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\$7.5 million proposal set for August

BY KYLE GARGARO
Clarkston News Editor

After months of debate, discussion and studies the Independence Township Board is finally set on what they will ask the voters on the August ballot.

In a special meeting on April 18, the board voted to combine a new township hall with Clintonwood Park improvements in a \$7.5 million bond proposal. The Clintonwood Park improvements would include road improvements as well as the addition of new soccer fields.

It took numerous votes for the final decision to be reached by the board. Much of the confusion centered around whether the items should be separated on the ballot or combined.

"We are always told don't give the voters a menu," Township Clerk Joan McCrary said. "The ballots are very long and the more you put on the more confused you get people. The simpler we can make it the better."

Supervisor Dale Stuart was also concerned about separating the items.

"They should sink or swim together," Stuart said. "People might look at the two if they are separated and say 'I will give them half.'"

A similar motion to the one finally passed was voted down earlier in the

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'Yes, we were in Afghanistan'

CHS graduate home after stint overseas

BY KYLE GARGARO
Clarkston News Editor

At the age of 21 Ryan Shaul has seen much more of the world than he ever imagined he would.

That is because the 1999 Clarkston High School graduate recently returned to Clarkston after spending six months in the Middle East, including Afghanistan, as a member of the United States Army.

His journey started in the summer of 1999 when he decided to join the armed forces since, by his own admission, he did not have the grades or money to go straight to college.

"I thought the military would be a good route to go," Shaul said. "I looked at every branch except for the Marines. My dad would have disowned me if I had joined the Marines because he is a prior Navy."

Shaul, who was born and raised in Clarkston, decided to go Infantry. This decision was made because of his interest as well as the fact Shaul hoped to someday go into law enforcement.

So on Aug. 16, 1999 the CHS graduate boarded a plane to Georgia to begin his basic and advanced individual training.

While progressing through his military career, Shaul found himself in northern New York on Sept. 11, 2001 when the entire country was shaken by terrorist attacks.

On that day, they had the entire platoon of individuals in a small room crowded around a television watching the events unfold.

"There was a real good mix of emotions in that room," Shaul said. "Anger, revenge, fear and pain were all there. I never thought I would see some of the men that were in that room cry. But they were sad so was I."

The events hit Shaul unbelievably hard for numerous reasons.

"My dad was in the fire department in Independence for quite a while before he moved out to New Jersey so the fire department has a very special place in my heart. To see the happenings of the New York firemen that day... I wanted to be a cop for a very long time so they have a special place in my heart as well. And to know they (the terrorists) had the guts to come into



Welcome home -- CHS graduate Ryan Shaul is overcome by emotions during the homecoming celebration. Shaul spent six months overseas in the Middle East fighting terrorism. Photo provided by Ryan Shaul.

Although they had yet to receive any official orders from their superiors, Shaul and his colleagues saw the writing on the wall that they would probably be going somewhere. Many in his platoon began cleaning up and packing their things in anticipation of a call which would probably soon come.

The call eventually came on Oct. 7. The entire platoon was ordered to pack their things and get ready to move out.

"I was not really excited to hear that we were overseas. A lot of us, my self included, had never been overseas before," Shaul said.

their superiors wanted the security set up. Shaul helped build fighting positions and also man them. They were repeatedly pulling 3 on 3 shifts which meant three hours of sleep followed by a three hour shift.

On Thanksgiving they were given an opportunity to go down to Afghanistan for a regular rotation.

"At the time I was not really excited to go to Afghanistan. I was just trying to get through the day. I was just trying to get through the day. I was just trying to get through the day."

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Briefly

Lighthouse announces golf classic

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Nature walk offered to public

The North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy is initiating a new program of docent-led guided nature walks at one of their parcels, the Nels Kimball Nature Sanctuary, located just outside the city limits of Clarkston.

Four walks are planned to lead off this new program. Future walks will be planned for this and other Conservancy owned preserves. The public is welcome to attend. Call NOHLC at (248) 846-6547 for directions or more information.

The schedule for the nature walks are Saturday, May 11, Sunday, June 16, Sunday, Aug. 11 and Saturday, Oct. 12. All walks are slated to begin at 1:30 p.m.

Tech students sent to conference

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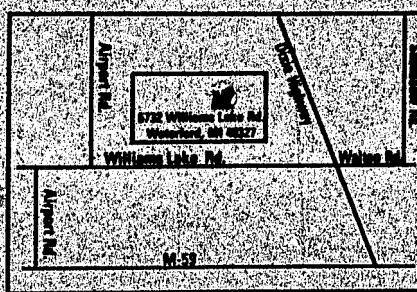


Susan Ziesch (Clarkston)

I had been dealing with neck and shoulder pain with stiffness for about 10 years. The neck and shoulder pain had developed into such severe headaches that I sought the attention of a neurologist. The neurologist put me on multiple drugs and about 60% of my symptoms decreased. Although I had experienced some relief, the neurologist had increased the dosage of my medications to the point where I was too drowsy to function normally. It was beginning to affect my life and the things I do with my kids. I began coming to Rumph Chiropractic Clinic two years ago and after about six months of care my symptoms were gone. Not only did my pain subside, but now that I know what it feels like to feel good I am quicker to identify when something is wrong. Now I come into Rumph Chiropractic Clinic and stay healthy, long before a chronic situation occurs. Thanks RCC



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The Second Front

Farm and Garden Club celebrates Arbor Day

Johnny Appleseed and some friends recently stopped by Clarkston elementary schools to tell students about the importance of Arbor Day, which comes up on the calendar, April 26.

Centered around Johnny Appleseed, the play, put on the week of April 15 by the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club, discussed the value of trees in Michigan, historical information on Independence Township, and told the fable of the squirrel who could skip through the white pines from the Ohio border to the Straits of Mackinac.

Four foot white pines were also donated to each school, and white pine seedlings were sent home with each student as well as faculty and staff. About 4,000 seedlings were bagged.



The stars of the show—The Arbor Day play presented to all Clarkston elementary schools centered around this fella, Johnny Appleseed, played by Kay Robertson. Cathy Grogan, below, turns on the acting skills for this special production.



Caring for the environment—Alexa McKinley, Shelby Hopper, Ryan Hopper, Matthew Pasco, Anthony Cardinale, Rebecca Gorz and Veronica Block of Mrs. Finney's a.m. Kindergarten class at Springfield Plains Elementary hug a tree in honor of Arbor Day. Photos by Jennifer Nemer.

Clarkston El. readers help worthy cause



March reading month at Clarkston Elementary was a successful one.

The school's theme for the month was "PAWS to Read," encouraging students to read, and at the same time, support PAWS with a Cause, a charity training assistance dogs for disabled or special needs people.

The school raised \$5,000, a record for an entire year's worth of reading.

Readers of the rescue-PAWS with a Cause representative Dana Spears and dog Violet with Clarkston Elementary students, from left, Samantha Irwin, Kelli Moore, Savannah Simon, Anthony Marchelletta, and in back is Jim

School Board amendment means more money

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Clarkston Community School district's financial state is looking brighter, at least for this fiscal year.

Members, at the April 15 Board of Education meeting, approved the second amendment to the 2001-2002 general fund budget. (The first occurred in November.)

The result will mean an increase in revenue of \$2,371,299 and an increase in expenditures of \$1,075,689.

This causes an operating surplus of \$1,295,610, while increasing the ending fund equity balance to \$4,299,886, or 7.26 percent, allowing the district to attain its equity goal in 2001-2002. The schools rely on fund equity for emergencies.

The original budget, first developed in June, had an operating surplus of \$673,537 which would increase the ending fund balance to almost \$3.7 million. Due to the changing estimated revenue, Clarkston is seeing an added \$1.3 million to its equity.

"The financial goal for fiscal year 2001-2002 was to control expenditures while increasing our fund equity," said Director of Business Services Bruce Beamer, who presented the amendment to board members at the meeting. "This amendment achieves half of that successfully (fund equity), the other half we need to work on and be careful."

Modifications to the budget were made as a result of the supplementary \$200 per pupil state aid and the Oakland County Special Education tax, which helps the district cover their additional costs this year.

"The factors of the passage of the recent special education levy and additional state aid from our increased enrollment have caused our revenue to grow. The additional dollars improved the district's financial reserves," Beamer said.

General fund revenues are projected to rise from the original projection in June. The amount of the increase is \$2,874,076, which is 4.98 percent above the original estimate. The estimated revenue has increased

to a total of \$60,606,366.

Amended revenue sources include:

■Local sources--decreased \$19,589 due to the relocation of the Plus Program to the Early Childhood Fund.

■State sources--increased \$502,730 due to increased enrollment.

■Federal sources--increased by \$33,058 due to a Capacity Grant and a new English Literature Grant. These additional monies were not included in the projected federal revenue in June or November.

■Other operating sources--increased \$1,855,100 since November. The increase amounted to \$1.5 million from the special education levy, due from Oakland Schools in May.

A final amendment will be done before the end of the fiscal year, June 30, Beamer said.

Increases in expenditures include:

■Basic instructional program--increased \$700,675 from substitute teachers, printing, Equity and Excellence Grant, worker's compensation and life-guards.

■Added needs--increased \$27,526 from Career Prep amendment, special education paraprofessionals and autistic program expenses.

■Adult and continuing education--increased \$92,691 due to the inclusion of professional services and additional adult education supplies.

■Pupil and guidance services--increased \$54,485 for sponsors and advisors at Clarkston High School.

■Instructional support and media services--increased \$67,149 from the Capacity Grant amendment, English Literature Grant and Excellence and Equity Grant.

■General administration--increased \$83,771 from the Career Focused Grant and worker's compensation.

■School administration--increased \$22,972 because of graduation expenses and a new clerical position based on enrollment.

■Business services--increased \$61,700 from interest on a loan.

■Operation and maintenance--increased \$30,470 for elementary repairs and phone maintenance.

■District fringes, pupil transportation, community services and transfers out--these programs had no changes or a reduction in their spending pattern, totaling \$65,750.

The amended general fund expenditures for fiscal year 2002 total \$59,197,035.

"The continued expenditure growth does demonstrate the need to continue to monitor the spending patterns of our district," Beamer said. The central office team is continuing to review budget modifications at weekly staff meetings. "We believe we have improved the awareness and importance of the district's general fund budget."

The administration has already anticipated a restrictive revenue pattern for fiscal year 2002-2003 and beyond. The district has developed budget plans for the next three years in an attempt to prepare the district for future financial limitations.

Layoffs made in Clarkston school district

Also helping the Clarkston Community School's financial situation were a handful of personnel changes, made at the April 15 Board of Education meeting. Eighty percent of the school's budget is taken up by salaries and benefits.

Placed on layoffs were a physical education teacher at North Sashabaw Elementary and three media/technology support staffers from Andersonville Elementary, Pine Knob Elementary and Sashabaw Middle School, effective June 14.

Other terminations were made through retirements, resignations and leaves of absences.

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Local business owners say Dixie rezoning will benefit area

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Now that it appears likely a gas station/fast food restaurant will be coming to Springfield Township in the future, residents and business owners have mixed views.

The township board voted 6-1 at its April 11 meeting to rezone the property at 7701 Lavon, off of Dixie Highway, from residential to commercial. Trustee Dave Hopper cast the lone "no" vote, citing the fact that other properties in the area are zoned residential but used for commercial purposes.

The decision cleared the way for Auto City Services, which owns the property on 8500 Dixie as well as the Lavon property, to build a combination gas station/fast food establishment/party store on both properties.

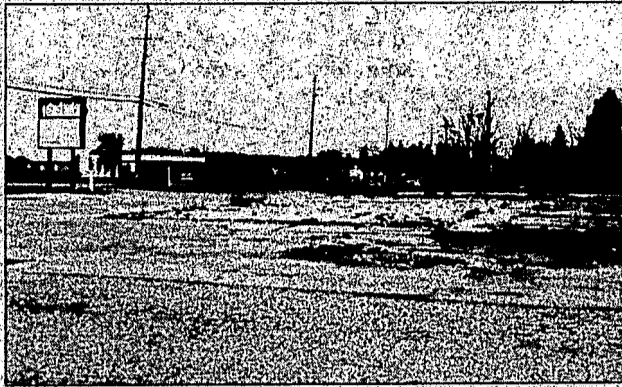
If all goes according to plan, it would not be the first time a gas station has sat on that property. According to Springfield Township Supervisor Collin Walls, the property at 8500 Dixie used to be a combined gas station, coney island and office complex before it was torn down last year.

Surrounding business owners, when questioned on the matter, generally think the new business will be a boost to its neighboring businesses.

Tom Delke, co-owner of Saturn North, said the business will be an improvement over the empty lot that has marked the area since last year.

"There was a gas station there before," he said. "I don't have a problem with it as an auto dealership. This has been talked about for 3-4 years. I think it will be better than an empty lot with a torn-down foundation."

Calvin Bordine, vice president of Bordine's Nursery, also said the new business would be an improvement. He said with the new landscaping surrounding the business and the improved appearance of the area, it would benefit surrounding businesses.



Future gas station? — Auto City Service intends to build a combination gas station/fast food establishment on this piece of property at Dixie and Lavon. The Springfield Township Board approved the rezoning of the property on 7701 Lavon from residential to commercial at its April 11 meeting. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

"I think that will have a large improvement on the surrounding area," he said. "I think that site has been an eyesore for years. I think that will help everyone involved. It's hard to get it worse than what it is."

Several township residents at the April 11 meeting said the move would be harmful to their property values and were thus opposed to the move.

Delke, for one, doesn't see that happening. "I don't think there will be an impact there," he said. "The township does a good job of protecting its citizens."

By contrast, Bordine said there could be some impact for those property owners adjacent to the business, but said the businesses on Dixie Highway would not be adversely affected.

"The immediate residential property possibly will be affected negatively," he said. "Overall, there's not going to be that much impact on Dixie Highway."

Springfield board looks to add tables

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Now that they're settled into their new digs, the Springfield Township Board would like some quality furniture to go with their meeting room.

With that in mind, the board, at its April 11 meeting, allocated up to \$10,000 from the furniture allowance of the township's Civic Center fund for the construction and purchase of a township board table and a display table for people making presentations before the township board.

Clerk Nancy Strole said the board is in the process of seeking out tables before getting the go-ahead to order them. She estimated it would take 6-8 weeks from the time the tables were ordered before they were ready to be put together and used in the township.

Strole said the table currently used at the Civic Center is outdated and not a good fit for the new facility. She said that table was used when the township board consisted of only five people.

"We're using those old eight-foot foldable tables

that were in the old township hall that we used to keep the recording equipment on," she said. "The one that was used at the old township hall was meant for five people. It doesn't fit. For years, we've been working elbow to elbow."

In addition, Strole said the new table will be equipped to handle the new miking system that is being installed in the meeting room.

In other civic center-related business at the meeting, Kirco Construction Corp. of Troy gave the township board a report stating a final "punch list" for the library and township offices has been assembled and presented to Supervisor Collin Walls. In addition, an exterior punch list will be issued as soon as weather permits.

Kirco Project Manager David Trof also stated that the company met with Walls Monday, April 8 to establish a game plan and schedule for completing the final course of asphalt paving in the parking lots, and the completion of the landscaping.

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Opinion

True hero calls Clarkston home

During my multiple journalism jobs, I have had the opportunity to interview a lot of sports individuals who some consider heroes. Names like Sergei Fedorov, Chris Webber and Wally Szczerbiak come to mind. (I hope nobody got hurt from my blatantly self-serving name dropping.)

However for my money, the biggest hero I had the pleasure of meeting occurred last week when Clarkston resident Ryan Shaul came to my office.

Shaul, a 1999 graduate of Clarkston High School, is back in town after serving six months in Afghanistan with the U.S. Military. (See story on page 1)

The first reaction I had when Shaul came to The Clarkston News offices was how young he looked. The 21-year old could pass for younger and it was difficult to imagine him fighting a war many miles away from Clarkston.

As the war against terrorism continues, it is sometimes easy to forget about the individuals involved. The war becomes a nightly update on the news as we get wrapped up in our everyday lives.

But meeting someone like Shaul reminds us a very serious war is still going on overseas. Americans stationed out of the country continue to put their lives at risk everyday.

Anyone who would decide to risk their life to defend our country has my utmost respect. Shaul could not speak specifically about his adventures in Afghanistan, but it really did not matter.

The fact he signed up to defend our country and then did so in a foreign country is the only important item in my book. The specifics of how much immediate danger he witnessed is of no consequence to me.

Even if an individual does not come near danger, they are still miles away from their home and the families which love them. They persevere by leaning on each other and thinking about supporters from back home.

The least we can do during these times is to make sure our troops overseas realize the American people are behind them. This can be accomplished as easily as flying a flag or sending a letter to our troops in the Middle East.

So to Shaul and all those fighting for the basic freedoms we enjoy everyday, I offer a sincere thank you. It takes a special person to put their life in danger for our country.

Gargaro's Hall of Fame: The Fox television station for finally pulling the plug on the show "Ally McBeal." Never saw an episode but had to sit through the promos whenever I watched Fox 2.

Maybe now Calista Flockhart will get a chance to have a meal.

Gargaro's Hall of Shame: Yours truly for flapping my gums in last week's column about spring weather finally being here for us to enjoy. How quickly things change.

Mother Nature-1, Gargaro 0.

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Gargaro's World



Kyle Gargaro

Letters To The Editor

Resident agrees with ideas of Wallace

On the matter of an Independence Township civic center, I think the proposal made by citizen Neil Wallace is a very good one and needs to be kept at the top of the list.

Constructing a new building large enough to house both the Township's and the school district's administrative offices on the acreage of the current school administration building and converting that existing building to a senior center seems the most practical and fiscally prudent to me, if a fair deal can be negotiated with the school district.

With the library adjacent, the area would be a civic center of sorts. However, I do think the proposed township recreation facility would be too expensive for the taxpayers. The bond proposal for such a facility only covers the construction costs. Will user fees cover all the cost of full-time staffing, maintenance and liability or will additional tax dollars be necessary to keep user fees reasonable? I'm concerned that it will cost much more than is estimated in the long run.

Michael Slumba
Clarkston

Local Red Cross looking for volunteers

What do you call people who consider themselves on-call at virtually all times, who will leave their families in the middle of the night to help another family find a place to sleep and who don't get paid a dime for the trouble?

What do you call people who take time to give one of the world's most precious gifts: blood?

What do you call people who teach strangers how to save a life, assist military families desperate to get word of an emergency to a loved one and much, much more with no monetary compensation?

You call them American Red Cross volunteers. Without them, this community would be deprived of a host of lifesaving services. This year, volunteers right here in Southeastern Michigan devoted more than half a million hours of service to our community. They re-

sponded to disasters, taught first aid and CPR classes, assisted during bloodmobiles and provided our community a number of lifesaving Red Cross services.

April 21-27 is National Volunteer Week, and we want to thank the more than 15,000 local residents who chose to serve our community this year through volunteer service with the Red Cross. The theme of National Volunteer Week this year is "Celebrate the American Spirit - Volunteer," and it is particularly appropriate at this time.

You don't have to go out on disasters to be a Red Cross volunteer. We need people of all ages and skills. For more information on volunteering for the Red Cross, call (313) 494-2849. Together, we can save a life.

Dallas White
American Red Cross, Southeastern Michigan Chapter

Clarkston couple enjoys listening to music program

Bouquets to the Clarkston Area Optimist Club. Thank you so much for bringing Jeremy Kottel, U.S. National Fiddle Champion and John Behling, guitarist, to Clarkston High School.

The program was sensational and as the program said, "captivate an audience," which it truly did.

Sending young people to Blue Lake Music Camp is a great cause.

We were extremely proud of the Clarkston String program and enjoyed their performances that evening.

James and Gini Schultz
Clarkston

Celebrating Earth Day 2002

On April 22, 1970, millions of Americans gathered to proclaim that we could no longer ignore the impact of our actions on humanity's only home. Their appeals led to the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of the Clean Air, Clean Water and Endangered Species Acts. This month, as we celebrate the 32nd anniversary of Earth Day, we need to rededicate ourselves to preserving the environment for our grandchildren's grandchildren.

Michigan is blessed with incredible natural wealth, from the forests of the Upper Peninsula and Northern Michigan to the fertile agricultural lands of the lower peninsula, from the thousands of inland lakes to the magnificent Great Lakes. There is no place in our state that is more than 85 miles from one of the Great Lakes. They are essential for agriculture, industry, recreation and tourism.

As a longtime member and now co-chair of the Senate Great Lakes Task Force, I have worked hard to protect this incredible resource. In 1990, I authored the Great Lakes Critical Programs Act, which among other things, required the Great Lakes states to enact strict water quality guidelines. All eight Great Lakes states have now implemented the water quality standards.

The Great Lakes Task Force recently secured \$200,000 for fishery and ecosystem restoration which

will be used to develop a management plan for the Great Lakes fisheries. I am also an advocate of the Great Lakes Basin Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Program. Through this federal-state program, Great Lakes water is protected by reducing erosion and sediment runoff from agriculture.

A new legislative initiative of Congressman John Dingell which I sponsored in the Senate, the Detroit River Wildlife Refuge Act, authorizes the Interior Department to acquire lands adjacent to the Detroit River in order to protect its wildlife and habitat. It also allows the agency to negotiate with Canadian officials to create a Detroit River International Wildlife Corridor that includes both American and Canadian lands.

In addition to these new initiatives, I believe it is important to review the effectiveness of current Great Lakes programs. Last year, I asked the General Accounting Office (GAO) to review all federal Great Lakes protection and environmental restoration programs. The GAO will report on the overall progress of these programs so we will know what additional efforts are needed to protect the Lakes.

I believe directional drilling would put the Great Lakes and their shorelines at risk for oil spills and leaks. Working with Senator Debbie Stabenow and others, we enacted a two year moratorium on slant drilling in the Great Lakes. Instead of drilling under our national treasures, I believe we should focus our efforts more on developing technologies which increase efficiency and advance renewable resources.

Michigan Senator Carl Levin

Faded Ink

What, not manly enough for you?

Imagine my surprise when upon executing my daily exercise in reading other people's e-mail -- wait, it's not as it sounds. One of the many things I do here at work is read other workers' e-mail. You see, one of the hats I wear here is the big red fez, with a yellow feather stuck on it, symbolizing that I, your beloved author of *Don't Rush Me*, Dandy Don Rush, is Keeper of The E-Mail.

Yep, as Keeper of The E-Mail, I have been entrusted with secret codes and passwords, that in the wrong hands could topple the government, bring down the entire free world and in general mess up things.

As the Keeper, I open e-mails and make sure they get to whom-ever they are supposed to. It's a tough job, but hey, somebody's got to do it.

At any rate, I was surely surprised when I read an e-mail to Oxford reporter CJ Carnacchio, about the Towne & Country African Violet Club -- Michigan's only noncommercial African Violet club. Surprised I was, because the T & C is located in good ol' Oxford, MI, USA. They meet monthly in the Oxford Public Library and have members from all over the state. On April 27-28 they are having a judged Flower Show and Sale. If you want to go to the show and check out over 125 entries (it's free) or attend one of the club's meetings, give club founder Chris Leppard a call at 693-2415.

Thinking about it, I bet they have got good info on why my African violets always puke out after their first few months in their new home -- also known as, Casa de Don. I like growing these flowers, but they're finicky. You can't get water on their leaves; you have to water from the bottom; they have to have sunlight, but not too much... I know, I know. What would the Duke say about admitting I like to grow flowers?

"Well, Pilgrim, them's some real purty posies you're a-growin'. How's about some warm milk or would you like some sarsaparilla in your shot glass..."

Lest you all make me turn in my membership card to the John Wayne Path of Living Male Club, I'll try to redeem myself with the following. It's an e-mail forwarded to my wife, Jen.

*To Women Everywhere,
From Men Who've Had Enough*



don
rush
don't rush
me

■ Learn to work the toilet seat. If it's up, put it down. We need it up, you need it down. You don't hear us complaining about you leaving it down.

■ ALL men see in only 16 colors. Peach is a fruit, not a color.

■ If you think you're fat, you probably are. Don't ask us. We refuse to answer.

■ If you ask a question you don't want an answer to, expect an answer you don't want to hear.

■ Sometimes we're not thinking about you. Live with it. Don't ask us what we're thinking about unless you are prepared to discuss such topics as navel lint, or the shotgun formation.

■ Sunday = Sports. It's like the full moon or the changing of the tides. Let it be.

■ Shopping is not a sport, and no, we're never going to think of it that way.

■ When we have to go somewhere, absolutely anything you wear is fine. Really.

■ Crying is blackmail.

■ Ask for what you want. Let's be clear on this one: Subtle hints don't work. Strong hints don't work. Really obvious hints don't work. Just say it!

■ Most guys own three pairs of shoes. What makes you think we'd be any good at choosing which pair, out of 30, would look good with your dress.

■ Yes and No are perfectly acceptable answers to almost every question.

■ Foreign films are best left to foreigners. Unless it's Bruce Lee or some war flick where it doesn't really matter what they're saying anyway.

■ Check your oil.

■ Anything we said 6 months ago is inadmissible in an argument. All comments become null and void after 7 days.

■ If something we said can be interpreted two ways, and one of the ways makes you sad or angry, we meant the other one.

■ Let us ogle. We're going to look anyway; it's genetic.

■ You can either tell us to do something OR tell us how to do something, but not both.

■ Whenever possible, please say whatever you have to say during commercials.

■ If it itches, it will be scratched.

Thank you for reading this; Yes, I know, I have to sleep on the couch tonight, but did you know we really don't mind that, it's like camping!

Comments for Don can be e-mailed to: dontrushmedon@aol.com

Changing the spare can be a 'guy' thing

"Guys" like to try to fix mechanical things... things that have been on earth forever, that we use everyday, that don't challenge us too much and can be reasoned out.

Things like washing machines, garden tractors, snowmobiles, pumps, bikes, toys, furnaces and flat tires.

And every time we tackle one of these chores the thought will cross our minds that the engineers who developed these broken things do not like "guys."

A prime example is where batteries were hidden on early makes of snowmobiles. One of the machines I have today has the battery under a shield, which is under the exhaust system which is held on by springs put into place by Superman.

Batteries are in some places on cars that require the moving of fenders to add acid.

But, it is flat tires that got my attention this week. I drive a 1999 Ford Windstar minivan. Ford engineers connived to put the spare *under* minivans. Unless you're a skinny elf you cannot squeeze your body under my van when a rear tire is flat.

I knew that, but I didn't have a lot to do, and I needed column material, so I chose to exchange my flat tire with the spare.

First, read the ownership manual. It takes four pages to tell one how to change a spare tire. My Model A Ford with the spare tire on the running board didn't even need changing instructions. One look and even I could figure the procedure.

Jim's
Jottings



Jim Sherman

Only the radio's 26 pages of instructions exceeds those of tire pages.

The van has a cute little cubbyhole for the jack and its handle. I also found a net in there, which I assume is for springtime sucker dipping.

The manual points out a bolt in the van floor that has to be turned to lower the spare. Then "remove retainer from the spare tire." What retainer and how do you get to it? The instructions could have used another page.

After I found the retainer I found it needed two hands to remove it. I could have used one of your hands. My changing took place in my garage. I could picture this procedure taking place on a muddy roadside. So could the cunning engineers.

The picture showing the putting of the jack in place under the car frame was drawn by a committee of institutionalized people. Or engineers.

A jack instruction was, "if you have the fender accessory follow the jack instruction that came with them." I have that accessory, and it did not come with jack instructions.

As I said, I had time. I needed material for a column and I'm a guy. So I stayed with the tire changing task up to the point of repairing the tire and putting things back in place.

Naturally, I couldn't find what caused the tire to leak. Jeff's Tire & Auto Service in Oxford found the leak, returned the spare under the van, reinstalled the fixed tire and sent me on my way in less time than it took me to "remove the retainer," and all for only fifteen bucks.

There's probably a lesson here for us "guys," but I will have forgotten it by the time I get another flat. But I will always remember the engineers who put batteries in inaccessible places for guys.

Clarkston People Poll

The Clarkston News asks:
How do you enjoy the
warm weather?



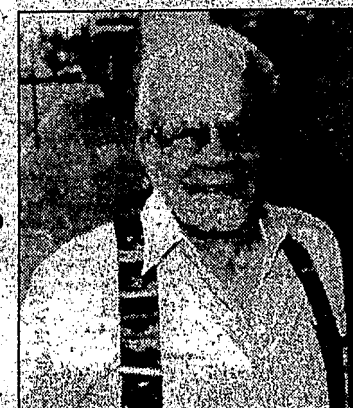
"Sitting out on my back deck and absorbing the sun rays."
--Nancy Knitter



"Taking my little boy to the park."
--Tammy Yoder



"I like to walk"
--Charline Odden



"Golfing."
--Anthony Guzzo

Police and Fire

Independence Township

Sunday, April 21, a larceny of a golf cart was reported from a country club on Oakhurst.

Saturday, April 20, a homeowner on Wagoner Circle reported a malicious destruction of property of wooden lawn chairs.

Friday, April 19, medicals on Clintonville and S. Main.

Thursday, April 18, a home invasion, second degree, occurred on Woodcreek Trail. Assorted old coins were stolen. The resident's 21-year-old son is suspected.

An assault and battery occurred between 14- and 16-year-old brothers on Reese. A school social worker noticed bruises and marks on one of the boys and called authorities.

Wednesday, April 17, a restaurant on Main Street was burglarized. The rear door had been pried open; phone wires cut; and candy machines, video game cash boxes and register ransacked.

A 42-year-old woman was caught for retail fraud, after stealing \$17.96 in cigarettes from a grocery store on Dixie.

Tuesday, April 16, a 12-year-old boy at Clarkston Middle School threatened to kill teachers and students and was turned over to the school officer.

Monday, April 15, two 12-year-old boys were caught in malicious mischief on Parview. The boys were responsible for looking into storage sheds throughout an apartment complex and for the theft of a puppy, paddle boat and pontoon boat ignition key.

Following legal advice, a woman reported her 20-year-old son had possibly been the victim of criminal sexual conduct five years ago. The suspect is a 26-year-old woman. The man and woman have a child in common that resulted from the incident which occurred in the parking lot of the school administration building on Clarkston in November of 1997. The couple is in the midst of a custody battle over the five-year-old child. An investigation remains open.

Defrauding an innkeeper was reported on Dixie. Two men left a restaurant without paying for \$22.43 bill. The men who appeared to be intoxicated also struck a vehicle in the parking lot as they left. A license plate number was obtained.

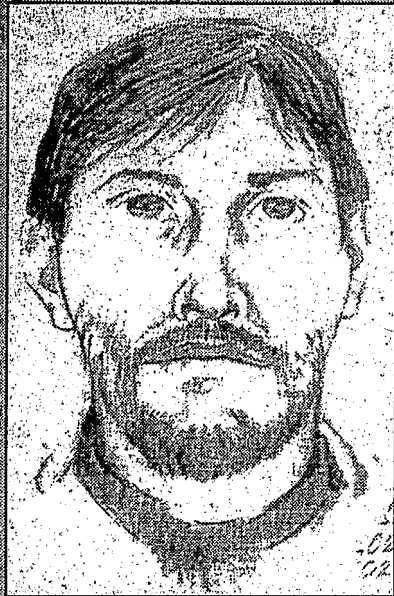
Springfield Township

Thursday, April 18, a suspicious circumstance and indecent exposure was reported by a complainant who stated a driver of a white GM pickup truck, traveling northbound on Dixie, exposed himself to the complainant while they were both stopped at the Dixie/Davisburg intersection.

Tuesday, April 16, a 32-year-old man was arrested on West Bart Court for the possession of cocaine with the intent to deliver and for open intoxicants in his vehicle.

An assault and battery occurred on Leslie between two men. The 21-year-old victim had a small cut above his right eye and a possible dislocated right thumb. The man wishes to pursue charges against the 26-year-old suspect. The case is open pending a review from the prosecutor's office.

Can you help?



Have you seen this man?—On April 11, an armed robbery occurred at Farmer Jack, 7121 Dixie Highway, in Independence Township. A white male in his 20s went to the cashier and requested a carton of Marlboro Lights in a box. He then stated he had a gun and wanted all the money in the drawer. The cashier gave him the cigarettes and \$570. The suspect was described as 5'11" tall, 180 lbs., dark hair, mustache and facial hair. He was wearing a black T-shirt, brown flannel shirt and black coat. Any information, please contact the Oakland County Sheriff's Department Tipline at 1-888-TURN 11 IN.

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Obituary

Mary J. Coulter

Mary J. Coulter of Clarkston died Wednesday, April 17, at the age of 86.

She was preceded in death by her husband David and sons Robert and Norman; she was the mother of Dorothy Newberry of Waterford, David (Bobette) Coulter of Pennsylvania and Kathryn (Jack) Mirovsky of Clarkston; grandmother of Scott, Robyn, Shannon, Summer, Pamela and Mary Jo; the great grandmother of Ryan, Zachary, Lindsay, Cody, William IV and Jessica.

A funeral service was held Saturday, April 20 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment followed at Mt. Avon Cemetery, Rochester. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Daniel J. Himmelspach

Daniel James "Jim" Himmelspach of Clarkston died Thursday, April 18 at the age of 69.

He was the beloved husband of Donna (nee Rose); loving father of William (Beverly) Sr., Francie (Mark) Gofton and Danielle (Terry) Ritchie; dearest grandfather of William (Adriane) Himmelspach Jr., Christina (Chris) Belling, Stacey Gofton, Aaron Gofton and Gabrielle Ritchie; precious great grandfather of Drew Blade Himmelspach, also survived by many cousins, nieces and nephews all special to his heart; also close loving cousin to Mary Ellen Felice; preceded in death by parents Archie and Marie Himmelspach and siblings William Himmelspach and Marguerite Stratton.

He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict, and he retired from the Oakland County Children's Village in 1989.

A funeral service was held Monday, April 22 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment followed at New Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Flint. Memorials may be made to Oakland County Children's Village.

Edward G. Struxness

Edward G. Struxness of Clarkston, formerly of Oak Ridge, TN, died Thursday, April 18 at the age of 88.

He was the husband of Thelma for 61 years, and the father of Karen (Minas) Teberian of Clarkston and Paul (Randi) Struxness of Missouri. He is also survived by seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He was the brother of Freda Jacobsen of Iowa, Irene Sawatzky of Ariz., Ruth Storvick of Minn. and Solveig Korot of Ariz. He was preceded in death by four brothers and two sisters.

He was the recipient of the American Nuclear Society's Special Award for Waste Disposal and Waste Management in 1975.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, April 28 at noon at Pine Hill Congregational Church, West Bloomfield. Memorials may be made to Grace Lutheran Church, Oak Ridge, TN or Hospice of Michigan. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.



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Around Town

Children's books, novels, travel, hobbies, sports and a "Better Books Boutique" will be available at this spring's **Used Book Sale**, April 25-27, sponsored by the Friends of the Independence Township Library. Sale hours will be during library hours on Thursday and Friday, but only until 2 p.m. on Saturday. Book prices are \$2 for adult hard covers, \$1 for adult paperback, \$1.50 for children's hard cover and children's paperbacks will be \$.75 each or 3/\$2. Saturday is "bargain day"--all books are \$2 a bag. There will be a preview for Friends members, Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. By joining Wednesday, your dues will be paid through 2002. The "Better Books Boutique" will feature gift-quality used books for both children and adults. Also available will be a selection of volumes suitable for display or interior decorating. The boutique will be open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday only. For information call Joan Patterson at 625-3808.

It's kindergarten orientation time! The Clarkston Community Schools **kindergarten orientation schedule** is as follows: April 25 at North Sashabaw Elementary, 623-4100; April 26 at Springfield Plains Elementary, 623-3800; April 29 at Pine Knob Elementary, 623-3900; April 30 at Bailey Lake Elementary, 623-5300; May 1 at Clarkston Elementary, 623-5100; May 2 at Independence Elementary, 623-5500 and May 3 at Andersonville Elementary, 623-5200. Please contact the school your child will be attending for more details about this very special day.

Residents are being asked to drop off their dry newspapers Saturday, April 27 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Bailey Lake Elementary, 8051 Pine Knob Rd., off Clarkston Road. The Parent Teacher Association sponsored **paper drive** is a recycling project to help teach students the importance of earth awareness. For more information call Earth Awareness Chairperson Karen Giegler at (248) 394-0901.

Give blood April 28, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the St. Daniel Cushing Center. Call 625-4583 for an appointment.

The Clarkston High School Senior Class will be "Groovin' Back a Few in 2002" at their Post-Graduation party. The Clarkston Christian Association will be the site of the 15th Annual **All-Night Party** following graduation ceremonies Wednesday, June 5 from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Mesquite Creek will generously donate a percentage of their sales for the entire day of Monday, April 29 for this annual affair. Area residents are encouraged to dine at Mesquite Creek to help make this years party a success. Contact Trev Weiss at 620-0091 or Lori Blicher at 620-0087 for more information or to volunteer the night of the party.

Attend a free lecture on how your immune system can **prevent or reverse** diseases such as asthma, allergies, lupus, psoriasis, chronic fatigue, cancer,

fibromyalgia and chrons, Tuesday, April 30 at 1:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Rd. Call for more information, Heman Holistic Health, at (248)328-8363

The **Widowed Support Group** will meet Thursday, May 2 at 7 p.m. for an informal sharing meeting for men and women of all ages who have been recently widowed. The topic for the evening will be "Recognizing and Dealing with Stress." The objective: "To discuss a way of healing by telling our stories." Bereavement Counselor Alicia Brown will facilitate. All meetings are held at the Independence Township Senior Center in Clintonwood Park on Clarkston Road. There is no charge and no registration. Refreshments will be served. For questions or to be put on a mailing list, call the Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home at 625-5231.

Clarkston Community Education in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute, will offer an eight-hour **Basement Remodeling seminar** on Monday/Wednesday, May 6 and 8 from 6-10 p.m. at the Clarkston Community Education Center, 6300 Church St. The seminar is designed to help people make better use of valuable space in their homes. The instructor will explain the many facets of basement remodeling including planning, meeting building codes, insurances, permits, estimating materials as well as the basics of home construction. Also discussed will be working with subcontractors, finishing techniques as well as tying into existing plumbing, electrical and heating systems. Cost is \$95 plus a textbook fee of \$8. Preregistration with payment is required no later than Thursday, May 2. Call 623-4550

The Clarkston Community Women's Club presents **Project Healthy Living** May 10 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon. The following free tests and services are available to anyone at least 18 years of age: height and weight, glaucoma, blood pressure, health education information, counseling and referral, and vision. The following optional tests will carry a nominal lab fee: blood panel of 22 profiles, prostate specific antigen blood test for men, ovarian cancer antigen blood test for women, iron, colorectal cancer screening kits, gastritis and ulcer blood tests, bone density, stroke screen, aortic aneurysm screen, leg circulation screen and heart echo. For more information, call the project hotline (810)424-8600 Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., or call the church at 625-1611 on May 10.

Neighbor for Neighbor, a nonprofit charitable organization which provides food, clothing and financial assistance to Springfield, Holly, Groveland, Rose and parts of Independence and White Lake Townships, will hold a **Fundraising Rummage and Bake Sale**. "Treasures and Treats" will be held inside the Hart Community Center, 495 Broadway in downtown Davisburg's Mill Pond Park on Friday, May 10 and Saturday, May 11

This week Around Town

Thursday through Saturday, April 25-27, Stop by the Independence Township Library's used book sale.

Starting Thursday, April 25, Get your kindergarten oriented with the Clarkston Community Schools, through May 2.

Saturday, April 27 at 9 a.m., Drop off your dry newspapers at Bailey Lake Elementary's paper drive.

Sunday, April 28 at 8 a.m., Give blood at St. Daniel Cushing Center.

Monday, April 29, Attend the 15th Annual All-Night Party at Mesquite Creek.

Monday, April 30 at 1:30 p.m., Attend a free lecture on how your immune system can prevent or reverse certain diseases.

from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A wonderful opportunity to buy homemade baked goods and one-of-a-kind donated items. Proceeds will benefit Neighbor to Neighbor. The Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Department plans their **Community Garage and Sidewalk Sale** at the same time--making this **Davisburg's Biggest Garage Sale**. Call Neighbor for Neighbor at 634-0900 for more information.

Make your dream come true by learning and understanding the home building process. Clarkston Community Education in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute will offer a comprehensive 16-hour seminar on **How To Build Your Own Home**, Monday/Wednesday, May 13-22 from 6-10 p.m. at the Clarkston Community Center, 6300 Church St. Preregistration with payment is required by Thursday, May 9. Call 623-4550 Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Camp Fire USA North Oakland Council invites area runners to participate in the 12th Annual **5k Run** on Saturday, May 18 at 9 a.m. at the Independence Oaks County Park at 9501 Sashabaw. Funds raised from the run will help send low-income children to summer camp. Participants will be eligible to win hotel overnights, meals and gift certificates. Runner awards will be given to the overall male and female runners and the first two places in various age divisions. Registration fee is \$18/participant if registered by May 3 and \$20 afterwards. Group and family rate are available. For further information or to receive a registration form, call (248)618-9050.

Independence approves animal control ordinance

BY KYLE GARGARO
Clarkston News Editor

The Independence Township Board approved the first reading of an animal control ordinance at the April 16 board meeting. The ordinance addresses dangerous/vicious dogs.

The topic was first before the board at the Jan. 9 2002 meeting. During the discussion, multiple board members voiced several

concerns to township attorney Steve Joppich. Joppich addressed those issues and submitted a redraft to the board.

One of the most significant changes was a new section which effectively eliminated the "one free bite" and provides a mechanism for the destruction or removal from the township of any dog that bites a person.

"However, it is my opinion that the owner of a dog that has bitten a person should be given a due process hearing prior to being deemed to have committed a crime for failing to destroy his or her dog," Joppich said.

The adoption of the first reading, passed by a 4-3 margin with supervisor Dale Stuart, and trustees Larry Rosso, Daniel Kelly,

and Daniel Travis supporting the motion.

"By in large I think this is a good ordinance. Loud and aggressive dogs in subdivision living could cause problems for some neighbors," Travis said. "Police have been operating without the strength of an ordinance for too long. I think we need it for them to do a good job for our community."

Clerk Joan McCrary, treasurer James Wenger and trustee David Wagner all voted against the proposal.

"I think we are getting a little carried away here," Wagner said.

McCrary said the vote for final reading and adoption will probably take place at the next board meeting.

Check out The Clarkston News for what is happening Around Town.

Homeowner's special fire alert given by Independence Fire Department

Deck sealers and stains can spontaneously combust.

Within hours of usage, oil soaked rags will catch fire on their own, without any heat source, if not disposed of properly.

The Independence Township Fire Department has these general recommendations:

- Always store soiled rags outdoors.
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- Hang or lay soiled rags outside, flat, until completely dry.
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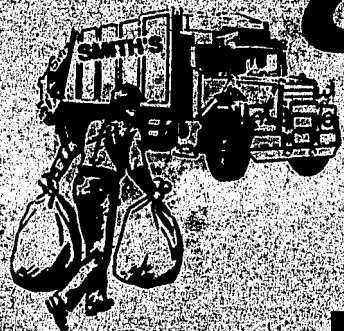
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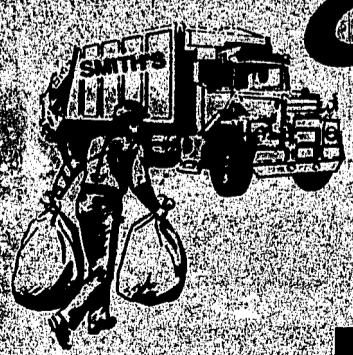


Selflessly serving the community--Clarkston Middle Schoolers Natalee McGinnis and Marina Dabrowski were two of 103 Clarkston kids recognized for their contributions to the community. Here, they take time out of a special reception to pose with Clarkston Middle School Principal Linda Armstrong and special guest, Detroit Lions mascot. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

Youth rewarded for contributions

Each year the Clarkston Area Youth Assistance approaches organizations and schools in the Clarkston area for nominations of students who have contributed in voluntary service to make the area a better place to live and grow. These students are recognized for their willingness to participate in programs developed to assist and/or provide a better quality life for those with special needs; stepping forward and reacting in a positive way in the face of adversity; and for contributing hours of volunteer work without ever wondering "what's in it for me?" This year, 103 students were awarded certificates of appreciation at a Youth Recognition Reception, April 16, at Clarkston Middle School.

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Mixing of ages



A happy Easter—A small group of students from Springfield Plains Elementary recently made a visit to Pine Tree Place, an assisted living home in Clarkston. Candy and personal items were collected by the first and second grade classes, then arranged in Easter baskets and taken to the home. March 26, by these children along with their parents and teachers Susan Powers, Susan Foss and Jennifer Martinson. Photo courtesy of Susan Powers.

Recommendations for field trips submitted

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff
Writer

It was said this was going to be a transitory time.

And now after almost a year of school with an amended field trip policy in place, Clarkston is doing some additional tweaking.

Since November when the Clarkston Community School Board approved the policy change to be more in line with

Michigan code, the Elementary and Middle School Teaching and Learning Councils (TLC) have been studying field trips taken within the district. The group, made up of individuals representing all subjects and grade levels, created a list of acceptable curricular student trips—considered supplemental to instruction, and taking away from classtime—for grades K-8. Geraldine Moore, director of curriculum, research and evaluation, pre-

Independence

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meeting. After a motion for the new township hall passed, a motion to have the Clintonwood Park improvements stand on their own failed. Shortly after, another vote to combine the township hall and the park improvements were also voted down.

It was not until Trustee Dan Kelly proposed to vote on each issue separately, then vote to combine them on the ballot, was the measure passed.

Treasurer James Wenger and Trustee Larry Rosso voted for the new township hall, but against

the park improvements on a separate ballot and a combined ballot.

They both voiced the opinion the Clintonwood Park improvements should not be combined to the township hall since they are not linked.

"The Clintonwood Park improvements should be lined with the community center. They are on the same property and are both recreation," Rosso said.

The special meeting was called after Stuart suggested the board consider a new township hall on one August ballot, with the park improvements and a

new senior center on another August ballot. Since the board did not have much time to consider the proposal at the April 16 meeting, they decided to meet on April 18 to give them time to consider it. Stuart's request would have separated the senior center from the community center.

However the board decided against putting the senior center on the August ballot. The board will wait for a study by a consulting firm investigating the feasibility a community center would have in Independence Township. The board is concerned

not only of the initial cost but also the operating cost. This study should go a long way in determining what type of operational cost there would be and how much they would have to charge to break even.

"This township can't take on anything to subsidize the operation of this project. Troy and Canton have the funding to do that but we don't," Stuart said.

The study will likely take around 60 days to complete. This means the soonest a possible senior center, community center or a combination of the two can reach the ballot would be November.

sented this list to board members, April 15.

Moore said the group looked at the curriculum and decided what experiences they'd like kids to have in their school career, which includes:

- Kindergarten—Farm, nature center and/or apple orchard.

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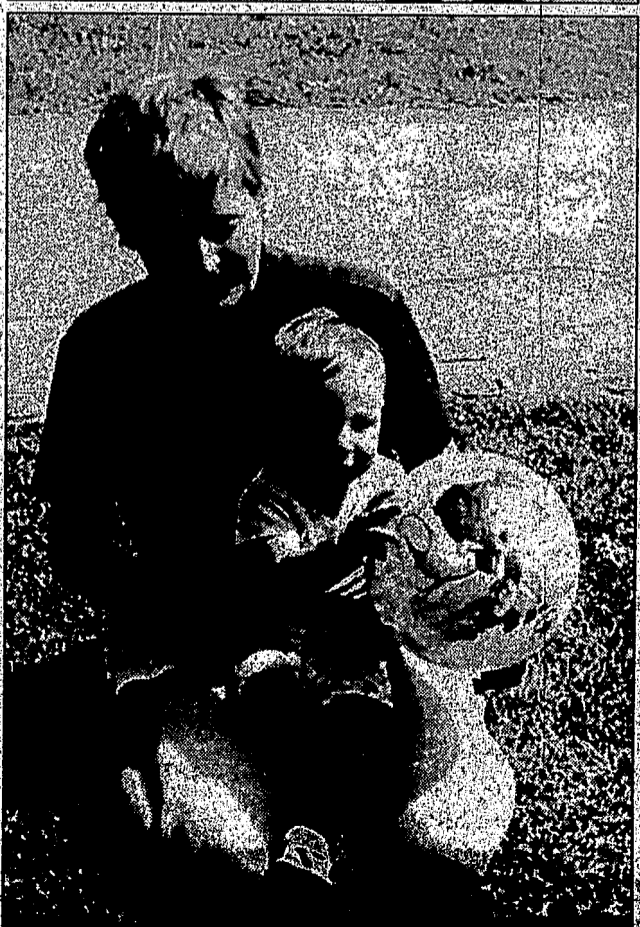
A duck's life — Sonja Chiappelli of Clarkston helps daughter Serena, 2, feed the ducks during lunchtime April 18 at Depot Park. Photos by Jeff Patrus.



Away he goes — Grandpa Bill Switzer of Plainwell helps grandson Aaron Glueck, 1-1/2, of Clarkston down the slide.



Flying high — Deb Lacki, at left, of Clarkston takes son Griffin, 1, for a spin. Below left, while visiting her parents in Clarkston, Meredith Rabick of Kalamazoo took time out to enjoy the spring weather with daughter Audrey, 1.



What a ride! — Stephanie Siolek of Clarkston gives Taylor Kanowski, 5, and Morgan Kanowski, 2-1/2, quite a push as they enjoy the outdoors.

Council approves resolutions for Phase II of water system

Approximately 40 residents show up at public hearing, many voice concerns about cost of water project

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Following a spirited public hearing April 22, the Clarkston City Council approved several resolutions pertaining to Phase II of its water system.

The council approved special assessment resolutions for four districts in the city, with separate water and paving district resolutions passed. They followed that up by authorizing the sale of general obligation funds for Phase II of the project.

In addition, a special meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 2 at Clarkston City Hall to award the bid for the general obligation bonds.

According to City Councilman Scott Meyland, the city's bond counselor, Dennis Nieman of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, will put a package

of bids together and forward them to City Manager Art Pappas the day of the special meeting. From there, the city will select which company to award the bids to, Meyland said.

About 40 residents showed up at the public hearing to express their concerns about the cost of the project and hooking up to the city's water system. The hearing lasted one hour and 45 minutes.

City Engineer Gary Tressel said city residents have the option to stay on the well and not connect to the city's water system. However, he said if a homeowner's well was found to be contaminated, that homeowner would be obligated to hook up to the city well.

City resident Mike Suran, who lives in the Middle Lake area, was one of those residents who expressed concern over the cost of the project.

"I appreciate the efforts and the great deal of time the council has put into minimizing the cost," he said. "My concern is it's still an increased cost even though it's minimized. I appreciate the option for individual districts to petition

for elimination of special assessments for their districts."

Charles Inabnit, who lives on South Main and was one of the residents affected by Phase I of the project, said he has had problems getting his driveway getting repaired after the water main was put in.

"We've just had a lot of problems with the contractor," he said. "Evidently, the state can't deal with their contractor like a private developer would. We were one of the first five houses done for the water main, but one of the last five to have mop up work."

In response, Mayor Sharron Catalo said the council would get together with the Department of Public Works to address Inabnit's concerns.

Meyland said a factor in Inabnit's complaint was the fact that the Michigan Department of Transportation had control over management of Phase I of the project. He said that would change with Phase II.

"We have issues to revisit with MDOT once the weather is decent," he said. "We didn't choose the contractor

for Phase I. That was an MDOT project. We will have a little bit more control over how the project is managed. We're going to continue to work with MDOT to get issues from Phase I resolved."

In addressing residents' concerns over the cost of the project, Nieman said this would be the best time to get the project underway.

"Doing it now is the most inexpensive way," he said. "It's not going to get cheaper down the road."

Catalo also said it would not get any cheaper to do the project down the road.

"It's a hard thing to ask people for," she said. "We've discussed this for a long time. I think now is a good time to go ahead and do this. It's not going to be less expensive in 10 years to do this."

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Military

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them we are not the Infantry of Vietnam and that was not our job anymore."

Shaul was down there for a month before going back to Uzbekistan. Soon after his platoon was told they were going to be the Quick Reaction Force for Operation Anaconda, the biggest mission since Desert Storm.

"It was exciting that we were going to get our chance now and that we were going to be able to make history," Shaul said.

The QRF serves more as a backup in case the operation does not go well so the group did not know if they would be actually going in at that time.

However, they were called into action after Charlie Company went into a hot landing zone and suffered 23 casualties, although thankfully nobody lost their life.

"They were there for 48 hours. Then on March 1, they pulled them in and early morning March 2 they told us we were going," Shaul said.

They were there for eight days, although Shaul is not allowed to say what they did during those eight days.

"I can say we did get involved in a fire fight but everybody made it out alive," Shaul said. "I am asked a lot if I was scared. There were times yes I was scared and times where I was nervous

but you have to put it out of your head. We are told if we are scared or nervous it is a distraction. If you are distracted you are not firing and if you are not firing someone else is going to get shot," Shaul said.

Shaul and his platoon returned to the United States on April 2.

"I kissed the customs building at the airport and I kissed the ground because I was on American soil. It was so great to be back in my country," Shaul said.

They were welcomed in by family and friends. Shaul was greeted by his father Rod Shaul and mother Sharon

Shaul.

"It was great. There were family, friends, flags and posters. Any sign you could think of was there. It was great to see both my parents there," Shaul said.

Shaul said while over in Afghanistan the troops knew the high level of support Americans back home were giving them. Personally, Shaul got a lot of support from his parents and sister, Angie, while he was over there.

"Our biggest opponent was our emotions. The terrorists were no contest. There was just nothing to it. They were done before they started," Shaul said. "The respect we had for one an-

other when we got out of there was extremely high."

Now that Shaul is back home in Clarkston he is just getting reacquainted with his home town. He has visited some friends and a few former teachers from high school. He is on leave until April 29.

The 21-year old has a lot of pride in the time he spent overseas and is especially proud of his Combat Infantry Badge.

"We earned them. We went into combat and got into a firefight. We saw planes drop 500 pounds bombs. We were there and we earned them," Shaul said.

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■ Fourth grade--Lansing's Capitol, the Detroit Science Center and/or Smokerville (a Camp Tamarack day camp).

■ Fifth grade--Detroit Institute of Arts and/or Greenfield Village.

■ Sixth grade--Camp experience.

■ Seventh grade--Cranbrook/planetarium experience.

■ Eighth grade--Holocaust museum/Holocaust experience.

The TLC suggests sixth through eighth grade experiences be the same at both middle schools.

Moore said some of the recommendations, like the "Holocaust experience," are recommendations that can actually be brought to the students, without students leaving school grounds.

The TLC believes all band, chorus and orchestra concerts and competitions are a critical part of the curriculum, but should not be classified as field trips.

The TLC, though recommending the list, did not recommend a method of funding, but said it should not be at the expense of personnel in the district, since board members just completed several staff reductions to get their budget back in order.

Curricular student trips, since they are enriching classroom instruction, are not to be the financial burden of students, the policy says. Students may be charged a reasonable fee for nonmandatory trips, those considered beneficial to students, but not part of the formal instructional process.

This year the district did not fund any student trips. All monies were gained through support groups, organizations or

fundraisers.

Dave Reschke, assistant superintendent for K-8 operations, discussed funding with the board. He feels there should be a mechanism for which to approve field trips, stating:

■ All field trip polices remain in effect.

■ The student trip list be reviewed on a yearly basis.

■ A fair and equitable budget be given to each school building.

■ Each school building submit a proposal of which field trips from the list they will take and why.

■ Community support groups be included in adding trips to the list.

■ All nonmandatory field trips be considered in a school building based on support and should not be taken on school time.

Reschke recommended almost \$44,000 be set aside from the district's budget for curricular student trips. This equals \$8 per student for K-8. This still will not be enough to cover the recommendations on the list that total about \$90,000, he said.

Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts said, "Consistency suffers when there are no guidelines. This a step that needs to be taken whether funding is an issue or not. If nothing else, taking time away from class is serious business. If we can do better in class, (the students) need not go."

Reschke also noted the board approved almost every field trip this year. Curricular trips require approval of the superintendent, and board approval is necessary for overnight trips. Nonmandatory trips require the approval of the appropriate building administrator, and approval by the superintendent is necessary for overnight excursions.

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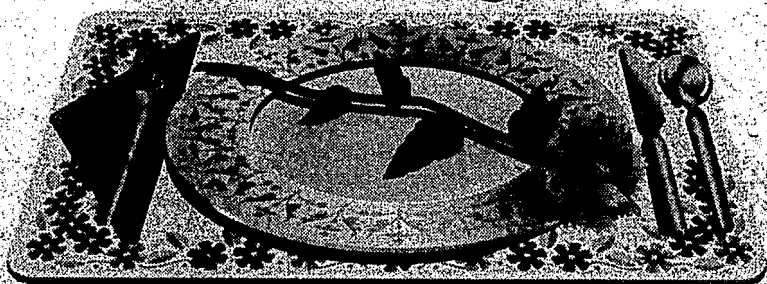
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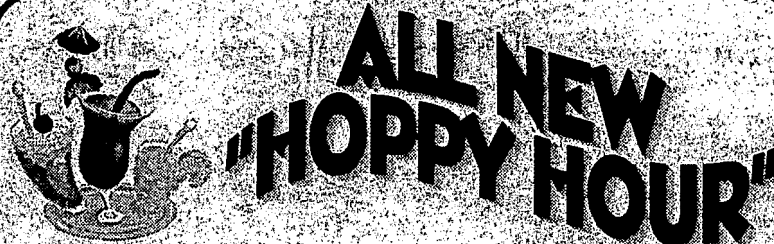
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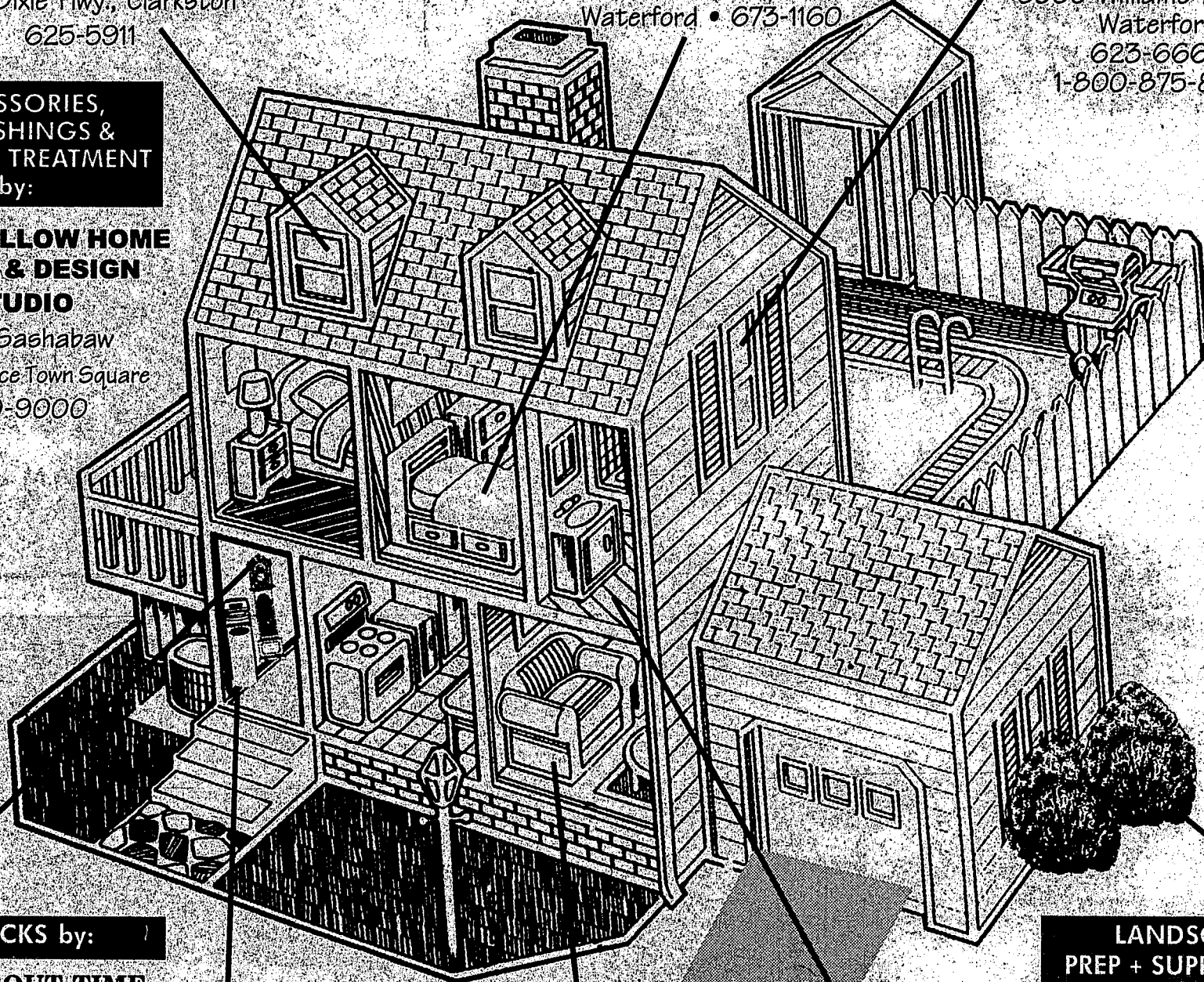
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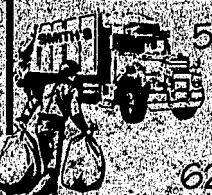
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Tennis: Netters finish second at invite. **See page 5B.**

Girls track: Team holds their own against Adams, Rochester. **See page 5B.**

Girls soccer: Wolves rebound from two losses by defeating Oxford. **See page 5B.**

Upcoming games:

Baseball:

4/24 vs. Rochester, 4:30 p.m.

4/26 at Troy Athens, 4:30 p.m.

4/29 vs. Lake Orion, 4:30 p.m.

Softball:

4/24 vs. West Bloomfield (DH), 4:30 p.m.

4/26 vs. Brandon, 4:30 p.m.

4/29 at Lake Orion (DH), 4 p.m.

Boys track:

4/27 at Andover Relays, 10 a.m.

4/29 vs. Lake Orion at Troy, 4:30 p.m.

Girls track:

4/27 at Andover Relays, 10 a.m.

4/29 vs. Lake Orion at Troy, 4:30 p.m.

Boys tennis:

4/25 at Berkley, 4 p.m.

4/26 vs. East Kentwood, 4 p.m.

4/30 at Lake Orion, 4 p.m.

Girls soccer:

4/25 at Kimball, 7 p.m.

4/26 at Kettering, 7 p.m.

4/30 vs. West Bloomfield, 7 p.m.

Girls golf:

4/25 League Meet at Pine Trace, 8 a.m.

4/29 vs. Rochester, 3:15 p.m.

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All-around play key for softball team

Wiegand stars on mound as Wolves notch three wins

BY JEFF PATRUS
 Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Clarkston softball team is getting solid production in all areas of the game—pitching, hitting and fielding.

That production led the Wolves to three victories last week, and has led them to an undefeated start with four victories.

In a doubleheader Wednesday, April 17, the Wolves defeated the Rochester Falcons 5-1 in the opener and 11-1 in the nightcap. Senior Kathy Wiegand pitched both games and allowed a one-hitter in each contest.

Sophomore Heather Giroux continues to be an offensive force for the Wolves, as she knocked out four hits in the second game. Junior Missy Parsons added five hits in the two games combined, while junior Jenna Kast drove in four runs in the doubleheader.

"Overall, Kathi pitched a real nice game and we played some good defense," Clarkston coach Al Land said. "It seemed like the hitting was working and we were aggressive on the bases."

Clarkston continued their winning ways with a 5-3 win against Rochester Adams April 19. Senior Stacie Giroux and sophomore Suzie Giroux each had two hits for the Wolves. Weigand tossed



Team spirit — Clarkston softball players Missy Parsons (12), Stacie Giroux (3) and Kathi Wiegand (9) rally their teammates before the start of Clarkston's doubleheader against Rochester April 17. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

a complete game one-hitter to seal the win.

"We played six innings of good defense and had them shut out," Land said. "We had two errors in one inning, which led to three runs. We just have to make sure we don't do that too often. Out of 28 innings we've played, two of them

were mistake-prone."

The Wolves were scheduled to take on Waterford Kettering Monday, April 22. After that, they take on visiting West Bloomfield in a doubleheader Wednesday, April 24 and then visiting Brandon on Friday, April 26.

Boys' team splits dual meet

BY JEFF PATRUS
 Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Clarkston boys track experienced some highs and lows in their dual meet against Rochester and Rochester Adams.

The Wolves defeated Adams 68-56 while falling to Rochester 86-41. The meet was held Tuesday, April 16 at Clarkston High School.

"That was our first meet," Clarkston coach Walt Wynnemko said. "We had some good things and some bad things. We have to get stronger in the field events. Basically, our overall performance wasn't all that bad. We didn't have a scrimmage this year prior to the meet. We have some injuries that we have to work through."

The Wolves triumphed in five events against the Falcons. The 3200 meter relay team of junior Mark Sitko, freshman Kevin Parks, senior Mike Wilder and

sophomore Steve Chenet finished with a time of 8:34.8, and senior Mark Kraus followed that up with a time of 15:72 in the 100 meter hurdles.

Sophomore Brandon Parks finished the 800 meter run with a time of 2:09.8 to win that event, and freshman Rob Clark jumped 20' in the long jump to set the pace in that event. Clarkston's other event win against Rochester came in the pole vault, as senior Cory Henneman triumphed with a jump of 12'6".

Against Adams, the 3200 meter relay team of Sitko, Parks, Wilder and Chenet was triumphant, as was Parks in the 800 meter dash, Clark in the long jump and Henneman in the pole vault. In addition, Brian Oltman won the 100

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Ready to soar — Clarkston's Travis Roche prepares for his turn in the high jump during the Wolves' April 16 dual meet against Rochester and Rochester Adams. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

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Varsity girls golf — Members of the 2002 Clarkston varsity girls golf team are (l-r): Anna Trim, Laura Barnett, Ashleigh Tate, Nina Jackson, Kristi Hortsman, Meghan Williams, Jenny Driscoll, Sarah Maesch and Lisa Lesko. Also on the varsity, but not pictured, is Lindsey Pawlik. The Wolves are coached by Larry Sherrill. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

Girls golf looks toward improvement in league this year

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

What the Clarkston girls golf team may lack in experience, they make up for in attitude, according to Coach Larry Sherrill.

Sherrill, in his fourth year as the coach, said team members have all worked diligently to improve their games and have a desire to succeed.

"They're the greatest kids," he said. "They come out and work hard. I never have any problems with them. I think we'll be okay."

This year's team is comprised of ten players, including five returning players and one rookie. Last year, the Wolves finished fourth in Oakland Activities Association Division I, and lost three of their top four players. Two of those three, Lauren Benner and Kelly Haggard, graduated, while Taylor Wilburn moved.

Leading the way for this year's team are junior Anna Trim and senior Laura Barnett. Sherrill said he expects big things, in particular, from Trim, who has been selected to play in a national tournament in Hawaii during the summer and is currently raising money toward that end.

Sherrill said he is hoping the Wolves will make a climb up the OAA I standings this year and finish in third place. He said Rochester, which features one of the area's best golfers in Megan Bradley, will be the team to beat in the league this year, and also said Troy

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| 5/13 | at Troy | 3:15 p.m. |
| 5/17 | Regionals (TBA) | 8 a.m. |
| 5/20 | Troy Athens | 3:15 p.m. |
| 5/21 | at Rochester Adams | 3:15 p.m. |
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should have "a real solid returning team."

In addition, he said he hopes one or more of the team's players qualifies for the state tournament. He said he realizes the girls golf program, which is only in its fourth year at Clarkston, may not be ready to make a move toward the state tourney, but said Trim and Barnett have a good shot at doing so on an individual basis.

The Wolves will be splitting their home meets this year between Springfield Oaks Golf Course in Davisburg and Heather Highlands.

This year's edition of the girls team has gotten off to a average start. The Wolves' first match of the year was against Rochester April 11, which the team lost 190-204. Trim led the Wolves in that meet with a

"They're the greatest kids. They come out and work hard. I never have any problems with them. I think we'll be okay."

Larry Sherrill
Clarkston girls golf coach

round of 45, while Barnett added a 51.

Sherrill admitted the lack of sufficient practice time for that contest may have been a factor. He said the Wolves only had two days of practice prior to the Rochester match because they had just finished holding try-outs and selecting this year's team.

The Wolves had better luck April 15 when they defeated Troy Athens at Sylvan Glen 202-213. Trim led the team with a round of 44 while Barnett added a 49.

Members of this year's Clarkston girls golf team are: Laura Barnett, Jenny Driscoll, Kristi Hortsman, Nina Jackson, Lisa Lesko, Sarah Maesch, Lindsey Pawlik, Ashleigh Tate, Anna Trim and Meghan Williams.

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Clarkston nine takes second at Brandon Invitational

Wolves struggle in 11-10 loss to West Bloomfield April 19, committing 10 errors

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Last weekend didn't start off too well for the Clarkston baseball team, but they ended it on a better note.

The Wolves were "godawful", according to coach Phil Price, in their 11-10 loss to West Bloomfield Friday, April 19. However, they bounced back to take second place at the Brandon Invitational Saturday, April 20, losing the championship game to state-ranked Davison, 7-3. The Wolves are now 4-5 on the season.

Ryan Weiss and Matt Orris led the Wolves' hitting attack in that contest, with Weiss going three-for-three and Orris two-for-three. Ben Munce took the loss on the mound for Clarkston.

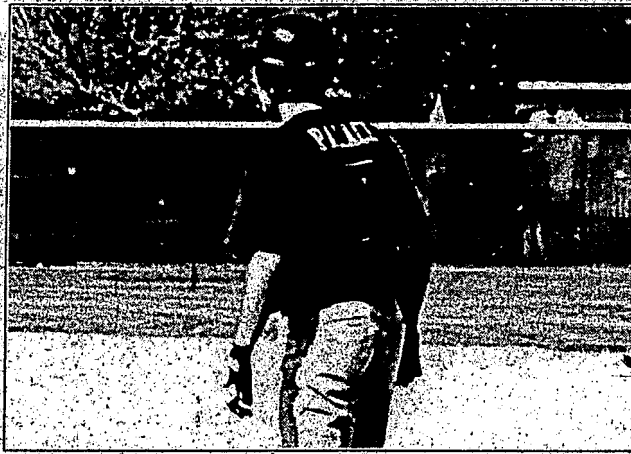
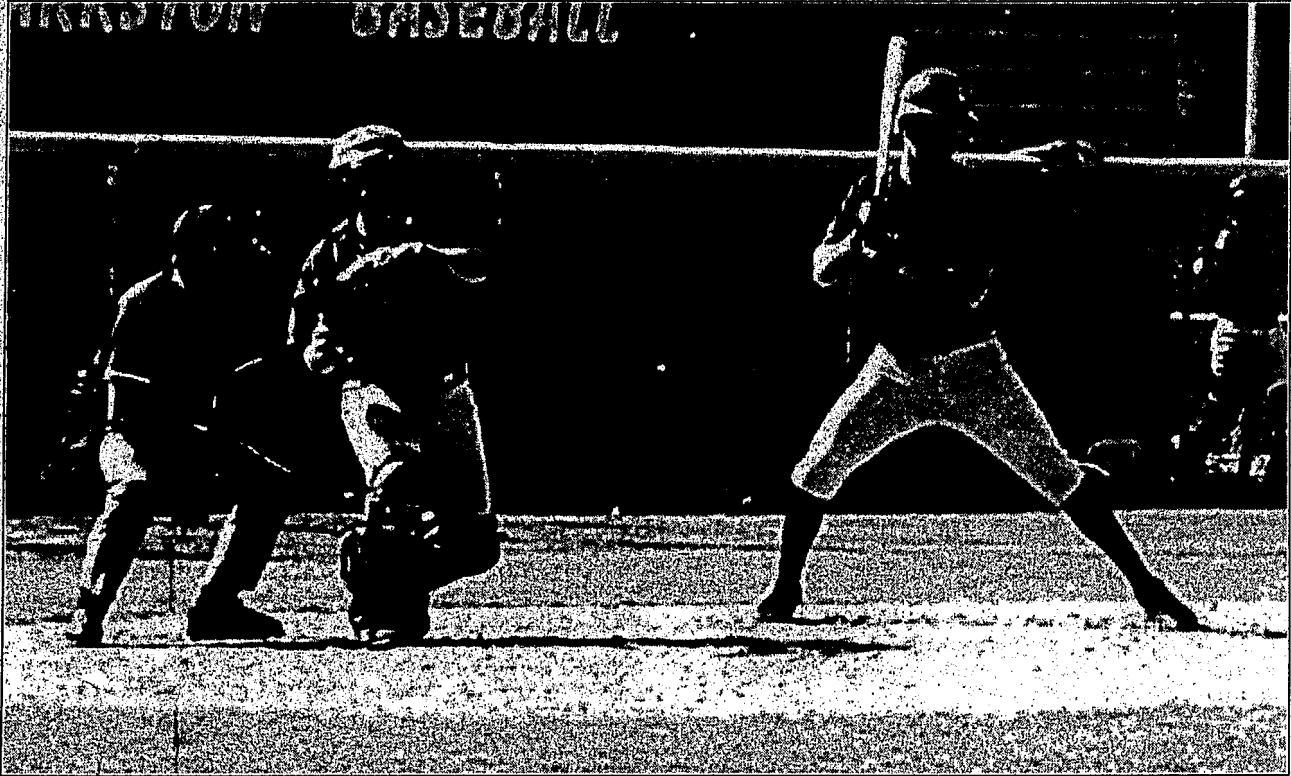
In the Wolves' opening game of the tourney against Lapeer East, they came away with an 8-7 win. The Wolves scored four runs in the fourth inning and two in the fifth to win the game. Orris went two-for-four with two doubles and a walk, while Weiss went one-for-two with two runs batted in and Derek Ranck two-for-three. Josh Herzog picked up the win in relief.

The Wolves advanced to the championship game of the invite with a 7-2 win against Goodrich, ranked sixth in the state. Aaron Powell went two-for-three in that contest, while Weiss went one-for-three with two runs batted in, Orris two-for-four and Bobby Slaughter two-for-two. Herzog started the game this time and went all seven innings to pick up his second win of the day.

The Wolves' solid showing at the invite balanced out their 11-10 loss to the West Bloomfield Lakers the previous day. The Wolves made 10 errors in that game.

Clarkston rallied from a 5-1 deficit to score three runs in the third inning and one in the fourth to tie the game at five. However, in the top of the fifth inning, the Lakers scored six runs to make the score 11-5. The Wolves managed to score another run in the sixth and four in the seventh, but couldn't get any closer.

"On Friday, we were godawful," said Price. "We just couldn't field anything. We did poor in every aspect of the game, but our kids battled."



Play ball! — Clarkston's Ben Munce (above) steps up to the plate against West Bloomfield during a game April 19 at Clarkston High School. The Wolves lost to the Lakers 11-10, in a game where they committed 10 errors. However, they rebounded the next day at the Brandon Invitational, defeating Lapeer East and Goodrich before losing to state-ranked Davison 7-3 in the championship game. The Wolves are now 4-5 on the season. (left) The Wolves Sam Palace looks to gain an advantage on the basepaths April 19 against West Bloomfield. Photos by Jeff Patrus.

Although Price said the team has had their ups and downs so far this season, he is proud of how they have improved.

"The young kids are getting better," he said. "Aaron Powell is doing a great job. We're going to get better as the year goes on."

The Wolves competed Monday, April 22 at Troy and will host Rochester Wednesday, April 24 at 4:30 p.m. On Saturday, April 27, the Wolves will compete in

the "Pops" Warner Classic, named for the former Clarkston baseball coach.

The festivities will get underway at 10 a.m. and will feature eight teams: Clarkston, Farmington Hills, Harrison, Fraser, Waterford Kettering, Holly, Lakeland, Lake Shores and Flushing. The invite will take place at the Clarkston High School and Clintonwood fields, with the Wolves' first game slated to take place at the high school.

Boys track

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meter dash with a time of 11.54 seconds.

The Wolves are looking to improve in league action down the road, according to Wyniemo. While he said the team has to get healthier, he also said it was important for the team to remember three things that he emphasized to them: have fun, improve your times and do your best.

"We're a young team," he said.

The Wolves competed in a league meet Tuesday, April 23 and then take part in the Andover Co-Ed Relays Saturday, April 27 at Bloomfield Hills Andover. On Monday, April 29, they will take on Troy and Lake Orion in a dual meet.

Sports shorts

Gove on offensive tear for Albion College baseball team

Sophomore outfielder Bret Gove, a Clarkston native, was one of the bright spots for an Albion College baseball team that has struggled recently.

The Britons (13-13 overall and 2-7 in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association) is looking to rebound after losing five games last week. The Britons lost nine-inning non-league games against Spring Arbor University and Hillsdale College, and were swept by Hope College in a three-game league series.

Gove posted a .389 batting average (7 for 18) and scored five runs.

Athlete of the Week — Lindsey Hawley

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston senior Lindsey Hawley has steadily gained experience each of her four years on the girls' track team, and has put that to good use in the discus and shot put.

In a dual meet against Rochester and Rochester Adams Tuesday, April 23, Hawley notched a throw of 30' 10" in the shot put and a throw of 108' 7" in the discus, placing for the Wolves in both events.

She said assistant coach Kyle Powell "has helped me grow in the sport" and is willing to work with her to improve her skills in both events.

Hawley is hoping for the team to make a strong showing in Oakland Activities Association Division I.

"I want our team to place at least second in the league," she said. "I know we can do it. Maybe we can even place first if we can beat Adams."

Hawley, who was a cheerleader during the fall of 2001, will be attending Oakland Community College this fall and study to become a nurse.

In her spare time, she said she enjoys being



Track mainstay — Clarkston senior Lindsey Hawley has been a steady contributor for the Wolves' girls track team in the shot put and discus. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

with her friends and family. She is the daughter of Melvin and Alaina Hawley of Clarkston, and has two sisters: Lana, 26, and Latisha, 23.

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Your serve — Clarkston's Mike Claus awaits the shot during the Wolves' April 16 meet against Kettering. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

Netters finish second in invite

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston's tennis team held their own April 20 against some of the top competition in the area.

The Wolves finished second in the Clarkston Quad, held at Clarkston High School, behind Livonia Stevenson. In doing so, they finished ahead of such teams as Flint Powers and Warren DeLaSalle.

Mike Rashid excelled for the Wolves at the invite, taking first place at #2 singles. In addition, the #2 doubles team of Andy Smith and Amit Surapaneni, playing together for the first time this season, took first place in that event.

In addition, three other Wolves took runner-up honors at the invite: Andrew Brown at #1 singles, Justyn Roderick at #3 singles and Barth Surapaneni at #4 singles.

The Wolves' showing came on the heels of a 6-2 loss to Birmingham Groves in a key league showdown featuring two teams that are usually in contention for the league championship.

"Pretty much every match was three sets or tiebreakers," Clarkston coach Kevin Ortwine said. "Groves is one of the most improved teams in the entire state. It usually comes down to one of us for the league title. That puts them in the driver's seat."

In the Wolves' opening league match against Kettering Tuesday, April 16, they defeated Kettering 7-1 before losing to Brother Rice 8-0 on Wednesday,

April 17.

"We didn't play a very good match at all against Brother Rice," Ortwine said. "I think we were a bit intimidated. We didn't play up to our level."

So far, Ortwine said his top two singles players, Andrew Brown and Mike Rashid, have excelled. In fact, Ortwine said Rashid, a senior, needs eight more wins to break the school record.

In addition, the #1 doubles team of Mike Claus and John Szilvagy has shown improvement, according to Ortwine. "They've lost so many close matches but have played well," he said.

Ortwine said the Wolves have played some tough competition in the early going. Of the seven teams they have played in tournament action and the three they played in dual meet action, five are ranked in the top 10 teams in the state.

The coach said that experience will hopefully pay dividends for the Wolves in the long run.

"We're playing well and getting better," he said. "I'm hoping we start to see the benefit of that. Whether it works out remains to be seen. We'll see in the next couple of weeks."

The Wolves traveled to Royal Oak Kimball for a 4 p.m. meet Tuesday, April 23. They then travel to Berkley on Thursday, April 25 before returning home the following day to take on East Kentwood. The Wolves will square off against archrival Lake Orion Tuesday, April 30.

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Girls track shows mettle in meet

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Clarkston girls' track team may have split its duel meet against Rochester and Rochester Adams, but Coach Gordie Richardson was pleased nonetheless.

The Wolves fell to Adams 72-56 while defeating Rochester 87-41 in the meet, held Tuesday, April 16 at Clarkston High School.

"I was very pleased," said Richardson of the team's showing. "Adams is an experienced track team. They have an awful lot of depth. We were two relay wins away from being able to compete and that's pretty good."

Against Adams, Clarkston triumphed in six events. Junior Beth Randall got on the board first for the Wolves, winning the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 50.35. Freshman Liz Mengyan followed that up with a win in the 800 meter run, finishing with a time of 2:23.4.

Senior Lindsey Hawley was a difference-maker for the Wolves, as she triumphed in two different events: the shot put, with a throw of 30'10" and the discus with a throw of 108'7".

Others triumphing for the Wolves against Adams were junior Kimberly Wilson in the high jump with a jump of 5'2" and Casey Bolten in the pole vault with a vault of 6'6".

The Wolves triumphed in 11 different events

when their scores were matched up against Rochester. They took first place in five of the same six events they won against Adams. The only exception was the shot put, where Hawley's throw of 30'10" was only good for a second place finish.

Other events where the Wolves took first place were as follows: the 100 meter hurdles, where junior Emily Cushing finished with a time of 17.21; the 100 meter dash, where freshman Adrienne Jones finished with a time of 13.44; the 3200 meter relay, where the team of freshman Anne Oltman, sophomore Lauren Witt, freshman Gillian Nordquist and Mengyan finished with a time of 9:58.8; the 400 meter relay, where the team of Cushing, freshman Sarah Jennett, freshman Adrienne Jones and freshman Stephanie Parkin finished with a time of 54.04; the 200 meter dash, where Jones finished with a time of 28.67; and the 1600 meter relay, where the team of junior Beth Randall, sophomore Christyn Reuter, Oltman and Mengyan finished with a time of 4:21.78.

The Wolves competed Tuesday, April 23 in a meet against league rival Pontiac Northern. After that, they travel to Bloomfield Hills Andover for the Andover Co-Ed Relays Saturday, April 25, in which members of the boys and girls teams compete together against other schools.

"It's a real good time and a good way for the teams to get to know each other," Richardson said.

Soccer team rebounds from losses

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Despite losing two of three games last week, coach Tami Mitchell said the Clarkston girls soccer team is making strides.

The Wolves fell to host Birmingham Groves 1-0 on Tuesday, April 16 and then fell to visiting Avondale Thursday, April 17 by a 6-1 count, with sophomore midfielder Colleen Mead scoring the lone goal for the Wolves.

Clarkston rebounded Friday, April 18 by defeating visiting Oxafoad 3-1. Sophomore defenseman Ashley Lambert, senior forward Rockie Tripi and sophomore defenseman Ashley Hudson all scored for the Wolves. Clarkston is now 3-3 overall and 1-2 in Oakland Activi-

ties Association Division II.

"I think our team is definitely improving," Mitchell said. "By Friday, we started playing our game, which is a possession game. I think as long as we stick with that, we'll be okay."

Mitchell said Mead, sophomore midfielder Liz Hardy, sophomore defenseman Kelly Boskee and sophomore defenseman Megan Mutz have been the top players for the Wolves so far.

The Wolves resumed play Tuesday, April 23 with a game against visiting Lake Orion. Afterward, they travel to Royal Oak Kimball Thursday, April 25 for a 7 p.m. start and then head on to Waterford Kettering Friday, April 26.

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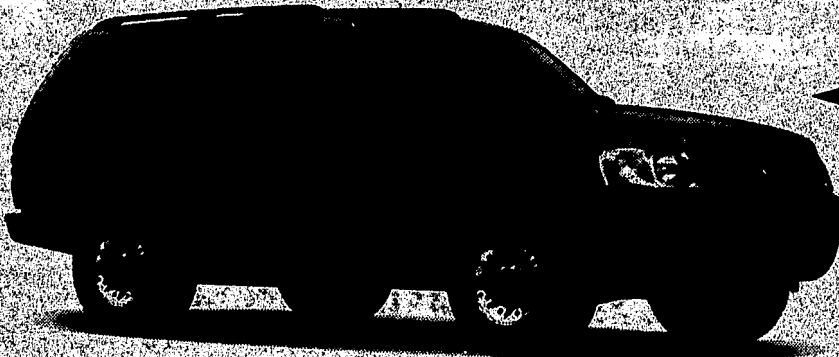
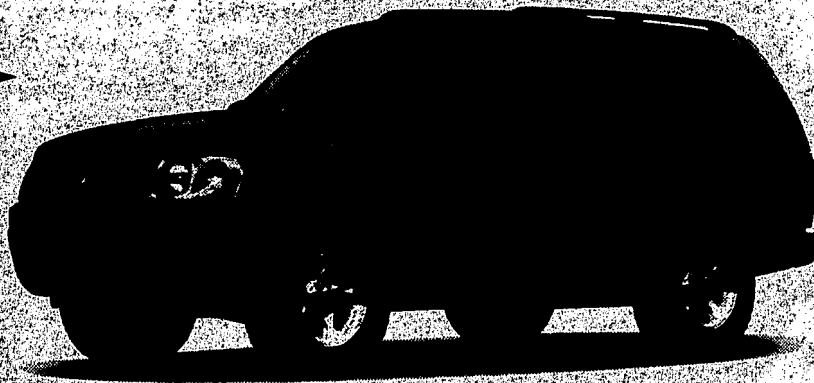
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