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the kids*



Captivating his audience—Independence Township firefighter Mitch Petterson talks to Mrs. Allison's kindergarten class during a guest read-in day. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

Council passes resolutions for Phase II of water system

Approximately 60 people voice concerns to city engineer in public hearing March 25

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Independence Township Fire Hall meeting room was packed with City of the Village of Clarkston residents March 25 wishing to voice their concerns about the upcoming Phase II of the city's water system.

About 60 residents attended the meeting and many of them voiced their concerns to city engineer Gary Tressel of Hubbell, Roth and Clark and the City Council in a public hearing. Afterward, the council voted to approve Special Assessment Resolutions #3 and #4.

After the meeting, City Councilman Scott Meyland explained what the resolutions mean.

He said the council had to pass water and paying measures for each of the two resolutions. He said the council authorized only the general obligation funding to begin for the next phases of the project, and not the special assessment funding.

In addition, he said another public hearing on the matter will be held April 22 in the Independence Township Fire Hall.

Meyland, who is mayor pro tem, presided over the meeting in the absence of Mayor Sharron Catallo.

"As you know by now, we're going forward with Phase II," he said. "We're proceeding as fast as we can with the financing."

He then introduced Tressel, who talked about several details of Phase II. One of the key details

was how much the project would cost. He said the total cost would be \$4.1 million -- \$2.2 million coming from general obligation bonds, and \$1.9 million coming from the establishment of special assessment districts.

He said the special assessment funds would be payable by those property owners whose properties abut the project, while the general obligation funds would be paid by every property owner in the city.

Tressel also said the sale of the second round of general obligation bonds would begin in late April, with bids received in early May.

One of the questions raised at the meeting was about water quality tests. Tressel said those tests are done monthly by Independence Township and filed at the township offices. He said they can go to Independence Township Director of Public Works Linda Richardson and request to see those reports, since they are public information.

Several other city residents spoke their minds during the course of the meeting. One of them was Terry Summerlee, who said he had already paid a great deal in repair costs to his home and was concerned about how the project would damage his property.

"I live on a private street," he said. "They excluded some of the private roads from the project. They included mine in the project. I have concerns about my home. I paid \$70,000-80,000 in repairs. We're concerned about damage to our home."

Another resident who spoke out was Greg Wilson, who was wondering if the dam at Mill Pond will be affected when they begin work on Washington Street. Tressel replied they would not.

Road realignment stirs emotions at board meeting

BY KYLE GARGARO
Clarkston News Editor

Some residents of Independence Township walked away from the March 19 board meeting highly frustrated.

The source of their frustration was the board's handling of the Deerhill/Big Lake realignment issue. There has been talk about the realignment due to the Apostolic Church of Christ and school being built in the area. The board must decide whether to recommend the realignment or not. The church will consist of an estimated 1,900 members.

Area residents came out in full force to raise concerns about cut-through traffic, especially from students at Oakland Technical Center-Northwest.

"We are not opposed to the church, we are just really concerned about the increase of through traffic," Deerlake Farms homeowners president Lisa Iacobelli said. "People already cut through there and a lot of them are high schoolers."

The board began to hear a traffic study from Hubbell, Roth & Clark Inc. which stated only one car eastbound and one car westbound cut through between 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

However resident Lisa Pawlik brought to the board's attention the study was done on March 8, a day

which the schools were not in session. Richard Beaubien originally said the survey occurred on March 15, but realized his error after Pawlik spoke. He also said he was unaware the school was not in session that day.

After hearing this information, Supervisor Dale Stuart tabled the issue until the next meeting and ordered another study to be done. Some in attendance, angered they were not allowed more time to speak to the board, showcased their displeasure with a chorus of boos.

"This is not a public hearing," Stuart said. "We have had a public hearing and have heard what everybody has to say on this subject. We heard from a lot of the same people who are in the audience tonight."

Stuart's comments did not improve the mood of the homeowners president.

"The neighborhood had a meeting last week and we went through a lot of effort to get people here for the meeting. There were a lot of phone calls made. And now we have to wait for the next meeting which is Easter week so a lot of people will be out of town," Iacobelli said.

Other items discussed at the meeting included:
■ Discussion of proposed township construction

The main topic of the talk revolved around how to package the items on the ballot. Among those up for decision include a new township hall, a senior center, a community center and renovation to Bay Court.

"I think we should have separate the township hall, Bay Court and community center. At the end of the day we find out what the community wants to spend its money on," Trustee Daniel Kelly said.

Resident Neil Wallace urged the board to take a leadership role and decide what the township needs, rather than putting everything at the ballot for the "ultimate poll."

"You need to choose so you don't risk losing everything," Wallace said.

The board tabled the issue and will discuss it again at the next meeting on April 2.

■ The setting of a public hearing for the Eston/Indianwood Road paving. The board voted to tentatively proceed with the \$2.66 million paving of the road. They needed to do this before a public hearing could be set.

"I take tentatively to mean its broadest term," Stuart said. "I have made no decision about this in my mind but this is how we need to vote to continue with this."

Briefly

Planning Commission to hold hearings

Craig Bryson, Road Commission for Oakland County Public Information Officer, was recently recognized with a 2001 Merit Award from the County Road Association of Michigan.

Bryson was honored for his leadership role as chair of the CRAM Public Relations Education Committee, where he was instrumental in launching CRAM's web site and developing other printed and promotional products for the association.

"We are very proud to honor Craig with the Merit Award for his leadership," CRAM Director John Niemela said.

Galloway begins Operation Friendship

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To recognize the important contributions others are making to our community, nominations are being sought in the following categories: Citizen of the Year, Young Person of the Year, Business Person of the Year, Adult Youth Volunteer, Community Preservation and Property Beautification.

Nominations should include the person or business being nominated, the category nominated, their phone number and address along with a short description of why you feel the person should receive this honor. Please include your name and phone number in case the awards committee needs more information.

Nominations can be forwarded to the Chamber office at 5855 S. Main St. in Clarkston, MI 48346. Nominations must be submitted by April 26, 2002. The nominations can also be done via their website at www.clarkston.org.

The 17th Annual Community Awards Breakfast will be Wednesday, May 22 at Liberty Golf Club from 7:30-9 a.m. Tickets for the event will be \$15 per person or \$125 for a table of 10. Tickets may be obtained by contacting the Chamber office at 625-8055.

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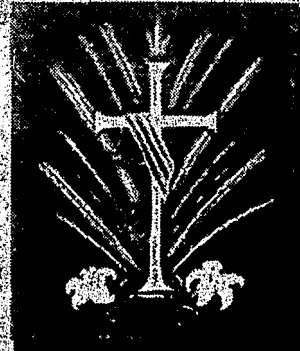
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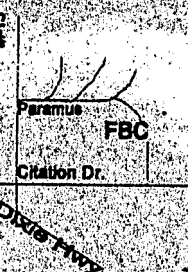
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The Second Front

Kids have egg-cellent time at Indep. Twp. Easter festivities



Say cheese—Independence Township Parks and Recreation put on quite an "egg-stravaganza" for the holiday, March 26, at the Clarkston Christian Association. Kids who attended participated in a variety of games and activities, were treated to a magic show and hunted down some eggs. Here, Alex Tanielian, 5, left, and brother Matthew, 3, smile for the camera with the Easter Bunny himself.



Jumping jovially—Hailey Bauer, three and a half, tries hopping into the hula hoops.



Mmmm!—Jacqueline Antakli, two and a half, and sister Gabrielle, 4, make delicious cupcake masterpieces.



Enjoying herself—Getting into the holiday season, Haley Gascone, 3, wears her bunny ears proudly, while she downs a yummy cupcake with mom.



What color to use?—Two-year-old Rebekah Wood's artistic side shows through.

The importance of reading

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

March has been a busy month at Clarkston Elementary.

It's reading month—a nationally recognized effort that encourages children to read—and the school has had a ton of very special activities for the students.

Most of the activities have had a two-fold objective: to improve reading skills and collect money for the PAWS with a Cause charity, a charity that trains assistance dogs for disabled or special needs people.

It all started with a kick-off assembly March 4 where PAWS dog Violet, recipient of the \$3,650 collected last year during Clarkston Elementary's reading month fundraisers, was on hand to greet students.

Throughout the month, students were involved in several fundraising activities including a pledge drive in which students earned money for every minute spent reading during the month. Clarkston hopes to meet or exceed last year's efforts.

The school's media director Sandy Gallivan said, "This is a goal worthy of these young students who are so eager to read and help others at the same time."

From a celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday, to a gently-used book collection for disadvantaged children, to a guest read-in day where familiar faces from the community shared their favorite children's book with students, to so much more, the students were busy, busy, busy with reading-related activities that even included a classroom door decorating contest and a stuffed animal day.

All activities, most importantly, were geared to allow the children to celebrate their reading accomplishments while helping others.



Reading for a good cause—Melissa Pavlik, 10, and other students are busy reading books for a good cause. The children are reading to help raise money for the PAWS with a Cause charity. The children are reading to help raise money for the PAWS with a Cause charity.

Photos by Jennifer Nemer

Assistant pastor throws hat into State Rep. race

BY KYLE GARGARO
Clarkston News Editor

One thing Republican Steve Sanders can't be accused of is running away from controversial issues.

As his campaign for the 44th District State Representative gets under way, the assistant pastor at Maranatha Baptist Church in Clarkston speaks on such topics as abortion, charter schools and concealed weapons.

■ On abortion: "I realize the state legislature does not necessarily end up having major impact on that, but I am definitely pro-life in every situation."

■ On school vouchers: "The voucher proposal got shot down pretty heavily here in the last election. Be that as it may, I am still a huge proponent, not necessary of vouchers, but of the idea of trying to craft something that would give people choice in their educational issues. Not just having the option of only a public school education. If they want to do it elsewhere they should be able to use their tax dollars to have some choice in the matter. I believe that is what the voucher proposal was trying to get at, but vouchers might not be the absolute best way to do it, at least as far as the public is concerned."

■ On concealed weapons: "I am in favor of what was recently passed by the legislature to allow people to responsibly own and carry a gun. My general philosophy on it would be if someone was inclined to want to attack somebody and they had an idea that person may be carrying a weapon there and had gone through training to know how to use it; it would be a deterrent to crime if people were aware of that."

Sanders also says he is for the government staying out of personal property rights as much as possible. He is not looking for legislation to try and incumber people as to what they do with their own property.

While Sanders has never held an elected office other than precinct delegate, he is eager to provide the residents of the 44th district his unique skills. He believes he has learned a lot in his 18 years as assistant pastor

"There are three words I am looking to bring to it, that of service, integrity and leadership," Sanders said. "I know a lot of people can bring those same three words to the table but in order for someone to be a good leader they have to look at the people as constituents and not as subjects. I am looking at it as to be a servant leader. It is an opportunity to be able to branch out and not just work with the folks at the church but with a broader range of people. I want to see their needs and interests and be able to bring some moral integrity to the situation and be able to make wise decision which would best benefit them."

Sanders, who has been an Independence Township resident since 1969, has been politically active in the past four years within the 9th District Republicans and the Oakland County Republicans.

Prior to joining the church, the 39-year old received a Bachelors of Science in Business Administration Management from Bob Jones University.

While at college Sanders met his wife Robin. They have now been married for almost 18 years. The couple has four kids-Ben, 16, Brett, 14, Katie, 11 and Kara, 6.

"My wife is extremely supportive of my running for office. She looks at it as a challenge and an opportunity," Sanders said. "My pastor Glen Currie is also very supportive of it as has the church family."

In his spare time Sanders plays softball, golf and loves to read. He is excited about the campaign and the prospects of being elected.

"I am looking forward to the opportunity to jump in with both feet and bring some integrity that is often times lost in political realm. I will be able to use the experience of working with people for the past 18 years and bring that to the state congress," Sanders said.

Due to redistricting, the 44th District now encompasses Independence, Springfield, White Lake and Highland Townships.

Sanders can be reached by e-mail at stevesandersemail@juno.com or at home phone (248) 620-0532.



Running for office - Steve Sanders, of Independence Township, is running for 44th District State Representative. He is currently assistant pastor at Maranatha Baptist Church in Clarkston. Photo by Kyle Gargaro.

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Last-Minute Tax Tips -- And Ideas for Next Year

It's almost here again: Tax Day. Of course, if you're particularly industrious, or you knew you were going to get a refund, then you might have filed your taxes weeks ago. But if you're like a lot of people, then you'll drop your return in the mailbox on April 15. Between now and then, is there anything you can do to brighten your 2001 tax picture?

There are a couple of things you might consider. You can still add to your traditional IRA, if you haven't already "maxed out" on it. If you're eligible to make tax-deductible contributions, then you can lower your tax bill. Or, if you're self-employed, you still have time to put tax-deductible dollars in your SEP-IRA. And, since SEP-IRA contribution limits are considerably higher than those of your traditional IRA, you may have room to put in a sizable amount of money.

What else can you do to help yourself? For one thing, review your tax return one final time. Make sure you've taken all the deductions that you're legally allowed. Take advantage of all "carry forwards" -- capital losses from 2000 that exceeded the \$3,000 write-off limit and that can now be applied against ordinary income. Finally, go over your calculations to ensure that you've avoided any mistakes.

Beyond these 11th-hour moves, start thinking about those areas that you can improve on for 2002. For example, if you incurred a lot of taxes from your investments in 2001, examine where all the income was coming from. Were you selling a lot of stocks? If so, which ones?

Keep in mind that if you sell a stock within 12 months of buying it, you'll have to pay capital gains taxes at your ordinary income tax rate, which may be 27 percent, 30 percent, 35 percent or 38.6 percent. But if you hold the stock for 12 months before selling it, then you'll only have to pay a capital gains rate of 20 percent. And if you bought the stock after Jan. 2, 2001, and you hold it for the five succeeding years, you will only have to pay an 18 percent capital gains tax when you sell, assuming you're in at least the 27 percent bracket.

Apart from holding stocks for at least a year, you can also look for tax-deferred investments. Put in as much as you can to your traditional IRA and your 401(k). After that, consider investing in an annuity, which offers tax deferral and high contribution limits.

Deferring taxes can obviously work in your favor. When you purchase a Roth IRA, your earnings grow totally tax free, provided you meet certain conditions. And if you're in one of the upper tax brackets, you may benefit from investing in municipal bonds. The interest on these bonds is exempt from federal income taxes; if you live in the state or municipality where the bond is issued, the interest may be exempt from state and local taxes. (However, the alternative minimum tax may apply.)

Contact your tax advisor to discuss these issues and to help you find other ways to lower your taxes. But don't wait too long -- the earlier you put your "tax-smart" strategies to work, the better off you'll be next April 15.

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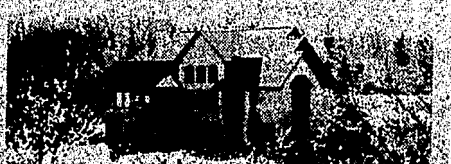
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Springfield workers get used to new surroundings

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

It's already beginning to feel like home for employees of Springfield Township as they get established in their new offices at the Civic Center.

The offices officially opened for business Tuesday, March 19, and already, the township's departments and their employees have noticed a marked difference in the amount of work space they have compared to their old buildings.

"It's like moving from a closet into a real room," said Treasurer Lois Stiles, echoing the thoughts of many of the township workers. "People are just so happy to have elbow room. Once we get everything unpacked, everything will be great."

The civic center houses the township's general offices, as well as the parks and recreation and building departments and the township library. There is a meeting room upstairs where the Springfield Township Board will hold their regular monthly meetings, and the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy has moved their offices there as well.

Clerk Nancy Strole, while giving a tour of the new facility, pointed out there are separate entrances for the parks and recreation and building departments. "We have a lot of families signing up for activities," she said.

Strole also said there are four conference rooms on the lower level of the building, including a main conference room, two smaller conference rooms that hold three or four people and a building department conference room.

Township Assessor Greg Zamenski said the biggest adjustment for many of the township employees is dealing with the larger amount of space.

"The biggest one is reorganizing the records," he said. "We have to look where things are. It's all going to be positive, because people have more space to work with. The positives outweigh the very few negatives. Everybody's upbeat."

Zamenski also said the township has received messages of congratulations from other communities, including Independence Township, which sent flowers. Zamenski said he hopes other communities will emulate Springfield's example.

"All the surrounding communities have been supportive," he said. "Hopefully, this will inspire them."

Another Civic Center department that has become acclimated to the larger space is the township library. Springfield Township Head Librarian Cathy Forst said library patrons have expressed amazement when they walk into the new building.

"Everybody's been real positive about it," she said. "The staff likes watching people's reactions. We've heard nothing negative."

Forst said the new building was very pleasing to the residents, who feared the new building would lack some of the character of the old library building, despite the greater amount of space.

"They loved the old schoolhouse, as crowded as it was," she said. "They were afraid the new building would be sterile. I think they've been pleasantly

surprised."

She said the library's first day of business at the new location March 19 was particularly hectic.

"Tuesday was pretty wild," Forst said. "We checked out 1,000 books that day. Our highest total ever was 400, so we more than doubled that. There were 50 new library cards given out that day."

Forst also said the new library has

been a positive for its staff, who now have desks of their own and have put in numerous hours to make the transition to the new building.

"We closed the other building Feb. 9," she said. "Everybody has worked so hard to reopen on the 19th. Everyone has their own space. I feel like we can do things more efficiently."



Getting adjusted — Helen Blomberg of the Springfield Township Library's Circulation Services Department files some paperwork at the library's new Civic Center location March 21. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

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Opinion

Gargaro dogs man's best friend

I am not going to sugar-coat it: I do not like dogs.

Now I know this is going to open me up to all sorts of criticism. Talking bad about dogs usually gets the same negative response from my friends as my theories that Jim Carrey is over-rated, cheese is not good on a hamburger and Utah Jazz center Greg Ostertag can legitimately defend Los Angeles Lakers center Shaquille O'Neal.

Let me qualify my commentary by stating my history with dogs is not a good one. When I was young, around age six, I was frightened out of my mind by a large dog without a leash running around my neighborhood. Then while attending Central Michigan University I fed a stray dog about half a box of Cookie Crisp (I had no idea dogs were not supposed to have chocolate) and the day turned ugly.

My friend Sara says the dog was barely as tall as my shin, while I contend it at least came up to my shoulders.

Although I am prejudiced against man's best friend, I am not alone in being concerned about some dogs. The Independence Township Board of Trustees is thinking about a vicious dogs ordinance. On a national level, San Francisco lawyer Marjorie Knoller was recently convicted of involuntary manslaughter and keeping a mischievous dog that killed Diane Whipple, a college lacrosse coach. She faces 15 years to life in prison, while her husband, Robert Nowel faces up to four years in prison.

Knoller had her two dogs, Presa Canarios, on leashes in her apartment hallway when the dogs dragged her toward Whipple and attacked the coach. Nowel was not present during the attack.

So while I realize many people love dogs and view them as members of the family, I urge them to be responsible for their animal. That means picking up after your dog so I don't have a surprise on the bottom of my shoe. It also means training your dogs well enough so I am not viciously attacked by a pit bull while going to my mailbox.

And no matter how well behaved or how well trained your animal is, be sure to keep it on a leash and be sure if the dog snapped you could prevent an accident from happening. Dogs are not like you and me, they are animals. I believe no matter how much training a dog has had it can easily fall back on its animal instincts at a drop of a hat.

A few bad apples seem to be giving all dog owners a bad name but that is just how it goes. Dog-fighting rings and drug dealers who use attacking dogs to guard their business are the main reasons laws with stiff penalties have been passed.

We should continue to hold owners responsible for their dog's actions by prosecuting them to the fullest extent of the law. Also, neighbors should alert the authorities if they suspect a dog is vicious. Whipple had been bitten by one of the dogs months before the attack, but never reported the incident.

Finally, before writing in to tell me how wrong I am please give me credit for not calling this piece "Who let the dogs out?" Believe me, it was tempting.

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Gargaro's World



Kyle Gargaro

Letters To The Editor

Second math and reading night a success

Independence Elementary School held their 2nd Annual Math and Reading Night on Thursday, March 14. Our theme this year was the Magic Tree House series and it was a magical night.

We again owe the success of this fun and educational family event to the parents, teachers, middle and high school students who willingly volunteered their time to make it possible. Also, to our PTO for funding this activity.

We want to especially thank Tammy Masser, her family and her other helpers who transformed the school with their fabulous decorations.

We had a great time watching families work together in this exciting environment and thank everyone who attended as well as those who made this event possible.

Patricia Holihan and Carol Zorka
Reading and Math Specialists

Commentary

No art-tax for Oakland County!!

"Less artsy, more fartsy." - Homer J. Simpson

I must be in a time warp. Even though the calendar says the year is 2002, it feels like I'm trapped in 2000.

Once again I'm opposing the proposed 10-year, half-mill art-tax designed to fund 17 arts and cultural institutions in Wayne and Oakland counties and Detroit - again, just as I did two years ago.

Somebody call Doc Brown and get some more plutonium for the Delorean, I've got to get out of here!

Anyway, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners is currently debating whether to place this art-tax on the August or November ballot.

I say neither. The county's allegedly Republican-controlled governing body should flat out reject the art-tax for a number of reasons.

First of all, the exact same tax was already failed at the ballot box two years ago.

I'm sick and tired of government repeatedly shoving millage proposals in voters' faces until they finally give up and approve them.

If the voters say no, government should respect their decision and move on. Government should not badger voters until they give in to its greedy demands.

Secondly, funding for the arts and other cultural institutions should be derived solely from private donations and patron user-fees, not government subsidies and tax dollars.

Why should all Oakland County residents be coerced into funding institutions they may or may not patronize on a regular basis?

When did it become taxpayers responsibility to foot the bill for arts and cultural programs?

When did it become government's responsibility to confiscate money for such programs?

The marketplace, not government, should decide which arts and cultural institutions thrive and which die out. The patron's pocketbook, not the Taxman's axe, should be the sole arbiter of their fates.

If the people who enjoy going to these institutions want to financially support them *privately* - from their own little silk-lined pockets - that's fine by me.

But don't force every taxpayer to become a de-facto "patron of the arts."

I'm also opposed to government confiscating tax money from Oakland County residents and shipping it off to institutions located in Wayne County and Detroit.

The proposed levy is expected to generate \$44 million in annual tax revenue. Of that total, 55 percent (or \$24.2 million) would be collected from Oakland County property owners.

Two-thirds of the total bi-county haul (\$29 million) would be allocated to 10 institutions in Wayne County

- nine of which are (surprise, surprise) located in Detroit - and seven in Oakland County.

The other one-third (\$15 million) would go back to cities, townships and villages to be used for local arts and cultural programs.

Detroit is be the big winner in this taxpayer "pyramid scheme" - again, surprise, surprise.

Economically robust Oakland County is expected to pay most of the tax money, while economically depressed Detroit sits back and reaps most of the benefits.

As I wrote in a Sept. 27, 2000 editorial opposing this same tax, "If Detroit wants to pump more money into its cultural institutions, it can go right ahead. If Wayne County wants to add more slop to Detroit's tax trough, it's welcome to. Leave Oakland County out of it."

Detroit is NOT Oakland County's problem. Oakland County residents don't live in Detroit and shouldn't be expected to pay taxes supporting the city.

I'm sure many of the "Well-To-Do, Arts-and-Crisis-sants, Liberal Elitists" will once again argue that a paltry half-mill tax is a small price to pay to help such valuable cultural institutions.

I'm sure they'll even roll out the usual "It's for the children" slogan, complete with violins and tinny piano music playing softly in the background.

However, when one considers the total tax burden already heaped upon taxpayers - including local property taxes (city, township, village, county), school taxes, state and federal income taxes, sales tax, gas tax, death taxes, etc. - this art-tax becomes yet another nail in the coffin of the Little Guy and the Poor Working Slob.

READ OUR LIPS - WE DON'T NEED OR WANT ANYMORE TAXES!

Finally, I'd like to plead with the allegedly Republican-controlled Oakland County Board of Commissioners to - just once - behave like Republicans, not tax-and-spend liberal Democrats.

I urge county commissioners to reject putting this failed proposal back on the ballot and tell Wayne County and Detroit to stick to taxing their own residents into the poorhouse.

I urge Independence and Clarkston residents to call their county commissioner, Tom Middleton, and tell him to vote NO - you don't want this issue on the ballot again.

Residents can reach Middleton by calling the county (858-0100) or his home number (620-6551).

Residents in the *northern* section of Independence are represented by County Commissioner David Galloway and can call him at the county (858-0100) or leave a message on his voice mail (858-5600 Ext. 9-2102).

Residents in the *southeastern* section of Independence are represented by County Commissioner Larry Obrecht and can call him at the county (858-0100), leave a message on his voice mail (858-5600 Ext. 9-2103) or call him at home (693-8232).

If you want, call all three and tell them to vote NO. C.J. Carnacchio is a staff writer and columnist for The Oxford Leader. He can be reached at 628-4801 or e-mailed at OxfordLeader@adn.net.



C.J. Carnacchio
my way

Faded Ink

Dang, the soapbox stays put

I had this idea for a column but my wife, the astute and ever on the ball Jen, banished that thought from my keyboard. I was all set, and ready to go.

"Have you written your column yet," she asked?

"No, but I have an idea," I replied. "How about I drag out the old soapbox from the closet, dust it off real good, hop on top and start a diatribe on the pretentiousness of those self-loving actors and actresses as highlighted in Sunday's 74th Annual Oscars awards ceremony? Then I'll wrap it up on why honest, hard-working folk shouldn't indulge the fawned-over Hollywood egos by wasting four hours of their lives watching the Oscars."

Like I said, I was ready to let a barn-burner rip. I was revving up, even as I summed up my idea to Jen. I just knew that -- boom! -- as soon as I got off the phone with Jen, my fingers would sail across the keyboard like a schooner cutting across the bay. It would be a beautiful sight. My fingers were starting to itch, wanting the exercise.

"You can't write that, Stupid," she informed me. And, as my excitement and anger over the pomposity that is Hollywood waned, she drove the wooden stake into my column more deftly than VanHelsing did to the undead Count.

"Nobody watches the Oscars for intellectual stimulation or spiritual reawakening. Nobody takes them seriously. People watch to see what the stars are wearing," she concluded her reasoning.

Stunned, 15 miles away on the other end of the telephone line, I sighed, "Hmph." The arthritis that is working its way around the knuckles of my right hand started to throb and pulsate and come to life. Without knowing why, my fingers started to clench tightly together into a fist, relax spread out, then clench up again.

Damn, she was right (again).



don
rush
don't rush
me

I was living proof, confirmation of her theory. I had spent two hours of my life, securely ensconced within the confines of the leather couch, watching the Academy Awards Oscar ceremonies, not for political enlightenment (I never knew little lapel ribbons came in so many colors or could mean so much) but for what the Hollywood starlets were almost wearing.

I remember Jen saying of Jodie Foster's attire, "How is she keeping her top from flopping open?"

I think I answered with a grunt, leaned closer to the television screen and squinted to sharpen my vision.

I'd be a liar if I said I wasn't hoping for an accidental outage of womanly proportions. Because all it would take, I reasoned like any good adolescent male, is an unplanned bend here, a twist there and bingo! Hollywood could be exposed. Come on, the gals of the cinema all forgot their bras!

Halle Berry got what award for what work? Oh yeah, she got the Oscar for leading lady, the first woman of African American descent to do so in 74 years. Big deal.

But, did you see the flower buds on her dress? Hubba, hubba.

Yep. My column idea had run ashore. It was dead in the sand just as surely as Imhotep (aka Boris Karloff) was buried alive in the 1932 horror classic, The Mummy.

"You gotta point there," I finally managed. "Well, I guess it's time for a 'best of' Don from the ol' archives, heh-heh," I tried to brush off my disappointment with humor.

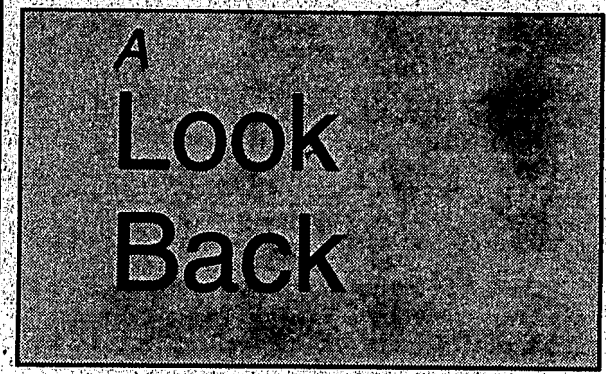
"Well, I am sure you'll come up with something. You always do. Love you. Bye."

"Love you, bye."

Alone in my office with nary an idea, I knew the deadline was fast approaching. I leaned toward the computer screen and stared, seeking some sort of divine intervention. The cursor blinked on an empty page. Time was running out.

I guess I'll write about the Oscars, I thought.

Comments for Don, he of little faith in Hollywood, can be e-mailed to: donrushmedon@aol.com



15 YEARS AGO (1987)

■ A new business may soon open on Sashabaw Road near Flemings Lake Road. Paul S. Holler, owner of the property and existing building, received final site plan approval from the Independence Township Planning Commission March 26 for the freeway service zoning. Although he doesn't know what commercial store he will open, he does not plan to cater to the Pine Knob Music Theater crowd — no liquor, he said.

■ The Clarkston Village Council is seeking help from Clarkston residents to decide the fate of its police contract with Independence Township. The council is considering accepting the township's request for an additional 1.5 mills to pay for the double police coverage in effect since Jan. 1. The township voters approved the millage increase last November.

■ Five-year objectives and immediate goals are outlined in the new Springfield Township Recreation Master Plan. The new master plan was unanimously adopted on March 11 by the township board and on March 23 by the parks and recreation commission. The original master plan was created in 1979 and the Department of Natural Resources requests an update every five years.

25 YEARS AGO (1977)

■ Few Independence Township residents know that the State Highway Department, in seeking alternative routes for M-275 north of M-59, actively considered a hookup with I-75 in the Sashabaw Road area. But an addendum to the department's initial Draft Environmental Impact Statement, issued in January, said such a route would not be feasible.

■ Independence Township Police will be handling traffic control at the Pine Knob Music Theatre again this year, but with one major difference — this year they will be paid for their services. Pine Knob, rumored to be unhappy with the level of traffic control the Oakland County Sheriff's Department provided last year, has signed a contract with the township for traffic control during the theater's 114 dates this summer.

■ The school district's 12,000 plus voters will be asked this June to approve a 4.79 mill increase for operating the schools and two bonding proposals totaling \$5,701,462. The school board March 28 approved the ballot proposal that would seek a hike in the property tax of 4.79 mills (\$4.79 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation) for a 10-year duration.

50 YEARS AGO (1952)

■ The annual Athletic Banquet sponsored by the Clarkston Rotary Club will be held at the school on April 3. For this year's banquet the committee has secured Duffy Daugherty as the principal speaker. Mr. Daugherty comes to us from Michigan State College where he is the assistant football coach to "Biggie" Munn. Michigan State was rated as the No. 2 football team in the country this past fall.

■ The people of Sashabaw are happy to welcome the Reverend William H. Bos as pastor of the Sashabaw Presbyterian Church. Mr. Bos is originally from Muskegon, Mich. At the present time he is a member of the faculty of the University of Michigan, where he is studying for his Ph.D. in speech. He and his wife make their home in Ann Arbor.

■ The following items were on special at Village Market in Clarkston: frying chickens, 59 cents/lb.; round T-bone sirloin steaks, 89 cents/lb.; Kirby slab bacon, 39 cents/lb.; Polish sausage, 59 cents/lb.; all flavors of Jello, three packages for 25 cents; seedless raisins, 15 oz. pkg., 19 cents; Defiance all purpose flour, 25 lb. bag, \$1.75; perch, 39 cents/lb.

On calm days smoke signals could be better

If you think about it, the American Indians' way of communicating, smoke signals, had the same disruptions as today's providers. A wind disrupts them both.

However, Indians could start another fire and begin talking. We have to dial a 10-digit number, listen to a sales pitch, listen to a menu of call directions, punch a number, listen to another menu of directions, punch a number, etc., etc., etc.

Too, Indians had dark and light smoke. Today's providers of lines have Verizon, Cingular, Nextel, MCI, Sprint, AT&T, Century, Ameritech and Two Cans with a String Between.

The paper says 180 companies have permission to sell phone service in Michigan. I guess we should be thankful that only about 18 have actually started their telemarketing in southeast Michigan.

The companies who provide our oral and visual communications through lines are really getting an earful from their customers these days. Complicated billing statements are complaints to the phone services and cable tv disruptions are targets of tube viewers.

The words "March Madness" aren't just hype for basketball playoffs. They apply to cable companies, too. Ours says something like, "During the month of March you may experience outages between 3:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m."

They should not have put the p.m. after the 3:30. My service was out at 8:30 a.m. I called because I

hadn't had anything upset me enough yet that day. By the time I got through the messages and to the menu my displeasure was maxed out.

I had thoughts like unfriendly, cold, anti-customer, inconsiderate and you punch this, sucker. Then came, the "soonest available" person, and "due to the high volume of calls (complaints?) there will be a 3 to 5 minute wait." Near the end of the first 5 minutes the message was repeated. Lastly, the message got down to "due to etc., you may experience a 1 to 5 minute wait."

I tried my tv a couple hours later and the tube was bright. I'd cooled down some, and decided it would be nice of me to call cable and tell them the service person was no longer needed.

Again, the extended sales pitch, but I hung in there, and was eventually thanked by a nice voice. Five minutes later my tube was snowbound and the voice extremely scratchy.

My silent response was to think, "To hell with it. I'll tune in the radio for noise and use my imagination for a picture."

Our governments, local and national, have left us two options. Take it or leave it.

Cable has a local monopoly contract. Washington gave our local phone service to SBC Ameritech. We can each decide what the SBC acronym means.

PR firms of the two communicating giants have convinced us life isn't worth living if we can't watch "Everybody Loves Raymond," and call our next door neighbor a dozen times a day.

Which, of course, makes listening, talking and viewing habits our fault. We could, or should, have made Columbus and Custer stay home, learned to build fires and sew blankets and send signals to the Great Spirit asking for windless days, which are especially good for long distance calling.

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No child left behind – inspired words or achievable actions?

George W. Bush has stepped up to the plate and used his position to enhance the lives of those citizens who have no vote, our nation's elementary students. The imagery of his words has invoked genuine passion among those of us responsible for the education of our young people, and his expectations send a clear message to the American public. Hopefully, the political stance he has taken will impact the way adults respond to the needs of children.



Dr. Al Roberts

"No Child Left Behind" is a slogan that rings in the hearts and minds of educators, but it will take more than pronouncements and lofty goals to have every child reading at grade level by the third grade. Fundamental changes in how parents, students, teachers, administrators and community members think about today's educational agenda will be necessary. In my opinion, our society must tackle those issues that negatively impact the lives of our boys and girls, and influence their ability to learn.

Over the years, for all sorts of reasons, the public schools have become overly regulated, subjected to political pressures, and inundated with tasks that have eaten away at the time available to teach. In addition, education has been the subject of numerous reports that uti-

lize interpretive situations to paint a particularly negative picture of schools based upon specific, but skewed examples. Furthermore, we seem to oversimplify the types of actions that are required to make necessary improvements on the national educational scene.

I ask readers to think about the following ideas and encourage them to share their thoughts with me:

As far as over-regulation is concerned, the overwhelming number of regulations governing special education is a good example of excess. While there is an absolute need to provide an appropriate educational plan for our youngsters, resolving differences has become a legal minefield rather than an opportunity to discuss what practice is in the best interest of a child. Another example that has impacted our district is the one that governs school construction. Residents often ask why we are running out of space, despite their support of bond issues. The truth is that regulations do not permit districts to use enrollment data that predicts student increases beyond five years. We knew our population would continue to increase, but we simply could not use the projections.

You have watched television reports depicting groups of people making demands at school board or municipal meetings. The message seems to be to show up, complain and get what you want. Soundbytes rarely express a precise understanding of the problem, nor does it address the integrity of those making the decisions or the rationale. It is impossible for us to understand a com-

plex issue without spending the time to find out all the details.

The issue of time is my third concern. Today's curriculum is much more comprehensive and certainly more complex, however the time spent in session remains fairly traditional. Summer vacation is not something that most communities want to adjust. The reality is that the amount of time available to teach is limited, while the number of concepts, skills and content is ever increasing.

What can we do to get the most out of our nation's schools? First, all citizens should be ready to respond to the emerging needs of our 21st century chil-

dren. This may mean non-traditional schedules, like extended days, year-round schooling or changing the way we offer classes to our young people. Secondly, two-way communication must become more commonplace. The ideas and notions of parents and community members are important to educators. Likewise, the expertise and understanding of child development that exists among those who devote their life to teaching must be important to parents and community members. If we are to insure that no child is left behind, it is critical that we start with a sense of trust among all parties.

Clarkston bands qualify for festival

The bands and orchestras from Clarkston High School, Clarkston Middle School and Sashabaw Middle School participated in the District 4 Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association Festival March 8-9 and March 15-16 at the Clarkston High School Performing Arts Center. Bands earning First Division ratings qualified for the State Festival to be held later this spring.

First Division ratings were earned by the Clarkston High School String Orchestra, Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble and Concert Band. The high school bands and orchestras were under the direction of Cliff Chapman, Mike Lewis and Wendy Stuart.

First Division ratings were also earned by the Clarkston Middle School

eighth-grade Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Cadet Band and String Orchestra. The Wind Ensemble earned a Second Division rating. Clarkston Middle School bands and orchestra were directed by Mike Lewis, Julie Mathews and Wendy Stuart.

The eighth-grade Band and seventh-grade Concert Band at Sashabaw Middle School earned First Division ratings as well. The String Orchestra earned a Second Division rating. All of the Sashabaw ensembles were directed by Doug Doty.

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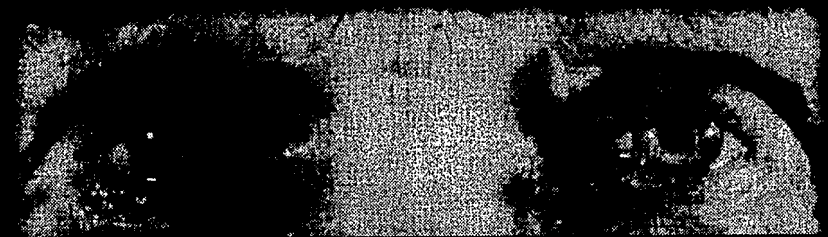
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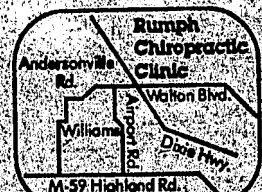
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Clarkston student going to Japan

As part of the Ninth Annual Japanese Quiz Bowl Competition at Michigan State University March 2, third- and fourth-year Japanese students at Clarkston High School voluntarily wrote three-to-five minute speeches for the Japan Speech Contest. Clarkston's own Sheena Moran wrote her speech on sign language

as a way of learning more about the topic to better communicate with her hearing-impaired aunt. Moran, a senior, was picked one of 83 total entries to move on to competition at the Yazaki North America Training Conference Center in Canton on March 23. Only 10 speeches make it to this point, CHS Japa-

nese teacher Barbara Rice noted. "That makes it very special." And Moran did it. She took top honors at the national competition and won a two-week trip to Japan. "Last year I was really nervous," Moran said, who competed in the speech contest before, but did not place. "This year,

I felt I had nothing to lose." Rice said, "I am very proud of Sheena for memorizing a very difficult speech. She had great poise and confidence. Her delivery was well done. Last year gave her the confidence to do well in Saturday's competition."

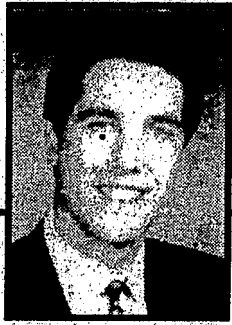


Congratulations—Sheena Moran's speech for the Japan Speech Contest made it to nationals and won. Here, she is shown with her coach, assistant exchange teacher, Haruko Matsushima. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

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CORRECTION

The Oxford Bank story in The Clarkston News 2002 Progress Section was wrong. The Progress story from 2000 was inadvertently placed. We apologize for the error and any inconvenience this may have caused to Oxford Bank and our readers. *The Clarkston News.*

Oxford Bank: Serving customers for more than 117 years

Here's a quick quiz. Where would you rather do your banking? At a large conglomerate bank with millions of customers and a staff that knows few, if any, by name? Or would you rather trust your money to a bank that has been part of the Oxford, Lake Orion, Clarkston, Ortonville, Dryden and Oakland communities for decades?

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Anthony Lasher, marketing manager at Oxford Bank, said the bank has a wide variety of services tailored for businesses and individual customers, including checking and savings accounts, credit cards, mortgage loans and Internet banking.

One of the things that sets Oxford Bank apart is its community-oriented approach that makes customers feel welcome.

"Much of our permanent staff have been with the bank for a very long time," Lasher said. "They know the customers when they come in. Virtually all of our bank officers and a good percentage of our employees live in the community."

Oxford Bank employees can be found at service organizations, such as Rotary, throughout Oakland County as well as such groups as Little League and church activities.

"We really stress that as important and give our employees the necessary opportunities to be involved in their communities," Lasher said.

The bank has made moves in the last 12 months to accommodate the extraordinary employee growth it has witnessed in recent years.

Much of the operational work is now being done in a building at 485 N. Lapeer Rd. Auditing, data pro-



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cessing, human resources, accounting and bookkeeping all have moved to the location, which Lasher said provides less stress on our current facilities and more room for customers at the main Oxford location.

In addition, the bank has added financial consulting through Raymond James Financial Services.

Robert Whitcomb, is a certified financial advisor and is headquartered in Oxford.

He is available at all six branch locations by appointment. Call 248-969-7227 for an appointment.

Lasher said Whitcomb can offer assistance on asset management, bonds, stocks, mutual funds, insurance and annuities, retirement plans, tax planning, small business and 401(k) packages.

"It allows us to expand our services with a well-respected company like Raymond James," Lasher

said. Oxford Bank has had a long-run of record-breaking years.

In 2001, the company set record earnings. It marked the 19th consecutive year for record earnings.

In 2001, the company set asset records of \$408,167,000.

"It was historic for us and the first time we were over \$40 million in assets."

"The bank has done well in the past two decades," Lasher said. "Last year mirrored that."

Hours at all Oxford Bank locations are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to noon.

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Obituary

Norma J. Austrow

Norma Jean (Parmenter) Austrow, of Clarkston since 1973, formerly of Kalamazoo, Mich. and Fairfield, Ct., died Monday, March 18 at the age of 76.

She was the devoted wife of Harold for 58 years; the loving mother of Sharon Austrow of Florida, Susan (Robert) Ernst of North Carolina and James (Donita) Austrow of Ohio; grandma of James and Gregory. She was also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents Grove and Laura Parmenter and her sister

Berydene.

Prior to 1950, Norma worked as a phone operator, with the Board of Education and had been employed as a secretary at Kaiser Fraser Corp. before devoting herself to her family. She enjoyed researching her family genealogy and was a member of the Mayflower Society, the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Huguenot Society. She enjoyed gardening and landscaping. Norma's greatest love was her family.

A funeral service was held Friday, March 22 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Interment followed at Mt. Ever-Rest Memorial Park Cemetery, Kalamazoo. Memorials may be sent to the American Cancer Society.

Nancy S. McCoy Cook

Nancy Sue McCoy Cook, 49, of Clarkston, passed away Monday, March 18.

She is survived by her mother, Betty Lou Hall of Homosassa, Fla., her brothers, Ralph E. May of Waterford and Ronnie Hall of Kingman, Arz.; her sisters Carrie L. Hall of Fountain Hills, Arz., Teresa Suckman of Burbank, Cal., Faye

Missant of Grosse Pointe and Shirley Green of Fenton, Mich.

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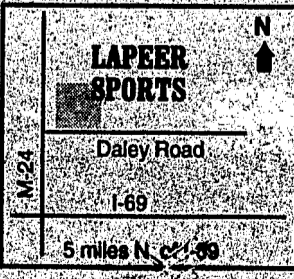
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But before I get to that...

In my recent gatherings of Around Town info, I came across something from a local church inviting the public to a contemporary look at the death of Jesus in a creative Good Friday service.

Enclosed in a letter to the paper was an obituary for Jesus, meant to be a unique take on an age old experience, and meant to be published.

It isn't printed in the Obituary or Around Town section for lack of space, but I thought I'd type it up here.

It states: "Jesus, son of Mary, and Joseph (so people thought), was born in Bethlehem of Judea. At about the age of two he moved with his family to Egypt. At the age of four, he moved to the town of Nazareth in Galilee. Thus he was known the rest of his life as a Nazarene. He grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and humanity. His young adult years were spent applying himself in the carpenter's trade. At age 30, he was baptized in the Jordan River and began a public ministry, which progressed from Galilee into all of Judea. His ministry attracted large crowds who came to hear him preach and to be healed. The people who gathered were witnesses to many

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The announcement went on to say when funeral services will be held. I'll admit I cannot telepathically conclude what the overall message will be from this one-of-a-kind service, nor can I figure out what specifics will be touched upon during a sermon.

But it seems to me the announcement, though I admit is creative, only speaks of a small portion of a much bigger picture, and leaves out the most important part.

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Just Jen



Jennifer Nemer

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Fair on Saturday, April 20. The fair will be at Walsh College in Troy from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

District representatives will meet with candidates to discuss openings for teachers, administrators, therapists, social workers, media specialists,

bilingual instructors and guidance counselors.

The recruitment fair is part of the OHRC's continued outreach effort on behalf of its consortium school districts including Clarkston. Applicants are asked to bring resumes.

CHS students ready for break

It's that magical time of year again. Tulips sprouting and grass growing tells us spring break is near.

Students have been intoxicated with visions of Mexico, beaches and parties ever since September. For the students, waiting for vacation is like "Waiting For Godot." Now just go near the high school, and exhilaration will bombard you. (Or a couple of chickens will, some of them got loose in the school a few days ago.) The spirit of freedom is overpowering.

Walking down the hallway the other day, I noticed flocks of people in Abercrombie and Fitch tank tops, with painted toenails and plenty of flip flops, discussing the latest summer trends. It's almost like the school is already at the beach. All it needs is water, palm trees and a couple of Frankie Avalon tunes, which actually is not a bad idea.

Some people just don't understand spring break. It's just a bunch of stupid kids doing stupid things. But, it's more than just that. It gives people a

release from most everyday hassles and keeps in check people's sanity by surrounding them with insanity.

It's not quite on the same level as going to China to save all the children, but it can still have a positive effect. People are allowed to forget about everything including school, work and all problems in between. Instead, they can go bungee jumping, dancing or boating. Life can be uncomplicated for at least a few moments.

I keep getting mail from colleges explaining why they are the best place for me. They all basically reiterate the same items. We have high academic standards. We have a pretty campus. We have

students that are happy.

Who knows which one really would be the best for me or even which one I could get into? They are all reminders of what is to come, sticky notes of my very unclear future.

There needs to be some kind of transition between high school and college to help clear up this perplexity. Spring break is one answer: a way to let loose before having to crack down. I always work my best after hanging out with my friends and having a good time. Breaks get you through the everyday, because they are different from the ordinary.

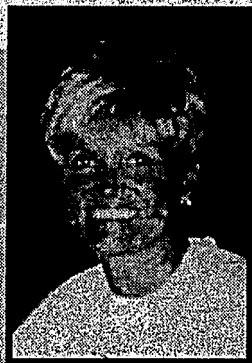
Obviously, spring break is suppose to be fun. It should be a liberation from all burdens. It doesn't have to be as outrageous as MTV's to be good. It just has to be enjoyable. After all, everybody needs a little vacation. Some get it through work parties, others get it through a movie, while others get it through lounging on the beach. Everybody just needs a break to breathe easily. And ours' is coming.

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Clarkston artist shows work

The work of Clarkston area artist Marianne Bernard was recently accepted in the 38th Annual MEA/Michigan Art Educators Association Art Purchase Exhibition.

Titled "Yoshi's Sister," the work is a Watercolor. The exhibition is designed to showcase the

high caliber of art produced by artist-members in Michigan.

The show was juried by Rosemary Adams who is an assistant professor at Northeast State Technical Community College in Tennessee. The MEA/MAEA show drew 143 entries from artist-educators around the state.

Accepted works are on display at the Michigan Education Association headquarters building in East Lansing through April 26. The public is welcome to view the display from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday until April 26.



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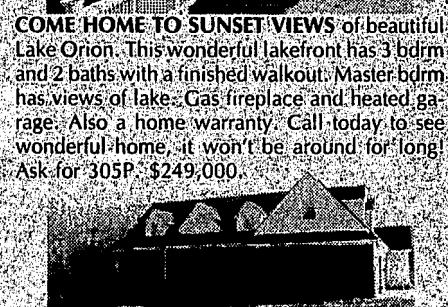
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Knowledge of Japan oozes from these winning Clarkston High schoolers

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

There's a few young Westerners keeping up with their Eastern knowledge, and finding quite a bit of success.

Twenty-two Clarkston High schoolers are still on an educational high after participating in the Ninth Annual Japanese Quiz Bowl Competition held at Michigan State University, March 2.

The students, who participated voluntarily, were placed in three divisions, according to their year of studies, and competed against 17 schools, for a total of 64 teams.

From writing, language, history, culture, math and so much more, the students were asked to answer an array of questions--some in Japanese to be answered in English, others in English to be answered in Japanese.

"The competition was exciting and Clarkston really did well," CHS Japanese teacher Barbara Rice said.

There were two CHS teams in the first division, and both remained undefeated in three rounds.

Overall, Team A came out in third place and consisted of Richard Robinson, Chelsea Hassett, Brian Arpke and Kevin Kelley.

Lance Red, Derek LaHousse, Jessica Seto and Curtis Caetano made up Team B.

"It was pretty exciting," said Seto. "It felt good to compete and do so well against other schools."

Division Two also had two Clarkston teams.

Incidentally, the teams competed against each other in the final round.

Team A--who was Micheal Kruk, Collin Chesney, Stephen Hardy and Andrea Logan-- edged out Team B--Elizabeth Hardy, Jeremy Land, Greyson LaHousse and Kirsten Partyka--10 to 12.

Team A is now heading to the National Quiz Bowl in Washington D.C. on March 30, where they'll face 20 schools across the United States. Win or lose, the team is invited to a special dinner with the Japanese consulate, and will stay at the Capitol Hotel, courtesy of the Japanese American Society.

"It's good to see the school do so well," Partyka commented.

In Division Three, was Drew Carnwath, Katherine 'Mizu' Manojlovich, Peter Boissonneau, Russell Dorn and Ron Hanson. The team made it to the final rounds, but ended up losing to Garden City High School.

Rice's teaching assistant, Haruko Matsushima, an exchange teacher from Japan, helped the students practice for an hour every day for two weeks after school.

"I really think (the students) were awarded what they deserve. It must have been very nerve-wracking to answer questions before Japanese judges. It is good training."

Rice, who has taught Japanese at CHS for five years, said, "It was really a great competition, especially since I had five teams there and three won awards. That was a really nice kudo for Clarkston schools. I'm real proud of the students."

Japanese quizzers--Twenty-two Clarkston High School students recently participated in the Ninth Annual Japanese Quiz Bowl Competition, and brought home prizes. Clockwise starting from below is Division One, Division Two and Division Three. Photos by Jennifer Nemer.



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Funeral services will be held for Jesus at the Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Rd., on March 29 at noon. Join the church for a contemporary look at the death of Jesus, using modern day funeral rituals and visuals such as a casket. Sponsored by the Clarkston Community Ministerial Association.

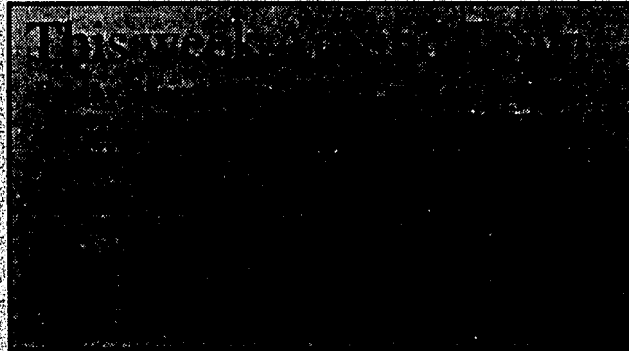
The Widowed Support Group will meet Thursday, April 4 at 7 p.m. at the Independence Township Senior Center in Clintonwood Park on Clarkston Road. For men and women of all ages who have recently been widowed, the topic for the evening is "Caring and Sharing." The meeting will be facilitated by Alicia Brown, bereavement counselor at Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home. There is no cost to attend and registration is not necessary. Refreshments will be served. Any questions, call the Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home at 625-5231.

Calvary Lutheran Church invites the general public to join Youth Encounters Captive Free on Sunday, April 7. Come hungry for pizza at 6 p.m. and get spiritually fed by music, drama, puppets, personal sharing and ministry afterward. A freewill offering will be taken. Call 625-3288.

Get the help you need to pass the Michigan state builder's license examination with a 16-hour comprehensive seminar offered by Clarkston Community Education in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute. The seminar is scheduled for Tuesday/Thursday, April 9-18 from 6-10 p.m. at the Clarkston Community Education Center, 6300 Church St. This course is for those who want to subcontract the construction of their own homes, real estate investors and developers and building tradespeople who want to work legally in Michigan. Cost is \$195 plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions. Preregistration with payment is required no later than Friday, April 5. Call 623-4550.

Thinking about remodeling your kitchen or bathroom? Contemplating an addition or sunroom to your home? Have you been putting off finishing your basement? If you are considering a home improvement project but don't know where to begin, a free seminar offered Saturday, April 13 will help you get started on the right foot. The seminar will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Best Western/Concorde Inn, 7076 Highland Rd., near the Oakland International Airport on April 13. Topics will include Planning and Designing Your Project, Timelines and Budgeting, Doing It Yourself vs Contracting, Choosing the Right Contractor, Avoiding Construction Pitfalls, Financing Options and a Question and Answer Session. The event is sponsored by Clarkston State Bank and will feature several local, professional specialists. For more information, call Jill Popour at 625-8585.

North Oakland Counseling Associates presents "Strength in Numbers: A Woman's Prevention



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Everyone is invited to spread the message of WEunite, April 24 at St. Daniel (Cushing Center), 7010 Valley Park Dr. The Youth of WEunite especially encourage the elder population, 25 to 100-plus years, to come help create a WEunite community quilt led by local artist Barb Chirco. Snacks to pass are welcome. For more information, call Maria Rotondo Mark at 625-9154 or 623-9348.

The Friends of the Independence Township Library, will hold a used book sale, April 25-27, Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday is \$2 bag day. Friends preview Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. Call 625-2212 for more information.

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Scottish Fiddle Champion and a winner in both Irish Fiddle and Slow Airs at the 1999 Midwest North American Fleadh.

A music major at the University of Michigan, he has also qualified four consecutive years for the All-Ireland, and has performed in Canada, Ireland, Scotland and the U.S., including the White House. He was recently featured on "A Prairie Home Companion." He also plays classical, jazz, swing, rock and bluegrass.

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Sunday, March 24, a home invasion, second degree, occurred on Stonewall. An unknown person kicked in the front door of a model home and stole items from an office area.

A 21-year-old woman was arrested on Clarkston for operating a vehicle under the influence of liquor, a first offense.

A 23-year-old woman and 32-year-old man were both arrested, in two different instances, for operating a vehicle on Dixie under the influence of liquor, both first offenses.

Saturday, March 23, the property manager of an apartment complex on Bridgewater reported malicious destruction of property to the clubhouse.

Larceny from a vehicle, with force, and malicious destruction of property occurred on Ranch Estates. A car parked in a resident's driveway had a window smashed out and stereo and amplifier stolen.

A 41-year-old man was arrested on Dixie for operating a vehicle under the influence of liquor, a first offense.

Friday, March 22, medicals on Andersonville, Alamo and Eastlawn.

Personal injury accidents on Clarkston at Flemings Lake, I-75 at Ortonville and Maybee at Sashabaw.

Thursday, March 21, auto theft on Willow Park. A woman reported an unknown white female drove away in her car after she left the doors unlocked and keys in the ignition to run into a friend's home for 15 minutes.

A 48-year-old Davison man was taken to Genesys Hospital for injuries after falling off a roof at a construction site on Watertower. A witness said the man fell approximately 10 feet, then hit the top of a 10-foot high wall, and continued to fall another 10 feet to the ground. The witness said the "toe board" the man was working on pulled or broke loose from the roof, apparently causing the fall.

A burglary, with force, took place at a construction

site on Watertower. An equipment trailer had two padlocks cut off in order to gain entry. A chop saw and air compressor were stolen.

Wednesday, March 20, an employee at a fast food restaurant on Sashabaw stated an unknown white male stole \$50 during a customer transaction. A sister restaurant on Dixie reported the same man attempted a similar larceny, but was unsuccessful.

An assault with hands, fist and feet occurred between two Clarkston High schoolers around 10 p.m., the night before. The victim, a 15-year-old boy on Deerwood, had to be treated for injuries. The suspect is a 17-year-old boy. The case remains open.

Carbon monoxide investigation on Woodlawn. Vehicle fires on Clarkston east of Sashabaw and N. Marshbank.

Tuesday, March 19, a teacher at Renaissance High School reported someone stole \$105 from a cash box in the classroom.

Carbon monoxide investigation on Horseshoe Circle. A 36-year-old man was cited for disorderly conduct for his behavior at a residence on N. Marshbank.

Monday, March 18, a 19-year-old man was arrested for operating a vehicle on Dixie under the influence of liquor, a first offense, and never acquiring a driver's license. He was also cited for careless driving and refusal of a PBT.

Springfield Township

Thursday, March 21, a domestic assault arrest was made on Spring Crest Court. A 19-year-old man punched his 17-year-old live-in girlfriend in the face several times and bit her on the left forearm during an argument.

A burglary, with force, occurred at a business on Andersonville. An unknown person entered the building through an unlocked door and took several items.

Tuesday, March 19, an unlawful driving away of an automobile was reported from a dealership on E. Holly. After an inventory, the complainant found a 1989 Mer-

Students suspended for CHS prank

Three Clarkston High schoolers were suspended indefinitely last week after a senior prank went "fowl."

Deputy Gary McClure with the Oakland County Sheriff's Department Springfield Township substation, said the three boys stole eight pet chickens from a Davisburg home as well as obtained four pheasants from a friend, and let them loose in the school March 20.

"The owners have been understanding since the boys apologized," McClure said. "They don't want the kids to suffer too much."

A CHS student, with a farm near the school, offered to cage and care for the birds before they were transported back to their homes. McClure said one chicken even laid an egg.

Unfortunately, one pheasant and one chicken died in the incident, possibly due to being roughed up when the kids smuggled the birds under their coats.

Based on the concern of owners, McClure said he is waiting to see what the school does before deciding whether or not to charge the boys with disorderly conduct.

cury Sable, valued at \$2,000 was missing from the lot.

Monday, March 18, a woman driving along northbound I-75 near the Clarkston exit reported a driver of a red S-10 pickup truck, who looked approximately 20-years-of-age, was holding some type of handgun with his right hand and was pointing it at her and other cars.

A malicious destruction of property took place at a community center on Broadway. The complainant discovered numerous dents in garage doors located in a back parking lot. Damage is believed to have been caused by juveniles shooting hockey pucks at the doors.

Thanks for making the Clarkston Optimist Night on the Town a Success

The Clarkston Area Optimist club would like give special recognition and thanks to the following individuals and businesses for the donations made to our "Optimist Night on the Town," held at the Liberty Creek Golf and Banquet Center. The Clarkston Optimist Club would like to give a special thank you to our corporate sponsor Liberty Golf and Banquet Center.

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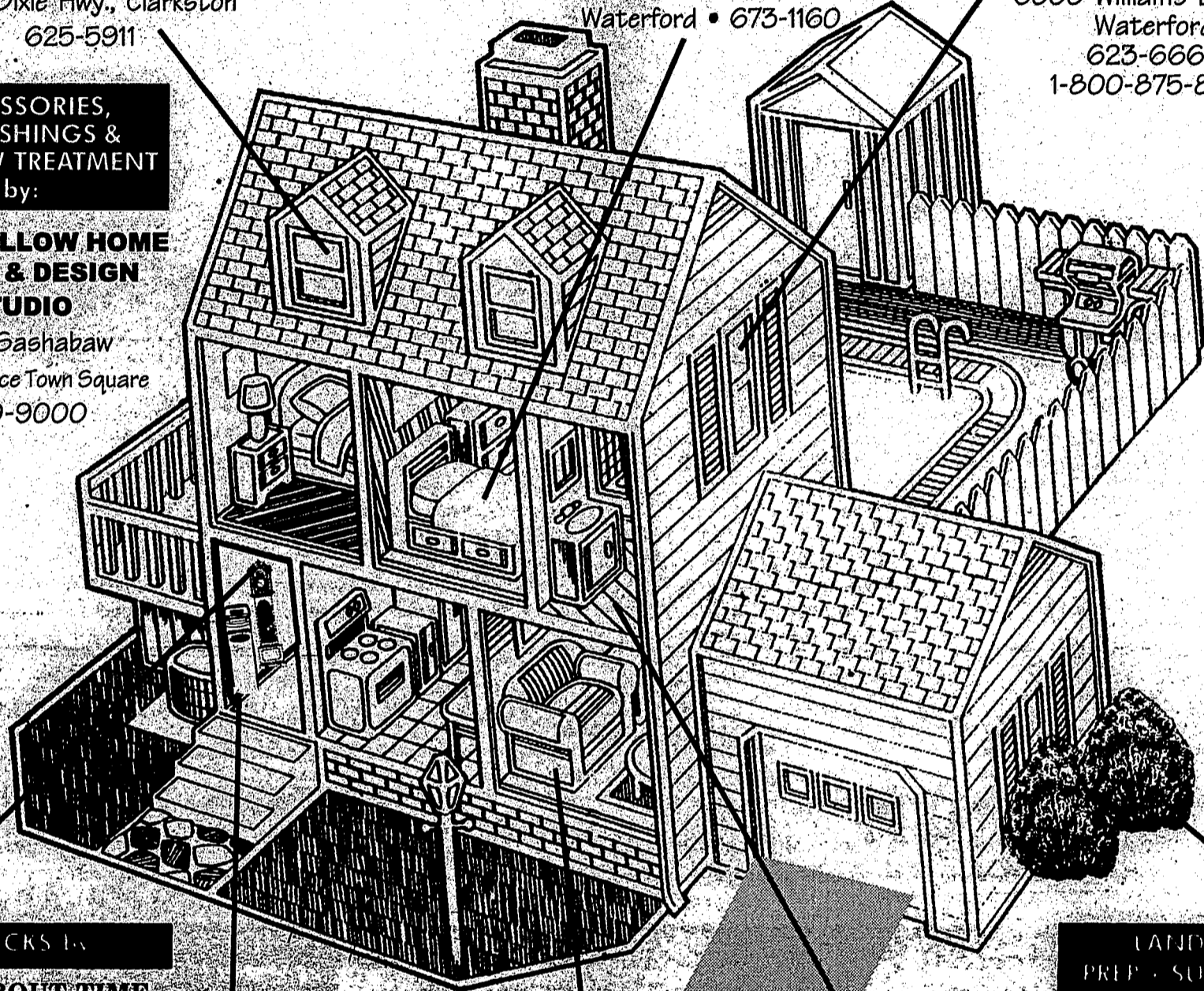
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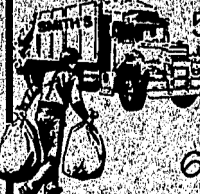
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Track teams open up season

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Although the weather outside may not indicate it, the spring sports season is underway, courtesy of the boys and girls track teams.

The boys team took part in a meet Saturday, March 20 at Saginaw Valley State. Coach Walt Wyniemko said the team finished in the middle of the pack, but also said it's too early to get a definite gauge on the team.

"This is a chance for us to put some people together," he said. "It's a little bit of a gauge. We were happy with our results. It was the first time out."

With approximately 60 competitors on this year's team, Wyniemko is still trying to get a feel for where their individual strengths lie and where they would best help the team. Still, he is happy to get the season underway.

"We're excited," he said. "Springtime brings a great excitement. It's fun to be a part of it again."

One area that Wyniemko is particularly confident is in the pole vault, with all-state qualifiers Ryan Coccione, Cory Henneman and Travis Roche returning from last year. "All three are real competitive," Wyniemko said.

On the girls side, coach Gordie Richardson fields a young team this season, with only four seniors on this year's team. He said one of the seniors, Allison Spinweber, will be a team leader, but also said it is tough for high school seniors to make a commitment to spring sports.

"Seniors have to be pretty dedicated to that sport to make the effort," he said.

The girls figure to get significant contributions from a number of freshmen this year, including four members of the state-ranked girls cross-country team: Anne Oltman, Gillian Nordquist, Anna Kerr and Liz Mengyan.

The teams next see action Wednesday, March 27 when they compete in the Macomb Indoor Meet at 4 p.m.



Track season underway — Senior Ryan Coccione (top), who made it to the state finals in the pole vault last season, will be one of the key members of this year's Clarkston boys track team. Sophomore Mo Kuhta (above) figures to be one of the mainstays for the girls track team. Photos by Jeff Patrus.

Conley, Turner head list of award winners

Five Wolves named to all-league first team; Krygier named coach of the year

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston's hockey team earned a reputation as one of the best in the state this season. Now, a couple of their players have been accorded that same honor.

Senior goaltender Jordan Conley and senior forward Nick Turner were named to the all-state first team, while senior forward Adam Postal and junior defenseman Jim Lattanzi received honorable mention all-state.

In addition, the Wolves racked up the honors in voting for the Oakland Activities Association Division I all-league team. Clarkston, which won the league championship this year, placed six players on the all league team.

Postal, Turney, Lattanzi, Conley and senior defenseman Mike Cholette earned first-team honors on the all-league squad, while senior forward Eric Plante was named honorable mention.

The Wolves' players were not the only ones receiving postseason honors. Coach Bryan Krygier, in his fourth year at the helm of the Wolves, was named Coach of the Year for Oakland County.

Krygier said he was "surprised" when he learned of the award. "I think it's an honor to get voted by the fellow coaches for coach of the year," he said.

Clarkston schools to present summer athletic camps

The Clarkston Community Education Department is offering the following athletic camps this summer:

■ **Clarkston Volleyball Camp:** Gordie Richardson and the Clarkston High School volleyball coaches and former players will offer their annual summer camp June 17-21 at Clarkston High School. Players entering grades 9-12 will attend the morning camp from 8-11 a.m. Players entering grades 5-8 will attend the afternoon camp from noon-3 p.m. The cost is \$65 for district players and \$75 for out of district players. Campers will need to bring volleyball shoes, knee pads and water bottles. Knee pads will also be on sale at the camp for \$10. Registrations must be received by June 6. For registration information, contact Clarkston Community Education at 623-4321. Questions? Contact Gordie Richardson at 523-3509.

■ **Sixth Annual Dare-To-Dream Girls Basket-**

ball Camp: Coach Ann Lowney from Clarkston High School and her staff will again offer this instructional camp for girls. Girls in grades K-3 will meet from 8-9:30 a.m. in the auxiliary gym at Clarkston High School; and girls in grades 4-9 will meet in the main gym from 8 a.m.-noon. The camp will be held Aug. 5-9. The cost for the elementary camp is \$50, and the fee for the older camp is \$110. For registration information, contact Clarkston Community Education at 623-4321.

■ **Wolves Summer '02 Cheerleading Camp:** The CHS Cheer Teams, under the direction of coach Chandra Price, will be held at Clarkston High School June 24-27. The fee for the camp is \$50. Children ages 3-6 will meet from 9-11 a.m., children ages 7-12 will meet from noon-2 p.m. The focus of this camp will be fundamentals of cheerleading along with good sportsmanship. Participants will be divided into age groups

and will learn jumps, chants, gymnastics, cheers and stunts. For registration information, contact Clarkston Community Education at 623-4321.

■ **Fife Fundamentals Basketball Camps For Boys Entering Grades 4-6:** The camp will be held from July 8-12 from 8 a.m.-noon at Clarkston High School. From shooting to defense, the fundamentals of the game will be taught by the Clarkston High School Varsity coach, Dan Fife. Questions? Contact Dan Fife at 623-4003. For registration information, contact Clarkston Community Education at 623-4321.

■ **Dan Fife Basketball Camp:** This camp is for serious basketball players! For boys entering grades 7-9. This camp, which is limited to the first 80 applicants, will meet from July 15-19 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. The cost is \$225. Questions? Contact Dan Fife at 623-4003. For

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March Madness predictions torn to shreds by upsets

So, how many of you folks are in the same boat as I am?

When the NCAA Tournament started, we were all so sure of our picks. We had broken down the brackets scientifically, listed to Dickie V. prognosticate on ESPN, and read all the "expert" analysis regarding who would make the trip to Atlanta for this year's Final Four.

Two weeks later, as the original field of 65 teams has been whittled down to four, and my brackets look like something John Madden would draw up with a Telestrator, with all the lines, circles, and "X" marks scribbled on the page.

Just for the record, I picked Duke in the South, Maryland in the East, Illinois in the Midwest and Arizona in the West.

Let's start with the biggest reach of the four picks, Illinois. OK, so I wasn't too heartbroken when they were eliminated, since there were a number four seed in the bracket, and therefore kind of a dark horse pick. No problem.



However, I did not count on Kansas, the number one seed in the Midwest, reversing their usual NCAA Tournament form of falling apart in the early rounds of the tournament. Doesn't Kansas exit the tourney around the Sweet 16 each year when they're a top seed?

Apparently, not this year. After a first-round scare against 16th seeded Holy Cross, the Jayhawks steadily gained momentum, improving with each game until soundly defeating second seed Oregon in the Midwest regional final.

Let's move on to the West bracket. Before the tourney started, all the college basketball pundits were saying this was the toughest bracket in the tourney, with four conference champions as the top four seeds: Cincinnati, Oklahoma, Arizona and Ohio State. In addition, Gonzaga, ranked sixth in the nation, was given what was thought to be a low ranking as the number-six seed in the West.

As it turns out, the Zags were bounced in the first round, which means all the speculation about whether they were seeded too low was for naught. Cincinnati, a perennial tournament underachiever, lived up to form once again, as they were eliminated in the second round by eighth-seeded UCLA.

I thought Arizona, which made it to the title game

last year, would use that experience to make in there again. After all, Oklahoma also had a history of early tournament exits.

Alas, that was not to be this year, as the Sooners proved that college football was not their only sport, earning a trip to the Georgia Dome.

If there was one certainty in this year's tourney, it was that Duke would make the Final Four, right? Weren't the Blue Devils the defending national champions? Didn't they have the national player of the year in Jason Williams? Didn't they have Coach K on the sidelines?

However, the Blue Devils ran into a team that was steadily gaining momentum, the Indiana Hoosiers. Displaying a definite mental toughness, the Hoosiers held off the Blue Devils in the closing seconds of the game. Clarkston native Dane Fife fouled Williams on a three-point shot toward the end, but Williams missed, and Indiana held on. Fife then led the Hoosiers past surprising Kent State to capture the East regional title.

At least Maryland salvaged my tournament bracket, winning the East region as expected. Therefore, since they salvaged my bracket, they are my new favorite team to root for this weekend. Go Terps!

Sports shorts

Bauer places second in shot put for Albion at track relays

Albion sophomore Bret Gove, a Clarkston High School graduate, was one of the key factors in the Britons' perfect start.

Albion won all eight games on its spring break trip to Fort Myers, Fla. from March 4-10. Albion opened its northern schedule March 16 when it played a pair of seven-inning games at Manchester (Ind.) College.

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Clarkston native Gove helps Albion baseball off to fast start

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Theuer notches two assists in NMU icers' quarterfinal win

Northern Michigan University senior Chad Theuer, a Clarkston native, registered two assists in the Wildcats' 3-1 Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA) quarterfinal win against Notre Dame.

Theuer ended the 2001-02 season with a team-leading 39 assists and 55 points. He had 16 goals on the season. For his career Theuer had 45 goals and 103 assists for 148 points.

NMU defeated Notre Dame in the CCHA Quarterfinals 3-1 at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. The Wildcats were defeated by Michigan State in the CCHA Semifinals by a score of 2-1.

The Wildcats ended the season with a 26-12-2 overall record and a 16-10-2 mark in the CCHA, which was good for third place in the league.



Pole vaulting trio — Clarkston boys track team members Ryan Cocciolone, Travis Roche and Cory Henneman. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

Athletes of the Week — Ryan Cocciolone, Travis Roche and Cory Henneman

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A trio of state meet qualifiers from last season figure to anchor the Clarkston boys' track team in the pole vault this season.

Seniors Ryan Cocciolone, Travis Roche and Cory Henneman all pulled off the feat last season, and they hope to improve on that accomplishment this year. Cocciolone said they want to go back to states this year and place. Each one said they want to vault higher than 13'6".

The Wolves will have to pull it off this season without assistant coach Steve Hill, who departed following last season. Still, Roche said their accomplishment last year will help boost their morale this year.

"It gives us confidence, especially since we lost our coach," he said. "We know we can do it."

All three said Hill was the spark that led them to get into pole vaulting once they made it onto the track team.

The three will all move on to college once they graduate this year. Cocciolone said he will attend Michigan State University and major in criminal justice; Roche said he will attend either Michigan State or Miami of Ohio and major in either mechanical engineering or business management, and will also try to walk on as a pole vaulter; and Henneman said he will attend Anderson (Ind.) University to take part in pole vaulting on their track team and major in business management.

Cocciolone is the son of John and Jane Cocciolone of Clarkston; Roche is the son of Skip and Darlene Roche of Clarkston; and Henneman is the son of Greg and Sandy Henneman of Clarkston.

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Girls soccer — Members of the 2002 Clarkston girls soccer team are: Beth Smith, Jennifer Wickline, Kelly Dougherty, Jessica Henry, Megan Mutz, Kristen Brundage, Liz Hardy, Brandy Knapp, Ashley Lambert, Colleen Mead, Rockie Tripi, Jenna Clavette, Kelly Boskee, Ashley Hudson and Jeanie Alee. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

Soccer team looks to climb toward respectability

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Despite having only one senior on this year's team, the Clarkston girls' soccer team is looking to make its way to the .500 mark, both overall and in league play.

Last year, the Wolves finished with a record of 5-10-4 overall, Coach Tami Mitchell said one of the team's goals is to reach the break-even mark, and realizes the Wolves will have to be aggressive in order to make that happen.

"We really want to focus on not standing still, but making things happen, instead of letting things happen," she said. "We want to strengthen up our defensive part of the game."

Among the key returnees, only one, Rockie Tripi, is a senior. Others are juniors Kristin Brundage and Megan Mutz and sophomores Kelly Dougherty and Liz Hardy.

Mitchell said the three newcomers who figure to play a key role for the team this season are sophomores Ashley Hudson, Jenna Clavette and Kelly Boskee.

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3/26	7 p.m.	vs. Lapeer West
3/27	7 p.m.	vs. Brandon
4/9	7 p.m.	vs. Troy
4/11	7 p.m.	at West Bloomfield
4/16	7 p.m.	at Groves
4/18	7 p.m.	vs. Avondale
4/19	7 p.m.	vs. Oxford
4/23	7 p.m.	vs. Lake Orion
4/25	7 p.m.	at Kimball
4/26	7 p.m.	at Kettering
4/30	7 p.m.	vs. West Bloomfield
5/2	7 p.m.	vs. Groves
5/7	7 p.m.	at Avondale
5/9	7 p.m.	at Lake Orion
5/10	6:30 p.m.	at Lapeer East
5/14	7 p.m.	vs. Kimball
5/17	7 p.m.	vs. Mott
5/21	7 p.m.	at Rochester

While Mitchell said the team is "pretty fast," she also said they need to work on the transition from defense to offense. "I think once we drop the ball down

low, the kids are fast and aggressive," she said. "They have pretty good foot skills."

The Wolves will compete this year in Oakland Activities Association Division II. They figure to face some tough competition, including last year's league champions, Lake Orion, as well as Royal Oak Kimball and Birmingham Groves.

Members of this year's team are: senior Rockie Tripi (forward); juniors Beth Smith (goalkeeper), Brandy Knapp (midfielder/forward) and Jeanie Alee (defense); and sophomores Jennifer Wickline (midfielder), Jessica Henry (defense), Megan Mutz (defense), Kristen Brundage (forward/midfielder), Liz Hardy (midfielder), Ashley Lambert (defense), Colleen Mead (goalkeeper/midfielder), Jenna Clavette (defense), Kelly Boskee (defense) and Ashley Hudson (midfielder).

The Wolves opened up their season Tuesday, March 26, with a home contest against Lapeer West and then play another home game the following day against Brandon. After the spring break, they host Troy on April 9 before going on the road for the first time April 11 against West Bloomfield.

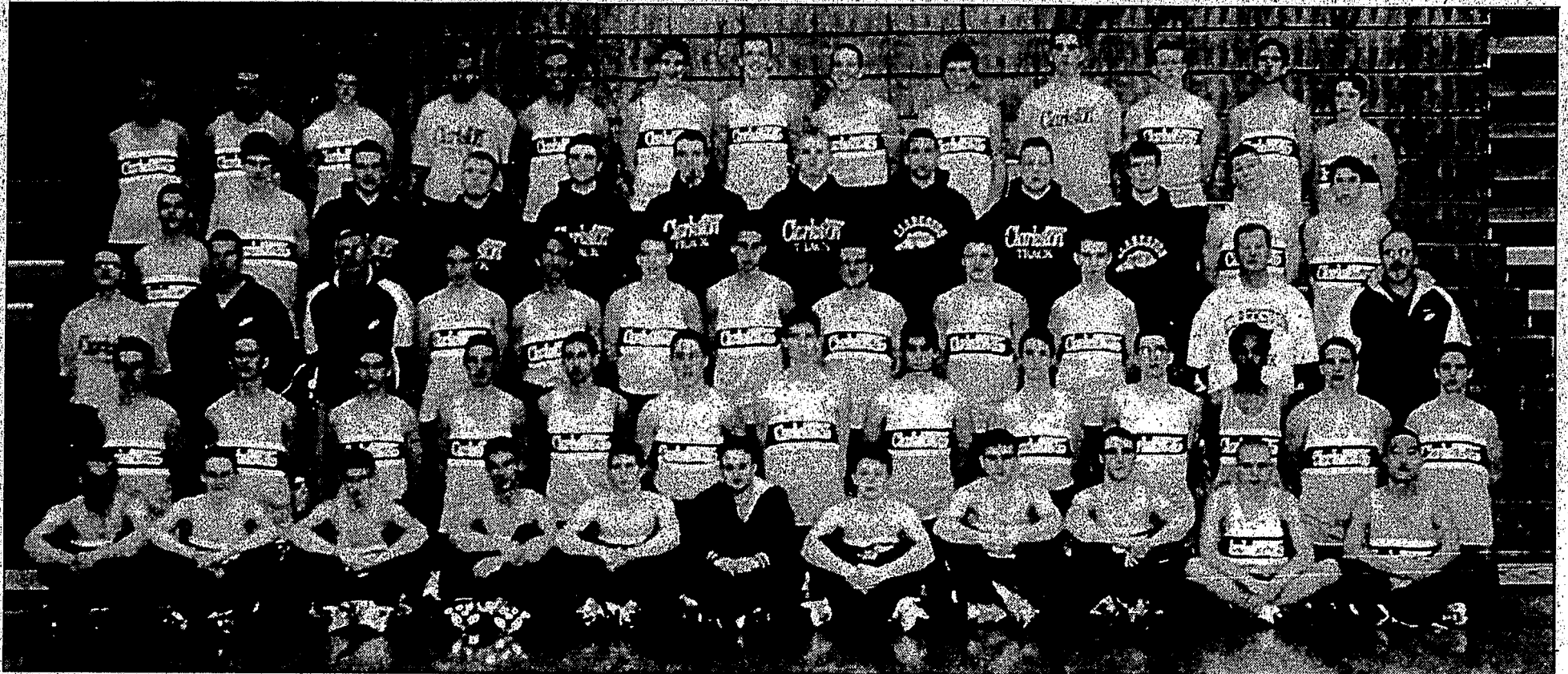
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Boys' track team looking forward to start of season

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

While the number of boys' track team members may be down from last season, coach Walt Wyniemko said he is looking forward to this year's campaign.

The Wolves finished with a 5-1 record last season in dual meet action, and placed fourth overall in the Oakland Activities Association tournament. This year, there are 21 team members returning from last year, and 60 team members overall.

"Those numbers are a little bit down from last year," Wyniemko said. "We're trying to find spots for them."

This year's team looks to have a mixture of youth and experience, particularly in the field events.

In the pole vault, the Wolves will be relying on three seniors who competed in the state competition last year: Ryan Cocciolone, Cory Henneman and Travis Roche. By contrast, the competitors in the shot put are what Wyniemko described as a "young group": sophomores Brett Kenerson, Nick Riegel and Rick Winbigler and juniors Mike Shaw and Rich Vrisko.

In the discus, Matt Tolbert, who will also compete in mid-distance events, figures to be a key for the Wolves, although Wyniemko said two freshmen, Chris Kato and Jake Neisnett, could help them out in that event.

An area that Wyniemko described as "a question mark for us" is the high jump, where Mark Kraus, Andrew Breen and Brad Morrison figure to see some time.

In the long jump, Henneman, Grant Henderson, Brendan Quisenberry, Paul McKinney and Roche are key participants, while Kraus, Brian Curry, Zach Crane,

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3/26	4:30 p.m.	vs. N. Farmington — Scrim.
3/27	4 p.m.	at Macomb Indoor Meet
4/9	3:45 p.m.	vs. Stevenson -Scrim.
4/12	TBA	at F.H. Harrison — 9th/10th
4/16	4:30 p.m.	at Roch. Adams/Rochester (at Rochester)
4/23	4:30 p.m.	vs. Pontiac Northern
4/27	10 a.m.	at Andover Relays
4/29	4:30 p.m.	vs. Lake Orion (at Troy)
5/2	3 p.m.	at Pontiac Northern/9th Inv.
5/4	TBA	Ashley Relays — at Waterford Mott
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5/21	3 p.m.	League Meet
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5/25	9 a.m.	9th grade County Meet at Milford
6/1	TBA	State Finals at Rockford

Kevin Parks, Morrison and Dan Mayer (who will also see time in the high jump) anchor the Wolves' hurdlers.

Senior Shane Bennett will head up the Wolves' sprinters, while Quisenberry, McKinney, Trevor Johns, Rob Clark and Brian Oltman will also contribute in that department.

Someone to keep an eye on in the mid-distance

events, according to Wyniemko, is Steve Chenet. "He's a very talented young man," Wyniemko said.

Tolbert, Mark Sitko, Joe Seibert and Jack Kinsey also figure to see time for the Wolves in those events. "There's some people that we're looking at," Wyniemko said.

Wyniemko said he is "excited" about the upcoming season and also said the OAA figures to be a tough league once again, with Pontiac Northern, Lake Orion and Troy among the top teams.

"Our league is very strong and very competitive," he said. "The competition is very tough. Our people know that. We're trying to get our 60 guys to find the right spots for that."

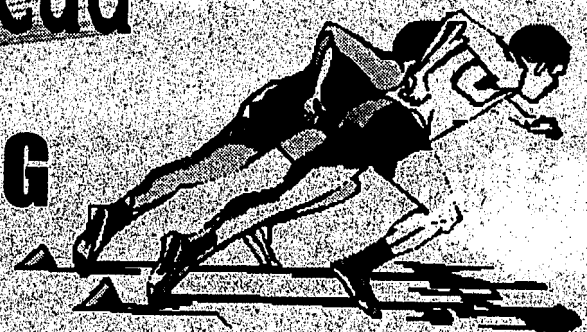
Members of this year's Clarkston boys' track team are: seniors Shane Bennett, Ryan Cocciolone, Ariel Darney, Grant Henderson, Cory Henneman, Mark Kraus, Travis Roche and Mike Wilder; juniors Zach Crane, Brian Curry, Tommy Hsu, Bryan Kolano, Jay Martello, Nick Oldenburg, Brian Oltman, Michael Pavlick, Justin Pita, Michael Shaw, Mark Sitko, Matt Tolbert, Richard Urisko and Jay Walkowski; sophomores Nick Andalora, Erik Buetow, Steve Chenet, Tom Fick, Kelly Firby, Eric Gauthier, Brett Kenerson, Jack Kinsey, Christian Kleber, Jon Lynch, John Maxwell, Paul McKinney, Jeff Morearty, Rick Morris, Brandon Parks, Mike Petuil, Brendan Quisenberry, Nick Riegel, Joe Seibert, Frank Tripi, Brandon Weaver and Rick Winbigler; and freshmen Theron Brown, Rob Clark, Blake Dew, Brad Flaughter, Trevor Johns, Chris Kato, Andy Kodra, Dan Mayer, Andrew McKinney, Jake Meissnett, Don Minton, Brad Morrison, Kevin Parks, Jordan Tubbs, Mike Williams and Brandon Wischmeyer.

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Girls track — Members of the 2002 Clarkston girls track team are: Jennifer Baibak, Casey Bolten, Whitney Bomier, Kristen Bradish, Jamie Briggs, Marley Brown, Heather Cole, Maria Cooke, Courtney Coulson, Emily Cushing, Carla DelVecchio, Megan Garrett, Elizabeth Gorz, Kimberly Hansen, Lindsey Hart, Lindsey Hawley, Nicole Hurley, Lindsey Hyde, Sarah Jennett, Adrienne Jones, Anna Kerr, Angela Kolodge, Jillian Kouri, Nicole Kraus, Maureen Kuhta, Lisa Licata, Elizabeth Mengyan, Melanie Morley, Sarah Napier, Jenny Newberry, Gillian Nordquist, Laura Noveck, Jenny Olenski, Anne Oltman, Jamie Parker, Stephanie Parkin, Beth Randall, Christyn Reuter, Erin Richards, Amanda Sawyer, Ashley Schneider, Allison Spinweber, Stefani Thomas, Jasmyn Touchstone, Meghan Wegner, Megan Wesol, Kimberly Wilson and Lauren Witt. The Wolves are coached by Gordie Richardson. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

Girls track heads into season with youth on their side

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Coming off a third place finish in the Oakland Activities Association Division I last year, the Clarkston girls' track team will once again field a young team this season.

Still, coach Gordie Richardson is optimistic about his team's chances this season.

"We have a good distance group," he said. "We have some good young speed. We just don't know how good it is yet. Kids who were pretty darn good in middle school and were pretty fast against that competition may not do well against seniors who have run for four years. We're good in most all the distance events and decent in the sprints."

Although the Wolves lost one of their key competitors from last season, Christi Hertzler, due to transfer, Richardson said the Wolves have a number of team members expected to play key roles this year.

The team members that Richardson mentioned as key competitors this year are Emily Cushing, Carla DelVecchio, Lindsey Hawley, Maureen Kuhta, Liz Mengyan, Anne Oltman, Stephanie Parkin, Beth Randall, Christi Renter, Amanda Sawyer, Allison Spinweber, Kim Wilson and Lauren Witt.

Richardson said several newcomers will also contribute to the Wolves this season: Adrienne Jones, Megan Garrett, Casey Bolten, Kristen Bradish and Jillian Kouri. He said the team's inexperience will be something they'll have to overcome as the season progresses.

"At least as high school track athletes, probably half the team has no experience at all," he said.

JV and Varsity Girls Track		
3/26	4:30 p.m.	vs. N. Farmington - Scrim.
3/27	4 p.m.	at Macomb Indoor Meet
4/9	3:45 p.m.	vs. Stevenson — Scrimmage
4/12	TBA	at F.H. Harrison — 9th/10th
4/16	4:30 p.m.	at Roch. Adams/Rochester (at Rochester)
4/23	4:30 p.m.	vs. Pontiac Northern
4/27	10 a.m.	at Andover Relays
4/29	4:30 p.m.	vs. Lake Orion (at Troy)
5/2	3 p.m.	at Pontiac Northern/9th Inv.
5/3	3:30 p.m.	at Romeo Inv.
5/7	4 p.m.	at Mott
5/11	9:30 a.m.	Clarkston Inv.
5/17	TBA	at Regionals/Holly
5/21	3 p.m.	League Meet
5/24	3 p.m.	at County Meet/Lake Orion
5/25	9 a.m.	9th grade County Meet at Milford
6/1	TBA	State Finals at Rockford

Richardson said the team needs to see improvement in the field events, particularly the shot put, which he said may be their weakest event right now. He also said staying healthy will be a key for the entire team.

"You always want to see all the kids improve," he said. "I'd like to see a lot of them stay healthy. We've run inside the last couple of practices because of the

weather. We just don't feel like we're getting enough done."

The Wolves will compete in the Macomb Indoor Meet March 27, and then scrimmage against Sterling Heights Stevenson.

As far as league competition goes, Richardson said Rochester Adams, which has won the league title for four consecutive seasons, will once again be the team to beat this season, with Rochester also figuring to have a strong team this season. He said there will be no easy league meets for the Wolves this season.

"Everyone in the league is capable of beating you if you don't perform, so we're going to have to get the job done," he said.

Members of this year's team are: seniors Carla DelVecchio, Lindsey Hawley, Jenny Newberry and Allison Spinweber; juniors Casey Bolten, Marley Brown, Emily Cushing, Lisa Licata, Beth Randall, Amanda Sawyer, Ashley Schneider and Kimberly Wilson; sophomores Jennifer Baibak, Whitney Bomier, Kristen Bradish, Jamie Briggs, Heather Cole, Courtney Coulson, Megan Garrett, Kimberly Hansen, Lindsey Hart, Lindsey Hyde, Maureen Kuhta, Sarah Napier, Laura Noveck, Jenny Olenski, Christyn Reuter, Jasmyn Touchstone, Megan Wesol and Lauren Witt; and freshmen Maria Cooke, Elizabeth Gorz, Nicole Hurley, Sarah Jennett, Adrienne Jones, Anna Kerr, Jillian Kouri, Nicole Kraus, Melanie Morley, Gillian Nordquist, Anne Oltman, Stephanie Parkin, Erin Richards, Stefani Thomas and Meghan Wegner. No grades were listed for Angela Kolodge and Jamie Parker, who are also on the team.

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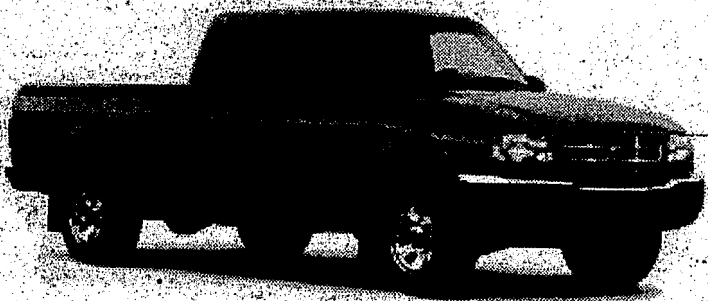


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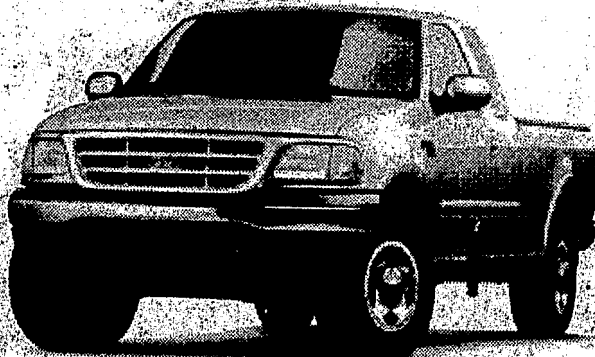


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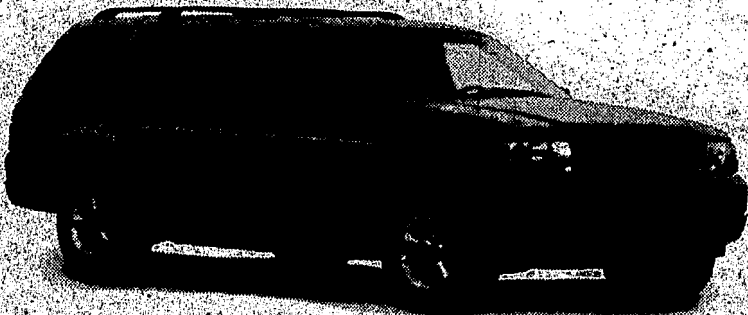
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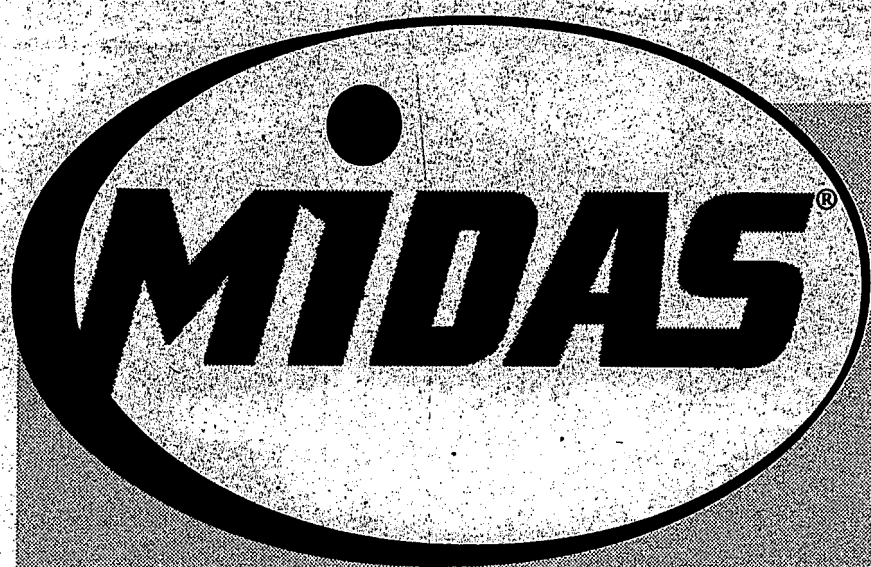
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