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Would Jesus go to war?

Local pastors grapple with spiritual side of Iraq conflict

BY DON SCHELSE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Peace and justice are both in the Bible, and local pastors appreciate the struggle to bring them into balance.

It's especially challenging in light of President George W. Bush's "48 hours" announcement Monday and the impending war with Iraq.

"It certainly is a complex issue," said Pastor Jonathan Heierman of Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church of Clarkston.



Pastor Greg Henneman

Heierman believes everyone is in agreement that atrocities committed by Saddam Hussein "are unacceptable." That's not the main issue, however.

"The question is on the response," Heierman said. "As people of faith, we are called to pray for peace."

While some denominations have issued official position statements, individuals within local congregations have a variety of viewpoints, leading ministers to temper their own views with a need to be sensitive and respectful to

those who may disagree.

"We probably have all sorts of opinions in our church," said Pastor Greg Henneman of Clarkston Community Church, where at least two families have close relatives in military service.

While he struggles with the pros and cons of going into Iraq, he said, "I believe in the just war theory."

While Christ's teaching of "turning the other cheek" is to be taken seriously, Henneman noted passages such as Romans 13, which talks of God using governments as instruments of justice.

"We should not be angry, vengeful people," Henneman said, but absolute pacifism can also be a problem. "I wouldn't want to live in a country where there are no policemen. Sometimes a government has to go to war in the name of justice."

Even before President Bush's comments Monday, Pastor Russ Reetsma of First Baptist Church of Clarkston believed war is inevitable.

"I think it will happen," he said. "They're not going to bring 250,000 troops over there and not do anything."

Reetsma is not as concerned as some about the limited public information concerning Iraq's threat to United States interests: "I think [the government] knows a lot that we don't know. I



Pastor Russ Reetsma of First Baptist Church of Clarkston prays for our leaders.

Photo by Jeff Patrus

don't think the government is obligated to tell us everything they know. They're acting on information they have."

While Heierman respects those who support military action, he does not hesitate to question the apparent move toward war.

"There's a lot of questions that relate to the consequences," he said. "Will it really solve the problem? I am deeply troubled by the prospect of war in this

context."

Calvary Evangelical recently conducted a prayer vigil for the overseas situation, and Heierman said it included participants on both sides of the issue.

Henneman is among those who say the term "both sides" may even be unfair. "Even at absolute last resort, we should go to war grudgingly, even sadly."

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The future's so bright, I gotta wear shades



Clarkston High School graduate Ashley Wilson recently spent an "alternative spring break" volunteering at an all girls orphanage in Mexico. Wilson gathers for a picture with three girls, donning sunglasses. See story on 3A. Photo provided.

Armed robbery at Oxford Bank

Oxford Bank on Main Street in Clarkston was robbed by a man with a firearm just before noon on Saturday, March 15.

The man was described as caucasian, between 25-35 years of age, 5'7", 155-180 lbs, with a medium build. He was wearing a forest green sweater, blue jeans and brown shoes.

When he entered the bank he was wearing a clear plastic smiley face mask and was armed with a large automatic rifle.

He told all the employees to get on the ground and told them not to look at him. He then pushed plastic Ziplock bags through teller windows and told the tellers to empty their cash drawers. They complied.

He fled, heading in a southwesterly direction from the rear of the bank.

The bank's surveillance video was retrieved and viewed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Briefly

Foundation looks for teacher nominations

The Clarkston Foundation and Suburban Ford of Waterford are pleased to present the selection process used to select the 2002-03 "Teacher of the Year."

The outstanding Classroom Teacher Recognition Program and the Teacher of the Year designation will alternate yearly between elementary and secondary teachers with secondary being in the 2002-03 school year.

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This year's Clarkston Foundation/Suburban Ford of Waterford "Teacher of the Year" selection will be announced on May 9. The "Teacher of the Year" will receive the free use of a new Ford car of their choice for a full year.

Nomination forms will be available at all Clarkston schools, the Board of Education office, Suburban Ford of Waterford and Clarkston State Bank beginning March 10. All nomination forms must be returned (or postmarked) with all supporting materials and documentation to the Clarkston Foundation, P.O. Box 711, Clarkston, 48347 by April 10, 2003.

Friends of Library set for book sale

The Independence Township Friends of the Library are planning a new and used book sale April 10 through April 12.

The donated books help support the library. The sale will have hundreds of paperbacks and hard-covers among which are antique books, collectibles, first editions (some signed), videos and even an "Oprah Book Club" area.

"We have 46 categories so there is something for everybody," Mary Jean Baker said.

Most items are priced at \$1 or \$2. Children's books are priced to sell. After 1 p.m. on Friday all items will be half priced. Saturday is \$2/bag, where customers can fill a grocery bag full of books for \$2.

The sale opens at 10 a.m. everyday and closes with the library. The Independence Library is located at 6495 Clarkston Road.

Stakoe visits local schools for Reading Month

State Representative John Stakoe is visiting classrooms in March to help elementary school students celebrate March is Reading Month.

Stakoe has borrowed a variety of books from the State of Michigan Library and may also read from selections suggested by classroom teachers. Each student will receive a bookmark from the representative emphasizing that "Readers are Leaders."

Stakoe will be at Independence Elementary and Pine Knob Elementary on Monday, March 31.

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The Second Front

Spring break for CHS grad takes an alternative turn

BY JENNIFER NEMER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

It wasn't your typical spring break.

Ashley Wilson, a 2002 Clarkston High School graduate, now a freshman at Michigan State University, wasn't in Daytona Beach partying with her friends like many young people do this time of the year.

No, she was volunteering her time and services to an orphanage in Mexico, and forming memories that will stay with her the rest of her life.

"It was amazing; really, really good," Wilson said, who returned to Michigan March 8, after a week away.

Ashley and more than 20 other MSU students were part of the Alternative Spring Break program offered through the Service Learning Center, a volunteer agency at the college.

To raise money for the trip, Ashley participated in several fundraisers like becoming a guest chef at Mongolian Barbecue as well as collected donations from family, friends and businesses.

The MSU group raised more than enough money and donations to each bring an extra suitcase filled with supplies like paper and pencils plus toys like balls, stickers and beads for the kids.

After arriving in Mexico Saturday, March 1, the students broke into small groups and worked at their own "site."

Wilson, along with nine other girls, volunteered at Casa Hogar, the all girls orphanage.

The girls there were between the ages of two and 12. "But the majority were between six and nine," Ashley said.

"I didn't know what to expect. The girls either have no families or some come from single parent homes. And the orphanages there are not like the ones here. They don't adopt out."

But Ashley said she was real impressed with the facility and the way it was run. "It's really nice. I was surprised."

Monday through Thursday, Ashley said, "we'd paint from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., then help the girls with their homework (with assistance from a Spanish interpreter) and then play with them."

Overall Ashley's group painted 40 beds and chairs, a swing set, a dollhouse and stairs. But it was the time spent with the girls, of course, that was so special to Ashley.

The young girls fondly called Ashley, Maria. "My middle name is Marie. Ashley was too hard for them to say, so they called me Maria."

One day, she found her backpack covered in post-it notes from the girls, that read, "Maria, we love you."

She also received many drawings, and a very special note from one little eight-year-old girl which said, "I love you Maria, your friend Saudi."

Though Ashley thoroughly enjoyed her first trip to Mexico, there was, unfortunately, one down side. It was too short.

It was emotional leaving the girls behind, Ashley said, "but I know the girls are in good hands with the nuns there, and I know they are fed well and are in a beautiful place."

Ashley -- who has also volunteered at O.A.T.S, Offering Alternative Therapy with a Smile, for two years and was a coach for Special Olympics through the program -- is planning to gather a large group and go back to the orphanage again next year, this time for a longer duration. She is also hoping to stay involved by holding a shoe drive, an item she said the girls were in desperate need of.

Overall, the pre-med student said, "I learned a lot about myself. I definitely want to continue doing work with kids. Not so much in Mexico, because there is so much to do here, too."



Clarkston High School graduate Ashley Wilson recently spent an "alternative spring break" volunteering at an all girls orphanage in Mexico. Here, she is with two little girls who were sick with chicken pox that week. Photo provided.

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Springfield to proceed with memorial garden

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The second time was the charm for the Springfield Township Memorial Garden proposal.

The township board, at its March 13 meeting, approved the plan for the garden. "We agreed to a few slight modifications, but we agreed it was a good plan and we should move forward," Clerk Nancy Strole said.

Sally Elminger of Carlisle/Wortman Associates, the township's planning firm, made the following changes from the first plan she presented before the board in January:

- Eliminated the brick pavers, cobblestone "stream" feature and tall grass area.
- Replaced the pavers with a flagstone pathway.
- Cited the millstone water feature as a focal point.
- Oriented the benches so people could view the Shiawassee Basin and wetland.

As requested by the Springfield Township Board in November, Elminger provided a proposal for a township memorial garden for the board's review at its Jan. 9 meeting.

The original proposal had a water feature located a few feet toward the building in order to provide a backdrop and context for the mill stone fountain.

However, at that meeting, the township board decided they weren't happy with the design, and they requested Elminger revise the plan to bring back

before the board.

In other business, the board:

- Agreed to relist with Al Paul for the sale of the former Springfield Township offices at 650 Broadway. The current list price is at \$275,000.

- Established rates for the purchase of a burial space in Davisburg Cemetery at \$300 for residents and \$475 for non-residents. This marks the first change in burial rates since 1982. Previously, the rates were \$200 for residents and \$250

for non-residents.

- Approved amendments to the following ordinances: Sewer System Operating Ordinance, No. 68; Zoning Ordinance, No. 26; and Subdivision Ordinance, No. 27.

Storm sewer planned from Madison to Church

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Financial reasons were the main factor behind the Clarkston City Council's decision to install a storm sewer from West Madison to West Church.

Matt Slicker of the city's engineering firm, Hubbell, Roth and Clark was on hand at the council's March 11 meeting. He presented two options for the drainage issues on Madison Court — the other was to install directional boring through Hillside.

City Manager Art Pappas said the

council chose the first option was because maintenance on the project would be easier and less expensive.

In addition, Slicker talked about putting a fire hydrant down Surrey Lane. Pappas said property owners at Surrey Lane have requested putting a fire hydrant on their property, and he stated if the property owners want to do so, they will have to do it at their own expense.

In other business, the council:

- Received a letter from the Oakland County Drain Commission requesting a City of Clarkston elected official

be present at a meeting regarding changes in the City of Detroit's water system.

According to Pappas, representatives from Hubbell, Roth and Clark will be on hand on behalf of the village and report back to the council with any information.

- Received a request from the Michigan Municipal League requesting the city's participation in their "Enhancing Local Government" project. According to Pappas, the city cannot take part in that right now for financial reasons, but may be able to do it at a later date.

Drama club to present play at CMS

The Drama Club of Clarkston Middle School is presenting an original drama production, "Cinderella, The Final Rehearsal" for the public on Friday, March 21 at 7 p.m. at the Clarkston Middle School auditorium.

Tickets will be sold at the door. More than 35 students are involved in the production, from sets, props, acting and lighting.

Under the direction of former professional actor and 2001 teacher of the year, Howard Andress, the students

will present the classic story with a definite comedic twist.

Cathy Alty, a Clarkston resident and parent of three CMS students, wrote the original play for the middle school drama club production.



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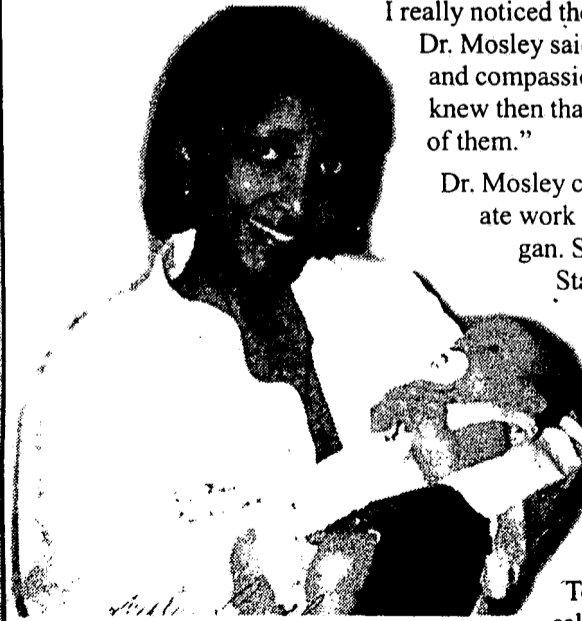
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Non-violent offenders to produce community garden

BY KYLE GARGARO
Clarkston News Editor

A community garden is set to spring up at the McCord Farm.

That is because Judge Dana Fortinberry and Judge Michael Batchik, from the 52/2 District Court, have entered into an agreement with Community Corrections, along with Independence Township approval, to start a community garden by using their nonviolent offenders as a labor pool.

The offenders will grow organic produce on the three to five acre plot of the McCord property for the Oakland County Food Bank.

"I have a deep love for that property and pass it almost daily," Fortinberry said. "I watched it sit there and wished we could find something to do with it."

Fortinberry now has that opportunity. Batchik, who recently came to the Clarkston court from Novi due to redistricting, had overseen a similar program in his former district. The community garden in Novi has been in existence since 1986.

"It is a win-win situation all the way around," Batchik said. "It is a sobering experience to realize you could go to jail so a lot of people take the opportunity to work in the garden rather than jail."

Fortinberry made it a point to tell the township board that only nonviolent offenders would be allowed to work in the garden so people in the area should not be concerned about safety.

"Believe me I would not allow this to be in the area if I had any concerns for the people's safety," Fortinberry said. "It is hard work but it is rewarding work."

Bob McGowan, who has a garden on his farm which produces fresh vegetables for the food bank, helped get the

idea off the ground.

"The most pressing need of the Oakland County Food Bank is fresh vegetables so this addresses that need," McGowan said

After being approved and endorsed by the township board, the judges will work out the details with the township.

"I think this is an excellent idea," Trustee David Wagner said. "That property is one of our treasures."



Judge Michael Batchik and Dana Fortinberry want to start a community garden. *File photo.*

Clarkston High School Academic Achiever

Name: Courtney Robinson
GPA: 4.0
Plans after graduation: The University of Michigan to study international business

Athletics: volleyball and softball
Honors: Scholar Athlete, Clarkston Area Youth Assistance Award, and Student of the Month

Clubs/organizations: National Honor Society (I'm the treasurer) and Blue and Gold Club. I play softball in the summer for the Clarkston Riverdaws.

Community involvement: I help at Lighthouse North Emergency Services whenever I am available. This includes unloading vans of food, helping out with their "Back to School" program as well as other odds and ends they need done.

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favorite high school memory is when all my friends told me they wanted me to be homecoming queen, and then I was. Ziggy Ziggy!



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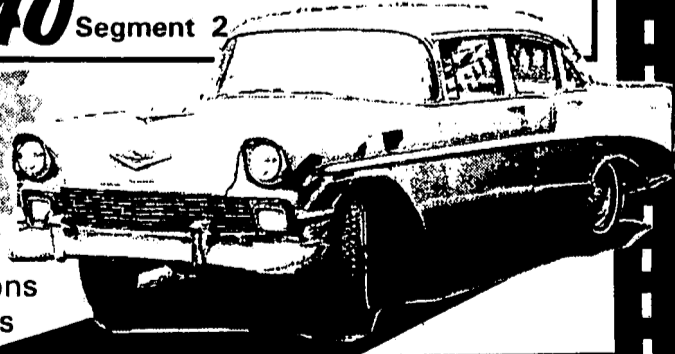
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Opinion

It's the final countdown

The countdown is on for your friendly, local editor.

After 25 years of walking around this great country a free man, I have decided to enter holy matrimony. Many said it would not be done. In fact, many said it could not be done. However on Aug. 16, 2003, the impossible will become a reality as Kyle becomes a married man.

So as I sit in The Clarkston News offices writing this column the countdown is officially at 151 days. Of course, that is not my countdown but rather that of my coworkers who are very much enjoying my nervousness. I mean, 151 days is nothing. And everybody knows how the summer flies by in Michigan. I definitely have to begin getting mentally prepared.

Now I am absolutely sure getting married to my fiancée (that word just sounds weird when I use it) Kerry Nugent is the right thing to do. I am positive we will have a great lifetime of happiness together.

Yet, I am still a guy so I am nervous. It is still spending the rest of your life with one person. And why someone would want to spend the rest of their life with me is beyond comprehension. Just my sarcastic humor alone has scared away the great majority of females whose paths I have crossed. I mean, it couldn't be my looks and the 15 extra pounds that had them running, could it? (In the interest of full disclosure I should probably say it is closer to 20 pounds but keep in mind I am still carrying some holiday weight. I think it is from Presidents' Day)

All my friends have been extremely excited when I told them the big news. If they are genuinely excited about the fact that I will begin a lifetime journey with the woman that I love or the fact there is an open bar is debatable. However, I enjoy the good thoughts, regardless.

Over the past few summers I have been to a plethora of weddings as many college and high school friends have decided to tie the knot. A great majority of these individuals are giving me nothing but positive reactions to how married life is treating them. Everyone from my grade school friends, (Don Ibach and the woman formerly known as Grace Hagen), high school friends (Jeff Goza and Russ Tedrake) and my college friends (Mike Moran and Dennis Worden) say that marriage is good times.

So I am sure that everything will be great (it is all about positive reinforcement.) I just have to get through the actual wedding ceremony which will be held in a non-air conditioned church in mid-August. Maybe I have been watching too many reruns of America's Funniest Home Videos but the odds of me toppling over is probably a 50-50 proposition at this point. Feel free to make bets amongst yourselves.

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

Gargaro's World



Kyle Gargaro

Letters to the Editor

Reader has high praise for CHS drama

I've been watching for another performance of the Clarkston High School Drama Club's production of shows that they have had in the past.

It brings to mind the fantastic production of the musical "Anything Goes" which was certainly a smash hit. All the singing, acting and stage props were surely professional grade with the students giving a superb performance in every aspect of the show.

As I sat there in the beautiful theater engrossed in the performance I couldn't help thinking I was in a Broadway theater in New York City as the performance was done to perfection.

My continued applause to see more of these Clarkston High School productions.

**Vernon Kath
Clarkston**

Cut administration, not student programs

As I read the article about the \$900,000 in school cuts, the one thing I didn't read in the article is what degree of school cuts are happening at the administrative level. As a Clarkston resident, I feel there are still too many people at the administrative level that could be cut. How many people could we cut there, having them responsible for more? Most companies look at that, too. At another level, in the high school, I find no need to have three assistant principals. One would be

certainly enough. That in itself could save about \$150,000. So why do the kids suffer first all the time by cutting teachers, and sports, still paying these other salaries that could be eliminated? It's always the students that suffer. Do we have a school board that is truly looking out for our kids? Let's look at other options first, tighten our belt and take care of students.

**Jim Altene
Clarkston**

News intern eager to get started

Hello Clarkston. I am Jillian Quinlan, 23, the new *Clarkston News* intern.

I am a senior at Oakland University graduating in June with a General Studies major. This major is a less traditional choice, but with a minor in both English and Journalism I felt it gave me a great opportunity to develop my writing skills. I was also able to take a variety of other classes. I studied Anthropology, Sociology, and Psychology, all of which were very interesting. It was nice to be able to study what I wanted rather than that which I was required.

Upon graduation I hope to write for a local newspaper, then later go back to college to get a Masters degree and become a high school English teacher.

Currently, I am a server at Max and Erma's restaurant in Sterling Heights. I have been there for nearly two years. Waiting tables has been a wonderful way to get through college. I love interacting with people and they love interacting with me, although it may just be because I bring them food.

I am familiar with this area. I grew up nearby, spending the majority of my life in Rochester Hills. I graduated from Rochester Adams High School in 1997. I then began at Oakland University studying Elementary Education. I switched my major a few years later after finding my English classes to be the most stimulating. I discovered Journalism shortly after and I wrote several stories for my college newspaper, The Oakland Post.

After that experience, I knew I had finally found my calling. This was a great relief to me, but more so to my parents who have been anxious for me to finally graduate.

I believe my love for writing was inherited. My father, who is now a technical writer, studied English and Journalism at the University of Michigan. After college he wrote for The Ann Arbor News and The Brighton Argus. I think he is proud to see me following in his footsteps. My mother, who is also

very creative and talented, is proud of me as well. This means the world to me since she is my best friend and my greatest inspiration.

I am very excited about this opportunity to work for *The Clarkston News*. I know I will gain valuable real world experience in a friendly learning environment. Clarkston is a beautiful community with such a small town feel. The other day on the way in to my interview an older man stopped me on the street just to say hello. I thought that was wonderful.

Well Clarkston, I know I am slightly inexperienced but I feel my enthusiasm will more than make up for it. I hope you will be patient with me as I learn, and I look forward to spending the next few months with you.



Clarkston News intern Jillian Quinlan.

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A couple of things

Don't know about you, but I got my forehead burned working out in the yard this past weekend -- too much sun. (Before I get too far ahead of myself, I'm not complaining. You Go Mother Nature!)

Don't know if this next quote is attributed to the correct individual. It was e-mailed to me by my uncle, Jim McDonald.

"Going to war without France is like going hunting without an accordion....."

-- Norman Schwartzkoff (retired US general.)

Even if Stormin' Norman didn't say it, he's got a point.

Speaking of the French . . . what is up with those in Congress pressing for the name change of French Fries to "Liberty" Fries in the House cafeteria? Aren't there more pressing issues facing Congressfolk? Why all the meaningless retribution to the French government for not supporting the United States?

What's next, Liberty Toast? And, this from dear wife Jen: "Liberty Kissing just doesn't sound fun."

This tidbit of information I gleaned from eavesdropping on my boys, Shamus 5 and Sean 3. They were playing in a room by themselves the other night; I was in the adjoining room.

Sean to Shamus: John Wayne's not a girl. John Wayne is a boy. John Wayne has a penis.

Just thought you all should know that.

This is an e-mail received last week. It's addressed to all the folks who visit the Midwest.

Midwest Tourism Advisory

Because of misunderstandings that frequently develop when Easterners and Californians cross states such as Michigan, Ohio, Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, Missouri, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and Kentucky; those states' Tourism Councils have adopted a set of information guidelines. In an effort to help outsiders understand the Midwest, the following list will be handed to each driver entering the state:

1. That farm boy snext to the feed bin did more work before breakfast than you do all week at the gym.

2. It's called a 'gravel road.' No matter how slow you drive, you're going to get dust on your Navigator. I have a four-wheel drive because I need it. Drive it or get it out of the way.

3. We all started hunting and fishing when we were seven years old. Yeah, we saw *Bambi*. We got over it.

4. Any references to "corn fed" when talking about our women will get you whipped ... by our women.

5. Go ahead and bring your \$600 Orvis Fly Rod. Don't cry to us if a flathead catfish breaks it off at the handle. We have a name for those little trout you fish for . . . bait.

6. Pull your pants up. You look like an idiot.

7. If that cell phone rings while a bunch of mallards are making their final approach, we will shoot it. You might hope you don't have it up to your ear at the time.

8. That's right. Whiskey is only two bucks. We can buy a fifth for what you paid in the airport for one drink.

9. No, there's no "Vegetarian Special" on the menu. Order steak. Order it rare. Or, you can order the Chef's Salad and pick off the two pounds of ham and turkey.

10. You can bring Coke into my house but it better be brown, wet, and served over ice.

11. So you have a \$60,000 car you drive on weekends. We're real impressed. We have quarter of a million dollar combines that we use two weeks a year.

12. Let's get this straight. We have one stoplight in town. We stop when it's red. We may even stop when it's yellow.

13. Our women hunt, fish, and drive trucks-because they want to. So, you're a feminist. Isn't that cute.

14. Yeah, we eat catfish. Carp, too -- and turtle. You really want sushi and caviar? It's available at the bait shop.

15. They are pigs. That's what they smell like. Get over it. Don't like it? Interstate 70, 80 & 90 go two ways. Interstate 29, 35, & 75 go the other two. Pick one and use it accordingly.

16. The "Opener" refers to the first day of deer season. It's a religious holiday. You can get breakfast at the church.

17. So every person in every pickup waves. It's called being friendly. Understand the concept?

18. Yeah, we have golf courses. Don't hit the ball into the water hazard. It spooks the fish.

19. That Highway Patrol Officer that just pulled you over for driving like an idiot ... his name is, "Sir"... no matter how old he is. Now, enjoy your visit and go home.

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A look back

in

The Clarkston News

15 YEARS AGO (1988)

• From a field of 59 applicants for the position of superintendent of Clarkston schools, 11 have been selected for interviews. The Board of Education met Monday night with the consortium of administrative directors from Michigan's state universities to discuss procedures for interviewing the candidates.

• In celebration of his 10th year in Clarkston, Dr. Harvey Rose is offering his services without charge on Tuesday, March 29. A podiatrist, Rose will provide foot and ankle care services and diagnostic services free. No appointments will be taken, and the free service will only be for the day. Rose says he's providing the patient appreciation day "just to say thank you to Clarkston."

• A resolution was unanimously adopted by the Independence Township Board in opposition to a statement by Gov. James Blanchard in his 1988 State of the State message in January. In Blanchard's "The Michigan Strategy," he proposed legislation to stop local governments from using zone ordinances to prohibit juvenile work camps and other facilities in their communities.

25 YEARS AGO (1978)

• Three Clarkston Village Council positions, the chairman and secretary/treasurer of the Planning Commission will receive wage increases in the fiscal year of 1978-79. Trustee Neil Sage presented the Council's recommendations for the five person wage increase. He said the raises would cover the added responsibility of village officials to the rapidly growing community.

• Independence Township residents say they are concerned about taxes, development and the quality of life in the Clarkston area, according to a recently completed survey. A majority of respondents also call for a broadened tax base and say they want limits on governmental growth.

• Despite an impending shortage of fuel due to the unsolved coal strike, management from area businesses, schools and local government say they are doing all they can to conserve energy. Most public buildings were cooled down to 65 degrees last winter, when the severe weather conditions put a heavy strain on fuel supplies. This winter, schools, local government buildings and businesses say they have kept their thermostats down to 65 degrees during the day and 60 degrees at night.

50 YEARS AGO (1953)

• While the Erwin Ross family was having breakfast, about 7:45 a.m., Monday morning they heard their car being backed out of the driveway. Ed ran out of the house and managed to get into the car and drag the driver out of the car onto the ground. At this point, Kenneth Craft, working in The News Shop, looked up and saw what was going on. He jumped out of the window and went to the assistance of Ross. Mrs. Ross cut two pieces off of her clothesline and with these the driver was securely bound hand and foot. Mrs. Ross' sister, Miss Eva Sortzi called the sheriff.

• The Clarkston Wolves ended their tournament playing as they lost to Saginaw Saint Mary 58-48. Tom Bullen led Clarkston with 15 points while Rob Schebor added 13 points.

• At the meeting of the Clarkston P.T.A. Mrs. Roland Allen was elected president for the 1953-54 school year.

Catching up

A wife sought advice from a fortune-teller, who said, "Prepare yourself for widowhood. Your husband is about to die a violent death." The wife signed deeply and asked, "Will I be acquitted?"

Your know you're going to have a bad day when you bite into a doughnut hole and find a hole in it.

Some weeks ago I wrote of daughter Susan (president of the be-cruel-to-fathers club) giving me a 1,000 piece jigsaw puzzle. By the time I got it put together my clothes were out of style.

Well, welcome to an "I've been there" father, Bill Patterson. (He has four daughters.) Former pharmacist Bill, now an Oakland county supervisor, gave me the antidote to the 1,000 piece puzzle.

His gift jigsaw puzzle has 24 pieces and took less than two minutes to put together. It's pretty too, if you like black and orange caterpillars laying on a stick.

Drove to Florida for a 2-week break from doing nothing. Some observations:

I was surprised and disappointed to see so many non-American cars -- especially Nissan and Toyota. What did GM and Ford do to lose so much marketshare? Or is it what didn't they do? Ford and Chevy used to have what is now the Nissan and Toyota market sewed up. Could it be that some of our industry leaders are too conceited or blind to what was happening in the land of the Rising Sun?

Some Georgia and North Florida billboards try to lure drivers with "We Bare All" and "Adult Toys" places. I don't think "adult toys" meant snowmobiles, ATVs

and motorcycles. I might have stopped at one until I read "Free trucker showers." I don't think my van qualifies as a truck.

I found a quick way to lose ten pounds while in Florida. Get food poisoning. I still don't know if it was the fried oysters or crab salad.

Are you like me, in that sometimes you lie to yourself? I pledged never to go into another Cracker Barrel restaurant. You walk through a store to get to the 'seater' who will tell you there's a half hour wait even when you can see empty tables in the dining room.

Of course, I broke my self-imposed promise and got the same reception. I went next door to a Waffle House and was entertained just watching the cook prepare so many dishes at once from orders shouted from around the restaurant.

I promise I'll never go into another Cracker Barrel. Yeah, right!

It's my observation that if I'm driving seven miles an hour over the speed limit the next car to pass me will be red in color, driven by a person with an implanted telephone driving a Mustang or Grand Am, not necessarily of recent vintage.

Kentucky is my favorite state to drive through. I like the hills valleys and country radio stations. The stations seem to be either gospel or country music.

I took a liking to Ronnie Millsap's "I'm having day-dreams about night things in the middle of the afternoon, and while my hands make a living my mind's on you." I do not make these things up.

I liked a lot of the country songs, including, "You didn't even say good-bye when you slammed that door."

Saw this bumper sticker: "Thou shalt not observe any speed limit." It was on a red Mustang or Grand Am driven by . . .

Jim's Jottings



Jim Sherman

CMS students get lesson in reality



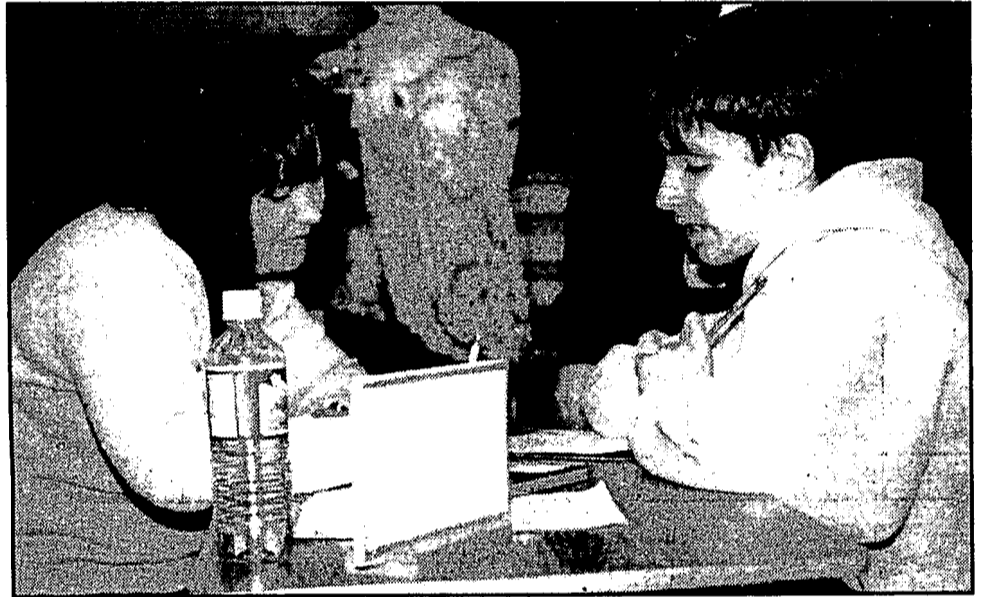
Diane Wozniak helps students find the right housing to fit their income. Photos by Jennifer Nemer.

Clarkston Community Schools, in conjunction with the PTA Council, sponsored the Reality Store program at Clarkston Middle School, March 12-13.

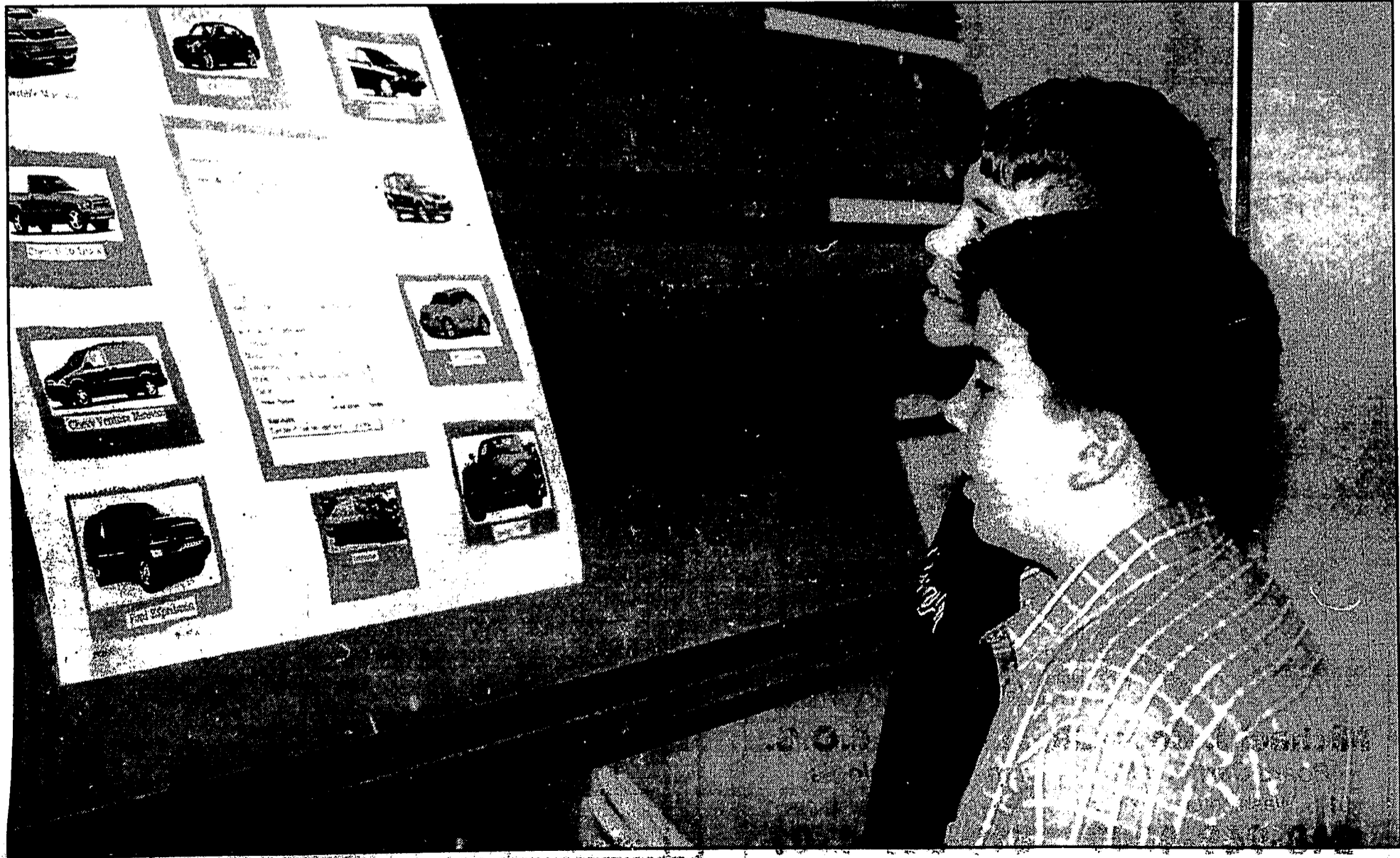
The goal was to help students learn financial planning, goal setting, decision making and career planning, examine their attitudes about their future careers, earnings and lifestyles; make informed decisions about costs and training in major life events like schooling, marriage and having children; and interact with community volunteers who could offer them unique guidance and insight.



Tiffany Nichols, in back, gets guidance from student volunteer Amanda Weiss in choosing the right car. Nichols decided to rent a PT Cruiser.



Seventh grader Nicholas Mocerino pays his utilities to parent volunteer Valerie Dasbach.



Nick DeSantis and Brandon Robertson, foreground, look at their car options before they buy.

Photographer's memories benefit Lighthouse North

BY KYLE GARGARO
Clarkston News Editor

A photographer's cleaning of her studio is benefiting the Lighthouse of Clarkston.

Beth Sayles, of Sayles Studio Inc. in Waterford Township, has currently raised approximately \$1,600 for the North Oakland County charity.

The photographer is offering people a chance to take home unused negatives and prints from weddings, births and anniversaries. She is simply asking those who pick up prints or negatives for a donation of any amount for Lighthouse.

"Absolutely 100 percent of the money is going to the Lighthouse. It is a great cause," Sayles said. "People are very appreciative and very generous."

According to Katie Stewart, manager of direct services for Lighthouse North, the money received from Sayles Studio will be used for the purchase of food.

"We have so many people coming to us that we're always running out of food, so whatever money we get will be used towards that," Stewart said.

Sayles Studio has been in business since 1950, when it was started by Sayles' parents, Howard "Red" and

Alice. Beth has been involved with the business for 30 years.

"We established our business on high school seniors," Beth Sayles said. "Our files go back to 1970. We have so many children and family files."

This is the second time the studio has cleaned out their inventory for the benefit of Lighthouse. Two years ago Sayles raised more than \$2,000.

This drive is planned to go through

the end of March.

"People should feel free to stop in Monday through Thursday from 12 to 5 p.m. They do not need to call ahead of time or set an appointment. It seems to work best that way," Sayles said. "I am still expecting a lot more people to stop in. A number of people have called but have not picked up their items yet."

(Clarkston News writer Jeff Patrus also contributed to this article)

Correction



In the March 12 edition of *The Clarkston News*, the Midstates Alliance Group was misidentified in the picture. They are, from left, Bud Mehl, Jason Gault, Jason Ryan and Tony Beaudry. *The Clarkston News* regrets this error.

Every rose has a thorn



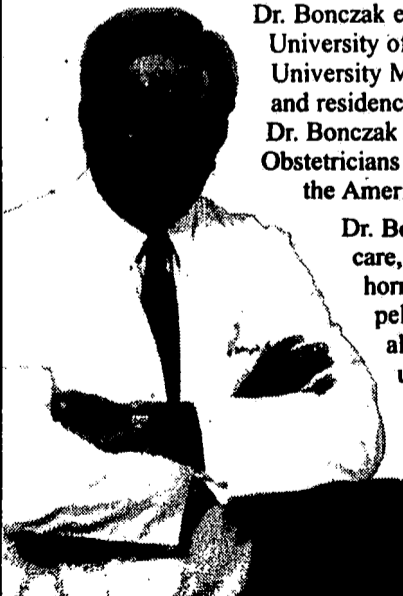
Braving hopefully the last snow storm, Rosarian Jerry Carney, center, spoke to the Springfield Branch of the Women's National Farm and Garden Association at the Davisburg Hart Community Center on "Tips and Tricks of Roses." Looking on are, left, Sue Valentine, Vice President, and Mary Bertolini, President. Their next meeting is April 2 and they invite anyone to join them. Call (248) 620-9281 for more information.

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Obituary

Geraldine F. Pfahlert

Geraldine F. Pfahlert, of Waterford, died March 11, 2003 at age 85.

She was the loving mother of Jacqueline (Ted) Klingler of Clarkston, Patricia (Jerry) Ice Ouellette of Clarkston and Sally (Douglass) Falls of Livonia; grandmother of Lin, Scott, Jeffrey, Mark, Shannon and Ryan; great-grandmother of Drake, Kendall, Noah, Hannah and Keeghan.

Geraldine was a retired legal secretary and she enjoyed volunteering at Canterbury on the Lake. She was also a member of Eastern Star #301, Commerce Township and the National Association of Legal Secretaries, Oakland County Chapter in which an award was named in her honor.

A funeral service was held March 14 at Clarkston United Methodist Church. Arrangements were entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association or the American Heart Association.

Houston Lovett

Houston Lovett, of Clarkston, died March 10, 2003 at age 88.

He was the husband of Louise; father of Howard (Dawn) Lovett of Mayville and Joanna Copes of Clarkston; grandfather of Howard (Rachael) Lovett, Kevin (Dana) Copes, Brett (Rachel) Copes and Amanda (Eric) Nikkel; great-grandfather of Kaitlyn, Trinity, Paige, Emily, Tiffany and Stephanie; brother of Howard Lovett of OK, Faye Carter of OK and Oretha Sparrow of AR.

Houston retired from Pontiac Motors after 38 years of service. He was an active member of Oakland Woods Baptist Church. He also served in the Navy during WWII.

A funeral service was held March 13, at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Private interment was at Christian Memorial Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the World War II Memorial Campaign.

JoAnne M. Key

JoAnne M. Key, of Holly and formerly of Waterford, died March 15, 2003 at age 70.

She was the mother of Mike (Claudia) and Debra all of Davisburg; grandma of Todd and Brian; sister of Shirley Methner of OH. JoAnne was a member of First Baptist Church of Clarkston.

Funeral Service was Wednesday, March 19 at 10 a.m. at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Clarkston Deacon's Fund, 5972 Paramus, Clarkston, MI 48346. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Religion

Continued from page 1

Prayer is the answer, pastors say, for both peace in the world and in people's hearts. While concerned about armed conflict, Heierman said peace is not simply an abstract concept.

"The kind of peace we would pray for would certainly include features of justice," he said, and that must be accompanied by "prayer of safety and support" for those in military service.

Henneman agreed that some anti-war protesters may be guilty of taking the simplistic path, not recognizing the

plight of oppressed people in other areas of the world.

"People are usually down on what they're not up on," he said. Clarkston Community has several prayer ministries, and he has encouraged his people to keep the Iraq situation on the prayer list.

"Seek the Lord," said Reetsma to people who have fears about war. "Examine your relationship with God and put your trust in Him. Pray for our leaders so they may have wisdom."

Regardless of the practical solution,

a number of pastors agree that there is a common problem.

"We live in a fallen world," said Heierman.

"The reason we have war is man's selfish heart, and the answer we have is Jesus," said Reetsma. "If we live as He would want us to, what a better world this would be."

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Therapeutic program gives kids hope

OATS offers physical, psychological benefits

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston resident Nancy Heussner felt a need to give back to her community, and she had a love for horses.

Those two things led Heussner to found OATS (Offering Alternative Therapy with Smiles) Inc. on Weidemann Drive in Clarkston in 1997. The program is geared toward those people who are suffering from emotional, physical or learning disabilities, according to Heussner, the organization's executive director.

The program serves between 100-125 people during six-week sessions held throughout the year.

"I've had a very fortunate life and I felt a need for this to operate for 12 months," she said.

According to OATS volunteer Robin Orser, the participants in the program come from the Clarkston area as well as surrounding communities, including as far away as St. Clair Shores and Oak Park.

She stated the program serves people dealing with such issues as cerebral palsy and Huntington's disease, as well as the blind and quadriplegics. The horses are all donated.

"There's such a need for programs like this," Orser said. "We're trying to grow the program."

A Clarkston youngster, Ryan Kemp, is one of the

program's key volunteers, helping to feed the horses and llamas on the property, Orser said.

Heussner believes therapeutic riding provides many benefits for the people in the program.

"It helps with their muscle strength, self-esteem and their speech," she said. "It's a premier sensory integration sport."

During the winter months, the barn on the property needs to be heated, and Heussner stated the program needs assistance to help that cause. In addition, the programs is looking for volunteers to help with leading and sidewalking the horses.

According to Orser, the program meets Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. She also said the program has a waiting list of 80-90 people to take part in the program.

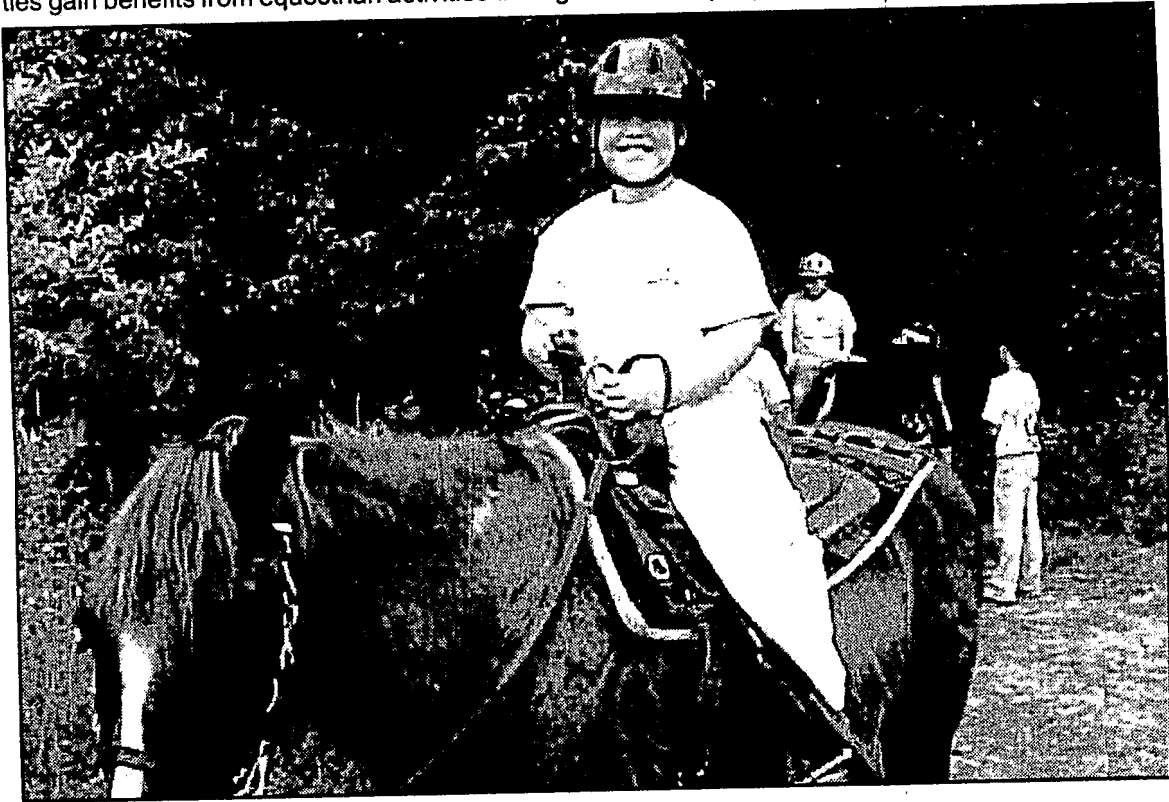
The youngsters in the O.A.T.S. program gathered for a little rest and relaxation Sunday, when they took in the Detroit Pistons game at The Palace of Auburn Hills. They watched the Pistons take on the Golden State Warriors as guests of Ed and Caryn Sickmeller of Clarkston.

"Back when our organization first started, they helped us put a road in from M-15 to the facility," she said.

For more information on OATS, call 248-620-0505, E-mail them at eatssmiles@aol.com, or visit their Web site at www.oatshrh.com.



Smiles come easily from both participants and volunteers as kids with physical or learning disabilities gain benefits from equestrian activities through the OATS program. Photos provided



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Sports

All Clarkston All The Time

Clarkston basketball continues to advance

BY DON SCHELKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The district champions became the regional champions last week, with a chance for even loftier accomplishments in the Class A state quarterfinals.

The Wolves earned a spot among the state's final eight with a 49-42 defeat of Clinton Township Chippewa Valley Friday, March 14 at Macomb Dakota High School.

"It was really a seesaw game," said coach Dan Fife, noting some fourth quarter concern when the Wolves were down by four points. Clarkston bounced back, however, with two crucial steals from Ryan Kaltz

"Our intensity picked up on the defensive end," Fife said. "It was an emotional, hard-fought win."

Junior Chris Johnston led the scoring with 20 points, followed by sophomore Robbie Clark with 14.

"The key to the game was our defense," Fife said, however, giving special credit to senior Justin Whetstone for his efforts.

Consistently tough competition has been a plus for the Wolves basketball team this season, the coach said. That is good preparation for post-season competition (something to which Clarkston is no stranger), and Fife said he tries to keep his players prepared no matter the scheduled foe.

"Anytime you're not ready to play, you can get blown out by 30," he said.

The quarterfinal contest was scheduled for Tuesday, March 18 (after *The Clarkston News*' press deadline) against Carman-Ainsworth, a team Clarkston faced earlier in the season.

The Wolves (17-8) advanced to the regional final by defeating Grand Blanc 75-66 on Tuesday, March 11. Fife said the Bobcats played well early in that contest, but the Clarkston squad again played the comeback game to earn the right to face Chippewa Valley. It was a little too close for comfort at times, but the Wolves held off a furious Grand Blanc comeback to defeat the Bobcats 75-66 in a regional semifinal game at Dakota.

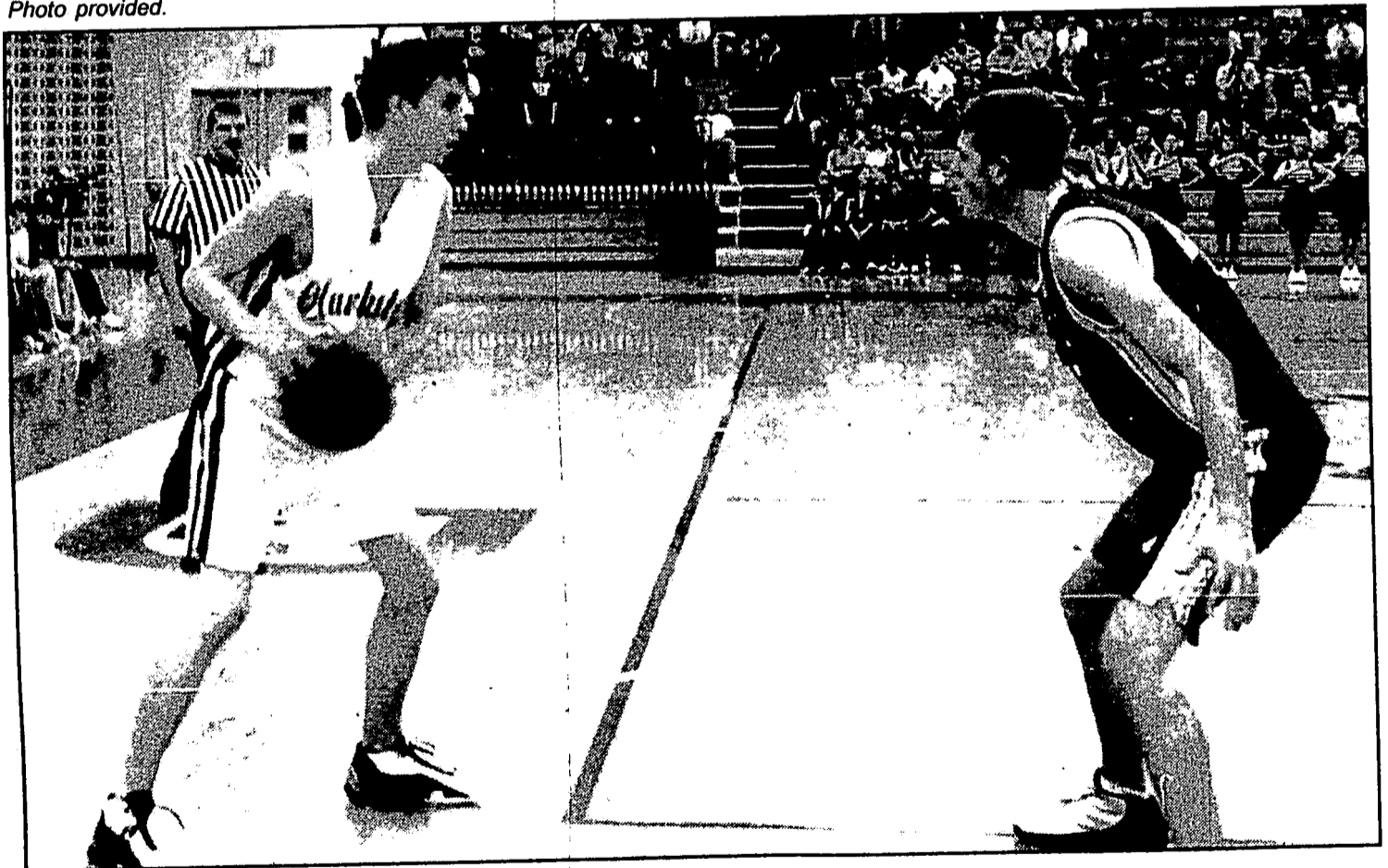
The first quarter was all Clarkston, as the Wolves raced out to a 6-2 lead in the first two minutes of the game. The Bobcats called timeout with 2:59 left in the first period after Clarkston senior guard Justin Whetstone's layup put the Wolves up 16-6. By the time the period ended, the Wolves had a 20-8 lead.

In the second quarter, it was much of the same, as the Wolves furthered their advantage. Whetstone, who scored 15 points in the game, connected with 3:23 left in the second to pull the Wolves up 33-13 as the Bobcats called a 30-second timeout. The Wolves forged a 28-19 lead.

"I thought we played very well in



The Clarkston hoops team earned a spot among the state's final eight with a 42-42 defeat of Clinton Township Chippewa Valley. Photo provided.



the first half," he said. "It seemed like everything went our way."

However, the Bobcats turned up the jets in the third quarter, scoring 25 points in the period and using its press to force several Clarkston turnovers. "It slowed up what we were wanting to do," Fife said. "We have some young kids out there and it slowed us down."

In addition, junior forward Chris Johnston, who had 14 points in the game, picked up his fourth foul with 1:54 left in the third, sending him to the bench. By

the time the period was through, Grand Blanc had trimmed Clarkston's lead to 52-44.

Johnston returned to the game with 7:10 left in the fourth, but the Bobcats continued chipping away at the Clarkston lead. Johnston fouled out with 4:21 left in the game, and Grand Blanc converted the two ensuing free throws to cut the Clarkston lead to 58-56.

That's when Whetstone came to the rescue. He hit two key back-to-back baskets to spark a 9-0 run that gave the

Wolves a 67-56 lead with under two minutes left.

"We went two times inside to Whetstone and he scored," Fife said.

"Those were crucial touches. I was happy for him because he is a senior. Justin's been a good player for us all year."

Sophomore guard Brad Goodman, who led the Wolves with 21 points, made eight free throws down the stretch to help seal the win.

Clarkston's JV Prep team brings home championship title

Clarkston's JV Prep team claimed a first place finish in Little Caesar's Tier 1 Divisional playoff's on Sunday, March 16 at Compuware defeating the Farmington Hills JV team 3-1.

After finishing 3rd in their Division during regular season play, the Clarkston Coyotes battled their way throughout the playoffs with wins over Birmingham, Ann Arbor, Grosse Pointe South and 1st place Brighton to earn their right to play in the Championship game against Farmington Hills on Sunday. Clarkston's only loss during the playoffs was against Milford.

It was a tough fought battle during the first two periods of play for both teams with the score 0-0 at the end of the second. All of Clarkston's goals were scored in the third period with points from forwards Brendon Best (1 goal), Jim Fournier (1 goal), Chris Messing (1 goal), Eric Paddison (2 assists) and Mike Medonis (1 assist).

Head coach, Brian Plante stated that "both the offense and defense played an excellent game of disciplined positioning, determination and pursuit of the puck and our goal tending was focused. That is how a team wins those tough games."

When asked about Clarkston's first season in MAHA's JV Prep league, Coach Plante offered, "this was a great group of young men who were willing to work hard and do what it took to earn the title of champion. They matured in every aspect of the game and

played with discipline and focus. You have to expect only the best out of yourself to accomplish what this team did in their first year. I'm very proud of every one of them."

The youngest Olympic boxing champion was Jackie Fields. He won the featherweight boxing title in 1924 at the age of 16 years and 162 days.



Receiving the Tier 1 JV Championship trophy (left to right) are Sophomore Forwards Chris Messing, Mike Zax and Eric Paddison.



Picture left to right (front row) Chris Messing, Mike Zak, Eric Paddison, Mike Medonis, Glen Kendrick, Adam Richards, Alex Gilford and Gavin Gray (second row) Coach Tom Walworth, coach Brian Plante, Brandon Kennerson, Brian Stanton, Dan Walsh, Adam Stoyek, Bobby Cadeau, Mark Brandy, Brendon Best, Jim Fournier and Coach Tom Cesario. Not pictured, Coach Mike Zak.

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Volleyball looks to bright future with new coach

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Gordie Richardson may no longer be the Clarkston volleyball team's head coach, but he still thinks the outlook is bright for the program's future.

The Wolves wrapped up their season with a record of 30-16-2. The team won its seventh district championship in 11 years before falling to Mason in regional action March 8 at Lansing Eastern, losing to the Bulldogs 15-11, 15-5.

Six seniors from this year's program will be moving on after this season -- Alex Heinrich, Megan Gaines, Stephanie Reitano, Courtney Robinson, Corey Sadowski and Jenna Kast. However, Richardson believes whomever the new coach is will have plenty of talent to work with.

According to Richardson, "two real keys" for next year's team will be junior Ashley Hudson and sophomore Stephanie Parkin. They will be joined by setter Lindsey Bramble, defensive specialist Ashley Bramble, Caitlin McLean, Megan Garrett, Kristen Bradish and Colby Gardner.

Richardson believes there were two instances during the season where the team came together.

"We actually started to make a run in January,"



Gordie Richardson

he said. "We had a nice string of games where we were pretty successful, then we were flat for a while."

About a month later, things started picking up again for the Wolves.

"We turned it around in our second match against Farmington in early February," he said. "You could see the team coming together."

Although he won't be around to see next year's team in action, Richardson believes the team will continue to be a contender in Oakland Activities Association Division I.

"I think the program is real solid," he said. "We have a group of good, solid young coaches. It's just a matter of whoever comes in taking the time to make things go and following the blueprint already in place."

Sports shorts

Dunn helps GTC Class 5 boys win competition

Clarkston youngster Collin Dunn helped the Gymnastics Training Center of Rochester's Class 5 boys' team win the team competition at the Arnold Gymnastics Challenge in Columbus, OH March 2.

Dunn, 11, placed eighth on floor and rings at the meet.

Locals to be integral part of Albion baseball team

A couple of Clarkston High School graduates figure to play key roles for the Albion College baseball team as they kick off their 2003 campaign.

Junior Bret Gove, Albion's fifth-leading hitter with a .298 batting average and two home runs last season,

is the returnee in center field.

Coach Jim Conway also believes pitching will be a strength, and one of the returning members of the pitching staff will be CHS graduate Francis Hodges, a sophomore at Albion.

Local girls compete for GTC in Charleston, SC meet

Several Davisburg and Clarkston girls competed for the Gymnastics Training Center of Rochester's girls team at the Charleston Cup Invitational Feb. 28-March 2.

In Level 7 competition, Kristina Eurick, 12, of Davisburg won gold on bars, fifth on floor, sixth all around and eighth on beam. In addition, Alyssa Delke, 15, of Clarkston won gold on bars, bronze on floor and all-around and eighth on vault and beam.

In Level 9 action, Danielle Singles, 14, of Clarkston, won silver on vault.

DeGain competes in Big Ten tournament March 9

Indiana's Pat DeGain, a Clarkston High School graduate, competed in the Big Ten tournament Sunday, March 9, at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wisc.

Competing at 197 lbs., DeGain won a 5-3 decision against Penn State's Ryan Cummins. In the quarterfinals, DeGain lost a 4-2 sudden victory decision to Ohio State's Anton Talamantes. DeGain was injured in the overtime period of that loss.

In the consolation second round, DeGain was pinned by Wisconsin's Lee Kraemer in 2:46.

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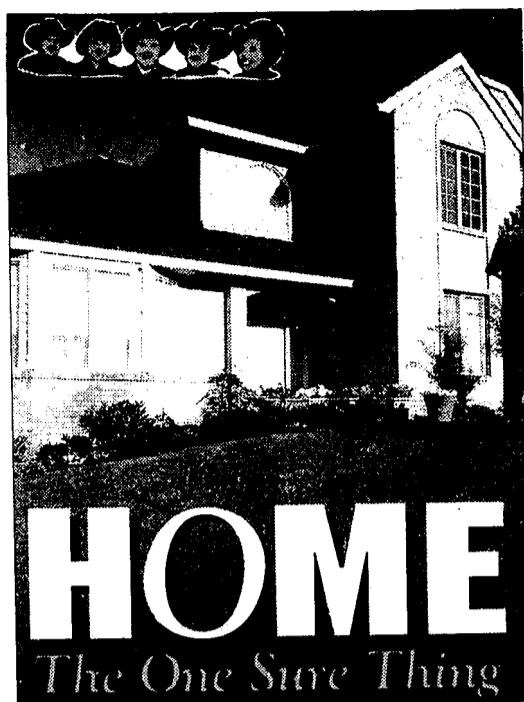
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Moving on to new challenges, but staying in C-Town

I don't know what cliché would be appropriate for a farewell column, so I guess I won't use any.

After nearly three years working at The Clarkston News, I am now working for The Citizen, another newspaper within Sherman Publications which is based in Ortonville and covers Ortonville, Brandon Township and Goodrich.

This move comes with mixed emotions. On the one hand, it is tough leaving behind an area where I have met a wide variety of new people and gained a great deal of experience. On the other hand, there comes a point where you have to move on in order to grow and change for the better, and I believe that's what is happening here.

Changing job situations is a part of life for every person, but there is always nervousness involved, and this move will be no exception. There won't be any more looking out the window to see the traffic on M-15, and there especially won't be any trips next door to Rudy's to grab a

pop or a couple slices of pizza. No more of the familiar sights of Clarkston.

Instead, there will be a new area and new memories to start forming at The Citizen. Before I part, though, it is only appropriate I take some time to thank the people who have helped me out during my three years in C-Town:

•First off, the staff here -- editor Kyle Gargaro, reporter Jennifer Nemer, advertising manager Sherry Ettinger, advertising representatives Chuck Harkins and Debbie Denton, office manager Mary Harkins and office assistant Joy VanderWeel. In addition, thank you to former editor Maralee Cook and former reporter Ed Davis, who have moved on to other phases in their lives. You have been trusted colleagues and friends, and hopefully we'll continue to bump into each other down the line.

•Thanks are in order for all the government officials in Springfield Township and the City of the Village of Clarkston who were more than patient in answering my questions and explaining things that I didn't understand: Collin Walls, Nancy Strole, Dennis Vallad, Jamie Dubre, Dave Hopper, Margaret Bloom, Dean Baker, Art Pappas, Sharron Catallo, Scott Meyland,

Walt Gamble, Derek Werner, Anne Clifton, Dan Colombo and Dave Savage.

•Another group of people that deserves mention and thanks is the coaches and athletes within the Clarkston High School Athletic Department that helped make covering CHS athletics such a blast: Dan Fife, Kurt Richardson, Gordie Richardson, Ann Lowney, Dan Fitzgerald, Jamie LaBrosse, Mike Taylor, Tim Kaul, Kenwyn Chock, Mike DeGain, Bryan Krygier, Bruce Rosentgren, Phil Price, Al Land, Walt Wyniemko, Larry Sherrill and Tami Mitchell -- sorry if I've omitted anyone from this list.

At the risk of sounding like an Academy Award winner, thank you to all who have submitted story ideas or given me a kind word on an article I have done. Hopefully, you will treat the new man in town, Don Schelske, with the same respect and kindness you have shown me.

The good Lord has new experiences on the horizon for me at The Citizen, but I will still be living in Clarkston. Hopefully, I will continue to bump into as many familiar faces as possible. Until then, Godspeed and thanks again to all of you. See you down the road.

E-mail Jeff at jmpatrus@aol.com.

What's up with that!



Jeff Patrus

Academic Boosters of Clarkston presents 'the brain and adolescence'

The Academic Boosters of Clarkston (ABC) and Clarkston Community Schools presents "The Brain and Adolescence: an Informative Night for Parents and Students" Tuesday, March 25 at 7 p.m. at Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane.

Roxanne Reschke, Oakland County Intermediate School District consultant, and Darlene Roche, Sashabaw Middle School science teacher will be the featured facilitators of the workshop. ABC members, parents, educators and students in fourth through eighth grades are invited to participate.

Knowledge about the brain has exploded in the last 10 years. New technologies have enabled scientists to study the brain as it is engaged in various activities. Some of this research has powerful implications for parents and teachers. Neuroscientists are providing information about nutrition, sleep, memory, gender differences and many other topics. Reschke will provide parents an overview of this research and an opportunity to think about the research findings from a parent's perspective.

Students in grades fourth through eighth grade will

join Darlene Roche for an investigation of the brain. Hands-on activities will help students better understand how the brain works. Topics include the various memory systems and how the brain interprets information from the five senses. This activity requires advance reservations and \$1 for supplies. R.S.V.P by March 20.

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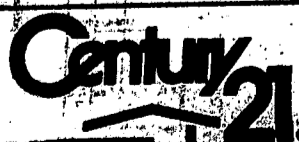
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Keeping the seniors busy

BY KYLE GARGARO
Clarkston News Editor

Margaret Bartos has moved all around the country in her lifetime, but has found a home at the Independence Township Senior Center.

"I really enjoy the job here and I love the area. I was a history major so I love the downtown," the senior center coordinator said. "I am hoping to move into the area."

The Sterling Heights resident has been at the senior center for four years.

"I started in January and my first day we had a snow storm and had to cancel all our programs," Bartos said.

However, that did not stop her from moving the senior center forward. Responsibilities of the senior center coordinator include overseeing all programs, writing the monthly newsletter, promoting events, working on the budget and managing a staff of 20.

"She does a terrific job here," transportation programmer Sharon Turner said. "She is always looking for new programs and to try out new things here at the center."

Bartos always knew she wanted to work with seniors. She said people laughed at her when she was in college and proclaimed she wanted to help young people and old people be together for a living.

"I think it was because I did not have grandparents close by when I was growing up. As I became an adult I realized how important grandparents are and what a missing element that was in my life," Bartos said.

The Virginia native attended William and Mary College and majored in history. After moving around the country while raising a family, due to her husband being in the automotive industry, Bartos was brought to Michigan and went back to school for a business degree. This led to her time spent in the accounting field.

"I realized that accounting was something I did not care much about. I always knew I would come back to seniors but I thought I would work 20 years



Fern Schultz and Margaret Bartos look at recycling greeting cards. Photo by Bob Flath

and get a pension before I did it," Bartos said.

Bartos once again went back to school and studied Gerontology. After getting certified she spent time in numerous jobs concerning the elderly before finally settling at the Independence Township Senior Center.

"I came to move the senior center along with the times. I went to school with an open mind as to what was coming and where we were going as a profession," Bartos said.

The senior business is undergoing an evolution as the baby boomers are aging. According to Bartos, the baby boomers have had twice the impact that was imagined.

She believes within 10 years there will be a 30-35 hour work week for individuals over the age of 50.

"This is the largest percentage of a population over 75 years of age that we ever dreamed of and we need programs to service these individuals. The impact is

great. We service three generations of older adults with people in the 50's, 70's and 90's," Bartos said.

Bartos and the Independence senior center are expanding their programs to accommodate the younger seniors. These include more cultural activities and more athletic events.

However, Bartos still needs to keep in mind the older seniors who do not want to be active. The senior program has to have something for everyone.

"The older generation; the ones who grew up in the Depression and went through World War II, built this country after the war. As Tom Brokaw said, they are the greatest generation. We would not have the society we have without their self-sacrifice. We owe them our support," Bartos said.

Bartos and her staff are trying to bring these programs to the community in an outdated house at Clintonville Park. A group of seniors attempted to rally sup-

port for a Community Center with senior facilities but the residents voted it down last November.

Bartos is also watching the state and township budgets very carefully to see if ramifications of both budgets would affect the senior center.

"We fix-up this building with the limited funds that we have," Bartos said. "I think we have created a quaint, friendly place. We value the generosity of the other organizations in this community who have given us room to hold programs like the First Congregational Church and St. Daniel's Church. We are always looking at options to get more things going at one time."

Bartos believes at some point they would like to attempt again to get a new senior center for the area.

"I have great respect for the township board and the difficult job they have running this community. It is an awesome responsibility," Bartos said.

People Poll

To you, what signifies the beginning of spring?



"Probably warm weather."
—Bobbi Erdmann



"When the flowers start blooming and the animals come back."
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"Getting the hose out and washing off the car."
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The Oakland County Conservation District offers a variety of bare-root **tree seedlings for sale** until March 24 at very economical prices. Choose from evergreens, hardwoods, fruit trees, shrubs and wild-flower seeds and roots. Tree pickup is April 4 and 5 in Springfield Township. Order forms may be picked up at 2891 Dixie Hwy. in Waterford, or can be requested by calling (248) 673-4496.

North Oakland Counseling Associates presents **"Strength in Numbers: A Woman's Prevention Group."** This free 10-week education group focuses on issues such as building self-esteem, developing communication and conflict management skills, learning about alcohol and other drugs and practical ways to develop a healthy lifestyle. The group will meet Wednesday evenings from 5-7 p.m. beginning March 26. Act now to reserve a space. Call (248) 620-1019. North Oakland Counseling Associates is located at 6410 Citation Drive in Clarkston. Strength in Numbers is made available by grant funding through the Oakland County Health Department.

Davisburg United Methodist Church in association with the Holly Ministerial Association presents a **Spring Community Concert** featuring musical groups from 10 area churches Sunday, March 30 at 3 p.m. Combined choirs will perform Handel's Hallelujah Chorus for the finale. Refreshments will follow, provided by Circle of Love Women's Group. Davisburg United Methodist Church is located at 803 Broadway in Davisburg. Call (248) 634-3373 or e-mail dunc@4netaccess.com for more information.

Career Connections, a partnership between the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce and Clarkston Community Schools, will host the third annual **young person's seminar** on April 1 from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. This year's seminar is entitled "Future Leaders" and will host author, motivational speaker and business coach Sadie Bolos. The day will consist of large and small group activities. Tables of seven to

eight students each will have a local business leader as their facilitator. This all day seminar is free to students, but available on a first come, first serve basis. Students must pre-register at the Chamber or the Clarkston High School counseling office in order to participate. The event is open to male and female students who are currently in the 11th and 12th grades. For more information, call the Chamber at (248) 625-8055.

The **Widowed Support Group** will meet Thursday, April 3 at 7 p.m. The topic for the evening is "Spring--a time for spiritual connection," 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.

Davisburg United Methodist Church Circle of Love presents "Binding Together," a **women's prayer breakfast** Saturday, April 5 at 9:30 a.m. Inspirational quilter Jackie Trute is the featured speaker. On the menu is pecan and marmalade French toast, assorted sweet rolls, fruit, coffee, tea and juice. Cost is \$7. A \$2 donation from each ticket will go to the Detroit Annual Conference, Goods for Haiti. Davisburg United Methodist Church is located at 803 Broadway in Davisburg. For more information, call (248) 634-3373.

Nominations are being sought for the **18th annual Clarkston Community Awards** to recognize the important contributions others are making to our community. Categories include: Citizen of the Year, Person of the Year, Business Person of the Year, Adult Youth Volunteer and Community Preservation. Three new categories have been added this year: Community Beautification, Community Enhancement and Community Collaboration. Nominations can be forwarded to the Chamber office at 5855 S. Main St., Clarkston, MI



People lined up for the opening of the Independence Township Library's new and used book sale in October. The library will hold another sale April 10 through April 12. *File photo.*

48346 or online at www.clarkston.org. Nominations must be received by April 18. The 18th annual Clarkston Community Awards Breakfast will be Wednesday, May 21 at Liberty Golf Club. Tickets for the event will be \$15/person or \$150/table of 10. Tickets may be obtained by calling the Chamber at (248) 625-8055.

Clarkston Christian School and Child Care Center is set for an **open house for new students** on Tuesday, March 25 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The center is located at 6300 Clarkston Road and provides quality education in a Christian environment.

Jeff Lichty, financial planner from Clarkston, will be a speaker at the March 20, Clarkston Community **Women's Club** meeting. He will explain the terminology of buying stocks and how to sell them. Jeff has a MBA from Michigan State and an economic degree from U of M. Please come and join them at 7:30 p.m. Their business meeting is first and program follows. Refreshments will be served before the program starts. Contact Gail at (248) 623-9462.

The Independence Township Friends of the Library are planning a **new and used book** sale April 10 through April 12. Most items are priced at \$1 or \$2. Children's books are priced to sell. After 1 p.m. on Friday all items will be half priced. Saturday is \$2/bag when customers can fill a grocery bag full of books for \$2. The sale opens at 10 a.m. everyday and closes with the library. The Independence Library is located at 6495 Clarkston Road.



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Clarkston students attend Third Annual Orchestra Clinic

The Third Annual Clarkston Orchestra Clinic was held on Saturday, March 1 at Clarkston High School. Orchestra students from Clarkston Middle School, Sashabaw Middle School and Clarkston High School attended the clinic. Students were grouped as orchestras and rotated between sectional classes, rehearsals with guest conductors, and classes with guest performers.

This year's clinicians included Professor Kevin Miller of Eastern Michigan University, who was the guest conductor for the seventh and eighth grade orchestras from CMS and SMS; and David Reed, director of orchestras at Andover High School, who conducted sixth grade and high school orchestras. Teaching violin sectionals were Leslie Capozzoli and Judith Teasdale, Patty Elnicky taught viola sectionals, Dr. Diane Winder was the cello sectional teacher, and Rick Dapprich taught the double bass sectionals. Violinist Andy Varner performed fiddle, bluegrass, jazz and blues music with his guitarist for the students during their activity hour.


The students concluded the day with a concert for each other and their parents. Performing was the combined Clarkston and Sashabaw sixth grade orchestra, the CMS seventh and eighth grade orchestra, the SMS seventh and eighth grade orchestra and the CHS orchestra.

"The Clarkston Orchestra Clinic was a huge success this year," Wendy Stuart, SMS teacher, said. "The students had a wonderful time, and the musical groups they experienced was completely evident in their performance at the end of the day. It's very exciting to be able to bring in talented musicians to supplement the learning process. This was the third time I have hosted this event and the overwhelming response from the students as they were leaving was that this was the best one yet."

The Clarkston Foundation awarded a grant to fund the project, and the Clarkston Schools Instrumental Music Association sponsored the event and also provided funding and lunch for clinicians and students.



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<p>LIVING PRAISE CHURCH 5860 Andersonville Road, Clarkston (Historical Church) (248) 623-1215 Pastors: Fred & Karen Wherritt Sunday: Worship Service 10 am (Contemporary Praise) Children's Ministry 10 am Sunday Morning phone: 623-2596 Wednesday: Bible Study & Prayer 7 pm Children & Youth Ministry 7 pm 2nd Wednesday of each month is Ladies Meeting only</p> <p>NORTH OAKS COMMUNITY CHURCH <i>an Evangelical Presbyterian Church</i> Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 am Worship location: 4453 Clintonville Rd. at the corner of Mann Rd., 1/2 way between Maybee Rd. and Walton Blvd. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 451 Clarkston, MI 48347 Office Phone: (248) 922-3515 Sunday Morning Phone: (248) 425-4279 Website: www.northoakschurch.org Pastor Steve I. Brown</p> <p>THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 5449 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston 394-0200 Dr. James G. Keough, Jr. Minister Sunday Worship: 10:00 am, 7:00 pm. Children's Sunday School 10:00 am Nursery Available Call for special holiday activities and worship times.</p> <p>THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION 6490 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am Service Nursery Provided William McDonald, Priest 625-2325</p>		

Church to serve as leadership training ground March 28

Calvary Lutheran to host Maximum Impact seminar; leaders to appear via simulcast

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Three renowned leaders will be coming to Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church March 28 — albeit via satellite.

The church, located on 6805 Bluegrass Drive in Clarkston, is hosting a seminar titled "Maximum Impact" from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Pastor Jonathan Heierman and the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home are co-sponsoring the event.

Appearing via teleconference will be:

•Ken Blanchard, author of *Raving Fans* and *Whale Done* and co-author of *The One Minute Manager*.

•Joe Gibbs, NASCAR team owner, former National Football League coach with the three-time world champion Washington Redskins and author of the best-seller *Racing to Win*.

•John C. Maxwell, *New York Times* author of *The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership*.

According to Patty Stolzenfeldt, a member of Calvary's congregation who organized the seminar along with fellow congregation members Gayle Buscher and Martin Chaffee, this is the first time Calvary has held this type of leadership program.

"We have a lot of books by Ken Blanchard and John Maxwell at the church," she said in explaining why these particular speakers were chosen for the presentation. "Their leadership training skills are phenomenal and we thought it would be a good idea to have them speak."

Chaffee, principal at Bailey Lake Elementary

School, had the opportunity to meet Blanchard recently while out in California.

"Maxwell is a huge leader in the area of teaching leadership," Chaffee said. "I personally read Maxwell's as well as Ken Blanchard's material. Both of them really know their stuff."

Chaffee added Wint Funeral Home in Clarkston is helping to underwrite the cost of the dish necessary to provide the simulcast.

"I consider Pastor Jonathan one of our remarkable spiritual leaders in this community," Bill Wint said. "I also consider him a special friend. When he approached me on this idea I thought of no better way to give back to the community than in a leadership seminar to benefit the leader's of our community. I hope the leaders of this community will take advantage of this remarkable seminar."

The seminar will feature speeches by Gibbs on "Importance of Teamwork in a Constantly Changing Environment"; Maxwell on "Leadership Landmines and How to Avoid Them" and "Thinking for a Change"; and "Servant Leadership — The Foundation of Man-



Bill Wint, left, of Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, and Pastor Jonathan Heierman of Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church are co-sponsoring a leadership training seminar called "Maximum Impact." Photo provided.

aging Change" by Blanchard.

The cost for the program is \$75 and includes a catered lunch and attendee notebook. For more information, call Calvary Lutheran at 248-625-3288.

"The Maximum Impact simulcast is a great way for the church to provide a forum for business people and leaders in our community to come together to learn and grow and support one another," Pastor Jonathan said.



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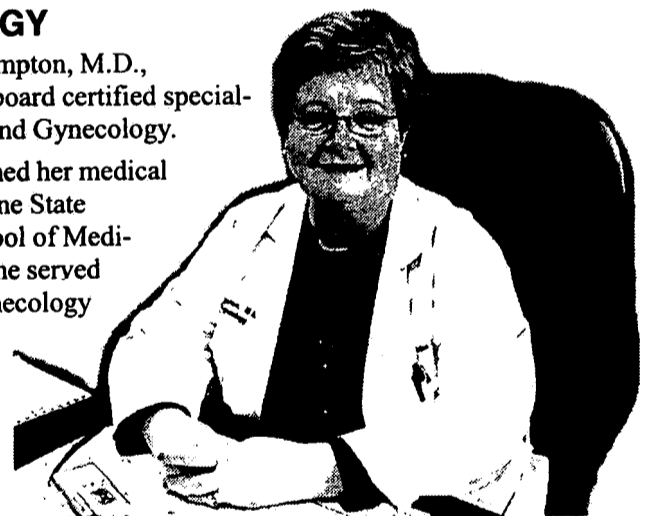
Dr. Compton earned her medical degree from Wayne State University's School of Medicine in Detroit. She served her obstetrics/gynecology residency in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac, Michigan.

Dr. Compton's professional affiliations include: The American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, The Michigan State Medical Society and President of the Oakland County Medical Society. Married with two children, she enjoys sailing with her husband and quilting.

Dr. Compton provides a wide range of services, including general gynecology surgery (hysterectomy, ovarian surgery, laser surgery, laparoscopy, colposcopy, cryotherapy), as well as diagnosis and treatment of endometriosis, infertility, abnormal bleeding, menopause, hormonal disorders. Ancillary services include family planning, preconception counseling, pap smears, and yearly exams. Dr. Compton's hospital affiliations are Crittenton Hospital in Rochester and St. Joseph Mercy in Pontiac.

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Our community is bouncing with optimism

Although the Clarkston Optimist club sponsors the Tri-Star Basketball competition, this popular kids' event is really a community project. Co-Chairman David Reschke, Deputy Superintendent for the Clarkston Community Schools, begins the process. With the assistance of Becky Kelly and many other Clarkston School employees, gyms are scheduled, flyers are designed and dispersed to all schools, gym teachers encourage the event while the school maintenance department prepares the gym.

The Clarkston News helps publicize the event. Dan Fife, Athletic Director, passes out flyers at his McGrath Basketball training camp, and sends some of his Wolf players to demonstrate their skills. Kids from the Clarkston United Methodist Youth Choir-Elizabeth Osterhage, Emily Beattie, Mallory Deacon and Megan Zelinsky volunteered to sing the national anthem. Local businessman and Optimist, John Merz, designs and produces the basketball jerseys. Sixteen Optimist members, inspired by their president Ahdi Dasuqi and event co-chairman Craig Judd, organize and run the event. Finally, Clarkston parents, relatives, friends and neighbors pack their kids and their best pals into vans and drive them encouragingly to the gym.


As a result of these dedicated people, girl and boy basketball players from ages 8-13 competed in shooting, dribbling and passing events March 11 at Independence Elementary. All participants received a basketball jersey and over thirty trophies were awarded. Receiving Piston bobble-head figures for high scores were Taylor Hasselbach (girl) and Conner Hall (boy).

Funds for the Optimists "Friends of Youth" programs are raised at their annual Dinner-Dance-Auction. Repeating the theme of Clarkston residents being supportive and charitable, local business owners and individuals donate the wonderful auction items available at the event. If you would like to attend, donate or contribute, the party is held at the Liberty Golf Club on March 29. Tickets are available for \$75 by contacting Craig Judd at 248-620-1112 encouraged the kids by saying "Each player willing to compete on the court to-

night entered the gym as a winner. Although some players will receive trophies and others won't, each player will leave the gym as they entered-a winner with respect of the fans for giving their very best effort." Judd said.

Those who placed first, and qualify to represent Clarkston at the Optimist's State Tri-Star event at Charolette Middle School on April 19 include the following: Girls 8yrs Haley Durrant, 9yrs Megan Hastings, 10yrs Karrassa Ogans, 11yrs Taylor Hasselbach. Boys 8yrs Mac McClelland, 9yrs Conner Hall, 10 yrs Rawley Hallman, 11yrs Jason Ray, 12 yrs Brooke Davis, 13 yrs Jarred Horner

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Commission of Independence Township, Oakland County, Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on:
Thursday, March 27, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.
At the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, Michigan, 48346 to hear the following petition:

FILE PC#2003-007
James Powers, Petitioner
REZONING REQUEST
FROM: R-1R (Rural Residential)
TO: R-1B (Suburban Residential)
Parcel Identification Number: 08-15-352-008
Common Description: 5835 Clarkston Road
Lot 6, Supervisor's Plat #5
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Any further information regarding the above Public Hearing may be obtained at the Township Planning Office during regular Office hours 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday or by phone at (248) 625-8111.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet Wednesday, April 2, 2003 at 7:30 pm at the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI 48346 to hear the following cases:

Case #003-0016 Richard Brozovich, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS FRONT YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 12' FROM FUTURE ROAD RIGHT OF WAY AND REAR YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 12' TO CONSTRUCT NEW HOME
Perry Lake Rd., R-1A
08-20-278-035

Case #03-0017 Erich Luichinger, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS FRONT YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 8' AND REAR YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF, 2' TO CONSTRUCT ADDITION TO ATTACHED GARAGE
Muskoday Rd., and Shawnee Dr., Lots 1-4, R-1A
Thendara Park Country Club
08-12-163-009 & 014

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) 625-9111.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan E. McCrary,
Township Clerk
Beverly A. McElmeel
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SUMMARY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 11, 2003

Meeting called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Mayor Catallo. Roll. Present: Catallo, Colombo, Gamble, Werner. Absent: Clifton, Meyland, Savage. Minutes of February 24, 2003, accepted as presented. Agenda accepted as presented with a change in the total bill amount to be approved.

Bills in the amount of \$326,834.49 approved for payment.

Acting Chief Combs reported on the Police Department statistics for the month of February.

D.P.W. Supervisor Pursley reported that snow removal was being handled normally. Pursley has been obtaining quotes from spraying companies for mosquito control with concerns for the West Nile Virus. Pursley also reported on the synthetic oil to be used in city vehicles.

Pappas is to inform downtown prepared food retailers about the sewer maintenance charges for grease blockages.

Matt Slicker of Hubbell, Roth and Clark, Inc., reviewed the drainage problems on Madison Court and the alternatives to remedy the problem. One alternative is to directional-bore a drain at the south end of Madison to Holcomb for an estimated cost of \$21,537.25. The second alternative is to run the storm sewer north on Madison to Church Street at an estimated cost of \$14,843.05 which is approximately \$5,000 more than the original drainage planned at Madison and West Church.

Resolved that the drainage issue on Madison Court be resolved by two leaching basins at East Church Street and a storm drain heading north on Madison Court to East Church Street at an estimated cost of \$14,843.05.

Matt Slicker reviewed the request by Forrest Milzow to have an additional fire hydrant placed on the Surrey Lane apartment complex.

Resolved that the City Council approve the extension to the water main at Surrey Lane as proposed by the City Engineer contingent upon one half of the cost paid by the property owner at the onset of the project and the balance by September 1.

A letter from the Oakland County Drain Commission regarding a meeting on March 20 regarding the 50-year Master Plan as it relates to the sewer infrastructure was discussed. Council was informed that this meeting will be attended by a representative from Hubbell, Roth and Clark, Inc., City Engineer.

Correspondence from the Michigan Municipal League regarding contributions to the Michigan Municipal League project, for enhancing local governments. Council instructed Pappas to inform the Michigan Municipal League that at this time the City is not in a position to assist in this funding at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Artemus M. Pappas
Clerk

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Japanese students enjoy time in Clarkston

BY KYLE GARGARO
Clarkston News Editor

Clarkston High School has some international flavor in March as 13 students from Japan are spending a couple weeks in Clarkston.

The exchange program, which is part of the New Perspectives organization, has some Clarkston students traveling to Japan after hosting their Japanese friends.

The students are from Ichikawa Higashi High School in Chiba, Japan which is located near Tokyo Disney Land.

"The first day we came here there was a lot of snow and they had a snow day," Ichikawa Higashi High School teacher Hiroko Nakamoto said. "We have had a wonderful time here. We went skiing, shopping and to Niagara Falls. The Falls were magnificent but it was very cold."

Each Japanese student is staying with a Clarkston host family including Mika Hayama with Britni Brehmer, Keiko Udagawa with Angela Regiani, Tomomi Anzai with Tracy Mak, Natsuko Hota with Chelsea Hassett, Yuko Ogawa with James Ross, Sayaka Sakiyama with Laura Preston, Ayumi Sakata with Michael Kruk, Hoko Ishii with Carrie Wojciechowski, Izumi Sakaki with Collin Chesney, Nami Ishihara with Katy Manojlovich, Maimu Morinari with Pete Boissonneau and Greg Thorstad, Chika Okajima with Adam Engler and Andrea Logan and Ayumi Yoshioka with William Burgin.

"We do this to help the students learn English and also experience a different culture," Nakamoto said. "We have made a lot of friends in our time here."

It has also been a learning experience for the Clarkston students.

"I have learned a lot about Japan. I can really tell the difference between the two cultures," James Ross said. "Probably the biggest difference was they don't like spicy foods at all. They thought root beer tasted like medicine."

The Clarkston students are looking forward to the time they will spend in Japan.

"I expect to be totally lost," Collin Chesney said. "But it is going to be a great experience to learn about a different culture. I have learned more in the two weeks they have been here than a whole year in class."

Mike Kruk added, "I am not going to know anything but I am looking forward to it."



Clarkston High School recently welcomed 14 students from Japan as part of the New Perspectives exchange program. Photo by Krystal Perkins.

Quilter brings art, inspiration to Davisburg

Davisburg United Methodist Church's Circle of Love presents "Binding Together," a women's prayer breakfast featuring inspirational quilter Jackie Trute.

Using her artistic talents to share God's Word, Trute will present her program Saturday, April 5 at 9:30 a.m. While showing 30 of her pictorial quilts, Trute focuses on building relationships that encourage, challenge and inspire us to watch for and mend the fading in our relationships with one another and God.

"I do not paint or stain the fabric. I use a God given talent to find the different fabrics and incorporate them into my quilts," Trute said.

Many of her quilts have been juried into contests and appeared in magazines and on television including "Quilting with Kaye Wood" and "Michigan Magazine."

Trute was recovering from a tubule pregnancy when she made her first quilt, which later appeared on the cover of a quilting magazine.

As she crafted more quilts, she won more contests, was featured in more magazines as well as on television.

In 1989, she used her quilts for a church Mother and Daughter Banquet and has been using her quilts as a ministry ever since; a ministry which simply grew by word of mouth.

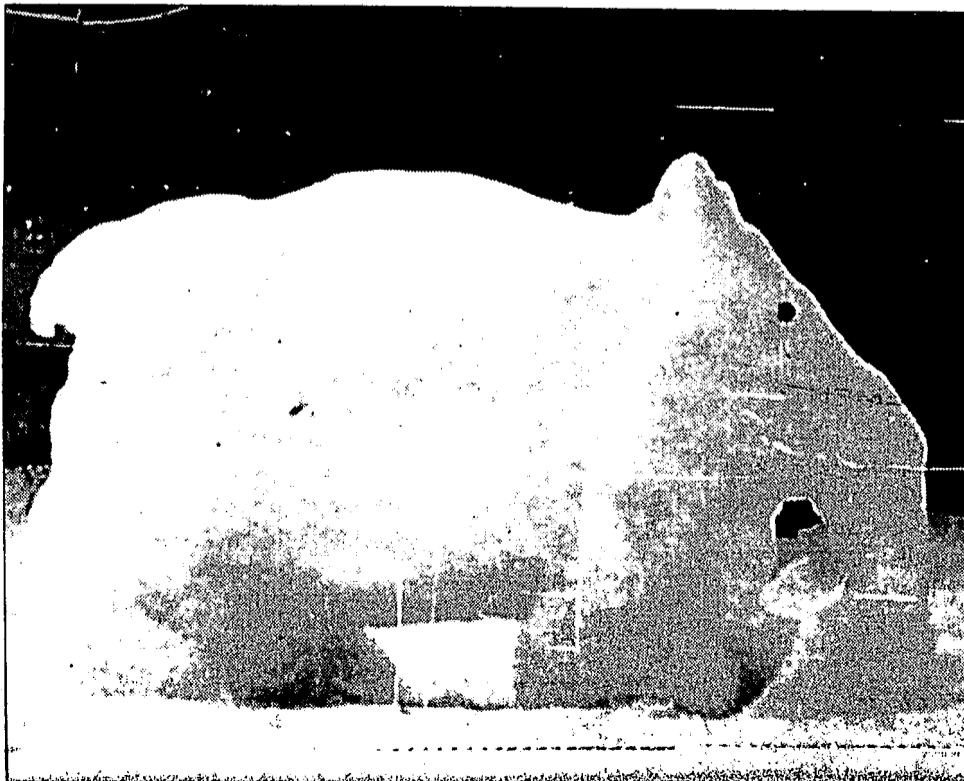
Trute and her husband Chuck, with their nine children consisting of biological, adopted and foster, often travel as a family around the country with this unique ministry, entitled "Lasting Impressions."

The cost for this program is \$7. A \$2 donation from each ticket will go to the Detroit Annual Conference, Goods for Haiti. On the breakfast menu is pecan and marmalade French toast, assorted sweet rolls, fruit, coffee, tea and juice.

Davisburg United Methodist Church is located at 803 Broadway in Davisburg. For more information, call (248) 634-3373. Also visit, www.quiltministry.com for more on Trute and her ministry.

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This snow sculpted elephant was seen, March 11, on Shappie in Clarkston at Sharon Skelton's home. Her brother Bill Swayne crafted the creature with granddaughter Brazil Swayne and Skelton's granddaughter Madalene Case. Photo by Jeff Patrus.



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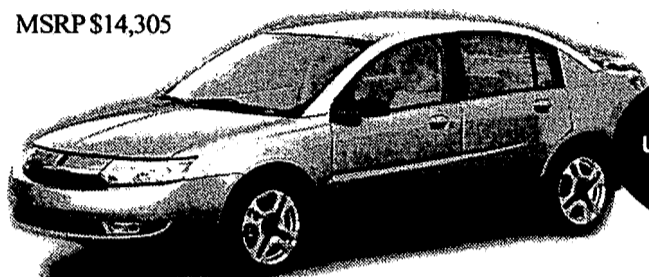
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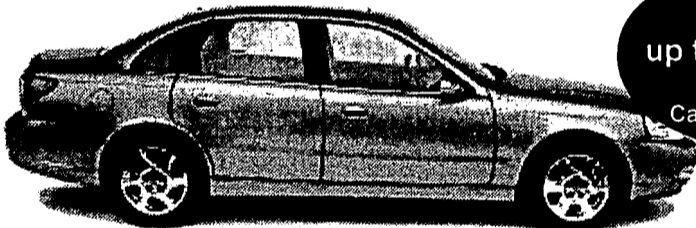
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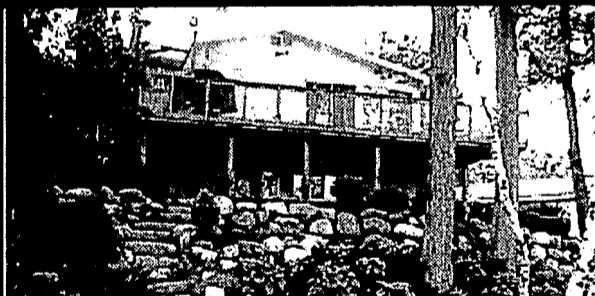


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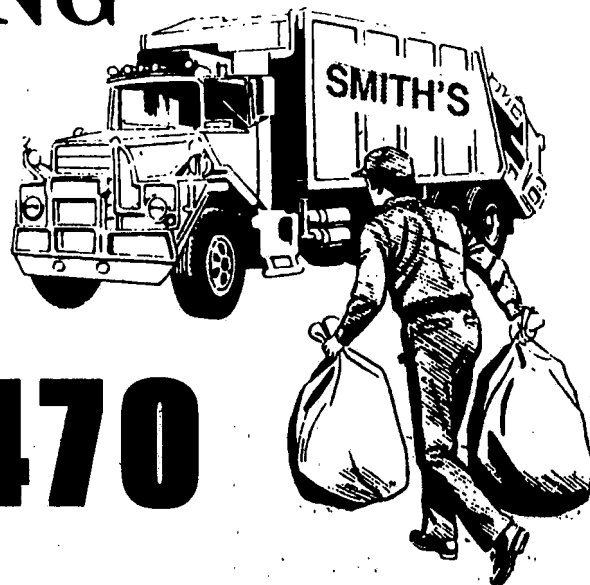
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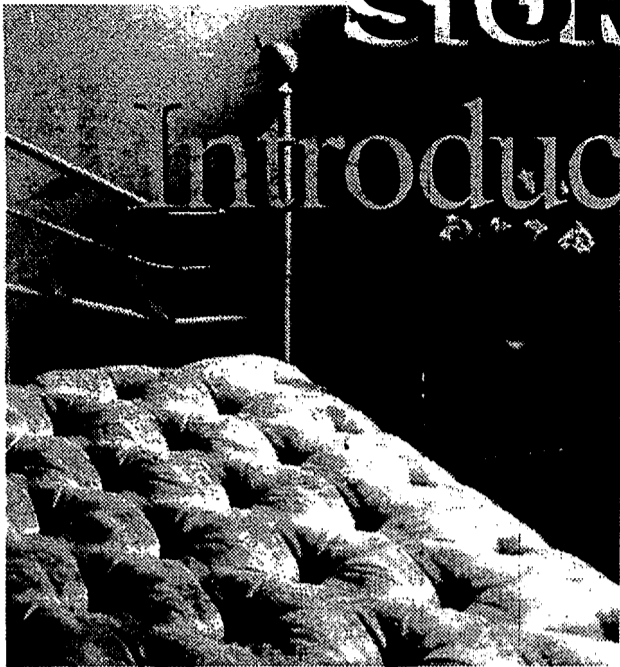
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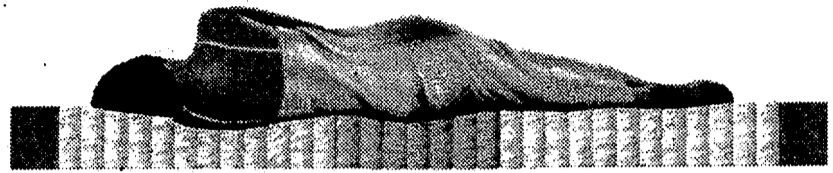
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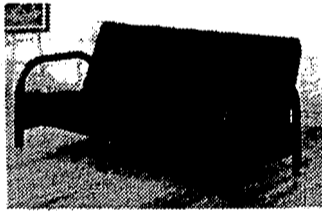
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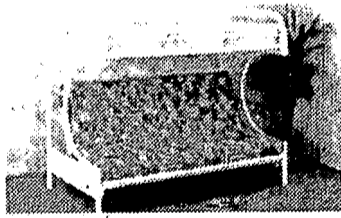
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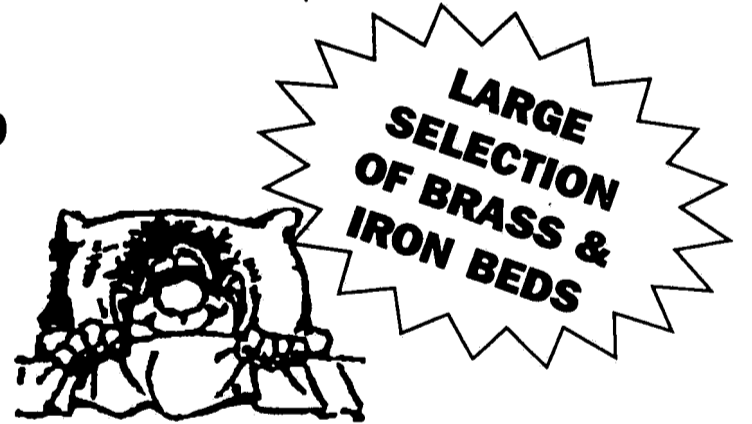
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