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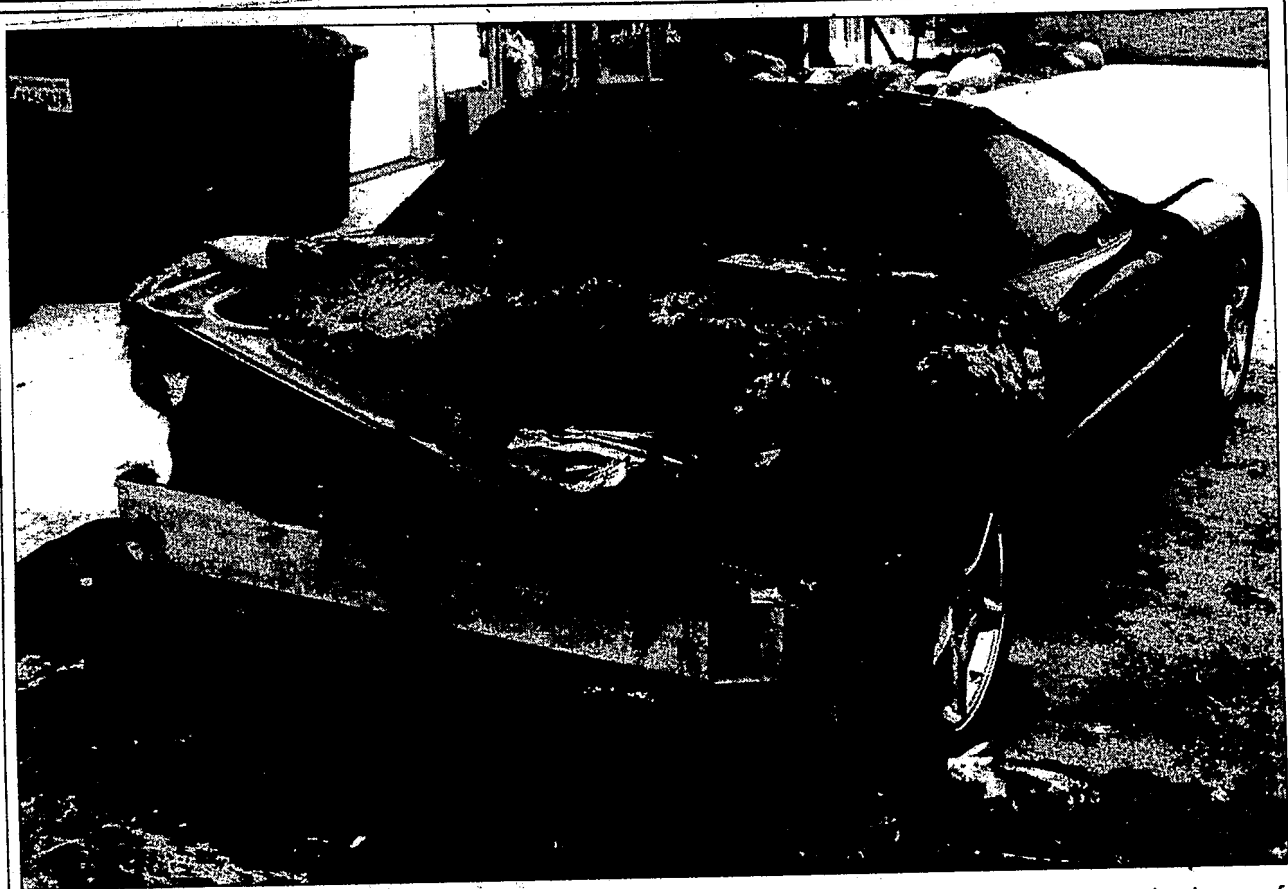
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Firefighters responded to the Parview Drive home where three vehicles caught fire in the early morning hours of April 21. Fire damage is evident from one of the family's vehicles. Photo provided

## Passerby alerts family to multi-vehicle fire

BY DON SCHELSKE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Stacey Pass will always be grateful to Jason Fogerty.

The results of a Wednesday, April 21 fire could have been much worse for the Pass family had Fogerty not stopped while driving on Parview Drive.

Fogerty is credited with pounding on the door to wake the Pass family while others called the Independence Township Fire Department. The fire, which began in a truck and spread to two other family vehicles in the driveway, came close to igniting the side of the home containing the family's bedrooms and dog kennel.

It was about 12:15 a.m. when the family was awakened by Fogerty at the door.

"We heard someone just pounding and pounding on the door and ringing the doorbell," Pass said. They didn't know what the emergency was as Fogerty tried to get information relayed to someone with a cell phone in the car.

"He's saying, 'What's your address?' and I said 'What's the matter? Is there an accident?' He said, 'Your house is on fire.'"

Kent Pass went for a garden hose in a futile attempt to fight the fire. Stacey Pass ran upstairs to get their daughter, eight-year-old Sierra. Four family dogs were also released from their kennel on the driveway side of the house.

They then went to a neighbor's home to await the

fire department.

"The flames seemed 50 feet high," she said. "It was only a matter of minutes, but it seemed so much longer. Every time a tire would blow, it sounded like a bomb going off."

When the truck's fuel tank exploded, it rained fuel and flaming debris on her Corvette, she said. The outside wall of the home suffered some heat damage, but the fire was contained before it ignited.

The Pass family is now dealing with the aftermath of the blaze, including insurance claims and a suspicion of an electrical problem with the truck (which has been in for service several times for the same problem, she said). The overwhelming feeling is one of gratitude, however.

"It's really scary," she said. "Had those people not stopped, I don't think we would have woke up until the house was on fire. A few more minutes, and we may not have made it out of the house."

Pass has talked with Fogerty on the phone. Sierra Pass drew a thank you picture, which was mailed with a thank you gift, but Stacey Pass believes it is inadequate thanks.

"It's nothing. How do you put a value on that? If it wasn't for them, I don't know," she said. "Cars can be replaced, and the house can be replaced for that matter. But our family and our dogs. . ."

Attempts by *The Clarkston News* to contact Fogerty have been unsuccessful.

**'It's really scary. Had those people not stopped, I don't think we would have woke up until the house was on fire.'**

Stacey Pass  
Fire victim

## CHS set to remove pop from cafeteria

BY ALICIA DORSET  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Students will have to make new choices when it comes to selecting a beverage with lunch at Clarkston High School next year.

The school will be removing all carbonated beverages from the cafeteria's vending machines and soda fountains starting July 1 for the 2004-2005 school year and replacing them with more water, juice and sports drinks.

The move does not affect vending machines located outside of the cafeteria.

"Our goal is to offer better nutrition," Janet Allen, Food Service Supervisor for Clarkston Community Schools, said.

All pop products will be replaced with Coca-Cola-produced Minute Maid juices, Dasani water and Powerade. Clarkston will officially end its "pop" agreement with Coke on June 30. The new beverages will be available after that date as part of the agreement.

Clarkston is the first school district in Oakland County to make such a switch, according to Allen.

The removal comes from a growing concern over rising obesity rates with American children, a problem some believe results from heavy pop consumption.

On average, teens consume 15-20 teaspoons of sugar a day from drinking pop. For every additional serving of pop a teen consumes, the risk of becoming obese increases 50 percent.

Allen was approached by Clarkston's PTA Council, a group that works with school PTAs, to combat the soon-to-be epidemic for tomorrow's adults.

"Obesity is a huge health crisis, so we need to ask ourselves, 'What are we going to do?' Clarkston needs to do something," Joyce Nienhuis, PTA Council vice president, said. Nienhuis also heads up the council's Nutrition Initiative, the group working with Allen on the switch.

The district is working with Coca-Cola, who supplies all beverage products to the district, to make the switch. Coca-Cola is encouraging school districts to be able to make the switch as part of their "Power to Choose" slogan to allow for healthier choices.

"It's really twofold: Coke is willing to support the work," Allen said.

Eliminating pop products from the cafeteria vending machines and lunch line is technically a "hit" for Coke's revenues both for the company and the district, according to Allen.

Concession stands will continue to sell carbonated beverages at any extracurricular activity and in vending machines not located inside the cafeteria to make up for the loss in revenue.

"The Clarkston district stands to lose money, but they think it's worth it," Nienhuis said. "As a parent, I'm proud of that."

The district makes about \$50,000 in pop sales a year.

Even though pop products will be removed from the cafeteria area, it is not banned from the school itself. Students may still consume the sugary beverage during lunch, but it must either come from home or purchased before school starts.

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# Briefly

## Local Realtor donates children's books

Holly Fenner, Realtor at Century 21 Town & Country in Clarkston and Julie Temperly, of Cutipie's Everywhere a local personalized children's book company, recently made a donation.

The two delivered 28 personalized children's books to the Stars program at Planet Kids Children's Center in Clarkston.

## Annual food drive planned for May 8

The annual National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) food drive will be held on May 8.

The NALC saw a need this time of year for a food drive. When food donations are low and the need is up, because children are not at school, getting lunches. This is the largest one day food drive in the United States.

The food drive has been a big success in the past for the Clarkston community. Although this is a national effort, the food collected stays in the local communities. The food that is collected in Clarkston goes to the Lighthouse North.

Donations should be nonperishable, canned or dried goods. Lighthouse can't pass out outdated, opened or food in damaged containers. On Saturday, May 8, place the donations in your mail box for the letter carriers to pick up.

## Day of prayer set for Clarkston

The National Day of Prayer is set for Thursday, May 6 at St. Daniel's Cushing Center in Clarkston. Doors open at 7 a.m., with program at 7:30 a.m.

This year's program features Jeff Tutton, chaplin of the Detroit Tigers, as well as community leaders. A full buffet is part of the festivities.

The deadline to purchase tickets is May 3. Individual tickets are \$10 each or \$70 for a table of eight. Tickets may be purchased at the Independence Township's supervisor's office or St. Daniel's church.

The National Day of Prayer was established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1952 and then signed into law by then-president Harry Truman. The annual event is open to all faiths as individuals pray for the country and its leaders.

For more information about Clarkston's involvement, contact Barb Flores at (248) 394-0079.

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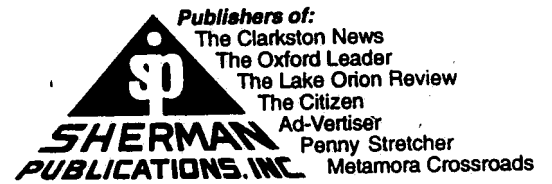
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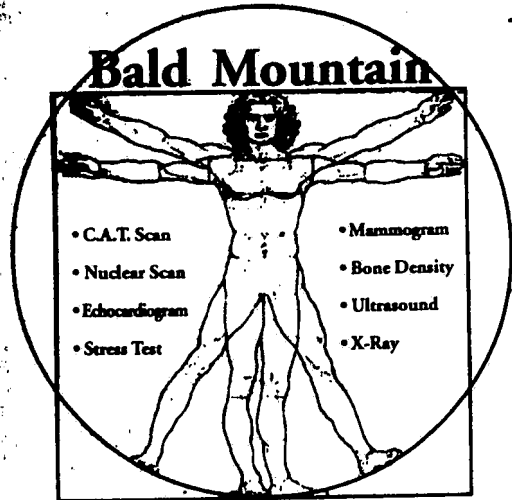
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# The Second Front

## DPW clerk resigns saying it was 'horrible experience'

*Director Richardson believes situation blown out of proportion*

BY KYLE GARGARO  
Clarkston News Editor

The Independence Township Department of Public Works has once again filled the clerk position after recently-hired Denise King offered her resignation.

King said her time at the DPW was not enjoyable. "It was a horrible experience," King said. "I have never been treated as badly as I was there. It was totally unprofessional. I still can't believe the hostile type of treatment I received."

King has worked for the township in different positions since 1996. She was a clerk for the Parks and Recreation Department when she applied for the similar position with the DPW this year.

"The Parks and Rec is in the basement of the old township hall. It is cold in the winter and cold in the summer. Dave Belcher has really, really tried to get the system working but it is just old," King said. "The DPW has a lovely, new building. I was just looking for a change in pace. I was really looking forward to it."

Four individuals applied for the position including two full-time township employees and two part-time employees. One of the applicants was Carol LaRoque, who had worked for the DPW for nine years as the part-time clerk.

After going through the interview process, DPW Director Linda Richardson recommended the Township Board approve the hiring of King at the April 6 meeting and they did in a unanimous vote.

"LaRoque is a widow who just lost her husband two years ago to cancer and is trying to raise two children on her own. A lot of the DPW employees did not know how we could take this job away from her but we have a union contract," Richardson said.

Employees with full time status have the right to another full-time job before part-time employees can be considered.

The plan was to let LaRoque go after King was hired and trained.

King showed up at the DPW on April 14 excited

about her first day on the job. However according to the Independence Township resident, that is when the nightmare began.

"I wasn't in there even an hour and I knew something wasn't right," King said.

According to King, she was given the cold shoulder by all the DPW employees who gave her the silent treatment whenever she asked them a question as simple as how to use the phone system.

"I went to Linda's office and asked if something had happened or if I had done something I was not aware of," King said. "Linda indicated they had an alliance to Carol and nobody is handling it well. She said we need to give it time. That is how I remember the conversation."

King spent the rest of her first day filing in a room by herself.

"I couldn't wait for 5 p.m. to come," King said. "It was just as bad if not worse on Tuesday. Tuesday was just the straw that broke the camel's back."

Richardson said she had King do filing because the computer system was down that week. Richardson confirmed LaRoque refused to train King, but stated nobody else at the DPW was rude to King.

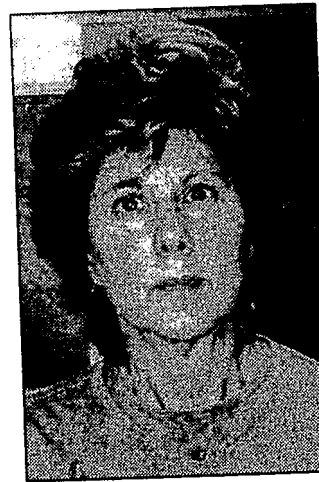
"Everybody was quiet that first day. There was not much joking but nobody was mean," Richardson said.

In a letter to the members of the township board, King explained what transpired on that Tuesday:

"I was met with the same cold treatment that had been exhibited the day before... At one point during the morning I needed to go in the room where Carol was working. I said 'good morning' and she abruptly told me 'I was to not talk to her.' At that point I tried to explain that 'I was sorry, however, I was a full time employee who went through the proper channels to apply for this position that was available.' Again, Carol replied, 'I told you not to talk to me!' At that point, I went to Linda Richardson's office and told her that her staff had won and I was leaving."

King said she received a phone call from Richardson that evening who assured that if King came to work on Wednesday things would change. After giving the situation much thought, King decided to submit her resignation to Richardson.

"I couldn't be somewhere where people didn't want me. I just thought it was not acceptable," King said.



Denise King



Linda Richardson

King finished up her filing on Wednesday because she said she felt the need to finish the job that was given to her.

"But nothing changed," King said.

Richardson was surprised when King decided to leave after working Wednesday.

"Everything seemed fine to me after she worked that Wednesday. When she said she was resigning I told her to give it some more time," Richardson said. "After Tuesday I told Carol we were not going to tolerate that type of behavior and she apologized for it. She really felt bad."

King called the Equal Employment Opportunity and representatives for the AFSCME Union.

"I took personal offense when my union president remarked, 'I needed to get over it.' Perhaps both the union president and vice president felt a conflict of interest as they are employed by the DPW," King said.

King said she went public to protect others. "I don't want to have someone else go through this. I mean they still need to fill the position," King said.

The DPW has filled the position with Nicky Shann who was previously a full time van driver for the senior center. Her first day was Monday, April 26.

"Everything is going fine for the first day. I have a lot of questions and am getting a lot of answers. Everybody has treated me well," Shann said.

Richardson calls the entire situation unfortunate. "I think this has been blown out of proportion," Richardson said. "The DPW employees are only human. She (King) could not have expected them to be laughing and joking with her the first day."

Independence Township Supervisor Dale Stuart had no comment on the situation.

Township Trustee and candidate for Supervisor Dave Wagner said the problem is communication within the township.

"There is a lack of communication with the department heads and the supervisor. There is no team atmosphere between the entire group so things like this can happen. We need to have meetings between the supervisor and department heads on a consistent basis," Wagner said. "If these allegations are indeed true then Linda Richardson should be brought in and reprimanded."

**'The DPW employees are only human. She (King) could not have expected them to be laughing and joking with her the first day.'**

Linda Richardson  
DPW Director

## Kohut to run for Independence Trustee

Michael Kohut announced he is running for Independence Township trustee on the Republican ticket in the Aug. 3 primary.

"I am running to help our township do a better job of coordinating with developers and the county in the building of drains and roads so we stop the flooding of land and clogged roads," Kohut said. "We can't afford to look for ways out of these problems after they happen."

If he is elected, Kohut has pledged:

- to expand the township's recycling program and its hours of operation by using flextime employee hours to have the center open late.
- to update the township's parks so family members of all ages can enjoy them.
- to find private grant dollars to modernize the township's senior citizen center
- to explore the burying of utility lines along ma-



Michael Kohut

• jor roads

Kohut has been a township resident for eight years and is retired from General Motors.

# Sewer service rates go up for Independence Twp.

BY KYLE GARGARO  
Clarkston News Editor

For the third time since 2002, Independence Township residents will pay more for their sewer services.

The Board of Trustees approved a rate increase from \$57 to \$58 per unit per quarter. The raise was due to the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department's rate increase of \$1.56. The township's Sewer Fund Balance will absorb the remaining 56 cents per unit per quarter. Independence

Township DPW director Linda Richardson said this will account for less than \$20,000.

In 2002 the board approved a rate increase of \$5.37 and in 2003 a rate increase of \$2.50. Before 2002, there had not been a rate increase since 1986.

"When we had our rate study they recommended we continue to pass on the increases we receive," Richardson said. "There will be another increase from the drain commissioner next year but we don't know what it will be

yet."

The board voted 4-1 to approve the motion. Trustee Dave Wagner voted against the motion, while Trustee Dan Travis and Clerk Joan McCrary were not present at the meeting.

"I don't think we should have done this at this time," Wagner said. "Economic times are still bad and everybody is in a pinch. We have a huge fund balance and even though it is not a high increase I do not think we needed to do it this year."

## Neumann elected



Clarkston's Charles Neumann has been elected chair of the board of directors of Lutheran Social Services of Michigan. Neumann is a member and past president of Mr. Hope Lutheran Church in Pontiac. Photo provided.

## Board set to revisit sound ordinance

BY KYLE GARGARO  
Clarkston News Editor

The Independence Township Board are set to discuss a proposed ordinance amendment regarding offensive noises at the May 4 meeting.

The board has been looking into the amendment since residents in Deer Valley subdivision have complained about the use of all-terrain vehicles

by one of their neighbors.

The ordinance amendment under consideration would make it a civil infraction for persons to operate recreational equipment such as snowmobiles, dirt bikes, all-terrain vehicles, off road vehicles, and the like, within a certain distance of residential uses, churches, hospitals and schools, subject to certain exceptions.

"We have to be pru-

dent about this," Trustee Dan Kelly said. "We need to hear from all citizens and also talk about how we would enforce it. We should not take this lightly."

The topic has been put on the regular agenda by the board, but public comments will be welcome.

The meeting is scheduled for May 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Independence Township Library.

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# Springfield sheriff commander announces retirement

BY DON SCHELSKE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

After 26 years with the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, Sgt. Frank Schipani will seek greener pastures beginning May 14.

In his case, it may be bluer water.

Commander of the Springfield Township sheriff substation for two and a half years, Schipani, 56, plans to continue as instructor with the sheriff's dive team and as a go-to maintenance

man. "I'm going to stay busy," he said. "I'm not going to sit around and do nothing."

Schipani was a supervisor at Ford when his brother, a Detroit police officer, encouraged him to work behind a badge.

"He told me what a great job it was, so I decided to take a tremendous pay cut," he said with a smile. He worked five years for the White Lake police before joining the sheriff's department. It's a career move he's never

regretted.

"I love my job. It's had its ups and downs, but I take great satisfaction in taking criminals off the street."

He worked road patrol for four years toward the beginning of his career, and he notes how times have changed.

"Back in the old days you had to be pretty self sufficient. You were out here all alone and backup was a long way up."

Schipani has worked a variety of communities and specialties, including undercover work and auto theft.

He has worked with the sheriff's marine division for about nine years, and has been involved with special training in homeland security in addition to being on-call for water-related emergencies.

His love for diving came from his childhood. A big fan of the "Sea Hunt" television show, he worked a paper route for a year to save money for his first diving equipment. He has enjoyed shipwreck diving and taught each member of his family how to dive.

Beyond his continuing involvement with the dive team, he hopes to spend more time with recreational boating and diving, and more time with the family. He and his wife are raising two grandchildren, and Schipani already keeps busy as a Cub Scout den leader and working with their youth baseball and soccer leagues.

He's also a street rod buff, having rebuilt two classic cars for show. His current pride and joy is a 1934 Ford, for which he paid \$125 a few years back.

"It had a tree growing through it," he said, but he put the body on a Corvette frame and added a Lincoln motor and transmission.

"I just like driving the car," he said, but he has won 11 first place awards in various shows.

While he will continue some of his law enforcement relationships with the dive team, Schipani admits it will be tough to leave the day-to-day work routine.

"I'm going to miss it," he said. "It gets to be part of your



Sgt. Frank Schipani will leave his desk at the Springfield Township sheriff's substation May 14, but he will continue his involvement with the sheriff's dive team. Photo by Don Schelske



Sgt. Frank Schipani participates in homeland security training last summer on the Detroit River. File photo

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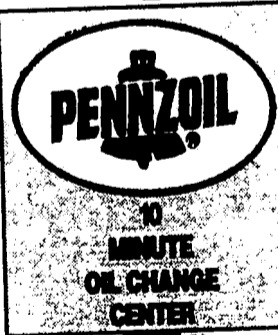
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# Opinion

## A step toward better health

Clarkston High School will no longer have pop available in cafeteria vending machines or in the lunch line starting this summer for the 2004-2005 school year. When I first heard about this, the caffeine addict inside of me cringed and felt bad for the kids. After all, I've been slurping down the sugary beverage ever since I was allowed to select my own food. However, once I heard about the driving force behind the reasoning to replace pop with more juice and sports drinks, I was very impressed with the dedication a group of concerned individuals had toward tomorrow's adults.

My pop addiction reached an all-time high when I was in high school. As editor of the school yearbook, I usually ate my lunch at the computer while on deadline and trying to finish homework assignments. On average I'm sure I consumed about six or seven cans a day to keep my sugar levels as high as possible throughout the day.

I had a revelation when I actually stopped and calculated the nutritional value of pop and realized it had none, merely hundreds of empty calories. I figured what I consumed in pop was about the same amount some people in smaller countries were allowed for food all day long.

Although I didn't stop drinking pop altogether, I switched to diet brands and cut back on the amount I drank in a day. While it wasn't a huge change, it was a step in the right direction for me.

That's what the work of Janet Allen and Clarkston's PTA Council have done: taken a small step in the right direction toward a growing problem.

I'm sure the change will be small in terms of how students react next year. After all, pop isn't banned in the school building during lunch, it's just requires a little more planning to have a cold bottle waiting for you. And like my switch to diet pop, juice itself still has a lot of sugar in every serving. However, realizing that obesity is slowing becoming one of the major health problems in the United States is an important acknowledgment. More proactive actions, such as working to start a new, healthier agreement with mega company Coca-Cola, should be taken in the future.

I think everyone can raise a glass of Powerade to that.

### Between the Lines



Alicia Dorset

Should students be able to buy pop at school? We want to hear your opinion. E-mail us at [shermanpub@aol.com](mailto:shermanpub@aol.com)

## Letters to the Editor

### Project Healthy Living is a success at the Independence Senior Center

The Independence Township Senior Center and United Health Organization would like to thank Pastor Jim Keough, Secretary Carol Masters and staff of First Congregational Church of Clarkston for their outstanding contribution in collaborating with us on the Project Healthy Living (Health-O-Rama) event on Saturday, March 27. Eighty two people took advantage of the free and low-cost screening with three persons advised to seek immediate medical attention.

A special thanks to the senior center Nurses Committee, Lois Seddon, Mary Lou Schell and Gerta Powell who recruited the medical professionals and worked so diligently to develop this community health program. Medical screenings and literature was provided by OCC Nursing School, Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital, North Oakland Medical Center, Beaumont Rehab, North Oak-

land Ear, Nose and Throat Centers, Dr. Michael Lefkowitz, Independence Township Fire Department, Oakland County Health Department, American Cancer Society and Quest Diagnostics.

We would also like to thank the senior center and church volunteers who learned the procedures and manned the stations with great care. We all enjoyed the delicious lunch prepared for volunteers by Carol Masters and the church kitchen crew with other donations from RT Specialists, Dunkin' Donuts, Little Caesar's Pizza and Subway. It was due to the cooperation from many entities in the community that we were able to offer the Project Healthy Living event in Clarkston.

**Margaret Bartos**  
Independence Township  
Senior Center Coordinator

### Give seniors a center not a private club

Can someone please help me?

Do the seniors want a senior center or their own private country club? To me, a senior center is a building with a few rooms and maybe a kitchen. It's a place for them to get together and play cards, bingo, games or just talk and maybe have a holiday lunch or dinner together.

What I've heard over the past few weeks is they want a swimming pool, track, conference room, class rooms, gymnasium and a library. We do have community programs out there for all of these extra things. Community Education offers a lot of classes and swim-

ming programs (lessons, open swim, water aerobics) for the community that includes seniors, too. We have a public library that seniors are not excluded from using.

These programs are out there for everyone to take advantage of and are supported with the help of our taxes, which we all pay. A senior center okay, but not your own private club.

And yes, someday I will be a senior (sooner than I like to admit) but let's be realistic and take advantage of the programs out there already.

**J. Smith**  
Clarkston

## Write a Letter To The Editor . . .

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## The Solitaire Conspiracy theory

I recently rediscovered the "joys" of the card game Solitaire. I remember there to be a beauty in its simplicity. Solitaire is not loud. It is not flashy.

Turn card over. Place card, move stack, red, black, red, black.

King, queen, jack, et-al. Simple, beautiful.

Ma and Pa Rush, like many parents I am sure, showed us Rushlings how to play the game of Solitaire to help ensure their own sanity. Once learned, Solitaire was a game we kids could play by ourselves without having to bother our parents. It was a perfect game for rainy days when we couldn't go outside to destroy the yard. Solitaire was a great game to play to wind us down after we roamed the streets. I think we learned Solitaire (and the card game of War) before we entered Kindergarten.

When I had time to kill and was by myself, I turned to Solitaire. I did this even through my college years. Then as girls entered the picture Solitaire vanished from my radar... like I said, until recently. While I have used computers since 1985 and Personal Computers with Windows based programming since about 1990 and have known there's a Solitaire game there you can play on screen, I pretty much ignored it.

About a month ago I opened up the program at home while the boys were bathing in another room six feet away. I started playing. And playing and playing. No more turning cards over, just click and go... you can even play "Vegas" style games -- either one or three draw.

And, it is with the Vegas style games that I kinda' got hooked. Whenever the boys went in for a bath, I "watched" them from the office as I tried to beat the "casino" in Solitaire. The month flew by. I "won" nothing. As a matter of fact, anytime soon I expect some computer-mob goon to knock on my door and threaten the integrity of my skeletal structure if I don't pay up.

You cannot win. I cannot win. Nobody can win this computer Solitaire game. After a month of losing and observing card patterns I have come to a dirty little conclusion. The danged thing is fixed. It's rigged. There is no way cards turn up in real life as they do on this program.



Don't Rush Me

Don Rush

It's a conspiracy.

In real life the odds of turning up four of anything in the opening seven cards is rare. Not so with the computer game. In real life a bunch of, say, sixes are not stacked one atop the other, under a five. It could happen in the computer world. In real life, you can throw away the deck of cards if you don't like what is happening. And, while you "could" throw out your computer after a bad hand, it would be a rather expensive endeavor.

My obsession with the game grew. I had to win. I had to find a way. I played and played. I let the boys turn into prunes as they sat in the lukewarm, then cold bath water. There had to be a way -- all the losing was hurting my psyche. Was it God sending me a message? I imagined the Big Guy talking to me, "Don, you do! -- you can never win when you gamble."

And, yet, I turned away from God and turned on the computer and selected my Vegas style selection - draw three.

You don't understand: I had to win. And, the more I played the more desperate I became. My luck had to turn, it had to!

It didn't, so I began to scheme.

I clicked on the program and found it was written by a dude named Wes Cherry and it has been a part of the Microsoft world since about 1991. I "Googled" his name.

Let me say this, Wes sounds like a real peach of a guy. And, besides being a computer geek, he is none too smart (just like me). Seems he let his game go to Bill Gates' Microsoft company for a song. Wes' game is on nearly every stinking PC in the world and he doesn't get any royalties. He's also a vegetarian and from reading interviews with him, he considers himself quite the comedian.

I spent time searching the worldwide web finding out what I could about Wes and his computer Solitaire game. And, since I didn't like the way he came off in those interviews and because I had to win, I found a way to cheat. I can now beat him and his stupid computer game! Ha!

While I hear a voice from somewhere saying, "Cheaters never prosper," I still feel no remorse. As a matter of fact, I'll share the cheater's way with any who ask.

That'll teach 'em for rigging the game I used to love.

Tell your cheatin' columnist, Don, a thing or two by e-mail: donrushmedon@aol.com

## Just Jotting

We're often reminded to look at the world through rose colored glasses. We're told to see a glass as half full, as opposed to half empty.

I suppose you'll have more friends if you're optimistic.

That's all fine for the ever-smiling, unrealistic, too-joyful and the therefore boring minority.

However, I think the majority, people like me, don't see the first robin until mid-May. But, we see the first mosquito before St. Patrick's Day.

While I was out in the yard reflecting on spring being a great rebirth, I spotted a dandelion in full bloom. All my weed-control applications -- gone. Stick that in your half-full glass.

I try to think optimistically while buying tomatoes for my bacon-tomato sandwiches. Maybe this year's offerings of Romas, vine ripened and hot house will be as tasty as Middleton's home-grown. But when I put them between the toasted slices with my Bacon-of-the-Month bacon the rose color in my glasses turns as rosy as the color of day-old bacon grease that's been drained into a tin can. My rose colored glasses are then same color as my language.



Jim's Jottings

Jim Sherman

Which reminds me, I haven't reported on my every-30-day delivery lately. Last month the smoked pound came from eastern Tennessee, making it the third state in the series. It was way too salty.

This month's came from Hampshire, Illinois. "This bacon is cut in thick, meaty slices that cook up quickly and hardly shrinks at all," it says. They also say they smoke it with "whole logs of applewood, and they allow it to rest."

They gotta' be kidding us! Rest bacon? At this writing I'm letting Dreymler & Krays Applewood Smoked Bacon rest some more, maybe as long as it takes to match it with homegrown tomatoes.

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See that separation above. The hyphens and zero? It's called a Jim Dash. Seriously! Now's the time for another one.

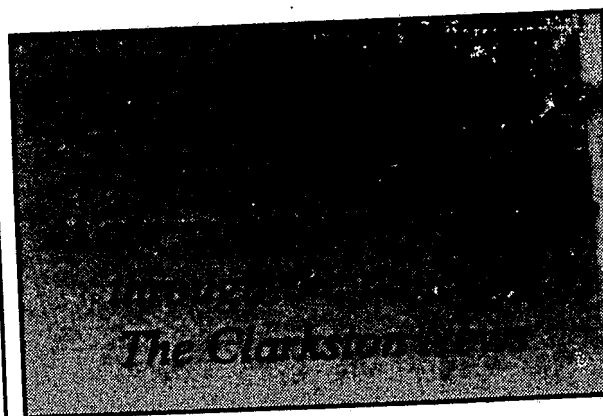
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Another "seriously!"

Haven't you been exposed to just about all the absorbency and enhancement products you can stand?

I've suggested before that perhaps I watch way too much television. It's getting so when I see two dogs barking at each other I expect to hear, "Will it be the right moment for Cialis?" Or, Viagra or Enzyte? Maybe the mutts are thinking hormone balancing Avlimil.

And, way too often we hear a spokesperson men-  
Please see Jottings continued on page A10



## 15 YEARS AGO (1989)

The peace of Lakeview Cemetery on White Lake Road, Independence Township, was shattered late April 28 when vandals destroyed 51 headstones and grave markers. The headstones, including several large ones, were knocked from their pedestals and in some instances lay broken on the ground. The destruction was found Saturday morning by cemetery groundskeepers. Police speculate that several people are responsible for the damage.

In order to keep its residents informed on the status of cityhood, the Clarkston Village Council scheduled a voluntary public hearing for Monday, May 8. President Sharron Catallo encourages all village residents to attend the 7:30 p.m. meeting in Village Hall, to openly discuss the advantages and disadvantages cityhood offers. Nothing will be decided at the meeting. A decision on approval or denial of cityhood from the boundary commission remains several months away.

Independence Township is going into the parking ticket business. Last October, board members voted to create parking violations bureau to oversee infractions and collect revenue from parking tickets issued within township boundaries. The tickets are now handled through the court system. The board authorized a second reading for the proposal on April 4, putting the new program into effect. The bureau is to begin operations in about a month, after the township tickets are printed.

## 25 YEARS AGO (1979)

Developer Marc Alan anticipates that the Clarkston Mills shopping mall will be "totally completed" within 60 days. Completion will bring to a close over three years of planning and work which transformed an abandoned factory at 20 W. Washington into a shopping center billed as "a street of fine shops" in Clarkston Mills advertising. Throughout the work, Alan has held a central role.

A Clarkston mailing address may be in store for the Heather Lake Estates subdivision that spans Independence and Orion townships. "There's more of an image associated with Clarkston than Lake Orion, said William Tyler, vice president and spokesman for the developer group, Heather Lake Associates. Because the sales office for the 1,100 acre development has a Clarkston mailing address, "my guess is the whole development will be," Tyler said. The Clarkston mailing address was confirmed by Clarkston Postmaster Don Stoll.

A dozen young people persevered despite a downpour Saturday morning and three Clarkston district school yards are the better for it. Four times as many youngsters had been expected for the clean-up effort organized by the Clarkston Area Youth Assistance Committee. The rain cut youthful attendance to 12 and made the work more difficult on muddy school grounds.

## 50 YEARS AGO (1954)

School construction shanties have been moved on to the job sites. Stakes are being driven. The contractors have again assured the school board that the elementary buildings will be done by the time school opens in the fall.

The people in the Clarkston area are urged to take advantage of the free x-ray when the Mobil Unit comes to Clarkston on May 11 and 12.

# Pop

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School officials are still unsure if vending machines throughout the rest of the building will be affected.

It is still unknown if the custom-made Clarkston vending machines found in the cafeteria will have to be replaced to accommodate the change.

The new beverage selections of juice and Powerade are considered to be healthier than regular pop.

"Powerade has half the calories and sugars of Coke," Allen said. "Juice is considered healthy."

According to Allen during a recent Nutrition Initiative meeting, sports drinks contain 50 calories a serving, whereas pop traditionally contains at least 120.

While students have not been informed of the change so far, both Allen and Niehnhuis do not expect any problems to arise from the removal.

"Water is already the number one seller. I don't think we'll see a big change," Allen said. "Sixty percent of students already drink water. Kids are making the right choices already."

For some CHS students, the change appears to not be a large concern.

"It doesn't make any sense. I've got it at home," Samantha Arrowsmith, CHS student, said of the ability to bring in pop from home.

Cafeteria employee and CHS parent Theresa Horn told her senior son of next year's change. While he wasn't thrilled with the idea, his female friends liked the idea.

"We're trying to minimize the amount of unhealthy choices during the school day," Niehnhuis said. "Our goal is to put better choices in front of kids."

Allen and the PTA Council's Nutrition Initiative members have been working on the idea for the past year. Allen was looking for more ways to get involved with parents and the choices their students are given each day in school.

"I'm very excited about it, I think it's the right choice," Allen said.

So far the agreement only applies to CHS. Both Sashabaw and Clarkston Middle Schools have vending machines in their cafeterias, but are on timers during school hours and only turned on after school.

CHS freshman Megan Pambid was unaware of the cafeteria change for next year, but did not seem overly concerned about the switch.

"I already drink a lot of juice. It depends on my lunch. If I bring something from home, I have juice or water. If I get the school lunch, I get pop," Pambid said. "A lot of my times my table will go and get the same thing, whether it's chicken sandwiches or juice."

Clarkston High School employee Barb Schultz makes sure the soda fountains are working properly before lunch starts in the cafeteria. All carbonated beverages, including Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, etc., will be removed from the fountain and cafeteria vending machines starting July 1. Photo by Alicia Dorset.

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# Planting seeds for the future

## Business Building Ideas

By William H. Langdon, Jr., RFC, CFS, BCM, RFP

Growing your business is a full-time job. It's not something you can do just one afternoon a month, or even once a week. To grow your business, you need to plant the seeds for future referrals in everything you do. Everyone you know - and every organization with which you're affiliated - can be a source of future business. Of course, you'll want to be selective about adding clients/customers who fit well with your practice or business, so be equally discerning about where you plant the seeds. Here are some ideas to get you started:

### Revitalize client relationships

One of the best ways to get new client/customer is to take care of current ones.

■ Call them. Your clients/customers want to hear from you - often. Pick up the phone and congratulate your best clients/customers. Thank them for their commitment to long-term support and tell them how loyal they've been.

■ Show your appreciation. Hold a "priority client/customer event" for a handful of your best clients/customers. An evening seminar with a guest speaker is a popular choice, but consider a breakfast meeting and invite your clients/customers to bring a guest. You might attract fewer attendees, but they may be more serious potential prospects. You may also hold a focus group to solicit feedback on your service.

■ Keep them informed. Sending your clients/cus-

tomers a media copy from *What Others Have Said About You*, can help reaffirm their possible choice of your business.

■ Don't forget to ask. When talking to clients/customers, ask them, "who else do you know that would be interested in our products or services?" Remember, people love to help out others if they are asked.

■ Reach out to other professionals. Other professionals can help strengthen your business.

■ Take a unique approach to networking. Make a list of the most sought-after professionals in your area. Rather than asking them for referrals, contact them and say, "I'm looking for a top-notch professional to whom we can refer our best clients/customers." This will turn an informal meeting into an interview, allowing you to be selective in your search. Initially, you might give more referrals than you get in return, but be patient.

■ Providing quality. If you provide to your client/customer high quality service, advice, information and education, SUCCESS WILL COME.

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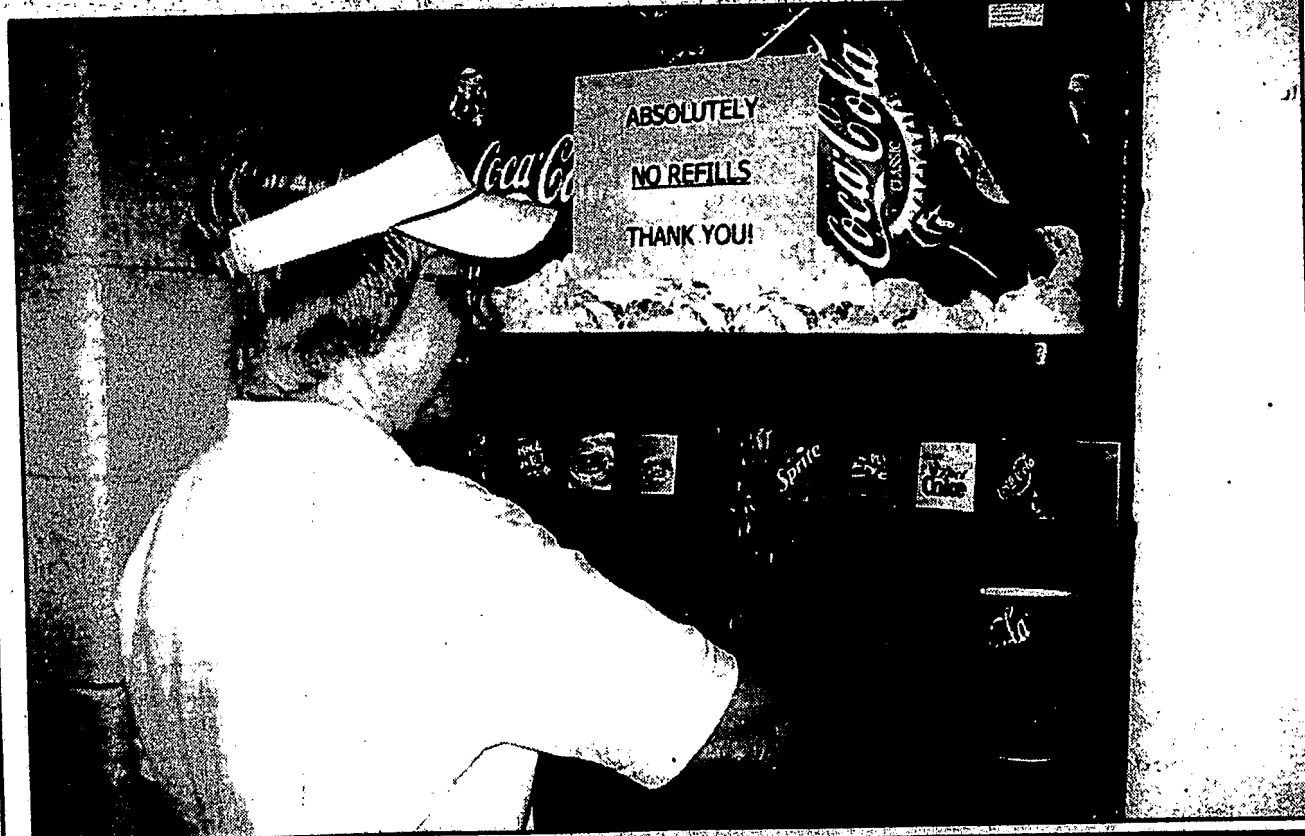


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### Success Bytes

- C Competence (a higher standard)
- I Integrity (deliver genuine value)
- R Relationships (total commitment)
- S Stewardship (responsibilities to our clients/customers and community)

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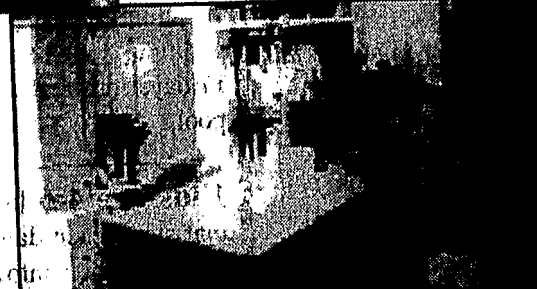
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# Police and Fire

## Independence Township

**April 21:** Arrest for reckless discharge of a firearm on Lancaster Hill Drive. A 27-year-old man was cleaning a 9mm pistol but was unaware of a round being in the chamber when he removed the magazine. The bullet went into and through an adjacent apartment living room, then damaged a van window before coming to rest in the parking lot. The resident of the neighboring apartment was in bed at the time, and no one was reported injured.

**April 19:** Damage to property at Carpet Center and Floors on Dixie Highway. A fire started in a pile of wood chips (suspected cause was a cigarette), and wind accelerated fire to cause damage to a sign and a vehicle.

Larceny of stereo/CD player and amplifier from vehicle on Lancaster Drive.  
Damage to side mirror on vehicle on Spring Meadows Drive.

Possible identity theft on Meyers. Victim reported learning of two unauthorized credit card accounts.  
Larceny of unlocked bicycle from the Clarkston Christian Association on Sashabaw Road.

Open door discovered at medical office on Citation Drive.

**April 20:** Family trouble at Fox Creek apartments.

**April 21:** Larceny of computer from teacher's office at Clarkston High School.

Larceny of purse from vehicle at Independence Township Library.

Subject arrested for possession of burglar tools at the BP gasoline station at Sashabaw and Waldon roads. Deputy heard vehicle description in connection with vehicle break-in in Pontiac. A 26-year-old Mount Morris man was found in possession of burglar tools and was wanted on an outstanding warrant.

Larceny of radio/CD player from vehicle at Fox Creek apartments.

Larceny of papers from vehicle on Rockcroft Boulevard. Deputies coded the report as a civil matter, as it was a wife accusing her husband of breaking in to her vehicle.

Assist to Michigan State Police for vehicle crash on I-75 at Sashabaw Road.

Stolen license plate on Chestnut Hill Drive.

Assist to Independence Fire Department for vehicle fire on Parview.

**April 22:** Family trouble on Glenalda.  
Lost cell phone on Rendell.  
Family trouble on Rockcroft.

**April 23:** Larceny report on Foxburg. A property manager said a coffee machine and microwave was taken from a construction site, possibly by a former contractor.

Suspicious circumstances on Clintonville Road. A driver found a bicycle and backpack on the side of the road and suspected foul play. Sheriff road units and helicopter conducted search, but no one was found.

**April 24:** Malicious destruction of property to truck side mirror at the Farmer Jack on Sashabaw Road.

Larceny of spare tire from truck on Hadley Road.

Operating while intoxicated arrest on Glenalda. A vehicle driven by a 26-year-old Clarkston man allegedly struck another car. A preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol level of 0.20 percent.

Malicious destruction of property on Southampton, paint balls to home.

Domestic assault arrest on N. Eston. A 36-year-old woman allegedly hit her husband.

Arrests for minor in possession of alcohol on Devins Ridge. A 17-year-old Lake Orion man and an 18-year-old Troy man were found with open alcohol after their vehicle was seen swerving in the roadway.

Arrest for operating while intoxicated and possession of marijuana on Dixie Highway. A 23-year-old Grand Blanc woman registered a blood alcohol level of 0.16 percent.

**April 25:** Telephone harassment on Cecelia Ann.

Assist to Michigan State Police for crash at I-75 and M-15.

## Springfield Township

**April 19:** Open door alarm on Neal Road. K-9 unit conducted search with nothing suspicious found.

**April 20:** Assist to Michigan State Police with hit and run crash on I-75 at Dixie Highway. A deputy later spotted the vehicle at Clarkston Chrysler Jeep and apprehended a 33-year-old Grand Blanc man who registered a blood alcohol level of 0.175 percent.

**April 22:** Juvenile complaint, Spring Grove mobile home park, boy hitting another boy.

Suspected child neglect at Spring Grove mobile home park, turned over to Family Independence Agency.

**April 23:** Larceny from purse at Oakland Technical Center Northwest Campus.

**April 24:** Warrant arrest on I-75 at county line. Assist to Michigan State Police with personal injury crash on I-75 at Ratallee Lake Road.

Telephone harassment on Tindall.

Burglary (no force) on Farley. Taken were a welder and chain saw from a garage.

**April 25:** Felony warrant arrest on Ormond Road. Arrest for domestic assault on Bridge Lake Road.

A 24-year-old Clarkston man was arrested for hitting his wife.

Burglary (no force) on Bigelow Road. A resident reported the theft of several air tools, two saws and other items from an unlocked shed sometime since February.

## Deputies catch accused safe thief

A 26-year-old Holly man was arraigned last week in connection with a Springfield Township home burglary.

Eli R. Fisher was in the Oakland County Jail Monday pending a \$7,000 cash bond after felony charges were filed for home invasion (second degree) and fleeing and eluding police, according to Sgt. Frank Schipani, commander of the Springfield Township substation of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

The first charge carries a potential 15-year prison sentence, while the second could draw up to five years. The break-in was reported at around 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 21, Schipani said, with neighbors reporting a suspicious vehicles with markings of a home remodeling firm. Taken from the home was a safe, the contents of which consisted primarily of personal papers, Schipani said.

At around 1 a.m. Thursday, April 22, Deputy Jan Berg spotted the vehicle and Fisher allegedly fled on foot. His mother later turned him in, Schipani said.

A pre-trial conference is scheduled for April 30 in 52-2 District Court.

—Don Schelske

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Aquatics director Kevin Breen and recreation programmer Kelly Arcello display the Platinum Award earned by Independence Township Parks and Recreation lifeguards. The crew earned a 100 percent rating on 2003 audits from the Ellis and Associates consulting firm. Photo by Don Schelske

## Lifeguards earn award for preparedness

BY DON SCHELKSKE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

When help is needed at Deer Lake Beach, the public can be assured of well-trained, prepared lifeguards, according to a national consulting firm.

Independence Township Parks and Recreation has earned a "platinum award" from Ellis and Associates, a national consulting firm contracted by many public beaches, pools and waterparks to promote safety and preparedness certification.

The award came based on monthly, random and unannounced audits conducted by the firm at the township beach. Recreation programmer Kelly Arcello said inspectors come to the beach unannounced, at first observing normal lifeguard operations then introducing themselves and asking lifeguards to perform a variety of rescue drills.

The Independence crew earned a 100 percent rating on all three of last year's audits, Arcello said.

"It means a lot," aquatics director Kevin Breen said. "There's a lot of work that goes into preparing ourselves."

The township employs approximately 30 lifeguards each summer, and they engage in twice-weekly training before and during the season to hone their skills. It's a constant challenge, Breen said.

"We never know when they're coming," he said.

The lifeguard crew has earned a silver award in the past, but Arcello said this is the first platinum award, placing them in a group of about 7 percent of waterfront crews in the nation.

"They don't issue these to a lot of departments," she said.

Ellis and Associates is contracted by a wide variety of clients, Breen said, including Waterford Oaks County Park and Walt Disney World.

"I think we're kind of different to them, being a small beach," Breen said, but the standards are still the same. "We have to be ready."

## Just Jotting

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Solve absorption with Serenity! E-gad!

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The early season records of the Detroit Tigers, the red-hot, Wallaces-driven Pistons and Master's Golf Tournament have elevated carpal tunnel and multiple thumb injuries to never seen before heights.

Like my friend Dottie Foley. She's certainly the most avid female sports fan I know. The Tigers, Pistons and Wayne Mickelson were all on the tube one day. Channel switching Dorothea was forced to shift her clicker from her experienced, lightning fast right hand to her slower left because of the pain.

It cost her seconds of viewing and extra time in the confessional.

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Need to add a put-down to your verbal arsenal? How about, "According to the theory of evolution, we're descended from either birds or monkeys. I don't see any feathers on you."

"She could even have the last word with an echo."

"You couldn't warm up to him if you were cremated together."

## Deputies investigate fatal car crash

A 26-year-old Clarkston man was killed Thursday, April 22 when the vehicle he was driving ran into a tree on Sashabaw Road south of Pine Knob Road, according to Oakland County Sheriff reports.

The incident occurred at 4:09 a.m., reports said, when the southbound vehicle went off the west shoulder and hit the tree. The car caught fire and was engulfed in flames when deputies arrived.

Sashabaw Road was closed between Pine Knob and Clarkston roads for several hours as investigators gathered evidence at the scene.

The sheriff's crash investigation unit continues investigation, but have released few details except to say alcohol may be a factor in the crash.

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# Super Saturdays fill field trip void at Bailey Lake Elementary

BY ALICIA DORSET  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Kathy Noble puts one Saturday a month to good use during the school year for her second graders at Bailey Lake Elementary. The day is so good one might even say it's super.

"Super Saturdays" have become a staple for Noble and her students at BLE to recreate the fun and educational benefits of field trips now that budget constraints have restricted teachers in the district to one school-sponsored trip a year.

Noble sets aside one Saturday a month for students and their families to venture out into the community and surrounding area to cover a variety of topics.

"I'm surprised by how many people come, usually half of the kids," Noble said.

Each school year starts out with a tour of the Independence Township Library where students and families get a behind-the-scenes look at daily business.

"It's one of our favorites," Noble said. "It's kind of a 'get to know you'."

Previous trips have included story hours at Borders book store, helping out at local food banks, seeing what's new at the Detroit Science Center and even dipping candles at the Davisburg Candle Factory. This year's trip to the factory drew more than 60 people to the local establishment.

"That worked well for studying local history," Noble said.

The idea for "Super Saturdays" was a direct result of budget cuts for field trips. Not wanting her students to go without the benefits of getting together outside of class, Noble looked at other ways to recreate the experience. The monthly trips are not associated or funded by the school district at all: families pay their own way.

"I think it's worth it to get the kids out into the real world," Noble said.

Noble encourages parents to participate in the trips, whether it's attending the trip with a student or sug-



Students listen intently to a story at Borders during a recent "Super Saturday" outing. Visiting the book store was just one of the monthly trips the second graders in Kathy Noble's class experience. Photo provided.

gesting a possible activity idea.

"Whole families are encouraged to come," Noble said. "They (trips) are appropriate for any age."

Not only do the students take something away from the experience, Noble also benefits as well. Noble has

found over the years that her students love having their teacher at the events outside of class.

"I love being with the kids outside of school. You get to let down your guard and get to know the families," Noble said.

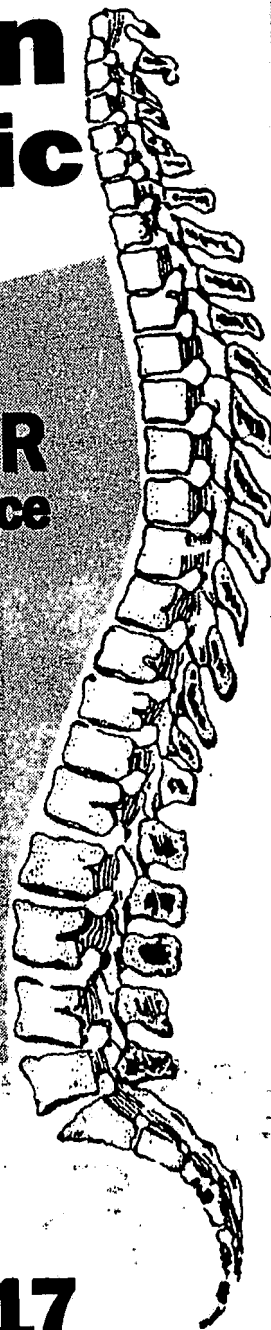
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Fun costumes and songs were just some of the highlights of the teachers' skit. Photos provided by Debbie Licata.



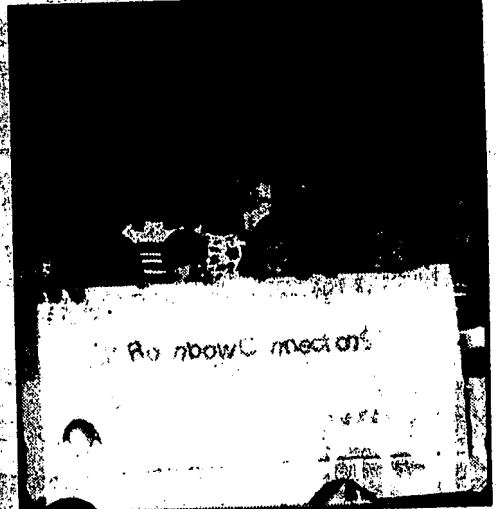
A representative from Rainbow Connection met with students after the presentation. The money raised by the students will send two children to Disney World and purchase a computer for another. Rainbow Connection helps children receive exciting wishes when faced with life-threatening illnesses.



Andersonville students Kevin Haerberling, Abby Hartman, Megan Tarket and Logan Dyer proudly display their "Rainbow Reader" t-shirts.



Andersonville teachers Sharon Thomas, Debbie Licata, Betty Anderson, Sandi Larkins and Kathy Beck presented a skit to students, "Finding the Reading Rainbow".




Students at Andersonville Elementary presented a ceremonial check made out to the Rainbow Connection during a recent school assembly. The students raised \$3,353 for the organization by reading 224,400 minutes and taking pledges.

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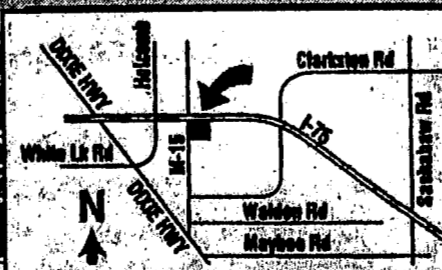
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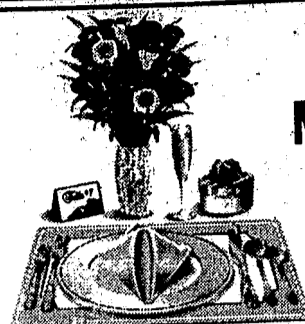
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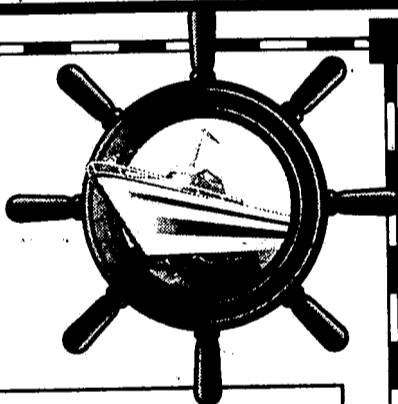
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# Sports

## Tennis team gains experience

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Sports Writer

They're going through growing pains.

With only one senior returning this year for the Clarkston varsity boys tennis team, coach Chas Claus knew his team would face an uphill climb early this season. The end results therefore have not been a surprise.

The Wolves returned from spring break last week and faced some stiff competition in the form of Farmington. Clarkston fell 7-1 with the lone Wolf win coming from the no. 4 doubles team of Erik Maesch and Zach McDonald. Claus said his team's next best chance for a win came from the no. 1 doubles team of Paul Gunckle and Paul Chun who fell in three sets.

"You never plan to lose, but we're young and we're learning. We want to get this thing turned around as quickly as possible," Claus said.

Earlier this season, the Wolves fell to Rochester and let one get away against, what Claus called, a beatable Lake Orion team.

"Farmington is a good club, but I don't think we played all that well with the exception of our four doubles team," he said. "I think Farmington and Rochester were probably both better than us talent wise, but the Orion match is one that we could've won."

One of Clarkston's better players this season has been no. 1 singles junior Amit Surapaneni, who won his match against the Dragons 6-3, 6-2.

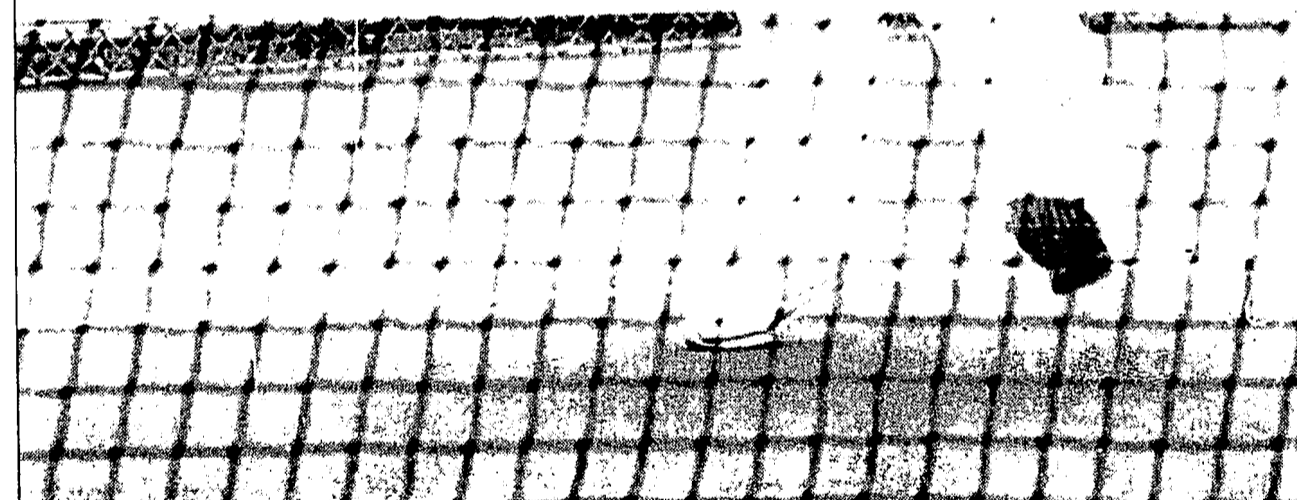
"He's played well for us so far this year and has made a lot of progress I think," Claus said. "He's matured as a player for us."

Also earning praise for his effort against the Dragons was no. 2 singles player junior Justin Roderick.

"He really fought back in a match that I think a year ago he might have not battled through. I was really encouraged to see that from him," Claus said.

The Wolves resume action April 29 at Stoney Creek at 4 p.m., who Claus said will serve as another good challenge for his club.

"For a new school, I think they have a good foundation to build from," he said.



Amit Surapaneni (no. 1 singles) returns a shot against Lake Orion April 20 at Clarkston High School. He went on to win the match 6-3, 6-2. Photo by Ed Davis.

## Schram leads Clarkston golfers in county tourney

### Wolves take eighth place in tourney

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Jackie Schram's performance was the highlight for the Clarkston varsity girls golf team at the County Tournament held earlier this month.

The sophomore, who was named all-league in her freshman campaign, medaled for the Wolves at the tournament which featured 18 teams. Schram's 93 was good enough to put her in 13<sup>th</sup> place on the day out of field of 90 athletes. As a team, the Wolves finished in eighth place out of the 18 team field.

"I think she played pretty well considering she was

in Mexico only hours before the tournament," coach Larry Sherrill said with a slight laugh.

However, Sherrill admitted that his team did not fulfill its own expectations.

"I think the kids were disappointed in how they fared," he said. "I think they thought they'd do better there. I thought we'd have at least four kids shoot in the low 90's."

Sherrill said his team's short game has been a reason for concern early this season.

"We've been hitting the ball well off the tee, but our kids have struggled with the pitching and putting. We're going to put some more time in on that this week," he said.

Also last week, the Wolves took on Rochester at Oakhurst Golf Course where Clarkston fell 177-202. Highlighting the day for the Wolves were the

performances of Lisa Lesko, who shot a 47 and Nina Jackson who had a 51. Schram finished the day with a 49.

The Wolves have a busy week this week including the first league meet of the year at Pine Trace (results were not yet available at press time) as well as a dual meet with Bloomfield Hills Lahser at Forest Lake Country Club April 29 at 3:30 p.m.

Sherrill said that course and one of Lahser's players will serve as a good challenge this week.

"Megan Carter is ranked in the top five in the county," Sherrill said. "And as a team, they (Lahser) did well in the county meet. The course is hilly with slick greens. It plays tough. It'll be a busy week for us," Sherrill said.

# Boys and girls track team unite at Andover Relays

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Clarkston boys and girls track teams had an opportunity to join forces last week.

The Wolves competed once again in the Andover Relays and finished in fourth place out of the field of eight schools April 24.

Several relay teams placed for Clarkston including the discuss relay, which took third place. The team consisted of Marie Cooke, Liz Bowden, Jason Combs and Jake Meissnest. The high jump team of Jamie Johnson, Brianee Reuter, Brandon Wischmeyer and Jesse Kessler took sixth place. The 4x200 relay team of Tom Fick, Joe Seibert, Andi LeVasseur and Emily

Martin took third place. Additionally, the 4x800 team of Matt Hunter, Chelsey Roth, Eric Gauthier and Jenny Baibak took home the fifth place prize. Taking home second place was the shuttle relay team of Brad Gale, Brandon Morrison, Heidi McMahon and Kate Ellis. The 4x100 team of Brendon Quisenberry, Mike Peteuil, Emily Smark and Kelsey Strain finished fifth. Rounding out the notable performances was the 4x400 relay team of Jenna Leach, Lisa Sickman, Gauthier and Kessler.

Coach Walt Wyniemko said the meet served as an enjoyable learning experience for some of Clarkston's younger athletes.

"It was good. It was fun. You never know with this

one how you're going to do, but it was a fun meet. The boys and girls get a chance to compete with each other and it was a fun meet in that respect. A lot of our athletes had personal bests and I think it served as a good tune up for Orion and Troy (results of that meet were not yet available at press time)," Wyniemko said.

Clarkston's next home meet won't be until May 3 when they host Pontiac Northern at 4:30 p.m. May 1 the Wolves compete at the Ashley Relays at Waterford Mott.

"That'll be a tough competition for us, but it will give us another chance to improve our times and our distances," Wyniemko said.

## Girls track team competes with best

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Clarkston girls track team got a chance to see how it stacks up against the best competition the state has to offer. The end results were pleasing to coaches John Yorke and Jamie LaBrosse.

The Wolves finished in sixth place out of a field of 22 schools, but Clarkston was only a few points away from capturing third place. Only six points separated the third and seventh place teams, Yorke said.

Clarkston had many solid performances including the winning 4x800 relay team of Mo Kuhta, Liz Mengyan, Beth Hoekstra and Lyndsay Smith. The same group took fifth place in the 4x800. Smith also placed in the 4x400, Yorke said. Additionally, Stephanie Parkin took fifth place in the 100 hurdles and long jump. Mengyan took second place in the mile.

The sprint medley team of Sarah Jennett, Melissa Martinez, Hoekstra and Elizabeth Gorz took home fourth place. Hoekstra earned the praise of LaBrosse.

"Beth had a great day for us. She got the baton in 10<sup>th</sup> place in the sprint medley and ended her leg of the race with us being in fourth. She ran very well for us. That was very nice to see," he said.

Gillian Nordquist and Elle Kuhta both placed in the two mile. LaBrosse said the meet served as a good measuring stick of where his team stands.

"It's a real tough meet, probably the toughest beside the state meet," he said. "Ann Arbor Pioneer and a lot of other great teams are there. It's just loaded. We would've liked to be in the top three. Some things just didn't work out for us, but I think it was a good experience for us to have our kids see some competition at that level."

Meanwhile, some other Clarkston girls track athletes had the opportunity to compete at the Andover relays, a competition that sees both the boys and girls compete together. LaBrosse said Jenna Leach ran well in the 4x100 and Alissa Crawford ran a solid 800.

The Wolves next event will be the Mitchell Roosevelt meet in Ohio, where the Wolves will go up against over 50 schools. Some of the best teams in the state will be there, LaBrosse said.

## Athlete of the week – Nate Davis

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Some players have their starting positions handed to them. Others earn them. Just ask Nate Davis.

The senior center fielder is now a starter on the Clarkston varsity baseball team, which got off to a 5-0 start this year, but he wasn't always.

"He worked his butt off and earned the spot," coach Phil Price said. "He battled for his job, said he was going to do it and he went out and got it. He really took a stand and said, 'I'm going to be a starter,'" Price said.

Davis admitted he did not put in a lot of extra time in the off-season to improve his play. But rather, he was simply bored with not playing.

"I was sick of sitting," he said with a slight laugh. "I wasn't going to settle for anything else."

Don't look for Davis to blast a ton of homers out of the park. He batted number 9 in the lineup against Birmingham Seaholm last week, but his offensive play is coming around, Price said.

"He's putting the ball in play, hitting a lot of line drives for us and he runs the bases very well," Price said. "He's really worked on his hitting and now it's safe to say he's batting well over .300 for us."

With every game Davis' confidence builds. "I'm getting a lot more comfortable out there and I owe a lot to coach Gallagher," he said. "I'm not going to get a lot of extra base hits, but I'm getting a lot of singles these days. The bat's really starting to come around for me. I knew if I wanted to start the bat would have to come around for me, and eventually it did. Each time I get a hit the whole team is congratulating me, so that helps with the whole confidence thing."

This marks Davis' second year on the varsity

squad. Last year he saw limited playing time doing base running for catchers and pitchers.

Following graduation, Davis said he might study criminology.

"I've been playing baseball ever since I was a little kid. I'm really going to miss all my teammates when the season is over with. We've been playing together for years now."



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# Defense leads CHS soccer team to early success

BY ED DAVIS  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

An experienced defensive core, along with a first-year goalie who is setting her sites on playing college soccer, are leading the Wolves to their best start in recent memory.

The Clarkston girls varsity soccer team has started the season with a 4-1-2 overall record and have yet to lose a league game. Clarkston recently picked up wins over Stoney Creek and Lake Orion. The Wolves beat the Dragons 2-1 April 23 thanks to a come-from-behind effort. The Wolves trailed 1-0 with about 20 minutes to play before Kristen Mercado tied the game. The game winner came with about 13 minutes left courtesy of Kelly Boskee. Liz Hardy and Mercado drew assists on the Clarkston goals, coach Tami Niemi said.

"It was a good game for us. I have experienced players and that has a lot to do with us starting the season so well," Niemi said. "They show great determination out there and have a great attitude. They got down, but they found a way to fight back. They just keep working. I think their work ethic is unbelievable."

Niemi credited several of her defensive players as having solid seasons far for the Wolves. Kelly Dougherty has four years of experience while Jenna Clavette is in the midst of her third varsity campaign. Amanda Leach is also doing a nice job according to Niemi, as is Marie Timm, who is only in her first year of varsity, but is making a strong case for herself.

"She's only in her first year with us, but she's not afraid of anything. Amanda Henderson is also playing real well for us and could very well get a start for us this week," Niemi said.

Additionally, first-year sophomore goalie Emily Pierce has been a mainstay on the Clarkston defense and has earned a lot of respect from her coach. Pierce earned a shutout victory against Stoney Creek April 22 when Bess Ferguson picked up the game's only goal.

"She's doing a terrific job back there. She's playing like she's got varsity experience. She wants to play college ball and I think she'll start to get recognized," Niemi said.

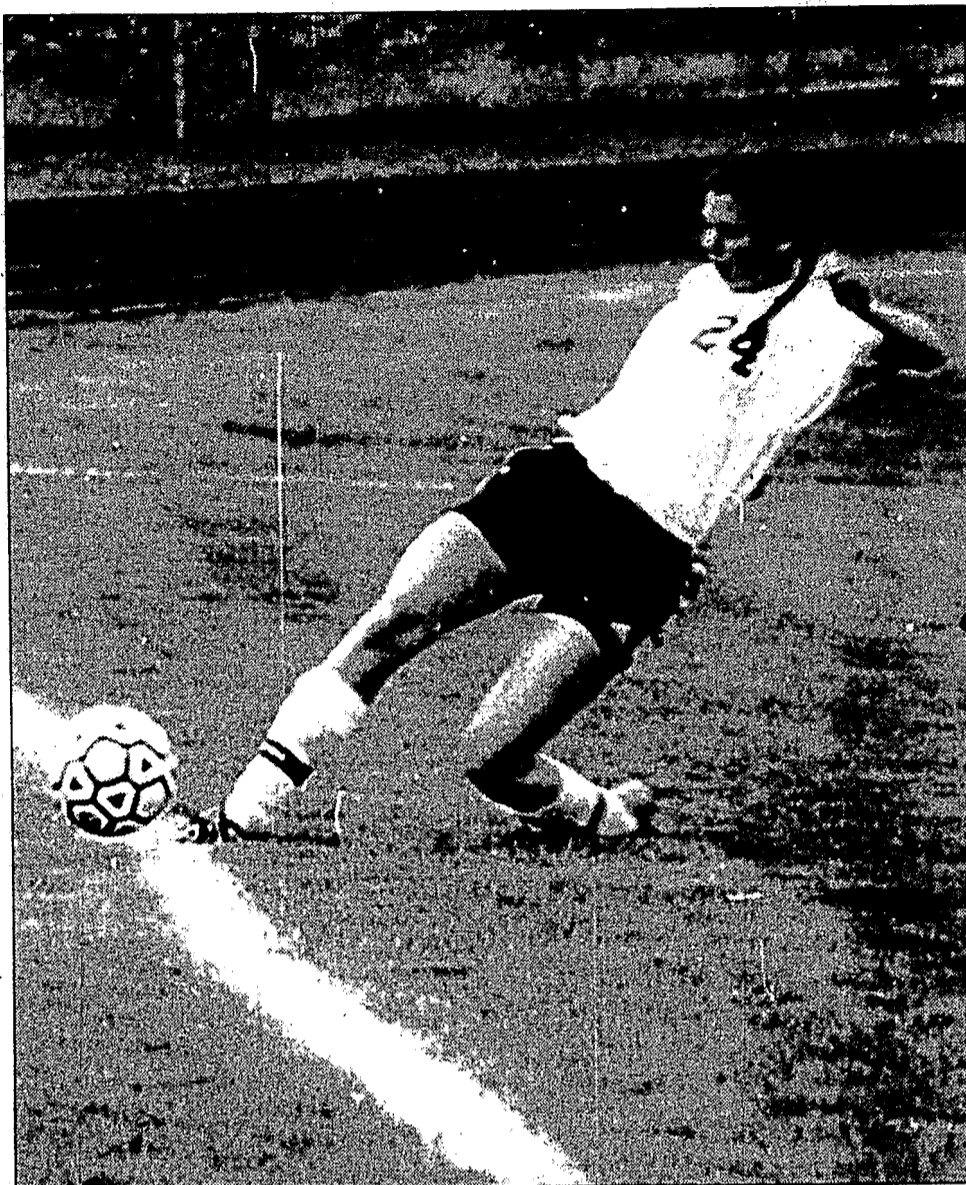
Clarkston is 2-0-2 in the OAA II. The Wolves are currently tied with Farmington for second place in the league (at press time).

Clarkston resumes action April 29 at Kimball and then heads to Groves May 4. The Wolves don't come home until May 13 when they host Andover. But before then, Niemi would like nothing more than to have her team fight its way into first place.

"We're doing everything right now. Sure, a couple of those ties we would've liked to turn into wins, but we want to win the league and this week coming up for us is huge. We just have to take it one game at a time," Niemi said.

According to Niemi, the Wolves have not won a league championship in girls varsity soccer since 1998.

"If we keep working, good things will come," she said.



Liz Hardy has been one of the Wolves biggest weapons this season. Photo by Ed Davis.

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## Moderation is key to a healthy life

By Ernie Harwell

I've seen a lot of people over the years make the mistake of putting too much time and energy into one activity or another. They'd develop an interest and, suddenly, that's their whole life. I saw it in college, in the Marines, and in my time as a reporter and broadcaster.



I've always felt that one of the most underrated "secrets" to living healthy is to lead a life of moderation. Whether it's working, eating, drinking, watching TV, spending time on the Internet, or even exercising, it's important to make sure we maintain a sense of balance. Don't overdo it. Not investing too much in one aspect of our lives helps us focus and keep our perspective on what's truly important in life.

I believe it was Cicero who said, "Never go to excess, but let moderation be your guide." It's worked for me over all these years, and I think it just makes good sense.

And please remember to take care of your health before it's lonngggg gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.



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# Hitting powers Clarkston to a win against Seaholm

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Runs are coming in bunches for the Clarkston varsity baseball team. Now, if only the defense and pitching could step it up a bit.

The Wolves clobbered Birmingham Seaholm April 23 at Clarkston High School 14-4. The top six batters in the order combined for an amazing 15-for-19 day at the plate including a perfect 4-for-4 day from Addison Turk, Mike Kittle, who went 3-for-3, Aaron Powell, who hit a 2-run homer and Jono Moehlig who also went 3-for-3. Even with the offensive firepower and an early 7-4 overall record, coach Phil Price is anything but all smiles about his team's performance thus far this season.

"We can score runs sure, but we can't play defense," he said. "We're making both fielding and mental errors right now. And it's not just one kid. We're just letting one error or mistake roll into others. It's a snowball effect for us right now."

Clarkston hosted the Roy Warner Tournament April 24 and won the first game, beating Frasier 7-5, but then fell in the second game to Kalamazoo Central 10-7. In the last two innings Price said his team allowed six walks, committed two errors and allowed seven runs.

"Our pitchers were walking people and our fielders were making errors. When you score eight, nine, 10 runs per game and you lose, there's definitely a problem," Price said.

The Wolves entered the season with a high statewide ranking and then got off to a perfect 5-0 start. Then the Wolves dropped three straight games, includ-

ing one to Davison, which they lost 11-9 at Michigan State University. That was followed by losing both games of a double header to Brandon April 20. However, overconfidence heading into the season as being touted as one of the state's premier teams was not a problem, Price said.

"I don't think they were (overconfident)," Price said. "For some of the kids, I guess just trying to live up to the pressure might have gotten to them a bit."

Clarkston opened league play in the OAA I, which is claimed by many to be the toughest league in the entire state April 26 against Lake Orion. Results were not yet available at press time. Clarkston's next game will be April 28 when they host West Bloomfield at 4 p.m. They then go on the road to Rochester April 30.

"We're just letting one mistake lead into another. Our kids have to find a way to turn this thing around," Price said.



Chad Zelinski waits on a pitch against Birmingham Seaholm. Photo by Ed Davis.

## A busy week in the local and national sporting world

Another busy week in the sports world this week – especially around these parts. Between playoff games of both the Red Wings and Pistons, the NFL draft, the Tigers successful early season start and all the Clarkston spring sports in the middle of their seasons, there is arguably no better time to be a sports fan than there was last Saturday. A day when the draft kicked off and the Pistons and Wings both won playoff games while the Tigers picked up another win as well. Talk about a day made for picture-in-picture and the remote control.

First off, congrats to Tami Niemi and her team, who have gotten off to the best start in Niemi's recent memory. They have yet to lose a league game and their defense has been astounding. Now that the better weather appears to be here to stay there is no excuse for not checking out this crew for a game.

Props to coach Jamie LaBrosse's girls track team which finished sixth place at the West Bloomfield Invitational over the weekend. This meet offered up some of the state's toughest competition and I think LaBrosse will rest easy knowing his team is more than capable of handling the best.

Nice effort and a good time summed up Walt Wynnemko's comments on the Andover Relays this weekend. The Wolves took fourth place in this meet where the boys and girls teams get a chance to work

together and improve their times and distances.

Slugging power success – If the Wolves pitching and defense can sharpen up, this team will be a true powerhouse in the OAA I given they can rack up runs as fast as sand traps collect my golf balls.

Unfortunately, I haven't had a chance to see Al Land's softball team in action yet this year, but that will change this week. Land has heavily praised the work ethic and attitude of this team, which he said is aggressive and should challenge for the league title.

Short game woes – if Larry Sherrill's team's extra effort in the pitching and putting pays off, look for vast improvement from a team that brings with it loads of experience. Congrats to Jackie Schram, who finished 13th out of 90 golfers at the county meet.

Young teams go through tough times, and this team is no different. But improvement is and will continue to come. In fact, don't be surprised if by next issue, the Wolves have a check in the win column.

Speaking of winning, on paper the Detroit Lions draft looks like a real winner. With Texas' Roy Williams lining up opposite (hopefully a healthy) Charles Rogers, the Lions feature two bona fide threats at the wide receiver position. Add in the running back threat of Kevin Jones and the "free pass" for quarterback Joey Harrington is officially over. He has weapons. They might be young, but they should at least be good enough for the Lions to attempt a pass more than eight yards and hopefully we can have a running back who can have the speed to break a big gain. But you never know

with the draft. For every "sure thing" there's a Tom Brady, who comes out the late rounds to take the league by storm.

Now that my New Jersey Devils are eliminated, my attention is purely focused on the Red Wings. It was great to see the Captain pick up a pair of goals in last Saturday's win. I'm guessing it'll be a Detroit vs. San Jose in the conference finals.

Lastly, how quickly things change in the NBA. After Detroit's dismantling of the Bucs in game one, area sports call-in shows were flooded with calls claiming the Pistons were a sure thing to advance at least to the Eastern Conference Final. All those views turned sour after the Bucs stole home court in game 2. A great game on Sunday however kept the Buc crowd sitting on its hands in the second half. I work game five at the Palace – should be great atmosphere in Auburn Hills.

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Winners gathered in Sashabaw Middle School's media center to celebrate the conclusion of the annual 'Cougar Book Club'. These students read at least five books during the three-month event. Photos provided.

## Cougar readers are winners at Sashabaw Middle School

Sashabaw Middle School students once again supported the Cougar Book Club, the annual reading incentive program sponsored by the school's media center.

Beginning the first of the year, students were busy reading from a list of 17 books selected by media specialist Joanne Steckling. The Independence Township library joined the effort by setting up a special display of the "Cougar Books" and by reserving copies of books that were checked out.

The program concluded with a grand prize drawing on March 31. Students had three months to read books. Those who read at least five of the books were eligible for the drawing.

Glenn Gualtieri, assistant principal at SMS, awarded certificates to the 10 students who read at least 15 of the 17 books. They were: Matt Buckley, Cory Carone, Kortni Chrisman, Zach Comos, Spencer Ford, Amy Lewis, Evan Markarian, Cameron Maunders,

Heather Romanowski and Ashley Smokoska.

For their efforts, these students received a \$10 gift certificate to Borders and an invitation to lunch with visiting author Gordon Korman.

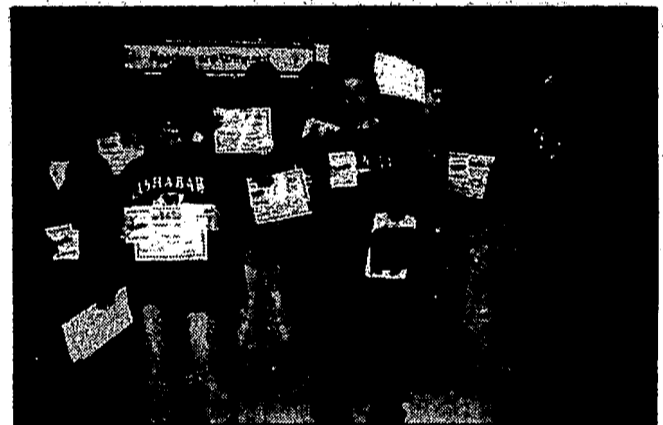
Michael Krystyniak, SMS principal, drew the three grand prize winners. Ford and Buckley, both SMS seventh graders, CD/MP3 players and Michelle Lee, sixth grade, won a \$50 gift certificate to Borders.

"The real reward for these students wasn't the prizes they received, but

the things they learned throughout their reading," Krystyniak said.

Sashabaw students topped the total number of books read last year by 75 books this year. Ninety-four students read a total of 397 books during the three-month event.

"It was exciting to see students reading outside their 'comfort zone', as there was a real variety of fiction books," Nina Nord, media specialist paraprofessional, said. "Many readers said they wouldn't have picked some of these books for themselves, but they really enjoyed the stories once they got into them."



Michael Krystyniak, Glenn Gualtieri and Nina Nord congratulate students who read 15 of the 17 selected books for the Cougar Book Club.

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Kourtney Cooper and Sadie Wayman examine a tree before heading out on a hike for the afternoon. Photo by Alicia Dorset.

## Home school students experience Earth Day 2004 firsthand

**BY ALICIA DORSET**  
*Clarkston News Staff Writer*

Some 27 home school students celebrated Earth Day on April 20 by spending the afternoon with the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy in Davisburg. They learned about how to protect the environment around them.

Students hiked to the Davis Overlook and learned about the different variety of plant species are found in the area, especially those considered invasive to the environment. Students also learned how to classify marshes as well.

Representatives from Team Reptile were on hand for the afternoon to showcase various animals and the habitats they live in, such as garden snakes and salamanders.

A highlight of the event was learning about watersheds. Students learned how to protect and identify watersheds in Michigan.

"The kids learned that watersheds have specific

addresses," Laurie Cooper, home school parent, said. "Most people don't know that."

Using the example of a student's bedroom, conservancy volunteers explained how to protect 'conservation easements' found in their homes that apply out in the environment as well.

The day ended with each student receiving a Michigan topographical watershed map and a white pine tree to plant at home. Some of the students even volunteered to stay longer and help take down Autumn Olive plants, an invasive variety that needs to be removed from local environments.

"I really liked the information. As an adult, it was really interesting," Cooper said. Cooper's daughters, Krysten and Kourtney, both enjoyed learning about the watersheds.

Working with the home school students was a cooperation that the NOHLC wanted to get involved with.

"The home school students have the time to learn about these things," Cooper said. "It's a really nice match

up. We learned why we need to take care of the planet and water sources. Not only the why, but the how, too."

The group of local home school students are currently collecting old American flags to be properly disposed of an Flag Day in June.

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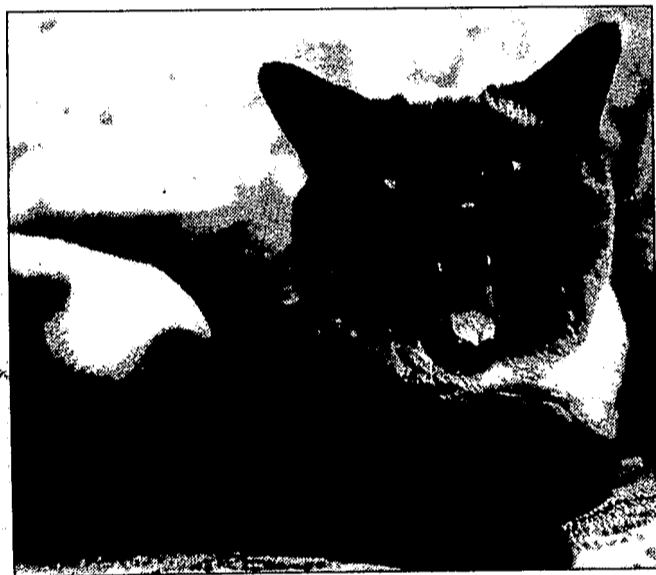
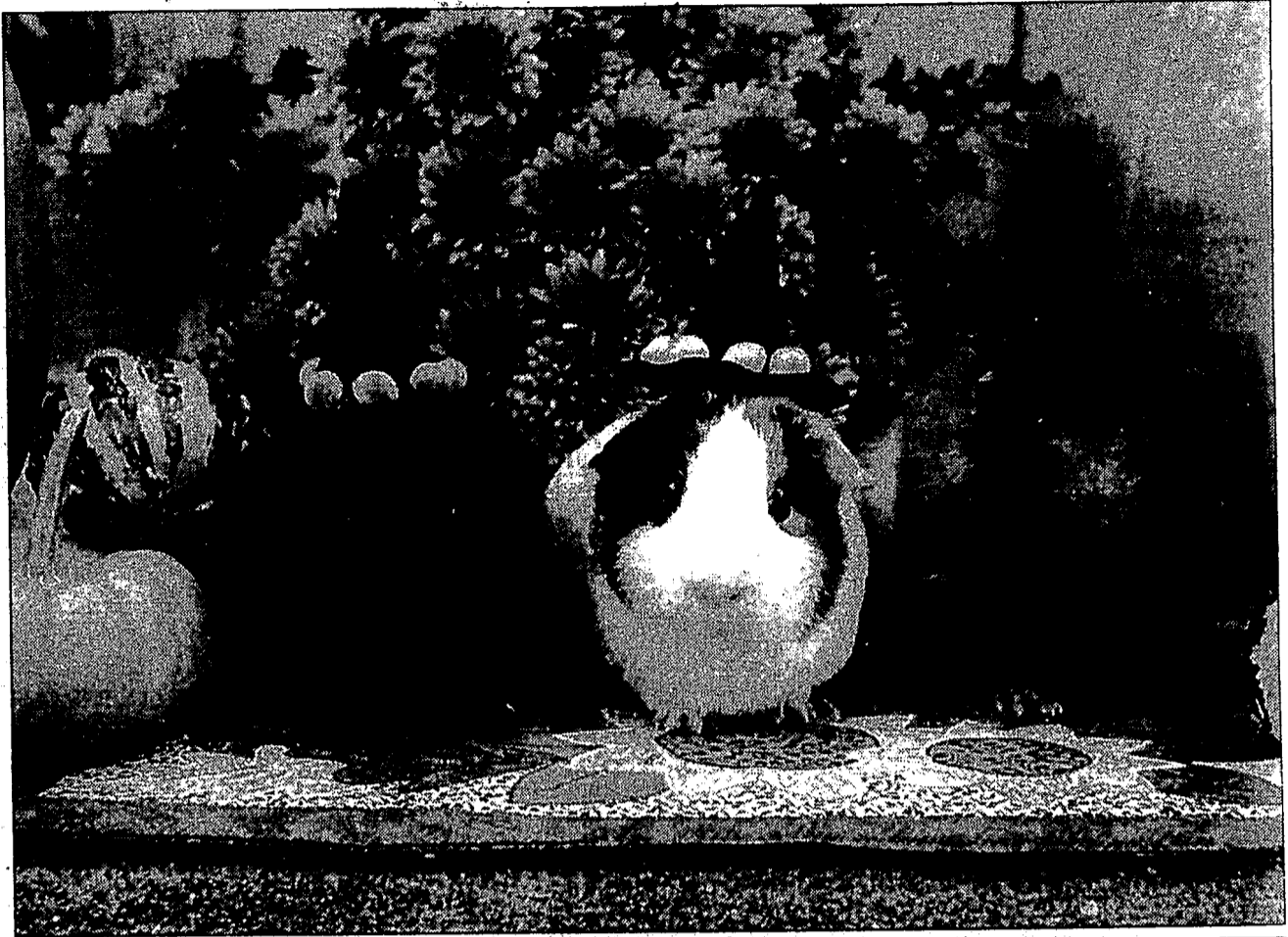
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Matthew Smith and Trisha Meier display their awards of merit with Gail Seaman, Reflections Committee Chair. Smith and Meier received the state-level honors for their photography entries. Photo by Alicia Dorset.

## CHS students receive state recognition at PTA contest

Clarkston High School students Matthew Smith and Trisha Meier were recently invited to attend the Reflections Presentation Awards in the Governor's Hall on May 1 at the Grand Traverse Resort in Traverse City.

Smith, a senior, and Meier, a freshman, won awards of merit at the state level in the senior photography division for

the PTA-sponsored contest.

Winning at the CHS level and moving on to the state qualifying round for literature were Daniel Marsac, Karissa McCatty and Rachel Napier. McCatty had two winning entries that were selected.

The Reflections Program is a cultural arts program sponsored by the National PTA. The pro-

gram was developed to interest children, parents, teachers and communities in the arts. Students, K-12, are encouraged to express their thoughts and feelings through the creative arts.

Every year a new theme is chosen and the students create entries independently in the following categories: literature, photography, visual arts and musical composition.

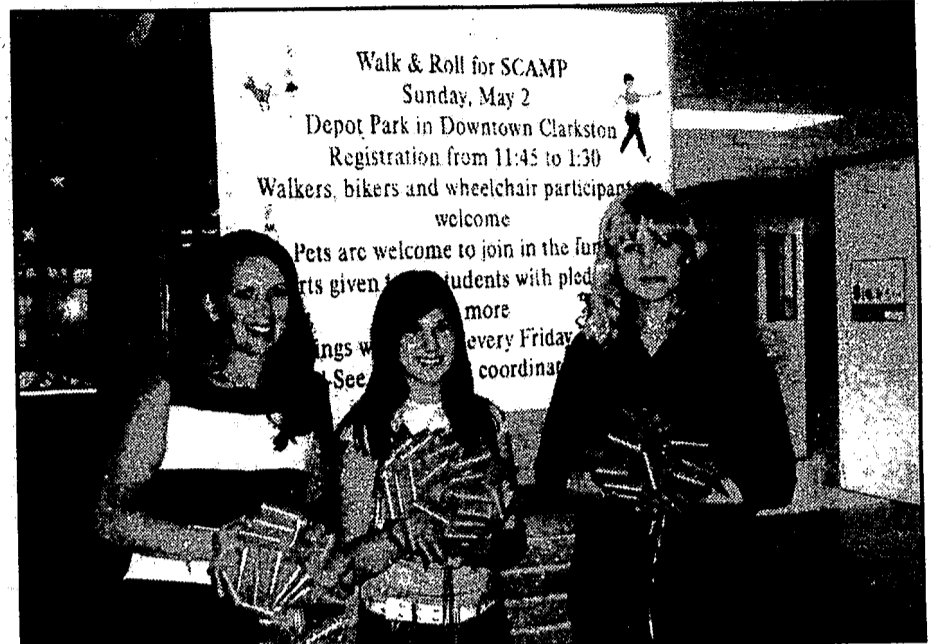
## CHS takes honors at Japanese Quiz Bowl

Clarkston High School Japanese language students recently competed in the state-level quiz bowl at Michigan State University on March 6.

The first-year students placed fourth, second-year students placed second, third-year students placed third and fourth-year students came in first for CHS.

The first-place finish qualified the fourth-year students to attend the national competition in Washington, D.C. on April 4.

## Orange bows throughout city support SCAMP Walk and Roll



Marlene Stone, Walk and Roll chairperson, Lindsay Stone (bow creator) and Kelly Shelton (Clarkston Middle School coordinator), display the orange bows that will show support for the upcoming Walk and Roll on May 2. Photo provided.

Orange bows will be popping up in Clarkston at the beginning of May in support of the 2004 SCAMP Walk and Roll.

In addition to the

orange street bows, residents on Main Street, as well as the Walk and Roll routes, will receive orange ribbons in their mailboxes to tie on trees, fence posts or

other outdoor elements to show support for the event.

The Walk and Roll is scheduled for Sunday, May 2 in downtown Clarkston.

## The season's best knits on the runway



Carol West, owner of Basketful of Yarn, proudly displays a sweater made by one of her students. More than 60 people attended this year's show. Photo provided.

Basketful of Yarn in Clarkston held its second annual "Spring into Knitting" fashion show on March 27 to an audience of more than 60 participants.

In addition to the fashion show, felted hat contest and luncheon at Deer Lake Racquet Club, audience members heard presentations from Deanna Van Assche, a national beadwork artist and instructor, and Natalie Wilson, a local knitwear designer.

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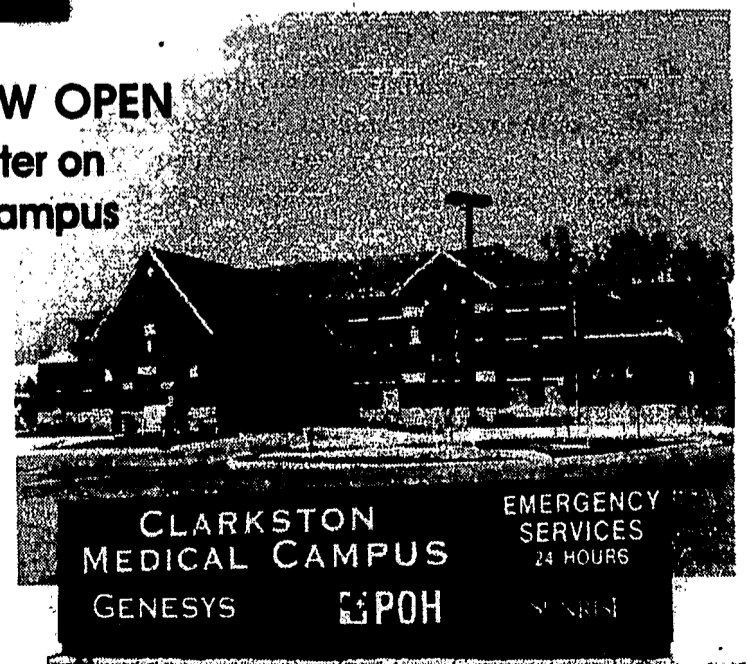
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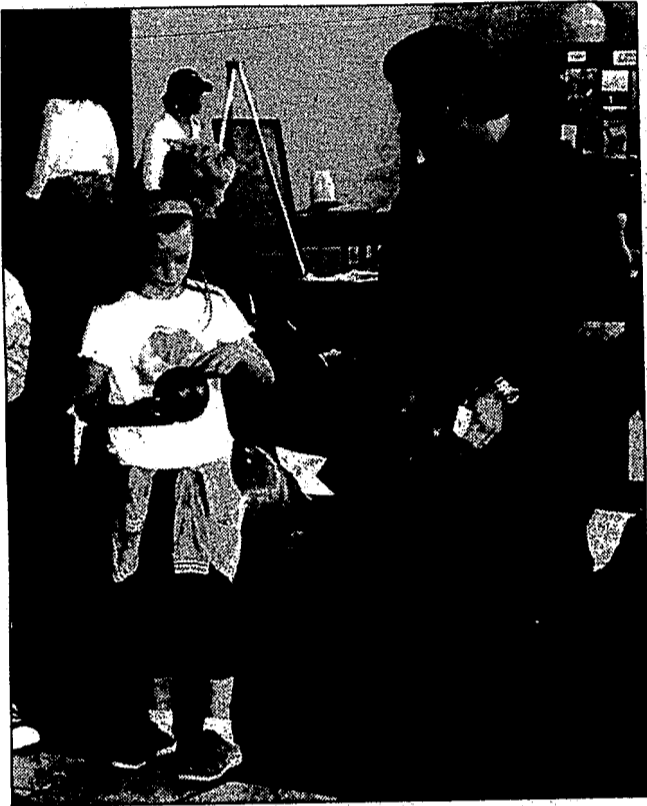
## Summer Happenings Expo for the youth

The Clarkston Coalition for Youth held their second annual Summer Happening Expo at Clarkston High School April 24.

"As a coalition we are highlighting positive, healthy and safe experiences for all the youth in the community," member Suzette Hart said. "We always hear the excuse there is nothing to do here and this proves there is a lot to do."

The expo had more than 30 exhibitors and several hundreds residents attend.

"We got very positive feedback," Hart said.



Above, those attending the Summer Happenings Expo were able to try their hand at bowling. On right, Jordan Lockett makes him self a treat. Below, residents learn about Free Spirit Karate. Photos by Kyle Gargaro.



**People Poll**

What question would you like to ask school board candidates?



"Ways to get more money."  
— Kathy Minando



"Anything that's in the kid's best interest."  
— Leticia Gonzalez



"I'd like to see them get on track with the G-7-7-0 project."  
— Anne Earle



"Why didn't they build two high schools instead of just one?"  
— Thomas

By Alicia Dorsey

# The Clarkston News' Millstream

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

## Senior helps other seniors stay active

BY DON SCHELSKE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

At first, John Thomas found retirement less enjoyable than expected. When he took medical retirement from Pontiac Motors engineering in 1980, it was not something for which he had planned, and he soon ran out of things to do.

"The first year I was off, I did all the painting on the house. I did everything I could, and I didn't have anything to get up for in the morning."

The following spring, Thomas saw an ad from the Independence Township Senior Center for a senior van driver. That started a relationship which soon found him also coordinating senior sports programs for the township.

"These years since I've retired have gone by so fast I can't believe it," he said. "But I've been active, real active."

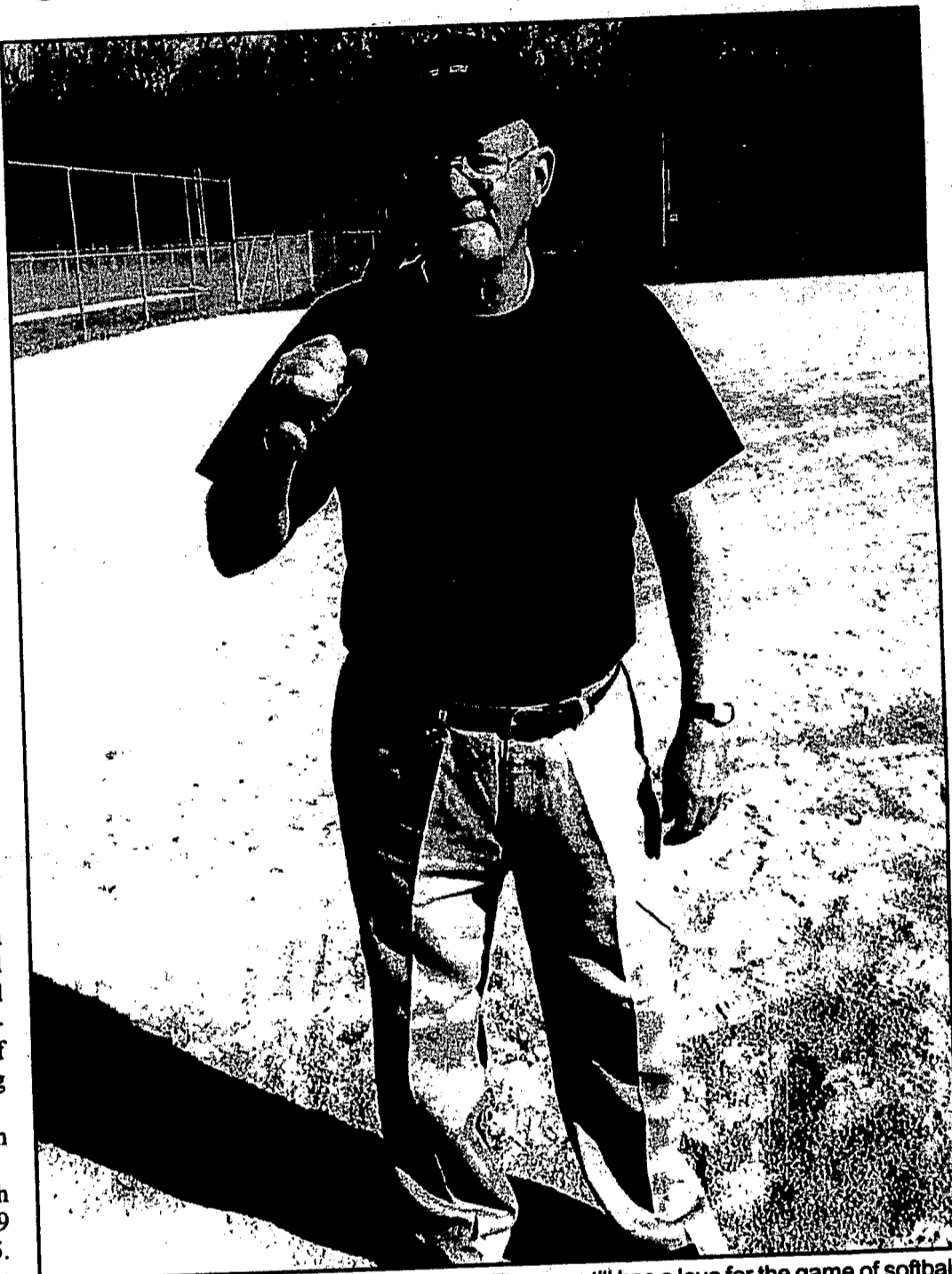
Thomas, 80, now coordinates the summer softball program and the winter volleyball program. While volleyball attracts only about 15 people, the softball program draws about 100 people age 55 and older, playing on seven league teams and a traveling team.

At Clintonwood Park, the senior teams keep at least three diamonds active during the season, which runs from May through August. He has managed several teams which made it to the "World Series" of senior softball at cities throughout the nation, and he is proud to boast of nine different senior softball sanctioning organizations in the United States.

"The whole senior softball program originated here in Michigan," he said.

Thomas served as a van driver, both full-time and part-time for a total of 19 years, "retiring" from that job at age 75. He also played ball himself until a bad knee and hip forced him to quit a couple years ago.

He continues to handle all the administration for the softball program, however, and can be seen carrying his clipboard, directing players to the appropriate field for practice and discussing schedules with



While he no longer plays competitively, John Thomas still has a love for the game of softball and the people who play it, coordinating senior sports for Independence Township Parks and Recreation. Photo by Don Schelske

team managers.

"I like dealing with people," he said. With a laugh, he admitted, "The only thing is I can't remember names like I should."

**'You've thought about yourself all these years, with your job and raising your kids, and you don't have the time maybe to help people. It's what we should be doing.'**

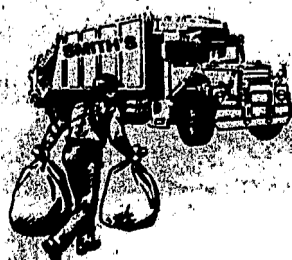
**John Thomas**  
Senior Sports Coordinator  
Independence Township Parks and Recreation

As an official parks and recreation staff member, Thomas is also concerned about the budget. Players used to run concession stands at the Pontiac Silverdome, and that fund still helps pay the league's expenses (including tournament entry fees and umpires).

Players are charged a fee (with Independence Township residents receiving a discount), so it is apparent how serious they are about the program.

As a senior citizen, Thomas is concerned about the entire senior program and is among those lobbying for a new senior center.

"We don't have any industry here to  
*See Softball on page 5B*



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# Around Town

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

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The Clarkston Jaycees present a bowling fundraiser on Sunday, May 23 from 2-4 p.m. at Cherry Hill Lanes North in Clarkston. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$17 for children 10 and under. Included are two games of bowling and shoes. Prizes and a 50/50 raffle will also be featured. Proceeds will benefit the Jaycees and Team Runnin Gear. To purchase tickets in advance, contact Chris Mengyan at (248) 770-0872 or e-mail [ctlmeng@aol.com](mailto:ctlmeng@aol.com).

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The North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy presents the following events:

Join **Jonathan Schechter**, a well-known local naturalist and nature writer, for a most educational walk in NOHLCs 40-acre Kimball Nature Preserve in Independence Township on Saturday, May 8th at 1:30 p.m.. See beautiful native woodland flowers in bloom, observe native birds and other wildlife in this high quality natural area of woods, wetlands, the Clinton River, all while discovering what the animals are doing in spring.

**Fred Townsend**, a popular naturalist guide, will conduct a special night walk on Saturday, May 15 at 8:45 p.m. to hear spring singing frogs and toads at the Springfield Township's new Davis Lake Overlook as well as at NOHLCs Eaton Wet Meadow Preserve. (Both accessed from Eaton Road in Davisburg). Meet in the parking lot behind the old township office (corner of Eaton and Davisburg Road) and be prepared to discover the amazing spring chorus of frogs.

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

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The Clarkston Community Historical Society presents the second annual Cemetery Walk to Clarkston residents and history buffs on Saturday, May 15 from 7-8:30 p.m. Century-old information will be presented to both young and old alike at Lakeview Cemetery on White Lake Rd. in Clarkston. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$5 for students and free for children 4 and under. The ticket price includes desserts provided by the Clarkston Cafe and entertainment by local string musicians String Fever. Tickets can be purchased at Main Street Antiques & Country Store, Tierra Fine Jewelers or by calling the CCHS office at (248) 922-0270.

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You and your family are invited to Calvary Lutheran

Church on Friday, May 7 from 7-9 p.m. for "Jesus, Java, Jubilation". This family-friendly evening will feature music, drama and tasty treats for the adults, and movies and munchies for children through fifth grade. You won't want to miss the evening of fun and Christian fellowship. Call the church for more information at (248) 625-3288. Calvary is located at 6805 Bluegrass Dr. in Clarkston.

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Meet your friends in the park for music, food and drinks during **Clarkston's Scamp Walk and Roll** on Sunday, May 2 in Depot Park. Route lengths are one, two or eight miles. Registration runs from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Kick-off times are 12:00 p.m., 12:20 p.m., 12:40 p.m and 1 p.m. Please bring pledge sheets to the park for a chance at one of many prizes. The drawing will take place in the park at 2 p.m. T-shirts will be awarded to students with pledges of \$50 or more and adults with \$100 or more. No inline skates, skate boards or scooters are allowed. Bikers must obey all traffic laws and are encouraged to wear helmets.

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**Club 5529** welcomes Kids in the Way with **Elmore and Faded Me** on Friday, April 30. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8 at the door for general admission seating. Tickets are available at [www.itickets.com](http://www.itickets.com) or (800) 965-9324. For more information, call (248) 620-4900 or visit [www.5529music.com](http://www.5529music.com).

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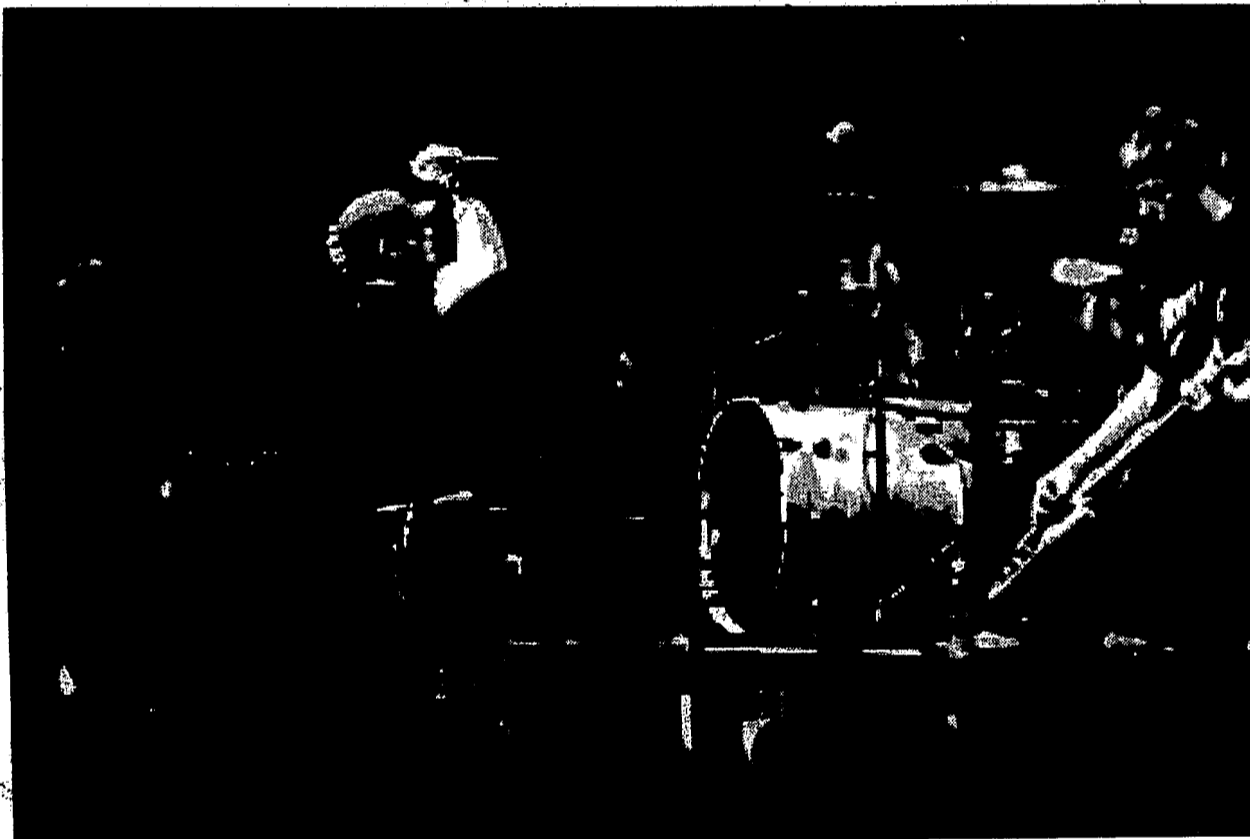
**Crosshill Community Preschool** is accepting enrollment for the 2004-2005 school year. Crosshill provides a developmental program with free play, directed activities, art, music, gym and snack. The preschool is a non-profit organization, and it is the policy that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, be excluded from participation in, denied the benefit of, or be subjected to discrimination during any program or activity or in employment. The preschool is located in the Davisburg United Methodist Church at 803 Broadway in Davisburg. Classes are available for 3s, 4s and young 5s. For enrollment or more information, please call Vicki at (248) 889-4249 or the director at (248) 634-1064.

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The Friends of the Springfield Township Library is having a huge used book/bake sale on Thursday, May 6 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Friday, May 7 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday, May 8 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday's sale will feature a "bag of books sale". For more information, call the library at (248) 846-6550.

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Please help **Max Broock Realtors**, 27 S. Main St., in efforts to raise money to send Danny Ristich to the Special Olympics State Summer games in Mt. Pleasant. The group is having a bake/"garage" sale in the office's downstairs conference room on Wednesday, May 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you wish to make a monetary contribution before or after that time, the deadline is May 10.



Kids in the Way will be performing with Elmore and Faded me on Friday, April 30 at Club 5529. Photo provided by Kids in the Way Web site.

More Around Town, 5B

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# Art gallery opens in downtown Clarkston

## Art work showcased at 64 South Main St.

BY KYLE GARGARO  
Clarkston News Editor

Terry Tracy and Judith Hetem are bringing the Clarkston area a venue for original art. The two have opened La Petite Galerie in the 64 South Main building.

"This has been a vision Judy and I have about Clarkston," Tracy said. "It is such a unique, artistic village. There are so many artist here and we want to give them a place to show their work."

The duo has big plans for the gallery. In addition to showcasing local artists monthly, they are looking to hold charity events at the gallery.

Tracy has been an artist for life. She works in watercolors to reveal the details of animals and nature. Hetem has been taking photographs since receiving a camera as an anniversary gift.

"People are so busy in their lives that this is my way of getting them to slow down and enjoy the simple things in life," Tracy said.

The two have also been organizing an artists club which meets the third Thursday of each month. The group has about 25 artists and meets at the Clarkston Christian Association building on Sashabaw.

"We have a lot of artists coming to the meeting," Hetem said. "It is really fun to have all the artists coming together. It is a wonderful opportunity."

While the two admit there is not a whole lot of room in the gallery, they hope it will encourage others.

"We hope this is something to draw people into Clarkston. It is a fun showcase of people's work," Hetem said. "Hopefully this will encourage other people to open up galleries in downtown. We also hope the



Terry Tracy shows off some art at the new gallery at 64 South Main. Photo by Kyle Gargaro.

gallery draws more people to show downtown."

The gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Anyone interested in showcasing their work at the gallery or joining the artists group can call them at (248) 625-

2511.

"Showcasing art is important to me. Since the schools cut back their art program my motto has been 'Keep art alive.' I just hope the gallery draws people and they enjoy the work," Tracy said.

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# Milestones



Chad Yarrington and Sara Treder

Sara Treder and Chad Yarrington announce their engagement and upcoming wedding.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Clarkston High School. She earned a chemical engineering degree from Michigan State University in 2001 and is now a process engineer at Pall Corporation in Ann Arbor. Treder's parents are Mike and the late Anna Treder of Clarkston.

The groom-to-be graduated from Michigan Technological University in 2000 with a degree in mechanical engineering. He is a mechanical systems engineer at Ford Motor Company in Livonia. Yarrington's parents are John and Mary Hanken of Hudson, Wis.

The couple will be married in East Lansing on June 25 at St. Thomas Aquinas and then reside in Canton.

## At school...

More than 160 Alma College students participated in Alma College's eighth annual Kapp Honor's Day program on April 1. The day provided a forum when traditional classes are canceled and students share their original research, creativity and talents with an audience of their peers.

In sessions spanning nine hours, students performed in music, theatre and dance productions, gave oral presentations of scholarly research and lead poster discussions.

Senior **Lauren Giordano** of Clarkston gave a presentation titled "The

Effects of Dehydration of Peripheral Sweating". A 2000 graduate of Clarkston High School, she is the daughter of John and Paula Giordano of Clarkston. Giordano is majoring in exercise and health science, and theatre and dance.

Senior **Megan Karchon** of Clarkston participated in a presentation by Yqung Entrepreneurs. A 2000 graduate of Notre Dame Preparatory School, she is the daughter of Dennis and Laurie Karchon of Clarkston. Karchon is majoring in business administration.

## Achievements...



Katie King

**Katie King** will graduate from the Honors College at Michigan State University.

King will receive her bachelor's in music education on May 7 in East Lansing.

A member of the Spartan Marching Band, King spent three years as a saxophone player. She taught herself how to play the saxophone after she realized that flute players, her original instrument, did not march with the band at MSU.

King is a 1999 graduate of Clarkston High School.

## Clarkston High School Graduate



# Beth STALKER

Starting Thursday, May 6  
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# More Around Town

Continued from 2B

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**The Greater Oakland Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association** presents a networking event for women on Tuesday, May 18 at Deer Lake Raquet Club in Clarkston. Hot hors d'oeuvres will be available from 6-8 p.m. at no extra charge and speaker Kim Hamilton, the ABWA 2003 national president, will speak at 7 p.m. Please RSVP by Tuesday, May 11 to Toni Miller at (248) 623-0438. Please leave a message on the machine with your name and phone number.

**Camp Fire USA North Oakland Council** invites area runners to participate in the 14th annual 5K run on Saturday, May 15 at 9 a.m. inside Independence Oaks County Park in Clarkston. Funds raised from the run will help send low-income children to summer camp. Participants will be eligible to win hotel overnights, meals and gift certificates. Runner awards will be given to the overall male and female runners and the first two places in each age division. Registration fee is \$18 per participant if registered before May 3 and \$20 after May 3. Group and family rates are available. For additional information or to receive a registration form, call (248) 618-9050 or visit [www.comnet.org/campfire.noc](http://www.comnet.org/campfire.noc).

All are invited to the **Calvary Lutheran Church** every Wednesday from April 21 to June 9 for the evening FEAST. Come for a delicious catered dinner at 6 p.m., followed by praise and worship at 6:45 p.m., classes for all ages from 7:15-8:30 p.m. and a time for children created especially for their enjoy-

ment and learning. Child care is provided. Call the church for more information at (248) 625-3288.

**Jim Wilhelm**, one of Clarkston's Edward Jones investment representatives, will host a free program titled "What's Great About Growing Older", featuring NBC's "Today" show weatherman Willard Scott, at 6:45 p.m. on May 11. The one-hour televised event will address: how one can set goals in retirement; how to feel young while growing older; how to leave a legacy of learning. To reserve a seat or for more information about the program, call Jim at (248) 625-1232. If you are unable to attend, additional viewing opportunities are available.

**Softball season** started in early April at Clintonwood Park for adults ages 55 and up. Players are being placed on teams according to ability. Practices are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, weather permitting, from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. Games with the North Oakland County league start in May. Call the senior center at (248) 625-8231 for more information. John Thomas is the Independence Township Senior Center site supervisor for these teams.

It's time for **Kindergarten Orientation** for Clarkston Community Schools. The day will be an informational meeting for parents and a fun outing for new kindergartners. The schedule is as follows:

Bailey Lake Elem.: April 29, 623-5300;  
Springfield Plains Elem.: May 3, 623-3800;  
Clarkston Elem.: May 4, 623-5100;  
Andersonville Elem.: May 5, 623-5200 and  
North Sashabaw Elem.: May 6, 623-4100.

Please bring two proofs of residency, birth certificate, immunization record and social security number. Contact the school your child will be attending for more details about this very special day.

Join the **Clarkston Eagles Aerie 3373** for a steak fry on May 8 from 4-8 p.m. Entertainment will be included in the evening's

events. Proceeds will benefit the Golden Eagles Alzheimer's Fund. The Eagles are located at 5640 Maybee Rd. in Clarkston. For more information, call (248) 625-9838.

**The Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce** will host "An Evening with the Clarkston Village Players" on Tuesday, May 18 at Depot Theater. This benefit performance of the comedy "Absence of a Cello" includes time for networking as well as appetizers, wine and desserts selected and prepared by chef Myron Grosz. The evening's festivities will begin at 6:00 p.m. with wine, appetizers and networking. The curtain rises at 7:30 p.m. with dessert served during intermission. The proceeds from this event will help benefit the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce High School Scholarship Fund. Please note: this play contains adult language and is not suitable for children. The cost to attend is \$25 per person and the public is welcome to attend. For more information or to reserve your seats, call the chamber office at (248) 625-8055.

**Get on the registration wagon!** The Youth Enrichment Department of Clarkston Community Education offers a wide variety of summer camps for kids. Brochures are now available at the Community Education Center. There are many opportunities including theatrical dance, art camps, soccer and much more. Camps are being offered for elementary through middle school age students. Registration has begun and classes fill up quickly. For more information, call (248) 618-9351, (248) 623-4321 or visit [www.clarkston.k12.mi.us](http://www.clarkston.k12.mi.us).

**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.

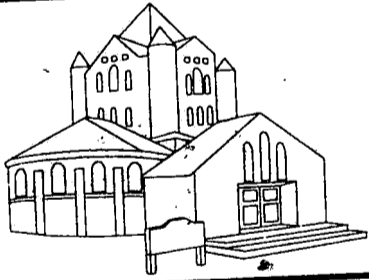
Business people in the community are invited to an unforgettable day of leadership development training at "The Qualities of a Leader" simulcast. The event will take place at Calvary Lutheran Church in Clarkston on Friday, April 30 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Come and hear the teachings of John Maxwell, Zig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

**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 (child care 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.

**Clarkston Edward Jones** representatives Jim 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.

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Sunday: Youth Ministries  
5:00-7:00 pm  
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# Sashabaw Middle School goes "Into the Woods" with play

BY ALICIA DORSET  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Described as being "really cool" by Sashabaw Middle School student Jordan Hefty, "Into the Woods" will make its debut at SMS on May 4.

"It's a really cool play that involves a lot of singing and is making everyone who's in it a better actor and actress," Hefty said.

Working after school for several hours a night, the cast of more than 80 students is putting the finishing touches on the play. SMS teacher Becky Linder serves as the group's director.

"It's great watching kids doing this for the first time become stronger performers," Linder said.

"I like having fun and the acting," Kristi Myers, otherwise known as Little Red's grandmother, said. "It's a funny story."

Based on a book by James Lapine, it features music by Stephen Sondheim. The play won a 2002 Tony for best revival of a musical. Sashabaw's version is a modified "junior" production, appropriate for the middle school age group.

"I like it because it's a cool play and it's fun," Matt Cross, cast member, said.

The play involves many familiar fairy tale characters such as Rapunzel, Jack (of the beanstalk persuasion) and Little Red Riding Hood.

"Everyone ends up happily ever after," Linder said.

The play runs from 7-9 p.m. on the 4th. For more information, contact SMS.



Sashabaw Middle School students rehearse the opening number for "Into the Woods", a play involving more than 80 students. Photo by Alicia Dorset

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# Smile of the Week



Caleb Wayman enjoys a sunny afternoon outside. Photo by Alicia Dorset

# Up in the trees



Crews from Rauhorn Electric perform routine maintenance to the traffic signals at the intersection of Washington and Main during the week of April 19. Photo by Alicia Dorset.



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# Clarkston couple celebrates 60th wedding anniversary

On March 4, longtime Clarkston residents Paul and Marje Hood celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

An after-service reception was hosted by Calvary Lutheran Church in Clarkston. The Hoods, who were charter members of the church, have worshipped there for over 40 years. Attending the celebration were many friends and family members.

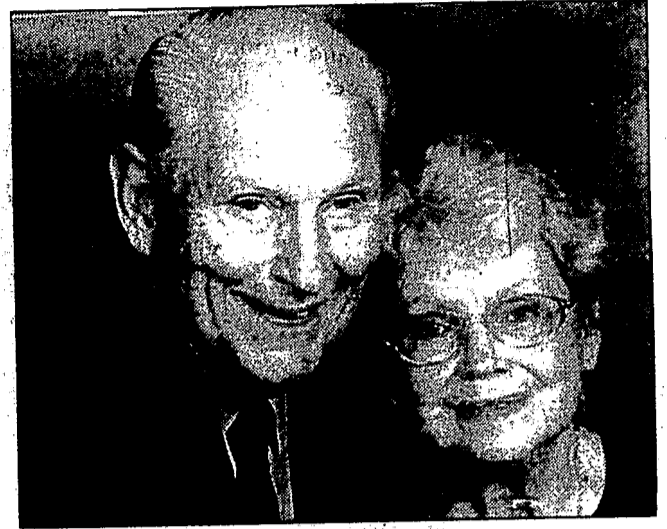
At the time of their marriage in 1944, Paul was in the US Navy, stationed in Liberty, Mo. Doing her part for the war effort, Marje worked at North American Aviation, a defense plant in their hometown of Kansas City.

After the war, the Hoods settled down in Kansas City and had four children over the next six years. The children are Paul Jr. of Clarkston, Mark of Traverse City, Eric of Independence Township and

Andrea Hirsch of Independence Township. In addition, the couple has six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Marje, Paul and their children came to Michigan in 1955 when General Motors, Paul's employer, transferred him to its AC Spark Plug division in Flint. After living in Holly, Paul and Marje moved to the very small town of Clarkston in 1956, where they have resided ever since.

Paul retired from GM in 1989, after more than 35 years of service in the company's engineering and executive ranks. Marje retired as office manager from the Clarkston Medical Group in 1985, 26 years after Dr. James O'Neill hired her (she was the second employee) and they opened the doors of Clarkston's oldest and most venerated medical practice.



Paul and Marje Hood

## A great man once said. . .

Copyright laws being what they are, it would be difficult to prove this, but I believe I was the first to coin the term "NIMBY." You know, the acronym for "Not In My Back Yard"?

I was working for a newspaper chain in the Chicago suburbs in the late 1980s covering public protests against new residential and business developments. It's become a rather common phenomenon in places where people want to enjoy the "rural" lifestyle with thousands of their closest friends.

With a little forethought, this

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term could have gained your humble reporter a significant side income, requiring publications to print the word either as NIMBY® or with the fine print "©1989 by Don Schelske. Used by permission. All Rights Reserved."

Wow are I, that didn't happen. Over the years, however, have come a number of other unique observations on life. This column is an attempt to establish, for the record, that your humble editor is the originator of the following:

• "I'm too big to fit in anyone's pocket."

In another play on the "at large" concept, this is a way to indicate my commitment to being fair to everyone. It's also a warning to new business acquaintances not to bother with artificial schmoozing or other tactics to gain favorable press coverage.

(Not to digress, but the best way to gain "favor" with this newspaper is relatively simple: submit news items with complete information, in writing, well before deadline!)

• "The right hand doesn't know what the left is doing, and neither does the other one."

This twist on the biblical quote came to mind while covering a local government story several years ago. It seemed to be the most effective way to deal with the frustration with multiple-level, multiple-agency, multiple-bureaucrat confusion.

It's not limited to government, by the way. We've witnessed the same problem in the business world, and even with some charitable organizations.

• "Coming down firmly on both sides of the fence."

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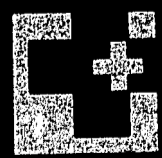
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# Softball

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speak of, and that really hurts us with our taxation and building the new senior center," he said, but recent conversations lead him to believe a new center will become reality. "Things look good for us right now."

Thomas said the community's senior citizens have a good heart and a giving spirit. He has also chaired the senior advisory committee, and a while back promised to personally match any gifts to the

new Spraypark project up to \$250.

The committee came through without hesitation, and a \$500 check went to the cause. Thomas believes senior citizens should have a focus on giving.

"That's all you've got left," he said. "You've thought about yourself all those years, with your job and raising your kids, and you didn't have the time maybe to help people. It's what we should be doing."

Thomas still lives in the Independence Township house he built in 1964. Even with the attempts to control growth, he could not help comment, "What a change has taken place over those years."

Retirement has also included ample opportunity for travel. With his wife being a formal travel agent, the couple visited many places around the globe. It, too, got old after awhile, especially after one trip in which they logged 25,000 air miles in one week.

"We slept on the plane three nights. It wasn't supposed to be that way," he said. "I got all that travel out of my system."

That leaves his work with the senior sports programs as a primary focus of Thomas' life. While there are numerous administrative tasks in his job, the biggest joy is still the people. He felt that way during his years as a senior van driver, and still does today, even when he has to go out of his way to do things that may not be in the job description.

"I consider this mission work," he said. "I'm doing this because I'm helping people."

Those interested in joining the fun of the senior softball league may call the Independence Township Senior Center at (248) 625 8231.



John Thomas oversees senior softball practice at Clintonwood Park. He is proud of Michigan's senior softball tradition, and has managed several "World Series" senior citizen softball teams. The Independence Township program keeps at least three fields busy during the season. Photos by Don Schelske



John Thomas discusses schedules and other details of the senior softball league with Frank Primisar, who drives from Coleman to manage one of the senior softball teams in Independence Township.

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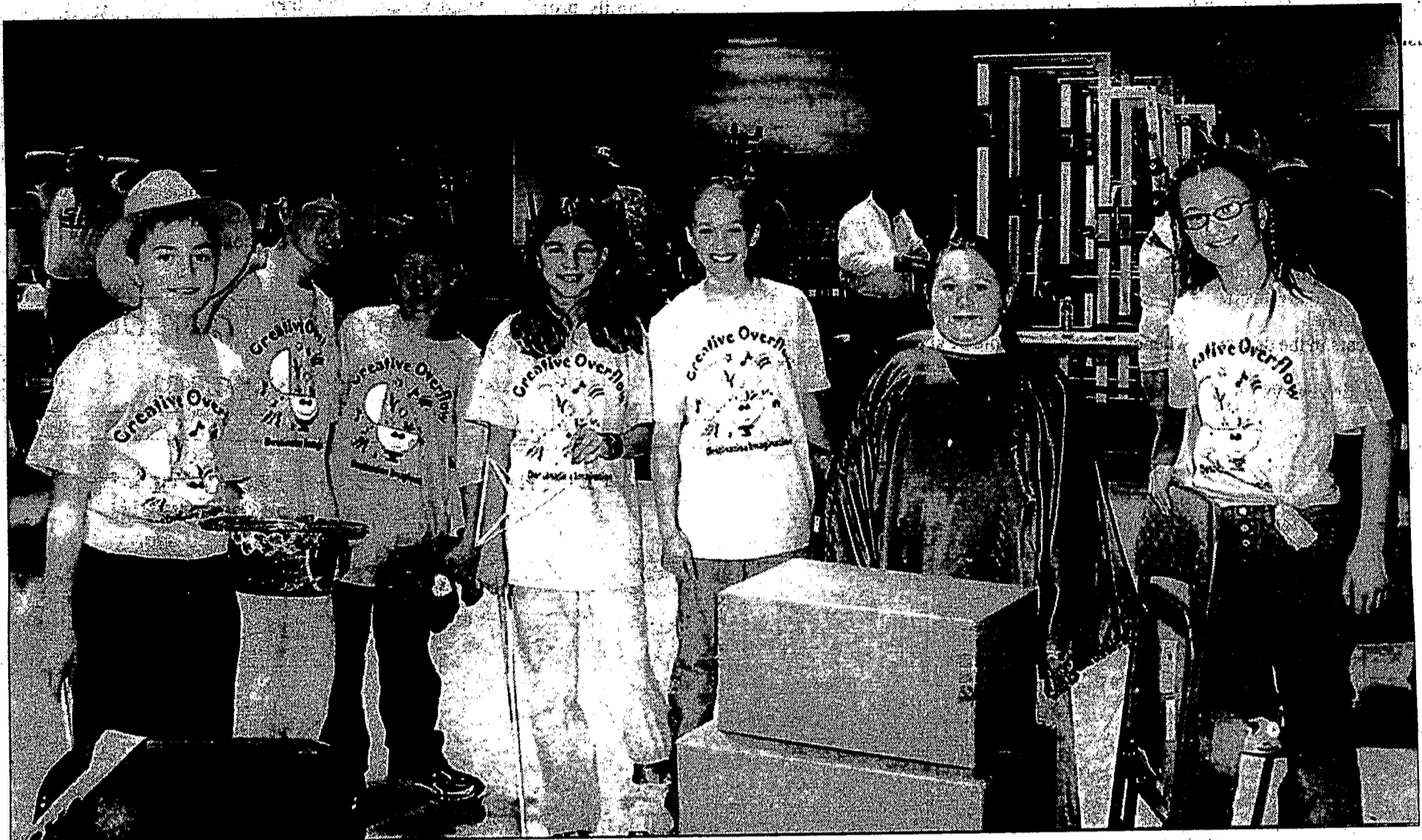
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# Destination Imagination



The Clarkston Middle School state qualifying Destination Imagination team competed at Central Michigan University. Pictured are Ryan Krueger, A.J. Tizue, Amanda Martin, Kayla Bell, Kara Marsac and Amber Fullmer. Photo provided.

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# Create a perimeter of defense to protect your home

With the string of increased home invasions in the Clarkston area, Lt. Dale LaBair, commander of the Independence substation of the Oakland County Sheriff's department, offered several suggestions to keep a house safe.

Township resources encourage homeowners to create three "zones of defense", from the outside, intermediate and inner perimeters.

•Outside of the house residents should make sure to do the following to make it look like people are inside of the home even when gone:

•Park cars in the driveway whenever possible.

•Keep driveways clear of snow in

winter weather.

•Mailboxes should be emptied promptly to avoid large accumulations while away.

•Moving to the intermediate perimeter, the following tips are important to follow:

•Lights, especially automatic versions, always help deter possible break-ins.

•Cars should always be locked and valuables kept out of sight.

•All doors to the house, including the garage door, should be closed and locked.

•Large shrubs and trees close to a house should be kept trimmed so they do not provide a hiding spot for potential criminals.

•All family property, whether it's bikes or children's toys, should be put away when not in use.

The inner perimeter is the final line of defense in protecting a home:

•Alarm systems are always beneficial to keep intruders away and alert homeowners of a break-in.

•Heavy locks should be installed on all doors and windows.

•When away from the home, leave on a radio to give the illusion that some-

one is there.

•House numbers should be located in an easy-to-spot area so that police and fire units can find the house in an emergency.

•Never leave personal information, such as address or your name, on an answering machine recording.

•Never leave purses, wallets or other important valuables in plain sight of windows in the home.

Check out Around Town on page 2 of Millstream

## Schelske

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This phrase tends to apply to your humble reporter as well as others.

In the aforementioned pursuit of fairness, sometimes it may sound like a firm conviction never comes. Regular readers of this column know better, but there are times when the "on the other hand" routine is repeated ad infinitum.

Of course, this phrase may also refer to politicians for other reasons.

• "His heart's in the right place; we just can't figure out where his head is."

You know the type: good motivation, good intent, lousy execution.

Seems we have lots of folks these days who want to do good things, but the way in which they go about it makes little sense. Worse is when the attempt, however well-intentioned, causes more long-range harm than good.

Unfortunately, an awful lot of people these days want to judge people only on their intentions. Remember that old saying about the road to hell?

• "Suspect incompetence before malfeasance."

At the risk of coming down firmly on both sides of the fence (just seeing if everyone is paying attention), this comes from years of observation of people in government and business.

While it's easy to embrace the stereotypes, the reality seems to be that too many people in positions of authority simply don't know what they're doing. In the realm of local government, for example, we elect average citizens to positions where they must learn all sorts of legalities and technicalities that make good decision-making difficult. Mistakes, often, are

not intentional. This principle, by the way, sometimes applies to newspaper people...

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
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**INDEPENDENCE TWP.**  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE  
TOWNSHIP BOARD  
AGENDA  
7:30 p.m.  
TOWNSHIP LIBRARY  
DATE: May 4, 2004

1. Call to Order
  2. Pledge of Allegiance
  3. Roll Call
  4. Opening Statements and Correspondence
  5. Approval of Agenda
  6. Public Forum-Individuals in the audience have the opportunity to address the Township Board on an issue that is not on the agenda limiting their comments to not more than three minutes.
  7. Consent Agenda
    - a. Minutes-April 20, 2004
    - b. Approval of Purchase Orders
    - c. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run
  - Unfinished Business
    1. Proposed Ordinance Amendment Regarding Offensive Noises
    2. Fire Millage Proposals
    3. Second Reading and Adoption of Wetland Ordinance Amendments
  - New Business
    1. Senior Center Discussion
    2. Permission to Purchase RFID Tags - Library
- Items removed from Consent Agenda for action or discussion will be moved to the last item under Unfinished Business. Only those matters that are listed on the agenda are to be considered for action. A majority vote of the Board members may add or delete an agenda item.

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SYNOPSIS

- TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD  
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
- Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call: Present: Kelly, Polidan, Rosso, Stuart, Wagner, Wenger  
Absent: McCrary, Travis  
There is a quorum.
1. Approval of the Agenda as submitted.
  2. Approved the Consent Agenda as amended.
  3. Approval of Minutes of April 6, 2004.
  4. Approval of Purchase Orders in the amount of \$430,912.52.
  5. Approval of A.P. Check Run in the amount of \$611,739.05.
  6. Approved motion to award three-year contract for Household Hazardous Waste to Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc. for 2004-2006.
  7. Approved motion to table the discussion Regarding Amendment to Offensive Noise Ordinance.
  8. Approved motion authorizing the Supervisor to sign the License and Conditions for 2004 Second and Third Stage Outdoor Gatherings at DTE Energy Music Theatre.
  9. Approved motion to authorize purchase of GPS Tracking System - OCSD.
  10. Approved motion of First Reading of an Amendment to the Liquor Control Ordinance.
  11. Approved motion granting increase to the Township's sanitary sewer usage rate from \$57 to \$58 per quarter and a decrease in the industrial surcharge rate effective July 15, 2004.
  12. Approved motion authorizing the First Reading of an Amendment to the Wetland Ordinance.
  13. Approved motion to table the Fire Millage Proposals until May 2, 2004.
  14. Approved motion to adjourn at 9:20 p.m.
- Respectfully Submitted,  
Joan E. McCrary  
Township Clerk  
Published 4/28/04

## The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Clarkston is just three months away!!!



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# PUBLIC NOTICE

## Because the People Want to Know

### INDEPENDENCE TWP.

At a regular meeting of the Township Board held on April 20, 2004 the Board authorized a First Reading of an Ordinance Amending to Chapter 21 as follows:

#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 21 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF ME CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE TO PROVIDE FOR AN ALTERNATIVE MITIGATION FOR THE LOSS OF TOWNSHIP REGULATED WETLANDS THROUGH THE PURCHASE OF MITIGATION CREDITS FROM A TOWNSHIP WETLAND MITIGATION BANK.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS FOR INCORPORATION INTO THE TOWNSHIP CODE

#### Section 1 of Ordinance

Chapter 21, Article II, Section 21-16 is hereby amended to amend the definitions of "Board" and "DNR", and to add the following additional definitions of words and phrases to be inserted alphabetically in Section 21-16:

Board shall mean the Independence Township Planning Commission, sitting as the wetlands board under this article.  
Department and Department of Planning and Building Department shall mean the Township Building, Planning and Zoning Department.

Director shall mean the director of the Township Building, Planning and Zoning Department.

DNR and Department of Natural Resources shall mean the Michigan Department of Natural Resources or the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, whichever department has jurisdiction over the review and issuance of permits under the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, being Public Act 451 of 1994, as amended from time to time.

In-kind mitigation means replacement of, unavoidably lost wetland resources with created, restored or preserved wetlands of a similar physical/biological type, with the goal of replacing as fully as possible the functions of the lost wetlands.

Mitigation bank means a township site where wetlands have been restored, created, and/or preserved expressly for the purpose of making available compensatory mitigation, in the township's discretion under township ordinances, for the loss of wetlands at another location. The township mitigation bank shall be maintained for such purposes in perpetuity. The mitigation bank are quantified as mitigation credits that are available for use by the township or other, pursuant to this article, to compensate for unavoidable impacts on wetland resources that are regulated solely by the township.

Mitigation credit means a unit of value based on the wetlands created, restored, or preserved within a mitigation bank that may be purchased from the township pursuant to this article.

Out-of-kind mitigation means the replacement of unavoidably lost wetland resources with created, restored, or preserved wetlands that are physically or biologically different than the wetlands that were lost. If permitted, out-of-kind mitigation may result in the replacement of different wetland functions than were lost.

#### Section 2 of Ordinance

Chapter 21, Article II, Section 21-27 is hereby amended to add a new subsection (8) reading as follows:

#### Section 21-27. Permit Contents.

- (1) [Unchanged]
- (2) [Unchanged]
- (3) [Unchanged]
- (4) [Unchanged]
- (5) [Unchanged]
- (6) [Unchanged]
- (7) [Unchanged]

(8) An indication of any mitigation credits approved for issuance under this article and any conditions imposed in connection with such credits.

#### Section 3 of Ordinance

Chapter 21, Article II, Section 21-32(c) and (f) are hereby amended to read as follows:

#### Section 21-32. Mitigation.

- (a) [Unchanged]
- (b) [Unchanged]

(c) Mitigation shall be designed to remove any impairment to the wetland benefits, to mitigate the impact of all material or otherwise improve the water quality. Mitigation may be designed for the improvement of the existing wetland resources or the creation of new wetland resources to offset wetland resources lost as a result of the proposed project.

- (d) [Unchanged]
- (e) [Unchanged]

(f) If the board or the director, as the case may be, determines that it is practical to replace the wetland resource values which will be unavoidably impacted, the following criteria shall be utilized when reviewing the applicant's mitigation proposal:

- 1) Mitigation shall be provided onsite where practical and beneficial to the wetland resources.
- 2) If onsite mitigation is not practical and beneficial to the wetland resources, mitigation shall be provided in the immediate vicinity of the permitted activity where practical and beneficial to wetland resources or under Section 21-35. When possible, such off-site mitigation means within the same watershed within the Township as the location of the proposed project.
- 3) Only when it has been determined by the board or director, as the case may be, that mitigation as specified in subparagraph (1) and (2), above, would be inappropriate and impractical may mitigation be considered elsewhere.
- 4) Any proposal shall assure that, upon completion, there will be no net loss to the wetland resources.
- 5) The proposal shall give consideration to replacement of the predominant functional values lost within the impacted wetland.

#### Section 4 of Ordinance

Chapter 21, Article II is hereby amended to add Sections 21-32 and 21-33 to read as follows:

#### Section 21-33 Mitigation Within the Mitigation Bank.

(a) The township has constructed a mitigation bank located in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 27 and the Southeast 1/4 of

Section 28 of the township in order to promote and in furtherance of the findings, intent and purposes of this article by making available an alternative wetland mitigation option, subject to the regulations of this article. Use of the mitigation bank is not intended to permit the destruction of entire areas of wetlands. Rather, use of the mitigation bank is only intended to offset the physical and biological functions that are lost as a result of wetland impacts that would be otherwise permissible under this article.

(b) The purchase and use of mitigation credits from the mitigation bank may be permitted in accordance with this section. Copies of all permit applications under this article that involve the purchase and use of mitigation credits shall be forwarded to the township supervisor.

(c) Mitigation by the purchase of mitigation bank credits shall be permissible only in an instance where the director or board, as the case may be, determines, in consultation with the township engineer, planner, and wetlands consultant, that

- (1) Mitigation credits in the township mitigation bank are available;
- (2) Mitigation is permissible under section 21-32(a);
- (3) Mitigation as specified in section 21-32(i)(1) and (2) is inappropriate, impractical and not essential to fulfilling the intent and purposes of this article;
- (4) The wetland at issue is not regulated by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources;
- (5) The applicant has taken all feasible and prudent steps to avoid the loss of on-site wetland resources and has used all practical means to minimize impacts to wetlands;
- (6) The mitigation credits will be used for in-kind mitigation, unless it is determined that out-of-kind mitigation provides a greater benefit to the wetland resources within the township; and

(7) The mitigation credits from the township mitigation bank are not intended and shall not be used to support, enable or facilitate a development or Use of property that is of a higher density or intensity as a result of the use of the mitigation credits, when a lower density or less intense use or development of the property is permitted, under the township zoning ordinance without the mitigation.

(d) If it is determined that mitigation by way of purchasing mitigation credits is permissible under subsection (c), above, the amount of mitigation credits required in connection with the proposed activity or project shall be determined based upon a mitigation ratio (e.g., if the mitigation ratio is found to be 2:1, then two acres of mitigation credits must be purchased for every one acre of wetlands destroyed as a result of the activity or project, or fractions thereof). The mitigation ratio appropriate to the proposed project or activity shall be determined by the director or board, as the case may be, in consultation with the township engineer and wetlands consultant, upon consideration of the following factors:

- (1) Size of habitat type impacted;
- (2) Predominant vegetation of impacted wetland (i.e. submerged, floating, persistent, emergent, scrub/shrub or forested wetland etc);
- (3) Assessment of the overall functional duality of the impacted wetland;
- (4) Soil analysis;
- (5) Qualitative analysis comparing the quality of the impacted and destroyed wetland areas with the quality of the mitigation bank; and
- (6) The ratio of wetlands mitigated by the purchase of wetland bank credits to wetlands lost shall not be less than 1:1 under any circumstance.

(e) Prior to the sale of any mitigation credit, the per-credit charge for mitigation credits shall be established by a Township Board of Trustees resolution on the basis of the township's costs to establish the mitigation bank and its reasonably anticipated costs to perpetually monitor, maintain and preserve the mitigation bank. The per-credit charge may be modified from time to time by resolution of the Township Board in its discretion. In the Township Board's discretion, charges for mitigation credits may be waived for public improvement and township construction projects that are partially or fully funded by the township.

(f) No permit approved under this article on the basis of the applicant purchasing mitigation credits from the mitigation bank shall be effective or issued until payment of all charges applicable to such, mitigation credits has been made in full to the township.

(g) If a permit is issued that includes the purchase of mitigation credits from the township's mitigation bank, in addition to any other conditions stated in such permit, it shall be a condition of the sale of such mitigation credits that the credits shall not be used to support, enable or facilitate a development or use of property that is of a higher density or intensity as a result of the use of the mitigation credits, when a lower density or less intense use or development of the property is permitted under the township zoning ordinance without the mitigation. It shall be a further condition that, in the event the township, in its discretion, determines that such an improper use of the mitigation credits or an attempt to use the mitigation credits in such manner has occurred, the mitigation credits shall revert back to the mitigation bank and the permit shall be void and a nullity. A written agreement may be required by the township, in its discretion, with respect to mitigation under this section.

#### Sec. 21-34. Administration of Mitigation Bank.

The mitigation bank shall be managed, monitored and maintained by the Township Supervisor through the department and in consultation with the Township engineer and wetlands consultant. The Township Supervisor shall maintain a record of the total number of mitigation credits generated, available and sold within the mitigation bank, and the names and addresses of those who have purchased credits. The Supervisor shall inform the director and/or board of the amount of available mitigation credits upon receiving an application pursuant to section 21-33(b).

#### Sec. 21-35. Unlawful Use of Mitigation Credits.

It shall be unlawful for any person or entity to use mitigation credits to support, enable or facilitate a development or use of property that is of a higher density or intensity as a result of the use of the mitigation credits, when a lower density or less intense use or development of this property is permitted under the township zoning ordinance without the mitigation.

#### Section 5 of Ordinance

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

#### Section 6 of Ordinance

If one or more sections, provisions, phrases or words of this ordinance are declared to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, provisions, phrases and words of this ordinance, which shall continue in full force and effect, and to this end, this ordinance is declared to be severable.

#### Section 7 of Ordinance

All proceedings pending and all rights and the liabilities existing, acquired or incurred at the time this ordinance takes effect are saved and may be consummated according to the law in force when they are commenced.

# PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know

## SPRINGFIELD TWP. SPRING CLEANUP

Saturday, May 8, 2004  
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

SPRINGFIELD OAKS YOUTH ACTIVITY CENTER  
12451 ANDERSONVILLE ROAD  
DAVISBURG

Cars: \$1.00

Pick-up Truck: \$5.00  
Large Truck: \$10.00

FEES  
Tires unmounted \$1./each  
(no tires on rims)  
Freon Appliances= \$10/each

NO FARM TRACTOR TIRES  
NO LEAVES OR GRASS CLIPPINGS  
NO COMMERCIAL DUMPING ALLOWED

Proof of Residence or Property Ownership Required  
Do NOT bring stumps, oil paint, flammable liquids, concrete or bricks.  
If possible, bag, box or bundle all trash.

#### BRUSH DISPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS

- No ranches, limbs or trunks over 6" in diameter
- Please trim branches off main limbs for ease of handling
- Brush must be separated from all other trash

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION MAY 22, 2004 AT INDEPENDENCE TWP. D.P.W. ON FLEMINGS LAKE RD. CALL SPRINGFIELD OFFICE FOR DETAILS AND VOUCHER (248) 634-3111.

Questions: Call Supervisor's Office at (248) 846-6502  
Publish: April 28, 2004

# PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know

## INDEPENDENCE TWP.

### PUBLIC NOTICE PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT REGARDING OFFENSIVE NOISES

Meeting: Township Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

Date: May 4, 2004

Time: 7:30 p.m.

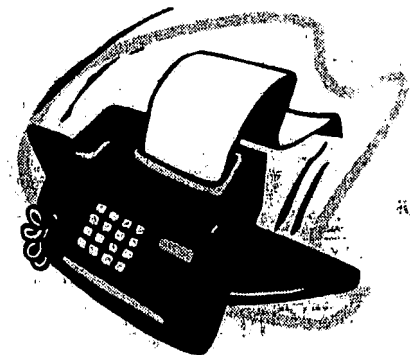
Location: Independence Township Library  
6495 Clarkston Road  
Independence Township, MI

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at its above regular meeting, the Charter Township of Independence Board of Trustees will consider amending Chapter 8, Article V, Section 8-87(a)(8) of the Township's Code of Ordinances, to amend provisions regarding offensive noises created by certain recreational vehicles.

The ordinance amendment under consideration would make it a civil infraction for persons to operate recreational equipment, such as snowmobiles, dirt bikes, all-terrain vehicles, off road vehicles, and the like, within a certain distance of residential uses, churches, hospitals and schools, subject to certain exceptions which may include the following: operating such vehicles on the improved portions of public roads in a lawful manner; where the owners of the residential, church, hospital and schools within such distance give their permission for such activities; or when such operation is limited in terms of the number of recreational vehicles being operated and/or limits on the time of day when such activities can occur. The ordinance is not at this time in a final form for adoption, and, if adopted, it may include less than all of the above provisions or additional provisions. This notice is intended only to provide a very general outline of the possible regulations that the Township is considering. The Township is providing this notice for the purpose of inviting the public to attend the meeting and provide comment.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE  
By: JOAN MCCRARY, CLERK

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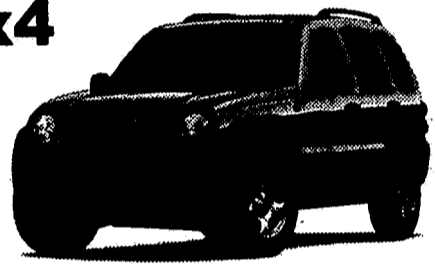
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**NOW \$18,784!\*\*\***

**Jeep Liberty Sport 4x4**

**NEW '04**

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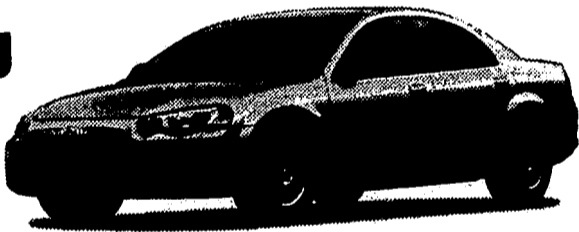


**Was \$23,265\***

**NOW \$14,840!\*\*\***

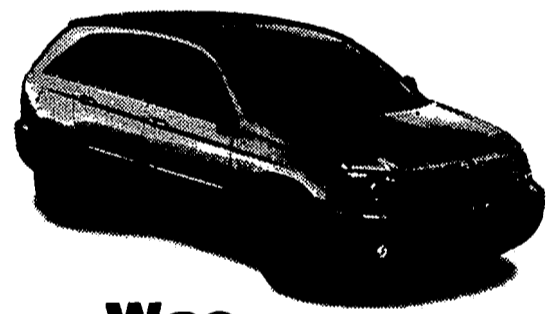
**NEW '04 Sebring**

Stk. #41186, auto, air, pwr, win., locks, C.D.



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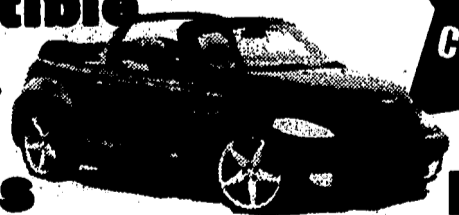
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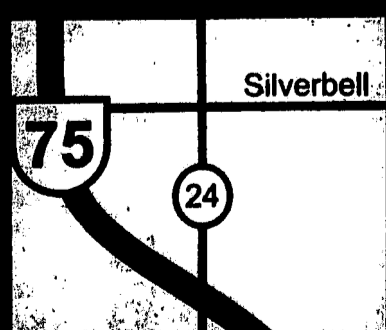
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**HOLLY**- Sharp 1998 ranch offering 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, new finished basement with family room, library & tons of storage, vaulted ceilings and skylight, large deck with 8 person hot tub, all on a nice corner lot in a great subdivision. \$192,900. Call Laura Plourde, Garrow-Loftis GMAC, at 248-318-3377. IILX20-1

**ATTICA 2 STORY**- Beautiful 5 bedroom, 3 baths, 2400sq.ft., full finished basement and att. 2 car garage. Some ceramic tiled flooring, and newer carpeting. 16x21 deck with built-in benches, 32x48 insulated pole barn with 220. All of this on 2.62 acres and fenced in yard. Lapeer Schools, \$249,900 #30193890. Real Estate One- Gardner & Assoc. 810-667-2284 IILX20-1c

**BY OWNER**- a very nice 5 acre parcel, 1 mile north of Metamora. Treed and rolling. Excellent location. Paved road, \$90,000, land contract terms or cash. 810-664-9380. IILX19-2

**VACANT, OXFORD** Schools, beautiful 6.36 acres, lined with Spruce trees, driveway already in, \$149,000. Louise @ Red Carpet Keim, 248-628-3300 IILX19-2f

**OXFORD 2000sq. ft. RANCH**, 4 bedroom, 2 baths on 2.5 acres. Partially wooded, upscale area. \$209,000. 586-201-7133. IILX

**3000 SQ.FT.**, 2 story builder's home, on 5 park-like & wooded acres. Built in 2000, featuring private bedroom suites, elevated ceilings, abundance of hardwood flooring & windows, grand kitchen, custom decking, large garage, natural gas central air, & much more. Lake Pleasant Rd., near Attica. Easy access to I-69. \$325,000. 810-721-8803. IILX20-2

**HOME FOR SALE** in Oxford, 2400 sq.ft., plus finished basement, 1-1/2 story with 4 bedrooms plus a bonus room, 3-1/2 baths, large great room with fireplace, master bedroom suite. Private setting. In-ground heated pool. Custom decking and landscaping. Extras. \$349,000. 336-838-7011 or 336-262-3240.

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**PORT HOPE** on Lake Huron: Immaculate three bedroom, 1-1/2 bath ranch. Additional lot with pole barn included. \$259,900! Dale/ Ramax Hometown, 989-874-5181, e-mail: dfc102@avci.net. IILX20-1

**HOME FOR SALE:** 1983 Cape Cod 3 bedroom, 3 bath, 3000 sq.ft., 0.77 acre, \$289,900. Open House Sunday, May 2nd, 12noon-5pm. 620 Granger, Ortonville. 248-627-4823 leave message. IILX36-1

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**OXFORD CONDO**- Ready to move in! Hillcrest Villas, lower level, 1000 sq.ft., 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath, appliances, garage, preferred location. \$122,898. 248-961-0021. IILX19-2

**LAKE ORION COLONIAL**, 4 bedroom, 2.5 baths, built in 1999. Natural fireplace, many upgrades, 220 in 2.5 car garage. \$248,500. 248-393-8906 IILX20-2

**HADLEY VILLAGE**- Price reduced! 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, open floor plan. Living room with high ceilings, newer kitchen cabinets, 2 car garage and fenced yard! \$134,900. www.majestic rentals.com. 248-236-8411. IILX20-1

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**10 ACRES**- 1-1/2 miles north of Lapeer West High School, 1000ft. easement. Serious inquiries only. \$94,900. By appointment only: 810-667-1229. IILX17-5

**OAKLAND COUNTY**- A new home loan program has just been introduced that requires no down payment and only \$500 in closing costs for certain first-time home buyers. \$26 million dollars is now available to certain "qualified" home buyers through government sponsored financing programs for first-time home buyers. This is a new program never before offered in the Oakland County area. These are low interest loans available to purchase homes located in the Oakland County area. These are government insured mortgages that are available now until all the money is depleted on a first come basis. For more information, call 1-888-292-9401 ID#1222 for a 24 hour recorded message. Re/Max Partners. IILX20-1

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**VACANT ACREAGE**: 1.5 approximate acres, Oxford. Walkout basement site, pond, existing septic, well, gas at street. Area of nice homes. Modulars OK. \$80,000. Call 248-765-2603. IILX20-2

**OXFORD TAN LAKE**, Rent to own. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, totally renovated, gorgeous sunsets. 866-368-2755 ext. 32. IILX20-4

**BAY MILLS CASINO**, 800 sq. ft. cabin on 2 lots, city water & sewer. \$30,000. 248-431-7981. IILX20-2c

**HOLLY**- 16 unit apartment complex, all two bedrooms, 900 sq.ft. each, excellent condition, \$875,000. Land contract available. 248-634-9389. IILX20-2

**LAKE METAMORA** unique 3000sq. ft. home built in 1999. Professional landscaping with pond, waterfall, brick driveway & patio. Very quality home. \$389,000. 586-201-7133. IILX20-2

**KEATINGTON CONDO**, Lake Orion. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 1 car garage, all amenities, newly decorated, lake privileges. \$108,900. 248-391-0121. IILX19-4

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**ORTONVILLE** Ranch home on 3.6 acres, 3 car garage, 3 bedrooms, \$259,000. 248-627-2729. IILX36-2

**IN LAKE ORION** by owner. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, finished basement, in-ground pool. New central air and furnace. 2 car garage. \$225,000. 248-693-7255. IILX20-2

**CLARKSTON VILLAGE**: Spacious 4+ bedroom brick colonial. Beautiful, large wooded lot with breathtaking waterfront, running to private Middle and Dollar Lakes. 2500 sq.ft. with knotty pine walkout lower level. Oak hardwood floors in bedrooms and den, 2-1/2 baths, two fireplaces, Florida room, hot tub, two car attached. \$339,000. Possible land contract. 248-425-5960. IILX20-4

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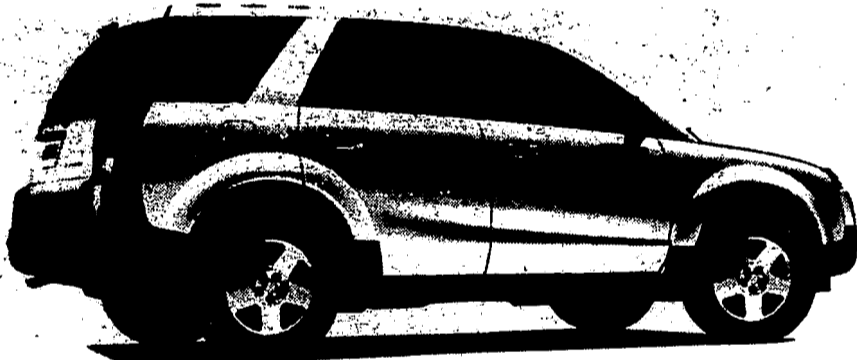


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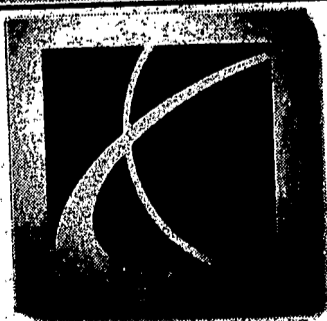
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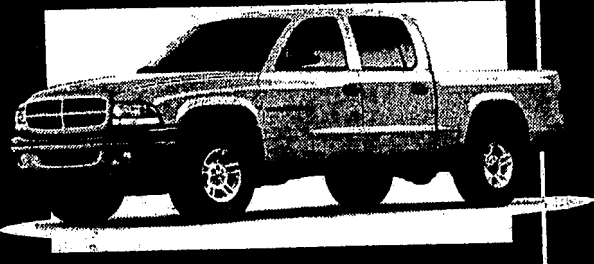
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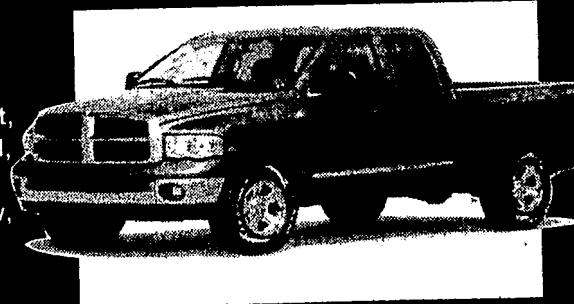


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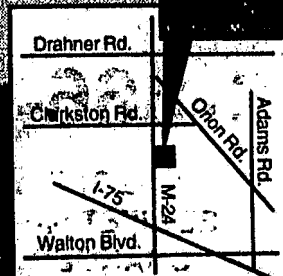
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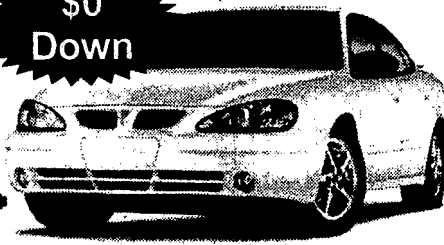
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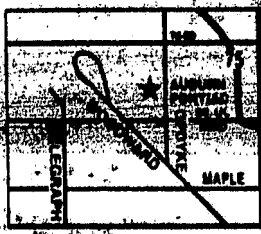
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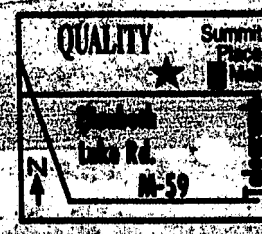
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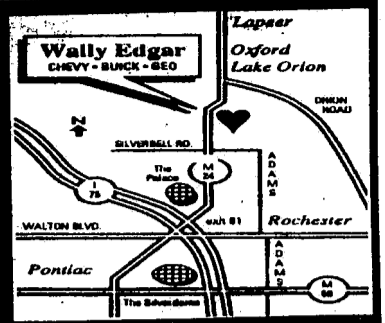
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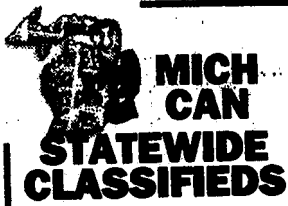
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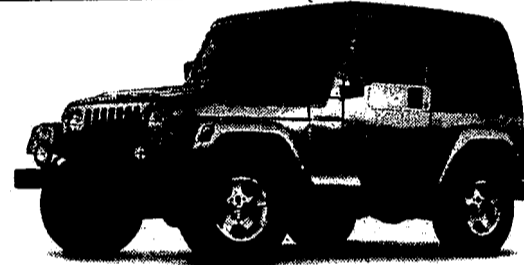
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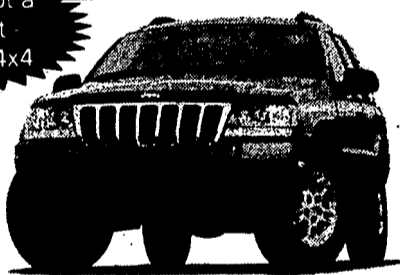


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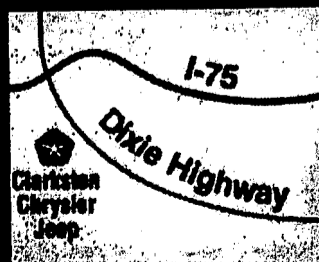
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## Glossary of curtain terms

Have you ever gone shopping for curtains and become so overwhelmed at the many styles and choices available that you just didn't know where to begin? The experts at Marburn Curtain Warehouse, a chain of home furnishings outlets in New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania, have created a glossary of curtain terminology to end the confusion and make shopping for curtains easier than ever.

**Balloon Curtain:** Single-panel curtain which is adjusted by gathering vertical rows of rings to create a scalloped bottom.

**Blinds:** Window coverings made of horizontal or vertical slats that rotate for light and privacy control.

**Button-Hole Curtains:** Panels with evenly spaced button holes through which a rod is threaded.

**Button-Hole Valance:** Valances with evenly spaced button holes through which a rod is threaded.

**Caf:** Traversing or non-traversing drapery designed as a tier. Heading can be various styles. Can be set at a variety of heights to control ventilation, view and light.

**Caf Rod:** Small, round decorative rod used to mount caf curtains that don't have a rod pocket. They are meant to be seen and add an additional decorative touch to curtain treatment.

**Cascade:** Fall of fabric that descends in a zig-zag line from a drapery heading or top treatment.

**Center Draw:** One pair of draperies which draws open and closes exactly at window's center point.

**Center Support:** Metal grip used to support traverse rod from above. Prevents rod from sagging in the middle, but doesn't interfere with rod operation.

**Crescent Valance:** Valance (tailored or ruffled) shaped like a crescent.

**Door Panel:** Curtain panel with two rod pockets, one top and one bottom. Made to cover glass on door. Wider than sidelights (see definition at right).

**Draw Draperies:** Panels of fabric featuring pleated headings.

**Droopy Tab Curtains:** Tab-style curtain with tabs spaced widely, creating a soft fold or droopy effect when pushed back.

**End Bracket:** Two supporting metal grips which hold a drapery rod to wall or ceiling and control amount of projec-

tion.

**Festoon:** Decorative drapery treatment of folded fabric that hangs in a graceful curve and frames top of window.

**Finial:** Decorative end piece on caf rods or decorative traverse rods (also referred to as pole ends).

**Insert Valance:** Manufactured to fit between the pieces of a swag as an insert to cover a wider window; can also be used alone.

**Jabot:** Decorative vertical end of an over treatment that usually finishes a horizontal festoon.

**Lace Panel:** Openwork cloth with a design formed by a network of threads made by hand or on special lace machinery with bobbins, needles or hooks.

**Layering:** Mounting multiple treatments in same window; one treatment is usually functional, like a blind or shade, while others are used for decorative effect.

**One-Piece Festoon:** Top treatment for wide windows which drapes over curtain rod, creating graceful curves.

**One-Piece Swag:** Window covering consisting of seamless curtain with rod pocket and straight sides on outside and softly curved inside, creating an open airy look.

**One-Way Draw:** Drapery designed to draw one way in one panel.

**Panel:** Expanse of fabric hung directly on a rod, opened and closed by simply pushing or traversing the fabric from side to side.

**Pinch Pleats:** Drapery heading where basic pleat is divided into two or three smaller, equal pleats, sewn together at bottom edge on right side of fabric.

**Pinch Pleat Curtains:** Identified by pleated fabric at top of curtain (there is no rod pocket). Also called draperies, they are attached to a traverse rod or pole rod with rings by using drapery hooks.

**Pin-On Hook:** Metal pin to fasten draperies to rod; pins into drapery pleat and hooks to traverse carrier or caf rod.

**Puff Valance:** Simple rod pocket valance which can be hung like traditional tailored valance or puffed (poufed), gently softening its appearance.

**Ruffled Cascade:** Top treatment that can be draped over swag holders, holdbacks or over length of rod (finials hold up fabric). Rectangle of fabric with ruffles attached to three sides.

**Ruffled Curtains** (also called Cape Cods or Priscillas): Classic ruffle that's found on two or three edges of curtain. Mostly used with matching valance and tiebacks.

**Sash Curtain:** Any sheer material hung close to window glass; usually hung from spring tension rods or sash rods mounted inside window casing.

**Sash Rod:** Small rod, either decorative or plain, usually mounted inside window frame on sash.

**Scalloped Valance:** Top treatment featuring a semi-circular bottom.

**Scarf:** Top treatment that can be draped over swag holders, hold-backs or over length of rod, or threaded through sconces.

**Shades:** Window coverings made of material that rolls, gathers or folds both up and down. Can be raised for light and view and lowered for privacy.

**Sidelight:** Curtain panel with two rod pockets, one top and one bottom. Designed to cover sidelights which are narrow windows at side of doors.

**Stationary Balloon Valance:** Valance with scalloped bottom, similar in appearance to a balloon curtain.

**Swag:** Draped one-piece fabric valance that falls gracefully from top of window, swooping in downward direction.

**Swag Set:** Window covering consisting of left and right panel. Some sets include a festoon.

**Tab Curtains:** Known by tabs (plain, button, tie-tabs, droopy) positioned on upper edge of curtain. Tabs look best when used with a wood or decorator rod since rod will be exposed through the tabs. Rod should be mounted high enough so window or glass is not visible above top edge of curtain.

**Tailored Curtains:** Named for their clean lines, they can be found plain or with trimmed edges. Used alone or with coordinating valance, they can hang straight or be tied back.

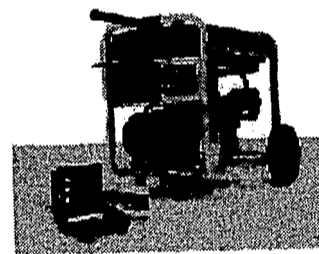
**Tapered Valance:** Top treatment whose sides gradually come to a point at the center.

**Tiebacks:** Decorative pieces of hardware (sometimes called holdbacks) designed to hold curtains or draperies back from window to allow light passage or to add an additional decorative touch to window treatment.

**Tie-Tab Valance:** Top treatment with ties at top which allow you to tie them onto rod as tightly or as loosely as desired. Controlling the length creates a more casual look.



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Don't worry. It can be done if you follow these guidelines.

1. Call on your inner Picasso. "The best and most inexpensive way to change the look of a room is to paint it," says Connie O'Brien, an interior decorator. "You can change the whole feel of a room just by giving it some color." Picking a color is an important decision so don't rush it. Account for the color of the furniture you already have (if you've got a red couch, don't go with green for your living room walls) and the colors of your adjacent rooms.

2. Decide what to salvage. Your couch is faded with some stains on the cushions, but it's definitely not worthy of the garbage dump just yet. Try adding a slipcover - it will add years to your couch's life and allow you to color coordinate it with the rest of your new place. The same goes for chairs and ottomans. Be creative and you'll save yourself money, not to mention having an apartment full of cool knick-knacks.

3. Don't skimp on certain key items. Just because you're on a budget doesn't mean you can't spend a sizable amount of money on certain things. In some

cases, those higher-priced items might save you money in the long run if you splurge and buy them now.

For example, if you are going to reupholster your couch, "You shouldn't cut corners with fabric," advises O'Brien. "Pillows, slipcovers, etc. will take a beating from people sitting on them and using them, so you need a fabric that's durable yet attractive."

4. Know where to cut corners. O'Brien says you can skip the million dollar window treatments. But that doesn't mean you have to keep those old Venetian blinds. Cheap curtains are easy enough to find and, if coordinated properly with the rest of your décor, can pull a whole room together. O'Brien says "simple and elegant" is the best way to go when dressing your windows.

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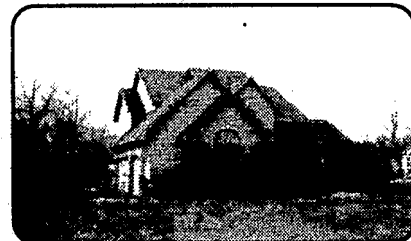
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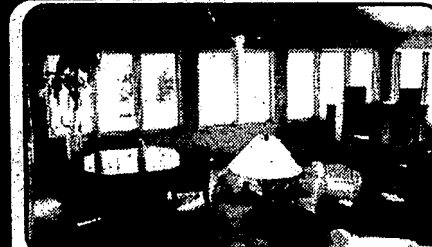
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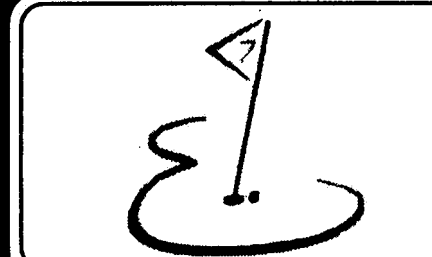


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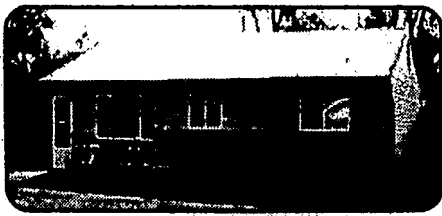
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# Edible flowers add flavor, flair to any meal

You don't let your dog or cat eat your flowers, so it seems silly that you would eat them, right? Yet, the idea of both eating and using edible flowers in cooking has been traced back to Roman times.

Today, you've likely eaten them without even realizing it in such foods as broccoli, cauliflower, capers, artichokes or saffron, which is used in paella or risotto dishes. Upscale restaurants use edible flowers as a garnish on top of soups and salads. Edible flowers can be eaten raw, cooked or in a sauce, in appetizers, entrees or desserts.

Experience the flavors and colors that edible flowers can add to your meal. Look for them at farmer's markets, specialty spice stores or gourmet grocery stores. You can also grow them yourself -- just don't use pesticides and separate them from pesticide-treated plants. You may want to plant edible flowers in a planter indoors in a sunny kitchen window or under grow lights, to avoid

pesticide contamination.

Be careful when eating flowers. Only eat the edible parts of the flowers (check garden books or ask someone where you are purchasing them). Make sure you never eat flowers from florists, nurseries or garden centers or that have been picked from the side of the road, as they are unsuitable for consumption. And remember, not all flowers are edible, so choose carefully from this partial list:

**Anise hyssop** -- use as a plate garnish or in Chinese-style dishes; has a licorice flavor

**Arugula flowers** -- use raw in salads or sandwiches

**Basil flowers** -- sprinkle over salad or pastas for a concentrated flavor and a dash of color; tastes lemony or minty

**Borage** -- provides a cucumber taste to punches, lemonades, gin and tonics, sorbets, chilled soups and dips

**Calendula** -- gives off a peppery taste and adds color to soups, rice, pasta,

salads, herb butters and scrambled eggs

**Carnation** -- has a clove or peppery taste; petals add color to salads or a sweet flavor to desserts

**Chamomile** -- provides a slight and sweet apple flavor

**Dandelion** -- has a sweet, honey-like flavor whether raw or steamed

**Elderberry** -- fruit is used to make wine and blossoms have a sweet taste; the rest of the plant is poisonous

**Gladiola** -- can be used

to top cakes, tossed in salads or for garnish

**Hibiscus** -- cranberry-like flavor with citrus overtones; use slightly acidic petals sparingly in salads; can be used as a container for diced fruit

**Honeysuckle** -- flowers can be candied whole or used in sorbets, soft drinks or cake decorations

**Lavender** -- use to flavor jellies, baked goods and grilled meats

**Lilac** -- flavor varies from plant to plant, from perfumed to bitter to lem-

ony; used in salads

**Pansy** -- has a slightly sweet green or grassy flavor; use in fruit salads, desserts, green salad, soups or as garnishes

**Rose** -- flavors vary based on type, color and soil conditions; sweet flavor with undertones ranging from fruity to minty to spicy; petals used in syrups, jellies, sweet spreads and perfumed butters

**Sage** -- flowers can be used in salads and as a garnish or as a companion to beans and corn dishes or

saute or stuff into mushrooms or into pesto sauce

**Squash blossom** -- use as garnishes or saute them and put them into omelettes or quesadillas

**Tulip** -- blossom can be used as edible cups for sorbets, mousses or minced vegetables; flavors vary, with petals tasting like sweet lettuce, fresh baby peas or cucumbers

**Violet** -- add to syrups, salads, jams or iced drinks like lemonades; use as adornments for desserts; sweet, perfumed flavor



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# Insects can be beneficial to gardens

If you've taken a close look at your garden lately, you may have noticed that certain insect life has taken up residence amongst your impatiens and pansies. From the smallest mites to larger caterpillars, the wrong insects can wreak havoc on your plants. However, by encouraging the right insects to move in you can continue to maintain a healthy, blooming garden.

Many common insects can act as a natural pesticide for the villainous foes of plant life. According to The University of Georgia College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences, natural enemies are an important component of integrated pest management and a more economically sound option as well.

Here is a brief listing of some beneficial gar-

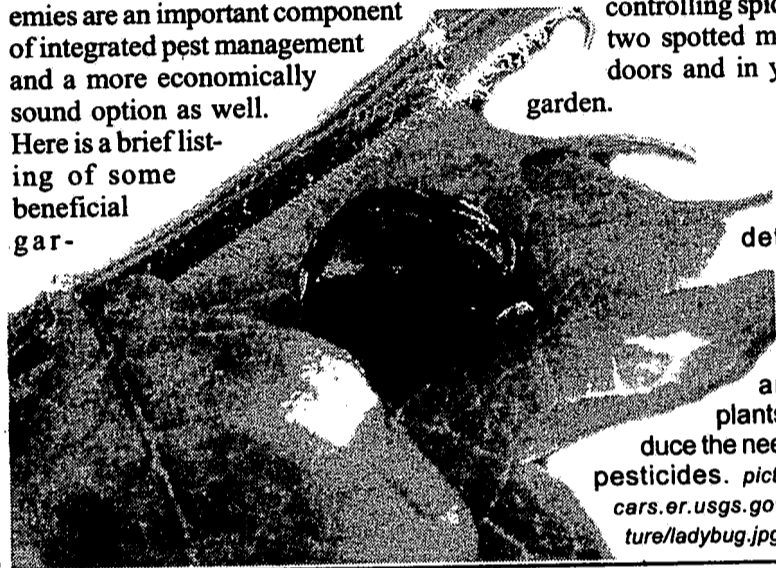
den insects:

**Ladybug:** It feeds on aphids, chinch bugs, whiteflies, and mites, as well as many other soft-bodied insects and their eggs.

**Praying Mantis:** It enjoys a wide range of pests, including aphids, flies, and beetles. A curious critter, it may also keep you company while gardening.

**Spined Soldier Bug:** It feeds on several pest species of caterpillars and beetle larvae. It is attracted to perennial beds for shelter.

**Predator Mite:** It is very useful in controlling spider mites and two spotted mites both indoors and in your outdoor garden.



Not all insects are detrimental to gardens. By encouraging beneficial insects to roost among your plants you can reduce the need for chemical pesticides. picture from: <http://cars.er.usgs.gov/Education/Nature/ladybug.jpg>

# Create a 'Butterfly Retreat'

Flowers and plants in your garden or window box may look lovely, but imagine the increased appeal if butterflies called your garden home. Making your garden inviting to these colorful, fluttering visitors involves just a little planning and selecting of butterfly-friendly foliage.

The basic needs of butterflies is relatively simple: food, water, sunlight and shelter. A butterfly garden is best planted in the sun so that the nectar-producing plants butterflies love will be able to flourish. The sun also regulates the temperature of a butterfly's body, enabling it to fly. However, shadier areas should be interspersed so that the butterflies don't overheat.

### Nectar-Producing Plants

Nectar is the primary food for hungry butterflies. Plants like Aster, Butterfly Bush, Daisy, Honeysuckle, Lilac and Phlox are just some of many nectar-producing plants. Butterfly species in your local area may prefer specific plants, so a little research may be needed on your part.

**Host Plants**  
Butterflies begin with caterpillars, and as such, the garden will also require host plants to nourish the growing larvae. Local 'weeds', thistle, nettle and tree leaves are popular food sources for the caterpillars. While not as pleasing to the eye, they

are necessary to maintain a healthy species.

### Water

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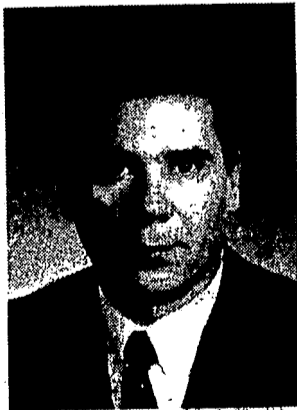
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# 'Season' your garden design with herbs

With trusty shopping list in hand, you head out to the local gardening center enthused about the prospect of starting your seasonal plantings. Amongst the rows of flowering perennials and annuals you will find a series of plants -- herbs -- far less flamboyant in foliage. However, what herbs lack in visual impact, they certainly make up for in their aroma, and later, flavor in your cooking.

Many gardening enthusiasts would like to add an herb garden to their current landscaping design, but do not know where to begin. Remember -- planting herbs requires as much planning and

soil preparation as those beds of daffodils and tulips lining your front entrance.

According to avid gardener Ann McCormick ([www.annmccormick.com](http://www.annmccormick.com)) following are the steps you should take on the way to a healthy herb garden.

#### Spot your plot

While not all backyards contain the ideal conditions, look for as many of the following as possible:

- Soil containing equal parts of sand, loam, and clay, which also has good drainage.

- Ground with a pH that is neutral or slightly alkaline. (Check your garden center for a common pH testing kit.)

- At

- At least four hours of direct sun.

- A weed- and stone-free spot.

#### Soil Composition

To better access the soil, get a bit

dirty. Take a portion of it in your hand and squeeze. If it crumbles when you release, you probably have a good soil ratio. However, if it retains its shape, you probably have a high clay content. In most cases, you cannot go wrong mixing in a bit of organic matter.

#### Garden geography

Take a moment to note the overall layout and drainage of your proposed herb garden. Ask a couple of questions: When it rains, where does the water go? Where does it puddle? What spots seem to dry out quickly? If your plot is in an area with poor drainage, a self-made *ÓdamÓ* of pebbles or decorative stones can alleviate the problem. Additionally, you may need to consider a raised bed to avoid rotting roots down the line.

#### Let the sun shine

Herbs generally need four to six hours of direct sunlight for maximum growth potential. Keep direct sunlight in mind when plotting out your herb garden. Where possible, try to protect your herbs from direct weather and wind. Consider a simple picket fence or taller row of plants to shelter your herbs from the elements.

#### Eliminate other obstacles

Also take into consideration other possible obstacles that can foil your herb garden plans. Make sure surrounding trees and shrubbery are pruned to allow optimal sunlight exposure to your herb

garden. Rely on decorative fencing and natural repellents to deter animals from using your herbs as their toilet area and to keep insect life at bay. Also encourage family members to be careful around the herb garden to prevent trampling of the plants.

#### Plant considerations

Now that you have mapped out your ideal garden spot, it is time to think about what herbs you would like to include in the garden. While there are many themes you can follow, select herbs that you find appealing both in scent and in taste.

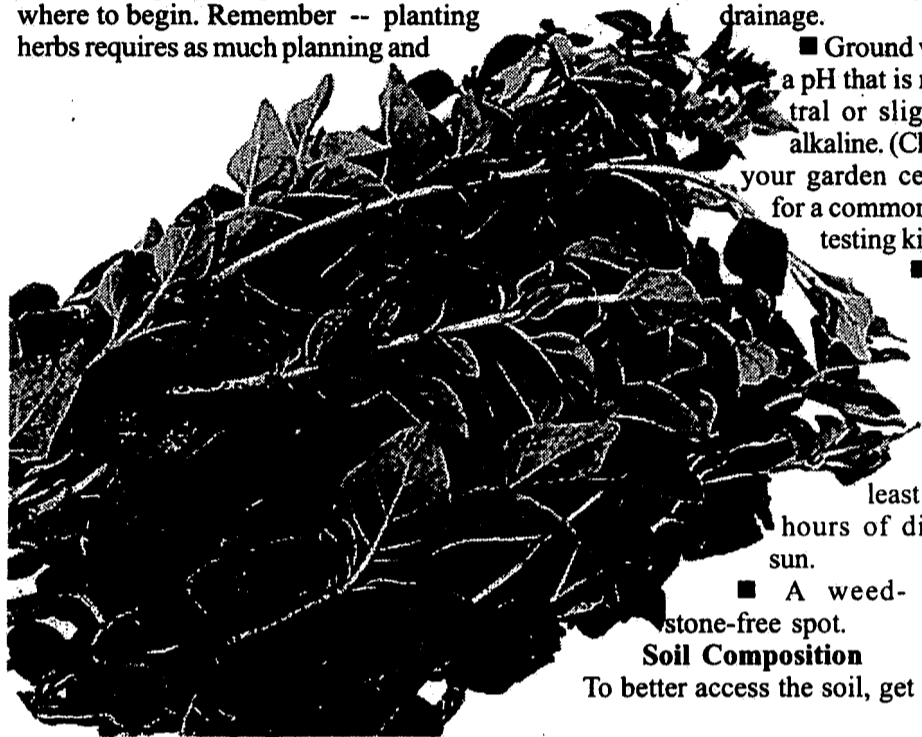
A few general planting tips to keep in mind include:

- Annuals require more maintenance than perennials, therefore plant them where they can be easily reached. However, taller annuals like dill, lovage and angelica may need to be planted in the back so they don't tower over other smaller herbs.

- Don't plant tall plants in front of short plants, which can inhibit proper sun exposure.

- Consider colors and textures when planting. While herb flowers are individually inconspicuous, in mass plantings they can be very pleasing.

For more information on herb gardens, consult with the experts at your local garden center.



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# Water gardens make a splash

This spring, do something different with your landscape - create a water garden.

A water garden is a pool of water that contains plants and possibly fish and other creatures. You don't need a pond or an enormous backyard to create an aquatic garden. You can make a water garden anywhere - even in a wide, shallow container.

Many people are intimidated by the thought of water gardening; they think it's difficult to create and maintain an aquatic garden. That's not true. Water gardening is like any other type of gardening. It just requires a little planning.

Before you build your aquatic garden, do some research. More than seven million people participate in water gardening, so there are numerous books, magazines and Web sites available for help. In addition to reading, talk to people in your area about what has worked for them.

Once you've determined what type of water garden you'd like and where you'd like it (sunny areas are best), the next thing you need to do is think about maintenance. To ensure that your aquatic plants stay healthy, you'll want to feed them properly.

To keep maintenance minimal, use a good fertilizer to help your aquatic plants grow and develop. The pros recommend you use a slow release fertilizer, as they are the most convenient and can be easily applied. Jobe's® Fertilizer Spikes for Aquatic Plants will suit your needs. Just push them into the soil and you'll be set. Your plants will receive the nutrients they need without promoting algae growth. In addition, Jobe's Spikes are safe to use if you have fish in your garden because they're compatible with Koi and other varieties of fish and wildlife.

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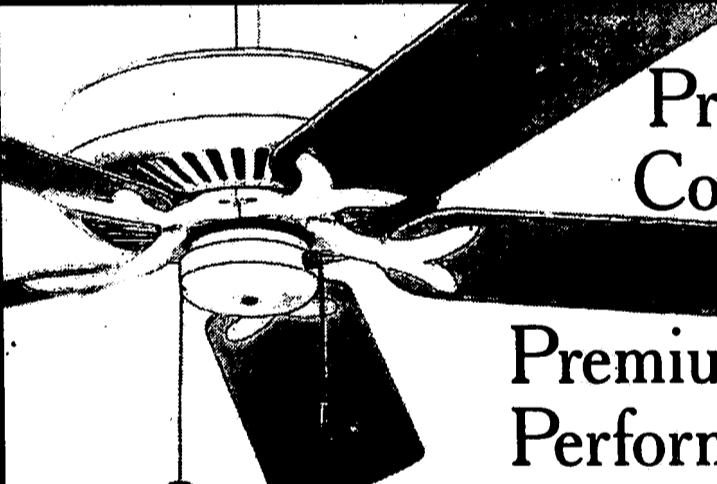


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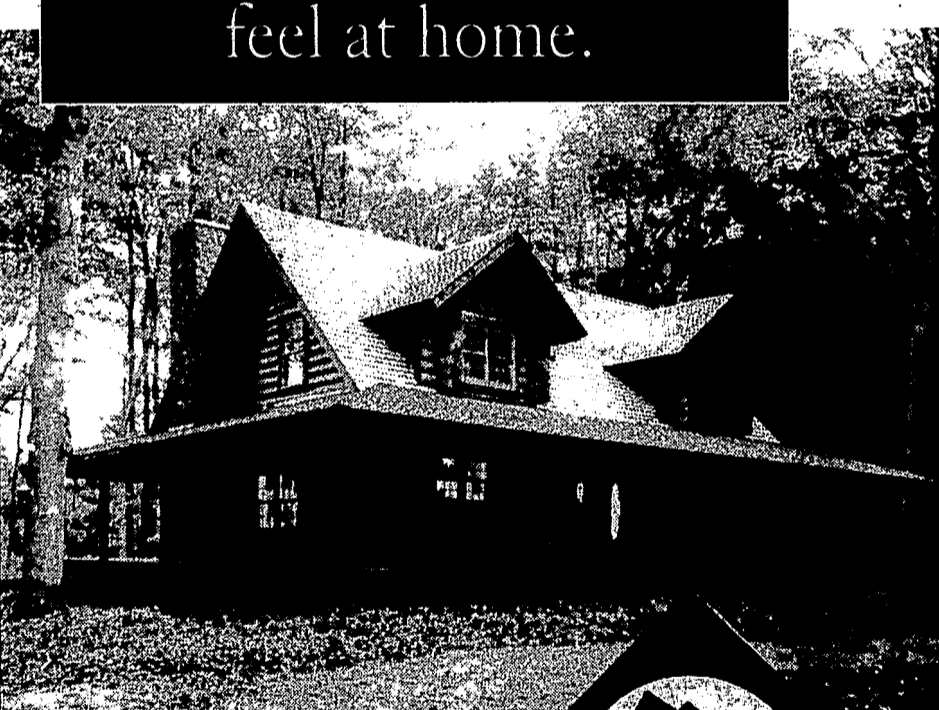
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Shape up your garden:

## Pruning 101 the basics of when, what, where and how

Why Prune? Pruning your outdoor and indoor plants is one of the best things you can do for them. Pruning removes death and disease, increases air circulation and ensures sunlight reaches every branch and stem. It is the oldest and easiest way to control the size, growth, beauty and health of your plants and to renew or increase their production.

This is because plants try to maintain a certain ratio of root to shoot — so pruning encourages growth because it causes the plant to enthusiastically work towards reinstating its size ratio. If you're not sure about when to prune, what tool you should use, what to prune, and where on the plant to prune, the crash course in pruning basics below will bring you up to speed on how to care for all your plants. And, if you make a few mistakes while pruning, don't fret. Most shrubs and trees have so many new shoots growing that they are always ready to renew themselves!

### When

In general, it is best to prune in the plant's dormant period, which is usually in the late winter, but pruning should always be done year-round as needed. Prune spring-flowering shrubs right after they finish blooming. If you prune them before they bloom, you'll remove potential flowers.

Prune summer and fall-flowering shrubs from late fall until just before they show new growth in the spring. Roses should be pruned in the late winter or early spring just as the buds appear. If you prune too early, you'll cause growth to be vulnerable to frost damage, while pruning too late will waste the energy the plant has already put into making the buds and leaves you are removing.

Deciduous trees should be pruned after their dormant stage, before they bloom. Evergreen trees should be pruned just before growth starts, in the spring.

### How

Choosing the right tool makes the job easier and ensures minimum healing time for the plant. Use the following tools accordingly:

**Loppers** are for cutting old stems to the ground or to snip off stubborn, larger branches and any branch up to two inches in diameter

A **pruning saw** should be used if a stem is larger than two inches

Use a **tree pruner** on hard-to-reach tree branches

**Hedge shears** can be used on all hedges except larger woody branches

**Hand pruners** can be used on branches up to 3/4 of an inch thick

**Anvil pruners** are suited for cutting dead growth

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Make sure your pruning tools are still sharp before beginning. Using a dull blade will make the task take a lot longer and could end up doing damage to your plants. If your tools are dull and/or rusted, it might be a good time to invest in some new tools. Also make sure the tool is comfortable in your hand. Using a tool incorrectly or one that is sized wrong for your hands can cause hand fatigue, and if

you've got a whole yard of pruning to do, that's not an option.

When purchasing a pruning tool, make sure it fits well in your hand. Older tools were typically not made with much thought to the true hand size of the average gardener, which today is often a woman. Fortunately, newer designs have become more proportionate.

No matter what pruning tool you're using, always sterilize it before use. To do so, mix 1 and a half cups of bleach with 2 gallons of water. Dip the pruning tools or saw into this solution before starting each cut. When finished with a job, dry the tools off and add a few drops of oil to the blade and joints to extend the life of your pruning tools.

### What

The first thing to remove is diseased, dead or broken branches whenever you see them. A good rule of thumb is to cut back approximately one foot into the healthy wood on shrubs and trees — which is noticeable by a fresh, light color.

Cut off broken branches cleanly instead of ripping them to reduce the

wound's surface area in order to promote more rapid healing. Remove any tall or unruly branches that look out of place so shrubs, trees and hedges retain an attractive shape. If you're pruning a young shrub (one or two years old), remove seed heads that remain after a flower has bloomed in order to give the shrub more energy to make new flower buds. You can do this easily with your fingers by snapping the developing seed head.

With roses, prune dead wood and anything diseased or frost-damaged. Prune in the living cane, which is noticeable by the green color and creamy white inside. Unpruned roses will overgrow and not produce many flowers.

On trees, any branches that cross over another can cause potential damage by rubbing against each other. These should be pruned to remove this threat. Also prune inward-growing branches and get rid of water sprouts — those straight, rapidly growing vertical branches — because they prevent light from reaching the interior of the tree. Lastly, cut off suckers (canes sprouting directly from the roots of the tree). Evergreens don't require much pruning, so don't cut back further than the green growth into the brown twigs, which cannot produce growth.

### Where

Always prune a stem in the direction you wish for it to grow. The way that you cut a stem determines the direction new growth will take. Don't cut too far away or too close to a bud. Make your cut just above a bud that's facing the direction where you'd like new growth and on a slight angle to ensure the healthiest growth.

Follow these simple steps to successfully re-energize your plants and encourage new, healthier growth! For more pruning tips, and to see lines of new pruning tools,

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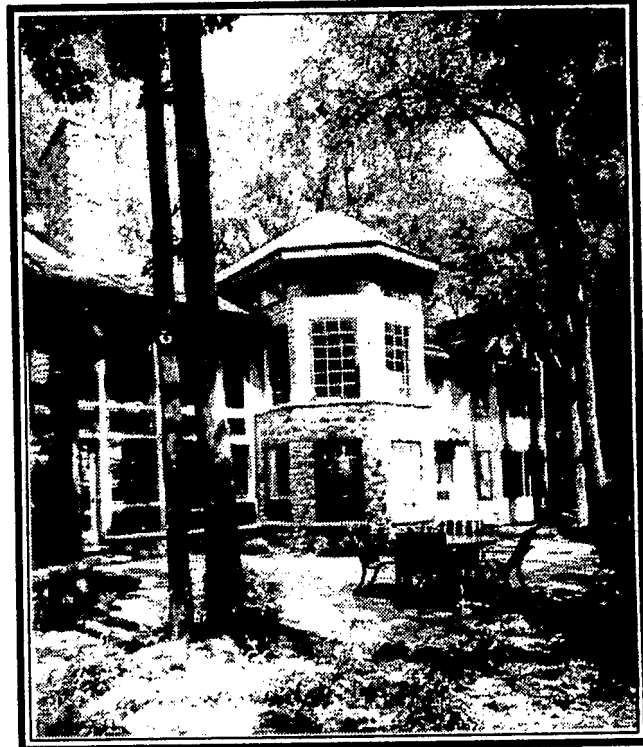
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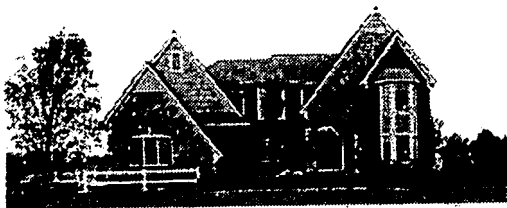
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## It's easier to hang wallpaper

Wallpaper can add style and elegance to any room in your home. And wallpaper hanging is easier than you think if you follow a few tips from the pros, and use tools designed to make the job easier. Follow these simple steps to transform your home with wallpaper:

The key to a quality wallpaper job - surface preparation. Most people spend more time selecting wallpaper than they do on surface prep. Yet it's an essential first step to a successful project.

Before you hang your wallpaper, especially on new drywall, porous paint or spackled areas - or, if you're hanging it over a colored or patterned surface - prime with a pre-wallcovering primer. Prime creates the perfect surface for hanging any type of wallpaper, which makes wallpaper easier to position, improves adhesion to wall and makes it

easier to remove when redecorating.

Prepare wallpaper for hanging. Carefully measure the wall and, using scissors designed for wallpaper, cut wallpaper to length, adding 2 inches to the bottom and top for trimming away when hanging. If you're hanging pre-pasted wallpaper on painted walls or on vinyl, use wallpaper prep and adhesive to prepare the paper for hanging and eliminate the need for sizing, adhesive and water trays.

Apply wallpaper prep to the back of the wallpaper with a roller designed to easily fit in corners and to coat the edges of wallpaper neatly. Fold the wallpaper back to itself (paste side to paste side) and "book" wallpaper as per the manufacturer's directions.

Now, you're ready to hang. Align the wallpaper to your plumb line, overlapping it on the ceiling by a few inches.

## You can fix a squeaky floor

You may think your home improvement list is near completion, but as you walk up that flight of stairs or onto your wooden deck, the loud squeak from your floor lets you know that you're not quite done. While squeaky flooring may alert you to kids sneaking in past curfew, creaky floors have little else to offer but repetitive annoyance.

It's easier than you think to silence those bothersome squeaks you've probably lived with for years.

A squeak in the floor is simple to fix and a lot less time consuming than many believe. One product that makes this home improvement so easy is Squeeeeek No More, a squeaky floor elimination kit that works on carpeted, vinyl and hardwood floors. It also works on outdoor decks, where creaks are often accompanied by loose nails that have popped up due to weather extremes during the winter.

In the past, home improvement experts advised only going underneath a floor to fix a creaky floorboard, pulling up expensive carpet or hardwood flooring. However, second floors cannot be repaired this way, due to the first floor ceiling. Your grandparents probably advised using talcum powder, liquid wax, or powdered soap between the floorboards of that hardwood floor to stop it from squeaking, but floor repair has moved into the 21st century with more

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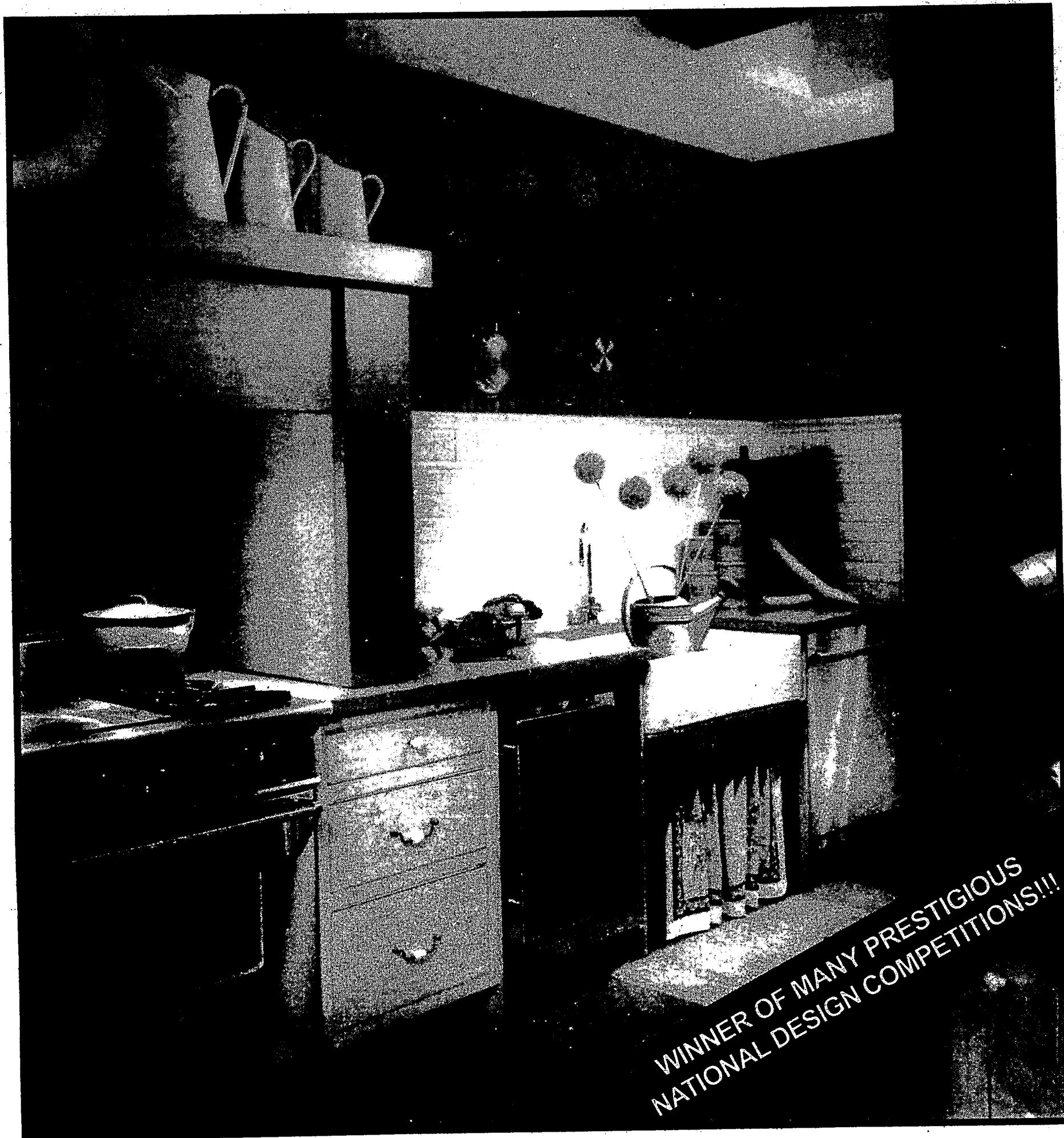
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