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Community thaws; cleanup continues

BY DON SCHELSE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Recent warmth may make the early April ice storm seem like old news, but its effect is still real for residents and business owners alike.

Taking a break from his chainsaw duties Wednesday, April 9, Clarkston DPW worker Bob Purlesy said all emergency work was done within the city limits, but he estimated up to two weeks for all storm-related cleanup to be complete.

It will take longer in outlying areas. According to information from the Road Commission for Oakland County, it could take three months to finish cleaning up all

downed trees and branches on county roadways. "This storm just devastated so many trees across the county, particularly along our gravel roads in the more rural areas," said Tom Meszler, RCOC highway maintenance director.

Although there is no provision for curbside pickup of downed branches and brush, Independence Township residents have been taking advantage of the dropoff service at

the DPW complex on Flemings Lake Road. Officials reported more than 600 loads dropped off Saturday, April 12.

In addition to affecting residents' pocketbooks, the cost of the storm registered in the local economy as well.

Rudy's Market, for example, lost power at 11:30 p.m. Friday, April 4, and the lights came back on at about noon Tuesday, April 8.

The lights were not the only issue, however, as the South Main Street market lost its entire stock of meat, cheese, ice cream and milk because of lack of refrigeration.

"Everything that was perishable, we lost," said deli worker Andy Sutherland, "and we lost four days of business. It was bad news."

Sutherland said market owners may consider purchasing an emergency generator for use in future emergencies. "You never know what kind of things will happen," he said. RCOC Managing Director Brent Bair said the extensive storm cleanup could also have impact on regularly scheduled duties along area roadways.

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'We lost four days of business. It was bad news.'

Andy Sutherland
Rudy's Market



Clarkston DPW workers Bob Purlesy and Adam Frank (above) help clear debris from the sidewalk on W. Church Street. Frank participated in the cleanup even though he has a broken arm. Wholesaler Terry Sarnowski and cashier Denise Laflamme (below) help arrange flower displays outside Rudy's Market in downtown Clarkston, attempting to add a touch of spring after being without power for four days during the recent ice storm. Photos by Don Schelske



Township changes 'spring cleaning' days

The Independence Township Department of Public Works will host the township's annual spring cleanup campaign on different dates that those published in the May issue of the township parks and recreation magazine.

The annual event will be from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 10 and Saturday, May 17. The May 17 collection will also include house-

hold hazardous waste for materials such as workshop, garage and garden chemicals.

While the township government pays for the majority of the cost for this program, a per vehicle fee ranging from \$5 to \$25 will be charged for the annual spring cleanup.

For more information on accepted waste materials, call the DPW at (248) 625-8222.

Ice, round two?

Ah, the cold, ice and snow are finally gone. Yesterday, 80 degrees. Spring has sprung!

Don't fool yourself, folks. According to the National Weather Service, Mom Nature is getting ready to ice us over again. Get ready. Say your prayers and cross your fingers. Here's the forecast through Easter.

Today (Wednesday). Partly sunny during the morning. Cloudy during the afternoon. Becoming windy. Scattered showers. Much cooler with highs 53 to 57 around noon. Then temperatures falling to around 45. West winds 5 to 15 mph. Becoming east 20 to 30 mph. Chance of rain 40 percent.
Wednesday night. Rain

likely. Otherwise brisk. Cooler with lows 32 to 36. Chance of rain 60 percent.

Thursday. Rain likely during the morning. Then rain likely with scattered thunderstorms. Otherwise cloudy and brisk. Highs 38 to 42. Chance of rain 70 percent.

Thursday night. Cloudy. A chance of rain or freezing rain. Lows 32 to 36. Chance of precipitation 40 percent.

Friday. Mostly cloudy. A chance of light showers during the morning. Highs 49 to 53.

Saturday. Mostly cloudy. Lows 33 to 37. Highs 56 to 60.

Sunday. Mostly cloudy. A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows 36 to 40. Highs 56 to 60.

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Briefly

Affirmative Action debate set in Clarkston

One of the most far-reaching Supreme Court cases ever will be heard on the historic clash of ideas on Affirmative Action. This Supreme Court case pertains to one of Michigan's foremost institutions and will be covered by media across the nation with the final outcome having nationwide effect.

In honor of this momentous decision, the North Oakland Republican Club is sponsoring the only objective and balanced debate concerning this important issue. The debate will take place on May 1, at 6:30 p.m. at the Deer Lake Racquet Club in Clarkston. Admission is \$20 in advance and \$30 at the door.

This is the public's only opportunity to view and hear both sides of this truly historic debate from two of the countries most eminent minds, Dr. Robert Sedler and Dr. Carl Cohen.

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Village Players to perform for youth assistance

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Clarkston residents to perform in Southfield

Clarkston residents Ric Huttenlocher, Carolla Huttenlocher, Heather Smith and Bill Murray will perform with the Madrigal Chorale of Southfield.

The group celebrates "Music of the Soul" with artistic director, Robert A. Martin, on Sunday, May 4, at 4 p.m. at the St. Hugo of the Hills Stone Chapel.

This concert will highlight spirituals by Moses Hogan, familiar hymns performed in traditional and choral arrangements and some lively music to satisfy every spirit.

The Madrigal Chorale of Southfield is a non-profit organization. Members volunteer their time and talent, work together to achieve vocal excellence and promote vocal education.

Tickets are \$15 and are available by calling Sue at (586) 445-6199.

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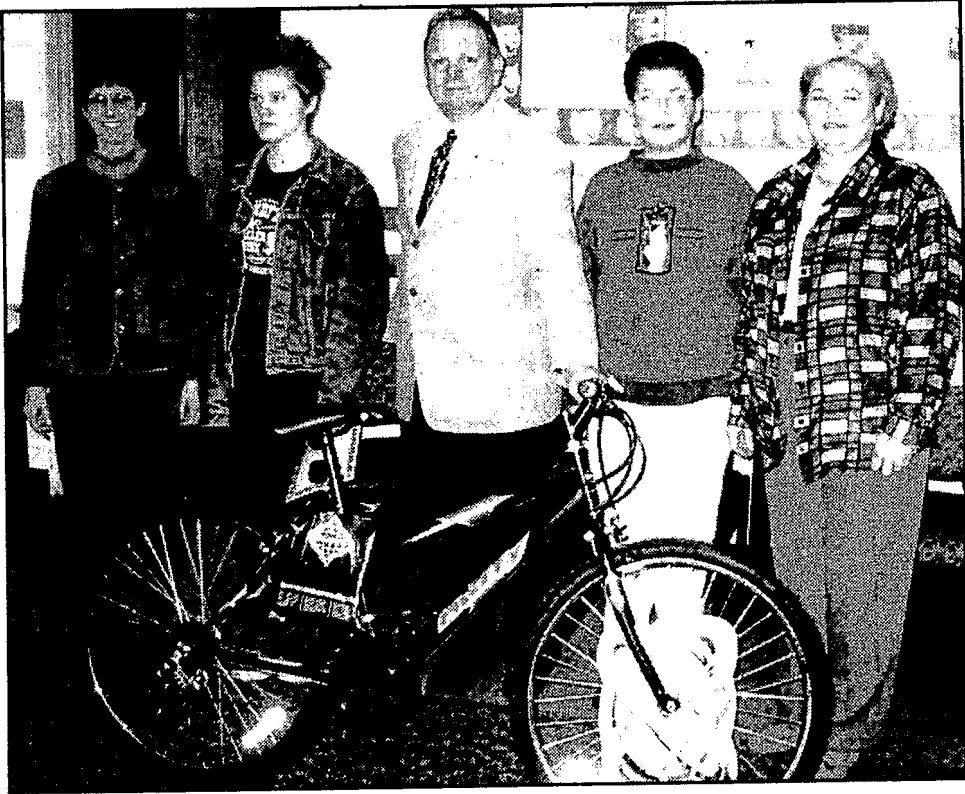
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The Second Front



Melissa Shaner took home this cool purple bike (left), donated by Meijers in Waterford, while Evan Markarian, won a \$50 gift certificate to Media Play in a drawing for reading five or more books. Here they are pictured with Principal Mike Krystyniak, Media Specialist Joanne Steckling and Media Paraprofessional Nina Nord. Stephanie Titsworth also won a bicycle, but was absent for the picture. Sashabaw Middle School students who read five or more books for the 2003 Cougar Book Club, like those pictured here with Principal Mike Krystyniak, Assistant Principal Dan Ferguson and Media Paraprofessional Nina Nord (below), were entered in a drawing for bikes. Photos by Jennifer Nemer.

Students win bikes for reading books

Sashabaw Middle School students rose to the challenge and enthusiastically supported this winter's Cougar Book Club, a reading incentive program sponsored by the media center. The program culminated Monday, March 31 with a grand prize drawing.

To be entered into the drawing, students were required to read at least five of the books on this year's list.

Principal Michael Krystyniak and Assistant Principal Dan Ferguson drew the names of the winners during the school's daily news broadcast.

Seven students -- Melissa Shaner, Heather Romanowski, Thomas Moskwa, Cathy Fick, Amy Lewis, Gina Choi, and Evan Markarian -- received a special award and a \$10 gift certificate to Borders for reading all 15 books.

Melissa Shaner and Stephanie Titsworth each won a bicycle donated by the Meijer in Waterford, and Evan Markarian was the winner of a \$50 gift certificate to Media Play.

The Cougar Book Club began the first week in January with Media Specialist Joanne Steckling visiting every

Language Arts class to "booktalk" the 15 books on the school's list.

Within a few days, all the "Cougar Books" in the media center (at least five copies of each) were checked out. Librarian Julie Meredith of the Independence Township Library reported the same books were completely check out, with up to six holds on some titles. She sent word to libraries in Waterford, Springfield Township, Orion and Oxford that Sashabaw students might be coming in to look for these books.

When students finished reading a

book, they reported to either Steckling or Media Paraprofessional Nina Nord. After successfully answering question about the book, students were awarded a raffle ticket for the weekly drawing. Prizes for the weekly drawings were gift certificates to GameWorks or the Star Theater at Great Lakes Crossing, free lift passes for Pine Knob, and free books.

By the end of January, students had read as many books as the total read in the entire three months of last year's program. By the last day, March 31, 89 students read more than 300 books.

Students offer art for local diners

BY JILLIAN QUINLAN
Clarkston News Intern

Sashabaw Middle School students had their artwork displayed at a local Wendy's restaurant throughout the month of March as a part of the Wendy's Celebrates Youth Arts Month Exhibit.

The Wendy's at White Lake and Dixie Highway proudly displayed the students' artwork from March 3 until March 31.

"I think the display turned out great," Cris Joseph, the Wendy's general manager said. "We get a lot of positive comments from the customers and crew. I mean they are only seventh and eighth graders and the quality is just phenomenal."

Wendy's Celebrates Youth Arts Month is a statewide program that takes place each

March. Its purpose is to promote art education and to showcase exceptional work.

Wendy's hosted a breakfast for parents and participants on March 8 as an opening reception. Although the turnout was disappointing, Sue Cassidy, the Sashabaw Middle School Art Teacher was still enthused.

"This is the second year Wendy's has done this for us. I really appreciate it. I like the parents and community to see what the kids have done. This is a real opportunity for that," said Cassidy.

The students at Sashabaw Middle School appreciate it as well.

"I think it is pretty cool because we got to put something up in Wendy's for everybody to see," said eighth grader Paul Clements.



Sashabaw Middle School students proudly display the fruit of their labors at an area Wendy's restaurant. The display was part of the chain's Wendy's Celebrates Youth Arts event. Photo by Jillian Quinlan

Road commission announces local road work

BY DON SCHELSKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

It's time to roll out the orange barrels, as the Road Commission for Oakland County has announced planned road construction for the 2003 season.

One major project is ongoing from last year, and motorists should "expect delays."

Dixie Highway between I-75 and Davisburg Road in Springfield Township is being widened from four lanes to five, and a road commission notice said work is

scheduled to resume this month.

During construction, which is expected to be complete by May 30, crews will maintain one open lane in each direction and a center left-turn lane.

Also high on the local list is new pavement on Holcomb between Bridge Lake and Reese roads. The \$2.8 million project is expected to begin July 15 and end Nov. 15.

Other area road projects will be "preservation overlays," in which about an inch-and-a-half of new

asphalt is placed over the existing pavement. Those locations include:

- Cranberry Lake Road from M-15 to Perry Lake Road in Independence Township.
- Davisburg Road from Dixie Highway to Bridge Lake Road in Springfield Township.
- Ely Road from Tindall to the end of the road in Springfield Township.
- Holcomb from the Clarkston city border to the end of the pavement in Independence Township.
- Mann Road from Clintonville Road east to the end of the pavement in Waterford and Independence Township.
- Washington from Holcomb to the Clarkston village limit in Independence Township.

Brent Bair, RCOC managing director, said the county program is less this year compared with last year, but still aggressive. He warned that future revenues from the state gasoline tax will not be sufficient, however, to handle the projected \$1 billion in capacity needs on county roads over the next 10 years.

In a related project, local drivers may see work on local traffic signals thanks to a federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality grant that requires no local financial match.

Trustees in both Independence and Springfield townships have endorsed a cooperative project of the county road commission and the Michigan Department of Transportation intended to retiming signals not connected to the county Fast-Trac system (which has pavement-embedded sensors allowing traffic signals to adapt to actual traffic flow).

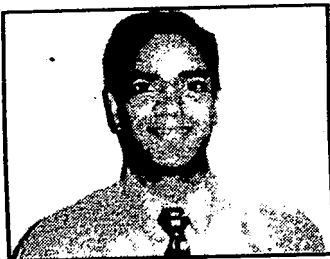
The retiming project for non-Fast-Trac signals is intended to improve traffic flow, decrease motorist delays and reduce air pollution, officials said.

Engineers will consult with local officials to determine what signals require special timing sequences or other special circumstances.



Traffic navigates past orange barrels on Dixie Highway near I-75 in Springfield Township. The project, intended to widen the roadway to five lanes to Davisburg Road, is scheduled to be complete by May 30. Photo by Don Schelske

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Springfield OKs 'No Haz' despite liability concerns

BY DON SCHELSKE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Springfield Township officials held their noses and voted yes last week to join a cooperative program to collect and dispose of household hazardous waste.

Trustees had previously endorsed the concept of the North Oakland Household Hazardous Waste Consortium (dubbed "No Haz"), but last-minute haggling over liability insurance led to a Thursday, April 10 debate over the final draft of the interlocal agreement.

"My opinion is that we should go forward with the program with the understanding that the risk is minimal," Trustee Dennis Vallad said, "and express to the county our discontent with their stance on indemnification."

At issue was how participating communities would be insured in case of accidents while collecting materials brought by residents to collection sites. Officials said their understanding was that each participating municipality would be listed as an "additional insured" on the final contract, but in reality no such listing will be provided.

Although municipalities may be issued a "certificate of insurance," that is seen as a re-

duced level of legal protection. Extensive lobbying was unsuccessful in changing county officials' position in the matter.

In a memo to trustees, township attorney Greg Need said risk to the township "is probably not significant, but is certainly present to some extent."

Need also speculated that if the local governments tried to force the county into a compromise, county officials could scrap the entire No Haz project.

"We were given no opportunity to discuss this contract," Supervisor Collin Walls said.

Need said Oxford Township officials had researched buying additional insurance coverage for the hazardous waste collection, but "weren't very successful." The best quote for \$1 million coverage included a \$10,000 premium and a \$25,000 deductible, Need said.

Walls said the contracted vendor's employees (not volunteers) will handle waste materials, and Springfield Township's collection site (the Road Commission for Oakland County's garage on Dixie Highway) is not township property.

Walls said the township has faced liability lawsuits in the past, however, noting a tire col-

lection project years ago in which a contractor was supposed to collect and shred old tires, but failed to do so and then went bankrupt.

"My support is only because of the importance of the program," Vallad said. "If it were any less important, I would not support it because the county has held us hostage on too many occasions for very similar items."

Clerk Nancy Strole shared the concern about liability, but noted that the contract is a one-year agreement.

"It gives us a chance to assess it," Strole said. "The need is not going to go away or diminish."

Trustees also debated how to handle the \$35 per-car fee that will be charged by the consortium to help defray costs. The township will also pay a first year fee of \$4,149, and must recruit volunteers for parking and other non-waste-handling tasks. The consensus was that residents should share the cost by paying \$15.

"We don't want to have it so high that it's a disincentive," Strole said, noting that many residents are used to paying a \$10 charge for removal of Freon from old refrigerators.

"If we find it is a disincentive, we can always lower it to \$10 the next year," said Trustee David Hopper.

Education will be necessary, officials said. The program requires residents to call No Haz to set up an appointment, then

purchase a voucher at the township treasurer's office.

Walls agreed that the program is necessary, but "very, very reluctantly" cast his yes vote.

"This is a very convoluted system," he said.

What is No Haz?

The North Oakland Household Hazardous Waste Consortium (dubbed "No Haz") was formed by Oakland County and about 15 municipalities to provide a safe way to collect materials deemed unacceptable for standard landfill disposal.

The group has established 11 collection dates and six locations in 2003, beginning May 3 in White Lake Township. Springfield Township will host collections Sept. 6 and Oct. 18 at the Road Commission for Oakland County garage on Dixie Highway.

(Independence Township conducts its own household hazardous waste collection program.)

The consortium asks residents to bring clearly labeled items such as waste adhesives, oil-based paint, engine and drain cleaners, automotive fluids, paint removers and other household hazardous waste.

The collection sites will not accept explosives, firearms, motor oil, business or industrial waste, latex paint and some other items.

Springfield Township residents will be charged \$15 per vehicle, and appointments are required.

For a complete list of acceptable or unacceptable materials, scheduled collection sites and more information, call the No Haz hotline at (248) 858-5656 or visit www.nohaz.com.

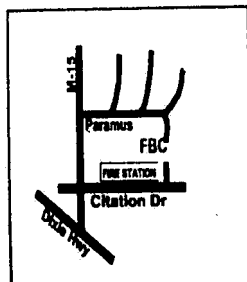
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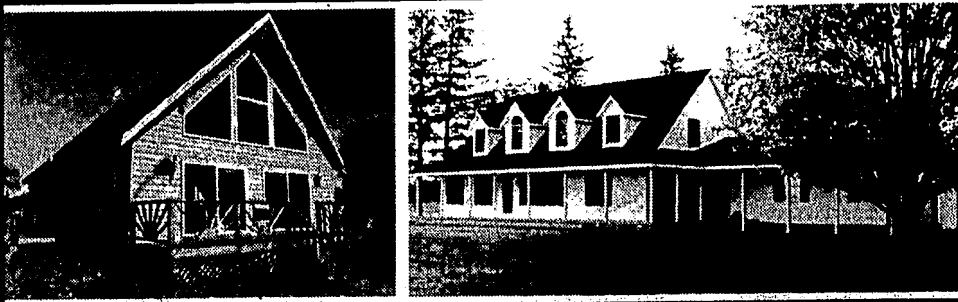
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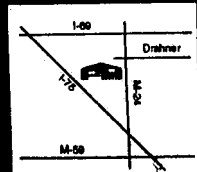
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Opinion

Looking for something new?

From the new government in Iraq to advertisements for "new and improved" cleaning products, we have a natural attraction to new things.

It's fascinating to see what the latest technology has made possible, whether in home improvement, entertainment and even media.

Spring, of course, brings a new season, with new flowers, new leaves on the trees, etc., etc. Indeed, the Easter holiday (replete with bunnies and eggs) is derived from a pagan fertility festival which, to be fair, has aspects to celebrate "new life."

So, we scramble to buy new clothes, get a new shine on the car and perhaps think of all the new things we need to buy for those home and yard projects (some of us try to forget that part).

Why, then, would some people try to bring in old, outdated religious beliefs?

That's a good question, but it can be countered with a better one:

When are more people going to discover the "new" message of Jesus Christ?

Yeah, everybody knows the story of Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday. To many it's a moving (perhaps even tragic) story of a good man who died a martyr's death. The fact that the body went missing from the tomb is supposed to be a message of hope, but it seems rather vague.

But it's a nice story, so we go through the routine of the holiday, with church services, a special dinner and perhaps a few too many jelly beans. The day after Easter, however, is a return to the same routine.

It brings to mind that popular song from a few years ago: "If that's all there is..." But it's not.

Lots of people, "religious" and otherwise, have missed the point. The message of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is not a touchy-feely panacea for the feeble-minded. Nor does it require people to be trapped in the straitjacket of tedious tradition and pompous piety.

The Bible promises something new and fresh for those bold enough to encounter Christ on His terms:

"I have come that they might have life, and have it to the full" (John 10:10, NIV).

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" (II Corinthians 5:17, NIV).

Sadly, too many people are caught in the old mental/spiritual trap of misconceptions about Christ.

Too many see him as a wimpy pacifist, even though he became forceful when dealing with the moneychangers in the temple and spoke quite a bit about a place called hell. Too many call him a "good teacher," even though his claims to deity caused the religious leaders of the day to accuse him of blasphemy.

(In examining the full scope of Christ's teaching, more than one scholar has noted that He could be one of only three things: a deluded lunatic, a malicious liar or Almighty God in human form.)

The challenge is to forget the presuppositions and learn the real story about the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and how He can have real impact on our lives (now and for eternity).

This spring, learn something new, and meet someone new.

**Reporter
At Large**



**Don
Schelske**

Letters to the Editor

Treasurer tries to clear up tax issues

War in Iraq, interminable power delays and the IRS deadline have made for a memorable spring for many residents.

There are several developments that may be of interest to township residents.

May 1 is an important date for property owners to have their Homestead Affidavit on file in the Assessors Office at township hall. If you are building a new house or buying a home that is currently classified as non homestead it is in your best interests to file the affidavit before May 1. You may actually file your Homestead Affidavit after May 1, but then you are required to provide physical proof that, not only did you own the property prior to May 1, but also that you occupied it as your primary residence. Proof includes driver's license, voter registration, utility bill in your name, etc.

You are entitled, by law, to a homestead exemption for your principal residence. More about principal residence below. Homestead property owners do not pay the 18 mills operational millage to schools on summer tax bills that are included for non-homestead properties. Non homestead properties are non residential properties and residential properties such as rentals, second homes, etc.

In December of 2002 the State Legislature passed a bill that was signed into law dealing with property homestead exemptions. Prior to the passage of that law a property owner could only seek one year refund for

incorrectly paying non homestead taxes. Now, a property owner can claim up to three previous years if you hadn't filed the affidavit with the Assessor's Office. You will need to file in the Assessor's Office and they will take your claim to the next Board of Review. If approved the county will refund the difference you paid in non-homestead taxes and the homestead tax rate.

Currently in Lansing, the legislature is working on a language change replacing "homestead exemption" with "primary residence." The reason for seeking the change is too many people are confusing the homestead credit (State-1040CR) and homestead exemption (local).

Currently there exists a property homestead credit as a function of your State income taxes that allows qualified residents to receive a refund based on their income compared to their property tax paid. To qualify property tax payers fill out the necessary Michigan Income Tax form, and receive their refund from the State.

Locally, there is a homestead exemption affidavit for a person's primary residence. The exemption became part of the changes in Proposal A passed in Michigan in 1994 by the voters in the State of Michigan. The exemption is filed locally in the Township Assessor's Office, and qualifies the home owner to not pay the 18 mills operational property taxes placed on non-homestead properties.

Jim Wenger
Independence Township Treasurer

DPW to host annual spring cleanup campaign

On May 10 and 17 the Department of Public Works (DPW) will be hosting the annual spring cleanup campaign.

On the 17th, household hazardous waste will also be collected. Information about the hours, materials accepted, fees can be obtained by calling the DPW at 625-8222. There will be a nominal fee for the service. The township pays for most of the overall costs of the program. The May issue of the Parks and Recreation Magazine has incorrect dates for the cleanup. Scheduling issues caused the changes to May 10 and 17.

This year cleanup has new meaning because of the ice storm damage. DPW will take brush, limbs, etc. at

their site on Flemings Lake Road. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Saturday hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

You will need to check in at the office to show proof of township residency before dropping off your debris. Sorry, there are no provisions for curb-side pick ups. DPW will be closed for the Easter holiday on Friday April 18 through Sunday, April 20. Please do not bring storm debris in on Saturday, May 10 and 17 as it would cause delays and traffic problems with the scheduled cleanup activities.

Jim Wenger
Independence Township Treasurer

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For the life of me I cannot find the local who sent me this e-mail, but I have an idea it was from a female. That said . . .

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Americans rarely get a chance to see another country's editorial about the USA. Read this excerpt from a Romanian newspaper. The article was written by Mr. Cornell Nistorescu and published under the title "C'ntarea Americii" (meaning "Ode to America.") on September 24, 2002 in the Romanian newspaper Evenimentul Zilei ("The Daily Event" or "News of the Day.")

An Ode to America

Why are Americans so united? They would not resemble one another -- even if you painted them all one color! They speak all the languages of the world and form an astonishing mixture of civilizations and religious beliefs. Still, the Americans' tragedy turned three hundred million people into a 'hand put on the heart'.

Nobody rushed to accuse the White House, the army, or the Secret Service that they are only a bunch of losers. Nobody rushed to empty their bank accounts. Nobody rushed out onto the streets nearby to gape about. The Americans volunteered to donate blood and to give a helping hand.

After the first moments of panic they raised their flag over the smoking ruins, putting on T-shirts, caps and ties in the colors of their national flag. They placed flags on buildings and cars as if in every place and on every car, a government official or the President was passing. On every occasion they started singing their traditional song "God Bless America!"

I watched the live broadcasts and rerun after rerun for hours, listening to the story of the guy who went down one hundred floors with a woman in her wheelchair without knowing who she was; or the Californian hockey player who gave his life fighting with the terrorist and preventing the plane from hit-



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Don Rush

ting on target, that could have killed another hundreds or thousands of people.

How on earth were they able to respond, united as one human being?

Imperceptible -- with every word and musical note -- the memory of some, turned into a modern myth of tragic heroes. And with every phone call, millions and millions of dollars were put in a collection aimed at rewarding not a man or a family, but a spirit, which no money can buy.

What on earth can unite the Americans in such a way? Their land? Their galloping history? Their economic power? Money? I tried for hours to find an answer, humming songs and murmuring phrases - with the risk of sounding commonplace.

I thought things over, but I reached only one conclusion . . . Only freedom can work such miracles!

* * *

Right on Mr. Cornell Nistorescu! And, lady, thanks for sending it along.

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Anybody want to guess if the price of fire wood is going down this year?

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While the world around us was shimmering under crystalline ice, cold and without power, Jen, the boys and myself had all the power and heat we needed.

I attribute this to Jen filling up the bathtub with water the night prior to the storm. We split wood for the fireplace and bought some extra flashlight batteries, just to be on the safe side.

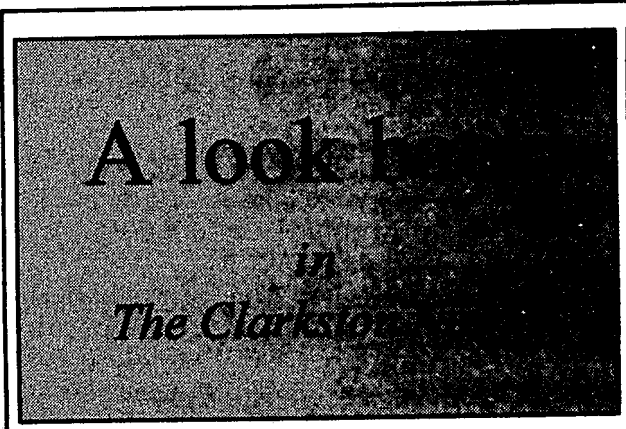
Shamus and Sean went into a minor panic when the cable television blacked out for five minutes, but other than that, being prepared worked great for us.

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The aftermath -- we're entering thunderstorm and severe weather time, which means gusty winds. Were I outside during this time, I'd keep my head up for all those broken-during-the-icestorm-but-not-yet-fallen branches.

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15 YEARS AGO (1988)

• The Clarkston School District decided on a new superintendent. Gary Haner, who began his career in Clarkston 22 years ago, will take over the job on July 1. Haner, and his wife Sue, did their student teaching in the district before joining the staff in 1966. He taught sixth grade for five years at Pine Knob Elementary School and she taught first through third grades at Pine Knob. The decision to hire Haner was unanimously reached at a special board of education meeting on April 16.

• Construction can't begin on 54 site condominiums proposed for 121 acres off Sashabaw Road in Independence Township. The planning commission voted April 14 to table the final site plan for Sashabaw Creek Meadows until 10 conditions were met.

• After three frustrating tries, the varsity baseball team finally notched its first victory for the 1988 season. The win came at the expense of new Greater Oakland Activities League member Brandon on the road Monday afternoon. Behind the excellent pitching of junior Ben Underwood, the Wolves (1-3) romped over Brandon 12-0. Underwood fanned two batters, walked none and allowed just five hits over seven innings to pick up the victory.

25 YEARS AGO (1978)

• With two additional trusteeships headed for the ballot this fall, the five-member Independence Township Board concentrated on some internal matters at the township hall this week. Supervisor Floyd J. (Whitey) Tower said he has received "clarification" from several sources, including the Michigan Townships Association, who now agree with Independence Attorney Richard Campbell that two more trustees should be elected in November. The board was expanded to seven members by vote of 28 electors at the annual township meeting April 1, but the action initially brought diverse legal opinions.

• The Clarkston Parent-Teacher Association Council is surveying area residents this month to find out what improvements should be made in the Clarkston school system. Some 450 Clarkston, Independence and Springfield Township residents will receive the 22-question survey in the mail this week. The survey is to assess citizen feelings toward such school issues as the addition of art and gym classes, school taxes and school bus supervision.

• Kids in Independence Township are going to have one fantastic piece of equipment to crawl up on, roam through and slide down this summer. Tim Doyle, parks and recreation director for the township, predicts families will be driving out to Clintonwood Park just so the children can play on the \$13,400 Miracle Mark IV which the township board has ordered for them.

50 YEARS AGO (1953)

• Last Thursday evening the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club entertained at an evening dinner meeting at the Township Community Center. Besides the husbands as honored guests there were a few other guest who enjoyed dinner.

• The tree act comedy "Love is Too Much Trouble" will be presented by the junior class on this Thursday and Friday nights beginning at 8 p.m. at the Clarkston High School.

• Everything will soon be in readiness for the Spring Festival at the Sashabaw School on Saturday, April 25. The contestants for the king and queen have been chosen and are anxious to receive your vote.

'Saints' make wampum for Chippewas

There's an oft repeated truism that all those fine and fancy hotels in Las Vegas were not built by charitable organizations.

Well that new 300-room hotel at Sault Saint Marie wasn't either. We gambling losers (is that redundant?) might want to urge our elected officials in Lansing to eliminate the Saint from the names of our two gambling meccas . . . Saint Ignace and Sault Saint Marie. Or is that a job for the Pope?

I don't believe there is a single gambling attraction in all of Nevada with the name Saint attached, or even hinted at.

However, when I got "Mean" (her own description) Mary Jean Hansen's invitation to join others on the Oxford Parks and Recreation gambling outing I signed up. For the next month I spent many waking hours memorizing others' lucky numbers and trying to reverse the losing attitude I have at casinos.

Side note: Mary Jean is a very organized organizer. She takes care of busloads of people on an individual basis.

Anyway, I gleaned one questioning statement from fellow sufferer John LaLone: "It's hard to believe we treated the Indians so badly they would do this to us."

The Indians, in this case the Chippewas, do not wait for we flatlanders to go to them. They come to get us. These Kewadin casinos have eight buses, and our driver said they are filled every day. There are six Kewadin casinos in the UP, plus they own Detroit's Greektown Casino.



Jim's Jottings

Jim Sherman

Mary Jean booked 141, three busloads, for this late March trip of hopefuls. Only ten percent were men, which raises all sorts of questions.

Our leader sets about 2-hour limits for riding without stretching, etc. McDonald's for coffee and a K of C's buffet lunch in Gaylord on the way up, Ponderosa in West Branch on the way home.

We did two hours at various slot machines at the first Saint, then went to the second Saint's new 300-room hotel/casino for the night. That night the Spartans were playing basketball on tv, so I made money - translation: I didn't bet.

There was a total of 24 commercial buses at the Soo's gambling joint the day we were there, one from Wisconsin.

I planned on reading any newspaper available the next day, but none were to be found within walking distance -- even the convenience store across the street was closed and these casinos are not in downtowns.

My luck ran pretty good the first few hours after breakfast, up maybe a couple hundred. But, there was too much time left before the buses left and luck and odds are not on the side of the novice. Things reversed quickly. Playing left handed or right, fast or slow, the trend wouldn't stop.

So now more Chippewas have money for children's scholarships, family condos or dwellings of their choice, fishing boats, computers and laugh machines.

Two final notes. The hotel had the best corned beef hash I've ever had in a restaurant, and I came home with money.

My Tilley hat has a secret compartment which the maker recommends wearers put \$10 in so they will always have some money.

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Math materials aim to satisfy students, governments

(Note: The following is the second in a series on how school officials review and propose new curricula, textbooks and other educational materials for Clarkston Community Schools.)

BY DON SCHELSKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

When developing new curricula and recommending new textbooks, teachers and administrators say they must consider not only what to teach, but how to teach it.

In addition, they say they must bridge the gap between student needs and government mandates.

Clarkston officials believe they have a good answer with the new "Connected Mathematics Project" for middle school students.

CMP was among textbooks and materials approved at the Monday, April 14 meeting of the Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education, and was recommended after a three-year study involving teachers, administrators and parents.

Highlights of that study were presented to the board March 24. Staci Puzio, the district's math coordinator, said Clarkston was accepted as part of a Western Michigan University program known as the Michigan Middle School Mathematics Reform Project.

The study involved research of "standards-based" materials, including conclusions from groups such as the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and the Michigan Curriculum Framework.

Using "benchmarks" from these and other sources, the district team identified several desired "mathematical processes" including problem solving, communication, mathematical reasoning, connections and representation, then evaluated available curriculum materials to determine which would best help students meet the standards.

An additional challenge was meet-

ing standards set by state tests (including the Michigan Educational Assessment Program) and the federal government's "No Child Left Behind" program.

"It's really looking at the standards and seeing how we can meet the needs of students but meet the needs of the [government] standards, because that's what we have to do," Puzio said.

Puzio was chosen to be part of a teachers group that advised state officials in setting the standards.

"It's not just somebody sitting in the state office dictating it. They're working with teachers and the Michigan Council of Teachers of Mathematics."

The curriculum is different in its approach, using less lecture and more discovery. Rather than a single textbook for each grade, CMP comes in sets of booklets. In addition to documenting more retention from creative group exercises, officials believe the new approach to individual problem solving projects also helps relate mathematics skills to real life situations.

For example, an algebra question entitled, "The Pool Problem" asks students to compute how many border tiles would be needed around a swimming pool or hot tub based on its dimensions.

"It's not just about teachers giving information to students," Puzio said. "It's about students working with each other. You're getting away from the people who raise their hands and answer the question and losing the other kids."

"That really is what industry has told us that we need to do to train our students. When they go out to work, they work in a team approach," said John Diliiegghio, executive director of middle and high school education. "All instruction needs to be embedded in the real world."

The new materials require training of teachers (much of which was accomplished over the three-year period, especially when "piloting" parts of the program), and even parents were called in for education and feedback.

"They said, 'Wow, this is different,' but they were seeing the value of what we were doing," Puzio said.

Reaching the decision to recommend the new materials took time. So, too, will the realization of academic progress, officials said.

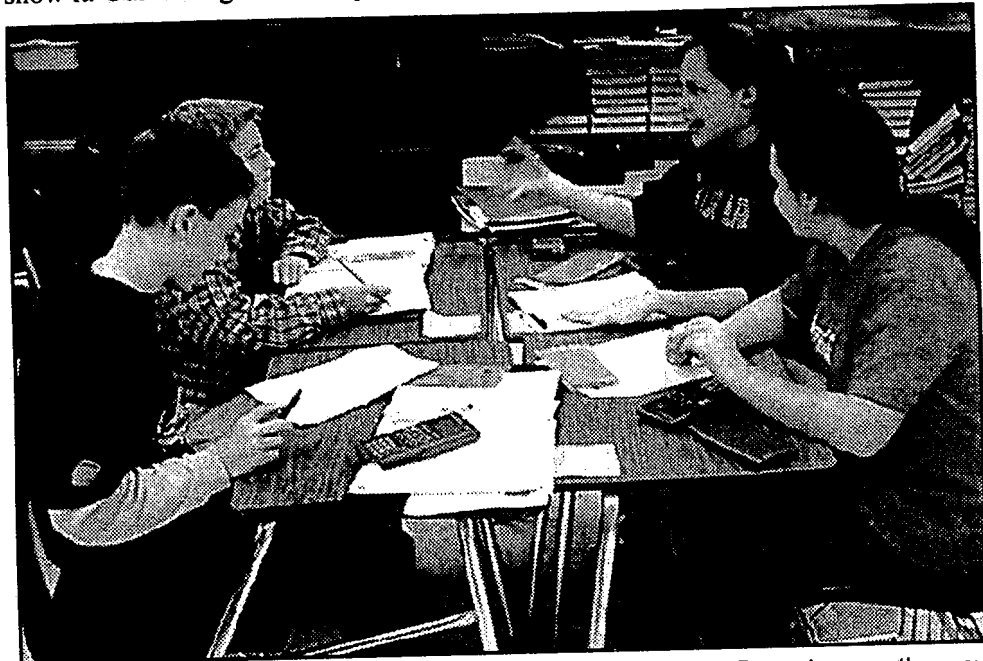
"It takes years for it to be really embedded in our students' knowledge so you get a true picture," Diliiegghio said. "We can't say that this year's MEAP will show it. Our sixth graders are just start-

ing it, so probably three years."

Curricula in general, and mathematics in particular, have gone through a number of changes in recent years, but Puzio believes standards-based materials like CMP will have staying power, based on state and national research.

"I don't think they would go to that extend and then three years later totally eliminate it," she said.

(Next: The use of multimedia tools to augment textbooks.)



Robert McCoy (left), Zach Rogers, Emilia Allen and Rachel Beaudry use the new Connected Mathematics Project during a "pilot" exercise. Teachers tried using some materials before recommending adoption for all middle school grades. Photo provided

Board OKs textbook purchases

The Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education approved the purchase of the following textbooks and materials on Monday, April 14:

• U.S. History — "The Americans" (published by McDouglas Littell) at a total cost of \$44,617.

• Japanese (levels 1-4) — "Adventures in Japanese" with workbooks (published by Cheng & Tsui Company) at a total cost of \$4,700.

• Sixth grade World Languages — "Invitation to Languages" with workbooks and other materials (published by Glencoe), at a total cost of \$3,000.

• Chemistry I and II — "Chemistry" (published by Addison Wesley), at a total cost of \$24,400.

• Middle school Mathematics — "Connected Mathematics Project" (published by Prentice Hall), at a total cost of \$90,000.

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West Nile battle to be waged in Springfield

BY DON SCHELSKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Education, prevention and limited use of larvicide will be the weapons against mosquitoes that might carry the

West Nile virus into Springfield Township.

Trustees on Thursday, April 10 agreed to use \$9,238.32 in Oakland County funds to treat township catch

basins and wet retention basins with a larvicide.

They will not attempt to treat lakes, ponds or other natural wetlands, however, nor will there be special attempts to spray adult mosquito populations. Officials said the West Nile virus is only carried by what they call an "urban" breed of mosquito predominantly found in catch basins, tire piles and "stagnant water" locations.

"I think it's important for residents to understand that everyday mosquitoes don't carry the West Nile Virus," Supervisor Collin Walls said. "A properly functioning wetland is not home to this mosquito."

Businesses and residents will be called to battle with an educational campaign urging the elimination of stagnant water areas.

"Spraying would definitely be inappropriate and ineffective," said Clerk

Nancy Strole, who disagreed with some of the elements of the full program proposed by the Oakland County Health Division. "The educational component can go a long way. . . [and] larvicide can be effective if used judiciously."

Supervisor Collin Walls said prevention should be the emphasis because, "at least to date, as far as I know, there has been no indication of a [West Nile] problem in this general northwest Oakland County area."

Walls said there will likely be coordination with the Road Commission for Oakland County to, first, clean debris from catch basins prior to the May-June larvicide treatment time and, second, document and record all catch basins on their right-of-way.

The health department will coordinate training of volunteers to properly apply the larvicide, Walls said.

School board candidates prepare for June election

Eight candidates will appear on the June 9 ballot for two seats on the Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education.

Kurt Shanks and Janet Thomas had previously announced that they would not seek reelection, making the race a competition among newcomers.

Those who met the Monday, April 7 filing deadline were Jeffrey Allsteadt, Jean C. Dasuqi, Sherri Kerby, John W.

Koval, Julie Maier, Tony Miller, Tim Smith and Diane Weller.

Koval was an unsuccessful candidate in the 2002 school election.

Although a change in election law this year allowed for a candidate's inclusion on the ballot with a \$100 filing fee in lieu of the standard nominating petitions, all eight candidates were able to obtain the required number of signatures to be listed on the June 9 ballot.

Summer expo planned

BY JILLIAN QUINLAN
Clarkston News Intern

Clarkston Coalition for Youth is hosting the 2003 Summer Happenings Expo Saturday, May 10 in the Clarkston High School cafeteria. The event, which is from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., has free admission and is open to all ages.

"The purpose of this event is to find out what different activities, events and programs, that business, organizations, clubs and churches have going on this summer for youth, adults and seniors," expo coordinator, Alesha Ulasich said.

A few of the featured exhibitors will be the Boy Scouts, Deer Lake Athletic Club, and the Clarkston Library. There will also be a Tai Chi demonstration, a

performance by the Stars and Stripes gymnastics team and the hip-hop group QTMC.

"It's only a short time, but it is packed with a ton of opportunity to find out what is going on for all ages," Ulasich said.

Upon entering, each person will receive a raffle ticket. They can be purchased as well, with the proceeds going back to the community.

Winners of the raffle will receive gift certificates to places such as Bordines and local parks.

The Clarkston Coalition for Youth is a nonprofit organization that consists of individuals and organizations that recognize the importance of valuing and supporting positive youth development.

Cleanup

Continued from page 1

"That means fewer of our crews will be available to do the many other routine maintenance activities that the public expects, such as patching potholes, grading gravel roads, addressing drainage problems, and so on," Bair said.

RCOC is offering free wood chips at four commission garages, including the one at 10275 Dixie Highway in Springfield Township.

Independence Township will continue to accept brush, limbs, etc. at the DPW complex from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Exceptions are Friday, April 18 and Saturday, April 20 because of the Easter holiday, and Saturday, May

10 and 17 because of the annual spring cleanup days.

Clarkston Community Schools cancelled classes for two days because of the storm, but students need not fear an extended school year because of it.

"We always anticipate," said Anita Banach, director of communications and marketing for the school district. "We schedule more days than many districts."

While school district maintenance workers were kept busy checking and resetting equipment such as pumps and furnaces, school buildings escaped relatively unscathed.

"I've not heard that we sustained any major damage," Banach said.

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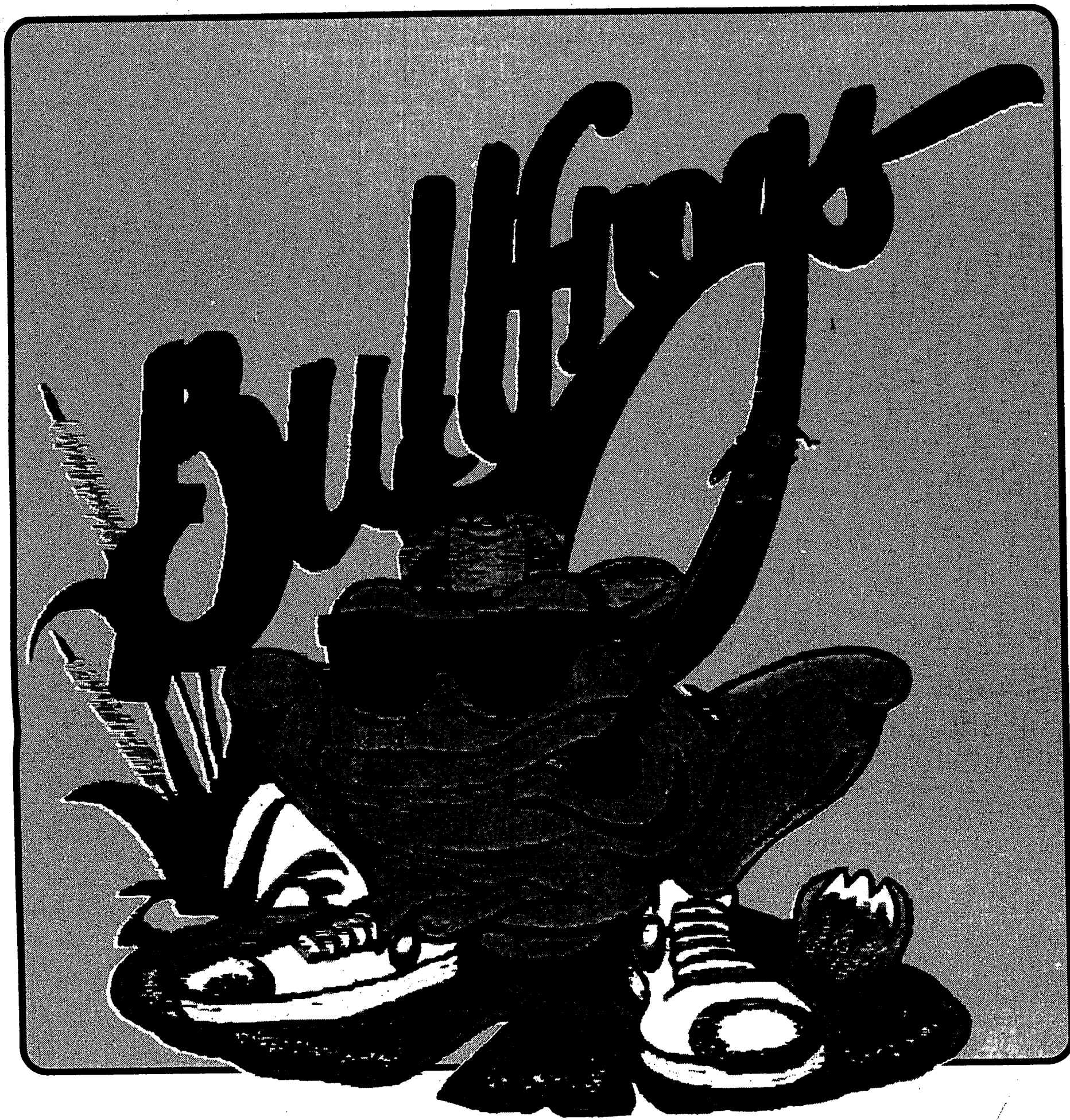
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Springfield group combines gardening, friendships

BY KYLE GARGARO
Clarkston News Editor

What started off as a way to meet people in the community has turned into something much bigger for one Springfield resident.

Mary Bertolini, who moved to Springfield Township seven years ago, is the founder and president of

the Springfield chapter of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association. The group is only four years old.

"When I moved to Springfield there was not an active welcome wagon. If you don't have children in the schools it can be difficult to meet people," Bertolini said. "I had an interest in gardening and wanted a way

to connect with the community. This seemed like a great idea."

Originally Bertolini wanted to become a part of the Clarkston chapter, which is 55-years-old, but they were at their limit on members. That is when the much traveled Bertolini decided to start a Springfield chapter.

"I was familiar with the organization and Springfield had a small garden club in the past but that was not active. So I put notices in the paper and send our flyers to get the word out. We had great word of mouth. I was just looking to learn more about gardening and make some good friends. We have a lot of women in the group who are recently retired and are not as connected to the community," Bertolini said.

The Springfield Chapter currently has 22 members. The group meets the first Wednesday of each month from March through October at 10 a.m. at the Hart Community Center in Davisburg.

The group has members from Clarkston, Davisburg and White Lake among other areas.

"The group takes whatever direction the members want. A lot of the members are interested in native plants. Whatever they are interested in, we do," Bertolini said.

The president says the group plans their programs in advance for the entire year. The speakers are 45 minutes to an hour.

The group also gives back to the community in the form of scholarships.

"We educate ourselves and the public about gardening but we also make an effort to give back to the community," Bertolini said.

The Davisburg resident is also the recording secretary for the national organization while also being on the Michigan division board. She takes the minutes at the national meetings three times a year.

"It has been a great experience," Bertolini said. "I have had the opportunity to travel to some interesting places and I have made so many friends."



Springfield Township chapter Woman's National Farm and Garden Association president Mary Bertolini, right, is pictured with vice president Sue Valentine, left, and speaker Jerry Currey, center. Photo provided.



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Another power outage?

Entrance to the Waldon Woods subdivision on Waldon Road was blocked starting from 11 a.m. on Monday, April 14 because of down power lines, and this time it wasn't weather related. An Oakland County Sheriff deputy said a truck delivering patio furniture to a home inside the subdivision hit a low power line with his truck bringing down its supporting poles. It caused a power outage from approximately Walters Drive to Clarkston Middle School at Middle Lake for much of the day. Photos by Jennifer Nemer.

See more local police and fire news on page 18!

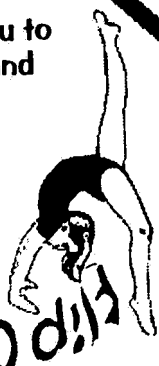
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Obituary

Edward F. Butora

Edward F. Butora, of Clarkston, died April 3, 2003 at age 83.

He was the husband of Audrey for 57 years; preceded in death by his son John; father-in-law of Mary Jo Butora; also survived by four grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Ed worked in commercial construction. A graveside service was held April 15, 2003 at White Chapel Memorial Garden, Troy. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Inez Poole

Inez Poole, of Clarkston, died April 14, 2003 at age 89.

She was preceded in death by her husband Robert and son Mark. Mother of Stephanie Wright of Clarkston, Christopher Poole of Clarkston, Julia Harris of Clarkston, Paulette Poole of Jackson, Larry (Goya) Carter of GA., Samuel Miller of Clarkston, Alec Dorsey of Adrian and Larry (Terry) Thelmas of FL. Sister of Mary Nesbitt of Pontiac and Dorothy (Vonds) White of Pontiac. Also survived by over 40 foster children, 17 grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

The Funeral Service is Friday, April 18 at 10 a.m. at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston where friends may visit on Thursday, April 17 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Interment Oakhill Cemetery. Memorial may be made to Feed the Children.

Jeanne M. Snyder

Jeanne M. Snyder, of Davisburg, died April 6, 2003 at age 74.

She was preceded in death by her husband Kenneth and son Brian. She was the loving mother of Sharon (Marty) Connell of Clarkston; grandma of Erin (Kurt) Begue, Jason and Justin; great grandma of Madion; special cousin of Elaine, Nancy and Hane.

Jeanne was President of the Young at Heart Senior Center of Davisburg. She dearly loved her family and will be greatly missed.

A funeral service was held April 11 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Private interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials to the Kaleidoscope Foundation of Davisburg for Seniors.

Alma Mae Tate

Alma Mae Tate, of Clarkston, died April 6 at age 92.

She was preceded in death by her husband Butler; mother of Frances (Jack) Durrwatcher, of AZ., and Barbara (John) Buckley, of Goodrich; also survived by six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and one great great grandson; sister of Ruby Guilds of Pontiac, Beatrice Chapel of N.C., Estes (Marilyn) Winebarger, Herbert (Judy) Winebarger, Eva (Bob) Owens and Douglass Winebarger all of AZ.

Alma was a member of the Ortonville Nazarene Church. She formerly owned and operated a foster care home in Clarkston for ladies.

Funeral service was held April 10 at the Lewis E. Wint and Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home. Interment Lakeview Cemetery.

Rockwood W. Bullard, Jr. M.D.

Rockwood W. Bullard, Jr., of Clarkston since 1949 and formerly of Birmingham and more recently spent winters in Delray Beach, FL, died on April 11, 2003 at age 85.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Maryetta; father of Rockwood III (Donna) Bullard of Clarkston, M. Blair (Michael) Schweitzer of Clarkston and Thomas Fitts Bullard of Reno, NV.; also survived by nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; brother of Catherine Duffy Houghton of Port Huron and FL.

Dr. Bullard was a local doctor and Chief of Staff of three hospitals: North Oakland Medical Center, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and Wheelock. He was a member of FACS (Fellow American College of Surgeons), American Board of Surgery, Oakland County Medical Society and MI State Medical Society. He graduated from Cranbrook Schools in 1935, Amherst College in 1939 and Harvard Medical School in 1943.

A memorial service will be held at Clarkston United Methodist Church and will be announced at a later date. Memorials may be made to Harvard Medical School for Continuing Education in Medicine. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

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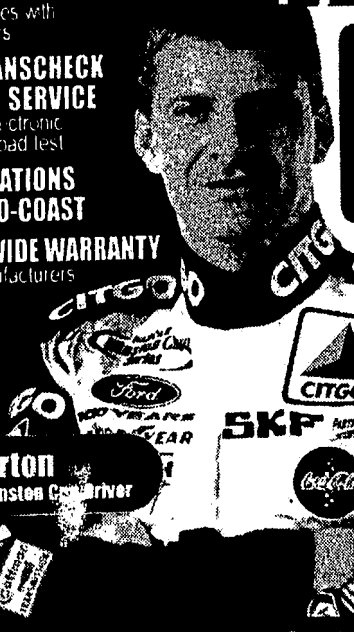
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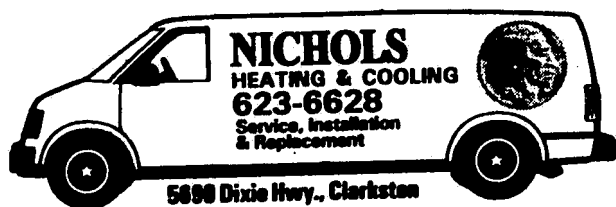
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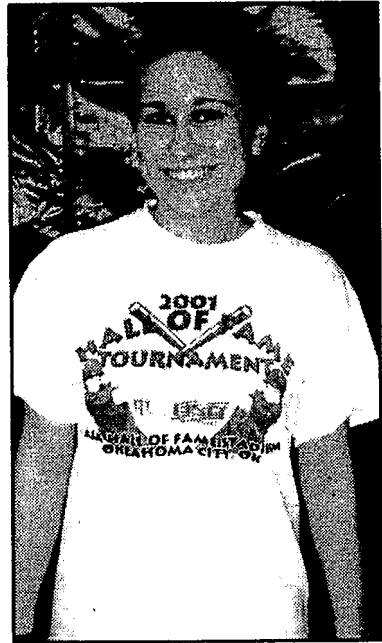
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Coach looks for aggressive offense

Softball team hope bats will lead them

BY KYLE GARGARO
Clarkston News Editor

The Clarkston softball team is planning on being offensive



Co-captain Suzie Giroux

this year, but in a good way.

This year's edition of the Wolves softball team will feature a powerful offense, but an inexperienced pitching staff.

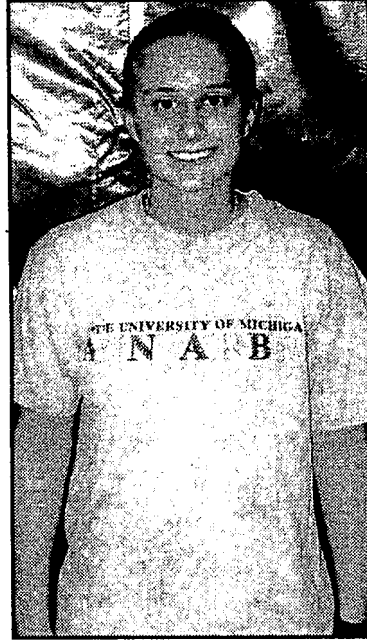
"We have a very strong batting order," Clarkston coach Al Land said. "We have some girls who can really drive the ball so we should be able to score some runs. We also have good team speed which will help us score some runs. We are going to be aggressive on the base paths."

Clarkston returns its best hitter in Suzie Giroux who last year batted .409 and knocked in 39 runs. Missy Parsons, who hit .398 last year, and Heather Giroux, who batted .372, will add some punch to the line-up.

"Suzie Giroux and Heather Giroux will be key players for us this year," Land said.

The team is looking to build off its 25-10 record last year.

The concern for this season is the pitching staff which is extremely inexperienced. The Wolves do not have a pitcher



Co-captain Missy Parsons

returning from last year's team.

"We have no varsity experience at pitcher. We just have junior varsity experience. I am not set on a rotation yet. There is a lot of different rotations that I can do. We are flexible there," Land said.

The coach hopes their speed will translate into a solid defensive team. The Wolves are in a highly competitive division and need to be on the top of their game to capture the title.

"It is probably the best league in the state. There are a lot of well balanced teams. There are going to be a lot of close games this season."

The Clarkston softball team includes seniors Missy Parsons, Jenna Kast, Courtney Robinson, Jaimie Gove, Kalicia Gentry, Jenny Tatu, Lauren Trager, juniors Suzie Giroux, Heather Giroux, Caitlin McLean, Kelly

Robinson, Courtney Bollman, Sarah McGinnis and freshmen Amber Giroux, Katy Kleinedler and Kristen Braunreuther.



Co-captain Jenna Kast

Clarkston tennis takes second in Invitational

BY KYLE GARGARO
Clarkston News Editor

The Clarkston High School tennis team tied for second in the Clarkston Invitational last Saturday.

Grosse Pointe North took first place with 18 points, while Clarkston and Livonia Stevenson each accumulated 14 points. Rochester finished in fourth place with two points.

"This was a very strong field so our work was really cut out for us," Clarkston coach Kevin Ortwine said. "I am pleased with our second place finish. The most promising thing was we finished in second place and didn't play near our best."

Amit Surapaneni, #3 singles player, finished the day 3-0 and was the only champion for Clarkston. Andrew Brown, #1 singles player, lost to one of the best players in the state from Stevenson in the finals, 6-3, 6-2.

Also losing in the finals were #4 singles Bharath Surapaneni, #1 doubles Mike Clause and Jon Szilvagy, #2 doubles Andy Smith and Shawn Saparamadu and #4 doubles Chris Baker and Paul Chun.

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"To get six of eight positions into the finals against the other three very strong teams was a great accomplishment. A couple of more wins in those final matches and we could have won the tournament," Ortwine said.

Earlier in the week, the Wolves knocked off Lake Orion 7-1.

Brown won 6-0, 6-0; #2 singles Justyn Roderick

won 6-2, 6-4; #4 singles Bharath Surapaneni won 6-1, 6-1; Claus and Szilvagy won 6-3, 6-1; Smith and Saparamadu won 6-3, 6-0; #3 doubles Chris Hammond and Zac Banycky won 4-6, 7-6, 6-3 and Baker and Chun won 6-4, 6-3.

Amit Surapaneni lost 7-5, 6-4.

"Lake Orion is a real young team. This was a match that we needed to play well and we did," Coach Ortwine said.

Athlete of the Week - Andrew Brown

BY KYLE GARGARO
Clarkston News Editor

Andrew Brown has been providing leadership to the Clarkston tennis team for four years now.

"That is pretty rare in a kid," Clarkston coach Kevin Ortwine said. "Typically an athlete needs to grow into that roll."

Andrew has been playing tennis since he was four years old. Both his uncles played the game, which influenced his father introducing the game to him.

"I played a lot of sports when I was a kid. I played basketball, tennis and baseball just like any other kid. It was not until middle school when I really started concentrating on tennis," Andrew said.

The senior is currently the #1 singles player on the Clarkston team. He is off to a solid start this season beating top players from around the area.

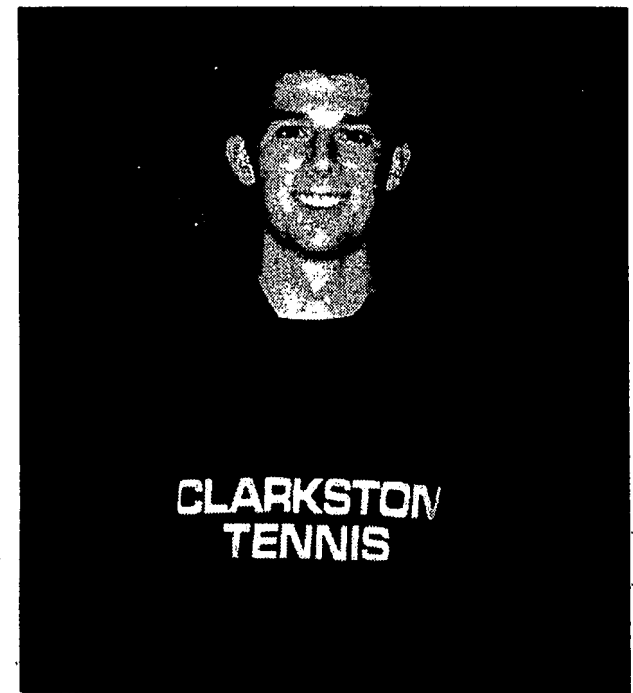
"He is putting it all together. There are very few weaknesses in his game. It is great to see him playing at this level," Ortwine said.

According to both Andrew and his coach, earlier in his career he would often get rattled on the court. This is something he has made a conscious effort not to allow happen anymore.

"Coach has really helped me realize not to be effected by the little things that are going on. I now stay focused when I am playing," Andrew said.

Andrew said his goals for the season are to have the team win the league title and for him to make states.

"I have been close before but I have never made it," Andrew said.



Soccer drops 2 during weekend

BY KYLE GARGARO
Clarkston News Editor

The Clarkston High School soccer team had a tough weekend.

The team played on Friday and Saturday, due to the ice storms earlier in the week, and lost both games.

On Friday, the Wolves lost a close contest to Grand Blanc 2-1. Grand Blanc scored in the first minute of the contest to take a 1-0 lead. The Wolves came back thanks to a goal by Kristen Brundage to tie the score at the half. Grand Blanc scored again early in the second half which proved to be the game-clinching goal.

"The girls played real well but we didn't get the win. We came close to scoring in the second half but we couldn't capitalize," Clarkston coach Tami Mitchell said.

The next day, the Wolves looked tired in a 4-0 loss to Farmington.

"We had a physical, tough game the night before and some of the team had the ACT test that morning. We were not our usual self," Mitchell said.

The losses left Clarkston with a 2-2 overall record and a 1-1 mark in league play.

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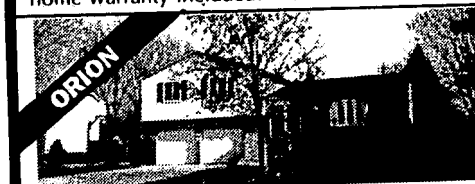
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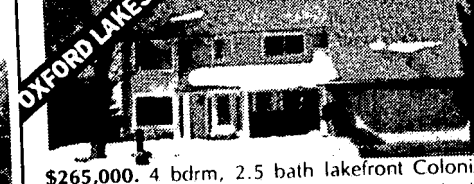
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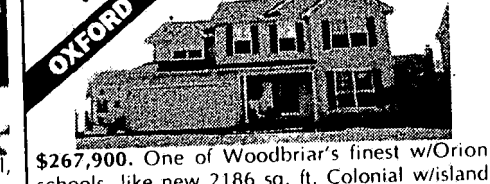
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Clarkston's Mail Boxes Etc. gets a UPS makeover

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Don't be surprised next time you pull into the shopping plaza at White Lake and Dixie and you don't see Mail Boxes Etc., but rather The UPS Store.

As part of a national re-branding campaign, Mail Boxes Etc. (MBE) has changed its name to The UPS Store.

Owners Dave and Karen Drapinski are still there to assist you and their wide range of services are still available, but the store will now offer new low shipping prices direct from UPS.

"This change benefits everyone," Dave Drapinski said. "We get the power of one of the most respected and recognized brands in the world and our customers receive low shipping prices direct from UPS, right in their neighborhood."

Drapinski stressed area residents no longer will have to make the drive to Pontiac when they want to use UPS shipping.

"Now consumers don't have to go out of their way or wait in long lines to get great shipping rates."

And, Drapinski, who has owned the Clarkston MBE since Dec. 1, 1998, said instead of waiting at home for a shipment or pick up people can drop off or pick up items at the Clarkston store.

MBE made the official change April 7, one of more than 3,000 MBE's, out of 3,300 U.S. locations, to do so.

The re-brand is the result of a year of testing and a month-long series of franchise area meetings across the country.

Since UPS acquired MBE in 2001, they have been working on maximizing their services, combining MBE's expertise in retail business with UPS's expertise in shipping.

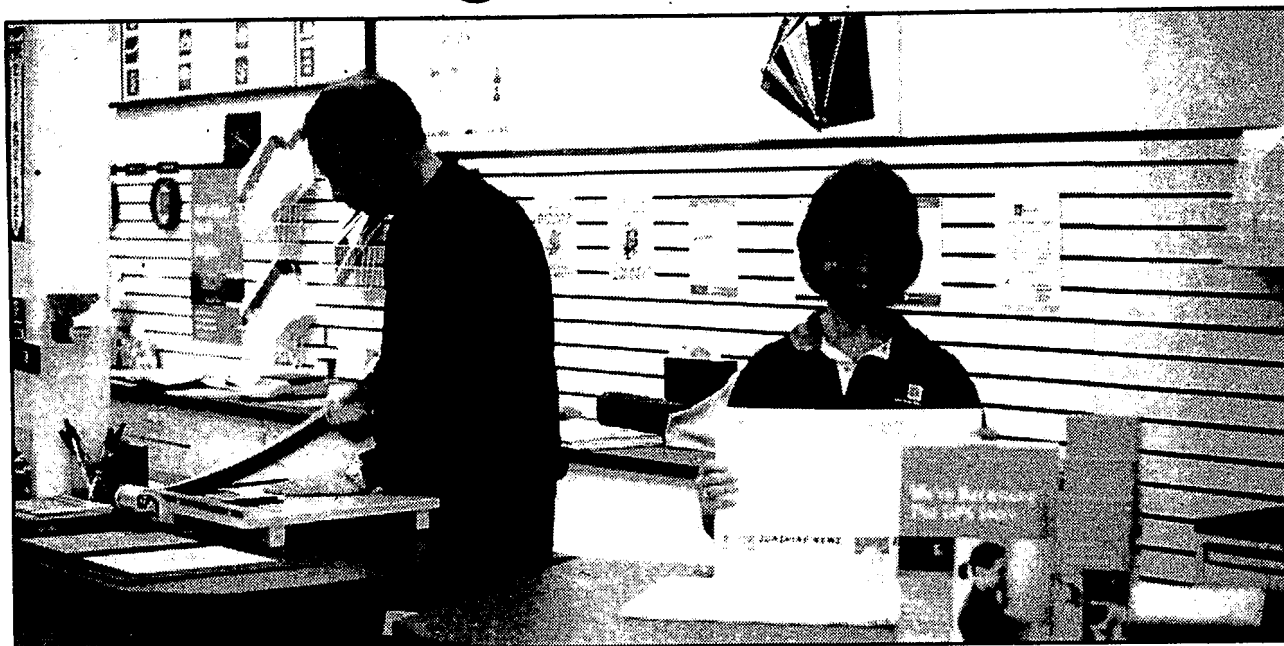
Beginning last fall, MBE centers in six markets across the country tested multiple branding concepts along with UPS direct pricing.

According to results, customers responded favorably. In December, UPS-branded stores, on average, saw a 70 percent increase in shipping from the previous year.

Following the study, UPS announced Feb. 10 the plan

'Now consumers don't have to go out of their way or wait in long lines to get great shipping rates.'

Dave Drapinski—
The UPS Store



Workin' away, Dave and Karen Drapinski, owners of Mail Boxes Etc. in Clarkston, have unveiled they are now The UPS Store, part of a national re-branding campaign. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

to allow the owners of MBE's to re-brand.

Together The UPS Store and Mail Boxes Etc. -- MBE has more than 1,000 stores outside the U.S. -- comprise the world's largest franchise network of retail shipping, postal and business service centers.

Physical changes to the Clarkston store, including the unveiling of the first redesign of the UPS logo in more than 40 years, will take place over the next few months. (The national re-branding is scheduled for completion by September.)

Drapinski said he is planning an open house once the new outdoor sign and interior fixtures are installed.

The range of services at the Clarkston UPS store include full-service packaging; mailbox and postal services; black and white, color and wide format copies; business services such as cards and rubber stamps; passport photos; document finishing; faxing; and office and packaging supplies.

Drapinski said, "We think this will revolutionize the way people ship packages. We're excited about the opportunity to provide our customers with the same convenience and world-class customer service they're used



Clarkston's The UPS Store owners Dave and Karen Drapinski. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

to getting from MBE, now with new low UPS pricing."

The store's hours will remain the same. They are open Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The UPS Store is located at 7111 Dixie Hwy at White Lake. Call (248) 922-2795 for more information.

Business succession planning is critical to continuity

BY LOUIS J. MELONE

As the owner of a privately held business, you are undoubtedly involved in every facet of it. You are the expert; you know everything there is to know about the intricacies of running and managing your business. Most importantly, it is your creativity and perseverance that have made you so successful.

But, at some point, whether by choice or by need, every business owner must ultimately exit the business. While there are a host of reasons for leaving including retirement, disability and death, the one common need for yourself, your loved ones and your business partners, is to plan for the transition of your business.

Planning for the eventuality of leaving your business is critical, as there are a host of issues that must be examined: income and transfer tax consequences, financial considerations, and determining the best way to transfer the management and ownership of your business to others. If you fail to address these issues, all your time and hard work, as well as your financial security, may be in jeopardy.

Have you thought about who should manage or run your business and who should own it upon your departure? Do you have children who are qualified and desire to run the business? Will your surviving spouse

have adequate income available should you die? Have you considered transfer taxes? Have you created or updated an estate plan to reflect the latest tax laws? Have you discussed your ideas with family members and business partners to try to ensure accord?

The number and complexity of questions surrounding business succession can be overwhelming. And while it takes a good deal of work from financial, tax and legal advisors, proper succession planning can yield enormous benefits. You need to apply an integrated strategy that could help you reduce estate and gift taxes, generate retirement income, transfer the management and ownership of your business to others and help you protect against financial losses.

Some of the tools used in planning the successful transition of a business may include:

Life Insurance can provide liquidity needed to pay estate taxes, buy-out a co-owner's interest, attract or retain talented employees or replace the economic value of a key person.

Buy-Sell Agreements can help establish the business' value and ensure the orderly and efficient transfer of business interests when an owner leaves the company due to retirement, disability or death.

Lifetime Gifts of Business Interests may be attractive if you expect your business to appreciate in

value. If the gift is made during your lifetime, all post-gift appreciation should not be subject to gift taxes or includable in your estate.

Family Limited Partnerships and Limited Liability Companies might be used to transfer a portion of your business to family members at a discounted gift tax value. These entities may help protect your family's wealth and reduce the size of your potential estate, while allowing you to retain managerial control over the business.

Private Foundation Gifts made during your lifetime qualify for charitable gift tax deductions, and possible income tax deductions, while gifts made at death qualify for charitable estate tax deductions.

Because no two businesses are alike, it's important to work with experienced professionals who can help you implement appropriate planning techniques tailored to your needs. For your protection, start planning today for the future you want to create.

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Police and Fire

Independence Township

Sunday, April 13, malicious destruction of property on Meadow Brook Court. The complainant found caution tape around a tree, street sign, mailbox and his vehicle which had been smeared with feces and had a tire slashed.

A felonious assault and larceny occurred on Timberwood. A 25-year-old man received numerous minor injuries after being assaulted with a variety of blunt objects by five men. His wallet was also stolen. The main suspect, a 24-year-old man, was responsible for a domestic assault the night before as well.

Saturday, April 12, a 16-year-old man, 17-year-old man and 18-year-old man were found in a parked vehicle in a church parking lot on Waterford in the possession of marijuana. They were cited as minors in possession.

Thursday, April 10, stolen auto on Dixie. A 1997 Jeep, valued at \$7,000, was stolen from a car dealer sales lot.

A disorderly person was reported on Sashabaw. An employee at a fast food restaurant, working the drive-through, stated a 17-year-old man ordered a 42 oz. drink and threw it at her before driving off. A license plate was obtained and the boy was cited.

Wednesday, April 9, larceny of construction of equipment and malicious destruction of property on Watertower. A vehicle had a window smashed out and \$3,000 worth of tools were stolen.

A malicious destruction of property occurred on Dvorak. The complainant stated someone attempted to kick in the rear door to his residence. No entry was made.

A home invasion was reported on Waterford Hill Terrace. An unknown person(s) stole a variety of items, totaling \$5,000 in value, from the complainant's garage. Items included a tractor, lawn cart, power washer, generator and tools. The larceny occurred while the power was out due to the winter storm. The electric garage door was unhooked to open manually.

Nine men and women, under the age of 21, were cited for under 21 consumption of alcohol at a party at a home on Paramus.

Tuesday, April 8, larceny of construction equipment on Beechwood.

Monday, April 7, home invasions were attempted at four homes on Menominee. No entry was gained.

A felonious assault on Mann. The complainant stated an 18-year-old man threatened him and family with a knife.

A larceny was reported on Clintonville. A \$1,500 generator was stolen from a business.

There were 13 vehicle accidents that occurred during the past week, Monday, April 7 to Sunday, April 13 due to snow and ice covered roads, tree branches in the roadway and nonworking traffic lights.

Springfield Township

Thursday, April 10, a three-year-old boy was found wandering in a neighborhood on Bluewater. Police found his mother searching the neighborhood for her son. The boy had wandered off a few doors down from his home.

Larceny of construction equipment occurred on Kingston Pointe. The motor from a cement mixer was stolen from the front yard of a home under construction.

Tuesday, April 8, larceny on Old Oaks. A generator, valued at nearly \$3,000, was stolen from a residence. There are no suspects.

An unwanted person was reported on Tindall. The complainant, in the process of a divorce, stated her husband's daughter came to her home and would not

leave when asked to.

A felonious assault was reported on Hutchinson. A 17-year-old woman told police she was assaulted by her ex-boyfriend, a 19-year-old man from Holly. He entered her home, threatened her with a gun and physically assaulted her. He fled to a home of a nearby friend, where he was later arrested.

Fire log

The Independence Township Fire Department was busy, busy, busy due to the winter storm of 2003. Capt. Tom McDonald said during a three-day period, from Friday, April 4 to Monday, April 7, the department received roughly 200 calls ranging from vehicle accidents to trees blocking the roadway. There were also three fires at area homes all receiving moderate damage and all related to problems with a generator.

In Springfield Township, an exact number of the amount of calls received during the storm could not be obtained. Fire Chief Charlie Oaks said, during the storm, dispatch couldn't keep up with the amount of calls coming in, so they were ordered to stop counting the amount after approximately 50 calls came in.

Overall, there were several smoke investigations which occurred due to burnt wires inside homes and one house fire occurred on Eagle Hill. The cause of the fire is still under investigation, Oaks said, but most likely was due to a burning candle left unattended. The home was without power. A 47-year-old man was home at the time of the fire and was awakened by his barking dogs. He made it out of the home safely.

Be careful who you hire for storm cleanup

Lt. Dale LaBair of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department in Independence Township warns readers, after the recent winter storm, to be careful who they hire for tree clean up.

LaBair says make sure the company you hire has workman's comp and liability insurance, or you'll be responsible in the event of an on-the-job injury or death which occurs on your residence.

If they are a legitimate business, he said, they'll be able to produce the certificates of insurance up front. If not, be sure to challenge them.

To be safe, LaBair said, stick with an established company that has the right equipment.

As a side safety tip, LaBair said make sure you, your children and your pets are out of the way when work is going on in your yard.

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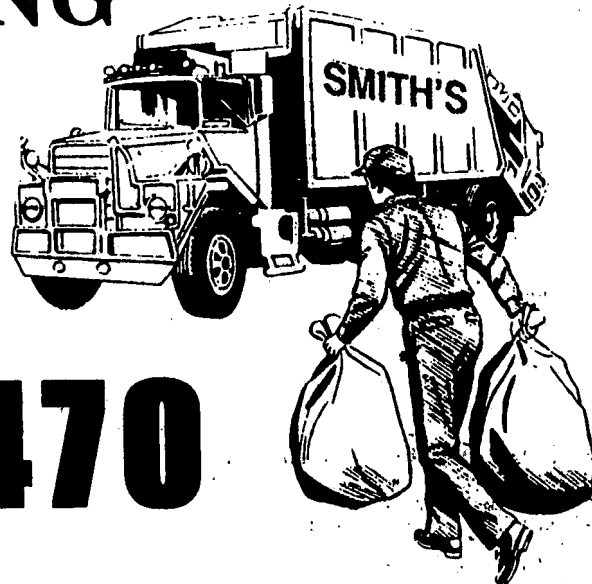
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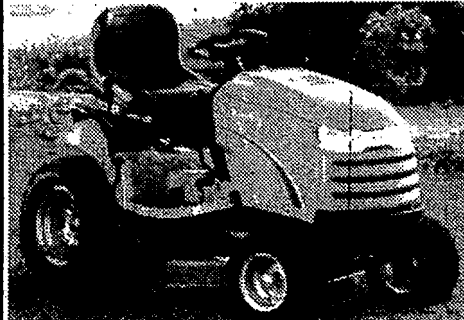
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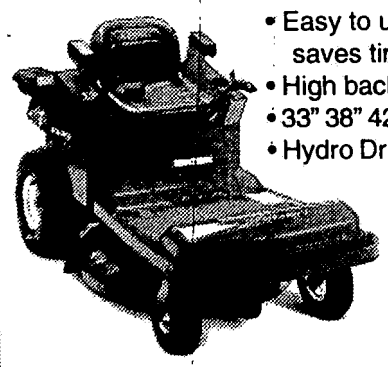
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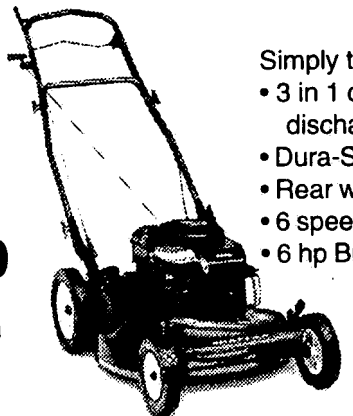
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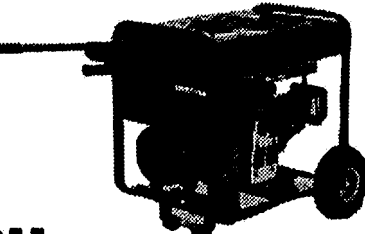
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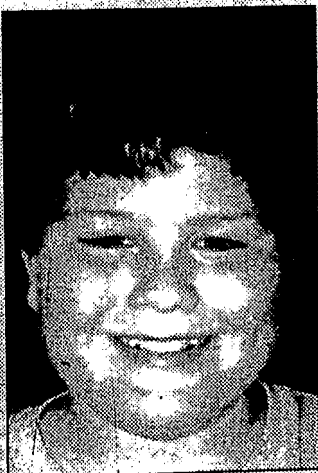
"Spring cleaning and gardening (with mom)."
--Katie Summers



"I'm thinking about playing basketball or relaxing."
--John Marcks



"I'm planning on doing some sport this year like basketball."
--Angelina Vasquez

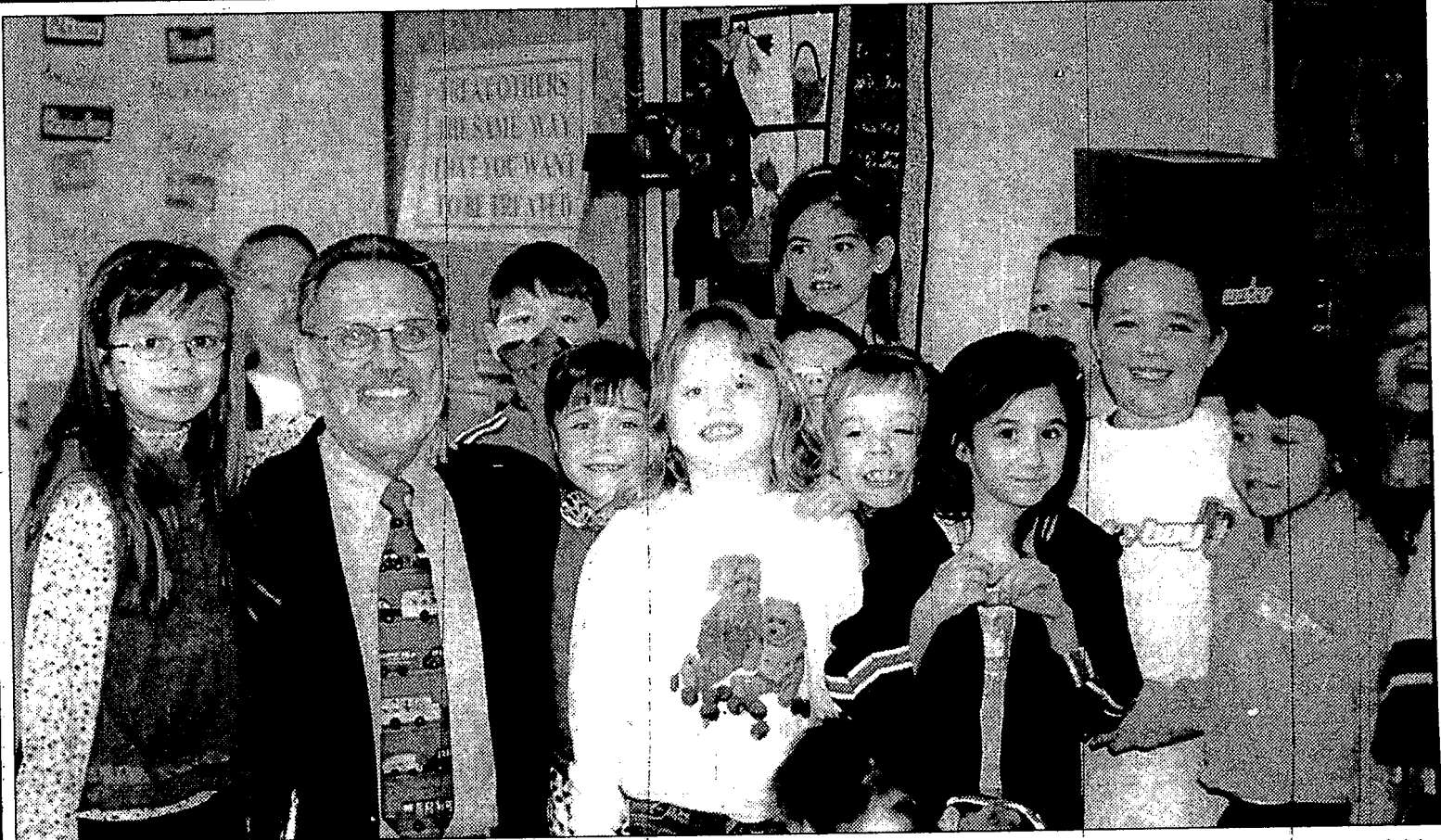


"I'm also going to play a sport -- football -- and that's about it."
--Antonio Kay

By Jennifer Nemer

The Clarkston News'

Millstream



Andersonville Elementary principal William Potvin visits students in Ms. Larkins's first grade class. Potvin will retire at the end of this school year after 40 years in Clarkston education. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

40 years of Clarkston education

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

After 40 years of service to Clarkston Community Schools, William Potvin is saying goodbye.

The Andersonville Elementary principal will retire at the end of this school year, and is looking forward to travelling, spending more time with his five grandchildren, and delving further into a stain glass hobby.

Overall, his career has been fulfilling and varied. "Every year has been different. It's never been the same ol' same ol'."

And if he could have more time off in the colder months for travelling, he'd continue to work.

"I've really been lucky, I haven't gotten to the point where I've had enough. I'm not leaving angry. If I could be given a couple months off in the winter, I'd work forever," Potvin said, who hasn't missed a day of work due to illness in 24 years, which he credits to good genes and regular exercise.

Born and raised in a 5,000-person upper peninsula town, Potvin had planned for a life in dentistry.

When he was young he chipped a tooth during a football game, when a bottle acting as a football hit him in the mouth. "So I got to know my dentist real well," he laughed.

In eighth grade, Potvin's dentist asked

what he planned to do with his life. Potvin wasn't sure, so his dentist suggested going into dentistry, with intentions of joining his practice and taking over when the elder dentist retired.

"That's what I was going to do until I hit my senior year chemistry class, and bombed it." Potvin was tutored in the subject, but was still baffled by it. Since chemistry is key in dentistry, he realized he'd need a change of plans.

It ended up quite a simple task. In the matter of a three minute conversation with another, he came to the conclusion, based on his school career track of all A's in English, to become an English teacher. He seemed to enjoy leading and organizing events, (he organized sports in the neighborhood when he was young), so teaching felt like a good fit.

A friend told him Clarkston schools were paying their teachers \$4,800 a year, versus the \$2,200 offered at schools in the U.P. Potvin -- who has a bachelor of science in secondary education from Northern Michigan University; a master of arts in curriculum from Michigan State University; a master of arts in education leadership from Eastern Michigan University; and completed coursework, but no dissertation, for a doctorate in education leadership from Wayne State University -- followed the money.

Superintendent Dr. L. F. Green hired Potvin into the district. Potvin recalled at

his job interview, he found himself lost as he tried to get out of the building. He took a wrong turn, taking him past Dr. Green's office again. He overheard Dr. Green speaking into a tape recorder, saying hire Potvin because he was 6'1" and 200 pounds.

"What did I go to college for? I was big before college," Potvin joked. "But in the 1960's discipline was a really big issue. They wanted big instructors."

In 1963, Potvin began teaching English and Social Studies at Clarkston Junior High School, where he would stay for six years.

At the time he started there were only sport programs at the high school, so Potvin and fellow faculty members got together to coach junior varsity intramural sports. There was no budget for it, so they held fundraisers through concession sales at high school football games.

The team of teachers bonded well with the kids, and at the end of the season took the kids to a Detroit Pistons game.

"We were on the highest deck," Potvin remembered. "They (the Pistons) looked like little ants running around. But the kids were thrilled."

His time teaching and coaching at the junior high level is one of his fondest memories of his career.

Then in 1969, Potvin became assistant principal at the junior high school, and then principal from 1972-78.

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Around Town



The Springfield Township Parks and Recreation will hold its 5th Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Friday, April 18 at Mill Pond Park, 495 Broadway in Davisburg. *File photo.*

Join the Easter Bunny and Springfield Township Parks and Recreation for the 5th Annual **Easter Egg Hunt** on Friday, April 18 at Mill Pond Park, 495 Broadway in Davisburg. Children will collect bright, colorful candy or toy filled eggs. Egg hunt for ages four years and younger is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and egg hunt for ages five to 12 is from 2-4 p.m. Cost is \$3/child for Springfield Township residents and \$5/child for non-residents. Registration is required before the date. Egg hunts will be held rain or shine. For more information, please call (248) 634-0412.

Join Springfield Township Parks and Recreation for **Teen Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt** on Friday, April 18 from 8-9:30 p.m. for ages 13-18 years old. Hunt is held at Mill Pond Park, 495 Broadway in Davisburg. Teens must bring a flashlight and something to put their eggs in. Door prizes, pizza and beverages will be provided. Cost is \$6/person. Registration is required ahead of time. Egg hunt is held rain or shine. For more information, call (248) 634-0412.

The Independence Township Parks and Recreation

is holding a **fun-filled week of activities** for children in grades first through fifth during spring break, April 21-25 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Each day, there will be a different adventure including swimming, a visit to the Detroit Zoo, ice skating, movies and more. Cost is \$25/day or \$110/week for residents or \$30/day or \$120/week for nonresidents. Register at 90 N. Main St. Bring a birth certificate if the Parks and Rec. department does not already have one on file. Call (248) 625-8223 for more information.

Give blood for the American Red Cross at St. Daniel Catholic Church's Cushing Center April 27 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. For an appointment call (248) 394-1668 or (248) 625-4583.

The **National Day of Prayer** will be hosted this year at the St. Daniel Catholic Community Cushing Center on Thursday, May 1. This year's guest speaker is Mike Wendland, a syndicated news columnist and former WDIV-TV investigative reporter who has been leading Bible studies around the Detroit Metro area for more than 15 years. Special music will be provided and a full

breakfast will be served. This is a nondenominational event. Reservations can be made at the Independence Township offices. Call Rita Burdick at (248) 625-5111. Reservations can also be made with the Clarkston National Day of Prayer committee. Call Stephanie Huber at (248) 625-7894. Seats are \$15 per person or pre-sold table of eight for \$100. Doors open at 7 a.m. with the Boy Scout Color Guard opening the event at 7:25 a.m. Day care will be provided on a reservation basis, please contact Karen Geno at (248) 625-1482 to reserve a spot for your child.

Due to the recent ice storm, the Holly Area Chamber of Commerce has rescheduled their **2nd Annual Business Expo** to Sunday, May 4 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., held at the Springfield Oaks Activities Center on the 4-H fairgrounds at 12451 Andersonville Rd. in Davisburg. The expo is free to the public. Those interested in exhibiting their business can call (248) 634-1900 to sign up.

What are you doing this summer? Come check out the events, activities or programs happening in Clarkston this summer. Exhibits, demonstrations, food, prizes and more at the **Coalition of Youth 2003 Summer Happenings Expo** Saturday, May 10 from 10 a.m. to noon in the Clarkston High School cafeteria. Free admission. Open to all ages. Does your business, organization or club want to get involved in this expo. Call (248) 625-5092 for more information.

Clarkston Community Education is sponsoring the **High School Summer School** this year. Classes will be offered Monday through Friday beginning June 23 and ending July 25. No class will be held on July 4. High school students may pick up registration forms from their counselors at the high school. To view classes offered this summer, visit www.clarkston.k12.mi.us/cec.



Kids scramble for eggs at last year's Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Easter Egg Hunt. *File photo.*

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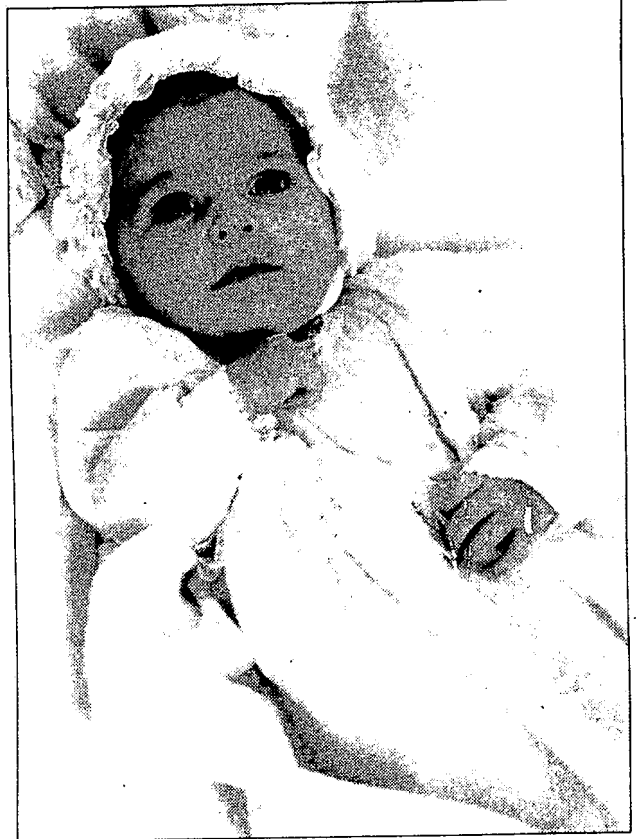
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Milestones



Angela Lynne Leach

Randy and Lynne Leach of Davisburg are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter **Angela Lynne Leach**.

Angela was born Jan. 4, 2003 in Troy. She weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz., and measured 20 1/4 inches long.

Angela was welcomed home by sisters Amanda, 16, and Jenna, 13. Grandparents are Dorothy and the late Raymond Couture of Barton City; LaVona and Don Reed of Midland; and Bob and Mary Louise of Big Rapids.

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Emily Kortge and Matthew Cox

Jerry and Kathleen Kortge of Clarkston are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter **Emily Kortge** to **Matthew Cox**, son of Carl and Carol Cox of Northbrook, Ill.

Kortge, of Evanston, Ill., is a 1995 Clarkston High School graduate with a bachelor of arts in advertising from Michigan State University. She is currently an account manager of IMS-Group II in Morton Grove, Ill.

Cox, of Evanston, Ill, is a 1994 graduate of Loyola Academy in Wilmette, Ill. and has a bachelor of science in supply chain management. He is currently a supply chain consultant at Kraft Foods in Glenview, Ill.

A June 2003 wedding is planned at Clarkston United Methodist Church.



Janice Rumph

Janice Rumph graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln on Dec. 20 with a Ph.D in animal science-breeding and genetics.

She is currently an assistant professor in beef cattle genetics at the University of Montana in the Department of Animal and Range Sciences.

Her position consists of doing applied research for improving cattle energy efficiency through breeding along with presently teaching an undergraduate course on animal breeding and next year an advanced breeding graduate course.

Janice received her bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and her master's degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

She is the daughter of Gerald and Geraldine Rumph of Clarkston.

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Potvin



Andersonville Elementary principal William Potvin visits students in Ms. Larkins's first grade class. Potvin will retire at the end of this school year after 40 years in Clarkston education. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

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He loved the interaction with the junior highers. "(The students that age) have a great sense of humor," Potvin said, and laughed at some of their actions. "You can chew them out about something and then five minutes later pass them in the hall and they'll say, 'Hey, Mr. Potvin!'"

Next, was a change for Potvin from 1978-1982 as he worked as district director of planning and evaluation at the central office.

"I found my work stimulating, but I really missed the kids." The position was eliminated due to budget restraints. Potvin was happy to be going back into the schools to work, this time at the elementary level.

He served as Clarkston Elementary principal for nine and a half years and Pine Knob Elementary principal for two and a half years, before transferring to Andersonville Elementary in 1994.

Potvin has cherished his time with the children -- just being around them, reading to them, greeting them at the school buses, high-fiving, the friendly banter back and forth, and so much more, he said.

"If you're gonna have a bad day here, you have to work at it. The kids just knock it out of you so quick. When you're having a bad day in the elementary, you just take a book and go read to the kids. It's like therapy," Potvin said, who added he feels like a grandpa to so many kids.

The interaction with the children, Potvin, who has four children of his own, said, has been his saving grace. "It takes away the sting of all the adult stuff you have to deal with."

Some of the fun Potvin's had with the chil-

dren centered around a very unique collection of neckties.

About 15 years ago, Potvin and his wife sponsored a child through Save the Children. Offered through the charity for purchase, with proceeds supporting the program, are a variety of fun ties designed by children.

Potvin bought one and wore it to school. The children loved it.

"They would say, 'When are you going to wear that tie again?'"

When he did wear it, they'd want him to stop by their classroom to show it off.

After seeing the students' reaction, he began a collection; reaching eventually 90-some ties.

"Some are really gross ones," Potvin admitted, like an orange plastic tie with

pumpkins on it; a tie with an elastic string to slip on around neck; and a Christmas tie that plays music.

At one point, Potvin kept his ties on a tie rack in his office. It became a sort of game for the children. They'd vote for which one they wanted their principal to wear next.

The game eventually was retired, but Potvin still wears his ties.

Throughout his career, Potvin received specialized training in a number of areas such as cooperative learning, teaching children to be peacemakers, conflict resolution, student mediators, positive discipline, and more. He has served on and chaired several district committees from drug education to district negotiating; and led presentations around the state on a variety of edu-

cational topics.

It was when he saw the signs of just how long 40 years has been, he realized it was time for retirement.

"The eighth graders I taught my first year are now 50," Potvin said, still with astonishment in his voice. "People I hired have retired before me."

Now just having turned 62, the Ortonville resident

is looking into doing some teaching at a community college as well as volunteering with MADD, Easter Seals, SCAMP, and Habitat for Humanity.

He is currently in Germany and London and plans a month long trip to Australia, a long time dream, next winter with wife of 40 years, Kay Marie Heinske.

Poetry Corner

*Watching winter ice run in
glistening rivers down the street
Hearing the song of a northbound
bird that I wait eagerly to meet
These are signs of new life*

*A warmer sun, the smell of spring
is in the air.
Trees with swelling buds, soon their
beauty will be everywhere.
More signs of new life.*

*The laughter of children heard in
the twilight hours.
Green shoots pushing through the
ground and I anticipate flowers.
Signs of new life.*

*Easter morning we celebrate the
resurrection of His Son
with songs of thanksgiving and of praise.
Our redemption He has won.
He has given us new life.*

--An original poem by Eileen Gatton of Springfield Township

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Religion

Clarkston area churches are offering a variety of worship services, performances and activities in observance of Easter, April 20, such as:

You're invited to celebrate Easter with **Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church** on:

•Maundy Thursday, April 17 at 7 p.m. Experience the significance of the Last Supper.

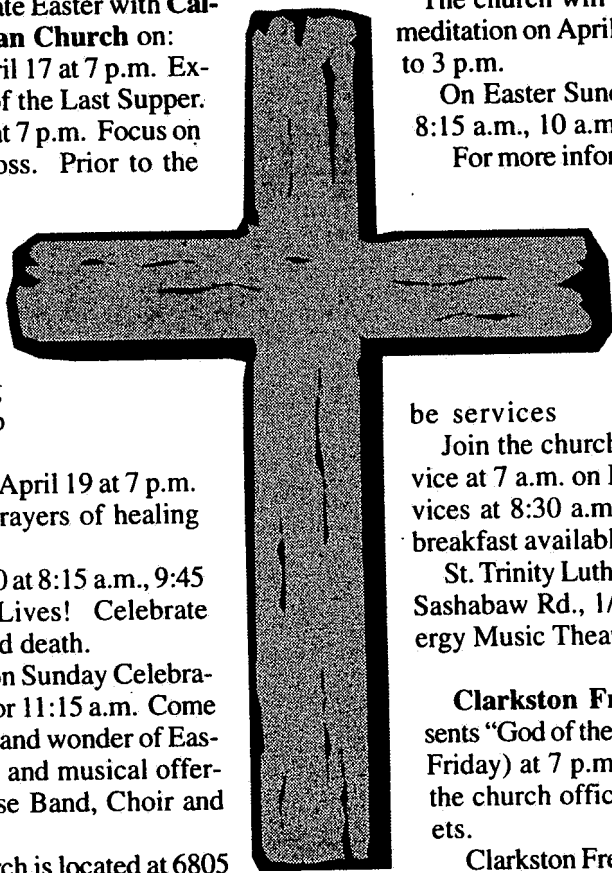
•Good Friday, April 18 at 7 p.m. Focus on Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. Prior to the service, friends and church members will carry the cross through Clarkston to commemorate Jesus' suffering and death. They will meet at Clarkston Elementary at 5:30 p.m., walking together with the cross, to the church.

•Easter Saturday Vigil, April 19 at 7 p.m. Prepare for Easter with prayers of healing and forgiveness.

•Easter Sunday, April 20 at 8:15 a.m., 9:45 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. He Lives! Celebrate Jesus' victory over sin and death.

•Praise and Resurrection Sunday Celebration, April 27 at 9:45 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. Come and experience the power and wonder of Easter through songs, hymns and musical offerings from Calvary's Praise Band, Choir and New Song Ensemble.

Calvary Lutheran Church is located at 6805 Bluegrass Drive, on the southwest corner of M-15 and I-75, behind Oxford Bank. Call (248) 625-3288 for details.



Join **The First Congregational Church**, 5449 Clarkston Rd., for a musical drama presentation, "Walk Through the Scriptures," April 17 at 7:30 p.m.

The church will also be open for prayer and meditation on April 18, Good Friday, from noon to 3 p.m.

On Easter Sunday there will be services at 8:15 a.m., 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

For more information, call (248) 394-0200.

St. Trinity Lutheran Church will observe Maundy Thursday, April 17, with services at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

On Good Friday, there will be services at 1 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Join the church at 7 a.m. for a Sunrise Service at 7 a.m. on Easter Sunday as well as services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. There will be breakfast available from 8-10:30 a.m.

St. Trinity Lutheran Church is located at 7925 Sashabaw Rd., 1/4 mile north of the DTE Energy Music Theatre. Call (248) 625-4644.

Clarkston Free Methodist Church presents "God of the Empty Tomb" April 18 (Good Friday) at 7 p.m. and April 19 at 6 p.m. Call the church office at (248) 623-1224 for tickets.

Clarkston Free Methodist Church is located at 5482 Winell St. (at Maybee Road). A nursery will be available for both performances.

The Community Good Friday (April 18) Service, sponsored by the Clarkston Area Pastors Association, will be at the **Episcopal Church of the Resurrection**, located across from the Independence Township Library on Clarkston Road.

The service will be the traditional Good Friday Service from the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer. This service is a solemn and ancient one, with many beautiful readings and prayers.

The service begins at noon and will last to approximately 1:15 p.m. There will be a simple communion, available to all baptized Christians, at the close of the service. Childcare is available.

Please direct questions to the church at (248) 625-2325.

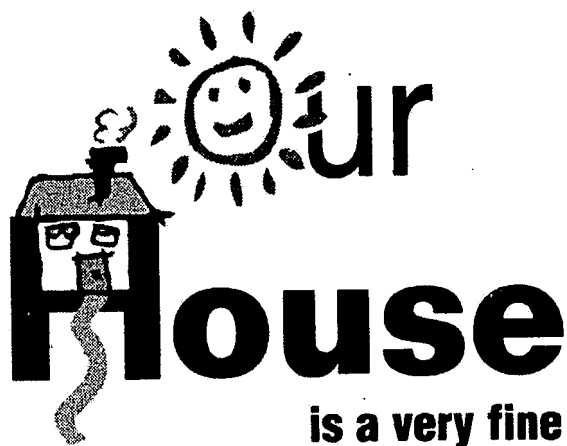
The public is invited to join **First Baptist Church of Clarkston** for worship services Easter Sunday, April 20. There will be a free breakfast for guests at 9:30 a.m. At 10:30 a.m., the First Baptist Church choir and drama team will present the Easter cantata, "Bread of Life." There will be no evening service.

For more information, please contact Pastor Russ Reemtsma at (248) 625-3380. First Baptist Church of Clarkston is located at 5972 Paramus.

Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Rd., will hold a Sunrise Breakfast and Service at 6:30 a.m., Easter Sunday, April 20 as well as services at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Call (248) 625-1323 for more information.

Easter Sunday, April 20, services at **Dixie Baptist Church**, 8585 Dixie Hwy., include a 10 a.m. adult Bible study; 11 a.m. morning worship and 6 p.m. evening service. The Dixie Baptist Church Choir will present special Easter music at the 11 a.m. service. Call (248) 625-2311.

--Jennifer Nemer



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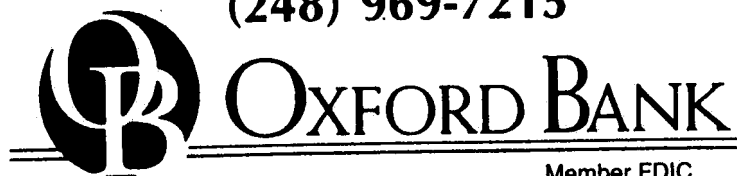
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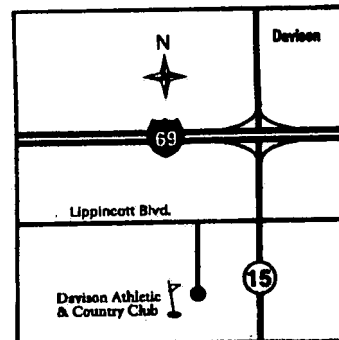
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Independence El. holds cruise night



Photos submitted by Donna Nowak

Independence Elementary had more than 600 in attendance for the Hip Hop Cruise Family Fun Night. The school was transformed into a cruise ship theme from portholes looking at palm trees to a cool breeze of tropical smells.

The entertainment on the cruise ship was "Chris Clark" the comic. The gym was decorated into the Dancing Queen Lounge with kids dancing with a 25 foot pink wind sox. Also families stood by beach theme



back drops provided by Bernie Stevens and Associates.

"Not everyone had the luxury to be on a real cruise ship but they had the opportunity to pretend at Independence Elementary. Even the principal Christ Turner commented he never expected this," head chair Donna Nowak said.

Clarkston High School

Academic Achiever

Name: Jeffrey Driscoll

GPA: 3.907

Plans after graduation:

Michigan Technological University to study engineering

Athletics: varsity swimming and diving, junior varsity track and field

Clubs/organizations: National Honors Society, Robotics Team, Youth in Government



Fine arts: Band, Pep Band, Marching Band

Honors: Academic All American for swimming; captain of swim team, Detroit Free Press Writing Awards Commendation, Scholar Athlete, Youth in Government-Most Outstanding Freshman Honorable Mention, School Record in the 100m breaststroke, 200m medley relay in swimming

Community involvement: Catechism teacher for St. Daniel Catholic Church and National Honors Society community service projects

Favorite high school memory: I have had such a positive experience on the varsity swim team through the past four years, and have experienced every emotion. I'll never forget the friendships I've made and the good times we've had.

Smile of the week



Amanda Chamberlain, a second grader at Independence Elementary

Class reunion

The Clarkston High School Class of 1983 will hold their 20th class reunion on Saturday, July 26 at the Deer Lake Racquet Club.

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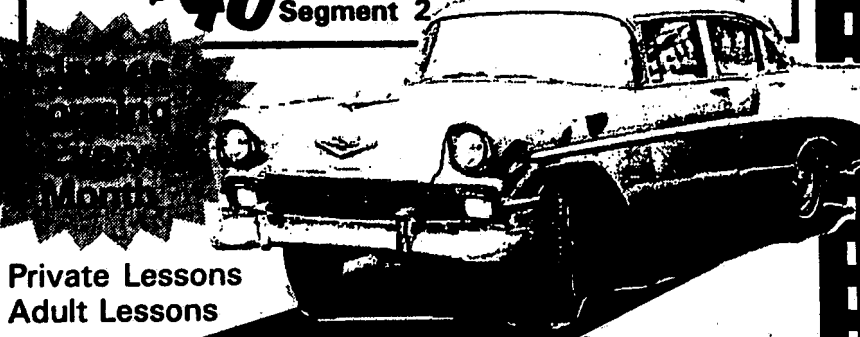
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All about science at Independence El. festival

Independence Elementary students participated in an all-day Festival of Science featuring a variety of assemblies and workshops, April 11.

The students were involved in hands-on experiences in areas of science including animals, astronomy, consumer testing and liquid nitrogen.

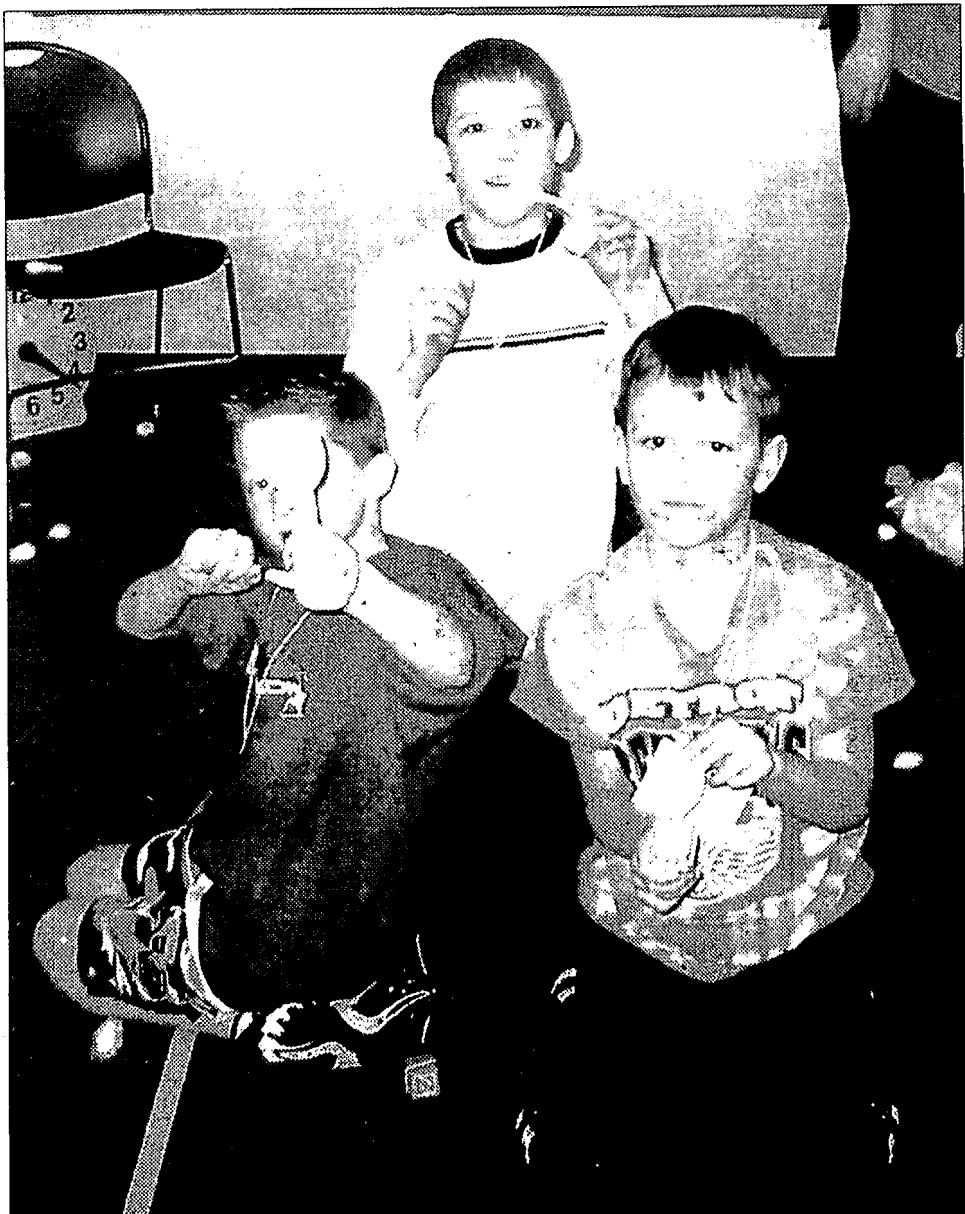
The Festival of Science was sponsored by the Independence Elementary Parent Teacher Organization and a grant from the Clarkston Foundation.



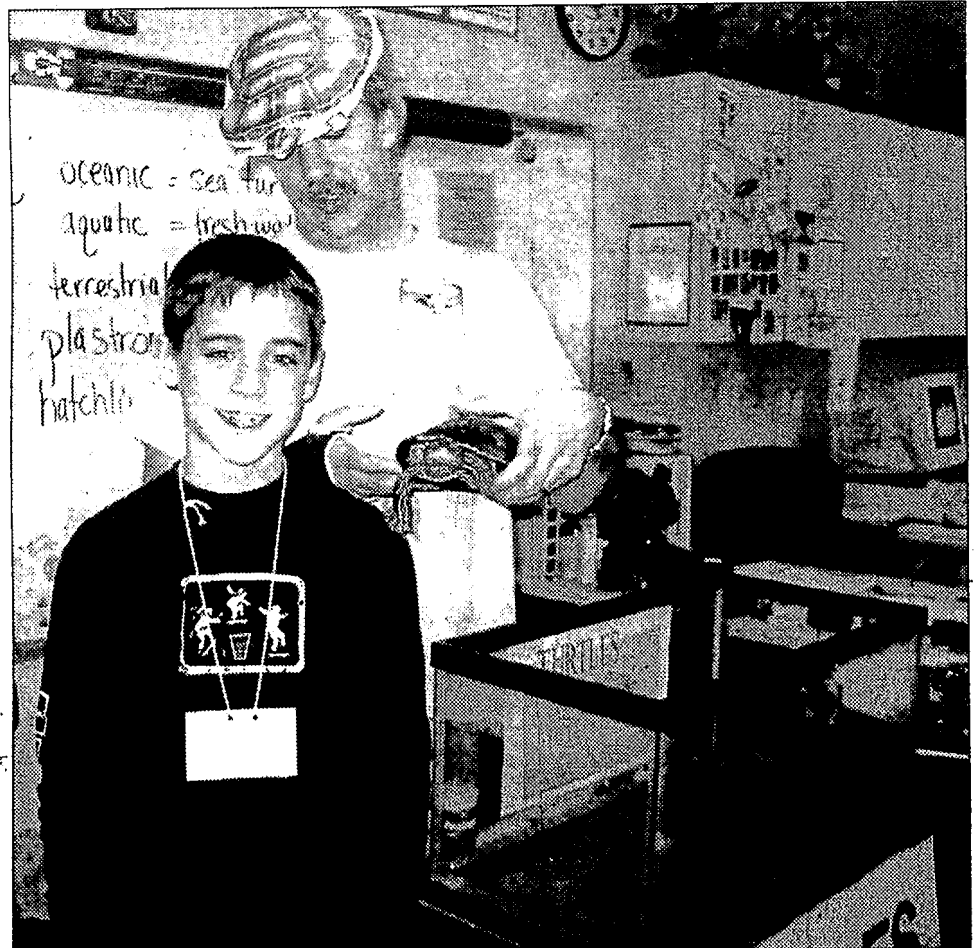
Fifth grader Leah Kirsh, 10, prepares for a taste test.



Connor Devitt, a fifth grader, gets a hands-on lesson in liquid nitrogen.



From left, Collin Gaugler, 9, Travis Craft, 8, and Evan Ballard, 7, test their catapults.



Fourth grader Matt Rodgers smiles for the camera as Jim McKinsey prepares to give Rodgers a closer look at a turtle.

Photos by Jillian Quinlan

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Students shine at festival

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Earning the first division rating and a blue medal were:

- Kirsten Rogers, oboe solo
- Jessica Craig, flute solo
- Sean Gobel, flute solo
- Sarah Defrayne, piano solo
- Stephanie Thorstad, Amy Arkpke and Minjoo Lee, clarinet trio
- Kathleen Partyka, French horn solo
- Amy Arpke, clarinet solo
- Katie Morse, flute solo
- Jessica Craig, Minjoo Lee, Kristen Rogers, Kathleen Partyka, Gina Choi, woodwind quintet
- Jill Hoekstra, flute solo
- Colette Armes and Laura Barlow, string duet

Earning the second division rating and earning a

red medal were:

- Corrinne Sanger and Erin Kelly, string duet
- Laura Mason, Stephanie Kincaid and Katie Laskowski, string trio
- Ginny Holland and Lama Alghanem, string duet
- Jeff Russo, Brad Fogarty and Brian Grishkevich, string trio
- Laura Mason, piano solo
- Brandon Fairse, Nick Johnson, William Thompson and Tim Stolzenfeld, brass quintet
- Becky Furlo and Melissa Shaner, brass duet
- Sean Goebel and Jaime Shaw, flute duet
- Brandon Fairse and Nick Johnson, trumpet duet

Earning third division ratings were:

- Cathy Fick and Erin Kelly, string duet
- Brad Fogarty and Jacob Winbigler, string duet

Corrine Sanger attended also, getting comments only from the adjudicator on her double bass solo.

Students representing Sashabaw Middle School will now begin rehearsals for spring concerts.

Business Briefs

Resident named development associate

Angela Ruth has joined Lawrence Technological University as development associate for annual giving and alumni relations. She will help

coordinate annual giving and alumni activities.

Before coming to Lawrence Tech, Ruth worked at Oakland University since graduating from OU last spring. She was an assistant to the director of the Michigan Small Business Development Center there. Prior to that, she helped coordinate the Applied Technology in Business Annual Conference at OU.

Ruth completed a study abroad program at the University of Salamanca in Spain, and interned at WXYZ-TV and Automation Alley.

A Clarkston native, she is the daughter of Rich and Pan Ruth.

Year by Alliance Flooring at its recent Preview to Surfaces event held at the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas.

Mike and Dick are partners in Karen's Carpet and Advance Floors in Clarkston. Advanced Floors is a retail showroom business, while Karen's carpet is a roll stocking, mill outlet.

Special award recipients

At a recent banquet, RE/Max of Southeastern Michigan presented their annual Special Awards, which serve as a tribute to the successes of their local associates.

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Chris Dishon of RE/Max Encore, with offices in Clarkston and

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Tom Althoff, Vision Development, Petitioner
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 To: PUD (Planned Unit Development)
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 1.35 Acres, (Old Larson Building)
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Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 2003-

Estate of Ruth M. Brown, Deceased
 Date of Birth: September 3, 1917
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Ruth M. Brown, Deceased, who lived at 3841 Indian Lake Rd., Oxford Michigan died January 16, 2003.
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FILE NO. 2003-287,827-DE

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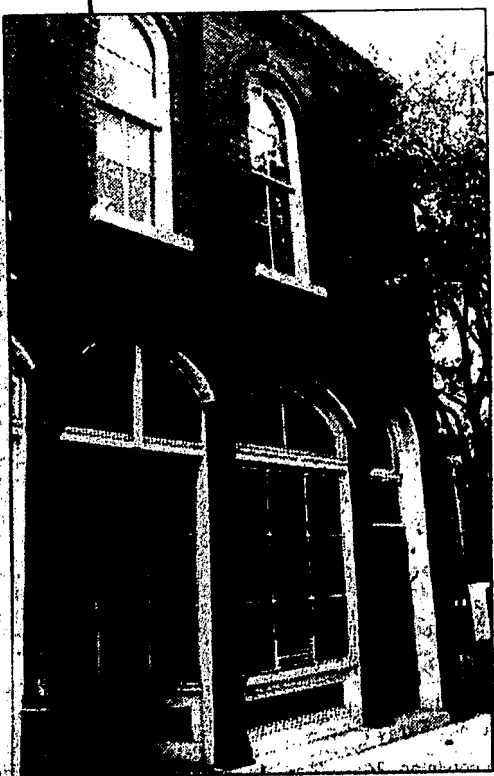
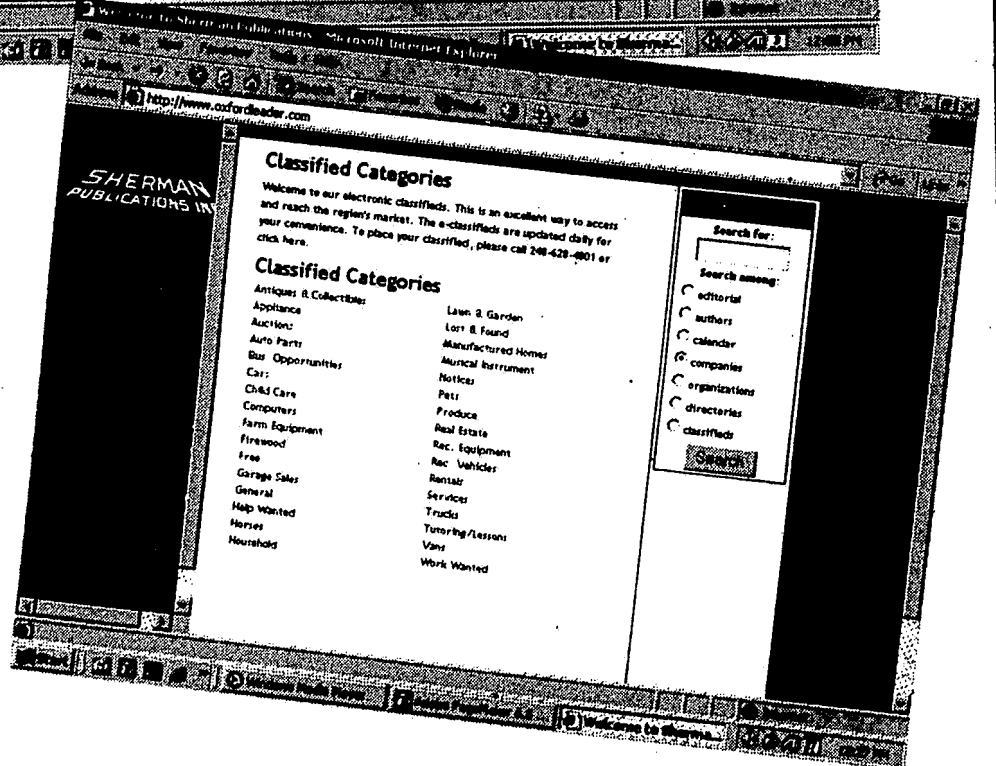
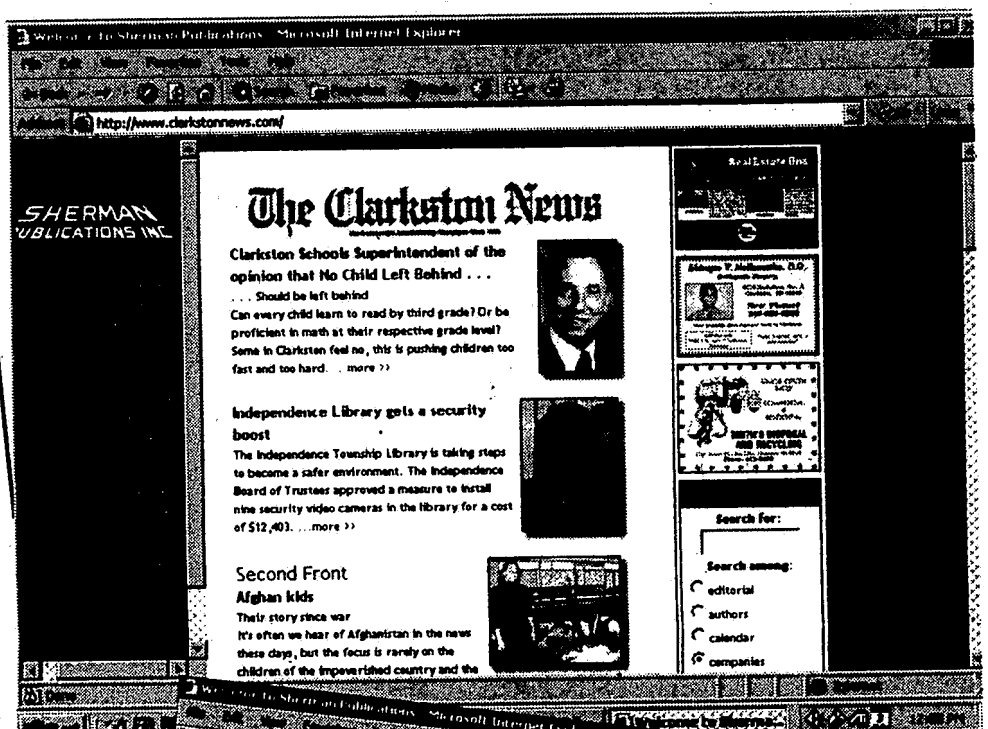
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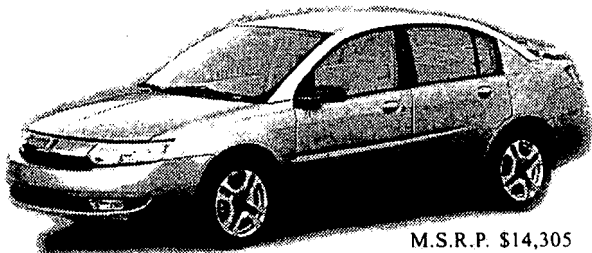
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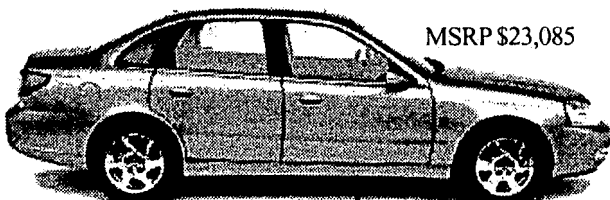
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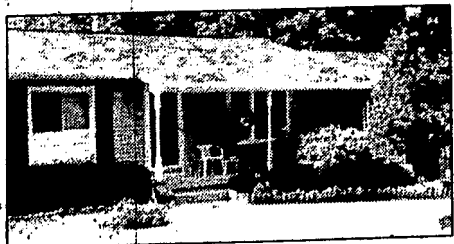
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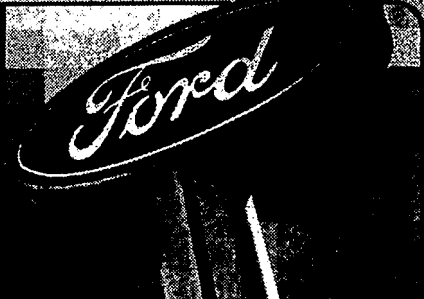
Splish, splashin' away at Springfield Plains



Fifth graders Kevin Jerolamon and Whitney Bedor take an imaginary swim with Media Specialist Sharon Crain, decked out in her scuba gear, in the library's "aquarium," created by Crain for reading time during the March Is Reading Month. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

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Eriq Taylor, 5, claps along with some music before the start of the final assembly for March Is Reading Month Friday, March 28.

For March Is Reading Month, students at Springfield Plains Elementary logged a total of 386,216 minutes of book time, beating their goal by more than 6,000. Each student was asked to read 15-20 minutes each night.

The school-wide theme for the month was "Celebrate Me. Celebrate You." Throughout March, the school held all kinds of celebrations which focused around sports, music, birthdays and magic as well as fun events like Hat Day, Bubble-gum Day, Pajama Day, Family Fun Night, Celebrity Readers Day and much more.

Each Friday, the classrooms held a raffle for the students who returned their reading logs. Prizes included a basketball, portable CD player and \$10 gift certificate sponsored partly by Meijers of Auburn Hills as well as an I-Zone camera sponsored by Rite-Aid in Clarkston. The grand prize raffle winner received a certificate for a bicycle from Meijers of Auburn Hills.

--Jennifer Nemer



(Above) Principal Dr. Sharon Devereaux and teacher Susan Powers draw a winner for a brand new bike, donated by Meijers of Auburn Hills. (At right) Blaine Bowman shows off his certificate as winner of the raffled bike.

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Leeanne McKee, a second grader, laughs at a funny skit put on by SPE faculty and staff.



Fifth grade teacher Sandy Schutte, in hippie gear, entertains the students with fellow faculty members.

