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Don't eat the artwork!



Christopher Belcher's art project was too yummy to pass up at North Sashabaw Elementary School's Art Day. During cake decorating class he takes a bite of his cupcake. More photos on page 3A.

Downtown plans specials, events during construction

BY MARALEE COOK
Clarkston News Editor

The upcoming road construction on Main Street, to install a water main and aesthetic enhancements, may pay off for visitors to downtown this summer.

About 16 downtown Clarkston business people and Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce members met Tuesday to brainstorm ideas to encourage people to shop downtown.

The group discussed preliminary plans to embrace construction, featuring specials, contests and other promotions.

One of the most popular ideas was "Shuttle and Shop." A shuttle service would be arranged from nearby parking

lots to downtown for customers to shop and dine on specific days or evenings when the area is free of construction workers and noise.

Other ideas included installing additional bike racks and encouraging the community's many bikers to head for downtown. A radio location broadcast from the city with tickets, drawings, give-away items and athletes signing autographs was another suggested option.

"There are little, easy and relatively inexpensive or free things that can be done," said committee chairman Kurt Miller, of RDM Associates. "We need to show people that as business people,

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Construction could start this week. Details on page 19A

CMS student with bacterial meningitis still hospitalized

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Megan Goldberg, a 13-year-old Clarkston Middle School student, has been in the hospital since April 3 with a case of bacterial meningitis.

According to William Beaumont Hospital Spokesperson Bonnie Niebel, Megan's condition was still considered "serious" as of Tuesday, April 10.

Anita Banach, public relations coordinator for Clarkston Community Schools, said Megan has been absent from school since April 2. The case was confirmed as meningitis April 4 by the Oakland County Health Department, she said.

Clarkston Middle School Principal Linda Armstrong said the school community has been very supportive of the student's situation.

"We've had a wonderful outpouring of compassion and support from people wondering what they can do to help the family," she said.

On Tuesday, Dr. Carolyn Bird of the Oakland County Health Department said no other cases of bacterial meningitis have been reported in the Clarkston

school district.

The district sent out information to parents giving descriptions of viral and bacterial meningitis, its symptoms, and what can be done to prevent the spread of the disease.

According to a fact sheet issued by the Oakland County Health Division, bacterial meningitis is the swelling of the membranes around the spinal cord or brain. It is caused by bacteria. Only by testing the fluid around the spine can a doctor know what is causing the meningitis.

The disease is obtained by direct contact with nose or throat discharges of an infected person such as kissing, sharing utensils, drinking glasses, etc. Symptoms of the disease are fever, severe headache, vomiting/nausea, stiff neck and back, confusion, extreme weakness, bulging soft spot on a baby's head, seizure, and coma.

Viral (or aseptic) meningitis is defined by the Oakland County Health Division as a swelling of the membranes around the spinal cord and brain caused by a virus. It is a common, but not usu-

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Schools drop Driver's Ed.

Making plans for your child to learn how to drive? If so, your plans will need to include contacting a private company. The Clarkston Community School District has announced it will not offer driver education this summer.

Joining districts like Birmingham and Brandon, the district determined offering a driver education program was not feasible for this summer, according to a press release from the schools. There are two main reasons for the change:

■ The difficulty of obtaining cars from dealerships for the training. After checking this year, the district was unable to obtain enough cars to run the program.

■ Reimbursement from the State of Michigan for offering district-sponsored

driver education has steadily decreased. Last year, the district experienced a loss of over \$64,000 to sponsor the program.

Dr. Al Roberts, superintendent of Clarkston schools stated "This program is a great service to our families and young drivers, but the cost has become too prohibitive. Nonetheless we hope to establish a partnership with outside companies that would make it possible for students to participate in a top-notch program and receive a reduced rate."

Families should make plans to have their children enroll in driver education through a private company this summer. If the district is successful in putting together partnerships with the private driving schools, families of enrolled students will be notified.

The Clarkston News Classifieds begin on page 7B

The News in Brief

Independence El. gets NCA accreditation

Independence Elementary School Principal Chris Turner announced the school has received accreditation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

"Accreditation by the NCA means the school has met the standards set for membership," said Turner.

Accreditation must be renewed each year and is based on a rigorous improvement process. NCA is the nation's largest regional accrediting association and is a voluntary coalition of over 8,800 schools and over 1,000 colleges and universities in the 19-state region of the central U.S.

Used Book Sale

Children's books, novels, travel, hobbies, sports and much more are available at the annual Used Book Sale, sponsored by the Friends of the Independence Township Library on Thurs. through Saturday, April 26 to 28 at the Library.

Sale hours will be during regular library hours on Thursday and Friday, but only until 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Book prices are \$2 for adult hard cover; \$1 for adult paperback; \$1.50 for children's hard cover; children's paperbacks will be 75 cents each or three for \$2.

Saturday is "Bargain Day", all books are \$2 per bag.

The Library is located at 6495 Clarkston Road. Call 625-2212 for more information.

Schools hire new business director

Clarkston Community Schools has a new man in charge of their business operations.

Bruce Beamer, currently fiscal services coordinator for Oakland Schools, was hired by the Clarkston Board of Education as the district's new director of business services at their April 9 meeting.

He replaces Craig Kahler, who resigned as director of business services March 28. Beamer was chosen from seven candidates interviewed for the position.

Beamer brings over 20 years of experience to the table, having worked in various school finance capacities in Ohio since 1978. He holds a bachelor's degree from Adrian College and a master's degree from the University of Akron.

He will begin his duties with the district April 30.

Correction

Two girls in the photo on the front page of the March 28 Clarkston News were incorrectly identified.

Pictured were Samantha Rash, left and Amanda Bemis.

We regret the error.

Call The Clarkston News with your News in Brief -- 625-3370.

Clarkston High School Academic Achiever

Name: Craig Verlinden

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Extra-curricular activities:

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Honors, awards, and scholarships: Optimist Award; Chenille letter; Scholar Athlete Award.

Favorite subjects: Math and science.

Outside interests or hobbies: My hobbies include golfing and other outside activities.

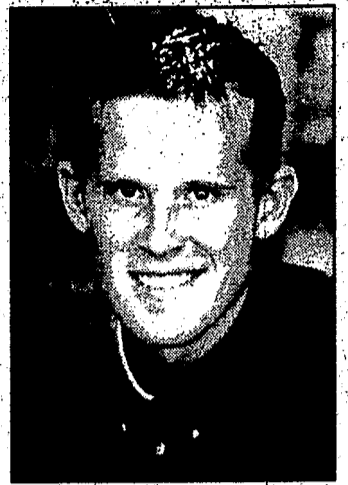
Best friends are people who: Are honest, trustworthy and supportive.

When I think of the future I: See myself as a happy little man living in a small house on a lake.

I'll try to make a contribution by: Trying to make sure everyone feels important in one way or another.

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Craig Verlinden

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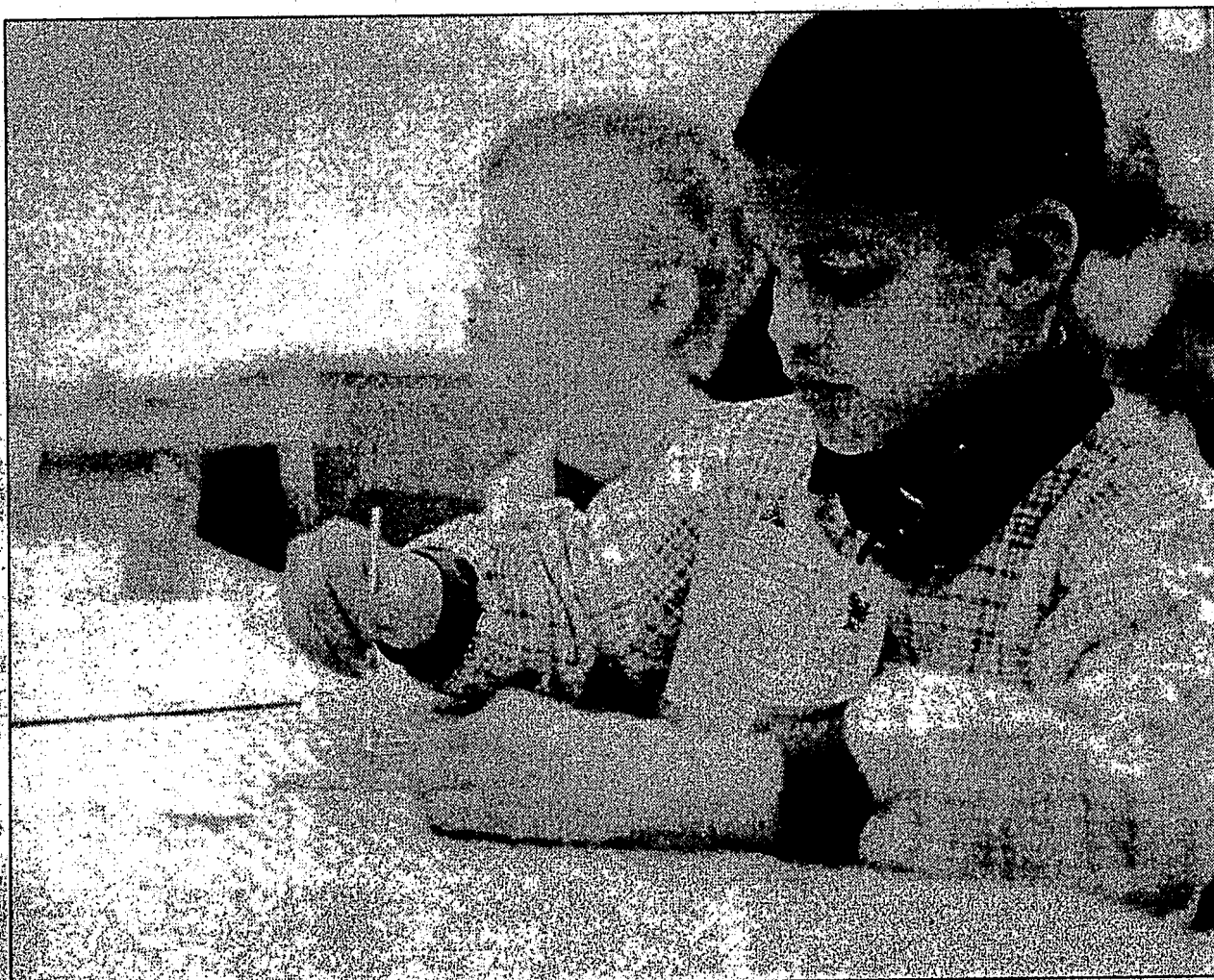
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The Second Front

March 29 was a day filled with fun and creativity at North Sashabaw Elementary's Art Day 2001, a PTO sponsored event. Parents, Clarkston schools students, community members and volunteers shared their talents and time to make Art Day a success. Kids participated in a variety of activities including jazz dance, jewelry making, puppets, magic and a whole lot more. Art Day "gives the kids a broader aspect of the arts," said Kathy Tibitoski, parent and committee chair member, adding "the kids are extremely excited about the day." Photos by Jennifer Nemer.



(Top left) Betsy Mellen decorates a flower pot, while wearing a sculptured hat from a previous art session. (Bottom left) Tammy Segan volunteers her time as daughter Kirby, a fourth grader, makes origami. Lacey Thompson (devil shirt), a peer student volunteer from Sashabaw Middle School, looks on. (Top) Multi-talented Tessa Ruff, left front, decorates a flower pot and blows a bubble. (Middle) Second grader Andy Ingham, front, has fun making an ornament out of popsicle sticks for Easter. (Bottom middle) Estephany Cisneros, front, a kindergartner at North Sashabaw Elementary, squeezes frosting on to her deliciously decorated cupcake.

'Art is man
added to nature.'

—Francis Bacon

Clarkston's mayor balks at fee for city water hook up

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

An inter-governmental water agreement between the City of Clarkston and Independence Township caused a minor squall at the April 3 township board meeting.

With water main construction soon to begin, township officials finally voted on a first amendment to a contract detailing the city's hook up to the township's water supply.

Steve Joppich, township attorney, described recent contract revisions to board members. He said key points included initial maintenance costs the township will bill to the city, a 30-day payment required from the city upon billing, and costs for audits incurred by the township.

But a ten percent administrative fee (to be tacked on for customers each billing) caused concern for the city mayor.

Mayor Sharron Catallo told audience and board members she was not happy about the added charge, and wasn't expecting this to be part of the motion.

"They're ready to put the shovel in the ground," said Catallo, "and now there's an additional ten percent for the people. I just don't agree with that."

Joppich said the administrative fee was integrated into the contract because of a concern the township

had with added costs by providing water to the city. "This takes care of those costs," he said.

Catallo said she was hoping water service for the city was not going to be as expensive as it has become, since beginning talks "so long ago."

The mayor said the ten percent charge is simply an attempt to benefit the township.

But Trustee Dan Travis said the administrative fee is much less than other townships. "A typical pass-through charge is 50 percent. Ten percent is a rather softened approach."

Catallo responded, "if there has to be one."

Supervisor Dale Stuart said "if a year from now it appears (the ten percent charge) is no longer appropriate and doesn't make sense, I'll come back to the board. But at this point and time, it looks reasonable." He added, "We'll need a year or two to see how this will muster out."

Catallo added it is difficult to pinpoint a dollar amount on what the ten percent will mean for residents and business owners. It will depend on what the billing amount will actually be, and on the people's water usage, she said.

Catallo said she is glad the board will revisit the agreement in the future to ensure "the people are not overpaying by a great deal."

Sullivan, Hyer file petitions for school board election

Two people have thrown their hat into the ring as candidates for this year's Clarkston school board election.

Current Clarkston school board treasurer Ron Sullivan was one of the candidates to file for election to the school board by the deadline April 9. He was joined by Steve Hyer, a 1997 graduate of Clarkston High School who ran for the board last year.

The annual school election will be held Tuesday, June 12.

The candidates will be vying for two positions on the board, currently held by Sullivan and secretary Rick Crigger.

Crigger has already announced he will not be seeking reelection to the board once his term expires in June.

Sullivan was elected to his first term on the school board in 1997. He holds a bachelor of science degree in computer science from Central Michigan University, and is employed with Electronic Data Systems. He has been involved with the Clarkston Elementary PTO and the Clarkston Middle School PTA.

Hyer is currently the president and founder of Internet Global Data Solutions Corporation, a company based in Clarkston. The company works to maintain several online K-12 curriculum resources for students and teachers. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan.

Full Gospel Businessmen's Meeting

Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship International Pontiac/N. Oakland Chapter Dinner Meeting is Sat., April 21 at 6 p.m. at Cooper's Family Restaurant, 4737 Dixie Hwy. Marquis Harris of Clarkston

will be the speaker. Marquis is a retired senior executive of the Truck Engineering Operations at GM. He has also served as General Manager of the Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship International, as well as president of this chapter. Meetings are open to men and women. For information call 625-5221

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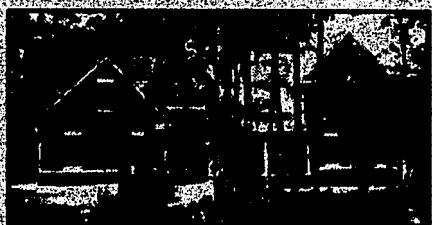
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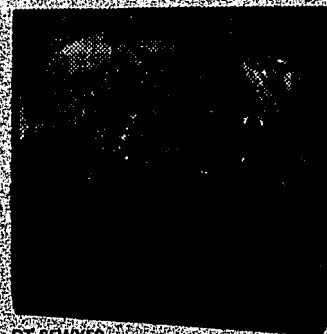
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Independence denies Fox Creek road closure

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Closure of a thru-way between an Independence Township apartment complex and a mobile home park was cause for recent confusion.

According to Fox Creek apartment management "on November 9, 2000, the Independence Township Planning Commission...passed a resolution closing the road."

However, planning members said they did not do such thing and the November judgement only supported road closure if the Fire Department approved it.

The Fire Department did not, and at the March 22 meeting, members of the Planning Commission voted to keep the road open.

Attorney Norman Hyman, representing apartment complex owner Gerald T. Odom, said the November motion led the Fox Creek community to believe the road would be closed off by a safety gate or break away barrier and be utilized for emergency purposes only.

"But now," Hyman said to planning members, "the Fire Department is refusing your approval. You have made your decision, we are entitled to have a gate approved. I believe it's up to you to effectuate your decision."

November minutes stated the motion supported road closure "provided" the Independence Township Fire Department approve some sort of safety gate or breakaway barrier.

Chairman Steve Board said the active word in the November decision is *provided*. That doesn't suggest the gate was approved no matter the Fire Department's decision, he said.

"Why would I make a decision that the Fire Department told me was unsafe for the community?" Board added.

Fire Marshal Greg Olrich said the "department doesn't condone any type of restriction. Basically, we are opposed to anything that will limit our access." He added, "We try to maintain a consistency con-

cerning gates throughout the township."

Planning member Richard Oppman said commissioners work with township staff, like the Fire Department, to approve what goes into the community. "We made a typical motion and as a commissioner it would be ill-advised to make a motion against township staff."

History between Fox Creek and Planning Commission stems back to 1995 when Independence Woods Mobile Home Community on Mann Road was built. The township required a road through the apartment complex to Clintonville Road for emergency purposes and easy access for travellers living in both communities.

But, Fox Creek says the majority of traffic is from the mobile home park, creating a 28 percent increase over residential traffic.

Attempts to slow down the amount of commuters as well as the rate of speed with 15 mile per hour

signs and two speed bumps, have failed.

Theresa Page, Fox Creek property manager, said drivers cut through the carport area to avoid the speed bumps, posing concerns somebody will eventually get hurt. Page added she has received numerous complaints from people stating they were nearly hit by a car.

In November, Hyman and Odom submitted to the board a petition of 221 signatures from Fox Creek residents concerned with the safety and well-being of their neighborhood and who support road closure.

Management stated in a recent letter to residents, "This is an extremely important issue for the future safety and livability of your home—Fox Creek."

Hyman hinted toward legal action at the meeting. "There are other options than being here. This leads us to other options."

Fire Dept. purchases defibrillators

Schools, Independence Parks and Rec facilities and others to get life-saving device

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A recent purchase by Independence Township may make residents safer in the future.

The Fire Department received approval at the March 20 Township Board meeting to purchase 36 Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) for distribution throughout the community.

Twelve defibrillator units, formally called Physio-Control Life Pak 500, will outfit emergency vehicles for the fire department. Four will go in Oakland County deputy sheriff patrol cars.

AED distributor Medtronic describes the units as "sleek, lightweight, designed for grab-and-go portability." Eight of these units with "intuitive design

ideal for infrequent or inexperienced users," will be dispersed at Parks and Recreation areas including the senior center, Deer Lake Beach, Bay Court Beach, baseball concessions, softball concessions, and the three senior vans.

The Department of Public Works will receive AEDs for its building, a vehicle and the cemetery. One AED will go to the library as well as the Township Hall and Annex Building.

Six additional units were also ordered to have on hand if the Fire Department receives buyer interest from local businesses such as golf courses, health clubs and more.

Fire Chief Steve Ronk said, "We plan to place

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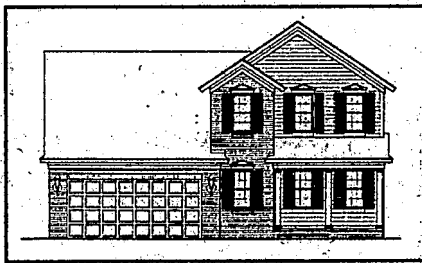
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Letters To The Editor

Anyone may need an organ or tissue transplant someday

Many of us already know of someone who, like myself, has benefited from organ or tissue donation. Maybe a relative or a friend of yours has been able to return to work, continue their education or play with their child again because of a life-saving organ transplant.

Each year hundreds of Michigan families have consented to organ and tissue donation when faced with a personal tragedy. The unselfish actions of these donors went on to save or greatly improve the quality of life of so many people - people like you and me.

Each recipient will be forever grateful to their donor and the donor's family for deciding to say yes to donation and bestowing on them the most precious gift of all - the gift of life. People of all ages who will live their life free of dialysis, or see their dreams come true due to a cornea transplant. So many lives saved or enhanced because of the generosity of another human being.

I can speak from personal experience. On September 25, 1995, I received the gift of life myself. Through the unselfish generosity of a family I have never met, I have lived to see the marriage of both of my children and the birth of my son's little boy in March of 1999. I am

anxiously awaiting the birth of my daughter's first child this May.

Words cannot express the happiness and emotion I feel at these incredibly joyous times - times I feared I'd never see before I received my liver transplant.

Each of us can make a difference by making the commitment to becoming an organ and tissue donor. Yet, unfortunately, 185 patients died in Michigan last year because the organ they needed never became available.

There are currently 2,400 Michigan patients waiting for life-saving organ transplants while thousands more remain on a waiting list for a tissue transplant.

Remember - any one of us could someday need an organ or tissue transplant. Talk to your friends and family and sign up to be a donor today. For more information or to sign the Michigan Donor Registry, please contact The Gift of Life Agency of Michigan at (800)482-4881.

Gail Seeling
Goodrich

Others should enjoy talent of Shakespeare cast

On March 30, I had the pleasure of attending a delightful program at the Waterford Cultural Council on Andersonville Road. The offering was entitled "Shakespeare's Women", a most amusing presentation enacted by a small number of highly talented performers.

My hope is that these artists will appear in this area for a repeat performance. Possibly the Clarkston Village Players or some other local organization might engage this group for a money-making project. They also offer different types of programs.

The Artistic Director of "Shakespeareance", is Gillian Eaton, an award winning British actress/director with many credits in film, television and theatre, who began her career at the Royal Shakespeare Company. Gillian chose her material from twelve of the bard's plays, supporting the importance and respect women should receive plus the antagonistic role of the mate.

The troupe is composed of five people: two actresses, one actor, and two musicians. Gillian's counterpart, Terry Heck, and her husband John Seibert, are professional per-

formers with many acting credits. Brian Cleary, on piano, and David Penny, on drums, provide interesting and amusing accompaniment.

One does not have to be scholarly to understand and appreciate the humor conveyed by well chosen passages from Shakespeare. John Seibert's interruptions, as he attacks the women, are cleverly interjected and the women gain support from the audience when quotations, written on slips of paper, give them ammunition for a counterattack. One of my favorite insults was "I do desire we may be better strangers." Invited to take our venomous sayings home, I suggested they might be used to discourage telemarketers!

I have no personal interest in promoting this group and I asked for their phone number. However, I would like to have others enjoy this fine talent. For anyone interested in engaging the group, call Gillian at (734)416-1022 or Terry at (734)663-0811.

Anne Hubchen
Clarkston

More Letters to the Editor on page 9A

Can downtown construction be fun?

Most people who've lived through remodeling of their home wouldn't categorize it as a fun time, and I'm one of them. But maybe I just had the wrong attitude.

After listening to the brainstorming going on at Tuesday's meeting of Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce members and downtown business people (see story on page 1), I'm pumped.

The upcoming road construction on Main Street to install a water main and implement new sidewalks, trees and other amenities may work to the city's advantage.

Hard Hat Zones, Shuttle and Shop, Cycle to Shop, Big Trucks, delivering coffee and donuts to smiling construction workers... this could be fun!

The group was enthusiastic as well and came up with all kinds of suggestions to make this go as well as possible.

I hope the group continues to work together after construction is finished. The business people have not always gotten along downtown over the years, and this may be the catalyst to motivate a new spirit of working together.



Maralee Cook

Rolling Along

This week we ran a sad story about elderly Independence Township resident Emma McHugh, who died some time ago and was not discovered until Sunday.

Neighborhood kids attempted to visit her and could not get a response which prompted their parents to check, then call the police when a foul odor was noticed coming from the home.

The coroner estimated she died three months ago. A message from an out-of-state daughter wishing her a Merry Christmas was still on her answering machine, according to Oakland County Sheriff's Deputies.

Her neighbor, Jack Leech, called Monday to tell me about the incident. He said she was a recluse, and no one knew much about her. His daughter and other neighbors' kids visited her occasionally, and sometimes they saw her at the grocery store.

It's hard to believe her family would not be suspicious after not hearing from her for three months, but it's difficult to know what goes on in other families' private lives.

If nothing else, this serves as a sad reminder to look out for our neighbors.

Questions? Comments? E-mail Maralee at clarkstonnews@adni.net

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Carpenters are in the house, too bad they're ants

You know it is spring not by the arrival of our beloved, red-breasted robins, but by those dastardly, meticulous black carpenter ants.

Three year old Shamus is glad it's again spring-time. Not only can he go outside and pedal his shiny, red, three-wheeled "motorcycle," he can watch the ants zig zag across the floor. Personally, I can think of no better fun than getting down to eye level with an ant, gently nudging it with my forefinger -- seeing it scamper away, then just before it heads under the refrigerator, smashing it to smithereens with the bottom of my shoe.

That's only if the tender, young eyes of Shamus are elsewhere in the house. Otherwise, it's, "Let's put him outside, Shamus. That's where he belongs, where he wants to go."

I don't want any one to think that we're living in a house of filth -- we're not. We haven't many of those Formicidae since the sewer got clogged and flooded the basement last year. After the leakage, we tore up and threw out the subsequently soaked wooden sub-floor.

Did I say "we?"

Jen and I had to hire that job out.

Did I say, "Jen and I?"

While Jen would have made a go at it -- she has the mental fortitude to take on and complete any task -- it was just too danged yucky for me to even think of approaching. I let my fingers do the walking and dialed somebody, as fast as my stubby little digits could work the telephone buttons.

Prior to *The Great Deluge*, as it will forever be known in the annals of history, we also had these icky, three-inch long, spindly-legged, gray-black, red-brown centipedes. These creepy crawlers would appear out of nowhere when you turn on a light and scare the stupid out of me (they were so creepy, in fact, even Jen became squeamish upon seeing one scampering

across the wall or floor or toilet).

Our first year in the Money Pit was eventful for critters of the insectal-persuasion. The old Hoover was put through the ringer that year. The great and brave hero that I am, I would never get close enough to grab those 100-legged creatures with tissue or paper towel.

No way, Bubba. Nada. Nyet. Nien (those are the English-phonetics of "no" in foreign lingos).

When Jen yelled, "E-e-e-y-a-k at 10 o'clock!" It was my job as gunner to come running, Hoover in hand, extension hose out to vacuum those suckers to oblivion. It was grueling work, but somebody had to do it.

Since the clean up, we've seen nary a trace of the pot-lickers, I'm happy to report. But, there are still some ants. And, they make Shamus happy.

He and his red-headed friend Megan, have been catching our home-bound ants and then transplanting them to their new "house." Ant homes in our house refer to a two-inch deep, six-by-eight-inch tin. The tin is decorated in the time-honored Easter tradition -- eggs and bunnies atop a green background.

The two have stones and dirt inside the tin -- er, swingin' ant pad -- to make the occupants feel more, well, at home. Their first creature was dubbed, "Tippen." Why, I couldn't say. They kept on peeking inside the lid until Tippen escaped. Apparently, Tippen wasn't the settling down type.

The day Tippen-escaped (which was three point two minutes after he was caught) was a sad day in Mudville, folks.

They searched and searched but that rascal Tippen out maneuvered them and was able to lose himself somewhere under the couch. Both Shamus and Megan plan to replace their beloved Tippen with another unsuspecting ant . . . but only if I don't see the danged thing first.

This just in: Shamus and company now have to find their ants before one year old Sean . . . reports have it he likes to eat them. And, no, according to Poison Control, they are not poisonous.

Comments for *B'wana Don*, brave insect hunter, can be e-mailed to: dontrushemdon@aol.com



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When will you write about me Grandpa?

I should have known I'd be in trouble if I wrote about one grandchild and not the others. Soon after doing a *Jottings* about golfing in Alabama with grandson Danny, his sister, Karen, asked, "When are you going to write about me, Grandpa?"

The other grandchildren, Savannah, 5, and twins Haley and Trevor, 19-months, have been taught better, and don't force grandpa to make up lies.

My quick response to Karen's question was, "When you do something special, maybe." My intent was to stall until she forgot, which generally takes about as long as a wink for a 12-year-old.

Let me digress.

When Karen is asked how old she is she'll say, "I'm nearly 13." When she was eleven she called herself, "eleventeen," and now she's "twelveteen," or "almost 13."

Why does she and others want so badly to be known as a teenager? Has television and rock stations washed out reason? Are they not aware nobody likes teenagers, not even other teenagers?

Apparently, teen is a cult, and you know what a cult is . . . something that every adult hopes their children will not become involved with. It's an age when they know absolutely everything about everything, when they know they are better drivers, know proper manners and chose clothes expected in fin-

Jim's
Jottings



Jim Sherman

est restaurants.

Yet they can't find a car's brake, leave their backward-worn hats on in fine eateries and wear clothes that are too long, too short, too tight or too large.

And, Karen can't wait to be a teen, "ya know, I mean, ya know."

Well, two weeks after my Danny column, Karen had not forgotten. Her family closed out the skiing season, for them, March 25, at Boyne Country Resorts, and she had finished first in a downhill race.

March 26 Karen called. "I did something special, now do I get in the paper?" What's a grandpa to do?

Her 30 miles per hour trip down a ski slope got Karen a trophy. Bless her heart. Congratulations.

That same weekend, brother Dan won a first in his age group, going 60 miles per hour.

I mention these speeds, not because I know what they mean, but to again point out what speed can do. That weekend a 19-year-old girl lost control going down one of Boyne's slopes.

I think what she did is called a "slip" or she caught an "edge." She lost control, her neck hit a rope, and her out of control body hit a tree. She was killed, I'm sorry to say.

I'm not saying or hinting that skiing is a dangerous sport. In fact, daughter Luan says, in the history of skiing at Michigan Boyne Resorts there have been only two deaths from skiing. Ironically, both came in a two week span.

I am saying, slow down and enjoy being 12. Karen. With you and your brother both in your teens the younger grandchildren are going to get all my attention.

the People Poll

By Jeff Patrus

The Clarkston News asks:

Who had the most influence on you as a child and why?

"I would say my grandmother on my mother's side, because of my mother's strength. She was the nucleus of the family, and she held everyone together. She was the leader in her own family."

— Kathie Beitel



"I'd say my mom, just because she was so loving and forgiving. She was a good example."

—Kristy Bearse



"Probably my mother. She owned her own business, and was very strong-willed and independent. She always taught us that we could do whatever we wanted."

— Brigitte Reddy



E-mail us with your opinion to:
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Read Jim's *Jottings* and *Don't Rush Me* each week in The Clarkston News

Are there alligators in the garden of good and evil?

Until a few weeks ago, if you had asked where I was going for spring break, I would have said nowhere.

I had no plans to take off for some beach in Florida or Mexico with my friends, and if I had, they would have quickly been cancelled by parental veto (they know what goes on during spring break trips). But my mom, desperate to escape the cold of Michigan, wanted to do something, so the family will be packing up and heading down to Charleston, South Carolina and Savannah, Georgia this week for one last long haul driving trip before I leave for college.

In discussing the itinerary this past weekend, my mom suggested we stop at a swamp garden on the way down. I'm not sure exactly what it is, but she said tourists could take a boat through it, adding there were often alligators lurking

in the water. I didn't think much of it, but I learned an interesting fact about my sixteen-year-old brother: he's petrified of alligators.

I thought it was a pretty strange fear for someone who had probably never had personal contact with an alligator, and I had to chuckle a bit. Well, maybe more than a bit. Not that I would cozy right up to an alligator if it were lounging in my backyard, but that's never been something I've actively considered, since we aren't exactly in the middle of alligator country up here.

I asked where this fear had come from, and it turns out he has had some personal contact. One of those programs that brings animals into elementary school classrooms had brought a baby alligator into his kindergarten class.

Apparently the alligator found its way out of its cage and took off running around the room. "Don't worry!" assured the keeper. "Everything will be fine as long as you all stand on your desks!" The sight of a classroom full of terrified kindergarteners standing on desks as a miniature alligator is chased around by its

keeper is something I wish I could have seen, though I can understand how it could be scary for a young mind. And heck, the alligator may have been small compared to an adult alligator, but compared to a kindergartener, I'm sure it looked plenty large enough and its jaws plenty threatening.

We'll get tired of teasing him about alligators soon enough, but there's plenty of weirdness left for this trip: I just read *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*, and if you take the book at face value, everyone in Savannah is a complete goof ball. I'm sure that's about as unfounded a statement as my belief that everyone in French literature and film is either a convict or a hunchback, but it should still be fun to check out the haunts of the book's voodoo priestess, drag queen, guy that ties flies to strings and keeps them as pets, and plenty of other bizarre characters.

If that all gets boring, then I just have to find an alligator and a bat (the animal my mom is deathly afraid of), set them loose in the van, and sit back for a nice bit of live entertainment.



CHS Life

Kevin Kosbab

A Look Back

15 YEARS AGO (1986)

The first step toward authorizing the Clarkston Health Care Center was taken by the Independence Township Planning Commission. Following a public hearing attended by several neighbors of the proposed facility, the commission unanimously approved the concept with some stipulations. The hearing was held as required for changing the Dixie Highway site to Planned Unit Development (PUD) from commercial zoning as requested by developer Dr. James O'Neill.

Members of the Independence Township Sesquicentennial Committee are planning to purchase a town clock in commemoration of the township's 150th birthday. To pay for the purchase, the committee plans several fund raisers. They include the sale of sesquicentennial mugs for approximately \$5 and a balloon send-off at the picnic at Independence Oaks.

25 YEARS AGO (1976)

A six-member library board has been appointed by the Springfield Township Board. Members include

Ruth Gruber, Kristy Rice, John Barnfather, Betty Peterson, Sue Adams, and Beryl Samuel. The board will spearhead the formation of a new library for the township. Permanent quarters for the library will be placed in the old Andersonville one-room schoolhouse.

Springfield Township employees wishing to join a Blue Cross medical insurance program will have 50 percent of the cost paid by the township. The Springfield Township Board has budgeted an additional \$4,000 for the coverage. Estimated cost for nine full-time employees per month is \$325. Employees covered would be the clerk, assessor, two assistant assessors, one maintenance man, the secretary and the building inspector.

A joint meeting has been set by the Clarkston Village Council and the Village Planning Commission. Matters to be discussed include plans for improving the Depot Road park, guidelines for planning commission operation, and a proposed master plan. The council failed to fill three positions on the commission vacated by chairman Robert Schwarze, secretary Jay Bisha, and member Henry Woolfenden.

50 YEARS AGO (1951)

The annual athletic banquet sponsored by the Clarkston Rotary Club will be held at the school April 23. Ralph Thayer is the general chairman of this big event. The program following the dinner is always of great interest to the athletes of the school because at this time they are awarded their letters. The banquet chairman has been exceptionally fortunate this year in securing Van Patrick as the guest speaker.

Don't forget the date, April 20th. That evening the senior class at Clarkston High School, assisted by grades 7-11, will sponsor the annual school carnival. Entertainment will be provided for both young and old. There will be various performances, a fashion show, variety show, domestic articles which you may purchase, prize winning games, spook house, refreshments, a cake walk and other numerous attractions.

The following items were on special at the Village Market: naturally tender sirloin steak, 89 cents/lb.; lean, fresh ground beef, 63 cents; strictly fresh Grade A eggs, 55 cents/dozen; Wilson's country roll butter, 69 cents/lb.; pascal celery, 24 sz., bun. 17 cents; Campbell's tomato soup, 10 cents.

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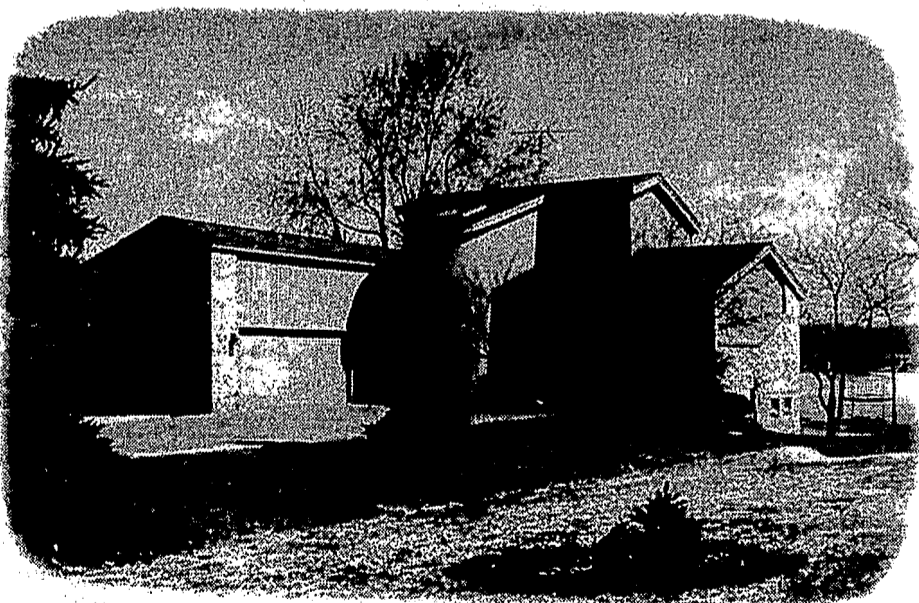
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More Letters to the Editor

Reader disagrees with Don's point of view in 'Don't Rush Me'

Someone once said this about a citizen's responsibility to proactively respond to society's ills: "If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem."

Well, Don Rush's recent column illustrated to me how big the problem really is. In that piece, Don told educators, schoolchildren and all of the newspaper's readers that he thinks it's sometimes not only acceptable, but downright American, to physically pummel someone else in order to solve a personal dispute.

I'm not an educator. And I'm not out to vilify Don Rush. But c'mon, Don. "Truth, justice and the American way means to stand up for yourself and do the right thing?" Isn't that how Timothy McVeigh recently defended his actions for bombing the federal building in Oklahoma City? Is everyone's definition of 'right' the same?

It doesn't take a Ph.D in behavioral science to recognize the writing on the wall:

- John Wayne is dead.
- Physical violence/unchecked anger starts with parents modeling it at home. After that, it moves to the neighborhood and the school playground.
- The give 'em heck "American way" of problem solving doesn't work now and didn't really work back

then. (But it still looks impressive in the movies!)

Most of us understand that life isn't perfect or fair and we try to prepare our children for that reality. In the best interest of children, school people -- like many other people -- sometimes do latch onto ideas that don't work. But teaching kids how to peacefully resolve the conflict in their lives isn't one of them. Too many of us are still clinging to the "fire, then aim, then carry a grudge" method of settling differences. Too many of us don't even realize how much we're damaging our own physical health when we continually get angry without a resolution. (Anger releases cortisol in the body, which depresses the immune system.) If striving for a better way sounds like some kind of unattainable Utopia, consider how we're functioning in our present mode:

- The current divorce rate is estimated by some authorities to be as high as 57 percent.
- The average length of a new marriage is 26 months.
- One in four women has been sexually molested.
- Teens between the ages of 14 and 17 commit approximately 4,000 murders a year.
- Sixty-two percent of our society is obese. (Ninety percent of overeating is related to emotional stress.)

• Reports of the emotional neglect of children have increased 330 percent in the past 10 years.

- Some kids have now graduated from fists to guns as a means to solve their problems.
- At least one out of every six of us will suffer a serious depressive episode at some point in our lives.
- Antidepressants and anxiety-reducing medications are now a multibillion dollar industry.
- A ton of angry nations out there have an arsenal of nuclear weapons.

Don's had his say about what we should tell our kids to do in the face of conflict. And that's his right. I just hope the rest of us choose to put our money on what's being taught in school by the people who really do know better.

P.S. My statistics came from the recent best-selling book, "Life Strategies," by Phillip McGraw.

Respectfully,
Jan Baker

Editor's note: In his column, Don Rush did not advocate violence. He advocated acknowledging its existence and the need to teach our children to protect and defend themselves.

What we won't tolerate in our own country, we shouldn't finance in another

Should the American people be taxed to finance the genocide of the Palestinian people? Sadly, we have been for the past 54 years. The recent assaults on an unarmed population, a population without tanks, planes and helicopter bomb ships, is an affront to moral people.

Regarding Palestine:

1. In 1918, the Jews owned two percent of the land.
2. In 1935, they owned 5 1/2 percent of the land.
3. By 1947, they owned 6 percent of the land.
4. At the UN Partition, Jews were given 52

percent of the land. These people were predominantly illegal aliens, yet they were empowered to take what belonged to others. And they did it at gunpoint.

Since that time Palestinians must carry an identity card (not unlike the yellow star Jews were forced to wear in Nazi Germany). Palestinians have a special license plate. Yet they may not drive on the roads Israelis have built surrounding Palestinian cities.

Why entertain the likes of Ariel Sharon, a criminal? Why is Congress controlled by AIPACS? How many

billions do we pay every year to finance the Zionist agenda? Why do American citizens owe their first allegiance to a foreign power? Who controls the press?

All Americans, regardless of religious and moral persuasion have been taxed to finance the goals of Zionism. What we wouldn't tolerate in our own country we should not finance in another.

Suggested reading: *The Washington Report for Middle East Affairs.*

Sincerely,
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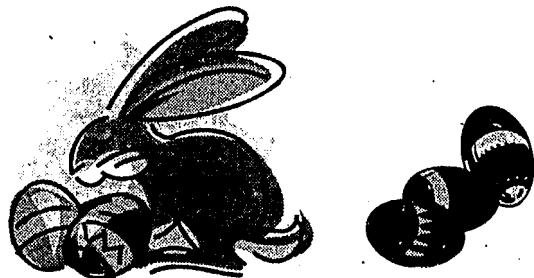
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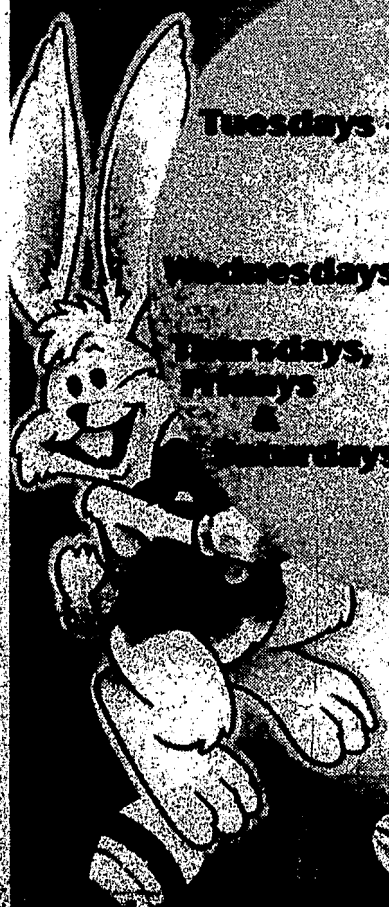
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Bailey Lake Elementary Principal Martin Chaffee is released from jail; real culprits forgiven

Thurs., April 5, Bailey Lake Elementary Principal Martin Chaffee was arrested at 8:45 a.m. for allegedly stealing books recently donated to the school's library for March is Reading Month.

The principal worried about life behind bars, "I hope the kids bring their reading logs and books to get me out of jail"—insisting, "I didn't do it."

After more than an hour in a makeshift jail with bars made out of streamers, Oakland County Sheriff's Deputy Melissa McClellan, school liaison, and Sergeant Bidinger escorted Chaffee to

an assembly where the kids offered books and logs with accumulated reading time to help their principal post bail.

During the assembly Dr. Seuss' Cat in the Hat made an appearance and the real culprits, Seuss characters, Thing One and Thing Two, were revealed. Graciously, the students gave the book thieves a break and forgave them.

Bailey Lake's Reading Month held a mystery theme and was coordinated by PTA members Lisa O'Ja and Liz Piper. But kids found out at the assembly, "It's no mystery--reading is fun!"

Left, Bailey Lake Elementary Principal Martin Chaffee pleads with students to help free him from jail.

Independence Township spring clean up May 12 & 19

The Independence Township Department of Public Works (DPW) will host spring clean-up days May 12 and 19.

The DPW will not accept garbage, compost of any kind, grass, leaves, concrete, bricks, any type of vehicle, large loads of shingles, railroad ties with tar sealers, fuel oil drums/barrels/tanks and propane cylinders.

Fees include \$5 for cars, \$10 for cars with single axle trailers, \$10 for pickup trucks or vans, \$25 for pickup trucks with single axle trailers and \$25 for flatbed single axle trucks.

Freon removal will cost \$15 per unit. Tires (limit ten) are \$1 to \$5 per tire and rims must be removed from large tires. A one inch brush load is free.

Household hazardous waste will be collected May 12 only.

Hazardous waste the DPW will accept include various garden products, kitchen and bathroom cleaners, and garage and workshop materials.

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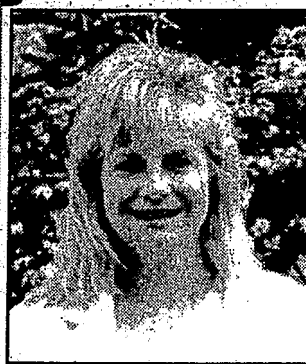
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Abbott, Heather	Eastman, Elizabeth	Julian, Katherine	Major, Jessica	Robinson, Megan	Tomkiewicz, Megan
Aenlle, Jennifer	Eghbalian, Suesan	Julian, Sarah	Mak, Tracy	Roderick, Justyn	*Trager, Hannah
Aldrich, Emily	Ellsworth, Holly	Kaminski, Jaclyn	Mayer, Daniel	Roth, Tara	*Treece, Jessica
Alexander, Patric	Englehard, Kira	Karnes, Steven	*Meharg, Ashley	Sabo, Robert	*Tudor, Jason
Andary, Lyndsay	Erickson, Trevor	Kelley, Amanda	Mesi, Lauen	Sampson, Katie	Tuson, Katie
Asbury, Charles	Ernst, Emily	*Kerr, Anna	Messing, Christopher	Savoie, Heather	*Tyler, Anna
*Ashby, Samantha	*Essian, Melissa	Kessler, James	Miller, Christopher	Schilling, Amber	Vandekerckhove,
Badalamenti, Sienna	Esterline, Heather	*Keusch, Nicole	Miller, Timothy	Schmidt, Thomas	Jeremy
Bedor, Aaron	*Evans, Constance	*Khani, Kaya	Minton, Donald	*Schultz, Danielle	*Vanderkolk, John
Berquist, Trey	Findora, Erica	Klein, Brooke	Montero, Amy	Schultz, Kelley	*Varnau, Betsy
Bernier, Kyle	Flaughter, Brad	Klemm, Michael	*Morell, Mallory	Seaman, Margaret	Verros, Regina
Beuter, Chad	Foote, Tyler	Klockow, Katherine	*Morley, Melanie	Shkreli, Paul	Verwey, Brian
*Blauvelt, Erin	Fuller, Lauren	Koch, Christa	Moss, Eric	Shkreli, Suzanna	Vincent, Kimberly
*Bonk, Meghan	Gardner III, Robert	*Kouri, Jillian	Munchiando, Emily	Simons, Alicia	Vo, Matthew
Booth, Emily	Gazette II, Mark	Kovacic, Bethany	*Murdock, Carolyn	Smark, Emilianne	Walker, Lyndsay
Boulos, George	Gleyre, Danielle	Kras, Tara	Nabozny, Andrew	Smith, Bailey	Walkowski, Kyle
Bowman, Heather	Gorz, Elizabeth	Kraus, Nicole	Navarre, Michael	Smith, Jenna	*Wallace, Thelton
*Briceland, Adam	Grappin, Bradley	Kretz, Katherine	Neer, Amanda	Smith, Lauren	Walts, Travis
Bridgewater, Bliss	Grech, Katelin	*Kuhn, Jason	Norberg, Amanda	Smith, Michael	Ward, Katie
*Browe, Amanda	Gunckle, Paul	Kurowski, Lauren	*Nordquist, Gillian	*Sowles, Allison	Weadley, Danielle
Bryan, Eric	*Hall, Meghan	*Kwak, Young	Noren, Erica	Spencer, Andrew	Wegner, Meghan
Carnwath, Glenn	Hassett, Chelsea	L'Amoreaux, Braden	O'Connor, Grace	Spicer, Chelsea	*Weiland, Maureen
Chalmers, John	Hendershot, Alicia	LaFoy, Edward	*Oltman, Anne	Spurlock, Melissa	White, Joshua
Clark, Christian	Hendry, Sarah	Laliberte, Thomas	*Osterhage, Daniel	Stamper, Zinnie	Whitney, Michael
Clark, Robert	Herring, Courtney	Lamonda, Elizabeth	Pappas, Kayla	*Stanton, Jennifer	Wilke, Lisa
Coin, Alyson	*Herron, Bradley	Lang, Stephanie	Peirsel, Melodie	Stoyek, Adam	Williams, John
Compagnoni, Angela	Hickey, Laura	*Leach, Amanda	Phillips, Garrett	St Peter, Rachael	Wilmot, Katie
Craig, Matthew	Hillinger, Elizabeth	*Leigh, Scott	Pockrandt, Vaughn	Sullivan, Jessica	Wilson, Lauren
*Crandell, Maren	Hipsher, Ashley	Light, Starrlene	*Przybycien, Jenna	Surapaneni, Amit	Zak, Michael
Crosby, Maria	Hoffman, Matthew	Lima, Michael	Rambeau, Jacob	Swendsen, Chellsie	*Zamora, Julianne
*Dearing, Stacey	*Holody, Michael	Little, Lauren	Rathbun, Kristi	Swinter, Kyle	Zeile, Michelle
Degen, Christopher	*Hooton, Lauren	Lucas, Magan	Rawe, Bradley	Tanner, Justin	Zielinski, Michael
Demster, Steven	*Hosner, Taylor	Mack, Russell	Rennie, David	Tatu, Michael	*Zito, Angela
Detkowski, Chantelle	*Howse, Jennifer	MacLean, Samantha	Riegel, Andrew	Taylor, Tara	
Devault, Joseph	Hughes, Chelsea	Madole, Colin	Robertson, Alysia	Teichman, Christina	
Douglas, Kevin	Jackson, Matthew	Maier, Adrian	*Robinson, Jessica	Thompson, Bryce	
Dunlavye, Leanne	Jones, Aimee				* Denotes All A's

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Abbott, Amy	Colpaert, Kathrine	Gauche, Scott	*Kleber, Gabrielle	Mispelon, Laura	Shahly, Lauren
*Apple, Robert	Compagnoni, Courtney	Giaier, Kellie	*Kleinedler, Kathryn	*Mitchell, Scott	Shaw, Ashley
Arkwright, Nicholas	Conley, Chelsea	Giroux, Amber	Koszegi, Shauna	Mooney, Amanda	*Shepanek, Brian
Arnold, Scott	Cooley, Scott	Giroux, Marc	Kotcher, Christopher	Morgan, Samantha	*Sickman, Lisa
Ashby, Lynn	Cox, Christopher	Goldberg, Megan	Koval, Leah	*Morra, Courtney	*Skipton, Alayna
Avery, Kristina	Craft, Alyssa	*Graham, Kristen	Krass, Brittany	Mozer, Caitlin	Sorise, Nicholas
Biabak, Matthew	Craft, Marcus	Grech-Cumbo, Louis	*Kuhta, Laura	Neynaber, Kayla	Sorrentiono, Michael
Bailey, Eric	Croll, Robin	Green, Tamra	*Kupe, Laura	*Nicholas, Andrea	Southwell, Sarah
*Bailey, Katherine	Cross, Andrienne	Grusnick, Christy	*Kurowski, Sean	Nicolson, Kara	Stone, Scott
Barnes, Kristine	Curdy, Blake	*Gulda, Lauren	Kurle, Ryan	Olson, Kenneth	Suddeth, Amanda
Beattie, Thomas	Dabrowski, Marina	Haag, Kyle	Laliberte, Daniel	*Opie, Megan	*Swartz, Anthony
Bell, Bridget	Daukas, Jessica	*Hallman, Dayna	Lawrence, David	Orlando, Kelly	Sweetman, Thomas
Bennink, Natalie	Davenport, Sarah	Hartz, Casey	Leung, Jason	Parker, Caitlin	*Tereau, Blake
*Beno, Jenna	Davis, Amanda	Hedtler, Nicolas	Levasseur, Kathleen	Peterson, James	Tigue, Alyssa
Benson, Justin	*Davis Frank	*Henderson, Courtney	Lewandowski, Jo	Pierotti, Domico	Ullrich, Matthew
*Binasio, Andrew	*Dedow, Lauren	*Hoffman, Erin	Lewy, Nicholas	Prasil, Matthew	Vanchina, Nicholas
Bland III, Coburn	Demonaco, Philip	Horn, Nicholas	Livezey, Jesse	Quinn, Robert	Vanderheyden, Stephen
Bogard, Kara	Devault, Nicholas	Hresko, Michael	*Luibrand, Nathan	Raetzke, Michelle	Vermeulen, Alyssa
Bioke, Kristen	Donahoo, Sean	Hubbard, Kristin	*Luibrand, Nicholas	*Rankin, Sarah	Voorheis, Keith
*Bokuniewicz, Erin	Doty, Ashley	Huber, Scott	*Maesch, Erik	Razi, Saman	Ward, Danielle
Bokuniewicz, Lindsay	*Dougherty, Evan	*Hughes, Travis	Maier, Nichole	Reas, Rebecca	Weiss, Gretchen
Bollman, Shawn	Dubats, Andrew	Igrison, Ashley	Martinez, Elizabeth	Rehm, Lindsay	Welch, Sean
Boozer, Brandon	Duncanson, Caitlin	Isaac, David	Mattucci, Jessica	Reinke, Ryan	Wendland, Danielle
*Borchers, Anna	Dunford, Christina	Jackson, Jenna	Maxwell, Anne	Richards, Adam	White, Eric
Briceland, David	Eakin, Kristen	James, Eric	*McDonald, Zachary	Ritzema, Stephen	*Whiteford, Nicole
Brown, Jonathan	Edmunds, Janelle	Jaruzel, Aaron	*McGinnis, Natalee	Ronk, Robert	*Wilburn, Alisse
Brown, Kaitlyn	Elias, Lauren	John Alexander	McGregor, Daniel	*Sabbag, Ian	Williams, Richard
Buchi, Erica	Emerick, Kathryn	Johns, Steven	McIlrath, Patrick	Sasse, Michael	Williamson, Kelly
*Bukoski, Jill	Entrekin, Melanie	*Johnson, Chelsea	Mcisaac, Stephen	Schmidt, Leah	*Wilson, Jaclyn
Cadeau, Donald	Espejo, Katherine	*Kaminski, Lauren	Meola, Nicholas	Schornak, Ian	*Wingett, Andrea
*Chaffee, Carrie	Fisher, Brent	Kanous, Allison	*Mercado, Kristen	Schwarze, Casey	Wylie, Caitlin
Chalker, Taylor	Fogleman, Amanda	*Kelly, Norah	Mikola, Kathleen	Schweitzer, Kirklin	Zettel, Ashley
Chase, Christopher	Galbreath, Sarah	Kessler, Jesse	Miller, Brett	Sedlak, Katherine	*Zewatsky, Ashley
Clavette, Jamie	Garcia, Sarah	Kirby, Nicole	Miller, Rachel	Shader, Brett	Zito, Benjamin
Clegg, Lane					

Congratulations students!

Clarkston Middle School Honor Roll

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Alexander, Matthew
 Alty, Samantha
 *Angeli, Danielle
 Arnold, David
 *Badgley, Kevin
 Baetens, Elizabeth
 Ballough, Katherine
 Banerian, Christopher
 Bartlett, Alexander
 Batchik, James
 *Bedor, Jodie
 Berden, Kyla
 *Bergquist, Bren
 Bingham, Christina
 *Bland, Megan
 Blaski, Marissa
 Blauvelt, Kelsi
 Bollini, Angela
 Bonk, Ryan
 *Bottke, Matthew
 Boulos, Constantin
 Bowby, Ryan
 *Bretz, Heidi
 *Bush, Andrea
 Bush, Derek
 Butterfield, Megan
 Calvano, Angela
 Campbell, Robert
 *Canniff, Sarah
 *Cardinal, Michelle
 Carlson, Stephanie
 Carmichael, Blake
 Carson, Christine
 *Carter, Samantha
 Chrisman, Sandra

Clark, Kaley
 Clark, Meredith
 Coatney, Drew
 *Colombo, Jessica
 Cooper, Steven
 *Crawford, Alissa
 Crawford, Elizabeth
 Curtis, Alex
 *Dabrowski, Colin
 Daukas, John
 *Davis, Brittany
 Day, Lauren
 Delnick, Katie
 Dickey, Adam
 *Dobbins, Cassandra
 *Drumb, Lauren
 Essian, Eric
 Fantin, Nicholas
 *Frendberg, Maria
 Fuller, Jennifer
 *Gabriel, Laura
 Garringer, Kevin
 *Gemborys, Colleen
 Gentile, Olivia
 Giannaris, Stephen
 Goodman, Jaclyn
 Handley, Jade
 *Harris, Brittany
 Harvey, Lauren
 Harvey, Steven
 Hassett, Amanda
 Heierman, Jonathan
 *Hertzler, Lauren
 Hoben, Kenwood
 Hodge, Meghan

Horowitz, Rebekah
 *Hyde, Elizabeth
 Hyde, Robert
 Isaac, Michael
 *Jacobs, Amanda
 *Johnson, Elyse
 Johnson, Nicholas
 *Johnston, Amanda
 *Johnston, Melissa
 Karlstrom, Erica
 Keagy, Mathew
 Keen, Kandice=20
 Kerr, Zachary
 Kilgore, Christopher
 Kitchen, Jae
 Kock, Kevin
 Kolodge, Samantha
 *Kasbab, Alexander
 *Kouri, Chelsea
 Krajenke, Amanda
 *Kuhta, Elizabeth
 Langen, Thomas
 Larsen, Chelsea
 Lawrence, Allison
 Lawrence, Joshua
 Lazar, Robyn
 *Leach, Jenna
 Lekse, Jill
 Lemke, Alyssa
 Levasseur, Andrea
 MacWilliams, Ryan
 *Magidsohn, Theresa
 Marchelletta, Amanda
 Marmon, Michelle

*Marscac, Daniel
 Mason, Allyson
 McElfish, Jody
 McFadden-Kessli, Nicholas
 McGowan, Taylor
 McLaughlin, Stephanie
 Meier, Trisha
 *Merte, Casey
 Merz, Kelsey
 Meyer, Richard
 *Millard-Swan, Alexander
 Miller, Nicole
 Miller, Song
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 Clarkston Middle School Honor Roll

 Moore, Timothy
 Morin, Ryan
 Morra, Todd
 *Mrosewske, Jordan
 Myers, William
 *Napier, Rachel
 Noel, Cody
 *Ogg, Eric
 Osterhage, Elizabeth
 Palmer, Nickolas
 *Parker, Emily
 Phelps, Carolyn
 Pickett, Michelle
 Polasek, Lynde

Przybycien, Jacob
 Przybycien, Katherine
 Raschke, Ashley
 *Rawe, Calvin
 Rehm, Austin -
 Reppuhn, Ashley
 Reuter, Brianna
 Ricksgers, Wesley
 Rimar, Ellen
 *Risner, Joshua
 Roberts, Wendy
 Rochford, Jessica
 *Rogers, Hope
 Ross, Frank
 *Roth, Chelsey
 *Rutila, Phillip
 *Salada, Megan
 *Sandie, Stephanie
 Savoie, Bradley
 Sawdon, Eric
 Sawyer, Lindsay
 Scarlett, Andrea
 Schram, Jamie
 *Setter, Jonathan
 Sharkey, Bryan
 Shaw, Brian
 Shay, Rebecca
 Shiel, Kathelyn
 Sinclair, Jordan
 *Sloan, Jeffrey
 *Smith, Elissa
 Smith, Riley
 Smith, Ryan
 Snelling, Katlin

*Soeder, Steven
 *Stevenson, Claire
 Stolnicki, Samantha
 Sullivan, Meghan
 Thams, Claire
 Thams, Lauren
 Thompson, Tori
 *Toth, Johnathan
 Townsend, Zachary
 Turner, Ryan
 Tweed, Colton
 Valley, Megan
 Vanderveen, Mary
 *Waller, Jordan
 Watts, Devon
 Weber, Christie
 *Weightman, Adam
 Weiland, Eric
 Weiss, Amanda
 *Weiss, Zachary
 Williams, Julie
 Williams, Lauren
 Williams-vinson, Megan
 Work, Amanda
 Workman, Joelle
 Wright, Alison
 Wright, Laura
 Zangara, Amanda
 *Zemach, Sarah
 Zielinski, Robert
 *Zurek, Zachary

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If you would like to give a special wish to a Clarkston High School graduate to be displayed at the Post Grad Party, you may do so through the Post Grad Party Committee.

Donations are \$2 per wish per student to graduate, and \$5 per wish per adult to graduate.

Include your wish and a check made payable to CHS Post Grad Party 2001, and mail it to Kathie Valeri Carroll, 7543 Bitterbush, Clarkston, MI 48348.

Clarkston soccer team to host youth soccer night

The Clarkston soccer team will host the 6th annual Youth Soccer Night Apr. 27 at the Clarkston High School field at Clarkston Middle School (entrance on Waldon Rd.).

Independence Township Parks and Recreation soccer team players get in free if they wear their Parks and Rec jerseys.

There will be a kids' shootout during halftime

of the JV game, and a coaches' shootout during halftime of the varsity game.

The JV game starts at 5:30 p.m. and the varsity team takes to the field around 7 p.m.

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The Rubach Sensory Garden at Independence Oaks County Park thrives with more than 100 species of flowers, plants and herbs—but not without the help of **volunteer gardeners**. Gardeners of all levels are needed. Master gardener candidates can complete needed service hours. Weekly garden "work bees" take place throughout the warmer months and work sessions last approximately two hours. Volunteers are rewarded with a special appreciation day highlighted by a trip to a local garden and picnic lunch. Volunteers also attend Michigan State University's Garden Day as a group. To volunteer, call Lynn Conover at 625-6473.

The North Oakland Counseling Associates presents **Strength in Numbers: A Woman's Prevention Group**. This no cost, ten week education group will focus on issues such as building self-esteem,

developing communication and conflict management skills, learning about alcohol and other drugs, and practical ways to develop a healthy, happy lifestyle. Call 620-1019.

Indian Springs Metropark, near White Lake, is hosting "**Woodcock Sky Waltz**," Fri., April 13 at 8:30 p.m. The woodcock, a small gamebird, is overlooked due to its secretive ways. Early in spring the plump little males put on a spectacular aerial display to attract females by spiraling upwards over 200 feet into the sky and diving back to the earth. After a short indoor introduction, interpreter Steve Horn will guide you to an area to witness the woodcocks sky dance. Participants must be patient and remain quiet during this program held at the Nature Center. Preregistration is required. Not recommended for small children. For more information, call the Nature Center at 1-800-477-3192 or 625-7280.

"**Eco-Explorers Get Down and Dirty**" Thurs., April 19 from 1:30-4 p.m. at the Lewis E. Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks County Park, Sashabaw Road, two and a half miles north of I-75. Ages six through eight will get the lowdown on soil and its inhabitants through hands-on science exploration, games and craft activities. The cost is \$10 per child. Pay in advance to register. Participants should wear old clothing. Call 625-6473.

Take an evening hike and listen to the sounds of pond life Fri., April 20 from 7-9 p.m. at Independence Oaks County Park on Sashabaw Road. At "**Frog Night Hike**," participants will view slides and hear a recording of frog "voices" before heading outside. The program is free, however this popular program fills quickly. Register in advance by calling 625-6473.

The Greater Orion Performing Arts Council presents "**Two Crumby Kids**," presented by Madcap Puppets, Sat., April 21 at noon. The performance will take place in The Commons area of Lake Orion High School, 495 E. Scripps Rd. Please feel free to bring your favorite rug or blanket to sit on. Tickets are available at the door or in advance at The Lake Orion CERC Building, 455 E. Scripps Rd. or (248)693-5436. For more information call (248)693-5436. For group sales call Kathy Wieland at (248)693-7067.

The renewal of earth starts with the green buds of spring. Learn about the world's delicate balance on "**Earth Day Hike**," April 22 from 2-3:30 p.m. at the Lewis E. Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks County Park. Celebrate Earth Day on a one and a half mile hike. The cost is \$1 per person. Register

in advance. Dress for the weather. Call 625-6473 for more information.

Clarkston Community Education, 6300 Church St., off Waldon, is offering a new class entitled, "**Welcome to Water Gardens**." Class will be held April 25 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. and be taught by Susan Grubba, a landscape designer and advanced master gardener. Grubba is certified in landscape technology and is owner of Creative Scapes, offering landscape night lighting installations as well as designs and consultations. For class information call 623-4550.

Children's books, novels, travel, hobbies, sports and many, many more books are available at the annual **Used Book Sale**, sponsored by the Friends of the Independence Township Library on Thurs. through Sat., April 26-28 at the library. Sale hours will be during regular hours on Thursday and Friday, but only until 2 p.m. on Saturday. Book prices are \$2 for adult hard cover, \$1 for adult paperback, \$1.50 for children's hard cover, and children's paperbacks will be \$.75 each or three for \$2. On Saturday, "bargain day," all books are \$2 a bag.

The Clarkston Community Women's Club is sponsoring **Healthy Living for the Clarkston area** Fri., April 27 at Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This special once-a-year event features free services including blood pressure, vision, glaucoma and hearing tests, counseling and referrals. Services available for a small fee include a Prostate Specific Antigen blood test for men for \$25, Cancer Antigen blood test for women for \$25 and an H>Pylori blood test for \$15. Blood panels (22 profiles) include cholesterol, thyroid, glucose, HDL, triglycerides, red and white blood cells, platelets, calcium and more and are available for \$30. A four-hour fasting is recommended, but take all prescribed medications. For more information call the Healthy Living Hotline (248)424-8600.

Warm weather is right around the corner--time to start thinking about summer camp. The **Camp Fire Boys and Girls day camp** will be held this year at Independence Oaks, 9501 Sashabaw, for boys and girls grades one through six. Be Adventure Bound July 9-13, go Around the World July 16-20, or have fun with Surprise Week July 23-27. Morning extended hours are available for working parents. Financial aid is available for low-income families. Ask about opportunities for camp counselors. For more information call 618-9050 or visit www.comnet.org/campfirenoc.

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Sunday, April 8, a scooter, two baseball gloves, and a motorcycle helmet were reported taken from an open garage on Lochmoore.

Someone tore a backdoor screen to gain entry to a home on Sashabaw and reportedly stole a TV. Closet doors and window blinds were damaged. The victim suspects a former girlfriend.

Saturday, April 7, an Oakland County Sheriff's Deputy stopped a Waterford driver who ran a stop sign at Maybee and Frankwill. The deputy reported the driver's speech was slurred, his eyes were bloodshot and he was sweating and there were two open beers in the vehicle. The driver failed sobriety performance tests and registered .25 on a PBT. He was arrested for operating under the influence and taken to Oakland County Jail.

A Clarkston man was arrested for OUIL at Sashabaw Middle School at night. He was seen talking on his cell phone, and when the deputy spoke with the man, he reported there was the smell of alcohol coming from the car. The man's eyes were bloodshot and he was sweating. His PBT registered .14, and he was taken to Oakland County Jail.

Someone entered a garage on Ennismore and stole several items from two cars, including a purse, wallet and credit cards. One of the cars was damaged.

A Pontiac woman reported that a white male told her to give him her purse outside a doctor's office on Dixie Hwy. When she refused, he pushed her down and fled with the purse. The suspect is described as 5'10", in his 20s, medium build with short brown hair. The incident is under investigation.

A doctor's office on Dixie Hwy. requested extra patrol after a man with no address asked to see the doctor. He would not fill out the proper forms. He made the staff feel uncomfortable, and said they should call 911 if they want to. Before he left he said he would return. He was described as a white male, about 155 pounds, with blue eyes.

A CD player and black briefcase were removed from an unlocked vehicle on Ennismore.

Friday, April 6, police were dispatched to Rabbit Ear Pass for a report of a suspicious person in front of a residence. The suspect, a 17-year-old male, refused repeated orders to sit in the police car. He became combative, shouted obscenities at officers, and was placed on the ground and restrained. He had a cigarette and lighter on his person and smelled of intoxicants. A preliminary breath test registered .170. He was arrested and cited for obstructing and resisting, consumption of alcohol under 21 and minor in

possession of a cigarette.

Two men argued over the right to solicit in front of a grocery store on Sashabaw. Both parties dropped the issue and left when approached by an Oakland County Sheriff's Deputy.

Construction items were removed from a garage on Dvorak. They included an aluminum siding brake, 50-gal. hot water heater, one rechargeable drill and two saw horses.

Thursday, April 5, a burglary was reported on Oak Park. A resident said someone entered his garage and stole two tool boxes and miscellaneous tools. There were no signs of forced entry.

Three boys on Mann Road were found with knives and the intention to fight. The boys stated they were carrying knives for protection from kids at school who had been harassing them.

Wednesday, April 4, a malicious destruction of property and larceny from an auto was reported on Maybee. The victim said his construction trailer was vandalized and it appeared there was an attempt to break in, though no entry was gained. There was damage to the trailer entry door and lock and the emergency brake was broken off.

Fraudulent use of a credit card was reported. The regional director for a business located on Holcomb said a credit card was missing from a company vehicle. Later, a bill showed approximately \$500 in gas charges.

A Clarkston woman was arrested for operating under the influence of liquor. She was driving on Dixie near Andersonville, swerving in and out of lanes, when she was stopped by police. The woman failed roadside sobriety tests and was taken to Oakland County Jail.

A Clarkston man on Dubuque reported his pick up truck had been broken into and a CD player, speakers, amplifiers and 30 CDs were stolen. There were no signs of forced entry, but the man stated the back window was easy to open.

Tuesday, April 3, a Davisburg woman driving along Sashabaw Road failed to yield to another vehicle and the two collided. She was taken to POH with injuries.

A home invasion was reported on Mary Sue. The resident said sometime in the last three weeks an unknown person entered the garage and stole a tool box with various tools inside. The resident said he did not notice any forced entry, but stated he often leaves the garage door open in late afternoon.

A man on Parview said the license plate to his vehicle was stolen. He said he did not remember when he last saw the plate.

A malicious destruction of property was reported on Oakvista. A vehicle parked in a resident's driveway was vandalized by an unknown person. The vehicle was scratched on all sides and damage was estimated at \$500.

Monday, April 2, a larceny of a bike was reported from a grocery store on Dixie. A 17-year-old boy said his silver Huffy bike was locked to a bench near the store. When he arrived ten minutes later, it was gone.

A home invasion, second degree, was reported on Sashabaw. Homeowners found a gun safe had been broken into and two rifles, a shot gun and \$200 in quarters were stolen. The back door had been kicked in and police found a shoe print and hand prints.

A suspicious circumstance was reported on Marshbank. A ten-year-old girl was walking home from a friend's house when two men in a pick up truck approached her and followed her home. The men were described as Caucasian, with brown hair and driving a raspberry colored cab pick up. No plate information was obtained.

A resident on Parview reported all four tires on his vehicle had been slashed by an unknown person.

City of Clarkston

No major reports.

Springfield Township police

Monday, April 9, a larceny from a vehicle was reported at Dixie Highway and Old Pond in Clarkston. The victim said sometime between April 8-9, someone broke into the work trailer on the other side of his business, taking many of his work tools.

Wednesday, April 4, an arrest was made at Dixie Highway, south of Rattalee Lake, on a third charge of operating under the influence, obstruction of a police officer, and driving with an expired license plate. The suspect made a U-turn in front of the responding officer, causing the officer to brake to avoid a collision. The suspect was stopped and smelled of alcohol. He failed sobriety tests, and refused a breath test. He was then taken to North Oakland Medical Center for a search warrant blood draw, and then lodged at the Oakland County Jail.

Tuesday, April 3, a breaking and entering alarm was reported at Softwater Woods in Clarkston. The responding officer was dispatched to an alarm, and found the garage window open. The police checked the house, and found a dog running loose. The responding officer secured the window.

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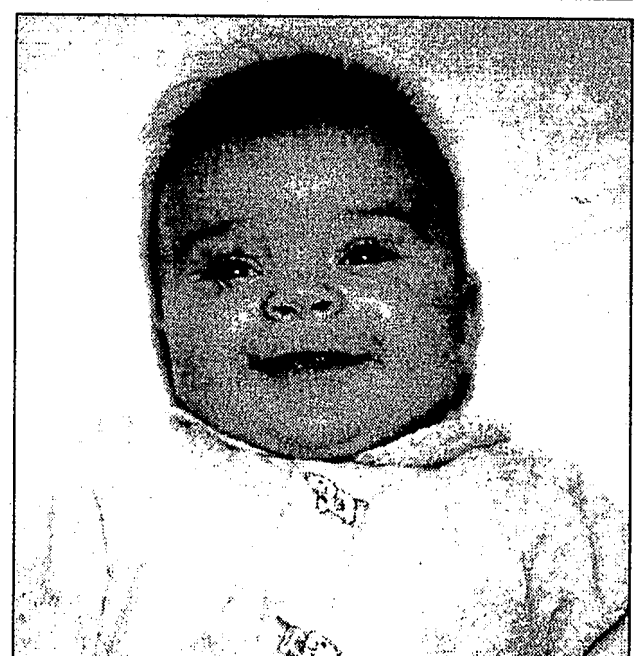
Brown-Blanchard

Mr. and Mrs. John Brown of Clarkston and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Blanchard are happy to announce the engagement of Fiona Brown and Ryan Blanchard. Fiona is a graduate of Marion High School and Oakland University. She is currently employed by MSX as a recruiter. Ryan is a graduate of the University of Washington and is an architect employed by Luckenbach-Ziegelman of Ann Arbor. An October wedding is planned at the Shrine Chapel of Our Lady of Orchard Lake.



Welcome, Jessica!

Steven Drew Sawyers of Mayo, S.C. and Angel Marie Gaffney of Davisburg, announce the birth of their daughter, Jessica Faith Marie Gaffney at North Oakland Medical Center April 1, 2001. Jessica Faith weighed 6 lbs., 12.4 oz. and measured 18 inches at birth. Proud grandparents are Tammy Cummings of Davisburg, Brant Gaffney of Cowpens, S.C., and Beverly and Mike Overstreet of Mayo.



Welcome, Matthew!

Dr. Rick and Aimee Baker of Davisburg announce the birth of their second child, Matthew Joseph. Matthew was born December 5, 2000 at Crittenton Hospital in Rochester. He weighed 7 lbs., 15 oz. and measured 21 inches at birth. Matthew was welcomed home by his 3-year-old sister, Olivia. Proud grandparents are Ralph Baker of Fla., Betty Alexander of Memphis Tenn., and Ted and Joanne Carron of Richmond, Va. Great-grandmother Ruth Brockway, lives in Romulus.

At School

Kenneth E. Leonard, a 2000 Clarkston High School graduate, was named to the dean's list in the Haworth College of Business at Western Michigan University for the Fall, 2000 semester. Kenneth is the son of Floyd and Joy Frick and Alan and Mary Leonard.

Derek Casper, a freshman planning to study criminal justice, was named to the dean's list at Adrian College for the Fall, 2000 semester. He is a 2000 graduate of Clarkston High School, and the son of Jeffrey and Denise Casper.

Julie Gallegos, a senior marketing major, was named to the dean's list for Fall, 2000 at Niagara University.

Sandra Gallegos, a sophomore engineering major, was named to the dean's list for the Fall, 2000 semester at Niagara University.

Ross Martello, who is majoring in youth ministry and Greek, was named to the dean's list at Cornerstone University for the Fall, 2000 semester. Ross is a 2000 graduate of Clarkston High School, and the son of Emily Carr and Rick Martello of Clarkston.



Ross Martello

In Service

Army Pvt. Joshua C. Banks has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. He is the son of Terri Banks of Clarkston and is a 2000 graduate of Brandon High School.

Air Force Airman Katherine J. Williams has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Tex.

She is the daughter of Billy Williams of Clarkston, and is a 1999 graduate of Clarkston High School.

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Obituaries

Coroner estimates she died three months ago

Woman's body found in home

Oakland County Sheriff's Deputies who were dispatched to a Sylvan View residence for a welfare check on Sunday, found a woman inside who apparently had been dead for three months.

According to reports, an Independence Township girl attempted to visit Emma McHugh, an elderly neighbor, because she hadn't seen her in some time. The girl alerted her parents when she noticed a strong odor coming from the home and the woman did not answer the door.

The girl's father and a friend went to the home but could not gain access. They peeked in the windows, and when they noticed the smell, called deputies.

Deputies had to kick in the front

door to enter and found Mrs. McHugh on the floor of her bathroom.

Deputies reported there was no sign of forced entry and nothing was out of place. A dead cat was also found in the home.

Deputies found an answering machine with 49 messages on it, including a Christmas wish from the woman's daughter who lives out of state. Deputies contacted the son-in-law to alert them of Mrs. McHugh's death.

According to the report, the medical examiner said the death appeared to have been from natural causes, and due to the body's mummified appearance, it had probably been there for three months.

Ronald James Thronset

Ronald James Thronset of White Lake, formerly of Waterford, died April 8, 2001 at the age of 65.

He was the husband of Valeria for 43 years and the dear father of Rhonda (Curt) Sloyer of Ga., Robin (Robert) Bencher of Penn. and Rene' (William "Butch") Hoisington of Clarkston. He was the grandfather of Amanda, Katelyn, Rosemary, Reagan, Christopher and Curtis. He was the son of Audrey Gidcumb of White Lake.

Mr. Thronset retired from General Motors as an electrician.

Celebration of life service will be held April 10 at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston. Interment at Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association. (www.legacy.com).

Gregory David Lorenzen

Gregory David Lorenzen of Clarkston, formerly of Sterling Heights, died suddenly April 6, 2001 at the age of 36.

He was the son of Sandi and Tim and the brother of Melissa. He was the grandson of Hurston (the late Dorothy) Mullins and Ramona Buhl. He was the uncle of Jacob Michael and Loren James.

Friends visited at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston April 8 and family services were April 9. Memorials may be made to Holly Gardens. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home. (www.legacy.com.)

Curtis Lane public hearing

Curtis Lane and neighboring residents will have a chance to be heard at an April 17 public hearing on replacing a drainage and access culvert under Curtis Lane adjacent to Van Norman Lake.

Randy Ford, consulting engineer with Hubbel, Roth and Clark,

said at the April 3 Independence Township board meeting, the culvert is "in bad state of repair."

The board will approve a bid at the April 17 public hearing, to be held at 7:30 p.m. at the township library, 6495 Clarkston Rd.

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In movie-making, the special effects people generally use a strange combination—a mixture of stale beer and epsom salts—to make windows look like they're covered with frost.

Downtown construction

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we really do care about customers." The group also saw the first draft of a map of downtown detailing store locations, parking for employees and customers. It should be ready for distribution to businesses and the community in about 10 days.

The map will be published in The Clarkston News and on display at the News offices and in and other area businesses. It will also be sent to customers on mailing lists of some businesses at their discretion.

The meeting was the first of several weekly meetings scheduled, and all downtown business people are urged to attend.

Miller said the point of the meetings is to implement a marketing strategy that will encourage the community to be a part of the excitement the downtown businesses will create.

The group will then develop a plan for "unveiling" the new downtown with a crescendo to a final event, Miller said.

He urged the group to keep the momentum going to continuing to promote the businesses as a group after

construction is finished.

Chamber Executive Director Penny Shanks said funds coming in from new memberships will be directed to this project. They will be used for advertising and other marketing strategies for downtown during construction.

The group also discussed employees parking on Depot Street or in a special section of the Clarkston United Methodist Church parking lot to allow customers the choice parking spots downtown.

There was also a request for Clarkston police to patrol the city on foot during construction, to help dispel traffic back ups.

Jack Shubitowski, administrator of the Downtown Clarkston Partnership, said he and City Councilman Dan Colombo will attend construction meetings between MDOT and VIL Construction, and disseminate construction scheduling information to businesses twice a month.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 18 at 7:30 a.m. at the Chamber offices at 5856 Main Street. Call 625-8055 for more information.

CMS student has meningitis

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ally fatal or serious disease. The disease is sometimes called aseptic meningitis because no bacteria is found in the spinal fluid.

Several different viruses can cause meningitis. Sometimes viral meningitis is a result of these other diseases. In most cases, tests to identify the type of virus are not done.

Symptoms can range from mild to

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Independence Fire Dept. purchases defibrillators

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a second order in the fall of this year to include the general public orders we accumulate in the months to come."

AEDs cost \$2,625 plus \$178 for a wall cabinet if needed. Millage funds from the Fire Department will support the AED purchase.

Attached to this initial order, but not a part of the township's responsibility, are 12 unit orders from St. Clair County, one for Clarkston United Methodist Church, and 12 for the Clarkston

School District.

Anita Banach, community relations coordinator for Clarkston Schools, said AEDs will be distributed at the ten schools and two at the high school.

Since, training is required as part of the AED purchase, Banach said several school staff, students and community members will be taught AED operation.

"We want to train as many as we can, that's the key," she said.

Main Street construction should start within seven to 10 days

According to Jim Natschke, resident engineer at Michigan Department of Transportation, construction documents were signed April 10 and work should start in the next seven to 10 days. Surveying should begin first and workers will also videotape the

insides of buildings where water taps will be hooked up, he said.

Parking on Main Street is expected to be eliminated approximately two weeks after construction begins, depending on the weather. Work will begin on the west side of the street first.

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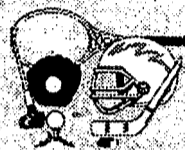
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Athlete of the week: Matt Poley from the tennis team. See page 3B.

Soccer:

Kickers dominate Brandon in 4-0 win. See page 5B.

Upcoming games:

Track:

4/11 at Rochester Adams 4:30 p.m.

Baseball:

4/11 vs. Lake Orion 4:30 p.m.

Softball:

4/11 vs. Rochester (DH) 4 p.m.

Tennis:

4/24 vs. Kimball 4 p.m.

Soccer:

4/24 at Lake Orion 7 p.m.

Golf:

4/24 vs. Seaholm at Springfield Oaks 3:15 p.m.

Questions about upcoming games? Call the CHS Athletic Office for times and locations - 623-4050.

Ferguson shuts out Dragons

Wolves down league rivals 5-0, improve to 2-1 in OAA I

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Sports Editor

Clarkston coach Al Land thought it would take him a half dozen games to find out which positions his players would end up playing. But after a game and a half he sat back, smiled and watched his Wolves roll out two straight wins.

Lisa Ferguson pitched a one-hitter against Lake Orion April 6 in the Wolves 5-0 win over the Dragons. Ferguson gave up eight runs in Clarkston's opening season loss to Brandon, but since then has been stellar on the mound, Land said.

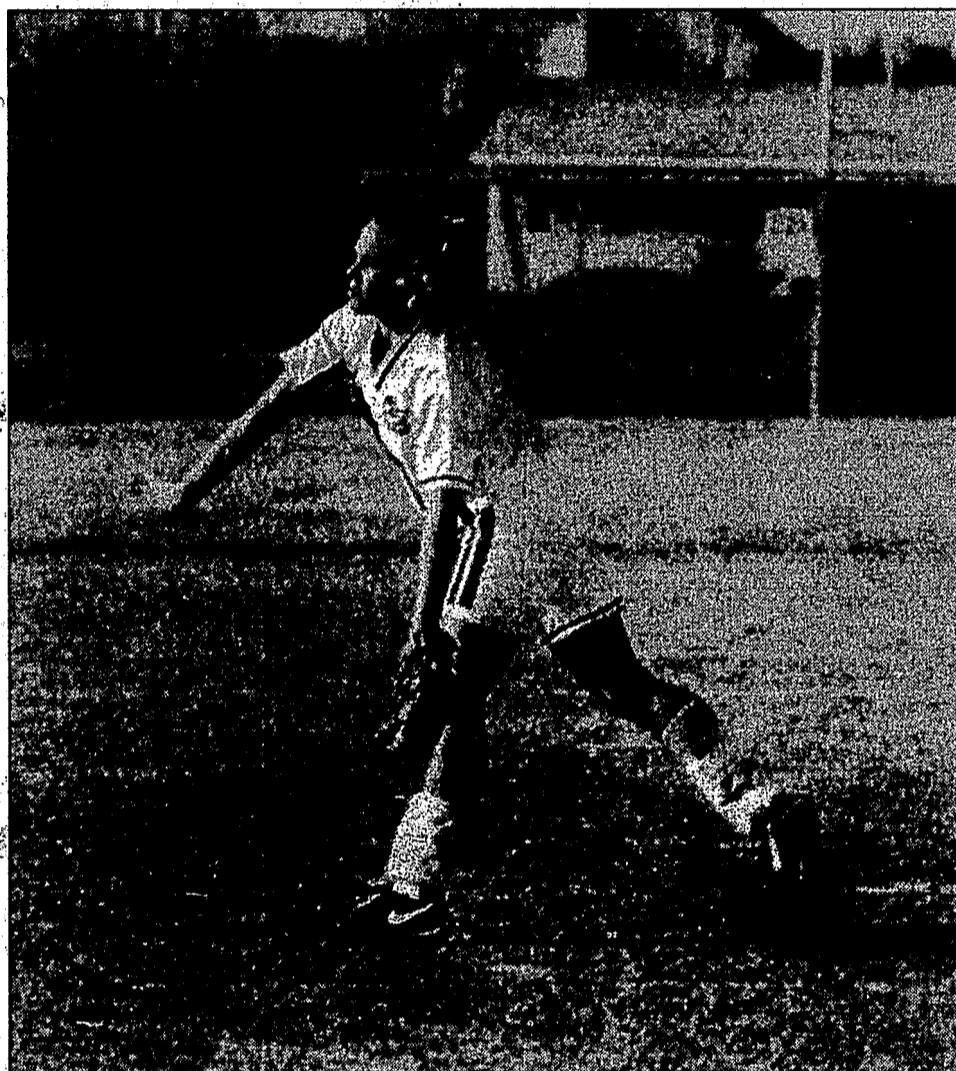
"She just dominated out there," Land said. "She had five strikeouts and did everything you want your pitcher to do. Her changeup has gotten a lot better. She's pitching outstanding for us."

The win over the Dragons improved Clarkston's record to 2-2 overall and 2-1 in the Oakland Activities Association. But possibly more importantly, it gave Land a sense of how strong his team is in a very tough softball division.

"Coming into the season we thought Orion would be one of the toughest teams in our league. So to go out there and play like we did, this early in the season, I think says a lot about us. We had only one error and we had timely hitting," Land said.

Suzie Giroux powered the Clarkston offense with 3 RBI. Defensively, Land said the outfielding trio of Suzie and Heather Giroux and Tricia Brewer all made acrobatic plays.

Clarkston picked up its first league



Senior pitcher Lisa Ferguson limited the Dragons to one hit on April 6. Photo by Ed Davis.

win of the year April 4 in the second half a double header against defending league champion Waterford Kettering. The Wolves edged out the Captains 4-2. Clarkston lost the first game of the double header 7-6.

"We had some early mistakes that just killed us in the opener and gave up a lot of runs early," Land said. "But then

we made some changes and put some girls in their usual spots and things started to turn around."

Lindsay Simko, who played third base in the opener against Brandon was moved back to shortstop while Stacie Giroux moved back to third.

Clarkston rallied with five runs in
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Team depth powers netters in invitational win

Wolves win 14 of 16 flights in weekend showdown

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Sports Editor

A little rain couldn't dampen Kevin Ortwine's spirit last weekend. Not after he watched his team win the Clarkston Invitational.

The Wolves won 14 of the 16 flights and finished first in the four-team field which included Trenton, who was a state qualifier last year, Romeo and Warren Mott.

The meet was scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. April 7, but a rain delay kept the Wolves off the court until after 1 p.m. As a result, the tournament was short-

ened from its usual three match format to two matches. However, even with the revised format, a rain delay and seven seniors missing the meet due to SAT testing, the Wolves did what they've done so far this season — win.

"It was nice because we were the favorite and sometimes you can come into these types of things thinking too highly of yourself. But our kids went out there and executed and did what was expected of them. We were expected to play well and we did," Ortwine said.

Clarkston's singles players Andrew Brown, Mike Rashid, Scott Barnett

and Paul O'Connor won their matches. However, Ortwine said it was his doubles teams which really set the Wolves apart from the rest of the field.

"With seven doubles players out because of the SATs, we had to do a lot of shifting around in the lineup. But the nice thing about this group is that we've got experienced seniors doubles players who have been with the program long enough that they can just step in and deliver," Ortwine said.

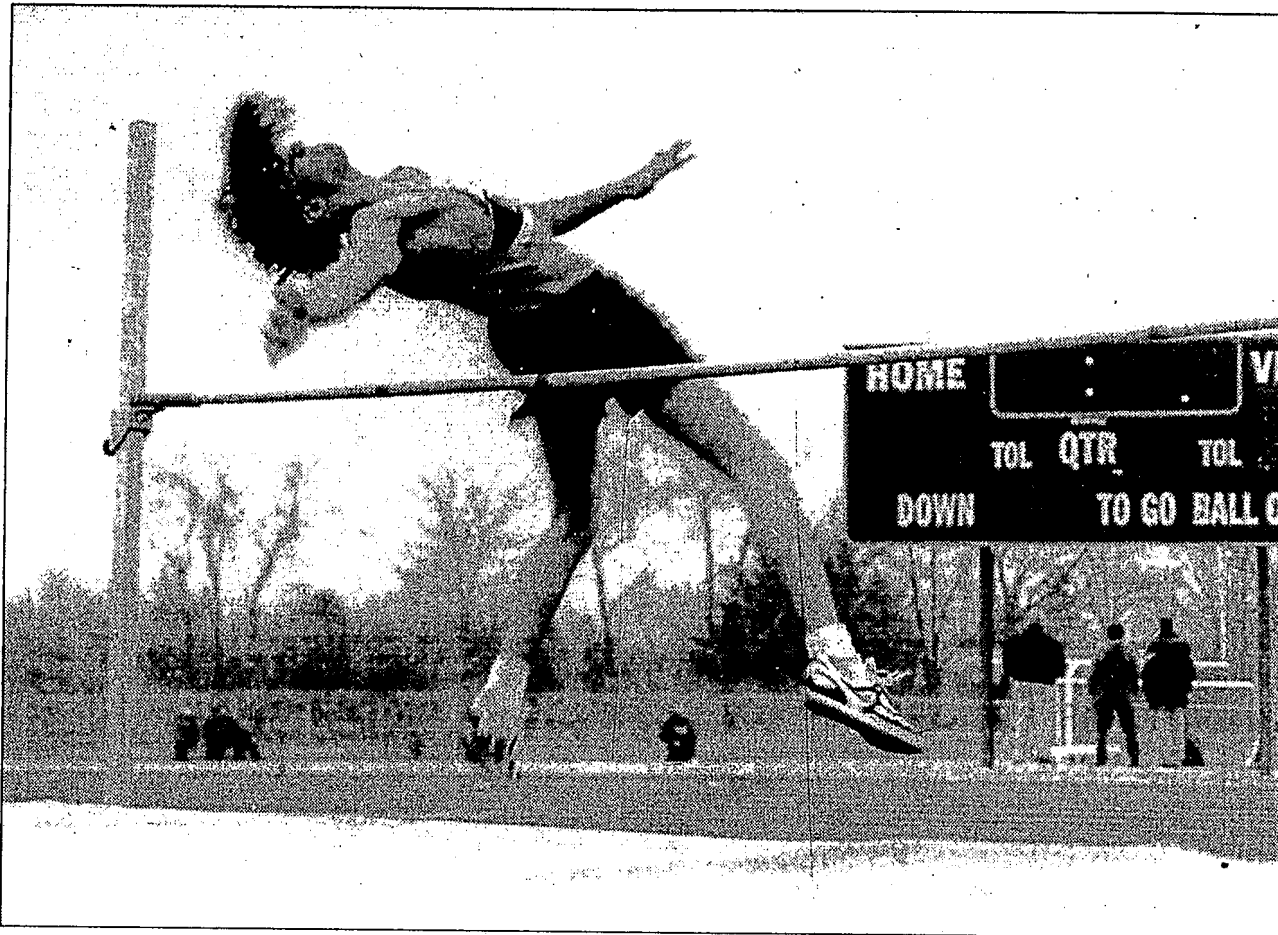
The no. 4 doubles team of Craig Verlinden and Matt Carlson won their flight, while the no. 2

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Andrew Brown

Track season off and runnin'!



The Clarkston track team competed against North Farmington in a scrimmage March 27 at Clarkston High School. League action for the Wolves begins April 11 at Rochester Adams. (Bottom left) Steve Chenet receives the handoff from Jared Elmore. (Middle left) Karyn Erkfriz takes the baton from Christyn Reuter. (Bottom right) Ryan Cocciolone gets some serious air in the pole vault. (Top right) Cory Henneman clears the pole vault. (Top left) Rafael Fauza will be one of Clarkston's top high jumpers this season. Photos by Ed Davis.

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As much as I love March Madness, I'm even more happy that April is here. Only one post-season tournament is better than the NCAA basketball tournament and it all starts tonight — the NHL playoffs.

I prefer hockey to basketball, but that's not the only reason I like this tournament over the college hoops version.

Quick — who's your pick to win the Stanley Cup? Detroit? Colorado? New Jersey? Dallas? Ottawa? Philly? St. Louis? Not so easy is it.

That's why I like the hockey playoffs more than any other major sport. How many of you out there had Duke to win it all in basketball? Me too. Of course, I also had them playing MSU in the finals, and I had Stanford and Syracuse in the final four. But picking the Stanley Cup winner is the toughest champion to predict.

Last year, I predicted Detroit over Washington. Remember who won? New Jersey over Dallas in one of the best series in recent history. Not many people had the Devils picked to win it all. Not even me, a guy who drives around town with a license plate which reads, "Brodeur." (Brodeur is the goalie for the New Jersey Devils — and yes I am a freaky fan).

The Devils weren't supposed to win it all. They were a five seed. Guess what seed they were last time they won it? A five seed. Guess who they beat? Detroit in the lockout-shortened 1995 season.

New Jersey won the East again this year — their fourth conference title in five years. So that makes them a heavy favorite, right? Normally I'd say yes, but that's what makes this tournament fun to watch. You just never know.

As much as it is fun to watch, television times for Red Wings games won't make it easy to watch. The April 11 game against Los Angeles is no problem with a 7:30 start. And Saturday is fine at 1 p.m. But Sunday's game doesn't even start until nearly midnight and then game four won't end until after 1 a.m. If the Wings sweep, then we fans will be able to catch up on sleep. If the series goes five or six, at least we'll be able to see more hockey.

So, without further ado, here are my picks for the first round:

Detroit vs. Los Angeles — Some long nights, but a short series. Wings in five.

Colorado vs. Vancouver — The Canucks rallied to make the playoffs, but their rally is over. Avs in four.

St. Louis vs. San Jose — San Jose can surprise some people and the Blues are anything but playoff performers. Look for an upset here. Sharks in six.

Dallas vs. Edmonton — Dallas is in the midst of a 12-game unbeaten streak. They'll add four more to that even against Tommy Salo. Dallas in five.

New Jersey vs. Carolina — Martin Brodeur can win four games by himself, but he's got a great supporting cast and they're the defending champs. No early playoff exit this year. New Jersey in four.

Ottawa vs. Toronto — Neither of these teams is heading into the playoffs on the right foot, but Ottawa didn't earn 109 points on accident. Sens in six.

Washington vs. Pittsburgh — Two words: Jagr, Lemieux. They're good enough to win a series by themselves and they win this one. Penguins in seven.

Philadelphia vs. Buffalo — Buffalo's got this guy named Dominik Hasek. The Flyers have somebody named Cechmanek in net. I like the dominator in that matchup too. Sabres in six.

Stanley Cup Finals Prediction — New Jersey over Detroit in six because I want to see it again so bad. And because Detroit is good enough to get back to the finals. But long road trips, odd start times and a tough Western Conference take their toll on the Wings before the finals even begin.

E-Mail Ed your hockey predictions to clarkstonnews@admi.net or aedavis11@aol.com.

Ed Davis



The Bottom Line

Athlete of the week: Matt Poley

Clarkston varsity tennis coach Kevin Ortwine said three years ago he would have laughed if you told him Matt Poley would be a team captain. Now Ortwine calls his senior captain "a dream to coach."

Poley is in his fourth year on the varsity team and has played doubles all four years during his career at Clarkston. Ortwine said Poley's strength and serving abilities make him a strong player, but it's the growth he's seen in his captain over the years which make him such a valuable asset to the Wolves.

"Matt has never complained about playing doubles and he's never complained about who I pair him up with. He grew up a lot between his sophomore and junior years and that's why he's the captain now. He's been a joy to coach," Ortwine said.

Poley, whose doubles partner this year is Brian Chism, has had a new doubles partner every year. But that, he said, hasn't made much difference.

"As long as my partner and I get along and play similar it's fine with me. All that's really important is how the team does. It's much more important for the team to win than it is for me to win," he said.

Poley has been playing tennis since he was 13 and hopes to continue playing after graduation. This fall, he plans on studying business at Western Michigan University and hopes to play intramural tennis as a Bronco.

"I think the power of my serve and my forehand are my biggest strengths out there. And I'd like to thank coach Ortwine for everything he's done for me. He's been more of a coach through friendship than anything else," Poley said. "But I owe all my good spirits to the TTTGBS."



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Kevin Ortwine — Varsity tennis coach

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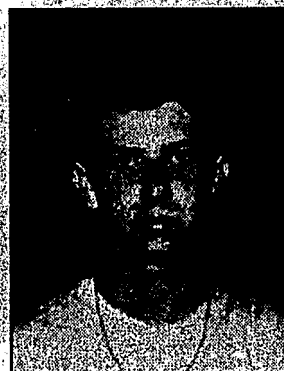
doubles team of Mike Claus and Bharath Surapaneni, who normally play no. 3 doubles also won. Matt Poley and Brian Chism took second at one doubles. It was their first match together as partners, Ortwine said. The no. 3 doubles team of Bob Soeder and Greg McEvoy split their matches.

The Wolves picked up their first league win of the season April 5 at Waterford Kettering. Clarkston won the meet 7-1. Ortwine said the no. 2 doubles team of Poley and Jacob Roderick played strong in the win over the Captains. Other Clarkston winners were Brown, Rashid, Barnett and O'Connor in singles. Doubles winners included the no. 3 doubles team of Claus and Surapaneni and the no. 4 doubles team of Soeder and McEvoy.

The Wolves opened their season April 3 with a 7-1 routing of Farmington in non-league action. Ortwine said the win over the Falcons was a great way to begin the season.

"Normally Farmington is a 5-3 or 6-2 win for us," Ortwine said. "But after the meet I told our doubles kids I liked the way they fought back. Our one, two and four doubles teams were all down and found a way to come back and win," Ortwine said.

Clarkston is off for spring break until April 24 when it hosts Kimball at 4 p.m. in league action. Clarkston improved to 2-0 overall and is 1-0 in the Oakland Activities Association (at press time).



Mike Rashid

Softball

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the top of the seventh, but left runners on in scoring position as their comeback fell short.

The second half of the double header gave Clarkston its first win of the season.

"Our goal was to be .500 by Easter break and we didn't want to start the season 0-3," Land said. "But defensively we were a lot tougher in that game and Lisa had another nice game for us."

Land complimented his team's speed.

"We ran the bases well in that game and we stole a lot of bases. Nicole Thrift hit the ball hard and gave us two good sacrifice flies," Land said.

"I was thinking it would take the girls a little longer to get adjusted, but I'm feeling good about things and I have been since we got past our first game and a half," Land said.

Clarkston resumes action April 11 when it hosts Rochester in a double header at 4 p.m. The Wolves will then be off for spring break until April 23 when they host Oxford.



Suzie Giroux



Tricia Brewer

Price: pitching, defense keys to 4-0 start

Bryan, Manuel, Hilliard, Slaughter power Wolves strong start

BY ED DAVIS
Clarkston News Sports Editor

Phil Price has had plenty of reasons to smile so far this spring. His baseball team, which graduated loads of talent last year, has surprised a lot of people by starting the season 4-0.

Clarkston's most recent win was 12-5 over Kalamazoo Central April 5. Rob Bryan and Kyle Post shared pitching duties in a game which saw the Wolves explode for seven first inning runs. Clarkston had 13 batters in the first inning.

"We just came out strong and took it right at them offensively," Price said. "We played real well and Rob and Kyle did a nice job on the mound for us."

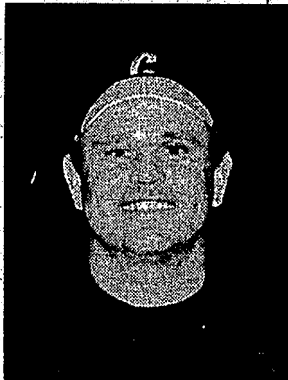
Derek Rank was 3-for-4 with a double and four RBI while Bryan helped out offensively adding a double and scored three runs.

"Rob, Derek and Torre Antonazzo have all been strong at the plate for us. Torre's batting over .500. But it's Trevor Manuel who makes us go. He's done everything I could ask of a leadoff hitter," Price said.

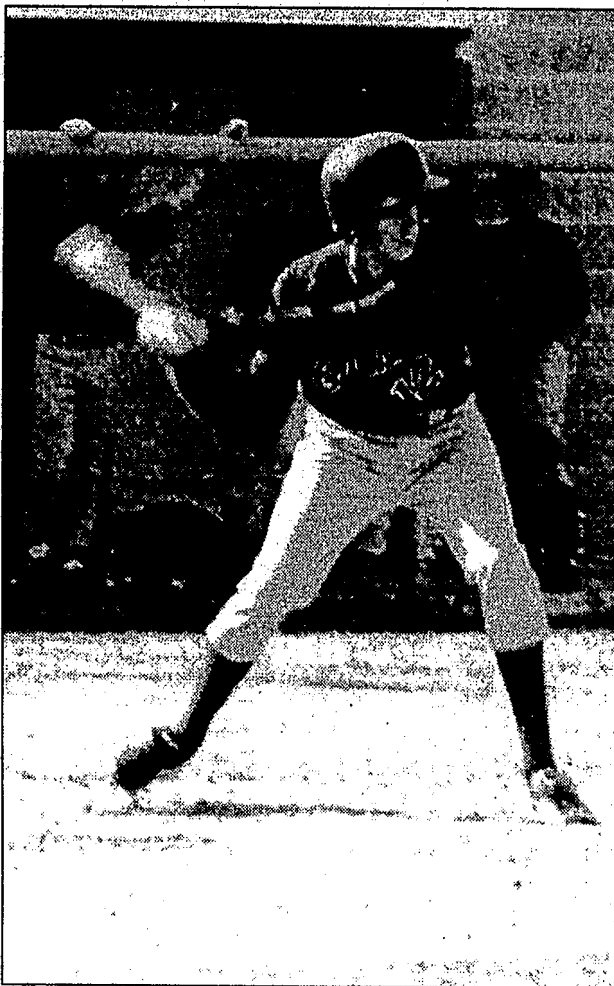
Clarkston picked up its second and third wins of the season by downing Waterford Kettering in a double header April 4. The Wolves won the opener 5-3 and the nightcap 12-3.

"Dave Hilliard has done a real nice job at short-stop for us and came up with a big hit in game two. We were tied at three in the bottom of the sixth and he came up with an RBI double. He later scored on a single from Trevor (Manuel)," Price said.

Bobby Slaughter



Phil Price

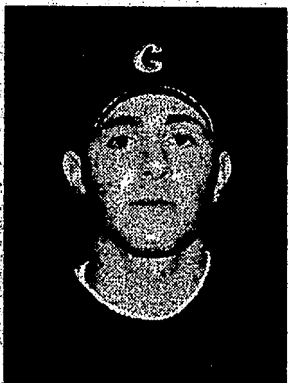


Jared Ostrom awaits a pitch in Clarkston's 5-3 win over Waterford Kettering April 4 at Clarkston High School. Photo by Ed Davis.

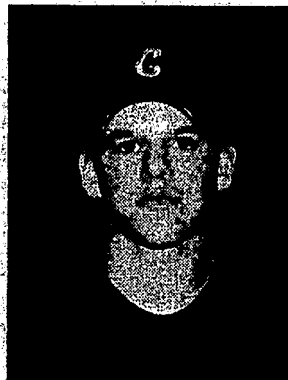
pitched well against the Captains and earned strong praise from Price for his efforts on the mound.

"The biggest things with our pitchers is that they're not walking many batters. Bobby had only one walk in game one. Matt Orris has also done a nice job for us pitching this season and so has Andy Kleinedler," Price said.

"I think we've been sound defensively. When



Dave Hilliard



Trevor Manuel

"The only thing that I can complain about so far is that we need to cut back on the strikeouts. Other than that, things are going real well for us right now."

Phil Price — Varsity baseball coach

you're strong up the middle, like we are, you can win a lot of games. Our infielders and outfielders have all been playing well. The only thing that I can complain about so far is that we need to cut back on the strikeouts. Other than that, things are going real well for us right now," Price said.

The Wolves open league play April 11 at home against rival Lake Orion at 4:30 p.m.

"Orion's got a lot of talent and they knocked us out of the districts last year. It will be a good measuring to stick to see where we're at," Price said.

Kleinedler will get the start against the Dragons. Lake Orion features junior pitcher Randy Frey. Lake Orion comes into the game with a 3-0 overall record (at press time).

The rundown

The games — Clarkston has scored 12 runs in three of its first four games including a 12-5 win over Kalamazoo Central April 5. Bobby Slaughter, Andy Kleinedler, Rob Bryan and Matt Orris have all been solid on the mound.

Where they stand — Clarkston improved to 4-0 overall.

Up next — The Wolves open league play April 11 at 4:30 when they host Lake Orion (3-0 at press time).

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Four kickers score in win over Brandon

Rhenda, Wickline, Dougherty, Brundage tally goals against Blackhawks

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Sports Editor

There's no goalie controversy within the Clarkston girls varsity soccer team, but Sarah Morgan didn't end up playing the full 80 minutes in Clarkston's 4-0 win over Brandon. She didn't have to.

Morgan was forced to stop only two shots in the Wolves dominating performance over the Blackhawks April 9. As a result, Clarkston coach Tami Mitchell had the liberty of changing her lineup some, including putting Morgan at forward for the last 20 minutes of the game while teammate Megan Renda played goalie for the remainder of the game.

"It's probably the only time Sarah will play forward for us this year," Mitchell said. "But it was total domination on our part. I'm not sure if it was our

The rundown

The game — Megan Renda, Jennifer Wickline, Kelly Dougherty and Kristen Brundage scored for Clarkston. Sarah Morgan and Renda both played goalie in the shutout win.

Where they stand — Clarkston improved to 2-3-1 overall and remain 0-1-1 in the OAA II (at press time).

Up next — The Wolves visit Lake Orion April 24 in league action at 7 p.m.



Senior defenseman Angela Humphreys has been one of Clarkston's most consistent players this season. Photo by Ed Davis.

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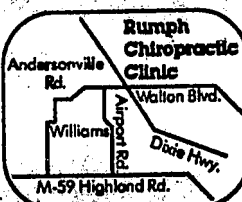
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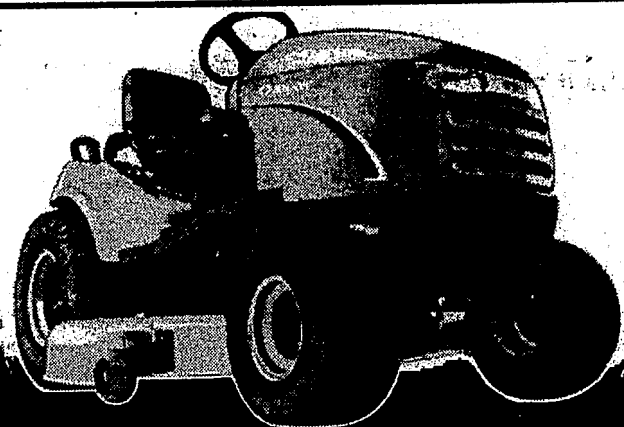


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best performance this season, but our team was just that much stronger than theirs."

Clarkston's goals came from Renda, Jennifer Wickline, Kelly Dougherty and Kristen Brundage.

"It was nice in that we got some goals from girls who aren't are usual scorers. I had the chance to move some of our girls around and we played real hard. It was a huge team effort," Mitchell said.

The win improved Clarkston's overall record to 2-3-1 overall while the Wolves remain 0-1-1 in the Oakland Activities Association Division II (at press time).

Last week, Clarkston fell to Birmingham Groves 2-1 in league play April 5. Clarkston's lone



Kristen Brundage



Jennifer Wickline

goal came from junior forward Rockie Tripi. Also, Clarkston tied league rival West Bloomfield 2-2 April 3. Brandy Knapp and Renda scored for the Wolves.

Mitchell said as pleased as she was in the win over Brandon, her team still has plenty of room for improvement.

"Our girls had a bit of a letup late in the game. We need to do a better job of staying focused and playing hard for the entire 80 minutes," Mitchell said. "Megan Mutz and Angela Humphreys have both been playing well for us lately. Angela does a great job on the defensive end and did a nice job of using her power and moving the ball up the field for us."

Clarkston will be off for spring break until April 24 when the Wolves visit Lake Orion in league action at 7 p.m.



Tami Mitchell

Clarkston students score at gymnastics competitions

Two Clarkston girls and two Clarkston boys recently competed helped their teams compete in gymnastics competitions.

Alexa Kitson, 10, is a member of the Gymnastic Training Center of Rochester compulsory girls team which won the Karaoke Classic Invitational March 31 in Kalamazoo. Kitson won a blue ribbon for her efforts on the vault and uneven bars. Danielle Singles, 12, also competed in the event.

In boys competition, the Gymnastic Training Center of Rochester optional boy's team qualified to compete at the 2001 National Championship to be held in Minneapolis, Minn. May 3-6.

Brandon Reiss, 15, competed in class two of the pommel horse while Travis Meier placed seventh on the rings.

Correction:

The March 28 issue of the Clarkston News incorrectly reported there were only three seniors on the varsity girls soccer team. There are four, including midfielders Megan Medina and Lindsey Lambert, defenseman Angela Humphreys and goalie Sarah Morgan. We apologize for the error.

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Price named new varsity cheer coach

Former JV coach takes over for Hool, who retires after 13 years of service

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Sports Editor

Chandra Price is hoping to make thousands of Clarkston fans jump up and cheer this fall.

Price was named the new Clarkston High School varsity cheer coach. She is taking over for Debi Hool, who retired after serving as head coach for 13 years.

Price served as Clarkston's junior varsity cheer coach for the last six seasons and was head coach at Waterford Kettering one year before she started at Clarkston.

"I'm just really excited about the new year," Price said. "I just want to do my best to keep the program going and I want to thank Debi (Hool) for everything she's done for the program. She's been a mentor for me the last six years here at Clarkston," Price said.

Price said she will make some changes to the cheer team this fall. In addition to the Wolves competing in cheer competitions, cheerleaders will also have



Chandra Price

'I just want to get the crowd to get motivated and have as many students and fans support the basketball and football teams at all the games.'

Chandra Price — Clarkston varsity cheerleading coach.

the option of simply doing sideline cheering.

During competitions, the Wolves compete in two rounds, with each round featuring 18 cheerleaders. However, Price said, this fall those cheerleaders don't have to be the same for both rounds. It's possible, that all 24 cheerleaders could compete.

"I think it will help to get more girls involved, and if some of them just want to do the sideline cheering then that's fine too," Price said.

Price was replaced at the JV level by Tamara Conwell, who previously served as freshman cheer coach. Michelle Wilson is the new freshman cheer coach.

Price, Conwell and Wilson all cheered for Clarkston during their days at CHS.

"I just want to get the crowd to get motivated and have as many students and fans support the basketball and football teams at all the games," Price said.

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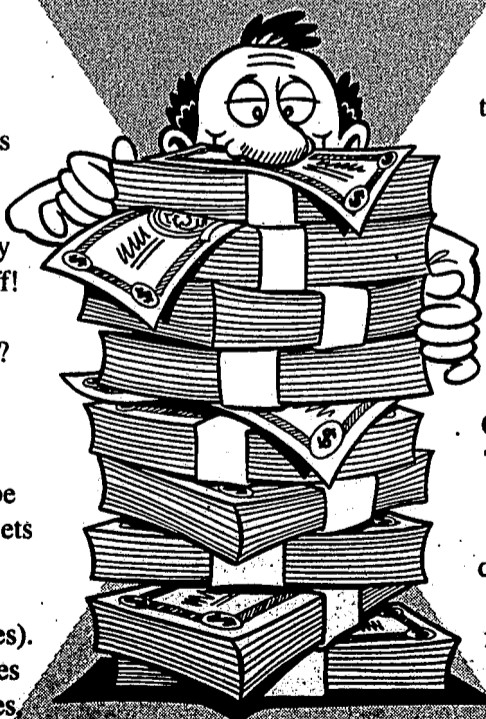
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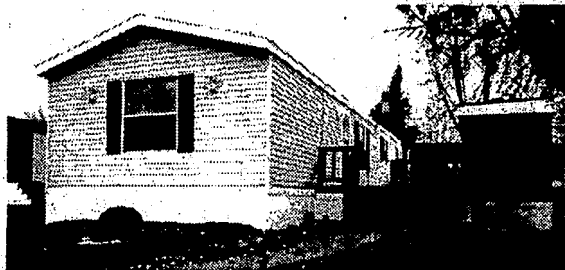
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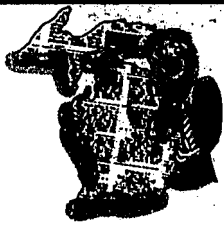
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Plans and Specifications will be on file, and available beginning Wednesday, April 11, 2001 at the offices of Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 555 Hulet Drive, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. A non-refundable payment of Ten (\$10.00) Dollars, CHECK ONLY, made payable to Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc., will be required for each set of project plans and specifications. Drawings and specifications can be shipped by U.P.S. ground for an additional shipping and handling charge of Ten (\$10.00) Dollars, CHECK ONLY, non-refundable, to Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc.

All Contract Documents are on file and may be examined at the following locations: Construction Market Data, F. W. Dodge Corporation, Construction Assn. of Michigan, and Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc.

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

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In order to be considered for a contract award, the Contractor as such as Bidder, must provide a list of municipal references and municipal projects as outlined in the project Proposal.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
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Joan McCrary
 Township Clerk

publish April 11 and 18, 2001.

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SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

Supervisor Stuart called the April 3, 2001 meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Library. Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Kelly, McCrary, Rosso, Stuart, Travis, Wagner, Wenger.

Absent: None.

There is a quorum.

1. Approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 20, 2001 as submitted.
2. Approved the minutes of the Special Meeting of March 26, 2001 as submitted.
3. Approved the payment of purchase requisitions in the amount of \$26,770.19.
4. Approved the payment of the first of distributions in the amount of \$387,584.35.
5. Approval of agenda as amended.
6. Approved motion to post Laborer position for DPW Department.
7. Approved motion hiring Cheryl Grenke as Clerk - Building Department.
8. Approved motion authorizing Budget Adjustments.
9. Approved motion authorizing contract with Road Maintenance Corporation for 2001.

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10. Approved motion authorizing replacement of vehicle for Fire Department.
11. Approved motion adopting Resolution Setting Public Hearing - Curtis Lane S.A.D.
12. Approved motion to hold, bid award for Curtis Lane S.A.D. pending outcome of Public Hearing.
13. Approved motion of First Amendment to Independence/Clarkston Intergovernmental Water Agreement designating Supervisor and Clerk to be appropriate signatories to the document.
14. Approved motion authorizing purchase of copier for Library.
15. Approved motion to enter into Closed Session at 8:40 p.m.
16. Approved motion to reopen the Regular Meeting at 9:50 p.m.
17. Approved motion authorizing Township Supervisor to sign proposed Consent Judgment and authorizing the Township Attorney to enter the Consent Judgment.
18. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted,
 Joan E. McCrary
 Township Clerk

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Date: April 17, 2001

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Township Library
 6495 Clarkston Road
 Clarkston, MI

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on April 17, 2001, at 7:30 p.m. in the Township Library, located at 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, Michigan, the Charter Township of Independence Board of Trustees shall meet for the purpose of hearing comments and objections by any interested person with respect to the special assessment roll and any revised cost estimate for the Special Assessment District that has been established to defray the expenses of the improvement of a drainage and access culvert under Curtis Lane adjacent to Van Norman Lake by special assessment.

The improvements described above are intended to provide benefits to the properties described on the attachment to this Notice, which properties together constitute the "Special Assessment District."

The Township Board is proceeding with this hearing based upon petitions received from the record owners of more than 50% of the total land area in the proposed Special Assessment District.

Appearance and protest at the hearing is required in order to appeal the matters to be considered at the hearing to the State Tax Tribunal. An owner or party in interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter at or before the hearing, and his or her personal appearance in such case shall not be required.

JOAN MCCRARY, CLERK

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

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