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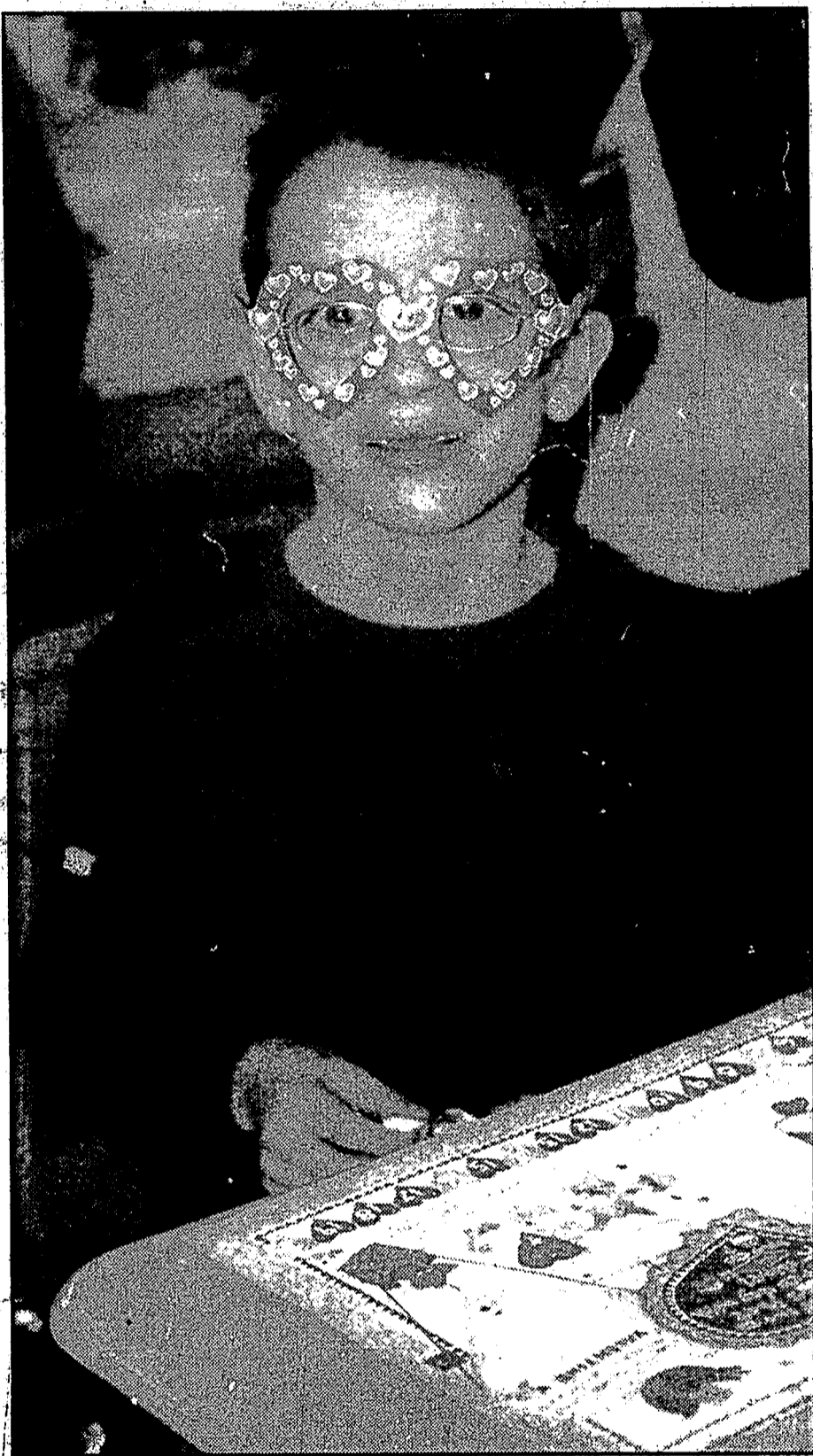
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Valentine's Day spirit



Second grader Alex McIntosh looks cools in his heart-shaped holiday glasses at a Valentine's Day party at Bailey Lake Elementary. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

Valentine's Day fight provokes gun fire

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Hiding behind a door and swallowing a "handful of pills" didn't stop a 28-year-old Joy Street man from being arrested on Valentine's Day.

Antonio Joseph Lucio, 28, is charged with firing his shotgun during a domestic dispute with his girlfriend.

According to reports from Oakland County Sheriff Deputies, no one was injured by the shotgun blasts even though rounds from the gun blew through Lucio's trailer and into the neighboring mobile home. At home at the time were a 35-year-old woman, her 15-year-old daughter and her daughter's 18-year-old boyfriend.

Lucio, a resident of the Clintonville Mobile Home Park was engaged in a fight with his 25-year-old girlfriend, while their two-year-old daughter lay asleep on the living room couch. Deputies state Lucio fired the gun from his bedroom. The neighboring home had

multiple shotgun pellet holes through the exterior wall and kitchen window. Numerous shotgun pellets were found lying on the kitchen floor and countertops.

Lucio is out on a \$40,000 cash bond waiting for a February 25 court date. On Feb. 14, he was arraigned before 52-2 District Court Judge Dana Fortinberry for discharge of a firearm in or at a building, felon in the possession of a firearm, and two counts of the use of a firearm in commission or a felony.

When deputies arrived at the scene, they report Lucio did not comply and ran and hid behind a bedroom door. When they ordered Lucio to the ground, he would not hurriedly chewed a handful of pills. Deputies were forced to take Lucio to the ground where they placed him in handcuffs.

He was then transported for medical attention due to the pills swallowed.

Macaroni and cheese dispute served up in article

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A November dispute between two Clarkston restaurants regarding a secret recipe has reached a tasteful resolution and gained national attention.

According to Curt Catalo, owner of the Clarkston Union, he and Robert Esshaki of Rudy's Market came to a "gentleman's agreement" between the two restaurants regarding the Union's secret macaroni and cheese recipe, which Catalo contended one of his cooks has stolen for use by Rudy's.

As it turns out, Rudy's never used the recipe. Esshaki was unavailable for comment as of press time, but manager Jack Jones stated "we never made the macaroni and cheese."

The macaroni and cheese caper was featured on the front page of Friday's edition of the Wall Street Journal. Bryan Gruley, a senior editor for the newspaper, had been staying at the Mill Pond Inn in Clarkston and spent two days researching the story, according to Catalo.

"I E-mailed a friend of mine about the situation, and then he E-mailed someone else, who contacted the Page One editor at the Wall Street Journal," Catalo said.

According to the Journal article, the story can be traced to last fall, when Catalo hired cook Javier Pinedo. The

article stated Pinedo began inquiring about the recipe for the macaroni and cheese from prep cook Franco Reyes, specifically the bechamel sauce used in the recipe.

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Curt Catalo, owner of the Clarkston Union, poses with Friday's edition of the Wall Street Journal, which details a dispute in November between Catalo and Rudy's Market co-owners Robert Esshaki and Chris Thomas. Catalo had accused a former chef at the Union of stealing their secret macaroni and cheese recipe for use by Rudy's Market. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

Home invasion suspect arrested

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Jordan Michael Preuss, 21, of Clarkston, was arrested for a home invasion after he entered his neighbor's home and stole a jar of coins.

Preuss stood mute Feb. 11 before Judge Michael Batchik of the 52-2 District Court in Clarkston and was issued a \$10,000 bond, no 10 percent.

He is allegedly responsible for entering his neighbor's home on Delmas Feb. 10 and stealing a jar of coins, totaling \$450. The burglary occurred within a

20-minute time span after one homeowner left the house, unlocked, and the homeowner's spouse returned.

A search of Preuss' home revealed the stolen jar, though empty, as well as a VHS, DVD, CD player, laptop computer and Playstation. The DVD player also belonged to Preuss's neighbors.

Before the arrest, Preuss was already out on bond and awaiting sentencing for another home invasion, Detective Jerry DeRosia said of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department in Independence Township.

Briefly

Habitat meeting set for Feb. 24

This past year, Clarkston Community Church and St. Daniel Catholic Church cooperated to build a Habitat House in Pontiac. Each congregation gave financially and provided volunteer labor to build the house. It went so well that they believe the entire Clarkston community would benefit from this service project. Habitat for Humanity builds homes for the needy all around the world. Former President Jimmy Carter is Habitat's outstanding spokesperson.

The motivation is:

- To give needy people a hand up, not a hand out
- To show that what unites our congregation is greater than what divides us.
- To show that wealthy Clarkston cares about the needy.

They will have an informational meeting on Monday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. at the Church of the Resurrection (6490 Clarkston Road, across from the public library.) Kim Hale, the representative for Habitat for Oakland County will outline the possibilities for us. Please send a representative from your church or organization. Greg Henneman would deeply appreciate an e-mail from you so that they may know how many people to prepare for. (ghenneman@bignet.net.)

Stakoe introduces legislation

State Representative John Stakoe has introduced six measures to help Michigan property owners better understand the rules for claiming Proposal A property tax exemptions.

House Bills 4189-4192, 4194 and 4196 are part of an eight-bill House package to insert the words "principal residence" in place of the current references to "homestead."

"Taxpayers with multiple properties sometimes claim the homestead exemption on their vacation property even though the laws intend the exemption only for one home," Stakoe said. "A second home does not qualify as a homestead, but it can be confusing so the solution is to better define which house is eligible. Using 'principle residence' will clear up any misunderstandings and save homeowners and local officials a lot of headache from misinterpretation."

Voters approved Proposal A in 1993 to provide tax relief for property owners by implementing a taxable value cap and restructuring local school tax assessments.

Under Proposal A, which increased Michigan's sales tax from four cents to six cents to offset the school tax restructuring, a base rate of 18 mills for local schools was established.

Homeowners can apply for a 12-mill homestead exemption, which Stakoe's legislation changes to a principal residence exemption. If a person has a second home, vacation or business property, that property should be assessed at the 18 mill-base rate.

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The Second Front

Erin gets 'good citizen' award

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Out of 600 seniors at Clarkston High School, her dedication, leadership and service to her community and country stood out, earning her the honor of "good citizen."

Erin Browe recently received the Good Citizens Award, an honor from the Sashabaw Plains Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR).

Browe was a special guest at a luncheon and ceremony at Mesquite Creek, Feb. 12, where she received a certificate, pin and flower for her accomplishment.

"I feel really honored I got picked. I know there were a lot of others in the school who have done good things," Browe said.

Recipients are chosen through their respective high schools by the counseling staff and are voted upon by their fellow classmates, Linda Miller said, secretary of the Sashabaw Plains NSDAR.

The 17-year-old Sashabaw Plains chapter awarded seven students from surrounding area schools the Good Citizens Award. Recipients must possess qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. They must also construct an essay on "Our American Heritage and Our Responsibility for Preserving It." Essays are timed at a two-hour limit and writers are supervised by a school counselor. Written work from Browe and the other "good citizens" will go on to district competition with the potential to further to state and national awards.

Miller said she was very impressed with the stu-



Clarkston High School senior Erin Browe was recently named a good citizen by the Sashabaw Plains Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Photo provided.

very enthusiastic group of students. They are very vocal and seem to have high reaching goals. They are certain and confident about their future, which really stood out to me compared to past years."

President of the Clarkston High School Octagon Club, a community service program, and three-year member, Browe has given of her time to many charitable works. She has worked with underprivileged

children at the Baldwin Center in Pontiac, adopted a family and sorted food through Clarkston Lighthouse, served at a soup kitchen in downtown Detroit, been part of the Adopt-a-Highway program, and been a two-year participant in Relay-for-Life, raising money for the American Cancer Society.

A member of the National Honor Society, Browe holds a 3.6 grade point average and already has eight college credits for her advance placement European history courses.

After graduation, Browe plans to attend Michigan State University and major in landscape architecture.

She said she has been interested in architecture for a long time, but geared her future plans to landscape architecture after attending a career day at Cranbrook Institute.

"I met with two landscape architects and talked with them for awhile. It was very interesting," Browe, a Clarkston resident since 1996, said. "I've always been interested in art and design and this is a great way to incorporate that into a career."

On top of academics, she has played flute in the marching band for four years, and received first division ratings for three years in the solo and ensemble state competition. Browe was also a member of the soccer team her freshmen year.

Browe's mother, Kathy, said, "I'm very proud of her. She is a great daughter, a great student and a great young person."

Founded in 1890, NSDAR is a women's organization seeking to preserve American heritage through education as well as preserve the memory and tradition of Revolutionary ancestors in a permanent genealogical record for the sake of future generations. NSDAR is made up of 172,000 members in chapters located in each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Canada, Australia, England, France and Mexico.

Mac and Cheese

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Pinedo stated he was going to make the sauce for his wife. Reyes offered to make some of it to take home, but Pinedo said he wanted the recipe to make it himself. Reyes refused, and later told Catallo about Pinedo's curiosity, the article stated.

When another cook needed the recipe book one day, it wasn't in its usual spot. Catallo began to suspect Pinedo was involved in wrongdoing when Reyes told him Pinedo was moonlighting for the Market Basket in Franklin, Mich. The Market Basket is owned by cousins Esshaki and Chris Thomas, who also own Rudy's Market.

According to Gruley's account, one Saturday in November, Reyes told Catallo he had heard the Rudy's owners had lent Pinedo money for a personal matter, which struck a red flag with Catallo. In addition, Esshaki and Thomas had reportedly ordered some of the Union's key macaroni and cheese ingredients from the Union's supplier, R. Hirt Jr. Co. of Detroit.

After he learned that bit of news, Catallo, in his apron, stormed down to Rudy's and confronted Esshaki, using profanity and contending Pinedo had stolen recipes for use by Rudy's Market, the article stated.

"Calm down, I've known you for 10 years," Esshaki is reported to have told Thomas.

The two parties then got Thomas on speaker-

phone. According to Gruley's account, Thomas had asked Pinedo if he knew how to make the recipe, and Pinedo replied he did. Thomas stated Pinedo wasn't offered any money, but did admit Rudy's had ordered cheese from the Union's supplier so they could try making the recipe. However, Thomas stated no one at Rudy's or the Market Basket ever made the macaroni and cheese, and they promised they never would.

The next day, the Union's general manager, Erich Lines, fired Pinedo, according to the Journal article.

Despite the tension between Catallo and Esshaki at the time, the Union owner stated the incident is "water under the bridge."

"Robert didn't know our macaroni and cheese was that important to us," Catallo said. "It's a funny chapter, and I'm glad the Wall Street Journal got a kick out of it. Despite our little spat, it's good for Clarkston."

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Smile of the Week



Sarah Schultz, assistant at Dr. Jack Shader's office in Clarkston. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

Springfield board okays revised Cedar Crest concept plan

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Cedar Crest Academy in Clarkston can take the next steps toward building a multipurpose center.

At its Thursday meeting, the Springfield Township Board gave the green light to a concept plan, contingent on Cedar Crest addressing several concerns, the main one being the need for sufficient parking.

The issue was also on the agenda at the board's January meeting. At that meeting, the board asked Cedar Crest to address two primary concerns: providing a room breakdown (current and proposed) and giving a parking analysis, including showing where overflow parking areas are located.

In a Feb. 5 memo to the board, Jeremy P. Ervin, of the Van Tine/Guthrie studio of architecture in Northville addressed those concerns as follows:

■ **Classroom breakdown:** Classrooms for the first grade through the middle school are located in the classroom building. Other subjects, including art, foreign language, music, computers and physical education attend classes in specialized instruction areas. The proposed multipurpose center would allow for physical education classes to be taught in the gym, and music and art classes on the lower level of the center. The class sizes for the classroom building and auxiliary study areas are between 12-20 students.

■ **Parking analysis:** Parking currently exists

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Springfield Supervisor Collin Walls

for staff and guests. Staff parks in front of the classroom building, while guests park in the basketball hoop area. Between 8-8:30 a.m., all students are dropped off at school, and parents park to enter the building briefly before departing. Between 3:15-3:45 p.m., a structured departure loads 75 percent of the student population into the right back seat of the parent's vehicle as they cue up at the yellow line in front of the school. The remaining 25 percent depart at 5 p.m., and cars exit onto Dixie by two exits.

For special events, such as school picnics, open house events and other celebrations, extra parking is provided through the grass/sandy area adjacent to the parking lot, behind and in the two paved parking lots and a gravel area behind the building of Cedar Crest's Early Childhood Center.

Supervisor Collin Walls thought Cedar Crest sufficiently addressed issues raised last month.

"By my review, all the concerns were addressed," he said. "The applicant did a good job of addressing everything presented at the last meeting."

However, Trustee Dave Hopper believed the parking issue needed to be addressed further.

"I still have a little bit of a problem with the parking," he said. "If the properties were to be split, and if they were to sell one of them, it would reduce the viability of the other because they don't have sufficient parking. That's the biggest problem I have with the plan."

In response, Walls stated the parking concerns could be addressed in a more detailed plan.

Springfield says Huron Creek plan unacceptable

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Grant Ward Surveyors will have to go back to the drawing board and come up with a better concept plan for its Huron Creek development.

The Springfield Township Board, at its Thursday meeting, nixed the developer's plan for Huron Creek, citing its inability to meet township standards on several fronts.

"If this were the final plan, I would have no choice but to deny it," Clerk Nancy Strole said. "It doesn't comply with our zoning ordinances or our design and construction standards. This clearly is not implying best management practices. Your proposed plan is in direct contradiction of what our municipality is required to do."

According to a concept plan review by town-

ship planner Dick Carlisle, the property is zoned R-2, one family residential. It is located in an area between Shaffer and Haylock Roads, west of Hillsboro Road. It is mostly rectangular in shape, with 1,330 feet of frontage on Shaffer Road, and 1,140 feet of frontage on Haylock Road.

A portion of the site has lakefront access to the water-controlled lake and its associated canals in the center of the site. Grant Ward Surveyors proposed a 22-unit, single-family site detached condominium, including a 3.98 acre park.

In his review, Carlisle also stated the developer needs time to address several concerns: buildability of one of the lots, indications of woodlands to be preserved, showing electrical, drainage and other easements on the plan, stormwater quality and lake access.

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Clarkston School board sets election for June 9

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston Community Schools officials approved a "call" for a regular school election for June 9, and voters can expect to see an \$83 million proposal on the ballot among other items.

The approval came at the Feb. 10 Board of Education meeting, but the board won't set wording of the ballot items until March 10.

Anita Banach, director of communications and marketing, said the bond proposal was preliminarily approved by the state treasurer's office Feb. 4.

For the past two years, board members have been planning for ways to combat overcrowding in their schools, particularly at the high school, and consolidate auxiliary programs and services within the district.

This includes a new grade configuration, expected to be implemented in 2005-06, which will house all district sixth and seventh graders on the Sashabaw Middle School site; all district eighth and ninth graders on the Clarkston Middle School site; and 10th through 12th

graders at Clarkston High School.

To accomplish this, voters can expect the proposal to include several additions, renovations and repairs to various district buildings to accommodate the students.

Also on the June 9 ballot, there will be two four-year term seats open for the board of education, currently filled by Treasurer Janet Thomas and President Kurt Shanks.

The board has not yet made a decision on whether or not to place the non-homestead millage on the June ballot. At the last meeting, Bruce Beamer, director of financing and business, revealed two millages set at 3.0 and 1.5 mills expired Dec. 31. He indicated the district would lose approximately \$1.1 million dollars if these non-homestead taxes are not renewed in June.

The board will finalize ballot items and wording at the March 10 Board of Education meeting at the Administration Building on Clarkston Road at 7 p.m.

Bond sale saves Clarkston taxpayers money

Clarkston Community Schools announced savings of more than \$500,000 in debt service costs by refinancing outstanding bonds. With favorable interest rates in the current bond market, the district issued \$3,475,000 in lower interest rate bonds to replace older bonds at higher rates.

"This action demonstrates that the school district is continually looking out for the interests of our taxpayers," Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts said. "In the same way many of our homeowners have refinanced mortgages, the low interest rates available in the current market presented the opportunity for us to achieve similar savings. Needless to say, we were pleased with the final results, and the aggressive market approach taken by our underwriter."

Bruce Beamer, business director for the school district, indicates this was the fourth time the Lansing-based municipal securities group at UBS PaineWebber had identified and completed a successful refunding at Clarkston, bringing the cumulative taxpayer savings to almost \$2.8 million.

Clarkston High School

Academic Achiever

Name: Sarah Mehaffey

GPA: 3.9

Plans after graduation: The University of Michigan to study music

Athletics: varsity swimming and diving team for three years

Fine arts: 12 years of piano, now I teach piano (for two years)

Honors: Optimist Award, Scholar Athlete, Youth Assistance Award, Most Valuable Player in Diving

Clubs/organizations: National Honor Society and Teen Court

Community involvement: Leadership Team for church youth group, host for foreign exchange student (Rotary Youth Exchange), and Righteous Mission, a week long service project camp

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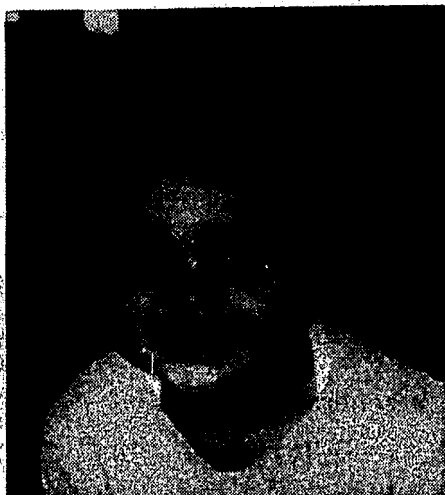
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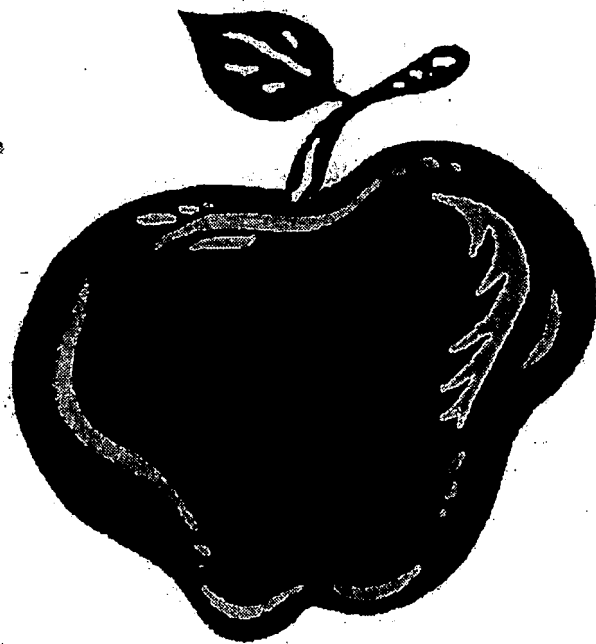
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Opinion

Saying goodbye is tough

At the age of 25 I attended my first funeral last week. After going through the emotions of saying good-bye to someone close to me, I realized I had been extremely lucky not to have attended a funeral before.

The funeral was for my grandmother, Julia Pichalski, who was affectionately called "granny" by the seven grandchildren.

The two days at the funeral home and then the funeral were a surreal experience for me. There was just a general feeling that it was not actually happening.

However, a few days later it really started to sink in for me. My grandmother was a special person who touched many different lives during her 85 years on this planet, which was evident by the number of individuals who came to pay their respects at her funeral.

Although she is gone, her memory lives on. Many personal memories come to mind including:

- The cards that would arrive for birthdays, Christmas, Thanksgiving, Easter and any other holiday that could possibly come to mind.

Every card would have a plethora of stickers placed upon the envelope corresponding to whichever holiday it was. I think she single-handedly filled about five of my sticker books.

- The way she would take an extreme interest in whatever was important to me at a given time. Whether it be my trials and tribulations at Super Mario Brothers, the new Masters of the Universe toy I had received or how many RBIs Darrell Evans had on the season, my grandmother would listen intently as if what I was saying was riveting information.

- Staying at granny's house and receiving the cooking I could not get at home. Basically this meant tasty french toast which probably had about half a tub of butter per piece, multiple bowls of sugar cereal or simply cookies for breakfast. Breakfast food that was frowned upon at the Gargaro house was fair game at granny's place.

- The last few years and the way she would laugh at my brother, sister and I when we got together as a family. To say us siblings have an immature sense of humor would be an understatement of grand proportions.

However granny, while not talking much, would be laughing with us the entire time. Looking back there was no way she could possibly find what we were saying amusing, but rather was simply entertained by her grandchildren having a good time.

Of course, there were many other hats my grandmother wore. She was a patient mother of four, an active member of her church, a friend to many and a pretty mean Uno player.

However, to me she will always be granny and I will miss her deeply.

(Kyle Gargaro is the editor of The Clarkston News. His e-mail address is KyleG44@aol.com.)

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Gargaro's World

Kyle Gargaro

Letters to the Editor

Treatment of road kill annoys resident

To the person who killed the beautiful orange tabby cat on Dixie Highway by Waterford Hill Jan. 19 night or Jan. 20 morning all I have to say is "That makes me sick."

One excuse for their action would probably be it was a stray that ran in the road and they couldn't help it. Or perhaps the excuse would be it was someone's cat that happened to be let out when it was about zero degrees.

Well, did you stop and see how bad he was hurt or didn't you care? You could have at least taken him off the road. If the cat had an owner, why weren't they looking out for him? There is no reason that cat or any other cat should be let outside.

Also, last October a car hit a squirrel and kept going. The car behind him didn't stop either, but I did. The squirrel was alive but not moving. I picked him up to help him. I held him for about 25 minutes before he died. He was hit on the back of his head. When I wrapped him up I looked at my arm and there wasn't any blood on it.

So if I didn't pick him up how many times would he had to have been hit before he died?

You people don't have a heart and I hope you don't have any pets for the pet's sake.

Terri Rienburgh
Clarkston

Reader enjoys new format, Michigan in February

First, large applause for mashing the sports pages into section one of The Clarkston News. For years I have been simply throwing away the second section. Now, I find reason to look through both sections. Thank you.

I was sorry to read your unhappiness with the "yuck" of Michigan's winter. If this weather "beats you down to a shell of your former self," what the heck are you doing here anyway? You know what they say in Maine (where folks are made of far tougher stuff): "If you can't take the winter, you don't deserve the summer."

Indeed, if, as editor, your "duty is to raise the spirits of those who brave the cold weather," consider this: Many of us don't need our spirits raised. Many of us love the cold, crisp, snowy days and nights... a chance

to take brisk walks and snuggle in front of cozy fires. The extremes which summer brings are the food of life for many individuals. It really is Michigan in February. What do you expect? Do you always see the glass half empty?

Additionally, your list of items that are worse than Michigan in February could be improved. It would appear you spend too much time on the couch watching foolish television. How about the worst being Bush charging into his war; against world opinion. Right now I'd consider that far worse than Michael Jackson and Jared. Thanks for listening.

Judy McConnell
Clarkston

Rotary has successful Wine Tasting Spring Gala

The Clarkston Rotary would like to thank everyone that attended the Spring Gala Wine Tasting.

Bigger and better every year was the word from people attending the Spring Gala at Bordine's Nursery. Spring flowers provided the setting. Rudy's Quality Marker, Liberty Grill & Banquet, Gregg's Gourmet Café, Deer Lake Banquet Center, Bull Frog's, Giacomo's, Outback Steak House, French Laundry in Fenton, Duggan's Irish Pub and Beacon Hill Golf & Banquet provided the food.

Ciccione Winery, Tabor Hill Winery, St. Julian Wine Co., Bel Lago Winery, Raftshol Vineyards, Zafarana Vineyards, Shady Lane Cellars, Peninsular Wine Cellars, Chateau Grand Traverse, Chateau Chantal and L. Mawby Vineyards, provided the wine. Meijer's of Auburn Hills provided the door prizes. Bruce Bordine provided the setting. Jim Tedder provided the music. Monies received will go right back to the community for high school scholarships, etc.

The Clarkston Rotary

Reader takes issue with beliefs of news columnist

In today's paper (2-5-03) Jeff Patrus said, "The foreign policy discussion and talk about Iraq is best left to those in elected offices, political science experts, (here's the kicker) and average citizens who have relatives in service."

Wow, what rock did he crawl out from under? Does he really advocate limiting free speech to a selected

few? If that is truly his position he should not be working for your newspaper. Of course, if you agree with his position then your paper would no longer be welcome in my mailbox.

Harold Fineman
Clarkston

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Arbitrary and otherwise useless thoughts

Kids -- you gotta' love 'em (especially when they are not yet three years old.)

Kids about that age have a way of making you smile when you least expect it or when you need it the most. This of course, is a survival mechanism for homo sapiens. If they weren't so darned cute, the species would have died out long ago . . .

Take our son, Sean (please). He's the devil in a pint-sized pink suit. He'll smile at you and wink just before he takes a prized crystal family heirloom in his little hands and smashes it into a gagillion pieces by throwing it down the basement stairs.

The other day he got the idea to put a wadded up piece of paper into his ear. His mother and I happened to be right there. I commanded in a firm, *Father Knows Best* voice, "Sean! Don't put that in your ear."

Jen chimed in with motherly wisdom, "You can only put your elbow in your ear." And, for the next 10 minutes he tried. It was fun to watch and kept him alive for another day.

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Just thinking . . . if American war protesters hop a plane to Baghdad to stand in the way of American troops if America goes on the offense, do the protesters become traitors?

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Speaking of anti-war sentiments. It was reported that some two million people across the globe protested going to war against Iraq. Wow . . .

What wasn't reported was that other five billion, nine hundred, ninety-eight million across the globe did not. Ummm?

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No Kids Left Behind (that mean-spirited capitalistic plan to put accountability into education) has got school districts across these fruited plains scrambling -- how can they afford to make sure all kids can read by the third grade? Teacher unions are bracing for the inevitable -- how can we stop the termination of ineffective teachers? Educators and their

administrators have already started the information/propaganda war -- this will be hard, it'll cost too much, we'll fail.

Sounds like a self-fulfilling prophecy to me. Sounds like a bunch of folks have already determined it won't work, so they'll damn-well make sure it won't.

Nowhere I have heard/read from these folks about any discussion about children, positive or negative.

Which is interesting, because isn't it always for the children?

* * *

The state of the state on funding cuts to public schools is another sore spot here in Michigan. I did read of one common sense approach to make up the shortfall for the 2003-2204 school year.

In Brandon, Superintendent Bart Jenniches said the district is bracing for cuts of just over \$58 per student, totalling over \$228,900. To cope with the loss Bart suggests the schools not order new carpet (as planned) for the central offices, nor purchase new computers for the district -- a \$200,000 savings.

This isn't the first time I've heard of Bart coming up with fiscally sound/common sensical decisions. Way to go, Bart-ster! Tough times usually mean more creative thinking, tighter controls and better spending practices (that could even be used when times are good).

As it is at home, school administrators and teacher unions need to realize money these days is tight. A county official who works with children recently said, "When times are good you feed your kids steak and potatoes. When times are tough, you feed your kids mac and cheese. The point is, you always feed your kids."

As applied to education: When times are grand new programs can be added, floors can be carpeted, raises can be given and bonuses received and kids are taught in style with the best bells and whistles money can buy. When times are not so grand, nonessential programs will be cut, floors will be worn, raises and bonuses questioned and kids will be taught with what we can afford. No bells and whistles. The point is, you always teach your kids.

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Reporter not buying into Valentine's Day

How was everybody's Valentine's Day? I hope as memorable as mine.

Yep, this Feb. 14 was definitely the most romantic I've experienced.

My "valentine" surprised me with a beautiful bouquet of roses at work. Then later that evening we enjoyed each other's company over a candlelight dinner at a very nice restaurant.

Oh wait, what am I saying? That didn't happen. At least not outside the confines of my pathetic mind.

There's no "valentine." I received no flowers from a special someone. And I enjoyed no candlelight dinner.

No, I really spent my Valentine's evening at home with my parents watching two hours of "America's Funniest Home Videos." Though, to my delight, it was a special Valentine's episode.

I never tire of watching people fall off something, faint at the marriage altar, or get hit in the groin. But as I watched video after video, I asked myself: how did my life get to this point?

Just Jen



Jennifer
Nemer

While others were out spending the holiday with their loved one, I'm spending it with Tom Bergeron.

So, I'll admit I wallowed in a self pity party for a bit. But I'm so sick of letting a stupid holiday like Valentine's Day dictate my mood, just because the world says I should be spending one day of the year (the Hallmark-created Sweetest Day just doesn't even qualify to me as a holiday) with a significant other.

In the Lord's time, and if He chooses to bless me so, maybe I will spend a Feb. 14 with a "special someone," as I have not yet.

But it doesn't mean that my Valentine's Days are ever void of special people.

I'm so blessed with loving parents, family and friends who are very special to me.

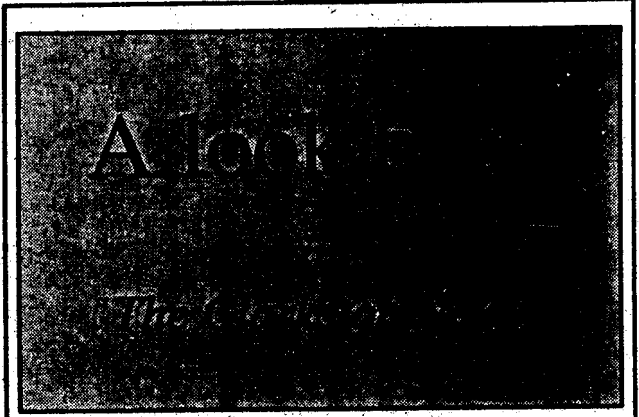
Most importantly, I have a personal relationship with the Lord -- Someone who never leaves me lonely.

My feeble will may get distracted by what society says is the so-called norm for Valentine's Day, but the Lord helps clear my mind of that lie and reassures me He is what I really need and only need.

He assures me, or anyone who seeks Him, there is no need to feel lonely Valentine's Day or any day of the year.

In Revelation 3:20, He says, "I stand at the door and knock. If any one hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him and he with me."

The much loved Jim's Jottings will return to The Clarkston News next week.



15 YEARS AGO (1988)

More than 150 Clarkston school district residents and staff members jammed the meeting room and clustered in hallways around door openings during the school board's public hearing on "Plan A" Monday night. Twenty-six people offered their comments, suggestions and complaints during the hearing, which lasted about one and one-half hours.

A \$6,000 donation to the Clarkston Area Youth Assistance was approved by the Independence Township Board last week after Chairperson Meryn Mallet told the board about the organization's work. The organization is comprised of volunteers who try to prevent juvenile delinquency, Mallet said. It sponsors the teen night at Clarkston High School and sponsors drug and alcohol awareness programs.

With one minor change, the village and township agreed to police coverage for Clarkston after 14 months of negotiations. The agreement calls for the village to subcontract for the same police protection the rest of Independence Township receives. In addition, the village will get four hours of specific traffic control in the village limits between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. each weekday.

25 YEARS AGO (1978)

A record low number of 77 voters out of a possible 500 registered Clarkston Village voters turned out for the Feb. 20 primary. Fontie ApMadoc, Jackson Byers and Michael Thayer, all Republicans, were voted in as Village Councilmen. Karen Sanderson received the least number of votes, disqualifying her from the final election race.

Clarkston High School members of the National Business Office Education Club (BOEC) held a raffle drawing for Special Olympics last Friday night during halftime at the CHS-Andover basketball game. The lucky winner of dinner for two at the Old Mill Restaurant on Dixie Highway is Dickie Armstrong, a former CHS student.

Clarkston Mills, a shopping complex which will include 16 shops and two restaurants, is expected to be completed by August. Developer Marc Alan, Inc., of Grosse Pointe, submitted a traffic plan to the Clarkston Village Council last week. The plan, which calls for alteration of Depot Road, was unanimously approved by the council. The estimated cost of the work is \$32,000.

50 YEARS AGO (1953)

On Thursday evening of last week, more than 300 people gathered at Clarkston High School to observe the Annual Scout Night and at the same time recognize the founding of the Parent-Teacher Association. To open the evening, William Mansfield led the flag ceremony with a representative from each scout group participating. The regular business meeting followed with Mrs. Robert Phillips presiding.

On Wednesday, Feb. 25 at 8 p.m. in the Clarkston High School gym, the Wayne-Oakland County League will present the All League Concert Band. Clarkston High School's band is well represented, with eight members in the group: Glenna Webster, John Bennett, Janet Sue Willoughby, Ann Barrows, Bill Sutton, Earl Graunstadt, George Gleason and Jeanette Norton.

Marcy Watkins of Mt. Clemens, the district governor-elect for the coming year, was the speaker at Rotary on Monday. He gave an interesting address based on Lincoln and especially his Gettysburg Address. The meeting was held at the Community Center on North Main, with Rudy Schwarze presiding.

Resident published in multiple motorcycle magazines

BY KYLE GARGARO
Clarkston News Editor

Mike Cascone has combined his passion for motorcycles with his interest in writing.

The Clarkston resident's writings about his experience with motorcycles is being used as advertisement by Victory Motorcycles in multiple national magazines.

"I have always enjoyed writing," Cascone said.

Cascone heard about the opportunity while surfing a website of the Victory Motorcycle Club. He submitted a short story and the next thing he knew he was on a plane to Minneapolis.

"I was blown away by the process. I had a ball," Cascone said. "I was at a professional photo shoot from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. I met people from all over the country and I have the shirts and hats to prove it. I stopped in at a lot of dealer's shops."

The concept for the advertisements is "That is my Victory," with each person explaining what their motorcycle means to them.

An excerpt from Cascone's story reads: "The late 1960's were a crazy time in America. Lives changed quickly. I joined the Army in 1967. But I was lucky. I never went to Vietnam. 58,000 American kids weren't as fortunate. Despite the difficulties I've faced, I realize I've had the opportunity to live and feel every moment of joy and pain. They never did. I consider it my responsibility to celebrate my life and remember theirs. When I ride, they are my passengers."

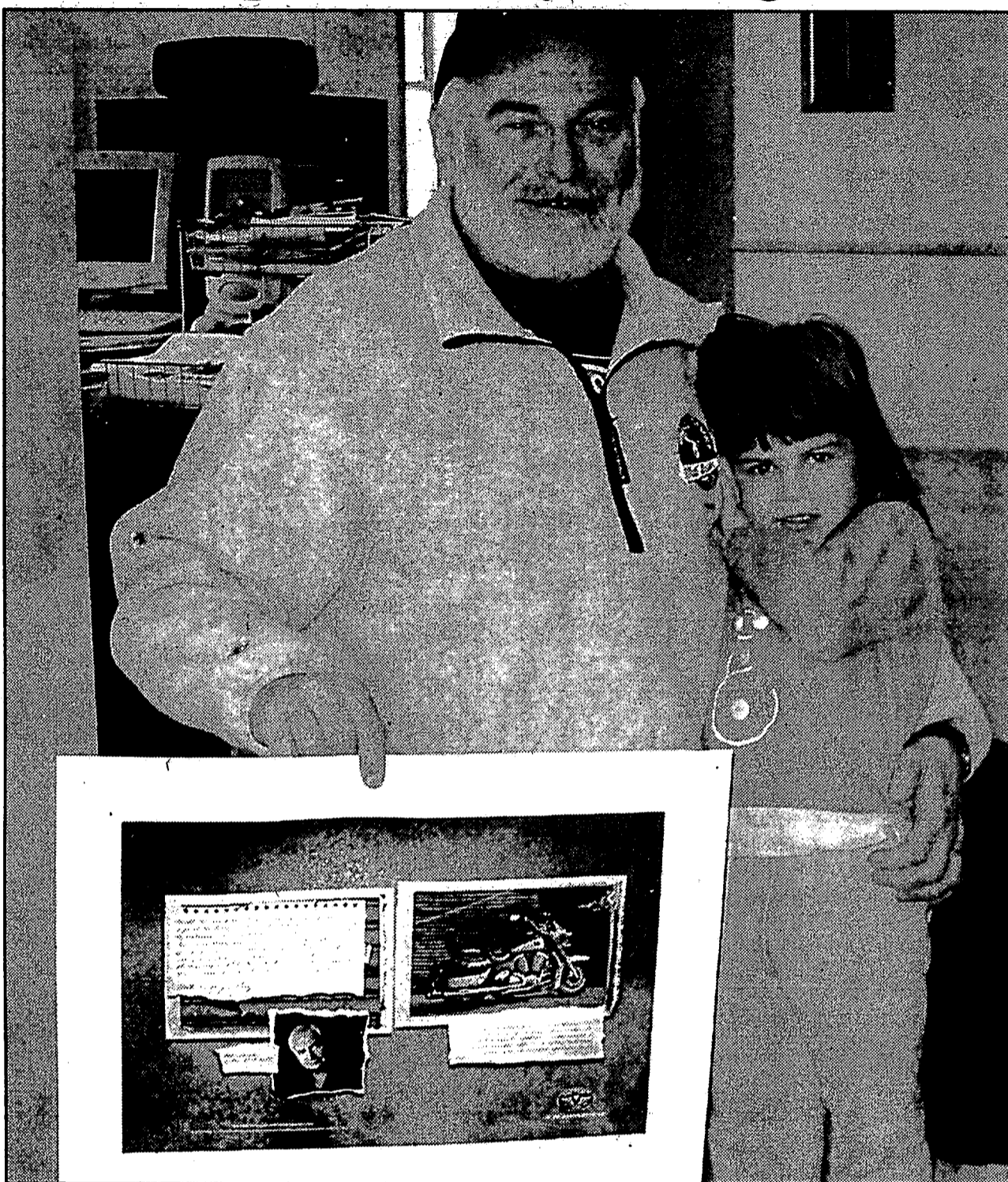
After raising a family with his wife Leslie and working in the insurance business, Cascone says it was his turn and he decided to get a motorcycle.

"I've always liked motorcycles but I was busy with a career, raising kids and paying a mortgage," Cascone said. "Since there is no cruise control you have to be focused on the bike and I love that. You see things you would not normally notice like wild life, people and the smell of the area because you are so focused on the direct environment. There is a sense of freedom. I have made a lot of friendships through motorcycles. I like having fun."

Cascone moved up to Clarkston in 1982 after receiving a promotion and relocating from the east coast.

"We were looking for a place to live and we came up north here and just loved it. My wife didn't like city life so this was perfect. It is a great area to live in," Cascone said.

The couple have a son, Christopher, and a daughter, Jill.



Clarkston's Mike Cascone, pictured here with granddaughter Haley, has been published in Victory Motorcycle advertisements. Photo by Kyle Gargaro.

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Sunday, Feb. 16, a 25-year-old man on Tuscon was arrested for a domestic assault against his girlfriend.

A malicious destruction of property was reported from a business on Dixie. An unknown person threw an object at a window, cracking it.

Friday, Feb. 14, a 22-year-old man driving a business delivery vehicle on White Lake was stopped for missing a mud flap and spilling woodchips from the trailer he pulled. He was found to have seven warrants for various charges and 12 charges of driving with a suspended license. The man was arrested and the owner of the vehicle was cited for fielding an unqualified driver as well as the woodchip spill.

A home invasion on Joy. There were no signs of forced entry. A bottle of prescription pills was stolen.

A woman on Lancaster Hill reported a larceny of \$2,000 worth of clothing from her apartment. There were no signs of forced entry.

Thursday, Feb. 13, three vehicles were broken

into by force while they were parked behind the shopping plaza on Dixie at White Lake. Windows were shattered and some items were stolen.

A larceny of construction equipment occurred on M-15. A tool box, containing miscellaneous tools, valued at a total of \$650, was taken.

A 38-year-old woman was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol after she was involved in an accident on Dixie. This was the woman's third OUIL offense. She had a blood alcohol level of .12.

Tuesday, Feb. 11, a larceny of \$850 in construction equipment at a site on Deer Lake.

An unknown person stole a \$3,000 motorcycle from the back of a pickup truck parked in the lot of an apartment complex on Fox Creek.

Monday, Feb. 10, a 39-year-old man was allegedly responsible for failing to return rented property from a business on Dixie.

Springfield Township

Nothing substantial to report.

Assault between brothers

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

John Zacharya Cantor, 30, of Clarkston, is in custody for an assault against his brother Feb. 13.

Cantor was charged with intent to do great bodily harm, less than murder, and aggravated assault at his arraignment before Judge Dana Fortinberry Feb. 14. He was given a \$100,000 cash bond, no 10 percent allowed.

The assault occurred around 7:20 p.m. at Carrol's Flowers and Gardens on Sashabaw. Cantor punched his 27-year-old brother in the face, knocking him to the ground. He then stomped his foot on his brother's head causing injury and hospitalization.

Cantor fled the scene but was found shortly after behind the Clarkston Eagles hall on Maybee, where he was arrested.

He will next face Judge Michael Batchik at the 52-2 District Court Friday, Feb. 28 at 8:30 a.m.

On Monday, Feb. 10, Cantor's father on Ashwood Court filed a stolen vehicle report, stating he believed his son took his 1993 GMC truck.

Dr. O'Neill: Worst of strep infection cases through

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Several local students have been impacted by the recent rash of strep throat infections, but local pediatrician Dr. James O'Neill believes that is no cause for alarm.

"It probably peaked last week, but it's on the down-

swing," O'Neill said. "Don't panic — we've been through this before."

On the other hand, O'Neill stated people with sore throats should be checked out before things get worse. He believes the sooner people get the problem checked out, the better off they will be.

"Fortunately, we've been seeing them early and di-

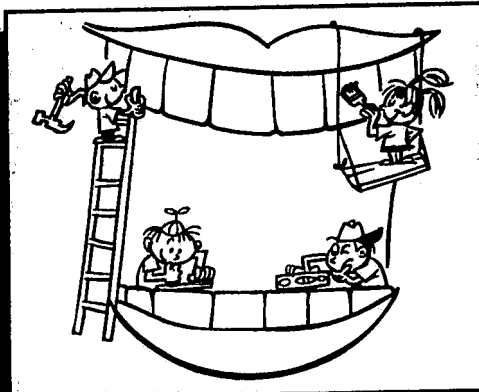
agnosing them, so they don't need to worry about rheumatic fever or other diseases caused by an untreated strep infection," he said.

O'Neill acknowledged "there has been more cases than I can remember" recently of people with strep throat infections. In most cases, he prescribes penicillin, biacin or some other antibiotic.

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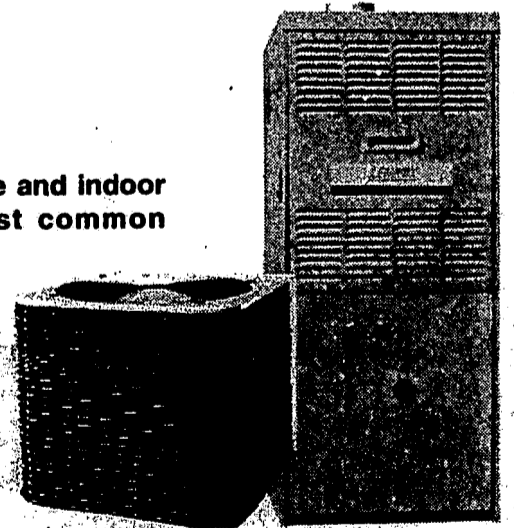
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Fraser Pomeroy
*Marilynn Porritt
Kailey Regalomiller
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Zachary Semaan
Travis Shelton
Danielle Singles
Andrew Stege
Michelle Sun
Jenna Swartzmiller
Andrew Traver
Alyssa Trawick
Sabrina Tungol
*Cassandra Vannest
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Brittany Walsh
Daniel Walters
Katie Walters
*Ruth Wang
Daniel Wiegand
Casey Wilson
Jacob Winbigler
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The following students are Clarkston residents:

Marist Academy Principal's List - All A's
6th Grade
Natasha Kosik

8th Grade
Jennifer Doll

Honor Roll List - All A's and B's
6th Grade
Madeline Dunn
Sam Fioroni
Emily Gray
Jackson Hopcroft
Braelyn Ocwieja

7th Grade
Emily Carr
Amanda Cudney
Emmalily Hoxsie
Alexandra Kosik
Dominique Kunz
Steven Murdock
Jason Semmes

8th Grade
Matt Cuzzocrea
Christopher Denis
Kolin Karchon
Molly Maher
Cassandra Sowa
Sarah Wulbrecht

Notre Dame Prep High School
9th Grade
Highest Honors

Christopher Dondanville
Kathryne Siuniak
Brittany Smith
Camille Sylvestre
Nicholas Trentacost
Adam Yestrepky
Eric Yahrmatter
Caitlin Wylie
Alison Stephanic
Anne Warner

High Honors
Allison Hoddinott

Honors
Jessica Agnew
Audrey Karagosian
Eric Shackelford
Robert Gunderson

10th Grade
Highest Honors
Samantha Ashby
Kristina Kotzan
Claire Kubinski
Karin Lewandowski

High Honors
Maria Tracey

Honors
Alexander Applegate
Brian Chase
Robert Hoff
Matthew Jamnik
Michael Kotzan
Ryan Trobaugh
Michael Waraksa

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Highest Honors
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Leanne Smith
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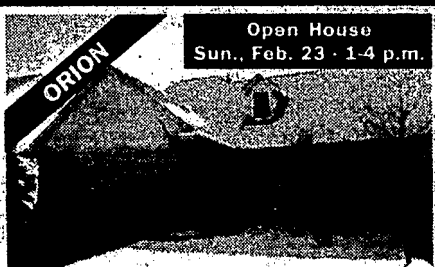
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Joshua Didur
Natasha Finck
John Gosztyla
Brendan Pawlik
Theresa Sabol

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Charles Fortinberry
Brynne Janeway
Daniel Martin

12th Grade
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Nicholas Cornfield
Kristin Lewandowski
Bridget Maher
Jeffrey Waraksa
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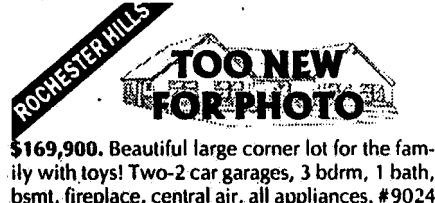
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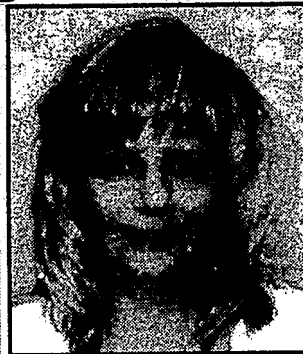
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Parks and Recreation teaches youngsters to 'Start Smart'

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

If you have a preschooler who can't wait to play sports, Independence Township Parks and Recreation has the solution for you.

The department's Start Smart Program, geared toward youngsters aged 3-5, is offering classes in basketball, soccer and baseball as well as an all-sports class. Each session meets once a week for six weeks. The basketball and all-sports programs conducted their second sessions last week, while the soccer program just got underway. The baseball program will start Feb. 24.

The program has been around for a couple of years, according to Jeff Morris, a recreation specialist with the Independence Township Parks and Recreation Department. He also stated the department offers these classes in the fall.

He believes the opportunity for parents to teach their youngsters the fundamentals of each sport, with the help of Parks and Recreation volunteers, is an attractive aspect of Start Smart.

"It's a good program," Morris said. "The key is the parent-child one-on-one interaction. It allows the child to feel real comfortable."

Clarkston resident Michelle Malinowski, whose son, Tony Jr., 3, attends the basketball program with her husband Tony, agrees the program provides a good experience for both father and son.

"My son likes to play sports and it gets him out for the winter," she said when



asked when they enrolled Tony Jr. in the program. "They like it -- it's organized and it gives them time to hang out. The staff helps them out when needed."

Start Smart is open to any youngsters aged 3-5. The cost is \$30 for residents and \$40 for non-residents. For more information, contact Independence Township Parks and Recreation at 248-625-8223.



Independence Township Parks and Recreation offers a Start Smart program to the youth. Photo provided.



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Clarkston police increasing drunk driving searches

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Those people who are thinking about drinking and driving in Clarkston may want to pay heed to a new measure by the city's police department

Interim Police Chief Ernest Combs has conducted two drunken driving stings since the beginning of the year. The first one, conducted on Jan. 26, resulted in two drunk driving arrests, while the second sting on Jan. 31 led to 22 citations issued, but no drunk driving arrests.

According to Combs, the department received some grant money last year through the Traffic Improvement Association in Oakland County to conduct drunk driving stings, but the department would announce beforehand when they were making their move.

When the TIA opted not to renew their grant with the city's police department for this year, Combs opted for another method to finance drunk driving stings.

He is currently using overtime money from his budget to pay officers on drunk driving patrol during the late night and early morning. The department doesn't have a regular patrol unit during those hours — police protection is provided by the Oakland County Sheriff's Department for the city during that time — so those officers assigned to conduct the stings can focus solely on that task.

"Generally, that's when drunk driv-

ing happens, during the late hours," Combs said. "I want to protect citizens against drunk drivers."

The overtime budget was originally targeted for special events, such as parades, but Combs has been using reserve police officers, who are unpaid volunteers, to patrol the parades, freeing up the overtime money for drunk driving surveillance.

The other big change is the operations will be conducted unannounced. He said last year's operations "didn't seem to make a difference, but you couldn't tell."

Combs explained why the department is conducting the stings unannounced, "By not announcing it, the average citizen who decides to drink and drive doesn't know when we're doing it," he said.

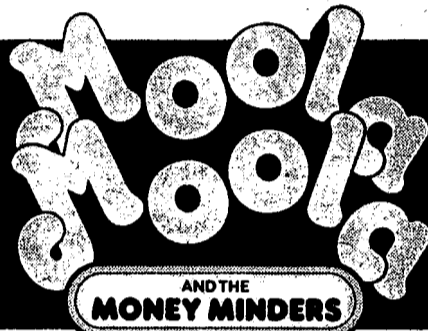
Combs, who has been a police officer since 1970 and has worked in the Ferndale and Capac police departments in addition to Clarkston, stated he has seen too many automobile fatalities involving alcohol to remember. In fact, he can only recall one auto-related death during his career that did not involve alcohol.

That's why he is increasing the department's efforts to catch drunk drivers. He believes those efforts will pay off in the long run.

"I think it will be very beneficial to the community," he said.



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Saturday, March 8 from 9-11, a.m. Although a reservation is not required, please RSVP to the Faith Formation Office at (248) 625-1750 for an accurate count for food preparations. A free will offering will be made with all monies collected going to Kids 4-Afghan Kids. The donation is tax deductible.

Obituary

Howard A. Allard

Howard A. Allard, of Clarkston, died Saturday, Feb. 15 at age 82.

He was preceded in death by his wife Mary. He was the father of Jim (Polly) of FL. and Thomas "Al" (Polly) of Waterford; grandfather of James, Jr. (Kathy) of IN and Alan (Angie) of Orion; also survived by 6 great grandchildren; brother of Mary Stull of MO; brother in law of Ann Beyer of Waterford.

Mr. Allard was a truck driver for Allied Van Lines and a custodian for Clarkston Schools prior to disability. He was also a member of the Clarkston VFW and American Legion. He also served in the U.S. Army, having earned the Bronze Star medal for valorous conduct in action against the enemy.

A funeral service was held Feb. 19 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association of Michigan.

Meta Schelter

Meta Schelter, of Holly, died Sunday, Feb. 16 at age 69.

She was the mother of William (Monica) of Macomb, Henry "Hank" (Sue) of IN, Janet (Michael "Keith) Moore of Clarkston and Ricky, DC (Lilian) of Goodrich. She was also survived by 10 grandchildren; sister of Irma (Alex) Kolke of Rochester and Linda Zembold of Madison Heights. Meta was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Fenton.

Funeral service is set for 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 20 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston where friends may visit on Wednesday 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Interment Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to MI Humane Society or Troy Beaumont Hospice.

Harold L. "Corky" Fishell

Harold L. "Corky" Fishell, of Waterford, died Monday, Feb. 10 at age 73.

He was the father of Carolyn LaPearl of Highland, Larry Fishell of Higgins Lake, Patti (Bill) Page of Clarkston, Daniel (Kelly) Fishell of White Lake and Laurie Fishell of Highland; special stepfather of Douglass Hammes of Commerce Township; also survived by 14 grandchildren; friend and former husband of Hazel of Commerce Township.

Celebration of Life service was held Friday, Feb. 13 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Children's Hospital, Detroit.

Louis C. Stamas

Louis C. Stamas, of Clarkston, died Saturday, Feb. 15 at age 89.

He was the loving husband of Demetra; dear father of Stephen (Antoinette) of Clarkston; grandfather of Elaine (Thimio) Sotos of CT., Elizabeth of Clarkston, Stephanie of Waterford and Christine (Aaron Mertes) of Ferndale; brother of Harry (Sophie) of Fraser, Maria (Peter) Maravealas of Birmingham and Helen Stock of OH. He was preceded in death by his brother Leo and sister Hazel Habermehl.

Louis was a member of St. George Greek Orthodox Church. He formerly owned and operated Quality Cleaners, Pontiac for many years and after the sale of the family business, he worked for Pontiac Laundry and later worked with Harwood the Tailor and Alpine Cleaners.

A funeral service was held Feb. 18 at St. George Greek Orthodox Church, Bloomfield Hills. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home. Interment Oakhill Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. George Greek Orthodox Church.

E-mail The Clarkston News at shermanpub@aol.com.

School to hold Pistons Basketball Clinic

Clarkston's Community Education Program is presenting the following activities:

■ **Detroit Pistons 3rd Annual Parent/Child Basketball Clinic:** Registrations are now being taken for the Pistons Parent/Child Basketball Clinic that will be held at Sashabaw Middle School on Saturday, Feb. 22. The clinic will be held from 1-2:15 p.m. for children in grades K-5 with an adult partner. This is a great way for adults to learn the proper techniques to teach basketball skills to their children. In addition to having a great time, three Pistons tickets will be given to each family. The tickets will allow participants to sit courtside during the pregame warm-up and enjoy a family photo opportunity at center court at The Palace. The fee is \$15 per person. Register at the Community Education Center, Monday-Thursday 6:30 a.m.-9 p.m. and Fridays from 6:30 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, contact Clarkston Community Education at 248-623-4321.

■ **Session II Swim Lessons at the Clarkston High School Pool:** Register now for the Session II Swim Lessons that will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays, as well as Tuesdays and Thursdays, at the Clarkston High School pool. Each class will meet for seven days. Classes will begin the week of Feb. 24. For more information, please contact Kenwyn Chock at 248-623-3799.

■ **Jewelry Classes to be offered in Clarkston:** Beada Beada announces they will be offering a variety of jewelry classes at the Clarkston Community Education Center during the month of March. The one night classes include the wire wrapped bracelet, the spiral weave bracelet, and the floating pearl necklace. Class will be held on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Nancy Grimaldi, an area artist, will also be teaching a Glass Fused jewelry class at the Community Education Center. In addition to learning this exciting method of fusing and melting the glass to make jewelry, students will also learn how to make paperweights and designs for framing. This class will begin on Wednesday, March 12, from 6-9 p.m. and will continue for three weeks. Examples are on display at the Community Education Center, 6300 Church Street. To register, please contact Clarkston Community Education at 248-623-4321.

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Johnston's 21 leads hoopsters past Blue Jays



Clarkston's Brad Goodman (left) drives past the Rochester defender Feb. 11. Goodman drained three three-pointers to help lead the Wolves to a win against their Oakland Activities Association Division I foe. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

Wolves' record now at 9-8, 6-3 in league after win Friday

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston's boys basketball team is now on the plus side of the ledger for the season.

The Wolves earned that right with a 58-36 win against host Southfield in Oakland Activities Association Division I action Friday. Clarkston improved to 9-8 overall and 6-3 in league play, while Southfield fell to 3-12 overall and 0-10 in league play.

According to Coach Dan Fife, the fact the team has a winning record hasn't quite hit them yet.

"I don't know if anyone even realizes it except us," he said. "I don't even know if my team knows it. It's a win in an away game in OAA I and they're always hard."

Junior forward Chris Johnston was the main man for Clarkston, leading all scorers with 21 points. "He really played well and made smart decisions when he got the ball in the low post," Fife said. "He seems more relaxed than he has in the past. We need him to do well for us."

Senior guard Justin Whetstone added 10 points for the Wolves.

The two teams started off slowly offensively, as the Wolves held a 9-7 advantage after the first quarter. "A lot of it is just the immaturity of our team," Fife said of the team's slow start. "Our kids are still not quite sure what to expect at the start of the game. I think the whole thing is consistency of play for 32 minutes, regardless. I'm more concerned about consistency on defense than offense."

Clarkston opened things up in the second, outscoring the Blue Jays 18-10 to take a 27-17 lead at the half.

The Wolves blew the game open in the third quarter, outscoring the Blue Jays 17-6 to take a commanding 44-23 lead at the end of the quarter.

The Wolves were also successful in their other game of the week.

Both Rochester and Clarkston were looking for a victory during their Tuesday, Feb. 11 game to stay in the OAA I race. However, it was the Wolves that



Chris Johnston

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DeGain, LaJoie lead 11 wrestlers heading to regionals

Grapplers prepare for defending state champ Davison in regionals at CHS

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Collectively and individually, the Clarkston wrestling team excelled in district action last week.

The Wolves will be sending 11 wrestlers to regional action Saturday, Feb. 22. Those 11 people earned that right by qualifying in district action Saturday at Lake Orion.

Heading up the honor roll for Clarkston were Clint DeGain (171) and Tony LaJoie (125), who each won their weight class. DeGain defeated Rocky Rocheleau of Lake Orion in the finals by a 6-2 decision, while LaJoie decisively defeated Rochester's James Campbell 7-4.

Five other Wolves earned runner-up honors in their weight classes and will be headed to regionals. They are:



John Langdon

of Grand Blanc, 6-1; Braden L'Amoreaux (130), who lost a 3-1 decision to Davison's Cory Rogers; John Langdon (140), who lost by pinfall in 1:55 to Davison's Brent Metcalf; Kyle Hester (189), who was pinned by Davison's Jesse Reader in 1:50; and Joe Wood (275), who lost a 5-4 overtime decision to Utica Eisenhower's Mike Efthemious.

The other Clarkston regional qualifiers, along with their finish in Saturday's district action, are: Elliot May (third, 112), Bryan Webb (third, 119), Brenton Place (third, 160) and Sean Turner (fourth, 152).

Coach Mike DeGain stated Saturday's accomplishment was an impressive one for the Wolves.

"I don't think we've had more than that (11 regional qualifiers) before," he said. "That was a pretty competitive district. Jason Talbott (215) didn't make it through, and he was a state qualifier last year. We thought every one of them (who made it to regionals) had a chance to make it through."

In team district action Thursday, Feb. 13, the Wolves handily defeated Lake Orion 74-6 and Rochester 66-6.

The Wolves will face a stern test at the team regionals Wednesday at Clarkston High School, when they take on defending state champion Davison. West Bloomfield faces Waterford Mott in the other bracket.

Coach DeGain stated his team is ready for the challenge. "We've known about this for a long time," he said. "We've been preparing for it all year, and if they're not



Clarkston's Elliot May (left) takes on an opponent from Detroit Catholic Central in a match two weeks ago. May was one of 11 Clarkston wrestlers who qualified for individual regional competition Saturday, Feb. 22. In team regionals, the Wolves will face a stiff test from defending state champion Davison at team regionals Wednesday at Clarkston High School. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

Best Image Possible

Icers look to improve defense before playoffs

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston's hockey team still has some fine-tuning to do before the start of the state playoffs.

With two games left in the regular season, the Wolves are looking to shore up their defensive play after a 3-1 loss to host Farmington Saturday, which dropped their season record to 10-8-4 overall. The Wolves finished 6-4-2 in Oakland Activities Association Division I play, earning a second place finish in the league.

Sophomore forward Bryan Morin scored the Wolves' lone goal of the game on assists from sophomore forward Mike Fogg and senior forward Matt Brady.

Three days earlier, the Wolves earned a 7-4 win at West Bloomfield. Junior forward Adam Peters was the scoring star of the game for Clarkston, earning a hat trick.

Clarkston took a 2-1 lead after the first period, as Bryan Morin scored unassisted and then assisted on Peters' first goal of the game.

After the Lakers scored to tie things up at two, the Wolves came back in the second period, as junior forward Steve Morin scored on assists from junior forward Kyle Buzzo and junior forward Griffin Cummings.

The Wolves clinched the matter with four goals in the third period. Sophomore forward Chris Degan scored on assists from Fogg and senior defenseman Ron Knoebel; sophomore forward Trevor Johns scored



Bryan Morin

Athlete of the Week — Stephanie Reitano

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

As the Clarkston volleyball team's regular season is winding down, senior Stephanie Reitano is stepping up her game.

Reitano had seven kills and was 14-for-14 serving with five digs as the Wolves broke their losing streak in Oakland Activities Association Division I Thursday with a 15-13, 2-15, 15-8 win against Farmington.

Reitano, who first took up volleyball at Clarkston Middle School, believes she has gotten better with experience and the instruction of Coach Gordie



Stephanie Reitano

Richardson.

"All the skills they teach you just click as you get into a higher level of play," she said. "I'm a lot more aggressive than I used to be. He's actually taught me a lot. He's a good coach and he knows a lot about the game."

As the season winds down, Reitano hopes the Wolves can win the rest of their games, communicate well, and play together.

After she graduates from CHS, Reitano stated she might play volleyball at the club level while attending Central Michigan University, but "nothing serious." She hopes to study nursing or psychology at CMU.

She is the daughter of Shelly and David Reitano of Clarkston, and has two younger brothers: Andrew, 14, and Christopher, 10.

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on an assist from Peters; and Peters scored two more goals, the first on an assist from Cummings and the second on an assist from senior forward Eric Hall.

Coach Bryan Krygier believes the Wolves have to become more consistent in their own defensive zone for the team to get ready for district action.

"We have to tighten up on our defense," he said. "In our zone, we haven't been the best. We're a little too lackadaisical."

Still, the coach is happy with the team's overall play. "I think we've played well," he said. "We're los-

ing some games, but they're to teams I'm not disappointed about losing to. You just have to continue to work hard and be disciplined."

The Wolves played a makeup game Tuesday against host Berkley, then close out their regular season Wednesday with Senior Night at the Polar Palace in Lapeer, as the Wolves compete against Birmingham Brother Rice beginning at 7:15 p.m.

On Monday, Feb. 24, the Wolves will begin district competition as they take on Walled Lake Western in a 5 p.m. game at the Flint IMA Arena.

Ski teams on their way to Marquette for state meet

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston's ski teams officially have a date at the state finals.

Both the boys and girls ski teams won the Pine Knob Regional Thursday to earn a trip to the finals Feb. 24 in Marquette. The boys team earned 29 points to 96 for Rochester Adams and 127 for Lake Orion, while the girls team finished with 65 points, ahead of Fenton's 121 and Lake Orion's 128.

Senior Brandon Rosengren anchored the boys team's drive to the state meet, finishing first in the slalom (46.12) and the giant slalom (33.88). John McNew was runner-up in both events (slalom time — 47.35; giant slalom time — 34.64).

Ryan Parrott was the only other Clarkston skier to finish in the top 10 in



Pam Wylie

the slalom, earning fifth place (48.57). Alex Rosengren finished third in the giant slalom (34.80), while Parrott took fourth (34.91).

Clarkston sophomore Mo Weiland led all competitors in the slalom (51.46), while Pam Wylie finished sixth (54.80) and Jody Piechura seventh (54.92). Wylie led the Wolves in the giant slalom, taking second overall (39.43), while Nina Jackson earned ninth place (40.50).

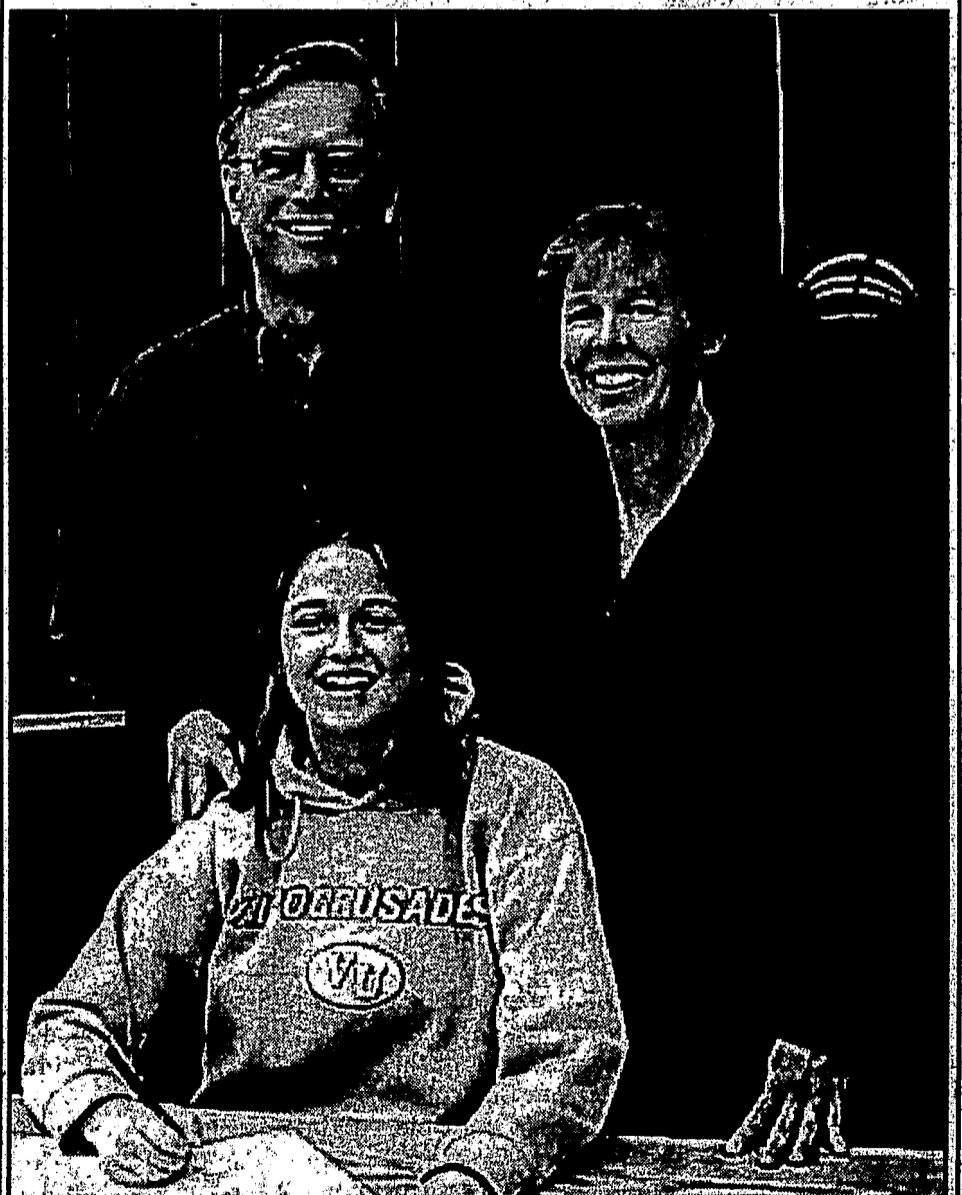
The Wolves added another notch to their list of accomplishments by capturing the Oakland Activities Association Division I championship Feb. 10-11 at Pine Knob Ski Club.

The boys team outdistanced second-place Lake Orion 10-41, while the girls also beat out the Dragons, this time by a 17-32 score.

The Wolves swept the top four spots in their race, with Brandon Rosengren (38.07), McNew (38.74), Alex Rosengren (39.45) and Kevin Valbusch (39.62).

On the girls' side, Weiland (41.57) finished in first place and Wylie (43.00) took second to lead the Wolves to the OAA I crown.

Proud moment



Lauren Cooper, a student at Notre Dame Prep in Pontiac and a Clarkston resident, signs a national letter of intent to play women's soccer next year at Valparaiso University as parents Patrick and Joann Cooper look on. Photo provided.

Check out next week's issue for continuing playoff coverage of the ski and wrestling teams.

Bowling club is right up students' alley

Group hopes to become letter sport at high school beginning with 2003-04 season

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston High School's Bowling Club is hoping the CHS Athletic Department can spare room for them as an official letter sport.

To that end, the club held a fundraiser Sunday, Feb. 3 to help raise enough money so the sport can be a self-sufficient program.

According to Terry Rauh, the club's coach and youth league coordinator at Cherry Hill Lanes in Clarkston (where the club practices), the fundraiser was designed to show the club can be self-sufficient as an athletic program.

"As of now, they (Clarkston High School) do not have it in their budget for a high school sport," Rauh said. "We've formed a parents' booster club to show we have backing and financial support. A couple of parents and I are trying to get in and talk to Dan Fife (Clarkston High School athletic director)."

CHS senior Elisha Christopher, a member of the club, believes bowling should be recognized as a varsity letter sport, even though she wouldn't be around to reap the benefits.

"I think it should be a letter sport," she said. "It's a lot of work and we put a lot of effort into it."

The Michigan High School Athletic Association recently approved bowling as a sport for all Michigan high schools, beginning next year.

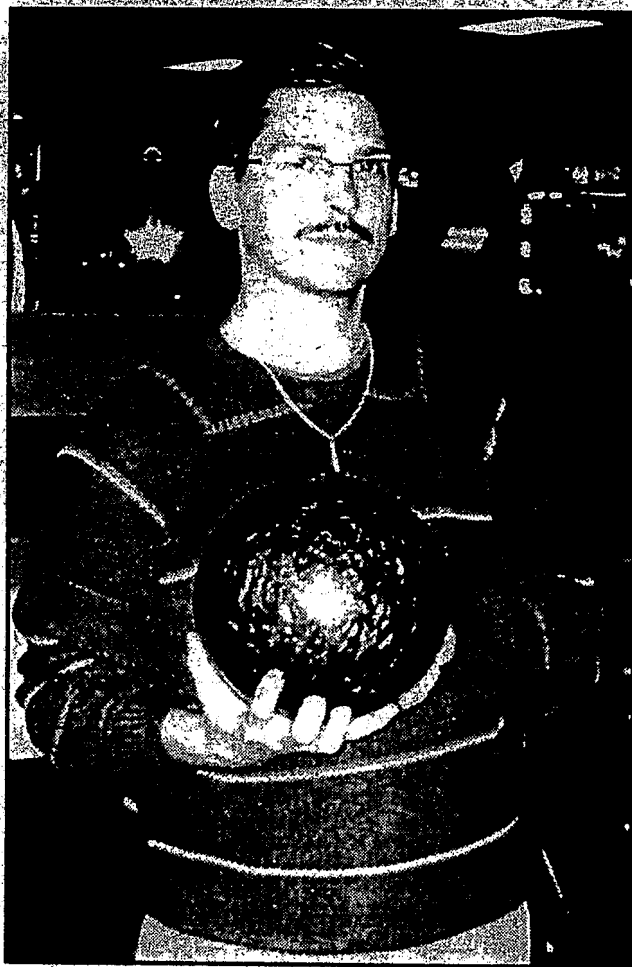
This is the first sport to be recognized by the MHSAA as a sport with sufficient support to sponsor a postseason tournament since girls competitive cheerleading in 1993-94. Previous to that, boys and girls soccer was recognized in the 1982-83 school year.

"There's been enough support by member schools where the mechanics of the MHSAA kick in to provide a postseason tournament," John Johnson, communications director for the MHSAA, said. "Schools have been sponsoring the sport for some number of years."

According to Johnson, the number of schools that have some form of a bowling team in Michigan is in the mid-200's.

"The bowling proprietors have been very proactive in working with the MHSAA," he said. "They're willing to make accommodations because they think it's in the best interest of the sport."

At this point, Johnson stated bowling will be a



Terry Rauh, youth league coordinator at Cherry Hill Lanes North and coach of the Clarkston High School Bowling Club, gets in some practice Monday. Rauh is hoping the club can become an official varsity letter sport for the 2003-04 school year. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

winter sport, to be divided into boys and girls competition. He stated based on the number of schools expressing interest, there would be two postseason tournaments next year, one for Class A schools and one for Class B-C-D schools.

Currently, the CHS club is involved in postseason competition against other teams in southeastern Michigan. There are 24 members in the Club, and the teams are divided into varsity and junior varsity teams. Four members each from the boys and girls varsity teams have advanced to regional competition.

The four CHS boys are juniors Steve McGartland and Matt Vercauteren and freshmen Ryan Motto and Jeromy Wagner, while the four girls are Christopher, junior Tracy Epifano, sophomore Amber Bratton and freshman Katie Grunis.

Netters enjoy successful weekend at Kiwanis Invite

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The southwestern Michigan city of Coldwater was quite hospitable for the Clarkston volleyball team.

The Wolves went 4-1-1 at the Kiwanis Invitational this weekend. Clarkston defeated Athens 15-6, 16-11; Charlotte 15-12, 15-6; and Jackson Co. Western 15-6, 15-3. The Wolves split with Hillsdale 15-12, 13-15.

In quarterfinal action, the Wolves defeated

Pellston 8-15, 15-6, 15-10. Clarkston was eliminated in the semifinals against DeWitt 4-15, 6-15.

"They're a good team and athletically, they were maybe a little bit better than we were," Coach Gordie Richardson said. "I thought our kids played well."

The Wolves broke their Oakland Activities Association Division I losing streak Thursday with a 15-13, 2-15, 15-8 win against Farmington. Stephanie Reitano had seven kills and was 14-for-14 serving with five digs to lead the Wolves.

Individual wrestling final tickets available Feb. 24

A limited number of reserved seat tickets for the MHSAA Lower Peninsula Individual Wrestling Finals at The Palace of Auburn Hills, March 6-8, will be available to the public beginning Feb. 24.

All reserved seat tickets are located in the lower bowl of The Palace, and only all-session tickets will be sold prior to the first day of the Finals at a cost of \$45, plus handling charges. Parking is included in the ticket price. Additional lower bowl tickets may become available the week of the Finals if tickets reserved for the families of qualifying wrestlers are left unclaimed.

Single-session reserved seat tickets, if available, as well as upper bowl general admission seats, will go on sale the opening day of the event. Single-session tickets are priced at \$9 for reserved seats, \$8 for general admission, and the price includes parking at The

Palace.

Tickets may be purchased by telephone through The Palace Box Office by calling 248-377-0100.

The following is a round-by-round schedule of competition.

■ Session 1 — Thursday, March 6: 2:30 p.m. — Grand March and Round 1.

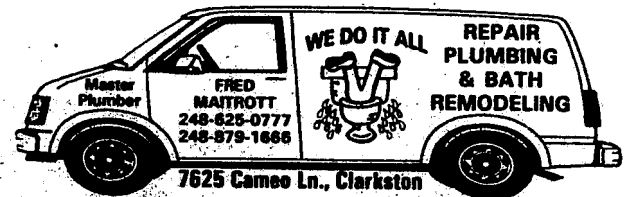
■ Session 2 — Friday, March 7: 8:30 a.m. — Round 2; 11 a.m. — Round 3; 2 p.m. — Round 4.

■ Session 3 — Friday, March 7: 7 p.m. — Round 5 — Semifinals.

■ Session 4 — Saturday, March 8: 8:30 a.m. — Round 6; 10:10 a.m. — Round 7; Noon — Round 8.

■ Session 5 — Saturday, March 8: 4:30 p.m. — Grand March and Round 9 (Finals).

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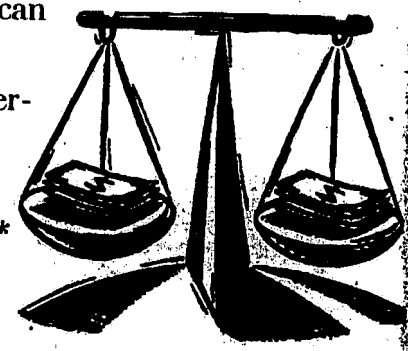
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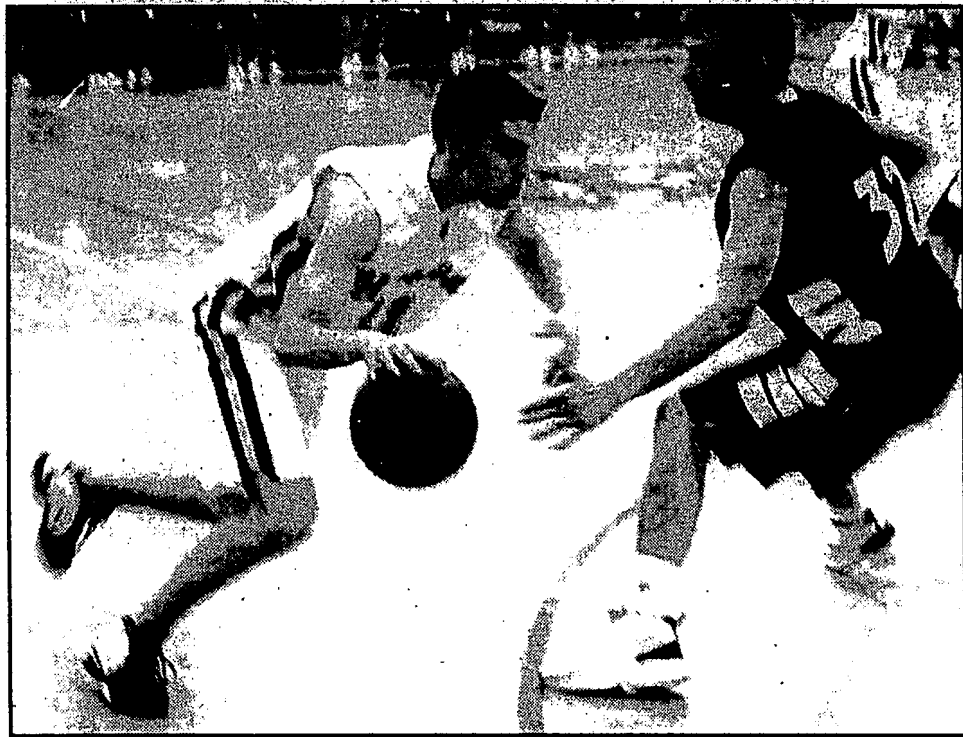
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Clarkston's Mark Thornberry (left) checks out the Rochester defense before making his move during the teams' Feb. 11 game. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

Boys basketball

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earned that key victory, as they used a first-quarter outburst to defeat the visiting Falcons 71-53.

Before the Falcons knew what hit them, the Wolves, using their three-point shooting skills to their advantage, had taken a 20-7 lead at the end of the first quarter. The Wolves connected on eight three-pointers in the game, and Rochester was never able to find their shooting rhythm.

The Falcons managed to trim the Wolves' lead to 31-19 at the half, but the game was never really in doubt. The Wolves held a 48-37 lead at the end of the third quarter.

Sophomore Brad Goodman and junior Mark Thornberry led the three-point

shooting parade, each connecting on three long-distance shots. Goodman led the Wolves with 18 points (including eight-of-eight from the free throw line), while Thornberry finished with 13 points.

Sophomore Robbie Clark added 11 points, while Whetstone finished with 10.

The Wolves returned home for a key league contest Tuesday against Pontiac Central. Clarkston hosts Southfield-Lathrup Friday at 7 p.m.

At this stage, the Wolves are in control of their own destiny in league play, according to Fife. If they win the rest of their league games, they will at least tie for the OAA I title, something Fife felt he couldn't envision at the beginning of the 2003 calendar year.

"I didn't know if we'd have this opportunity," he said. "I'm excited for the kids."

School spirit



Clarkston's pom pon team gets the crowd fired up during halftime of the Clarkston-Rochester boys basketball game Feb. 11. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

CHAMPS clinic signup underway for girls volleyball finals at WMU

To enhance the atmosphere of selected tournament finals, the Michigan High School Athletic Association, in cooperation with the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation at Western Michigan University, is in its fifth year of conducting a youth clinic at the MHSAA Girls Volleyball Finals, with registration now underway for this year's event in Kalamazoo on March 15.

CHAMPS (Cooperation, Hard Work, Attitude, Motivation, Participation, Sportsmanship) Clinics target local female junior high/middle school-aged students and their parents in a morning-long workshop designed to provide game skills and life skills information.

Enrollment in the CHAMPS Clinic is limited to the first 60 girls and their parents — parental attendance is a requirement. The clinic will take place from 8 a.m. to noon in the University Arena and Student Recreation Center on the campus of Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, where the four MHSAA Girls Volleyball Finals will take place.

An application may be downloaded from the MHSAA Web Site — www.mhsaa.com.

Student-athletes will be led in the volleyball clinic by former Calvin College coach Dr. Mary Schutten and several other prep coaches from throughout the state.

Dr. Deb Berkey, chair of the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department at WMU, will lead the parents' portion of the program. Clinicians include: Jeff Stone, assistant director for academic support in the WMU athletic department; Dr. Carol Weideman, an assistant professor of Health, Physical Education and Recreation at WMU; and Berkey. Stone will focus on academic requirements in high school and beyond; Dr. Weideman will discuss sports nutrition; and Dr. Berkey's presentation will focus on parental sportsmanship, and include a viewing of the MHSAA-produced video, "What Kids Wish Their Parents Knew About Sportsmanship."

Registrations must be submitted by March 7. For more information, contact: Renea Peruski, Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, Western Michigan University, 4024 Student Recreation Center, Kalamazoo, MI 49008-3871. Telephone: 616-387-2710.

Sports shorts

Bauer begins track and field at Albion Singles excels for GTC of Rochester

Eric Bauer, the son of Steven Bauer and Mary Bauer of Clarkston, is a member of the men's track and field team at Albion College. Bauer, a junior at Albion, is a graduate of Clarkston High School.

Under the direction of veteran head coach Dave Egnatuk, the Britons are scheduled to open indoor competition at Hillsdale College Feb. 14.

Clarkston's Danielle Singles took home several medals in Level 9 competition for the Gymnastics Training Club of Rochester at the Hall of Fame Classic in Huntington Beach, California Feb. 8.

Singles, 13, won gold medals on vault and floor exercises, silver in the all around, bronze on beam and placed fourth on the uneven bars.

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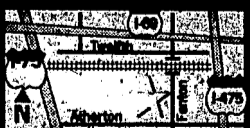

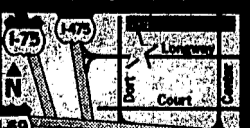


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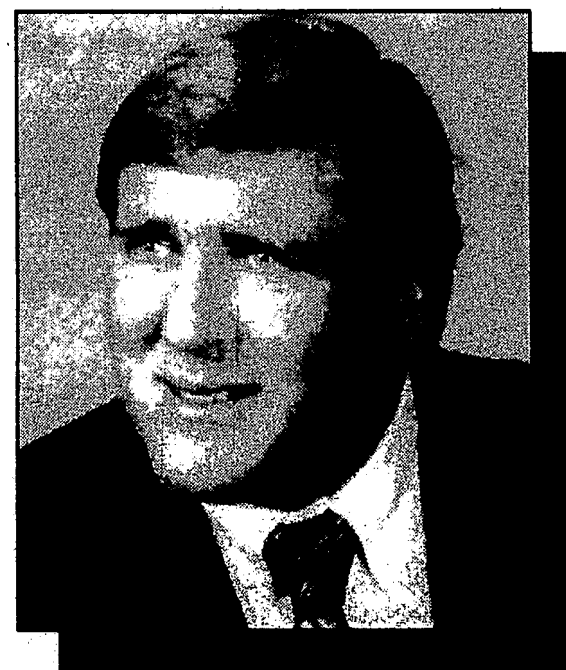
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'Birdman' hopes spring is nearby

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The "Birdman of Clarkston" has hope spring is nearing, despite the freezing temperatures we've been having lately.

Longtime Clarkston resident J.D. Powell called *The Clarkston News* offices Monday, Feb. 10 to report he saw three robins in his backyard.

A bird watcher and lover, 84-year-old Powell said, "This is the first time I've ever seen a robin, let alone three, as early as Feb. 10."

Powell said about 35 years ago he was dubbed "The Birdman of Clarkston," by Rob Kress, a former reporter for Channel 7 News, when Powell was featured in a story about his many one-of-a-kind birdhouses he'd constructed by hand.

A meat cutter at Rudy's Market for 20 years, Powell used to sell his birdhouses and feeders there, and a Channel 7 employee from Clarkston, and a regular customer at Rudy's, thought Powell would make an interesting feature story.

Shortly, after the segment aired, *The Detroit News* also did a full page spread on Powell.

"It was kinda fun," Powell said of his celebrity days.

He admits to building "a couple 300" birdhouses and feeders. "I've made all kinds. From slab wood, used wood and items I'd pick up from all over."

For example, Powell said, he has made a birdhouse out of two solid, wooden bowls; one from a gourd; and one from four ceiling fan blades.

"I had fun making something out of nothing. I never made any two alike."

His birdhouses were a hot buy at Rudy's as well as the annual Crafts and Cider Festival at Depot Park, and word of his creations spread, because, "they were different from anything else you could get."

Powell first came to Clarkston in 1937, working for his uncle, Ben Powell, owner of Ben Powell Disposal, which is now Smith's Disposal. But he made

a move into the grocery business, beginning his career as a meat cutter at Terry's Market in downtown Clarkston, before entering the service at 26.

During his two years in the Navy, Powell did three trips across the Atlantic and one in the Pacific. "The first ship I was on carried 30,000 tankers of gasoline. If we'd have been hit we would have been the first ones on the moon," he joked.

After he returned home, Powell went back to work for Terry's, but shortly opened up his own store, Powell's Fish and Poultry Market on Dixie Highway.

He ran that for a little more than five years, but with three grocery stores already in Clarkston and a new A&P coming in, business was declining.

Powell approached Rudy's Market for a job, asked if he could sell his birdhouses there, and a deal was made. As manager of the meat department, Powell said he enjoyed

his Rudy's days immensely. "I liked talking to everyone. We used to cut the meat in front of the customer. You don't find that too much these days."

Retired for 24 years now, Powell is still very much active. Throughout his retirement he has been re-finishing

furniture as a business and continues to do work on a small scale. In the summers, Powell, who will be 85 in June, said he still plays golf three times a week. "And I still walk it; nine holes."

Married for 42 years, Powell's wife, Bernice, passed away in November at the age of 91.

"She was a great lady. We had a good life together." The two were married at the Clarkston United Methodist Church, when it was located on Buffalo, Powell said, who has been a member of the church for 40 years.


Powell has two living children, he lost a daughter to cancer 10 years ago, six grandchildren and one great-grand child.



Longtime Clarkston resident J.D. Powell, who was once dubbed "The Birdman of Clarkston," has created hundreds of birdhouses out of unique items like four ceiling fan blades, or bowls, like the two pictured. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

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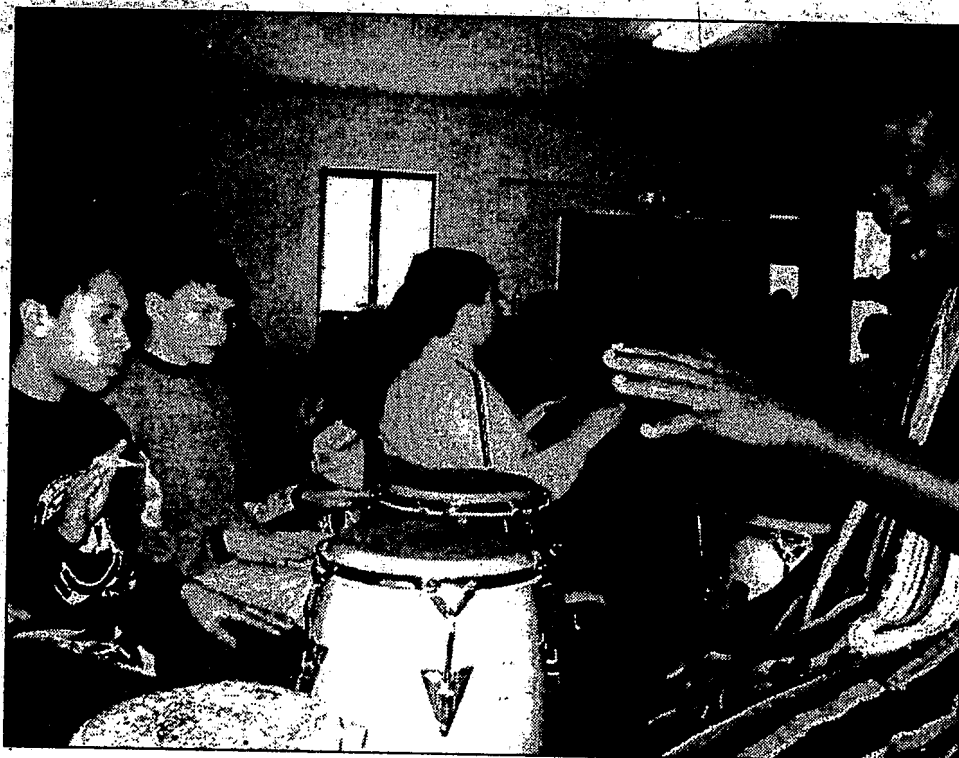
The Clarkston High School Drama Club presents Frank Loesser and Abe Burrows' musical, "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying." The fast-paced Pulitzer Prize-winning musical comedy is a satire based upon the chauvinistic corporate machine of the 1950s and early 1960s. Show dates are Thursday, Feb. 20, Friday, Feb. 21 and Saturday, Feb. 22 at the CHS Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$6 for students and senior citizens; and \$8 for adults. Call for reservations at the CHS Theatre Box Office at (248) 623-4024.

Club 5529, a dance venue, is open every Friday from 8:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. for young adults 18 and older. The club features a coffee bar, lounge, billiards, foosball, live music, and an expansive dance floor. The Burning and the alternative rock band,

Exit the Ordinary, will perform Feb. 21. Doors open at 8:30 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. Cost is \$7 at the door for general admission seating. Club 5529 is located inside the CCA at 5529 Sashabaw. Call (248) 620-4900 or logon to www.5529music.com for more information.

The Clarkston Village Players will hold auditions for their production, "The Cover of Life," by R.T. Robinson. Three war brides move in with their mother-in-law in rural Louisiana in 1943. Life magazine wants to put them on their cover and assigns Kate Miller to the story. Kate doesn't want to do a women's story, but her urban attitude changes as she comes to understand these women and comes face to face with her own powerlessness in a man's world. Audition dates are Feb. 23 at 2 p.m. and Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. Roles are available for six women and one man. Readings will be from the script. For a copy of the script, or questions, call director Bob Gerics at (248) 674-0886 or (248) 891-9279. For directions to the theater, call (248) 625-8811.

The Independence



Cedar Crest Academy students Michael Cummings, left, and Michael Zukoff, focus on Robert Nunoo's directions. Nunoo is a member of Adinkra, an African music and dance company, who will perform with Cedar Crest students Feb. 26 at Clarkston High School. Photos by Jennifer Nemer.

Township Parks and Recreation has openings for a babysitting/home alone workshop scheduled for Feb. 25 and March 24 at Bay Court Park from 6:30-8:30 p.m. These classes are designed for youth, ages eight to 14, who are interested in babysitting or are home alone for a period of time. Cost is \$20/resident, \$30/nonresident. Call (248) 625-8223 for more information.

Everest Academy,

5935 Clarkston Rd., will hold a blood drive Tuesday, Feb. 25 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call the school at (248) 620-3390.

In celebration of Black History Month, students at Cedar Crest Academy in Clarkston are joining forces with Adinkra, an African music and dance company, to bring a unique concert to local audiences. Adinkra and Cedar Crest students will

take the Clarkston High School stage Wednesday, Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door, or can be purchased now through any Cedar Crest student. Cost is \$10 for adults, and no charge for students.

Children six to eight years of age can explore the features that help wildlife hide, run and live at Features of Creatures for Eco-Explorers Feb. 26 and 27 from 1:30-4

p.m. Games, projects, a snack and other activities included. Prepay to register. Cost is \$10 per child per session or \$15 per child for both sessions. Call (248) 625-6473.

The North Oakland Republican's Club has invited Independence Township Supervisor Dale Stuart to speak at their next meeting Thursday, Feb. 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the 300 Bowl in Waterford. Stuart will discuss the successes in the year 2002 and future challenges of 2003. For more information, contact Jim Runestad at (248) 623-8522.

The Widowed Support Group will meet Thursday, March 6 at 7 p.m. The topic for the evening is "Recognizing Grief in the Workplace," facilitated by bereavement counselor Alicia Brown. All meetings are held at the Independence Township Senior Center in Clintonwood Park on Clarkston Road. There is no registration and meetings are free. Recently widowed men and women, of all ages, are invited. Refreshments will be served. Any questions, or if anyone would like to be on a mailing list, call the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home at (248) 625-5231.

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Milestones



Lt. Joshua Holst

In Service . . .

Lt. Joshua Holst, left, was stationed in Afghanistan as Airborne Infantry Platoon Leader from August 2002 to January 2003. He is a 1996 Clarkston High School graduate and 2000 graduate of U.S. Military Academy, West Point. Holst is pictured above holding an American flag drawing given by an Afghani child.

Marine Corps Cpl. **Marty V. Martinez**, whose wife, Carly, is the daughter of Leslie Staunton of Clarkston, is currently on his fifth month of deployment while assigned to the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, based in Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Navy Airman **Zacliary A. Carino**, a 1998 Clarkston High School graduate, is currently on his fifth month of deployment while assigned to the amphibious assault ship USS Nassau, based in Norfolk, Va.

Air Force Airman **Nathan B. Beedle** graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Bradley Beedle of Clarkston and is a 1999 graduate of Waterford Kettering High School.



Tony and Annette Janowiak of White Lake are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, **Rachel Janowiak**, to **Derek Raddatz**, son of John and Hazel Raddatz of Muskegon. Janowiak is a 1997 graduate of Clarkston High School and a 2001 graduate of Michigan State University. Raddatz is currently employed by NPI Wireless in Muskegon. The future bride and groom are both currently attending Grand Valley State University. They are planning a May 2003 wedding at Calvary Lutheran Church in Clarkston.

In School . . .

Several Clarkston High School students were inducted Feb. 4 into the National Vocational Technical honors Society at Oakland Schools Technical Campus Northwest. They include **Kira Karlstrom**, **Chad Kouri**, **Sandra Russall** and **Mary Langs** for visual imaging; **Roselyn Burcicki**, **Tina Cziwey**, **Emma Hathcock**, **Megan Pfohl**, **Anna Smith**, **Dennis Taylor**, **Shannon Turner**, **Laura Wagner**, **Briana Walker** and **Danielle Weddle** for bioscience; **Barbara Byrd**, **Cary Henneman**, **Andrea Hubbard**, **Nicole Morearty**, **Rachel Raab**, **Ashlee Schneider**, **Gabrielle Tippett**, **Jennifer Wims** and **Megan Zielinski** for health and medical technology; **Danielle Garman**, **Melissa Schultz**, **Pamela Wylie**, **Christina Hoover** and **John Bracknell** for culinary arts; **Stephen Kiester** for engineering and manufacturing technology; **Joshua Hotchkiss** for transportation technology; **Micheal Kincaid** for construction technology; and **Olga Myts** for business, management, marketing and technology.

Erik Kenerson, a 2000 Clarkston High School graduate, was awarded dean's high honors for attaining a GPA of 4.0 for the fall semester at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. Erik is a junior

majoring in pre-law, with concentrations in economics and political science. He has also earned All Academic honors with the University Athletic Association. Erik is a wide receiver on the Case Western Reserve football team.

Mark Catanese of Clarkston was named to the dean's list for the fall quarter of the academic year at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Indiana. The son of William and Joni Catanese, Mark is majoring in mechanical engineering.

Brian Witkowski of Clarkston made the Loyola University New Orleans dean's list for the fall 2002 semester.

Junior **Lauren Giordano** of Clarkston, a 2000 Clarkston High School graduate, was named to the dean's list for the fall at Alma College.

Sophomore **Christopher Sajdak** of Clarkston and freshman **Nicholas Koenigsnecht** of Davisburg qualified for the honor roll for the third card-marking period at St. Mary's Preparatory.

Clarkston's **Kathleen Jane Cherry**, **Ronald David Conwell**, and **Ryan Joseph Ochoa** were named to the dean's list at Madonna University.

Point Park College in Pittsburgh, Penn. announced **Andrea L. Ronk** of Clarkston was named to the dean's list for the fall 2002 semester.



Nancie Francine Schwartz and **Armin Drew Michelsen** were recently married at the Dearborn Inn. Rabbi David Nelson and Cantor Samuel Greenbaum of Congregation Beth Shalom officiated at the garden ceremony. Nancie was escorted to the chuppah by her parents, Sharon and Larry Schwartz. Armin is the son of Brent and Adamine Michelsen of Clarkston. Following a honeymoon in Italy, the couple are residing in New York City.



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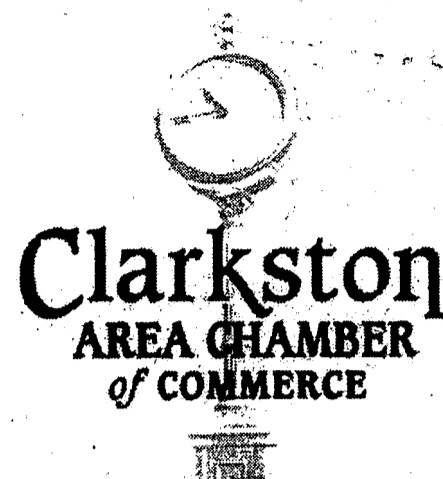
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Reflections of courage from middle schools

Though they wrote about courage, they showed it too, by entering their artistic work in the national Parent Teacher Association-sponsored Reflections program.

At Clarkston Middle School and Sashabaw Middle School, more than 150 entries total were received in the fine art categories of literature, visual arts, photography and musical composition focusing on this year's theme: "Signs of Courage."

Four entries in each category are chosen to go on to competition at the state level.

CMSers who received Awards of Excellence and will move on to state include literature entrants Courtney Chase, Colin Dabrowski, Andrew Schreiber and Lakshmi Somasundaram; visual arts entrants Rachelle Fox, Karissa McCatty, Rebecca Shay and Sharie Shay; photography entrants Rebecca Bailey, Lindsey Underwood and Justin Zirwes; and musical composition entrants Amanda Bartenbaker and Rebecca Shay.

Those who received Awards of Merit in the literature

category were Jeremy Baetz, Jodie Bedor, Lindsie Blouin, Tyler Bost, Michelle Cardinal, Jessica Colombo, Maria Freundberg, Kathleen Kerr, Mara Livezey, Jennifer Lumetta, Meagan McCallum, Rachel Napier, Allison Page, Tori Thompson, Megan Valley, Adam Weightman and Julie Williams.

SMSers who received Awards of Excellence and will go on to state competition include John Grosjean, Kirsten Rogers, Christopher Wagner and Ruth Wang in the visual arts category as well as Erin Kelly, Minjoo Lee, Laura Mason and Corrine Sanger for their literature submissions.

Awards of Merit in the literature category went to Amy Arpke, Melanie Dunnigan, Kathleen Partyka and Lindsey Santola.

Reflections chairwoman MaryAnn McCracken from CMS and Joyce Nienhuis from SMS, and their respective PTAs, held a special reception Jan. 7 to display all the works of art submitted. Approximately 200 students and SMS and CMS families were in attendance.



(Above) Awards of Excellence and Awards of Merit winners of the Reflections program at Sashabaw Middle School pose with principal Mike Krystyniak, PTA president Wendy Roehl and Reflections chair Joyce Nienhuis. (At right) The Clarkston Middle School students who entered the Reflections competition gather for a photo at a special reception in their honor. Pictured also is principal Linda Foran, PTA president Mickey Ginn and Reflections Chair MaryAnn McCracken. Photos provided.



Courage
a winning entry by
Laura Mason,
Sashabaw Middle
School seventh grader

The strength,
the heart,
To do what is right
even if others think it
wrong
To love someone
considered unlovable,
To touch someone
considered untouch-
able,
To reach out your
hand
to someone
To tell them "I am
here"
even if you wish you
weren't
To always be there for
Friends,
Family
To always be willing to
make a special bond,
with someone new,
Putting others before
yourself
Doing what is best for
them,
even if it isn't best
for you,
To love someone so
much
you would die to save
them
Like Jesus
Died to save us
On the cross
So long ago
Because he had the
courage
To care.

**Courage of a
Middle Schooler**
a winning entry by
Andrew Schreiber,
Clarkston Middle
School eighth grader

To get up in the
morning
without fearing the day
To walk into school
without worrying what
I forgot
To open my locker
without calling the
custodian
To go to my first class
and realize what I did
forget
To sneak back to my
locker
without getting caught
To be able to fake it in
class
if I'm called on
To be confident
that I'll move up to first
chair, eventually
To be able
to understand and not
flunk algebra...again
To go to the lunchroom
and not lose my lunch
To go to Lab Volt
without cutting
myself...again
To not mix up
Washington Valley and
George Forge
To get through Science
class
without starting a
fire...again
To go to track
without twisting my
ankle
To wait to be picked up
but my parents forgot
To finally get home
and hope I'm not still
grounded
To have my favorite
snack
but the cupboards are
bare
To watch TV
without parental control
To start my homework
with my backpack still
at school
To bed finally
where I'll dream about
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The courage of a
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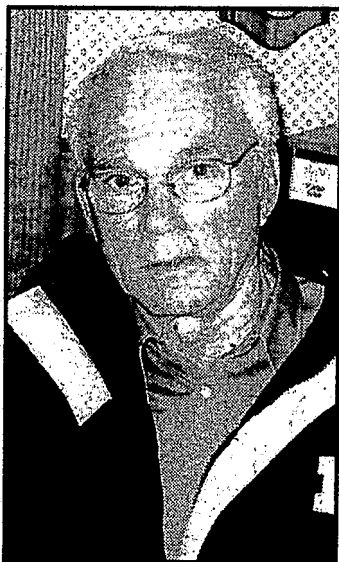
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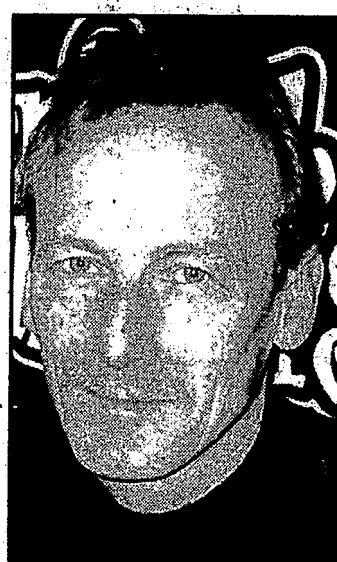
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"Just went out to eat."
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"I took my daughter out to breakfast."
--Linda Richardson



"I took my girlfriend to Outback Steakhouse the night before, because she had to work on Valentine's Day. I also did a little bit of shopping at Treasure Gifts & Beyond."
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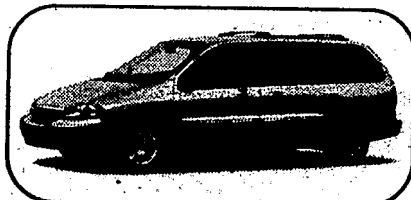
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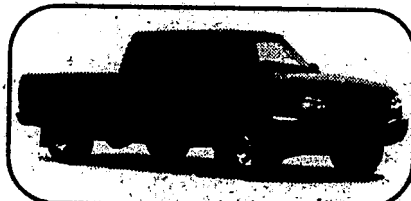
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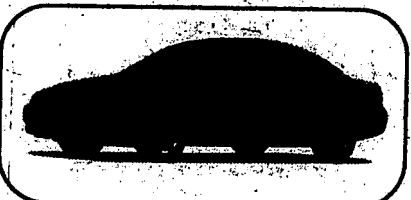
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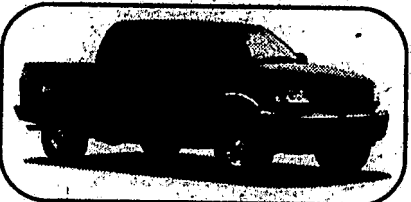
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Meet the press

Members of the Bronco Press (the Independence Elementary Journalism Club) held their first press conference with principal Chris Turner on Tuesday, Jan. 7. Mr. Turner handled the heat as he answered a range of questions about hiring practices, uniforms, building design, overcrowding and his former prowess as a soccer player. The Bronco Press is in its first year and was born from the idea of third graders Taylor Santo and Anna Manilla. The club is open to third through fifth graders. The paper includes interviews, feature articles, sports, advice, current events and more. Reporters and cartoonists earn photo "press passes" after being published. Photos provided.



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OFFICIAL NOTICE

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Charter Township of Independence Board of Review will meet for its organizational session, MCL 211.29(1), at the Township Hall's Office of the Assessor on Tuesday, March 4, 2003 at 9:00 am.

The Board of Review will meet at the Township Fire Station # 1 Training Room, 6500 Citation Drive, Clarkston, Michigan to hear year 2003 assessment appeals of value, classification and poverty on March 10, and 12, 2003 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, and on March 11, 2003 from 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

The year 2003 tentative equalization ratio is 50%, and the estimated multiplier is 1.0000 for all property classifications.

If you wish to appeal your assessment, it is required that you have an appointment with the Board of Review. An appointment can be made through the Assessor's Office at (248) 625-8114 between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm. If none of the posted hours are convenient for you please call the Assessor's Office for an alternative date and time. Please use your parcel identification number when referring to your property so that your records can be quickly accessed.

Please note that taxes are levied against the TAXABLE VALUE.

Sincerely,
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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet Wednesday, March 5, 2003 at 7:30 pm at the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI 48346 to hear the following cases:

Case #03-0009 Richard Wood, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS FRONT YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 11' TO CONSTRUCT ATTACHED GARAGE AND COVERED PORCH
Griggs Dr., Lot 63, R-1A
Goodrich Farm Sub
08-26-351-013

Case #03-0010 Victor Kubani, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS SECOND FRONT YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 25', PLACEMENT IN FRONT YARD, AND SIZE VARIANCE OF 95 SQ FT TO CONSTRUCT 2nd GARAGE (DETACHED)
Allen Rd., Lot 3, R-1R
Bessie Forman Estates
08-06-476-006

Case #03-0011 Nick Lucaj, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE TO EFFECTUATE SPLITTING OF PROPERTY, SETBACKS FOR CURRENT STRUCTURES, SIZE, AND USE TO BE CONSIDERED (ALL 3 PARCELS WIDTH AT SETBACK LINE AND PARCEL A WIDTH TO DEPTH)
Ortonville Rd., Lots 4 & 5, R-1R
Supervisor's Plat No. 10
08-05-300-042 and 043

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

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

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SUMMARY

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 10, 2003

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Mayor Catallo.
Roll Present: Clifton, Catallo, Colombo, Gamble, Meyland, Savage, Werner.

Absent: None
Minutes of January 27, 2003, accepted as presented.
Agenda accepted as presented.

Bills in the amount of \$270,199.85 approved for payment.

Meyland reported on his meetings with Acting Chief Combs.

Meyland attended the Clarkston Coalition for Youth meeting and reported that the organization had many good projects underway and the Clarkston calendar was available on a website that can be used to add events and to monitor events scheduled.

Acting Chief Combs reported that in January there were sixty-four moving violations for which citations had been issued along with twenty-two warnings. Combs stated that approximately twenty-five percent of all traffic stops result in warnings. There were two drunk driving arrests and another special car was dispatched resulting in twenty-two stops on Friday night, with no drunk drivers; there were several violations cited. There were two warrant arrests. The Police Department administered over seventy-three PBTs, and approximately eighteen finger printings for which there is now a ten dollar charge. Combs stated that most departments in the area charge more than the ten dollar fee.

Combs further reported that there were thirty-one vacation building checks with no major crimes reported.

D.P.W. Supervisor Bob Pursley reported that all street signs are being updated. The snow has been keeping the D.P.W. busy. Pat Saunders has a CDL learners permit and will be taking the road test shortly. Adam Frank, Pursley, and Bryan Meloche are CDL certified.

The 2002 - 2003 General Fund Budget was amended to reflect the reduction in State Revenue Sharing Funds as well as the increase in the insurance premium.

Gary Tressel of Hubbell, Roth and Clark, Inc., reported on recent meeting with Pinehurst-area residents and the condition of the two bridges that serve this area. Meetings were held with Township and City representatives.

Resolved that should all property owners south of the Pinehurst bridge affected by the reduced capacity of the current structure acknowledge in writing that they accept full liability for any damage to the bridge should it be crossed by construction equipment by April 1, 2003, the water main and paving portion of Pinehurst at the south end of the project will be authorized; if this liability is not acknowledged, the property owners south of the bridge would be removed from the water portion of the special assessment district.

Gary Tressel reported on the meeting held on February 1, 2003 regarding the drainage problem at Clarkston Road and Main Street. Tressel reviewed the original plans for storm drainage on Robertson Court along with the proposed outlet at the community lot.

Tressel reviewed the drainage problem from Clarkston Road to the property at the south east corner of North Main and Clarkston Road, 130 North Main. Tressel then reported on the meeting held with Parke Lake area residents. The residents were opposed to the storm waters being released into Parke Lake at the community lot. The feasibility of leaching basins was discussed; however, the DEQ felt that this would spread the plume of the contamination from the Muffler Shop at 148 North Main.

Discussion resulted in the consensus that the original plan as stated in the bid documents for Robertson Court with one minor revision on the connection at the west end of Robertson Court will remain in effect.

A resolution commemorating the fifteen anniversary of the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce was adopted.

A resolution authorizing parades for Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, and the Parade of Lights was adopted.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Ariamus M. Bopp, Clerk

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Bidders shall review and comply with the Instructions to Bidders, which are incorporated by reference, and carefully review all Contract Documents, as defined in the Instructions to Bidders. Bids submitted after the exact time specified for receipt will not be considered.

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Each bid proposal shall be submitted on the proposal forms provided and shall be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond, executed by the bidder and Surety Company, payable to the Charter Township of Independence in the amount of five Percent (5%) of the accompanying bid. Proposal Guarantee shall provide assurance that the bidder will, upon acceptance of the bid, execute the necessary Contract with the Township of Independence. No bid may be withdrawn after scheduled closing time for receiving bids for at least sixty (60) days.

Award of Contract

The successful bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory Performance, Labor and Material, and Maintenance and Guarantee Bonds.

The Township of Independence reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive irregularities in bidding.

No Proposal will be received unless made on blanks furnished and delivered to the DPW Supervisor on or before 1:00 p.m., Local time, Wednesday, February 26, 2003.

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Bailey Lake Elementary parties Valentine's style



Fifth graders in Kay VanNatta's class show off goodies they received at their Valentine's party.

(At left) Katrina Todd, 2, peaks through some heart streamers, while mom helps out at the party.



(Above) Blake Schultz, Alex Blenc and Mikayla Ferer, third graders in Mrs. Moscovic's class, get crafty painting vases for mom and dad.



Five-year-old Teagan Taylor decorates the paper table covering with hearts before teacher Mrs. Morris brings out the yummy snacks for her students.



(At left) Jenna DaMico, a second grader, is festive in her Valentine's headband.

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