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Wenger to run for treasurer

McCrary decides not to seek another term

BY KYLE GARGARO

Clarkston News Editor

While Independence Township Treasurer Jim Wenger announced he will seek another term, Clerk Joan McCrary has decided it is time to call it quits.

Wenger has served as Treasurer for the last eight years. He has been actively involved with the Clarkston Area Optimist Club, Clarkston Area Youth Assistance,

North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy and the Board of the Oakland County Treasurer's Association.

Among the items Wenger is most proud of during his eight years as Treasurer include getting the Independence investment policy certified and dealing with all issues with an open mind.

"I believe public service in general is a roller coaster," Wenger said. "When there are days I can really help someone it is a tremendously satisfying

job. However, on days when it is not possible to help it can be extremely frustrating."

Jim Wenger

Joan McCrary

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Wenger believes many important decisions concerning Independence Township will need to be made in the next few years and he wants to lend his experience to the debate.

Wenger stated the senior center, parks and recreation budget and unknown funding from the state are all issues that will need to be dealt with in the near future.

Wenger taught government at Clarkston High School for 29 years before being first elected Treasurer in 1996.

McCrary decided four terms was enough. The Clerk was appointed to the vacant township clerk's position 16

years ago and earned re-election three times. She preceded that service with five years on the

zoning board of appeals, having received her first taste of active involvement with a supervisor's election cam-

"Eventually it is time to move on," McCrary said. "I have elderly parents and I want to enjoy my grand-"children. I will really miss the job though. I love this 'job."

The 32-year Clarkston resident will be leaving her Clerk's position, but will not be retiring completely.

"I plan to continue to work but just not full time. The Clerk position is a full time job and then some. It is time to move on," McCrary said.

The filing date for candidates seeking the Supervisor, Treasurer or Clerk position is May 11.

As of Monday, March 15, McCrary stated nobody has officially filed for the positions although residents have picked up the filling papers for each position.



Area officials officially began the Sashabaw Road project last week. Photo by Kyle Gargaro.

Groundbreaking makes it official

BY KYLE GARGARO

Clarkston News Editor

After years of discussion, studies and debate, the widening of Sashabaw Road project officially began March 13.

A crowd of approximately 60 people, which included politicians, business owners and students from Pine Knob Elementary, gathered in front of the elementary school for the official groundbreaking cer-

"Independence Township has prepared for this improvement with long term planning and vision," Independence Township Supervisor Dale Stuart said. "The end result will be an outstanding amenity and asset to the community."

The \$10 million project will replace the current two-lane Sashabaw with a four-lane concrete boulevard. The majority of the work is expected to be completed by November. Some clean-up and the completion of decorative street lighting will be finished in 2005.

"The project will significantly increase both the safety and efficiency of this section of Sashabaw Road," Road Commission of Oakland County Managing Director Brent Bair said. "As with any major road construction project, though, there will be some inconvenience for motorists, businesses and residents during construction. We appreciate their patience as we make this improvement. I think the long-term benefit will make the short-term inconvenience well worth-

while." Independence Township is contributing \$1.1 million of the project cost, including 10 percent of the contractor cost as well as 100 percent of the costs for water main upgrades, new street lighting and an irrigation system for the new boulevard. Also, approximately \$1 million worth of right-of-way was donated by adjacent property owners.

"When this is finished it will be a vast improvement," Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson said.

"Not only will it increase the quality of life for the residents but it will also increase economic development."

That section of Sashabaw currently carries approximately 29,000 vehicles per day. It is expected to

Sashahaw Project Schedule

Sasnabaw	Project Schedule
3-1-04	Work begins on storm sewers and utilities (tem- porary lane closures on
	existing roadway).
3-29-04	Work begins on section of
4-8-04	temporary road.
4-8-04	Work begins on new south bound lanes to the west of
	existing roadway. Existing
	two-lane road remains
	open to traffic.
6-23-04	Traffic shifted from
0-23-U-1	existing roadway to new
•	southbound lanes. Existing
	roadway removed and
•	work begins on new
	northbound lanes.
9-13-04	Work completed on boule- vard.
9-14-04	Work begins on Waldon
}	intersection.
10-18-04	Work completed on Waldon
1	intersection.
10-19-04	Work begins on concrete
	safety paths.
11-12-04	Safety paths completed.
11-13-04	Installation begins on
	decorative lighting.
6-10-05	Lighting, restoration and cleanup completed.
1	cleanup completed.

* These dates are estimates. Actual dates may vary based on weather and other conditions and factors.



Brooks Patterson speaks before the groundbreaking. Photo by Kyle Gargaro.

Year being accepted

The Clarkston Foundation and Suburban Ford of Waterford have announced the selection process for the 2003-04 "Teacher of the Year."

The outstanding Classroom Teacher Recognition Program and the Teacher of the Year designation alternates yearly between elementary and secondary teachers. This year, the award will be presented to an elementary (kindergarten-fifth grade) teacher.

The announcement will be made May 7. Nomination forms are available at all Clarkston elementary schools, the Board of Education office, Suburban Ford of Waterford and Clarkston State Bank. Completed forms should be mailed to the Clarkston Foundation, P.O. Box 711, Clarkston, MI 48347. All nomination forms, will all supporting materials and documentation, must be received by the Foundation no later than Thursday, April 8, 2004.

Village Players set for concert

The Clarkston Village Players presents their Spring 2004 Concert featuring CVP's own eclectic guitarist/vocalist, Bob Gerics and friends as they perform a variety of music ranging from the sophisticated to the whimsical.

There is only one show on Saturday, April 3 at 8 p.m. The performance will be at the Depot Theatre located at 4861 White Lake Road in Clarkston.

Plant earns state distinction

Applicants for Teacher of Governor Jennifer Granholm and Department of Environmental Quality Director Steven E. Chester announced that LDM Technologies Inc., Clarkston facility has earned the distinction of becoming Michigan's 86th Clean Corporate Citizen.

The Clarkston plant is a medium-sized automotive supplier.

"We are proud of our plants that have achieved recognition as Clean Corporate Citizens. The Clarkston plant's pollution prevention initiatives exemplify our core values and make good business sense," CEO Alan Johnson said.

Correction -

In the March 10 edition of The Clarkston News, a photo of volleyball player Stephanie Parkin was misidentified and a hockey photo of Kyle Cummings was also misidentified.

The Clarkston News regrets these errors.

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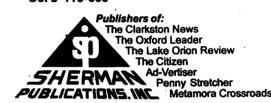
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Handwriting curriculum to return to old methods

BY DON SCHELSKE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston teachers were encountering problems in leading children to move from block printing to cursive handwriting.

Using a transitional method called "D'Nealian" printing, students in recent years have been encouraged to add "monkey tails" to printed letters. Many were not making the transition, however.

"Children were crying because, 'That's not my

name," according to Geri Moore, executive director for elementary education.

Moore and Springfield Plains Elementary teacher Jayne Bannister presented a new approach to handwriting with some old twists at the Monday, March 8 school board meeting. The board approved adoption of a curriculum entitled, "Handwriting Without Tears" at a cost of \$30,000.

Moore said several factors have contributed to youngsters' angst, including the early exposure most

children get to the computer keyboard. At the beginning of the 2002-2003 school year, some staff members voiced concern about "developmentally appropriate practices."

Bannister said a district committee reviewed the special curriculum and found it to be "developmentally sound" for kindergarten through fifth grade.

Part of the curriculum's approach is the recognition of handwriting as involving sensory motor, cognitive and psychosocial skills. The plan calls for significant teaching of those skills in kindergarten, including basics such as a proper pencil grip.

"It does start off pretty early in kindergarten," Moore said, "but we're doing 'pre-writing."

With the continuing emphasis on new technology, some of the handwriting curriculum's innovations are decidedly nontechnical. Bannister said part of the discovery at the kindergarten stage will use wooden semicircles and lines used to form block letters. Students then will use a chalk slate to draw those letters.

As children progress to first and second grade, the emphasis will be on mastery of printing upper and lower case letters, with introduction of cursive writing scheduled for third grade. A new twist on cursive will be an emphasis on "no-slant" writing, seen to be a nondiscriminatory approach for left-handers.

Even in fourth and fifth grades, however, there will be continued work on mastering printing skills.

"There's so many kids that you can't read their handwriting," Trustee Shelia Hughes said, voicing support for the new curriculum. She couldn't help comparing the use of slates and wood shapes to "40 years

"What goes around comes around," Hughes said. "I think it's really going to help."

Officials said the \$30,000 cost is already in the current year budget. Bannister said the new curriculum will be introduced to staff during a March 24 developmental day, with actual instruction to begin this fall.



Teacher Jayne Bannister introduces kindergarten students Brett Cooper, Hunter Zulfer, Erin Bigger and Lorin Cifani to a new way to learn letter skills. The use of wooden shapes to make letters is followed by the use of a chalk slate to draw those letters. The materials are part of a new handwriting curriculum to be introduced to Clarkston Community Schools. Photo by Don Schelske

City will not serve as detour for I-75 construction

Travelers on I-75 near Clarkston this summer will need to make sure they remember one thing before hitting the highway: patience.

The highway will be closed down to one lane after July 4 for work on the overpass at Dixie Highway and I-75. When specific beam work is being done on the overpass, the highway will be closed completely at that section. Officials estimate the shutdowns to last no more than 15 minutes at a time.

Resurfacing of the highway, from the Clarkston area to 1-475 in Flint, is scheduled to begin in April. The northbound side will be reduced to two lanes. Work on the southbound side begins in 2005.

Originally the highway was going to be shut down completely in the construction area and traffic routed through downtown Clarkston, according to City Clerk Art Pappas. To check for updates visit

www.mich.gov/mdot.

The Clarkston City Council held its regular meeting on March 9. From the meeting:

· Anne Clifton commented on the recent fire in downtown Lake Orion and asked council members if the city should establish preventative measures in Clarkston. Bob Pursley, Clarkston DPW, said the Independence Fire Department conducts annual inspections.

· Police Chief Ernest Combs reported February statistics: 44 traffic citations, 75 warnings, 2 drunk driving arrests, 25 parking tickets, 110 PBTs and 13 finger printings.

· The council went on record to oppose House Bill 4324. If this new bill becomes law, the city would eventually stand to lose \$9,200 annually from cancelling personal property taxes with a taxable value of \$10,000 or less.

· The council adopted a resolution supporting the proposed POH inpatient facility for the Clarkston area.

District makes progress with new 6-7, 8-9 grade alignment

BY DON SCHELSKE

Clarkston News Staff Writer More "tough decisions" must be made, but Clarkston school officials have now identified most of the questions to be asked about the new 6-7, 8-9 grade structure to be implemented in fall 2005.

When school officials proposed a \$84.7 million bond issue in 2003, it included the premise of realigning grades as part of the plan to alleviate overcrowding and consolidate programs and staff. Sashabaw Middle School will be converted to house sixth and seventh grades, while Clarkston Middle School will become the center for eighth

director for middle and high school education, told the board of education on March 8 of sev-7 building.

(A general report concerning the 8-9 building was given at a previous board meeting.)

Conversations with both teachers and parents have led to interesting discussions of the "team teaching" concept, used as a transition to the traditional high school system of separate teachers for separate subjects. Diliegghio said students are coming from elementary schools where a single class teacher is the norm. There was lots of discussion whether to keep sixth graders in single-teacher classes or in a modified team teaching setting.

"Those are things we are exploring," he said. "The overand ninth grades; all view is to have an 'upper el'
John Diliegghio, executive feel to it, especially in sixth feel to it, especially in sixth grade. Teaming can do that for you."

In seventh grade, he said eral philosophy, curriculum and the feeling "is pretty much scheduling issues for the new 6- unanimous" that students need to start the traditional "track"

system, at least in subjects like mathematics.

The issue of "same sex" classes "is probably what has generated the most discussion," Diliegghio said. "It's met with curiosity more than anything else."

A consensus seems to exist that Clarkston should at least pilot divided classes in some subjects such as mathematics.

"The research has shown that students really flourish in that environment," he said, although there will be challenges in scheduling and staffing.

In adapting to the new grade and building alignment, officials have struggled with the issue of fine arts. The goal is for sixth graders to do a "rotation" in various fine arts subjects, but whether it will be in periods of six-week, nine-week or other time division is not yet deter-

See Grades on page 12A

Schools consider bond 'refund'

BY DON SCHELSKE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston schools could save more than \$700,000 with a "refund" of a portion of taxes levied for a 1997 bond issue.

The formal resolution is expected at the board of education's March 22 meeting, but trustees on March 8 seemed favorable to the move.

Bruce Beamer, executive director for business and financial services, said "callable bonds" for 2005 through 2016 may actually cost the district more because of low interest rates. The district's financial consultants have recommended the move.

"These are the lowest bond rates we've had in a long time," Beamer said, explaining the plan to either refinance the remaining bonds or "pull the plug and not sell them."

The move would not affect the most recent bond issue, but all bond debt is in one fund and the length of total debt could be reduced if the 1997 bonds are "refunded." A similar was action was taken with 1993 bonds.

"We will gradually reduce taxes years down the road on our debt," Beamer said.

Of more immediate financial impact were March 8 board votes to amend the current year's budget and establish a special fund to pay for new building additions beginning in fall 2005.

For the current fiscal year, projected spending is now \$65.75 million, up from the last amended budget figure of \$65.43 million. Projected income, meanwhile, is increased as well, but not as much. Beamer projects revenue of \$65.61 million up from \$65.48 million.

The majority of the income increase,

Beamer said, comes from special grants, and spending was adjusted proportionally. The revenue side of the budget had to be adjusted even higher, however, because of adjustments in the state per pupil allocation, he said.

The revised budget does not include figures from this past winter's cut in state aid, nor the refund in special education dollars from Oakland Schools, which Beamer previously said would essentially balance each other out.

Projected fund equity at the end of the school year will be about \$10.3 million, Beamer said, down from an originally projected \$11.3 million.

All the numbers notwithstanding, Beamer said, "Overall, we're in a very good position."

The establishment of the "new building operating costs fund" came from an earlier board decision to earmark some fund equity to ensure adequate funds to operate new and expanded buildings paid for by 2003 bond dollars.

Using an estimate of \$5.25 per square foot, the district established a goal of reserving \$1,427,260 by fall 2005. The board vote set a transfer of \$700,000 from the current budget, with the remainder to come from the 2004-2005 fiscal year.

The money may not be used for textbooks or staff, Beamer said, only for physical plant expenses. He also warned of the need to include such expenses in the regular budget.

"Our concern was the impact of all those operating costs hitting the general fund at one time," Beamer said. "This will eliminate that impact for one year, but not for the long term. This is not a long-range

Think spring



Jaime, Carson and Paige Stottlemyer make the most of a warm day by feeding pita bread to ducks at Depot Park. The unusually warm day allowed many to get outside and look forward to spring. Photo by Alicia Dorset.

Zudell joins RE/MAX office

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Zudell has been in real estate for five years. She left Red Carpet Keim to return to RE/MAX.

"Name recognition... I never have

Tina Zudell joined the real estate to sell clients on who the company is. Instead I can focus on what I can do for them," Zudell said in response to her re-

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Clarkston soldier's family thanks CMS student pen-pals

BY ALICIA DORSET Clarkston News Staff

a language arts assignment doubles as a way to boost morale for soldiers serving overseas.

Seventh graders at Clarkston Middle School were given the assignment to write a letter to a soldier serving in Iraq. Instead, they created a wealth of support, needed items and whoopee cush-

Well, maybe just one whoopee cushion.

"I'm sure they'll be trying to pull a good joke on a sergeant," Chris Thomas said in reference to the joke item that was included in a recent care package. Chris visited with the students on March 15 to thank them for all of their hard work and support.

The idea started when **Proctor-Smith** Kim learned that coworkers Chris and wife Julie Thomas' son, Spc. Evan Thomas, was leaving for Iraq last year. She wanted to think of a way to not only boost Evan's morale, but to inform students of what

was happening in Iraq.

"I first learned about Evan going and I wanted It isn't every day that to get the schools involved. I just really wanted to do something," Proctor-Smith said. "It boosts them."

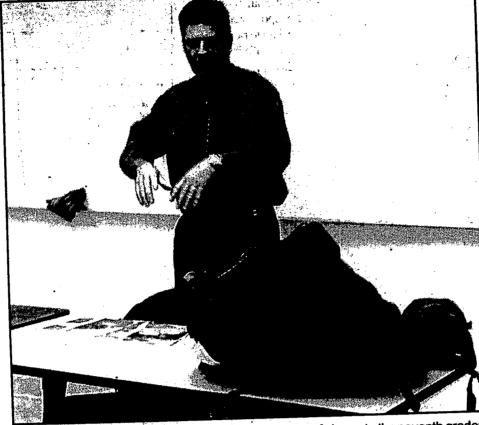
Chris and Julie came to thank the seventh graders for all of the effort they had put forth to create care packages for Evan and his platoon in Baghdad. Chris brought pictures of Evan for the students to keep as well as letting the students try on some of his old camouflage gear.

"What these kids did was wonderful," Julie said.

A highlight of the presentation was opening a "meal-ready-to-eat", or MRE, and seeing what soldiers eat while in combat. That day's choices included grilled chicken, apple spread and a fudge

"Thanks for all the letters, they're trying to write back," Chris said to the

The students created almost 80 letters, poems and joke books for the soldiers to read in Iraq. They also provided everyday items that are scarce when fighting, such as



Chris Thomas demonstrates how air rangers jump out of planes to the seventh graders at Clarkston Middle School during a March 15 presentation. Photo by Alicia Dorset.

toothpaste and other toilet-

"I sent some good candy because they don't have very good food," Brittany Elia, CMS seventh grader, said of her choice.

For fellow student Alec Pappas, his care

package item came from his own home.

"I sent some of my little sister's moist towelettes," Pappas said. "That way they can help them if they get all sweaty."

"I sent toothpaste and soap," Aaron Wolfe, sev-

enth grader, said. "They're probably all dirty."

The seventh graders responded overwhelmingly to the request for donations.

"The kids had a lot of fun and really got into it," Proctor-Smith said. "I have a Suburban and it

was literally packed from all the stuff they collected."

Writing to Evan and his fellow soldiers not only boosted their spirits in Iraq, but allowed the students to learn more about what was going with current

"The kids had a lot of questions about what is going on over there," Proctor-Smith said.

The CMS students haven't been the only ones sending Evan support from Clarkston. Chase Plastic Services "adopted" Evan and newwife Tricia and provided needed. A new backpack was sent to him courtesy of the company.

"There's been a great deal of community support for Evan and Tricia," Chris said. "This is really great for all the guys."

The students has the option to keep writing to the soldiers now that the formal assignment is

"This all works out really nice," Proctor-Smith said. "Anything to keep morale up. Sometimes you don't realize what you

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Township loses valuable worker

There are just some people that you instantly like. Independence Township Clerk Joan McCrary is one of those individuals. And get this, she is a politician and I still like her.

I first met McCrary about two and a half years

ago on my first day as editor of The Clarkston News. The outgoing editor, Maralee Cook, was showing me around the Clarkston area. Maralee was also introducing me to important people in the community so this inevitably led us to McCrary's office at the Independence Township hall.

Full of the first day jitters, McCrary made me feel right at home. We talked about my background, issues facing Independence Township and the area. You could really tell she had a love for her job and also

Kyle Gargaro

Gargaro's

World

a love for the community she served.

Surely she was just being so kind because she was friends with Maralee, I thought. However, the pleasant personality never subsided as I continued with my job at the local newspaper. And that is quite an accomplishment because usually the longer people know me, the less they enjoy being around me.

The truly amazing part was you could tell the kindness was authentic. After working in journalism for a few years you can often tell who is genuinely a good person and who is being kind to you in the hopes you won't write a negative story about them. There is nothing more annoying than the latter, but also few things as satisfying as the former.

As I was learning the ropes in this community, McCrary was always quick to provide an explanation or a frame of reference by sharing with me some history that I wan not privy to. In addition, McCrary would never duck an issue I brought up. No matter what the topic was, you could count on her to return your phone call which is somewhat rare today. Even though you could tell she was biting her tongue in some of our meetings, she was always forthcoming.

Like any good politician, McCrary has thick skin. You would not receive a phone call of complaint from Joan if you happened to write a column opposing what she or the board had done. With some individuals I know I will hear from them as soon as they read the paper, but McCrary always respected the role of a community newspaper. It is amazing how many officials believe they can prevent the local media from offering up the other side of an argument with a mixture of complaints and threats.

So I was greatly disappointed this week when I heard McCrary had decided not to seek another term in office. After 15 years as Independence Township Clerk, McCrary is looking forward to more time with her grandchildren and her elderly

Her family's gain is the community's loss.

McCoary has made my job a lot easier over the
years and for that I am grateful. In a selfish way I
was McCrary would stay on since she was such
pleasure to work with during my time with the newspaper. But knowing Joan, I am sure she will train
her replacement well.

Enjoy the new chapter of your life Joan.

(Kyle Gargaro is the editor of The Clarkston
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Letters to the Editor

Reader shocked by recent column

I was shocked after reading Kyle Gargaro's "Who is drawing the line?", in the March 3 issue of the Clarkston News. I was baffled how a man who has risen to the status of editor of a newspaper, as small as that paper may be, could have such a flawed view of the workings of the American political system, and of the Janet Jackson halftime incident the editor refereed to as nipplegate.

Let me begin by saying that the Janet Jackson incident, as well as Howard Stern's show, offended not only the religious right, but the feminist left. Perhaps Ms. Gargaro sees no problem with the blatant objectification of women found in both instances, but members of both political spectrums do, and should speak up. Mr. Stern pays women to expose themselves so he and his cohorts can "rate" them, slap them, and treat them like dirt. Again, both conservatives and lib erals agree that this was unacceptable, not just "Jesus Freaks" as Mr. Gargaro so ignorantly put.

Mr. Gargaro complains that the Republican's presidential candidates are being hijacked by special interest groups. This may be true, but the exact thing can and must be said about the Democratic candidates as well. As much as they would love to feel like they aren't, liberals are not immune to political pressures from special interest groups, and they, like Republicans, act accordingly. Mr. Gargaro is so intent on getting his political views across, he throws common sense and logic aside. (And I thought narrow-mindedness was a conservative problem!)

Finally the fourth paragraph from the bottom makes absolutely no sense, and is the culmination of a truly awful article, that any professional journalist should be ashamed to write. My advice: learn the facts, take off the liberal painted goggles, and write something worthwhile.

Mike Claus Freshman, DePauw University

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Welcome back Ed Davis!

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found in raccoons, skunks and bats. • Luck was not on the side of the Irish this St. Patrick's Day, at least not with those traveling any distance during last Friday evening's ice storm. But while the storm blanketed the area with a layer of ice, there were surprisingly few accidents, according to the Independence Township Assistant Fire Chief Gordon Mason. The ice storm caused power outages for some 3,300 Detroit Edison customers in the Independence Township-Springfield Township

 Grapes, peaches, plums and other produce imported from Chile were removed from area grocery stores early last week as store owners and employees complied with a Food and Drug Administration directive to clear store shelves of the produce. The FDA directive was issued after testers found traces of cyanide in two grapes that were part of a Chilean shipment in port in Philadelphia on Sunday, March

25 YEARS AGO (1978)

• Police protection in Independence Township will nosedive from eight to five police officers if the proposed budget is approved. The township board "made up their minds that they don't want a fulltime police department at this time, so I'll work within the framework," said Charles Kimbel, director of public services. "It doesn't make me feel good, that's for sure," he said. "We'll just have to start from the

bottom and work up." Pine Knob's traffic control contract could be out of the hands of Independence Township Police Services. The contract for the 1979-80 season was discussed at two separate meetings. "Pine Knob made a presentation to the (Oakland County) Public Service Board (Tuesday) requesting them to contract with Pine Knob for traffic control on the outside with uniformed deputies and for plan clothes inside work," Deputy Robert Wark, public information officer for the Oakland County Sheriff's Department said. The next step is consideration of the contract by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

 Independence Township has been advised to put an end to overlapping police services by keeping the five-deputy Oakland County Sheriff's Department contract and establishing a local public service department. The short-term solution was recommended to the township board last night in a report given by James Brueck, chairman of the six-member township police department.

50 YEARS AGO (1953)

• The junior class of the Clarkston High School announces its annual play which will be presented April 9 and 10 at the high school. Practice is well underway under the direction of Miss Cooper.

· Plans are going ahead for the Old Timers Party at the Township Community Center Thursday, March 25. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m.

Don, you 'homophobic bigot'

Some folks may find it hard to believe, but, the things I write really upset some people. Thin-skinned officials and those who are really wound too tight are the folks who get upset the easiest. And, they usually express their anger in letters to me and to the publisher.

"Mr. Rush should be fired." "In my opinion, Mr. Rush's editorial . . . completely crossed the line

of journalistic integrity . . . " Most of the time folks, even the supposedly learned ones, are cross about my editorials." If they must criticize they should take the time to know. Don't Rush Me is a column. It is not an editorial And, while I have withten award-winning editorials, this space is not for the newspaper's voice (which is what editorials are). This space is re-



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Don Rush

served for my often slanted view. It's called a column. It's an opinion. It ain't news. It is not based on fair and balanced reporting or any sort of journalistic standards other than it is not full of libelous

When I try to make a point it is the truth as I, your hero, sees it. Often times I'm not trying to make any point, I'm just trying to make readers smile. So, it is always interesting when I receive an e-mail like the following, from "Equality4all2004."

This letter is in reply to last week's gem of a column about easing local budgetary crises by allowing gay marriages . . . for a price of course. I think I said \$500 per license could be an economic boon for the economy. And since America is about money, we should start letting polygamists get married, too. Apparently, "Equality4all2004" disagrees.

"Mr. Rush,

"Freethinking is not quite the adjective I would ause to describe you!

"I think 'Homophobic Bigot' is the way to go! Apparently the thought of same sex marriages scares the heck out of you. I am wondering what harm it presents to you and your family?

"Gay people are not engaged in a worldwide game

of 'Red Rover, Red Rover' in order to get others to join them. Please don't have the audacity to lump gays with polygamists. This is a life-style into which a human being is born, the other . . .a choice!

"I will defend the 'Freedom of Speech' to the death but I wonder if you think that making remarks about deaf or perhaps disfigured people would be quite so amusing to you.

"Perhaps God didn't write about Adam and Steve, but I believe that he welcomes all into his heart and home . . . even misguided journalists. At least let's hope so huh??????"

Well said, "Equality4all2004." I, too, believe God will welcome all into his heart who welcome Him. (If readers missed last week's column go to our website and click on the column, "Don't Rush Me." Then, under my mug shot, click on "By Don Rush" and everything I've written for the last year will be listed in chronological order.)

I received a hand printed note from Dan Stanko of Leonard. Whether he thinks I am a homophobic bigot or not, he kept to himself. However, he did write.

"Dear Don,

"It has been a while since my last note . . . I was just wondering -- could you? -- would you? please send birthday wishes out to my one year old daughter Dani, from her dad?

"She won't be able to read it this year, but one day when she finds it in her scrapbook she will know the old man was thinking about her!

"PS -- Am I the only new dad that gets teary-eyed when I hear Martina McBride's new song, In My Daughter's Eyes? -- Dan'

Dan, I will only print the note if you tell your daughter (when she is about 40) that I am not a homophobic bigot.

To. "Equality4all2004," Dan and anybody else who takes the time to read this column, thank you. Remember, it is not about agreeing or disagreeing, it is about engaging your mind.

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

Reviewing the building of the Mighty Mac bridge

Jim's

Jottings

Within reach of my favorite chair are three or four books at all times. Seldom are they reached for. I get "into" a tv show and laziness takes over.

However, on a recent evening I reached for a much abused book given me by a former UPer, Roger Oberg, "Straits of Mackinac! Crossroads of the Great Lakes."

We've driven across the Mighty Mac very many times since it was completed in 1957.

Prior to the bridge, five ferries trafficked cars across the straights. They could carry 416 cars an hour with an average trip being 53 minutes. During deer hunting season "drivers could wait in line 19 hours, playing cards, naptest hot dogs, give birth and die, '(according to the book.

With the five-mile, 22-foot long bridge 6,000 ears can cross an hour. Of course we need some dates:

Jim Sherman In 1950 the Mackinac Bridge Adthority was created by the legislature; January 1953 the Authority selected William Ratigan (author of the book) to design and supervise the construction; Ground was broken in July 1954.

Apparently the biggest concern was not the foot-

ings or the span, but resistance to wind. Three testings at the University of Washington Engineering Experiment Station proved the structure could withstand winds of 632, 942 and 966 miles an hour.

Of course, that didn't satisfy skeptics who kept saying (Waituatil's real winter comes along, or maybe just one of those big winds that always leaves a calling card at Mackinac in March or August or November, and your pretty bridge will be nothing but a busted

The bridge was built to withstand five times the maximum pressure of ice. Foundations for the two main towers go more than 200 feet below water level-through 140 feet of water and 70 feet of overburden.

There is more concrete and tons of steel in the bridge than in the Empire State Building. There are 600,000 barrels of cement, making 440,000 cubic yards of concrete in the 33 water piers.

Dr. David B. Steinman was brought in as consulting engineer. He'd designed and built 300 bridges on five continents, including one in Baghdad, Iraq. It was also part of his challenge to answer the calamity howl-

In 1956 there were 850 workers on the bridge. The book doesn't say, but I recall only one life being lost. There are 25,160 individual wires in a pair of suspension bridge cables, two feet in diameter.

The bridge, at just under \$100,000, cost more than the U.S. paid for Alaska and Louisiana Territory. I believe the starting toll on the bridge was \$3.50, for cars. Then for several years it was \$1.50, and last year it was raised to \$2.50. Repairs and upkeep are year around, but only in very high winds is it closed.

It's a pleasure to cross The Bridge. Salah 🛊 🛊 💌 par men

I've just got to comment on the choice of words used by our government attorneys, jurists and journalists following the finding of Martha Stewart guilty on four counts. They are saying. This is for, We are sending) a message to all who lie to our investigators."

They are saying this conviction will stop all potential wrong-doers. It will put an end to corporate corrup-tion, cheating, falsifications and insider trading.

Right! And the promoters of the death penalty for those convicted of murder, treason and various other crimes said the same thing.



Mary Jo Cowdin

Mary Jo Cowdin, of Lakeport and formerly of Clarkston, died March 13, 2004.

She is survived by her three children, Christian, Ross and Andie Marie Romeo; parents, Doug and Char of Lakeport, brothers Christopher (Terri) of Sterling Heights and Mark (Roberta) of CA; six aunts including her special aunt, Alice (Bill) Edwards of Kaleva and five nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Cowdin was born on Nov. 1, 1960 in Pontiac and attended Clarkston schools, graduating from Clarkston High School in 1976. She then attended the University of Michigan, graduating in 1981. While in Clarkston, she was an active member of the Clarkston United Methodist Church and worked with the youth program at the church.

A Funeral Service will be held March 20 in the Lexington United Methodist Church. The Rev. Betty Blair will officiate. Interment will be in Square Lake Cemetery, Lake Orion. Visitation will be in the church beginning at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Mrs. Cowdin's memory to the Lexington United Methodist Church. Cremation arrangements were by Smith Family Funeral Home.



Russell I. Morgan, of Auburn Hills, died March 8, 2004 at age 82.

He was preceded in death by his wife Jean; father of Victoria of Royal Oak, Dale of Detroit, Gary of Clarkston and Randolph of Germany; brother of Dick of CO, Joan (Jerry) Green of West Branch and the late

Mr. Morgan retired from the City of Birmingham and served in WWII as a fighter pilot. A Funeral Service was held March 12 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Fort Custer Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the MI Cancer Institute.

Obits also at www.clarkstonnews.com.

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Kenneth R. "Ken" Weiss

Kenneth R. "Ken" Weiss, of Clarkston and formerly of Roanoke, VA, died suddenly March 7, 2004 at age 47.

He was the loving husband of Trev, father of Shannon, Karie and Ryan Weiss; son of Veronica and the late Edward Weiss; preceded in death by his brother John; brother of Edward, Patricia (Mike) Brozo, Vicki, Sandy (Wayne) Saunders and Nancy (Neil) Henry; also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Weiss was a faithful and active member of the Clarkston Community Church. He was employed with Valenite Inc. A Funeral Service was held March 11 at the Clarkston Community Church. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Clarkston Community CHurch future softball field, 6300 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI 48346 in Ken's memory.





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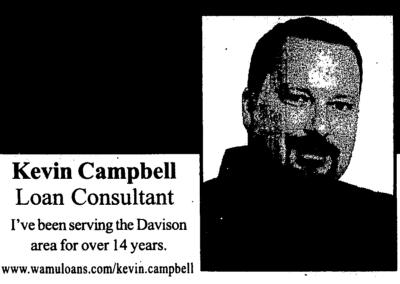
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March 8: Assist to Michigan State Police with multiple crashes on I-75 and Clintonville Road.

Hunter trespass on Walters Road. Resident saw man with long gun on private property, but he was gone on deputies' arrival.

Home invasion on Everest. Someone entered an unlocked home and took a Playstation 2 and \$2 cash.

Personal protection order violation on Deerwood. Suspicious circumstances on Clinton.

March 9: Warrant arrest on Dixie Highway.

Threats report on Oak Park (ex-husband and wife). Embezzlement report on Miller Road. A cleaning woman allegedly wrote checks on resident's account, turned over to detectives for further investigation.

March 10: Assist to Michigan State Police for personal injury crash on I-75 near Clintonville Road.

Family trouble on Westchester (boyfriend-girl-

Open door at house on Cherlane, nothing discovered missing.

March 13: Family trouble on Tuscarora Drive (mother and 24-year-old son).

Larceny of purse from unlocked vehicle at Dunkin Donuts on Sashabaw Road. Taken with purse were \$30 cash, passport and earrings.

March 14: Larceny of purse from Outback Steakhouse on Dixie Highway. A witness saw a white male, 19-20 years old, 5-feet 10-inches tall, 165 pounds with short dark brown hair bent over with overcoat near victim's table. Taken with purse were \$36 in cash plus personal papers.

Damage to property at Deer Lake Beach. Deputies discovered damaged fence which appeared to be knocked over by a vehicle.

Motorcycle theft on Cottonwood Court.

Springfield Township

March 7: Operating-while-intoxicated-arrest on March 12: Damage to mailbox on White Lake
Big Lake Road. Responding to a car in the ditch, depu-

ties found a 17-year-old Clarkston woman who smelled of alcohol. Preliminary breath test revealed a blood alcohol level of 0.219 percent.

Family trouble on Youngstree (ex-wife and ex-hus-

March 8: Assisted Michigan State Police with personal injury crash on I-75 near E. Holly Road.

March 11: Open door alarm on Ormond Road. Deputies found open door and fresh vehicle tracks and footprints. K-9 Niko was brought to the scene and found a marijuana cigarette in the home. No suspects found.

March 12: Assault report, Davisburg Road and I-75, parent reported her 14-year-old daughter being punched in face by another student while on the school

Warrant arrest on Wares Road. Deputies stopped a suspicious vehicle and found the driver, a 29-year-old Clarkston man, to be wanted on an outstanding warrant for driving while license suspended.

March 13: Larceny of CD player and CDs from unlocked vehicle at Bluewater apartments.

Optimist announce oratorical contest winners

The Clarkston Area Optimist Club held its annual oratorical contest at Clarkston High School on Feb. 24.

Winners in the girls category included Megnna Dhir, first; Tessa Hartley, second and Lydia Sherwood, third. Winners for the boys included Greg Dedow, first; Ben Rodgers, second and Cody Stauber, third.

The winners of this level go on to the zone level competing with several other district winners on April 3 at Clarkston Middle School. Scholarships will be awarded to winners who go on to compete in the district competition held in Ann Arbor in May.



Winners of the Clarkston Area Optimist Club oratorical contest pose with Optimist President Harry Knitter and chairperson Kelley Kostin. Photo provided.

year's competition is, "Thinking, Working and Area Optimist Meeting on

Expecting the Best." The theme for this The winners will be March 10. honored at the Clarkston

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Clarkston springs into reading with dedicated volunteer help

BY ALICIA DORSET Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston students' favorite books will have a new meaning this spring when they get to meet some of today's most exciting authors and illustrators, all thanks in part to the Spring into Reading Committee.

Celebrating their first official year, the committee has been working since the beginning of the school year to add even more excitement to reading for students of all ages in the Clarkston district.

"Usually we get to have an author come every other year," Lori Kokones, North Sashabaw Elementary, said. "We want to bring authors and illustrators every year."

Separate from the school setting, the committee is comprised of a wide variety of members. Teachers, parents and community members came together with the same goal in mind: to instill the importance of reading to Clarkston students.

"As a parent, I love reading," Kaye Hastings, committee member, said. "I wanted my daughter to be excited about reading growing up. I want to help promote reading in the community."

Working from an idea originally created in Rochester, Authors in April, the committee looked for ways to bring authors and illustrators to the district while remaining within a set budget and hopefully deferring the funds required from outside sources, such as PTAs and PTOs.

Authors tend to cost anywhere from \$500-1,000 for an appearance and



The Spring into Reading committee, representing various positions from the community, is already looking at ways to bring exciting authors and illustrators to Clarkston students for next year. Photo by Alicia Dorset

have specific guidelines as to when and where they

will present to students.

The challenge was on.

With the authors and

With the authors and illustrators successfully lined up for this spring, the committee began looking at ways to raise funds for next year so that as many authors and/or illustrators could come again. A fundraising banquet was developed.

"In the past we've had luncheons, Kokones said. "Instead, we decided to invite parents and do a banquet and fund-raiser."

This year the committee will host their first-ever big event. On Tuesday, Apr. 6, a benefit dinner will be held at the Liberty Golf and Banquet Center in Clarkston.

This year's authors and illustrator (Barbara Barbieri McGrath, Suzy Kline, Betsy and Guilio Maestro and Gordon Korman) will be featured at the dinner to sign and sell their books.

This year marks the most authors the district has ever had as well as the first time the middle schools will get an author to visit. In the past, only one or two authors have come to Clarkston and presented to elementary schools.

Even though this year's authors were selected and funded, the committee has their work cut out for them. Work has already begun on selecting

and funding next year's choices.

"We're trying to get this rolling so we don't have to rely on just one source," Sandy Gallivan, Clarkston Elementary, said.

The committee has received a great deal of help from other organizations, such as school PTOs and PTAs, who provided most of the group's budget funding this year. The committee is also affiliated with the Clarkston Foundation, another large supporter.

The committee devel-

oped a list of standards and qualifications for potential authors or illustrators to visit the Clarkston district. They look for interesting people who appeal to vari-

ous age groups.

All of this only helps the committee members instill the joy of reading to students.

"This gets them excited about reading,"
Joanne Steckling,
Sashabaw Middle School,
said. "Once they meet an
author, they want to read
more of them."

Students learn the pro-

cess of creating a book after the authors and illustrators visit, an important concept.

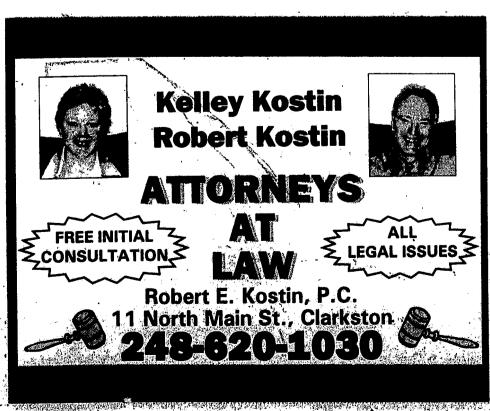
"This is a great way for students to realize that books just don't appear on the media center shelves magically," Lynn Gordon, Independence Elementary, said. "This could potentially help develop some skills in students for the future. It gives a bigger world view."

Not only will this year's authors be visiting the schools, they will visit the area's public libraries as well. "Meet the Author Night" is scheduled for Wednesday, Apr. 7 at the Springfield Township library from 6-8 p.m. for book signings.

With continued support and hard work from the community and committee members, Clarkston students can count on more exciting reading adventures to come.

"The kids are really anxious to meet the authors," Steckling said. "Some of the middle schoolers have never met an author before. I couldn't imagine making it all the way up to high school and never meeting an author."

Reservations are still available for the Apr. 6 dinner. The deadline is March 20 to reserve a spot. Donations begin at \$30 and is required to attend the banquet. For more information, contact Lori Kokones at (248) 623-4135 or kokonelh@clarkstonk12.mius







Grades

Continued from page 3A

"The philosophy is that fine arts should be exploratory for all students, not electives," Diliegghio said. In higher grades, then students will be able to better choose which elective courses may be right for them.

Superintendent Al Roberts said there is a challenge in offering "exploratory [classes] with rigor" to make them educationally viable. "We're not talking about fluff courses."

Diliegghio said the converted Sashabaw Middle School will have "two wonderful gyms" to provide for physical education.

He also said a focused reading program will be imperative at the 6-7 level to detect and help with reading problems.

Roberts alluded to some parent and teacher attitudes toward the proposed changes, saying they are working hard "to set aside adult concerns" and "do what's best for kids."

In response to discussion about outside physical activities (with district intramural budgets already cut), Trustee Mary Ellen McLean had a suggestion.

"We should revisit another partnership with parks and recreation," she said, and Roberts said discussions are underway.

Board revises cell phone policy

BY DON SCHELSKE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

With some minor changes, a new policy on use of cellular telephones and other "electronic communications devices" is now in effect at Clarkston Community Schools.

The board of education approved first reading last month, and passed second reading Monday, March 8.

A few suggestions led to a revisions, including the removal of prohibition on use during "school-related activities" and allowing use on schools buses "in emergency situations."

The basic policy remains: "Provided the device is turned off, stored away and out of sight during school hours," a student may have a cell phone or pager in his possession.

"It's kind of broad, but it actually covers everything," Trustee John Koval said.

District officials created the policy in light of a now-over-turned state law which had prohibited cell phones on campus.

Clarkston High School students have said the new policy would echo existing practice.

Trustee Mary Ellen McLean voiced a new concern,

The basic policy remains: that of potential use of such devided the device is turned stored away and out of sight that of potential use of such devices "in a dishonest way" such as in test situations.

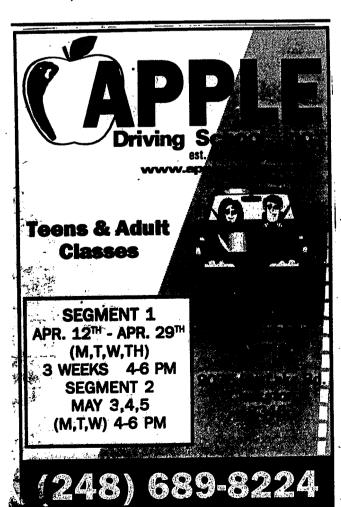
"I know it's a situation on college campuses, and I hope our kids don't do that," she said. Nonetheless, "I think something specific should be put in there. We don't tolerate cheating."

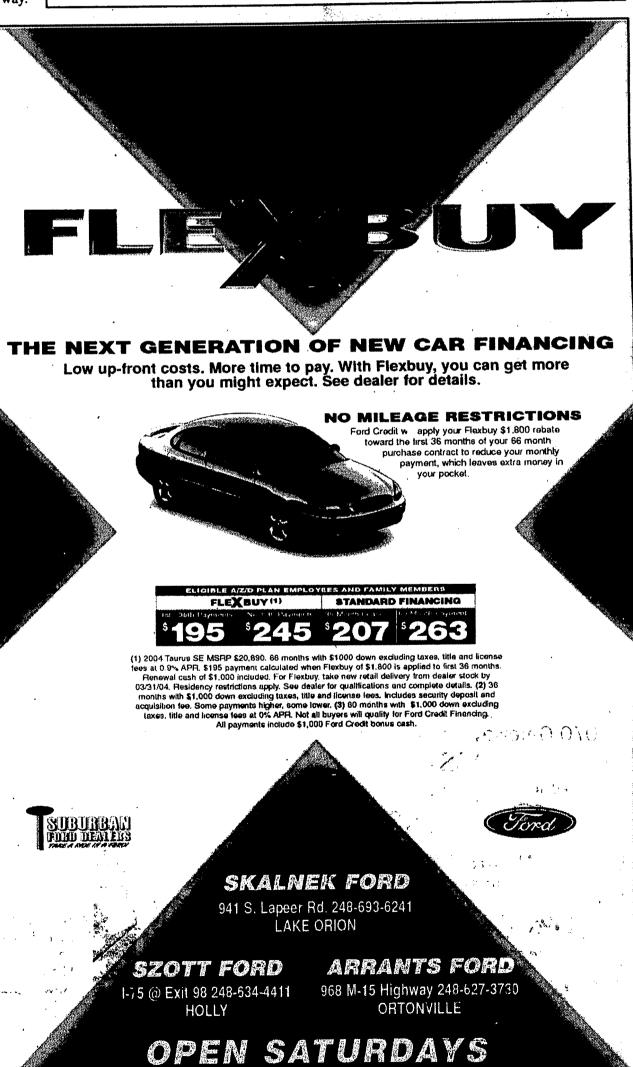
Superintendent Al Roberts said such a concern could be inserted in the "administrative guidelines,", but he hopes the general policy will help address McLean's concern.

"If it's not turned off and stowed away, you're already in violation," Roberts said.









Teaching children responsibility requires patience

facilitator in Systematic Training for Effective Parenting. The S.T.E.P. approach to parenting is based on positive and practical ways for parents to effectively relate to their children. Jennifer is currently working as an instructor for Clarkston Area Youth Assistance teaching, No More Whining! Develop Positive Behavior in Children, a

parenting study and support group that follows the S.T.E.P. approach to parenting. Anyone with a question on parenting can e-mail Jennifer Arkwright at JenofArk@yahoo.com or mail it to Jennifen Arkwright, c/o Kyle Gargaro, Editor, Clarkton News, 5 S. Main, Clarkston MI 48346. Questions will be printed without the author's name, unless otherwise instructed.

How do I get my 3-year-old to clean up toys in her bedroom without it turning into a lot of frustration?

This question is asked frequently by parents of preschoolers! At the age of three, your child is in the very first stages of learning how to be responsible. Cleaning up toys, brushing teeth and getting dressed are all part of a hard day at the office for a 3-year-old! It is your job to teach her, to encourage her, to help her, to re-teach her, to model and to continue to encourage, encourage! Teaching children responsibility is a process and requires a lot of patience on the part of the parent.

Put yourself in the shoes of a 3-year-old. You see toys scattered all over a room. How do you feel? Probably pretty overwhelmed! A 3-year-old is thinking, "That's just too much for me to do, all by myself!"

When it comes to toy play, a parent can provide a

Jennifer Arkwright is a counselor and a trained large basket or tub in a handy location to make clean up as simple as possible. The parent can also limit the amount of toys out at a time. The parent can offer reflective listening to show that they understand the child's feelings by saying, "That sure does look like a lot of work! I bet if we both work together we can get it cleaned up in no time!"

Teaching responsibility of toys at this early stage is short and simple. "OK, it's time to clean up. You get the toys by the bed and I'll get these." Or, "You get the blocks and I'll get the cars and trucks." The child is asked to be responsible for a few toys and the parent takes care of the rest. The parent encourages the child's efforts, "You are a quick picker-upper!" or "Wow, you got them all to fit in the basket again!" After a bit of time, the parent gradually adds to the quantity the child is responsible for picking up, "you get the toys by the bed and by the table and I'll take care of these" less than what you've previously picked up.

Using this gradual method, the child will learn that they are capable of picking up all of the toys. The parent cannot expect the child to pick up all of the toys until the activity is taught to the child. Once you've begun to teach your child to be responsible for their toys, stick with it! Consistent behavior on your part will result in consistent behavior on your child's part. If you expect cooperation, you will get cooperation. Being consistent means you won't bail your child out when they wail that they, "just can't!" Instead, you'll help and encourage. Learning and accepting responsibility isn't necessarily easy so using reflective listening will show your child that you understand. "I know picking up toys is a lot of work. Let's see if we can get them all picked up before we finish counting to 10.'

In a short time your child will have mastered the art of picking up their toys without a fuss. So when that day comes, and you know it will, and they decide to test you, what will you say when they announce, "I'm not

going to pick up these toys and you can't make me!" This would be the time to offer a choice.

Offering a choice is the best option for a parent when a child is openly challenging them. The parent must stay in control and be firm. Becoming angry or emotional is not helpful. Count to 10, exhale, don't blow your top.

In a kind and firm voice the choice is offered like this, "You can pick up your toys or I will pick up your toys and keep them until I think you are ready to be responsible for them." After missing their things for a day or two, the child will be ready to pick up their toys again without a challenge. However, if your child chooses not to pick up the toys, grab a trash bag, pick them up, and stow them away for a day or two. I find that I still do this with my 10 year old!! Learning responsibility is a continual process.

Your child will learn right away that you mean what you say and that their actions result in a logical consequence. If the child is responsible for taking care of their toys, they enjoy the continued privilege of playing with them. If the child is not responsible, the privilege is revoked for a short time. Then it is the parent?s job to "take time for training." Talk to the child briefly about your expectations regarding the toys. The younger the child the shorter the parent "talk." But remember, no matter what your child's age, the "talk" should always be brief.

The next time you feel frustrated with your children, put yourself in the shoes of the 3-year-old and begin the process of teaching responsibility.

Clarkston Area Youth Assistance is offering the parenting class, No More Whining! Develop Positive Behavior in Children this spring. The class is being offered in two different time slots, Monday evenings or Wednesday mornings beginning late in April. 7 class meets for six consecutive weeks. Call 248-6 9007 to register.



Jennifer Arkwright

School Board Briefs

In other business at the Monday, March 8 meeting of the Clarkston Community Schools Board of Educa-

• The board approved an overnight field trip for nine Clarkston High School students to attend the Youth in Government Spring State Conference in Lansing March 24-28.

Cost per student is estimated at \$305. Funds will be provides by students and parents, with fund-raising activities available to those with financial need.

• The board approved a long-term suspension for an 11th grade student at Clarkston High School. The student was charged with two violations of the student code of conduct, improper communications and verbal assault.

The unnamed student will miss the remainer of this

academic year but will continue to attend the Oaki Technical Center during his CHS suspension.

• The board approved spending \$19,639.25 of 2 3 bond technology funds to upgrade the district's cent a computer processor.

Matt McLarty, executive director for technology, said the last major mainframe upgrade was in 2001. Since then, the district has experience a major increase in the number of students seeking simultaneous access to the system.

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Lajoie, L'Amoreaux win wrestling state titles

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Six Clarkston varsity wrestlers headed to the Palace of Auburn Hills last weekend to go up against the very best the state of Michigan had to offer. Two Wolves proved they were just that.

Senior Tony Lajoie (130) and junior Braden L'Amoreaux (140) each took first in their respective weight classes, Lajoie for the second year in a row.

"I think this one was tougher for me," Lajoie said. "I had much higher expectations on me entering the

Lajoie defeated Temperance Bedford's David Brighton 2-1 in double overtime in the final. Lajoie admitted Brighton had studied him well, but the two-time state champ did his own homework as well.

"I knew he was a better top wrestler. I think I knew his style pretty well," Lajoie said.

Entering the final match, the senior remained calm, cool and collected.

"Nerves didn't really set in until after," Lajoie said with a slight laugh. "I guess I didn't let them get to me, or realize what had really happened until it was all over."

Lajoie finished the season 52-2. He has been contacted by both the University of Michigan and Central Michigan University to wrestle next year, but he reins undecided.

For now, however, he looks back on his career and only smile.

"The friendships I've made in wrestling are great," aid. "Those kids are definitely like family to me."



Above, Tony Lajoie and Braden L'Amoreaux combined for a record of 103-2 this year. Lajoie was his second state title, L'Amoreux his first. Right, Senior Tony Lajoie gets his hand raised at the Palace of Auburn Hills after defeating Livonia Franlin's Ryan Hawkins by pin March 11. Photos by Ed Davis:

Meanwhile, Lajoie's teammate and friend, L'Amoreaux became only the fourth wrestler in Clarkston history to go undefeated. Coach Joe DeGain, Pat DeGain and A.J. Grant are the other Wolves to equal L'Amoreaux's accomplishment. Last year, he qualified for state, but did not place. Over the summer, he put in hours and hours of hard work and won a national title in North Dakota, which fueled him for the upcoming season and gave him added confidence.

"It (winning the state title) means a lot,"



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Hoops captures 11th straight district title

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Clarkston High School varsity basketball team spent the first four and a half minutes searching for its first field goal. But Waterford Kettering spent the rest of the game trying to stop Brad Goodman and Chris Johnston.

Johnston's continued strong performance inside, coupled with an 11-for-14 foul shot performance raised havoc for the Captain defense all night long. When Kettering's double and triple teaming of the Wovles' big man forced Clarkston to seek other options, the guard play of Goodman helped the Wolves capture their 11th consecutive district title in a heated 69-57 win March 12 at Lapeer East High School. Goodman and Johnston combined for 43 points.

Goodman talked about the Wolves strategy. "Coach at halftime talked about how we wanted to get the ball inside to Johnston. Not just him scoring, but it opens up a lot of stuff outside and it helped us get into the lanes and shooting wide open shots."

The Wolves started slow in front of a packed house at Lapeer East High School. The Wolves first field goal didn't come until there was 3:38 left in the first quarter thanks to a basket by Johnston which cut an early Captain lead to 7-6. Waterford continued to play well early and built a 12-6 lead with 2:45 to play, but a late Clarkston run led by Robbie Clark, who



The Clarkston varsity basketball team displays its 11th consecutive district title after beating Waterford Kettering 69-57 March 12 at Lapeer East High School. Photo by Ed Davis. ॰ अद्धारक शहर व

ended the game with 15 points helped the Wolves end the first quarter with a slim 15-14 lead.

The Wolves continued to look for Johnston inside during the second quarter as the teams traded several leads. The Wolves began to gain some momentum however on a 3-pointer by Kyle Rademacher, which put Clarkston up by four with less than 1:30 to play in the first half. But it was a great individual effort and hustle by Johnston which made the Clarkston section erupt. The 6-foot-6 senior made a rare dunk on the offensive end, and then ran the length of the floor to block a Waterford Kettering shot on the other end. Clarkston led 35-30 at the break. The five-point lead might have made the Clarkston fans happy, but it didn't sit well made the Clarkston tans nappy, out it didn't sir well.

With Clarkston coach Dan Rife.

"I'm never not nevous. I'm a worrier. That's my nature. When it gets to this point there's not a lot of strategy and what I can say to kids. It's really up to my players. I'm not going to come in here and draw something that's going to stun everybody. I'm not that smart to start with and the kids know I'm not that smart. It really comes down to the will to win. They know what it takes for us to win, he said.

Johnstones dunk and his plock at the other end really sparked us," Goodman said. "It was good to get a lead at halftime, especially the way they we shooting the ball, they were playing. It was a relihalftime lead for sure

Clarkston netters end season with regional loss

25-12-2 overall record

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Clarkston High School volleyball team started the season under a new coach in Kelly Avenall. She said she didn't really know what to expect in her debut season, which ended Saturday in a regional semifinal match against Okemos March 13 at Howell High School.

The Wolves lost in three games 15-9, 9-15, 12-15 and finished the season 25-12-2 overall. Clarkston captured a share of the OAA I league title this year and won its second consecutive district title.

The Wolves jumped out to 4-0 leads in the first two games, but each time the Wolves came out strong the Chieftains answered. In game one, Okemos rallied to tie the game at seven, but the Wolves hung on to put their opponents away, giving them a 1-0 lead in the

"I really thought after that first game our confidence was up. I thought they'd come right back out there that second game," Avenall said.

Game two started the same way with the Wolves jumping out to an early lead. However, the Wolves then gave up six unanswered points before regaining a lead at 8-7. Clarkston would only score one more point the rest of the game setting up for an exciting rubber match in game three. Clarkston got up early, 2-0, but then gave up another six-point run to Okemos. The Wolves then cut the deficit to three on a great kill by junior Stephanie Parkin, who played well all day for Clarkston. Okemos however answered right back and extended its lead to 13-8, putting them only two points away from the regional final. However, the Wolves showed resolve giving themselves a chance as they cut the lead to 14-12 on another kill by Parkin.

During the Wolves' last time out Avenall spoke to

Wolves finish with her team, specifically to her seniors. "I just told them they need to be leaders out there and they need to play their hearts out. It might be the last time they were out on the floor. I know that was on their mind," Avenall

However, that was the last point Clarkston would score in Avenall's first season as head coach.

"They blocked us big. Our passing, I thought, was awesome, but we had a hard time putting the ball on the floor," Avenall said.

The Chieftains scored most of their points when Parkin and Ashley Hudson rotated to the back row, freeing up the middle of the floor, which Okemos exploited during much of the match.

"That's the weakest part of our rotation, and that's where they scored most of their points. We need that middle to be a little bit bigger next year."

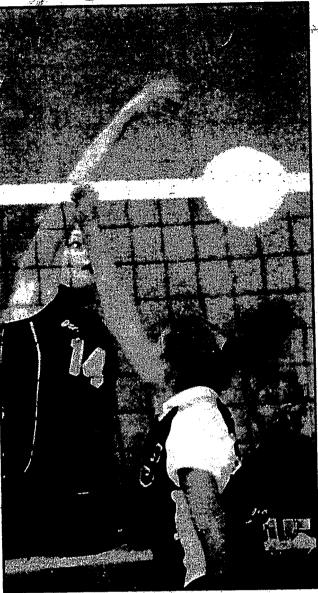
Avenall complemented the play of Stephanie Betzing and Parkin after the match.

"I think she (Betzing) really played well. We needed her to play well," Avenall said. "Parkin I think had an awesome game. Every ball she hit went to the floor almost. They couldn't block her."

Parkin finished with 14 kills, while Hudson had 11. Setter Colby Gardner had 30 assists. Hudson and Gardner are two of six seniors on the team. Other seniors include Ashley Bramble, Caitlin McLean, Lindsey Bramble, Megan Garrett and Heather Colpaert.

"We're going to miss them. We've got a couple of spots we're going to have a hard time filling. That's something I've got to think about. Colby's going to be missed big time. She's one of the toughest setters I've seen. She's smart and sees a lot of things out there. Ashley and Caitlin are going to be missed on the out-

"Going in, I didn't know where we'd end up. I don't take all the credit by any means," Avenall said. "Gordie (Richardson) trained all these girls. I just kind of took over where he left off. They're a great group of kids. They played hard."



Junior Stephanie Parkin had 14 kills against Okemos in Clarkston's regional semifinal loss March 13 at Howell High School. Photo by Ed Davis.

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For better health, think positively

By Ernie Harwell

Great athletes seem to have one thing in common, regardless the sport. They say that when they're

"in the zone," playing becomes easy for them. They'll also tell you that they approach the game with a positive attitude, expecting to win.

After traveling all across this country and meeting thousands of people, I've noticed that the healthy people I meet seem to have something in common, as well. They have a way of

"seeing the good side" and finding the opportunities in a situation rather than focusing on the bad. And that rude seems to translate to good physical and mental health.

With that in mind, it's worth considering what we can do to develop and maintain a positive outlook on life, so that our health can flourish.

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Wolves finish season with state quarterfinal loss

When CHS netminder Aaron Catanese broke his stick late in the third period of the state quarterfinals against Marquette on March 10, you had to wonder if that was a sign of things to come.

With the Wolves clinging to a 1-0 lead with only 14 seconds left in regulation, it looked like they were

headed for the semifinals.

With the face-off in the Wolves zone, Marquette pulled their goalie for a six on five. Clarkston's Kyle Buzzo won the draw, but the Redmen gained possession. Marquette's Curt Ano sent a shot wide, but it hit a shake in front and redirected just past Catanese's outstretched leg and trickled past the goal line with 7.6 seconds left on the clock.

Marquette's luck carried into OT as Scott Koski's shot from the blue line found the net as Catanese (23 saves) was screened and never saw the puck until the game was over.

"It was tough," Buzzo, team captain, said. "You work hard for six months and we were seven seconds away from where we wanted to be."

While the Wolves were devastated to see their season end this way, they could relate to Marquette's thrill. Last season the Wolves were on the receiving end of the quarterfinal OT victory.

in the first period and Catanese had to make some big saves. But the Wolves came alive and both teams ended with 10 shots on goal in a scoreless first period.

The Wolves out-played Marquette in the second, outshooting them 11-5, but Redmen goalie Caleb Downs made some incredible saves. Midway through the second Trevor Johns scored on assists from Buzzo and Adam Peters. It looked like that was going to be all the scoring the Wolves needed.

"I feel sorry for the seniors having to lose like this in OT," Bryan Krygier said. "We kept working hard,

but they just got the break."

"We played well but had a breakdown in the last few seconds," Griffin Cummings, co-captain and fouryear player, said. "But they are a successful team, too."

Cummings was right as Marquette (20-5-3) went on to dethrone 2003 state champions Detroit Catholic Central 3-2 in the title game on March 13.

"It has been so much fun and the talent on the team got better every year," Peters, co-captain and four-year player, said.

Krygier added that this is the first time in his tenure at Clarkston that he has had four 20-plus goal-scorers:

It was an exciting game. Marquette came out strong Steven Morin, Trevor Johns, Mike Fogg and Adam Peters. With only five players graduating, the Wolves (19-5-4) should be a competitive force again next season, when they will be defending their league and regional titles. The Wolves will return 11 juniors and eight sophomores from this year's team.

Those kids gave us great leadership and helped build our program. It takes a long time to do that and those kids are part of the reason we were as strong as we were this season," Krygier said.

This was the sixth consecutive season the Wolves have finished in either first or second place in its league, their top priority Krygier said. "Our kids know the league is the most important goal for us every season. I definitely think we'll be competitive again next year."

Michael Brach, who played roughly 10 games in net for the Wolves this year, will take over Catanese's place as the Wolves starting goalie next season, Krygier said.

'Have fun and work hard," Buzzo said to his returning teammates. "It goes by fast. Your season can be over in seven seconds."

Actually, 7.6 to be exact.

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Wateford Kettering coach Phil Dawson said his team, even after the dunk by Johnston was right where it wanted to be.

"If you would've told me yesterday that we were down by only five at halftime I would've jumped at it. Johnston did a heck of a job. He's the best player I've seen all year by far. I think our kids battled and our program took a big step tonight," he said.

Goodman helped set the tone in the third quarter, which saw the Wolves outscore the Captains 19-13. His 3pointer with 4:35 to play, paired with four straight free throws after Kettering got called for a technical foul put the Wolves up by 14 and Kettering was never able to cut the difference to single digits the rest of the way. Kettering ended the season 14-8.

However, while the Wolves looked impressive, especially in the third quarter, this game was closer than the score indicated, and was one Clarkston head coach Dan Fife was very happy to be done with.

got a win," Fife said. "I'd rather not be wearing the bullseye. It's easier to play

when you don't have the bullseye on your back. I give the Kettering kids credit. I think they out competed us."

The Captains did hustle more for loose balls and got a lot of second and third shot opportunities throughout the game. And while the crowd enjoyed Johnston's dunk and block at the end of the first half, the lack of hustle by the other Clarkston players on the floor did not sit well with Fife. "I'm not big on dunks. If that gives us momentum that's fine, but it made me mad that he had to run all the way back and make the block because the kids were loafing back getting all caught up in his dunk. If he doesn't hustle back, they get an easy basket so the dunk meant nothing."

Fife credited Goodman however as being the difference in the game. "He's quicker than people think, a better shooter than people think and a better ball handler than people think and he's an excellent free throw shooter. Johnston's our go-to guy, but Brad's attitude and who he is, is who we are."

The win improved Clarkston's record to 18-4 and sets up a showdown Wednesday, March 17 to play St. Johns at 7 p.m. at Chippewa Valley. The regional also includes host Chippewa Valley and Walled "I'm so happy this is over and we Lake Western. The Wolves have never gone further than the quarterfinals, but Fife credits this group as being special.



Clarkston is set to play St. Johns Wednesday night. Photo by Ed Davis.

"They've been a great group to coach. Everybody's saying we're supposed to win. Winning these things (district championships) isn't easy. I don't care who you are, and I take pride that we've won a lot of them, not to take any-

thing to take away from the teams we play here (in the Lapeer East district). I can't stand losing. At 54, I think I hate losing more now than when I was eight years old on the pitcher's mound crying trying to strike everybody out."





Athlete of the week - Mark Thornberry

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Sports Writer

If you're looking for Mark Thornberry to stand out on the stat sheet, you're looking in the wrong place. Instead, try finding the Wolves' tallest opponent and odds are you'll find Thornberry doing everything in his power to make that player's life miserable.

The third-year varsity forward, and co-captain of the team, is one of the Wolves most consistent players according to Clarkston High School varsity basketball coach Dan Fife.

"Day in and day out Mark does his job for us," Fife said. "He plays a lot bigger than he is. Every game he's so solid for us on defense. He's usually matched up against one of our opponent's best scoring threats," Fife said

Thornberry, who Fife called a coach on the floor, credits playing with some former Wolves in Mike Blicher and Justin Whetstone, as being a major part in his development as a player.

"I think playing with good guys like that helped good leadership skills to rub off on me," Thornberry said. "Defensively, I think I've really stepped it up some this season. If you really play solid defense good things are going to happen."

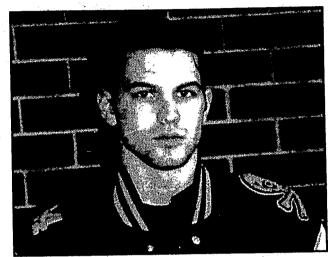
Good things have happened this year for the Wolves, who with Friday night's win against Waterford Kettering, improved their record to 18-4. The game took on a special meaning for Thornberry, who played on the Captains' JV squad a few years back.

"I always played in recreation leagues with those guys, so for me, this game was a little extra special," he said.

Fife said Thornberry, who is listed at 6-foot-3, can always be counted on both mentally and physically on the floor.

"You can always rely on Mark's best effort out there. He's a great kid to coach and he really understands the nuances of the game. He picks up a lot of stuff out there right in the heat of battle," Fife said.

Thornberry said he will probably attend either Central Michigan University or Western Michigan University in the fall where he plans to continue to play basketball, but at the intramural level.



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Wrestlers

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L'Amoreaux said. "All the hard work has paid off. I had no idea I'd go undefeated, I just tried to take it one match at a time. But, I think over the course of the season it gave me a psychological edge. I didn't really feel the pressure, but I think my opponents looked at me different because of it (my record)."

L'Amoreaux finished the season 51-0, but that was

not a surprise to coach DeGain.

"Braden had an awesome summer of wrestling. His success stems from all of his hard work. Those two (Lajoie and L'Amoreaux) complement each other well. They both deserve all the success they got. They worked harder than every other wrestler in the state in my opinion. They just feed off each other and make each other work as hard as they can."

The two agree. They don't claim to have a rivalry, but rather a bond to simply make each other the best he can be.

"Me and Braden just kind of have a partnership. We just try to make each other better," Lajoie said.

L'Amoreaux agreed. "We've been wrestling each other since I was a freshman. We really don't let up on each other. We just push each other. He's just a good kid and a great competitor."

Lajoie and L'Amoreaux were joined at the Palace by senior teammates Elliot May (125), who placed seventh, Sean Turner (152), who also took seventh and sophomore Steve Smiley (171). DeGain spoke highly of the efforts of these three wrestlers.

"Elliot and Turner I thought did a good job capping off the year with all-state honors," DeGain said.

"Now, those two can really look back and say they really did something special while they were here. And Steve, he wrestled very, very well and he beat some good kids. And he's got a lot more room for improvement. Once he improves more he's going to be very hard to handle."

DeGain, in only his first year had a tremendously successful season leading the Wolves to league, district and regional titles and as a team, Clarkston made the final four, which he hopes to build on next year.

"I thought it was great for me personally," DeGain said. "I can't complain. For our seniors to get the all-state honors and for us, as a team to go to the big dance I thought was huge. For our young kids to taste that success, I think that will pay off for years to come."



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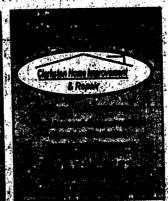
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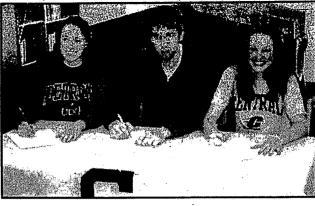
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Smile of the Week



Erica Condron spends a Monday morning in the North Sashabaw Elementary School library with her fourth grade class. *Photo by Alicia Dorset*

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Intentions revealed...

Clarkston High School athletes sign their official "letters of intent" for college choices Wednesday, Feb. 25. Liz Hardy (left) will play soccer at the University of Detroit-Mercy Chris Johnston will play basketball at Lincoln Memorial University (Tennessee) and Kelly Dougherty will play soccer at Central Michigan University. *Photo by Don Schelske*



Football player honored

Clarkston High School graduate and Ohio Wesleyan University football player Jon Robinson was honored at the Annual Scholar Athlete Awards Banquet hosted by the Columbus Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame. He was honored for exemplifying

the highest levels of success, both on the football field and in the school. Robinson started every game in his four years as right offensive guard for the Battling Bishops and was described as "the best pulling guard I ever coaches," by Ohio Wesleyan coach Mike Hollway. Robinson was

a three year starter on the CHS varsity football team before graduating in 2000. He was also a four-year letter man on the Clarkston wrestling team. The two-time all-NCAC team member is the son of Mike and Michele Robinson.

Optimists host Tri-Star basketball tourney

The Clarkston Area Optimist Club hosted 85 young people for their annual Tri-Star basketball competition on Tuesday, March 9 at Anderson Elementary school. Trophies were awarded to the following winners:

• 13-year-old Boys: Brooke Davis, first place; James Reamer, second place.

• 12-year-old Girls: Kayla Barnes, first place; Carlie Sanchez, second place.

• 12-year-old Boys: Zach Drumb, first place; Tyler Workman, second place; Brandon Paul, third place.

• 11-year-old Girls: Kari Brownell, first place; Chelsea Noel, second place; Leah Sanchez, third place.

• 11-year-old Boys: J. Michael Rogers, first place; Rawley Hallman, second place; Jeffrey Turner, third

place

• 10-year-old Girls: Megan Hastings, first place; Jessica Ming, second place; Tyler Rumbold, third place.

• 10-year-old Boys: Brent Cousino, first place; Mitchell Benzinger, second place; Connor Lyons, third place.

 9-year-old Girls: Shauna Siwicki, first place; Lisa Lyons, second place; Tara Perry, third place.

• 9-year-old Boys: Mac McClelland, first place; Daniel Wightman, second place; Spencer Pawlik, third place.

• 8-year-old Girls: Leah Morrill, first place; Natalie Drumb, second place; Carly Giroux, third place.

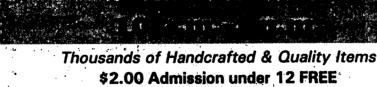
8-year-old Boys: Scott Cousino, first place; Brad-

ley Demattie, second place; Robbie Carson, third place.

The hoopsters competed for awards in dribbling, shooting and passing. Members of the Clarkston High School varsity basketball team assisted the Optimists in recording scores and monitoring each station.

The team members who participated in the Tri-Star program included Chris Johnston, Brad Goodman, Kyle Rademacher, Adam Briceland, Mark Thornberry and Ryan Kaltz.

First place winners advance to the Optimist district competition in Southfield on May 1.



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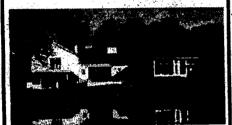
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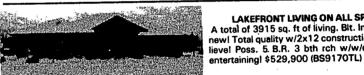
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Booster sees good in school sports

BY DON SCHELSKE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Over the past six years, the Clarkston Athletic Boosters have donated \$250,000 toward school teams.

"That's a lot of hot dogs," according to Keith Clement, current president of the boosters and a member for about eight

"I didn't go into the boosters planning to be president," he said, giving smiling credit to former president Ray Nuebeck for getting him "hoodwinked" into the top spot two years ago.

Clement sees the value of athletics, and he uses himself as an example.

"When I was in school, football kept me going on the straight and narrow," he said, "and it's fun to work with the kids."

The boosters have worked hard to help the Clarkston athletic program, especially in recent years when budget problems have affected the athletic department. Earlier this school year, the boosters gave an extra \$25,000 directly to the school district for the athletic department.

"That was just to make up some of the losses," he said. "That wasn't our whole donation."

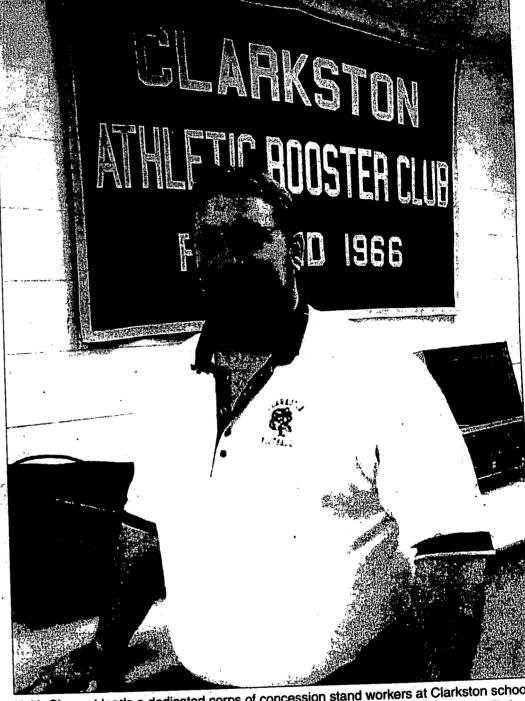
Normal procedure is to give grants to individual high school and middle school teams for special needs not covered by the budget. While the club is generous, they must maintain some basic rules for their team grants, including a formal application and a personal appearance by a coach to answer questions.

"We never turn anyone down if they follow the procedure," Clement said.

There's another rule which has been controversial at times. The Clarkston Athletic Boosters are there to "boost" officially sanctioned school teams. While they respect those who organize "club" sports and other worthwhile activities, they've had to draw the line.

"Some people get mad at us for that, but that's just the way it is," Clement said.

The boosters were founded in 1966, and the roster currently carries 430 members. Their only fund-raising events are the concession stands at athletic contests and at two craft shows staged at Clarkston High School.



Keith Clement leads a dedicated corps of concession stand workers at Clarkston school athletic events. He said it's a great combination of "chaos" and "fun." Photo by Bob Flath

boosters will stock 130 dozen hot dogs and buns and about 50 pounds of popcorn. On cold evenings they've sold up to 1,500 cups of hot chocolate.

Clement said another favorite is "Wolf Water." It's really standard bottled water with special labels, and it's really more expensive for the boosters, but people ask for it at games At a typical varsity football game, the and even in springtime for graduation open

"We tried to get away from that, but the people complained, 'We want the Wolf Water," he said.

A trademark of the boosters at football games is the use of outdoor grills to cook the hot dogs. Some jokes have been made about how distracting the aroma can be to those on the sidelines, or even on the field, but they would cook them any other way.

The training for grillers is simply, "Get over here and I'm going to show you how to do this," Clement said, but they tend to have the same veteran grillers at all varsity football games.

Clement and his wife have a daughter and a son. While the daughter was more

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Keith Clement, President Clarkston Athletic Boosters



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Bring your 2-5-year-old out for an Egg-stra special celebration of the season! On Tuesday, Apr. 6 from 9:30-10:15 a.m. or 11:00-11:45 a.m., a variety of stations will be available to visit featuring games, face painting, arts and crafts, a magic show, egg hunt and even a visit from the big bunny himself. The annual event at CCA, 5520 Sashabaw Rd., is guaranteed to be an egg-cellent time. Cost is \$5 per child (resident) or \$7 for nonresidents. Space is limited and tickets will not be sold on site, so register early. For questions or more information, contact the Independence Township Parks and Recreation at (248) 625-8223.

Independence Township Parks and Recreation presents The Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, Apr. 3. Once the sun begins to set, just after 7 p.m., children can search for special eggs hidden in

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Funshine Preschool will hold its open house and registration on March 23. Both the Clarkston High School and the South Sashabaw Early Childhood Center will be open for visitors and registration. The hours at South Sashabaw will be from 9:30-11 a.m. or 1-3 p.m. The hours open at CHS will be 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Registration packets are available at both sites. Three new preschool programs have been added at CHS. Come and see what the school has to offer. Call Margie Ried at (248) 674-4792 for more information.

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The Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce's Career Connections, in partnership with Clarkston Community Schools, is hosting a youth seminar of Tuesday, March 30 from 7:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. The seminar will be held at Liberty Golf and Banquet and will feature the theme "Exploring Career Pathways". There is no cost to participate, but space is limited to the first 120 junior and senior students who register. Forms are available through the Clarkston High School office. Permission slips must be signed by a parent/legal guardian to participate. Students will be bused to and from the event location. No personal vehicles will be allowed. A continental breakfast will be provided. For more information, contact the chamber at (248) 625-8055.

The Independence Township Senior Center and First Congregational Church in Clarkston are offering Project Healthy Living as a service to the community. The event takes place on Saturday, March 27 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the church, 5449 Clarkston Rd. Free tests and services will monitor blood pressure, foot, vision and hearing checks, and self-breast exam techniques. Optional tests with fees include a PSA test for prostate cancer (\$25), CA 124 for ovarian cancer (\$25) and H Pyloric for ulcer or stomach problems (\$15). Stroke screenings by Advanced Screening include cartoid artery (\$35), aortic aneurysm (\$35), leg circulation (\$35) and heart screen (\$65). All three vascular screens are available for \$95 or all four screens for \$150. A blood panel, with 22 profiles, including total cholesterol, thyroid, glucose and others can be requested for \$40. (A four-hour fasting is recommended for the blood panel. Tea, coffee and water are allowed). Accepted payments are cash, check, money orders or major credit cards. For more information, call (248) 625-8231.

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Club 5529 presents Matt Giraud and Same Old Joke (pop-funk/hip hop) on Friday, March 26. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. and ticketsare \$7. For more information, call (248) 620-4900 or www.5529music.com.

More Around Town, 9B



Rick Mickley, left, Chelsea McLean, and Jason Grasl rehearse a scene from "Trophies" to be performed by the Clarkston Village Players this month. *Photo by Don Schelske*.





Booster

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oriented toward music and yearbook, "Bubba" was a four-year starter for the Clarkston varsity football team. That was when Clement became a member of the athletic boosters.

When the son was graduated in 2000, the father stayed active in the boosters.

"You would be surprised how many booster members' kids graduated a long time ago," he said.

(Son Bubba, by the way, is now an assistant coach for the freshman Wolves. "He and his coach always had a plan that, when he got out of college, he would come back and coach at Clarkston.")

Clement has lost some of his athletic ability. A tractor-trailer driver, he has been at a varsity football game, it looks like off work for several months recuperating from job-related injuries. With a shoulder replacement and a plate and pins in his leg, he was grateful for use of a golf cart during football season, but is hoping to return to work in the near future.

"I haven't worked and done this job at the same time," he joked.

The athletic boosters are keenly aware of budget problems, but they also seem to understand.

"If there's no money, there's no ' money," Clement said, but he also said parents who have the means are willing to help those who do not. Indeed, he points to fan activity not only at home games, but away contests as well. He also gives credit to Athletic Director Dan Fife for his interest in kids of all ages.

"These kids want to be part of this program," Clement said. "It's not just the boosters; it's the whole town."

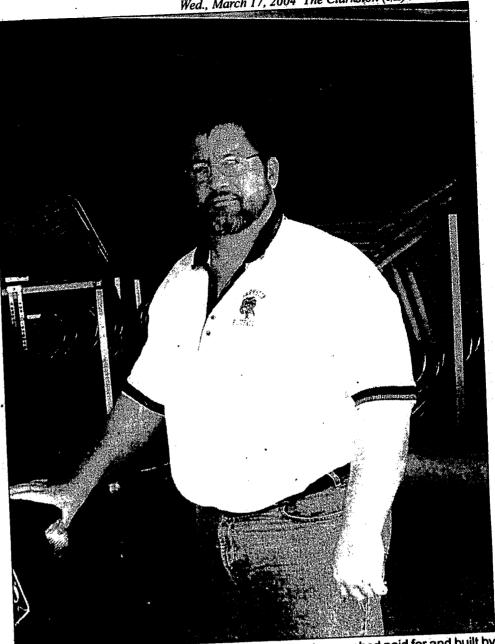
The boosters, therefore, will continue their work, which is both intense but entertaining (even if they don't get to see all the game action).

"If you watch the concession stand chaos in there, [but] we have a lot of fun," he said. "We put our hot dogs and popcorn against any other school in the county.'

Those interested in joining the athletic boosters (having children involved in sports is not a prerequisite), may ask for information at the concession stand at any game, visit the boosters Web site (www.clarkstonsports.org), or call (248) 625-9329.

'If you watch the concession stand at a varsity football game, it looks like chaos in there [but] we have a lot of fun.'

Keith Clement, President Clarkston Athletic Boosters



Keith Clement shows off a new athletic department storage shed paid for and built by the Clarkston Athletic Boosters. The boosters have donated \$250,000 to school teams over the past six years. Photo by Bob Flath



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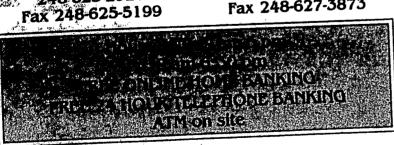
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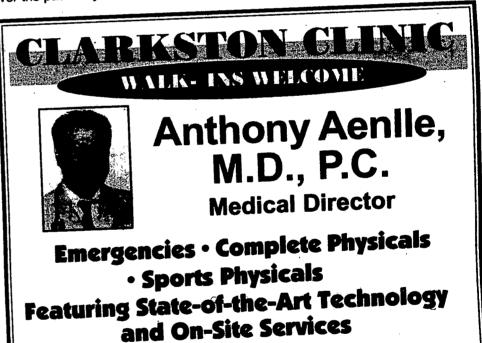
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Trollman of Clarkston was recently named 2003 Company Grade Officer of the Year for the 460th Communications Squadron at Buckley Air Force Base in Colorado, just outside of Den-

Trollman is currently assigned as the Deputy Flight Chief, Plans and Implementation Flight, for the 460th Communications Squadron. The squadron pro- by Trollman include working with the vides radio, satellite, telephone and computer support to the only continental United States-based missile warning

Trollman was noted for his efforts in managing a 130-person flight during Operation Iraqi Freedom, providing tactical missile warning to troops in the

Second Lieutenant David P. Middle East and coordinating the development of the 460th Air Base Wing's Crisis Operations Center, a \$2.5 million endeavor.

> In addition to this recognition, Trollman was also named the 460th Air Base Wing Communications and Information Professional of the Year in the Company Grade Officer category.

Contributions to Denver charities United Way, Parkinson's Foundation and the American Heart Society.

A 1998 graduate of Clarkston High School, Trollman graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 2002. He is the son of Bruce and Maria Trollman of Clarkston.

The following students at Albion

College have made achievements

within Greek life: Brandon Reiss

pledged Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, Jen-

nifer Cusumano was elected vice

president of Alpha Chi Omega soror-

ity, Megan Anderson pledged Kappa

Alpha Theta sorority and Colby

At school...

The following students, and Clarkston residents, were named to Miami University's's First Semester Dean's List for 2003-2004: Laura Barnett, Stephanie Lauder-Goff, Casey Bolten and Kathryn Christy.

To be named to the list, students had to maintain a 3.5 or better GPA. Miami University is located in Oxford, Albarkat pledged Alpha XI sorority.

Military news... Air Force Airman William R. Will-

iams graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

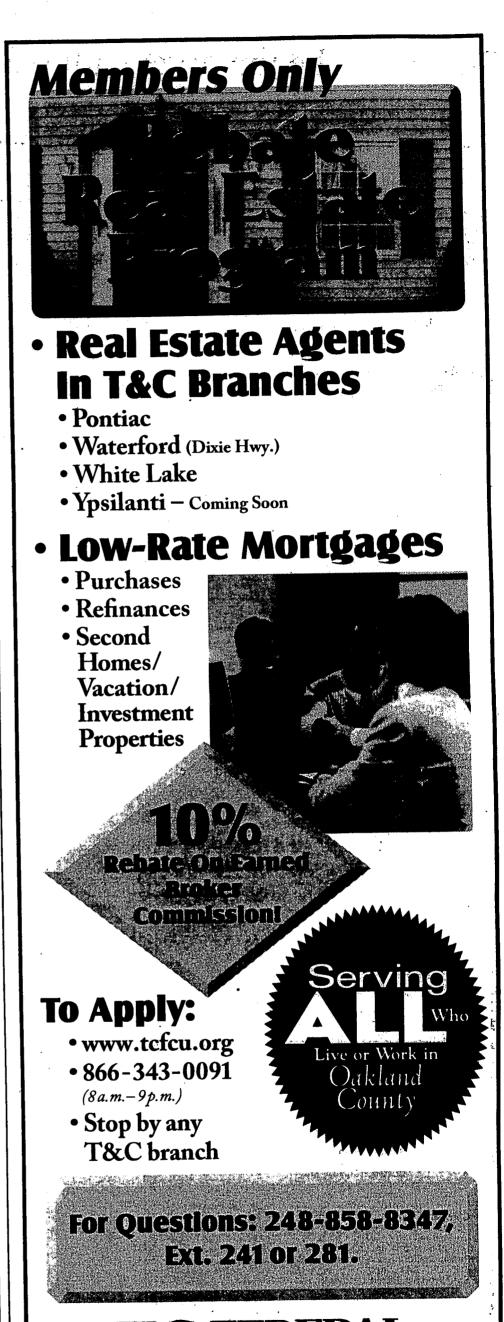
Williams is the son of William Williams of Clarkston and Denise Schumacker of Davisburg. Williams is a 2003 graduate of Clarkston High Clarkston High School.

School.

Air Force Airman Kenneth O. Williams graduated from basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

Williams is the son of Sue Williams of Clarkston. He is a 2003 graduate of

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CREDIT UNIONS

Students take top prize with imagination, ideas and K'nex

BY ALICIA DORSET

Clarkston News Staff Writer What would you do with a bucket of K'nex building pieces? If you were David Rimar, Megan McCarty or Michael Gapczynski, you'd think of ways to help those with disabilities.

Rimar, McCarty and Gapczyński, better known as the of different colored K'nex," team 'Shadow Cats', took first place in the Imagineers design competition on Jan 24 at Summit Place Mall.

The team, all fifth graders at Clarkston Elementary School, responded to a challenge put forth by the contest's sponsors, the Oakland County Optimist Club and the Construction tional," Larry Raymond, Specifications Institute, to fifth graders to build a device that fulfills a need or solves a problem using K'nex pieces and common household items.

arm with a grabbing claw for competition, winning a \$25 mall people with disabilities that might not be able to reach things far away or high above them.

"We thought of a problem we liked best," McCarty said.

Working with teacher Sue capital 'S'," Rimar said. Banworth, coordinator of the school's talent development program, the students brainstormed potential problems that they thought could use help and went from there. The challenge came in using the K'nex pieces and common household items only.

"This was our first year for the activity," Banworth said of how the team's design could help the students chosen to represent Clarkston Elementary at the it's the best thing I've ever competition. "These three made." showed interest in engineering activities."

Once the three developed their idea and final design, they participated in the county-wide contest at Summit Place Mall. The Shadow Cats arrived at the contest and had to build their entire design from scratch in one

"In the box we found a lot McCarty said.

To make the competition even more challenging, participants were presented with mystery items that had to be incorporated into their design. That day's items were a paint roller handle and a small drinking cup.

"Their design was opera-Imagineers founder, said. "What they said the device would do it did. The mystery items were used very creatively."

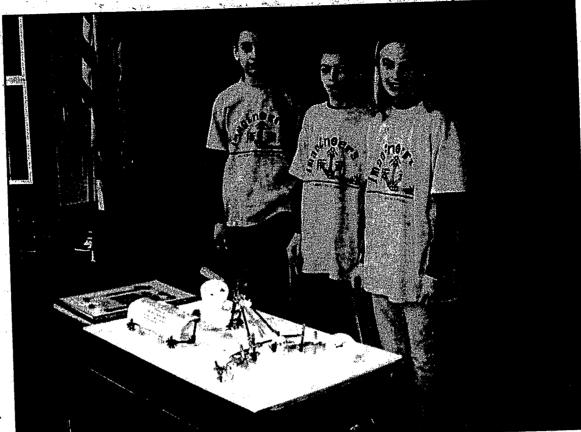
The Shadow Cats made it The Shadow Cats built an through the preliminary round of gift certificate. Shoppers at the mall passed by the displays and the team had to present their idea to a panel of judges.

'It was stage fright with a

A total of five rounds made up the day. At the final round the team took first place and received another \$25 certificate for being the best out of 75 participating teams.

"It (arm) could help save money instead of training dogs," McCarty said in reference to people with disabilities. "I think

While the competition allowed the students a creative out-



The Shadow Cats (David Rimar, Michael Gapczynski and Megan McCarty) were recent winners of the Imagineers design competition. The group competed with other fifth graders from Oakland County at Summit Place Mall on Jan. 24. Photo by Alicia Dorset.

let to compete with others, the goal of the program was to enhance team building and thought processing skills toward the engineering and science fields.

"You have to develop creative skills," Raymond said. "For example, the mystery items make you think on your feet.

"I mentored this team starting as three individuals and by the end they were a team."

The Shadow Cats were presented with a special certificate, framed with K'nex, for display in the school and a chance to show off their winning entry to fellow classmates.

"This is something (engineering) we don't address enough," Banworth said. "It's a way of being smart and it's a way of thinking."

The Imagineers program is in its seventh year of existence for fifth graders throughout Oakland county.

"This works for teams of all abilities, from private schools in Bloomfield Hills to public ones in Hamtramck," Raymond said.

While building and engineering are all just hobbies for the three young designers, they each have big goals for the future, with careers hopes rang-

ing from being a dentist to studying animals.

For now, the Shadow Cats are back at school displaying their design and generating interest with fourth graders about how to get involved next year. At the day of the presentation, Banworth had several fourth graders approach her about getting started for next year.

What did the students use their big prize money for? McCarty and Rimar had saved their certificates but fellow Shadow Cat Gapczynski had put his to good use.

He bought some Legos.

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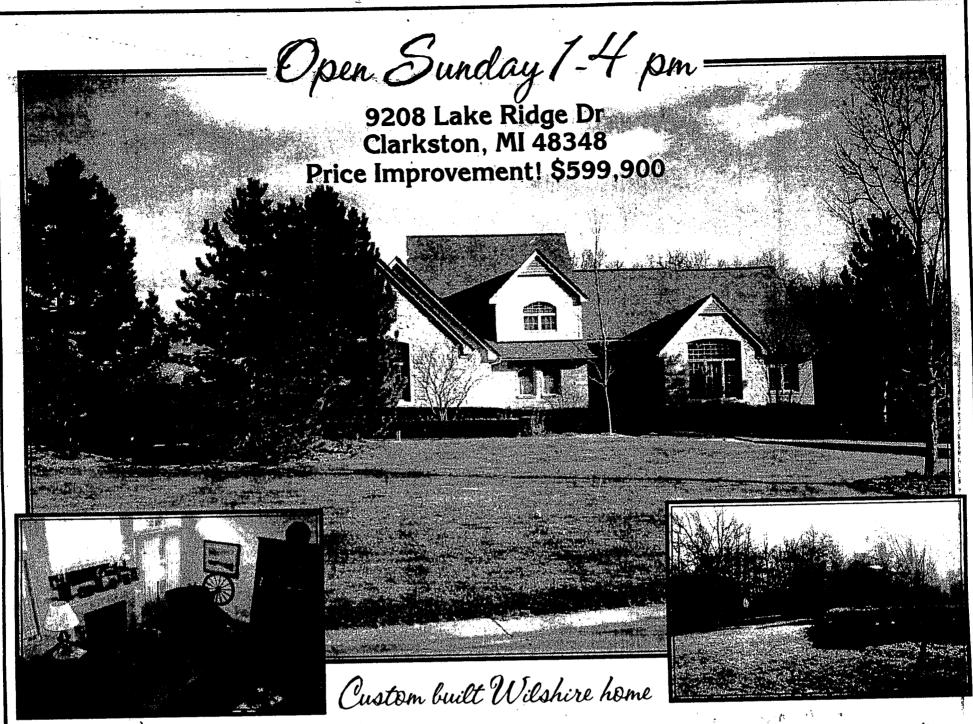
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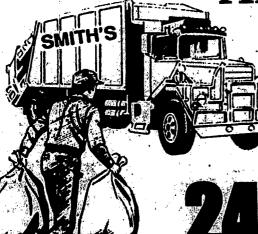
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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. Estate of Sandra Darlene Tate, Deceased Date of Birth: October 19, 1944 TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Sandra Darlene Tate, Deceased, who lived at 81 E. Cornell Pontiac, Michigan died

December 13, 2003.
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CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON 375 DEPOT ROAD **CLARKSTON MI 48346** SUMMARY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 9, 2004 Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Mayor Catallo. Roll. Present: Clifton, Catallo, Colombo, Gamble, Savage,

Werner. Absent: Meyland.

Minutes of February 23, 2004, accepted as presented Agenda accepted as presented with the addition of Clarkston, Conservatory Addition under New Business.

Bills in the amount of \$51, 612.16 approved for payment. Clifton commented on the recent Lake Orion fire in downtown Lake Orion and asked if the City should be acting to establish preventative measures for such a disaster in the City. Pursley stated that the Independence Fire Department conducts annual inspections. Key boxes are being considered, and Pursley is to check on this issue.

Colombo introduced Judge Dana Fortinberry of the 52nd District Court who in turn introduced candidate Colleen Moore. Judge Fortinberry and Ms. Moore discussed the Court op-

erations at present and future plans. Chief Combs gave the February statistics to the City Council which included the following: Traffic Citiations, 44 up from 29; Warnings, 75 up from 48; Drunk Driving arrests, 2 compared to 2; Parking Tickets, 25 up from 10; PBTs 110, down from 357 (this was due to pre-trial service); Finger Printing 13 up from 6. Total Revenues were \$160 from parking fines; PBTs \$900, Total police revenues down to \$1,220 from

Chief Combs informed the Council that a meeting with the sponsors of the proposed Trialthlon is necessary in order to determine if this event is feasible in the City.

Pursley reported that he had attended the MDOT meeting with Pappas and Matt Slicker of Hubbell, Roth and Clark. This meeting was to review the closing of 1-75 at Dixie Highway and rerouting the traffic through the City.

Pursley also reported on the seminar at Oakland County for mosquito control with regards to the West Nile Virus. Pursley distributed information that he had received at the seminar. He further reported that the individual residences should work to eliminate standing water any type

Roppas reported on the proposed 1-75 closure after July 4, and the hours of possible detours through the City.

Resolved that the Shriners' request for the Annual Hospital Fund Drive on June 10, 11, and 12 be honored contingent on the City receiving the Certificate of Insurance.

Correspondence from Oakland County regarding House Bill 4234 was discussed: if this becomes law, the City would eventually stand to lose \$9,200 annually from cancelling Personal Property taxes with a taxable value of \$10,000 or less. This reduction would be graduated beginning with \$3,000 to \$6,000 and finally to \$10,000.

Resolved that the City be on record as opposing House Bill 4324, and that this be conveyed to State Representatives

and State Senators.
Refer Stuhlreyer from Designhaus, architects for the proposed addition to the Clarkston Conservatory, reviewed the plans for the Council Also present were Scott Kelley, project leader, and Jim Wilhelmsen of the Clarkston Conservatory. Moved that the matter of the proposed addition to the Clark-iston Conservatory be tabled until the next meeting pending receipt from the City Planner for parking recommendations. Motion carried

Resolved that the City purchase two standby street lights per the information from Hubbell, Roth and Clark, Inc.
Resolved that the City Council adopt a resolution supporting
the proposed POH inputient facility for the Clarkston area. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Arlemus M. Pappas, Clerk

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STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF OAKLAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE ANDERSONVILLE SEWER IMPROVEMENT AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

April 6, 2004 Date: 7:30 p.m. Time: Township Library 6495 Clarkston Road Place: Clarkston, MI

The Charter Township of Independence has received petitions from the record owners of more than 50% of the land within a proposed special assessment district requesting the extension and construction of public sanitary sewer improvements (the "improvements") to serve the properties along Andersonville Road, Lake Forest Drive, Williams Drive and Lake Lane within the proposed district, and to defray the costs of such improvements by special assessment against the benefited properties. Based upon such petitions, the Township Board has tentatively declared its intent to proceed with the extension and construction of public sanitary sewer improvements to serve such properties and has tentatively decided to establish a special assessment district to defray a portion of the costs of such improvements by special assessment against the benefited properties. The improvements are intended to provide special benefits to the properties identified on the attachment to this Notice, which properties together tentatively constitute the "special assessment district." Prior public hearing were held on June 3, 2003, and October 7, 2003, concerning this matter, however additional petitions have been received for expansion of the special assessment district and improvements and the above additional public hearing is being held concerning the proposed revised improvements project, revised special assessment district and added petitions. The revised cost estimate and plans describing the improvements, as amended, are on file and available for public inspection at the Township Clerk's Office, which is located at 90 N. Main Street, Clarkston, Michigan

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at the above time, date and location, the Township Board of Trustees shall meet for the purpose of hearing statements and objections by any interested person with respect to the petitions, proposed improve-

ments and the proposed special assessment district. Appearance and profest at the hearing is required in order to appeal the matters to be considered at the hearing to the State Tax Tribunal. An owner of party in interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest, or shall be permitted to file his or appearance or protest by letter at or before the hearing and his or her personal appearance in such, case shall not be required.

JOAN MCCRARY, CLERK CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

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The Charter Township of Independence Department of Public Works is looking for seasonal help for mowing Township properties and other miscellaneous tasks. Applicants must be 18

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afternoon of shopping with friends. Bethany Baptist is hosting a Shopping Spree Extravaganza on March 27 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. for one day only. Local businesses will set up for a onestop shopping day, serving the tastes of those who like jewelry, collectibles, home decor, children's gifts, fitness, wines, scrapbooking, body products, food and much more. The church is

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Club 5529 presents Sanctus Real and For All the Drifters on Friday, March 19 at 8:30 p.m. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. and tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door. For more information, call 620-4900 www.5529music.com.

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day performances and \$12 for Friday and Saturday performances. All performances will be at the Depot Theater, located at 4861 White Lake Road in Clarkston. For directions to the theater or to reserve your tickets, please call 248-625-8811. For further information, please check out their Web www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org.

North Oakland Right to Life is sponsoring a high school oratory contest. The contest is scheduled for Saturday, Apr. 3, at 10 a.m. It will be held at the Independence Township Fire Hall in the training room. Applicants choose one of the following topics: euthanasia, abortion, infanticide, cloning or embryonic stem cell research. Deadline for application is March 19. Students in grade 9-12 have the opportunity to win up to \$100. The winner can go on to state and national competitions to win up to \$1,000. For complete details and application, call Mary Beth at (248) 625-

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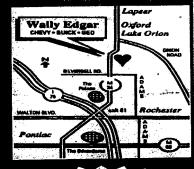
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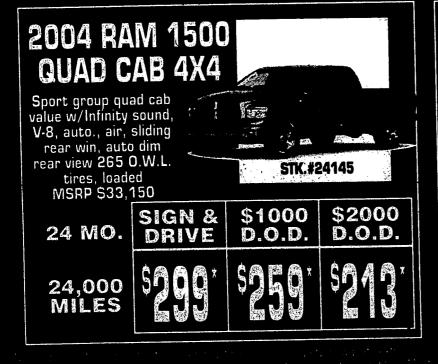
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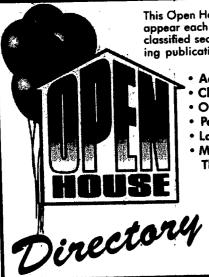
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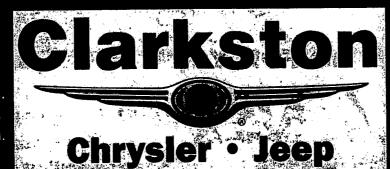
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