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Candidates file petitions for judge position

Campaigns underway for August primary

BY ALICIA DORSET
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The campaign trail has officially begun for the four candidates hoping to fill the soon-to-be vacant judge position left by retired Judge Michael Batchik in the 52nd District Court second division this December. The deadline to file was April 27.

Jason Douglas, Larence Kozma, Magistrate Kelley Kostin and Magistrate Colleen Murphy will face each other in the August primary before the general election this November.

District judges are elected for a term of six years. To run for the position, the candidate must be a resident of the district, a licensed lawyer who has been in practice for at least five years, must be under the age of 70 and a qualified elector.

The winner of this year's election will serve with current judge Dana Fortinberry.

JASON DOUGLAS: A practicing attorney in White Lake Township, this is his first time running for a district judge position. Douglas has been practicing law for five years. Douglas has been active with Rotary activities and has written articles for the Construction Association of Michigan. A graduate of Bowling Green University and the Thomas M. Cooley School of Law, Douglas is unmarried and lives in White Lake.



Jason Douglas

Douglas wants to run for the position because of a great fulfillment he felt after mediating two opposing parties three years ago.

"We need to continue the protection from the judge that he's provided," Douglas said. "I can boldly be fair and check politics at the door. I'm a fresh face, a pure candidate to come into that."

Douglas believes he is qualified for the position because of his passion to confront bold issues and his confidence to make fair decisions. He believes the biggest issues facing the court today are overcrowding of prisons and better education of alternative sentencing options.

"I'm passionate about the position and the fairness that is in the seat currently," Douglas said. "I believe I have an understanding of contemporary need of law enforcement in the area."



Kelley Kostin

MAGISTRATE KELLEY KOSTIN: Serving as magistrate for the 52nd District Court third division in Rochester, this is the second time Kostin has run for

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L.C. Scramlin (left), 4-H Fair general manager at Springfield Oaks County Park, shows the site of the new alternative sentencing garden to Linda Muter-Carmean, director of Weekend Alternatives for Misdemeanants, and Dan Stencil, administrator of operations for Oakland County Parks. Photo by Don Schelske

Springfield Oaks is new site for 'community garden'

BY DON SCHELSKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

All the papers have been signed, and the work has begun.

"The garden is a go," according to 52-2 District Judge Dana Fortinberry, announcing an agreement with Oakland County Parks and Recreation and Oakland County 4-H to relocate a "community garden" to Springfield Oaks County Park.

The program, in which nonviolent, misdemeanor convicts may serve their time in constructive labor, had a successful first season in Independence Township last year on the old McCord Farm, providing more than 12,500 pounds of produce to the Food Bank of Oakland County.

Protests from neighboring residents, however, caused Fortinberry and Judge Michael Batchik to withdraw the program from that site.

Township officials have since announced plans to run their own charity garden program at the McCord Farm, using only volunteer help. Fortinberry said there will be no attitude of competition with the other group.

"The more food we produce, that's more people we can help," Fortinberry said.

On the other hand, organizers are excited about the potential of the Springfield Oaks location, which should provide a bigger-and-better scenario.

Linda Muter-Carmean, director of community corrections and coordinator of the Weekend Alternatives for Misdemeanants, is a master gardener who coordinated labor at last year's community garden. She said it was on a parcel about 400 feet by 260 feet, but there are about seven acres available for growing at the site just off Andersonville Road.

In addition to the standard vegetable garden, plan-

ners hope to also have landscape shrubs, seedling trees, native plants, flowers and creative landscape engineering.

"It's going to be a bigger project," Muter-Carmean said. "We're not focusing on just one thing."

Dan Stencil, administrator of operations for the county parks system, said the site could eventually provide landscape plantings for all the county parks.

The garden will also benefit from the expertise of 4-H members and advisors, including L.C. Scramlin, who serves as general manager for the Oakland County 4-H Association and coordinates most of the 4-H activities at Springfield Oaks.

As with last year's garden, all involved said the project will be a win-win proposition with those under alternative sentences for crimes such as drunken driving, driving with a suspended license, shoplifting and minors in possession of alcohol.

"All are misdemeanor, nonviolent offenders. This is an opportunity for them to work outside of jail," Fortinberry said. "It's important that we reserve the space for people who should be incarcerated."

Although some may grumble concerning manual labor, Muter-Carmean said most end up enjoying the work and seeing the fruit of their labor.

"They see they can do something valuable," she said. "They're proud of the work they do. You give those guys a project to do and they put their whole heart into it. They're not slackers."

Between 60 and 80 workers came to the garden each weekend last summer, and WAM will rent a bus from the parks to bring out as many as possible to work the larger area.

Stencil said the county parks conducted an open

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Briefly

Oxford Bank appoints Clarkston resident

The Board of Directors of Oxford Bank announced the appointment of Debbie Hansen to assistant vice president and branch manager of its Clarkston location.

Clarkston resident Hansen brings more than 14 years of branch administration, lending and retail banking experience to the new position.

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.

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.

CHS language students receive top honors

Three Clarkston High School Japanese language students recently received top honors in a Japanese speech contest.

Michael Kruk was awarded a \$500 gift certificate from the Japanese Women's Society of Detroit. Britney Brehmer received an honorable mention for her efforts and Krista Townsend qualified to go to the state competition.

Corrections

In April 28 issue of *The Clarkston News* a girls' varsity soccer player was incorrectly identified. The player pictured was Lauren Smith (not Liz Hardy.)

In at least one recent news story, *The Clarkston News* gave an incorrect date for the annual school election.

The 2004 school election, which will include the election of new school board members and a proposal to renew the "non-homestead" property tax, is scheduled for Monday, June 14.

The Clarkston News regrets these errors.

Legals can be found on page 15B

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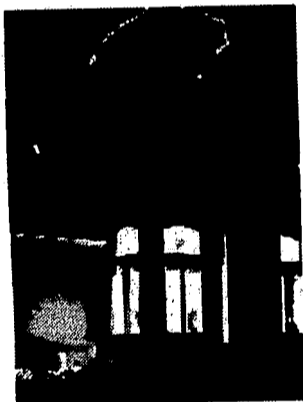
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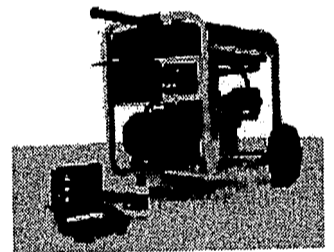
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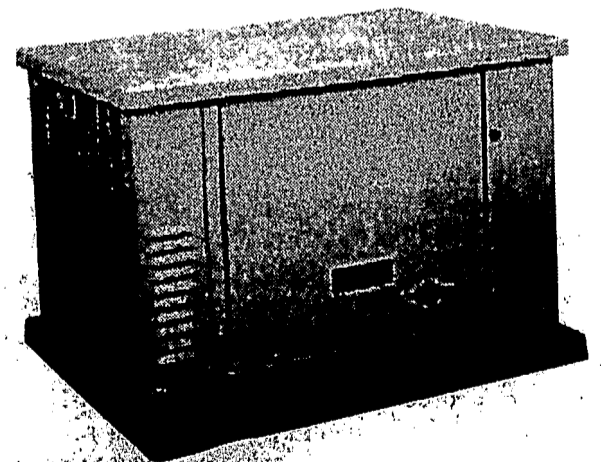
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The Second Front



The Delaney family gets ready to hit the road in support of the Walk and Roll for SCAMP. Walkers, bikers and even strollers were found hitting the pavement throughout downtown Clarkston on May 2 in support of the vent. Photos by Alicia Dorset

Despite bad weather, 'Walk and Roll' raises big funds, support

BY ALICIA DORSET
Clarkston News Staff Writer

This year's SCAMP Walk and Roll, despite cold temperatures and occasional rain showers, raised more than \$15,000 for the organization, thanks in part to the large turnout at Depot Park on May 2.

"There were so many people there, it was heartwarming," Donna Clancy, director of fund-raising for SCAMP, said. "It was freezing and we were frozen to the bone, but it was unreal."

Sandra Pastor and her family came out to the event to help support a cause close to their hearts.

"My granddaughter used to go to SCAMP," Pastor said. "She died 18 years ago, but this is still something special."

The total for pledges and donations won't be finalized for another two weeks as individuals who weren't able to make it to the event, because of the inclement weather, are still encouraged to turn in pledge sheets, according to Mary Jo Smith, SCAMP executive assistant.

"A lot of people who didn't come because of the weather will still turn in pledge sheets," Smith said.

The organization is hoping for more pledges to come in by May 14.

"It was so heartwarming to see the entire town of Clarkston come out and support SCAMP," Clancy said. "Everyone was there."

The Walk and Roll is just the beginning of SCAMP-related activities this season. The 22nd annual home tour is scheduled for June 5-6 and plans are underway for a new event: a rummage sale held by Clarkston Community School bus drivers.

"They (drivers) get to be real close with them, the scampers," Clancy said.



Susan Krawczyk and daughter Phoebe fill out registration forms before hitting the Walk and Roll trails on May 2. Krawczyk came to support the event as part of Clarkston Elementary School, where she works.

Clarkston schools seek replacement teachers

BY DON SCHELSKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The good news came in expected cost savings when 37 Clarkston school teachers, two administrators and 15 support personnel accepted a severance buyout package.

The challenge will be in filling at least some of those positions.

Linda Nester, executive director for personnel and auxiliary services, told the board of education April 26 of plans to fill at least 30 of the teacher positions.

Administrators recently visited job fairs at Western Michigan, Central Michigan and Michigan State universities, reporting about 750 applications from soon-to-be-graduates at those events.

Nester said the district will take a "fast track" approach to fill the positions, working quickly to narrow the field in hopes having people hired by early June.

"Our district motto has always been to be very aggressive during the teacher recruiting time," Nester said. "We want to hire early so we can hire the best teachers for our district."

There are some "difficult" positions to fill, including a guidance counselor, three media specialists and a band-orchestra teacher.

"All of these positions will require an experienced teacher, and we don't see a lot of those at the job fairs," Nester said.

The district must also replace a

teacher of German and business-technology related mathematics.

"Those may be difficult to find, because there are not a lot of graduates in that area," she said.

There are some candidates, however, and the district has posted the openings in other areas in hopes of finding experienced applicants.

The administrators slated to leave include John Dilegghio, executive director of middle and high school education, and Mike Krystyniak, principal of Sashabaw Middle School. Nester said Krystyniak's departure will lead the administration to accelerate a planned move, sending Clarkston Middle School principal Linda Foran to Sashabaw Middle School, which is slated to become a sixth-seventh grade building in the fall of 2005.

"She can begin to help us oversee the construction process and begin the transition to the 6-7 configuration," Nester said, with a search underway for a principal for Clarkston Middle School, which will become home for eighth and ninth graders.

Support staff openings include six bus drivers, two building secretaries and two kitchen managers.

Because new employees will begin at the lower end of the pay scale, administrators originally estimated a savings of at least \$500,000 by offering the severance package.

District needs names for schools

BY DON SCHELSKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

As Clarkston school officials continue to monitor progress on bond-related building renovations, they have set deadlines for a new detail.

With plans to convert the two current middle schools into new buildings with a sixth-seventh and eighth-ninth grade configuration, the two buildings will need new names.

"We should do that soon," Superintendent Al Roberts said at the April 26 school board meeting. "These [current] names will start to stick, and we don't want that to happen."

The current names are Sashabaw Middle School and Clarkston Middle School (although architects have referred to it as Clarkston Junior High).

Plans call for the former to become a home for sixth and seventh grades, with the latter to house eighth and ninth grades, both beginning in fall 2005.

Board President Karen Foyteck said the board will consider suggestions in June and make a decision in July.

The discussion came during an agenda item in which consultants gave an update on plans for various renovations approved by voters in last year's \$84.7 million bond vote.

Bill Stewart, of the French Associates architectural firm, said ongoing cost estimate revisions have the total project at \$84,474,398, about \$275,000 over the original estimate.

That constitutes a one-third of 1 percent overage, Stewart said, and the norm for such projects is a variance of about 1 percent.

"We are in excellent, excellent shape," he said. "I couldn't ask for anything closer."

Following standard practice, officials established a "contingency" line item for the project to cover unanticipated building expenses.

Board updates ballot proposal

In other action at the Monday, April 26 meeting of the Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education:

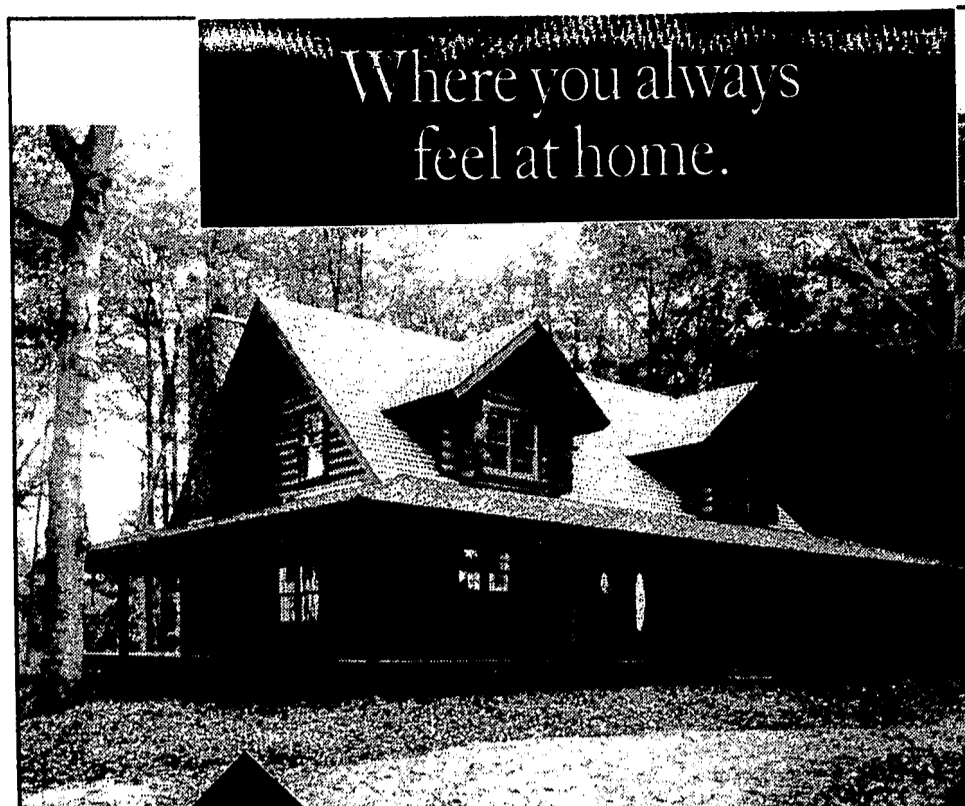
• Trustees ratified an amendment to the ballot language for "non-homestead" property tax renewal in the June 14 school election. Because of updated property tax estimates, the estimated amount of taxes to be collected under the 18-mill levy will be \$1,639,729 for 2004. The prior estimate was \$1,525,709.

The board approved continued participation in the Oakland Network for

Education, the countywide fiber optic network.

Matt McCarty, executive director for technology, said Clarkston schools were assessed in the lowest of a three-tier system, paying \$19,575 in the current year. Other county school districts have levied for a more equitable fee system, however, so Clarkston's fee for next year will be \$35,621.

"It's still a bargain for what it is," Superintendent Al Roberts said, "but it's still hard to swallow."



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Feds hold suspect in bank robberies

BY DON SCHELSE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Federal authorities have in custody a Pontiac man suspected of committing the Sunday, April 4 robbery at the Dixie Highway branch of TCF Bank.

Mark Edward Cook, 36, is being held without bond after a Tuesday, April 27 bond hearing in federal court in Flint. Cook was apprehended in Genesee County Thursday, April 22 while allegedly fleeing a police chase after a bank robbery in Pinconning.

Oakland County Sheriff officials said they have turned over all evidence from the Independence Township robbery to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which is pressing charges against Cook.

FBI spokesman Bill Kowalski said formal charges were filed in connection with a bank robbery in Fenton, but agents are compiling evidence from at least six incidents in various communities, including the one in Independence Township.

In the local incident, the suspect handed a teller a note saying he was armed and demanding \$6,500 in cash. Although the suspect did not display a gun, the

teller handed over \$7,000 in cash.

The suspect was caught on the bank's surveillance camera, but wore a baseball cap, large-framed glasses and what appeared to be a fake beard and mustache. His clothing also included a UAW jacket with the name "Dick" on the front, but investigators believe it could have been stolen.

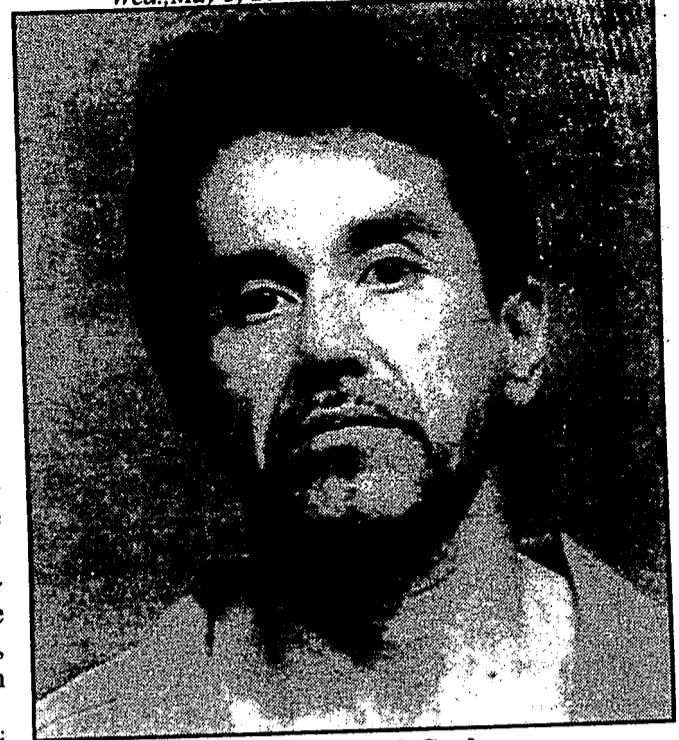
While the FBI is sorting through details, Kowalski said Cook appears to have followed a pattern.

"There were attempts to disguise in each case," he said.

Cook was apprehended driving a full-size pickup truck, the kind of vehicle reported to be used in the TCF robbery.

Kowalski said the FBI is evaluating their prosecution options as Cook consults with his attorney. There could be added charges under the current arraignment, or the FBI could choose to drop that complaint and turn all the evidence over to a federal grand jury.

Depending on the extent of the charges, Kowalski estimates a potential prison sentence of between eight and 15 years.



Mark Edward Cook

Deputies use Tasers to nab suspects

BY DON SCHELSE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The use of Tasers to apprehend uncooperative suspects appears to be more routine, after two recent incidents with Independence Township sheriff's deputies.

An April 29 incident involved a 35-year-old man who refused to cooperate with deputies when they responded to a domestic assault call on Princeton Avenue East.

According to reports, the man threw a bottle at his 17-year-old son and damaged furniture in the home after his wife hid his car keys because he had been drinking. When the man's wife called 9-1-1, the man allegedly threatened to stab responding deputies.

When deputies arrived, the man refused to obey orders to come out of the home, instead standing in a doorway. While one deputy talked to the suspect, another was able to get within range and fire the Taser, which sends out electric probes to deliver a mild but disabling shock.

Because one of the probes hit the man in the groin,

he was taken to the North Oakland Medical Center for examination, but was later released for transport to jail.

In a May 1 incident, a 41-year-old Clarkston man was at his girlfriend's home on Mary Sue Avenue despite having an active personal protection order, reports said.

When deputies attempted to take the man into custody, he attempted to run away and grabbed a deputy's arm when detained. Two deputies discharged their Tasers, but the suspect walked several feet before falling.

After he was taken into custody, the suspect complained of "cardiac pain" and was taken for medical evaluation, reports said.

Lt. Dale LaBair, commander of the Independence Township sheriff station, said all deputies have had Tasers as standard equipment for some time. While the local deputies have not needed them on a frequent basis, he said they are used "weekly" department-wide.

"It's a safer alternative than getting into a physical struggle or being beaten up with a nightstick," he said.

Suspect hides behind children to elude police

The Oakland County Sheriff's Department is seeking warrants against a suspect who hid behind two children, ages 3 and 5, when he was confronted by deputies in a Springfield Township home on April 29.

The 27-year-old man was described as a fleeing felon, and the department's "felony apprehension team" came to the home in the Springgrove mobile home park because of outstanding warrants for operating while intoxicated and home invasion.

The children were not injured in the apprehension, which included the confiscation of a 12-gauge shotgun, a 9mm handgun and suspected marijuana. Formal warrants were pending laboratory test results, reports said.

The homeowner, a 26-year-old woman, had been previously reported for suspected child neglect, and that case has been turned over to the Michigan Family Independence Agency. The children were turned over to the care of their grandmother, reports said.

—Don Schelske

Student threatens death to principal

A 16-year-old Clarkston High School student has been suspended after he allegedly threatened to kill principal Jan Meagher because of disciplinary action against his girlfriend.

According to Oakland County Sheriff Department reports, the incident took place Tuesday, April 27. The boy was apparently angry because his girlfriend had been suspended for inappropriate dress and told a teacher he wanted to kill Meagher. When questioned by the teacher, he repeated the threat.

When confronted by the school liaison officer, the student denied making the death threat, but was warned further threats could lead to criminal prosecution, reports said.

—Don Schelske



The cast of "Cheaper by the Dozen" rehearse a key scene from the play. The show will be running May 7-8 at the high school performing arts center. Photo by Alicia Dorset.

CHS drama club presents play

Make sure to reserve your tickets now for the Clarkston High School drama club's latest production, "Cheaper by the Dozen", May 7-8 at 7 p.m.

Tickets are currently available at the high school for \$6. Seating will be general admission in the performing arts center.

Tickets will also be available at the door before each performance.

"We have a really talented cast," Braley Bullard, play public relations, said. "It's good."

For more information or to reserve tickets, call Clarkston High School at (248) 623-4024.

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Opinion

Thinking out loud

Random thoughts from your friendly, local editor:

• Can we please get together as a society and come to the realization that William Hung, from "American Idol" infamy, is not amusing anymore.

In case you missed it, Hung was a horribly out-of-tune Asian contestant on American Idol who did a not-so-intentionally humorous rendition of Ricky Martin's "She Bangs."

While it was funny at first, Hung has been severely overexposed as I have seen him everywhere from "The Tonight Show" to sporting events. I have not seen somebody get so much mileage out of so little talent since Rosie O'Donnell had her talk show.

Hope you enjoyed your 15 minutes of fame, Hung. Please step aside now.

• Of all the political topics I feel the citizens of this country should debate, whether homosexuals have the right to marry or not isn't in the top 100.

Sadly this issue has taken the nation by storm. So instead of debating the economy, war on terror or social security we will be talking about adding a constitutional amendment legislating what goes on in the bedroom. Ahh, just as our founding fathers had envisioned.

While talking to a colleague, we were thinking why not get government out of marriage all together so the debate could be solved. Besides money, why should the government need to be involved in marriages? Let them be handled by churches or other organizations and they can make the rules. End of debate.

• Everybody angered by the above suggestion can send their letters to the editor to shermanpub@aol.com or drop them off at 5 S. Main.

• Anyone else getting sick of the George Bush and John Kerry political television advertisements? The calendar just turned to May and I am already fed up.

It always puzzles me who would make up their minds by watching 30 second negative ads, but then I realize that if they did not work the candidates would not waste their money.

• Claire Huxtable, of "The Cosby Show", was named best television mom in a recent poll. Huxtable was followed by Marion Cunningham of "Happy Days" and Marge Simpson of "The Simpsons."

While my choice would have been Maggie Seaver from "Growing Pains" fame, I think Claire was a fine choice.

• And with Mother's Day falling this Sunday, May 9, I would like to wish all the hard working mothers out there a Happy Mother's Day.

If you haven't found that perfect gift for mom yet be sure to make a trek up to Kohl's Department Store this week. If you can't find something reasonably priced that mom would like at Kohl's, then you are just not trying.

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Gargaro's World

Kyle Gargaro

Letters to the Editor

Seniors want more than Bingo

This letter is in response to the letter from Mr. Smith who last week asked for help in understanding why this township needs a new senior center:

To most seniors, life is more than Bingo and Bob Barker. Life beyond 50 offers more potential than it used to, since people are living longer and more productive lives into their seventies, eighties and beyond. And when people retire, they aren't dead. In today's society, they need mental, social, and physical stimulation - not just things to pass the time.

As for the library, it continues to be one of our township's great assets. We intend not to replace it in a senior center, but to supplement it with reading material more suited to the elderly, including books and periodicals that help them prepare for life well into the 21st

century.

Your mindset that our senior center should offer nothing more than card games, Bingo and an occasional holiday meal is not realistic. We envision our senior center to be a vibrant, active, lively focal point of enriching activities, not the scraps of our future society.

Finally, if taxes are eventually required to pay for new facilities, the seniors' dollars will count the same as yours. . . and did you know that those same seniors helped to pay for the schools, the roads, the sewer and water facilities used by all residents of the township? They have not withheld their support to those projects, and you should certainly not withhold your support now.

Harry Knitter
Clarkston

There are two sides to every story

Isn't it funny when one party tells a story, he or she can make the other party look so ugly.

But as we all know, there are two sides to every story. Last week's article titled "DPW Clerk Resigns," is that type of story. I would know because I am the part-time widowed employee mentioned.

While it is true that I asked Ms. King not to speak to me, it was not done to give her the cold shoulder or to be rude. It was a defense mechanism meant to protect myself. This is something people do who have lost their spouse or significant other.

Not talking and withdrawing is a coping-with-stress maneuver. I just was not able to look her direct in the eye and have a conversation with her without breaking down - simple as that - nothing more, nothing less. The conversation between us did not go as she stated, either. King did not try to apologize and explain "her right" to the job. She coldly said that she did not make the rules and implied that if I did not like it, too bad!

As far as the DPW employees are concerned, they do not deserve the negative comments either. You see, we are family. They are my family, really. They have been through so much with me, and I want to thank each one for their support during my time of need and hardship. To expect that they would be happy to see me booted from my job is ridiculous.

Linda Richardson is not to blame for anything. I have personally known her for nine years, and I know she would never tell her employees to be mean to another employee. I have seen her deal with hard issues that would send some women home to stay. She has bent

over backwards to help residents with special needs and requests, and I have seen her having to prove herself just because she is a woman in a Director's position. She is a strong woman and a fair boss.

The men at the DPW work hard at their jobs and have always gone above their own duties by helping citizens, other departments and the city with manpower for most anything, you name it. The women work just as hard doing the work of several support employees since the department is understaffed. This group is a great bunch of people.

Has there been a crime committed by the DPW employees? Well, if people can still feel someone else's pain and actually be sadden about it in this day of "me, me, me" then I would say the verdict is guilty. I ask myself what good did putting King's story in the paper do. Was it meant to hurt me or to hurt my co-workers. Bingo. Well, it most certainly accomplished that.

I would be lying if I did not say that I want to fill the position full-time:

- because I know it well with nine years of experience,
- being the sole earner, I need a good financial job,
- because I need a job with benefits - not because I thought it would be nice working in a newer building as King has stated her reason for wanting it.

To the general public may I say that in this election year you will read negative things about Mr. Stuart, Mr Wagner and anyone running for office. I am here to tell you don't believe everything you read for I know too well how things can get blown out of proportion and the damage it leaves behind.

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Brainwashing, Brits and Michigan

While banking at a local financial institution I was given the what-for. For what, you may be asking? For being an insensitive cretin. That wasn't the worst of it, on April 7, I actually published the following:

This pampering of our children is going to make a generation of kids who won't be able to handle anything hard or smelly. They'll swill down tea from fine china versus a cup of Joe from a mug that says, "It Sucks To Be You." They'll watch croquet championships on TV instead of the Wide World of Wrestling. They'll end up saying things like, "Cheerio, my good man" or "Smashing," instead of "Way to go, dude," or "Cool." They'll wear knickers and stockings instead of jeans and white socks.

*Ahh, the humanity!
The horror of it all -- why, they'll become British! We must stop the madness. Have your kids pick up poop, today, tomorrow and forever. We thought we won the Revolution in 1783, but maybe it's all been a ruse from across the Atlantic Ocean. Maybe the Brits are lulling us into a 221-year false sense of security before striking back for the monarchy.*

I said I was sorry and blamed my lack of class on latent Irish genetics. I won't mention her name, but I did give her the opportunity to write and give me a good shellacking.

A note to parents with kids who are not yet walking or talking.

I have some good new and some bad. First, the good. I am here to testify my brainwashing efforts are working quite nicely, thank you. My experiments in mind-molding Rush brothers Shamus, 6, and Sean, 4, continues on schedule. A strict regimen of old John Wayne movies and easy listening music has proven, to date, successful.

The other night first grader Shamus brought home his nightly reading assignment. It was a little book titled something like, *Rappin' Rhythm of the Heart*. Let me stop right here and state I am not just a proud parent saying my kid is smart, but Shamus is an advanced reader. When he brings home a reading assignment it gets done lickety-split. However, on this particular night as we gathered 'round the retro, red Formica kitchen table, Shamus stalled. He started reading the book just fine. The rappin' rhymes were working and then he stopped and put his head down -- right on the book.

Don't Rush Me



Don Rush

For the better part of 10 minutes I cajoled, coaxed, balked, squawked and did what I could to get him to finish. And, finally, with tears in his eyes he complied.

"What is the matter, Shamus?" I asked. "What's wrong?"

"I just don't like rap music," was his answer. I immediately gave myself a mental high-five. Yeah! Hours of listening to Elvis Presley, Dean Martin and The Clancey Brothers was working!

That's the good news, new parents. Your hard work can yield dividends. The bad news... well, it is short-lived. I asked some parents with older kids how long brainwashing lasts. Their answer was, "Until they get some friends in school who like rap music."

Dang-blab-it!
I fully expect the smuggling of Snoop Doggy-Dog or Garf Catty-Cat into our home will soon begin. And, aside from breaking all music playing devices, I will have no power over peer-pressure and the modern world.

My uncle, Jim McDonald, sent me an e-mail about possible slogans for Michigan's new state quarter.

- The one that looks like a mitten, you moron.
- We know the rules to euchre.
- Got fudge?
- Two Mystery Spots. No waiting.
- Yes, the Porcupines are real mountains.
- Soda? We say pop here, buddy.
- No riots since '67.
- Sandy beaches without severe undertow.
- Happiness is a warm pasty.
- Imagine an island where horse manure still litters the streets.
- Water enough for any drought.
- Visit Hell, Paradise, Christmas and Climax.
- Gerald Ford slept here.
- It's called snow. Get used to it.
- Not as flat as Indiana.
- Once a swamp unfit for habitation.
- Try eating corn-flakes without us.
- Hardly any annoying lizards or poisonous snakes.
- We moved American history to Dearborn.
- No toll roads and proud of it.
- Our biggest bridge makes yours look puny.
- Nearly went to war with Ohio once and will do it again if they pull any funny stuff.
- We know a place where wooden shoes are always in style.
- Speed limit back up to 70, so move it.

Comments for that brainwashing, insensitive Michiganian with latent Irishness, e-mail: dontrushmedon@aol.com

A Look Back

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

15 YEARS AGO (1989)

• Independence Township Clerk Richard Holman has resigned his position effective May 31. Holman, who has served as township clerk for almost six years, is leaving township government to accept a sales position with New World Systems, a Troy computer software company. Holman said he and his wife, Becky, will keep their home in Independence Township.

• On the recommendation of school administrators, the Clarkston Board of Education has approved the layoff of 13 non-instructional staff members. The unanimous vote follows a move in April to cut 30 teachers and two administrators from the school staff. In a letter to the board, Superintendent Gary Haner said the reductions were necessary for the overall financial posture of the district. If voters approve a reversal of the Headlee rollback in the June 12 election, some of the staff could be recalled, according to board officials.

• Five outstanding Clarkston area citizens or organizations have been chosen to receive the fourth annual Community Awards. The awards are granted in the categories of citizen, property beautification, volunteer, business person and historic preservation. Award recipients include Harold A. Goyette, Steve Secatch, Bruce Mercado, Jon Abbot and the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club.

25 YEARS AGO (1979)

• Police may be hard to find in Independence Township on weekends, but cuts of two local police officers have been squelched. Using \$43,000 of surplus funds, the township board voted 4-3 Tuesday night to keep the two officers on the job after their Comprehensive Employment and Training Act funding ends Sept. 30. The \$260,000 police budget is to also be subsidized with \$16,000 from the township's general fund.

• Highway safety versus preservation of Clarkston's village was debated by about 30 people at Tuesday night's Independence Township Board meeting. The M-15 drain project and widening the road to five lanes between Dixie Highway and Paramus Drive were the topics of the special meeting.

• A move to eliminate partisan elections in Clarkston may be killed before it's begun. Although several members of the Clarkston Village Council called for an end to political parties on the village ballots, a Michigan constitutional provision may undermine the plan. The state charter, adopted in 1963, specifies that partisan elections must be held in the village and other general law communities which don't have their own charters.

50 YEARS AGO (1954)

• On Wednesday, as a feature of "Michigan Week" an exchange of mayors and presidents took place throughout the state. Clarkston was honored by having William H. Noud, president of Stanwood, Michigan, take over the reigns of government for a day.

• Everything is in readiness for the Spring Concert at the Clarkston High School tonight at 8:15 p.m. The high school band will be heard in a half-hour program which will be followed by a presentation by the Municipal Opera of Detroit.

Original 'Friends' deserve some respect

For the past week or so, I've been listening to my friends lament over the conclusion of "Friends" on May 6. I'm not so sad to see "Friends" go. I do think the show is funny, but I stopped watching it when Marcel the Monkey left for better-paying gigs and Phoebe stopped signing about smelly cats.

(If you ask me, the end of "Friends" will finally allow NBC to grant me my wish of weekly two-hour long episodes of "ER." A girl can hope.)

Everywhere I go, I see magazine covers plastered with the six best friends, CD compilations of the friends' favorite music and even special "Friends" party packs that include popcorn, a special DVD and picture of the cast.

I think what irks me the most about the series finale is that the final episode will be available for purchase on May 11, only five days after the show ended.

Five days? It's been 12 years and I'm still waiting for a greatly under-appreciated television classic to have its first season released at all: "The Golden Girls."

Sure, I was only five when the show debuted 19 years ago, but I can't get enough of my favorite Miami residents.

I watched the show growing up because I thought my grandma was a cast member. (When you're five, all ladies with white hair and glasses look like your grandma.) My second grade music class even selected "Thank You for Being a Friend" to sing at our spring

Between the Lines



Alicia Dorset

music concert in 1989.

The debut of "Saved by the Bell" quickly stole my attention away from the four senior citizens as I developed a crush on Zach Morris.

I rediscovered my fascination with Rose, Sophia, Dorothy and Blanche last year thanks to the girls living in my dorm. I had a group of residents obsessed with the show. These college students would forego "soup and bread bowl day" in the cafeteria to catch back-to-back reruns.

It wasn't long before I quickly stopped memorizing the cafeteria's menu myself and knew Lifetime's daily lineup by heart instead.

In case you're wondering, "The Golden Girls" has never been released for purchase, not even on that historic relic called a "video tape." Countless Web sites have campaigns started to get the show released on DVD. I'm not kidding.

You can see why I'm just a tad bitter toward Monica, Chandler, Joey, Phoebe, Rachel and Ross.

I think it's safe to say that The Golden Girls were the original Friends. My friends disagree, citing closer comparisons to "Sex in the City." I beg to differ.

Both groups all lived together and relied on one another to make it through the day-to-day challenges of life, both good and bad. Perhaps the Friends' daily meeting place at Central Perk for lattes was a direct tribute to the Golden Girls' nightly cheesecake in the pastel-drenched kitchen?

I think so.

So when you're standing in line on Tuesday morning to pick up your "Friends" final DVD, please remember me as I look for yet another blank video tape to



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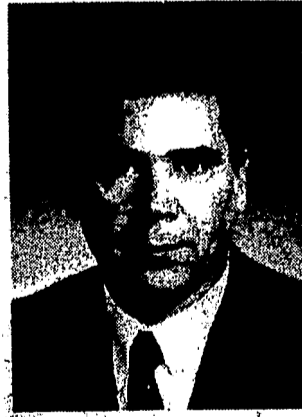
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What makes your mom the best this Mother's Day?

With Mother's Day on May 9, Cathy Noble's second grade class at Bailey Lake Elementary shared their thoughts on what makes their moms the best:

I think my mom is the best because she buys me food and lets me skateboard in the front of the yard.
•Gregory Miller

She sometimes she cooks me dinner and most of the time cooks me pizza, which I love.
•Drake Ice

I think my mom's the best because even though she has a hurt leg she takes me on a bike ride and every summer vacation she takes me some place.
•Brian Cornell

I think my mom's special to me because she's really nice and she lets me do mostly anything I want.
•Taylor Oliver

My mom's the best because she always does my laundry without having a fit.
•Cooper Parks

My mom's the best because she works at Costco and she buys food for us.
•Samanthi Walter

Because when we're sick she takes care of us and she makes us good food.
•Brooke Bosnuck

Whenever I'm sick, my mom takes care of me and she always cares about me, no matter what happens.
•Paige Pichel

She lets us go on trip to Niagara Falls and Disney World.
•Courtney Kennedy

I think my mom's the best because she almost always lets me have friends over.
•Cassia Ward

I think my mom's the best because she loves me and can take care of me.
•Connor Ryan

My mom's the best because she lets me play with my friends a lot and she makes good food.
•Robert Dawson



Mrs. Noble's second grade class. Photo by Alicia Dorset.

She takes care of us and she lets me have great friends over.
•Jacqueline Huse

I think my mom is the best because even if she might be allergic to some pets, she lets me get them.
•Caroline Blassick

I think my mom's the best because if she looked ugly I'd still love her.
•Dominik Monson

I think my mom's the best because she always tucks me in at night.
•Richard Jones

My mom is the best because she cooks me dinner at night.
•Robert Stempien

My mom is the best because she owns a video store and she lets us get games and candy.
•Ian Sanger

My mom is the best mom in the world because she lets me sleepovers when I turn 8.
•Andrew Jorgenson

My mom is the best because she cooks me good food.
•Anneliese Steckler

I think my mom's the best because she lets me watch shows that aren't really good for 7-year-olds.
•Jessica Tucker

My mom is the best because she cooks good meals and she lets us stay up sometimes.
•Delaney Maccolman

She makes the best cookies and she lets me have sleepovers and play dates with my friends.
•Eric Shubitowski

-By Alicia Dorset

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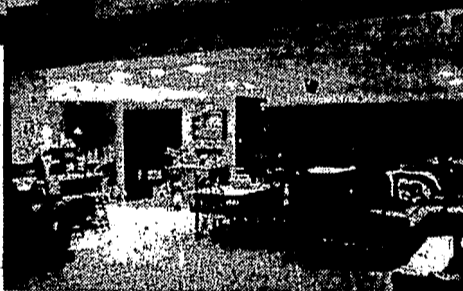
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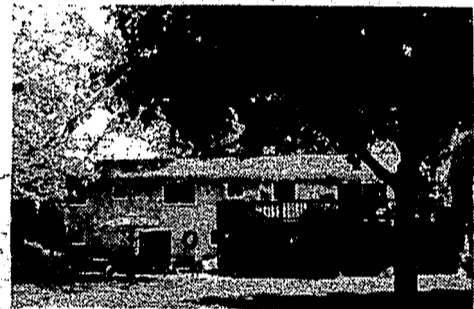
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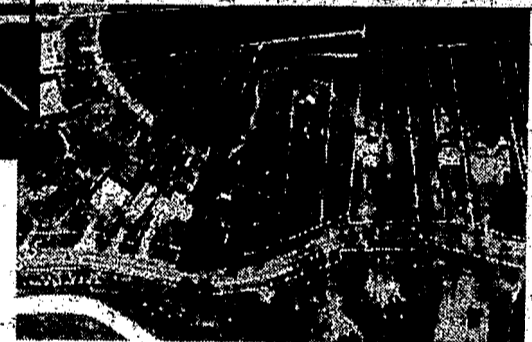


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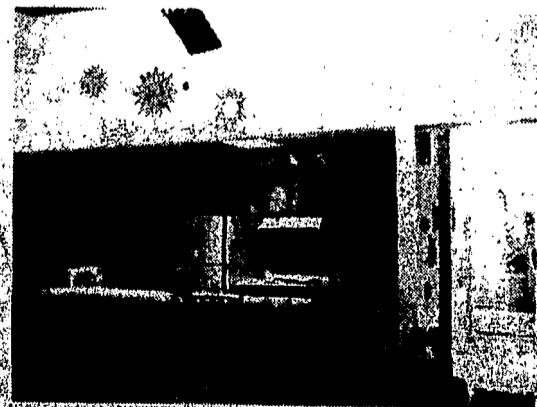
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Police and Fire

Independence Township

April 26: Larceny of steel bars from bicycle rack at North Sashabaw Elementary School.

Report of prescription fraud at Clarkston Ambulatory Clinic on Dixie Highway. A 47-year-old Clarkston woman allegedly obtained prescriptions for the same drug from several doctors.

Damage to property (paint balls) to two homes on Forest Valley Drive.

April 27: Citizen assist on Clintonville Road. A supervisor needed assistance getting an employee to leave the premises.

Larceny of rocks report from the McCord Farm off of Stickney Road. A 45-year-old Clarkston man reportedly hired two men to help him collect rocks from a farm boundary line for use at his residence. He told deputies he thought it was alright because no one lives on the farm. He was directed to return the rocks to the township-owned property, and was also cited for driving without a license and having no license plate on his trailer.

Larceny of tailgate from vehicle at Cherry Hill Lanes North on Dixie Highway.

April 28: Open door alarm on Oakhill near Reese Road. Personal protection order service on Mann Road. Larceny of golf clubs from vehicle on Mohawk. Family trouble on Amy Court.

Assist fire department with car fire on I-75 at Holly Road.

Damage to flower garden and eggs to house on Clearview.

Unlawful driving away of vehicle report on Parview. Assist fire department with possible drug overdose at Dr. McNeill's office on Dixie Highway.

Operating while intoxicated on Dixie Highway near White Lake Road. A 49-year-old Waterford woman registered a blood alcohol level of 0.129 percent.

Assault and battery on Maybee Road. A 23-year-old

Clarkston woman was accused of assaulting another woman.

April 29: Damage to lawn and well cap on Clarkston Road near Perry Lake Road.

Damage to lawn sprinkler system and larceny of light fixture from subdivision sign on Ridge Trail North.

April 30: Telephone harassment on Kingfisher.

Damage to gasoline pump at the Marathon station at Maybee and Sashabaw roads. A 55-year-old Rochester Hills man agreed to pay for damages.

Family trouble on Hillcrest.

Suspicious circumstances on Lancaster Hill Drive.

May 1: Breaking and entering alarm on Bridgewater.

Arrests for possession of marijuana and trespassing on Heath. An 18-year-old Clarkston man and a 17-year-old Clarkston woman were seen driving with their headlights off (at night) and pulled into a residential driveway without permission. A search revealed suspected marijuana.

Suspicious circumstances on Heath Avenue. A caller posed as a sheriff's detective. The victim suspects a co-worker.

May 2: Unlawful driving away of vehicle from Park and Ride lot at I-75 and Sashabaw Road.

Suspicious circumstances at Boardwalk Real Estate on Dixie Highway.

May 3: Arrest for possession of marijuana and littering on Waterford Road. A deputy saw a 43-year-old Waterford man throw a beer can out his vehicle window before he obeyed a traffic stop. A search revealed suspected marijuana and a marijuana pipe.

Springfield Township

April 27: Larceny of bass guitar and medical equipment from vehicle by force at Premium Auto on Dixie Highway.

April 28: Breaking and entering alarm on Morning Road.

April 29: Damage to property (rock to home) on Arrowhead Court.

Dumping report on Hummingbird. A tree service allegedly dumped wood chips on property without permission.

Accidental discharge of Taser at Springfield Township substation. Deputy was testing the device when it discharged.

Noise complaint (barking dog) on Villacrest.

Arrest for possession of marijuana and carrying open intoxicants at Seven Lakes State Park. Deputies found a 21-year-old Holly man in his vehicle with open beer and suspected marijuana.

April 30: Found drivers license reported on Davisburg Road near I-75.

Open door on Roberts.

May 1: Damage to mailbox on Autumnlo.

Malicious destruction to mailbox on Andersonville Road.

May 2: Domestic assault on Rusty Lane. Wife said husband hit her then pulled the phone from the wall when she tried to call 9-1-1. The woman went to a neighbor to call 9-1-1, and the husband was gone when deputies arrived.

Family trouble on Clark Road.

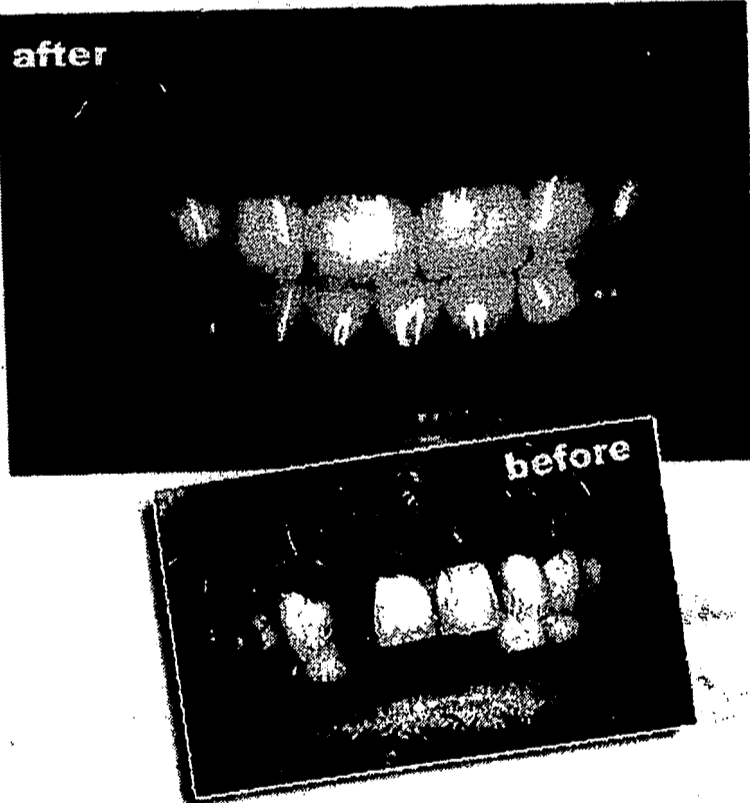
Assist to Springfield Fire Department at house fire on Rachael.

City of Clarkston

April 29: Arrest for driving with no license and no insurance on M-15.

April 30: Arrest for disorderly conduct at the Clarkston Union. Subject was suspected to be intoxicated and was taken for medical evaluation.

Arrest for violation of license restrictions on M-15.



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Judges

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the position as well. Kostin is a graduate of the University of Michigan and the University of Detroit. Prior to serving as the current magistrate in Rochester, Kostin was magistrate for the third division, served as a circuit court clerk and is currently an attorney at law in Clarkston, specializing in family and criminal law.

Kostin is the vice president of the Clarkston Optimist Club, a member of the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Bailey Lake Elementary PTA, a member of the Clarkston Youth Assistance, a member of the Oakland County Bar Association, the Women's Lawyer Association and the Family Law Association, founding president of the White Lake Township Business Association and a speaker at local high schools regarding various legal topics.

Kostin is married to Robert, also an attorney in Clarkston. The couple has one son, Shay, and resides in Clarkston. She believes she is qualified for the position because of her very strong background.

"I've dedicated a good portion of my life to civic service," Kostin said. "I have the experience necessary to do a good job. I would like to continue to serve the community."

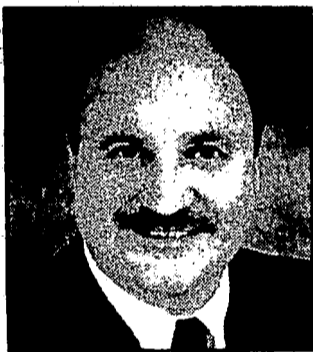
In terms of current issues facing today's district court, Kostin believes the safety of the community is always a priority. She wants to address certain repeat misdemeanor offenses, such as drunk driving or alcohol related events, to ensure safety.

"I would really like to set up a sobriety court up and running in the Clarkston court," Kostin said of the alternative sentencing idea.

Kostin believes she is qualified for the position because of her dedication to the community.

"I have the experience and background needed to keep the citizens of the community safe," Kostin said.

LARENCE KOZMA: A private-practicing attorney and counselor at law in Clarkston and Lapeer for the past seven years, this is the second time Kozma has run. Kozma has been an attorney for 27 years. Kozma is a graduate of Central Michigan University and the Detroit College of Law. For 20 years, Kozma served in the Oakland County's prosecutor's office. He has tried thousands of felony cases as well as hundreds of misdemeanor cases. Some of Kozma's other titles have included Senior and Principal Trial Attorney, Chief of the Warrants Division, Chief of Legal Operations, police officer, court officer and teacher.



Larence Kozma

Kozma has also served as the Township Trustee for Independence Township, been an active member of his church, served on the Township Zoning Board of Appeals and the North Oakland County Girl Scout Board of Directors. He has been married to wife Betty, Clarkston Elementary principal, for 31 years. The couple has two children: Bradley and Kelley.

Kozma lives in Independence Township. He wants to run for the position because of his extensive background he has that gives him the experience to make the right and fair decisions in court.

"You have to have broad experience. The job necessitates it," Kozma said. "There's a balance I think I can attain."

Kozma believes he is qualified for the position because of his diversified background, the amount of cases he's tried and his ability to make fair decisions. Kozma believes some of the biggest issues facing today's court are dealing with young first time offenders and repeat/violent offenders. He believes any actions put forth in cases dealing with these individuals should always have the community as the number one priority.

"My experience makes the difference. It makes

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me stand out from the other people running," Kozma said. "I don't think any other person has the same qualifications I have."

MAGISTRATE COLLEEN MURPHY: The current magistrate for the second division with Judge Fortinberry, Murphy has been a practicing attorney for 13 years. She is a graduate of the University of Michigan and the Thomas M. Cooley School of Law. She has had district court experience in all areas and has been a regular in district courts for the past 13 years. She is a member of the North Oakland Republicans and a former member of the White Lake zoning board.



Colleen Murphy

Unmarried, she is a resident of White Lake and the proud owner of two dogs, Attila and Cleo. She believes she is qualified for the position because of her magistrate experience and multiple years in district courts. Murphy has not run for this position before.

"I'm uniquely qualified because of my background and temperament," Murphy said. "I've been blessed to work with Judge Fortinberry."

Alcohol-related offenses are the biggest concern for Murphy in dealing with current problems. She'd like to see the "Court in Schools" program continue with area students, work with teachers on awareness and watch the successful implementation of a sobriety court.

"I see a lot of minors and became acutely aware of the problem," Murphy said. "People need to not go down that slippery slope."

Murphy believes she is qualified for the position because of her various magistrate experiences and her time in the district courts.

"I've been a lifelong resident of the area, so I've seen the community grow and change," Murphy said. "I have the temperament to be able to be a judge that will help the community in the 21st century."

Garden

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house on revising the master plan to include the new garden, and letters were sent to nearby residents.

"We didn't receive any negative comments. The site is somewhat removed," he said, noting plans for a buffer area around the garden proper. "People will hardly know we're there."

David Coleman, president of the 4-H association, said his group is happy to help provide a creative alternative to jail time for the offenders who qualify.

"These are people like all of us," Coleman said. "They just have community service to do. These are people who need a little help."

Stencil said the WAM program is not unlike already-established programs using convicts.

"Our parks system has used community service workers, trustys and the boot camp for years," he said. "It's a great way to expand upon the efforts of staff to get things done and ultimately save the taxpayer dollars."

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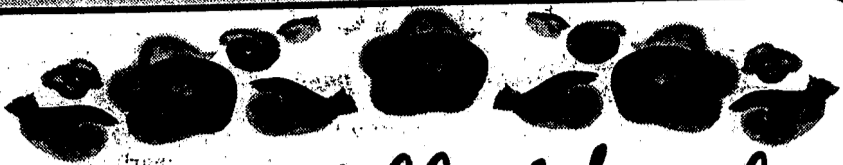
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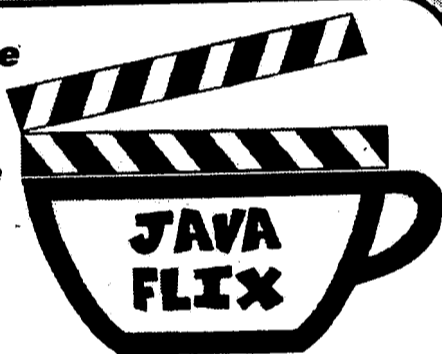
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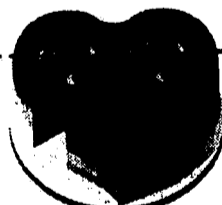


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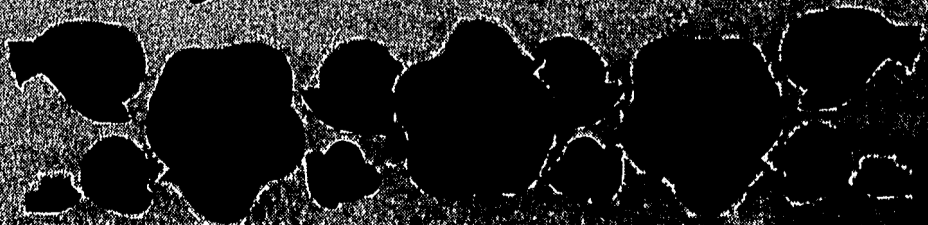
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By Don Rush

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A company has to come up with a fresh name that describes their product not only in the native tongue, but also in other languages. It cannot be offensive, funny or copyrighted. It's not like the old days when the Big Three handled all things falling in the jurisdiction of the Monroe Doctrine (save for a few luxury cars); Japanese took care of the Asian market, and the Europeans fought among themselves.

That said, Isuzu is fast becoming a recognized brand with the Ascender name. New in 2004, Isuzu introduced a five-passenger version of their popular Ascender SUV line (the original seven-seater is a scant 888 pounds heavier).

The Ascender-5 is a good family vehicle. I state this flatly, 'cuz it passed the "buckle-up" test. In this test, booster seats for our six- and four-year-old sons were securely fastened to the vehicle. It was a snap. You may consider this a small thing, but

you'd be surprised at the difficulty we have had in trying to buckle the lads into different vehicles. I'd go as far as to say at times it is harder than getting a federal judge appointed.

When I test drove the Ascender-5, it was the end of winter. Warm weather was trying to push in from the south. With nature waking up from its winter's sleep, driving area back roads, with all the hills, dips and curves was getting fun again.

My first foray with the Ascender-5 was Clarkston Road. And, on that little section of winding stretch around Walter's Lake, between Eston and Clintonville roads, I thought the Ascender "swayed" a little more than I like. I give this initial negative report because that first experience was trumped by my last experience with the Ascender-5.

On the morning I was to turn in the Ascender-5, I was traveling Oakwood Road in Brandon Township. I was heading to Oxford by the old Tucker Farm property (between Leece and State roads) at the posted speed limit - well, I believe 45 miles per hour is the speed limit there, because that is how fast I was driving.

I was humming along, when out from behind a gray garbage can on the east side of a road, a



At least one pheasant is happy I was driving the Isuzu Ascender-5. (photo by DRush)

nice looking male Phasianus Colchicus came a-trottin'. In english, a Ring-Necked pheasant darted out in front of me. What followed was an impromptu road maneuverability test.

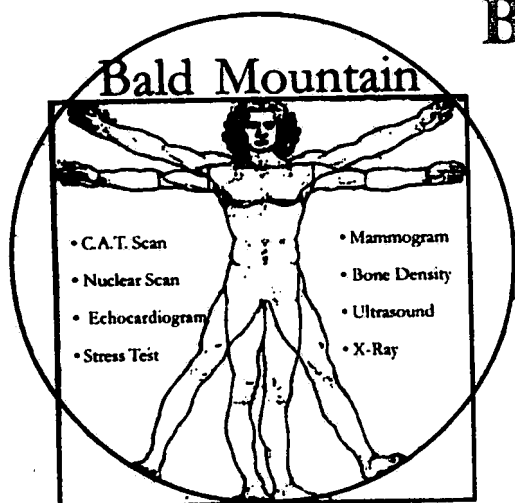
As it was not yet 8 in the morning, the roads were kinda slick. Upon spotting said fowl, my catlike reflexes kicked in. I swerved to the left and then swerved to the right. In a fleeting moment the Ascender-5 showed it had an agility I did not think it possessed. Both the bird

and I survived, unscathed. The Ascender-5 responded nice and tight and saved a situation that could have ruined my whole day.

The Ascender-5 I test drove was of the four-wheel-drive variety. It also comes with just rear-wheel drive action. The SUV is powered by a 4.2 liter, in-line six-cylinder engine. The engine was powerful enough to propel the 4,612 pound vehicle and, according to the sticker, get between 15-21 miles per gallon of gas.

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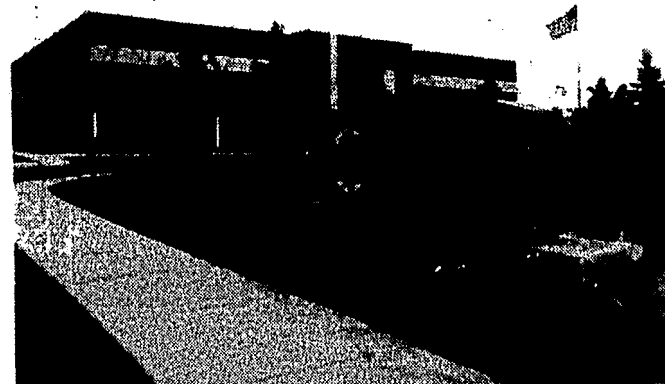
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Please join us on Saturday, May 15th, from 7 - 8:30 p.m. for a stroll through history that will provide adults and youth alike with century-old information about Clarkston's earliest settlers. The walk will be held at Lakeview Cemetery on White Lake Rd. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$5 for students and free for children four and under. Ticket price includes the walk, refreshments and desserts along with 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. The CCHS is pleased to present Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home as corporate sponsor of the event. Proceeds from the Walk will benefit the Clarkston Heritage Museum, located inside Independence Township Library. Clarkston Mason Cedar Lodge #60 members will be the event guides as part of the group's 150th year commemoration.

Historical Society



Jennifer Arkwright

The walk will feature dramatic vignettes of Clarkston's prominent early citizens. An actor will be posted at each of the seven gravesites. As you walk along in your group, you will stop and hear a short monologue about the life and times of that individual, as well as interesting facts about Clarkston and the cemetery itself. When you have visited all seven sites, you can stop by the tent for refreshments and a chance to listen to sweet dulcimer music. Please park at Depot Park as shuttle service will be provided to and from Lakeview Cemetery. No parking will be available at Lakeview.

The seven residents that will be portrayed in the walk are Eliza Keeler Clark, Mary Elizabeth Green, Elizabeth and William Rockwell, Amzi Dennis, Francis Follett, Dr. Josephus Goodenough, M.D. and Frank Walter.

Many Clarkston residents of today have donned their acting hats to bring life to these early residents. These acting volunteers include Clarkston Cedar Lodge Mason, Tom Braun; former Clarkston teacher, Kay Robertson; CCHS Board Member, Amy Wilson; Clarkston High School sophomore, Brian Shepanek; CCHS Board Treasurer, Jonathon Smith; Clarkston High School junior, Bailey Smith; Clarkston Village Players actor Rick Mickley and Keith and Linda Newberry from Ohio, parents of CCHS Board Member Laura Covintree.

Listed below are brief biographies of each of the early residents that will be portrayed on Saturday, May 15th. We hope you join us for this unique, educational and entertaining event.

Amzi Dennis

In 1870, Amzi Dennis was just 20 years old when he started writing in a diary. He continued to keep a daily account until his death in 1933. Living on a farm once located off Clarkston Road on Dennis Lake (now Heather Lake), Amzi and his wife seemed to always be entertaining guests who stopped by on their way across Clarkston Road. Mr. Dennis also kept very active running the farm and selling fruit trees. In addition, he was also a local insurance appraiser, an election official, a Royal Arch Mason and a member of the Clarkston Grange.

Eliza Keeler Clark

In 1864 Eliza Keeler was certified to teach grammar, geography, orthography and arithmetic in the local schoolhouse. Miss Keeler only taught a few years before her marriage to Washington Clark, grandson of Clarkston co-founder Judge Jeremiah Clark III. She and Washington remained in the Clarkston/Waterford area all their lives.

Mary Elizabeth Green

Known as "Grandma Green," she was one of this town's most respected midwives. When she began her career, she would go in to the expectant mother's home and deliver the baby. Several years later she opened her home on Roselawn to expectant mothers, then later moved to a home on Holcomb Road where she would care for up to three mothers and babies at a time.

Grandma Green delivered over 500 babies and out of that number she only lost two due to severe birth defects. Quite a record!

Elizabeth and William Rockwell

Elizabeth married William Rockwell after her first husband Alfred Nelsey, who was in poor health, committed suicide in 1905. Her second husband William was a farmer and also a rural mail carrier in Clarkston. When it becomes necessary for her to stay with ailing parents in Birmingham, William writes to her daily. These letters offer wonderful insight into the life of Mr. Rockwell, from his farming duties to the troubles of delivering the mail when the snow is several feet high.

Francis Follett

In 1904 Francis Follett moved his family into a home at 67 Buffalo Street in the Village of Clarkston. He would live out the remainder of his life in Clarkston. He was most proud of his service in the Civil War. Born in New Hampshire, at the age of 19 he enlisted in the Second Regiment New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry. He was active in the first and second Battle of Bull Run, as well as the Battle of Gettysburg. Severely wounded by a musket ball at the second Battle of Bull

Run, he was disabled and mustered out on June 21, 1864. He married Sarah McCurdy and eventually they came to Clarkston.

Dr. Josephus Goodenough, M.D.

Born in 1832 in a log shanty on the banks of Straight's Lake, Josephus endured all the hardships and discomforts of pioneer life. He had little opportunity for acquiring knowledge from books and his first school was an old stable fitted up for a schoolroom. After several years of schooling, he opened his first practice in 1858. In 1872 he opened an office in Clarkston. He had both a farm near the village of Clarkston and an attractive home on Main Street.

Frank Walter

Frank Walter began his grocery business by driving his wagon out to surrounding farms and peddling goods to the local farm wives. He would also take orders and then return with the orders loaded in bushel baskets. Not long after, he opened a small store next to his home at 23 S. Holcomb and this structure still stands very much as it was. Later, he would open Frank Walter and Son Dry Goods, Footwear and Groceries at 5 S. Main Street. This building is now home to *The Clarkston News*.

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Sports



Jim Coleman delivers against Lake Orion at Clarkston High School April 16. Photo by Ed Davis.

Offense fuels baseball team

BY ED DAVIS
Clarkston News Sports Writer

All signs so far this season indicate if Clarkston is going to win games they're going to have to rely on their bats. They did just that in last week's win over West Bloomfield.

The Wolves have been struggling to limit their opponents' offense thus far this season. Not because of poor pitching, but because of an overabundance of mental and fielding errors, Clarkston varsity baseball coach Phil Price said. The Wolves gave up another eight runs April 28, but they scored 14 and that was more than enough to get the win over the Lakers. The win improved Clarkston's overall record to 8-5 and put them at 1-1 in the OAA I.

"West Bloomfield wasn't very good defensively. We just are hitting the heck out of the ball. I bet we had 20 base hits today," Price said. "We just have to get better defensively."

Addison Turk had three hits including a home run, Sam Palace also homered and Jono Moehlig went 3-for-4 and hit a home run for the Wolves. Turk got the win for the Wolves and J.J. Lange came in and earned the save.

Turk's home run came in the first inning and was followed by an Aaron Powell two-out double. Mike Kittle then hit an RBI single to give Clarkston an early 2-1 lead. Palace made the lead 5-1 Clarkston when he added two RBI later in the inning. Chad Zelinski also earned praise from Price.

"Chad's been real solid for us lately and our pitchers have done a better job of not walking people," Price said.

Price admitted it wasn't the prettiest win his team has had so far this season by giving up eight runs and committing yet another handful of errors. However, the end result was a win, and that was good enough for him at this stage of the season.

"Right now we have got to take the 'W.' We'll take a win any way we can get it. I'd rather have an

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Clarkston High School soccer team falls on hard times

BY ED DAVIS
Clarkston News Sports Writer

It was only a short while ago that the Clarkston girls varsity soccer team was all smiles. As the team got off to its best start in recent memory, there was avid hope for the Wolves to challenge for the league title. And while a league title is by no means out of the question, the Wolves will have an uphill climb the rest of the season.

Clarkston dropped both of its games last week, losing to Royal Oak Dondero April 27 and to Royal Oak Kimball two days later. The Wolves lost to Dondero 4-2 and fell to Kimball 3-0.

Clarkston led in the first half against Dondero 2-0, but then allowed four unanswered goals. However, Clarkston did not just lose the game. The Wolves will also be without senior midfielder Liz Hardy, who injured a hamstring against Lake Orion and coach Tami Niemi said she believes Hardy will be out anywhere from two to six weeks.

"We're trying to find the right person to play center mid for us right now," Niemi said. "We might play Kelly Dougherty up there and if we do, I think we'll still be okay on defense. Kelly will just have to control the play a lot more."

Niemi said the games against Dondero got off to a good start, but then took a turn for the worse.

"In the first 10 minutes I think we looked good. But then they started to kill us on the outside," she said.

Against Kimball, the Wolves were scored against on a goal kick and Niemi said her team had no offense at all. "We really struggled out there. They definitely outplayed us. It was a rough night," she said.

Niemi said her team's biggest challenges lately might well be mental.

"We just seem to have a hard time making a quick first decision out there," she said. "That's something I want to emphasize in practice this week."

She also said she needs to see junior midfielder Taylor Hosner take on a bigger role, especially on offense.

"She needs to be more positive out there and push it forward more," Niemi said. "She has a tendency to play more negatively or defensive and we'll need to switch that around a bit."

With the two recent losses, the Wolves dropped to 4-3-2 overall and are 2-2-2 in the league, right in the middle of the pack, according to Niemi.

The Wolves resume action May 6 at Rochester at 7 p.m. The Wolves don't return home until May 13 when they host Andover at 7 p.m. That night is also youth night, where all children wearing a soccer jersey get in free. Additionally, there will be a pre-game scrimmage before the JV game, door prizes and a shootout. All the festivities are set to kick off at 4:15 p.m. at the Clarkston High School soccer field.

McDonald and Maesch have been a pleasant surprise

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The number four doubles team of Zach McDonald and Eric Maesch came into the season boasting of their abilities and while their coach Chas Claus will admit the pair is doing a fine job, he won't use one particular word just yet.

The tandem has thrown around a number of nicknames, including "M&M" and more recently, "The Nation of Domination." However Claus will not call them the latter just yet.

"They kept talking to me about how they were going to dominate," Claus said with a smile. "I'm not really ready to call them that (The Nation of Domination) just yet. But it's nice to see rookies (first year varsity players) come out and immediately be successful at the varsity level."

They have started the season with a 3-2 record and Claus credits the early success to the two working very well as a team. They won in straight sets April 27 against Troy Athens.

"They put in the extra effort and they know where each other will be (on the court). They anticipate and expect things out there better than a lot of other kids," he said.

McDonald summed up the cooperation on the court when he said, "He (Maesch) has all the ground strokes and I have the net play. We have a lot of intangibles working for us. I think we gel," McDonald said.

Maesch agreed. "We work well together. We're friends and I'd say we mesh together."

The two both have their coach as a teacher and have been friends for years. However they first united as a tennis tandem last fall at Deer Lake Racquet Club while taking lessons.

"He (Claus) won't call us dominating just yet, maybe next year," McDonald said with a laugh. "We just use to be the 'M&M's' but we've promoted ourselves."

Maesch said playing four doubles might not be all that glamorous compared to one or two singles, but he thinks the nickname suits them just fine.

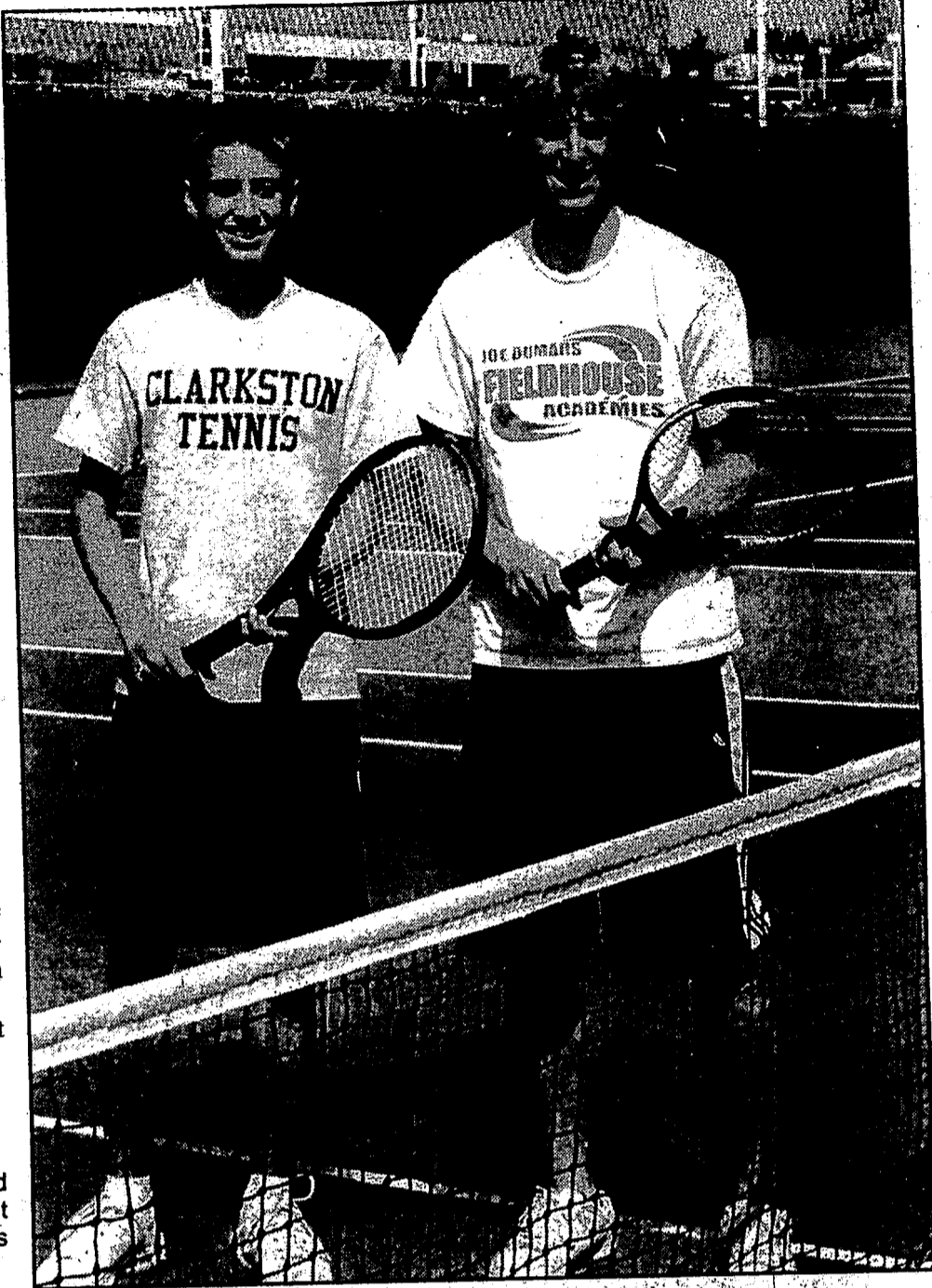
"I'll take any domination I can get," he said.

McDonald added, "Dominating the four doubles circuit isn't all that dominating, but I'll dominate whatever I can."

As a team, the Wolves tied Troy Athens with additional wins coming from the top two singles, Amit Surapaneni and Justin Roderick and the no. 3 doubles team of Chris Graczyk and Zach Kerr.

The Wolves resume action May 6 at Rochester Adams at 4:30 p.m.

Erik Maesch (left) and Zach McDonald (right) have been a pleasant surprise at the no. 4 doubles spot for this year's boys varsity tennis team. Photo by Ed Davis.



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Try to cut down on unnecessary medication

By Ernie Harwell

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Clarkston boys track team competes at Ashley Relays

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The ACT test and some injuries kept a handful of athletes off the track last week, but the Wolves still managed to showcase some of their better times of the season at the Ashley Relays May 1.

Clarkston finished in eighth place in the field of 12 teams. Lake Orion won the event.

Clarkston coach Walt Wyniemko said the day was a good experience for his young team.

"It's always a good meet for us and we had a few kids out with the testing and a few others out with injuries. I think if we would've been healthy we could've done better, but overall I think we did alright," Wyniemko said.

Jackson leads Wolves to 2nd place

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Nina Jackson's play has been a bright spot of the Clarkston girls varsity golf team throughout the season. She continued to showcase her strong play at the Wolves' first league meet of the season last week.

Jackson finished in eighth place, shooting a 95 at Pine Trace Country Club April 27. Other strong Clarkston performances came from Sarah Maesch, who shot a 97 and Jackie Schram who was only one shot back at a 98.

The Wolves had to battle through rough conditions, coach Larry Sherrill said.

"It was cold, snowy and blowing all day long. But the girls fought through it. Nina's really been playing well for us and pulled us through. That's been the case the last couple of matches."

As a team, the Wolves finished in second place, one spot behind Rochester. Troy finished third while Lahser and Rochester Adams helped round out the top five spots.

"I think we did really good considering the day (weather wise) that we had," Sherrill said.

The second place finish, paired with an early dual meet loss to the Falcons puts Clarkston's chances of a league title in jeopardy, but not out of reach. Sherrill said his team will simply have to win its remaining dual meets which include dates Troy, Athens and Farmington and also have a strong showing at the second league meet, held May 25 at Indianwood Country Club. Of the three remaining dual meets, Sherrill said Farmington would serve as his team's biggest challenge.

Also last week, the Wolves picked up a decisive win over Lahser, downing them in rough conditions with wins howling up to speeds of 30 mph, according to Sherrill. The Wolves won the meet 214-228.

In addition to the wins, the Wolves had to play what Sherrill called some of the toughest greens in the area. "It's like putting on linoleum tile," he said.

Highlighting the day for Clarkston were the shot put and discus throws of Jake Meissnest. He finished fourth in the shot with a throw of 47 feet and took second in the discus with a throw of 135 feet. Additionally, the 4x1,600 team of Joe Seibert, Hazen Brennan, Nick Lamora and Tom Fick finished fourth.

The distance medley team of Chris Anderson, Eric Gauthier, Travis Hughes and Andy Kodra took second with a time of 11:41. The 4x400 relay team of Jesse Kessler, Brad Flaughner, Gregg Knappe and Gauthier took home fourth place.

Furthermore, the heavy man relay team of Jake

Noveck, Ben Allen, Winbigler and Garrett Phillips took third place.

"I think we're coming along," Wyniemko said. "Again, I think if we would've been healthy and all our kids could've competed we could've done a bit better."

The Wolves resume action May 6 at Pontiac Northern for the Freshman Invitational at 3 p.m. The entire team resumes one day later at the South Lyon Sunset Invitational, where both boys and girls teams will compete.

The Wolves return home May 11 when they host Pontiac Northern at 4:30 p.m.

Athlete of the week - Kristi Horstman

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Kristi Horstman has been playing varsity golf for the last three years, so she's seen a lot on the golf course. But she accomplished something many, who spend their entire lifetime on the links, never do. She had a hole-in-one.

The ace came April 27 at Pine Trace Golf Course on a 144 yard par 3. She used a 5-iron on the hole.

Horstman didn't even immediately realize the end result of her tee shot. Instead, she found out through the Rochester Adams golf coach.

"I didn't see it go in. I just saw it bounce up by the flag. The Adams coach yelled, 'It went in! It went in!' I was shocked, in disbelief," Horstman said. "All of my teammates were real excited for me."

Horstman ended up getting a bogey on the next hole and ended the round with an even 100 on the day, which was a bump up in terms of how she had been playing, she said.

"It's a bit above my average, so actually for me it's pretty good. I had been in a bit of a slump lately," she said.

Horstman considers her putting the strongest part of her game. She has been playing competitively for the last three years, but didn't take up the game of golf until her freshman year.

"I was very surprised to make varsity as a sophomore," she said.

However, her coach Larry Sherrill was anything but surprised by Horstman's good fortune. He spoke very highly of her.

"She's a hard worker and is always looking for ways to improve her play," Sherrill said. "She's very

dedicated to golf and to her academics. She's the perfect example of a student athlete at Clarkston High School. I'm very proud of her."

Horstman maintains a 3.91 grade point average at CHS and said she spends a lot of her time studying and doing homework. She has played freshman and junior varsity basketball and freshman volleyball.

After graduation, Horstman will attend Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio where she said she will study political science and eventually go into law. She said she plans on eventually becoming a criminal law prosecutor.



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Late mistakes cost Wolves softball squad against Troy

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Eleven innings wasn't enough time for the Wolves.

Clarkston played about a game and a half worth of softball April 18 against Troy, but came out with zero runs, two fewer than the Colts. Both runs were unearned.

Highly touted Colt pitcher Jessie Granger pitched the entire game for Troy and gave up only a handful of Clarkston hits and struck out 14. Clarkston pitcher Kelly Robinson also went the distance and pitched well for the Wolves. Clarkston's limited offense came from Laura O'Neill who had two hits and Suzie Giroux who added three.

Giroux praised the play of his starting pitcher.

"That was her best game of the year by far," he said. "We just went up against a good pitcher today."

In the ninth inning the Wolves had a bit of hope as senior catcher Caitlin McLean got on base with a two out single, which was mishandled by the Colt infielders, but Clarkston failed to capitalize. The Wolves then dodged a bullet in the top of the tenth inning when Robinson got out of a jam, getting the Troy batter to ground out, thus leaving a Colt runner at second base. O'Neill then got on base with a single in the bottom of the inning, but was picked off while leading off.

"Especially when you're a home team (to lose in 11 innings) makes it a bit extra tough," Giroux said. "But I thought it was one of the better all around games that they've played. We played good de-

fense other than a few little miscues."

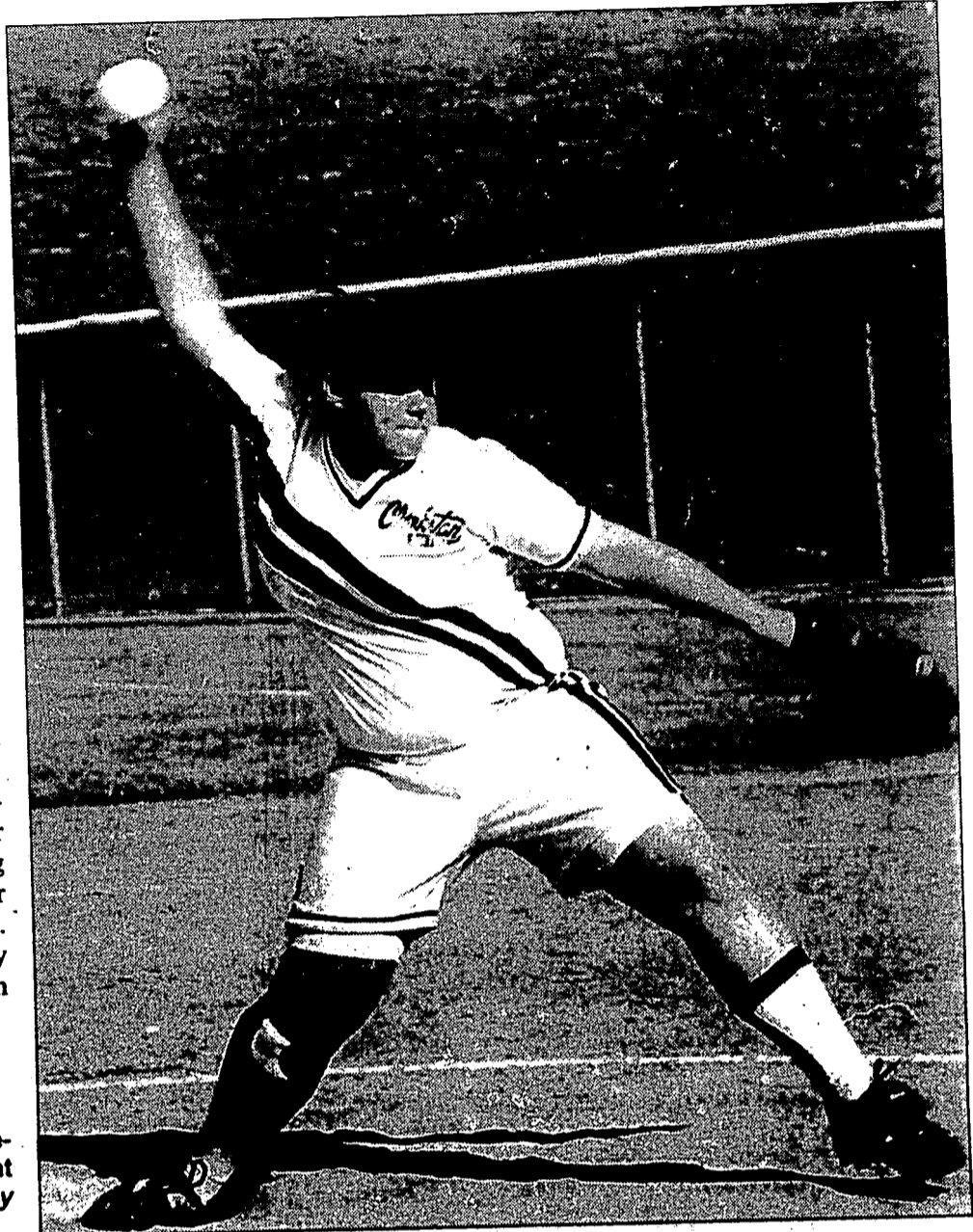
Earlier this month on April 26, the Wolves came out on top on both ends of a double header against Waterford Kettering. Clarkston trailed 5-4 after six innings, but in the seventh inning Heather Giroux got on base with a hit, which was followed by Katy Kleinedler who reached base on an error. Katie Jorgenson then had a sacrifice fly to advance the runners to second and third base and then Giroux had the game-winning double.

In the nightcap of the doubleheader the Wolves won 6-5 again, but instead of coming from behind the Wolves saw a 4-0 lead slip away in the sixth inning. The Captains scored five runs in the top of the seventh before Clarkston could answer.

Giroux led off the inning with a triple and scored the tying run on a Kettering throwing error to third. In the eighth inning, Amber Giroux had a single and then stole a base and Kleinedler had the game winning RBI.

Clarkston resumes action today at 4 p.m. when they head to Birmingham for a doubleheader with Groves. Following that, they head to Kettering for another game with the Captains at 4 p.m. Clarkston's next home game will be May 10 at 4 p.m. against the North Farmington Raiders.

Pitcher Kelly Robinson winds up and delivers against Waterford Kettering at Clarkston High School April 16. Photo by Ed Davis.



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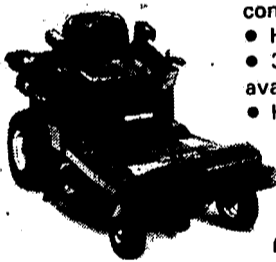
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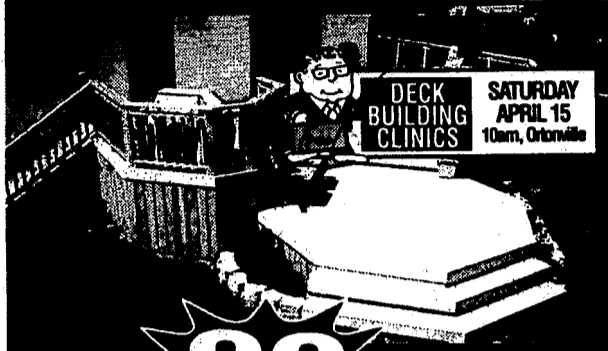
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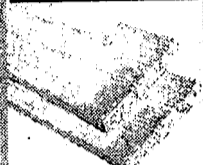
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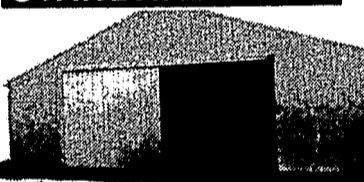
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Flying the friendly skies at Clarkston Elementary festival

BY ALICIA DORSET

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston Elementary School was transformed into "Clarkston International Airport" on April 30 as part of the school's multicultural festival.

Students of all grades took turns visiting different countries throughout the school in addition to a puppet show by Eugene Clark, story telling by Pat Roan Judd and Native American dancing by the Reg Pettibone Family. The day concluded with an all-school assembly.

"I really liked the puppet show," Meredith Turner, first grade, said. "I liked how he moved the puppets and talked different ways to make the puppets talk."

"In-flight" announcements over the school's PA system notified students of current flying conditions and when to switch to another "country". A baggage claim greeted students, volunteers and guests in the front lobby of the school.

"We haven't done this (festival) in a while, so we wanted to go back to something the parents were comfortable with, to share their history," Beth Van Horn, festival chairperson, said. Van Horn was in charge of the day's festivities along with Irene Allard, Vicki Frame and Lori Blicher.

Supported by the school's PTO, parent volunteers were a helpful part of the day. Many parents born in countries other than the United States served as guest presenters for the day, helping the multicultural theme.

Poonal Patel was just one of the parents who presented students with a lesson about their country of origin. Patel, originally from India, brought in authentic food and clothes to share with CES' students. "I can tell them what's different about back home and here."

"It's a great opportunity to share about my country and my firsthand experience to be in India," Patel, who lived in India until she was 25, said. Her daughter Aditi, a middle school student, helped her mom with the day's activities.



Ethan Henig gives chopsticks a try while sampling fresh steamed rice. The hands-on activities were extremely popular with the students. Photo by Alicia Dorset

Each country provided the students a chance to learn more about the people and the heritage of that given region. Kindergarten students visiting Mexico decorated tiny sombreros while a trip to Canada allowed students to try their hands at street hockey outside the school.

"I think they take a little bit from everything," Van Horn said.

While visiting South Korea, Ethan Henig tried his hand at using chopsticks to eat some authentic cuisine. While they proved to be challenging at first, Henig caught on quickly.

"I will use these at dinner," Henig said. "I already have some at home."

Across the table from Henig was fellow classmate Noah Hinds. His final assessment of using chopsticks: "Hard."

The day's countries students visited were Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Iceland, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, the Philippines, Poland, Scotland, South Korea and Sweden.

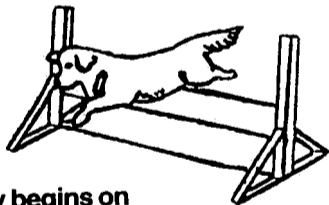
Van Horn hoped that the students benefited from the day's assortment of activities.

"I hope they know other cultures besides Clarkston, Mich.," Van Horn said. "There's a lot to be learned from each other."

For more festival photos, please see 26A.

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Spring Makeovers

Village Players finalize upcoming 'Absence of a Cello' play

BY ALICIA DORSET
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Clarkston Village Players are wrapping up rehearsals for their latest production, "Absence of a Cello", set to debut at the Depot Theatre on May 7.

"We're trying to fine tune it, all the way to the end," Cynthia Haaseth, cast member, said. Haaseth plays the role of Marion Jellicoe in this upcoming production.

Written by Ira Wallach, "Absence of a Cello" is a Broadway favorite that takes the audience back to 1964. Focused on the Pilgrim family, Dr. Andrew Pilgrim, played by Jerry Payton, desperately needs a job with big business conglomerate Baldwin-Nelson to get his family out of debt and keep his young daughter Joanna, played by Johana Bell, in college. Paula Todd plays the doctor's wife, Celia.

With the help of neighbor Emma Littlewood, played by Linda Payton, and her grandson, played by James Mistalski, the group tries to persuade conservative interviewer Otis Clifton, Mel Case, that the doctor can fit into the corporate mold of Baldwin-Nelson.

"It's kind of light and happy," Todd said. "They think it's going to work out somehow."

Director Marlene Sewick believes that although the play is set in the early 1960s, its content can fit in today's society.

"It's very lighthearted. Works out in a nice way," Sewick said. "It's not really trying to send a message, just to come out of a dilemma."

"I don't think the basics have changed, just the attitudes," Todd said.

Sewick found the play's main character trying to start over midway through a career relates to a lot of current-day situations in today's job market.

"A lot of corporations felt that tenure didn't seem important any more," Sewick said. "I've seen people in my own neighborhood start over in their careers in their 40s. That's pretty late in life."

With Dr. Pilgrim working as hard as he can to keep daughter Joanna in school, Todd believes the play will appeal to fathers of all ages, no matter what the time period is.

"I think it really appeals to dads with daughters in college," Todd said.

Stepping inside the Depot Theatre the audience member will find a period-perfect set, quickly taking the viewer back to the early 1960s in New York. The set was designed and built by Case. Every effort was made to achieve the period-piece feel, right down to the magazines found on the coffee table.

"The set and costumes really helped get into an older mood," Todd said. "The language does as well."

"Absence of a Cello" appears to be a favorite with cast members.

"She (Joanna) is very different," Bell said. "I always play a character."



Johana Bell gets ready for a dress rehearsal during a recent gathering of the entire cast. "Absence of a Cello" debuts on May 7 at the Depot Theatre in Clarkston. Photo by Alicia Dorset.

She's so normal."

For Jerry Payton, the role of the physicist father brought new opportunities for a leading role to him.

"Being the lead, you have lots of control of the play. It's easier because you constantly have to stay focused to perform," Jerry said. "Littler characters come in and out. Plus, it's nice to be the star."

"This role is a bit closer to my personality. He's well read, educated, a little absent minded and flies off the handle easily at situations," Jerry said.

Helping Sewick guide the excited cast is co-director Jamie Fish and producer Holly Stephens.

"I think it (play) will be a nice evening out for people. They'll recognize intimacies between the different people," Jerry said.

"They'll see themselves in all the characters."

"Absence of a Cello" will run May 7-8, 14-16 and 20-22. Tickets are \$10 for Thursday and Sunday performances and \$12 for Friday and Saturday performances. To reserve tickets or for more information, call the theater at (248) 625-8811.

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ugly win than a good loss," Price said.

Price gave his team the day off prior to the win in order for them to get refreshed and get away from the game for a short time. Aaron Powell said that the time off couldn't have come a better time.

"I think sometimes that's a good thing," Powell said. "It gives us a chance to get away and then come back more focused and ready to go."

Price said he has tried to implement a bit of humor when dealing with a team that has been repeatedly making some mistakes throughout the first half of the season. He used a quote from Sports Illustrated from a Cleveland Indians outfielder who had missed a routine fly ball in a game. "The quote read, 'I did my job, the ball didn't do its job.' We try to bring a bit of humor into it because the kids get so down on themselves."

Price is proud of his team's offense and said his team's toughest opponent is itself.

"We score a lot of runs. Our problem is we just can't beat ourselves. As long as we don't do that, we're in good shape," Price said.

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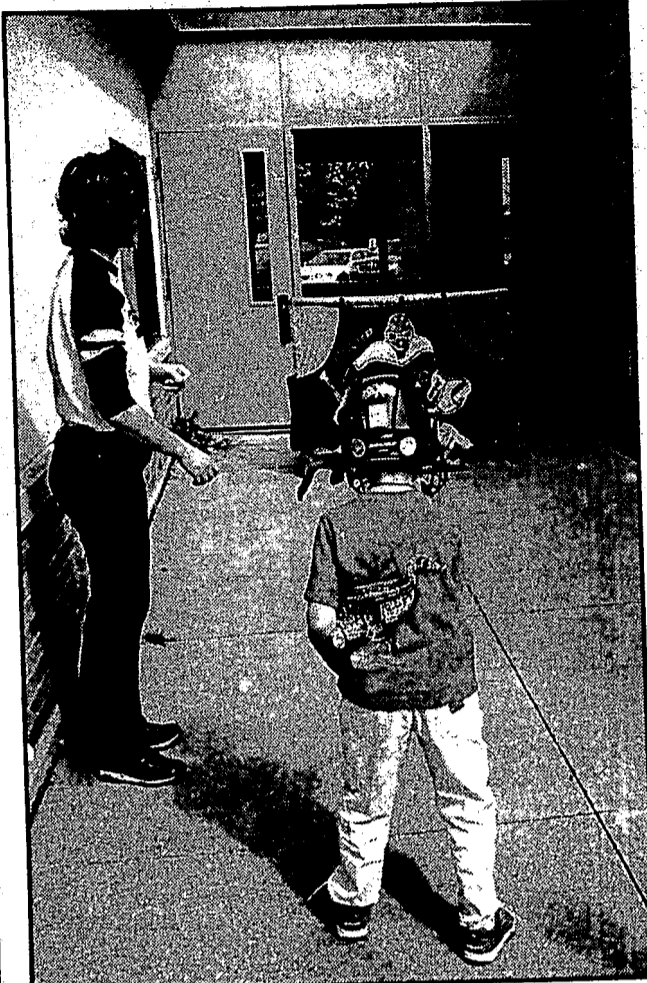
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Having finished her own shaker, Kayla Sapala gives her Mexican souvenir a good shake. The kindergarten class participated in other activities special to Mexico.



Robert James takes aim for the pretend goalie while playing street hockey during the festival. Students learned about hockey while visiting Canada.



Foreign exchange student James, visiting from South Korea, wore traditional dress for students to see while helping out at the multicultural festival.



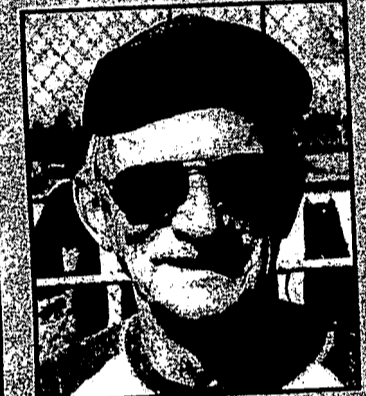
Noah Hinde looks in disbelief at the little piece of rice he picked up after trying to use chopsticks. By the end of his visit to South Korea, he was a pro.

People Poll

What would you like to see in a new senior activities center?



"I'd like to see a larger facility. You need more space for different kinds of activities."
— Arthur Heman



"More visibility. Front-page visibility to draw more people in here. The more the merrier."
— Larry McLintock



"I would like to see a 'community' center, something that appeals to oldsters, youngsters and middlesters."
— Ray De Fiore



"I'd like to have a comparison between some other centers such as Holland, Mich. They have wood-working shops and a lot of other stuff. It shows how little we have here."
— Charlie Gavette

By Don Schelske

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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Scoutmaster has 36 years of good turns

BY DON SCHELSE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Don't ask Kelly Martin about his favorite memory as a Boy Scout leader. "There have been so many," he said, finding it difficult to pick out just one from his 36 years experience as a leader.

The 62-year-old Independence Township resident also has experience as a Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Explorer. He also worked as a camp ranger while still in college. When his oldest son joined Cub Scouts, he decided to help out as a pack committee member.

A school teacher, he found he had time to help with summer activities. At least his wife thought he did.

Martin said they were at a pack committee meeting when someone mentioned the need for help with the summer Cub Scout day camp.

"My wife said, 'My husband has summers off.' I've been going to summer camp ever since," he said.

Martin became scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 49 about 14 years ago. The troop, chartered by Clarkston United Methodist Church, has about 15 boys between the ages of 11 and 17.

"It's small, but you can do a lot with that number," he said.

And he has done a lot. Over the years, the troop has produced 23 Eagle Scouts, an honor earned by only 4 percent of Scouts. Martin has earned adult honors such as the Scouter Training Award and the District Award of Merit.

As a holder of Scouting's Wood Badge, he is regularly called on to conduct training in camping skills for the Clinton Valley Council, which runs Scouting programs in Oakland and Macomb counties. Since he retired from a 33-year career in teaching six years ago, he has spent several weeks each summer as a volunteer staff member at Lost Lake Scout Reservation near Clare.

"I'm a body available," he said. "The camp director usually finds something for me to do."

He likes to talk about the boys' accomplishments, however, and that is one



Kelly Martin displays "just a fraction" of his collection of Boy Scout books, patches and other mementos collected over more than 36 years of Scouting. Photo by Don Schelske

of the things providing good memories.

"The thrill you have when they accomplish something they were a little timid to try" is a big thing, he said, and Scouting leadership includes the principle of guiding and

mentoring more than directing. "We let them try. If they fail, they learn."

It may be simplistic, and he chuckled when he said it, but he summed up the basic role of a Scout leader: "We're there to see they don't get hurt."

Martin also likes the core values of Scouting, summed up in the promotional phrase, "Character Counts." The values of the Scout Oath and Law provide "rules you can live by," he said.

"It allows the boys to develop physically, mentally and morally. It enables them to find their way so they can make ethical and moral decisions."

While the values have not changed,

'We feel we have to give something back to the community. You have rights as a citizen, but with rights come responsibilities, and that's more than just voting.'

Kelly Martin
Scoutmaster, Boy Scout Troop 49

See Scoutmaster on page 14B



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Around Town

Roll into summer playing in-line hockey! Independence Township Parks and Recreation is now accepting registrations for the 2004 inline hockey season. There will be a minimum of 10 games played at Clintonwood Park. Age groups include 10 and under, 12 and under, 14 and under and 16 and under. Please register before May 14th to avoid a late fee. A birth certificate is required at registration unless previously verified by the Parks and Recreation office. For more information, please contact the Parks and Recreation office at (248) 625-8223.

The Kaleidoscope Foundation 13th annual golf outing will be held Friday, May 21 at Heather Highlands Gold Club. Tickets are \$100 per golfer and includes 18 holes of golf with cart use, contests, entry into skins, a continental breakfast, lunch at turn and steak dinner at conclusion of the day. Other events will be happening throughout the day and include a silent auction of sports memorabilia, hole-in-one contests and first place team award of a \$400 prize. Format will be a shotgun start at 8 a.m. with a four-person-team scramble. Men and women are invited to golf. For more information on the foundation or to register, call Dee Dershem at (248) 634-8599.

Premier Senior Home Care, serving Clarkston, Independence and Springfield Townships, are offering a spring special to area seniors. One free hour of service is being offered as part of the company's grand opening. Seniors can choose from several options, including light cleaning, laundry, light cooking and bill paying. Home Care provides exemplary nonmedical care and errands to senior citizens. For more information or to sign up, call (248) 762-2582.

Join the **Clarkston Jaycees** as they "meet in the middle" for a duel chapter FUNdraiser. JD's Key Club of Pontiac features dueling pianos that are guaranteed to entertain for this event on June 10. Starting at 7:30 p.m., tickets are \$8 at the door or \$7 in advance. Price of the ticket includes preferred seating and two slices of pizza. For more information, contact clarkstonjc@yahoo.com.

Try your hand at **scrapbooking at the Springfield Township library** on Saturday, May 22 from 2-3 p.m. Bring 4-6 of your favorite photos to use. Cost to participate is \$3. Preregistration is required and payment is due at that time. For more information, call (248) 846-6550. The library is located at 12000 Davisburg

Join **Alicia Brown, MA, LPC**, for an informal sharing meeting on Thursday, May 6 at 7 p.m. in the Independence Township senior center. Brown, a bereavement counselor for Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home, will discuss "caring and sharing support" at the meeting. No registration is required and there is no cost to attend. Men and women of all ages are welcome to join. Refreshments will be served. For more information or to be included on the mailing list, call the funeral home at (248) 625-5231.

Club 5529 presents *Falling Up and Exit the Ordinary* on Friday, May 14. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. with tickets available then. Cost is \$8 for general admission seating. For more information, visit www.5529music.com or call (248) 620-4900.

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.

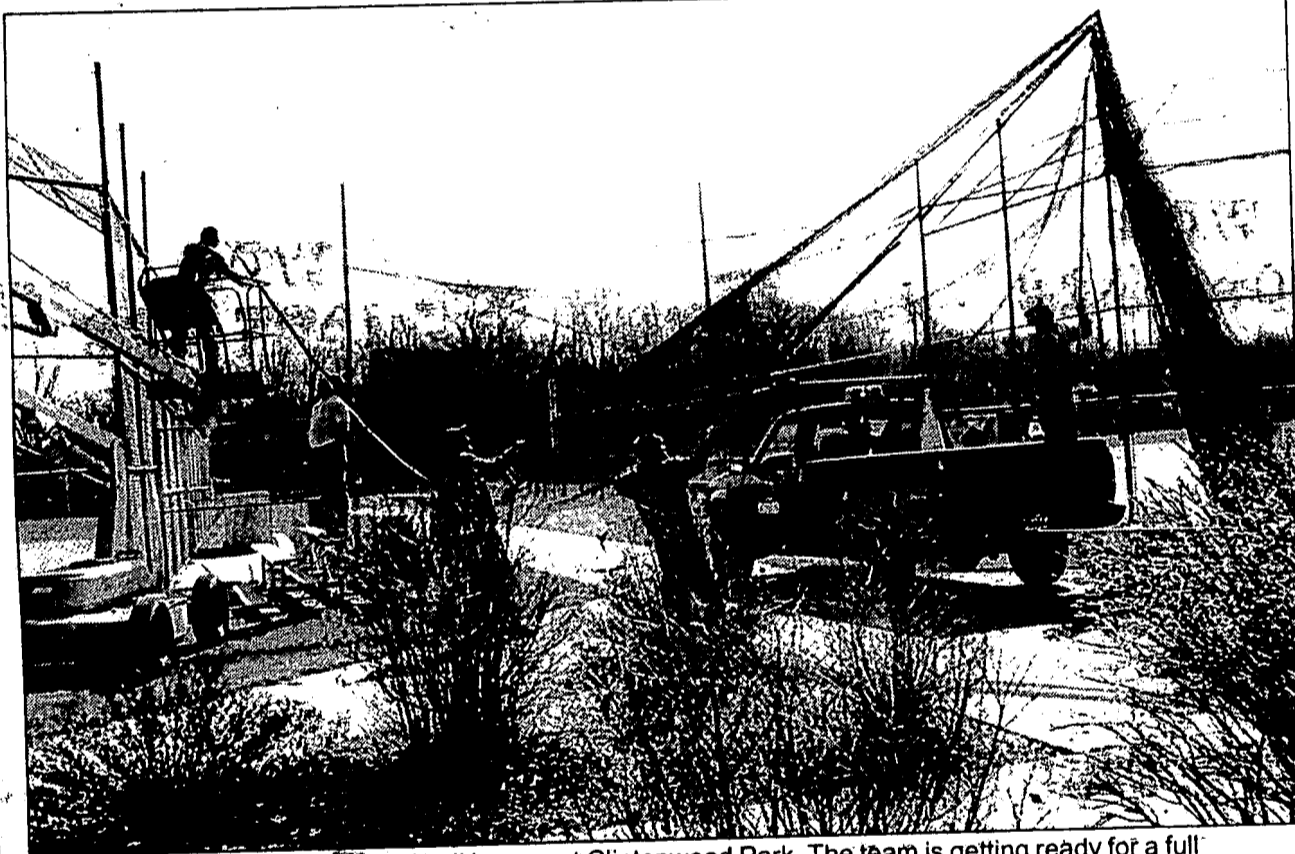
The **Clarkston Jaycees** present a bowling fundraiser on Sunday, May 23 from 2-4 p.m. at Cherry Hill Lanes North in Clarkston. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$17 for children 10 and under. Included are two games of bowling and shoes. Prizes and a 50/50 raffle will also be featured. Proceeds will benefit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

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 NOHLC's 10-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 NOHLC's 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.

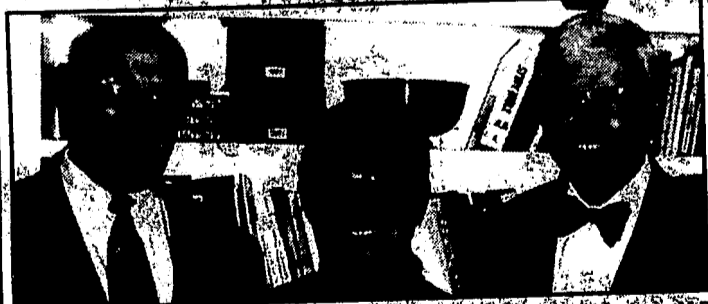
Although there is no charge for the tour, registration is suggested. Call the NOHLC office at (248) 846-6547.



Make sure to catch the senior softball league at Clintonwood Park. The team is getting ready for a full season of games. Photo by Don Schelske.

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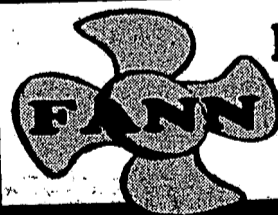
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Local florist provides free flowers to mothers of soldiers

BY ALICIA DORSET

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Theresa Petherbridge cares a lot about soldiers serving overseas. And with Mother's Day approaching on May 9, she cares a lot about those soldiers' mothers, too.

On May 8-9, mothers with soldiers serving overseas can receive free flowers at Waterford Hill Florist to celebrate the holiday, even if their children are far away.

"I wanted to do something. I wanted to let them know we're thinking of them," Petherbridge said. "We'll help take over for them (soldiers) while they're far away."

To receive the free flowers, mothers must come into the store, located at 5992 Dixie Hwy. in Clarkston, themselves. Moms must have proof that their son or daughter is serving overseas, whether it's a picture, a press announcement or any kind of formal documentation proving their enlistment.

"I feel bad they're there," Petherbridge said.

When fighting first began in Iraq, Petherbridge showed her support for local fighting soldiers by displaying good luck messages on the store's bill board on Dixie.

Flower quantities are limited as Mother's Day is a busy holiday for the store. Availability will be on a first-come, first-serve basis starting Saturday.

"It's one of our busiest days of the year, but our selection will be ready," Petherbridge.

Petherbridge has even received e-mail orders from soldiers in Iraq wanting to make sure their mothers aren't forgotten this Sunday.

To find out more about this special holiday event, call Waterford Hill Florist at (248) 623-0081.



The staff at Waterford Hill Florist will be busy this Mother's Day, but will have free flowers ready for mothers with children serving in the military overseas. Photo by Alicia Dorset.

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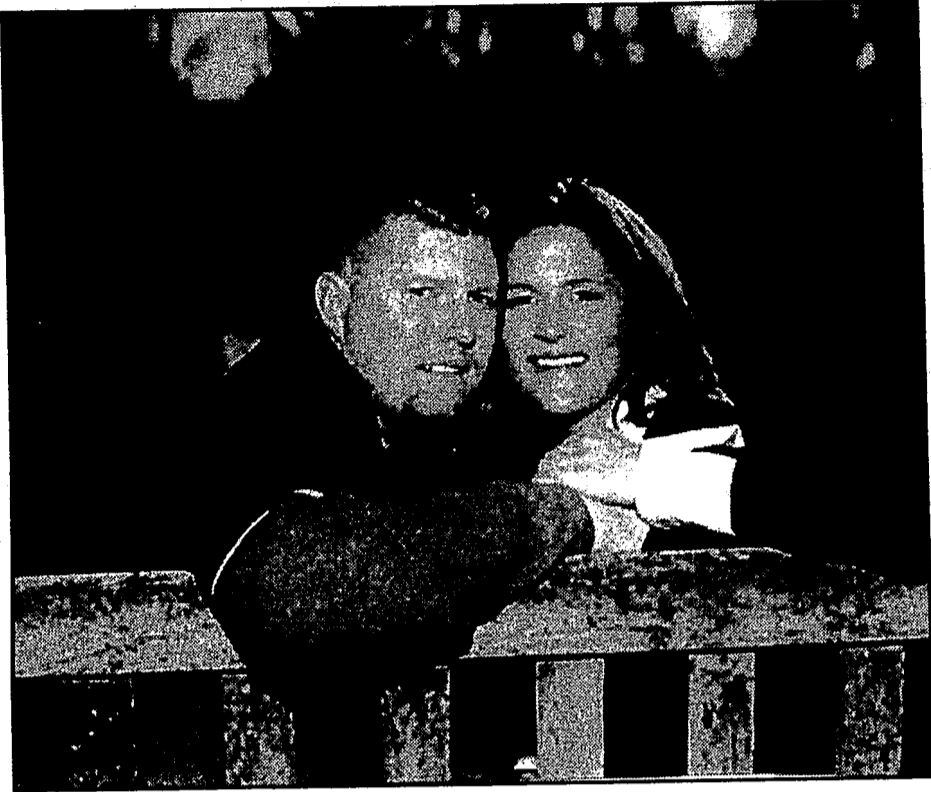
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Milestones



Andrew Keelean and Alesha Ulasich

Alesha Ulasich and Andrew Keelean announce their upcoming marriage on May 29 at Beacon Hill Golf Club in Commerce Township.

Rev. Margaret Levitt will officiate the ceremony. The bride will be given in marriage by her parents, Richard and Sandra Ulasich, formerly of Clarkston.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Clarkston High School and a 2001 graduate of Central Michigan Univer-

sity. She is a program coordinator for Henry Ford Health System in Detroit. Ulasich works with the Clarkston Coalition for Youth and Mothers Against Drunk Driving in Oakland County.

The groom-to-be is a 1996 CHS graduate. He is employed as a truck driver with Lou's Trucking in Pontiac. His parents are Jim and Cindy Pierce of Clarkston.

The couple resides in Clarkston.

At school...

The following students, and Clarkston residents, were recently named to Baker College's President's List for winter 2004:

Jennaly Blair, Pamela Boewe, Lorraine Borel, Michelle Davis, Sarah DeLong, Nicole Fitzpatrick, Angela Gianakos, Lorri Guigar,

Monica Hefty, Janice Johnson, Dian Lindke-Schroeder, Sarah Miller, Ruth Ann Moore, Cassie Patterson, Jamie Ripberger, Mary Schwarz, Charlene Tibbs, Laura Tilson and Starr Wood.

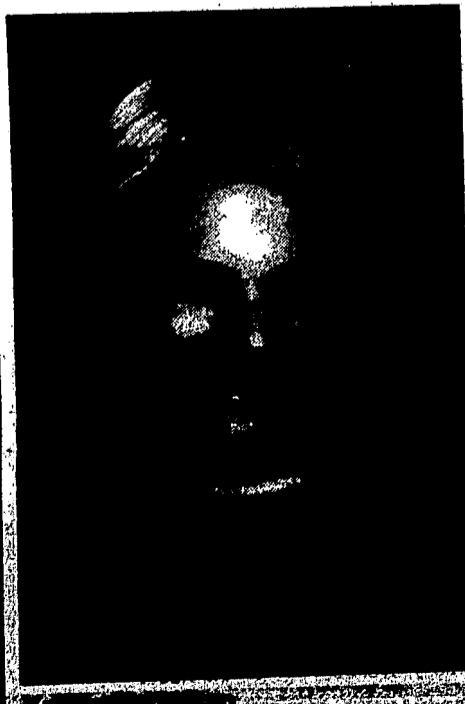
Baker College is located in Auburn Hills.

Military news...

Air Force Airman 1st Class Kenneth O. Williams arrived for duty at Travis Air Force Base in Fairfield, Calif.

Williams, a cargo processing apprentice, is the son of Sue and Ken Williams of Clarkston.

Achievements...



Kristin Horstman of Clarkston has accepted a Presidential scholarship from Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Horstman will graduate from Clarkston High School this spring. She is vice president of the National Honor Society and active in teen court and varsity golf. She plans to major in political science/pre-law.

Horstman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Horstman.

Recipients of the scholarship must rank in the top 20 percent of their high school class. They must also have a score of 1200 or higher on the SAT or 27 or higher on the ACT.

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Religion

Are you ready for the new you?

An increased phenomenon is sweeping across America. Everyone and everything is getting an extreme makeover. From totally renovated homes to stylish wardrobes to newly sculpted bodies, people's hopes and dreams are coming true. From MTV's new documentary series, "I Want a Famous Face," to Fox's "The Swan" and ABC's "Extreme Makeover," more people than ever before are considering making a life change.

The audiences for these shows are getting younger, and they're not just watching. Last year alone, 220,000 plastic surgeries were performed on teenagers. Everybody, no matter their age, wants to change something about themselves.

Change can be a wonderful thing. It can spark new life, a different attitude, or a fresh perspective. Unfortunately, when the change is merely on the surface level, it can, and usually does, become old and routine very quickly. Dissatisfaction and emptiness is almost guaranteed and a repetitive cycle of ups and downs becomes the pattern for our lives. The key is to get below the surface level and produce real change.

Real change in a person first begins on the inside and will eventually impact the outward appearance. The Bible says in II Corinthians 5:17, "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old is gone and the

new has come."

There are three important elements that all makeovers have in common: the designer, the renovation, and the reveal. I often tell people that the key to experiencing an extreme makeover is to put your life in God's hands.

God is the ultimate designer of life. God has a remarkable way of making beauty out of the ashes of our lives. The renovation is simple and complete, a new creation. Just think how your life would be different if you were able to have a new beginning.

From a new mind to a new attitude, you can experience a total life makeover. The reveal is the most exciting part: a new you! The new you includes not only a transformed outer appearance, but also an inner self full of new potential, new purpose and immense satisfaction.

What if I told you that you too could receive an extreme makeover? I invite you to take the Extreme Makeover Challenge here at Bridgewood Church on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. during the month of May. Each makeover message has been designed to focus on a specific area of your life that needs renovation.

With the Bible as our template, you will receive everything you need to start your makeover. During this series you will be able to log onto our Web site www.bridgewoodchurch.com and click on the "Minute Makeover" for additions and challenges to your personal makeover. If you are up for the challenge, come discover the new you.

Curt Demoff is lead pastor of Bridgewood Church in Independence Township.

Spiritual Matters



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In our churches...

Families 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. Don't 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.

Pastor Greg Henneman will begin a new sermon series, "God's Power For Your Marriage" at Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road.

Individual sermons will include: "Power to Raise Happy Kids," May 9; "Power to Manage Money Wisely," May 16; "Power to Enjoy God's Gift of Salvation," May 23.

Worship Celebration begins at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call (248) 625-1323.

All are invited to the Calvary Lutheran Church every Wednesday until 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 enjoyment and learning. Child care is provided. Call the church for more information at (248) 625-3288.

Clarkston Community Church has several special events in June.

Peder Eide will be in concert at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, June 6.

Graduation Sunday will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, June 13.

A dedication service will be at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, June 20. It will be a very special day to thank God for the new worship center and to dedicate the people of the church to God's service.

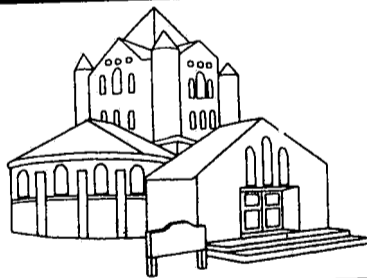
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The Clarkston News is recruiting local church leaders to contribute a column for the Religion page. Those interested in being part of the rotation are asked to call (248) 625-3370.

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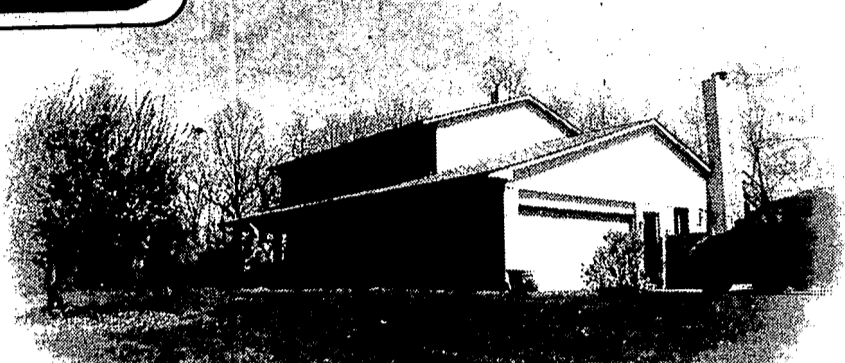
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CHS Page

Choir participates in a nation-wide competition

By Michelle Barton

Special to The Clarkston News

The Varsity Choir and Madrigals traveled to New York City March 18 to March 22 to compete in the National Gold Competition. Both groups received a gold rating, having upheld the legacy left before them.

"Only those who have gotten gold ratings are invited to compete," Mr. Michael Peterson, choir director, said.

The competition was fierce. The choirs competed against 25 other choirs from around the nation in a clinic-type setting. Pieces they sang ranged from "Salmo 150" by Erani Aguiar to "A Parting Blessing" by J. Jerome Williams. The competition was "much harder than a festival would be," Rashawn Redmond said.

The trip wasn't all business as usual. The groups got to tour the bustling city streets of New York City. Some landmarks the members visited were: Ground Zero, Times Square, The Empire State Building, China Town, Statue of Liberty and a showing of the "Phantom of the Opera" at the Majestic Theater.

"[New York City] wasn't what I expected. I thought it was going to be more gangsters, prostitutes and drug dealers," Ed Beebe said.

The choirs hope to return to New York in the future, to relive their victory, although no plans have been made yet.

Great Mother's Day gifts for under ten dollars

By Stephanie Martin

Special to The Clarkston News

Mothers, moms, mamas and mommies. Many mothers put much time into their children, giving them all the necessary essentials for life. "My mom does everything for me, except my laundry," Chris Cyr said. So don't they deserve something wonderful, even if budget is a problem?

"My ma and I used to not get along until beginning of this year, and now I can tell her anything; she's the best mom ever," Chelsey Denz said. "She deserves the best present ever."

Though Mother's Day can be traced back to spring celebrations of ancient Greece, the United States didn't start celebrating until 1872 when Julia Ward Howe suggested the holiday. Howe first started this day as a "day of peace" until 1907 when a Philadelphia woman, Ana Jarvis petitioned to make the second Sunday of May a national holiday. It wasn't official until 1914 when President Woodrow Wilson declared Mother's Day a formal holiday. Now that Mother's Day has been a holiday for 90 years, it's time to step up, grab \$10 and get some shopping done for her.

Every mother is different; some like sewing, others like clothes. For the taste that your mother has,

create a gift basket (for the basket try Joann Fabrics). Perhaps if she likes sewing or knitting, buy some fabric or yarn and throw it in a basket or maybe if baking is her passion, toss some cookie cutters, rolling pin and other cooking essentials in the basket.


"I'm gonna get my mom her favorite kind of flower," Brian Krass said. What's her favorite movie, song, store, book or restaurant? If you don't know, ask. Buy her favorites, \$10 gift certificates, burned CDs, inexpensive movies (at Blockbuster there are good deals on "already viewed" movies). It's her day.

Also keep in mind there can always be the home-made approach to giving a Mother's Day present. Write something for her, maybe poetry or a story. Head on over to a craft store like Michaels and grab some crafts and be creative; make her some decorations for the house or maybe a small jewelry box. Decorate a frame and put a picture of the whole family in it.

A gift doesn't always have to be tangible. Mothers like spending time with their children. Put some interest in her. Maybe take her out to eat, for a picnic or to a café, like Starbucks. Just show you care and love her. "I'm getting my mom a big Mother's Day present, I can't wait," Kyra Molzon said.

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More Around Town

Continued from 2B

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 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.

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.

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.

Club 5529 presents Ginny Owens with special guest George Rowe and RED on Friday, May 7. Doors open at 8:30 p.m.. Tickets are \$8 at the door. To pur-

chase tickets, visit www.itickets.com or call (800) 965-9324.

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 Racquet 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.

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 opportuni-

ties are available.

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 remaining schedule is as follows:

•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.

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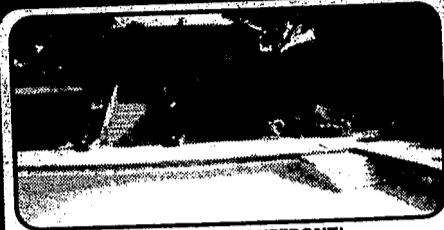
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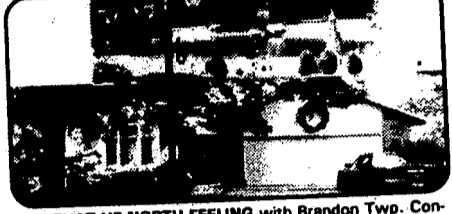
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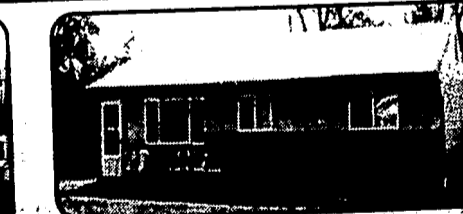
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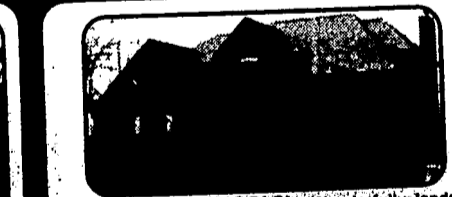
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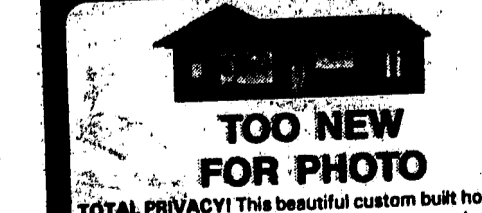
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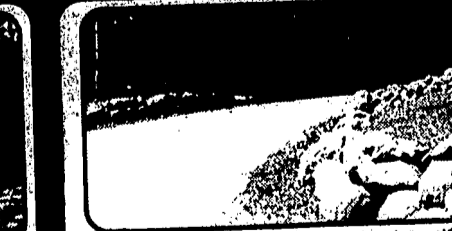
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Troop collects suitcases, peanut butter for a worthy cause

BY ALICIA DORSET
Clarkston News Staff Writer

When it came time to create a community service project to earn their Girl Scout Bronze Award, Clarkston Elementary's Troop 317 decided to think globally by acting locally.

And by figuring out how many jars of peanut butter could fit into a suitcase.

From May 10-21, fifth grade Troop 317 will be collecting used suitcases to donate to impoverished areas of Recife, Brazil in the front lobby of Clarkston Elementary School. The Junior Girl Scout troop hopes to collect 60 suitcases that they will fill with needed supplies for those less fortunate than them.

"They're hard workers, they do lots of cool things," Marilyn Harvey, Troop 317 co-leader, said. "This is the first time they've ever done something global."

A missionary group that Harvey found out about through her church will deliver the suitcases in September to the city. Youth With a Mission makes regular trips to the area to donate the supplies.

"This is a great opportunity to go global," Harvey said of the program.

The missionaries will deliver the suitcases collected by the troop as part of a three-leg journey.

"I thought about the people who need them and what we could put in them," Caitlin Harvey, troop member, said. "I was thinking about all the stuff we have and what they needed."

During the first part of the trip, the filled suitcases are distributed to children in the area, along with needed school supplies. Harvey said once the supplies are distributed, the suitcases are often used as dressers that the children live out of.

"I hope they think about us as nice people, not people that would want to hurt someone," Zandra Russell, Troop 317, said.

Moving on from there, the group then visits dumpsites throughout the area where residents are forced to dig for old food and clothes. Finishing up the trip is a vacation Bible study that the members host. The entire experience makes all the hard work Troop 317 is putting forth worth it.

"I hope the girls come away with a greater awareness of how blessed and fortunate they are," Harvey said.

Helping YWAM seemed like a natural choice for the community service aspect of the Bronze Award the girls were working on.

"When we do big projects, we have to get everything ready and send them out," Kayle Muller, Troop 317, said. "But it's still really fun."

A large-scale community service project is required to earn the Bronze Award, the highest achievement a Junior Girl Scout can earn. The project had to take 15 hours to plan and execute, with seven to eight of the hours actually working on the project itself.

In addition to the community service project, the troop members also earned a "Global Awareness" badge, creating a hands-on book about Brazil by getting their "Humans and Habitats" badge, a Junior Aide and Sign of the Rainbow awards and the "Girl Scouting in the USA" and "Girl Scouting in My Future" patches.

"It feels like school because we have to do a lot of work," Ashley Gelow, troop member, joked.

Collecting the suitcases isn't the first community



The members of CES' Troop 317 will be collecting suitcases and peanut butter over the next few weeks as part of a community service project to earn their Bronze Award. The award is the highest achievement a Junior Girl Scout can earn.

service project the girls, along with co-leader Renee Gelow, have done. Throughout the year they've created Easter baskets to donate, held a book drive and even gathered chickens as part of a food drive.

"They're very busy girls, they keep busy in the community," Harvey said.

Once the suitcase drive is done, the girls will quickly start the second part of their endeavor, a peanut butter drive. Peanut butter is very expensive in Brazil, according to Harvey, and is considered a delicacy. Harvey and the girls hope to fill some of the suitcases with jars of peanut butter since most of the cases can hold up to 70 pounds.

"The girls really want to send it (peanut butter) to the girls over there," Harvey said.

The peanut butter drive will run May 24 to June 4. Harvey hopes each member of the community would donate one jar.

And if the suitcase and peanut butter drives weren't enough, the troop is also accepting donations at North Oaks Community Church for a Recife family, the Tinas, to help build a new home for them. The goal is \$2,000 for a complete home.

"I hope this makes them more sensitive to kids their age. That will make them better adults," Harvey said. "I hope it (projects) make them feel empowered to feel like they're making a difference in someone's life."

Suitcases and peanut butter will be collected at Clarkston Elementary School and the Independence



Kayle Muller and Ashley Gelow write down motivational phrases on their promotional posters for the upcoming suitcase drive. The girls are also collecting peanut butter as part of their efforts.

Township Library. They must be at least 26 inches big. If you'd like to make a monetary donation to the Tinas' home, North Oaks Community Church will accept offers until August. Checks should be sent to the church to the attention of Mike and Emily Sutherland with "Tina Family" in the memo line.



Caitlin Harvey holds up a sample of their next community service efforts, peanut butter. The girls will run a peanut butter drive from May 24 to June 4.

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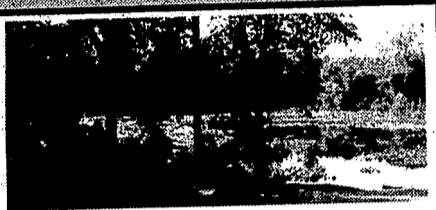
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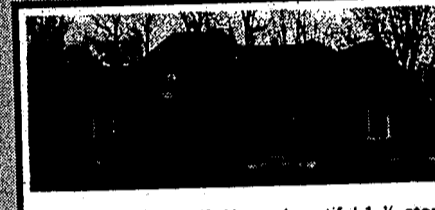
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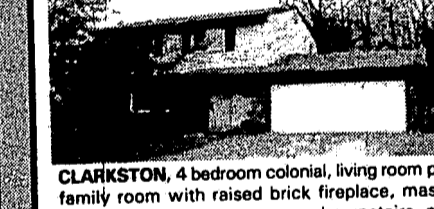
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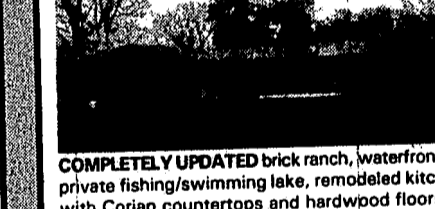
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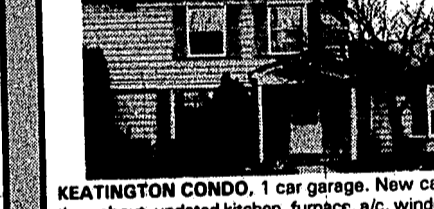
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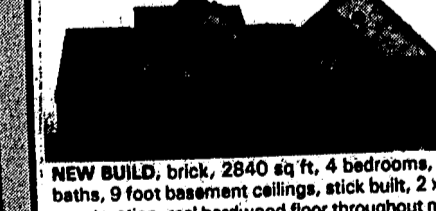
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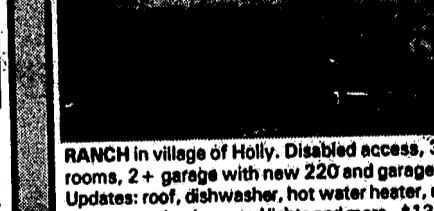
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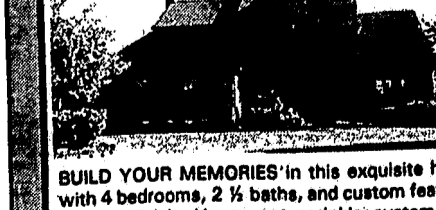
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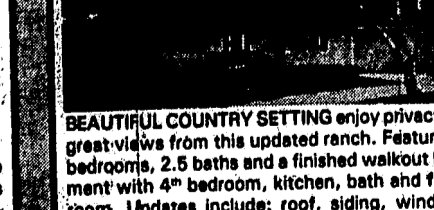
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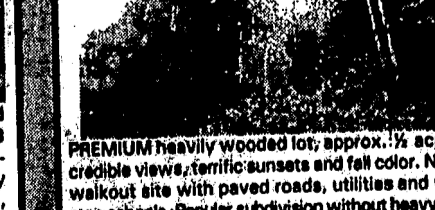
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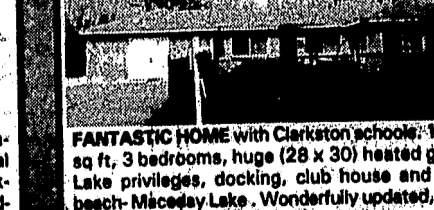
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Sashabaw instrumental students earn high marks

On April 3, instrumental music students from Sashabaw Middle School took part in the District 4 Solo and Ensemble festival. Sponsored by the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association, the festival was held at Brighton High School. Students performed for adjudicators and earned ratings ranging from a low of "5" to a high of "1". Those students earning first and second Division ratings received medals for their effort.

Students who earned First Division ratings were: Jessica Craig- flute solo, Sean Goebel-flute solo, Kaitlyn Warzybok-clárinet solo, Melanie Balkany-clarinet solo, Amy Arpke, Melissa Fitzpatrick and Stephanie Thorstad-clarinet trio, Christopher Sstalo and Maxwell Antonides-saxophone duet, Melissa Shaner-trumpet solo, Evan Brown-trombone solo, Melissa Fitzpatrick, Raquel Reyes and Sarah Edwards-clarinet trio, Kevin Navarre and Mattan Alalouf-mixed duet, Amber Fullmer-snare drum solo, Wally Myers-snare drum solo, Rebecca Furlo-piano solo, Erin Kelly-cello solo, Heather Arnold and Jessica Crain-woodwind duet, Adam Walker and Kristen Rogers-double reed duet, Sean Goebel and Kristen Rogers-woodwind duet, Kevin Marheine and Brandon Fairse-brass duet, Terran Bruce, Amber Fullmer and Zachary Budrow-percussion trio, Erin Kelly and Corrinne Sanger-string duet and Katie Laskoska, Cathy Fick,

Tiffany Kincaid, Erin Kelly and Corrinne Sanger-string quintet.

Students who earned Second Division ratings were: Candice Walsh-flute solo, Tina Layton and Kaitlyn LeClair-flute duet, Kirsten Rogers-oboe solo, Melissa Fitzpatrick and Sarah Edwards-clarinet duet, Jaime Shaw-alto saxophone solo, Brandon Fairse-trumpet solo, Nicolas Johnson-trumpet solo, Rebecca Furlo-trombone solo, Brian Steele-trombone solo, Billy Thompson and Brian Steele-low brass duet, Jessica Goyke, Julie Knight, Courtney Morse, Kelsey Leicht and Sara McLatcher-woodwind quintet, Alexa Kitson and Natalie Kinson-percussion duet, Jeff Raymond and Julian Pacella-string duet, Cathy Fick and Katie Laskowska-string duet and Stephanie Kincaid and Cathy Fick-string duet.

Students earning Third Division ratings were: Melissa Shaner and Jaime Shaw-duet, Joseph Cheney, Steven Sweedyk and Nicolas Johnson-brass trio, Brian Steele, Billy Thompson and Brandon Fairse-brass trio, Jillian Schwab, Stephen Carson and Joshua Garnet-string trio.

On April 3, music students from Sashabaw Middle School competed at Brighton High School. File photo.



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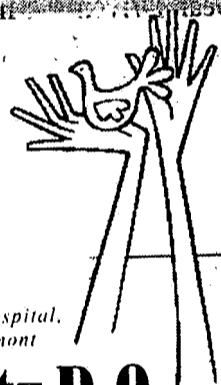


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Mary Riley, manager at Pine Tree Place, and Sue Tierney, Pine Tree Place activities director, enjoy some red-hatted tea. Photo by Alicia Dorset

Presentation brings unique creatures to Bailey Lake



ABOVE: Bailey Lake Elementary student Jenna Damico gets a visit from a creepy tarantula visitor as Mobile Ark presenter Toni Davies keeps a watchful eye. The presentation was part of BLE's Earth awareness month and focused on endangered animals. BELOW: Toni Davies shows one of many animals featured to students during the special assembly. The Davies and Mobile Ark have performed throughout the country. Photos provided.



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Scoutmaster

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some of the programs, awards and uniforms have changed over the years, and modern health codes have even dictated changes in physical arrangements at Scout camps.

"It's good. To be viable, you have to change with the times," he said. "It would be nice to have the slow, quiet paced life we used to have when I moved out here [in 1967], when we could walk to Gulick Lake and go fishing, but things change. We need to adapt."

With his two sons both grown, Martin and his wife, Patricia, like to spend time in travel when they can. They also enjoy participating in craft shows, although he said his wife does the creative work in knitting, crocheting and sewing items for sale.

"I'm more or less the gopher," he said, although he has done woodworking in the past.

The couple stays active in charity work outside of Scouting. Martin plays "Santa's helper" each Christmas season at various places such as Holly's Dickens Festival, as well as schools and (sometimes) stores.

The couple has been a mainstay at the clothes closet sponsored by the First Congregational Church, and they enjoy looking for great deals (especially after-holiday sales) to make the most of the donation dollar.

They also are members of Clarkston United Methodist Church, and believe they're simply doing what everyone should be doing.

"We feel we've been blessed with two healthy children. We feel we need to give back something to the community," he said. "You have rights as a citizen, but with rights come responsibilities, and that's more than just voting."

Even with such bold statements, Martin appears to be more concerned with doing than talking.

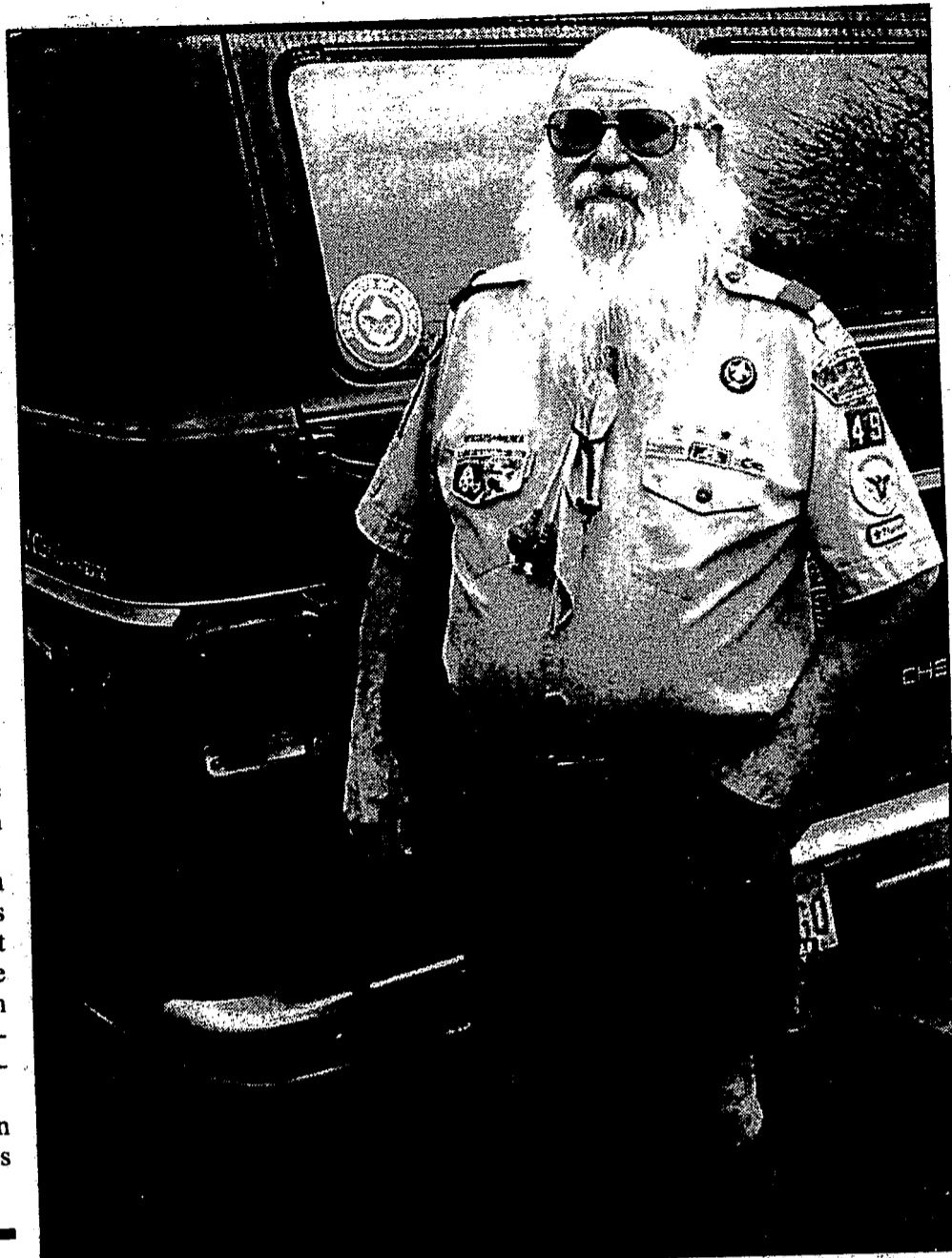
"We're quiet in the background," he said. "We don't do this to say, 'look at me.'"

On the other hand, he believes in another principle: "You can find time to do things you want to do."

Martin shows no sign of slowing down, but he has concerns such as a desire to see more Cub Scouts advance into Boy Scouts. "This is where the fun really begins."

There's also a sense of "fun" in thinking about the number of lives he's impacted, both as a teacher and a Scout leader, although he can't even estimate how many that may be, especially given the number who now have their own children and are passing down the same values.

"I couldn't even put a number on that," he said. "I've enjoyed it all. I guess it keeps me young."



Scoutmaster Kelly Martin proudly displays a Boy Scouts of America logo on his van. Another vehicle, loaned to one of his sons, has a bumper sticker which reads, "I'm proud of my Eagle Scouts." Photo by Don Schelske

'[Scouting] allows the boys to develop physically, mentally and morally. It enables them to find their way so they can make ethical and moral decisions.' The values of the Scout Oath and Law provide 'rules you can live by.'

Kelly Martin
Scoutmaster, Boy Scout Troop 49

High society...



Red Hat Society member Joan Hollowell introduces puppet "Sassy Sally" to Pine Tree Place resident Red Deery. The April 28 visit was organized by Sue Tierney as an activity for the 17 residents of the Clarkston facility. Staff members helped the residents create their own red hats to meet the group. The afternoon concluded with tea and desserts. Photo by Alicia Dorset.

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- Case #04-0032 Troy and Nicole Rusnell, Petitioners
APPLICANTS REQUEST SIDE YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 5' TO CONSTRUCT DETACHED GARAGE ON NON CONFORMING LOT OR RECORD
Drayton Rd., Lot 133, R-1A
Drayton Heights Subdivision 08-34-127-041
- Case #04-0033 Matt Bechtold, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS SIZE VARIANCE OF 60 SQ FT TO CONSTRUCT DETACHED GARAGE SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH CONVERTING EXISTING GARAGE INTO LIVING SPACE
Georgetown Ct., Lot 123, R-1 A
Waterford Hill Manor No. 1
08-32-403-ors
- Case #04-0034 Donald Marietta, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS SIDE YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 9' AND REAR YARD SETBACK OF 9' FOR ACCESSORY STRUCTURE ALREADY CONSTRUCTED
Chanto Dr., Lot 48, R-1A
Spring Lake Estates No. 2
08-3 3-204-010
- Case #04-0035 Samuel and Gayle Whatley, Petitioners
APPLICANT REQUESTS FRONT YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 37' FROM FUTURE ROAD RIGHT OF WAY TO CONSTRUCT ADDITION
Indianwood Dr. and Eston Rd., R-1 C
08-01,326-011.
- Case #04-0036 Rebecca Frye, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS FRONT YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OR 15' FROM FUTURE ROAD RIGHT OF WAY TO CONSTRUCT NEW HOME
Eston Rd., Parcel B, R-1A
Sunny Beach Country Club Subdivision
08-12-402-016
- Case #04-0037 Sandra Bailey, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE TO LIVE IN EXISTING HOME WHILE CONSTRUCTING NEW HOME PLUS SIZE VARIANCE OF 75 SQ FT NEEDED FOR POLE BARN TO BE CONSTRUCTED BEFORE NEW HOME (EXISTING DETACHED GARAGE TO REMAIN)
Piste Knob Rd., R-1R
08-10-278-009
- Case #04-0038 Paul Wilnot, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE TO EFFECTUATE SPLITTING OF PROPERTY IN COMBINATION WITH CASE #04-0039 (LACKS FRONTAGE ON PUBLIC ROAD, WIDTH TO DEPTH, AND SIZE OF ACCESSORY STRUCTURE)
Clarkston Rd., R-1A
08-21-251-022
- Case #04-0039 George Lang, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE TO EFFECTUATE SPLITTING OF PROPERTY IN COMBINATION WITH CASE #04-0038 (LACKS FRONTAGE ON PUBLIC ROAD, WIDTH TO DEPTH)
Clarkston Rd., R-1A
08-21-251-023
- Case #04-0040 Jeanne Schairer, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE TO CONSTRUCT NEW HOME AND USE EXISTING HOME AS A PERSONAL ART STUDIO
Pine Knob Rd., R-1R
08-26-200-002
- NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT THE ABOVE REQUESTS MAY BE EXAMINED at the Independence Township Building Department during regular hours each day, Monday through Friday until the date of the Public Hearing. For Further Information call (248) 625-8111.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan B. McCrary,
Township Clerk
Beverly A. McElmeel
Director

PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know

INDEPENDENCE TWP.

SPRING CLEAN-UP & HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

Spring Clean-Up Days are May 15 and May 22, 2004
Hazardous Waste Collection Day is in May 22, 2004
Charter Township of Independence
6050 Flemings Lake Road
8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Call DPW at 248-025-8222 for further details

SPRING CLEAN-UP FEE SCHEDULE May 15 and May 22, 2004

Automobile	\$ 5.00
Auto with single axle trailer	10.00
Pickup truck or van	10.00
Pickup truck with single axle trailer	25.00
Flatbed single axle truck	25.00
FREON REMOVAL	15.00 per unit
TIRES (limit of 10)	\$1 - \$5 per tire
(rims must be removed from large tires)	

WE DO NOT ACCEPT

brush*	garbage
grass compost of any kind	leaves
fuel oil drums/barrels/tanks	bricks
propane cylinders	concrete
railroad ties with tar sealers	automobiles
any type of vehicle	
large loads of shingles	

NO COMMERCIAL VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED

*NOTE: In the past brush has been accepted on these household days, however we will no longer allow brush on Clean-Up Days.

ELECTRONICS, APPLIANCES, AND COMPUTER COLLECTION

May 22, 2004

Computer CPU	\$3.00
Computer Monitor	\$3.00
Computer Printer	\$3.00
Computer Scanner	\$3.00
Hard Drive Erased	\$3.00
Hard Drive Destroyed	\$10.00

All other appliances, electronics, electric tools are at no charge.

HAZARDOUS WASTE FEE SCHEDULE

May 22, 2004

Based on gallons, pounds or items	
1-5	\$ 3
6-10	\$ 5
11-15	\$10
16-20	\$15
21-25	\$20
26-30	\$25
over 30	\$30
Clarkston Residents	flat \$45

HAZARDOUS WASTE WE ACCEPT KITCHEN/BATHROOM

floor care products	nail polish
furniture polish	oven cleaner
scouring powder	chlorine bleach
spot/stain removers	toilet cleaner
grout sealer/primer	mothballs
aerosol cans	mercury thermometers

WORKSHOP

paint/oil/latex	turpentine
or water based primer	varnish
glue/solvent based	mineral spirits
wood stain & preservative	photographic chemicals
household batteries	lighter fluid
fiberglass epoxy	upholstery cleaner
carpet cleaner	

GARAGE

antifreeze	brake fluid
metal polish	fuel oil
kerosene	engine cleaners
gasoline	

GARDEN

bug spray	ant & roach powder
weed killer	fly strips
herbicides	insecticides
HAZARDOUS WASTE WE CANNOT ACCEPT	
explosives	smoke detectors
ammunition	radioactive material
commercial or industrial wastes	

PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know

CLARKSTON SCHOOLS

LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS
OF CLARKSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:
Please Take Notice that the regular school election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 14, 2004.
THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2004, IS MONDAY, MAY 17, 2004. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, MAY 17, 2004, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION.

To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office or your county, city or township clerk's office. Persons planning to register with the respective county, city or township clerks must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerks' offices are open for registration.

This Notice is given by order of the board of education.
Tina Peterson
Secretary, Board of Education

ADDENDUM

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Regular Biennial Election of Oakland Community Schools, Michigan, will be held in conjunction with the Regular School Election.

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON

375 DEPOT ROAD
CLARKSTON, MI 48346

SUMMARY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 26, 2004

Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Meyland. Roll. Present: Clifton, Colombo, Meyland, Savage, Werner. Absent: Catallo, Gamble. Minutes of April 12, 2004, accepted as presented with one date correction.

Agenda accepted as presented. Clifton reported that River Day is scheduled for June 12, and more volunteers are needed. Clifton asked if the City could consider natural plantings between the stream and grass as a buffer. Clifton asked if the "bridge" that appears to have been created by youngsters be removed from the park area. Pursley stated that the DPW had removed this twice, but will monitor the stream to make sure any further items in the stream will be removed.

Clifton asked if some type of playground equipment would be replacing the merry-go-round that was removed. Pursley reported that his is in search of something to replace the merry-go-round.

Chief Combs reported that on April 16, motorcycle patrols took place from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. for traffic enforcement. This was on Holcomb, White Lake, Waldon, and Main Streets. Forty citations were issued during the eight-hour period. There was some ticketing of trucks on Holcomb and White Lake Road.

Pursley reported that a Cub Scout troop had painted three-quarters of the Gazebo, but rain last week end had prevented the troop from finishing the project. Plans are to have the painting of the Gazebo completed next weekend, weather permitting.

Pursley reported that the D.P.W. has been working on the spring cleanup of Depot Park. Most of this week was spent raking the park.

In response to Clifton's comment on low hanging branches, Pursley reported that these will be trimmed for safety of park users and mowing purposes.

Pursley reported that Ron Bray has been hired as a part-time D.P.W. employee. Bray had worked for the City in the past. Todd Bradley has resigned as he is taking classes.

Pursley further reported that he had met with an MDOT representative to determine what restoration had to take place at Washington and Main Streets due to the installation of the new signals. Repairs should be completed within two weeks.

A knee fence at Washington and Main is to be installed after painting of the sections. The fence will have a flat black finish. Pappas asked that the Finance Committee schedule a budget meeting at the May 10 Council meeting.

After discussion on the issue, Councilman Savage stated that he would talk with Robert Esshaki of Rudy's Market to request a four-foot clearance for pedestrians.

It was announced that the annual Community Award breakfast will be held on May 19 and the National Day of Prayer breakfast will be held at St. Daniel's Church on Thursday, May 6, at 7:30 a.m.

John Bickford was present to discuss the shoulders on Miller Road at Main Street, adjacent to his home. After lengthy discussion, Council asked Gary Tressel of Hubbell, Roth and Clark, Inc. to advise the Council at the next meeting as to the options, with costs, for the treatment of the shoulders on Miller Road at Main Street, such as original state, additional compacting, additions of pavement. Concern was that unless the shoulders are properly constructed, the edge of the road will be broken off by traffic.

Resolved That the City agree to allow Mr. Hazelton to use Depot Park on Saturday, August 28, based on normal fee charges of \$400 plus allowance for D.P.W. wages for a total of \$500. This fee is for a three hour event with one hour for setup and cleanup time including use of the restrooms.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

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Obituary

Karen M. Neubeck

Karen M. Neubeck, of Clarkston, died May 3, 2004 at age 47.

She was the loving wife of Ray; mother of Don (Michelle) and Dan all of Clarkston; grandmother of Austin and Sarah; daughter of Elwin and the late Delores Hale; sister of Jackie (Ron) Stout of Pontiac and Richard "Dick" (Pam) Hale of Waterford; loving sister-in-law of Dottie, Peggy, Gerry, Karen and Louann.

Mrs. Neubeck enjoyed volunteering with the Clarkston Athletic Boosters. She was employed with Independence Township for seven years. She was an active member of the Maranatha Baptist Church.

A Funeral Service is set for Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Maranatha Baptist Church at 5790 Flemings Lake Road in Clarkston. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the Maranatha Baptist Church.



Charles H. "Chuck" McPhee

Charles H. "Chuck" McPhee, of Clarkston and formerly of Bloomfield Hills, died April 30, 2004 at age 73.

He was the husband of Mary for 50 years; father of John (Melanie) of CA, Stephen (Becky) of IL, Brian (Sue) of South Lyon, Patricia (Thomas) of Haslett, Thomas (Kim) of MO and Michael of Bloomfield Hills; preceded in death by his daughter Julie; also survived by 18 grandchildren; like a father to Matthew Querback; brother of Virginia (James) Markey of Farmington; brother-in-law of Judy Dowd, I.H.M.

Mr. McPhee was a veteran of the US Army - Korean Conflict. He was district manager in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana for Bristol Laboratory. A Funeral Mass was held at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford. Memorials may be made to I.H.M.'s, Monroe. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Jeffrey Douglas Allen

Jeffrey Douglas Allen, of Stuart, FL and formerly of Royal Oak, died April 27, 2004 at age 22.

He is survived by his parents Doug and Renee of Stuart; daughter Taya Allen of Walled Lake; brother Jacob Allen of Stuart; maternal grandparents Richard and Patricia Bennett of Jensen Beach, FL; and paternal grandparents James and Roberta Allen of Holly.

Mr. Allen graduated from Martin County High School, FL, in 2000. He was a self-employed carpenter and enjoyed the beach, water and surfing.

A memorial service was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home in Walled Lake.

Memorials may be made to the Jeff Allen Trust Fund care of Doug and Renee Allen, 12265 Florida Ave, Stuart, FL 34994.

Jeff was loved by many friends and will be greatly missed.

Legion to sell Memorial Poppies

On May 13-15, American Legion Post 63, Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion, will be selling memorial poppies throughout the Clarkston area as part of their 2004 Poppy Campaign.

Legion members will be in downtown Clarkston and in front of local shopping centers asking for support.



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LX21-2c

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- Space Number B9, Tameka Mullen- 2 misc. small appliances, 1 TV, 15 household furnishings, 7 misc. household goods, 10 misc. boxes/bags, 5 other misc. items.
- Space Number D36, Robert Chanhalls- 4 misc. small appliances, 16 household furnishings, 5 misc. household, 12 misc. boxes/bags, 4 other misc. items.
- Space Number F2814, Larry Louzon- 4 misc. small appliances, 19 household furnishings, 10 misc. household, 40 misc. boxes/bags, 2 hand tools, 1 lawn care equipment, 25 other misc. items.
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Computers	140	Pets	200
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Farm Equipment	230	Real Estate	310
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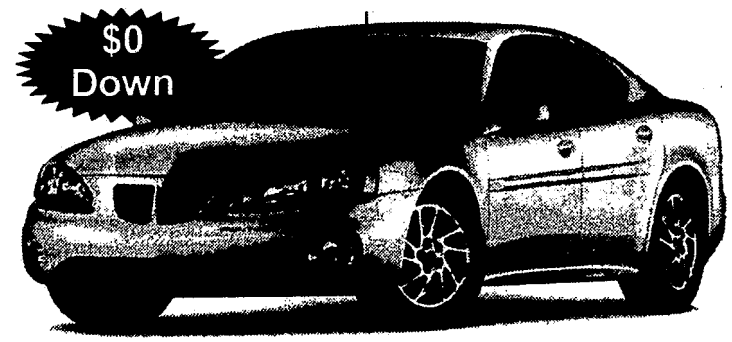


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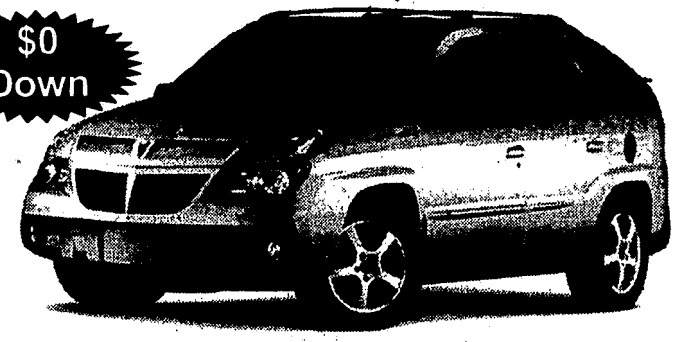


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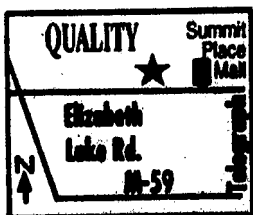
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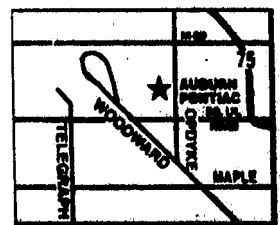


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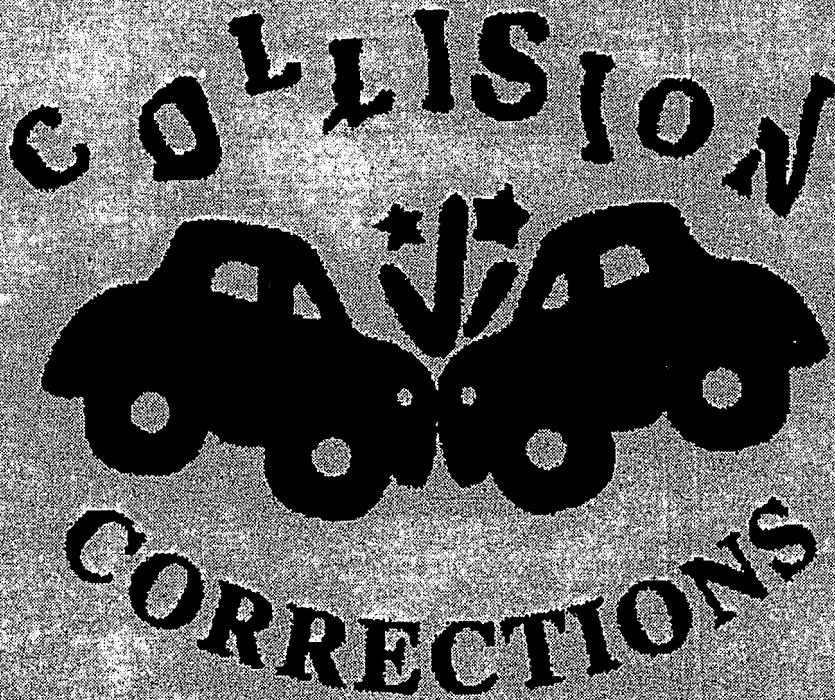
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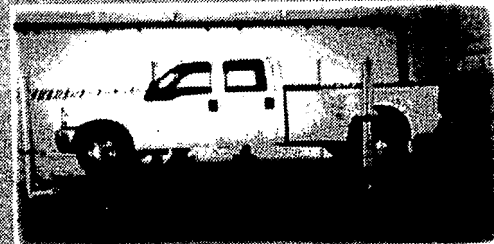
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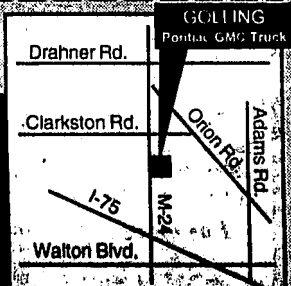
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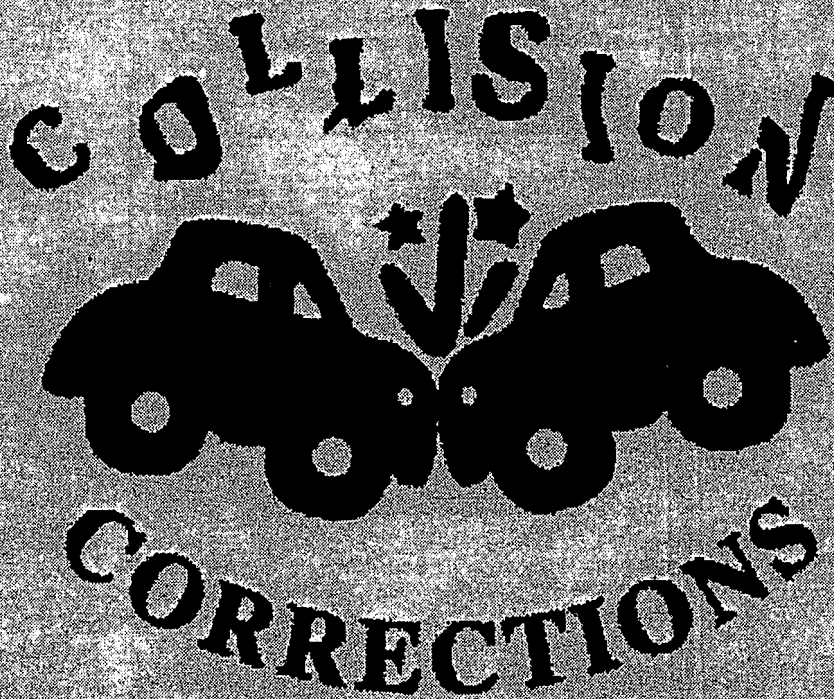


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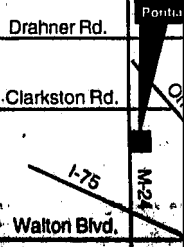
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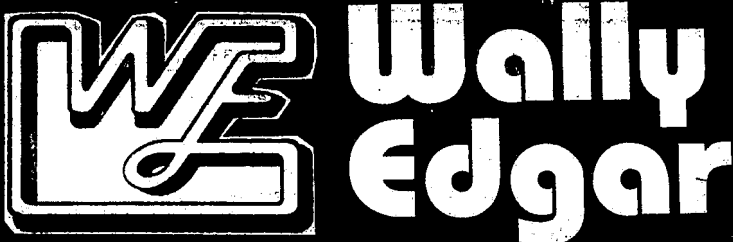
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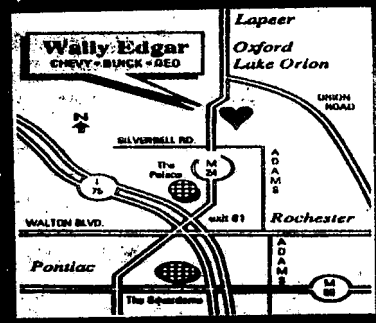




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This week Auto Liquidators of North America has selected Auburn Pontiac of Pontiac, Michigan to be the official liquidation site for 200 of these incredible bargains. This Monday, May 3 thru Saturday, May 8th, Auburn Pontiac of Pontiac, Michigan will have 200 bank repos, lease returns, and other used vehicles for thousands below normal values and will pass those savings on to their customers.

"These have been acquired at incredible savings from banks (repos), factory auctions and other sources," Bill Hahn Jr., General Manager of Auburn Pontiac said. "Our creditors have asked us to sacrifice this inventory immediately - regardless of loss of profit. If that means selling these vehicles for near or below wholesale, then that is what we will do." Every bank repo and other preowned vehicle will be available for just \$29 plus a

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Almost every type and price range will be available, from luxury, to 4x4's, to basic transportation. "With preowned vehicles near an all time high, chances are we will have what you are looking for in stock and ready to drive home," Hahn said.

Auto Liquidators of North America has flown in extra financial staff from three states to assure Auburn Pontiac of Pontiac customers prompt, courteous service and the best financial terms possible. Hahn said, "We will have over \$5 million in financing available for this event. So chances are we can arrange financing for just about anyone who is employed, regardless of past history."

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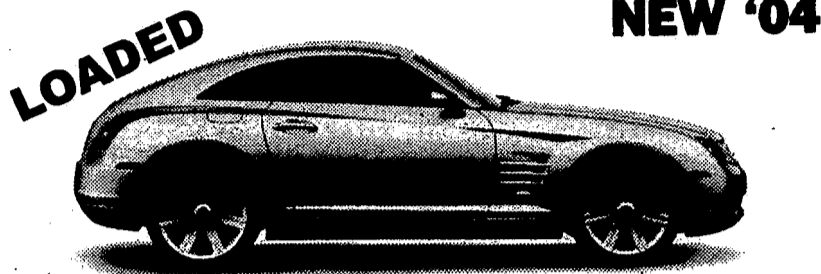
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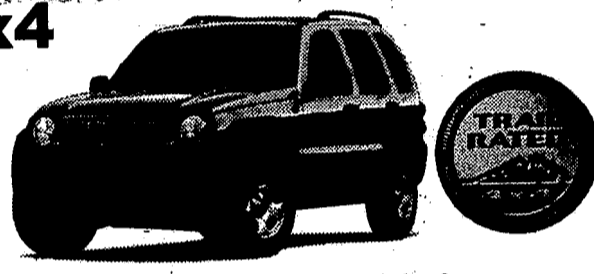


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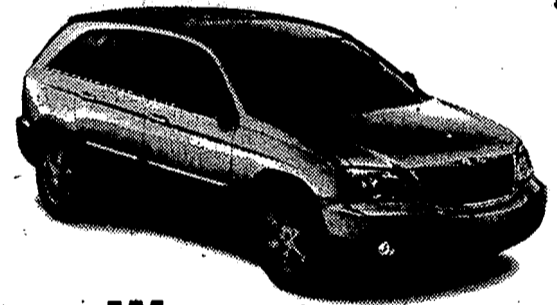
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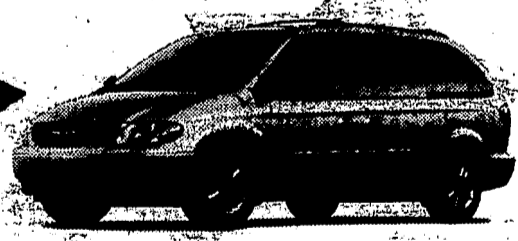


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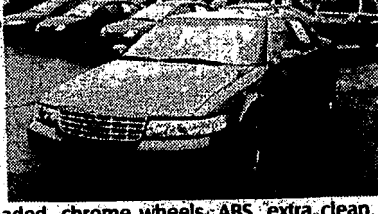
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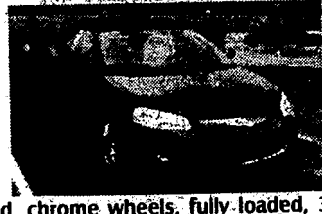
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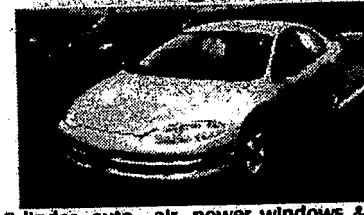
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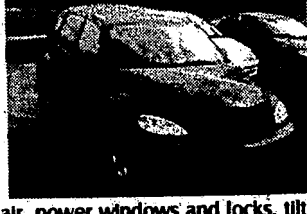
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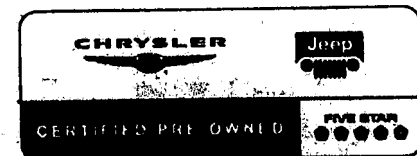
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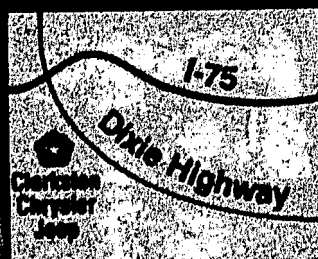
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