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Clarkston School Board Foyteck, Patterson win

BY DON SCHELSKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Incumbent Karen Foyteck far outpaced challengers in Monday's school election, with newcomer Joan Patterson earning enough votes for the second available seat on the Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education.

Foyteck garnered 1,181 votes, with Patterson finishing second with 964. They will begin their new four-year terms on July 1.

By a 1,793-507 margin, voters also approved a 4.5-mill renewal of the "non-homestead" property tax levy, effectively restoring the full 18-mill tax on commercial, rental and second-residence properties.

Foyteck, a 12-year school board veteran and the current board president, had campaigned on her experience and her desire to see projects such as bond construction and grade configuration to a successful conclusion.

Patterson claimed qualifications as a systems analyst, professional tennis player and business owner and promised to promote better district communications and better parent involvement in school activities.

A total of 2,353 votes were cast. Based on school officials' estimate of 30,753 registered voters, turnout was about 7.7 percent.

Another board vacation looms with Trustee Tony Miller's resignation, effective July 1. Unsuccessful candidates in Monday's election — and other citizens — have the opportunity to apply for appointment to the board until the next regular election.

According to a schedule discussed at Monday's school board meeting, applications for the open seat are expected to be available July 1, with the board to conduct interviews and make their selection no later than July 30.



Foyteck



Patterson

Clarkston Board of Education

Karen Foyteck (Inc.)	1,181
Joan Patterson	964
Jeffrey Allsteadt	760
Barry Bomier	588
Diane Weller	460

4.5-mill Non-Homestead Renewal	
Yes	1,793
No	507
Estimated voter turnout: 7.7%	

Celebrate!



Seniors Sarah McGinnis (left), Heather Giroux (center) and Amy O'Neil (right) are all smiles after the Wolves captured their regional title with a win over Birmingham Groves June 12 at Groves High School. See story on 16A. Photo by Ed Davis.

Locals charged with murder

BY DON SCHELSKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A defense attorney will argue that a 2002 assault — for which two Independence Township men were convicted — was not the cause of a Lapeer man's death and therefore does not warrant new murder charges.

Lance Allen Schmidt, 20, and Joseph Wells Stapleton, 19, appeared in 52-2 District Court Monday, June 14 for their preliminary examination, which Judge Dana Fortinberry agreed to continue until July 22.

Schmidt and Stapleton are still held in the Oakland County Jail without bond, having been charged with second degree murder after the March 4 death of Peter Richard, 44.

Schmidt and Stapleton pleaded no contest to charges of assault with intent to inflict great bodily harm after a November 2002 incident at the McDonald's on Sashabaw Road. In that case, a verbal dispute turned violent and the convicts

punched and kicked the victim repeatedly, even after he fell to the ground.

Their conviction included one year in jail and three years on probation, according to assistant county prosecutor Gregory Townsend.

Defense attorney Arnold Weiner requested more time for "discovery," but said his preliminary research casts doubt on his client's responsibility for Richard's death.

"We have a very serious question of causation here," Weiner said, noting a blot clot in Richard's leg during a time he was immobilized for two or three days.

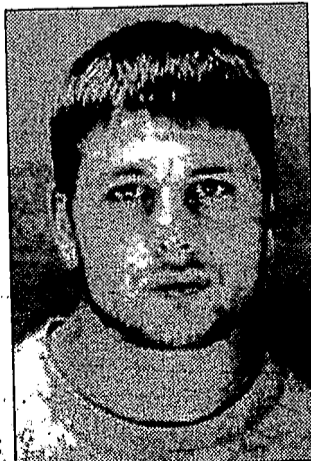
Weiner also requested a reasonable bond for the two men, noting a normal second-degree murder case would be handled differently.

Townsend argued that it is not a normal case.

"This is one of the most assaultive cases I've seen," he said. "The victim had constant, constant pain."

Fortinberry agreed with the seriousness of the charges.

"The court cannot minimize the risk of flight," she said.



Schmidt



Stapleton

Briefly

Foyteck earns MASB certification

Karen Foyteck, a member of the Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education, has been granted "level 3" certification by the Michigan Association of School Boards.

Foyteck earned the Award of Distinction by earning the MASB's first two levels of certification plus completing four "200-level" Certified Boardmember Award courses and a total of 368 education credits.

CBA courses range from school law and finance to community relations. The MASB said the program is designed to help produce more effective school board members and to better guide local school districts.

Final voter registration day approaches

The last day for residents of Independence Township to register to vote in the primary election is July 6, 2004.

Registrations are taken at any Secretary of State branch office, Oakland County Clerk's office or Independence Township Clerk's office. The Independence Township Clerk's office is located at 90 North Main Street and is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The primary election will be Tuesday, Aug. 3.

Independence Township sets special meeting

The Independence Township Board of Trustees have set a special meeting for Tuesday, June 29.

On the agenda at the meeting is a review of the 2003 audit. There will also be a public forum.

The meeting is set for 6 p.m. at Lavilla Ristorante in Independence Township Square located on Sashabaw Road.

Correction

In June 9 issue of *The Clarkston News* the letter to the editor by John and Millie Ham titled "No reason to change Springfield leadership" should have read "The protection of our environment with growth plus strong fiscal administration that holds down taxes."

The Clarkston News regrets these errors.

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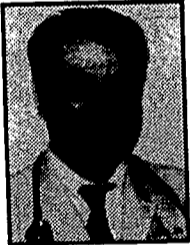
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The Second Front

It's a silver celebration for this summer's "Concerts"



Depot Park will host another season of "Concerts in the Park" in downtown Clarkston. This summer marks the event's 25th anniversary. *File photo.*

2004 season celebrates 25 years of music, fun in downtown

BY ALICIA DORSET
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston's "Concerts in the Parks" has a lot to celebrate this summer. It's turning 25.

This summer marks the 25th anniversary of the summer tradition which originally started in 1979. To help celebrate the occasion, the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce has created an even bigger hometown feel with special events and performances throughout the summer.

"It (concerts) is Clarkston. It is so hometown," Penny Shanks, chamber director, said. "This is where it's so nice to see a tradition continue."

To help celebrate the series' silver anniversary, local performers will open each concert this summer. The chamber sent out a "call for talent" earlier this year to find the area's best.

"We're very rich in talent here," Shanks said.

To start the summer series, Raquel Reyes will open for Atlantez Salsa on June 18. The idea for the local opening acts was developed last year by Cindy Keil of the Clarkston Coalition.

"I think it's going to add that hometown feel," Terri Bendes, chamber event enthusiast and planner, said. "It's that signature piece for it."

Not only will each concert have a local opening act, but balloons will be provided by the event's corporate sponsors, a special night will be set aside as "Rotary Night" and concessions will be run by area non-profits.

"We've got a lot of chamber members who want to get involved," Shanks said. "They want to get out and scoop ice cream."

The chamber will donate its weekly profits from the concessions stand it runs to a local non-profit.

"This is one of those events I love to put my heart and soul in," Bendes said.

A few weeks before the chamber announced this summer's schedule, they were already receiving phone calls about when the lineup would be released to the public.

"No matter how hard you're working, when you get a call like that, it keep you going. It encourages you," Shanks said.

Opening acts will begin each Friday concert at 6:30 p.m. before the main act takes the stage at 7:30 p.m.

"I look forward to see people I know come down and enjoy this event," Bendes said. "It's that type of event that really says 'us'."

For a complete listing of this year's local performers, please see 12B.

Local student kicks off hometown feel to "Concerts"

BY ALICIA DORSET
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Make sure to arrive early for the kickoff concert to this summer's Concerts in the Parks series. You won't want to miss Raquel Reyes.

Reyes, a 14-year-old freshman at Clarkston High School, will open this year's concert series as the first "Local Spotlight" for the event's 25th anniversary on June 18.

"I've been singing since I was two," Reyes said.

Singing is a passion for Reyes, who takes lessons from the Clarkston Conservatory. Recently she won a contest to sing the National Anthem before a Detroit Tigers game at Comerica Park.

Not only has she tried her hand at opening baseball games, but Reyes also made it to the second round of talent searches in Detroit for television's "Star Search" and was invited by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra to try out to sing for them.

"I want to become famous," Reyes said of future singing plans.

Reyes learned about the call for local talent for this summer's "Concerts" from her mom who sent in a videotape to the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce. The chamber selected this year's local spotlight artists.

"I'm looking forward to seeing all the people and how they react to me singing," Reyes said.

Reyes plans on singing "From This Moment On" by Shania Twain and a Spanish song by Selena.

"I like the all the people cheering for me at the end and the feeling I get," Reyes said. "Before you sing you get nervous but on the second word, it's gone."

Reyes will take the stage at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, June 18, before main act Atlantez Salsa comes on at 7 p.m.

Springfield Whoopee Bowl faces demolition

BY DON SCHELSKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Despite pleas from the family who own and operate the Whoopee Bowl, Springfield Township officials will seek bids to demolish what they consider a "dangerous building."

The owners have the option of razing the structure themselves before the board takes a formal vote Aug. 12, but the operator vowed last week to appeal the board's ruling.

Township trustees voted 5-2 on Thursday, June 10 to develop a "request for proposals" to demolish the entire structure. The vote came after the management of the Dixie Highway establishment failed to persuade the board to give them more time.

Last week's "show cause hearing" came after the Whoopee Bowl's failure to comply with a March 2003 order proceeding from a "dangerous building hearing."

The "finding of fact" from the 2003 hearing — based on a professional engineer's inspection — lists seven specific "defects" to the building, including a partially collapsed roof, obstructed doors and stairway, openings at several locations, debris to the point of making the building "a dumping ground," a large crack in an exterior wall and open and unstable storage trailers.

The hearing order directed the owner to effect repairs to all doors and windows and to clean up debris. In addition, an engineering study was to have taken place for a more comprehensive repair, with that plan to be subject to review of the township building department.

Larry Marlowe, who operates what used to be a popular flea market and salvage operation, said almost all the items in that report were accomplished, and that a structural engineer certified that most of the building is "safe."

"Almost everything requested of us has been done," Marlowe said, noting the expenditure of more than \$25,000 in the past year for cleanup and repair. He said the building and site look as good as it ever has since it opened in 1947.

The section which has the collapsed roof has been sealed off, he said, but the cost of repairing it is prohibitive.

"Until we have the funds to proceed

with our intended projects, we really do not see the need to invest more of our depleting cash flow funds into repairing the existing roof."

Those projects include a possible renovation into other retail space, with residential construction on part of the property, or razing the existing store to make way for new commercial and residential buildings.

Time and money are both problems, Marlowe said, with his family (including his mother, who owns the property) suffering from ill health and himself recently being diagnosed with a "potentially fatal debilitating disease."

In addition, while the store has not offered public hours for more than two years, Larry Marlowe said he is still trying to sell merchandise to wholesalers and believes he should be allowed to recoup some of that investment.

"These still have dollar value," he said. "I will not remove these items until they are all sold."

Because he has other work priorities, Marlowe said the cleanup will take more time, perhaps up to another year.

"I fail to see how this constitutes a dangerous building," he said, given the progress they have made.

The majority of trustees were not sympathetic. Clerk Nancy Strole said a recently as May 12-13, she saw the state of one section of the building through an open window.

"There was much debris from the roof that had collapsed into the building," she said, expressing concern that Marlowe takes customers into the building.

"Have you read the dangerous building ordinance lately?" Supervisor Collin Walls asked Marlowe.

"Nope. Never saw it," Marlowe replied.

"The very fact that the building is open to the elements meets the definition to classify it as a dangerous building," Walls said, noting there had already been one extension granted because of inclement weather.

Walls said Marlowe could appeal the township board's decision to circuit court within 21 days, and Marlowe later said he would do so.



Larry Marlowe (left) appeals for leniency from the Springfield Township Board on Thursday, June 10. The board nonetheless voted to seek bids to demolish the orange building complex known as the Whoopee Bowl. Photo by Don Schelske

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Police and Fire

Independence Township

June 6: Burglary (no force) at Orthodontic Specialists on Sashabaw Road. Someone opened and ransacked fire cabinets. A former employee is suspected.

June 7: Assist fire department at barn fire on Pine Knob Road.

June 8: Driving while license suspended arrest on Pine Knob Road. A 21-year-old man from Maumee, Ohio ran his vehicle into some trees off the roadway.

Under-21 consumption of alcohol arrest on Amy. A 19-year-old Clarkston man was stopped for having one headlight and registered a blood alcohol level of 0.131 percent.

Drug overdose on Bristol Parke Drive. A 45-year-old Clarkston woman was taken to Beaumont Hospital.

Home invasion at Bridgewater Apartments. A victim saw two men wearing ski masks taking off screens to the residence and then ran from the scene.

Assist state police with a five-vehicle crash on I-75 north of Baldwin in Orion Township.

Subjects arrested for operating while intoxicated, violation of restricted license and minor in possession of alcohol at McDonald's on Sashabaw Road. Both suspects were 18-year-old Clarkston men.

Malicious destruction of property on Dixie Highway, graffiti on wall and broken planks in fence.

Home invasion on Mann Road. Taken were jewelry, coins and a credit card. A neighbor suggested a possible suspect to deputies.

June 9: Open building search on Hadley Hills Court. Destruction of mailbox on Cramelane Drive.

Operating while intoxicated and careless driving arrest on Dixie Highway near Carter. A 47-year-old Holly woman's car collided with a vehicle driven by a sheriff's deputy from Springfield Township. She registered a blood alcohol level of 0.162 percent.

Operating while intoxicated arrest on Sashabaw Road near Maybee Road. Following a be-on-the-look-out call from Waterford, deputies stopped a 40-year-old Clarkston man who registered a blood alcohol level of 0.355 percent.

Miscellaneous information report at Sashabaw Plaines Park. A subject wanted to inform deputies of an incident in which she scolded a child but thought she would be accused of striking the child.

Found property report at Clarkston Renaissance High School. Someone found unidentified pills in the school gym. Items were later determined to be Vicodin and Zyprexa, and were slated to be destroyed.

Arrest for possession of marijuana and operating under the influence of drugs on M-15 near Princess Lane. A 20-year-old Waterford man's vehicle was seen veering off the roadway and skidding. A search revealed a marijuana pipe and a bag of suspected marijuana.

Harassment complaint on Clarkston Road near Fleming Lakes Road.

June 10: Suspicious circumstances at Mr. B's Roadhouse on Dixie Highway. A customer asked for a police report after he sat on a pin at his table.

Larceny of wallet from vehicle on Cranberry Lane Road.

Threats and trespassing at Clarkston Renaissance High School. A 17-year-old past student made threats. Case turned over to school liaison officer.

Destruction to lawn on Cedar Grove.

Larceny from vehicle on Remington Court. Missing were a CD player with headphones, a speaker box, \$200 cash and some clothes.

Malicious destruction of property at the Kroger store on Sashabaw Road, paint ball to truck.

Malicious destruction of property (dented hood) on Chestnut Hills Court.

Malicious destruction of property (scratches to vehicle) on Dixie Highway.

June 11: Larceny from vehicle on N. Marshbank. Someone broke a window and took a car stereo and amplifier.

Damage to vehicle at Bridgewater Apartments. Someone cut a vehicle's starter wires.

Larceny of \$10.59 worth of fuel at the Speedway station on Dixie Highway.

Family trouble on Dora Lane.

Family trouble on Olympus.

Arrest for assault and battery and disorderly conduct at DTE Energy Music Theater. A 21-year-old Ypsilanti man struck a deputy in the head with a closed fist, then continued to resist arrest after being forced to the ground. He was eventually taken into custody after being disabled with a taser.

Operating while intoxicated arrest on Sashabaw Road north of Maybee Road. A 42-year-old Ortonville man registered a blood alcohol level of 0.17 percent.

Larceny of purse from DTE Energy Music Theater's Starlight Lounge.

June 12: Domestic violence arrest on Elk Run. A 44-year-old Clarkston man allegedly assaulted his wife.

Lost property report at DTE Energy Music Theater. A deputy reported losing his badge while responding to another deputy's call for assistance.

Open door alarm on Bitterbush.

June 13: Operating while intoxicated arrest on Dixie Highway near Andersonville Road. A 23-year-old Clarkston man was stopped for speeding and registered a blood alcohol level of 0.124 percent.

Malicious destruction of property (broken window) at the Old Fashioned Church on Clarkston Road.

Domestic assault arrest at Independence Oaks County Park. A 42-year-old Ortonville man allegedly was seen choking his wife.

Assault report on Glenalda. Charges pending official statements from witnesses.

Breaking and entering to vehicles on Clement Road, electrical implements taken from two vehicles.

Property damage on Oakhurst Ridge Road, golf ball to vehicle window.

Open door alarm at Hidden Lakes apartments.

Springfield Township

June 7: Injured person at the BP gasoline station on Dixie Highway near I-75. A patron said she tripped and fell on the raised concrete (where the final layer of asphalt has yet to be placed).

Operating without care in a construction zone report at Bridge Lake and Davisburg roads. An angry driver threw gravel at a traffic director with her wheels while making a 180-degree turn. No charges were filed pending the driver's apology to the construction worker.

June 8: Burglary at Davisburg-Dixie Market. Someone broke the front door glass, knocked a cash register to the floor, then took about \$300 cash. Investigators found two good footprints, but no fingerprints.

Family trouble on Roberts.

Medical assist/possible child endangerment on Country Lane. Deputies responded with fire department paramedics to a 17-year-old who was intoxicated. The young man's mother was also intoxicated. The case was turned over to protective services.

Reckless driving, driving without a license and unlawful driving of auto arrest on Hillsboro. A 16-year-old Davisburg boy was cited for driving from 50 to 75 miles per hour in a 25-mph zone, causing a rollover crash.

June 10: Neighbor trouble on King Road.

Boyfriend-girlfriend trouble on Dixie Highway near Davisburg Road.

Burglary at the Four Seasons Inn on Dixie Highway. Someone took about \$900 cash, but there was no sign of forced entry.

June 12: Harassing telephone calls on Bridge Lake Road.

June 13: Suspicious circumstances/open door alarm on Kingston Drive.

Malicious destruction of property (paint on car) on Canterbury Circle.

Arrest for misuse of 9-1-1 in Spring Grove mobile home park. A 31-year-old man allegedly called 9-1-1 while intoxicated, threatening a neighbor.

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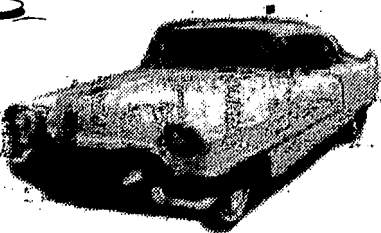
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Opinion

Get some thicker skin

I always thought the City of Detroit was a tough, hard-nosed blue collar town.

I guess I will need to reevaluate after seeing the pathetic way people in this area reacted to a few comments by comedian Jimmy Kimmel. In case anyone missed it, the late night comedian took a shot at Detroit when he appeared on the halftime show during game two of the NBA Finals last week.

In what obviously was a joke, Kimmel said, "I'm glad the Lakers are winning because besides the fact that I'm a Lakers fan, I realize they're gonna burn the city of Detroit down if the Pistons win, and it's not worth it."

Somehow those comments were able to outrage people in this area. Have we become so defensive about our town that we are no longer able to laugh at ourselves? If the crack would have been about Cleveland, Chicago or Indianapolis we probably all would have laughed hysterically.

Instead our local ABC affiliate, Channel 7, and other members in the media played the victim and whined about the unfair crack. Their actions have painted the rest of us Detroit area residents as a group of thin skinned individuals who can not take a simple joke.

It got so crazy that after Kimmel made a few more Detroit jokes at the taping of his show the next day Channel 7 refused to broadcast it before ABC decided to pull the plug. I guess that is what happens when the broadcast industry becomes so consolidated that only a few companies own all the outlets, but that is another column for another day.

So a small comment made at halftime turned into a three day media frenzy. If people would not have been so thin skinned not many people would even have known about the joke; now almost everybody does.

Sometimes you just have to let the pitch go by. Our team is beating the Lakers and the general public will be able to decide for itself how we handle a celebration. Residents got out of control after the Tigers won in 1984 and they still need to deal with the results. It might seem unfair but if you do the crime then you need to do the time.

Now I realize Detroit does get a bad rap and it would be nice to have the national press sing its praises every once in awhile. But how about we make it a first class city before we complain about people laughing that we are a second class city.

Wouldn't it be nice if the city government was more concerned with its own residents than the national media? Nothing in the city gets fixed until the Super Bowl comes to town because we don't want people outside the state to realize how bad of shape the city really is in.

I applaud Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick for not getting in the middle of the mess. While common sense and Kilpatrick do not always go hand-in-hand, he was smart enough to realize you can't win a war of words with a late-night celebrity.

The mayor did what the rest of this area should have done, issue a no-comment.

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Gargaro's World



Kyle Gargaro

Letters to the Editor

O'Neill praises the work of Reagan

I am delighted and honored to comment on President Ronald Reagan following his recent death.

Perhaps few can discern or comprehend his impact on our times. In his memory, we salute and celebrate his superb leadership, intellect, humor and the sense of purpose with which he pursued our country's restoration to greatness and world leadership.

Reagan began his watch over a very dispirited nation - with a decaying military force, an economy with double-digit inflation and interest rates that corresponded to a new index called the "misery index," which consisted of the interest rate times the rate of inflation, designed to measure our levels of despair throughout the country.

Facing an aggressive "evil empire" whose leadership was apparently devoid of the guidance of Judeo-Christian, Islamic or other major world religions, and whose focus was on world domination, Reagan again proved that the pew, the pulpit and the moral ideals of a free people were mightier than even "nuclear swords," which stood shielded behind an iron curtain.

Reagan called upon his own deep spiritual values and his clear understanding of our founding fathers' belief that we were "one nation under God" - not separate from God. Reagan understood and embodied the fact that the separation of church and state did not mean the exclusion of God, religious symbols and values from governance. Rather, armed with these values, the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and with the committed support of a free and God-fearing people, Reagan, in conjunction with Margaret Thatcher, our pope and many millions of humble and God-fearing people, and with our Lady of Fatima's intercession and with her SON, fulfilled the promise of Fatima and brought Russia to her knees in a spiritual sense.

Reagan, Thatcher, Bush and other leaders never took credit or gloated over the fall of the Soviet empire. They knew that they were the "worldly hands" and instruments for the Holy Spirit in our free world.

In the Bible, Matthew and many other prophets throughout the Old and New Testament spoke of the moral blindness of their time... that they shall look but not see, that they shall listen but not hear or comprehend truth, morality or wisdom. To those who thought Reagan was simple-minded, they too cannot hear, see or understand the spiritual grace or clarion call which was most clearly proclaimed in his famous words to Gorbachav - "tear down this wall."

With regards to "grace," Reagan was one of the greatest presidents to have graced our oval office. He and Nancy lent their great dignity, integrity and spiritual and social "grace" to the office of the president, earning the sacred trust of "we the people." His indomitable faith and trust in God made us once again remember our faith that America is truly that great moral city on the hill, the bastion of all men, women and children who live free of fear and bondage.

The journey to world peace, equality and freedom is ongoing. And history has made it a requisite that leaders such as Reagan, evoke in us a remembrance and yearning to the simple childlike trust, love and inspiration necessary for us to hear and follow God's precious call to greatness.

History will be kind to Reagan for his wonderful example of selfless leadership. His greatness will be reflected upon our country, and truly the world, for generations to come. May the good Lord reflect his glory and loving embrace on Reagan for all eternity.

Dr. James O'Neill
Clarkston

Alpha Club raises funds for worthy causes

My name is Rachel Glowski and I am secretary of the Alpha Club at Clarkston Elementary. Alpha Club is a youth organization of the Optimist Club. There are 17 members in our club made up of fourth and fifth graders: Michael Gieske, Taylor Sloan, Megan Francis, Hannah Phillips, Caitlin Harvey, Alexa Sapala, Hailey Kociszewski, Taryn Racine, Allison Kitchen Stephanie Burnham, Erin Castillo, Kayle Muller, Mike Arkwright, Taylor Smith, Kate Macsay and Cassidy Cunningham.

Here are some of the things we've done this past year: We wrote thank you notes to the teachers at

Clarkston El, sent Valentines and teddy bears to children at Children's Hospital, held a canned food drive for Oakland County Food Bank, and made Easter baskets for St. Daniel's Church. Also, our fundraiser raised over \$700 for Make a Wish Foundation and American Cancer Society.

We are very proud of our first year efforts. We are happy to help others in the community. When you help others you help yourself!

Rachel Glowski
Secretary of Clarkston El Alpha Club

Senior answers senior center guest column

OK, Cathy Houck, I hope you vented all of your outrage on the seniors of Independence Township, Township Supervisor Dale Stuart, and the citizens of Independence Township in your "guest column" on the opinion page of *The Clarkston News*, May 26 edition. According to you, the township board and its leader, Mr. Stuart, are busily plotting nefarious behind-the-scenes actions against the taxpayers of Independence township regarding the building of a new senior center behind the library on Clarkston Rd. You questioned their decision to provide funds for the project by borrowing the money from the sewer/water budget. What's more, you not only disagree with their actions, but term them "illegal" . . . not to mention "scandalous" in the same context as the Oakland County School District debacle. Your charges are utterly ludicrous.

Further, you have the cockeyed notion that the senior center under consideration would be used as a social club by a few "select" and privileged residents of the township. Who in the world are you talking about?

This is not Grosse Pointe or Bloomfield Hills, but Clarkston, and there is no elite upper crust group that will dominate the senior center. If you dig down far enough to unearth the truth, you will find ordinary people, like you and me, interacting and making friends, learning and enjoying themselves and enriching their lives rather than becoming couch potatoes. The aim of the senior center is to provide services and activities for older adults to maintain their independence as long as they can, avoiding the public dole as much as possible (hopefully, for the rest of their lives), saving taxpayers money in the process.

Your contention that the township board is ignoring the election results of several years ago is also not supported by fact. The decision rendered by the voters at that time was not a rejection of the proposed senior center, but a vote against a combined senior center, community center, and town hall. The cost of that complex

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Faded Ink

Optimism still abounds

"Where's your favorite guy?" Sean, 4, asked me, as he, his older brother Shamus and I watched the horse-drawn funeral hearse on the television screen.

"He's under that American flag," I answered. "In a coffin."

"Your favorite guy is dead," Sean stated flatly.

"Yes," I agreed. "That man's name is Ronald Reagan. He's one of my favorite presidents."

As we watched a few minutes of the somber military procession which carried the 40th President's body to the Rotunda, your stoic scribe smiled. No, not like "Ding, dong, the wicked witch is dead."

Ronald Reagan was the first U.S. President I was privileged to vote for -- something many of my fellow Central Michigan University classmates frowned upon. I remember defending my vote -- I remember defending my president.

I smiled as Reagan's body was carried for the last time through Washington DC, not because he had died (though it was time), rather because I remember what he meant to me. I remember a positive change. I confess my sin -- I swelled with pride that we were American. I will remember the mood of the nation -- or at least our little part of it in Northeast Oakland County -- prior to his election to office.

Let me count the ways . . . the economy was tanking. By the time Reagan took office inflation was rising to over 11 percent. Interest rates were on a steady incline that reached 20 percent at the end of 1981 (the rates then started to decline -- declining bit by bit until the end of the century.) Folks were gloomy. The local auto industry was being beat up by its foreign counterparts. There were too many layoffs.

Americans were still hanging their heads low about being American -- we were only a handful of years removed from Vietnam. Anti-Americanism abroad

(nothing new) was no better evidenced than when 70 Americans were taken hostage in 1979 -- that ordeal lasted 444 days.

I remember all these things even though I was just a young lad with big hair and bad clothes (no wonder I could never find a date). I remember the "cowboy" comparisons, the fears of some that if Reagan got into office, nukes would fly. The world would end. Since I liked cowboys, I thought cowboy comparisons were a darned-tootin' good thing.

I remember reading newspapers and watching the debates between him and President Jimmy Carter. I remember feeling good -- the same feeling I had whenever I listened to or watched Reagan from then to his last public communication -- the letter addressing how Alzheimers was eating away at his mind.

I wasn't alone. Most of the country felt the same way and voted him into office by huge margins. With Reagan at the helm it was okay to be American. With Reagan in charge we knew folks would think twice about hurting us. With Reagan in the White House we knew we all had the chance to succeed.

Whether you agreed with him philosophically, you knew what you were getting. He wanted to hasten the end of communism and restore our faith in ourselves. Talking head pundits, to this day, label him a dunder head, somebody else's puppet. From what I've read this week, those who knew him, even those on the other side of the political spectrum, do not think he was muddle-minded. (I think he was as Bill Clinton is -- you meet him, you can't help but like him, even if you disagree with him.)

I remember the would-be assassin's bullet. I remember the Contras, everything else. I still believe he was one of "us" and not one of "them." I have good thoughts when I think of Ronald Wilson Reagan and I believe hope and optimism are his legacy to America.

I like to think of America as filled with lots of good people. I see and take into account our faults but know,

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15 YEARS AGO (1989)

• Clarkston students will return to school next fall with fewer instructors and programs, with pay-to-play athletics and activities, and with \$1.5 million less in state aid as a result of the June 12 school election. Voters turned down an opportunity to override the automatic Headlee tax rollback that would have allowed the district to collect the full 38.83 mills approved by voters in the June, 1988 election. Instead, the millage rate was rolled back, and 34.946 mills will be levied against property owners.

• Residents interested in better schooling gathered at Deer Lake Racquet Club last week to formally discuss the beginnings of the Clarkston Foundation for Public Education. As Gary Haner, superintendent for Clarkston Community Schools, explained to the 23 people attending the breakfast meeting, talk of starting a foundation has been around a long time.

• One Clarkston school board candidate was upset with the way signs were displayed by some of the other candidates during the June 12 school election. Candidate Doreen Wright, who lost her bid for one of the two open seats on the school board, took pictures and protested to Independence Township officials about the signs of Robert Wyatt and Paul VanKlaveren. VanKlaveren won a seat on the board; Wyatt did not.

25 YEARS AGO (1979)

• Applause was the response when the Clarkston Village Council voted to rehire -- with a raise -- a crossing guard for the 1979-80 school year. Ten village residents from the Middle Lake-Overlook roads area appeared at the June 11 council meeting to assure that Norma Bigger would keep her job. Bigger had been the crossing guard at the northern Middle Lake Road-Main Street intersection during the school year since January 1978.

• Commuters and downtown business persons no longer allowed to park in the Main-Washington village lot have moved their cars into the nearby residential neighborhood. And the Clarkston Village Council is stymied by the problem. At the June 11 council meeting, Clerk Bruce Rogers, 29 E. Washington, complained that persons who work downtown and commuters are parking on East Washington Street.

• The sewer usage rate in Clarkston will rise to \$25 a quarter per single-family dwelling. The cost for commercial and rental properties will also go up. The result of a \$2.20-per-household boost requested by the Oakland County Department of Public Works, the rate increase was unanimously authorized by the Clarkston Village Council at its June 11 meeting. The price hike will go into effect with the Aug. 15 billing. Until that time, property owners will continue to pay the current \$23 per household unit fee.

50 YEARS AGO (1954)

• Mr. David Yoh was ordained a Deacon in the Ministry of the Methodist Church last Sunday afternoon at the Mt. Olivet Methodist Church in Dearborn.

• On Friday, July 2, a Township Special Election will be held in Independence Township. Voters will be asked to approve a one mill increase for a period of five years. The resulting revenue would be used solely for the expansion of the Independence Township Fire Department.

Just Jotting

During the televised funeral services for President Reagan last Wednesday night, a telemarketer called to tell me about a great carpet cleaning deal. What a country!

Another dog lover sent this quote: "It's impossible to keep a straight face in the presence of one or more puppies."

The Detroit News headed many of its stories on President Reagan by using his signature. It is a very readable signature. I've often wondered why more people don't show they like who they are by signing their name legibly.

My dog Shayna likes Tabasco sauce, but doesn't care for beer. Don't get riled up now. The only reason I had beer in the house was to follow a batter recipe. The mixing didn't take the entire can of beer, so I offered it to Shayna. She gave it a good taste test, for a dog. Maybe three laps, and gave me another "where's my treat" look.

A few weeks prior to popular graduation dates one of the cell phone pushers ran a page ad shouting: "The Perfect Gift For Your Grad is a Cell Phone!" First I thought they were trying to reach parents of high school seniors, but the more I thought of it I realized they must be trying to convince parents of elementary school graduates. Then, no, those going from third to fourth grade had to be the targets. I mean, like, how can you live without, ya'know, a cell phone.

Let's have a dog hearing contest. Shayna can hear my cookie jar lid being opened and me opening a candy wrapper from the limits of her 90-foot radius outside our house.

Love country & western songs with some humor in them. Like old-timers Homer and Jethro who have

one with these words about a cow, "She was bitten on the udder by an adder." They just don't write good music like that anymore.

I know cat lovers think they make the best pets, but dogs can do things cats can't. For instance, because of their nosy curiosity dogs can tell you if your fly is open, and enjoy doing it.

Are any of you old enough to remember tying a string around a loose tooth and tying the other end of the string to an open door, then slamming it shut? Out came the tooth, thus saving trips to the dreaded dentist.

Recently I grabbed the dining table pepper shaker, shook it and the top came off. When you live alone, who do you blame?

One last Shayna story, at least for this column. Many of you know I have a subscription to the Bacon of the Month Club. FedEx delivers a box to the door, rings the bell and leaves each month. I didn't hear the latest delivery.

I guess Shayna did. Anyway this particular pound came from Nodine's Smokehouse, Goshen, Connecticut. "It stands out in The Grateful Palate bacon portfolio for their mastery of flavors," says the accompanying info.

The bacon is in a thick plastic bag with another bag of dry ice all inside a corrugated box.

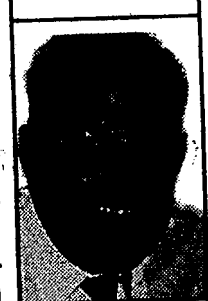
I looked out the window one day and saw a box, opened, and wondered where Shayna got it. I wondered several minutes before I went out to investigate.

My timing couldn't have been better. Shayna had just broken the sealed bacon cover.

Numerous thoughts have followed that episode. When you have two main loves, bacon and dog, and it gets to the point of eliminating one, do you chose to keep the one you've loved longest?

A person cannot always chose the one with lowered head and upcast pleading eyes.

Jim's
Jottings



Jim Sherman

Smile of the Week



Morgan Gray proudly displays a Ben Wallace jersey at Clarkston Elementary School the day after the Pistons June 1 win over the Indiana Pacers.
Photo by Alicia Dorset

State agency slates hearing on new gas pipeline to run through communities

The Michigan Public Service Commission has announced a public hearing on a proposed Consumers Energy natural gas pipeline which is seen by some as a threat to natural wetlands and local communities.

The hearing will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 23 at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Road.

"This hearing will give all interested persons the opportunity to make statements about the proposed pipeline," according to MPSC Chairman J. Peter Lark.

Administrative Law Judge Sharon L. Feldman

will preside over the hearing. Statements will be limited to 10 minutes to ensure that all interested persons have an opportunity to participate.

Written comments may also be sent to the commission at: Executive Secretary, Michigan Public Service Commission, 6545 Mercantile Way, Lansing, MI 48909 or by e-mail to mpscfilecases@michigan.gov. Comments must be received no later than June 30.

Consumers Energy officials have defended the need for the new 36-inch pipeline (24.4 miles long, running through Rose, Springfield, Independence

and Orion townships) and say they have done their best to avoid environmentally sensitive areas.

Officials such as those in Springfield and Rose townships have countered with concerns about areas such as the Great Huron Swamp and Buckhorn Lake areas.

Officials in Independence Township have voiced concern about the lack of detailed plans, although it is known the proposed route will run roughly parallel with Maybee Road with possible intersections with the Liberty Golf Course and the area north of Sashabaw Middle School.

Clarkston native attends national forensics tourney

BY ALICIA DORSET
Clarkston News Staff
Writer

Trevor Erickson got involved in forensics by mistake after his English teacher at St. Mary's suggested he try the school's debate team. What resulted was a trip to Boston as a national forensics competitor.

Erickson recently competed against 300 other students in the National Forensic League Grand National Tournament in Boston at the end of May as an extemporaneous speaker.

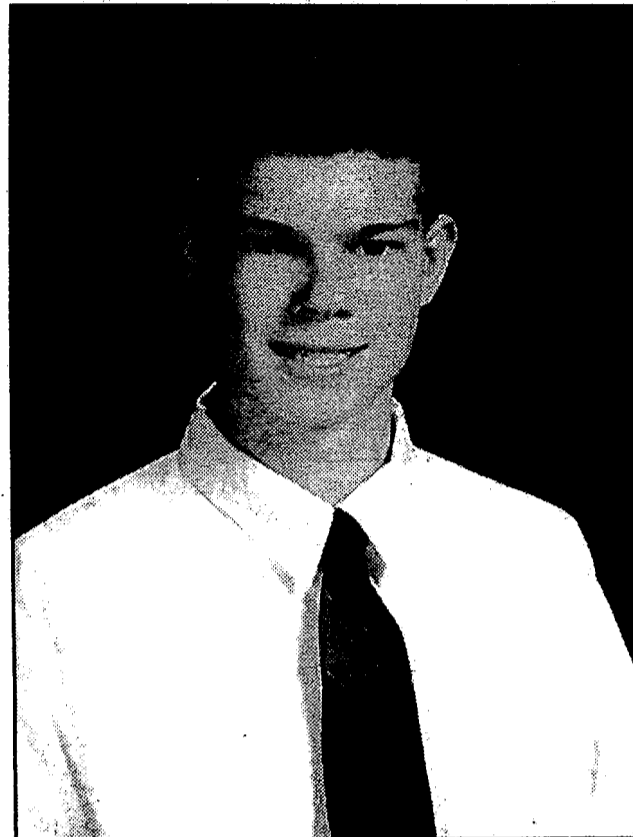
"Whoever wants to can join, but you gotta have talent," Erickson said. "But whoever wants to do it can do it."

Erickson has been competing with St. Mary's as an extemporaneous speaker this past school year. Although he didn't win at the national competition, he tied for the placement coming out of Michigan competitors.

"I didn't know what it was going to be like. It ended up being much harder than I thought it would," Erickson said. "It's a stressful situation to be in, but it was very fun."

As an extemporaneous speaker, Erickson is given three question topics that he can prepare his impromptu speech on. From the three topics he selects one, writes a seven-minute speech in 30 minutes and then must memorize it before presenting it to judges.

"I try to come up with three main points and then just improv the rest. The



Trevor Erickson

topics cover everything going on in the world," Erickson said.

Topics Erickson was given at this year's national competition ranged from anti-terrorism funding to how businesses can cut down on health care costs.

To prepare for the topics, Erickson makes sure he stays current on news events. He brought five different magazines to the competition with him as a way of "studying."

"You want to persuade the judges," Erickson said. "If you can persuade them the way you're thinking, you're going to win."

Not only did Erickson get to represent his school at the competition, he also

got to visit Boston for the first time. When not in competition at Northeastern University, he had time to explore the city.

"It was wonderful. It was just the experience of being there," Erickson said. "I've never been to Boston before."

When not working on forensics, Erickson is an active member of St. Mary's baseball, track and basketball teams. The senior looks forward to another year of competing, but has no immediate plans on how forensics will be a part of his activities later in life.

"It's very beneficial for the future," Erickson said. "It gets you places in the future you'd never imagine."

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Clarkston doctors set to come back home to work

BY KYLE GARGARO
Clarkston News Editor

The Clarkston Medical Group is getting ready to welcome two hometown doctors to the practice.

Dr. James O'Neill, founder, Medical Director and Managing Partner of CMG, recently announced Dean Moscovic and Renny Abraham will join the medical group with a dual specialty in Pediatrics and Internal Medicine.

Both Moscovic and Abraham grew up in Clarkston. Moscovic attended Clarkston schools before graduating from Brother Rice High School. He attended the University of North Carolina before going to medical school at Michigan State University. He is currently doing his residency at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

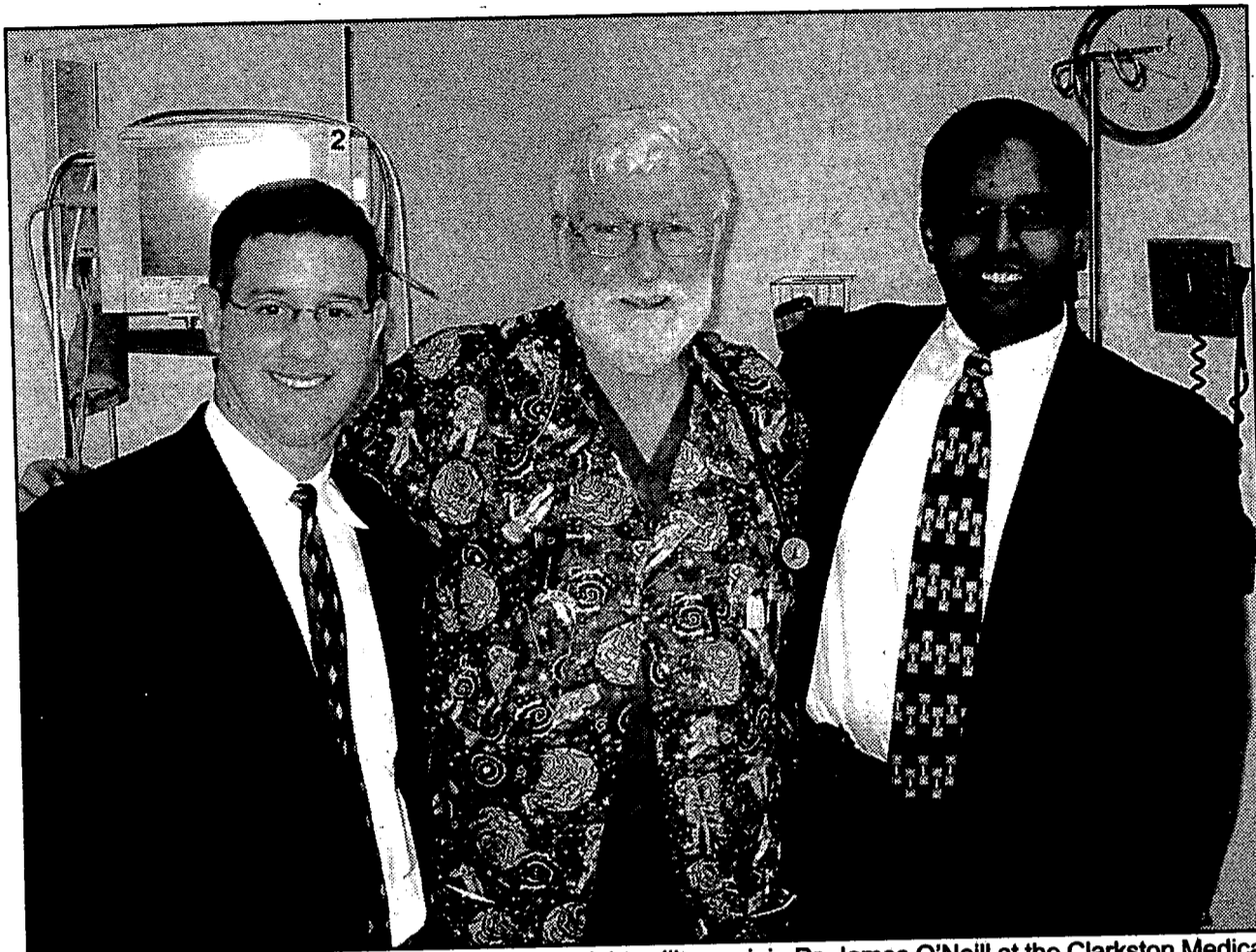
"This is a natural progression for me," Moscovic said. "This is a real nice opportunity to be a part of Dr. O'Neill's practice."

Abraham graduated from Clarkston High School in 1992. After graduating from Hope College, he attended the University of Michigan Medical School. Abraham is also doing his residency at Beaumont, where he met up with Moscovic.

"To be able to practice in Clarkston is an incredible bonus. This is my family's town," Abraham said. "And it feels great to continue the legacy that Dr. O'Neill built. We will follow his model of being a family doctor who you can see at all times."

O'Neill is excited about bringing the two doctors into the practice.

"For over 40 years, our practice and staff have served the medical needs of our community. The addition of Dean and Renny will allow us to continue with personalized medical care for many years to come," O'Neill said. "It will be their job to continue in our tradition of receiving our community's patients and focusing on the delivery of the highest quality medical care. In many respects, our community rests on their shoulders. We are simply delighted that they are joining our practice."



Dean Moscovic, on left, and Renny Abraham, on right, will soon join Dr. James O'Neill at the Clarkston Medical Group. Photo by Kyle Gargaro.

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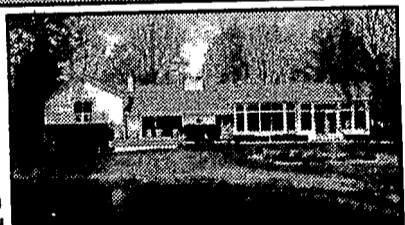


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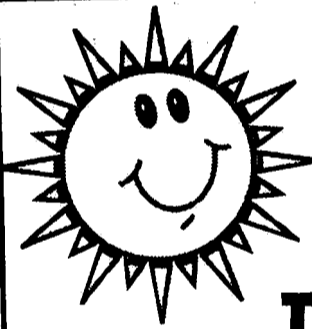
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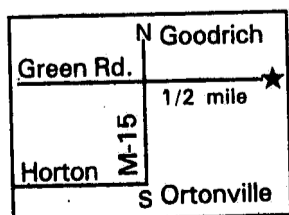
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How to deal with a moody child

I am having a really difficult time with my eight-year-old son's moodiness. He is rude and disrespectful to my husband and I and to his siblings and sets a bad tone in our house. I tend to fight with him which drains me a lot! I am confused as to why he is so grumpy and why he has a negative approach to so many things. Is there a way to help diminish his moody behavior?

Perhaps this is a stage your son is going through, or perhaps it is part of his temperament. If he generally is more moody than not, and you've ruled out depression, then his temperament sounds like what is termed Intense/Sensitive or Intense/Aggressive. Children with this temperament tend to be more reactive and are easily thrown by transitions, or by what they perceive as criticism. The research on temperament is quite clear - it's inborn. But you can adapt your own response and you can help him recognize and regulate his temperament.

There are three steps to help you find a balance so that family life can be more pleasant: 1) recognize your child's temperament, 2) accept the temperament, and, 3) help your child develop mood mastery. Parenting experts suggest that children can be taught to find their own solutions to everyday problems and emotional challenges. If, with parents' guidance, children are allowed to slog through ordinary moments that test their behavior, they will develop mood mastery and gain the confidence to face and solve such problems on their own.

Too often an inability to accept a child's temperament causes us to push - sometimes even bully - him into changing. This just about never works. For an intense/aggressive child, being yelled at only amplifies his need to get what he wants. Your "handful" becomes a "roomful" and you're left feeling like an ogre or overpowered by your child. Either way, you've both lost.

So to foster mood mastery, it is our job to respond, but not fight. Fighting produces a power struggle. If a parent refuses to fight and disengages, there can't be a power struggle. When a parent senses that the child wants to "fight" (which is usually triggered by the parent feeling angry), the parent can ignore and/or offer limited choices. At a later time, when angry feelings are gone, the parent then can apply the four

steps of Winning Cooperation: 1) express understanding for how you think the child might be feeling, 2) show understanding by relating a story when you felt the same way, 3) share your feelings and perceptions - if the first two steps have been done in a sincere and friendly manner, the child will be ready to listen to you. And, 4) ask if the child would be willing to work on a solution with you. Ask if he has any ideas on what to do in the future to avoid the problem. An attitude of friendliness, caring and respect are basic to these steps.

ACT before your child gets out of emotional control. **ACT** is an acronym that stands for:

A: Anticipate your child's typical reaction and step in before it's too late.

C: Calm yourself and your child.

T: Teach your child how to handle the situation differently.

ACT can help you stop wishing that your child's moods or reactions would change, and start doing something to facilitate the process instead. Once you intervene early, you'll be surprised at how easy it is to come up with productive ideas to minimize difficulties.

Other essential components to help children self-regulate their moods involve the following:

- Distract without discounting: acknowledge your child's feelings and then come up with a diversion or an alternate plan.

- Use storytelling to calm your child: don't confuse this with lecturing. Storytelling offers a message that will not increase your child's resistance - it gives him another way to think about it.

- Soothe, don't "fix" your child.

- Use rewards without bribing. Most constructive moves in the direction of self-regulation need to be recognized, at least minimally.

- Inject humor to teach resiliency.

- Model mood mastery in your own daily life.

- Help your child learn to generate self-soothing phrases and activities.

Let's specifically address your "morning grouch." Some people wake up full of good cheer and chatter in the morning, but others are not morning people. Instead they are morning grouchers and tend to take the happy edge off everyone else's mood. Everyone has the right, even children, to be grouchy once in a while. The following are a variety of solutions for dealing with habitual morning grouchers.

- Ignore the grouchy behavior! Openly praise the pleasantness of other family members and notice the "grouch" with encouraging words when he tries to be pleasant.

- Vary the wake-up time. Some children get up in a

bad mood in the morning because they are always awakened during a period of deep sleep. Try varying the wake up time by a few minutes or let the child use a snooze alarm or wake up slowly to music.

- Try humor. May not work, but give it a try.

- A young child doesn't understand the effect of his constant bad moods on the family, so later when he's cheerful, discuss it with him. Read a book together, like *Alexander the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day* by Judith Viorst, and then talk about how a bad mood can mess up the day for everyone. Ask for the child's suggestions for changing it.

- Set a time limit. Tell your child he can be grouchy as he likes, but he only has five minutes in which to be that way. Let the others in the family join in, too. Set a timer for five minutes, while you all complain and grump around.

- Say it instead! Have your child say out loud, like an adult would, that he is in a bad mood and is trying to work it out. Then suffering on the part of everyone else will be less as they just stay out of the grouch's way.

- Apply time-out. Ask your child to excuse themselves from the presence of others until they are feeling better. They can rejoin the group when they are feeling better.

- Make a Good-bye Grumps Chart. Set up a reward chart with stickers applied for better morning attitudes. Start slowly with expectations and goals - perhaps no arguments or a neutral attitude with siblings the first week and move on from there with expectations of civil mood expectations to pleasant.

When your son is rude or disrespectful to you or his father, ask him to "start over" using a more respectful tone. If he refuses to comply then tell him that you will not consider what he is asking or telling you until he uses a more respectful tone. Stay firm, don't yell; model a respectful tone yourself.

In summary, accepting your child's temperament is critical as efforts to change it will only heighten the negative aspects of the temperament. Love your child for all his faults as well as attributes. And remember to respond to misbehavior or ACT, instead of fighting, and you will feel better, your family will and your "grouch" may begin to see that there is a more positive way to feel part of the group.

Resource: *Nurturing Good Children Now* by Dr. Ron Taffel, *Raising Your Spirited Child* by Mary Sheedy Kurcinka and *Positive Discipline* by Jane Nelson.



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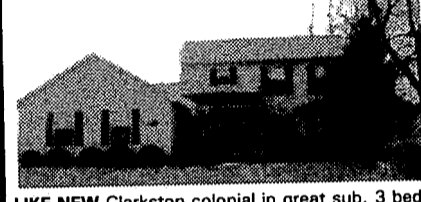
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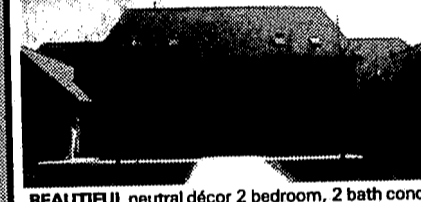
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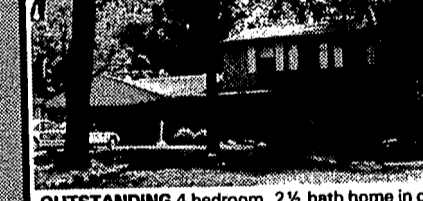
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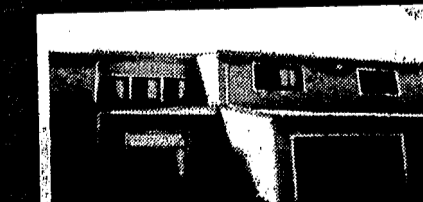
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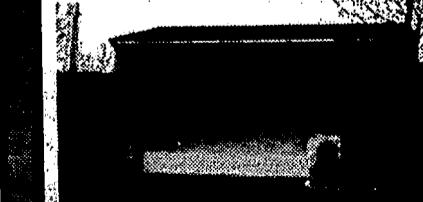
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Burglary suspects headed to circuit court

BY DON SCHELSE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Two 17-year-old Clarkston men waived their right to a preliminary examination this week, and 52-2 District Judge Dana Fortinberry forwarded their burglary case for a yet-to-be scheduled date in Oakland County Circuit Court.

Dwayne Allen Metcalf and Robert Allen Sauerwald were returned to the Oakland County Jail in shackles Monday, June 14 after Fortinberry denied requests to reduce their bond from \$100,000 cash or surety.

The suspects are being prosecuted for home invasion, breaking and entering and breaking and entering to a vehicle in connection with a June 3 incident at Maranatha Baptist Church and a nearby home.

Assistant prosecutor Sandra Scott said there is ongoing investigation into the men's possible involvement in a number of breakins and one arson in Brandon Township.

In separate appearances before Fortinberry, defense attorneys cited the suspects' youth and relatively clean record in seeking a lower bond.

"[Sauerwald's] only serious infraction is that he skipped school," William Mitchell said.

Attorney Arthur Landau admitted Metcalf was on probation on a disorderly person conviction but enjoyed "complete family support" in the proceedings.

Scott disagreed, citing other potential charges and warning of future possible offenses.

"There's continued concern for public safety," she said, and Fortinberry agreed.

Metcalf and Sauerwald were arrested after a traffic stop in which deputies found a Palm Pilot, a Game Boy and a radar detector in the glove compartment, and a stolen motorcycle in the bed of the suspects' pickup truck and beer inside the vehicle.

While the two suspects were being arrested, other deputies were able to confirm ownership of items taken from the church office and the nearby home.

Also included in items found in the pickup truck were two portable CD players, assorted CDs, skis, a remote control car and a NASCAR collectible photograph of Dale Earnhardt.

In interviews with detectives, the suspects admitted breaking into approximately 20 vehicles in Brandon Township on June 1, stealing items from some but not all. They also admitted setting fire to a storage shed behind the Cracker Barrel market on Oak Hill and Sashabaw roads.



Metcalf



Sauerwald

Middle schoolers look forward to summer

BY ALICIA DORSET
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Being in middle school is just that: being in the middle, especially during summer vacation. Not old enough to have a full-time job like high school students and too old to go to elementary-oriented day camp, middle school students have found a way to keep their summer vacation packed with fun and activities.

By far the most popular choices for this summer's middle schoolers are family trips, sports camps and just spending time with friends before the school bell rings again in August.

"I'm going to go to Cedar Point. And practice all my magic tricks," Michael Martin, a sixth grade student at Clarkston Middle School, said.

When traveling is the choice, students enjoy visiting family members, exploring Michigan by venturing "up north" for vacation getaways and even traveling across the country.

"I'm going to Washington with the eighth grade class," Amber Finegan, CMS eighth grader, said. "I'm going to see all the important things in D.C."

Finegan wasn't the only student traveling across the country this summer. Fellow classmate Mickayla Meola planned to visit New Jersey to visit her father and grandparents while Kevin Riddle was getting ready to spend the end of his vacation in Florida.

"I'll be on the swim team and do swim meets," Meola said.

For those interested in sports, the activities were numerous to keep middle schoolers busy.

CMS Sixth grader Kaleigh Kenny was getting ready to participate in basketball nationals for her travel team in Louisiana while Julius Porter planned on not playing on travel teams but visiting Philadelphia to see the Pittsburgh Steelers in action at their training camp.

"I'll be helping my dad run some camps," Porter said. "And watching the NBA finals."

Students also found some employment opportunities in the Clarkston area as well. Riddle planned on helping out at SCAMP while fellow CMS student Amber LeDuff offered her services as a baby-sitter.

To help provide choices for students when it came to summer vacation plans, the Independence Township Parks and Recreation department made sure to create activities and camps geared specifically at that age group.

"We have a lot of middle school activities this summer," Kelly Arcello, recreational programmer, said.

Build Your Own Computer Camp, the Hershey Track and Field program, junior lifesaving courses, Discovery Camp and a trip to Cedar Point were just a few of the popular choice for preteens this summer.

Middle school students weren't the only ones looking forward to an exciting summer. Their teachers and support staff had plans of their own as well.

Sashabaw Middle School secretary Michele Przybylski was excited to use some of her vacation time to utilize a time share her family has in Sanibel Island, Fla.

"We meet our friends there," Przybylski said. "We've been going there for 15 years. It's like our Sanibel family."

Przybylski helps run the building during the summer and prepare for the following school year, so she doesn't have the tradition vacation time off teacher receive, but does get little breaks.

"We're winding down the old year and getting ready for the new one," Przybylski said.

SMS history teacher Jeff Kosin also keeps busy during his summer vacation. This summer he'll take 47 students to Washington, D.C. to visit the country's capi-



Sixth grader Rachel Hampton makes sure to keep a steady pace in a relay race using pizza boxes. If she dropped a box, she had to start over and lose valuable time for her team. The event was one of many team-building exercises for sixth grade teams at Clarkston Middle School at the end of the school year as students prepared for a busy summer of activities. Photo by Alicia Dorset.

tol. "I like the kids' reactions. For some of them, it's the first time going out of the state," Kosin said.

When not busy showing students some the nation's history, Kosin also coaches football at Clarkston High School.

Whether it was traveling across the country or brushing up on baby-sitting skills, sometimes the best activity was not doing much at all for students.

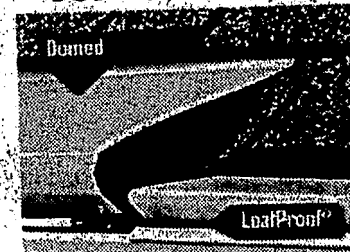
"Pretty much I'll be hanging out with my friends by the pool," Finegan said.

To learn more about the complete list of summer activities for middle school students, call the Parks and Recreation Department at (248) 625-8223.

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Clarkston bus drivers help raise funds for SCAMP with sale

BY ALICIA DORSET
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A little idea turned into a big fund-raiser for Clarkston's SCAMP thanks to Tammy Layton.

Layton is the driving force behind an upcoming rummage sale hosted by the Clarkston Community Schools transportation department from June 17-19 at the historic Ellis barn in Springfield Township.

The idea to do a rummage sale developed when Layton, a bus driver for Clarkston schools, drove past Christ Lutheran Church in Waterford during one of their large sales. Layton contacted the church and found they raised \$27,000 from such sales.

"I thought to myself, 'I don't know why SCAMP doesn't do something like that?'" Layton said. "I guess you could say I'm a copy cat."

With the idea to help the camp growing, Layton contacted Mel Vaara who directed her to SCAMP executive director Donna Clancy. The entire process took about three months to make the rummage sale a reality.

Layton originally wanted the sale to be hosted by all Clarkston school employees, but turned into a sale run solely by transportation department employees, according to Layton.

"I've had about a dozen regular people helping," Layton said. "We've passed out flyers to people at garage sales to get the word out."

Helping Layton a great deal was Rose Bowlby, a recently-retired driver for the district.

"Rose is my number one volunteer. She's been a great help," Layton said. "She has so much generosity. She's a great woman."

Bowlby allowed donated sale items to be stored in her barn leading up to the sale's preparation. As word got out about the sale, Bowlby's barn began to fill quickly.

"At first we didn't think we'd have enough to fill the barn," Layton said. "But I guess it's word of mouth and now I don't know where we'll put everything."

Curious shoppers will find a little bit of everything, from children's toys to seasonal decorations to a huge selection of used bicycles.

"It looks like a used bike lot," Layton said. "Anything you can think of we've got."

Even Clancy was amazed at the response to donations.



With stuffed animals hanging overhead, Tammy Layton and Heidi Keesling stand among the various treasures at the Ellis barn in Springfield Township. The two have been working hard to make the sale a success. Photo by Alicia Dorset.

"Vans and cars pull in faster than we can unload them," Clancy said.

In addition to the sale itself, entertainment will also be a big feature of the event.

Oakland County Parks will bring a climbing wall to the event for eager climbers to enjoy, Home Depot of Lake Orion will provide woodworking kits for children to utilize and a tour of the Ellis house will be offered for \$1 per person.

"We've got a lot of things going on," Layton said. With the positive support from the community in

response to the sale, Layton is looking forward to the event and how it will benefit SCAMP.

"It's a great organization. I've been walking for SCAMP since I was a kid," Layton said. "I know they don't have a whole lot for SCAMP, so I thought it would be a great thing for the school system to do."

The rummage sale runs Thursday, June 17 through Saturday, June 19. Hours for Thursday and Friday are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Ellis barn is located at 9331 Dixie Hwy. in Springfield Township.

A sticky situation...



Clarkston Elementary School fifth grader Caitlin Harvey rolls her way down the "fly wall" during a class picnic at Clintonwood Park. Photo by Alicia Dorset

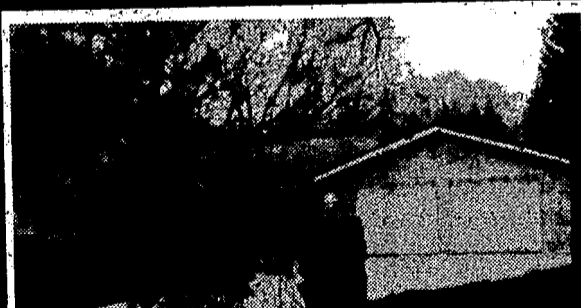
The Pistons' top fans



Fifth graders Sean Calvano, Brent Cousino, Elizabeth Garrett and Robert Langen proudly wear their Pistons' finest on June 8 during Clarkston Elementary School's spirit day for the team. The students were sending their best luck on the eve of game two of the NBA finals.

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It's always a holiday when free cereal is involved

It only happens once a year. I can hardly sleep the night before this special day, tossing and turning in excitement about what special things will happen. What in the world could this be? Christmas? No. My birthday? Closer. I'll give you a hint: it's the happiest day of the year for me.

It just happens to be the annual Cereal Fest in Battle Creek, home of Kellogg's, our state's greatest asset.

June 12 marked the 48th anniversary of the celebration for the city's claim to fame and I was there with a spoon in one hand and some chilled soy milk in the other.

Here's what happens at Cereal Fest in a nutshell: you eat all the free cereal you can. That's it. And in my perfect world the only food groups are plain cereals, sugar cereals and cereals with marshmallows, this just happens to be the happiest day of the year for me.

This year's festivities, although somewhat wet thanks to the massive downpour en route, kept my blood sugar above normal levels.

I left at 6 a.m. to pick up my friend Katherine in East Lansing before heading out to Battle Creek. Talk about a good friend. Katherine doesn't even eat those pesky carbohydrates, but she knew how important this day was to me and gladly jumped in the car. (I think partly because I promised to take her to a restaurant that served nothing but meat if she came along.)

Once we picked up a few more friends visiting family in Battle Creek, it was off to the downtown. We made sure to be there by 8 a.m. to get the best pick of cereal before the little kids show up with empty stomachs.

When I saw Barney, from Flintstones' Fruity Pebbles fame, walk by, my friends had to remind me that it wasn't polite to jump in front of little chil-

dren to get my picture taken with him.

By this point the thought of free Fruit Loops was almost too much for me.

Here's a good tip when prepping yourself for Cereal Fest: do not fast the day before in hopes of "leaving room" for as much free cereal as your stomach can handle the following morning. As my mother, and trainer, pointed out such activities will only shrink your stomach, thus making it impossible to cram as much sugary goodness into your body as possible.

Think of it as gastric bypass surgery, but without the hospital gown.

The festivities were delayed and cut back slightly that morning as dark clouds still loomed overhead. But I wasn't worried. Well, that's a lie. On the trip down I was so scared my holiday might be canceled that I had my friends in Battle Creek start calling local authorities to make sure it was still on.

Once you're there and ready to go, there's no time for talking. Talking only makes eating messier. You need to know what cereal you want first. You need a strategy to make the day an overall success. I had one.

I started off with Oreo O's. I found that the marshmallows and chocolate Cheerio-wannabes were the necessary catalyst to send my blood sugar soaring at 8 a.m. But I didn't stop there.

To make sure my stomach had expanded enough, I ate a bunch of doughnut holes. Oh, yes. There's more to Cereal Fest than just free cereal.

A big tradition with Cereal Fest is the "World's Longest Breakfast Table". Picnic tables line the street leading up to Cereal City USA. Happy cereal eaters take their free breakfast and sit down at one of the tables to be part of the tradition.

While sitting at one of the tables, volunteers come around with milk and bananas for your cereal. For those who prefer as much sugar as possible in their breakfast cuisine, festival volunteers distribute free Pop Tarts, another Kellogg morning staple.

Do you see why this is my favorite day of the year?

With my stomach to a nice bloated

circumference, I kept going as my friends watched in amazement. I was a machine. I had my backpack from days of campus cruising at Michigan State packed with chilled soy milk. Even lactose intolerance couldn't keep me from Cereal Fest.

After the Oreo O's came Frosted Mini-Wheats, Smorz and the new strawberry-infused Honeycomb. Four bowls in under 20 minutes. I was proud of myself.

A new choice to pick from this year was Kellogg's "Fruit Harvest" cereal. I opted to avoid this choice since it didn't have enough sugar in it for me. And after all, it has freeze-dried fruit in it. If I want astronaut food, I'll have a Tang, thank you.

When my stomach reached maximum capacity, I focused my attention on collecting as many free Pop Tarts as possible. I hit the jackpot when I found someone handing out a secret stash of the limited edition Spiderman Pop Tarts. I highly

recommend sampling these "Spidey-Berry" delights at your next breakfast. They come with a frosted spiderweb on top.

While the free cereal and activities at Cereal City USA is always pure bliss for me, there's another heartwarming factor about the event. Kellogg's and Post cereals are both available at this event. I have a symbolic t-shirt from years back with Tony the Tiger and Sugar Bear each taking a big bite out of the same cereal bowl. It's the type of united harmony you wish could apply to world affairs. Perhaps some of our nation's leaders should go to Cereal Fest.

All in all, Cereal Fest 2004 was a success. We ended the trip with my friend Heather checking my blood sugar level with her glucose meter to see if I should be rushed to nearest hospital. Luckily, I was fine.

After all, I did successfully execute my cereal strategy.



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Obituary

Joyce Bitner

Joyce Bitner (nee Hummitch) of Clarkston died June 12, 2004 at age 83.

She was preceded in death by her husband Harry, siblings Margaret Spitler and Ernest Hummitch, Jr.; dearest mother of Mike of Clarkston and Tim (Nadine) of Texas; dear sister of Helen Hummitch of Clarkston; loving aunt of Jannice Rabette of Clarkston, Barbara Endress of Texas, Fred and Martin Hummitch of Indiana; also survived by several grand nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Bitner was a veteran of WWII serving in the WAVES at Pensacola NAS. She worked for 40 years in the insurance business, retiring in 1993. She was an active church worker for many years, serving as church school teacher, youth group advisor and the Boy Scout troop. Family services have been held. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association.

Regina Mary "Gina" Verros

Regina Verros, of Clarkston, died June 13, 2004 due to a car accident at age 17.

She was the beloved daughter of Christos; preceded in death by her mother Kathleen; big sister of John; stepsister of James of CA; granddaughter of Judy (the late John) Torrey of Clarkston and Regina (the late James) of Clarkston; niece of John (Tenia) Torrey, George (Jill) and Peter (Dianne).

Gina worked at Clarkston Christian School and Child Care Center. She played goalie for the Michigan Gators Soccer team and played the french horn in the CHS Marching Band. She completed 11th grade and was actively involved in the Girl Scouts for many years.

A Funeral Service will be held 10 a.m. Thursday at the St. George Greek Orthodox Church, Bloomfield Hills. Prayer Service 7:15 p.m. Wednesday at the Lewis E. Wint & TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston where friends may visit Wednesday from 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. George Greek Orthodox School or Clarkston Christian School & Child Care Center.



Lu Kuhta (front, left) congratulates scholarship winners Jenna Clavette, Sarah Mahrle and Heather Giroux, with coaches April Kosin and Jack Mellen (back) adding their best wishes. The trio were the first to be honored from a North Oakland Wolfpack scholarship fund established in Kuhta's honor. Photo by Don Schelske

College scholarship fund names 1st winners

BY DON SCHELSKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

With a cancer survivor as the inspiration, a new scholarship fund has its first three winners, all friends of the fund's namesake.

Jenna Clavette, Sarah Mahrle and Heather Giroux each have \$600 college scholarships thanks to the Lu Kuhta Scholarship Fund.

Kuhta is a 16-year-old Clarkston High School student who bounced back from a rare type of osteosarcoma, or bone cancer. Three years ago, the community rallied to help with her medical expenses, and last year she lent her name to the

new scholarship fund, administered by the North Oakland Wolfpack AAU basketball program.

To qualify for the scholarship, applicants were required to be members of the Wolfpack and submit a 250-word essay.

"They're all very good basketball players, and they're very nice people," Kuhta said, noting she had no voice in the selection of the scholarship winners.

The 2004 Clarkston High School graduates (all with grade point averages above 3.8) have solid college plans. Clavette is headed for Eastern Michigan University, hoping to major in criminology then advance to law school. Mahrle and Giroux both plan to attend Michigan State

University, Mahrle to study marketing or business and Giroux to major in political science and law.

Wolfpack coach Jack Mellen said the scholarship will be an annual award, with another fund-raiser scheduled Saturday, June 26 at Liberty Golf Club. The Wolfpack organization is joined by the WNBA Detroit Shock, with special guest Swin Cash and the 2003 WNBA championship trophy.

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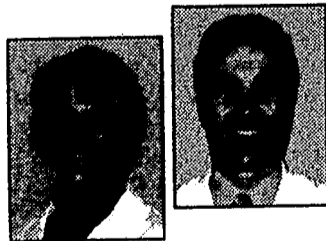
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Sports

Clarkston softball team takes regional title

McLean's RBI beats Birmingham Groves

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Sports Writer

History was made June 12 for the Clarkston varsity softball team.

The Wolves captured their first regional title under coach Al Land with a 1-0 win over Birmingham Groves at Groves High School. The Wolves faced Lake Orion June 15 in the state quarterfinals. Results were not available at press time. Should the Wolves beat Lake Orion, who they beat twice already this season, they'll play in the state semifinals June 18 in Battle Creek. The state finals will be played at the same site June 19.

"It means a lot to me personally because of all the seniors. Next year we're going to have to start over again some. They're a nice group of kids. I've had more talented teams, but I've never had a better team as far as work ethic, trying hard, never quitting. I haven't had one kid give me a bit of trouble on this team and that's unusual," Land said.

Much like the semifinal game, a defensive battle with Walled Lake Western, the Wolves and Lady Falcons were locked in a pitcher's duel for the game's first seven and a half innings with neither team able to score.

However, the Wolves finally were able to muster up some offense when they needed it most. Laura O'Neil drew a leadoff walk in the bottom of the seventh. That was followed by a single by Heather Giroux, which gave Clarkston runners at first and second with no outs. Katy Kleinedler then singled which loaded the bases for Clarkston.

However, O'Neil was picked off at third base after a shallow infield pop up by Katie Jorgenson was caught by Groves. Birmingham Groves' pitcher Caitlin Meadows then intentionally walked Clarkston power hitter Suzie Giroux in order to get to senior shortstop Caitlin McLean. That proved to be a big mistake. McLean hit the game winning RBI which caused Clarkston's bench to erupt with smiles and jumps for joy from players, coaches and fans alike.



The Wolves pose for a regional trophy picture. Clarkston captured its first regional title under coach Al Land and beat no. 2 ranked Walled Lake Western and Birmingham Groves in the regional tournament. Photo by Ed Davis.

The win continues a trend of Clarkston playing its best softball at this late stage of the season. The Wolves capped off their regular season with two wins over Lake Orion. They then breezed through their district tournament while not allowing a run. The win was a big relief for Land, but also not a surprise.

"Anybody that has watched us play the two weeks knows we've been playing very well every game. I wasn't over confident, but I knew we had a chance to win," Land said. "We had two clutch hits from her (Caitlin McLean). She does that. She won't get a hit here and there, but she's capable of hitting the ball."

It might have been easy for the Wolves to relax some in the regional final following another emotional and draining win just hours before against rival Walled

Lake Western, who ended Clarkston's playoff run last year. But the Wolves knew the Lady Falcons would be a tough opponent. Clarkston lost two of three contests to the Groves this year, losing 3-2 and 3-1 and winning 2-0.

"I knew going in it was going to be tough. I just told them (after the Walled Lake Western game) that the team we're probably going to play is Groves and they beat us twice. That was all I had to tell them. They're smart kids. They know. I don't think we just focused on Walled Lake Western. I think we focused in on winning today," Land said.

The Wolves have not allowed a run in their last seven games, Land said.

CHS baseball comeback falls short against Rice

Baseball team's season ends with 5-3 loss to Warriors

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Sports Writer

You could think of it as the rubber match between two of the state's best baseball teams the last few years.

It was the third time in the last three years that Clarkston and Brother Rice have met in post season action. Each team had one once, Clarkston two years ago and the Warriors last year, with an 8-3 regional final win over the Wolves. Clarkston entered the game coming off four consecutive wins in which they outscored their opponents by the combined score of 42-1. They didn't allow a single run in their entire district tournament.

However, a bottom of the seventh inning rally was cut short and so too was Clarkston's season.

Clarkston's Aaron Powell and Rice's Steve

Antoniotti were locked in classic pitcher's duel for the game's first five innings. Rice scored first in the top of the game's first inning, but Clarkston's Jono Moelig responded in the bottom of the first with a solo home run to knot the game at one.

The game stayed way until the sixth inning thanks to some stellar defensive plays by Clarkston's Mike Kittle, Addison Turk and Nate Davis. But the Warriors eventually solved Powell getting several base hits while opening the game up to a 5-1 lead.

Brother Rice coach Bob Riker said his team was able get the best of a very good Clarkston team.

"We got one key hit after another and it was a very big inning for us. Powell battled the whole time, as did Antoniotti," Riker said. "We knew it was going to be tough. We knew our top five our six guys have got to outplay their five or six top guys and I think we did that. Somebody's got to come out on top and today was an up day for us."

Clarkston's offense continued to run dry as Rice got Clarkston out one, two, three in the bottom of the

sixth inning.

The Warriors had an opportunity to extend their lead in the top of the seventh with the bases loaded, but Jim Coleman, who came in relief of Powell, got the Rice batter to strike out to give the Wolves a final at bat and four runs to make up.

Moelig responded with a leadoff single to keep Clarkston's regional title hopes alive. And finally, what had been a very quiet and somber Clarkston dugout since the game's middle innings, began to show some much needed life. The dugout erupted when Sam Palace hit a two-run homer to cut the Warrior lead in half to make it a 5-3 game.

Powell struck out on Clarkston's next at bat, however Addison Turk singled to keep Clarkston's comeback hopes alive. However, Steve Shell grounded into a double play on Clarkston's final at bat, thus ending the Wolves' season.

Clarkston coach Phil Price said his team put forth

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Good times, bad times for Clarkston softball, baseball

Softball looks to continue winning

One of my favorite bands is Led Zeppelin. There's a song on their debut album entitled 'Good Times Bad Times.' That pretty much sums up last Saturday's regional action at Birmingham Groves High School for the Clarkston softball and baseball teams.

There were plenty of good times for both teams. Good times like watching Sam Palace and Jono Moelig hit back-to-back homers against the North Farmington in the regional semifinal 17-1 win. There were good times like watching Aaron Powell go toe-to-toe with probably one of the best pitchers in the state in Brother Rice's Steve Antoniotti. There were good times watching some great defensive plays in the outfield by Nate Davis and some great plays in the infield by Mike Kittle and Addison Turk. There were good times having the Wolves' dugout empty what seemed like about every fifth pitch as they hit homer after homer against the Raiders. And there were good times when the dugout finally came alive after Moelig's leadoff single in the

bottom of the seventh inning with the Wolves down 5-1. And there were good times when Palace made sure his last high school at bat was one to remember - a two-run shot which cut the Rice lead to 5-3. But then the good times ended.

There were bad times between the third and sixth innings when the Wolves' dugout was so quiet you could give a final exam in there. And there were bad times when heads started drooping and faces became somber as the Warriors picked up hit after hit in the sixth inning.

But then there were good times for the softball team when Courtney Bollman, who has worked so hard all year at DH chose the best possible opportunity to shine when she hit the game winning RBI against Walled Lake Western, who beat Clarkston in the playoffs last year. And there were good times when Caitlin McLean preceded Bollman's hit with a base hit in the

bottom of the seventh which came only a foot or two away from clearing the fence. And there were good times when McLean hit the regional title clinching RBI against Birmingham Groves, which gave the Wolves their first regional title under coach Al Land.

But that's what makes high school sports so great. There are good times and there are bad times. You learn, you battle and you fight through both of them. Through each win and each loss, no matter how triumphant or heartbreaking, you learn through it.

For the 11 senior baseball players who will never again put on a Clarkston jersey, it hurts. But remember the good times. Remember what coaches Jeff Kosin, Phil Price and Pete Gallagher have taught you. Remember to persevere and be proud of what you've accomplished. It took probably the best team in Michigan to end your season. But your next season - as a high school graduate, will have good times and bad times all its own.

For the softball team, hopefully your good times continue well into the weekend.

Both teams have plenty to be proud of, and dare I say, more good times than bad.

The Bottom Line



Ed Davis

Baseball

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its best effort against a very talented Brother Rice team.

"We competed today. We didn't beat ourselves. They beat us. They strung some hits together that inning. Their pitcher did a great job for them. Our kids battled - Davis, Turk, Powell, what a nice job he did for us today. Our was really proud of the way our kids didn't quit. It's easy to lay an egg, but your tail between your legs and go home, but not us. I'm very

proud," Price said.

Price said it was just a matter of some timely hitting by Rice against Powell, who pitched a solid game.

"He tired a little bit and led off the inning with a walk, but he did a great job. They got a couple hits fell in that inning. A couple of the times we hit the ball hard we didn't get hits. That's just how a close game goes. They're an excellent team," Price said.

Price said there's a definite possibility it took the

state's best team to beat his club.

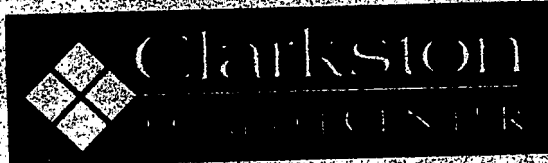
"If they play like that, they're a very tough team to beat. I don't think they made an error all game. They're very well coached and they've been there before," Price said.

The Wolves ended the season with a 26-8 overall record and a share of the OAA I league title. The Wolves lose 11 seniors from this year's club.

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By Ernie Harwell

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Wolves destroy North Farmington

BY ED DAVIS
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The regional tournament didn't start out the way Jim Coleman wanted, but it sure ended that way.

The senior pitcher gave up home run on his pitch in Clarkston's regional semi-final mercy 17-1 win over North Farmington June 12 at Birmingham Groves High School. However, he was able to settle down and get enormous run support from Clarkston's top five batters.

"It was nice to get that early," Coleman said. "It sure helped out. It wasn't the best way to start."

But the Wolves started their bats even better than the Raiders did as Jono Moelig and Sam Palace went for back-to-back homers against the North Farmington pitcher, who threw speeds closer to softball than varsity baseball.

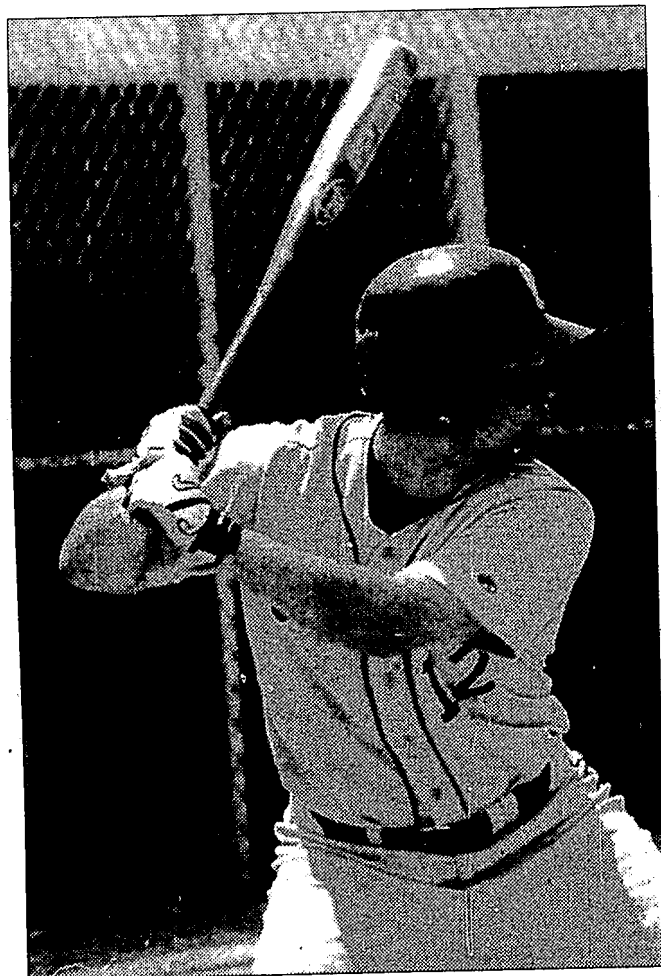
Addison Turk followed suit with a two-run shot which scored Aaron Powell and Chad Zelinski and Steve Vanderheyden also got on base with a single each. The Raider defense soon fell apart as Zelinski stole home and Vanderheyden reached home on a North Farmington throwing error. The Wolves carried a 6-1 lead into the second inning where the offense didn't stop.

Clarkston coach Phil Price said his team did a good job getting by the initial run from North Farmington.

"Our kids responded and that's what I like," Price said. "Our pitcher did a good job. Jimmy battled out there."

Powell added another home run for Clarkston, this one a two-run shot, which scored Palace, who was hit by a pitch to make it 8-1 Wolves. Mike Kittle added a 2 RBI triple, which scored Nate Davis and Vanderheyden. Moelig then added another Clarkston RBI to make it 11-1 Clarkston after three innings.

Scott Medlen then got into the act, adding another RBI to extend Clarkston's lead to 12 runs. The Raiders were finally put out of their misery when Moelig added yet another Clarkston homer scoring Kittle and Devin Fuller in the fourth inning. The mercy rule is a 10-run lead after five innings or a 15 run lead after four innings.



The easy win allowed pitcher Jim Coleman to get some added rest if he would be called upon in the regional title game against Brother Rice.

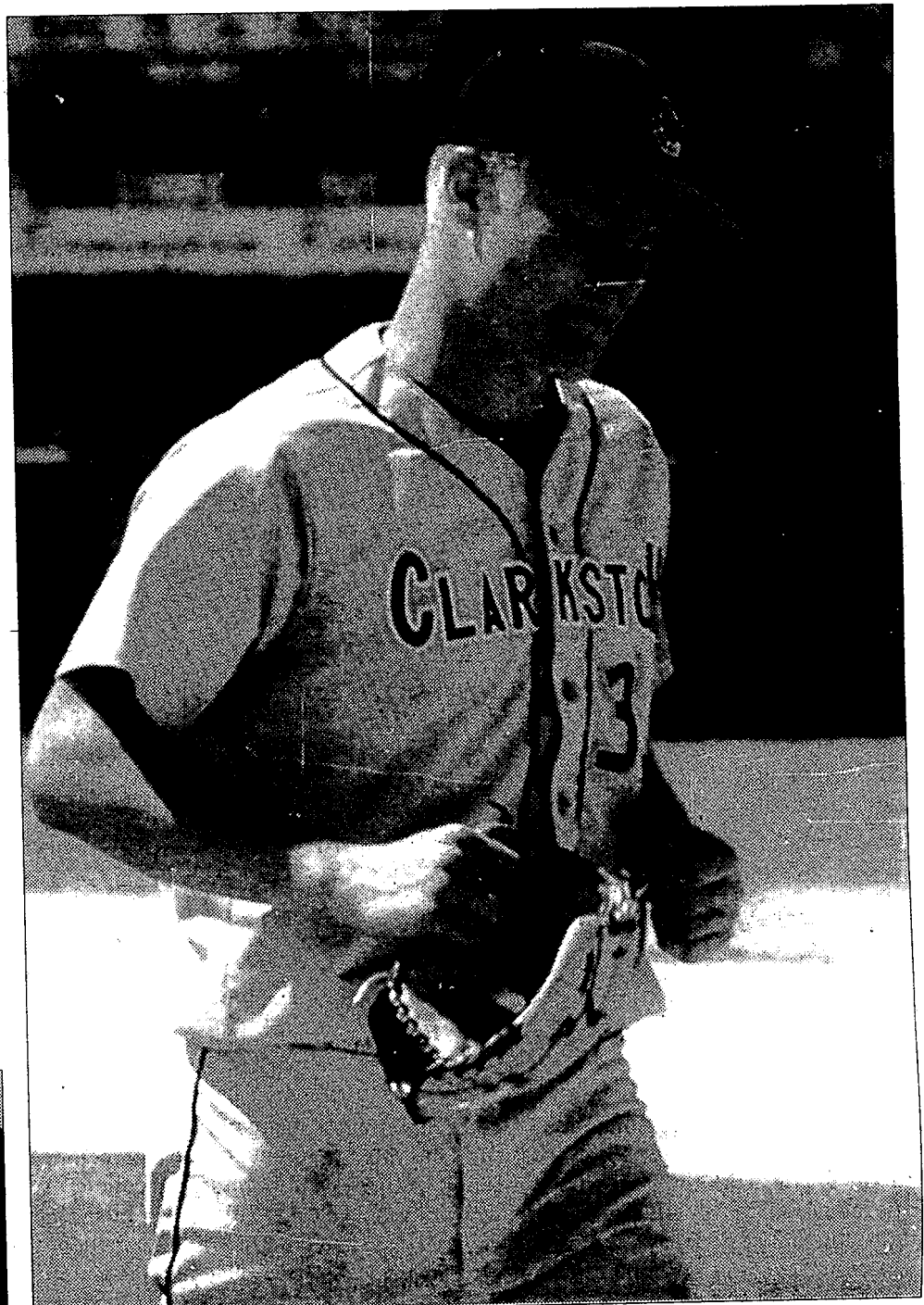
The Wolves only allowed run in their first four playoff games. They did not allow a run in their three district games against Pontiac Northern, Pontiac Central and Waterford Mott.

"Defensively, we're doing pretty well," Price said.

Price said his team certainly did not overlook the Raiders, knowing full well there was a good chance they'd follow up that game with a matchup against Brother Rice.

"These kids are pretty focused. We have five three-year starters and they've been through this before. They understand that you have to respect everybody and you can't fear anybody. You can't look ahead and so I think we're pretty good and ready to go," Price said.

The win improved Clarkston's record to 26-7. The Wolves also entered the game with a share of the league title thanks to an earlier win over Royal Oak Kimball. It marks the second consecutive year the Wolves were named OAA I champions. Last year Clarkston won the league title outright.



Above, Pitcher Aaron Powell being pulled in Clarkston's last game. On left, Addison Turk (12) waits for his pitch. Photo by Ed Davis.

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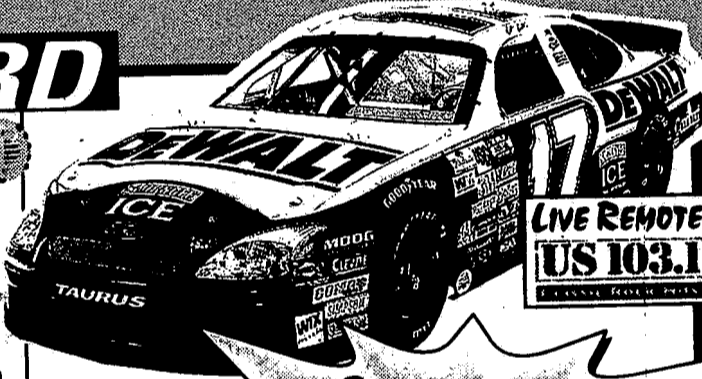
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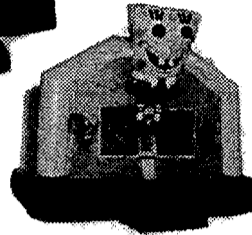


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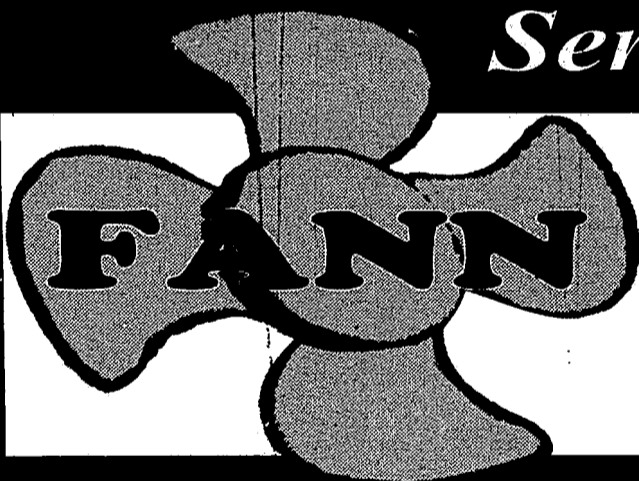
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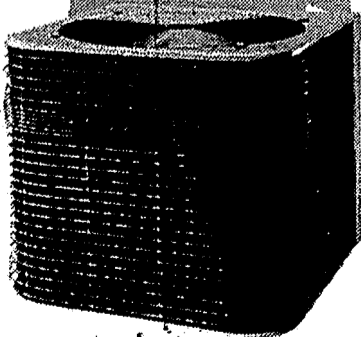
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Letters

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was estimated to be \$26 million. The current proposal is a fraction of the size and cost (\$1.4 million) of that proposal. The decision to use money from the water/sewer budget has been reviewed and examined from many perspectives, none of which concluded that the action of the board is illegal, immoral, or a threat to humanity. If you still feel that the financing strategy is questionable, why aren't you at the board meetings hurling your questions at the board members? The fact of the matter is that the project can realistically be fulfilled without new taxes, a feat that should merit support, not condemnation. The loan would be repaid out of the township budget.

To those who think that the current center facility should serve its purpose for a few more years, think again. During the recent storms, the basement of the converted homestead resembled Paint Creek, with 8 to 10 inches of water waiting to be pumped out. Fishing tournaments might have been appropriate events of the day.

As a representative of the steering committee developing a senior center of which we will all be proud, I believe this project is one of the first in my memory that has brought the Township board, the School Board, and

the senior contingent together in a spirit of co-operation and mutual understanding that is extraordinary and commendable. Your attempt to wrap the project in a cloak of suspicion and elitism is not only regrettable, but far from reality.

The reality is that many of the activities emanating from the senior center are saving and/or preserving lives. For example:

- In the 2003 fiscal year, 9,993 Meals on Wheels were delivered to homebound seniors who are physically unable to travel to the center. These hot meals provided nutritious supplements to their meager diets, and the recipients paid a portion of the cost;

- With a federal government subsidy that was approved over 40 years ago, the center served 5,491 meals on site to those who had no alternative way to maintain a healthy diet. Again, the recipients paid a portion of the subsidized cost.

- Through January of this year, the center provided 8,791 van rides for a small donation by the riders. Many of these elderly people were in wheelchairs, or used the van to get to their kidney dialysis center, where their lives were prolonged by the treatments.

- The senior center administration estimates that 3,100 citizens of Independence Township, including

those under 60 who suffer handicaps, were provided with therapeutic services to deal more effectively with their disabilities and maintain a lifestyle that is a close to normal as possible. Are these people the "privileged few" you singled out for criticism, unwitting victims of poor health who would be abandoned by society if it were not for the senior center?

As for saving money, consider the tremendous cost of the current center, which was inadequate for senior gatherings right from the beginning of its use. The new facility, on the other hand, will be modern and cost-efficient, saving operating funds and generating increased income through expanded participation by seniors, income that will offset some of the operating costs of the center.

I am not questioning your right to disagree with the efforts of ordinary citizens to build a center that will benefit much more than a handful of participants, but with that right comes an obligation to check the facts, ensure that your arguments are being presented truthfully and that your statements are based on fact, not conjecture. In this regard, you have failed to earn a passing grade.

Harry Knitter
Independence Township

President Bush has essential qualities to lead this country

Permit me to respond to Kyle Gargaro's editorial comment of June 9 "Communication Breakdown," which I found to be unjust, disrespectful, erroneous and sleazy.

How could anyone who professes any degree of intelligence and fairness listen to our President's eulogy given at the Reagan memorial service and perceive it as "stumbling and bumbling of the English language?"

Granted, President Bush may not possess the oratorical skills of Winston Churchill but thank God he does

have those essential qualities this country requires in its leadership, including integrity, courage and vision. Traits that were sorrowfully lacking in the previous administration.

Your column appearing in the June 9 issue of *The Clarkston News* reflects a willful rejection of substance and a picayune perspective of the big picture.

I suggest you remove the "beam" from your own eye before attempting to remove the "mote" from someone else's.

For years the Liberal media underestimated Ronald

Reagan and they're now doing the same thing with President Bush. They just don't get it.

H. G. Hughes
Clarkston

P.S. I will be surprised if you have the courage to print this response.

(Editor's note: The column referenced President Bush's comments to reporters the day of former President Reagan's death and not the eulogy at the memorial service.)

Rush

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for the most part, Americans will try to do what is right.

I guess I bought it -- hook, line and sinker -- when I heard:

"Let us resolve tonight that young Americans will always ... find there a city of hope in a country that is free.... And let us resolve they will say of our day and our generation, we did keep the faith with our God, that we did act worthy of ourselves, that we did protect and pass on lovingly that shining city on a hill."

or ...

"We are a nation that has a government -- not the other way around. And this makes us special among the nations of the Earth. Our government has no power except that granted it by the people. It is time to check and reverse the growth of government which shows signs of having grown beyond the consent of the governed."

And, I believed he was correct when he said:

"Whatever else history may say about me when I'm gone, I hope it will record that I appealed to your best hopes, not your worst fears...."

"May all of you as Americans never forget your heroic origins, never fail to seek divine guidance and never lose your natural, God-given optimism."

Rest in peace and God-bless you Ronald Reagan.

Comments for the ever naive Mr. Rush can be e-mailed to dontrushmedon@aol.com

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CHS Softball team gets over 'Western Front'

BY ED DAVIS
Clarkston News Sports Writer

All season long the Wolves had their sites set on Walled Lake Western. They wanted to avenge last season's playoff loss and did so with a dramatic bottom of the seventh inning 1-0 win June 12 in the regional semifinal.

The Wolves defeated then no. 2 ranked Walled Lake Western on a dramatic RBI by Courtney Bollman, who got the start at first base because usual first baseman Katie Jorgensen missed the game to retake her ACT. But Bollman, who traditionally plays DH for the Wolves, made the most of her opportunity and made the biggest hit of her career. Her RBI scored senior shortstop Caitlin McLean, who had a leadoff double which hit the fence.

"It feels amazing," Bollman said. "I wanted so long to be put in that position and I knew it was either going to be my last at bat or the best at bat of my life and so I had to make as good as I possibly could."

Bollman said Walled Lake Western's pitcher, Lauren Talbot, was probably the best pitcher the Wolves had faced all year. She was locked in a pitcher's duel all afternoon long with Clarkston's Kelly Robinson, who pitched one of her best games of the season, allowing only one hit on the day.

"I knew I had to step it up. We were debating whether or not to bunt Caitlin to third base, but we figured that any bunt she'd (Talbot) be able to field, so Mr. Giroux stepped up and said, 'I think Courtney has a big hit' and Mr. Land just told me to in there and have a

good at bat," Bollman said.

Clarkston coach Al Land said Bollman's hit was a special moment for him.

"It means a lot to me because she's one of the hardest workers on the team. I was excited for her to play and she's hitting the ball as anyone on our team right now. She's been working hard for four years and always done her job. She's always keeping the other kids loose. She's got a good attitude," Land said.

Walled Lake Western had its best opportunity to get the go ahead run in the top of the seventh when they had runners at second and third with two outs following two singles and a fielding error by the Wolves. However, Robinson was able to get the next batter to strike out to end the inning. Clarkston too left runners in

scoring position earlier in the game when Laura O'Neil and Amber Giroux were both left stranded in the fifth inning.

Following the game, McLean said avenging the loss to Walled Lake Western was the best part of the season for her and her senior teammates.

"I'm excited. You work so hard for four years to get to this place. It's just a way to go out senior year. If we don't make it to the finals, or past next game it doesn't matter because we've never made it this far. We always lose in the first game of regionals. To be with a group of girls like this and shut them out like that. It's just a good feeling," McLean said.

The win set up a regional final game with Birmingham Groves later in the day.

Athlete of the week – Jim Coleman

BY ED DAVIS
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Nobody will ever accuse Jim Coleman of throwing the overpowering fast ball, but the senior pitcher knows how to pick his spots.

"I can throw anything I want when it's 3-0," Coleman said. "I'm a bulldog out there. I fight and I compete. I'm naturally very competitive and I hate to lose."

His coach Phil Price agrees.

"He has really improved on changing speeds and being able to throw different pitches for strikes and getting ahead of hitters. He understands it's 2-0 and I have to be able to throw my changeup or curveball. He understands on how to pitch. He's a pitcher, not a thrower," Price said.

He said Coleman, who headed into the regional tournament with an 8-2 record and 1.95 era, has taken on his role nicely and has welcomed every challenge and assignment thrown his way – namely to be an outstanding pitcher for the Wolves when called upon.

"We needed him to be an outstanding pitcher for us this year. He could be a decent outfielder or a decent hitter. But being a pitcher, that's all he did for us this year, that's all he concentrated on. I'm so proud of him. It's tough on him, only playing every four or five days, but that's a big role. He's really bought into that and been a bulldog on the mound," Price said.

Coleman said his best performances this season were at Farmington where he struck out 10 batters and when the Wolves clinched a share of their second consecutive OAA I title against Kimball. There, Coleman struck out nine in a 12-4 Clarkston win.

Coleman wasn't always a pitcher however. Prior to his pitching, he played outfield. However, in the middle of his JV season two years ago, coach Jerry Ostrom helped him develop as a pitcher when he saw Coleman throw at batting practice one game. Ostrom then put Coleman on the mound and he was able to pick up his first win as a pitcher.

Last year, his first with the varsity team, Pete Gallagher helped Coleman hone his pitching skills and he improved to 2-1 on the year. The two spent early mornings together for extra practice on Mondays and Thursdays at 6 a.m. getting in reps before school dating back to November.

This season Coleman took all that practice and a quirky habit with him to the mound every game. He said he has to place the ball in the exact same position in his glove before each and every pitch. Additionally, he also brings a piece of good luck with him to each game.

He has a note from his girlfriend, Leigh Christy, with a little smiley face that reads, 'Good luck. I love you' which he tucks away inside of his cap before every game.

Coleman maintained a 3.5 grade point average at Clarkston High School and will attend Kettering University in the fall to study mechanical engineering.

In his spare time he enjoys watching Adam Sandler movies and playing horseshoes with his friends.



Senior shortstop Caitlin McLean gets a pat from coach Al Land after McLean hit the winning RBI for the Wolves. Photo by Ed Davis.



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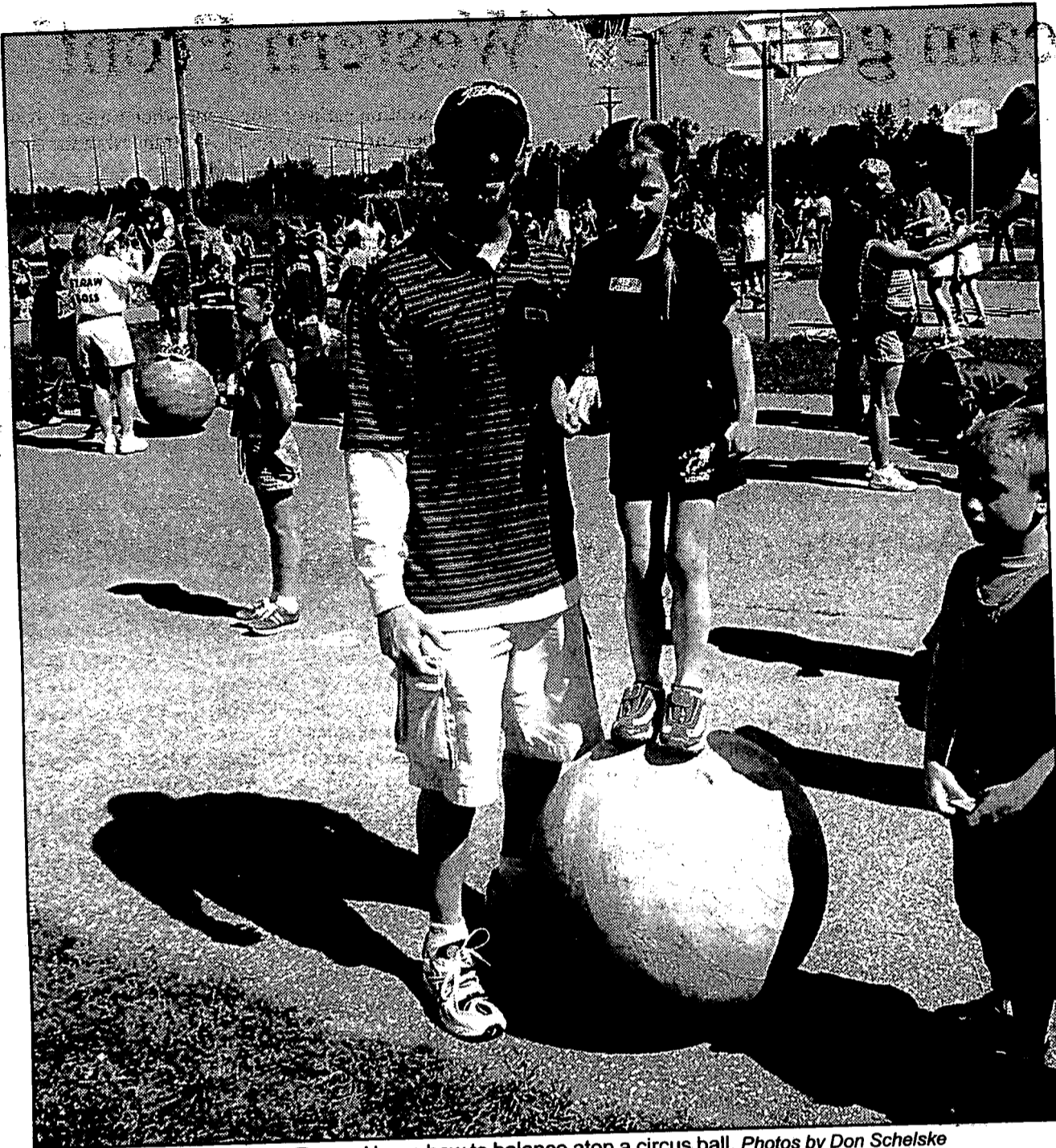
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Circus comes to Pine Knob Elementary

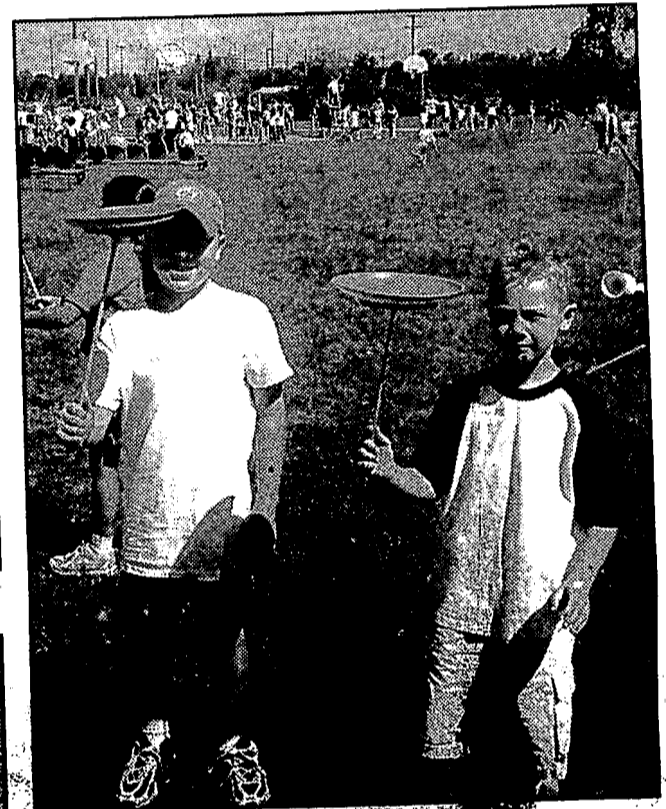
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Lars Covintree helps Dana Ferrand learn how to balance atop a circus ball. Photos by Don Schelske



Andrew Lange and Connor Mann demonstrate their newly-learned skill of balancing dishes on a pole.



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Top 10 Clarkston High School graduates

Suzanne Giroux

- Parents: Al and Sue Giroux
- Grand Valley State University to study business management or hospitality
- NHS member
- Four-year varsity basketball and softball
- All-state, regional, district, league and All-County Dream Team for softball
- Volunteered at Petco Adopt-a-Pet and Lighthouse North, Pine Knob Kids Connection and Teen Court

Colleen Mead

- Parents: Dennis and Eileen Mead
- Western Michigan University to study accounting
- Recipient of Medallion Award from Western Michigan University
- NHS member
- Four-year varsity tennis (two years captain) and recipient of full scholarship to play tennis for Western Michigan University
- All-state and district
- Teen Court attorney, defense lawyer for mock trial team
- Actively involved in tutoring

Matthew Prunte

- Parents: Mike and Sandra Prunte
- Michigan State University to study biomedical engineering and supply side management
- NHS
- Michigan Math Prize competition finalist
- Clarkston Optimist Club Youth Appreciation
- Advanced Placement scholar with honor
- Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation regional and national finalist
- Clarkston Foundation Excellence in Sciences
- Involved in Junior Optimist Octagon International, Teen Council, Clarkston Coalition For Youth, Senior Class Executive Board, CHS Mentor Program, Peer Mediation.
- Volunteer at St. Daniel's Catholic Church and several activities with CHS

Paul Smith

- Parents: Ray and Alejandra Smith
- University of Michigan to study engineering; accepted as one of five people for UM sound engineering program
- NHS

- Drama Club
- Concert Band, Madrigals, MIMES, Barbershop Choir
- Volunteer at Adopt-a-Highway, reading programs at Clarkston elementary schools, PetCo Adopt-a-Pet and youth group
- Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation regional and national finalist
- Clarkston Foundation Excellence in Sciences
- Involved in Junior Optimist Octagon International, Teen Council, Clarkston Coalition For Youth, Senior Class Executive Board, CHS Mentor Program, Peer Mediation.
- Volunteer at St. Daniel's Catholic Church and several activities with CHS

Heather Binasio

- Parents: Tom and Karen Binasio
- Michigan State University to study veterinary medicine
- NHS
- Clarkston Foundation Science Award
- United States Mathematics Award
- Involved in French Club, Orchestra, Equestrian Club
- Volunteer for Relay for Life, Easter baskets for the elderly, St. Daniel's youth group, Pontiac Soup Kitchen, PetCo Adopt-a-Pet, Clarkston Chamber student volunteer

Eric Gauthier

- Parents: Dan and Kathryn Gauthier
- University of Michigan to study chemical engineering
- NHS - Treasurer
- Concert Band, Wind Ensemble
- Clarkston Foundation Excellence in Science Award, 2003-2004
- Varsity soccer, track and field, basketball
- MDOT highway cleanup, tutoring, MSBOA band festivals, CHS run-a-thon, organized after-school basketball program at Pine Knob Elementary

Katie Bailey

- Parents: Terry and Sarah Bailey
- Central Michigan University - undecided major
- NHS
- Concert band, marching band - received superior rating
- Marshall Music Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp scholarship
- Drama Club, Forensic and Science Club



Clarkston High School's top 10 graduates were announced at the May 10 school board meeting. Those finishing with the highest grade point average are (front row) Sarah Mahrle, Colleen Mead, Maria Vermeulen, Heather Binasio, Katie Bailey, (back row) Kelly Dougherty, Suzie Giroux, Eric Gauthier, Paul Smith, Matt Prunte. Photo by Don Schelske

- Peer mentoring
- Volunteer for Walk for March of Dimes, summer reading program at Andersonville Elementary and chamber of commerce and Independence Township summer reading program

Sarah Mahrle

- Parents: Larry and Kathy Mahrle
- Michigan State University to study business management
- Basketball for CHS and member of Blue & Gold
- Optimist Youth Appreciation Award
- Excellence in Science Award from Clarkston Foundation
- USAA National Mathematics Award
- Superior ratings in National Piano Guild
- Superior ratings in Junior Festival for piano competition
- Volunteer as Sunday School teacher and vacation Bible school, math tutor, involved in Independence Township Parks & Rec Horizon Hoop league and numerous elementary school functions

Kelly Dougherty

- Parents: Mike and Pam Dougherty

- Central Michigan University to study secondary education
- Blue & Gold Club and photo editor for CHS yearbook
- Volleyball and soccer; received all-district, league, regional and state recognition
- Volunteer and PetCo, local elementary schools, home repair mission trip to Tennessee through St. Daniel's and several other church activities

Maria Vermeulen

- Parents: Bill and Teresa Vermeulen
- University of Michigan to study liberal arts/English
- NHS
- Drama Club, Clarkston Shadows, Central United States Ski Association
- Soccer team and four-year member of Don Thomas ski race
- Clarkston Optimist Club Outstanding Youth Appreciation Award, Clarkston Youth Assistance Award
- Involved in several plays at CHS
- Volunteer at Detroit Soup Kitchen, Lighthouse North food drive, SCAMP, Independence Township Library and usher at St. Daniel's

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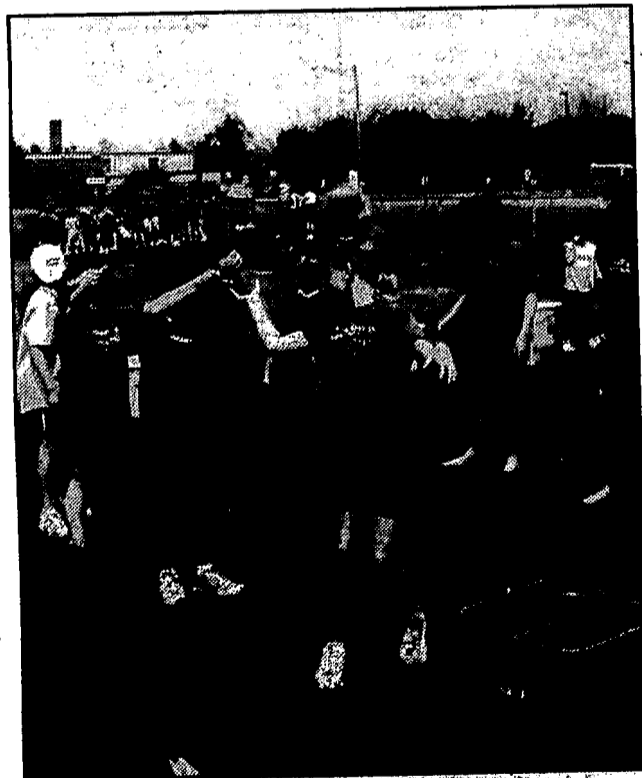
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Allison Buttino, Jackie Vanderheyden and Megan Fracis get ready for the water balloon toss right before getting a wet surprise from above. The water balloons represented Washington and the large quantities of rain the state receives.

Celebrating the United States of America and the end of school



This relay lets students try their hands at passing water-filled sponges to squeeze the remaining liquid into a tub at the end. The race was to celebrate Florida and its production of orange juice.

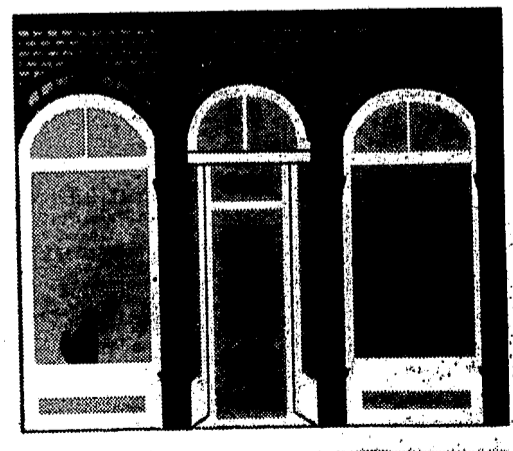


Kathryn Buckbee makes a sharp turn in her potato sack during the sack race for Idaho. The students had a sunny day to participate in the events.



Clarkston Elementary School students quickly pass water from one cup to the next in a "bucket brigade" as part of the school's "America the Beautiful" field day on June 7. Each event was related to a state to tie into the theme. The bucket brigade was for Colorado and the many wildfires it has.

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Photos by Alicia Dorset

People Poll

'Who do you think was the greatest President?'



"Abraham Lincoln. He helped abolish slavery and that's an important issue to me."

— Bianca Gonzalez



"Ronald Reagan. His favorite food was jellybeans."

— Sara Atton



"Franklin Roosevelt was good for his time, but George Washington was the best for his time as well. It's really hard to choose between the two."

— Ronald DuCharme



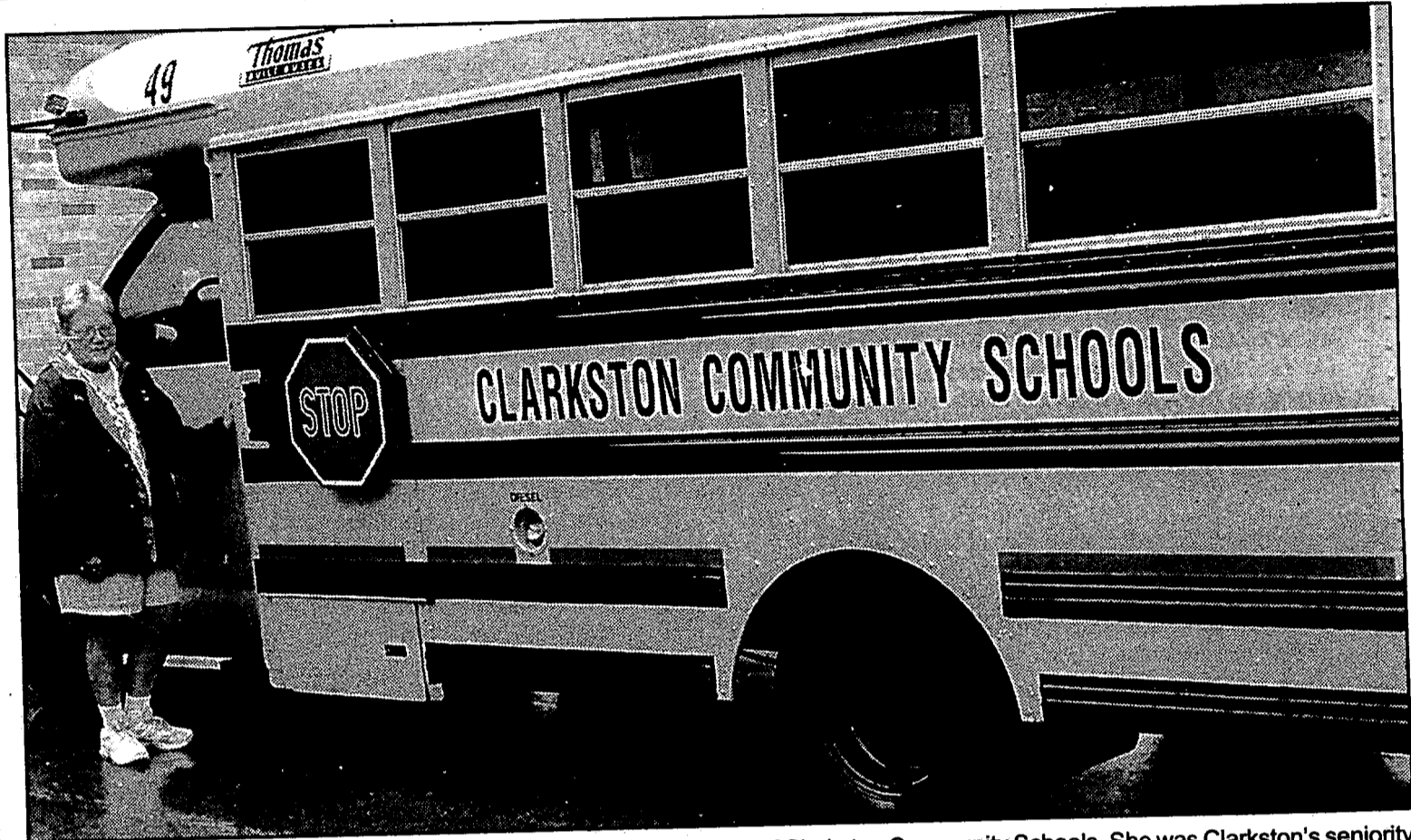
"Franklin Roosevelt. I was a young boy when he was president and I can still remember him making that speech when the war started."

— Richard Blakey

By Alicia Dorset

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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



Kathy Davis stands by her school bus outside the transportation offices of Clarkston Community Schools. She was Clarkston's seniority driver, with more than 34 years on the job before she retired. Photo by Don Schelske

Bus driver retires after 34 years

BY DON SCHELSKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Before school buses had radios and automatic transmissions, Kathy Davis got to spend about six hours stuck in the snow on Big Lake Road.

It's one of many stories she could share from her 34-plus years experience as a bus driver for Clarkston Community Schools.

"There was the year we had the big snow," she said, not remembering the exact year. She was driving a route for Andersonville Elementary School, and the administration dismissed classes at around 11:30 a.m. in an attempt to get students home before the blizzard hit.

They didn't make it.

"It wasn't just me stuck, it was all the people," Davis said. "The wreckers couldn't get through. Back then, it was considered way out there."

Fortunately, local residents allowed the kids to come in to stay warm and use the bathroom, but it is a sign of how it used to be without radios.

"If you got stuck, you had to appoint the most reliable kid on your bus to go for a walk to get help," she said. "Nowadays it would be a lawsuit if you did that."

June 10 was her last day on the job. Her seniority topped the list of Clarkston bus drivers.

Before she became a driver, she was working at Wonder Drugs for 50 cents an hour. Her husband was working a night shift and her second child was in kindergarten.

"Ron was always missing the bus, so I'd have to go get him," she said. One of her sisters was a Lake Orion bus driver and suggested she look into the job. She hired in at 90 cents an hour, "which was a big deal back then," and she was pleased she could take her children to work with her "back then."

In addition to differences in bus equipment and procedures, the territory was different, especially for the Andersonville Elementary route. She actually preferred to stay on the back roads.

"Back then it was desolate, but it was nice," she said, noting the only initial training was a road test with a mechanic. "You learned fast, but you ground a lot of gears back then. As long as you could shift, you were on your own."

Bus drivers know the roads better than almost anyone, but Davis said it is hard to tell which is the worst in the Clarkston area. From a traffic standpoint, she believes M-15 may be the worst, especially in the morning when having to make a left turn off Oakhill Road.

About 20 years ago, she traded in a "big bus" for a smaller vehicle used to transport special education students. It's been a labor of love since, especially when she sees how families survive and thrive in the face of special needs.

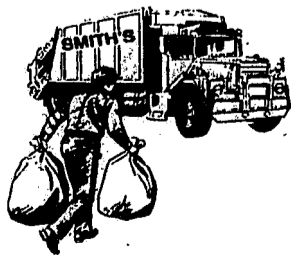
On her last day of work, the mother of two special needs students brought Davis a gift with a card signed by both boys.

"It's really nice to see. When you see how they develop, it's really gratifying," she said. "If these kids on these big buses could

'I guess I'm going to miss the kids and the parents. What I'm not going to miss is getting up at 4:30 a.m.'

Kathy Davis,
Retired Clarkston schools bus driver

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Motorcycle riders will be cruising down the highway to the Creedence Clearwater Revisited concert on June 26 for the David and Wanda Harrison Memorial Charity to benefit the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan. Motorcycles will depart at 5:30 p.m. from Clarkston Chrysler Jeep on Big Lake Road and enjoy a 50-mile scenic ride, fully escorted by the Oakland County Sheriff's Department motor unit. The ride ends at the DTE Energy Music Theatre, where riders will be treated to a concert by CCR. Entry fees for the ride are \$25 per person. The fee includes a concert ticket and parking for CCR at DTE, late lunch at registration/check-in and an official ride pin. For more information or to register, visit www.leukemiamichigan.org or call CLF at (248) 353-8222.

Mark your calendar for the second annual WNBA Detroit Shock/North Oakland Wolfpack Open. The "Lu Kuhta Scholarship Outing" will take place on Saturday, June 26 at Liberty Golf Club in Clarkston. The four-person scramble begins with a shotgun start

at 8 a.m. Cost is \$100 per person. Shock star Swin Cash will be making a special appearance for an inspirational speech and award ceremony and will also sign autographs. Great prizes will be awarded and lunch will be served. For more information, visit www.northoaklandwolfpack.org and click the contact link.

Do you ever wonder what causes a septic system to fail? Are you concerned about the safety of your well water? To answer these questions and more, the Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program is offering a well and septic workshop. The workshop will be held on Thursday, July 8 from 7-9 p.m. at the Carriage House inside Clarkston's Clintonwood Park. The program is open to the public at no cost and attendees will receive a free information packet. Please register with Koreen Lowe at (248) 858-0896.

Club 5529 presents Jeremy Camp with special guests Hawk Nelson and Eighty Six Drama on Friday, June 18. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. and tickets are \$15 at that time. For more information, call (248) 620-4900 or visit www.5529music.com.

The Independence Township Senior Center presents the following events:

Calling all senior men! Bring your sons and grandsons to a Father's Day picnic on Thursday, June 17 from 12:30-2:30 p.m. at the Clintonwood Park Pavilion. A great "man-cooked" meal will be provided as well as country music by Slim Whitmire and friends. The picnic lunch will be fried turkey, baked beans, potato salad and pineapple upside down cake. Director of Parks and Recreation Mike Turk will be cooking the turkeys in deep fryers. Try your hand at horseshoes, sand volleyball or kite flying. Cost for the event is \$5. Deadline to sign up is Monday, June 14.

Get the facts about Medicare cards during the "Talk on New Medicare Prescription Benefits" on Thursday, June 17 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Hart Community Center in Davisburg. A representative from the Area Agency on Aging will answer questions. The talk is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be provided. Space is limited, so call early to make a reservation at (248) 634-0412. For transportation, call the senior center.

Meet the candidates on Monday, June 21 from 1-3 p.m. at the Independence Township Library to hear from local public officials. Primary Election Day for township and some county officials will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 3. Residents will have an opportunity to ask specific questions of candidates for township supervisor, clerk, treasurer, township trustee positions and Oakland County circuit court. Absentee ballots will be sent at the beginning of July.


Celebrate Independence Day at Clintonwood Park on July 3. Uncle Sam's Festival of Fun Car Show will kick off at 11:30 a.m. as one of the many Festival of Fun activities. The Festival of Fun starts at 11 a.m. following the parade in downtown Clarkston. Uncle Sam's Car Show will last until 1:30 p.m. and the top three winners will receive trophies at 2 p.m. This is an open-class car show judged by the public's vote. Cars that register before July 1 pay \$10 and cars that register on the day of the event pay \$20. All proceeds from this event will be donated to the American Cancer Society. Enter your car today and join the fun. For registration information, call Dawn Roby at (248) 625-2071 or Erin Socks at (248) 625-8223.

Teens can start off their summer this year playing sand volleyball at Clintonwood Park in a league sponsored by Independence Township Parks and Recreation. June 27 marks the first game for this co-recreational league. Games will be held on Sundays at 4 or 5 p.m. The league is designed for players who will be in grades 9-12 this fall. Teams will play "4v4" and have at least six players on a team with a maximum of eight. The last game is tentatively scheduled for Aug. 8 and the season includes six games. Cost to play is \$20 per resident and \$30 per nonresident. Registration is currently taking place through June 14. Managers can come to the Parks and Recreation office to pick up a blank roster, rules and player contracts. For more information, contact the office at (248) 625-8223.




June 27 marks the opening game for this summer's sand volleyball league at Clintonwood Park through Independence Township Parks and Recreation. File photo.

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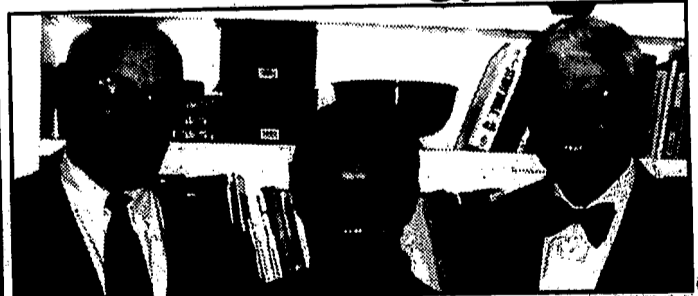
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Adults can find a passion for reading with library summer club

BY ALICIA DORSET
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston kids aren't the only ones encouraged to spend their free time reading this summer. Area adults have a special reading program all their own.

Starting June 15, adults can register for Independence Township Library's Summer Reading Club for Adults. This is the 13th summer for the club and runs through Sept. 15 for both adults and teenagers.

"It's a very do-it-yourself kind of program," Patience Beer, head of adult services, said.

Participating in the program is easy and can be geared toward any reading preferences a person might have. There are no meetings to attend and participants may choose whatever books they'd like.

"We're very lenient," Beer said of book choices for the program.

Once a person has signed up for the program at the library, a list of books read is kept on file and updated whenever a book is completed. Participants have nine categories, from fiction to Route 66, to pick a variety of books from. Book lists are available to narrow down choices, but aren't required.

"The structure encourages people to read more wildly," Beer said.

As a special highlight of the club, once a book has been read from five different categories out of the nine, participants are eligible for the grand prize drawing at the end of summer. The prize is a \$50 gift certificate to Borders as well as other fun prizes.

Another aspect of the club, although not required, is a mini book review that participants can do to earn a coupon good toward a free hardcover book at the library's upcoming book sales.

"It's a way of sharing," Beer said. "That's our option for people who enjoy doing that."

While the club is primarily focused on adults, it is



Patience Beer, head of adult services, gets ready for this summer's adult reading club at the Independence Township Library. The program runs from June 15 to Sept. 15. Photo by Alicia Dorset.

open to young adults as well.

"It's self-structured and self-guided. There's no reason why teens couldn't pick their own books," Beer said.

With the easy format of the club and freedom to select a wide variety of topics, Beer believes the sum-

mer is a perfect time for people to pick up a good book.

"We like to think of summer as a time where you might have more time to read, especially recreational," Beer said.

To learn more about the program or to learn how to sign up, call the library at (248) 625-2212.

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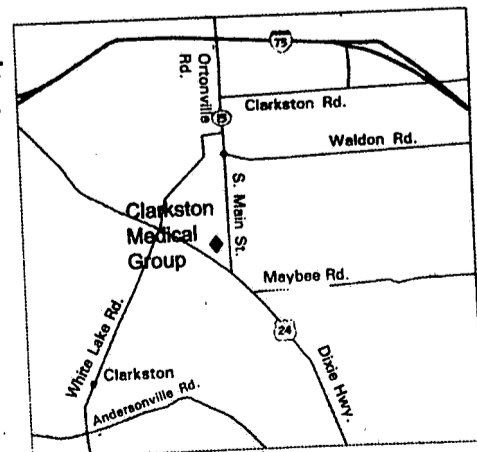
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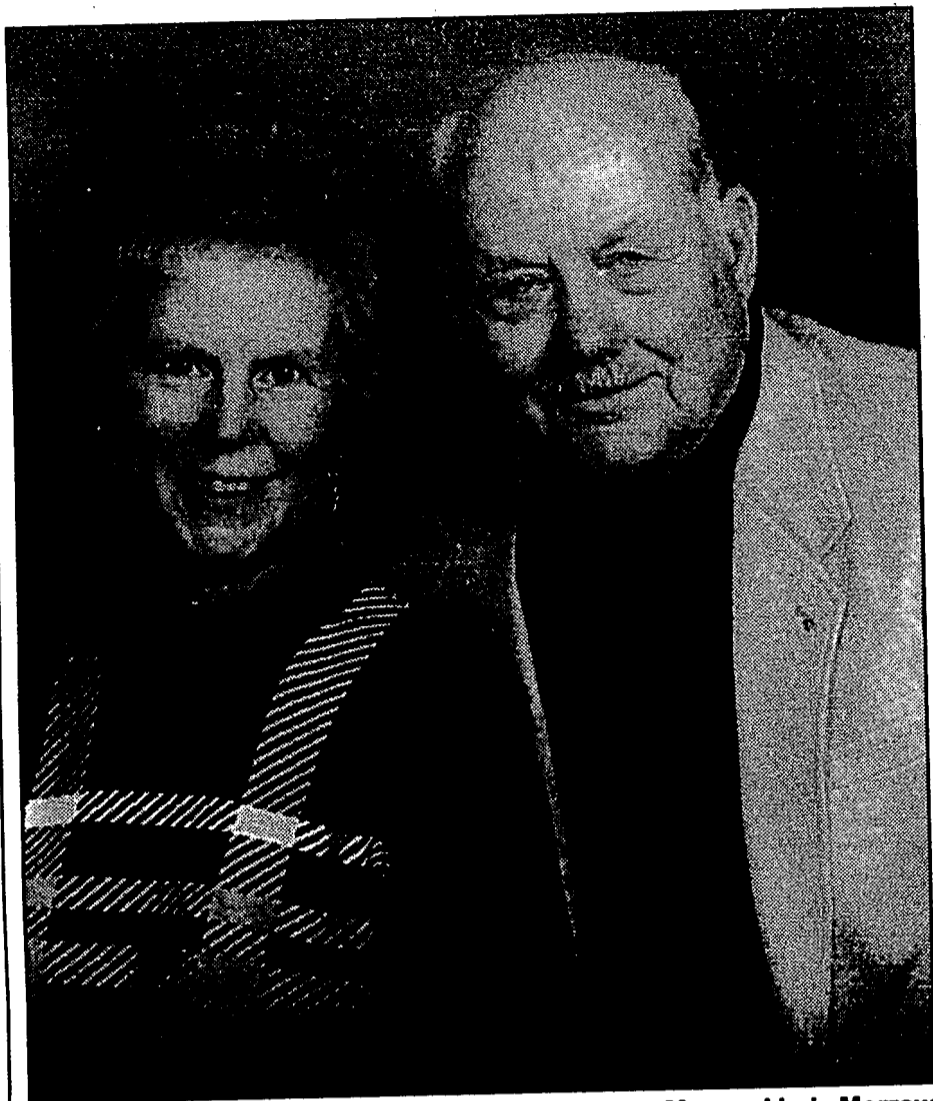
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Milestones



Mac and Lois Morrow

Mac and Lois (Stachler) Morrow of Clarkston celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 8.

A surprise luncheon was held at Waterford Volunteer Firefighters Clubhouse on May 8. Surprise guests for the couple at the party included members of the original wedding party and family and friends from Michigan, Pennsylvania and Washington.

The couple met in grade school and were married at Blessed Sacrament in Toledo, Ohio in 1954. The couple has lived in Clarkston for the past 48 years.

The Morrows have three children: Therese of Waterford, Vic of Waterford and Rosann of Seattle, Wash. They have nine grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and two more on the way.

At school...

Erik Kenerson of Clarkston graduated magna cum laude from Case Western Reserve University on May 16.

Kenerson received his bachelor's in economics with minors in political science and history. He will intern at the Cleveland Clinic this summer before attending Georgetown Law School in Washington, D.C. this fall.

Kenerson is a 2000 graduate of Clarkston High School. He is the son of Mary Anne and Mike Kenerson.

Case Western is located in Cleveland, Ohio.

The following University of Detroit Mercy students and Clarkston residents made the Dean's List for the 2004 winter term: **Julie Agnew, Carli Cole, Michelle Gadwa, Christian Paul and**

Julie Stomp.

To achieve this honor, the students had to maintain a 3.25 GPA or better in a particular term.

Robert Masterson of Clarkston was selected to participate in Northern Michigan University's nationally recognized Student Leadership Program. The SLFP focuses on developing leadership potential and a commitment to community service.

Features of the two-year program include fall retreats, a leadership theory and practice course and several skill builder workshops.

Masterson is a junior studying political science and entrepreneurship at NMU. He is the son of James and Nancy Masterson.

In the military...

Navy Fireman Recruit David A. Bernardi, son of Melissa and David Bernardi of Clarkston, recently reported for duty aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Bonhomme Richard,

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When there is no way out

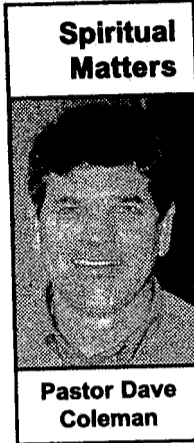
When I'm driving and in a hurry (and I usually am), I love shortcuts and hitting green lights. I like finding the shortest and quickest route possible. I am known for "pushing the speed limit." I hate...OK, since I shouldn't be a hateful person...I greatly dislike traffic jams and orange barrels. It is just hard to even feel like a Christian when you have been brought to a dead stop, and you're running late, all because an endless stream of barrels has detoured three lanes of traffic into one. You know the experience.

This is exactly the situation I found myself last week. Everyone was on edge. Horns were honking. People competing for that position in the one available lane that would gain them an extra 10 feet of pavement. I remember sitting there on I-75 thinking, "There is no way out. I'm trapped."

Life is full of circumstances where it seems there is "no way out." A doctor's diagnosis will send the message: this is the way it is, there's no way out. A friend will betray you, a relationship broken. A financial crisis will hit. A job layoff notice comes in the mail.

These and many other circumstances make us feel trapped and powerless. It's easy to believe that there is just no way out. Maybe you're experiencing a "no way out" circumstance yourself.

Many of the people whose lives are recorded in the Bible experienced similar circumstances. Some



Spiritual Matters

Pastor Dave Coleman

responded by turning from God, attempting to solve the problem themselves, and falling further into despair. Many turned to God and discovered that God specializes in making a way out — when there seemingly was no way out!

God has not changed. He still hears the prayers of those who call on Him. He still answers and changes impossible situations. God still is doing miraculous things in the lives of those who trust in Him.

May I suggest a simple plan for getting through a "no way out" situation?

1) Talk to God about it. Psalm 62:8 says, "Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him for God is our refuge." Right now, tell God why you feel anxious, or confused. Describe your situation to him and your feelings. Then ask for His eternal perspective and His help.

2) Next, focus on God's Word. Take some time and read the Bible. Read some passages such as Psalm 86; Psalm 91:14-16; Isaiah 41: 9-10; Jeremiah 32: 17; 26-27.

3) Select a meaningful verse or passage and memorize it. Let your thoughts focus on the promise from God.

4) Apply what God has told you to do. If you need to place your trust new and afresh in Him, do this. If you need to draw closer to Him, spend extra time in worship, prayer and reading God's Word.

5) Finally, turn your "no way out" situation over to God and expect Him to work!

Don't forget praise Him when He makes a way out!

(Dave Coleman is pastor of Clarkston Free Methodist Church.)

In our churches...

Clarkston Community Church has several special events in June.

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.

Clarkston Community Church is now taking reservations for "**Lava Lava Island**," where Jesus' love flows. The vacation Bible school program will be June 21-25.

The church meets at 6300 Clarkston Rd. Call (248) 625-1323 for more information.

Dixie Baptist Church will host a new day camp called Camp Dixie.

This program will run throughout the summer for kindergarten through sixth grade children from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each Sunday.

Dixie Baptist Church meets at 8585 Dixie Highway in Springfield Township. For more information, please call the church at (248) 625-2311.

Davisburg United Methodist Church will offer a vacation Bible school, "**Under the Sea With Jesus and Me**," from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. June 21-24.

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Davisburg United Methodist Church meets at 803 Broadway. Register by calling (248) 634-3373, or e-mail to dumc@4netaccess.com. Web site is <http://gbgmchurches.gbgm-umc.org/dumc>.

Clarkston Community Church will have a special **Independence Day celebration** at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, July 4, with a special musical to honor service men and women and thank God for our country.

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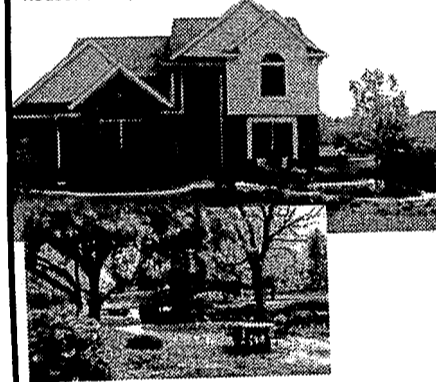


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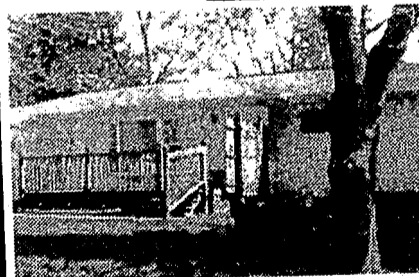
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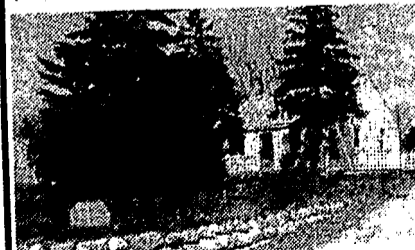
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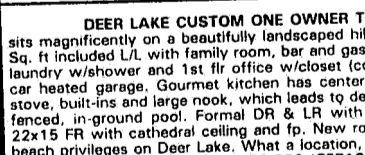
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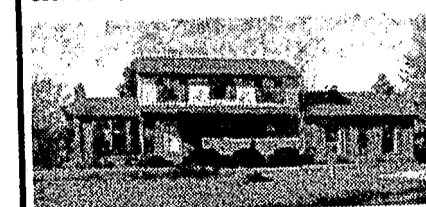
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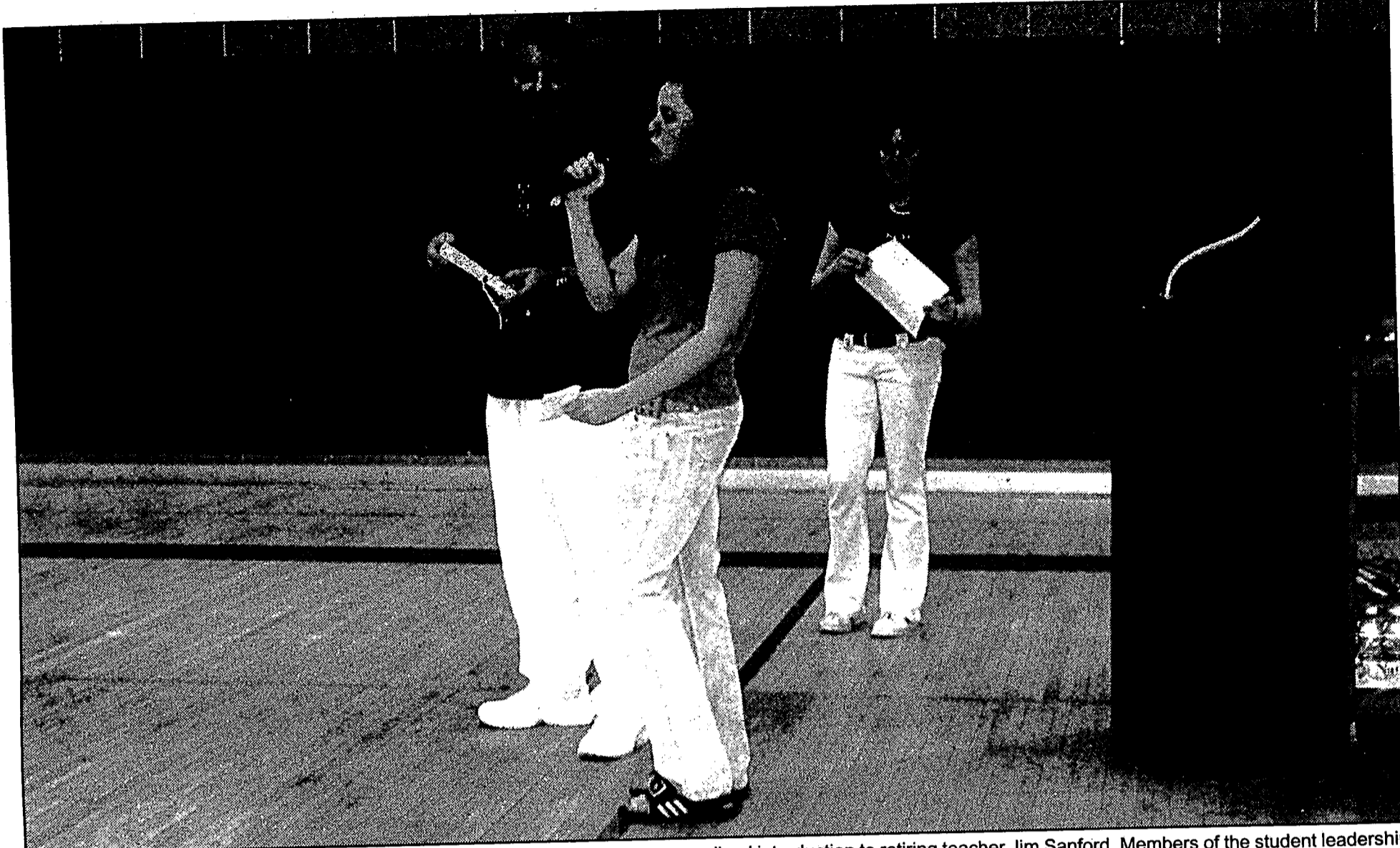
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Terri Creech, an eighth grade student at Sashabaw Middle School, gives a personalized introduction to retiring teacher Jim Sanford. Members of the student leadership planning committee planned the June 2 farewell roast as a unique tribute to the school's retiring teachers. Photos by Alicia Dorset.

SMS retiring teachers receive surprise roast from students

BY ALICIA DORSET
Clarkston News
Staff Writer

Ten retiring teachers and a principal moving on received a unique farewell from the students at Sashabaw Middle School, all thanks to an idea by five students.

This year's retirees from SMS were treated to a farewell "roast" on June 2 during an all-school surprise assembly. Most teachers in the building had no idea the presentation had been planned to keep the event top secret.

"The staff was just as surprised as the retirees," Denise Cloutier, SMS, said.

Working on an idea from Cloutier, eighth grade

student leadership planning committee members Terri Creech, Amanda Hoff, Justyne Swiercinsky, Emily Wiggins and Jessica Whaley took the idea of a roast and turned it into reality for the teachers.

"We received an e-mail that told us to think of something to do," Whaley said. "This was a great idea."

The five students scanned old yearbook pictures to create a slide show for each of the teachers. Black and white photos flashed across the screen to such sentimental songs as "It's So Hard to Say Goodbye to Yesterday" by Boyz II Men and "Time of Your Life" by Green Day.

"My favorite part was

finding out the funny stuff about them," Creech said.

As the teachers enjoyed the show on chairs adorned with celebratory balloons, they received an SMS car flag to continue their school spirit. Each teacher received a personalized toast from the committee.

Tim Hewelt, a teacher at SMS for the past 18 years, was surprised by the assembly when he was asked to leave his classroom and come down to the gym. He enjoyed hearing jokes about his fellow co-workers and seeing them recognized.

"It's been a great time here," Hewelt said. "I've been around for a while."



Justyne Swiercinsky, Emily Wiggins, Amanda Hoff, Terri Creech and Jessica Whaley are all smiles as the slide show for Sashabaw Middle School's retiring faculty begins. The eighth graders were responsible for the farewell roast.

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Local residents become golden Girl Scouts with top award

BY ALICIA DORSET
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Local residents Jennifer Blanchard and Heather Cole have a new title to go by: golden Girl Scouts.

Blanchard and Cole, both Clarkston High School students, recently received their Girl Scout Gold Awards at the Girl Scouts Fair Winds Council's "All That Glitters" banquet in May.

The honor is the highest award for achievement and leadership in Girl Scouting that a scout can earn. To earn the award, scouts must complete a Gold Award project.

Blanchard chose to use her project as a way to support a camp associated with her church group at Waterford Trinity United Methodist. She rebuilt 188 feet worth of foot bridges throughout the camp over the course of one weekend.

"They were in really bad shape," Blanchard said.

With guidance from her mother, Blanchard found out what needed to be done at the camp. She started raising money through her church to pay for the supplies and was able to receive a special discount from Home Depot to help defray part of the cost for wood. The project's total cost was \$850.

Once the money and supplies were in place, the most challenging aspect, Blanchard and friends completed the bridges over the span of 50 hours.

"Now they're (bridges) are in much better shape," Blanchard said. "I'm sure they'll get some good use this summer."

The directors at the camp were thrilled with Blanchard's hard work. Blanchard had some money left over once the project was completed, so she donated it to the camp to keep the bridges maintained properly.

"The directors were calling it Christmas in July. They were happy and that was the most rewarding part," Blanchard said.

Cole also decided to help improve an aspect of the community as well. She redesigned the landscaping at the Independence Substation in Clarkston, part of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

"I thought re-landscaping was a good idea," Cole said.

Cole sent out plant lists to area businesses to help raise money and supplies for the project. Bordine Nursery helped Cole with the needed plants.

Spending a great deal of time to get the project finished over the course of the summer, Cole made sure to finish the landscaping before she started school.

"I wanted it finished before school started and it got cold," Cole said.

With the new plants in place, Cole's hard work can currently be seen at the station, an aspect that makes the scout proud.

"When I went back this year it looked a whole lot better than last year," Cole said.

Receiving the Gold Award wasn't simply a small



Clarkston residents and Senior Girl Scouts Jennifer Blanchard and Heather Cole take part of the "All That Glitters" banquet with the Fair Winds Council in May. The ceremony honored the girls for earning their Girl Scout Gold Awards, the highest achievement a Girl Scout can receive. Photo provided.

honor for Blanchard and Cole. The award represented a dedication to their community and scouting.

"The award isn't so common around here," Cole said. "Not too many people know about it."

Before a Girl Scout can earn her Gold Award, she must complete the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award and the Senior Girl Scout Challenge. The Gold Award is considered the culmination of the hard work and values learned in scouting up to that point.

"It's not so much the award, but doing something for my church and Girl Scouts," Blanchard said. "They play such a big part of my life."

Senior Girl Scout Jennifer Blanchard, center, stands proudly on one of the completed foot bridges she helped rebuild. Blanchard rebuilt 188 feet of bridges at her church camp as part of the service project to earn her Girl Scout Gold Award. Photo provided.



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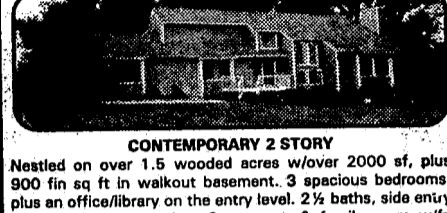
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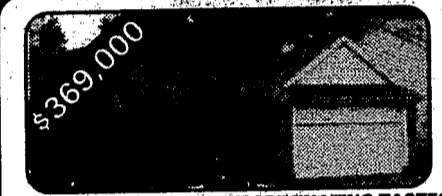
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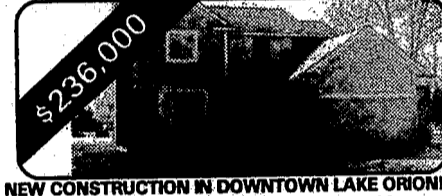
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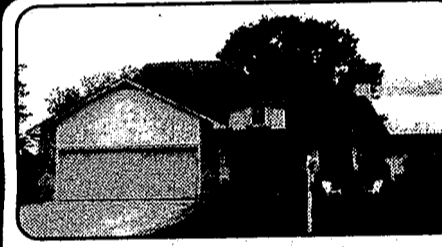


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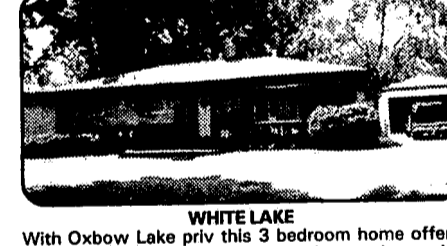
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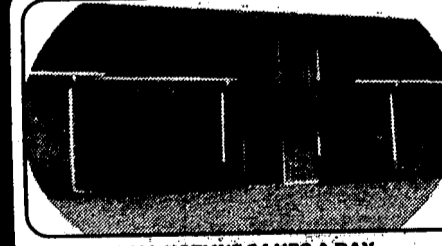
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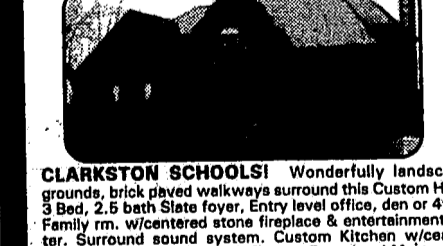
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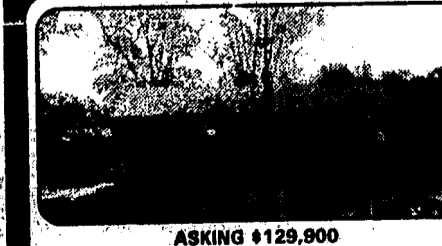
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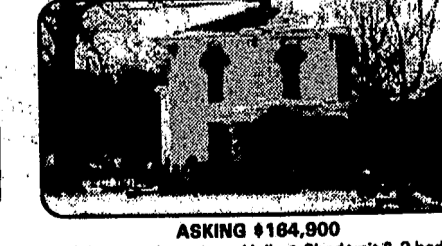
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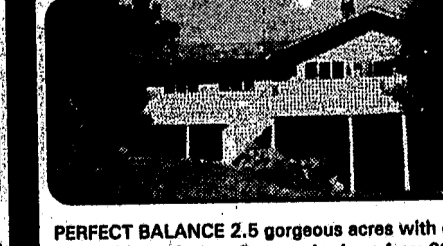
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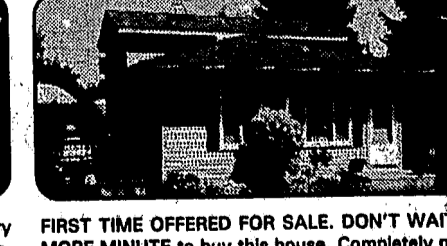
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Registration for men's and women's singles tennis leagues are being accepted for ages 16 and up at Independence Township Parks and Recreation. Leagues are for intermediate to advanced players. Matches are played on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Clintonwood Park and/or Clarkston High School. Choose between two sessions: Session 1 begins June 22 and ends July 15; session 2 begins July 20 and ends August 5. Cost per session is \$20 per resident or \$30 per nonresident. Please visit Parks and Recreation to register or call (248) 625-8223 for more details.

The Clarkston High School class of 1984 is having its 20-year class reunion on Saturday, August 14 at Deer Lake Racquet Club. For more information or to help find missing classmates, contact Janet Swan at (248) 627-6996 or e-mail at janetswan@earthlink.net.

Independence Township Parks and Recreation is accepting registrations for summer baseball/softball camps. Camps are available for ages 4-14. All camps are held at Clintonwood baseball fields and are instructed by the Clarkston varsity baseball coaching staff. All participants will receive a t-shirt. Dates and times vary, but all camps start in June. Deadline to register is June 4 or until sessions are full. Please call Parks and Recreation at (248) 625-8223 for more information.

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Independence Township Parks and Recreation is accepting registrations for the 2004 Hershey Track and Field Local Meet on Saturday, June 19 at Clarkston High School. The meet starts at 9 a.m. at the school's track. Boys and girls ages 9-14 (age as of 12-31-04) will compete separately. The qualifiers from the local meet will be able to participate in the state finals in Howell on Friday, July 9th. Registration for the local meet begins May 5 and ends June 4. The cost is \$5 for residents and \$10 for nonresidents. A birth certificate is required at registration unless previously verified by Parks and Recreation. For more details, please call (248) 625-8223.

It's summertime and there are some great things offered for middle school students. Clarkston Community Education Youth Enrichment will be offering a "Future Wolves Soccer Camp" taught by the Clarkston High School soccer program. We will be offering art camps taught by art teacher Claudia Keglovitz and even a pottery camp. Registrations are currently being taken for the "Fall Middle School Poms Club." For more information, call (248) 623-4321.

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.

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, na-

tional 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.

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

2004 Concerts in the Park Local Spotlight Schedule

- June 18: Raquel Reyes
Pop favorites
- June 25: 11 Letters Long
Classic rock
- July 2: Soul's Harbor
Contemporary gospel
- July 9: Clarkston Community Band
Band music
- July 16: Matt Chesley
Classic rock, own material
- July 23: Josh Mershman
Modern pop favorites

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CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
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SUMMARY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 7, 2004

Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m.
Roll Present: Catallo, Clifton, Colombo, Meyland, Werner.
Absent: Gamble, Savage.
Minutes of May 24, 2004, accepted as presented.
Agenda accepted as presented with the Surrey Lane Vacation under Unfinished Business tabled.
Bills in the amount of \$190,118.12 approved for payment.
Meyland recognized Officer James Keller's service to the City of Clarkston. Officer Keller resigned after three years as a motor officer supplying his own lease on a motorcycle and was the fire arms training officer. Officer Keller served the Department and the Community with distinction and enthusiasm. Meyland further wished Keller good fortune with the Keego Harbor Police Department.
Mayor Catallo asked the D.P.W. to inspect the trees that had been planted as part of the TEA-21 grant project as some appeared to be in stress. Pursley stated that he would be inspecting the trees.
Chief Combs gave the May statistics which resulted in Parking Fines Collected, \$170; Overdue Fines Collected, \$470; PBTs, \$1,470; Fingerprinting, \$160; Miscellaneous Reports, \$15. Total Collections, \$2,285.
Chief Combs further reported that the Michigan State Police audited the Leln system. The Clarkston Police Department received the highest marks in every category with only a one percent error factor.
Pursley reported that the edge line is down on Miller Road. The delineators are on back order and will be placed as soon as they arrive.
Pursley is to follow up on the light poles that were ordered previously. The water fountain was put in operation, and the sprinkler system in the park is being worked on.
Mayor Catallo opened the Public Hearing on the 2004 - 2005 Budget at 7:32 p.m. Pappas corrected the taxable total as well as the proposed millage rate.
Discussion was held on the merits of purchasing a lift versus renting as needed. Pursley reported that the rental lifts are not able to set light poles.
The Budget Hearing was closed at 7:43 p.m.
Residents of Wompole Court were present to request that the Council consider curbing and widening of the road. Discussion, on previous road widths and what the various widths are now included comments from Paul Zupon, David Bihl and other residents of Wompole.
Tressel is to contact the contractor to determine what can be done to correct the present width and drainage concerns on Wompole. Tressel will report back to the Council.
Resolved That the City allocate an amount not to exceed \$500 from the General Fund to provide ice cream cones and other support for the propose City-wide picnic on September 5, 2004.
Pappas asked that at a later meeting the Council consider an increase in sewer rates due to the increase in costs from the city of Detroit. Surcharge rates for commercial properties will be decreased in July.
Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Artemus M. Pappas, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
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At a regular meeting of the Township Board held on May 18, 2004 the Board authorized a First Reading of a Summary of Ordinance Amendment Regarding Speed Exhibitions as follows:
Summary of Ordinance Amendment
Chapter 4, Article II, Division 1, Section 4-17(a) of the Charter Township of Independence Code of Ordinances is amended as follows (underlined text added):
Sec. 4-17. Duration of operation.
(a) Hours of operation. The licensee shall not permit the licensed premises to be utilized for or in connection with speed exhibition purposes at any time other than the following:
(1) Spectators shall be permitted to enter and remain on the premises only between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on weekends, and, 11:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays.
(2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, speed exhibitions shall be permitted between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on weekends, and 12 noon and 4 p.m. on weekdays.
(3) Activities on the track involving the rental of the facility to an organization using the facility and track to drive factory production street legal vehicles having fully operational exhaust systems with catalytic converters (if so equipped originally) and production equivalent mufflers shall be permitted between the hours of 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the weekdays permitted under Section 4-17(b)(2), subject to the following additional restrictions:
(i) Passing in designated straightaways only;
(ii) Competition of or between two or more vehicles concurrently on the track shall be prohibited, and there shall be no sounding of horns and no unnecessary squealing of tires or squealing of tires under acceleration;
(iii) From 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., the track shall be used only for driver education and instruction, the driving shall be under instructor supervision, and there shall be no passing;
(iv) No use of public announcement system; and
(v) Prior to the speed exhibition, the owner of the facility shall give the club or group renting the facility, and all participants, written notification of these and all other regulations under this division.
(4) Regulations applicable to hours of operation on weekends shall govern activities conducted on weekday holidays on which speed exhibitions are authorized under this article.
(b) Days of operation. [Unchanged].
(c) Advanced notice of scheduling. [Unchanged].
(d) Camping. [Unchanged].

Joan E. McCrary,
Township Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Commission of Independence Township, Oakland County Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on:
June 24, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.
At the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, Michigan 48346, to consider the following:
FILE #PC 2004-021
Steve Robinson, Silverman Realty Investments,
Petitioner
REQUEST SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL
2 Sit Down Restaurants
Article XXVIII, OS-2 (Office Service Two)
Section 28.3.1
Special Land Use Request: **TWO Sit-Down Restaurants.**
Parcel Identification Number: Pt of 08-22-400-005
Common Description: **NE corner of Sashabaw & I-75**
Any further information regarding the above Public Hearing may be obtained at the Township Planning Office during regular office hours 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday, or by phone at (248) 625-8111.

JOAN E. McCRARY, Clerk

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PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING

June 21, 2004
7:00 p.m.

A Public Hearing will be held on June 21, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. to consider a request by the Clarkston Conservatory of Music, 49 South Main Street, Parcel I.D. 08-20-382-005, for special land use for relief from parking spaces requirements as described by the City Planner.

David Huttenlocher, Chairman
Planning Commission

PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO THE SCHOOL ELECTION ON JUNE 14, THE PUBLIC HEARING HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO JUNE 21, 2004.

Art Pappas, City Manager

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Driver

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 just see what some of these [special ed.] kids are going through.”
 It’s impossible to guess how many children she has driven over the years, but Davis said she occasionally meets former

passengers whose children were on her bus.
 With those good memories have been some frustration with reckless drivers, especially those with four-wheel drive vehicles

and cell phones.
 “Everybody just drives like they’re the only ones on the road. Years ago you didn’t have anyone finger you or swear at you, but now...people are just

nasty.”
 She decided to retire this year when the district offered a financial incentive package. It was a tough decision, because she really enjoyed the job. Her

husband, who is on medical retirement from General Motors, had offered guidance which proved to be true.
 “He said, ‘Kathy, you’ll know when the time is right,’” she said. “I woke up one morning [in April] and thought, ‘This is it.’”

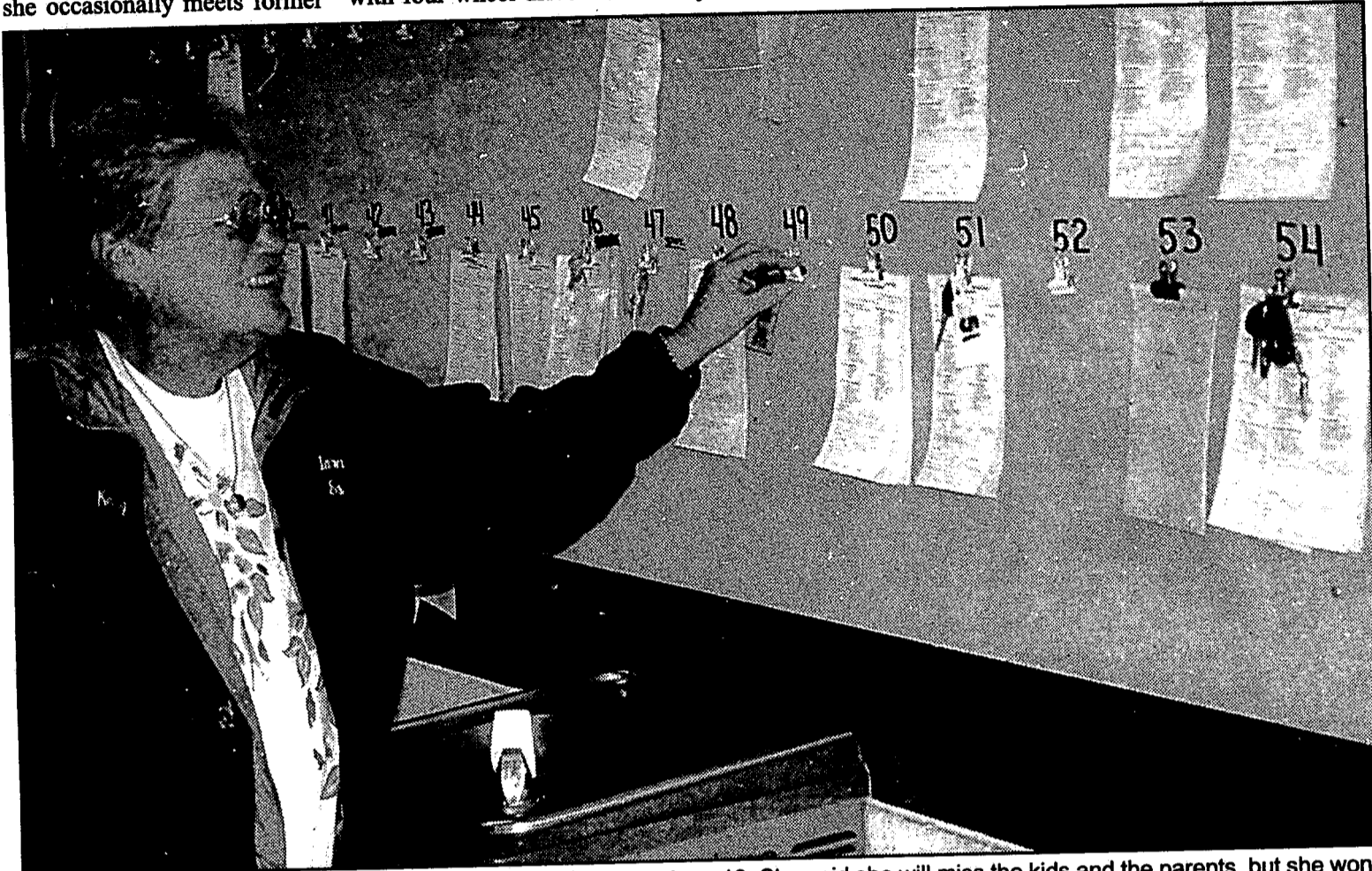
Although she thinks, “I don’t lead a very exciting life,” Davis has lots to keep her busy in retirement. She looks forward to spending time with family, including her husband, three grown children and eight grandchildren.
 “They’re great. I tell everyone who doesn’t have grandchildren that this is what being a parent is all about. It’s having grandkids.”

She also enjoys crocheting, knitting and travel to the couple’s place in northern Michigan. She recently got her first computer, and enjoys reaching her family ancestry.

“It frustrates my kids, because they think I need to take a computer class,” she said with a smile.

After more than 34 years on the road, Davis knows what she will miss and what she won’t miss.

“I guess I’m going to miss the kids and the parents,” she said. “What I’m not going to miss is getting up at 4:30 a.m.”



Kathy Davis hangs up her bus keys for the last time Thursday, June 10. She said she will miss the kids and the parents, but she won't miss getting up at 4:30 p.m. Photo by Don Schelske

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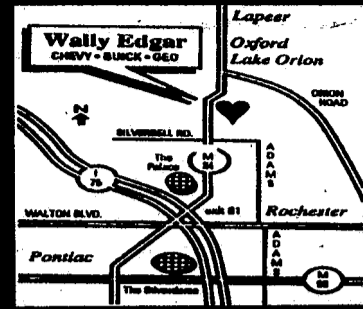
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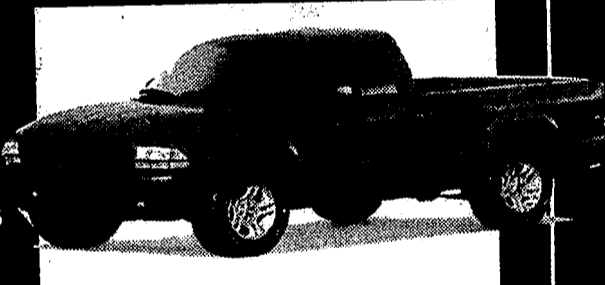
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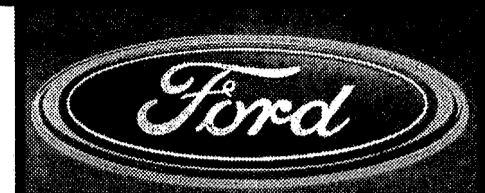
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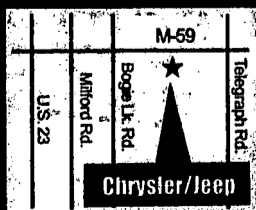

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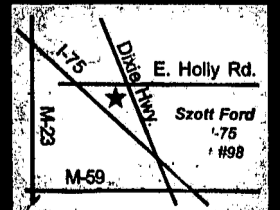
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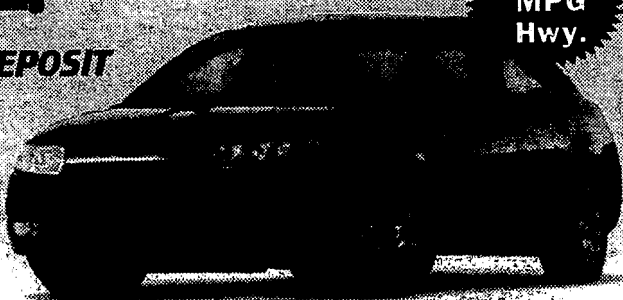
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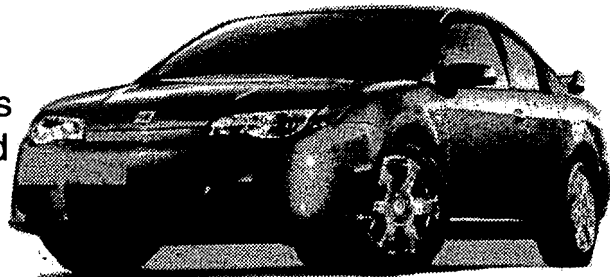
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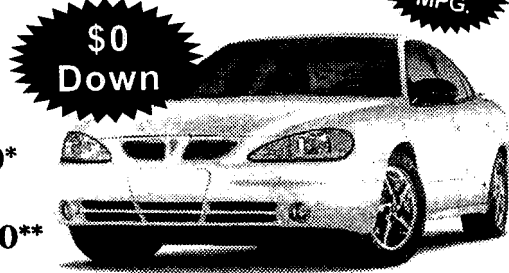
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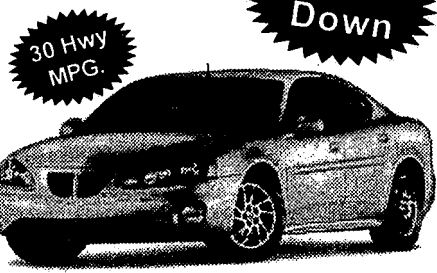
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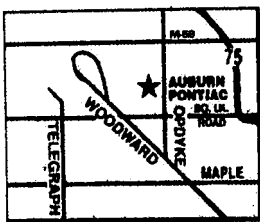
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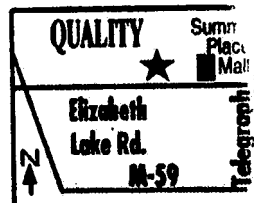


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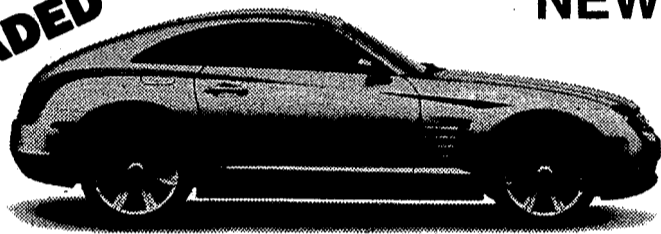
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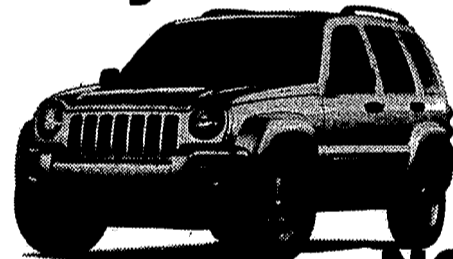
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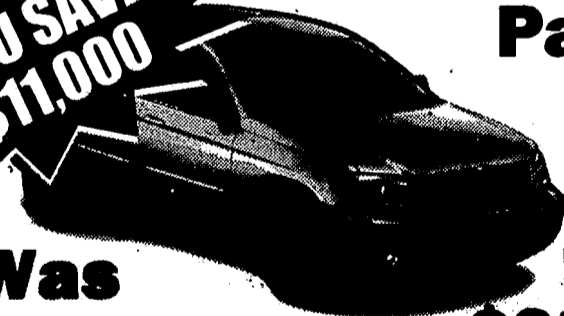


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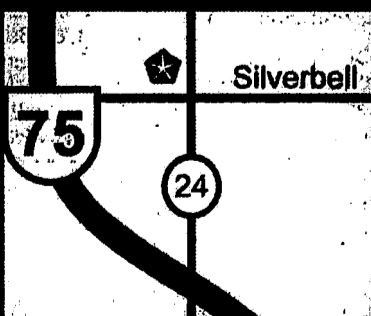
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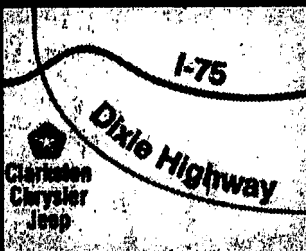
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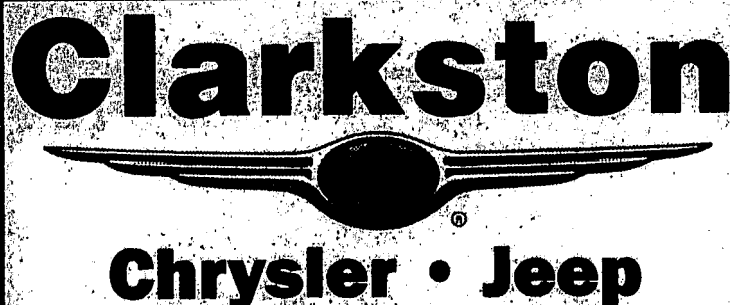
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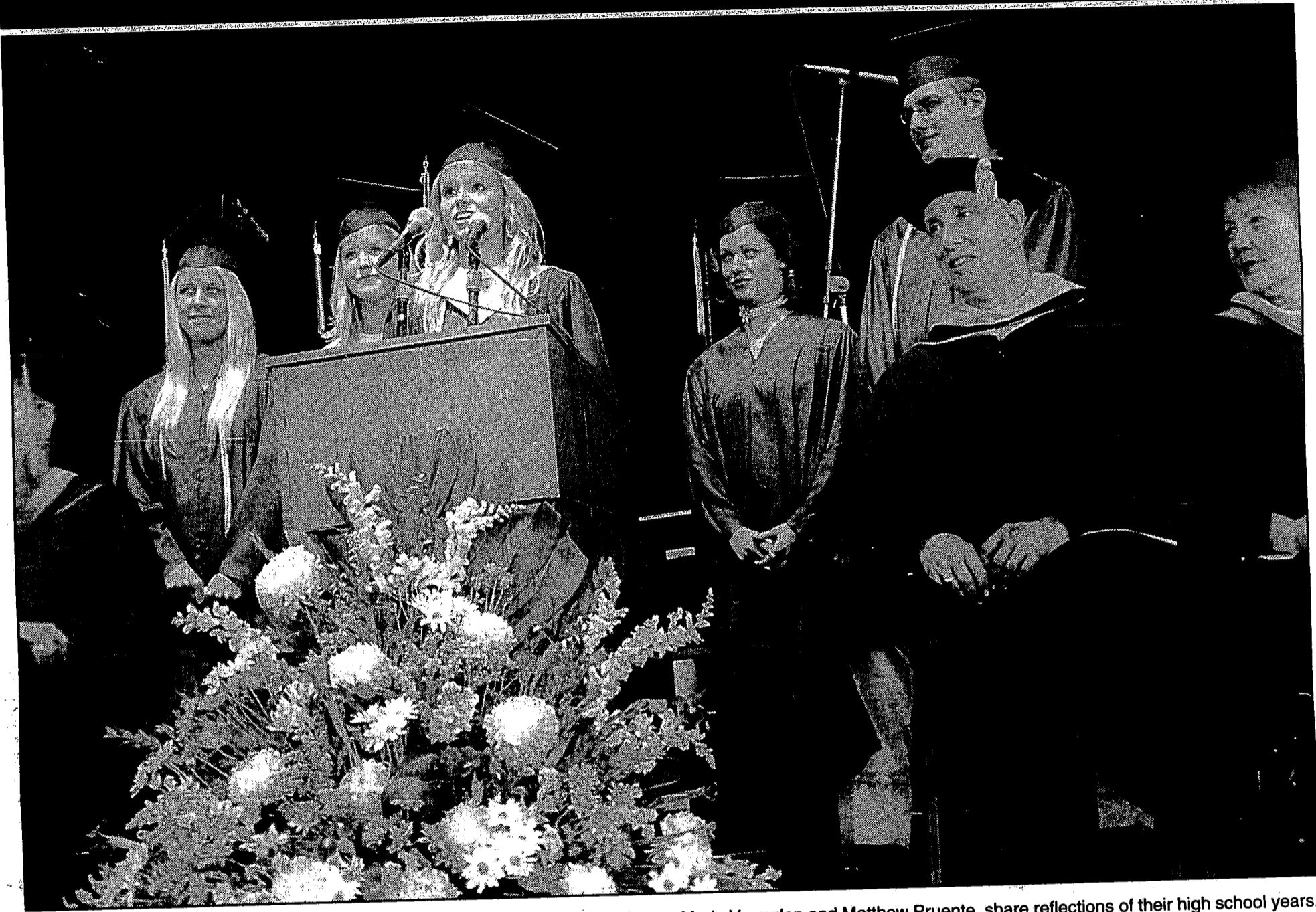
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CHS Class of 2004



The senior class executive board, Autumn Garrison, Lindsay Mozer, Lindsay Green, Maria Vermulen and Matthew Prunte, share reflections of their high school years.
Photo by Don Schelske.

CHS students graduate to new stage in life

BY DON SCHELSKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Rain threatened, but the sun came out at the DTE Energy Music Theater for Clarkston High School's commencement ceremonies Wednesday, June 2.

Some 500 graduates marched across the stage to receive their diplomas, with students expressing the appropriate gamut of emotions.

"Reflections" were the order of the evening. The senior class executive board offered reflections of high school years, and student speaker Amanda Nichols played off a series of credit card television commercials explaining the "priceless" experiences from Clarkston High School.

"This one day, two hours on a June night, can't begin to represent our entire lives," Nichols said. "This ceremony is a mere second in a catalog of countless hours that define not only who we are but what we will become.

"We will achieve our dreams because of what we have learned, what we have within us and what we have become these past 13 years," she said, "but no matter what we may do or achieve, there are some things money can't buy. We'll always have the lessons



Erik Buetow and Kristen Bradish are all smiles following the commencement ceremony.

learned and the experiences gained at CHS." First-year speech teacher Aaron Dobson was chosen by the seniors to be the keynote speaker. After some self-deprecating humor concerning his youth and inexperience, he encouraged graduates to look beyond the culture's typical standards of success.

"Everyone here is worthwhile. We need to stop measuring ourselves against others and look at ourselves," he said, citing a former football coach as the source for wise counsel: "Are you better today than you were yesterday?"

While acknowledging the good times of high school, Dobson urged graduates to keep a focus on the future.

"Never let your memories overshadow your goals," he said. "There is such a thing as the real world, and for the rest of your lives, you will define it for yourself."

After the commencement ceremony (and the traditional hugs and photos), graduates were invited to an all-night party at the Clarkston Christian Association, where food, games and prizes were in abundance thanks to parent volunteers and donations from area businesses.



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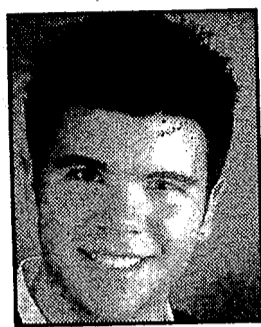
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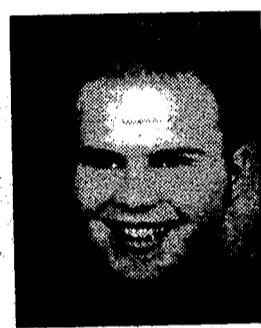
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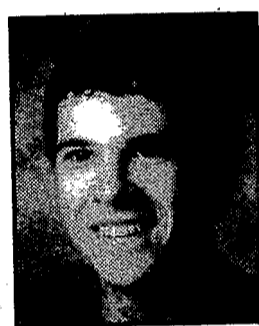
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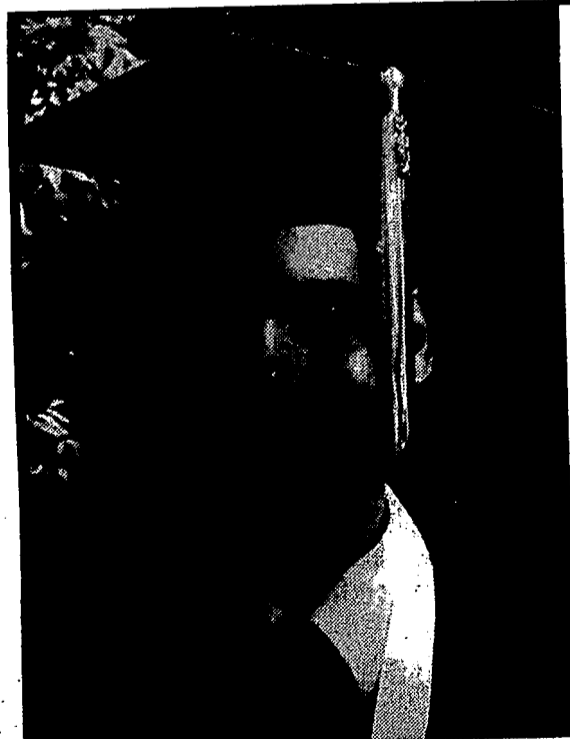
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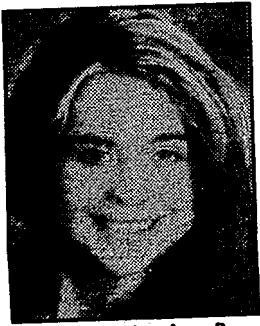
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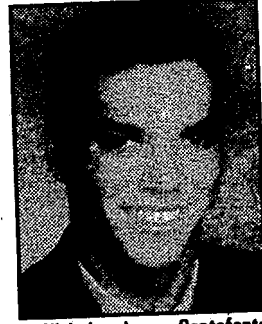
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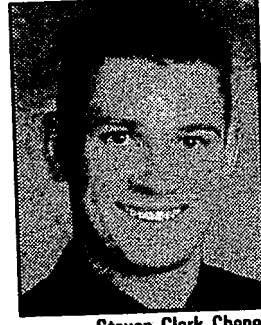
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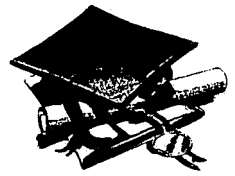
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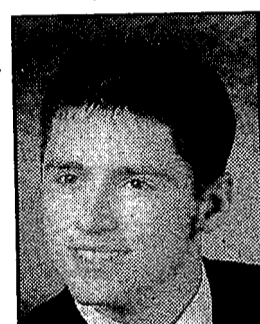
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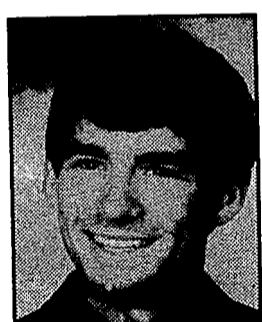
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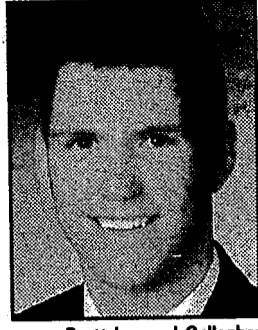
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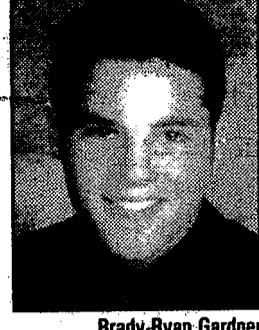
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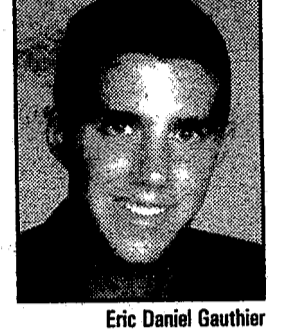
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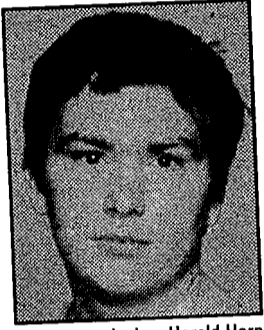
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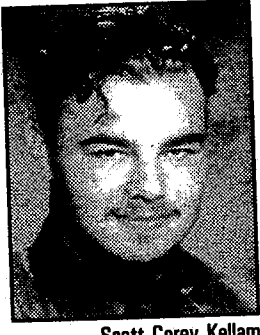
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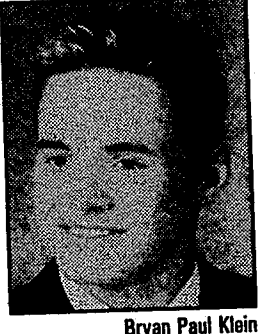
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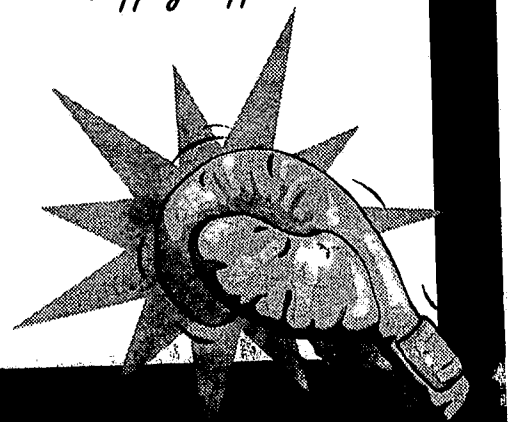
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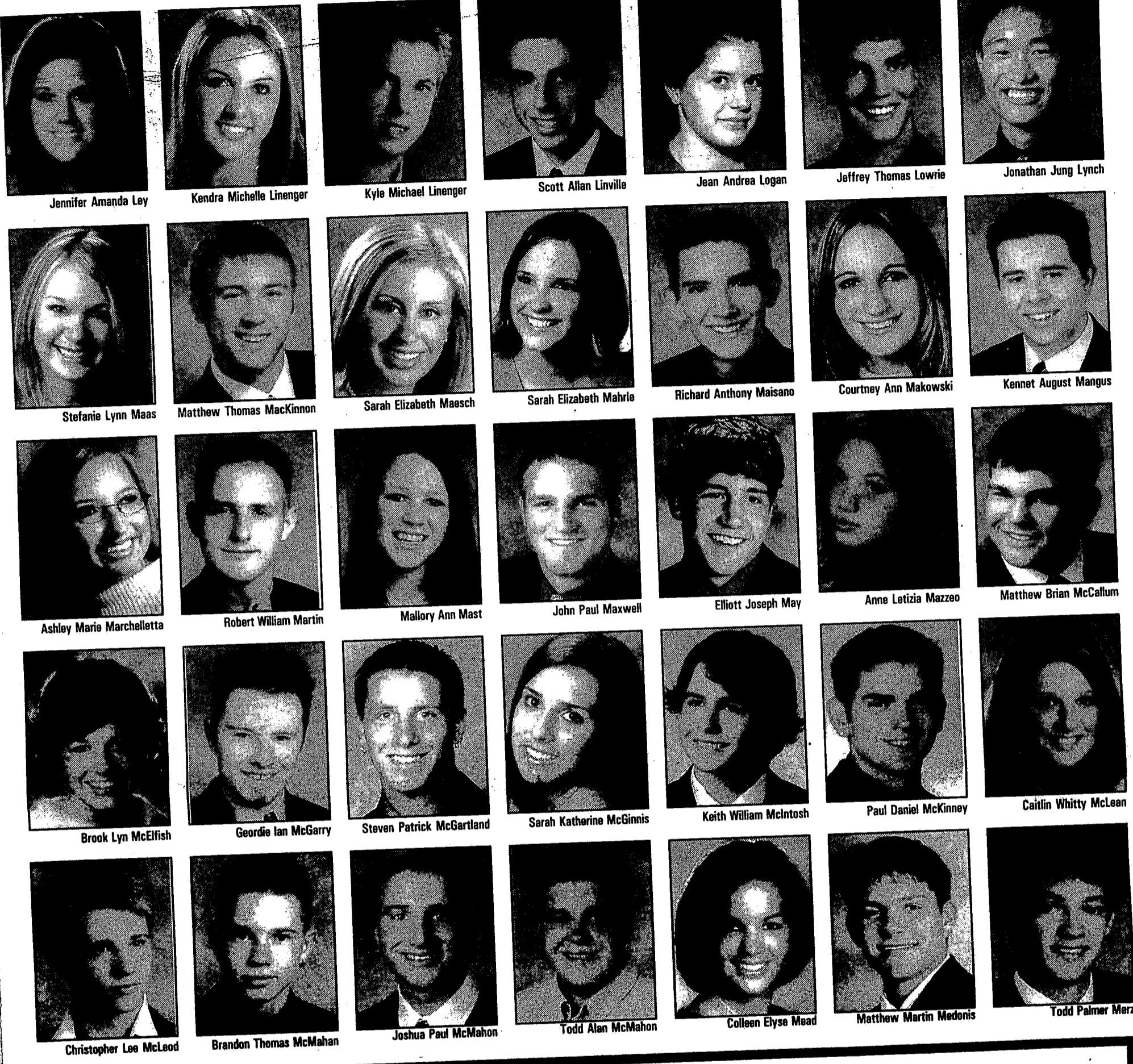
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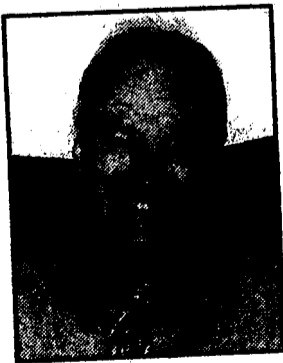
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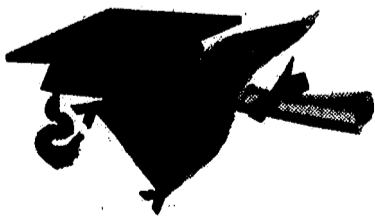
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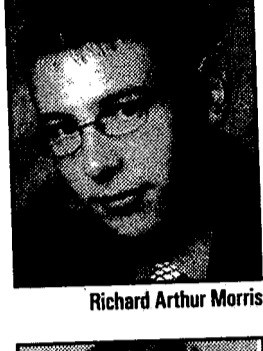
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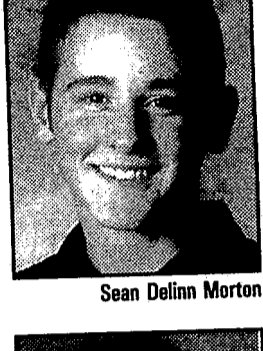
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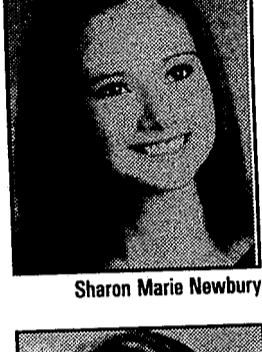
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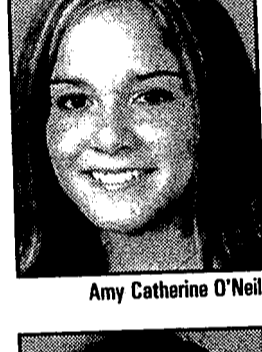
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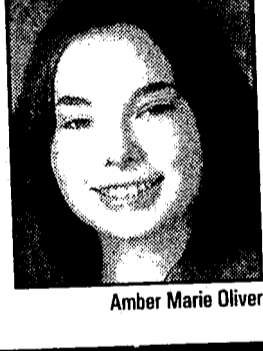
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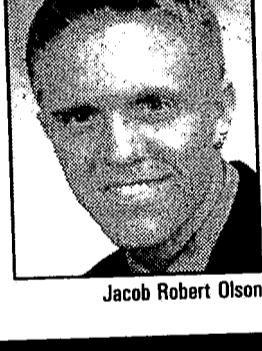
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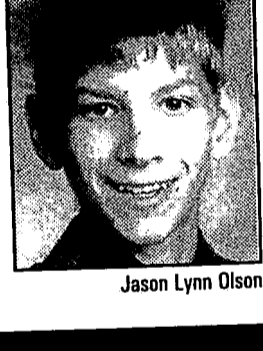
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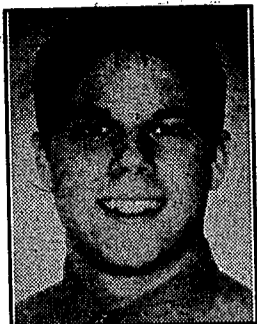
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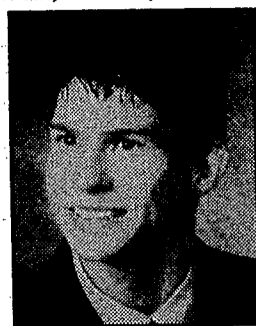
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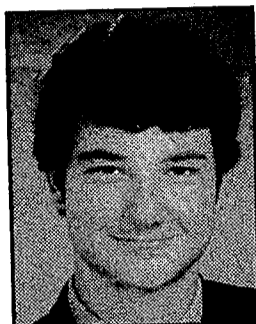
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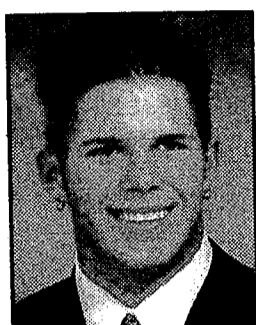
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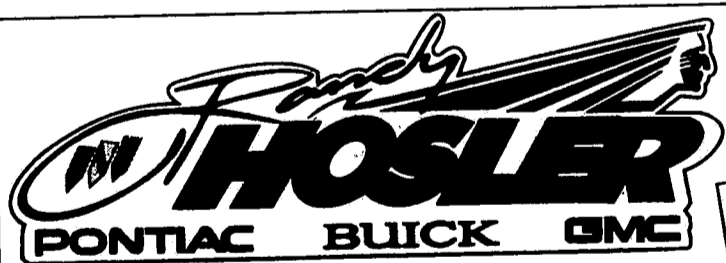
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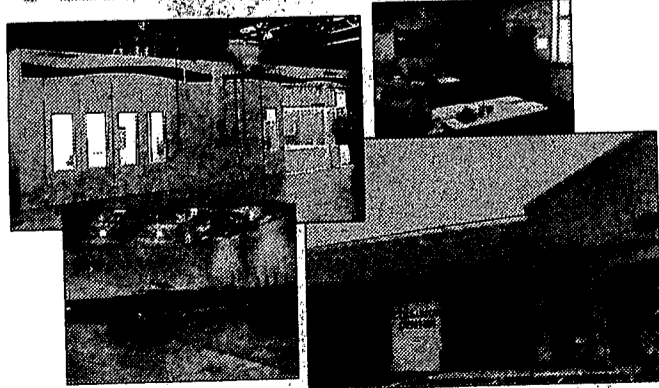


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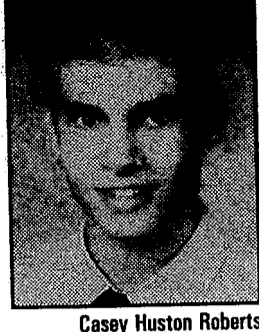
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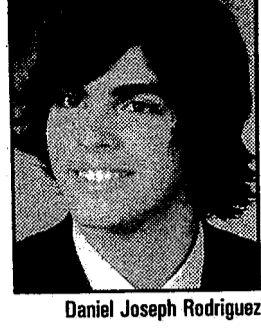
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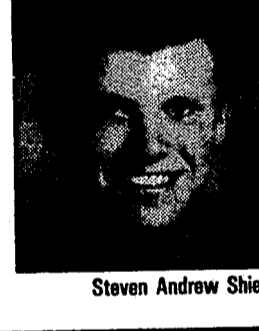
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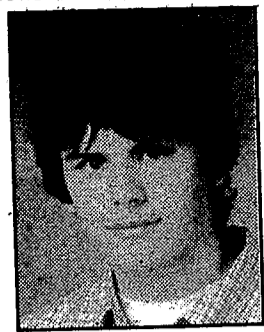
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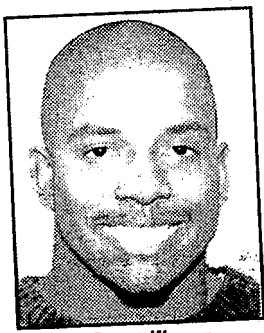
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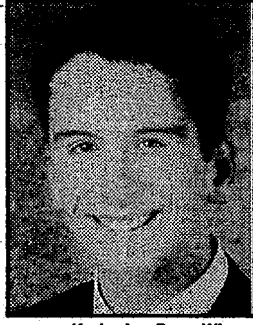
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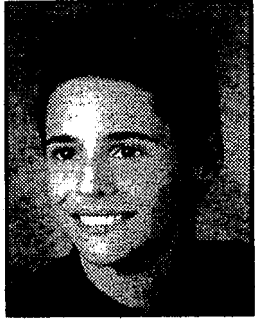
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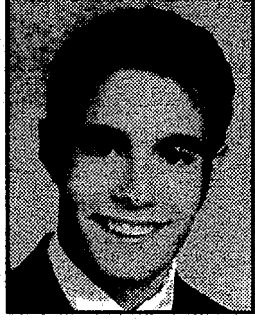
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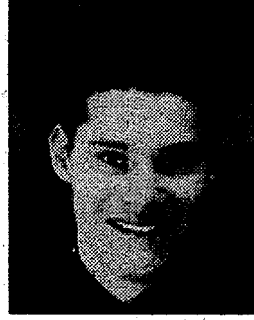
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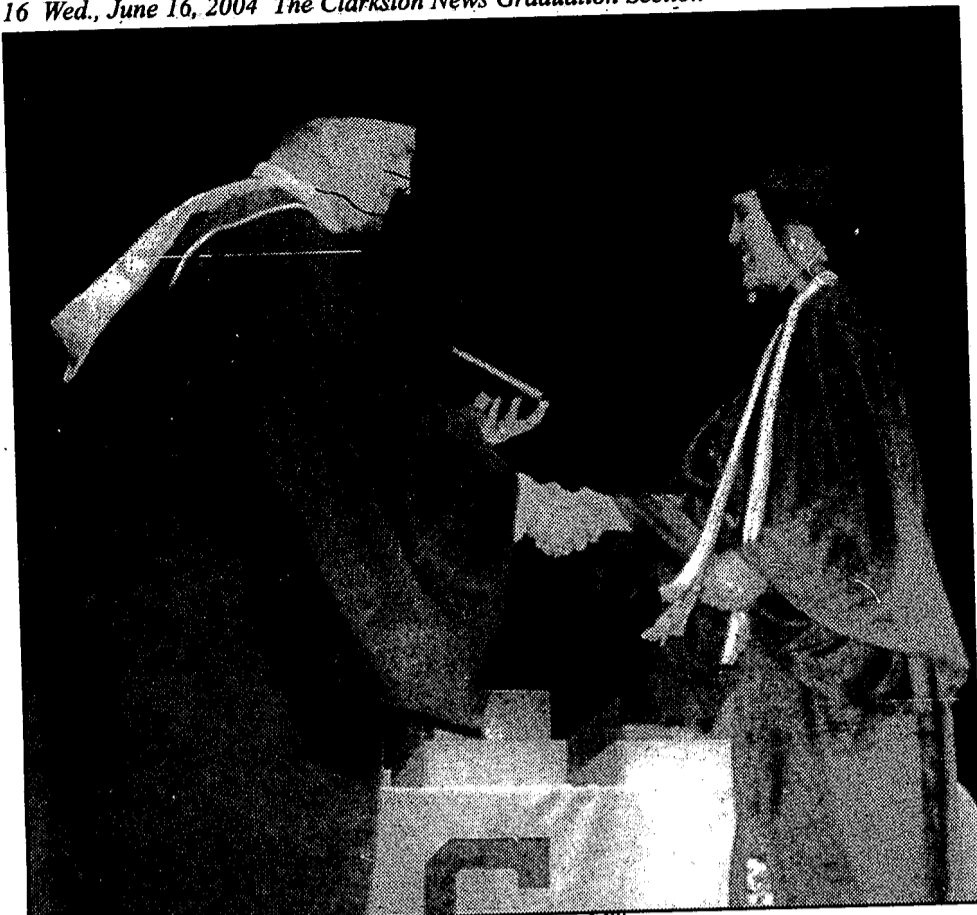
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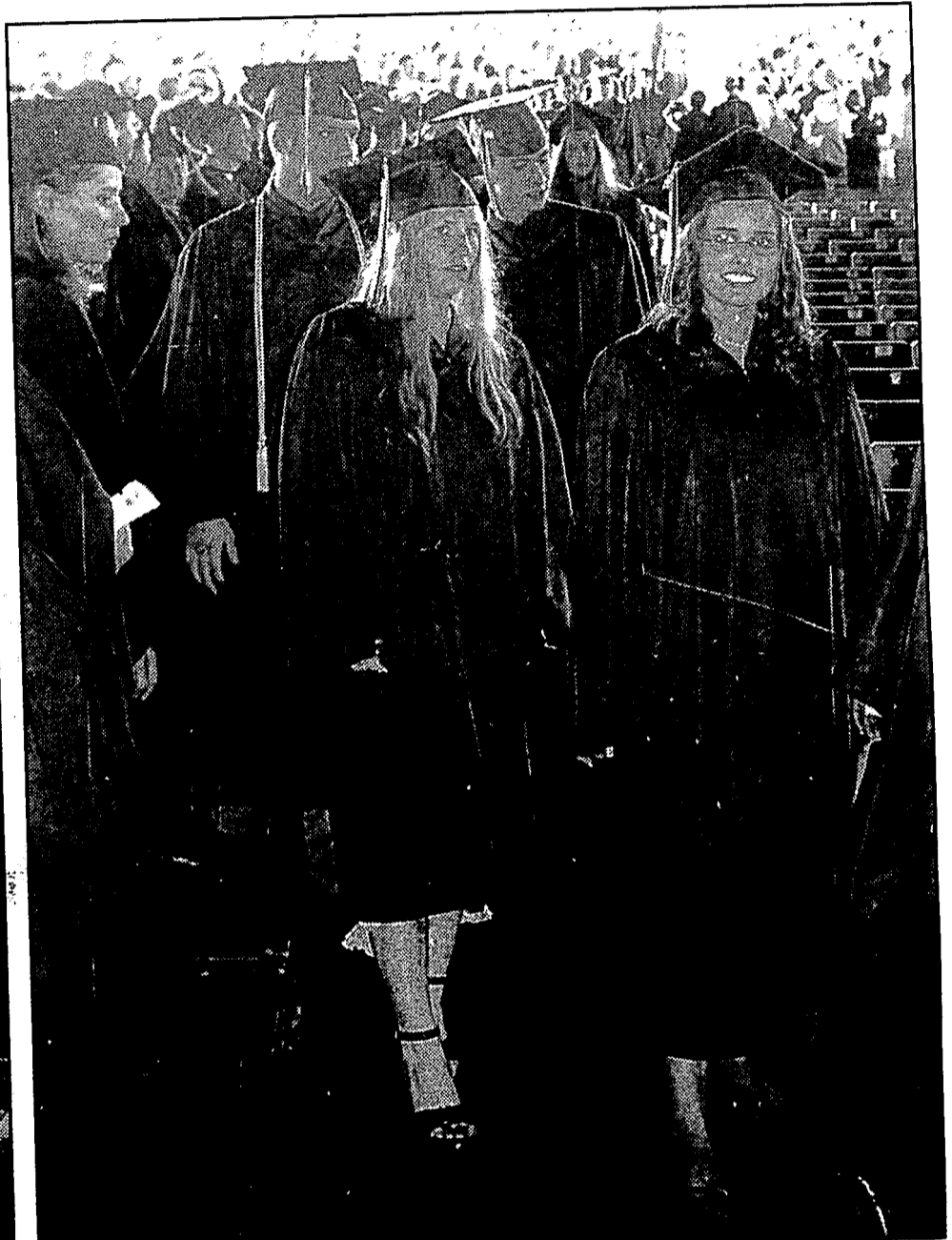


Wei Sun receives her diploma from Trustee Tony Miller.



Brett Daniel Cable receives a handshake from Superintendent Al Roberts, as board of education President Karen Foyteck looks on.

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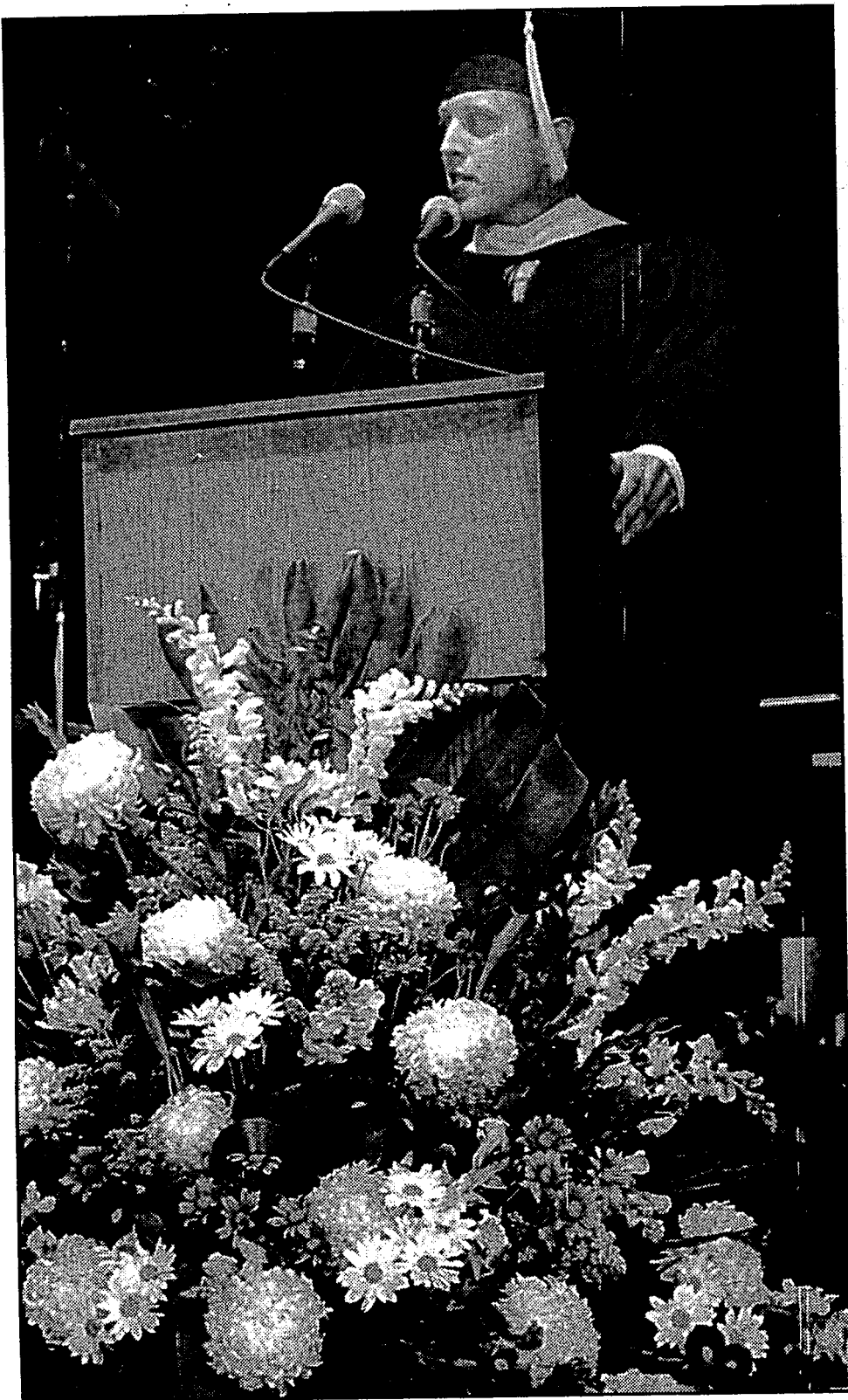
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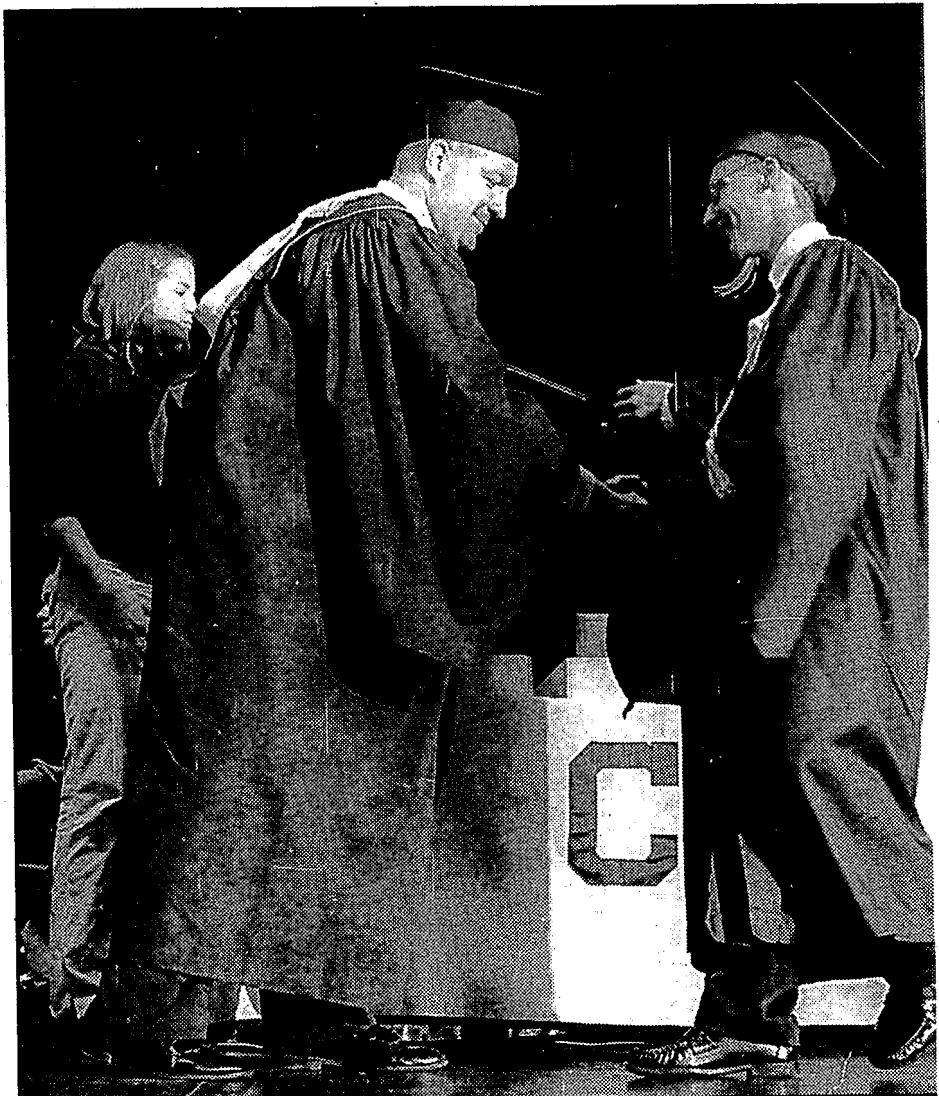
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Clarkston High School grads 'commence'



Aaron Dobson, a first-year teacher at Clarkston High School selected by the graduates to be their commencement speaker, uses humor and life examples to encourage the graduates to be "better than you were yesterday."



Trustee Tony Miller congratulates Brian John Bigger on earning his diploma.



To close the commencement ceremony, director Mike Peterson leads the Madrigal Singers in "A Parting Blessing."

Congratulations!

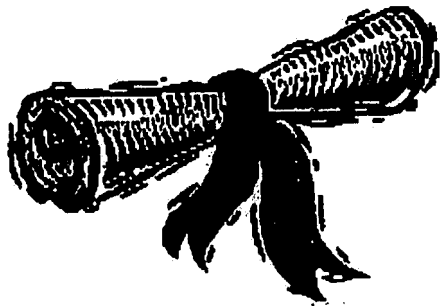
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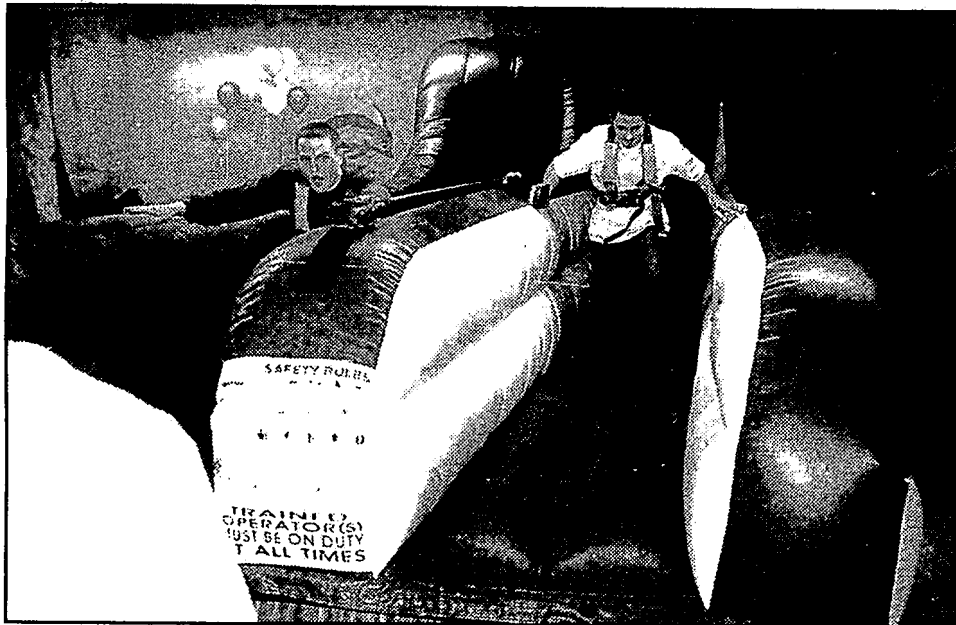


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Seniors spend all night partying at high school



New graduates flock to the registration table at the Clarkston Christian Association as the all-night senior class party begins.



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Grads try their skills at remote control racetrack competition.

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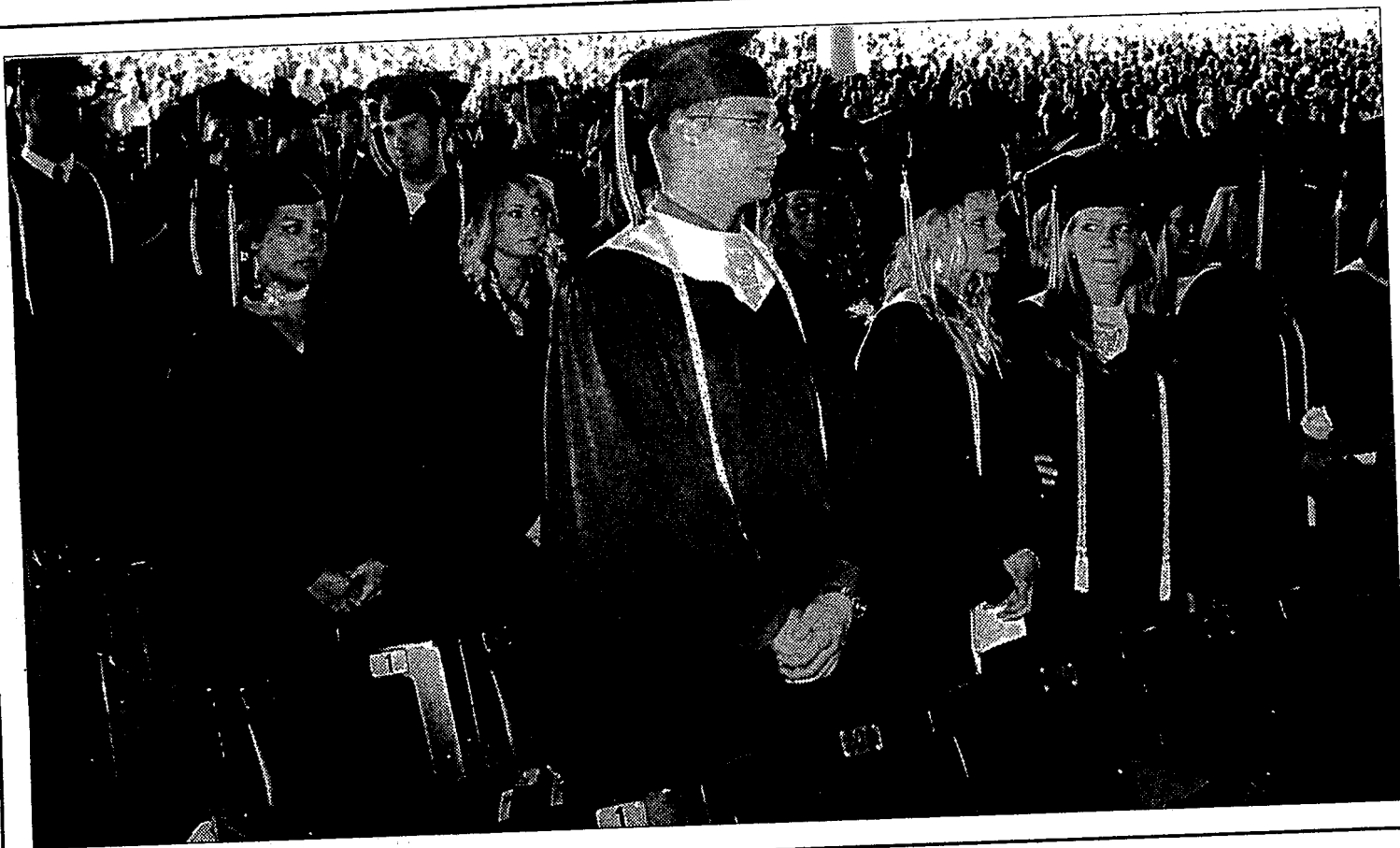
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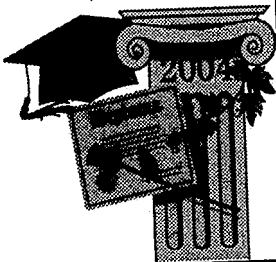
Graduation ceremony begins

Graduates remain standing while the entire class takes their seats as the ceremony begins.

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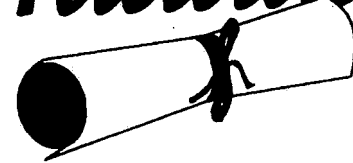
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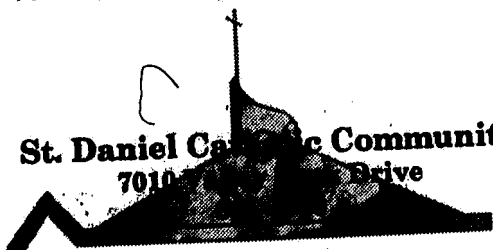
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Seniors make some final memories



Celebrating graduates don festive attire for a music video shoot, done with computerized backgrounds.



Enjoying the ample food at the senior party are Michelle Cusumano, Sarah Napier and Nick Swantek.