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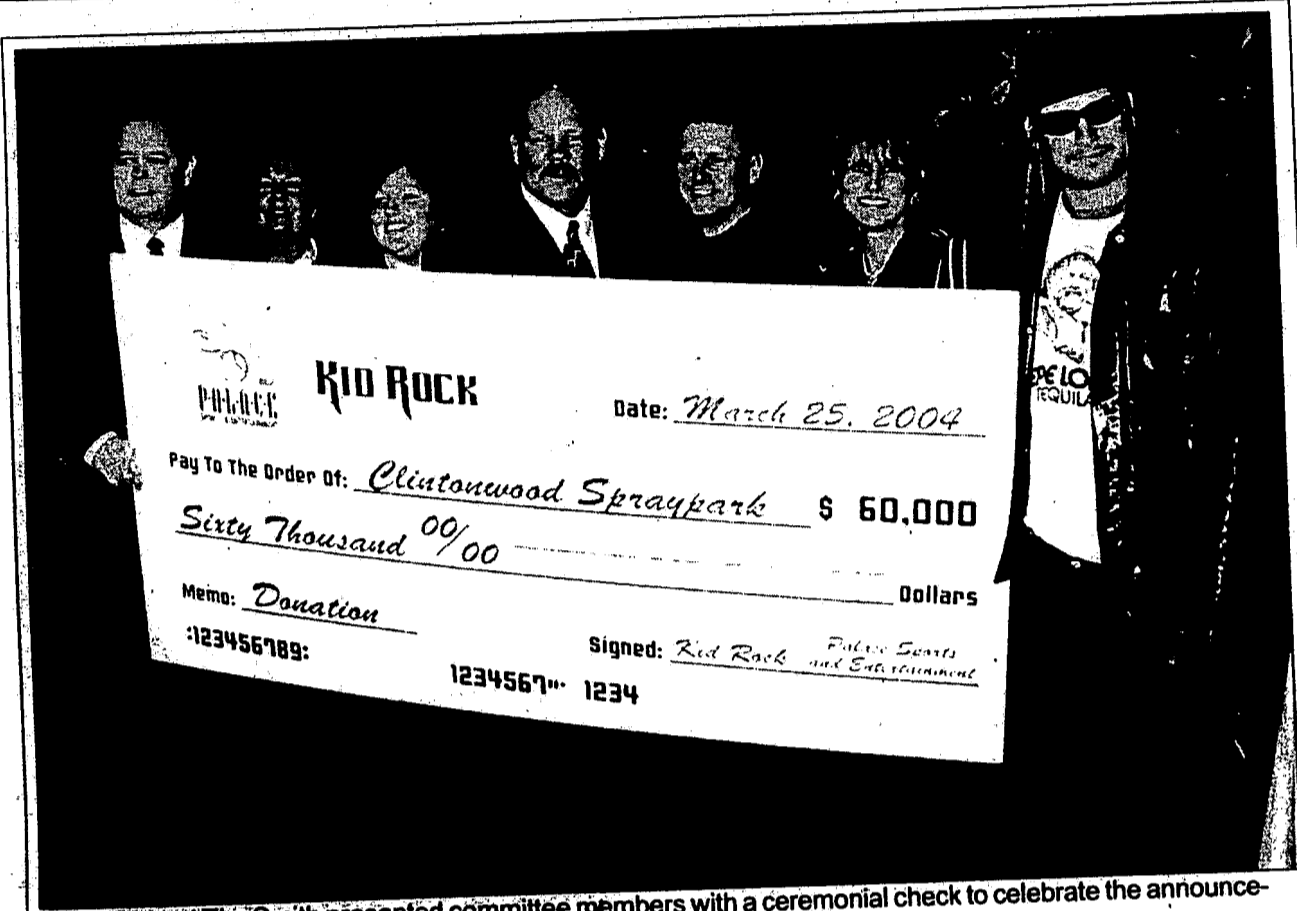
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Kid Rock and Tim Smith presented committee members with a ceremonial check to celebrate the announcement. Photo by Alicia Dorset.

Memorial for Renee Przybylski becomes a reality as...

## Kid Rock, Palace donate \$60,000 to finish spraypark

BY ALICIA DORSET  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

After more than a year of fund-raising and generating community support, the Spraypark at Clintonwood met its financial goal, thanks in part from two celebrity donations.

Kid Rock and officials from Palace Sports and Entertainment announced in a March 25 press conference that the two forces would donate \$60,000 to complete the fund-raising goal needed to break ground for the Spraypark at Clintonwood.

"I'm happy to be a part of it," Kid Rock said during the press conference. "Thanks to the Palace so that I didn't have to put it all in."

Kid Rock, along with Tim Smith, director of operations for the Palace, presented the Spraypark committee with a ceremonial check made out for \$60,000 before a set of performances at the Palace and Cobo Arena in Detroit. Each entity donated \$30,000.

"I'm friends with Kid Rock," Smith said of the how the joint donation came about. "Through a social get-together we found out that we wanted to work on the same project."

After the official presentation, Kid Rock met with Michele and Ralph Przybylski, committee co-chairs and parents of the park's namesake Renee Przybylski. The parents thanked him for the generous donation and what it meant to the family and community.

"That's what you're supposed to do," Kid Rock said to the family in response to his donation.

Renee was a day camp counselor at Clintonwood Park and loved working with children. She died in December 2001 after being diagnosed with leukemia. She was 23 years old.

"Renee's looking down and smiling on us and Clarkston," Michele Przybylski said.

Talks began in January about Kid Rock, a local resident whose son attends Clarkston Community Schools, possibly getting involved with the fund-raising efforts, according to Kelly Arcello, Independence Township Parks and Recreation recreational programmer and committee co-chair.

"Kid Rock expressed interest in the project," Arcello said. "He found out about it through his son and being a community member."

The Palace, a member of the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, approached officials a year ago about donating money to the park. When Smith found out that Kid Rock wanted to donate as well, the Palace decided to match whatever amount Kid Rock donated to help meet the goal needed to open the park.

"We didn't realize how the community was backed behind this," Smith said. "She (Renee) must have been a fantastic person."

The donation was a needed addition to the fund-raising efforts for the park. The committee raised the amount needed to open the park after they decided to incorporate a recycled water system and a safer surface for the park's water play area.

"He is part of the Clarkston community. This is his hometown now and he's really excited to be a part of it," Arcello said. "It goes to show you how important it (park) was that Kid Rock met with us. It really reconfirms it's a community project."

Together with the \$60,000 donation from Kid Rock and the Palace and the \$125,000 raised by the committee itself, the total funds for the park total more than \$180,000.

"This really brings the community closer," Smith

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## Human bones found in Springfield

BY DON SCHELSKE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

It may take eight to 10 months to evaluate DNA evidence, but Oakland County Sheriff investigators believe human bones found in Springfield Township last week are the remains of a person reported missing in January 1995.

Deputies were dispatched to a wooded area off of Ware Road near Andersonville Road at about 5:55 p.m. Thursday, March 25, after three local men found the remains while walking in the woods looking for antlers, sheriff's reports said.

Deputies found what appeared to be a human skull. Several other bones, suspected to be torso and leg bones, were found scattered in a roughly 80-square-foot area of the Indian Springs Metropark. Pieces of clothing, possibly from a jacket and shoes, were also found in the area, reports said.

Investigators believe the remains are those of Larry Armistead, who at age 38 apparently wandered away from a Ware Road where he had been housesitting.

Undersheriff Michael McCabe said part of the remains and a blood sample from Armistead's sister has been sent to the FBI for analysis.

Armistead's friends had reported him missing, and said he had a history of alcohol use and unusual behavior.

Searches of the area in early 1995 were unsuccessful. Neighbors had told investigators of seeing Armistead headed toward the Metropark property and had given a clothing description, which included a light blue jacket despite the cold weather.

McCabe said the remains were found less than three-quarters of a mile from where Armistead was staying.

"Based on the description of the coat, we believe it was him," McCabe said.

No foul play is suspected in the incident, McCabe said.

## Candidates organize for Springfield campaign

BY DON SCHELSKE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

With a competing slate of candidates organizing to challenge incumbents, it appears there will be a race to November in Springfield Township.

Incumbent Supervisor Collin Walls, apparently with some knowledge of the impending opposition, has already filed nominating petitions for reelection.

"Rumors of my retirement are grossly premature," Walls said last week, announcing his intent to seek a ninth term of office.

Walls was first appointed to fill a vacancy in 1976, then ran for election for what was then a two-year term. (By state law, all township board terms are now four-year terms.)

"I enjoy what I'm doing and I want to stay around a little longer," Walls said. "I have some things that are

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# Briefly

## NOHLC hosts nature walk

Returning North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy's leader guides, and any others interested in volunteering to help as NOHLC guides, are invited to check out early spring happenings at Kimball Nature Preserve.

This is the first in a series of docent-guided nature walks scheduled for 2004 for conservancy members and the general public. Special walks may be scheduled by request. The Kimball Nature Sanctuary is a 41-acre site which includes a portion of the Clinton river, wetlands, floodplain and rich lowland forests, along with a diversity of plant and animal species.

Although there is no charge for the tour, registration is suggested. Call the NOHLC office at (248) 846-6547.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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## RCOC to close Holcomb Road

The Road Commission for Oakland County will close Holcomb Road to through traffic between Allen Road and Davisburg Road in Independence and Springfield Townships beginning Monday, April 5 for a \$3.2 million project to pave the gravel road.

The road is expected to re-open on approximately Aug. 1. In addition to paving the gravel road, the project includes installation of storm sewers and concrete curbs and gutters along most of the road, which should improve drainage in the area.

During the work, residents living along this section of Holcomb Road will be allowed to use the road to access their homes. The detour route for through traffic is Allen Road, Ratalee Lake Road and Bridge Lake Road.

## Springfield Kroger store officially opens

After a few delays, Kroger Great Lakes Division has held the grand opening for their new store at 9741 Dixie Highway in Springfield Township. The store first opened its doors on Tuesday, March 23.

The original target date for the store opening was November 2003. According to John Mansour of JM Development, construction on the 80,000 square foot shopping center just south of Davisburg Road did not begin in earnest until about August 2003 because developers were "waiting for final approval."

The new complex will help fill a commercial void, Mansour said, with tenants such as Citizens Bank, Subway, Great Clips and a wireless communications provider committed to occupy space.

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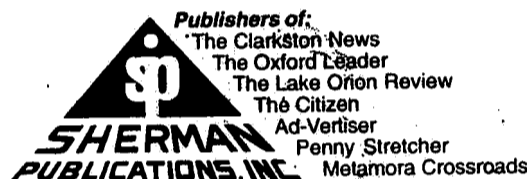
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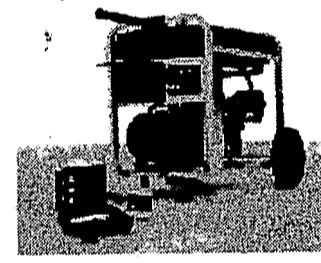


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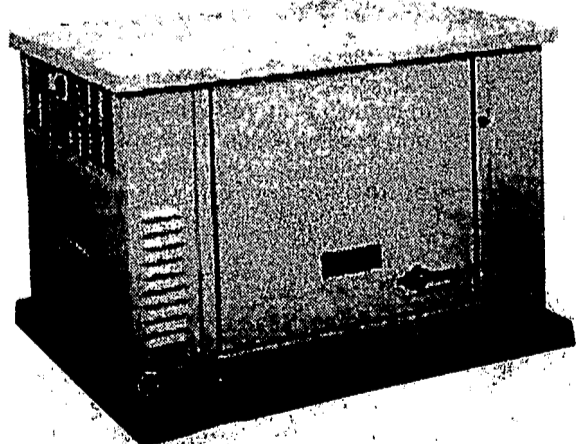
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# The Second Front

## 'Proposal A' anniversary fuels school funding debate

BY DON SCHELSKE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The 10th anniversary of "Proposal A" has most local officials singing its praises on behalf of taxpayers, but school officials continue to lament its effect on their budget.

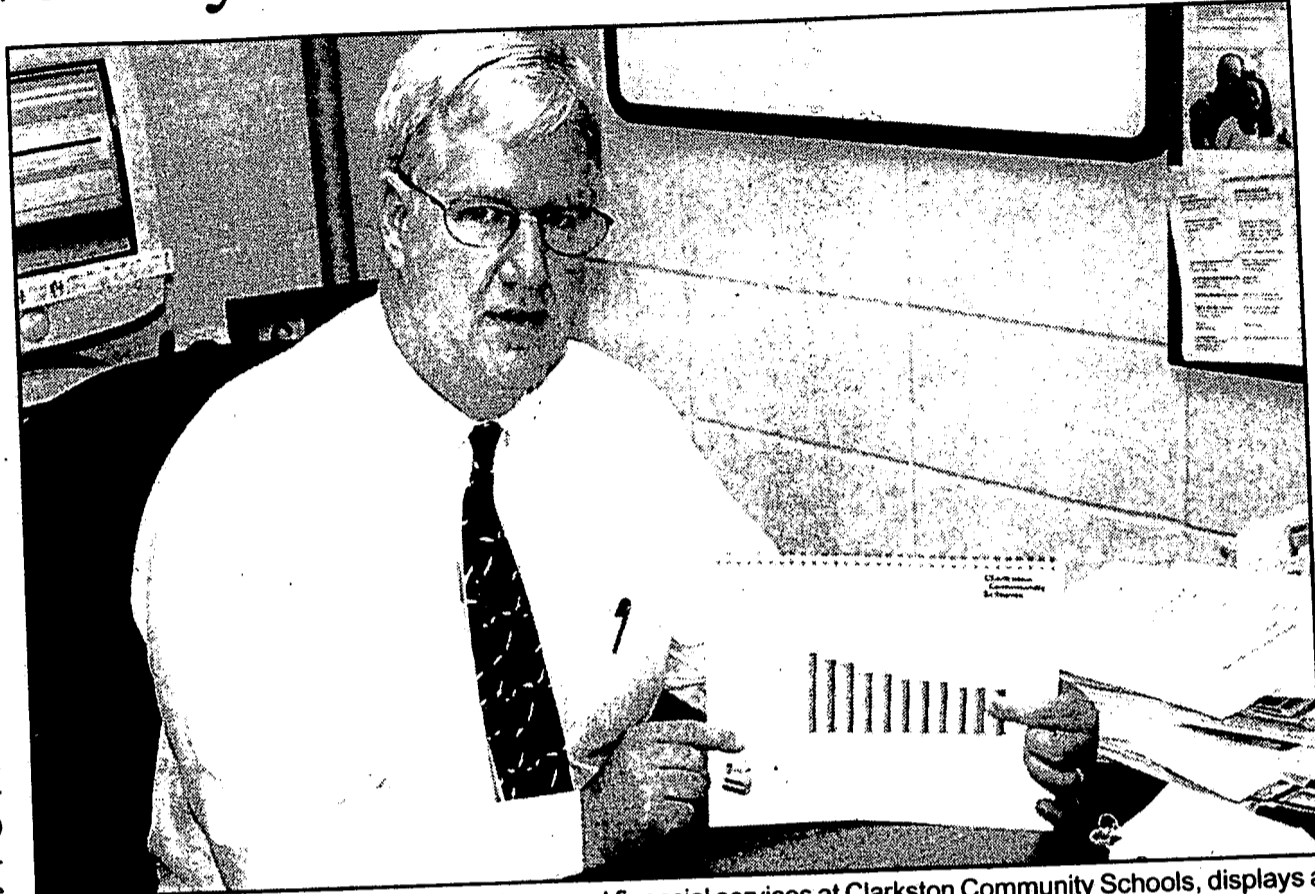
Taxpayers, meanwhile, may have trouble keeping track of the numbers.

"The concept of Proposal A was admirable," according to Karen Foyteck, president of the Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education and a member of the board in 1994. However, "We still have high disparity. Now we're sort of caught in a slot, so to speak. The state has never provided what the state has promised."

What was "promised" was relief for property owners and more equity in funding among public school districts. Most believe the first promise was kept, while debate continues concerning the second issue.

When Michigan voters approved Proposal A on March 15, 2004, it set into motion a series of legislative changes:

- Annual property assessment increases were capped at 5 percent or the rate of inflation (whichever is less). While "state equalized value" remains at 50 percent of a property's assessment, Proposal A created a new category of "taxable value" to reflect the assessment cap.
- Local property taxes for school operations were eliminated except for an 18-mill "non-homestead" property (business, commercial and rental properties and second residences).
- A statewide 6-mill property tax was instituted for local school operations.



Bruce Beamer, executive director for business and financial services at Clarkston Community Schools, displays a Plante and Moran chart showing how many Oakland County school districts receive more than Clarkston in per-pupil foundation grants. The foundation grant was a creation of 1994's Proposal A, and is now the primary source of funding for local school operations. *File photo*

• The state sales tax was raised from 4 percent to 6 percent.

• While local districts were able to seek voter approval for building issues, the primary form of state aid for school operations became a per-pupil "foundation grant" from the state budget.

"At the time, people felt property taxes were rising at an alarming rate," Foyteck said. "I think there was a sigh of relief," when the proposal passed.

According to figures provided by the Independence Township Treasurer's office, the Clarkston school district share of local property taxes was 40.53 mills in 1993 (including both operating and debt retirement levies).

For the past several years, Clarkston school district tax bills have included the state 6-mill levy, a 7-mill debt retirement levy and (where applicable) the 18-mill "non-homestead" tax.

Even with the assessment cap, township Treasurer Jim Wenger said there have been increases in assessments and, therefore, "People's taxes still went up."

Bruce Beamer, executive director for business and financial services for Clarkston schools, admitted the local property tax situation would be even worse without Proposal A limitations.

By his computations, total tax collections in 1993 (including such entities as community college and the intermediate school district) collected \$44.1 million. Without Proposal A (and assuming no additional operating millage increases), he believes local tax revenue would now be at least \$48.3 million but is really about \$23.4 million.

Beamer estimates the owner of a home with an assessed value of \$275,000 would be paying an additional \$4,063 in property taxes without Proposal A.

"The taxpayer is paying less tax locally," he said.

While the benefit to property owners seems apparent, some still question the benefits of Proposal A to local schools.

Figures from the Lansing-based Anderson Economic Group show a 45.2 percent increase in school operating revenue statewide between 1994 and 2001, compared with a 4.7 percent increase in enrollment and a 15.2 percent rate of inflation.

"Proposal A has its pluses and its minuses," Beamer

said. "From a financial officer's perspective, it affects me quite a bit."

In addition to state budget problems (which caused a cut in state aid this school year), Beamer previously noted Clarkston's low standing among Oakland County school districts for per pupil state aid. In the district's 2002-2003 audit report, Clarkston was shown with a foundation grant of \$6,947 per student. Nine districts showed a higher amount, with Birmingham receiving \$11,755 per student.

"[The disparity] has been reduced some, but it certainly has not leveled the playing field," Foyteck said.

Part of the problem, she said, is the pre-1994 differences in how the state treated local districts. While most districts received limited state aid in addition to their local operating millages, some districts raised enough local taxes to be considered "out of formula." Those districts tended to maintain a high "foundation grant" under Proposal A.

"We were very close to being out of formula," Foyteck said. "Our funding would have been different" in that case.

In addition, the already-existing Headlee Amendment has caused challenges to the 18-mill non-homestead "local" tax, Foyteck said. The Headlee Amendment requires governments to "roll back" their millages when their total assessed value exceeds the rate of inflation.

The problem, local officials have complained, is the Proposal A formula and the Headlee Amendment created a new issue.

"They said we must levy 18 mills to get our full per-pupil allowance," Foyteck said. "No one realized Headlee would affect the non-homestead [levy]."

While there have been rumblings of changes to state school financing, no one seems to have a firm proposal on the table.

"So far, I haven't heard any proposed tweaks that would solve our problem," Foyteck said.

Rep. John Stakoe (R-Highland), who represents the Clarkston area, is not among those eager to change Proposal A. He did not hold political office in 1994, but he supported the proposal.

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### THE IMPACT OF 'PROPOSAL A'

Computing property taxes requires an understanding of terms and careful calculation, both of which changed considerably with the adoption of Proposal A in 1994.

Here are a few numbers for comparison for homeowners in the Clarkston Community Schools district.

**Average home value (per Independence Twp. Assessor):**  
1994 ..... \$64,572    2003 ... \$129,143

**School property taxes (per Independence Twp. Treasurer):**  
1993 ..... 40.53 mills\*    2003 ... 13 mills\*\*  
(\*combined operating and debt retirement)  
(\*\*6-mill state tax plus 7-mill local debt retirement; does not count 18-mill non-homestead tax for commercial, rental and second residence properties)

**State sales tax:**  
1993 ..... 4%    After 1994 ..... 6%

**Basis of computing property tax:**  
1993: State equalized value was 50 percent of market value.

After 1994: After establishment of SEV, the "taxable value" increased annually no more than 5 percent of the rate of inflation, whichever is less. Assessment may be restored to 50 percent of market value after sale or major addition to a home.

#### What is a mill?

A mill is \$1 for every \$1,000 of a property's "taxable value." Using the current 13 mills cited above, the owner of a home with a taxable value of \$90,000 is paying \$1,170 annually toward support of Clarkston Community Schools.

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# Liberty Town Square Plans approved by Independence Board

BY KYLE GARGARO  
Clarkston News Editor

After much discussion, one of the largest construction projects in Independence Township history has been given the green light.

The Independence Township Board of Trustees voted 6-1 to approve the second reading of the Liberty PUD. The vote clears the way for a \$40 million mixed-use real estate development on the west side of Sashabaw Road between Waldon and Maybee Roads called Liberty Town Square.

Township resident Joseph Locricchio is one of the masterminds behind the project which will add to the Liberty Golf Course and Links of Independence condominiums. The plan calls for 48 detached condominiums, 42 town-home condominiums, 115,000 square feet of commercial retail, 30,000 square feet of class A office space and three commercial pad sites.

"The board approval was a culmination of 20 years of work for the vision of Sashabaw Road," Locricchio said. "We are happy with how it turned out after our own two years of planning."

Helping Locricchio with the project are Anthony Bashore of Wilshore Development Group and Manny Kniahynycky of MiK Development. The three are working together as Liberty Investments LLC, an affiliate of Independence Realty Venture LLC.

"I think this is well balanced and well put together," Liberty Investments attorney Neil Wallace said.

Locricchio said the goal of the project was to create a village feel with pedestrian traffic. The Liberty Town Square will try to capitalize on a sense of community by including pedestrian walkways to allow easy access not only for immediate neighbors, but even folks from the other side of Sashabaw Road (via a planned pedestrian crossing at Bow Pointe Drive).

"This is a nice entry way into the township. When this is finished it will be a great amenity for the community," Locricchio said.

In keeping with the township planners' concepts of the "town center" theme along Sashabaw Road, Liberty Town Square will also include a wetland bank with six acres of newly created wetland and preservation of open space areas in perpetuity.

"It has been a long time waiting for a project like this to come along," Trustee Dave Wagner said. "I think it is a great project and will add a lot to the community."

With the expansion of Sashabaw Road now underway, Locricchio said a lot of businesses are showing interest in the project. While they are in discussions with numerous businesses, TCF Bank is the only company already committed to Liberty Town Square.

"We are in talks with some sit-down restaurants, coffee shops and some other service-oriented busi-

nesses," Locricchio said. "Since Sashabaw is underway interest has really taken off. Before people would say the road would not be able to accommodate their business."

Clerk Joan McCrary was the only board member who voted against the project. McCrary was concerned about the amount of residential space in the project.

"I like the project but it is overdone on the residential. I don't like the idea of homes being 18 feet apart," McCrary said. "We have intense development on Sashabaw already. Are we widening Sashabaw for the purpose of just loading it up again?"



Examining plans for Liberty Town Square are (standing) Manny Kniahynycky, Joe Locricchio; (seated) Jay MacDonald, Jim Eppink and Anthony Bashore. File photo.



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# Attorney buys old township hall

BY DON SCHELSKE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The old Springfield Township Hall will be saved, but by a private businessman rather than a "Save Our Hall" committee.

The township board accepted a purchase offer of \$210,000 for the building at 650 Broadway in downtown Davisburg, about two years after township offices moved to the new civic center.

Attorney Dennis Strelchuk hopes to occupy the building by June, operating his legal practice and offering part of the 5,500-square-foot space for lease to other businesses.

The township board settled for considerably less money. In December 2001, the building was appraised at \$300,000. Last year, the board listed it with a Realtor for \$275,000 and rejected a couple offers with less

than satisfactory terms.

Supervisor Collin Walls and Treasurer Jamie Dubre voted against Strelchuk's offer. Walls said he was hoping for more money, but admitted the sale is a good thing.

"There will be another business in downtown Davisburg," Walls said. "He's planning significant modernization of the interior."

The hall was built in 1902, and some hoped the government would allow citizens to use the old hall for music presentations, theater workshops, art classes and other meetings to promote community and culture.

"I'm very disappointed in the leadership," Diane Wozniak said. "I can understand their thinking, but I don't agree with it."

Wozniak and others had tried to convince Walls of the

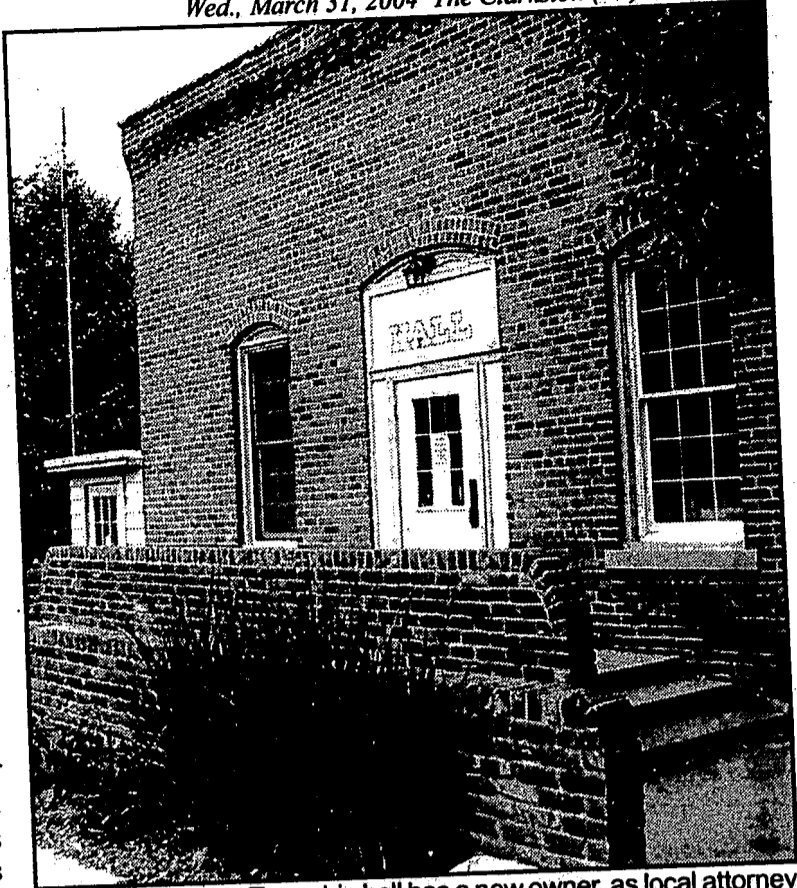
potential for community activities, but he maintained that no one had shown a need for a public hall in addition to existing facilities at the new civic center, local schools and the Hart Community Center.

Strelchuk, who has his current practice on Dixie Highway and is a member of the township zoning board, said the purchase is good for him and the community.

"I'm pretty committed to the community," he said, and "It fits what I need personally."

Strelchuk said his plans for renovation will include both interior and exterior.

"It really needs a lot of work," he said, noting damage to the brick finish a few years ago when a power washer was used to clean it. He plans a new "slat look" facade consistent with other downtown buildings.



The old Springfield Township hall has a new owner, as local attorney Dennis Strelchuk has agreed to pay \$210,000 for the historic building at 650 Broadway. File photo

## Proposal A

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"You could have considered me one of those concerned about the level of property taxes," Stakoe said. He believes the sales tax hike was "more equitable" than differences in local property tax rates, and he believes the overall impact has been positive for the state.

"Proposal A is doing what it was meant to do," he said. "There's always

going to be some inequity [among some districts]," but, "It's looking better."

The only way to increase school funding is to go back to the taxpayers, and Stakoe noted already increased local taxes for school building and technology projects.

(Statewide, the Anderson Economic Group study shows an increase in school

infrastructure revenue of 147.8 percent between 1994 and 2001.)

He believes the state economy is gradually improving, and said the legislature has attempted to protect state aid to public schools.

"From a legislative standpoint, we have made K-12 education a priority," he said. "It continues to be a priority."

While uncertain about the impact to the state budget, Stakoe said he could support a proposal from the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to issue tax credits to those donating money to public (or private) schools.

"It's a great idea," he said. "I'm very positive toward any tax credits we can provide."

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# Opinion

## Editorial

### Make a difference

With the national presidential election receiving so much news coverage it is easy to forget about important elections at the local level.

Our area is no exception as Clarkston Community Schools are set to hold elections on June 14. Two open school board seats will be on the ballot. Board President Karen Foyteck and Trustee Mary Ellen McLean have their terms ending.

Foyteck has already announced her intention to run for another four-year term, while McLean has said she would bow out.

The good news is that Diane Weller has filed nominating petitions to join Foyteck on the ballot. The bad news is, as of Monday, March 29, she is the only one.

School board members play an intricate role in how our schools are run and how our kids are taught. Contrary to popular belief it is the school board, and not the school superintendent, who are at the top of the food chain. It is the school board that sets the direction of a given school district and is accountable for results.

The fact that only one person has made the decision to run for office is distressing. This is an important time to be a school board member. Issues such as budget cuts and No Child Left Behind legislation need to be addressed. This community needs, and deserves, educated and free-thinking individuals to give of their time in the form of public service.

In order to appear on the ballot, nominating petitions need to be filed by Thursday, April 8. It is really not that hard to file. To earn a spot on the ballot, a nominee must gather at least 40 valid signatures of registered Clarkston school district voters. Nominating positions are available at the office of Deputy Superintendent Dave Reschke or by calling (248) 623-5413.

To register to vote, citizens visit their local government clerk's office or the Michigan Secretary of State's office.

Maybe citizens are just waiting until the last minute to file. Let's hope that is the case because the more candidates we have the better the debate. This occurred last year when Clarkston Schools had eight candidates competing for two school board openings.

The Clarkston News realizes our community is full of intelligent individuals who care deeply about the type of education our children are receiving. It is time for those individuals to think about giving of their time by becoming a school board member.

You have no experience in elected office? We say great. The Clarkston School Board would be greatly helped by independent thinking who could bring a fresh look to old problems. With no preconceived notions, new candidates can "think outside the box," if elected to the board.

Uncontested elections lead to lazy officials who are too comfortable in their position. That is not a shot at the current board, but rather simply human nature. That is no way to run an entity as important as our school board. - KPG

Editor's note: The Clarkston News found out Tuesday that Jeff Allstedt has also thrown his hat into the ring. Way to go, Jeff!

## Letters to the Editor

### Seniors should pay for new Senior Center

Ok, here we go again. I feel like we are talking to our kids. No means no to the senior citizens center. If seniors want a senior citizens center then they should pay for it. There are many other costs that the average family needs to pay for which is the majority in this community. Like rising insurance costs (up 250% in 6 years), home property taxes up every year. Trying to save enough money to provide our kids a college edu-

cation and trying to save enough money so we can retire ourselves some day. Updating our homes and living spaces. I would never ask my neighbor to help me fund something that I would use. If I wanted it, I would save for it.

Jim Altene  
Clarkston

### Courts should not create new rights

President Bush and other conservatives have been accused in recent weeks of seeking to "put bias in the Constitution" by endorsing an amendment that would define marriage as solely the union of one man and one woman. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Gay marriage has never been a constitutional right in America -- or any other civilized nation. Those who support the amendment aren't trying to deprive homosexuals of any of the legal protections they currently enjoy; instead, they are trying to prevent runaway courts from creating out of thin air new "rights" that would prove detrimental to society.

Amendment supporters have also been disparaged

as "bigots." How can that be, when the language being proposed is identical to the language of the Defense of Marriage Act, passed by 427 members of Congress? Are they -- and former President Clinton, who signed the bill into law -- bigots, too?

This aggressive campaign to undermine marriage, as it's always been known, can be defeated -- but only if we all stand up to support the Federal Marriage Amendment. Please stand firm for the sanctity of marriage that has served society for centuries.

Anna Anderson  
Clarkston

### Stakoe believes reading is key for youth

Throughout March, I had the opportunity to read to students in every public and private elementary school in the 44th District. I really enjoyed meeting the students and sharing the joy of reading. Reading opens up a world of possibilities for young people and provides the foundation for success in life. I hope each student saw those possibilities and will embrace the value of reading as they strive to achieve their personal goals.

I want to thank the principals and teachers who

worked so hard to make these "March is Reading Month" events happen. As educators, parents and community leaders we have a responsibility to help students develop a positive attitude toward reading. With any luck, our students will develop a lifetime interest in books that serves as a stepping stone to success.

John P. Stakoe  
State Representative, 44th District

### Where is separation of Church and State?

We read that the war on terrorism is now to be extended to Syria. For the consideration of your readers here are some observations by Michael Lind in his book, "Made in Texas," Basic Books 2003.

- Before 9/11 Bush was busy canceling treaties and withdrawing the US from International Conventions, planning an invasion of Iraq, and treating the Likud government of Israel as it's closest foreign ally. After 9/11 the Bush administration continued to carry out exactly the same policies - even though unilateralism, the planned invasion and occupation of Iraq and the pro-Sharon tilt undermined America's ability to muster a long-lasting global coalition. A year after the Al-Qaeda assault, the US was more isolated abroad and more divided over foreign policy at home, than at any time since the Vietnam War.

- Shrugging off international law and diplomacy, the US would wage "preemptive" wars against regimes that might pose speculative threats, even if they did not threaten the US...with imminent danger. P 124.

- Career officials in the US executive branch privately described the grand strategy of GWB as "the Israelization of American foreign policy. P140.

- When the legitimately elected president of Palestine was treated "as a mere criminal who the US refused to deal with. The project for the New American Century, a neo-conservative think tank that dis-

seminated the thinking of the Wolfowitz circle called on US military to eliminate Hussein but also engage in preemptive strikes against Iran, Syria, Hezbollah and other states that shared nothing in common other than their opposition to the state of Israel. P. 140-141.

So now we are going to attack Syria!

- Southerners, eager to support American wars are high school educated, white males from the rural or small town South. P 142.

- The religious right believes in apocalyptic ideology regarding land stolen from Arabs as the "fulfillment of biblical prophecy." P. 147.

- Since 1977 Protestant fundamentalists have acted as an echo chamber for the Israeli Likud party. P 149.

- What the Scots-Irish did to the native Irish Catholics in the 17th century is remarkably similar to what the most militant Jewish colonists did to the native Arab Palestinians in the twentieth century. P 155.

The colonization projects (in Ireland) like those in Israel/Palestine have been accompanied by every kind of atrocity on the part of Israel. The American taxpayer, 98 percent of whom are not Jewish, are taxed billions every year to support Israeli policies.

Where is separation of Church and State here? Where is morality?

Irene Rauth  
Clarkston

Write a letter to the editor by e-mailing us at [shermanpub@aol.com](mailto:shermanpub@aol.com).

# Locals 'Support the Soldiers'

About a year ago Americans embarked on a mission to oust Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq. Whether or not we should or should not be there is not the subject of this column. The polls indicate Americans are split about 50-50 on this war. And, odds are it will always be so . . .

. . . so . . . let the politicians rant and rave and call each other liars and hypocrites - I thought I would write about what some locals are doing because of the war in Iraq. I picked up a flier from the Goodrich area; it's a black and white photo-copy of a color original.

Along the right side in big, block letters is: Support The Soldiers.

"A local soldier's National Guard Unit was activated to Iraq. They have been stationed on the edge of Baghdad, at what they fondly call the 'hole,'" the flier states. "They are in an area completely destroyed by bombs, with makeshift quarters, bugs everywhere, no sanitation, dogs running wild and temperatures already hitting 90 degrees. They do not have a store at their location, so they must convoy through or around Baghdad for anything they need."

This National Guard unit shipped out before Christmas. One of my cousins' husband shipped out before Christmas, too. My cousin and their son have been told that Mark (the husband and father) could be expected home in about a year and a half, barring anything disastrous.

The flier's creator is trying to limit the number of convoys the soldiers make to the store - thus limiting the amount of times they become sitting ducks for snipers, bombers and any others whose aim it is to kill American GIs. So, they send stuff out weekly. That's a good idea.

According to the flier, "we send out about 50 pounds of stuff a week . . ."

The flier also said there are "150 male soldiers from Michigan in this unit." Maybe Mark is a part of this unit?



Don't Rush Me

Don Rush

At any rate, the flier posted the soldiers "initial wish list."

- Powdered Gatorade (any drink mix that does not require sugar)
- Beef jerky
- Baby wipes
- Q-Tips
- Pipe cleaners
- Bubble gum
- Bug repellent with lots of Deet
- Bars of soap
- Flypaper strips
- Flea collars to put around their boots
- Flea powder to sprinkle around beds
- Permethrin products (a product used to treat clothes to prevent being bit by sand flies)
- Kleenex
- Toilet paper
- Boxes of snack crackers
- Nuts
- Cheese in a tube
- Packages of cookies
- Instant coffee
- Individual cream and sugar packages
- Candy that won't melt
- Sunscreen
- Disposable razors
- Magazines and books (no nudity)
- Socks
- Brown t-shirts
- Microwave Chef Boyardee
- Fabric softener dryer sheets (fragrant) to keep bugs away.

"We are not shipping anything in an aerosol container (mail regulations); bottled water/drinks (it weighs too much); pork products (against Iraqi culture, so it is not allowed). We do not need feminine products (it is an all male unit)."

Anybody who wants to help can e-mail me with your name and daytime phone. I'll pass this information on to the appropriate individuals.

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

# Etiquette tips for golfers

January 7, 2004 *The Detroit News* printed golf etiquette tips that "demonstrate respect for playing partners and the game."

It should have been run with the comics, not on a sports page. In season, I play golf four days a week. To pick up an occasional win one has to sneeze, scratch or wave to a tree during an opponent's backswing. And, of course, being friends, they return the distraction.

Here's a *News* etiquette tip when on the tee: Don't make noise.

Oh, the noises I've heard, and made, on a tee would make a mule sick, drown out 10-car crash and waken Rip Van Winkle.

On the fairway tip: "If you are walking ahead and to the side of someone hitting, stay out of his or her vision - and out of danger - and watch every move he or she makes!"

You can bet your mother's jewelry we'll be watching every move he or she makes. 'Trust' is not one

of the golf course's commandments. Balls hit far into the woods, past out of bounds stakes and into lakes have been known to be found in mid-fairway.

On the green: "Closest to the hole tends the flag." And, "First to finish the hole is responsible for replacing the flag." The person closest to the hole often regards the flag as a rag on a stick and is so busy marking his ball closer to the hole he forgets to get the flag.

When a person finishes a hole has no bearing on replacing the flag. To many the flag is too heavy. Many have bad backs and, while they can bend quickly and pick up their ball when someone says, "That's a gimme," they can't bend for the flag. Too, many who finish first have to get back to the cart to change scores on previous holes because they just



Jim's Jottings

Jim Sherman

remembered they miscounted.

Etiquette for pace of play: "Check in at least 15 minutes early." Thirty minutes if the bar is open, then show up five minutes late for your tee time, saying, "When nature calls you have to answer."

"Keep up with the players in your group and the group ahead of you." In this one league we tend to avoid the players in our group, especially when they habitually hit into the group ahead of us. We expect threatening words on the golf course, but we certainly don't want physical confrontation.

I love this last etiquette offering: Common sense. First of all, who in our foursome has any?

One of my regular partners is John Patrell, of whom I heard, "Did I ever tell you about the last time I missed a putt like this?" nine times a round, 18 rounds a year for nine years. The only sense he's got is smell.

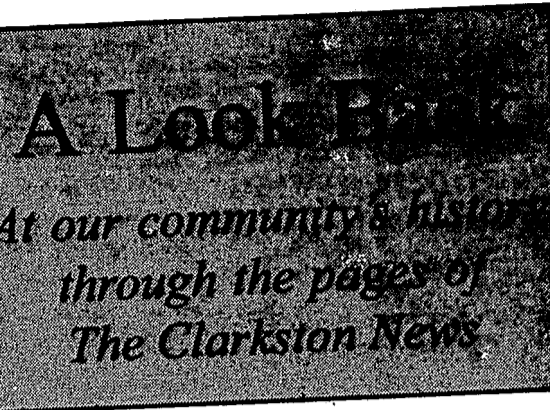
"If you pick up another ball, be sure it doesn't belong to anyone who might still be looking for it." It is only common sense to make sure it has stopped rolling, that it is in reasonably good shape and not a range ball and that it is your opponents. Oh, yeah, do it stealthily.

The *News*' article did not include in its listings etiquette for cart driving. Perhaps it's because there wasn't room in the "common sense" category, or perhaps the writers think golfers walk. They don't!

Cart drivers never go up and down a hill, always around it with the passenger on the tip-over side. No ball is allowed to be let un-run-over in the fairway by any sane cart driver.

It's important to speed down hills, drive so sprinklers and low branches hit only the passenger and park so the passenger has to walk around the cart to get to his ball.

Cart drivers can also take a driving lesson from our daughter Luan, my Friday night partner, who, upon seeing that I was walking in front of the cart looking for my ball in the creek ran into me, knocking me to the ground. She then laughed uncontrollably.



At our community's history through the pages of The Clarkston News

## 15 YEARS AGO (1989)

• Ronald Keen, 48, of Springfield Township was charged with cruelty to animals and malicious injury to property of another in connection with the death of a burro adopted under a Federal Bureau of Land Management program. The preliminary examination is set for Friday, May 5, before Judge Gerald McNally in 52nd District Court, Independence Township. Keen is out on a \$1,000 personal bond.

• "Puzzled" describes Independence Township officials after voters defeated a \$1.5 million bond issue March 28. The bond issue would have paid for the costs of moving the township's central fire station to the former Hosler Pontiac property on M-15. The Oakland County Sheriff's Department planned to locate a substation in the facility, and the state police had discussed moving to the structure as well.

• More than 100 Thendara Park residents packed the Bailey Lake Elementary School gymnasium to standing-room only capacity March 30. Residents asked about the progress of the road-paving project, and they questioned how the township treated the assessment roll, which determines how much each property owner will pay for the paving. The assessment roll will affect owners of about 255 sites.

## 25 YEARS AGO (1979)

• Independence Township Supervisor Whitey Tower received a \$3,650 raise Saturday and Clerk Christopher Rose and Treasurer Fred Ritter were given \$3,350 salary hikes. Township residents voted the 16 percent increases despite Rose's warning that federal funds to the township could be jeopardized, because the raises were above the seven percent guidelines set by President Jimmy Carter's voluntary wage and price standards.

• Oakland County sheriff's deputies will no longer patrol Independence Township full time. Despite the police advisory board recommendation that five deputies continue to be contracted by the township, the township board unanimously voted to reduce coverage to four deputies at last night's meeting. Treasurer Fred Ritter made the motion to submit the contract to the county for three deputies at \$32,488 each and had one Comprehensive Employment Act funded deputy at \$19,648.

• Springfield Township Librarian Gail Fleming resigned after her job was cut in half by a library board shuffling personnel in the wake of budget cuts. Fleming's resignation was accepted "reluctantly" in a unanimous vote of the Springfield Township Library Board at its March 26 meeting. Fleming will be replaced by Kathy Phillips, former head librarian at the William Beaumont Elementary School in the Waterford School District.

## 50 YEARS AGO (1954)

• Nearly 538 children attending Clarkston school district schools will be given the opportunity to participate in the county-wide test of the new polio vaccine this month.

• The Clarkston High School Band, under the direction of Mr. Connors, is presenting its annual Spring Concert in the high school auditorium at 8 p.m.

# Obituary

## Noah Breden Verbeke

Noah Breden Verbeke, of Clarkston, died March 22, 2004 at age five months.

He was the beloved infant son of David and Klaire; baby brother of Kyle; twin brother of Madison; grandson of Tom and Kathy Tabaka of Clarkston; preceded in death by his grandparents Julius and Loretta Verbeke; great grandson of Eleanor Miller; also survived by several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

A memorial service was held March 25 at Clarkston Community Church. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital or Make-A-Wish.

## Geraldine A. Lechner

Geraldine A. Lechner, of Pontiac and formerly of Waterford, died March 28, 2004 at age 91.

She was preceded in death by her husband Holbert; aunt and special friend of Joyce Tipoly of Pontiac; aunt of Richard Hagerman of Clarkston, Jack Themm of Oxford and Caroline Themm of NY.

Mrs. Lechner retired from Fisher Body. A Funeral Service was held at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Perry Mt. Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Leader Dogs for the Blind of Pontiac Animal Rescue.

## Joseph Julius Hus

Joseph Julius Hus, of Waterford, died March 25, 2004 at age 86.

He was the husband of Helen; father of Helen (Thomas) Weil of Clarkston, John (Mary Ann) Hus of Beverly Hills, Henry Hus of PA and Mary Ann Hus of Waterford; grandpa of Thomas and Karen; brother of Zigmund (Wilma) Hus of CA and Cecelia Dudzinski of Ferndale; preceded in death by his brothers George and Stanley.

Mr. Hus taught Junior Achievement for many years and enjoyed upholstering as a hobby. A Funeral Mass was held March 27 at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford. Rite of Committal All Saints Cemetery. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Me-

morials may be made to Capuchin Soup Kitchen or Father Solanus Guild.

## Leonora "Anna" Ceresa

Leonora "Anna" Ceresa, of Clarkston, died March 22, 2004 at age 97.

She was the wife of the late Bruno; mother of Irene (George) Fedorka, LeeRoy (Patricia) Ceresa and Eleanor E.J. (Harold) Goodwin; also 17 grandchildren and many adoring great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren whom she loved and cared for; sister of Lillie Ragnoli and Alice Chuburko.

A Funeral Mass was held at St. William Catholic Church. Interment White Chapel Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to the Lynch & Sons Funeral Home. Memorials to Hospice of Michigan appreciated.

## Springfield

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still uncompleted."

Incumbent Clerk Nancy Strole's answer to the question of running again was simple and straightforward: "Absolutely."

Strole said only one of the seven board incumbents has made the decision not to seek reelection.

"Events in my life have told me it's time to get out," Trustee Margaret Bloom said, but she believes her 15 years on the board have been worthwhile.

"I have enjoyed it," she said. "I really feel our board is very knowledgeable and capable."

An April 2 press conference is scheduled to introduce a slate of candidates supported by "Citizens for a Progressive Springfield."

Diane Wozniak, who has been a member of the

parks board and an activist in other local issues, said candidates will file petitions to run for supervisor, clerk, treasurer and at least two trustee positions.

Wozniak is not one of those candidates, but wants to see fresh faces at the township board table.

"I believe I can do more for the community by not being an elected official," she said. "It's not a negative sort of thing [against the current board]. It's just time to move on."

Walls appears ready for the campaign, anticipating room for healthy debate over political philosophy.

"Our ideas about government's role are drastically opposite," he said.

The deadline for candidates to file nominating petitions in the partisan races is May 11.

## Patterson to speak at Optimist Club

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson will be the featured speaker at the April 7 meeting of the Clarkston Area Optimist Club.

The meeting is free of charge and begins at 7:30 a.m. at Liberty Golf and Banquet Center on Maybee Road in Clarkston.

Patterson will speak about his program "Count Your Steps", an initiative providing pedometers to Oakland County third graders. The students are encouraged to see who can walk the most steps during the month of April.

## Academic Achiever

Name: Jennifer Wheeler

GPA: 3.854

Plans after graduation: Attend Marquette University in Milwaukee to study physician assistant.

Fine Arts: Band, Marching Band, Woodwind Chamber Ensemble, Pit Orchestra for "How to Succeed in Business..."

Special recognition: NHS, first and second division ratings in solo and ensemble.

Clubs/organizations: Drama Club in freshman and sophomore year, french club in senior year and sci-

ence club in junior year.

Community involvement: Dance, Youth Group at St. Dans, catechism teacher, tutor and Home Repair Mission Trip to Tennessee.

Favorite high school memory: Homecoming senior year. It was the best of all for years.



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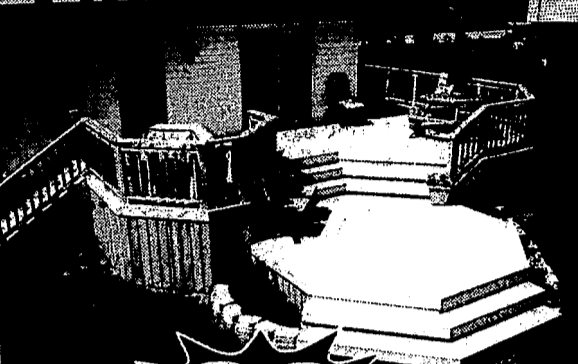


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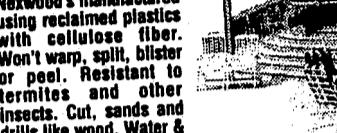
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12 x 10	\$449	\$648	\$828	\$1135	\$1123	\$1096
12 x 16	\$652	\$950	\$1153	\$1446	\$1442	\$1419
12 x 20	\$774	\$1179	\$1420	\$1768	\$1678	\$1711
14 x 12	\$576	\$846	\$1021	\$1257	\$1253	\$1226
16 x 12	\$638	\$942	\$1160	\$1352	\$1347	\$1317
16 x 20	\$954	\$1478	\$1779	\$2221	\$2217	\$2181
18 x 16	\$884	\$1351	\$1751	\$2002	\$2072	\$2018
20 x 20	\$1140	\$1796	\$2113	\$2733	\$2722	\$2676
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24'x32'	\$3549	\$3849	\$4419
28'x28'	\$3869	\$4181	\$4739
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20'x20'	\$3384	\$3809	-
24'x24'	\$4109	\$4307	-
24'x32'	\$4509	\$4949	\$5489
28'x28'	\$4842	\$5104	\$5549
30'x30'	\$5238	\$5518	\$6049
36'x36'	-	\$7327	\$7969
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said. "This is a close-knit community as it is."

With the financial aspects of the park set, plans are now underway for the groundbreaking and grand opening of the park. A final presentation will be made to the Independence Township Board on April 6 for a final approval. From there the committee will begin planning the construction of the park, hoping for an opening date early this summer.

While the official fund-raising is complete for the

park, commemorative bricks are available for a short time, according to Arcello. Those interested in purchasing a brick, that will be located inside the park's grounds, to be included in the park's opening should contact Parks and Recreation as soon as possible to make the deadline.

Kid Rock's involvement with the park is far from done.

The committee will be honoring the Palace with a

special plaque for the Auburn Hills establishment and there will be permanent recognition inside the park to the well-known singer and entertainment venue for their continued community support. Kid Rock even expressed interest to the committee about possibly being involved with the grand opening festivities.

Not to mention using the facility with his family.

"Hopefully a lot of kids can stay cool in the summertime," Kid Rock said.



Above, Ralph Przybylski, Renee's father and co-chair of the Spraypark committee, personally thanked Kid Rock and the Tim Smith of the Palace for the joint donation. On left, Michele Przybylski also had a chance to meet with Kid Rock and let him know how much the donation would have meant to Renee Przybylski. Photos by Alicia Dorset.

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**March 22:** Larceny of camcorder from classroom at Clarkston High School.

Harassment complaint on Drayton near Maybee Road.

**March 23:** Subjects arrested for weapons violation, receiving and concealing stolen property and possession of marijuana on Dixie Highway near Maybee Road. During a traffic stop, deputies discovered two men from Davisburg (ages 17 and 18, respectively) in possession of a four-and-one-half inch knife, a car stereo reported stolen from Springfield Township last July and a bag of suspected marijuana.

Marijuana possession arrest on Dixie Highway near Maybee Road. During a traffic stop, a 28-year-old Waterford man was found with a bag of suspected marijuana.

**March 24:** Operating while intoxicated arrest on Sashabaw Road at I-75. A 22-year-old Ann Arbor man registered a blood alcohol level of 0.093 percent.

Possible animal cruelty complaint on Pelton Road. A resident suspects someone of trying to poison dogs by throwing tainted meat over the fence.

Warrant arrest on Maybee Road near Sashabaw.

**March 25:** Larceny from vehicle on Mann Road. Deputies saw two men removing items from a work truck, but the men ran from the scene. One was apprehended, and the case is pending action from the prosecutor's office.

Trespassing arrest at Clarkston High School involving a 17-year-old Clarkston man previously warned to stay off campus.

Threats complaint on Reese Road near Oak Hill

Road.

**March 26:** Fraud/identity theft on Waldon Glens Court. Complainant said someone altered a cellular telephone account with personal information possibly obtained from a stolen computer.

**March 27:** Lost or stolen license plate at Family Video on Sashabaw Road.

Felony warrant arrest at North Oakland Medical Center in Pontiac.

Assault and juvenile complaint at Bridgewater apartments. A 13-year-old girl was accused of assaulting classmates.

Subjects arrested for operating while intoxicated, under 21 consumption of alcohol on Almond Lane. During a traffic stop, three Waterford men (two age 19 and one age 17) smelled of alcohol. The driver registered a blood alcohol level of 0.10 and the passengers registered 0.08 and 0.07, respectively.

Damage to vehicle (hole punched through door) on Drayton near Maybee Road, owner suspected attempted break-in.

Open door on Waldon Road, no foul play discovered.

**March 28:** Larceny of license plate on Bridge Valley Drive.

Larceny of portable basketball hoop on Old Cove near Maybee Road.

Damage to vehicle with paint ball gun on Cramlane near Waldon Road.

Family trouble on Old Cove Road.

Weapons discharge (deputy put down injured deer) on M-15 near Oak Hill Road.

**March 29:** Dispute between wife and ex-husband on Bristol Park Drive.

## Springfield Township

**March 22:** Suspicious circumstances at the Road Commission for Oakland County garage on Dixie Highway, suspected tampering with equipment.

**March 23:** Larceny of stereo from vehicle at Scott Ford on E. Holly Road.

**March 24:** Property damage to front door at Ridge Valley Apartments.

**March 25:** Threats report on Tindall.

Warrant arrest on Springfield Circle. A 43-year-old Davisburg man was found wanted for marijuana possession in Warren.

Family trouble on Detroit.

**March 26:** Operating while intoxicated arrest on Dixie Highway near Bluewater. While responding to a minor personal injury crash, a deputy noticed the smell of alcohol from one of the drivers, a 25-year-old man from New Hudson. A preliminary breath test revealed a blood alcohol level of 0.175 percent.

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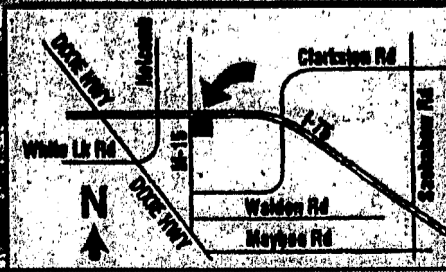
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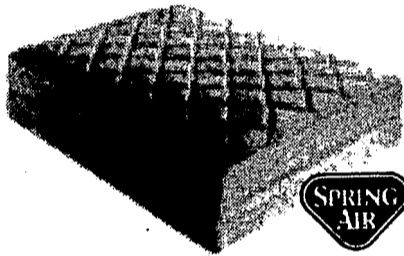
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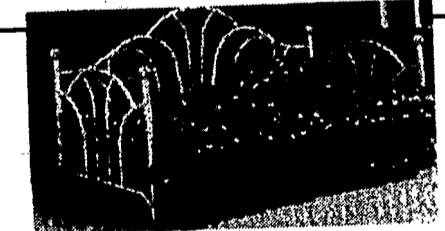
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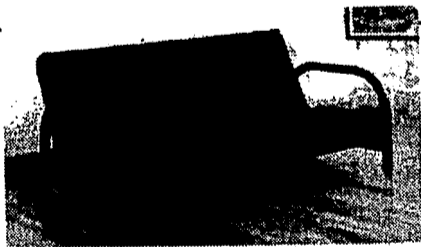
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# Sports

## For the second year, Carman ends Wolves' run

20-win season comes to a heartbreaking end

BY ED DAVIS  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Days after his team fell in the state quarterfinals for the second straight year Clarkston varsity coach Dan Fife was still searching for answers. He appeared heartbroken, deflated and still searching for the right words to sum up his team's 20-5 season.

"Seems like the stars all need to be lined up just right to get by the quarters," he said shaking his head. "We just didn't get it done. We just have to roll up our sleeves and work harder."

Clarkston's second straight trip to the quarterfinals must've felt like déjà vu all over again as for the second straight time his club fell to Flint Carman-Ainsworth 60-53.

One has to wonder if the score would've read differently had the Wolves' trio of Chris Johnston, Robbie Clark and Brad Goodman all not had three first-half fouls, many of which were said to be very questionable. But Fife didn't comment on the officiating. Instead, the 22-year varsity coach simply said his program has got to improve from the bottom up, including himself.

"We've got to get everybody, middle school, freshmen, JV and all of us who are in this thing to work harder. There's

not much to say after a game like that. It's heartbreaking not to have the chance to go to Breslin," he said.

Fife's frustration, sadness or confusion was still apparent three days after the loss, but what was just as apparent as the drive to continue to march forward and achieve the ultimate goal of winning a state title as coach of the Wolves. Before that Fife would reflect on what his team had accomplished this season — an OAA I league title, arguably the toughest league in the state, along with his 11<sup>th</sup> straight district title and his second straight regional title. No other group in Fife's history has won consecutive regionals.

This season the Wolves entered the year with a bulls' eye right on the middle of their jerseys. People throughout the state were claiming the Wolves had just as good a chance as any to win a state title in Class A.

"When those kids stop and think about all they've accomplished, I don't think for a second they think they were unsuccessful. The best lessons in sports are through the negative experiences. It's all about how you react, and who you become."

For the seniors on this team: Ryan Kaltz, Kyle Rademacher, Johnston, Matthew Thonberry, Chris Brookes and Charles Zelinski, they will never set foot on a high school gym floor as part of a Wolves team again. And that, might be the hardest pill for coach Fife.

Please see **Hoop** continued on page 19.



Chris Johnston was one of the seniors who led the Wolves this season. File photo.



Dan Fife

## Claus takes over as tennis coach

BY ED DAVIS  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

As a history teacher at Clarkston High School, first year varsity tennis coach Charles Claus admitted he was big into the "legacy" concept. He is hoping to build on last year's experience as he brings his JV coaching experience with him to the varsity level.

The Wolves are young this season, with Zach Banycky the only senior on the entire squad. He will serve as team captain. He is one of five returning varsity players. The others include Paul Chun, Chris Hammond, Justin Roderick and Amit Surapaneni.

The Wolves finished second in the OAA II last year, which also includes Bloomfield Hills Lahser, Rochester Adams, Troy Athens, Troy, Rochester and Berkley.

Please see **Tennis** continued on page 18A



The Clarkston boys tennis team returns five varsity players. Photo by Ed Davis

Print Lost

# Coach Wyniemko leads young Clarkston boys track team

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Clarkston boys track coach Walt Wyniemko thinks it's too early yet to guess how his team will do this year. In fact, the only thing he seems very certain on regarding his team is its age.

"We're very young," he said.

The Wolves are coming off a 2-4 season last year in dual meets in the OAA I. However, two of those losses came down to the last event. Lake Orion won the league last year, and Wyniemko said the Dragons

are probably the favorite once again heading into this season. Other teams competing with Lake Orion and Clarkston in the league are Pontiac Northern, West Bloomfield, Rochester Adams, Rochester and Farmington Hills Harrison. Last year the Wolves finished fourth overall in the league.

This year's team is captained by seniors Nick Blackstone, Tom Fick, Brett Kenerson, Rick Morris, Michael Peteuil, Michael Provenzano, Brendon Quisenberry, Matt Smith, Joe Seibert, Nick Swantek and Eric Thomas, Wyniemko said.

Over half of this year's team is made up of underclassmen.

"We're a young team, but we have some individual skills," he said. "We just have to find a way to mesh those all together."

Wyniemko noted several key athletes from this year's team including sophomores Brad Gale and Jesse Kessler on the hurdles, sophomore sprinter Gregg Knappe, junior distance runner Andy Kondra, junior sprinter Mike Nelsen, Peteuil, junior shot putter Garrett Phillips, distance runner Seibert and sprinter Brandon Wischmeyer.

Wyniemko said a lot of the questions for his team will be answered at the team's scrimmage against Grand Blanc and Flint Central (results were not available at press time).

"We know we have to develop," he said. "An early strong start would certainly help, but I'm not sure there's a lot of carry over from last year. A lot of these kids weren't here last year. Our main objective is just to improve our distance and our times with each meet. If we can do that we'll do alright."

Wyniemko did not want to predict how his team would finish standing wise however.

"I'm not going to sit here and say we'll win all of them, but I'm not saying we're going to lose them all either. All we ask of our kids is for them to work hard, have fun and do the best they can. That's all you can ever ask of them."

This marks Wyniemko's 25<sup>th</sup> year of coaching Clarkston track and he noted a few special things about the sport he loves.

"It's always fun to see the kids compete," he said. "It's always good to see the kids do their best. One thing about track is you can't hide out there. If you can improve your distance or your time that's all you can ask of the kids. One thing about Clarkston athletes is they're very competitive. We just want them to do the best they can out there."



The boys track team is coming off a 2-4 season in the OAA I. Photo by Don Schelske.

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*For those who want to be healthier 'in the worst way'*

By Ernie Harwell

I'm often asked whether I dreamed of being a major league broadcaster as a child. My answer is always the same: I became a broadcaster because I grew up wanting to play baseball in the worst way - and that's exactly how I played it.

Though this tongue-in-cheek reply gets a chuckle or two, it also reminds me that there's often a best way, and a worst way, to do things.

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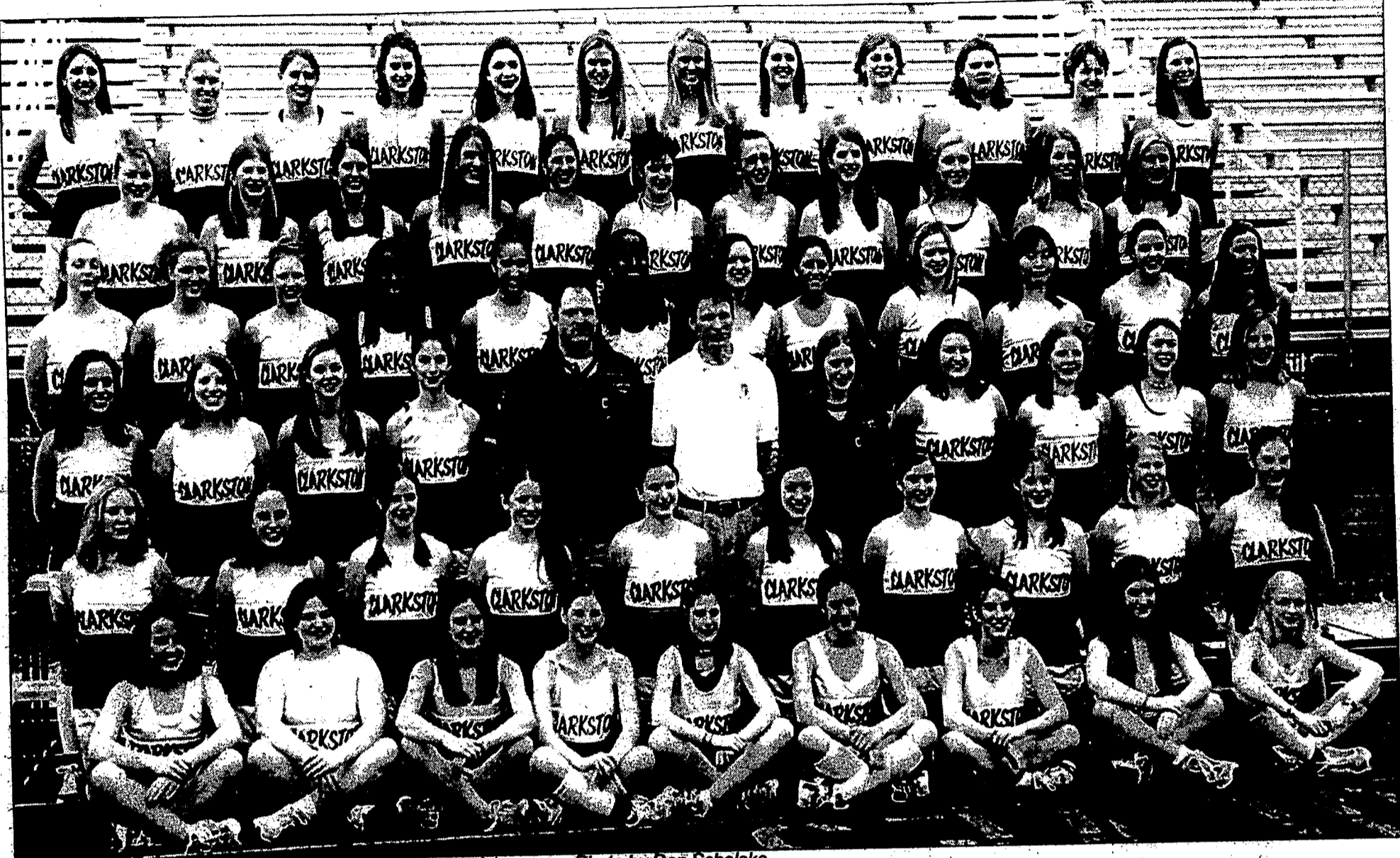
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The Clarkston girls track team are coming off a successful season. Photo by Don Schelske.

## LaBrosse leads 65 girls into Clarkston track season

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Clarkston girls track coach Jamie LaBrosse has a lot on his plate this spring and his team will be carrying a target on itself throughout the spring.

LaBrosse, who is making his debut as girls track coach, but takes with him years of cross country coach experience and a state title with his girls, is making the adjustment to head coach this season. He takes over for the retired Gordie Richardson.

"It's a lot of work," he said. "Just logistically, setting up meets, events, scheduling, dealing with issues, the paperwork, it's just a lot of work."

Thankfully, LaBrosse is assisted by several other coaches including Marley Brown, who will help with the distance runners, John Yorke, whose duties include sprinters and hurdlers and Noah Sharrow, who will oversee relays and the long jump.

This year's team has 65 athletes, the biggest group in LaBrosse's six years with the program. He is excited about this

year's group, which he called probably the most talented group of kids he's seen during his coaching stay. But now the problem is, how to keep 65 talented athletes all happy.

"Sure, it's nice (having a big turnout), but it's tough to make everyone happy," he said. "We really want to get some B-team kids in at some meets too. Those kids deserve to run."

The Wolves are coming off a very successful season last year where they went 5-1 in dual meets and won the OAA I, county and regional. The Wolves sent the 4x800 relay team of Mo Kuhta, Gillian Nordquist, Liz Mengyan and Lindsay Smith to the state meet, where that group placed third. Teams competing with Clarkston within the league are Rochester Adams, Troy, Rochester, Pontiac Northern, West Bloomfield and Lake Orion.

This year's team is captained by senior Megan Garrett, junior Jill Kouri, Kuhta, Mengyan and junior miler Anne Olman. LaBrosse also expects big things

from Elizabeth Gorz in the 800, Beith Hoekstra in the 4x800 and the mile, Jill Kouri, one of several basketball players to join the team this year who he says should excel in high jump, Elle Kuhta in the two-mile, Jenna Leach in the mile, Melissa Martinez in sprints, Stephanie Parkin in the hurdles and milers Lisa Sickman and Lyndsay Smith.

"There'll be a target on us all year, they'll just have to live up to it," LaBrosse said. "Early in the season, I think our distance will be our strength, but coach Yorke is doing a great job with our sprinters and I think they can really do some damage when it comes time for regionals."

LaBrosse said an excellent mid-season measuring stick of his team will be at the Don Mitchell Memorial, April 30. The meet is held in Dayton, Ohio and is a good

opportunity for what he called his higher level athletes.

"It's a great opportunity for our upper level kids," he said. "There are still a lot of openings, but they have to earn the right to go there."

Clarkston's next meet is April 6, a scrimmage featuring Waterford Mott and Stoney Creek. This year's state finals will be held in Rockford, who coincidentally was the traditional state powerhouse in girls cross country until LaBrosse led his girls to a state title. He's like nothing more than to do some more damage there this spring.

"We want to bring varying events this year. We don't just want to rely on our distance all the time. We want to go to states. But we just don't want to get there. We want to compete and do well."

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Make sure to check out The Clarkston News next week for more sports previews.

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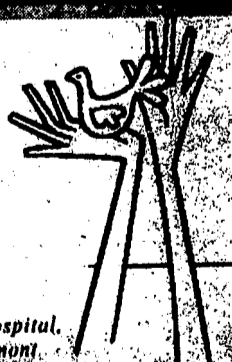

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# Tennis

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"It'll be a very interesting year," Claus said. "We're very young. But a lot of these kids put in a lot of time on off-season conditioning. And we've got some younger kids from last year's JV team who are showing some strong leadership skills."

Zach Spencer, Dan Osterhage and Sean Kurowski were among the athletes Claus noted as showing solid leadership, which he hopes carries over from last year's squad.

Claus, who takes over for his former coach Kevin Ortwine, played four years of tennis for the Wolves, before graduating in 1997.

"Kevin was a great coach for me. And me, being a history teacher, I'm big into the whole 'leagacy' concept. Now I'm taking over for a coach who helped me. And I think me knowing a lot of these kids, either from JV last year, or through class, helps a lot. Now, there's not a lot of that whole getting to know you phase. The kids know my expectations and I know a

lot of them. I think that makes the adjustment a lot easier."

Claus said his team, like the league, is wide open. Not many spots on his own roster are by any means locked down at this early part of the season, and he readily admits his kids are competitive and know this year they'll have the opportunity to compete for top spots on the team. One team from last year that Claus said he expects big things from this year is the tandem of Jesse Livezey and Paul Gunckle from his JV squad.

"I'd say only a couple spots are close to being set. That's one of the things Kevin (Ortwine) put in, which I thought was great. We have challenge matches where kids compete against each other for certain spots within the team. It helps prevent a lot of complaints from the kids and it keeps them from getting too comfortable in their spots. They know it's wide open. It's like band where second chair challenges first chair. It's the same

concept."

Claus did not have a prediction on how his team will do this year, but did say he is well aware that on paper at least, a lot may not be expected of his young team.

"I'm very intrigued to see how we'll do due to our youth. But these guys, they might be young, but they're extremely competitive. I really think we can make some noise in the league this year," he said.

The Wolves next meet is April 2 at home against Rochester at 4 p.m. and Claus is looking forward to the season getting underway.

"I just want to see them on the court. It's one thing to see who can do drills and who is a good practice player, but I want to see them in competition, and I think a lot of these kids will really be able to compete."

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# Clarkston Optimist Club sets fund-raising record

A new all-time record for fund-raising was achieved by the Clarkston Area Optimist Club as they held their dinner-dance/auction to benefit young people in the Clarkston area at Liberty Golf Club March 27. The total proceeds were up about 40 percent over last year's auction.

Among the prizes auctioned off during the event was a week in Mexico at a top-drawer resort; "The Hundreth Game," a 16" x 38" framed and matted

photograph of the University of Michigan stadium honoring the one hundredth football game at UM stadium; Four tickets to a Detroit Tiger game, pre-game preparations with Dan Dickerson, including tour of the broadcast booth, autographed baseball and book by Ernie Harwell and Pudge Rodriguez.

Over 200 tickets were sold, a sellout of table assignments.

Co-chairpersons of the event were Jim Evans

and Ann Dutton, working with a committee of members. The club will invest the funds in programs to support and encourage kids in the Clarkston area.

Harry Knitter, president of the club, said "The success of this event is the direct result of a great team effort. I congratulate the committee and everyone who contributed to the tremendous result. In a down economy, we showed the community how optimism and teamwork can work miracles."

## Pruent to compete for scholarship

Matthew Joseph Pruento, an outstanding senior from Clarkston Senior High School in Clarkston will start college next fall with the help of Coca-Cola Bottling Company of MI/Flint and The Coca-Cola Company. Matthew Joseph Pruento was selected as a scholarship finalist from a field of more than 2,000 semifinalists by the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation based on his

academic excellence, school and community extracurricular activities.

Matthew Joseph Pruento is one of 250 high school seniors selected nationwide to compete for a cash scholarship from the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation. On April 15, Matthew Joseph Pruento will join other finalists as they travel to Atlanta, the headquarters for The Coca-

Cola Company, to compete for 50 four-year college scholarships of \$20,000 and 200 four-year scholarships of \$4,000. Over the four-day period, the finalists will interview with a National Selection Committee, tour the city, meet with former Coca-Cola Scholars and participate in a range of activities including a community service project.

## Jaycees set to collect food

The Clarkston Jaycees are collecting non-perishable food and HBA items for Lighthouse North. Collections will take place Saturday, April 3, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Kroger, 6625 Dixie Highway, Clarkston.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce (Jaycees) is a nation-wide movement of young people who volunteer their time, talents and energies to providing community service while developing professionally

and personally. The United States Junior Chamber of Commerce has members in all 50 states, including Michigan, which consists of over 85 local chapters and 3,800 members.

## Hoops

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"I've been blessed as a coach here at Clarkston to coach so many good kids. We (at Clarkston) don't have to put up with a lot of the other stuff other (coaches) do. The expectations of Clarkston athletes are pretty high. That makes our kids special. But for those seniors, what makes that last game especially tough is you lose those senior kids. You have a special bond with them. They'll never be together again as a group. Sure, you have your good and your bad, but you always remember them. They may never feel like it, but when

they leave that's one of my kids, not my own sons, but it's close."

As much as Fife hates to lose his seniors, he might hate losing even more. He still complains about the loss to Pontiac Central back in the regular season. He hates losing any game, but also noted that only four teams in the state end the year happy (the four Class state champions).

"I honestly thought we had a real good chance to get to Breslin," he said. "But don't feel sorry for me, or us. There's no excuses. We just have got to get better. It (the state title) won't and shouldn't come easy."

With the calendar flipping to April, Fife now has more time on his hands. And with it, an emptiness that can only be filled when next year's team begins conditioning again.

"Basketball just consumes my life. Our basketball kids play all but about six weeks of the year," he said. "Now, there's such a void. There's no more phone calls. Yesterday I just went out and ran and thought about things. I won't have to count laps for a bit now. I can just think and reflect."

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# School district hopes to improve drainage, traffic issues

BY DON SCHELSKE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The focus of Clarkston Community Schools bond construction has been on the buildings, and school districts are generally exempt from municipal zoning and site plan reviews.

On and beneath the surface, however, are infrastructure issues which will involve township and county governments.

Recognizing that fact, school officials last week discussed how to work for mutually advantageous improvements in water lines, stormwater management and traffic flow at four district buildings.

DeWayne Hein, the schools' contracted civil engineer, told the board Monday, March 22 of preliminary meetings with township contracted engineer Randy Ford concerning matters related to district building improvements.

"I want to be able to do this with them," Hein said, noting Ford's authority to recommend approval or disapproval of infrastructure projects to the township government. "He's got to buy into it."

The agenda described the topic as "construction challenges." School officials had previously discussed issues such as whether to connect more buildings to the township water supply or maintain and expand their own wells.

Hein seemed to favor township hookups for both reliability and long-term maintenance. The district must grant 20-foot wide maintenance easements for all water lines, however, including an existing main at Clarkston High School.

"They would like to have all the water mains at all the schools to be turned over to the township," Hein said, emphasizing that property ownership remains with the school district.

This is normal procedure," according to Bruce Beamer, executive director of business and financial services. "If the water main breaks, it's not Clarkston [schools'] problem; it's a [township] problem."

New water lines are proposed at the campus containing the South Sashabaw Early Childhood Center, Renaissance High School, Clarkston Elementary School and Clarkston Middle School and at the campus which includes Sashabaw Middle School and North Sashabaw Elementary School.

Superintendent Al Roberts said it is a "wise decision" to work with the township on these lines, as they will complete a loop in the township system and increase reliability. He also said the district will be charged for water according to metered measurements.

"We've been assured that we will be charged like any other resident," Roberts said. "This is an opportunity for us to participate in a partnership [with the township]. Both entities benefit."

Although the district must pay for the hookups, Beamer said the municipal hookups will help the district avoid major projects such as a future water tower.

"Water prices everywhere are going up," he said.

Handling stormwater drainage is a challenge in a couple locations, especially where buildings are ex-



Traffic congestion at intersections such as this drive on Maybee Road at North Sashabaw Elementary School should be reduced when school expansion and renovation are complete in fall 2005. In addition to designing plans for buildings, school-contracted engineers are proposing improvements in infrastructure as well. Photo by Don Schelske

panded. The new Early Childhood Center (to be located adjacent to an expanded administrative center) and the expanded Sashabaw and Clarkston middle schools are of specific concern.

A storm sewer will be necessary at the new ECC/administrative center because the building sits on a septic field, Hein said. While Clarkston Road is the closest access point, it is too shallow, and a wetland sits between the site and the Independence Township Library.

The third (and apparently best) choice is to run a connector to an existing sanitary sewer at Wealthy Street to the southwest, Hein said. A preliminary sketch chooses a route that will still allow for a possible new elementary school in the future.

Stormwater can be managed with an expansion of the adjacent wetland and a secondary detention pond on the other side of the bike path adjacent to the wetland. Hein said the engineering requirement is to handle "two 100-year floods simultaneously." While such an event might cause the bike path to be covered, Hein said it would be both rare and temporary.

"Detention is a tricky concept, but it's basically how do you handle your water and where it has an overland relief to go to," he said.

At Clarkston Middle School, Hein said the combination of realigned traffic loops and new curbing will divert any new runoff to adjacent playfields. An existing storm drain will be fitted with a restrictor to keep excessive water on the school fields longer. At maximum, officials expect no more than four to six inches of storm water, with the restrictor allowing a controlled drain.

Hein said one resident in an adjacent neighborhood complains of water running down the bike path from the middle school to his property, which does not have access to a storm sewer. By rerouting bus traffic and installing a new curb, "We're going to stop the water from going in that direction," Hein said.

The answers weren't as easy for Sashabaw Middle School, which currently has no storm drain outlets and a natural gas line running through the property. Again, Hein proposed use of playfields as a short-term detention area, with a restrictor placed on a storm sewer drain on nearby Pine Knob Road.

"Anything from here to Pine Knob Road will run as it does today," Hein said.

The plan will require wide, shallow ditches around the perimeter of the play fields. "It should drain fairly well," he said, and will provide ample access for play and maintenance.

Officials wondered aloud about the impact of the nearby development in the Sashabaw Road "town center" district: Hein said there was no stormwater management plan for the area adjacent to the school.

When contacted later, Ford said all the new developments are being required to handle their stormwater runoff through either retention ponds and/or storm sewers.

"That's a totally different drainage area," Ford said.

"This is a sensitive topic," Roberts said, alluding to controversy in recent years in connection with the new high school building and its effect on Almond Lane and Gulick Lake.

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Roberts agreed with the need to coordinate with Ford on the infrastructure issues.

"Folks somehow thought water was magically going upstream. There was a mindset among a lot of folks that we were causing a drought in that lake," Roberts said. "This issue will be for you and Randy to agree to the calculations. Frankly, we don't want to ever have to go through that again."

In other issues, Beamer said bids were due to be let on realignment of the

district's fiber optic lines along Sashabaw Road near Pine Knob Elementary School, and Hein briefly described plans to improve traffic flow at the various schools. At both middle schools, for example, bus dropoff and pickup lanes will be realigned to separate them from parent pickup and dropoff.

At Sashabaw Middle School, parents can expect less of a backup on Maybee Road by having buses enter and exit via Pine Knob Road.

While Hein suggested a study of Maybee Road by the Road Commission for Oakland County, he did not recommend pushing for

a new traffic signal. Based on recommendation from his traffic engineers, Hein said, "There are 10 reasons to put them up; eight of them are bad. They don't improve traffic from that standpoint."

While there are still details to be worked out, Ford later said he was generally pleased by Hein's proposals.

"There needs to be a spirit of cooperation," he said.

To further foster that cooperation, the school district has scheduled a construction information session for school and township officials at 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 6.

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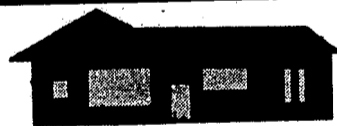
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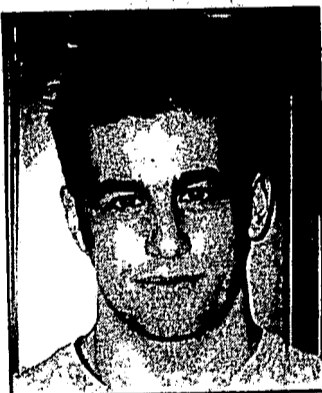
"No. There are so many different religions, it's not fair to single out one."

— Megan Wesol



"It shouldn't matter. We have more problems in the world that we should worry about."

— Amanda Norberg



"It's more your-own opinion if you use it or not. It should be kept in."

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By Alicia Dorset

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**Deaton brings 'youth' to Legion**

**BY DON SCHELSKE**  
*Clarkston News Staff Writer*

He's out to change the stereotype.

As one of the youngest members of Campbell-Richmond American Legion Post 63 in Clarkston, 36-year-old Roger Deaton believes its time to bring more military veterans into the fold and promote patriotism among area youth.

Deaton served in the U.S. Navy from 1986 to 1994 (during the first Persian Gulf War), and three of his grandparents were in World War II.

"I always enjoyed listening to their stories and I thought these stories are going to be lost if someone doesn't listen to them," he said.

He joined the Legion, but noticed the lack of recruitment of new members. He said statistics show the loss of 1,200 veterans every day, and his two grandfathers and one grandmother died within three months of each other a couple years ago.

"In the next two or three years, we're going to have just a handful left," he said.

Gradually, Deaton began attending more meetings and getting involved in more programs. He currently chairs the post's sponsorship of the Boys State program, and recently helped in the selection of boys from both Clarkston and Brandon high schools for this summer's programs.

The Boys State program (and the companion Girls State) are designed to give first-hand experience in the workings of government, and Deaton believes that is an area of great need in today's society.

"I think people need to get involved at a grass roots level," he said. "It's a great way for the veterans organization to work with our government and our schools."

While many voice concern for today's youth, Deaton said the experience in dealing with Boys State applicants has been a great encouragement.

"I went home [after the selection ceremony], and I had goosebumps on my arms," he said. "These kids are outstanding. They knew more about government, almost, than I did."

His next goal is to get a couple local Boys State attendees to advance to Boys Nation, but another big plus is to expose



Roger Deaton brings a sense of youth and renewed purpose to the American Legion, while respecting the traditions and experience of older members. Photo by Bob Flath

younger people (and their parents) to the positive work of the American Legion.

Another youth tradition is American Legion baseball, and Deaton is excited about the local post's sponsorship of members of

the Brandon High School baseball team as part of their league.

"We don't just play bingo and drink beer," he said. "We're sponsoring the youth programs again. We're getting back into the community. You've seen us in more parades the last couple years."

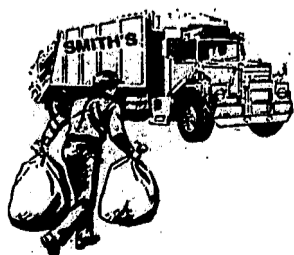
On the subject of the latter, Deaton said some of his acquaintances laugh when they see him in the parades, but he laughs back.

"Hey, this is fun," he said. "This is what it's all about. The organization should be giving back to the community."

**'I respect my elders. You don't just come in and step on toes. I'm just here to learn and have some fun.'**

**Roger Deaton**  
Campbell-Richmond Post 63, American Legion

See Deaton on page 11B



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**Plan to donate blood** on Sunday, May 2 at St. Daniel's in Clarkston. The drive will run from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Cushing Center. To schedule an appointment call (248) 394-1668.

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The **Widowed Support Group** will host its April meeting on Thursday, April 1 at 7 p.m. at the senior center in Independence Township. This month's topic is "The Importance of Spiritual Connection in the Grief Process" and will be facilitated by Alicia Brown, MA, LPC, a bereavement counselor at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home. Meetings are free of charge and no registration is needed. All ages are welcomed for recently widowed men and women. Refreshments

will be served. For more information or to be included on the group's mailing list, call (248) 625-5231.

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**Get ready for spring** by making a spring floral arrangement at the Springfield Township Library with Marilyn from the Garden Club. Marilyn will demonstrate how to make a pretty selection on Tuesday, April 6 at 7 p.m. There will be a charge for materials, so please preregister. For more information, call the library at (248) 846-6550.

**Club 5529** presents April Fools with John Reuben, Spoken and Jacob's Generation on Friday, April 9. Doors are at 8:30 p.m. and seating is general admission. Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door. Advance tickets can be purchased at [www.itickets.com](http://www.itickets.com) or (800) 965-9324. For more information, visit [www.5529music.com](http://www.5529music.com).

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**Zero Gravity** hosts its second annual skate camp July 12-17 and 19-24 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily. These off-the-hook skate camps are geared toward intermediate and advanced skaters who want to up their skill levels. Pro skater Jeff Stockwell will be working with each skater throughout the week. The camp will take place at Zero Gravity Skatepark (adjacent to the Waterford Christian Association) in Waterford. Cost is \$199 per skater and includes an unlimited skate pass to the skatepark for the week of camp from 3-10 p.m. each day. To preregister, sign up at the park Monday-

Friday from 3-10 p.m. For more information, call Loren Covarrubias at (248) 673-7177 or visit [www.zerogravitysk8.com](http://www.zerogravitysk8.com).

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Independence Township Parks and Recreation presents **The Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt** on Saturday, April 3. Once the sun begins to set, just after 7 p.m., children can search for special eggs hidden in the "secret egg patch" filled with yummy treasures. Come early for a craft and other activities. A special guest with long ears has made a promise to appear. Don't forget to bring a flashlight complete with fresh batteries. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Families are encouraged to hunt for eggs together, but parents, please leave the findings to the children. Tickets are currently on sale for this event and sold by age groups. Cost is \$5 per youth resident and \$7 per non-youth resident. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Parks and Recreation at (248) 625-8223.

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You're invited to worship at **Calvary Lutheran Church** this Easter season in Clarkston:

- Relive Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm/Passion Sunday, April 4 at 8:15 a.m., 9:45 a.m. or 11:15 a.m.

- Experience the significance of the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, April 8 at 7 p.m.

- Focus on Jesus' passion for us on the cross on Good Friday, April 9 at 7 p.m.

- Prepare for Easter with prayers of healing and forgiveness with an Easter Saturday vigil on April 10 at 7 p.m.

- Celebrate Jesus on Easter Sunday, April 11 at 8:15 a.m., 9:45 a.m. or 11:15 a.m.

Call the church for more information at (248) 625-3288. The church is located at 6805 Bluegrass Dr.

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The **First Baptist Church of Clarkston** will host Easter services April 9-11. On Friday, April 9 at 7 p.m., the First Baptist Church Adult Choir and Drama Team will present the Easter drama, "Rise Up!". The public is invited free-of-charge. On Sunday, April 11 at 8:45 a.m., there will be a free breakfast for guests. The morning worship then begins at 10:30 a.m. with a repeat performance of "Rise Up!". There will be no evening service. For more information, contact the church at (248) 625-3380. The church is located at 5972 Paramus in Clarkston.

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**Softball for older adults** ages 55 and up starts with a "coffee-and-donuts meeting" at the Independence Township Senior Center in Clintonwood on Monday, Apr. 5 at 9 a.m. Players will be placed on a team according to ability. Practices start that day, weather permitting, and continue on Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to noon. Games with the North Oakland County League start in May. Call the senior center at (248) 625-8231 for more information.



Independence Township Parks and Recreation will sponsor a flashlight Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 3. The search begins at 7 p.m. File photo

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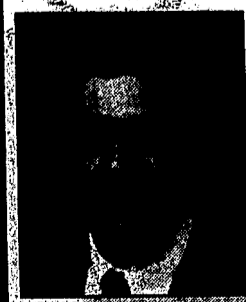
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# Children participate in Breast Cancer Walk for mom

BY KYLE GARGARO  
Clarkston News Editor

Allen Brown, Ryan Blanchard, Fiona Blanchard and Stacie Heichel will be walking for a cause this August.

The four will participate in the Breast Cancer 3-Day which is a 60-mile walk for men and women who want to make a personal difference in the fight against breast cancer.

They are doing this in honor of their mother, Fiona Brown, who had a successful battle with breast cancer after being diagnosed in 1995. The Clarkston resident is proud of her children.

"They leave me speechless," Fiona said. "The support they give me is great. I am very proud of their effort."

Each participant needs to raise a minimum of \$2,000 and the net proceeds fund critical breast cancer research and community outreach programs. The walkers are looking for donors.

"It is not an easy task. It would be one thing if it was just one person hitting up our family and friends but it is four of them," Fiona said.

The event is set for Aug. 20-22. The group will walk 20 miles a day, although the route has not yet been established.

To donate, interested individuals can visit [www.the3day.org](http://www.the3day.org) and enter one of their names. Individuals can also e-mail the group at [we\\_walk\\_4mum@wideopennest.com](mailto:we_walk_4mum@wideopennest.com).



Fiona Brown, far right, is proud of her children for raising money for breast cancer. Photo by Kyle Gargaro.

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## Teen Flashlight Egg Hunt

Friday, April 2, 2004 8:00 - 10:00 pm  
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Participants must bring a flashlight and something to put their eggs in. Door prizes, pizza and pop will be provided. Awards will be given to the top three participants who collect the most eggs. For more information, please call Springfield Township Parks & Recreation at 248-634-0412.

# Milestones



Kayla Lane Stachowiak

Matt Stachowiak and Erica Thomson announce the birth of their daughter, Kayla Lane, born on March 10.

Arriving at Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital, Kayla weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces and was 19 inches in length.

Kayla is welcomed by aunts Angie Thomson of Clarkston and Jennifer

Stachowiak of Hazel Park and uncle Jeffrey Thomson of Clarkston.

Grandparents include Andrea Turnbull of Monroe, Tim and Tina Thomson of Clarkston and Jackie Stachowiak of Hazel Park.

Great-grandparents are Ron and Janice Turnbull of Ortonville.

## At school...

Andrea Ronk, of Clarkston, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2003 at Point Park College in Pittsburgh, Pa.

The following students, and Clarkston residents, were named to Northwood University's Dean's List for fall 2003: Brenna Courter and Morgan Keil.

To achieve the honor, students had

to earn a 3.25 GPA.

Named to the school's President's List for winter term 2003 were Joshua Vanicelli and Leah Chartier, both of Clarkston.

To be named to the President's List, Vanicelli and Chartier had to earn 3.85 GPA.

Northwood is located in Midland.

## Tips for submitting Milestones

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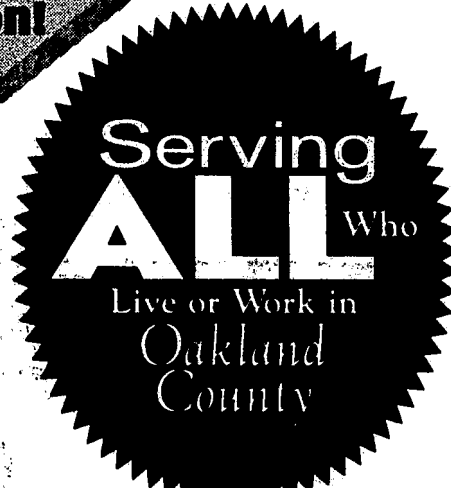
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# Independence Elementary students are all about S.O.C.K.S

BY ALICIA DORSET

Clarkston News Staff Writer

When Kim Viazanko's daughter read one of the latest "Chicken Soup for the Soul" installments, she told her mom that kids couldn't do anything big to help others.

Viazanko wanted to change that attitude.

On March 24, more than 600 students participated in S.O.C.K.S or "serving our community kids' style" at Independence Elementary School. For one morning the entire school stopped normal activities and participated in different community service events to help those in need in the community.

"As a parent, I always ask 'What can I do for my kids?'" Viazanko said, S.O.C.K.S chairman said. "It was time the kids said 'What can I do?' I want them to feel just as good about giving as they do receiving."

Leading up to the morning of service activities, representatives from the Haven shelter came in and spoke with the students about helping others in need.

Each grade took a different charity and activity to support. Kindergarten classes collected soaps, shampoos and other personal items to create 100 female and 40 male toiletries bags, colored and decorated by the students themselves, to distribute to local shelters.

"One of the kindergartners was drawing a heart with a rainbow on her bag," Viazanko said. "She told me she wanted that person to know she loved them."

The first graders were helping out local animal charities. In addition to making homemade dog bones and pine cone bird feeders, a pop can drive collected \$263 for Pop Cans for Pooches.

"They're for dogs and cats," Ethan Fox, Independence Elementary first grader and bone expert, said while making the donated canine treats.

Second graders kept busy collecting books to donate to libraries in Pontiac schools. Not only did they donate the books, each student also did a book review on their chosen selection and made a personalized book jacket to go along with it.

The aroma of muffins filled the air in the third grade hallway. Meals on Wheels was the lucky recipient of 1,050 homemade muffins that arrived in 185 personalized containers. Each box came complete with an encouraging note and magnet made by the third graders.

"I put a flower vase and a momma and baby bird," Lauren Sharkey, third grader, said. "I just thought of something that would be nice for them."



Renee Morency and Jenna Herkness work on cutting fringe strips on one of the 70 fleece blankets created by the fourth graders at Independence Elementary. The project was one of many that made up a morning of community support through S.O.C.K.S. Photo by Alicia Dorset

Sprawled out throughout the library and computer lab were the fourth graders diligently working on 70 fleece blankets that they donated to the child oncology and neonatal departments at Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital.

"Our fingers hurt since we've been working since 9 a.m.," fourth grader Renee Morency said of the morning project. Along with Jenna Herkness, the two measured out where to cut fringe on the brightly-colored blankets.

Rounding up the morning's endeavors were the fifth graders. Entertaining local seniors, the students served refreshments, put on a musical performance and conducted interviews to find out what life was like for the

guests when they were in fifth grade.

"Everyone of the 600 kids got to do something for somebody else and make a difference," Debbie Geisler, volunteer, said.

All of the materials utilized in the S.O.C.K.S program were donated or had funds raised for them, according to Viazanko.

"It was a success all the way around, from parents to staff to kids," Viazanko said.

Viazanko is already looking into promoting the program to other schools in the district. Independence has already decided to make the event an annual activity.

"The kids got it, they really did," Viazanko said.

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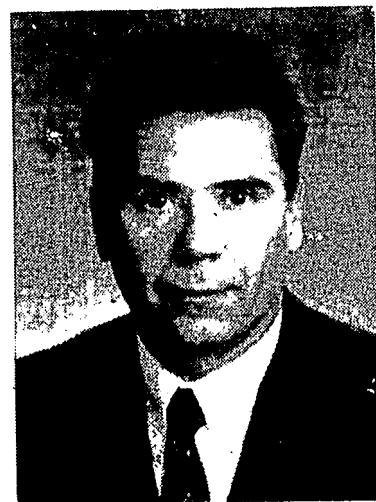
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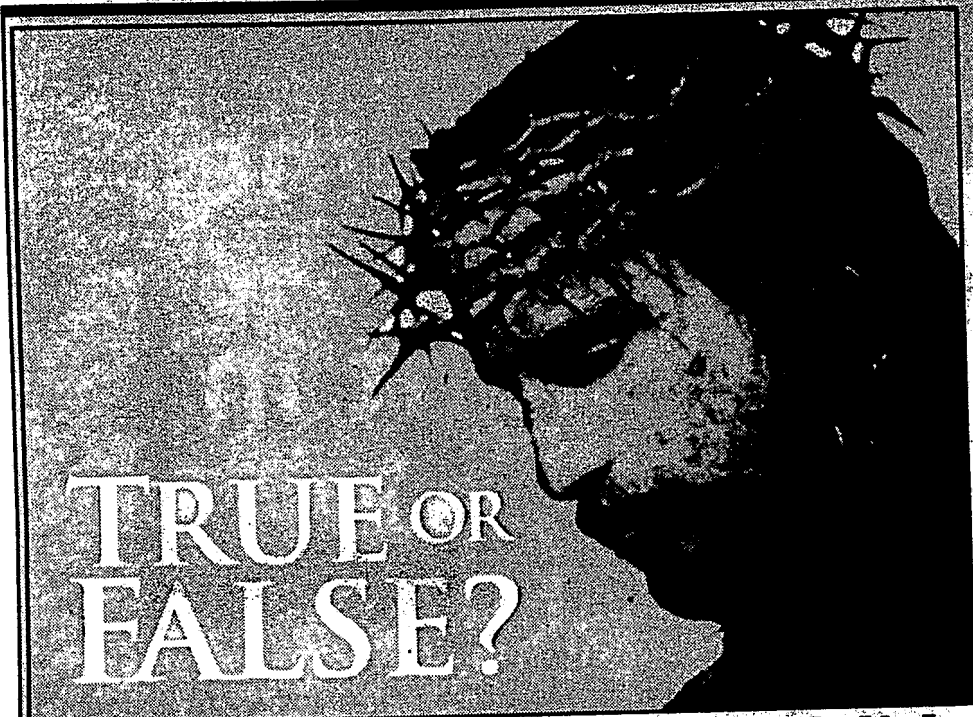


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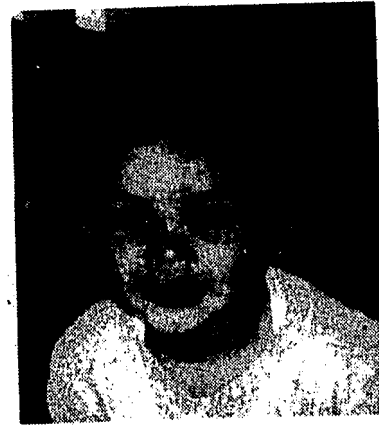
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# Easter egg decorations get a Pysanky twist at St. Daniel's event

BY ALICIA DORSET  
Clarkston News Staff  
Writer

Who says decorating Easter eggs involved just those little packs of rainbow-colored dye?

Carol Schwarb knows the answer to that.

St. Daniel's Cushing Center played host to eager Pysanky egg decorators on March 13 as Schwarb used her vast knowledge of the art to pass on to others new to the tradition.

"This is our first time trying it," Linda Johnson said. "We saw it in the church bulletin and wanted to see what it was about."

Participants were each given the opportunity to try decorating their own egg in the Ukrainian fashion. Schwarb walked around from table to table offering help and tips from previous experience.

"I originally saw Pysanky eggs as a Campfire Girl," Schwarb said. "Later on, someone came to our church for a demonstration. I took over after that year."

Pysanky eggs are created by taking a hot stylus and dipping it in wax. Designs are created with the wax-coated stylus. The eggs are then dipped in various wax colors and dried. Once dry, the wax is peeled off to reveal the designs. While some people choose to blow out the yolk from inside, most Pysanky eggs are left to let the egg dry up over time.

"If you can draw a



Linda and Evan Johnson try their hands at Pysanky egg decorating March 13 at St. Daniel's Cushing Center. Photos by Alicia Dorset.

line, you can do it," Schwarb said.

The different motifs and colors each have a special meaning for the Pysanky eggs, according to Schwarb. Some popular choices include crosses for Christianity, reindeer for prosperity, suns for good fortune and flowers for happiness.

"The eggs are made to be given away this time of year," Schwarb said of the Easter tradition.

The eggs can be

made as easy or as difficult as the individual wants, which is an attractive feature for families looking to celebrate the Easter season.

"People really take off at this event," Schwarb said. "Next year they'll be really good."

Paul Rabaut and granddaughter Jamie were just two of the afternoon's decorators who were interested in learning the

Easter tradition.

"I always wanted to come to this class and she (Jamie) volunteered to come," Rabaut said. "We're helping each other out."


Schwarb has never presented any of her work, which she brought with her to use as examples, professionally. The time-honored tradition is simply a relaxing hobby for her.



Carol Schwarb give some pointers on how to decorate.

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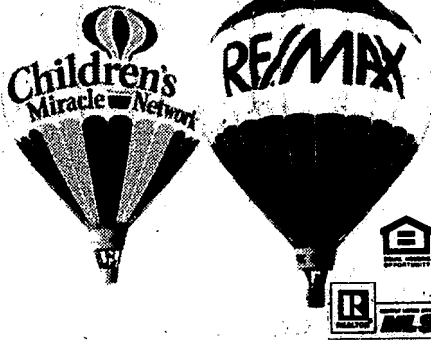
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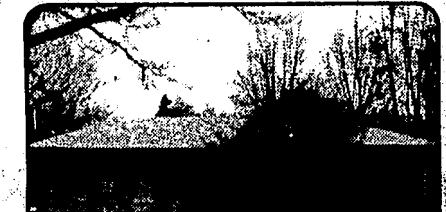
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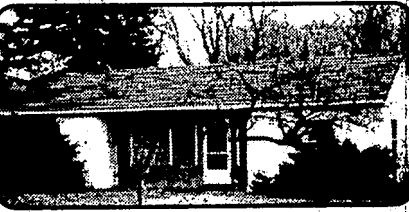
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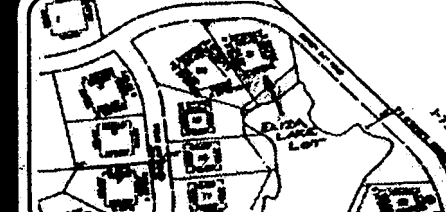
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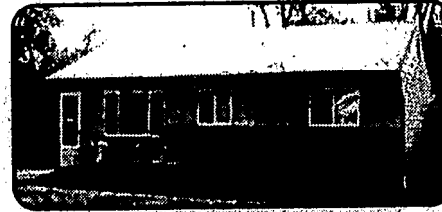


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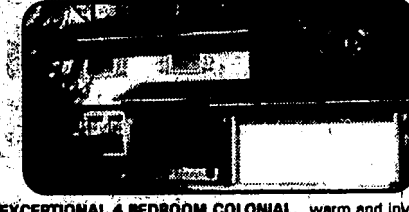


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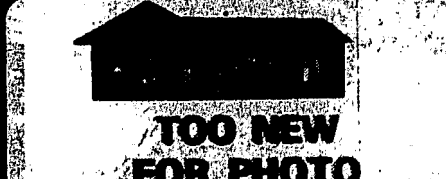


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# Deaton

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A member of the post for 13 years, Deaton said he was careful to do a lot of listening to the older members before he increased his leadership activity. He is grateful for people in the post who have documented local post history, and he prizes his grandfather's diary from his military days in Germany.

"I respect my elders," he said. "You don't just come in and step on toes. I said I'm just here to learn and have fun."

He admits it hasn't always been easy, but he believes the post is on the right track.

"Politics plays into everything, but I think we're all getting along better," he said. "I just tell everyone, 'This is what we're supposed to be doing.'"

The Clarkston post has a little more than 200 members, but Deaton is the only one under 40 years of age. He is glad to see more Vietnam era veterans involved, but there is a need to include more recent military veterans.

"A lot of the people I talk to are from [the Vietnam] era. Even some of them are getting up in years."

Another challenge is that younger people tend to be busy with business and family issues. Deaton owns a company involved in product packaging for the automotive industry and works part-time for another business. He has a wife and two young children, and he knows the issues of balancing time.

"I have a lot going on, and I can only volunteer so much time," he said, noting two regular post meetings each month and special activities. "People just don't have

the time to hang out."

The American Legion was founded after World War I, and the primary motivation was "veterans helping veterans." The organization has taken a strong stance on promoting patriotism, but has expanded the community service options over the years.

In addition to the Boys State program, the Legion offers scholarships "that do not get applied for," and the local post donates toward an American Legion hospital in the Grand Rapids area.

When there's time, Deaton enjoys family outings including dirt biking in northern Michigan, and he was part of the crew who designed and prepared many of the trails.

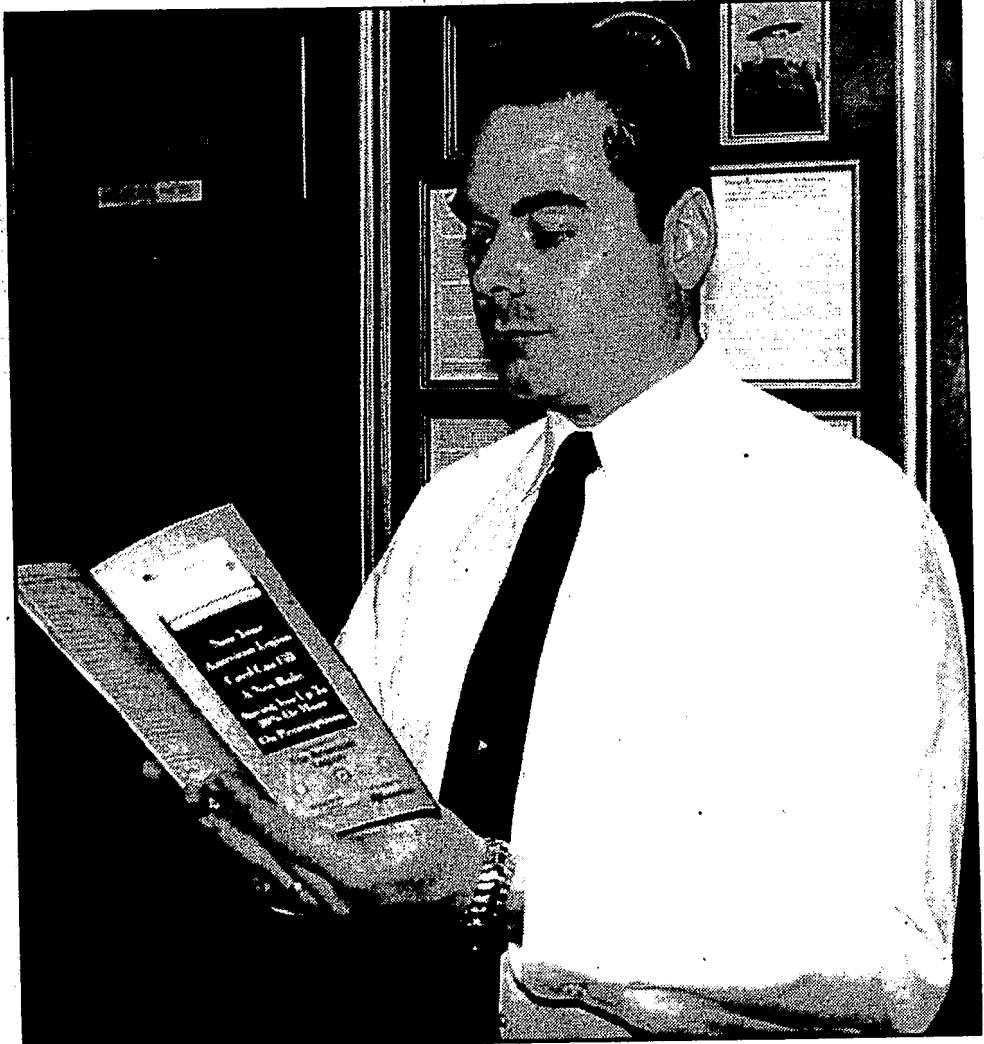
He's also active politically, serving on President George W. Bush's campaign committee and exploring options for himself.

While he's proud of his involvement with the American Legion, he seems more proud of the long-term members who have devoted so much time to the post.

"I do what I can, but there are people there every day, cleaning, getting the ice dams off. I could go through a list of about 50 people. There are some great people there."

**'I think people need to get involved at a grass roots level.'**

Roger Deaton



A U.S. Navy veteran, Roger Deaton has been a member of the American Legion for 13 years. One of his activities is chairing the post's Boys State program, which sends high school students to a summer event allowing them to have hands-on experience in government. Photo by Bob Flath

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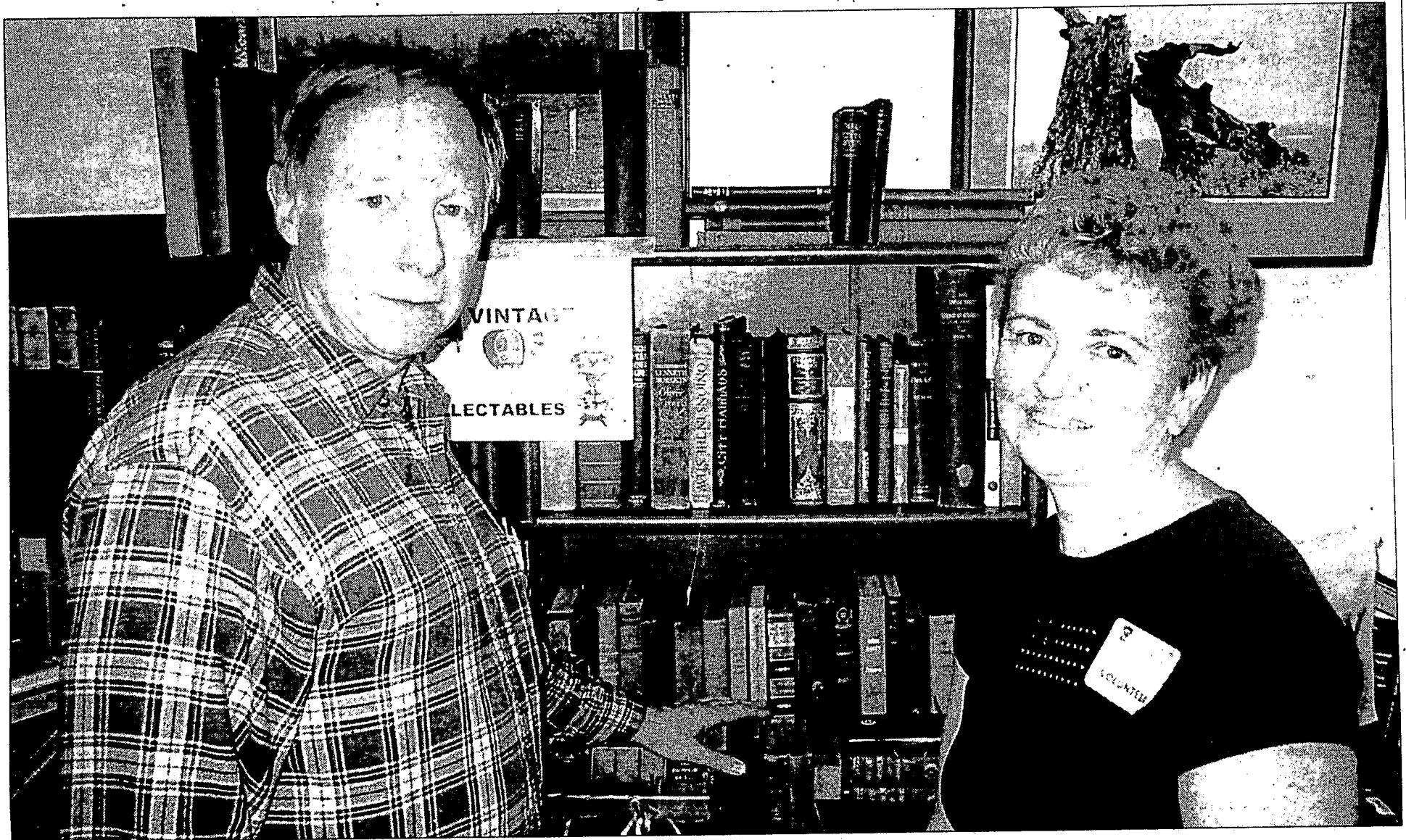
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# Smiles of the Week



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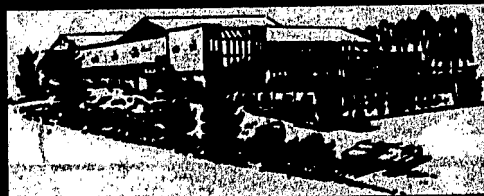
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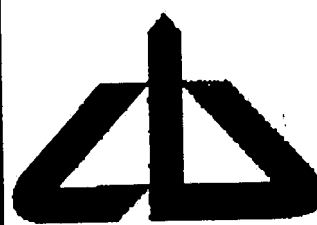
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Commission of Independence Township, Oakland County Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on:  
**April 8, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.**  
At the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, Michigan 48346, to consider the following:  
**FILE #PC 2004-015**  
Jim Anderson, Huron Sign Co., Petitioner  
**REQUEST SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL**  
2nd Wall Sign for BEST BANK on Kroger Building  
Section 5.04, 5, a. (1)  
C-2 Zone (Planned Shopping Center District)  
Special Land Use Request : 2nd Wall Sign, Bank in Market  
Parcel Identification Number: 08-27-400-029  
Common Description: Best Bank in new Kroger Store, Sashabaw & Maybee Roads  
Any further information regarding the above Public Hearing may be obtained at the Township Planning Office during regular office hours 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday, or by phone at (248) 625-8111.  
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**INDEPENDENCE TWP.**  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Commission of Independence Township, Oakland County Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on:  
**April 22nd, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.**  
at the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, Michigan 48346, to consider the following:  
**FILE PC#2004-019**  
Mr. Steven Collin, Rison Construction, Petitioner  
**REQUEST REZONING**  
FROM: R-1R (Rural Residential District)  
TO: R-1A (Single Family Residential)  
11.96 Acres  
08-21-400-013, 092 & 033  
Intended Use:  
Common Description: North side of Waldon Road, West of Walters Road  
Any further information regarding the above Public Hearing may be obtained at the Township Planning Office during regular office hours 8:00 am to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by phone at (298) 625-8111.  
**JOAN E. McCRARY, CLERK**

### PUBLIC NOTICE

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**INDEPENDENCE TWP.**  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE  
TOWNSHIP BOARD  
AGENDA  
7:30 P.M.  
TOWNSHIP LIBRARY  
DATE: April 6, 2004

1. Call to Order
  2. Petitions
  3. Board Minutes
  4. Correspondence and Correspondence
  5. Agenda
  6. Public Comments: Individuals in the audience have the opportunity to comment on an issue that is on the agenda limiting their comments to not more than 3 minutes.
  7. Closed Session
- Approval of Purchase Orders  
Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run  
Special Assessment District  
Sewer Improvement and SAD
- Public Hearing
1. A. Sewer Improvement and SAD
  2. B. Regarding Limitation of Docks on Lakes
  3. C. Wetland Permit
  4. D. Station Improvements
  5. E. Plant-a-Row Community Garden
  6. F. Chloride Program
  7. G. Insurance Renewal
  8. H. Consent Agenda for action or discussion
- Items not on the agenda for action or discussion will be added to the last item under Unfinished Business. Only those items that are listed on the agenda are to be considered for action.  
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CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON  
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SUMMARY  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
March 22, 2004

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Mayor.  
Roll. Present: Catallo, Clifton, Colombo, Gamble, Meyland, Werner.  
Absent: savage.  
Minutes of March 9, 2004, accepted as presented.  
Agenda accepted as presented with the removal of Clarkston Conservatory from Old Business.  
Clifton read a letter she received from a former business owner in the City regarding fire inspections. Pappas was instructed to send copies of the letter to the Independence Township Fire Department and Bob Pursley.  
Mayor Catallo reported that the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club was interested in replacing the barrel planters. City Attorney Ryan informed council that as long as the planters were off the roadway, there was no liability for the Garden Club.  
Pappas reported that there was an inquiry about having a bulletin board in the Tot Lot area. Council unanimously favored maintaining the bulletin board on the porch, and it was felt that no additional bulletin board was required.  
Papas reported that City Engineer Gary Tressell, D.P.W. Supervisor Puralay, and Ingles Construction would be meeting on Tuesday, March 23, to review the final stages of phase II of the Water and Paving program and restoration.  
Chuck Inabnit of south Main street related to the Council that he had occasion to meet with Chiet Combs and Officer Kitzens, and that the Police Department acted with courtesy and professionalism. He commended the police for handling of the situation in a most, satisfactory manner.  
**NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH RESOLUTION**  
WHEREAS, child abuse is a community problem and finding solutions depends on involvement among people throughout the community;  
WHEREAS, approximately 3 million children are reported abused and neglected in this county each year;  
WHEREAS, children deserve to grow and thrive in an environment that nurtures them and keeps them sane;  
WHEREAS, technology has brought with it the advent of the online child abuse predator, and parents need to closely monitor their children's computer use;  
WHEREAS, the harmful consequences of physical and emotional abuse of children are felt by whole communities and need to be addressed the entire community;  
WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community;  
WHEREAS, all citizens should become more aware of the negative effects of child abuse and its prevention with the community and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment;  
WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has mandatory reporting by professionals working with children of any suspected incidents of child abuse and neglect, a major step in protecting the safety of all children;  
WHEREAS the Child Abuse and Neglect Council of Oakland County is an advocate for the safety of all children and a leading resource in the prevention of child abuse and the protection of children through education, intervention, treatment and research, in collaboration with other community agencies and organizations;  
NOW, THEREFORE, The City of Clarkston Council proclaims April as National Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness in the City of the Village of Clarkston and call upon all citizens, community agencies and organizations and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to prevent child abuse, thereby strengthening the communities in which we live.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Artemus M. Pappas  
Clerk

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

Date: April 6, 2004  
Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Place: Township Library  
6495 Clarkston Road  
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 hearings 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 improvements and the proposed special assessment district.  
Appearance and protest at the hearing is required in order to appeal the matters to be considered at the hearing to the State Tax Tribunal. An owner or 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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**INDEPENDENCE TWP.**  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Commission of Independence Township, Oakland County Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on:  
**Thursday, April 8th, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.**  
At the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, Michigan, 48346 to consider the following:  
**PC #2004-007**  
Richard D. Linnell, South Oakland Dev., Petitioners  
**REZONING REQUEST**  
FROM: R-1R (Rural Residential District)  
TO: R-1A (Single family Residential District)  
Parcel Identification Number: 08-30-300-006, 008, 010, 012, 013, 014, 015, 016 & 017  
59.46 Acres  
NE Corner Mann Road & Clintonville Roads  
**Residential Development**  
Intended Use:  
Any further information regarding the above Public Hearing may be obtained at the Township Planning Office during regular office hours 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday, or by phone at (248) 625-8111.  
**JOAN E. McCRARY, CLERK**

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The Planning Commission of Independence Township, Oakland County Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on:  
**April 8, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.**  
Located at the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, Michigan, 48346 to consider the following:  
**PC #2003-034**  
**TEXT AMENDMENTS TO ZONING ORDINANCE #83**  
SECTION 5.03. Accessory Buildings, Subsection 1. g. Swimming Pools  
SECTION 5.22. Site Condominium Projects  
SECTION 5.24. Cluster Lot Development  
SECTION 7.02.4.a. Table of Off-Street Parking  
SECTION 18.02.1. Permitted Principal Uses  
SECTION 25.10. Site Specific Relief Authorization  
ARTICLE XXX. Schedule of Regulations, FOOTNOTE, e  
Any further information regarding the above Public Hearing may be obtained at the Township Building and Planning Office during regular office hours 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday, or by phone at 248 625-8111.  
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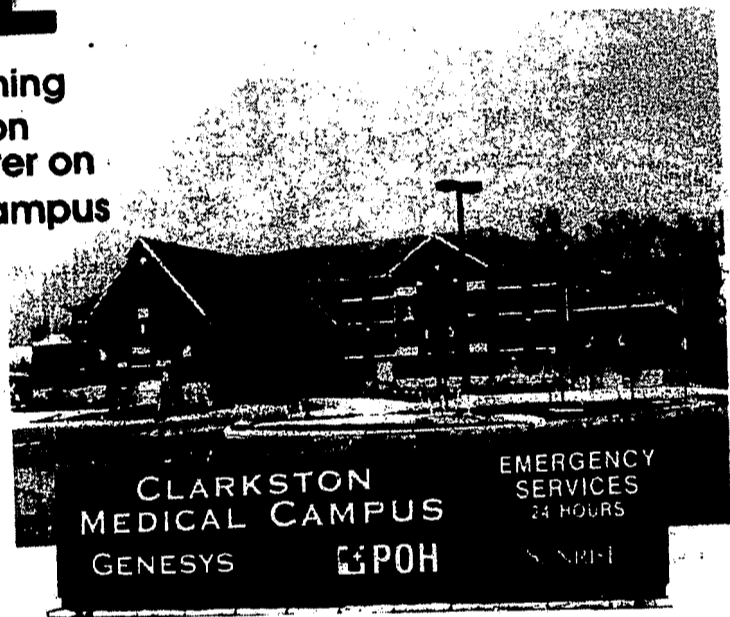
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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF OAKLAND  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE  
ORDINANCE NO.  
AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE  
GRANTING THE LIBERTY PLANNED UNIT  
DEVELOPMENT

(Text and Map Amendment to Zoning Ordinance)  
An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 83, as amended, the Charter Township of Independence Zoning Ordinance, for the purposes of: (1) re-classifying certain property situated in Section 27 of the Township to PUD, Planned Unit Development, in accordance with the Zoning Ordinance; (2) adding such rezoned properties to the existing Liberty PUD; and (3) providing amended regulations applicable to the development and use of such rezoned property and applicable to the retail/commercial phases of the existing Liberty PUD.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1 of Ordinance  
The approximately 177.5 acres of property in Sections 27 and 28 of the Charter Township of Independence, known as the Liberty PUD, was previously re-classified in the Zoning Ordinance and on the Zoning Map as PUD, Planned Unit Development, subject to and, in accordance with an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance adopted on October 16, 2001 (re-adopted on April 19, 2002), inclusive of a Site Plan, Permit Conditions, Development Agreement and other documentation set forth in said amendment to the Zoning Ordinance ("Original Liberty PUD Ordinance").

The approximately 24.81 acres of property in Section 27 of Independence Township known as parcels numbers 08-27-100-017, -024, -025, -026 and -027, and more particularly described in the attached Rezoned Property Description Exhibit is hereby added to the Liberty PUD and re-

classified in the zoning ordinance and on the zoning map from OS-2 and R-1A to PUD, Planned Unit Development, subject to and in accordance with this amendatory ordinance.

Section 2 of Ordinance  
This amendment to the Township Zoning Ordinance and the Original Liberty PUD Ordinance is granted subject to, and all development and use of the properties described in Section 2 of this Ordinance shall be subject to and in conformity with the following:

- (A) Article XXV of the Independence Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended.
- (B) The PUD Plans for the Liberty Planned Unit Development Amendment, including Elevations Drawings, Plan Sheet Nos. Kleft 1 through 7, TCF LP1-00, A1-00, A5-00 and SP1-00 Landscape Plans L-1 and L-2 and the PUD Binder dated December 2003, all as revised to the date of adoption of this Ordinance and only as approved by the Charter Township of Independence Board of Trustees and its Planning Commission.
- (C) The "Permit Conditions for the Liberty PUD Amendment," dated March 16, 2004.
- (D) The "Amended Development Agreement for the Liberty Planned Unit Development," dated March 16, 2004.
- (E) Any and all conditions of the approval of the Independence Township Board of Trustees pertaining to the Liberty PUD as reflected in the official minutes of such meetings.
- (F) Recordation with the Oakland County Register of Deeds office of an Affidavit by the owner prior to commencement of construction and prior to the sale or lease of any portion of the property within the amended Liberty PUD, containing the legal description of the property, specifying the date of approval of the amendments to the Liberty PUD and adoption of this Ordinance, and declaring that all future development of the property has been authorized, restricted and required to be carried out only in accordance with this Ordinance.
- (G) All applicable Township ordinances and all Township design standards for the Sashabaw Town Center Overlay District, of which this Planned Unit Development is a part.

Section 3 of Ordinance  
Amended only as specified in this Ordinance, the Zoning Ordinance, including without limitation the Original Lib-

erty PUD Ordinance, shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4 of Ordinance  
The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective eight (8) days from the date of publication, unless a notice of intent to file a petition requesting submission of this Ordinance to a vote of the Township electors is filed within seven (7) days of publication. If the notice of intent is filed within seven (7) days of publication the Ordinance shall take effect thirty-one (31) days from the date of publication, unless a petition determined to be adequate by the Township Clerk is filed within thirty (30) days of publication, the Ordinance shall be submitted to a vote of the Township electors, and if approved, the effective date of the Ordinance to a vote of the Township electors shall be deemed adequate by the Township Clerk if it is signed by a number of registered electors residing in the portion of the Township outside the limits of cities and villages equal to not less than fifteen (15%) percent of the total vote cast for all candidates for governor at the last preceding general election at which a governor was elected.

CERTIFICATION  
It is certified that the foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Independence on March 26, 2004.  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE  
By: Joan McCrary, Clerk

INTRODUCED: 01/20/04  
ADOPTED: 03/16/04  
PUBLISHED: 03/31/04  
EFFECTIVE: 04/08/04

REZONED PROPERTY DESCRIPTION EXHIBIT  
J-08-27-100-017  
T4N, R9E, SEC 27 SASHABAW ORCHARD ACRES PART OF LOTS 4 & 5, BEG AT SW COR LOT 4, TH N 89-46-00 E 680.00 FT, TH N 363.02 FT, TH N 89-58-00 W 692.12 FT, TH SLY ALG W LINE OF LOT 4 & 5 368.20 FT TO BEG  
J-08-27-100-024  
T4N, R9E, SEC 27 SASHABAW ORCHARD ACRES LOT 3  
J-08-27-100-025  
T4N, R9E, SEC 27 SASHABAW ORCHARD ACRES LOT 2  
J-08-27-100-026  
T4N, R9E, SEC 27 SASHABAW ORCHARD ACRES N 200 FT OF LOT 1  
J-08-27-100-027  
T4N, R9E, SEC 27 SASHABAW ORCHARD ACRES LOT 1 EXC N 200 FT

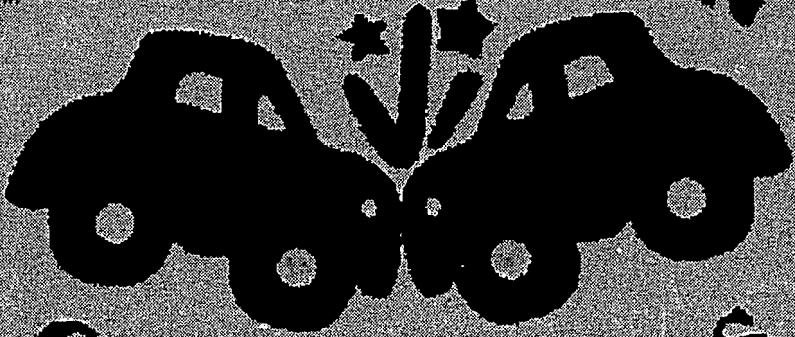
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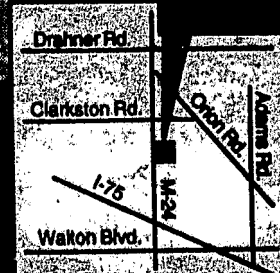
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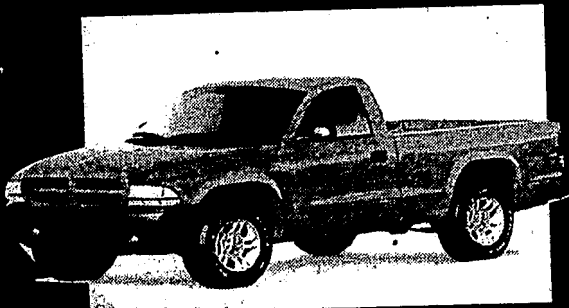
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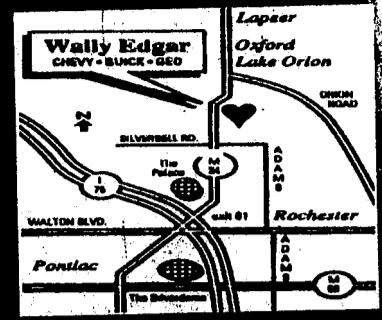


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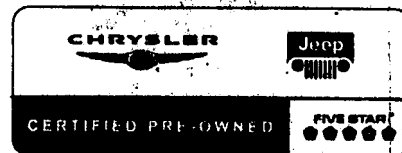
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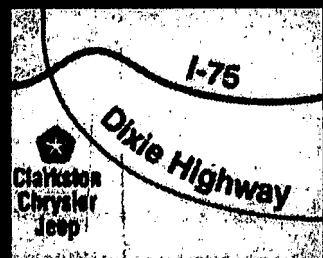
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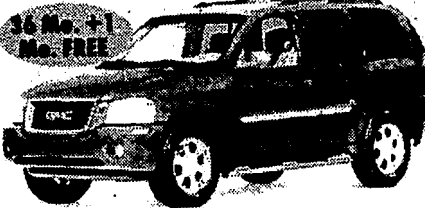
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**GMS/EVERYONE LEASE \$250<sup>12\*\*</sup>**  
Total Due \$2784

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Power sunroof, Universal garage door opener, Vortec 5300 V8, in dash 6 CD player, Satellite XM, SLT decor, assist steps, full function frt bucket seats, Bose premium 9 speaker system, OnStar, steering wheel controls. 24 hr. Test Drive Vehicle. SIK-03-5848



**WAS \$48,799**

**GMS/EVERYONE LEASE \$34,910<sup>60\*</sup>**

### 2004 SIERRA 2500 HD 4WD REG. CAB

Locking rear differential, engine block heater, Vortec 6000 V8, auxiliary HD battery, snow plow prep pkg, increased capacity springs, roof lamp provisions, 145 amp alternator, skid plates, heavy duty trailering equipment, 7 1/2 ft plow, western ultramount w/ hand control. SIK#04-5343



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### 2004 ENVOY SLE 4WD (4-DR)

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**GMS/EVERYONE \$25,222<sup>25\*</sup>**

**GMS/EVERYONE LEASE \$255<sup>95\*\*</sup>**  
Total Due \$2777

### 2004 YUKON 4WD

Third row 50/50 split bench high back bucket seats, Bose premium 9 speaker system, assist steps, power adjustable pedals, Vortec 5300, Onstar system, steering wheel controls, side impact air bags, stabilitrak, locking differential. Homelink universal transmitter. SIK# 04-5220

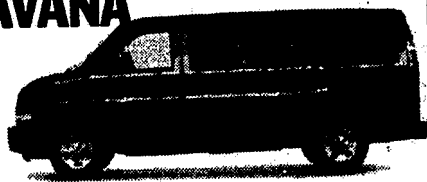


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### 2004 SAVANA CARGO VAN

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**GMS/EVERYONE \$18,085<sup>93\*</sup>**

**GMS/EVERYONE LEASE \$242<sup>15\*\*</sup>**  
Total Due \$2823

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Front reclining bucket seats, power driver seat adjuster, air cond., dual zone automatic 6.6 Duramax Diesel; electronic shift transfer case, locking differential rear axle; polished aluminum wheels, Bose speaker system, steering wheel radio controls, rear window defogger, deep tint glass, front fog lamps, AM/FM stereo w/CD player, power locks & windows, remote keyless entry. SIK# 04-5832

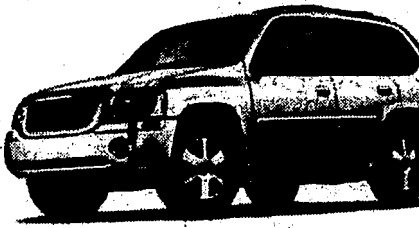


**WAS \$50,908**

**GMS/EVERYONE \$39,377<sup>17\*</sup>**

### 2003 ENVOY SLE 4WD (4 DR)

Headlamps washers, heated front seats, Vortec 4200 inline 6 cyl. engine, SLT, keyless entry, auto climate memory seats, steering wheel touch controls, power drivers seat. SIK#03-5989



**WAS \$36,560**

**GMS/EVERYONE LEASE \$25,827<sup>63\*</sup>**

### 2004 CANYON 2WD REGULAR CAB

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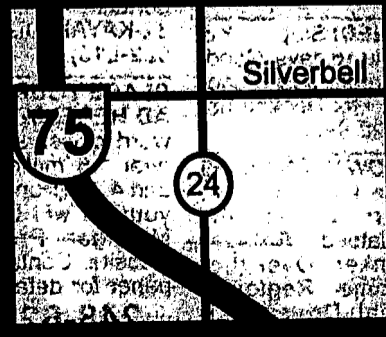
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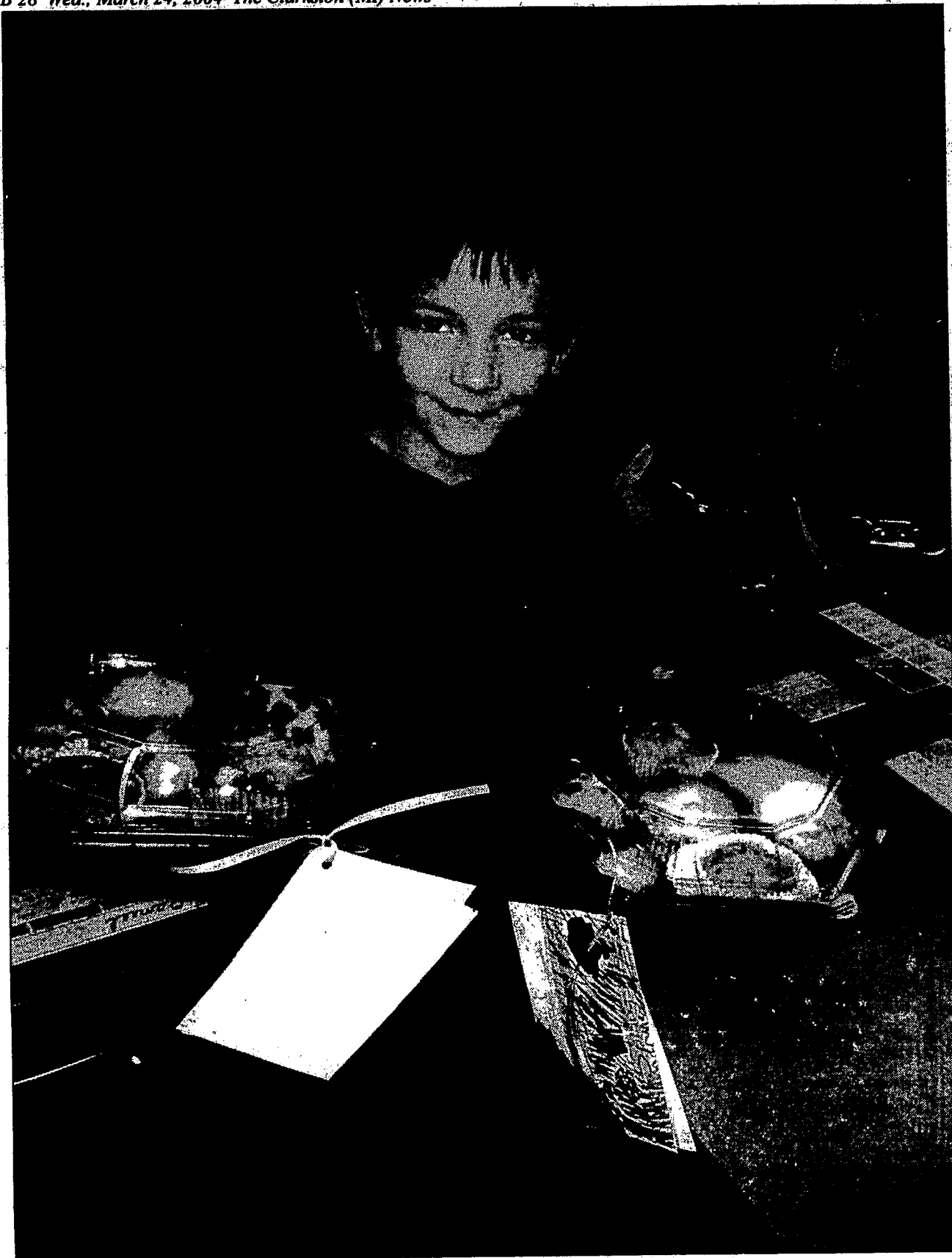


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Gerald Shay shows off all the muffins his third grade class collected and baked for their charity.

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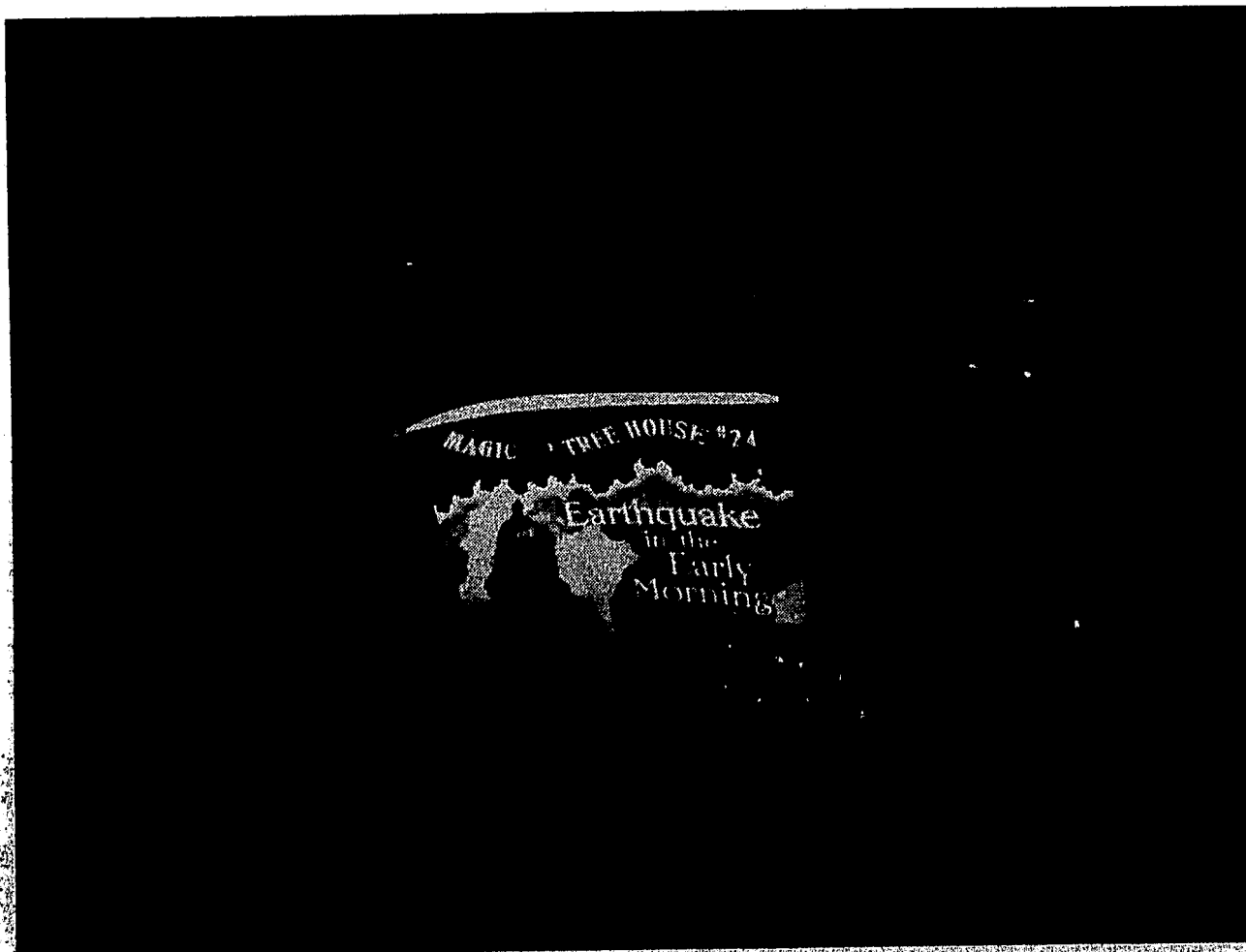
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Ethan Fox, first grade, demonstrates the proper technique needed to cut out a dog bone with his cookie cutter. Fox, and the rest of the first grade, made their own bones to donate to the Humane Society and Leader Dogs for the Blind.

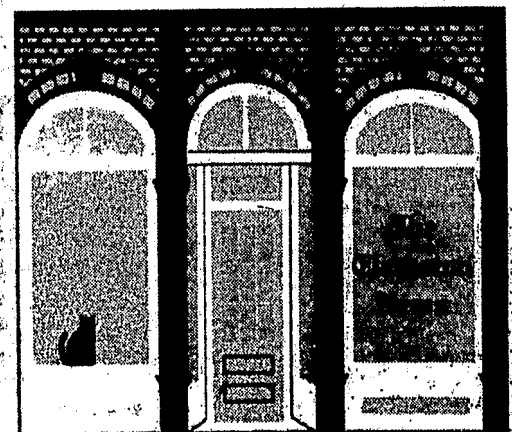


First-grader Jillian Sanders puts the finishing touches on a pine cone bird feeder. Edible treats for animals were the focus for the first grade class.



Matt Dahl, second grade, concentrates on a new chapter in "Earthquake in the Early Morning" during the morning of service projects. Dahl chose to write about the book because it was a favorite.

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