has made a significant contribution towards the preservation of our historical community.

Previous winners in an award category may not be nominated for the same effort or building improvement for which they have already been recognized. Previous winners, however, may be nominated in another category, where appropriate.

Nomination forms are available at the Chamber Office, 5850 Lorac, Suite C, Clarkston, MI 48346. Nominations must be submitted no later than May 1, 1998.

For more information call the Chamber at (248) 625-8055.

## Business briefs

● Republic Bank has announced the appointment of two people to its new downtown Clarkston branch.

JoAnn Hood has been named a mortgage loan originator. She brings with her 13 years of experience in the real estate business and was most recently manager of Prudential Great Lakes in Clarkston. She has several real estate certifications and a builder's license. She has been active with the Clarkston Downtown Business Association and is a member of the Oakland County Women's Council.

Brent Green has been promoted to mortgage branch manager. He has been with the bank since 1993 and has a BS in economics from Central Michigan

University. He serves in volunteer positions with the Flint Area Association of Realtors and the Metro Flint Builders Association.

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Unique Homes magazine, the national magazine of luxury real estate, announced recently that the real estate firm of Century 21 Associates has joined the Unique Homes Referral Network as a member broker.

The Referral Network puts Century 21 Associates in direct contact with over 250 member brokers marketing luxury real estate throughout the United States and abroad.

Through Unique Homes, Century 21 Associates can showcase and market luxury homes to a national pool of qualified buyers. In addition, as a

Referral Network member, Century 21 Associates can provide the luxury home buyer and seller with names and addresses of other member brokers.

Anyone wanting more information about Century 21 Associates services should contact Andrea Portugal at (248) 299-1250.

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Robin Hoffman has joined Coldwell Banker Professionals as a full-time sales associate.

Robin lives in Brandon Township and has been in real estate since 1994. She is also involved in the community and is a member of The Women's Council of Realtors.

"We are excited to welcome Robin Hoffman to Coldwell Banker Professionals. We will benefit from the skill and expertise Robin joins us with," said Bill Clark.

Coldwell Banker Professionals has been serving Northern Oakland County for 23 years. They are located at 7151 N. Main, Clarkston and can be reached at (248) 625-1000.

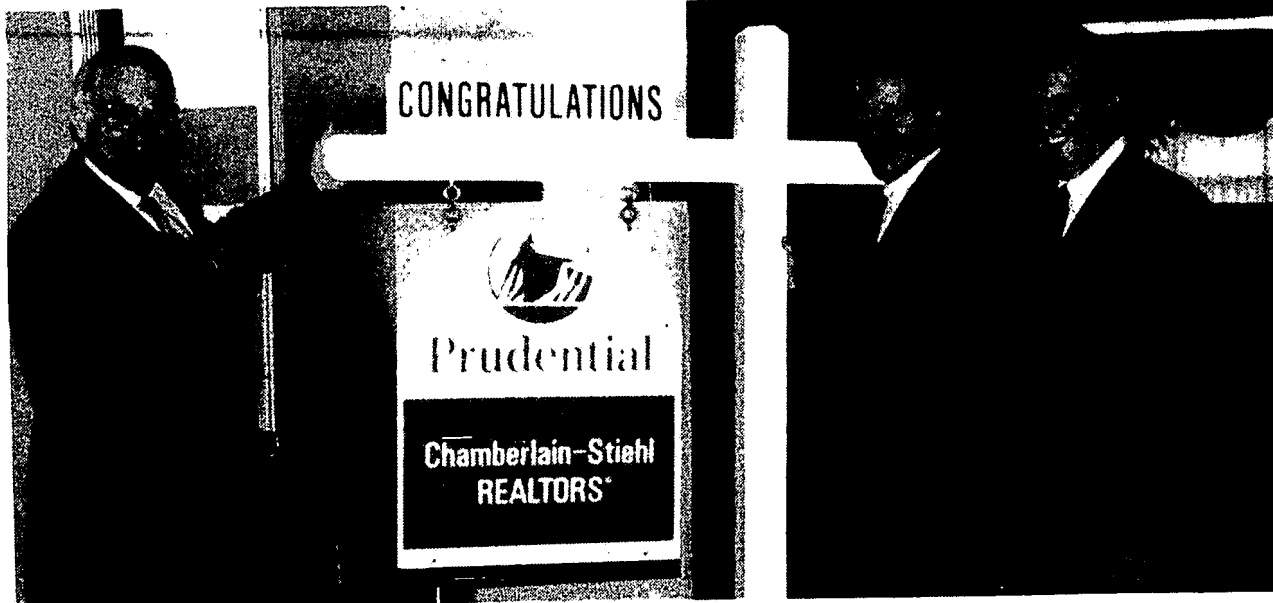
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Roger Susick, FIC, Clarkston, was honored at a national sales and education conference sponsored by Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL). Susick attended AAL's Executive Conference East, March 24-29, in Amelia Island, Fla.

AAL, based in Appleton, Wis., is a fraternal benefit society of 1.7 million Lutherans joined together for insurance, education and volunteer opportunities.

Susick qualified to attend the conference based on excellence in sales and service to AAL members. Susick was also honored for his support of AAL local volunteer groups, called "branches." Susick joined AAL's field staff in 1972 and is an associate of the Park Jarrett III Agency of AAL, Livonia. There are more than 1,800 AAL field staff members nationwide.

AAL provides life insurance, annuities and disability income insurance to Lutherans and their families nationwide. In addition, AAL provides Medicare supplement and long-term care insurance in most states. AAL Capital Management Corp., based in Appleton, Wis., is a wholly owned subsidiary of AAL that offers Lutherans a family of mutual funds.



## Prudential Great Lakes Realty and B.F. Chamberlain Realtors merge

Prudential Great Lakes Realty co-owners Daniel E. Stiehl and Jerome M. Baranski, and owner Bud Chamberlain of B.F. Chamberlain Realtors, announce the merger of their companies. The operations of both companies will be combined and the new company will be called Prudential Chamberlain-Stiehl Realtors. At the conversion day celebration March 6, Bud Chamberlain (from left), Daniel Stiehl and Jerome Baranski showed off Prudential's new sign. The Clarkston offices are located on M-15.



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## Police and Fire

**Monday, April 6,** Threatening phone calls on N. Marshbank.

Minor in possession of alcohol on Sashabaw. Harrassing phone calls on Maybee Rd. Larceny of gas from a gas station on Sashabaw. Rearend collision on M-15. No injuries were reported.

Four juveniles left a restaurant on Dixie without paying for their food.

Juveniles fighting on Eastview.

Medicals on M-15, Eastlawn and Elk Run Ct.

Building fire on Rockcroft.

Two patients with minor injuries were transported to Crittenton Hospital in Rochester Hills by ambulance for further evaluation following an accident on M-15 north of I-75.

Building fire on Dixie Hwy.

A vehicle driven by an Ortonville man rearended the vehicle driven by a Waterford woman at N. Main St. and Clarkston Rd. in the city. No injuries were reported.

A Clarkston resident reported her unattended, parked car was struck by another vehicle in a parking lot in the city. The driver of the responsible vehicle left the scene of the accident.

**Tuesday, April 7,** medicals on Church and I-75.

Grass fire on Hawksmoore.

The convertible top of a vehicle was damaged on M-15.

A license plate was taken from a trailer on Clintonville Rd.

Money was taken from a purse on Clintonville Rd.

One vehicle sideswiped another vehicle on M-15.

**Wednesday, April 8,** medicals on N. Eston, Citation and Syracuse.

Fire alarm accidentally activated on Scenicridge.

A vehicle was scratched and tail light lens covers were taken on Middle Lake Rd.

Five dollars worth of candy was taken on Maybee Rd.

\$300 in cash was taken from a residence on Mary Sue.

Open intoxicants were found in a vehicle on

Dixie Hwy.

**Thursday, April 9,** medicals on White Lake Rd., Deer Ridge, Clarkston Rd., Amy Dr., and Sashabaw Rd.

Personal injury accident on I-75 at Clarkston Rd. Wires down on Clintonville Rd.

A coat was stolen from a business on Dixie Hwy. Rearend collisions on Dixie Hwy. and M-15, no injuries were reported.

One vehicle struck another while changing lanes on Dixie Hwy.

An investigation continues into a break-in of a garage on S. Holcomb St. in the city. A computer,

monitor, printer and two golf bags with clubs were taken.

**Friday, April 10,** mutual aid on Clarridge;

Grass fire on Stickney Rd.

Trespassing on River Birch Dr.

Threats on Snowapple.

**Saturday, April 11,** medical on Whipple Tree

Ln.

Vending machine damaged on Clarkston Rd.

Subdivision signs removed on Sun Valley Ct.

**Sunday, April 12,** medicals on E. Washington,

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Grass fire on Sashabaw.

Building fire on Hadley.

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# Obituaries

## Jean Davis

Jean E. (McMullen) Davis, 70, of Clarkston, died April 10, 1998.

Mrs. Davis was retired from the Oakland County Court where she worked as an account clerk for 27 years.

She is survived by her daughter Cynthia; granddaughter Michelle (Steve Barteld) Davis of Clarkston; and sister Joyce (Richard) Lohff of Waterford. She was preceded in death by her husband Richard "Red", mother Velma Taylor, two sisters and a brother.

A funeral service took place Tuesday at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home with Rev. Barteld officiating. Interment was at Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials can be made to the Oakland County Medical Care Facility.



Shaun Manning

Shaun Manning, a senior at Clarkston High School, was named as a winner of the Service Merchandise Scholarship Program. The \$500 scholarship is awarded based on exceptional classroom abilities and outstanding participation in school and community activities. Manning is the treasurer of the National Honor Society, involved with the Blue and Gold club, Future Problem Solving, LIFE Club and the Interact Club. He will attend Hillsdale College in the fall and major in secondary education/business.

Local sports each week in The Clarkston News.

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# Ole! South America comes to Sashabaw Middle School

On April 3 Sashabaw Middle School sixth-graders got to see, smell, taste, hear and feel what it might be like to live in South America.

Students from the classes of Mary Schulte, Lee Brown and Ken Wolven held a festival that was interdisciplinary with their study of the continent this semester. That included looking at all 13 countries, said sixth-

grader Meagan Tarantelli, who made a comparison between North- and South-American neighbors and showed she had definitely learned her stuff.

"What's strange is all the U.S. colors are the main colors in South America," she said. "But, most of the people who colonized the countries were Europeans, like Spaniards."

The highlight was definitely the llama that came to visit, said Brown, describing the festival as "the culmination" to an intense unit of study. A ruminant and cousin to the camel, it's native to South America.

"The llama really was the high point. It was no longer research for them. It all came alive," she said.



Students are entranced as they watch a llama brought to the school by Jan Kleber, who raises eight such animals on her farm.



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According to a press release, MAC has over 630 members dedicated to enhancing the professional standing of the municipal clerk through education and training. The association also fosters cooperation and communication and addresses legislation relating to elections and other responsibilities.

McCrary says she's looking forward to new challenges. "It has been an honor to serve on the board of such a prestigious organization," she said.

## Watch for clean-up efforts near Heather Lake

On Sunday, April 26, residents of Heather Lake Homeowners Association will join efforts for the fourth consecutive year to clean up winter trash debris.

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## Planning commission

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consider it to be a lucrative venue.

On Thursday, the planning commission looked at some revisions that need to be made, including parking and placement of the building. Commissioners voted 6-0 to ok a public hearing. The date has not yet been set. Commissioner Joe Figa was absent.

Developers agreed traffic congestion would be somewhat alleviated on Sashabaw because the facility will incorporate a variety of in-and-out uses and have two access drives.

"This is a little bit different," said Kelly Kammer, a principal manager for GSM. "It's designed for traffic throughout the day. It's not a Pine Knob or a Palace where you have a massive influx of traffic going in and then out. For 90 percent of the activities taking place, it's just going to be a steady flow of traffic."

Developers, however, want to make sure there's

enough parking on the site. "I don't want a lot of angry patrons saying we don't have enough parking," Kammer said.

The township's safety path system and pedestrian walkways will also surround the area. Leech told the commission the facility would create approximately 150-200 new jobs for the township and significantly boost township tax revenue.

Township planner Dick Carlisle noted the developers had done an excellent job in preparing the planned complex — and were very cooperative in the venture.

"I think he (Leech) had a well-conceived plan when he came to see us, but he also listened to us when it came to fitting this plan into the larger community," Carlisle said.

On Friday Leech said he would like to break ground as soon as possible, with hockey season starting in October. He too noted the spirit of cooperation — with a touch of humor.

"Contrary to popular belief, hockey players may fight on the ice. But they don't fight off the ice. They're businessmen."

## Fr. William McDonald

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take on a parishoner, "a lot of damage gets done; the boundaries get fuzzy. I'm very careful about professional boundaries."

If need be, he will refer those people to his partner.

Nevertheless, McDonald notes he will be doing the same kind of work — in a larger sense — at the church. "It does mean I'm responsible for the souls of the people in this parish. That it's up to me to provide the services that feed their spirit."

Actually, he has been a priest all along, "in cognito," he jokes. "People in Fenton have seen me with a collar on; most people in Clarkston have never seen me with a collar off. I never realized that there was a part of me that wanted to be a full priest, and that's what this has done."

His joint mission fulfills the best of both worlds. "It gives me a nice balance of both. Actually, I'm doing the same work. And that helps people become more fully who they were created to be."

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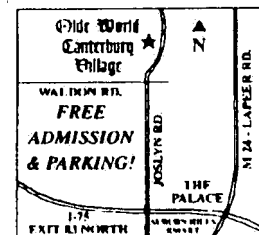
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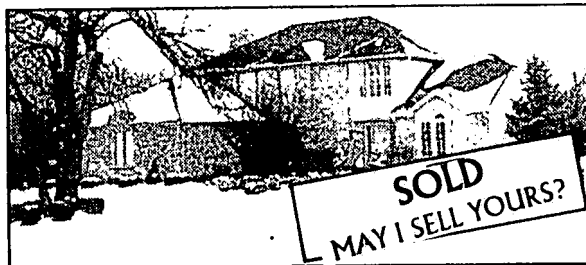
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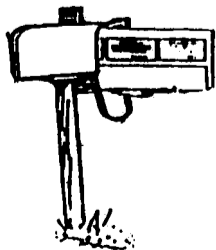
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# MILESTONES

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## Skowronski, Haran will wed in October

Antoinette and Melvin Brown of Carleton announce the engagement of their daughter Paul Skowronski to Robert Haran, son of Terry and Betty Haran of Clarkston. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Kaiserslautern American High School in Germany, Eastern Michigan University and Wayne State University. She works as a child advocate for the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office Child and Family Abuse Bureau. The prospective groom is a 1986 graduate of Clarkston High School and a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. He works as the Strategic Accounts Manager for ReCellular in Ann Arbor. An October wedding is planned.



## Hahn, Mellen to marry in August

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hahn of Clarkston announce the engagement of their daughter Jennifer to Daniel Mellen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Mellen. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Clarkston High School and Saginaw Valley State University and is an occupational therapist for the Michigan Pinto Horse Association. The prospective groom is a graduate of the State Technical Institute and is a mold maker for the Michigan Pinto Horse Association. An August wedding is planned for the Clarkston United Methodist Church.

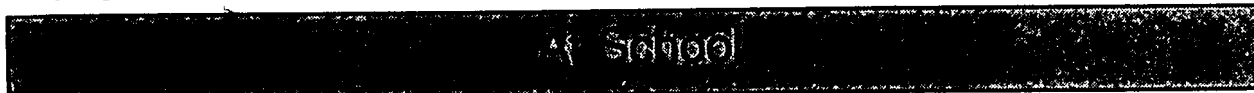


## McChesney, Thrift to marry in October

Dr. David and Becky McChesney of Clarkston announce the engagement of their daughter Alyson to Brian Thomas Thrift, son of Thomas Thrift and Jeff and Sue Harnack of Ortonville. The bride-to-be is a 1993 Clarkston High School graduate and a 1997 graduate of Oakland University. The prospective groom is a 1991 graduate of Oakland Christian High School and will receive a bachelor's degree from Rochester College in May. An October 1998 wedding is planned for the Ortonville Baptist Church.



Benjamin Frederick Lamm was born March 1, 1998 at 4:38 a.m. He weighed 6 lbs. and 13 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long. The parents are Fritz and Jannice Lamm of Ludington. Grandparents are Tom and Sally Lamm of Clarkston and Vern and Cheryl LaDuke of Grayling.



● **Stephanie Sage** of Clarkston, an Alma College sophomore, is one of 31 Alma students pursuing international study. A 1996 graduate of Clarkston High School, she is spending the winter term at the University of Aberdeen in Scotland. She lives with an Aberdeen student and studies subjects of her own choice. She is the daughter of Neal and Karen Sage.

● **Christa Herron, Todd Kraemer, Christian Parsons, Michael Puroll and Rebecca Radcliff**, all of Clarkston, made the dean's honor roll at Lawrence Technological University for fall semester.

● **Simone Lutz**, a sophomore at Kalamazoo College, has a role in an upcoming production of "Six Characters in Search of an Author" with the college's Festival Playhouse. Lutz is studying political science and is the daughter of Fred and Christina Lutz of Clarkston. She may be remembered for playing Eulalie, the mayor's wife, in the Clarkston High School production of "The Music Man."

● **Sandra German** of Clarkston received a bachelor's degree in nursing from Madonna University recently. She also made the academic achievement list during the past term.

● **Patricia Miller, Christine Pendley, Heather**



## Novosel/Webb

Former Clarkston residents Peter and Patricia Novosel are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Pamela Maureen to David John Webb, of Alexandria, Va. The wedding took place Sept. 3, 1997 at St. John Evangelist R.C. Church in Uniontown, Penn., with Fr. John Harrold officiating. The groom is the son of the late Jack and Johanna Webb of Bath, England. Angela Novosel, the bride's sister-in-law, was matron of honor, and Matthew Novosel, the groom's brother, was the best man. The bride is a graduate of Clarkston High School and Michigan State University. She is in sales in the office interior design industry. The groom works for the British Embassy in Washington D.C. The couple honeymooned in the Greek Isles and resides in Alexandria, Va.

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**Steinhelper and Diane Whittington**, all of Clarkston, made the academic achievement list at Madonna University for the past term. The list honors part-time students. Miller is studying education; Pendley is studying sign language studies; Steinhelper is studying social work; and Whittington is in nursing.

● **Shawna Greene, Lisonn Hutchinson, Jenna Lopucki, Christina Miller and Jennifer Shields**, all of Clarkston, made the dean's list at Madonna University for the past term. Greene is studying sociology; Hutchinson sign language studies; Lopucki criminal justice; Mille social work; and Shields social work.

● **Jason Ostrom** of Clarkston and **Tim Wasilk** and **Robin Wiechert** of Davisburg made the dean's list at Grand Valley State University for fall semester.

● **Kristin Millard**, daughter of Linda and Frank Millard of Clarkston, made the dean's list at Cottey College in Nevada, MO for fall semester.

● **Jill Wilkerson** and **Anthony Knakal**, both of Clarkston, made the scholastic honors list at Purdue University. Wilkerson is studying liberal arts, Knakal engineering.

● **Nicole Trinkka** of Clarkston received a BA in liberal arts from Purdue University in January, 1998.

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# The Clarkston News SPORTS

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## Offense heats up for Wolves in sweep of Falcons

BY BRAD MONASTIERE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Facing its first games without power-hitting catcher Corinne McIntyre, the Clarkston varsity softball team responded with its best offensive performance of the young season Wednesday.

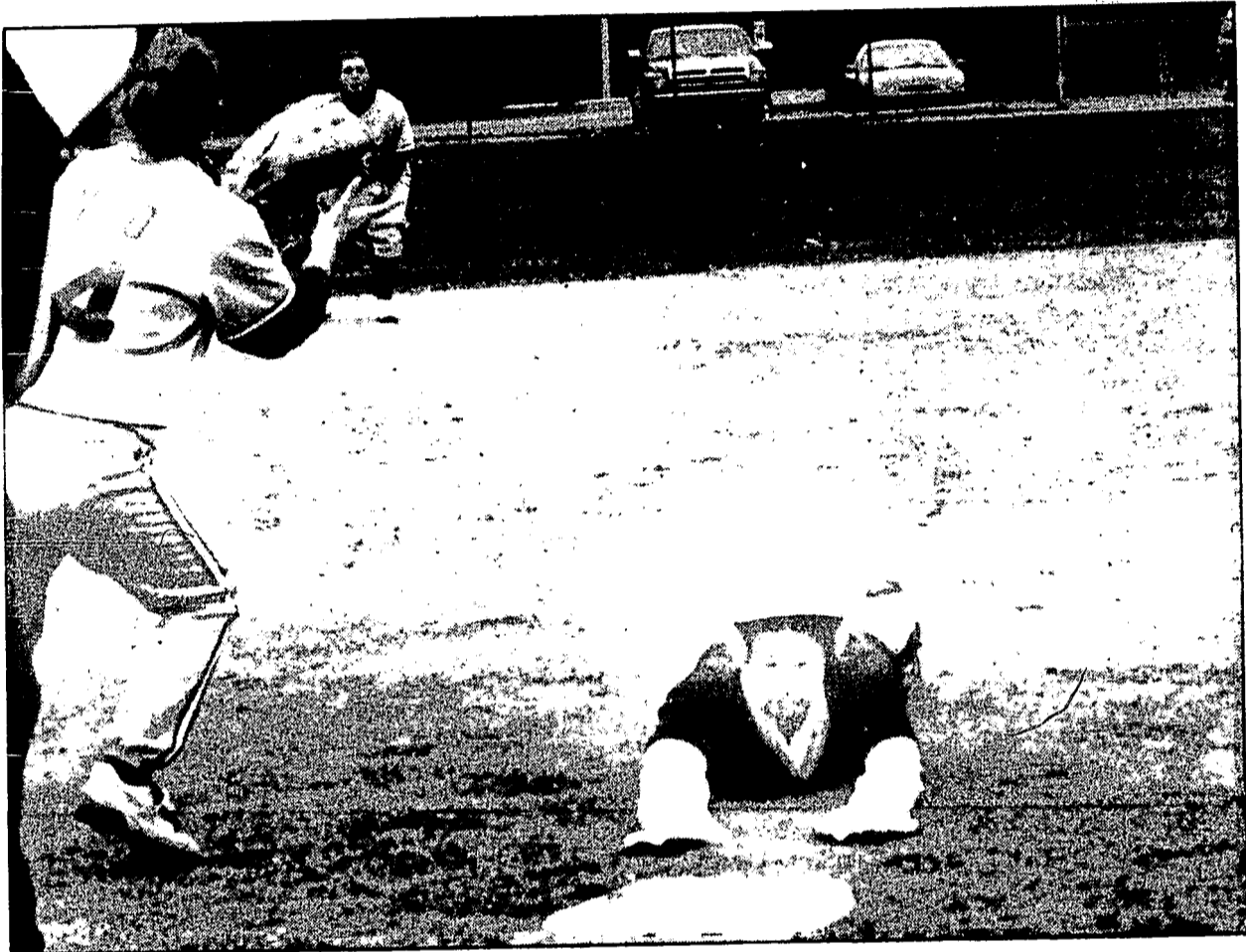
The Wolves showed some pop in their bats for the first time in sweeping the Rochester Falcons 8-7 and 10-4 at Clintonwood Park in the team's last action before Spring Break.

Clarkston coach Al Land said it was important for the team to get both wins heading into the 12-day break.

"It was very important getting these wins, because we've had to shuffle our lineup in the infield after Corinne's injury," he said. "Now, we can go into the vacation with something positive."

The Clarkston offense awoke from its slumber in a big way in both games, sparked by its top two hitters, Tiffany Honey and Aimee Giroux. The pair combined for six hits, two home runs, three runs batted in, and three runs scored in Clarkston's 8-7 win in the first game.

Honey's big blast came in the bottom of the third when she hammered a line drive right over the third base bag for a solo home run, the team's first of the season.



Senior Aimee Giroux slides safely into third base during the first game of Clarkston's doubleheader sweep of Rochester Wednesday. Giroux had a huge day, clubbing a home run and driving in four runs in the varsity softball wins.

	<b>Clarkston</b>	<b>8-10</b>
	<b>Rochester</b>	<b>7-4</b>

Giroux launched her round-tripper in the bottom of the fifth inning, a straightaway blast to center field. Her homer was key, because it knotted the game at 7-7, after the Falcons scored five runs in the top of the fifth to take a 7-5 lead.

After Giroux's blast, senior Carmen Lund smacked a triple to left and was brought home on a sacrifice fly by freshman Mary Warchuck for the game-winning run.

Senior pitcher Rachel Fuller was able to close the door on Rochester by not allowing a runner past first in the last two innings of game one. She struck out nine batters and didn't walk anyone in the win. Fuller has pitched the entire season with tendonitis in her pitching shoulder, so she is one player who welcomes the 12-day break in games.

Game two saw senior Sam Hardenburgh record her first career varsity win on the mound for the Wolves (3-2 overall and 1-2 in the OAA Division I). She scattered 11 hits on the day and tossed two 1-2-3 innings.

"I was able to hit my spots well and get the ball down," Hardenburgh said after the game. "The offensive support I got really gave me confidence, and our defense played excellent for me."

Clarkston did its damage in the fifth inning, sending 12 batters to the plate and scoring eight runs on seven hits. Sophomores Jennie Winn and Melanie Arnold each scored two runs in the inning, while Honey drove in two runs with a double.

Lund went 2-for-4 and an RBI, and freshman Lindsay Simko added an RBI-single in the fifth to help Clarkston's offense. Hardenburgh also helped herself out with a run-scoring double and a run scored in the fifth.

"We saw some slower pitching today, but you need more discipline with a slower pitcher," Land said. "We got much better at that as the day went on, and we

'The offensive support I got really gave me confidence and our defense played excellent for me.'

Senior pitcher Sam Hardenburgh

got some kids on base. Aimee just tagged the ball all day long."

Hardenburgh said she was happy with the way the newly constructed defense played.

"We were so disappointed that Corinne got hurt like she did, but Carmen and Tricia (Brewer) made some nice plays out there," she said.

McIntyre's injury forced changes in almost every infield position for Clarkston. Against the Falcons, Lund moved from right field to first, Simko stepped in at second, junior Mandie Harrison moved from second to shortstop, and Brewer came in from the outfield to play third base. Arnold, Winn and Giroux remained in the outfield.

After the week off, the Wolves come back to reality with a game at Lapeer East Monday starting at 4 p.m. The next home game is set for Wednesday, April 22 as the Wolves host Rochester Adams in a doubleheader starting at 3:30 p.m.

Both games represented the team's best offensive showing of the season. Until Wednesday, the Wolves had trouble stringing hits together that produced rallies. That was fixed in both games, as in the fifth inning of game one, Clarkston had three straight hits that led to three runs. In the big fifth inning of the second game, the team strung together three straight hits twice. Both hit streaks were ended on sacrifice hits that drove in runs.



Senior Carmen Lund rounds third in front of a dejected Rochester player during Wednesday's doubleheader at Clintonwood Park. Lund and the Wolves swept the Falcons 8-7 and 10-4.

Eight of the team's 18 runs in the doubleheader came as a result of those three hit streaks.

# Boys track season starts strong with win over Eagles

BY BRAD MONASTIERE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Clarkston boys track team left the Ferndale Eagles in the dust on the track and on the scoreboard in their dual meet April 7.

The Wolves opened their regular season with a convincing 104-24 win over their OAA Division II rivals. Clarkston is 1-0 overall and in the league and faces off with a strong Lake Orion team Tuesday at 4 p.m. at CHS.

Clarkston coach Walt Wynnemko said a key to the victory was the team's depth and ability to score points aside from first-place finishers.

"Our depth was a big help against Ferndale," he said. "It was nice to get that win, because after Spring Break, we've got three tough meets right away."


Clarkston's well-balanced lineup lived up to its advanced billing in the opening meet, as the team had eight different first-place finishers in the 11 non-relay events. Senior Marc Venegoni and sophomore David Sage were the only double-winners for the Wolves.

Venegoni, who expects to compete for a state meet bid in the long jump, took first with a jump of 20 feet, 5 3/4 inches. Senior Jeff Long won the shot put with a throw of 43-4, while junior Klinton Powell

started off a strong day with a win in the discus (134-1).

"Our field events were stronger than I thought they would be," Wynnemko said. "We had some younger kids step up and so well, like Dave Chavers in the shot and Brent Schermenhom in the discus."

Clarkston won three of the four relays, the 4x200, the 4x400 and the 4x800. Kevin Breen, Jon Burklow and Powell were in two each, while senior Curt Brewer was part of the 4x400 relay team and took home first place in the 300 hurdles (43.6).

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Sage took first place in the 3,200 run (10:07) and the 1,600 run (4:41), continuing his dominance from cross country season. Both times were around 10 seconds longer than state qualifying times, very good numbers for this early in the season.

The meet marked the team's only regular season action before Spring Break. Wynnemko said the break gives the opportunity for some athletes to rest before the heavy season starts next week.

"We gave the boys workout sheets and we expect them to keep up," he said. "If they put the work in over break, we'll be better off for it."

# Hard-hitting Falcons pound Wolves 11-1

Rochester shows why it's ranked No. 5 in nation

BY BRAD MONASTIERE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

So far this season, it only seems like a matter of time before Rochester's baseball team explodes on its opponents.

The Clarkston varsity baseball team was pitching and defending very well for four innings, and was within 2-1 with the tying run on base in Wednesday's game at Rochester's Borden Park.

Then, junior Adam Leech was thrown out at home on an excellent throw from left field, and the floodgates opened.

The Falcons scored nine runs in the next two innings to defeat the Wolves 11-1 in a mercy-shortened game, Clarkston's last before Spring Break. The loss drops the Wolves to 2-3 overall and 1-2 in the OAA Division I.

The loss continued Rochester's mastery over the Wolves the last few seasons. Last year, the Falcons outscored Clarkston 36-3 in the three meetings, winning by the 10-run mercy rule each time. This year, Rochester has outscored its first four foes 41-7.

The Wolves return to action Monday with a non-league game against Lapeer East at Clintonwood Park. The first pitch is set for 4 p.m.

# DNR proposes new eligibility rules for elk hunt

Elk hunters will have two fall seasons in 1998, but a hunter who receives a bull elk license this year will be ineligible to apply for another elk license for 10 years under rules and regulations proposed by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

The proposal will get an informational review at the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) meeting next week in St. Joseph. Action is scheduled for the May meeting in Lansing. The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act authorizes the NRC to issue orders related to the taking of game.

"Elk hunting regulations for 1998 are proposed to continue the orderly and careful reduction in the herd, in keeping with the objective to have between 800 and 900 elk in the winter herd," said Acting DNR Wildlife Division Chief Rebecca Humphries.

"Hunts in recent years have been successful in reducing the herd from an estimated 1,350 elk in the winter of 1992-93 to 1,075 in 1996-97," Humphries explained. "The winter count for 1997-98 is estimated to be less than 1,000, which allows us to have a September hunt and a December hunt."

The first hunt is scheduled for Sept. 12-20, and the second hunt is scheduled for Dec. 8-14. The season limit will continue to be one elk per license.

The proposed eligibility requirement is the combination of the DNR's evaluation of repeat elk licenses and findings in a recent audit by the State Auditor General's office.

"The audit concluded that the drawing process used by the DNR is fair and unbiased, but auditors clearly illustrated that the "luck-of-the-draw" will result in a growing number of repeat winners just because of the growing pool of past winners," said Humphries.

Currently, Michigan Elk Hunters must wait a year before they are eligible to apply again. Under the proposed regulation, Michigan residents who receive antlerless-only elk license must still wait a year before applying again.

## Male Athlete of the Week: Curt Brewer

**Salut, Curt:** Sometimes, the athletes most deserving of recognition are the ones who feel least comfortable getting it. That could apply to senior Curt Brewer, who has toiled for four years on the varsity track and cross country teams. Competing in the hurdle events behind 1997 graduate Chris Evans, Curt was able to see a teammate in the spotlight, finish second at states and go on to run at Harvard. Now, it's Curt's turn. He got his season off to a fast start by winning the 300 hurdles against Ferndale April 7 with a time of 43.6 seconds. He also led off the winning 4x400 relay team, a group that should win many meets this year and could end up at the state finals at Bay City Western. Curt is as competitive as they come on the track, and also in the classroom. He sports a 3.94 grade point average and is ranked ninth in the senior class. He has been accepted into the honors program at the University of Michigan, where he says he might get into a business-type of major.

**Coach Walt Wynnemko on Curt:** "Curt is a four-year veteran, a great competitor and a good leader for us. He had some nagging problems with a hamstring last year that held him back, but he's healthy this year, and I can see him getting stronger as the season goes on. He's a kid who's willing to pay the price of success."

**Curt on Curt:** "I have a lot of goals for the season, the first one is to qualify for the county meet. Chris Evans was a good guy to me and helped me out a lot and showed me some things that can help make



Curt Brewer

me successful. I thought my times against Ferndale were a little slow, but it's a good starting point, and I think I can get better as the season goes along."

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## Female Athlete of the Week: Erica Holman

**Salut, Erica:** Talk about a smashing debut! Senior Erica Holman wasted little time in establishing herself on the girls track team this season. She dominated the team's opening meet against Ferndale April 7 with four first places: high jump, 200 dash, 4x200 relay and the 400 dash. She fell one inch short of the regional qualifying mark in the high jump, and was .2 seconds away from the mark in the 200, very high marks for the first meet of the season. With her strong sprinter's speed, Erica adds a key element to the Clarkston team that is already one of the strongest in the state in middle and long distances. Erica plans to attend Oakland University in the fall, and racked up a 3.6 grade point average, her best ever in high school.

**Coach Gordie Richardson on Erica:** "Erica dedicated herself in the offseason to be a great runner, and it showed. She underwent track training at Prescription Fitness over the winter, and with that, she's starting to show her potential. She's done a nice job being a leader for the team, and has worked hard to be our leading sprinter. If she keeps this up, she'll have an opportunity to run at college if she wants to."

**Erica on Erica:** "Our scrimmage gave me a lot of confidence to go out there and run my best. I had hoped for better times, but for it being early in the season, I was happy. God is the most important thing in my life right now, and I wanted to go to school at Oakland because He led me there, and I didn't want to leave home yet. I also enjoy dancing, and I think that's helped my endurance in track a lot."



Erica Holman

## Kickers' tie at Lake Orion a moral victory

BY BRAD MONASTIERE  
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When the Clarkston varsity girls soccer team started the season 0-4, the coaches and players were looking for anything positive to latch on to.

The 5-0 win over Berkley helped, but a 2-2 tie at Lake Orion Wednesday might do more in the long run for the team's confidence than anything else.

The Wolves, now 1-4-1 overall and 1-0-1 in the OAA Division II, played aggressively and in control through much of the game against a very strong Dragon squad, one of the preseason favorites in the league.


"We came out and were all over them the first 20 minutes," coach Brian Fitzgerald said. "It was a pretty even game, all muddy and rainy, which I think is an advantage for us. We played well, and getting a tie against a team like Lake Orion is a real plus."

The Wolves used its high early pressure to draw a penalty kick, which senior Georgia Senkyr scored on at the 13:38 mark to give Clarkston a 1-0 lead.

The Dragons responded with a penalty-kick goal of their own 17 minutes later to tie the game at 1-1.

With Lake Orion holding a 2-1 lead, thanks mostly to the superb goaltending of Clarkston sophomore Allison Barth, Senkyr came through again, this time with a 20-foot laser off a free kick with 20 minutes left in the game that tied it up at 2-2. It was Senkyr's team-best fourth goal of the season.

The only negative about Senkyr's free kick was the reason it was awarded in the first place. Junior Katy Piechura, an in-your-face, spirited player, got the worst of a collision with Lake Orion goaltender Margo Chisholm, and suffered a bruised kidney. She was taken off the field by ambulance, but Fitzgerald said he thought she would be fine when the team returns to action Monday night against Royal Oak Kimball.

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"We have a few injuries that have been bothering some of the girls, so the break comes at a good time for us," Fitzgerald said. "The girls were getting a little tired, and Katie Tripi's knee has been bothering her too."

Fitzgerald said Barth's goaltending was outstanding against the Dragons. She stopped 14 shots, many of those coming from close range. She also made a key save on a corner kick with 20 seconds left in the contest that kept the game tied. Rochester scored on a corner kick with 40 seconds left two weeks ago to pull out a 1-0 win over the Wolves.

"Allison hasn't cost us anything this year and she's played very well back there for us," he said. "Meg Schroeder has also been excellent on defense all season, and those two have played well even in our losses."

Fitzgerald said JV coach Tami Mitchell will hold optional practices over the break to keep the players still in town sharp.

The game against Kimball will start at around 7:20 at the CHS field.

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## Girls open season with rout of Ferndale

BY BRAD MONASTIERE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Clarkston girls track team didn't have the biggest of challenges in its season-opening meet.

You could also say the weather in Michigan is just a little unpredictable.

The Wolves had little resistance in their first meet of the season, blasting the Ferndale Eagles 116-12 at home April 7.

Coach Gordie Richardson said his biggest concern was not the competition, but the times Clarkston athletes registered, and for the most part, he was happy.

"We ran a little better against Rochester in the scrimmage, but the weather was nicer that day too," he said. "We saw some nice performances from some of our younger kids, but I would like to see a little more depth in our sprints."

Clarkston took first places in all but one event against Ferndale in its dominating performance. Leading the way was senior Erica Holman, who took four first places on the day. She won the high jump at 4-feet 10-inches, the 400 dash with a time of 1:05.6, the 200 dash with a time of 27.6, and was a part of the 4x200 relay team that won with a time of 1:54.3.

"Before, Erica had showed a lot of potential as a runner," Richardson said. "Now, with all her offseason work, that is starting to be realized."

Senior Emily Hogan also completed a nice first day with firsts in the 3,200 run and the 4x800 relay in what Richardson called "a nice performance."

Two standouts for Clarkston missed the meet because of illness, sophomore Rachel Uchman and junior Michelle Wilson. Uchman entered the season as the team's top sprinter, while Wilson is one of the better

high jumpers and hurdlers on the team.

"With those two, we should be able to spread people out a little more," Richardson said. "Our nucleus kids did a good job for us, but we also have room to get better."

Freshman Amanda Chicalas made a solid high school debut with first places in the 300 hurdles (52.2), the 100 hurdles (18.1) and the 4x100 relay (54.8).

"She ran alright, but I think she expects more out of herself," Richardson said.

Senior Megan Plante and junior Jennifer Rooding are the only returning runners with state-meet experience, and it showed in their performances. Plante and Rooding were part of the winning 4x400 relay team (4:19.2). Plante took firsts in the 800 run (2:28) and the 1,600 run (5:42), while Rooding was also in on the first-place 4x100 relay team. Christina Rooding, part of the Rooding triplets, teamed with Jennifer Gifford, Krissy Robinson and Hogan on the winning 4x800 relay team.

Freshman Katie Jerge won the shot put with a throw of 29-1, while senior Lastisha Hawley got off to a strong start in the discus with a throw of 98-8, less than two feet short of the state-qualifying mark.

Richardson said he will hold regular practice over Spring Break, and gave workouts to the kids who were going away on vacations. This week will end up being a key week as the season progresses, he said.

"The kids understand the importance of what they do over Spring Break," he said. "They know what's expected of them, and they've got to put in the work. Or else they'll come back and have two weeks of agony after they return."

Clarkston returns to action after a week off Tuesday with a league dual meet at Lake Orion. The meet begins at 4 p.m.



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# IN THE PENALTY BOX

with Brad Monastiere

## Spring Breakout

One question I've been asked more than any other leading up to this week is: "What are you going to do all week?"

This of course, is a reference to those cool kids at Clarkston High School being on Spring Break this week. Didn't they just have a Spring Break like six weeks ago? Back in my day, we didn't have Spring Breaks . . .

Oops, I'm starting to sound old, and really, who wants to sound old these days? While people like Liz Cook, Scott Watson, Nicole Nelles and Amber Mitchell face the daunting task of what beach to go to in Florida, I'm here, looking outside at another gray, rainy day in Michigan.

Actually, it's not that bad. April is the best sports month of the year, bar none. You have the college basketball finals, the NBA and NHL playoffs starting, baseball starting another strike-free season (there aren't many of those anymore), and the NFL draft.

My friend James (sports editor of the Gaylord paper) and I usually get together for the NFL draft and proceed to talk about how every NFL G.M. just has no clue at all what they are doing. It's a fun day filled with Chris Berman jokes, Joe Theismann talking up a blue streak, and Mel Kiper, Jr.

Through all the criticisms of the Detroit Lions recently, say this for them: they know how to draft.

Other than the huge gaffe of 1990 (Andre Ware), the Lions have traditionally had good days at the draft. Start with the 1988 draft that yielded Bennie Blades and Chris Spielman. In 1989, the Lions capitalized on Green Bay's infatuation with Tony Mandarich and drafted a pretty decent runner named Barry Sanders. Just two years later, Herman Moore was somehow still around with the 10th pick overall. He's turned out OK, too, don't you think?

At the bottom of the first round in 1992, Detroit plucked Robert Porcher, who has evolved into one of the best defensive linemen in the NFL. In 1994, wide receiver Johnnie Morton came on board, and he was just locked up with a new six-year deal that should allow he and Moore to remain as the best 1-2 punch at receiver for years to come. The team had an excellent draft in 1996 with Jeff Hartings and Reggie Brown. Unfortunately, the latter will do well to lead a productive life again after his terrible spine injury. And how about getting Bryant Westbrook and Kevin Abrams last year? That could be one of the best corner tandems for years.

As you can see, almost half the team's starting lineup comes directly from the draft. Now, under Boss Ross, look for the team to do even better in the middle and late rounds to improve the team's depth throughout the lineup. The team has a lot of choices this season at

20th pick overall, but look for it to be a safety or a linebacker to help make up for the loss of Brown.

I have to give a tip of the cap to Clarkston girls track coach Gordie Richardson. With the town emptying from the break, he's still out at the track, working with the kids who decided to stay in town (like out athlete of the week Erica Holman). Other teams have used the break to rest some people, or to slow things down, and that's not always bad. But Coach Richardson insists on keeping his kids in competitive shape even through this relaxing time. Before school got out, he gave workout sheets to each of the kids who were leaving town, and I know for a fact that they are keeping to those workouts.

By running a program this way, it's really no mystery why Richardson's teams have won league championships 14 of the last 15 years and are on a 15-year undefeated streak in league dual meets. Keep in mind many of those came against Pontiac Northern in the old GOAL a few years back. Look for this year's team to make it 15 out of 16, thanks to its tremendous depth throughout the lineup. Distance runners like Megan Plante, Emily Hogan and Jennifer Rooding have the potential to go to states, while sprinters like Erica and Rachel Uchman allow the team to compete against most anyone. Keep up the good work, Coach.

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# DNR issues spring fire safety alert

The DNR has sent out a special fire alert for spring. Outdoor enthusiasts hoping to take advantage of anticipated warm weather are urged to be extra careful when handling fire, Michigan Department of Natural Resources fire experts say.

"Spring is the most dangerous time of year for wildfire, because fires spread very rapidly through dry leaves and grass," says Art Sutton of the DNR Forest Management Division; "The warm, windy weather will only increase the fire danger, so we are urging everyone to take special precaution when working with fire."

The danger of wildfire is especially high in northern Michigan. While rain has been falling in some parts of the state, too many areas haven't received significant rain in the past week and are extremely dry, Sutton says.

In fact, fire agencies have responded to many wildfires during the past week, and several were large enough to destroy at least two barns. Other personal property has been damaged, and many natural resources have been burned.

Debris burning is the number one cause of wildfires in Michigan. Burn permits are required and can be obtained from DNR and Forest Service offices in northern Michigan and from local fire departments in southern Michigan. Burn permits may be restricted during periods of high fire danger. Instead of burning leaves and grass clippings, fire ex-

perts say the material makes great mulch for gardens and landscaping.

Other helpful hints at preventing a fire include:

- Keep campfires small and never leave them unattended.
- Be sure your campfire is completely extinguished before leaving.
- Use plenty of water, stir, and add more water until everything is out.
- Turn over unburned pieces and wet the underside.
- Dispose of charcoal briquettes by soaking entire briquette with water until out cold.
- When burning brush or leaf piles, keep it small, have sufficient help and tools to contain the fire.
- A charged hose, shovels and rakes will aid in keeping the fire under control.
- Never leave a fire unattended, and don't burn on windy days.

DNR fire experts urge residents to protect their structures from fire by mowing and removing brush, leaves and dead grass from around buildings; cleaning leaves and twigs from roof gutters and valleys; and storing firewood at least 30 feet from buildings. For additional information, contact your local DNR office.

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At the **Lewis E. Wint Nature Center** Eco-explorers Discover Feathers, Fur and Scales for kids ages 6 to 7 years old. Apr. 15-17 from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Cost is \$10 per child for one session, or \$25 for all three.

The center is located at Independence Twp. Oaks County Park on Sashabaw Rd., 2 1/2 miles north of I-75. Call 625-6473 to register.

**Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship International Dinner Meeting** for the Pontiac/N. Oakland Chapter is Sat., Apr. 18 at 6 p.m. at Cooper's Family Restaurant, 4737 Dixie Hwy. Ohio real estate broker Roger Johnson, international director of FGBMFI, will speak about faith, trust and his spiritual life. The meeting is open to men and women. For information, call 625-5221.

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The **Clarkston Community Women's Club** meets Thurs., Apr. 23 at the Independence Township Library at 7:30 p.m. Following the business portion, Mr. Al W. Duff will speak on the philosophy of Hospice. For more information call Gail, 335-6986.

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**Parish Western Dance** sponsored by the Men of St. Daniel, at St. Daniel Parish, is Sat., Apr. 25 from 7:30 p.m. to midnight. Enjoy D.J., music, dancing, beer, wine, munchies, good friends and good fun. Child care for kids under 5 is available. For more information and tickets, call Paul Maxwell, 625-7859 or Scott Baker, 625-4524. The church is at 7010 Valley Park Dr., Clarkston.

Clarkston Community Education Center will host **Oakland Builders Institute Builder's Pre-license Seminar** Apr. 25 through May 16, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Call toll free, (800) 940-2014 for more information.

The new Pontiac-Waterford **'Big Chief' Barbershop Chorus** is looking for male singers. The chorus will meet Tuesdays at the Waterford School Administration Building at the corner of Pontiac Lake and Airport roads at 7:30 p.m. Call (248)960-5101 for more information.

To place your information in **Around Town**, send the name, date, time and location of the event to The Clarkston News, 5 S. Main St., Clarkston, MI 48346. You may also fax us at 625-0706. Please include a name and phone number. The deadline is the Friday preceding the next publication date.

## Red Wings winners



Clarkston resident Abraham Contino received some "very nice" prizes as a winner in the American Express Detroit Red Wings Sweepstakes. Contino's wife Melanie is shown holding a photo of him, and represented him when the winners spent a festive day at Joe Louis Arena. They watched the 1997 Stanley Cup Champions in a private practice session and took a behind-the-scenes tour of the arena. They also received two tickets to a Wings game and an autographed jersey. "We are very excited, as we are big Red Wings fans and it's very hard to get tickets," he said.

**Local sports each week in  
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### Oakland Technical Center Northwest Campus Technical Honor Roll\* First Semester

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Rachelle Detkowski  
Priscilla Dew  
Anthony Flanders  
Brad Gallow  
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Chris Hartman  
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Ryan Hill  
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Mark Kopp  
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Melissa Long  
Jason Loomis  
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Stephanie Marino  
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Michael Wharry  
Walter Wiesen  
Regina Wilcox  
Amanda Williams  
Reggie Wiltse  
Jennifer Wright

## County warns of rabies virus outbreaks

The Oakland County Health Division is warning citizens to avoid unnecessary contact with wildlife, domestic or stray animals because of the possibility they may carry the potentially deadly rabies virus.

During the past five years, an average of 2-8 bats have tested positive for rabies in Michigan and in 1996 a skunk was found to be infected with the virus.

"Rabies is a virus that attacks the brains of humans and domestic and wild animals," said Dr. Carolyn Bird, chief of Medical Services for the Oakland County Health Division. "Symptoms begin with a fever, headache, apprehension, tiredness and changes in feeling around the site of the exposure. In the later stages the victim will experience trouble swallowing, paralysis, seizures, coma and eventually, death."

Although Michigan has seen numerous cases of rabies in recent years, Texas, Ohio and the east coast have been plagued by an epidemic of the disease. For example, last year Texas imposed a statewide quarantine because of a widespread rabies outbreak among coyotes, foxes and dogs.

The quarantine prohibits skunks, foxes, coyotes, bats, raccoons and all hybrid animals such as wolf/dog combinations and dogs from being transported into or out of the state.

The east coast has been in the throes of a raccoon rabies epidemic which has now reached eastern

Ohio. In 1997, the number of samples submitted to laboratories in Ohio for rabies testing nearly doubled, with 116 positive results recorded, of which 59 involved raccoons.

Because of concern the rabies epidemic may continue to spread westward, a statewide multi-agency, multi-disciplinary workgroup has been formed in Michigan to study the problem and develop a course of action. The group includes the Michigan Department of Community Health, local health departments, local animal control agencies, the Michigan Humane Society, the University of Michigan and Michigan State University.

Health officials urge individuals who are exposed to a potentially rabid animal to immediately and thoroughly clean the wound with soap and water, contact their doctor or local emergency room and then call the local animal control agency so the animal can be picked up for testing.

It's also recommended that pet owners get their dogs and cats vaccinated and check with a veterinarian to see if the pet has been exposed to a possibly rabid animal. To avoid exposure to potentially rabid animals, health officials advise that you do not approach, handle or attempt to feed unknown stray or domestic animals or wildlife.

For further information, contact the Oakland County Health Division Epidemiology Unit at (248) 858-1286.

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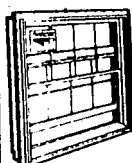
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BS34310	41 1/8 X 49 1/4	141.00
BS1842	22 1/8 X 53 1/4	111.00
BS2042	26 1/8 X 53 1/4	115.80
BS2446	30 1/8 X 57 1/4	129.60
BS2846	34 1/8 X 57 1/4	138.60
BS3046	38 1/8 X 57 1/4	147.00
BS3446	42 1/8 X 57 1/4	154.80
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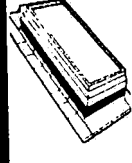
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C21	48 1/2 X 36 1/2	286.33
CW135	29 7/8 X 41 3/8	171.83
C235	48 1/2 X 41 3/8	311.53
CW235	57 X 41 3/8 1/2	334.84
C24	48 1/2 X 48 1/2	341.14
C15	24 5/8 X 60 3/8	200.81
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SK2446	22 1/2 X 46 1/2	216.72
SK2457	22 1/2 X 57 1/2	243.81
SK2854	26 X 46 1/2	243.81
SK4446	42 X 46 1/2	297.36

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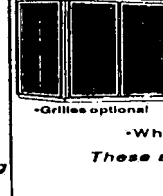


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FWG8068	96 X 80	1235.97
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FWG50611	60 X 83	1012.95
FWG60611	72 X 83	1081.62
FWG80611	96 X 83	1304.64
FWH60611	72 X 83	1310.34

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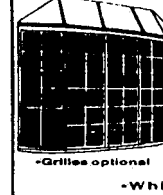


MODEL	SIZE	SALE PRICE
30-C13-20	69 1/8 X 38	809.08
30-C14-20	69 1/8 X 50	925.17
30-C15-20	69 1/8 X 62	1029.51
30-CP24-20	94 X 50	1077.00
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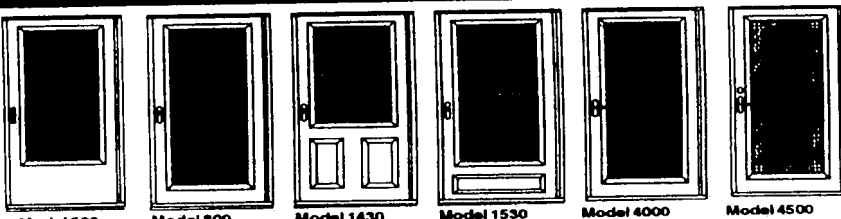


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C34-BOW	73 1/2 X 50	816.16
C44-BOW	97 1/2 X 50	1100.65
C54-BOW	130 1/4 X 50	1466.32
C35-BOW	73 1/2 X 62	919.26
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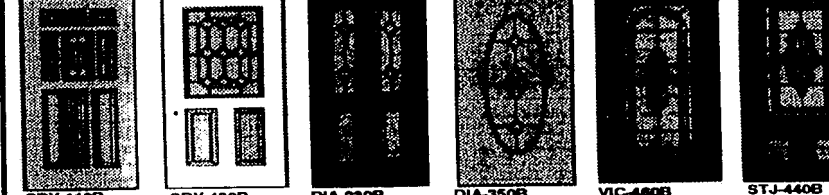
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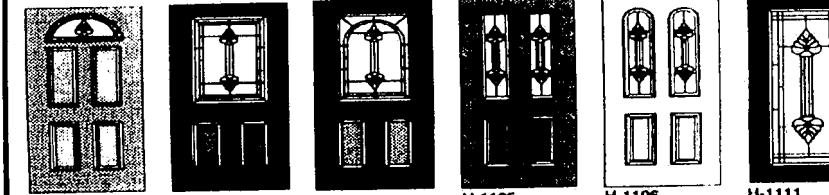
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ST-J-4408 ST. JANE LITE \$890



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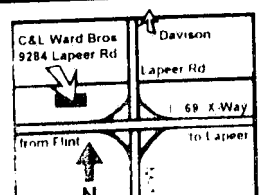
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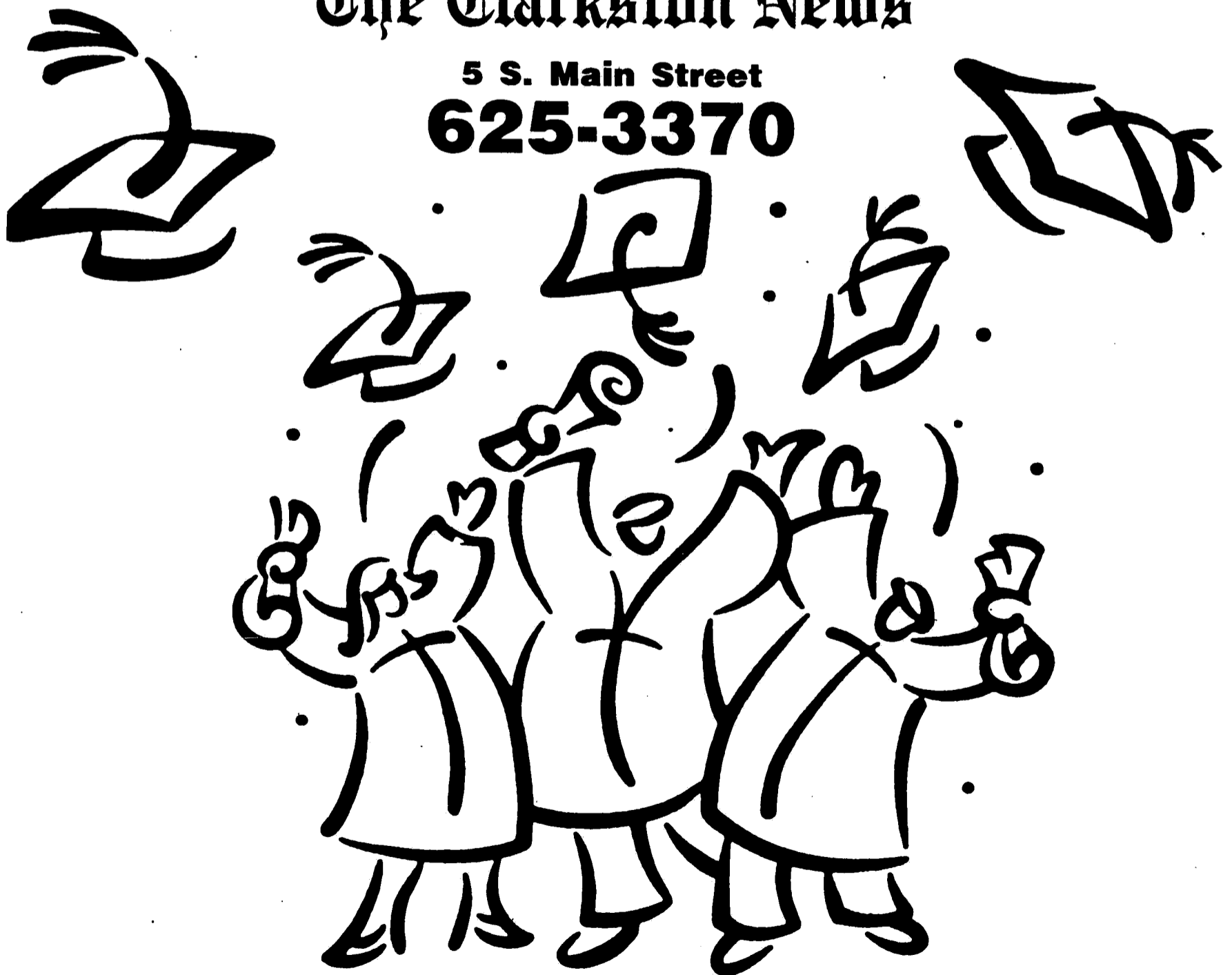
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## Students earn state honors in PTA arts competition

Seven students from the Clarkston School district have work which placed at the state level of the Reflections Fine Arts competition sponsored by the PTA.

The students were able to enter work in literature, music, visual art and photography. The theme this year was "Wouldn't It Be Great If..." They will be honored at an awards ceremony and reception May 16 at the Lansing Center, during the state PTA Convention.

From Clarkston High School, senior Molly Anderson received an Award of Excellence for litera-

ture and sophomore Pat Heber received an Award of Excellence in music.

Clarkston Middle School ninth grader Shayla Blower received an Award of Excellence in photography, and her entry has been sent to the National PTA Reflections Program. Jamie Keesling and Mark Jackson, both sixth graders at CMS also received Awards of Excellence in photography, and Mark's entry has been sent on to national competition as well.

Sashabaw Middle School seventh grader David Hall received an Award of Merit in music, and Bailey Lake second grader David Nienhuis received an Award of Merit in photography.



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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 23, 1998 at 7:30 p.m.**  
at the Independence Township Board Room, 90 North Main Street, Clarkston, Michigan 48346, to consider the following:  
FILE # 98-1-023  
Bryan Monaghan, Petitioner  
**AMERITECH CELLULAR SERVICES**  
REQUEST SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL  
SECOND WALL SIGN  
Parcel Identification Number: 08-29-452-009  
C-3 Zone  
Common Description: 6673 Dixie Highway  
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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**SYNOPSIS**  
**TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
Supervisor Stuart Called the April 7, 1998 meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Hall Annex.  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call: Present: McGee, Rosso, Stuart, Travis, Wallace, Wenger, and McCrary  
Absent: None  
There is a quorum.

1. Approval of Agenda as amended.
2. Approval of minutes of Regular Meeting of March 17, 1998.
3. Approval of minutes of Special Meeting of March 27, 1998.
4. Approved the payment of the list of distributions in the amount totaling \$508,254.61
5. Approved the issuance of purchase requisitions in the amount totaling \$118,898.72.
6. Approval of First Reading of the Housing for the Elderly Ordinance under option 2.
7. Approval of motion to hire Clerk Technical position - Parks and Recreation Department.
8. Approval of motion to enter into contract with Carlisle/Wortman for Historic Structure Survey Proposal.
9. Approved motion adopting the Resolution - Major Widening Project for M-15.
10. Moved to table the award Brush Truck until more information can be received.
11. Motion to accept the Investment Policy as presented.
12. Motion accepting the Road Funding Program.
13. Motion approving the Repaving Contribution Request - Birdland.
14. Motion to set 30 day hence regarding Natural Features Request.
15. Approval of motion accepting architect for Fire Station 3 remodeling.
16. Approval of motion granting Floating Retail Sales License - American Legion.
17. Approval of motion approving appointments to the Election Board of Canvassers.
18. Motion approving the resolution adopting the 1998 Agreement of the GPAC.
19. Moved to table the Request to Extend Sewer District.
20. Approval of motion granting permission to seek bids for Spring Clean-Up.
21. Approval of motion extending the current Cable Franchise Extension.
22. Approval of motion to hire Finance Director - Clerk's Office.
23. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joan E. McCrary  
Township Clerk

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**TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**AGENDA**  
7:30 p.m.      DATE April 21, 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  
Old Business

1. Bid Award of Brush Truck - Fire
2. Second Reading of Housing for the Elderly Ordinance

**New Business**

1. Discussion - Goose Roundup Cranberry Lake
2. Network Upgrade - D.P.W.
3. Renewal Approval - Library Millage
4. 1998 Road Chloriding


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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FILE # 98-1-015  
Kenneth Davis, Petitioners  
Mansur Real Estate Services  
OAKHURST PRD  
Springdale at Oakhurst, Phase IV (94 Lots)  
Ridgewood at Oakhurst, Phase V (35 Lots)  
REQUEST SPECIAL LAND USE WITH  
CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN APPROVAL  
Consistent with Oakhurst Permit Conditions  
Parcel Identification Number: 08-24-200-003  
Approximately 89 Acres  
Common Description: Clintonville & Waldon Roads  
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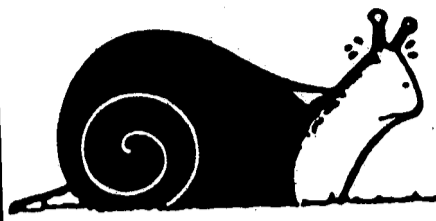
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<p><b>CALVARY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 6805 Bluegrass Drive, Clarkston (W. of M-15, just S. of I-75) 625-3288 Sunday Worship: 8:30 am &amp; 11:00 am Nursery Available Sunday Church School 9:45 a.m. Music - Inger Nelson Staff: Pastor- Bob Walters</p> <p><b>ST. DANIEL CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> 7010 Valley Park Dr., Clarkston (W. of M-15, S. of I-75) 625-4580 Pastor: Magr. Robert Humitz Saturday Mass: 5:00 pm Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:00 &amp; 11:00 am Nursery Available: 9:00 &amp; 11:00 am Religious Education: 625-1750 Mother's Group RCIA Scripture Study Youth Group</p>	<p><b>OAKLAND WOODS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 5628 Maybee Rd., Clarkston, MI (810) 625-7557 Pastor: Bob Galey Located between Sashabaw &amp; Clintonville Rd. Sunday: 8:30 am - Early Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 4:30 pm Adult Choir 6:00 pm Worship Wednesday: 5:45 pm Preschool Choir 5:45 pm Children's Choir 7:00 pm Bible Study &amp; Prayer 7:00 pm Mission Organizations for Preschool &amp; Children 7:00 pm Youth Activities</p> <p><b>CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> 6300 Clarkston Road Clarkston 625-1323 Sunday worship celebration at 10:45 am Nursery Care/Bible Classes/Youth &amp; Children Ministries Home of Clarkston Christian School</p>	<p><b>CLARKSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> (A Stephen Ministry Church) 6600 Waldon Road, Clarkston 625-1611 Sundays: Worship 9:00 am &amp; 11:00 am Church School 9:00 am &amp; 11:00 am Pastors: Doug Trebilcock, Tracy Huffman, Jon Clapp Support Director: Don Kevern Music: Louise Angermeyer Youth Education: John Leeca</p> <p><b>THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH</b> 5449 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston 394-0200 Dr. James G. Keough, Jr. Minister Sunday Worship 10:00 am Children's Sunday School 10:00 am Nursery Available Call for special holiday activities and worship times.</p> <p><b>SASHABAW UNITED PRESBYTERIAN</b> 5300 Maybee Road, Clarkston Worship 11:00 am Nursery Provided Charles Mabee, Pastor Phone 673-3101</p>	<p><b>DIXIE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 8585 Dixie Highway, Intersection I-75 625-2311 High School 625-9760 Pastor James Todd Vanaman Sunday School 10 am - Church 11 am AWANA Wednesday 6:45 Wednesday evening service 7:00 pm Education Ministry K-3 - 12 with supervised care</p> <p><b>CLARKSTON FREE METHODIST CHURCH</b> Corner of Winell at Maybee Road Roger Allen, Pastor Phone: 623-1224 Mike McArthur, Assistant Pastor 9:00 am 1st Worship Service 10:05 am Sunday School 11:15 2nd Worship Service 6:00 pm Vespers Wednesday Family Program 7:00 pm</p> <p><b>THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION</b> 6490 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston Sunday 9:00 am - Nursery Provided William McDonald, Priest 625-2325</p>
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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

At a regular meeting of the Independence Township Board held on April 7, 1998, the Township Board authorized a First Reading of an amendment to the Township's Zoning Ordinance No. 83 regarding Regulations for Elderly Housing as follows:

#### ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT (Regulations for Elderly Housing)

An ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 83, as amended (the Zoning Ordinance) for the purpose of adding an authorization within the Multiple Family Residential District, and creating a new Residential District, for the purpose of making express provision for housing for the elderly.

**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:**

#### Section 1 of Ordinance

Article III, Section 3.01 shall be amended to revise the definition of *Convalescent Home*, and delete reference herein to *Nursing Home*:

#### ARTICLE III. DEFINITIONS

Section 3.01. Definitions  
For the purpose of this Ordinance, certain terms are here-with defined:

...

*Convalescent home.* A convalescent home is a home for the care of children or the infirm, or a place of rest for those suffering bodily disorders; wherein four (4) or more persons are cared for as regulated as such by the State of Michigan.

#### Section 2 of Ordinance

Article III, Section 3.01 shall be amended to add the following definitions, to be inserted in alphabetical order:

#### ARTICLE III. DEFINITIONS

Section 3.01. Definitions  
For the purpose of this Ordinance, certain terms are here-with defined:

...

*Housing for the Elderly* shall mean a building or group of buildings containing dwellings intended to be occupied by, elderly persons as defined by the Federal Fair Housing Act, as amended. Housing for the elderly may include independent and/or assisted living arrangements but shall not include convalescent homes or homes for the aged regulated by the State of Michigan. Independent and assisted living housing for elderly are defined as follows:

*Independent Living for the Elderly.* Housing that is designed and operated for elderly people in good health who desire and are capable of maintaining independent households, and do not require assistance to meet daily needs. Such housing may provide certain services such as meals, linkage to health care, transportation, security housekeeping and recreational and social activities. Project sites shall be designed to accommodate an active and mobile resident population. Individual dwellings are designed to promote independent living and shall contain kitchen facilities.

*Assisted Living for the Elderly.* Housing that provides 24 hour supervision and is designed and operated for elderly people who require some level of support for daily living. Residents shall receive support services for daily living based on individual needs. Such support shall include daily personal care, meals, transportation, security and housekeeping. Individual dwellings may contain kitchen facilities.

#### Section 3 of Ordinance

Article XII, Section 12.02 shall be amended to add a new paragraph 4, reading as follows:

#### ARTICLE XII. MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

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Section 12.02. Permitted principal uses.

1-3. [NO CHANGE]

4. Housing for the Elderly, subject to the intent and regulations for such use set forth in Section 13.06 of this Ordinance.

#### Section 4 of Ordinance

Article XIII, in its entirety, shall be deleted, and replaced by the following:

#### ARTICLE XIII. ELDERLY HOUSING RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

Section 13.01 R-3 -- Elderly Housing Residential District.  
The Elderly Housing Residential District is designed to permit housing, which meets the needs of the elderly, as defined and regulated by this Ordinance. It is the intent of this Article to establish standards which will ensure the compatibility of elderly housing with adjacent land uses, provide for appropriate locations in close proximity to facilities and services that are required by the elderly, and allow, for building and site designs which meet the various needs of the elderly. It is recognized that a specialized type and design of housing may be permitted for the elderly in view of their distinguished needs and requirements, including the amount of area, to be occupied and maintained, and reduced ownership and use of automobiles.

Section 13.02. Permitted Principal Uses

1. Housing for the elderly subject to the site design requirements set forth in Section 13.06.

2. Accessory buildings and uses customarily incidental to the above permitted principal uses.

Section 13.03. Special land uses in accordance with Section 5.15.

The following special land uses shall be permitted in the R-3 Elderly Housing Residential District only after proper notice has been given and public hearing held in accordance with State Law and after review and approval has been granted by the Township Planning Commission subject to the requirements and standards of Section 5.15, any of the following applicable requirements and all other standards of this ordinance.

1. Convalescent homes.

Section 13.04. Site plan review.

For all uses permitted in an R3 District, all structures and uses incidental thereto must have site plan review as required under Section 5.12.

Section 13.05. Area, height, bulk and placement requirements.

Area, height, bulk and placement requirements in accordance with Article XXX, Schedule of Regulations.

Section 13.06. Site design requirements.

All elderly housing developments shall conform to the following site design requirements.

1. Type of *Dwelling and Density*:

a. Independent Living for the Elderly--Dwellings may be provided for as single family detached, two-family or multiple family units. The minimum site area requirements for purposes of calculating density shall be as follows;

Dwelling Unit Size	Site Area/Unit (sq. ft.)
Efficiency/One Bedroom	4500
Two Bedroom	5000
Each additional bedroom	500 additional

b. Assisted Living for the Elderly -- Where such facilities contain individual dwelling units with kitchen facilities, the density requirements set forth in Section 13.06.1.a shall apply. Where facilities do not contain kitchen facilities within individual dwelling units, the site area per bed shall be 4500 square feet.

2. *Minimum site area*: The minimum site area shall be two (2) acres

3. *Building length*: The building shall not exceed two hundred and fifty (250) feet in overall length, measured along the front line of connecting units, inclusive of any architectural features which are attached to or connect the parts of the building together. The Planning Commission may permit buildings of greater length when it can be demonstrated that architectural design and natural and topographic features ensure that the building is in scale with the site and surrounding areas.

4. *Perimeter Setbacks*: The minimum yard setbacks from the perimeter property boundaries shall be no less than seventy-five (75) feet from the front property line and fifty (50) feet from all other property lines.

5. *Internal Setbacks*:

a. A minimum setback requirement for single and two-family, dwellings located on individual lots shall be as follows:

Yard	Setbacks Per Dwelling Unit (in feet)
Front and rear	
Front	25
Rear	35
Side	
Least	7.5
Total of same lot	20
Total between abutting lots	20

b. Minimum setbacks single and two-family dwellings which are not located on individual lots and multiple-family dwellings shall be based on the spacing between buildings in accordance with the following requirements:

#### Minimum Setbacks and Distances Between Buildings (in Feet)

Setbacks/Districts	Multiple Family	Single and Two Family
Minimum Setbacks *		
Internal Drives/Streets	25	25
Distance Between Building		
Side/Side Orientation	30	20
Side/Front, Side/Rear Orientation	30	35
Front/Front, Front/Rear, Rear/Rear Orientation	60	50

\*Where the elderly housing development contains drives or streets without a recorded easement, setbacks shall be measured from the edge of pavement.

c. In the case of multiple-family dwellings, enclosed walkways connecting buildings may be permitted provided applicable building and fire code and building spacing requirements are met.

6. *Minimum floor area*: Each dwelling unit shall comply with the following minimum floor area requirements, excluding basements:

Dwelling Unit Size	Assisted Living Unit	Independent Living Unit
Efficiency	400	500
One Bedroom	550	650
Two Bedroom	700	800
Each additional bedroom	150 additional	150

7. *Building height*: The maximum building height shall be thirty-five (35) feet in height or two (2) stories. The Township Board, following recommendation of the Planning Commission, and following a public hearing, may at its discretion, permit up to three (3) stories only if the following conditions are met:

- The site contains significant natural resources such as slopes or wetlands.
- No increase in density shall be allowed.

3. Approval by the Fire Department is required

4. An increased setback distance is established with respect to each setback required to be increased in the discretion of the Township Board, including front, rear and side yard requirements and spacing requirements between buildings. The extent of increase, if any, for each set back measurement shall be established as part of the approval by the Township Board.

5. In no event shall the maximum height of any such building exceed 35 feet, in the manner defined and calculated in accordance with the terms of this Ordinance.

8. *Lighting*: All parking areas, building entrances, sidewalks, and ramps shall be illuminated to ensure the security of property and safety of persons using such areas, in accordance with the requirements set forth in Section 5.18.9.

9. *Landscaping*: Elderly housing developments shall be landscaped and screened in accordance with Section 5.13.

10. *Open space/recreation*: Open space and recreation shall be provided in accordance with the following requirements:

- Total open space required shall be a minimum of fifteen percent (15%) of the site
- Recreation facilities shall be appropriate and designed to meet the needs of the resident population: Active recreation shall be located conveniently in relation to the majority of dwelling units intended to be served.

12. *Resident Services*: Support service offered solely to residents may be permitted provided such services are contained within the principal building and are strictly accessory to the principal use as an elderly residential facility. Such support services may include: congregate dining; health care; personal services; and social, recreational, and educational facilities and programs.

13. *Security*. The applicant shall specify and install a security system designed to protect the safety and welfare of residents. Such system shall be certified by the project architect or engineer to be designed consistent with state of the art standards of the industry. Such certification shall be shown on the project plans reviewed by the Planning Commission.

#### Section 5 of Ordinance

Article VII, Section 7.02 shall be amended by modifying the language of sub-paragraph (1)(c) so as to read as follows:  
**ARTICLE VII. OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS**

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Section 7.02. Table of off-street parking requirements.  
USE NUMBER OF MINIMUM PARKING SPACES PER UNIT OF MEASURE

1. Residential

The amount of required off-street parking space for new uses or buildings, additions thereto, and additions to existing buildings as specified above shall be determined in accordance with the following table, and the space so required shall be stated in the application for a building permit.

a-b. [NO CHANGE]

c. Housing for the Elderly:

- Independent living for the Elderly: One (1) for each one (1) Dwelling unit plus one (1) Per employee
- Assisted Living for the Elderly: One (1) per each two (2) Dwelling units plus one (1) Per employee

#### Section 6 of Ordinance

Article XXX, Schedule of Regulations shall be amended by the designated title or designation of the R-3 District (the entire text of which is amended in this Ordinance) from Single Family Attached to Elderly Housing, so as to read as follows:

#### ARTICLE XXX. SCHEDULE OF REGULATIONS

District

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R-3 Elderly Housing Residential District.

#### Section 7 of Ordinance

The Zoning Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect, amended only as expressly modified above.

#### Section 8 of Ordinance

The effective date of this Ordinance shall depend on whether the ordinance is requested to be submitted to the Township electors for approval. A notice of intent to make such a request must be submitted within seven days of publication of the ordinance. If such a notice has not been timely submitted, this ordinance shall take effect on the eighth day following publication. If a notice of intent is timely filed, a petition requesting the submission of this ordinance to the township electors must be filed within thirty (30) days of publication of the ordinance. If such a petition has not been timely filed, this ordinance shall take effect on the 31st day following publication. If such a petition has been timely filed, this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon the final determination by the Township Clerk that a majority of the registered electors in the Township have voted to approve it. A petition requesting submission of this ordinance to a vote of the electors must be signed by a number of registered Township electors equal to not less than 10% of the total vote cast for all candidates for governor at the last preceding general election at which a governor was elected.  
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Respectfully Submitted  
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Township Clerk

# An Egg-citing Easter

## Children enjoy annual parks and rec. activity

There was lots of room to get the wiggles out as youngsters participated in an Easter Egg Hunt April 7. The event was held inside the new and spacious Clarkston Christian Association, a youth center at the corner of Sashabaw and Maybee.

Children chose from a variety of activities that included stations for picture coloring, crafts, bag decorating and face painting; hoop, ring and bunny tosses;

soccer, a clothespin drop and a cupcake walk. Little hands dipped into Easter egg baskets to claim prizes.

Then, there was that big, white rabbit who brings joy every year, and a hunt for his eggs, hidden around the room.

The annual activity is sponsored by Independence Township Parks and Recreation.

— By Eileen McCarville

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Stephanie Beasley, 2, isn't sure where to go next after finishing the Cupcake Walk. "She stole the balloons right off that chair," laughed her mom Jennifer.



Concentrate, concentrate . . . Scott Martin decorates a cupcake with the help of his au pair, Marjo Kontinen.



Madison Littmann, 3, works on a picture, inspiring the curiosity of Samuel Tanielian, 2 1/2, at left.

Madison's mother Linda provides some assistance.