

Severance incentive draws 54 takers

Board member Miller protests termination of two custodians

BY DON SCHELSKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

More than a few Clarkston school employees will take advantage of a one-time severance incentive, leading to significant savings in next year's district budget.

The monthly personnel report at Monday's school board meeting also contained two "terminations" which led Trustee Tony Miller to vote against approval of the entire list.

The board routinely approves new hires and resignations, but the April report was significant with the inclusion of 39 certified teachers and 15 support personnel who will leave in June thanks to the financial incentive package.

"I'm amazed," board President Karen Foyteck said. "I never anticipated it would go this high."

Linda Nester, executive director for personnel and auxiliary services, said the combined experience of the 39 teachers (which also includes John Diliiegghio, executive director for middle and high school curriculum) equals 1,167 years.

"That's a lot," Nester said. "It will be difficult to replace them."

What some have called "brain drain" was anticipated, but the board previously approved the severance incentive as part of a cost-cutting plan for the 2004-2005 school year.

As proposed, if at least 20 veteran teachers agreed to resign at the end of this school year, they would receive \$30,000 in January 2005 and \$15,000 in January 2006. The same payment was offered to administrators, while support staff was offered payments equal to about 73 percent of their base salary in 2005 and about 36 percent in 2006.



Tony Miller

With more than 30 taking advantage of the plan, the teacher/administrator payout will be higher, but the district still expects to save at least \$500,000 in next year's budget.

The group includes seven teachers from Clarkston High School, five from Clarkston Middle School, nine from Sashabaw Middle School, five each from Andersonville and Bailey Lake elementaries, three from Springfield Plains, two from Pine Knob, one from North Sashabaw Elementary and one social worker from Student Support Services.

While the response to the severance package helped the district avoid budget-related teacher layoffs, the report did include two pink slips for foreign language teachers under the category of "reduction of personnel."

Nester later said those terminations were "student-driven" based on student registration for classes next year, and "dips" in student interest in different languages are normal.

In addition, one tenured teacher is expected to return from a leave of absence, so one non-tenured teacher had to go. Nester said one of the teachers may be called back, but contracts require the district to give layoff notices no later than April.

Contract terms were followed in the case of the two terminated high school custodians, and will be followed in the appeals process, officials said, but Miller offered a motion to remove those names from the personnel report.

His motion failed for lack of a second. "I was just asking for time," Miller said after the meeting. "I wanted to investigate this."

Nester would not comment on details of the terminations.

"It's a personnel matter," she said. "We're following the procedures."



A bank surveillance video shows the suspect in Sunday's robbery of the TCF Bank on Dixie Highway in Independence Township. Photo provided by the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

Robber hits TCF Bank

BY DON SCHELSKE
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Numerous witnesses contributed to the description of a man who took \$7,000 from the Dixie Highway branch of TCF Bank Sunday. He was wearing a disguise, however, so the search for the suspect has been difficult.

The incident occurred at about 2:20 p.m., when a man handed a teller a note saying he was armed and demanding \$6,500 in cash, according to Oakland County Sheriff reports.

Although the teller did not see a gun, she followed his direction and gave him a bundle of cash totalling \$7,000, reports said. The man left the bank quickly, but not before being caught on a surveillance camera and being seen by others inside and outside the building.

While some details varied, the suspect was described as being a white male wearing a baseball cap with black hair sticking out and what appeared to be a fake beard and mustache and large-framed glasses.

His clothing included a dark colored UAW Local 653 jacket with the name "Dick" on the front, and tan-colored pants.

A server at the nearby Big Boy restaurant reported seeing a man running from the bank toward the restaurant parking lot. A vehicle description was also obtained, although another deputy later stopped that vehicle and found the occupants unrelated to the robbery.

A K-9 unit was also called to the bank, but the dog was unable to get a good track, reports said.

In addition to sheriff's investigators, the Federal Bureau of Investigation also responded to the incident.

Making a basket



Andrew Ross, age 2, enjoys the festivities at the Independence Township Parks and Recreation 2004 Eggstravaganza held at the Clarkston Christian Association April 6. Photo by Alicia Dorset.

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Briefly

McMurray wins community award

Clarkston's Karen McMurray was awarded the Agency Hands in the Community Award for her commitment to volunteering in the community. With this award comes a \$500 grant from The Allstate Foundation for the Polish American Charitable Fund for Children where McMurray volunteers.

The Polish American Charitable Fund for Children donates funds, clothing and other items to 54 separate orphanages in Poland.

Group participates in autism campaign

The Autism Society of America launched its national tree planting campaign "Rooted in Hope" April 6 with the support of the Oakland County ASA Chapter and eleven county businesses and organizations, including one from Clarkston.

Offering Alternative Therapy With Smiles (OATS) of Clarkston received a tree seedling as part of the campaign kick-off to plant at a site of their choice. The group was one of eleven representatives from Oakland County selected because of their commitment to the autism community.

Each tree planted in the campaign represented a proportion of the total autism count throughout Oakland County.

Oakland County commissioner L. Brooks Patterson lead the tree planting ceremony.

NOHLC hosts spring meeting

The North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy will hold its annual Spring Membership Meeting, "Enjoying Open Spaces," on Saturday May 8.

This year's program features Jim Dufresne, a local award winning writer and author of more than a dozen guidebooks. The event will run from 9:30 a.m. to noon and the public is invited to attend. Although free to the public, registration is required if you want to avoid a park entrance fee. The event is at the Lewis E. Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks Park.

Correction

In the March 31 edition of *The Clarkston News*, the e-mail address to donate to the Breast Cancer Walk should have read We_Walk_4mum@wideopenwest.com.

In the March 31 edition of *The Clarkston News*, it stated this was the first time a Dan Fife led Clarkston High School basketball team had won consecutive regional titles. The Wolves won regional titles in 1994-1996.

The Clarkston News regrets these errors.

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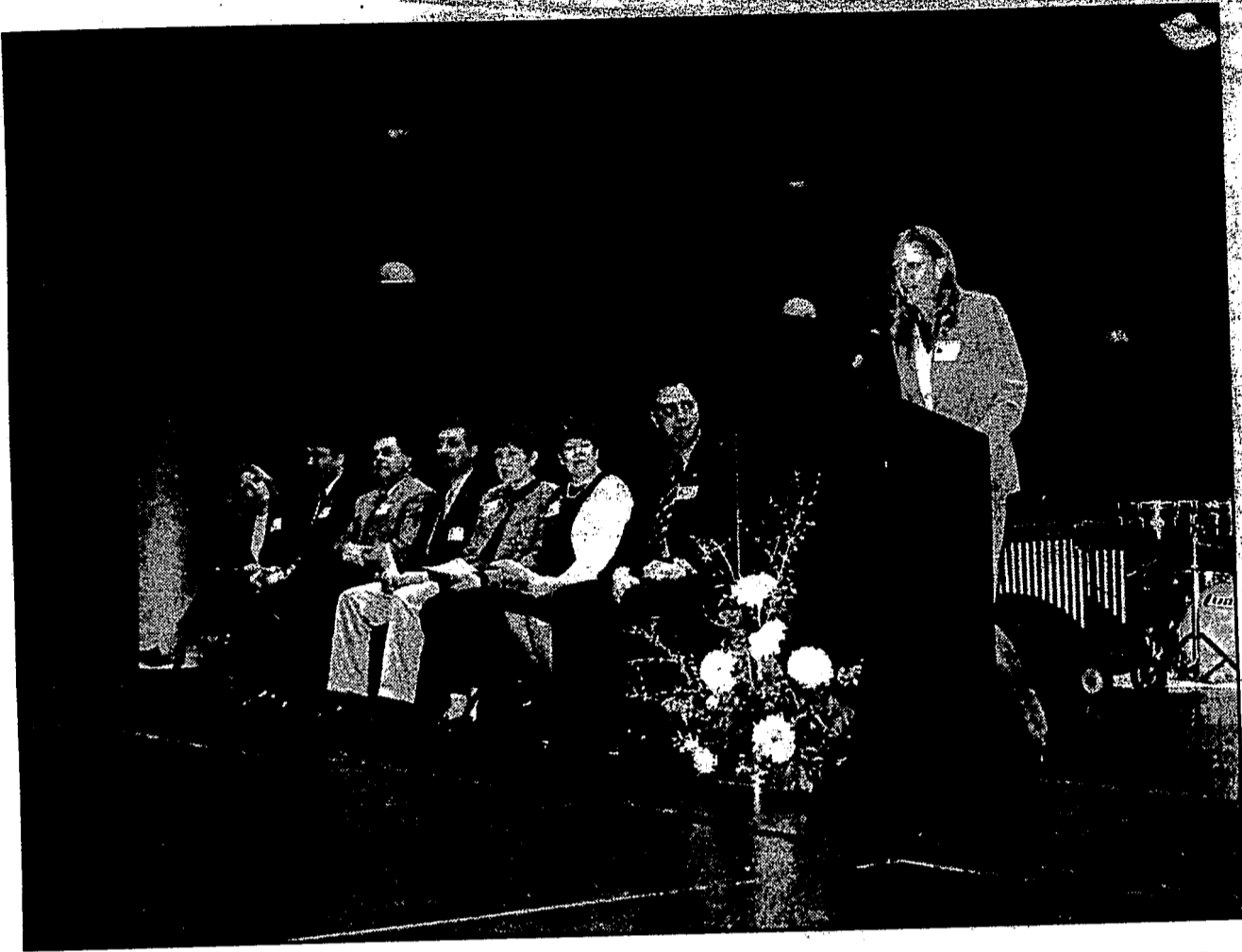
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The Second Front



As the Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education looks on, Principal Jan Meagher accepts the Blue Ribbon award by thanking everyone who contributed toward the high school's qualification for the award. Photos by Don Schelske

High school accepts 'blue ribbon'

BY DON SCHELSKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston High School Principal Jan Meagher said she could not accept the award alone.

Students, administrators and community leaders joined for a Monday ceremony awarding one of 13 awards in the 2004 Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School Program.

Meagher recognized former principals for their work building a strong foundation at Clarkston High School, as well as parent and booster groups for their continuing support.

"It's so much bigger than any one individual," Meagher said. "We are a great school because we have a great community behind us."

Clarkston High School (and Clarkston Middle School, which will be honored next month) qualified for the award by submitting a detailed report to the Michigan State Board of Education, passing evaluation by peer review committees and hosting a site verification visit.

According to a state board press release, the program "recognizes schools that demonstrate a strong commitment to educational excellence and significant academic improvement over five years."

Elementary and secondary schools compete separately on alternative years. Middle schools and high schools were eligible for the Blue Ribbon award this year.

Kathleen Straus, president of the state board of education, was on hand to make the official presentation.

"We congratulate you and commend you for a job very well done," Straus said. "You are setting an example for other schools in the state."

Michigan Rep. John Stakoe (R-Highland Township) joined in the accolades, also expanding the praise to those outside the school walls.

"Success like this doesn't occur without a fine effort not only from the students and their fine work, but of the parents, administrators and teachers," Stakoe said. "It's a community effort."



The Clarkston High School Madrigals open the Blue Ribbon ceremony with the National Anthem.

Sex offenders have days in court

BY DON SCHELSKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Three high-profile local cases involving sexual conduct are making their way through the judicial system.

Independence Township resident Guy Robert Lendrum was sentenced by Oakland Circuit Judge Rae Lee Chabot to 18-3/4 to 30 years in prison on March 23.

Lendrum, 32, was charged last December with 12 counts of sexual assault on children ranging in age from 18 months to 12 years old, including his son and daughter. He pleaded no contest to the charges in February, and his actions led to the discovery of a network of other adults from at least six other states and one other country who exchanged child pornography via computer.

While pleased with the sentence, Assistant County Prosecutor Matthew Roth would have liked to see a higher minimum on Lendrum's prison term.

"I don't think there's a sentence adequate for what he did," Roth said.

Meanwhile, a former county sheriff's deputy assigned to the Springfield Township substation pleaded guilty March 30 to multiple felony charges for viewing and distributing child pornography on his computer before Oakland Circuit Judge Nanci Grant.

John Gomez, 43, will face sentencing May 4. Roth said it is a fairly cut and dried case in light of thousands of pornographic images found on Gomez' personal computer at his Waterford home.

There is some question as to whether he will be sentenced to county jail or state prison. "We're advocating for prison," Roth said.

The formal charges followed Gomez' Jan. 2 resignation from the Oakland County Sheriff's Department. He had been a road patrol officer for 17 years and had worked out of the Springfield substation about a year. Investigators found no evidence of Gomez using work computers for the pornographic activity.

The Gomez case also was connected to interstate trading of pornographic images, with his arrest spurred by an investigation by police in Orange County, Calif. and Rockland County, N.Y.

Springfield Township resident Thomas Dittich, 36, was to have faced sentencing March 26 in his conviction on seven charges of criminal sexual assault. Assistant County Prosecutor Cheryl Matthews said that case was adjourned to April 9.



Guy Robert Lendrum



John Gomez

Citizens group announces Springfield 'slate'

BY DON SCHELSKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

It's not quite a full slate, but a group calling themselves Citizens for a Progressive Springfield has recruited three candidates for the township board.

They came together to file their nominating petitions last week amid a small group of family and friends, announcing their intention to challenge incumbents.

Bill Sahutske, an engineer with Ford Motor Company, will run for supervisor. James Ashley, involved in the fitness industry, filed for treasurer and Marc Cooper, a commercial printer, will vie for a trustee seat.

The group's joint statement said, "We want to help lead our community in the most effective manner and tackle every problem that arises."

Diane Wozniak, one of the organizers of the political action committee, said it was a true grass-roots effort.

"I started asking people, 'Who do you know?'" she said. Sahutske is a neighbor who she did not know well at first, but she has known Ashley through years of joint work with the township parks commission. Cooper does printing for her business.

"All of us are best served by being united," she

said.

"After attending a few township meetings, I was not impressed by the way meetings were handled," Sahutske said. "I know I can do a better job of listening to the people."

"A progressive no-nonsense board is needed as our community expands," Ashley said. "The taxpayers deserve to have their money spent wisely, and as a fiscal conservative I will fight to make sure that happens."

"I feel we need to move to be a more progressive community that works more effectively to meet the needs of the people," Cooper said.

Beyond general statements, Wozniak said there will be specific proposals from the slate for improvements in police and fire service and response from township officials to citizen complaints.

"None our services have been compromised, but the community is growing and the need is growing," she said. "We could always use another deputy."

The committee originally had two other candidates lined up, but one took a job outside the area and another discovered too many job travel requirements.

During the campaign, Wozniak said the group will have the help of an unnamed attorney and political consultant.

The slate will go up against incumbents, all but one of whom have indicated an intent to run again. Supervisor Collin Walls previously made his formal announcement, and incumbent Clerk Nancy Strole officially launched her campaign last week.

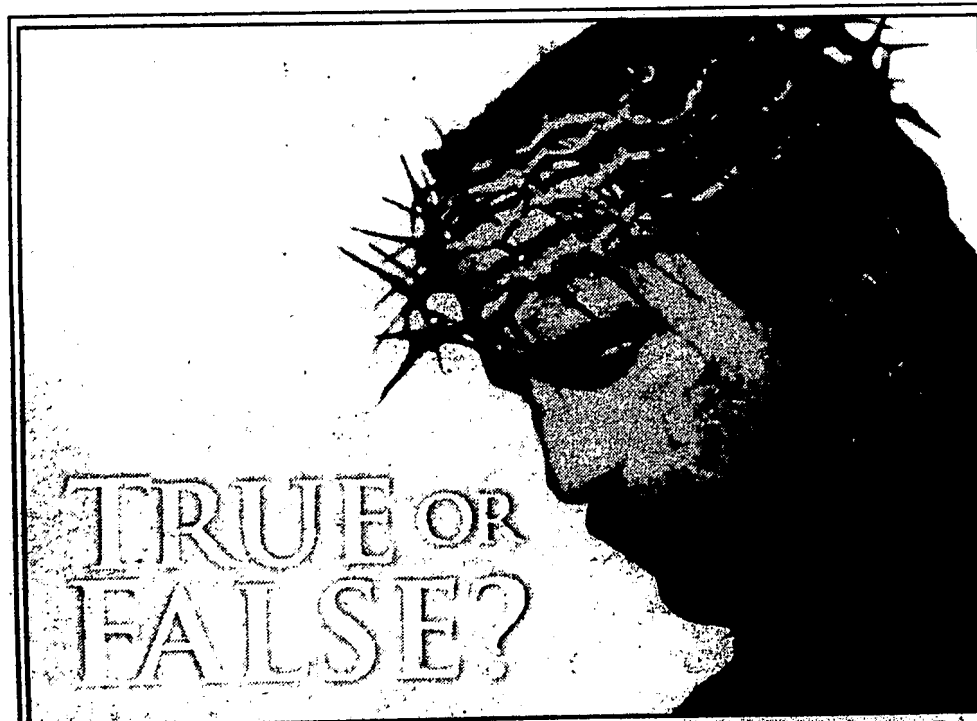
"I'm proud of my record of accomplishments on behalf of our township and residents," Strole said, running for her fourth four-year term as clerk. "If we're going to address challenges that lie ahead, we'll continue to need leaders with a proven track record of performance and success."

May 11 is the deadline to file nominating petitions for all township offices.



Candidates and supporters representing "Citizens for a Progressive Springfield" gather outside the township civic center as candidates Bill Sahutske, James Ashley and Marc Cooper filed their nominating petitions. Photo by Don Schelske.

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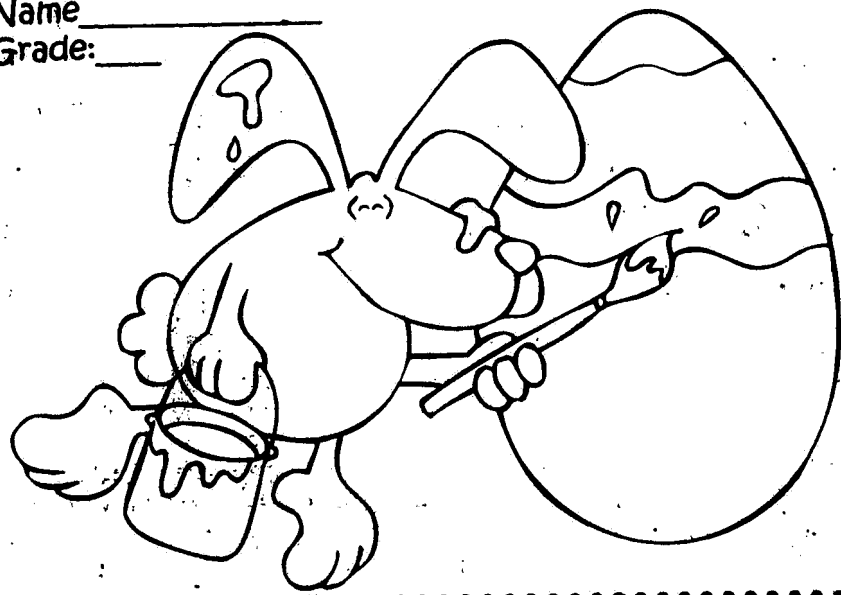
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Clarkston schools participate in state security program

BY ALICIA DORSET

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston Community Schools will participate in a state program to update security measures in 10 of the district's buildings as part of \$8.2 million grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

On March 30, Governor Jennifer Granholm announced the state program that would provide assistance to make sure that Michigan schools would be ready for future terrorist threats or natural disasters.

"We wanted to identify schools as critical infrastructures," Sgt. Jerry King, Michigan State Police homeland security, said. "The goal is to create a safer environment."

Clarkston will receive \$2,200 per building to update or create chemical, biological or radiological warfare plans, according to Anita Banach, director of communications and marketing for the district.

Funding was granted to schools on the agreement that it would be used for those specific emergency tasks only.

"The buildings all have crisis plans already," Banach said. "When funds are available, it's another resource."

The money will be received in the form of reimbursements to the district. The only school not included in the program is Renaissance High School. The school was left out because of upcoming construction plans that would make participation difficult.

In addition to creating emergency plans, the district will also be able to use the money to possibly have a consultant come to each building and review the emergency procedures already established in case of a crisis.

"Our primary goal is to allow administrators to meet with and learn with first responders in the community," King said.

Teams of staff representatives from Clarkston will be able to attend training at the end of year on security-related issues because of the funding. The information

learned will be brought back to the district and shared with everyone.

Clarkston is already prepared for crises in the schools should they occur, according to Banach. Police and fire departments have aerial shots of the school

buildings on file.

The state program is open for all 843 public school districts in Michigan to participate in. As of March 30, 530 had applied for the program, including Clarkston. Remaining districts have until May 31 to apply.



Detective D. Ofiara serves as a police liaison for Clarkston High School. Clarkston Community Schools have security plans already in place and will be updating them due to state program federal grant. Photo by Alicia Dorset.

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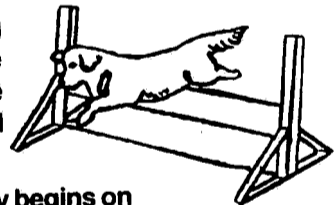
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Opinion

Janet Thomas deserves to be recalled - NOW!

It's been a long time - at least 10 minutes or so - since a public official has angered me as much as Janet Thomas has.

Words cannot even begin to describe the sheer loathing and utter contempt the current vice president of the Oakland Schools Board of Education generates within me.

Much like a free-loading in-law or sloppy drunk party guest, Thomas doesn't know when it's time to leave. Worse still, she's trying to make it seem like she's doing us a favor by staying.

Even though all the other ISD board members who oversaw the reign of King James Redmond (Tony Rothschild, Helen Prutow, DiAnne Cagle Leitermann and Carol Borich) have resigned, Thomas remains stubborn and defiant to the end - much like Marie Antoinette.

"I made a commitment when I was elected the first time. They (the board) need someone with historically accurate knowledge. I don't think any board needs five brand new members," said Thomas in the March 3 edition of *The Clarkston News*.

(Imagine if Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein refused to leave office on the grounds that Iraq's new interim governing council needed someone with "historically accurate knowledge.")

Don't mistake Thomas' attitude for fortitude in the face of controversy or living up to her responsibilities as a public official. It's all arrogance, pure arrogance.

It's arrogance because she either doesn't or can't understand that as an ISD board member she is ultimately responsible for all the deception, mismanagement, wasting of tax dollars and alleged wrongdoings and alleged crimes that went on under Redmond's administration.

She was one of Redmond's bosses. She was elected by the county's 28 school boards to oversee him and the ISD. It was her job to know what was going on, ask questions, request documents, carefully review bills, etc.

As the owner of a Clarkston-based accounting and tax service, Thomas,



C.J. Carnacchio
my way

more than any other ISD board member, should have been aware of the mis-spending and alleged embezzlement.

The buck was supposed to stop with Thomas and her fellow board members. Unfortunately, the ISD board members served as mindless rubber stamps as opposed to true overseers of the district and representatives of the people.

Also, we're not talking about one or two silly, little incidents here and there. There was a clear pattern of on-going gross abuse for years.

Either Thomas was a willing accomplice to all of it or she was so totally blind and embarrassingly incompetent, she honestly didn't know what was going on - which still isn't a defense given her oversight role as a board member.

The bottom-line is Thomas did not do her duty as an ISD board member. She failed miserably, along with the other board members at the time.

Thomas failed the 28 school districts of Oakland County. She failed the school boards, administrators and teachers of Oakland County.

Thomas failed the students and parents of Oakland County. She failed the taxpayers of Oakland County.

Janet Thomas is a complete and total failure as an ISD board member. She is an impediment to any true reform on the board.

Thomas is part of the problem, not the solution. She belongs to the ISD's corrupt past, not its hopefully honest future.

It's way past time for Thomas to go. And since she won't resign and exit the political stage gracefully, it's time to drag her out - feet first if necessary.

Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox last week issued an opinion stating intermediate school district board members CAN BE RECALLED!

House Bill 4338, which would make the recall of ISD board members a clearly defined part of state law, was recently approved by the state House.

For the sake of "the children," the recall of Janet Thomas should and must begin immediately.

Send a message that *We The People* will not tolerate this any more!

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Letters to the Editor

Don't jump to conclusions

Mr. Jim Altene, who wrote a letter to the editor in the March 31 edition of *The Clarkston News*, jumps to conclusions after reading the article entitled, "Officials set to revisit Senior Center issues" in the March 24 edition of *The Clarkston News*.

He jumps to the conclusion that he will be asked to pay for a new Senior Center after discussions by members of the township board and representatives of the senior advisory group.

He assumes the new center will be funded by increased taxes, although there was no mention of money in the article. It is much too early to project costs when we haven't even defined the nature or size of the new center.

Altene also implies the child-like seniors of this township don't know the meaning of the word "no." In fact, the Senior Center committee is looking at viable alternatives to the proposals put forth to the voters in 2002, not a revisit to the same concept that was rejected in the election. In other words, we are taking into consideration the messages communicated to us in the election turndowns, and reworking the plans according to what the voters told us.

And, for the sake of discussion, what

if the article did ask the community to pay for a new Senior Center? Actually, the community is supporting the current building, which requires constant repairs and is expensive to heat and cool.

Finally, what if we asked the electorate to pay for a new Senior Center? Such a facility could be a source of pride to Independence Township, a reward to those who have paid their dues and supported all of our kids in school during all their peak earning years. Many of today's seniors have paid their school taxes without having any students in school, taking advantage of the educational programs offered. In most communities, it is considered a part of your real estate value, a benefit of living in Independence Township.

But we are getting way ahead of ourselves. Nobody has determined a new Senior Center will cost you or your neighbors anything. All we are doing is exploring our options, something that we have a right to do whether or not you agree with our efforts thus far to design a Senior Center that is both suited to our needs and is affordable.

This is not the time to jump to conclusions.

Harry Knitter
Clarkston

Thomas is steeped with integrity

Hang in there Janet!
I know Janet Thomas and she needs to remain in her position with OISD. I met Janet while working on a committee for the Clarkston School Board. She is steeped with integrity and has a fantastic vision of what needs to happen with respect to the children she serves in our community.

She is only concerned with the welfare of children, and isn't that why we elect the people we do to our respective

school boards? I would vote for her in any position whether in our district or countywide. I believe that Janet has the backbone to remain in her position and continue to consider the best interests of the children.

Completely cleaning house at this point would be detrimental to the children we serve. She needs to stay and fight for our kids, as she remains the historian in the group.

Jeanne Santala-Rose
Clarkston

Support Federal Marriage Amendment

You've probably heard in the past few weeks the charge that the Federal Marriage Amendment, which would define marriage in the US Constitution as the union of one man and one woman, would write discrimination into our country's founding document. Don't believe it for a second.

It is not homosexuals, but marriage, that is under attack. Left unchecked, rogue judges intent on finding new rights in the Constitution will succeed, someday soon, in extending marriage benefits to gays. Supporters of a marriage-protection amendment aren't out to discriminate against anyone; they simply want to preserve the institution of marriage as it has served society for centuries.

Amendment opponents have also turned to an emotional argument in asking, "How does one couple's gay mar-

riage threaten anyone's heterosexual marriage?" This question misses the point: The goal of gay activists isn't the individual relationship of any two people, despite such statements. It is the revision of national policy to say that gender, especially in child-rearing, is inconsequential, even though research indicates children do best when raised by a married mother and father.

These and other distortions of the truth must be resisted, because marriage and the benefits it brings must be protected. We must stand together to support the Federal Marriage Amendment. Will you stand up for the future of our children by supporting the Federal Marriage Amendment.

Carol Vandermeer
Clarkston

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Getting the scoop on poop

We are becoming a "soft" nation. An ocean of "wimps" and "hoity toitys" (whoever they are) will soon be upon us. No longer will we be a nation of beer and burgers -- everybody will want Chablis and crumpets (whatever they are). Woe is us.

I have come to this conclusion after thorough research. The information and raw data I found, I gathered by employing investigative practices only the finest muck-rakers use. In other words, I found some tidbits of info, jumped to a conclusion and blew the whole thing out of proportion. But, hey -- that's okay, I am a trained professional. It's my job as a blowhard to make mountains out of mole hills.

Why am I predicting that our nation will be overrun by latte-drinking, pinky finger pointing snobs, you may be asking yourselves? Because of the Doggie Dooley and other "things" that make life easier for dog owners with yards.

What is a Doggie Dooley? It is a... well, it's a, um... it's a thing you dig into the ground a foot or so down that you scoop dog doo into. It is a dog waste eliminator that uses an enzyme and water to -- and I quote, "reduce waste to a liquid," that is "harmless" and that is soon "absorbed" into the soil.

The Doggie Dooley (which costs about 50 bucks) is only the tip of the iceberg in gadgetry folks can use to clean their yard of Fido feces. There are pooper scoopers that automatically bag for you. There are spring-loaded metal scoops with jaws that clamp around Pomeranian piles. You can even add some other enzyme into your Doggie Dooley that makes it smell good... or at least makes it smell not bad.

All this stuff is making the job easy. It's not 'sposed to be easy. Poop scooping is a smelly, tedious job that no adult in his or her right mind wants to do... that's what kids are for, aren't they?

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I have come to this conclusion after thorough research. The information and raw data I found, I gathered by employing investigative practices only the finest muck-rakers use. In other words, I found some tidbits of info, jumped to a conclusion and blew the whole thing out of proportion. But, hey — that's okay, I am a trained professional. It's my job as a blowhard to make mountains out of mole hills.

Why am I predicting that our nation will be overrun by latte-drinking, pinky finger pointing snobs, you may be asking yourselves? Because of the Doggie Dooley and other "things" that make life easier for dog owners with yards.

What is a Doggie Dooley? It is a... well, it's a, um... it's a thing you dig into the ground a foot or so down that you scoop dog doo into. It is a dog waste eliminator that uses an enzyme and water to — and I quote, "reduce waste to a liquid," that is "harmless" and that is soon "absorbed" into the soil.

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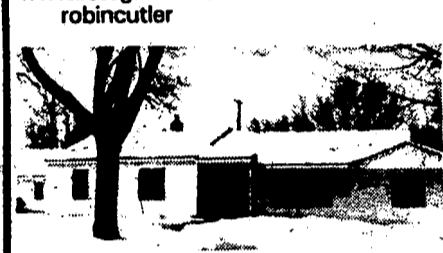
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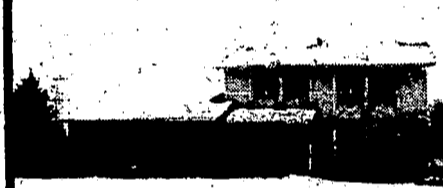
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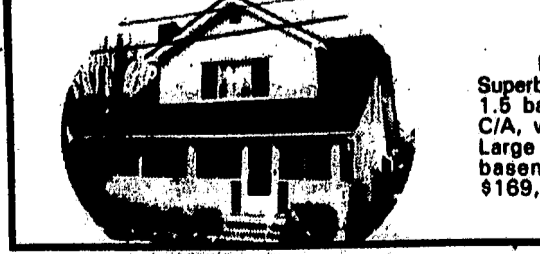
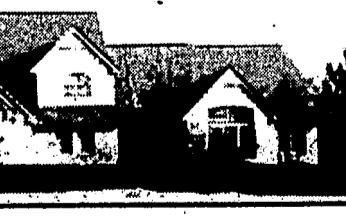
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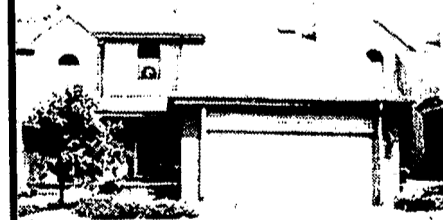
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Obituary

Emma L. Lowery Hockin

Emma L. "Jean" Lowery Hockin, of Davisburg, died March 29, 2004 at age 81.

She was preceded in death by her first husband Richard Hockin and second husband John Lowery; mother of Richard (Sharon) Hockin of MS, Diane Hockin of Waterford, Wayne Hockin of Davisburg, Dale Hockin of Waterford; grandma of Paul, Tammy, Kimberly, Dale Jr., and Brett; great-grandma of Roxanne and Jessica.

Emma was a retired cashier for Farmer Jacks. A Funeral Service was held at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Janice E. Stillin

Janice E. Stillin, of Clarkston, died April 3, 2004 at age 58.

She was the wife of Daniel for 28 years; mother of Timothy and Todd McLaughlin both of Howell, Danielle of Harrison Township, Lisa Sztajer of Madison Heights, Jodi of Harrison Township, Maureen (Phillip) Walker of Goodrich and Christine of Clarkston; also survived by 10 grandchildren; sister of Nancy (Donald) Schreier of IL, Alberta Morrison of PA, James (Martha) Hauser of St. Clair Shores and Gail (John) Rhaesa of Westland; daughter-in-law of Maureen and Victor of Northport.

Mrs. Stillin was a private nurse. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Christian Memorial Cultural Center. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family.

Paul D. Yarberry, Jr.

Paul D. Yarberry, Jr., of Clarkston and formerly of Toledo, died March 31, 2004 at age 56.

He was the loving husband of Mary Ann; father of Jaymie (Joseph) Ashcraft, Eric (Jill VanDromme) and Marie; grandpa of Xavier Ashcraft; son of Ila and the late Paul; brother of Shirley (Victor) Misiuda, George (Debbie), Robert (Jeannie), Dale (Kathy), Dennis and Alan.

Mr. Yarberry proudly served his country as a Marine in Vietnam. A Funeral Mass was held at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

George A. VanDeVelde

George A. VanDeVelde, of Zebulon, NC and formerly of Clarkston, died April 3, 2004 at age 76.

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Mr. VanDeVelde was a retired mail carrier with the Postal Service for 38 years and a barber shopper for 45 years. A Funeral Service is scheduled for Thursday, April 8 at 10 a.m. at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family.

Gerald "Dean" Corbin

Gerald "Dean" Corbin, of Oxford, died March 30, 2004 at age 72.

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Mr. Corbin retired from General Motors after 37 years of service. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Private family services have been entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

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Cub-Scouts from Den 5 and Den 7 of Pack 163 visited Lighthouse Emergency Services in Clarkston on March 27 to present a donation of \$160 and several bags of canned food. The money came from the boys' profit in their popcorn sale fund-raiser. The Cubs are third graders at Independence Elementary School. Lighthouse branch manager Connie Stapleton gave the Cub Scouts a tour of the facility and told them of the work they are able to do because of the community's support. Photo provided

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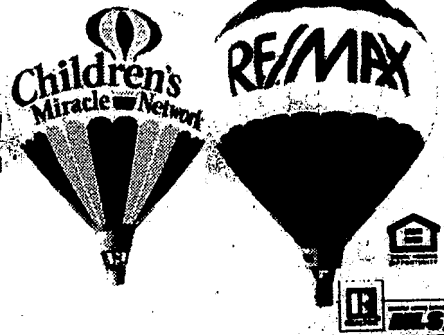
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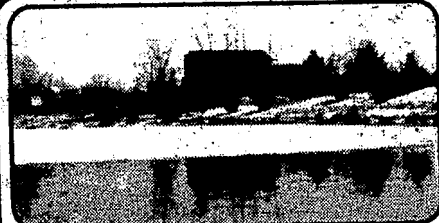


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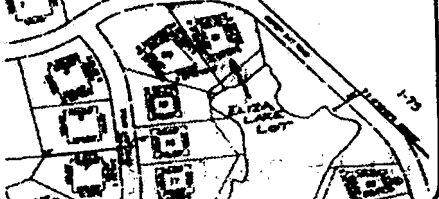


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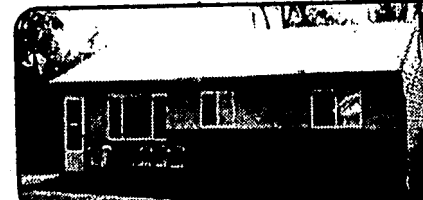
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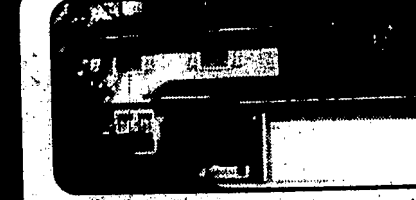
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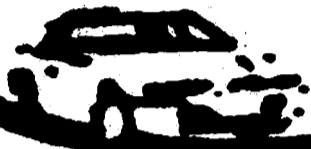
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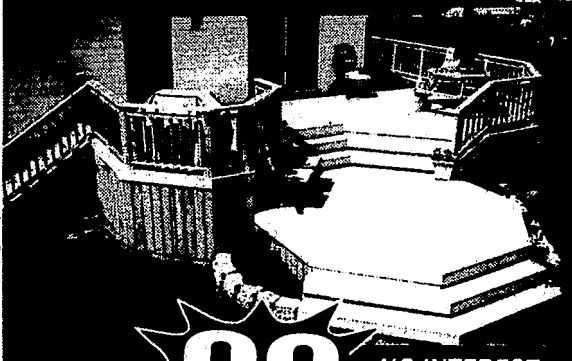
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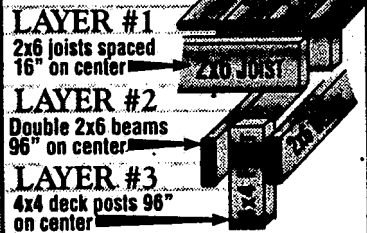


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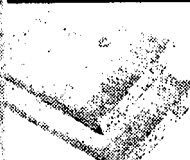


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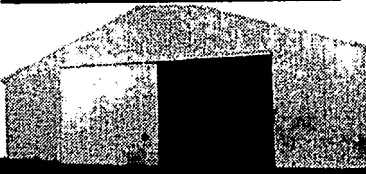
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Driftwood Gray

Size	Quote 18811	Quote 18812	Quote 18816	Quote 18813	Quote 18814	Quote 18815
10 x 10	\$348	\$511	\$681	\$817	\$906	\$886
10 x 16	\$488	\$766	\$992	\$1136	\$1133	\$1108
12 x 10	\$449	\$648	\$878	\$1135	\$1123	\$1096
12 x 16	\$652	\$950	\$1173	\$1446	\$1442	\$1419
12 x 20	\$774	\$1179	\$1470	\$1768	\$1678	\$1711
14 x 12	\$576	\$846	\$1071	\$1257	\$1253	\$1226
16 x 12	\$638	\$942	\$1210	\$1352	\$1347	\$1317
16 x 20	\$954	\$1478	\$1829	\$2221	\$2217	\$2181
18 x 16	\$884	\$1351	\$1801	\$2002	\$2072	\$2018
20 x 20	\$1140	\$1796	\$2163	\$2733	\$2722	\$2676
20 x 12	\$756	\$1139	\$1451	\$1777	\$1760	\$1733

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- ✓ 4/12 Pitch 4' o.c. Engineered Roof Trusses
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- ✓ 2x10 Pressure Treated Skirtboard (Ratwall)

Size	Slider Size	8' Tall	10' Tall	12' Tall
16'x16'	8'	\$2286	\$2629	-
20'x20'	8'	\$2637	\$3049	-
24'x24'	8'	\$3279	\$3543	-
24'x32'	10'	\$3849	\$4049	\$4399
28'x28'	10'	\$4069	\$4381	\$5039
30'x30'	10'	\$4306	\$4626	\$5249
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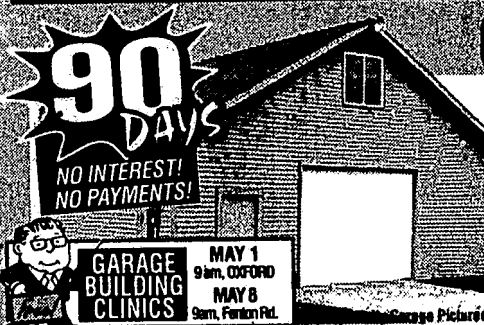
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Size	8' Tall	9' Tall
16x16	\$2127	-
20x20	\$2730	-
24x24	\$3513	\$3618
28x28	\$4458	\$4578
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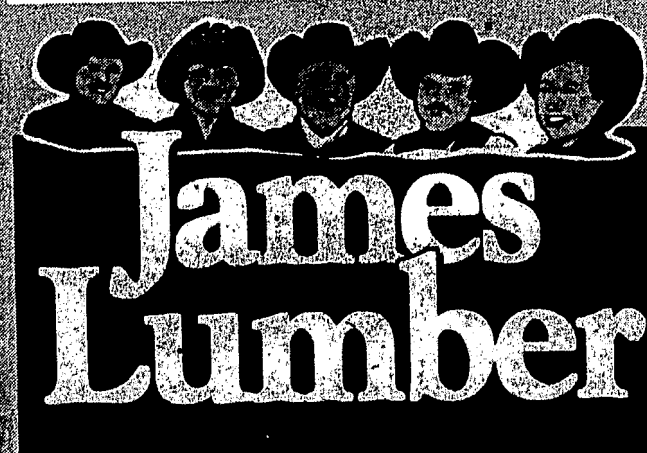
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- ✓ .042 Super Thick White Vinyl Siding & Trim

Size	8' Tall	9' Tall
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20x20	\$3336	-
24x24	\$4239	\$3618
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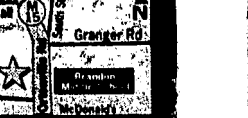
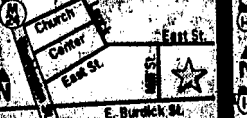
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Police and Fire

Independence Township

March 29: Damage to construction equipment on Mystic Ridge, windows broken on front end loader.

March 30: Larceny of custom tail lights from vehicle on Dixie Highway. Someone later reported seeing someone working on the vehicle; description turned over to detectives.

Breaking and entering on Sashabaw near Stickney, someone reached through window and took jewelry box with \$4,000 worth of jewelry.

Assist to fire department with medical call on Delhi. Larceny of cellular telephones from Radio Shack on Dixie Highway.

March 31: Open door on Oakhurst Ridge. Damage to lawn at Bailey Lake Elementary School. A van was found stuck in the lawn; vehicle was impounded.

April 1: Vehicle theft at Public Paving on Reese Road. A company vehicle was taken without authorization; suspect is part-time employee.

Domestic violence at Willow Park apartments. Sale of liquor to minor at RiteAid Pharmacy at M-15 and Dixie Highway. A 19-year-old clerk allegedly sold a four-pack of wine coolers to an underage decoy working with the sheriff's department. The clerk was cited and the incident was forwarded to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

Damage to property on Sashabaw Ridge, spray paint to truck.

Threats report at 52-2 District Court on Lorac Drive.

Damage to property at Northcrest Condos on Shore Court. Damage to lawn and trees by a moving truck.

April 2: Possession of heroin arrest and outstanding warrant arrest at Dixie Highway and White Lake

Road.

Warrant arrest on M-15 and I-75. Larceny of building materials (plywood and doors) from construction site on Forest Valley Drive.

April 3: Suspicious circumstances on Pelton Road. Resident found what is believed to be tainted meatballs thrown to dogs at the residence.

Family trouble on Eston Road. Warrant arrest on Dixie Highway.

Domestic assault on Timberway Trail. **April 4:** Multiple arrests at Bridgewater apartments. Deputies found four men in a car and discovered both open intoxicants and suspected marijuana.

The driver, an 18-year-old Lake Orion man, was also found carrying an electronic scale and was arrested for possession of marijuana with intent to distribute. Others arrested were an 18-year-old Detroit man (carrying open intoxicants and carrying a concealed weapon) and two 22-year-old Waterford men (disorderly conduct and carrying open intoxicants, respectively).

Domestic assault arrest at Lancaster Lake apartments. A 52-year-old man allegedly assaulted his wife.

Open door alarm on Scenic Pines Court.

April 5: Larceny of radio equipment from vehicle on Lancaster Hill Drive.

attempting to cut through roof.

March 30: Family trouble on Andersonville Road. Noise complaint on Grandwood. Resident complained that cars were being delivered to Hasler Pontiac after 11 p.m.

March 31: Child abuse report on Gibbs. A 16-year-old boy reported being assaulted by his stepfather. Case was turned over to special investigations and the Family Independence Agency.

Assist to fire department for open burning on Clark Road.

April 1: Assault arrest at Innovative Lifestyles on Foster Road. A 40-year-old Pontiac woman, recently fired, allegedly "lost control" at the office.

Warrant arrest on Dixie Highway.

Trespassing arrest at Spring Grove mobile home park. A 22-year-old Davisburg man and a 21-year-old Waterford woman allegedly forced their way into a home which had been secured after an eviction notice.

April 2: Family trouble on Rachael. Operating while intoxicated arrest on Dixie Highway. A 35-year-old Clarkston man registered a blood alcohol level of 0.102 percent.

April 4: Civil matter on Springfield Circle.

April 5: Damage to property at Bordine's Nursery on Dixie Highway, front of building hit with paintballs.

Springfield Township

March 29: Suspicious circumstances on Bridge Lake Road. Resident reported missing satellite dish.

Burglary arrest at Pro Pizza on Dixie Highway. After discovering a theft of cash earlier in the day, the store owner decided to spend the night at the store. He heard noise on the roof and called 9-1-1. Deputy discovered a 36-year-old Holly man (a former employee)

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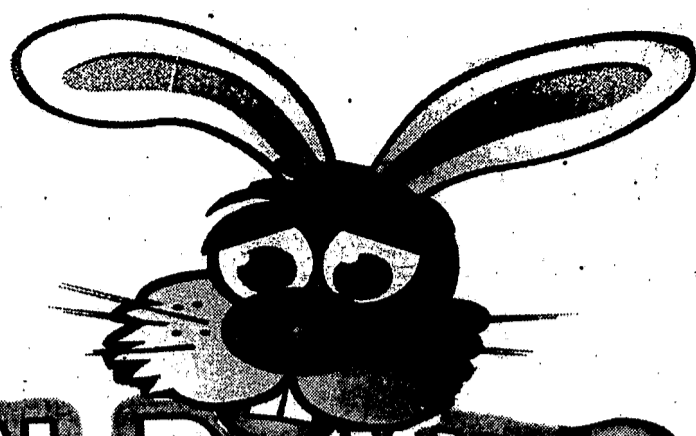
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City prepared for unexpected highway emergencies

BY ALICIA DORSET
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston police officers say they are ready to respond to a severe weather emergency much like the one that shut down the southbound portion of I-75 between Eight Mile Road and McNichols March 30.

According to Clarkston police chief Ernest Combs, the city has responded to severe accidents on the stretch of I-75 that runs through Clarkston in the past and is currently ready in case a massive accident were to occur.

When an accident occurs on the highway and needs backup, the on-duty officer patrolling the area contacts Combs. From there Combs assesses the severity of the problem and requests more Clarkston reinforcement to assist authorities at the accident site.

"We'll bring in more officers to help and patrol traffic if necessary," Combs said.

In the case that traffic must be detoured through downtown Clarkston, Combs makes sure that officers are ready to direct traffic as needed.

Local police officers will be keeping an eye on I-75 this spring as repair work begins on highway bridges and pavement from Clarkston all the way north to the Flint area.

Starting in late April, portions of the northbound highway will be closed for brief intervals when beam work is being done on overpasses, such as the Dixie Highway overpass just north of the M-15 exit in Clarkston, according to MDOT officials.

The closure will last no more than 20 minutes at a



The Clarkston Police have responded to numerous accidents on I-75 this year. Photo by Alicia Dorset.

time and no alternate routes have been suggested for drivers, however MDOT officials will do their best to alert drivers when a closure is about to start.

This is part of two-year rehabilitation plan to I-75 that runs from M-15 to I-475.

Firm to design rebuild of RCOC garage

The Road Commission for Oakland County on March 25 hired the Bloomfield Township-based firm Hubbell, Roth & Clark to lead the reconstruction of its Springfield Township garage, which was destroyed in a Jan. 20 fire.

RCOC will solicit bids from construction firms to do the actual construction work.

HRC was selected following the commission's review of proposals from the three engineering firms authorized to do work for RCOC. HRC will conduct preliminary engineering, project design and limited construction engineering services for the reconstruction of the garage facility.

"We are confident HRC will do a good job and help us get this building rebuilt as quickly as possible," RCOC Managing Director Brent Bair said. The commission's ability to maintain roads in the area, however, has not suffered as a result of the fire, he said.

The Dixie Highway facility is one of six RCOC garages in the county. The garage serves as operations base for the RCOC staff and equipment that maintain county roads in Holly, Groveland, Rose, Springfield and Independence townships.

Since the fire, the garage has been operating out of a building next door to the garage that was leased on a temporary basis.

The dollar value of the HRC contract is currently being negotiated. The office portion of the existing building will be saved, but most of the rest of the building — the portion most severely damaged by the fire — will be razed and reconstructed.

Due to the growth that has occurred in this part of the county in recent years, the existing garage had already become too small, officials said. As part of the reconstruction, RCOC will expand the garage to add 12 additional indoor large-equipment parking spaces.

Officials believe the commission's insurance carrier will cover most of the cost of the contract with HRC as well as most of the actual construction costs.

RCOC hopes the building will be reconstructed and ready for use by the end of 2004.

Recipe Corner

By Lorna Bickerstaff

Joyce Packard is sharing her sweet and sour meatball recipe that she brought to our recent carport party. Joyce and Robert Packard live in Morenci during the summer and spend the winters in Bradenton, Fla.

Sweet and Sour Meatballs

- 1 pound frozen meatballs, thawed.
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 tbsp. cornstarch
- 1 1/2 ounce can pineapple tidbits
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Favorite high school memory: Senior year Homecoming.



Living in luxury for a night

Ahh, now I know how the other half lives. I felt like a high roller Friday night after my friend scored us some tickets to the Pistons game. You see these were not just any old tickets to a basketball game. Instead, my buddy had gotten tickets to the Cingular Wireless Club.

At first I was reluctant to attend a game in a corporate sponsored club. I am a working man and enjoy watching the game with my fellow common folks who love to cheer for the Pistons and yell at the referees. However, I changed my mind after my friend told me the club had free dinner and free beer.

The experience was unlike any other sporting event I had attended. I enjoy going to numerous sporting events but usually I make sure to bring Kleenex in case my seats give me a nose bleed.

However, last Friday the four of us were treated like kings. The festivities began by pulling into our assigned parking spot not 50 feet from the Palace. With all do respect to L. Brooks Patterson, the shorter the walk I have to make the better.

After taking the elevator to the VIP club, we were presented with enough food to feed a small third world nation. There was chicken, pork, pizza, quessadillas, brats, pasta, salad and desserts ready for us to con-

sume. After about an hour I was officially full for the first time in my life.

While throwing back a few cold ones, the four of us laughed at the poor souls waiting in line for their \$7.50 beer.

It was a perfect night as the food was great and the Pistons beat the Heat.

The only question is how can I sit in the upper bowl again?

• While Kid Rock and the Palace got most of the attention for their \$60,000 Spraypark donation, and rightfully so, the community as a whole should be saluted.

The way everyone rallied around the cause was indeed impressive and showcases the kindness that exists in the Clarkston community. The Spraypark Committee should also be saluted for all their hard work.

• In a society where complaining is common and action is rare, I applaud the citizens group calling themselves "Citizens for a Progressive Springfield" for getting involved.

The group has fielded candidates for supervisor, treasurer and trustee. While time will tell whether the group will receive support from the Springfield Township citizens, I am looking forward to some good debate. In my opinion, the more people wanting to take part in their local government the better.

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



Gargaro's World

Kyle Gargaro

More Letters to the Editor

Thank you for donation to Optimist

Dear Jim Sherman:

On behalf of the Optimist Club, and personally as well, I want to thank you for your generous offer of The Clarkston News subscriptions and full-page ad for our fund-raising auction, plus the half-page donor "Thank You" ad.

The full-page ad went for \$800, which I think is a great price and a compliment to The Clarkston News. I don't know the name of the person who was the high bidder - he was a guest. Also, another female guest told me The Clarkston News is the only newspaper she reads, and she loves it.

When the full-page ad was auctioned off, your name was mentioned several times as the donor. So there

shouldn't be any doubt as to the sincerity of your commitment to the community.

Jim Evans was the auctioneer and very entertaining as only Jim can be. We raised \$30,000 - a record for the dinner-dance auction. The big draw for the evening was a week at a condo at the Atlantis resort in the Bahamas that went for \$4,000. It's owned by Carl Matisse, a builder who builds those big homes in the Bridge Valley sub that used to be Dr. O'Neil's farm.

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Sports

Clarkston soccer team falls to Grand Blanc

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Clarkston girls' varsity soccer team got a possible taste of the playoffs, even though spring break doesn't even kick off for another few days.

The Wolves took on district member Grand Blanc April 2 at the Clarkston High School soccer field and fell 2-0 on a crisp, early spring evening. The loss dropped Clarkston 1-1-1 overall this season. The Wolves' lone league game was a 1-1 tie to Birmingham Groves. Clarkston opened the season with a 6-0 win over the Holly Bronchos. Clarkston last played Farmington April 6 (results were not available at press time).

Head coach Tami Niemi said her team competed hard against Grand Blanc, who she claimed, is probably an early favorite to come out of the district.

"I wasn't too disappointed," Niemi said. "We made two big mistakes, and they were able to capitalize on them. But, I think we moved the ball well, especially in our end and in the middle of the field. We just need to take more control at the forward position."

Specifically, Niemi said she needs to see more improvement from two of her seniors: Kelley Boskee and Bess

Ferguson.

"Those are two seniors who have been on the team for quite some time and I have high expectations for them to step up and perform," Niemi said.

Early in the season Niemi said her team did a good job of generating scoring chances for themselves, but that trend did not continue against Grand Blanc, Niemi said.

"We either seemed to force bad passes or had a bad first touch," he said. "We didn't give ourselves as many chances as we had been. We lost a lot of possessions. We just didn't make things happen. We moved the ball around well in our end, but we just need to focus on more offense."

Since opening the season with the 6-0 win against Holly, Clarkston has been limited to the lone goal against Groves (at press time). Niemi said she is looking for two of her players to really turn it up a notch in the coming weeks.

"Ashley Hudson can be a force for us down the road. And Kristen Mercado was injured and I couldn't play her (against Grand Blanc), but she can be a solid offensive contributor for us in the future," Niemi said.

Clarkston resumes action following



Liz Hardy fights for possession of the ball against Grand Blanc April 2 at the Clarkston High School soccer field. Photo by Ed Davis

spring break with an away game at Andover April 20 at 4 p.m. The Wolves next home contest will be April 22 when they host Stoney Creek.

Golfers bring back experience

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Clarkston girls varsity golf coach Larry Sherrill did not want to come out and call his team the league favorite, but with four seniors and five girls coming back with varsity experience, his team should definitely contend for the OAA I championship.

Seniors Lisa Lesko, Kristi Horstman, Nina Jackson and Sarah Maesch bring with them a combined 10 years of varsity experience. Junior Lyndsey Kitson and sophomore Jackie Schram, who was named all-league in her freshman season round out this year's team.

The Wolves finished second in the OAA I last year. Other teams competing with the Wolves for the league title include Farmington, Rochester Adams, Troy Athens, Rochester, Bloomfield Hills Lahser and Troy. Clarkston finished 3-3 in league meets last year, but their two second-place finishes in league meets helped them boost their league standing. Rochester, defending state champion took the top honors in the OAA I last year. However, the Falcons lost several key players to graduation. The Wolves' biggest loss from last year was Anna Trim

"We feel, as a team, that we'll compete for the league this year," Sherrill said. "As a team, I think all the girls have really improved in the off-season. They've put in a lot of work on their own hitting balls in the range since January. By the time we got together as a team, their swings looked pretty good."

Sherrill also thinks any of his six athletes can be named all league this year. To be named all-league a golfer must have an average score between the two league meets good enough to be in the top 10.

Last year, the Wolves finished fourth out of a field of 30 teams at regionals. Just one place shy of qualifying for the state meet.

"I think going to states is a realistic expectation for us this year," he said. "These girls are very hard working and demand a lot of themselves. The other day it was 45 degrees and raining and I asked if they'd rather head inside to the range and they said they needed to get on the course and play. That's the kind of girls they are."

Furthermore, most of Sherrill's golf team members are also good students. Lesko, Horstman and Maesch all have grade point averages 3.8 or higher, being named scholar athletes this year. Kitson



The CHS golf team finished fourth in regionals last year. Photo by Ed Davis.

has a 3.6 and Jackson a 3.2, Sherrill said. Maintaining good grades is a must for the golf team, Sherrill said. Due to tee times at the area courses, golfers are excused from at least sixth hour for every meet, and are sometimes excused for more than just sixth hour. However, Sherrill, a counselor at Clarkston High School, does his best job to adjust course schedules to accommodate his team members.

Clarkston's next meet will be after spring break, April 20, which is the Oakland County meet, held at Pontiac Country Club at 9 a.m. The first league meet of the year is held April 27 at Pine Trace Country Club at 8 a.m. Regionals are slated for May 21 at Sylvan Glen while the team's second league meet takes place May 25 at Indianwood Country Club at 8 a.m.

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Spring break – a time of learning?

Well, my final four bracket has long been in the trash. I had a chance to do well heading into the final four as I had Oklahoma State downing the Blue Devils in the final. That blew up Saturday night, in what was one of the best pair of college basketball games I've ever seen.

With the NCAA champion crowned, my attention has now been turned to spring sports – as girls soccer, track, softball, baseball, girls golf and boys tennis are all underway.

Thanks to all the Clarkston coaches for their help and cooperation early in the season. Best of luck the rest of the way. I'll see you all following spring break.

To area parents: If you have children headed out on a little vacation this week, sleep well knowing your kids are doing everything in their power to help local economies and broaden their cultural horizons.

To area students heading out on vacation this week: have fun, enjoy yourselves, be safe, responsible and if you're headed somewhere where Spanish is the native language (i.e. Cancun) try using that Spanish you've learned in school. I know conjugating IR and ER verbs day after day can get a bit old, but I am telling you the truth when I tell you, you'll get better service and actually enjoy using something you've learned in school.

Also, bartering with local merchants for the ever-important t-shirt or souvenir can be fun. Start low and go lower. Most merchants will be ecstatic to see American currency and will gladly accept nearly any offer you throw their way.

At least that's the way it was four years ago

when I went there on my honeymoon.

Now that the spring season is officially underway, that also brings with it a few of my favorite sporting items of interest:

NHL Playoffs – Those who know me, know the Red Wings are my second favorite team. I

root for the New Jersey Devils. Don't get me wrong – I root for the Wings until they play NJ. Should that happen, like it did in 1995, when I graduated high school, I will be rooting for the Devils.

I'm not from New Jersey. Why do I root for them you ask? It's a long story, but I've been a fan for quite some time. One word – Brodeur.

As for the Wings, a first round matchup with Nashville is very intriguing. Don't underestimate the Predators, who are making their playoff debut. The Wings have a history of bowing out early. I don't think that will happen this year, but don't forget these teams: last year's Mighty Ducks, that pesky San Jose Shark team back in the mid 90's and the LA Kings from a few years back. My pick? Wings in six.

NBA Playoffs – As a part time employee at the Palace of Auburn Hills, I can tell you first hand how rocking that place will be come playoff time. Sunday's big win over division rival Indiana boosted the team's confidence greatly, as it was the first win over former coach Rich Carlisle.

Will it carry over to a possible Eastern Conference Finals matchup? Most think so – including myself, but I think it'll be the Pacers coming out of the East.

Tigers – Baseball started. The real question

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Kelly Dougherty acts like a coach on the field for the Clarkston girls varsity soccer team. Years down the road, she might make the move to head coach herself.

The four-year varsity soccer player, who signed earlier this year to play at Central Michigan University next season, is not known for her offense, but rather her work ethic, drive and love for the game.

"I eat, sleep and live soccer," she said. "I can't get enough of it."

Dougherty, who was a unanimous decision by her teammates to serve as team captain this year, is a great leader and is one of the most driven athletes coach Tami Niemi has seen in her career at Clarkston.

Before each game, Dougherty finds a motivational quote to discuss with the team which pertains to that particular opponent. She prides herself on being a team leader, which is one trait she attributes to playing under Niemi for the last four years.

"Being a senior and with all of my experience I am a lot more assertive now, both on the field and off," she said. "My teamwork has definitely improved and I think coach (Niemi) has really helped me develop my leadership skill. Before each game, I just do my best to get everyone really fired up and ready to play."

Dougherty works hard, not only during the season, but during the off-season as well. She participates in a highly competitive club soccer team, Vardar, where she competes with very talented athletes from

the area and within the state as a whole. She said that raised level of competition has helped her high school seasons, but her true love is playing for the Wolves.

"Playing high school is my favorite," she said. "Everyone on our team has a lot of heart and everyone really cares this year."

It's fun to represent your school, wear your jersey on game day and so far the attendance at our first game was really good. I think once the weather gets warmer, we'll get even more people in the stands."

Next year, while attending CMU, Dougherty will be studying secondary education, where she plans on focusing on either English or science. When her playing days at CHS are behind her, she will leave behind great memories of the team.

"This is the best team I've been a part of," she said with a smile. "I love to practice. I guess it makes me weird. I just want to make the big play."

When her coach was asked if Dougherty, who maintains a 3.98 grade point average, could step up her play in any area, Niemi said. "I wouldn't change a thing."

Athlete of the week – Kelly Dougherty

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Golf – Even the casual fan will probably catch at least Sunday's coverage of the Masters. It usually unofficially "really means" golf season is here.

However, myself and a few friends were crazy enough last Sunday to brave the elements, and play 18 holes. For the first nine holes, I was happy with how I did considering it was the first time out this season.

The second nine, that's a different story.

Speaking of stories, I'm guessing the CHS seniors will have a few to share when they return from boosting local economies from their respective destinations. Remember – be safe and have fun.

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Dougherty, Hardy lead CHS soccer team into season

Captains will be playing Division I next year

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Two senior captains, who will be playing Division I soccer next year at the collegiate level will play huge roles this year for the Clarkston girls varsity soccer team.

Kelly Dougherty, who will be playing at Central Michigan University next year, along with Liz Hardy, who will be playing at U of D Mercy, will be two of the Wolves' strongest players. Dougherty will be co-captain of the team along with Clavette. A total of 17 girls make up this year's team, seven of which are returning for coach Tami Niemi's club, which is coming off a season where they finished above .500 and took third in the OAA II. Other teams competing with the Wolves in league play include Royal Oak Kimball, Farmington, Royal Oak Dondoro, Bloomfield Hills Andover, Birmingham Groves and Stoney Creek. This year's team is made up mostly of seniors and juniors, Niemi said.

"I think we should be pretty strong this year," the nine-year coach said. "We can move the ball around and set up plenty of opportunities for ourselves. We just need to learn how to finish. Right now, that's my biggest concern."

Key players for the Wolves this year, in addition to Hardy, Dougherty and Clavette, according to Niemi, will be junior Taylor H, who will play center midfield, Jenna Przybycien, who will play outside midfield and senior forward Kelly Bosky. Making her debut in net will be sophomore goalie Emily Pierce.

"It's early yet, but already I like what I see from the team," Niemi said. "I think our kids are mentally and physically tough. They're intense, they're hard working, they're dedicated and they're smart."

The Wolves will be without the services of three



The CHS soccer team took third in the OAA II last season. Photo by Ed Davis.

key players from last year, which they lost to graduation; Beth Smith, Kristen Brundage and Megan Mutz.

Niemi said the league's toughest competition should come from the Royal Oak schools. Dondoro,

she said is probably the league favorite heading into the season and Kimball is traditionally tough as well, although she said they lost many key players from last year's team.

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Even superstars make mistakes

By Ernie Harwell

In baseball there is an old saying that if you get three hits out of 10 times at bat, you're a big league star. A guy who in his whole career makes seven mistakes out of 10 is considered a superstar.

I think we all have to remember that we all make mistakes. We just have to accept them, hitch up our britches, pull up our socks and go ahead and get to the next project.

A perfectionist really has a tough time in life, because we're all human and we're all going to fall short once in a while. If we just realize that, we can save ourselves a lot of worry and stress that can affect our mental and physical health.

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Today's school lunch gives PB&J a run for its money

BY ALICIA DORSET
Clarkston News Staff

When you see a sandwich with butter and jelly on the table, do you get you down at the table?
stand to stomach just from another chicken sandwich and bologna?
no fear. Janet Allen, food service supervisor for Clarkston Community Schools, said she oversees the menu for the elementary, middle and high schools in Clarkston, as well as before and after school food programs.

Today's choices in the cafeteria would make any hungry student excited for lunch.

Whipped potatoes, cheesy breadsticks, veggie sticks and dip, pizza wedges and carrot coins are just a few of the choices students can pick from on current lunch menus.

Creating menus for the schools is an important, and rewarding, aspect of Allen's role.

"We provide 1/3 of the day's calories," Allen said.

Food in the schools is broken down by school category. Clarkston High School is its own entity, ordering and preparing their own food right on site at the school. The middle- and

elementary school food is prepped ahead of time and shipped to each individual school for final preparation.

More than 3,000 students are served each day in Clarkston.

While the names for menu items might sound strange, a school lunch must still meet government guidelines and regulations, according to Allen.

"You have to have 2 ounces of bread and protein each, 1/2 cup vegetables, 1/4 cup fruit and some milk," Allen said. "It's always hardest to get the kids to take their vegetable."

Each day students always have choices of which menu items they

can pick from. Every school has regular choices that never change, such as salad bars or turkey hot dogs. However, students are required to take a specific number items every day to qualify their meal as "lunch".

Not only does Allen have to make sure menu selections meet governmental guidelines, she also has to offer interesting food items that students will want to eat.

"I go from popular choices and talk with our grocer to see what the new items are," Allen said.

Popular choices are chicken nuggets and pizza, whereas the veggie burger and some international cuisines have had a short-lived careers in Clarkston cafeterias.

"Everything is fair game," Allen said. "I'm always willing to try different things. But if it's not pizza, sometimes it's hard for them to like it."

School food selections have come under fire recently throughout the nation as child obesity rates continue to rise. Clarkston is not exempt from such concerns.

"We're under a lot of scrutiny due to obesity," Allen said. "It's a misconception of school lunches that they're fattening."

Lunch is about 600 or more calories. It's no more than 30 percent fat and 1,200 milligrams sodium."

Allen has been working with parent groups at the schools recently to try and change those attitudes.

A la carte menus will soon see additional healthier options arrive to combat worries that potato chips are a bad choice for young children at lunch.

"Our vendors are responding to the trend with healthy options," Allen said. Currently the elementary schools offer cookies, various baked goods, string cheese and yogurts, just to name a few, to students as lunch selections in addition to the standard meal.

Options in the cafeteria reflect current trends in national eating habits, according to Allen. Clarkston school menus do not offer any products based around peanut butter due to the growing amount of children allergic to the food. Low carbohydrate and vegetarian options are more prevalent at the high school level as well.

Even milk products are being modified as more individuals have developed lactose intolerances.

"The concerns come from both trends and parents," Allen said. "But at

any level, we can accommodate."

Paying for lunch has even changed over the years. Clarkston students have the option of using debit cards to pay for their meals. Parents may put selected amounts on the card for students to use instead of cash.

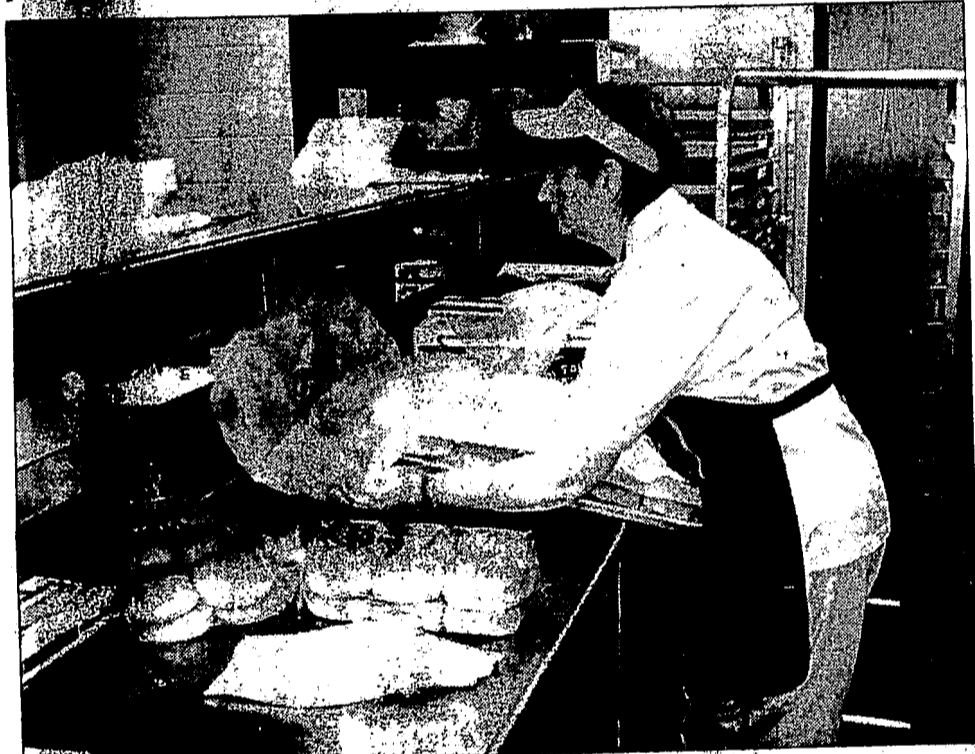
Allen would like to see an Internet aspect included in the program so that parents could have an even easier time managing a student's prepaid account.

"We've received great feedback about the cards over the past six to seven years," Allen said. "Not every district has them."

Food service is not limited to lunch. Allen's department also provides breakfast in four of the district's buildings and also has an in-district catering option for events.

Overall, Allen has seen a growth in choices and variety in the school program over the past 10 years and believes that trend will continue for the future.

With all the changes to menu items such as the appearance of pineapple tidbits and french toast sticks, one cafeteria staple is still a popular choice over the years: tater tots.



Joyce Rochford prepares chicken patty sandwiches for lunch at Independence Elementary School. Students must select three of the five menu items offered to receive a balanced lunch. Photo by Alicia Dorset.




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Jay Weinberg's sixth graders start off "Spirit Week" at Clarkston Middle School with "Pajama Day" on March 29. The themed day was just part of the activities leading up to the annual "Beach Party". Photo by Alicia Dorset.

CMS sixth graders show school spirit

A beach party dance for Clarkston Middle School sixth graders took place at the school's gym on April 2 as part of the grade's "Spirit Week".

All CMS sixth graders are divided into one of four teams. The Compassionators Team sponsored this year's dance and received help from coordinating teacher Jay Weinberg.

Each day of "Spirit Week" represented a dif-

ferent theme for the sixth graders to participate in. Team t-shirt Day, Pajama Day, Hat Day, Favorite University or Professional Sports Team Day and Hawaiian Day.

The week's activities culminated with the sixth annual "Beach Party". Sixth graders were entertained with a hula contest, limbo, beach volleyball, dancing, photo booth and fun food.

Many parent volun-

teers helped make the week successful. Different posters promoting the event were created by the advisories.

Proceeds from the dance party will be donated to a charity on behalf of the sixth grade class.

Organizers said the event was a great learning experience for the Clarkston students, one that not only benefits themselves but others as well.

Sweet charity...



Pat Toohey, a member of the Clarkston Council 5436 Knights of Columbus, sells a Tootsie Roll to Art Doner at Washington and Main streets in downtown Clarkston. The annual fund-raiser benefits programs to help the mentally retarded, and this week's campaign raised about \$19,500, surpassing last year's effort. Photo by Don Schelske

Bomb threat evacuates tech center

Students were evacuated from the Oakland Technical Center-Northwest Campus in Springfield Township Friday, April 2 after a telephoned bomb threat.

No one was injured in the incident, and no bomb was found.

According to Oakland County Sheriff reports, a call came in to the staff lunchroom telephone at approximately 11:30 a.m. The person who answered the phone said a voice announced,

"The building is going up at 1:30."

Building occupants were evacuated to a nearby parking lot and the Springfield Township Fire Department was dispatched to stand by. A sheriff K-9 unit inspected the area, but the dog found nothing suspicious.

At about 12:30 p.m. buses were authorized to enter the Big Lake Road campus to pick up students, and staff was allowed to reenter the building at about 2 p.m. Afternoon

classes were cancelled, however.

The caller was described as a male 30 to 40 years of age with a "deep tone" to his voice and "broken English."

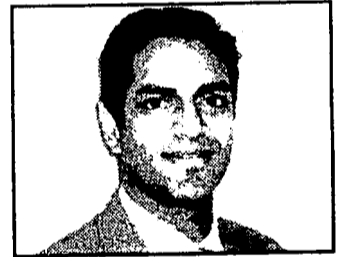
Sheriff Sgt. Frank Schipani, commander of the Springfield Township substation, said the investigation continues. He gave credit to school officials for executing their evacuation plan smoothly.

— Don Schelske

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Civil War letters with a Clarkston connection

In our past few columns, the Clarkston Historical Society has been reprinting letters written during the Civil War from brothers Spencer and James Stout. The letters were written to their sister and her husband, Henrietta and George King. The Kings lived on Holcomb and were active members of the Clarkston community. Here are the last two letters, written by Spencer, they offer a first hand account of life as a soldier in the Union Army. As before, the spelling is as written and small sections of the letters were edited for space.

The first letter reads:

Dear Sister,
December 2, 1863

I am at liberty tonight and all is quiet and I ow you a letter or you ow me one. Which it is I do not know but no matter. I will kill a little time in writing a few lines. Wel, Netty, all is wel yet, we ar still at General Sheridan's Hd. Qers. And enjoying ourselves tiptop.

I had a letter from Sidney the other day. He is stil at City Point cooking in the light diet cookery at Cav. Corps Hospital. He is chief cook now and is living on the fat of the land.

Our Cavalry is out on a rade somewhere not known yet. They have been gon nearly a week. Custer's Division hav ben out after that reble rader that has ben cutting the Baltimore & Ohio railroad in the last few days, but he escaped. Custer was a few hours to late to cut him off from his retreat - the cuses escaped. Lucky for them that Custer did not get among them. Mosby charged on a few of our wagons and a small squad of men, wounded 2 and captured 17 of them but our Cavalry was to smart for them. They over took the cuses, recaptured our men and wagons & part of the teams and captured 7 of their men and one Lieutenant. The Lieutenant was shot on the spot. The rest were shot the next day or so I am told, good for them. Mosby says he wil kill all the Michigan Cavalry he catches and he keeps his word in many cases and the Michigan men serve Mosbys men the same way, hang or shoot them.

We expect to move back with our Hd. Qers. But the Army wil lay here this winter. The railroad is completed to within 4 miles of Winchester now and we can get supplys easily.

Wel, here it is one day later, the 3rd, and I wil try to finnish. A little prospect of an attack so all hands were up and redy long before day this morning. A little picket is all yet. The baswood cuses dare not attack old Pop Sheridan when he is at home.

The weather is delight and our soldiers ar cheerful. Yesterday we had a 2nd horse race. Gen. Sheridan and Gen. Talbert wer there. They enjoyed it as wel as the best of them. There is a horse race somewhere here about evry 2 or 3 days. Capt. M. Hickey is No. 1 in all of the races & no man in the service trades horses oftener than him. We have got a nice lot of horses here. I have just traded my old steady for a private's mare that was captured from the rebs on Custer's last rade. They came in last night. If I was near home I would hav a team in short notice but such is not the case. If all goes well til next fall I shal be there, hale and boddy lice. I have been pretty lousy but there is only once in a while one now. Wel, here is enough for this time, man and wife is said to be one, so this letter is to both. Write soon as convenient.

This from brother Spencer C. Stout to George and Nettie.

The second letter from Spencer reads:
Camp at Roenoake on James River
Dear Sister,
June 28, 1864

As luck will hav it we hav got around on this ground & all is well, I am glad to tel. That all is wel with me, I mean. Many of my comrads ar scatered all along the road where we hav ben for the last 2 months. We hav ben on the road steady since we crossed the rapids. The next day after we crossed we had a hard fight but we whipped them thoroughly, drove them off thare ground and held it in spite of them. The next morning we went back and took a few rounds with them and

they skedadled. The Michigan brigade hav whipped them evry time in all of our rounds on both rades. We went whare we pleased, tearing up railroads, destroying bridges, setting telegraphs and foraging as we went. A part of the time we had plenty. Then for a day or 2 we were short. I hav had popcorn, tasted good, for 2 meals, glad to get it. Some parts of the country is very poor, nothing growing.

The boats have been busy for 3 days crossing our cavalry corps, the 1st and 2nd division. The 3rd division hav gone up the river. We hav not seen them in 2 weeks. The weather has been very hot for 2 weeks past and dry. The road is lined with dead horses the whole length that we have ben for 2 weeks past. Our horses need rest badly. A little rest would come good to the men. I never was so dirty and ragged as I am now. I hav not slept without my pants only once since we left Harper's ferry. I took one suit of clowths when we started. I washed my shirt once quite clean since we left Washington. Took it off and washed it, put it on and dried it on my back.

Henry Kirkby was shot at (unreadable) and I took care of him for 3 or 4 hours before he died. He was shot in the right brest with a heavy ball, poor fellow. He suffered considerably. Brother Sid feels wel, he is at Division Hospital. James* is happy as a clam - can play his part with the best.

No more this time -

S. C. Stout

*James is the youngest brother who is captured within a short time.

Although James would never return home, both Spencer and his brother Sidney were more fortunate and would eventually come home to settle in the White Lake area.

We would like to thank Margaret R. Gregory and her daughter Joan Mountford for loaning us these family letters. We hope you have enjoyed reading them and suggest that if you are still interested in the history of our area, stop by our Heritage Museum located in the Independence Township Library for more information.

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Nicholas Panek, Lacy Lobehestein, Mitchell Reis and Emily Pobuda show their final products after studying lighthouses in Karen Kumon's fourth grade class at Andersonville Elementary. Photo by Alicia Dorset.

Students become feature writers at Andersonville Elementary

BY ALICIA DORSET
Clarkston News Staff Writer

How do you combine studying nonfiction and learning about Michigan? By trying your hand as future magazine writer.

Students in Karen Kumon's fourth grade class at Andersonville Elementary did just that as part of a unit on the history of Michigan's lighthouses.

For four and a half weeks Kumon's students researched specific lighthouses and then learned how to write a feature article on it. Magazine elements, such as headlines, captions and titles, were all included in the articles that were modeled after "Weekly Reader" stories.

"In fourth grade, students learn about Michigan," Kumon said. "This was a great tie-in. It's re-

ally nice to understand the history behind Michigan."

Students were assigned one of the 114 lighthouses in Michigan to research and write about. They were even required to build a replica of the actual lighthouse complete with electrical wiring, a preview to a future science unit.

"The funnest part is turning it on and off," fourth grader Zackary Strelecky said.

Computer skills were also incorporated into the unit. Once students had edited stories they learned how to use Microsoft Publisher, allowing them to make a final package for their articles and photos.

"We tried to make it as authentic as we could," Kumon said.

Throughout the course of the unit, students brought in articles on cur-

rent events related to their studies. Reading the newspaper was key.

The finished projects were displayed as part of Andersonville's Pride Night for families. The lighthouse articles and replicas also did some publicizing for future fourth graders as well.

"These were shared with the third graders," Kumon said. "It's a highlight to look at what you can do in fourth grade. A lot of students remember seeing them from last year."

Fourth grader Lacy Lobehestein learned some important lessons from the unit.

"It takes a lot of hard work and you have to have some sloppy copies," Lobehestein said.

To read selected articles, please see below and page 11B.

The light of Marquette: will this light save you?

BY SAMANTHA LYNN JACOBS
SPRINGFIELD PLAINS ELEMENTARY

Hi, my name is Harvey Moore. I work at a lighthouse. I'm not telling you which one you have to find out. There are some clues. Where should I start? I know! This 151 year old lighthouse looks onto Lake Superior. The lighthouse first had a Sixth Order Fresnel Lens. Did you figure it out yet? Nope? Ok, how about one more clue. A protective wall was built in front of the building. Did you figure it out

now? No? Ok, I will tell you. I work at Marquette Harbor Light. Maybe I can sneak you a little closer.

The Beautiful Looks

As we walk around I think I should tell you a little more information. Marquette Harbor's closest city and county is Marquette. Now do you understand how it got its name? The schoolhouse shaped lighthouse stands 40 feet high over Lake Superior. I'm glad I'm not that tall. I'm afraid of heights! This lighthouse has a stone and timber

foundation. For all the kids out there, foundation is the base that the lighthouse sits on. The dwelling that I live in is covered with red brick. The brick travels up and down the tower, but not on the lantern room. Up in the lantern room is a Fourth Order Fresnel Lens. Now, here is another lesson kids. The Fresnel Lens is the light in the lighthouse. The light would flash every ten seconds. Also, green bushes surround the tower and my dwelling. Now, finally, if you haven't seen it already,

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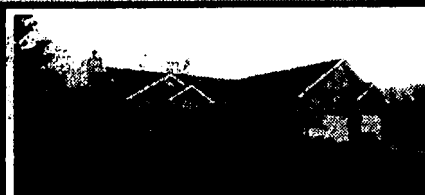
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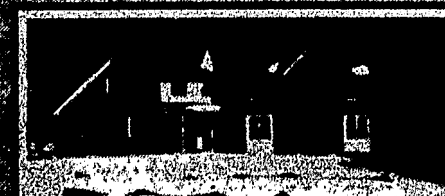
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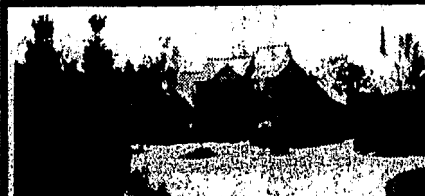
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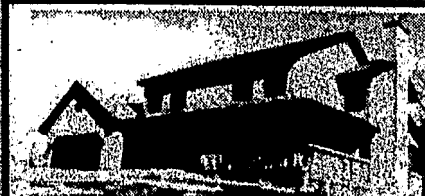
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—Jeanne Montiel

By Alicia Dorset

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A section dedicated to showcasing all the reasons this is a great area to live and work!



The teacher with the highest seniority in Clarkston County Schools, Howard Webster is proud of his career in helping those with special learning needs. Photo by Bob Flath

Veteran teacher: 'It hasn't been that long'

BY DON SCHEIDT
Clarkston News Staff Writer

When he began his teaching career in 1966, Howard Webster was Clarkston High School's only special education teacher.

Now he supervises 15 special education teachers as chairman of the high school special education department, and he works directly with about 25 students in a quest to help them excel.

"What makes special education so interesting is the variety," Webster said. "I'm not teaching the same history lesson hour after hour. It's a nice variety, and it changes from day to day. That's the big-

gest plus as far as I'm concerned."

Not counting students in the autistic program, there are about 265 special education students at CHS. Each special education teacher has students in a "support hour" to help with special learning needs. Webster's group is a bit different in that the students must come to him when they need help.

"It's their responsibility to see me when they need those things taken care of," he said. "If they're not on task and organized, sometimes I'll intervene."

Webster has seen many changes through the years. In 1966, the students were with him most of the day and he taught all the academic subjects. He appreciates the mod-

ern emphasis on "mainstreaming" and "inclusion" and has contact with many school administrators, teachers and parents to help in the task.

While some students may have learning disabilities in some subjects, they benefit from being with other students.

"Inclusion means you're going to include all kids in all programs," he said, and the benefit works the other way, too.

"Kids in Clarkston have grown up with autistic kids, and they are very accepting of all disabilities. They take it for granted they're going to be there. It's never an issue," he said. "Special ed through the years is no longer the stigma it used to be. Kids now are asking, 'What can I do to get the help Johnny is getting?'"

Webster sees many of his students as bound for college, and seeks "extended time" ACT tests for those who can qualify.

"It's a great accommodation," he said. "It can make a great difference, because once you take away that time factor some of the kids come up with some great scores."

'The nice thing is when you see some of these kids come back and talk to you years later after they've been married a few years and you see how successful they've been.'

Howard Webster
Clarkston High School teacher

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Are natural hormones for you? How does diet, exercise and stress influence your health? Find out on Monday, April 19, at Independence Township Library from 2-4 p.m. Carol S. Kirken will lead the lecture. Registration is required and there is no cost to attend. For more information or to register, call Kris Strickler at (810) 667-8797.

The North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy (NOHLC) will hold its annual spring membership meeting, "Enjoying Open Spaces", on Saturday, May 8 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. This year's program will feature local award-winning author Jim Dufresne. The public is invited to attend this free event at the Lewis E. Wint Nature Center on Sashabaw Road, but registration is required to avoid paying a park entrance fee. For more information, call (248) 846-6547.

The Waterford Goldwing Riders will host their

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Oakland County Circuit Court and Probate Court Citizens Alliance will offer a practical guideline to "Remove the Mysteries of Probate Court" on Monday, April 19 from 1-3 p.m. at the Carriage House in Clintonwood Park. Learn how avoiding probate could cause you problems, when you need a will, trust and/or power of attorney, what happens if you don't have a will, what guardianships and conservatorships are and how they are handled at the court. Bring your questions and concerns. Meet court personnel and leave their direct telephone numbers.

Business people in the community are invited to an unforgettable day of leadership development training at "The Qualities of a Leader" simulcast. The event will take place at Calvary Lutheran Church in Clarkston on Friday, April 30 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Come and hear the teachings of John Maxwell, Zig Ziglar, and many other renowned leaders from many circles

of influence as they explore how to develop the leader within you and the leaders around you. You won't want to miss this live via satellite conference. Call the church office for ticket prices and more information at (248) 625-3288.

The Independence Township Senior Center presents a spaghetti dinner on Friday, April 9, 7 p.m. Bring your family, friends or just yourself to this friendly fund-raiser staffed by volunteers. The hearty with spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, fresh salad and beverage for just \$4. Homemade desserts will be available for an extra \$1. Carry-out is available if you call the senior center at (248) 625-8231 one day ahead of the event.

Club 5529 presents a '70s and '80s dance party on Friday, April 9. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. and tickets are \$7 at the door. For more information, call (248) 620-4900 or visit www.5529music.com.

The Clarkston Foundation and Suburban Ford of Waterford present the beginning of the selection process to select the 2003-2004 "Teacher of the Year". Students, former students, parents, colleagues, administrators or members of the general public may nominate teachers. An impartial selection committee comprised of local citizens selects the winner. This year's winner will be announced May 7 and will receive free use of a new Ford car of their choice for a full year. Nomination forms are available at all Clarkston elementary schools, the Board of Education office, Suburban Ford of Waterford and Clarkston State Bank. Completed forms should be mailed to the Clarkston Foundation, P.O. Box 711, Clarkston, MI 48347. All nomination forms, with all supporting materials and documentation, must be received by the Foundation no later than Thursday, April 8.

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.

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.tickets.com or (248) 665-9324. For more information, visit www.5529music.com.

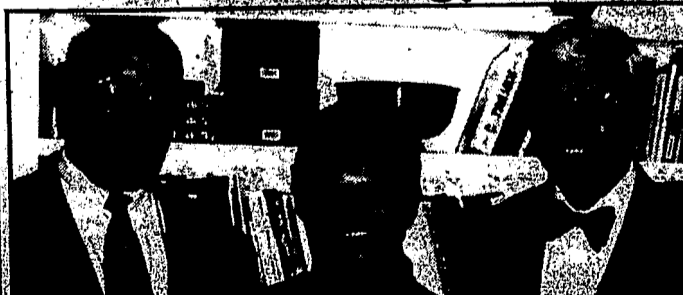
Independence Oaks opens its youth camp-ground on Saturday, May 1 for an open house. The public is invited from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for tours, activities, a climbing wall, informational displays and lunch. For more information or to register for the open house, call Independence Oaks at (248) 625-0877.



The Clarkston Foundation and Suburban Ford of Waterford are accepting applications for the 2004 "Teacher of the Year" honor. File photo.

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CHS grad befriends Romeo in Meadow Brook production

BY ALICIA DORSET
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Not too many people can claim they are best friends with literary legend Romeo.

Unless you're Joe Baldiga.

Baldiga will take on the role of "Gregory" (otherwise known as Mercutio in traditional presentations), Romeo's best friend, in Meadow Brook Theatre's upcoming production of "Romeo and Juliet".

This year's show takes a modern approach to the Shakespeare classic, making it accessible for theatre goers of all ages.

A fifth-year theatre performance major at Oakland University, Baldiga landed the role by performing a two-minute monologue of Shakespeare work for directors. He then did a "cold reading" (reading an unfamiliar piece for the first time) on stage.

For Baldiga, whose resume includes roles in more than 18 productions in addition to theatrical design and choreography experience, working with Shakespeare material wasn't a challenge.

"We study just about everything," Baldiga said. "Shakespeare isn't new to me."

A 1999 graduate of Clarkston High School, Baldiga first became involved in theatre productions when he moved to Clarkston from Royal Oak before starting high school.

"My mom signed me up for drama class, but I wanted gym," Baldiga said.

Under the direction of production director Jeff Tice at CHS, Baldiga first got a taste of stage life that would later develop into career goals. While at CHS he had the lead roles in "Li'l Abner" and "Camelot".

"The fundamentals that Tice taught me and the whole program at CHS are just top notch," Baldiga said.

Baldiga is one of the many students participating in the professional production at Meadow Brook. With help from the direction of John Manfredi and Dave

Mowers, Baldiga is looking forward to his first professional experience.

"This is my first professional show," Baldiga said. "It will be interesting to see how it runs. It will help get my foot in the door."

A theatrical career has always been a dream for Baldiga. After graduation he hopes to attend graduate school and then move on to teaching. Staying local has always been a desire of Baldiga's, who hopes to remain in Michigan.

"I'd like to stay around here and get Michigan going," Baldiga said. "People don't realize there's a professional-level theatre right in their backyard. Meadow Brook is great."

Meadow Brook is celebrating its first year as the Meadow Brook Theatre Ensemble, a new nonprofit organization overseeing the theatre. The current season began in October 2003.

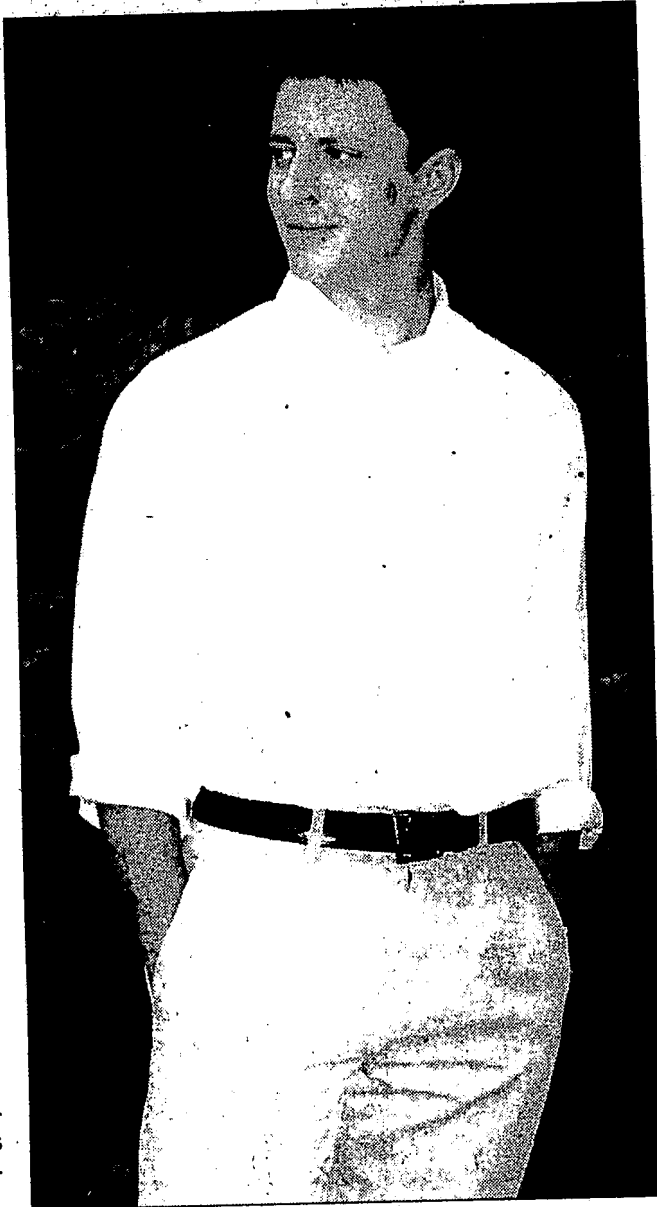
Going to school, working and rehearsing keeps Baldiga very busy. He is paying for school by himself to avoid debt after graduation.

Not only is Baldiga getting ready for his new role in "Romeo and Juliet", he is wrapping up rehearsals on his current endeavor, "The Winter's Tale". Baldiga will play the part of Leontes.

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Look for Baldiga in "Romeo and Juliet" April 28 through May 14. "The Winter's Tale" will be at Meadow Brook the weekend of April 25. For information on how to purchase tickets, call the box office at (248) 377-3300.

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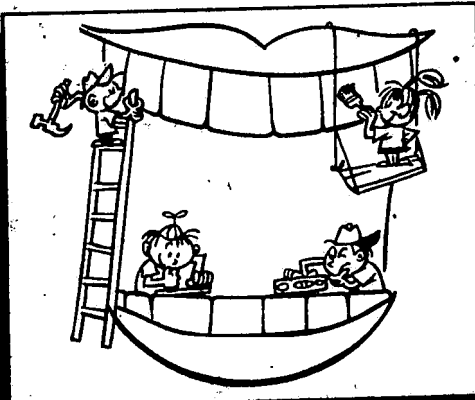


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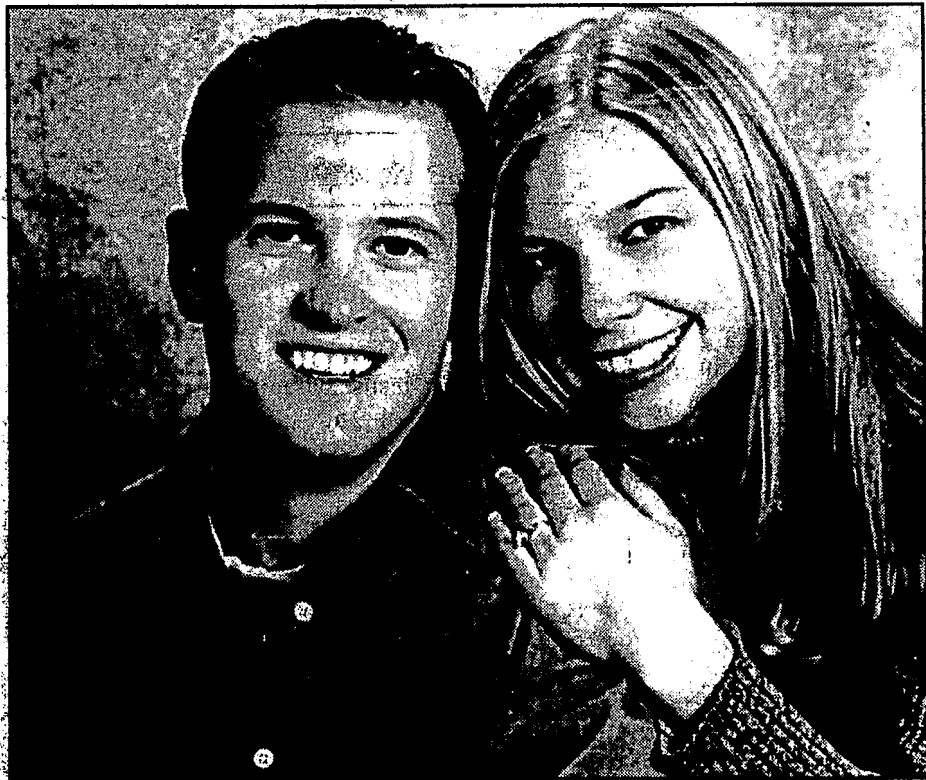
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Russell Maurice Parrott and Rebecca Lynn Enz

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Enz of Rhinelander, Wis. announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Lynn, to Russell Maurice Parrott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Parrott of Clarkston.

Russell is a 1999 graduate of Clarkston High School and a 2003 graduate of Michigan Technological University with a bachelor of science in biomedical engineering. He is a product devel-

opment engineer for Biomet, Inc. in Warsaw, Ind.

Rebecca is a 1998 graduate of Lincoln High School in Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. and a 2002 graduate of Michigan Tech with a bachelor of science in biomedical engineering. She is a research engineer for Pioneer Surgical Technology in Marquette.

A wedding is planned for January 1, 2005.

At school...

Mark Catanese, of Clarkston, was named to the Dean's List for the winter quarter at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, Ind.

To receive this achievement, Catanese had to maintain a 3.3 GPA.

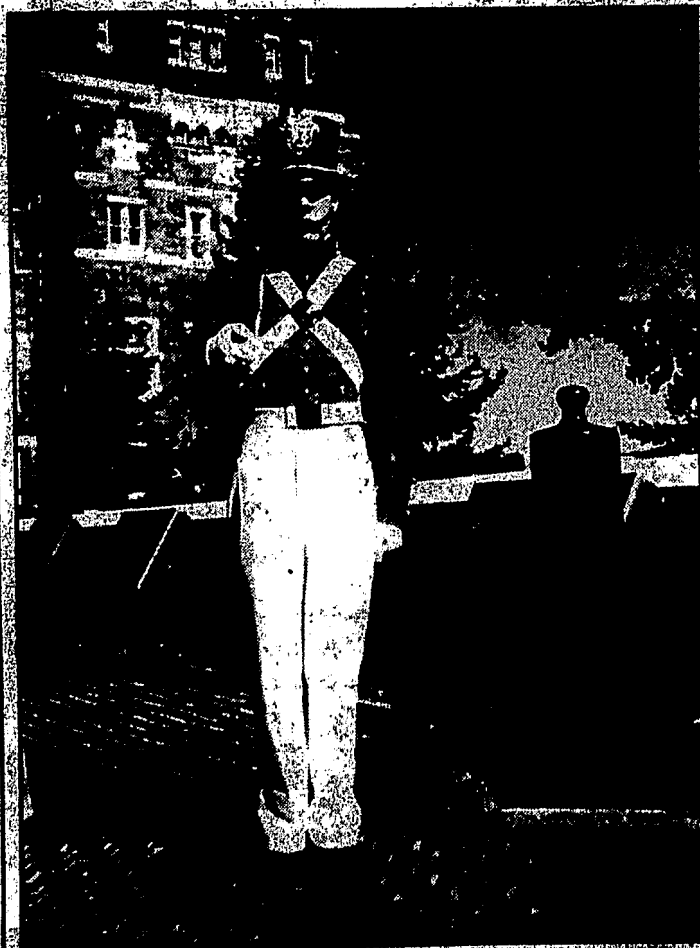
The following Clarkston residents recently received undergraduate de-

grees from the University of Michigan during winter commencement:

Arron Grant, Kimberly Lytle, Megan Baker and Jenni Salata.

Clarkston residents receiving their graduate degrees from U of M were:

Brenton Berkoetter, David Klotz and Joseph Willis.



Cadet Bryan Michael Kolano

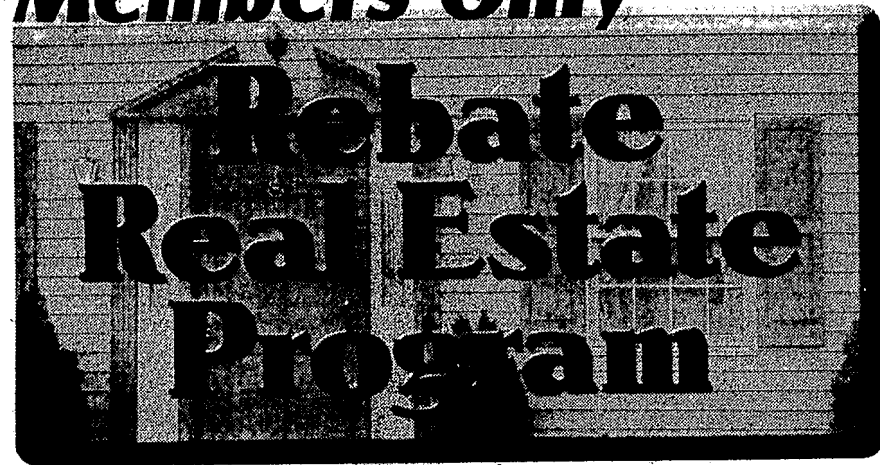
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To qualify for the Dean's List, a cadet must maintain a 3.0 GPA.

Kolano graduated from Clarkston High School in 2003. He is concentrating his studies in leadership and plans to graduate in 2007 from West Point and be commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

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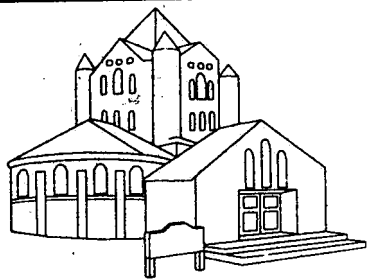
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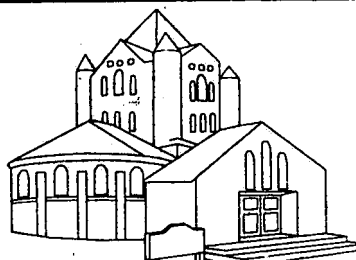
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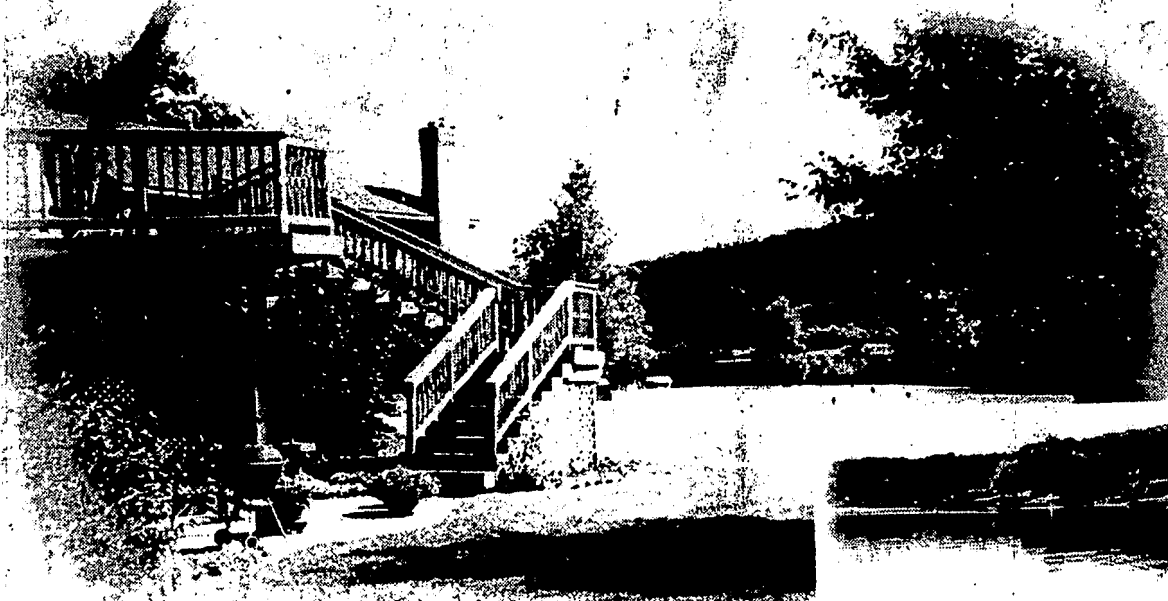
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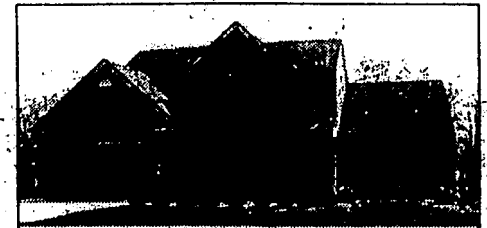
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3.6-3.0
Whitney, Michael
Wilke, Lisa
Wilson, Lauren
Wischmeyer, Brandon
Zak, Michael
Zamora, Julianne
Zielinski, Michael

Seniors

Clark, Emily
Clavette, Jenna
Coryell, Stephen
Fahey, Terry
Gauthier, Eric
Giroux, Suzanne
Green, Lindsay
Hoffmeister, Jamie
Mahrle, Sarah
Mead, Colleen
Pruente, Matthew
Reuter, Christyn
Roberts, Breanne
Smith, Paul
Verlinden, Aaron
Vermeulen, Maria

Seniors

4.0
Abate, Brian
Abrams, Elizabeth
Baibak, Jennifer
Bailey, Katie
Ballough, Jennifer
Battistone, Lindsey
Beech, Ashley
Bennett, Chad
Binasio, Heather
Blanchard, Jennifer
Bland, Jacqueline
Bomier, Whitney
Bramble, Lindsey
Bruse, Lee
Cziwcy, Arnette
Dezess, Jessica
Dodich, Cynthia
Dougherty, Kelly
Doyle, Ashley
DuFresne, Michael
Duncanson, Sara
Elmore, Michelle
Englund, Melissa
Erdmann, Michelle
Ferguson, Bess
Fuentes, Yazmin
Fugitt, Jaime
Gallagher, Brett
Gardner, Colby
Garrett, Megan
Giroux, Heather
Gougeon, Jordan
Hart, Jenna
Hart, Lyndsey
Henneman, Gary
Horstman, Kristin
Hundley, Jenna
Jaughey, Natacha
Judkins, Jennifer
Kashima, Rie
Keesling, Jamie
Keusch, Bradley
Kleinedler, Megan
Kovacic, Laura
Kuhta, Maureen
Lesko, Lisa
Levasseur, Alexander
Linville, Scott
Mackinnon, Matthew
Maesch, Sarah
Maisano, Richard
Mangus, Kernet
McKinney, Paul
Morearty, Nicole
Murphy, Mary
Napier, Sarah
Newbury, Sharon
Nichols, Amanda
O'Brien, Ashley
Ogans, Kassandra
Opie, Kate
Ostdek, Kristin

Palace, Samuel
Partyka, Kirsten
Piercy, Donald
Priebe, Vanessa
Schneider, Evan
Secord, Stephanie
Shiel, Steven
Smith, Alexandra
Sun, Wei
Swantek, Nicholas
Weddle, Danielle
Wheeler, Jennifer
Williamson, Shanna
3.9-3.7
Allingham, Ana Marie
Amor, Kathleen
Andalora, Nicholas
Antonides, Sydney
Barget, Andra
Barker, Danielle
Barr, Nathaniel
Beno, Jacob
Berendt, Stacey
Bernardi, Robert
Bigger, Brian
Binning, Kristin
Black, Andrea
Blackstone, Nicholas
Blake, Rheannon
Boatman, Keith
Bollman, Courtney
Boskee, Kelly
Bottiaux, Michael
Bowden, Elizabeth
Bozeman, Trevor
Bracknell, John
Bradish, Kristen
Bramble, Ashley
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Brookes, Christopher
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Chenet, Steven
Cherry, Autumn
Chesley, Matthew
Chester, Elizabeth
Chojnowski, Holly
Cocciolone, Anthony
Cole, Heather
Coleman, James
Coulson, Courtney
Crane, Andrew
Crofton, Kevin
Cummings, Amanda
Curry, Heather
Cusumano, Michelle
DeWald, Michelle
Deering, Amy
Dempsey, Colleen
Dickey, Elisa
Dickie, Sally
Douglas, John
Driscoll, Jennifer
Dudek, Matthew
Dushaw, Elizabeth
Emerick, Taryn
Epifano, Tracy
Fell, Colleen
Feuh, Karen
Fick, Thomas
Fitch, Jami
Fuller, Devin
Galaviz, Andrea
Garcia, Jacqueline
Gardner, Brady
Garrman, Danielle
Garrison, Autumn
Gauche, Nicole
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Gray, Zachary
Hacker, Noah
Hampton, Brandon
Hansen, Kimberly
Hardy, Elizabeth
Harger, Darwin
Haun, William
Helms, Jody
Herr, Vincent

Herron, Matthew
Hills, Brooke
Hood, Nicholas
Horn, Jacob
Horne, Sara
Houser, Jordan
Hubbard, Martin
Hudson, Ashley
Hughes, Ashley
Hunt, Lauren
Husereau, Jennifer
Jackson, Mark
Jackson, Nina
Jantz, Scott
Johnson, Robert
Kendrick, Jennifer
Kenerson, Brittany
Kieras, Kaitlin
Kiestler, Stephen
Kinsey, Jack

Klein, Bryan
Knappe, Elizabeth
Konzen, Samantha
Kras, Amanda
LaHousse, Greyson
Leech, Alison
Ley, Jennifer
Linenger, Kendra
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Maxwell, John
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Mooney, Blake
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Nagel, David
Nettle, Gabrielle
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Rademacher, Kyle
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Reppuhn, Whitney
Riegel, Nicholas
Robinson, Michaela
Rogers, Kyle
Rogers, Whitney
Rombach, Matthew
Rota, Stephanie
Rozwadowski, Annemarie
Rush, Steven
Russo, Matthew

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Thanks for making the Clarkston Optimist "Night on the Town" a Success

The Clarkston Area Optimist Club would like to give special recognition and thanks to the following individuals and businesses for the donations made to our "Night on the Town," fund-raising dinner-dance and auction held at the Liberty Golf and Banquet Facility. The Clarkston Area Optimist Club would also like to give a special thank you to our event sponsor Liberty Golf and Banquet Center. Our club and the youth of the Clarkston Community appreciate and thank you.

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Teacher

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The growth of Clarkston's special education program can be attributed, in part, to the increase in state and federal mandates, but also because people move into the district to take advantage of the Clarkston program. The team is involved in regular evaluation of students to determine who needs special help.

"We're still in an ongoing testing program. We still test and certify kids in the high school."

The Eastern Michigan University graduate has spent his entire career in Clarkston schools. He and his wife, Carole (a paraprofessional at Sashabaw Middle School), still live in the house they built in 1972.

He admits that's a bit odd, given his family's background. Born in England, Webster moved with his family to the Detroit area at age 7. When he was 10, his father took the family back to England, but they returned to the States when he was 12.

His father is now 89 and "He still hasn't settled down."

The younger Webster, however, was attracted to the Clarkston area by a brochure and never left.

"I saw the scenery and the lakes and thought, 'This is kind of nice.'"

Both the community and the job have kept him content over the years, despite the potential for burnout of special ed teachers.

"I guess I enjoyed it all the way through, and I've enjoyed the variety of things that have taken place along the way," he said. "In fact, I probably wouldn't have retired this year if they

hadn't offered the severance package."

While he and his wife will both accept the district's financial incentive for early retirement, he plans to stay involved in at least a couple local exploits. For several years, he has coordinated staff for varsity football games and both boys and girls basketball games, and he anticipates keeping that job.

Webster has also enjoyed summer work at the Pine Knob Golf Course, and has coordinated an end-of-school-year tournament for staff.

As for his own prowess on the links? "I play the game. I love the game. I find the golf game very exciting and enjoyable to play, but I also find it very frustrating as most golfers do," he said. "The score at the end is not necessarily what brings you back."

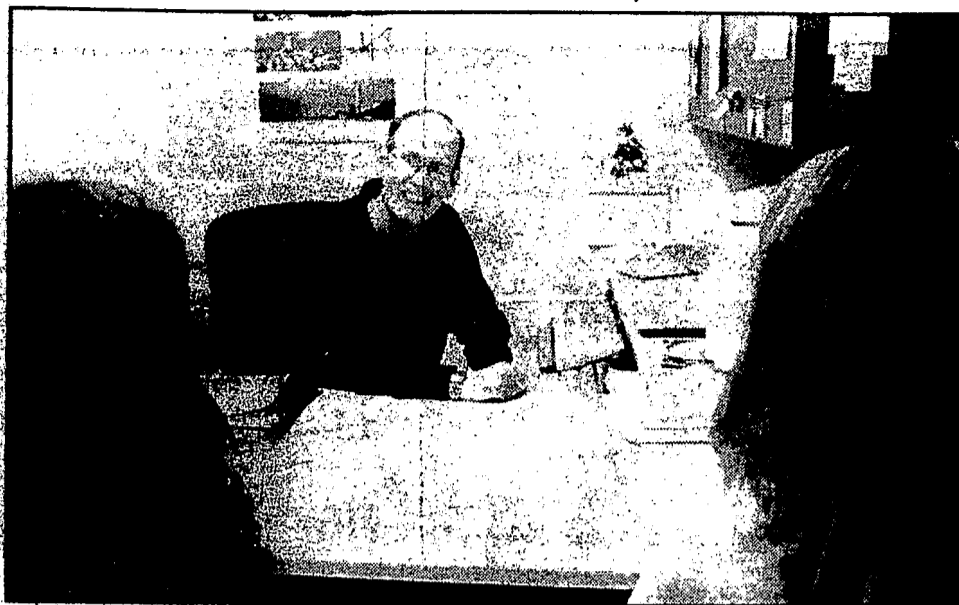
He believes he is "decent" at tennis, however.

The Websters are proud of their two daughters (both Clarkston graduates) and of students they have helped over the years.

"You always build on your successes," he said. "You don't always succeed; you don't get every kid to be successful. But the nice thing is when you see some of these kids come back and talk to you years later after they've been married a few years and you see how successful they've been. It's great to see that."

Even with that reflection, he finds it hard to believe he has the most seniority among Clarkston teachers.

"It's just amazing," he said. "It doesn't seem that long ago."



Howard Webster enjoys meeting with students, and is glad those with special needs have full access to the entire education program. Photo by Bob Flath

Springfield students place well in state poster contest

As part of a math unit on graphs, fifth graders from Springfield Elementary School entered posters for the Michigan State Poster Contest. Fourteen posters were selected by the students to represent the school, and several showed very well. In the division of grades 4 through 6, second place in World Languages went to Mitchell Peterson (Gloria Lacey, teacher) and third place in Rainforests in Danger went to Parker Jones (Kristen Warner, teacher). Honorable mention went to Rachel Glomski (Pets); Tara Daugherty (Endangered Animals); Meagan Cotter, Lindsey Fantin and Emily Rice (We All Scream for Ice Cream) and Jefferson Richards (Who Did Napoleon Conquer?). More information about the contest as well as pictures of the winning posters may be viewed at www.gvsu.edu/stat/statposter.

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Big Red's Days of the Past: the magic of the light

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Hello! My name is Edward Mallette and I'm the keeper of Holland Harbor Lighthouse, but for now I will be your tour guide. Have you ever heard of my lighthouse? Maybe you have visited Holland, Michigan for the Tulip Festival and have seen the amazing lighthouse from the Holland State Park. Well, come along, and I will tell you some interesting facts and important information you might like to know!

A Quick Personal Look

In Holland, Michigan there stands The Holland Harbor Lighthouse. You can also call it "Big Red." Big Red stands 32 feet high and shines over Lake Michigan and Black Lake. This square shaped lighthouse has a red dwelling and is three stories tall. Big Red has diamond paned windows and a foundation that sits on a pier. Holland Harbor is solid brick and has a slate roof. The lighthouse is decorated with sandbars and rocky grounds. Can you guess how Holland Harbor got it's nickname "Big Red?" The Coast Guard painted the lighthouse bright red, and then in 1956, Holland Harbor got the nickname Big Red because of it's redness. Also, Big Red has a Fourth Order Fresnel Lens. If you want, you can go see the original Fourth Order Fresnel Lens at the Holland Municipal Museum in down- town Hol-

land. Well, moving right along, we are jumping into the past!

A Speedy Look Into The Past

As you might like to know, in 1872, the lighthouse, Holland Harbor, was built. Also, Holland Harbor cost \$4,000 to build! As the nights gleamed with the stars, in 1872, the lighthouse shined for the first time over Lake Michigan and Black Lake. In 1859, a small steamboat was the first vessel to be put in Black Lake. In waters, shipping increased dramatically and soon the Graham and Morton shipping line was making two trips a day to Chicago. That's why they found a need to build Holland Harbor Lighthouse. In 1872, M. Van Regenmorter was one of the six keepers and eleven assistants to care for Big Red. Also, Holland Harbor was the first to stand on Holland south pier, which had a small wooden structure with an oil lamp. In 1880, the style was a flag pole light which every evening was hoisted to warn ships. It continued for twenty- seven years. In 1907,

the Fourth Order Fresnel Lens was added. Later, in 1932, there was an installation of a 250 mm acrylic lens. So now you have learned many new facts. Now lets head far into the future!

Falling into Today

Today, the lighthouse is still saving many ships and the U.S. Coast Guard owns it. The Holland Harbor Historical Lighthouse Commission has Big Red for lease. This beautiful lighthouse was automated in 1970. Hopefully, you can see the lighthouse sometime, while the saving light to ships, gleams into the waters. You can't go inside this lighthouse, but you can have private tours on grounds of the lighthouse. This lighthouse is located in Holland, Michigan. Big Red is set on a pier which runs along the south bank. To learn more about Holland Harbor Lighthouse call 800-506-1299 or go onto www.holland.org.com. Hope you enjoyed the tour. If you ever visit Big Red, you will appreciate it in many more ways.

Marquette

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Marquette Harbor is doing today.

Fast Forward To Today

at the way bottom you should see a stone bluff. Stone is a popular choice to build on. Now, as we go along we should see some history of Marquette Harbor.

Have you ever wondered if Marquette Harbor was active today or even open to the public? Well, yes, Marquette Harbor is active today, using it's Fourth Order Fresnel Lens. The new owner is the US Coast Guard. Don't worry, I bet those guys are taking good care of Marquette Harbor. The US Coast Guard still to this day is turning on and off the light to save the ships. The Marquette Maritime Museum bought Marquette Harbor, fixed it up, and leased it to the US Coast Guards. There is a new signal you know. The lantern is now a 300 mm. tideland signal. Isn't that great? Does anyone know if the lighthouse is open to the public? No? Ok. I will tell you. No, it is not open to the public, although you can walk on its grounds. You can also take the Harbor Cruise. For information about the cruise, call (906) 225-1777. For all of you that need directions, here they are: Go on Main street and onto Lakeshore Blvd. Then, take a boat tour of the Marquette area from the water views. Go on the cruise and you will find that day the best day of your life. I'm Harvey Moore, and this is the rest of the story for Marquette Harbor Light.

A Blast To The Past
This old lighthouse was built in 1853 and rebuilt in 1866, 1875 and 1908. Oh my! The light was lit in 1866, too! I can't believe I actually remembered that! In 1849, Marquette became the premier shipping place. Guess what? I was the first lighthouse keeper! Wow, those were the good old days. Sorry, Those days got me all caught up in the moment. A large service room was added to the north side of the dwelling in the 1870's. When I mean large, I mean large. The wooden crib structure moved 2,000 feet southward into the lake in 1875. I wouldn't think it would go that far. A very violent sea ripped the breakwater beacon from its mounting on a November night. I remember that day like yesterday. I almost got caught up in that storm. Now, here comes some really cool news. A new fog signal was up and running by May 22, 1912. I loved that signal. It was a diaphone. Now, the radiotelephone transmitter upgraded the fog signal building. Let's go see what

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Beth Stalker has a passion for music.

The Clarkston resident is working on bringing that music to others by playing venues in the Metro Detroit area and also recording a compact disc.

"I want to touch people with my music. I am trying to impact lives," Stalker said. "I want people to hear my music and feel a connection."

For Stalker, the musical journey began when she was four-year-old singing in Sunday School. She was taught to sing by her parents, Joseph and Linda Baldiga.

"My father played the piano and was in a lot of jazz bands. He also played at church," Stalker said.

Growing up in Royal Oak, Stalker would share her singing talents with others. As a child, she sang at different churches with her father playing piano. They even released a cassette tape entitled "Jesus Loves Me."

There was also the appearance on the "Spirit of Detroit" television show which was broadcast on channel 62.

At age 15, Stalker moved to Clarkston and continued singing. She showcased her talents with the Clarkston High School choir and drama club.

Stalker also formed a group with classmates Alisa Visconti and Sheila Spencer.

"We would sing Christian folk music. We were an acoustic trio. We sang at a lot of churches and festivals," Stalker said.

Stalker and Visconti, along with songwriting friend Allan Goetz, even won a few contests by writing and performing songs for Tubby's Submarines and TCF Bank.

After the group parted ways, Stalker

began singing jazz and blues music. She continued writing original music with the help of Goetz and Bob Bullock.

"I love writing original music," Stalker said. "My songs deal with a specific time in my life but they are not real specific. If someone goes through a similar situation I want them to relate to the song."

While playing restaurants in the area, Stalker met up with songwriter/producer David Mosher. She gave him a three song demo and they are now turning it into a full length compact disc.

The working title of the compact disc is "Here with You," and it is set to be 11 songs. The plan is to release it under an independent label.

While Stalker is enjoying creating music, she does not have any lofty dreams about a career in music.

"I am simply enjoying the journey," Stalker said. "I don't have huge expectations. I just want to sing and get the music out there. Where I end up will just be icing on the cake."

Although Stalker is not looking for accolades, they are already coming. The singer was recently nominated for two Detroit Music Awards in the categories of outstanding Christian gospel vocalist and outstanding Christian gospel artist.

"I was quite shocked. I was not expecting it at all," Stalker said.

Stalker will perform at Xhedos in Ferndale on May 1. The show, which runs from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., will also feature Steve Kovich and Kent Koller.

Anyone interested in hearing Stalker's music can visit www.bethstalker.com. The website has show dates, sound clips and will be announcing when the compact disc will come out. The website www.musicpeoplellc.com also has sound clips from Stalker.



Beth Stalker is working on her new compact disc entitled "Here With You." Photo provided.

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More Around Town

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Clarkston Edward Jones representatives for Wilhelm and Scott Hazelton will be hosting "Smart Couples Finish Rich", a free seminar held in partnership with Van Kampen Investments, Inc. The seminar will be held on Thursday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m. at Liberty Golf and Banquet in Clarkston. Dinner will be served. Reservations can be made by calling Jim's office at (248) 625-1232 or Scott's office (248) 625-7016.

Don't miss the Clarkston Toy Show on Saturday, April 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Clarkston. Early bird viewing is from 7-9 a.m. and costs \$10. Regular show hours are \$4 for general admission. Children under 12 are free. The Knights of Columbus Hall is located at 5660 Maybee Rd.

Clarkston Area Youth Assistance presents a series of six parenting classes that meet once a week in a small study/support group setting. A positive parenting approach is presented that will definitely promote a win/win atmosphere in your home. The class is designed for parents with children ages 3-15 and are taught by trained parent educator and counselor Jennifer Arkwright, MA. Class dates are Wednesday mornings April 21 to May 26 (childcare available) or Monday evenings April 19 to May 24. Cost for the class is \$30 and includes a book. Preregistration is required. For more information, call (248) 625-9007.

Don't miss Michele Del Greco live at L.A. Cafe and Java on April 10 from 8-10 p.m. Del Greco will mix pop and rock music with folk to bring straightforward lyrics to her audience. Her current release is "Rear View Mirror". L.A. Cafe and Java is located 5815 Dixie Hwy. in Waterford. For more information, call (248) 623-1610.

Young at Heart Senior Group meets every Thursday for their weekly lunches for individuals 50 years of age and older or individuals with disabilities of any age. Lunch is served at noon at the Hart Community Center for a fee of \$4.

The Springfield Garden Club meets the first Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. at the Springfield Township library. Meetings include workshops, guest speakers, field trips, gardening advice and much more. All levels of gardeners are welcomed. The club is affiliated with the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association. For more information, call Barbara Orris at (248) 922-1406 or Karen Price at (248) 328-0030.

Recess is back! Register as a team in our Co-Rec Kickball League and be a kid again. This 18-and-over league will be on Sunday evenings (and

some Saturday evenings) starting Apr. 18 at Clintonwood Park Softball Fields. Teams will play a minimum of 10 games (all doubleheaders) with 10 players per side. Team fee is \$20 and player fees are \$5 for residents, \$15 for nonresidents. T-shirts will be awarded to the first place team. Open registration begins Mar. 8 (space is limited). Teams must have equal or more women to men on the field. Please visit the Parks and Recreation office to register or call (248) 625-8223.

The Academic Boosters of Clarkston offers 'Summer Education Programs Fair'. The event provides resources and contact information for great summer programs in Michigan on Tuesday, April 27 at 7 p.m. in Clarkston Middle School's media center.

Call Betty Reilly at (248) 922-9134 to register for any of these programs.

The Alzheimer's Support Group meets the first Thursday of every month at Sunrise Assisted Living Center in Clarkston at 7 p.m. Located at 5700 Water Tower Place, the group is free of charge and participants can simply show up at will. For more information, call (248) 625-0500.

The Springfield Township Business Association is looking for other local business owners to join. The group meets at 1400 Davisburg Rd. every last Tuesday of the month from 5-6 p.m. Recent ongoing topics of discussion include Main Street revitalization and parade planning. Call Diane Wozniak at (248) 882-3180 for more information.

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.

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT Oakland COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT - FAMILY DIVISION PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING

FILE NO. 2003-289,620-DE
In the matter of Lana Ethel Petty, Deceased
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including:
Children of Willie Sheppard, whose names and whereabouts are unknown; and William Copeland, whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:
TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on April 28, 2004 at 8:30 a.m. at 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac, MI 48341-0449 before Judge Eugene Arthur Moore for the following purpose:
Petition for Adjudication of Testacy and Complete Estate Settlement with request for determination of heirs, admittance of will, allowance of final account and approval of fees, approval of distribution as set forth on schedule of distributions and discharge of personal representative.
Betty Jane McEvers
518 Searfield
Rochester, Michigan 48307
(248) 652-3375
Schmidt, Isgrigg, Anderson & Miller
Robert G. Isgrigg, Jr. P24924
2745 Pontiac Lk. Rd.
Waterford, Michigan 48328-2653
(248) 682-8800

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT Oakland COUNTY NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING

FILE NO. 292,740-DE
Estate of MILDRED L. WIDEMAN, Deceased
Date of Birth: May 19, 1913
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, MILDRED L. WIDEMAN, Deceased, who lived at 5480 Parview Independence Township, Michigan died February 4, 2004. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to EDGAR I. GILLIES, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac, Michigan 48341 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE ZONING BOARD OR APPEALS

The Independence Township Board, of Appeals will meet Wednesday, April 21, 2004 at 7:30 pm at the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI 48346 to hear the following cases:

- Case #04-0018 Richard Brozovich, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS FRONT YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 13' FROM FUTURE ROAD RIGHT OF WAY AND REAR YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 11' TO CONSTRUCT DECK
Perry Lake Rd., R-1A
08-20-278-035
- Case #04-0019 Scott Blomberg, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE OF 37' FROM A BODY OF WATER FOR SEPTIC
Vandewater Ave., Lots 93 & 94, R-1A
Lakeland Vale
08-33-327-006 & 007
- Case #04-0020 Richard Walker, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS FRONT YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 57' FROM FUTURE ROAD RIGHT OF WAY TO CONSTRUCT ADDITION ON NON CONFORMING LOT OF RECORD
Hadley Rd., Lot 8, R-1R
Irisli Meadows
08-04-300-038
- Case #040021 Charles and Annette Krecek, Petitioners
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE TO SPLIT PROPERTY (WT-DTI--f TO DEPTH) AND TO KEEP EXISTING DETACHED GARAGE ON PARCEL WITHOUT A PRINCIPAL USE, EXISTING PLACEMENT AND SETBACKS TO BE CONSIDERED
Eastview Rd., Lot 32, R-1A
Supervisor's Plat No. 6
08-35-226-014
- Case #04-0022 Ron Almas, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS FRONT YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 24' TO CONSTRUCT NEW HOME
Harding Ave., Lots 29 & 30, R-1A
Lakeland Vale
08-33-328-022
- Case #04-0023 Timothy and Fran Warner, Petitioners
APPLICANTS REQUEST FRONT YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 28' FROM FUTURE ROAD RIGHT OF WAY TO CONSTRUCT NEW HOME
Maybee Rd., Pt. of Lot 35, Parcel B, R-1A
Supervisor's Plat No. 6
08-35-226-051

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

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

Kopietz attends buying show

Buck Kopietz, of Tierra Fine Jewelers in Clarkston, recently attended a series of educational seminars, workshops and courses at the Independent Jewelers Organization's Spring Buying and Seminar Show held in Palm Springs, Calif.

Kopietz also had the opportunity to preview the lines of more than 150 top manufacturers and jewelry designers who exhibited their merchandise, some of which is exclusive to Master IJO Jeweler members. This merchandise is not available from any other stores in this area.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Charter Township of Independence Re-Bid Request

ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

The Charter Township of Independence is seeking a three (3) year contract for the disposal of household hazardous waste collected during the Township's annual Spring Clean-up Days, held one (1) Saturday in May from 8:00 am. to 3:00 p.m.

Sealed bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 14, 2004 at the Clerk's Office, 90 N. Main Street, PO Box 69, Clarkston, MI 48347.

Bids will be awarded at the April 20, 2004 regular Board Meeting.

Specifications can be picked up at the Dept. of Public Works. For further details, contact Linda Richardson at (248) 625-8222.

The Charter Township of Independence reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Joan E. McCrary, Clerk

High honors



Katie Kildal, a 1996 Clarkston High School graduate, was named Teacher of the Year at St. Mark Catholic School in Boynton Beach, Fla. Kildal graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in early childhood development. A resident of Delray Beach, Fla., Kildal teaches kindergarten at St. Mark. Photo provided.

Montney completes diamond course

Laura Montney successfully completed a course in Diamond Grading and received the highest score in the graduating class.

Montney recently attend a week-long Diamond Grading course by Gemological Institute of America. Graduation from this course will give Montney the certification to appraise diamonds.

Montney works at Tierra Fine Jewelers in Clarkston.

Best Image Possible



Lynn Conover, Lewis Wint Nature Center, measures the "wing span" of Frank Linesman while fellow student Jasmine Brown watches during a March 25 assembly at North Sashabaw Elementary School. Photo by Alicia Dorset.

Bird buddies make new friends

BY ALICIA DORSET
Clarkston News
Staff Writer

The Clarkston Farm and Garden Club presented "BackyardBird Buddies" as part of their annual education project to Clarkston elementary schools March 23-31. They did so with a little help from the Lewis Wint Nature Center and the Main Street bird feeder.

Not to mention 4,000 packets of seeds.

This year the club focused on getting ready for spring and the winged visitors that arrive in the area once the weather warms up: birds.

Visiting each elementary school in the district, the club arranged for naturalists from the nature center to present bird facts to the students.

During the visit to North Sashabaw Elementary, naturalist Lynn Conover displayed different stuffed birds that can often be found in the area.

"She went through far more information than I thought she would. She really held the students' attention," Mary Jane Scharfenkamp,

Farm and Garden Club publicity chair, said.

Students that day learned about the day-to-day activities for birds and where to find them in the environment. Students even learned how to measure the length of their arms for their own "wing span", just like that of a bird's.

"My favorite part was watching her measuring the kids' wing span," Anita Demster, Farm and Garden Club education chair, said. "She's (Conover) a wonderful presenter with so many different facts. Watching the kids' faces is really the best part."

Club members hoped the presentations would not only act as supplements to what the students were already learning in class, but to make more community members aware of the resources available locally, such as the nature center.

"It's something additional. The little extras that inspire," Scharfenkamp said. "Anything that can be done by community members can help. I think a lot

of people aren't aware what's over there."

North Sashabaw principal Debra Lazotas saw the connection for her students during the assembly.

"It deals with science: the habitats and life cycles of birds all fits in with the curriculum," Lazotas said. "The park provides teacher with guides for follow-up."

"You can tell the kids enjoy it, they're all pretty much glued to her (Conover)."

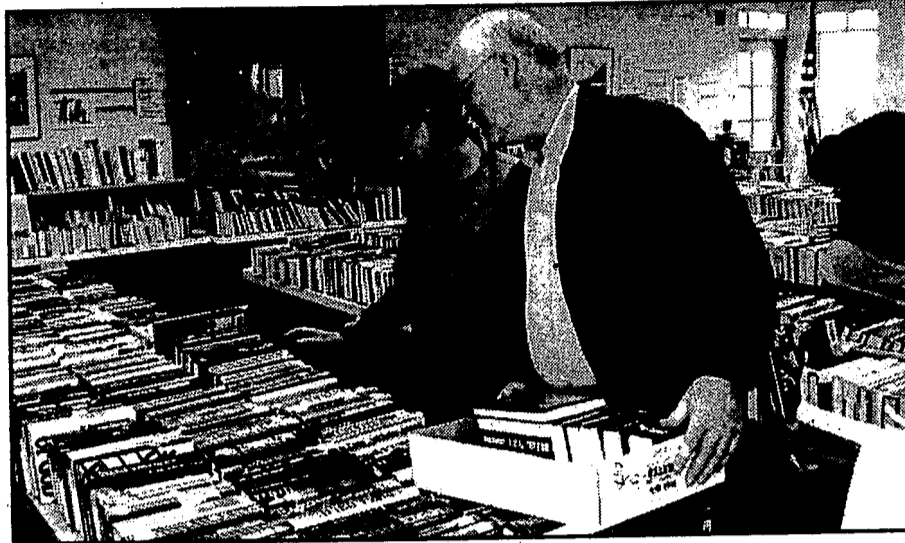
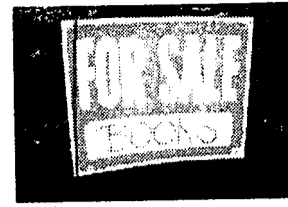
In addition to the presentation, children were given take-home instructions on how to make their own birdfeeders to welcome the flying guests back to Clarkston.

Another highlight of this year's education project came from the birdfeeder at 7150 N. Main St.

Club members distributed 4,000 packets of seeds, one for every student, to the elementary schools, all courtesy of a donation from the birdfeeder.

"It's a very nice donation," Scharfenkamp said. "It's to encourage interest in birds and the environment."

Picking up a few good books



ABOVE: David and Sharen Worden load up on some classics at the book sale.



LEFT: Nancy Riddle looks for a good mystery novel at the spring book sale at the Independence Township Library. The event was hosted by the Friends of the Library.

Photos by Alicia Dorset


Honor Roll

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Schumacher, Justine
Schweitzer, Peter
Scoglietti, Gina
Seed, Heather
Seibert, Joseph
Seto, Jessica
Sinclair, Courtne
Slaughter, Rachel
Smith, Anna
Smith, C. Justin

Smith, Derek
Smith, Matthew
Smith, Nicole
Sorise, Anthony
Spencer, Daniel
Spurlock, Faith
Stanton, Robert
Titus, Brandon
Torrone, David
Townsend, Krista
Tracey, Evan
Turner, Sean
Turner, Shannon
VanHorn, Cherish

Vaseleck, Jennifer
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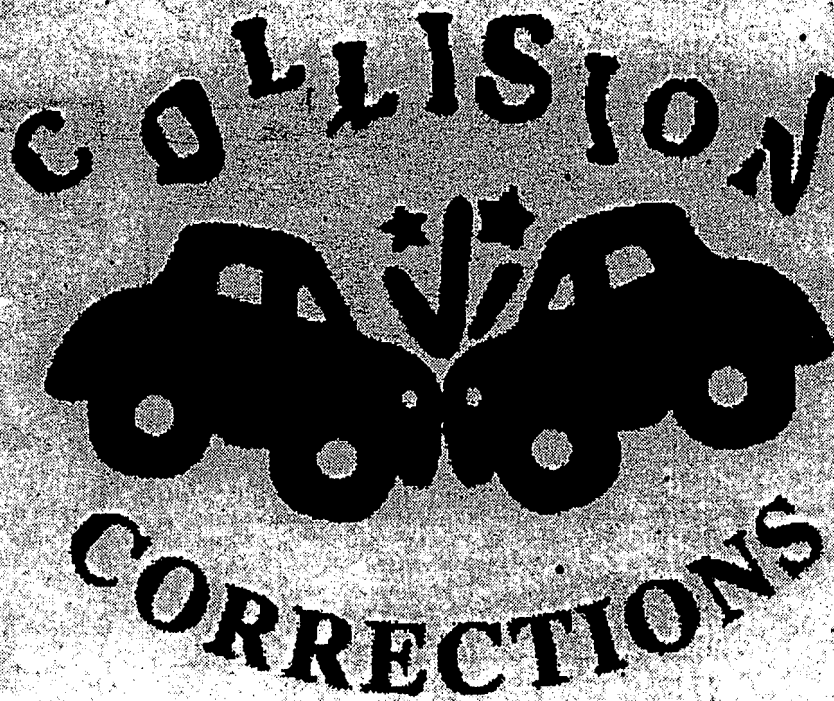
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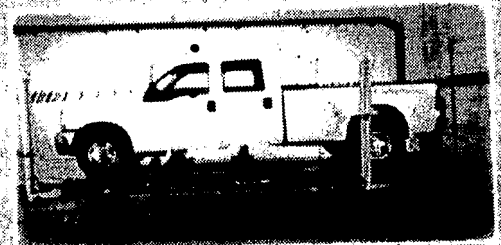


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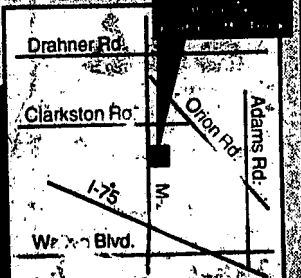
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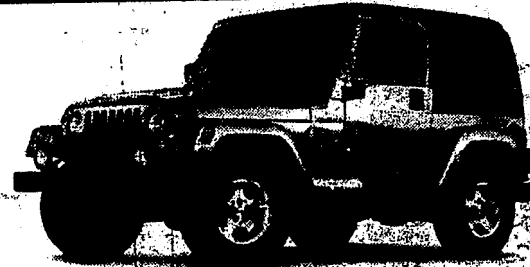


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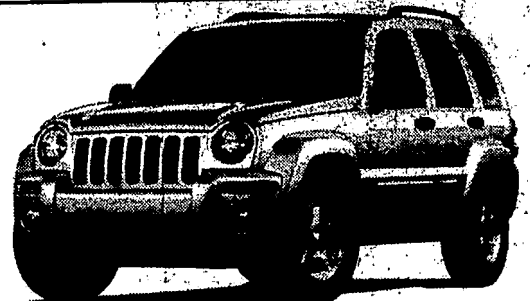
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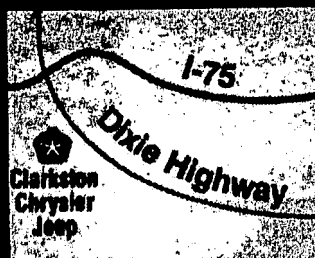
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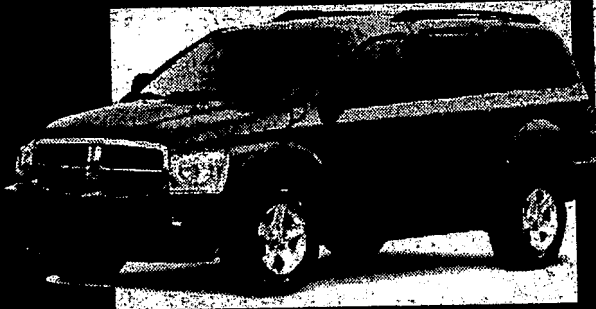
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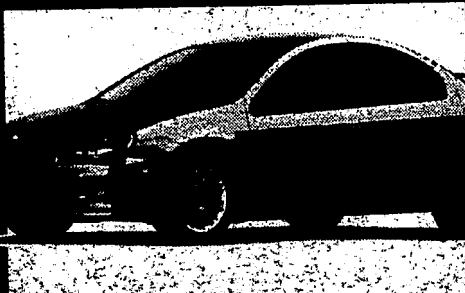
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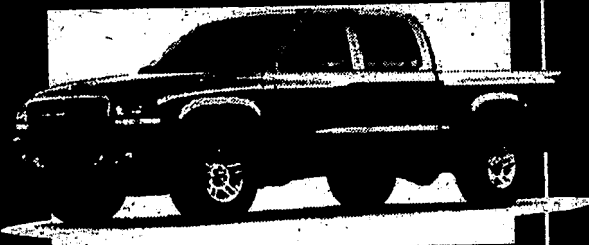
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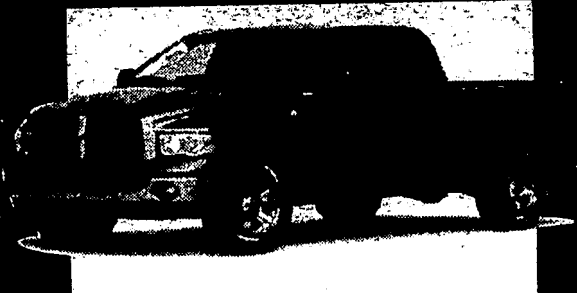
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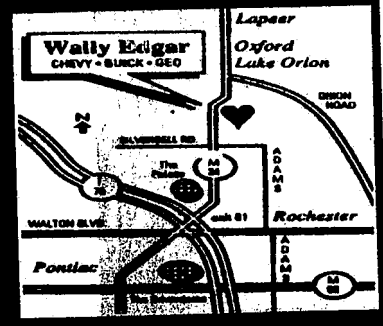


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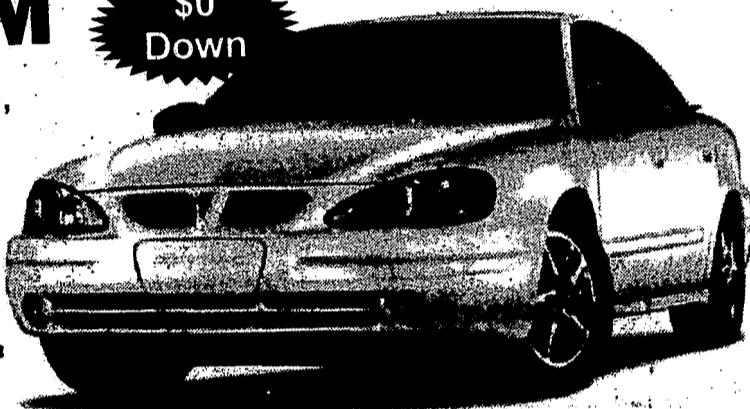
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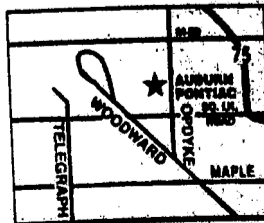
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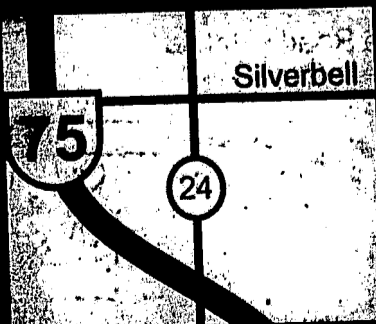
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Having an "egg-cellent" time



The bean bag toss allowed everyone, even the smallest guest, a chance to win an Easter prize.



Eggstravaganza guests had a chance to meet with the party's guest of honor, the Easter Bunny, and take photos.



"Mini Miss Michigan" Addison Smith, of Davisburg, stopped by the Easter festivities.



Bunny bowling was just one of the many activities at the Eggstravaganza. Other fun choices included a bean bag toss, a magic show and a visit from the Easter Bunny himself.

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