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Developer attempts to clarify plan for golf course condos

BY JENNY MATTESON
Clarkston News Editor

Developer Mario D'Agostini said he never expected to receive so much publicity and attention on a proposal he has yet to submit to Independence Township.

D'Agostini, owner of White Lake Development, has been working on plans to build 150-160 single-family, detached condominiums, priced between \$400,000 and \$1 million, on the Pine Knob Golf Course off Waldon Road. However, he has not submitted any official plans to the township.

D'Agostini said he hopes to present a proposal at the April 5 regular board meeting asking trustees to approve a scenic easement relocation that would move the easement from nine holes added five years ago, over near and combined with the 25 acres covering the original 18 holes.

"Right now, as the golf course sits, there is a potential 180 units (apartments or small condos) to be built out here without any approvals, without any easements, without any problems," said D'Agostini, "but the location of those areas are bad for the people that live here. There are nine acres right out here that are behind \$1 million homes that I could put apartments on.

"All we're trying to do is take that supposed scenic easement, all you can see now is a parking lot and some of I-75, and attach it to the .25 acres that are

existing out there, and build our condos on that property."

D'Agostini said the nine holes were added to the golf course almost five years ago by Tony Catenacci, his uncle and course owner. D'Agostini said he would not be developing two of the holes upon request of the Fairways Homeowners Association.

When the nine holes were added, the area was rezoned recreational and a scenic easement was agreed to by Catenacci and the township. The original 18 holes of the course are covered by a scenic easement from 1973.

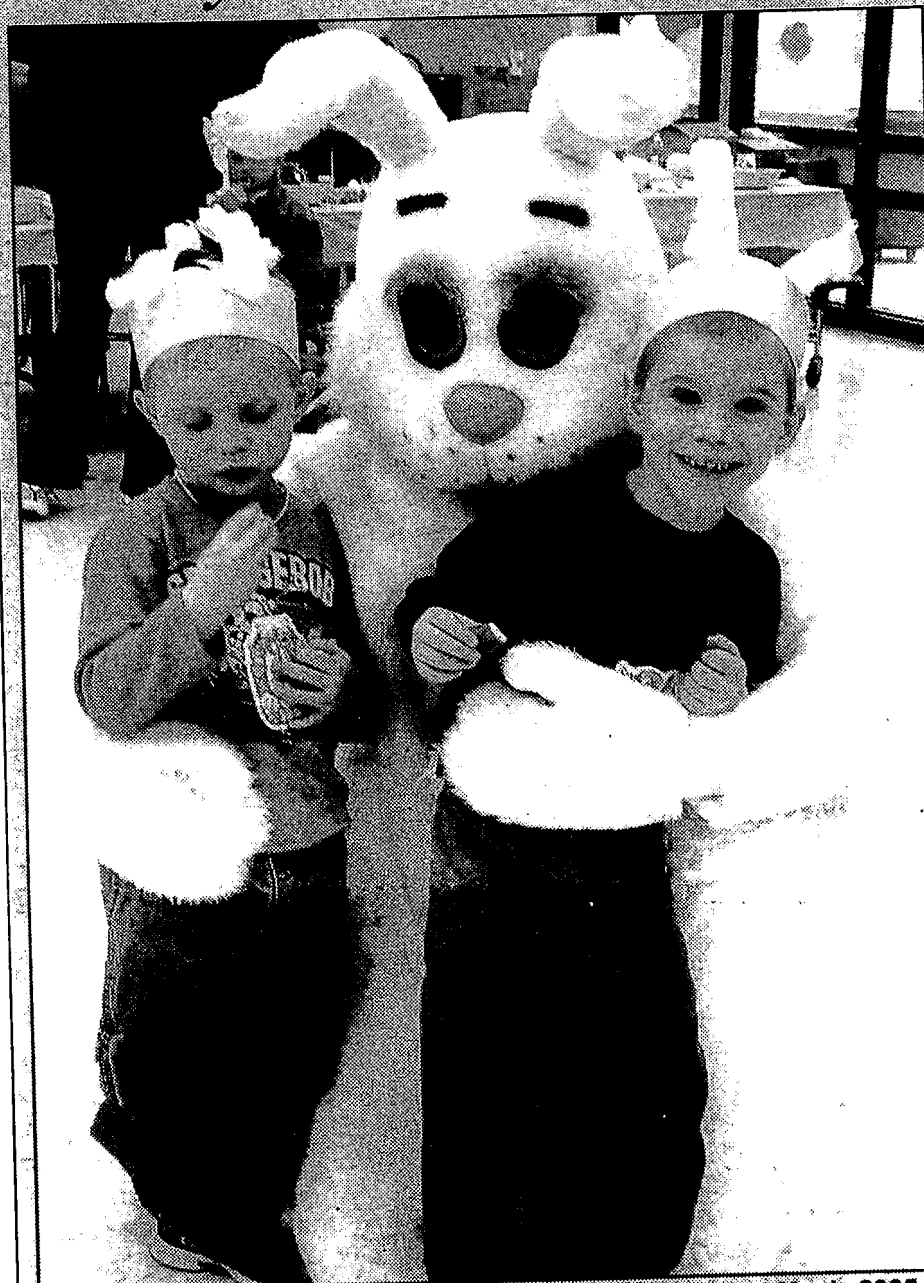
In response to recent rumors and public statements, D'Agostini presented his plan to area homeowners associations on March 16.

"We can tell you this, after the meeting last Wednesday night, people left with a clear understanding and they all left in a supportive manner," said Robert Mollicone, head of sales and marketing for D'Agostini's Pine Knob Enclaves condominiums. "And we answered all the questions they had, and said everything was done satisfactorily.

"Many said they wished they had known prior to the meeting that this was what we were doing because it is not what the rumors and the misinformation that they had... they were under the impression something else was going to

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Bunny buddies...



Adam and Justin Smith smile with the Easter Bunny at Egg Mania 2005 on March 19. The annual community event drew kids of all ages to Sashabaw Middle School, where they participated in a wide variety of fun events. For more photos, please see page 11A. Photo by Christina Ulaj.

Judge sentences rapist to at least 24 years in prison

BY DON SCHELSKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

With people on both sides of the case shedding tears on Monday, a 35-year-old Orion Township man was sentenced to 24-36 years in prison for raping an Independence Township woman last year.

The sentence, issued by Oakland County Circuit Judge John J. McDonald, came despite Gregory H. Combs' continued claims that the May 28, 2004 encounter with the then-19-year-old woman at the DTE Energy Music Theater was consensual.

"Things aren't actually the way they seem," said Combs, who was convicted by a jury on two counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct on March 24. "I

never meant to hurt anybody. I never punched her in the face."

"That's what you want me to believe?" McDonald said. "This is your chance to come clean."

Combs stuck to his story, evoking a hint of disgust in McDonald's voice.

"I don't believe one word you're saying," McDonald said. "You don't deserve any breaks at all."

Before McDonald issued the sentence, Assistant Prosecutor Gregory Townsend and defense attorney Howard Arnkoff argued details of a probation department pre-sentencing report, which recommended a sentence of only about four to eight years.

Townsend successfully appealed to have a "habitual

offender" category attached to Combs because of a March 2000 conviction of attempted extortion from the state of Ohio. Additional "points" were attached to the report because of what the prosecution called "excessive brutality" in the case.

"She didn't know if she would ever see her family again," Townsend argued. "[Combs] threatened to kill her."

The amended report recommended a sentence of about 11-23 years. Then came victim impact statements.

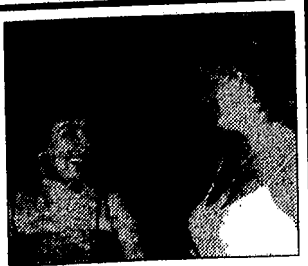
The young woman was unable to be in court on Monday because of school commitments, so McDonald

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Students depict Stations of the Cross

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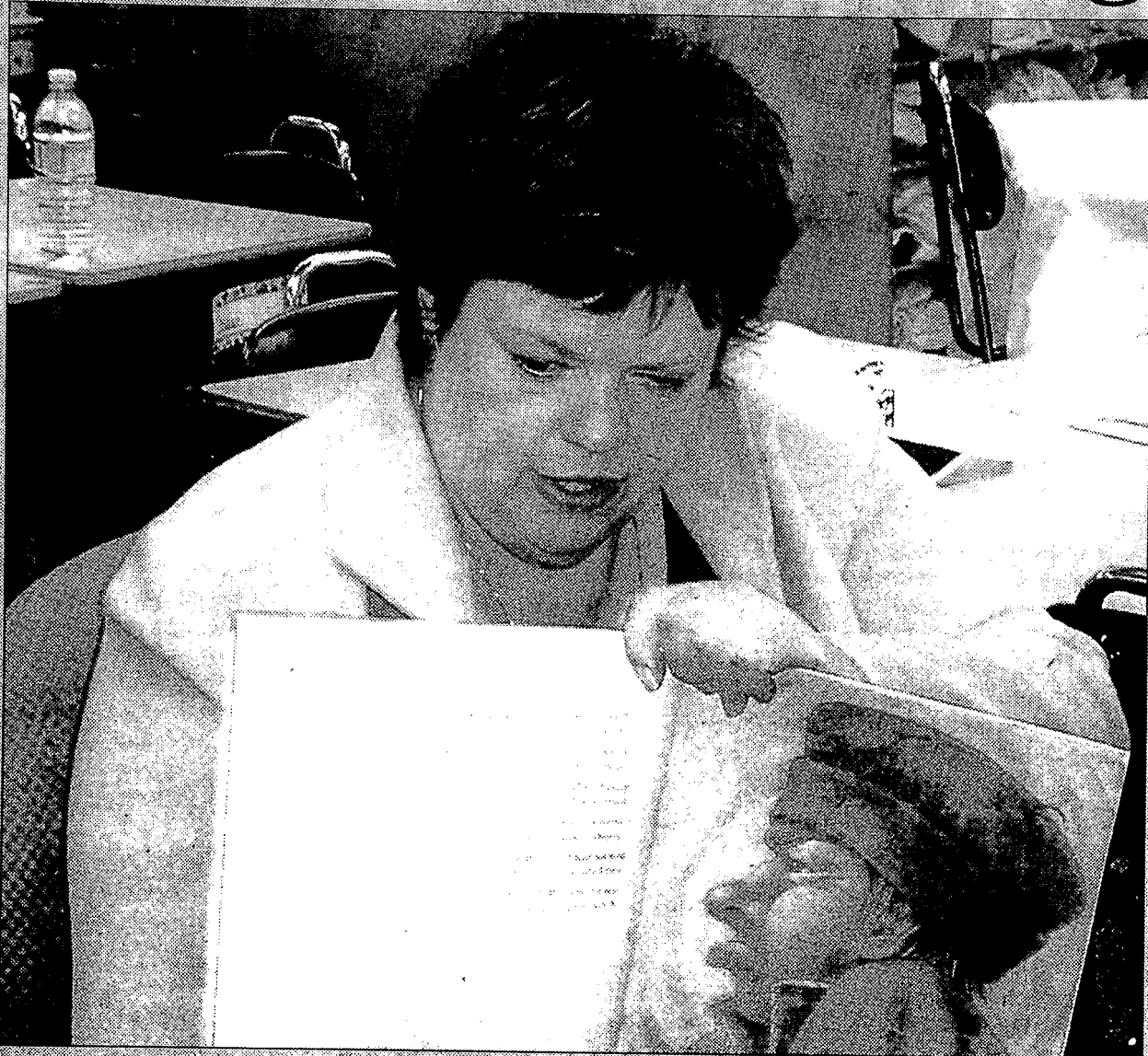


Sports

Meet this week's Athlete of the Week

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Senator honors reading



On March 18, Senator Deb Cherry made a special visit to Andersonville Elementary School. Cherry read stories to different classrooms in honor of "March is Reading Month." Photo by Christina Ulej

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Community Health News Topic: RSV

Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is a virus that causes a lung infection called bronchiolitis. Babies commonly get RSV. Two out of three infants are infected with RSV during their first year of life. RSV is highly contagious. It is spread by contact with infected fluids from the nose or mouth and through droplets in the air from coughing. RSV usually occurs in the wintertime. Some children with RSV may have pneumonia or they need oxygen. Children born prematurely or who get RSV during the first months of life are more likely to have these complications. Toddlers and older children with RSV usually do not have serious problems. For these children, RSV is usually no worse than a bad cold. The virus is found in nasal secretions of infected people. It is spread by an infected person who sneezes or coughs less than 6 feet away from someone else or by his or her hands after touching the nose or eyes. People do not develop permanent immunity to the virus, which means that they can be infected by it many times. Bronchiolitis is a lung infection caused by many types of viruses including RSV. The average age of children who get bronchiolitis is 6 months. It is rare in a child older than 2 years. In the long run, approximately 30% of the children who develop bronchiolitis later develop asthma.

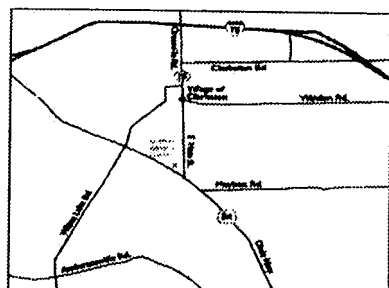


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Briefly

City police issue more parking tickets

Substituting for vacationing Chief Ernest Combs, Clarkston Police Officer Al Kitzens told the city council on March 15 that officers issued an additional seven tickets for violation of "two hour only" zones in downtown Clarkston since the previous police report to council on Feb. 28.

All the offenders were downtown business people, Kitzens said.

City police have engaged in extra checks of the zones after a business owner wrote to the council complaining of lack of adequate parking for customers.

Moran returns to Clarkston

Award winning songwriter Mike Moran is returning to Clarkston for his first performance in over four years.

Moran recently won an award for "Best Song of the Month" November 2005 in the Los Angeles Songwriting Magazine "Songwriter Universe." His style is diverse yet down-to-earth in both lyrical and musical flavor.

Moran has been constantly touring the midwest and is finally returning to his roots for a show. He will perform at Mesquite Creek on April 2 at 8 p.m. The set will include a long list of his original works and covers.

Community Expo set for April 16 at CHS

The "Summer Happenings Expo" is back and bigger than ever!

This year the Clarkston Coalition for Youth has partnered with Clarkston Community Education and Academic Boosters to offer members of the community the opportunity to see and experience the many businesses, clubs and organizations that make Clarkston a great place to live.

The 2005 Clarkston Connects Community Expo is set for April 16 from 9 a.m. - noon at Clarkston High School. The event features something for everyone including interactive exhibits, demonstrations, a moonwalk for the kids, an Independence Township fire engine on display, great door prizes and free stuff.

A wonderful addition to this year's event is the Clarkston Community Education parent workshops providing parents tools to continue building the developmental assets in our youth.

Community businesses, clubs and organizations in the Clarkston area are invited to participate in the Expo. There are many ways to participate: be a sponsor, an exhibitor, a demonstrator or donate door prizes. Please visit www.clarkstonyouth.org or call 248-625-5092 or 248-941-1575 for more information.

DPW worker resigns

Adam Frank has resigned from his full-time position as DPW foreman for the City of the Village of Clarkston.

DPW Director Bob Pursley made the announcement at the March 15 city council meeting, complimenting Frank for eight years of service.

Frank, who has accepted a position with the Auburn Hills Department of Public Works, may continue to help Clarkston on a part-time basis, but Pursley said Ben Lawrence has been hired to fill the full-time spot.

Clarkston residents stay in sync on ice



Team E'lan's national champion adult team performs at the Detroit Skating Club. Photo submitted BY NOAH PURCELL

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Best described as a kaleidoscope of twirling bodies, synchronized skating is an artform unparalleled in beauty, grace and difficulty.

Three Clarkston residents recently helped Team E'lan reach the pinnacle of success in three different levels of competition at the 2005 U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships in Lowell, Mass.

Lisa Smith assisted the adult team in winning the national championship; Kylee Haase helped the juvenile team garner a bronze medal; while Taylor Wiedemann and the novice team took seventh.

"We had the best routine we have ever skated," said Haase, who is in the sixth grade at St. Stevens Lutheran in Waterford. "I enjoyed seeing all of the other teams from around the country."

Teams from as far away as California and Florida qualified for the national competition. The sport was pioneered in Ann Arbor back in 1954.

Synchronized skating, like the more popularized swimming version, relies on all twenty competitors to skate, twirl and leap in unison. The training process, consisting of three times weekly, six-hour sessions is long and arduous, but for the girls, their time was well spent.

"You have to be dedicated," said Wiedemann, a

seventh grader at Clarkston Middle School. "You do become really good friends with your teammates."

In the offseason, teams frequently bond on ropes courses or on group outings to the movies.

"I really didn't know anyone on the team before I joined. I've made a lot of really, really close friends," said Smith, who graduated from Clarkston High School in 1996.

Most girls who get into synchronized skating already have a strong background in individual freestyle routines.

"I skated at Western Michigan, When I was done there I realized that I missed skating," said Smith, who joined the adult squad of Team E'lan this year for their second consecutive gold medal. "I've never been on a team before that competed at this level."

Aside from those teams featuring Clarkston residents, Team E'lan, which is based at the Detroit Skate Center, also featured a third place junior team and a fourth place senior team. The director of Team E'lan was named 2004 synchronized skating coach of the year by the Professional Skaters Association.

Auditions for the 2005-06 season run May 1-7 for ages 11 and up. For more information on Team E'lan call the Detroit Skating Club at 248-332-3000.



Kylee Haase, Lisa Smith and Taylor Wiedemann all skate for Team E'lan. Photo submitted

Clarkston government honors *The Clarkston News*

The following resolutions were passed by The City of the Village of Clarkston in honor of the 75 anniversary of The Clarkston News:

Whereas The Clarkston News is celebrating its seventy-fifth anniversary, and

Whereas The City of the Village of Clarkston has used The Clarkston News as its official newspaper for City/Village publications and notices for these many years, and

Whereas, The Clarkston News has further reported local news as well as official proceedings of the City/Village government during those years, and

Whereas The City of the Village of Clarkston Council as well as the residents of the Clarkston area have and will continue to rely on the service of The Clarkston News, and

Whereas The Clarkston area residents, businesses and local governmental units look forward to continued success of this publication, and

Whereas The Clarkston News is an integral part of this community,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the City Coun-

cil of the City of the Village of Clarkston expresses its appreciation by making this resolution a part of its official records, and further extends its sincerest best wishes for continued success in all of the future endeavors of The Clarkston News.

Dated March 15, 2005. Signed Mayor Sharron Catallo and City Manager Artemus M. Pappas.

To Mr. James Sherman:

Whereas James Sherman is celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of newspaper ownership, and

Whereas Since 1966 The Clarkston News has been one of these newspapers, and

Whereas The City of the Village of Clarkston has always enjoyed a professional and personal relationship with the Sherman family, and

Whereas, The City Council looks forward to continued partnership with the new generation of the Sherman family as well as Jim Sherman's continued contributions to The Clarkston News, and

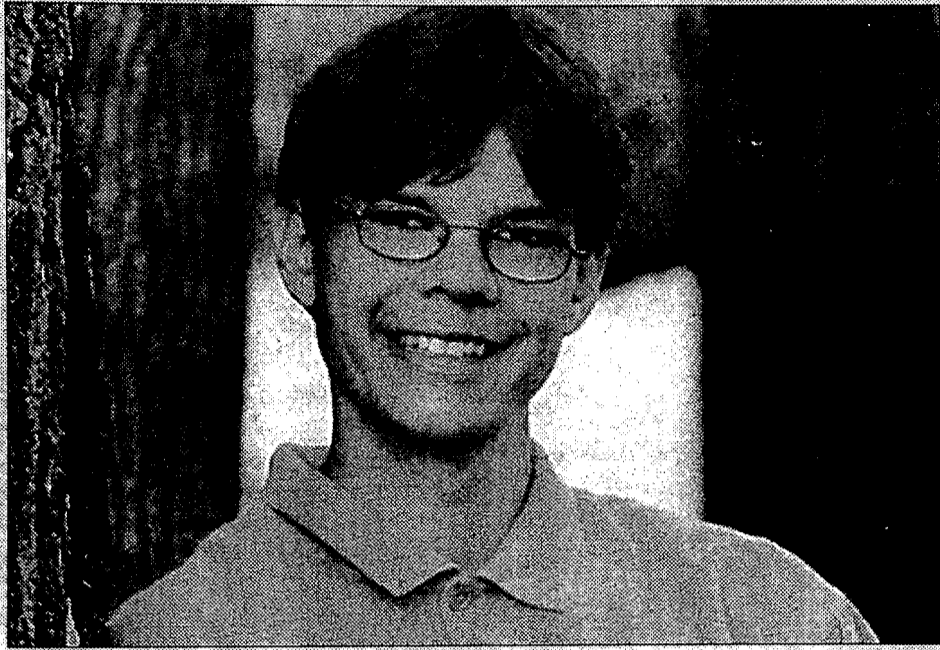
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CHS Senior Spotlight



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Favorite Subject: Collision Repair
School Activities: CHS Varsity Bowling Team, two-years Oakland Technical Center, and nominated to join the National Technical Honor Society later this year.
Outside Interests: Working on mopeds, snowmobiles, three-wheelers, dirt bikes and my 1981 Camaro Z28. Participation in Boy Scout Troop 189 and earned my Eagle Scout rank. Participation in the Clarkston United Methodist Church Youth Group.
What are your plans after graduation? I have been accepted to Ferris State University for automotive technology in the fall.
Where do you see yourself in 25 years? Happy, with a job I enjoy.
Best friends are people who: are good, honest people that you can trust. A person is only as good as their word.
What worries me most about the world is: global warming and the long term effects.
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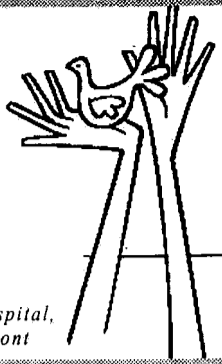
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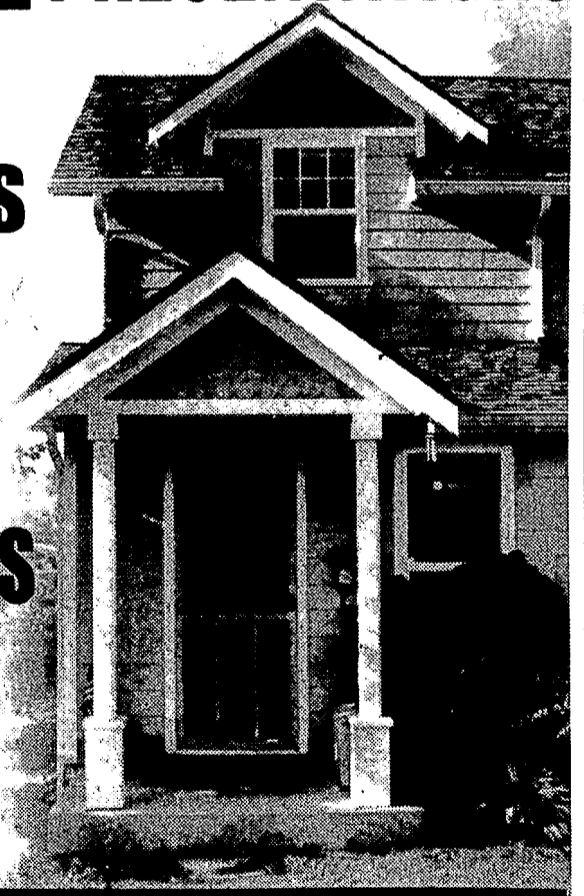
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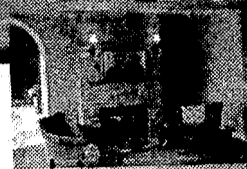
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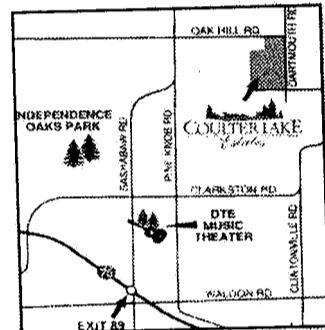
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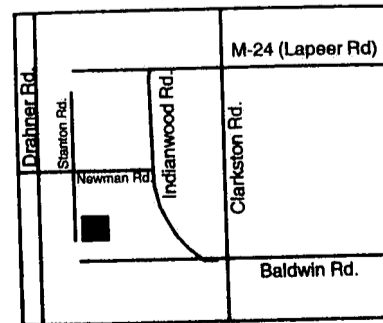
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Opinion

Knitter has it right

Independence Township residents,

Last week Harry Knitter wrote to you. Get ready, WalMart is coming. Get used to it. He's right.

Those of us in Clarkston would love to believe that we could still attract Coopers, Millners, Liveries and the like. Face it! We have realtors in our city and that's about it.

You also have to face reality. You have improved your roads, Sashabaw in particular and your population is growing. You have made yourself ripe for companies like WalMart and Home Depot.

Clarkston once had a nice hardware store, we miss it, but our near-neighbors (Independence) allowed a Tru-Value, which was killed by a Damman and Ace, which will likely be killed by the Home-Depot (whether you have one or not).

Face it, you can have a big chain store and reap its tax benefits and jobs, and people will pass through your community on your nice big roads to access one in another community. Look at their parking lots and spread sheets. Someone is shopping there.

Who, by the way, makes the decision which small businesses you are will to kill off? You've effectively added big grocery stores and killed small mom & pops. You've added chain sub and pizza shops, killing small ones. You've added chain restaurants, leaving family-owned eateries gasping. Give us a list, which ones are fair game? Businesses will either change or die, it's the American way.

Independence residents, I do have a solution for you. Just buy all the vacant properties. It is unfair of you to ask land owners and developers to hold and pay taxes on that wooded lot by your home, just for your enjoyment. Gather together your friends and neighbors and simply purchase those "at risk properties." Keep them the way they are, reject profitable offers. Your fellow township residents will give you their admiration and kudos.

**Teresa Coventry
Clarkston**

A note from Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen concerning upcoming school elections

Dear Editor,

Hi - I'm Shelagh VanderVeen, Clerk for Independence Township. Independence Township is having an election on May 3. We have a few changes in poll locations.

Each voter living in Independence Township will vote at their regular polling location. They will vote where they would normally vote for a primary or general election. The small portion of voters who attend Waterford and Lake Orion schools will be given a ballot for that particular district. These voters will be receiving a new identification card from our office with

the new voting location on it.

The election is for three Clarkston Community School Board members. Waterford Community Schools will be electing one new school board member. Lake Orion Community Schools will be electing two school board members and voting on a proposal for an operating millage renewal.

If you have any questions, please call me or Sandy Miller at 248-625-5111, extension 233.

**Shelagh VanderVeen
Independence Township Clerk**

Thank you for everything, Sensei Rice

I would like to thank Clarkston Community Schools and all those in charge for offering Japanese as a course of instruction to our children.

Recently, we were given the opportunity to have a Japanese student named Raira to stay at our home. For two weeks we were given the opportunity to share our hometown of Clarkston with her. We took her to Henry Ford Museum, Frankenmuth, Greektown, an authentic Mexican restaurant and many other places. Seeing what we as American's take for granted through the eyes of a young stranger will forever change our lives.

My husband put it best when he said "a smile is a smile, a laugh is a laugh, language is no barrier because it comes from the heart." As for me, I now have another daughter.

As quietly as she came, she left us on Saturday, forever changing our lives. She left behind a letter she wrote us, in the room she stayed in, for us to find after she'd left.

I've attached a copy for all of you to read.

Barbara Rice, or Sensei as her students call her, thank you.

Joy VanderWeel

Dear my sweet family,

Thank you for a short stay. I was very excited and enjoyed and quietly. I love my good family so much.

I'm glad to go to many place and restaurant. So, I could eaten many American food. I could known many thing and enjoy time. Mom's dinner, chocolate cakes, banana cakes were very much! I like all!!!

I enjoyed every party.

It is difficult for me to write my feeling. Because everyday is too fun!!!

Thank you for everything. Welcome to Japan anytime. See you again...

From Raira

P.S. I looking forward to Kimmy coming to Japan. Let's go many famous place in Japan and let's eat sushi!

Construction projects bring positive changes to district

As most readers know, the school district is in the midst of several significant changes that will impact the education of our students for years to come. With the passage of the 2003 bond, we are creating new space, updating our older buildings and completing a major grade level reconfiguration.

Specifically, we are:

- Creating an addition at Sashabaw Middle School to house all sixth and seventh graders at one building.
- Updating Clarkston Middle School and renaming it Clarkston Junior High School in order to serve all eighth and ninth graders. With the completion of these two projects, Clarkston High School will begin housing grades tenth, eleventh and twelfth at the start of the 2005 school year.
- Centralizing administrative services so that all district support functions can be consolidated and controlled from one site.
- Creating an Early Childhood Center for the youngest members of our school family.
- Renovating the historic Church Street Building so it can continue to serve this community for many years to come.

In addition, we have built and opened six new classrooms at Pine Knob Elementary and redistricted elementary students to better utilize our classroom space and balance our schools more effectively.

Now, anyone driving past the various construction sites will likely be surprised by the fast progress and

daily changes. Permit me to "brag" about our projects, and share with readers that our bond projects are moving forward within our approved timeline and budget.

1. The Early Childhood Center that is being built on Clarkston Road (attached to the administration building) will help us to consolidate programs to enhance learning and tie curriculum even more closely to the K-12 program. Given the research about early learning and the demands made by state and federal authorities, the addition of this building will permit us to guide our preschool children in ways that were not possible with programs scattered across the district.

2. The renovated Sashabaw Middle School will bring together all the district's sixth and seventh grade students. In this setting, we will be able to provide our boys and girls with rigorous academic programs in a developmentally appropriate setting.

Our new grade configuration will challenge youngsters to learn, provide them with opportunities to explore their interests through co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, and help them socialize in ways that are fitting for people of their age. Frankly, wanting to act older is pretty typical of youngsters this age. We believe this new grade level structure will help us ac-

complish our goal of "keeping kids younger."

3. Clarkston Junior High School is designed to press a highly academic agenda; and teaching at this facility will reflect the need to have students ready for the transition to Clarkston High School. In fact, there will be some significant changes in the academic requirements that will need to be met before youngsters are "promoted" to the next level.

In addition, there will be a full array of sports and arts programming; and like the middle school, social events will be designed to reflect what is appropriate for this age group.

4. The expanded administrative building will permit us to consolidate services, provide district-wide training and to bring the offices of the Special Education Department over to the administrative site. In addition, the new community room will be something that all our citizens can be proud to call their own.

I suppose most people don't get excited about administrative facilities. That being said, the ability to operate all district support functions from a control center; to provide our employees with an environment that is functional by today's standards; and to have the chance to correct existing problems with a dated facility is really exciting to those of us who have experienced the inadequacies of the present building.

5. Located on Church Street, the Community Edu-

Please see Letters, page 17A

Clarkston Schools



Dr. Al Roberts

Discolored Paper

A Look Back

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

15 YEARS AGO (1990)

• 2 killed in M-15 crash: Two men were killed in a head-on collision on M-15, Independence Township, about 2:35 p.m. Monday, March 19.

• Election date set for cityhood: The question of cityhood for the Village of Clarkston could be voted upon as soon as Monday, May 14.

The Michigan Boundary Commission received petitions with 67 signatures on March 5, after village officials submitted the petitions for review.

• Orion measles outbreak may spread to Clarkston: A measles outbreak that has hit neighboring lake Orion community hasn't invaded the Clarkston area yet. But Clarkston area pediatrician James O'Neill has had an outbreak of incoming phone calls concerning the disease.

• Upcoming ZIP code changes due to rapid growth: Due to major growth in Oakland County, residents in the Clarkston, Lake Orion, Oxford area can expect to see new ZIP codes and possibly new mail carriers as of July 1.

25 YEARS AGO (1980)

• 'No deal,' Locricchio tells county: An angry Joseph Locricchio snatched his offer to sell Pine Knob's recreation facilities away from Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission, according to Eric Reickel.

• 3 suspects charged with murder: Three suspects have been charged with first degree murder in connection with the shooting death of an Independence Township woman at Richardson's Dairy Saturday.

The charge involves premeditation and could result in life sentences.

• Rain turns private road into river: The water flows down what used to be Columbia Road, cutting deep pathways.

It looks like a well-established miniature river leading in the northeast section of Independence Township.

• Voters to decide how fire protection tax is collected: Voters will decide if the method of levying taxes for fire protection will change in Independence Township and Clarkston at the May 20 presidential primary election.

50 YEARS AGO (1955)

• Men's Club To See Interesting Movie: On Thursday evening (tonight) the methodist Men's Club will meet at the church at 6:30 for its regular monthly dinner-meeting. All men in the district are invited to come.

• Vows Spoken In Lansing: Carolyn Ann Ridgley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Ridgley of Hudson, Mich., was married on February 26 in the Pilgrim Congressional Church in Lansing to Earl Krebs of Lansing, son of Dr. and Mrs. Edward Krebs of Denver, Colo.

• College Work At Clarkston High: Michigan State College today announced plans to offer college credit work in education at the Clarkston Arrangements to present this work have been completed with the cooperation of local school officials to fill a request for such an opportunity.

• Donkeys To Ride Donkeys: Well Pee-Pickers it's just about that time again when those cotton-pickin' fools get out in the middle of the basketball floor and try and put that queer looking oversized softball into a basket.

Take a long walk off a short peer

Riddle me this, Batman: When does the "jumping circuit" connect in a child's head? When does the thought, "It looks like great fun to jump from atop something down onto something else?"

When?

I ask this because last week when I returned home from long, arduous hours at work, I was greeted by two very excited boys. Both Shamus and Sean wanted me to see their new "thing." They each grabbed a hand and tugged me from the door towards their bedroom. As I was led through our home, my penny loafers tracking muddy water across the floor, I wondered what new "thing" they had?

Did the neighbors Kathy and Mike bring over more cool stuff for the boys to play with? Did the rock tumbler finally stop tumblin' their first batch of shiny, polished stones? Or, did their mother find one of their old (but now new again) toys, long ago lost in the back of their closet?

What, my inquiring mind wanted to know, was their new "thing."

When we arrived at their door and I looked in, I wasn't sure why, if their room was such a mess, they wanted to show me it. In the middle of the room, pillows, sheets and blankets were piled up. I was puzzled for only as long as it took Sean to shimmy up the bunk bed ladder and then jump off the top bunk to the floor.

"Umphf," Sean said after landing. "Just like Luke Skywalker!"

Sean rolled off the landing pad just as his older brother Shamus took the leap off the bed.

"How do you like our new thing, Dad?" Shamus asked.

"Great. Where's your mother?"

Jennie was behind me -- they had already showed her their new "thing."

"Shamus wanted to show me," she explained. "When I asked him if it was something I wanted to

see, he said, 'Probably not.' Then jumped."

We left the boys to their own demise and went to the kitchen. Around the kitchen table we talked the parent talk about the current situation. Both Jen and I discovered the other was a "jumper" as kid.

Part monkey, I used to climb a pear tree, go out on a limb and then fall to the garage roof, to jump off and do it again (hey, maybe that's why I never hit six foot). That was sometime before the third grade.

For the fun of it, Jen and her sister Kris used to jump off the back of a couch their folks had stored in their basement. I believe the sisters jumped and jumped and jumped until Jen twisted something. Dang it. It's always fun until somebody get's hurt!

Neither of us can remember the "why" behind our adventures in air travel, only that we both experimented with the effects of gravity. And, we survived. We reckoned Shamus and Sean too will survive their free falls from a few feet up in the air -- after all, the Force is strong within them there boy-os.

Holy Mexican Jumping Beans, Batman! Yikes, ain't it amazing to see how fast both Congress and the President can move when they want? I'm talking about the rings they're hopping through to get a feeding tube put back into that Florida woman's mouth.

Sometime this past weekend, in the wee hours of the morning, Congress hammered out a bill ordering Florida doctors to reinstall a life-support system for a woman who's been in a vegetative state for 15 years. Both houses came together and the President flew back to Washington, DC from his Texas ranch just to sign the bill into law...

That they are "saving" a life is wonderful. Great. But, I have to ask -- if they can move this quick and work together for this one person (who, for all real purposes can't understand anything), why can't they get together on say, oh -- the deficit, \$3.00 a gallon gas, social security reform or anything else the tax-paying, voting and full-capacitated folks care about?

Just a thought. I know, I know. Rush, go take a long walk off a short peer -- then jump.

Comments for the Monkey Man Rush can be e-mailed to: dontrushemdon@charter.net

You just have to laugh

Random, arbitrary and otherwise miscellaneous ramblings from your friendly neighborhood reporter...

More and more studies (not to mention Scripture) have mentioned that humor is great for relieving stress and enhancing mental health.

That is especially true in this business, and it seems also to be true for people even in local government.

That's why it's great to quote examples of good humor among the people we cover here at The Clarkston News. We're sure they don't say these things in order to be quoted. Indeed, they may prefer not to be quoted in such contexts.

None of the following, however, said "off the record" before offering the following gems:

• Clarkston City Councilman Dan Colombo has gained a reputation for quotable quips. This column previously credited him with the idea of wristbands for downtown business people and patrons during the upcoming you-can't-get-there-from-here road construction season.

More recently, the council heard about problems with DPW Director Bob Pursley's city-issued vehicle, to which Colombo replied, "I hear there's a red Navigator available."

• During a discussion at a Springfield Township Board meeting, a trustee apologized to Supervisor Collin Walls for interrupting him.

"Don't apologize," Walls said with a wry smile. "You agreed with me."

• Local public safety people tend to develop a unique sense of humor, and sometimes it's even fit for publication in a family newspaper.

Mike Carolin, an Oakland County Sheriff's Deputy working out of the Springfield substation, is another favorite. One of his favorite pieces of advice during inclement weather is, "Be sure to drive real fast so you get off the roads quicker."

Deputy Carolin provided the basic narrative to the recent incident which felled the traffic signals on M-15 at I-75. After explaining that a vehicle ran off the road, hitting the post which supported the signals, he mused, "I think there's an ordinance against that."

• An attorney who we choose not to identify made the following comment during a break in recent trial proceedings at Oakland County Circuit Court.

"Let the perjury begin."

Sometimes the humor is more ironic that laugh-out-loud funny.

We've been following the story of new lake improvement board laws and how local governments are dealing with the practical impact. There's a new story stemming from reaction to our coverage of a recent Springfield Township Board meeting and comments on the function of the Waumegah Lake Board (some of which we have also covered).

We want to cover the news, not make it. On the other hand, we won't hide from the attention. We smile while noting that, throughout our coverage, no one on any side of the issue has complained of inaccurate reporting.

The Spiritual Matters column is covered this week, so please allow this quick note.

Some of us will be laughing with pure joy at the opportunity to celebrate Resurrection Sunday in just a few days!

Reporter At Large



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March 9: Arrest for possession/use of marijuana on Parview Drive near Andersonville Road. Two Clarkston men, age 21 and 22, were arrested after they returned to the area of an ongoing investigation after being told to leave the area. Both were found in possession of suspected marijuana and glass smoking pipes.

Arrest for retail fraud at Blockbuster Video on Dixie Highway. A clerk reported seeing a known theft suspect, giving both physical and vehicle description. After a traffic stop, deputies found the duo in possession of eight DVDs. Arrested were a 41-year-old Waterford woman and a 44-year-old Clarkston man.

March 10: Larceny of cell phone report at Clarkston High School. A student said she placed the cell phone on her book bag while on the school bus, then turned around to find it missing.

March 11: Check fraud report at Pine Knob Wine

Shop on Sashabaw Road. Someone cashed a business check for \$437.96, but upon attempting to deposit the check learned that it was counterfeit. Based on signature and fingerprint, the suspect is an 18-year-old Clarkston woman.

March 12: Arrest for operating while intoxicated on Sashabaw Road near Clinton Drive. A 24-year-old Clarkston man registered a blood alcohol level of 0.18 percent.

Arrest for possession/use of marijuana on Andersonville Road. After stopping a vehicle with a headlight out, deputies found an 18-year-old Clarkston man in possession of suspected marijuana.

March 13: Larceny of snow blower and drill motor from storage shed on Pine Knob Road.

Arrest for operating while intoxicated, driving with an expired license and refusing a preliminary breath test on Andersonville Road. A 31-year-old Waterford man was uncooperative during the incident, reports said.

Homeless man keeps deputies busy

A 41-year-old man, believed to be homeless but possibly from Pontiac, was in and out of jail several times last week after encounters with sheriff deputies from the Independence Township substation.

On March 7, deputies were dispatched to the medical center parking lot at Dixie Highway and M-15. The man, who reports said was already familiar to deputies, was bleeding from scrapes on his face, apparently from falling on the pavement. He also had two bottles of wine in his pockets, reports said.

On March 8, the man was arrested at the Dixie Highway Kroger store after allegedly taking wine without paying. At that time, he registered a blood alcohol level of 0.301 percent. Deputies found outstanding warrants for a previous parole violation, but the county prosecutor's office denied a warrant to prosecute for retail fraud and disorderly conduct since the wine cost less than \$25, reports said.

On March 10, the man was again arrested for disorderly conduct after a report that he was crawling in the middle of Dixie Highway near Waterford Hills Terrace. On March 11, he was again apprehended on Waterford Hills Terrace after sleeping behind a stone sign.

In each case, the man was taken for treatment and detoxification, although reports said he has resisted offers of medical assistance and counseling.

Lt. Dale LaBair, commander of the Independence substation, said deputies gained the assistance of 52-2 District Judge Dana Fortinberry in processing several cases, resulting in multiple 90-day sentences to the Oakland County Jail.

Local woman dies in I-75 crash

A 21-year-old Clarkston woman died after a March 13 rollover crash on I-75 near Dixie Highway in Springfield Township.

According to a prepared statement from Michigan State Police Trooper Chad Gruenwald, the crash occurred shortly before 3 a.m. on the southbound side of the freeway. The initial investigation revealed that the vehicle ran off the right shoulder. When the driver attempted to steer back onto the highway, she apparently lost control and the vehicle rolled several times, coming to rest in the center lane upside down.

Gruenwald said several motorists assisted by placing their vehicles in the path of oncoming traffic and activating their hazard lights. Because of the exten-

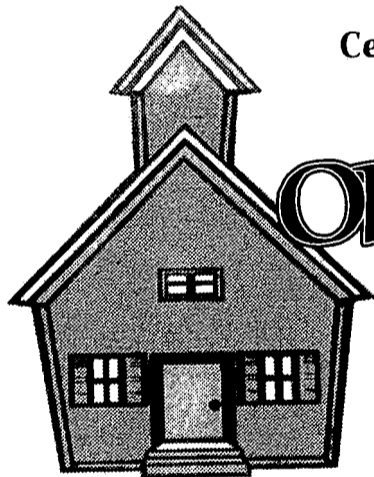
sive nature of the damage to the vehicle, bystanders were not able to reach the victim, he said.

The Springfield Township Fire Department extricated the victim, who was not responsive to treatment at the scene, reports said.

The driver was wearing a seatbelt, and police had yet to determine if alcohol was a factor.

Southbound I-75 was closed from the East Holly Road exit to the Dixie Highway exit from 3 a.m. to 6:30 a.m. for the investigation and cleanup. Oakland County Sheriff deputies assisted with traffic control.

The identity of the victim was not disclosed, and Gruenwald was not available for comment on Monday.



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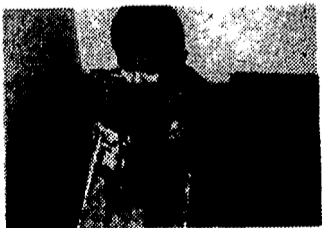
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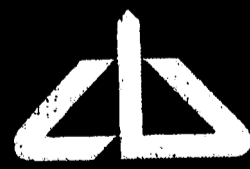
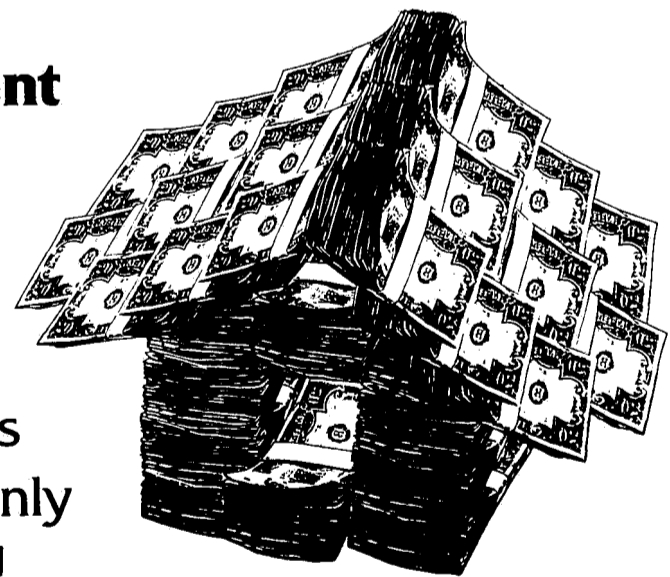
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Investing in our children's education

One school and classroom at a time

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

From time to time, you run into a topic of interest that really hits near and dear to your heart. This is one of those topics, which affects just about everyone in our community.

We have two community-based banks that have stepped-up and above, their normal role as local banks within our community. Both Clarkston State Bank and Oxford Bank have been investing their time and resources, to educate our children, about money and banking.

Clarkston State Bank has over the last few years a School Bank program, for kids in Springfield Plains, Clarkston Elementary, and Independence Elementary. Debby Chisholm Branch Officer at Clarkston State Bank says, "The kids love the program and are having great fun learning about banking."

The course teaches the following personal finance lessons:

- 5th grade students apply for the position of Branch Manager, Assistant Manager or Teller. Students, who apply, go through an interview process with a Bank Representative, School Principal, Parent Volunteer and sometimes a Teacher.

- 2 to 3 Banking Teams are then put together, consisting of Branch Manager, Assistant Manager and two Tellers, and they put on a rotating schedule.



- Training is conducted at the schools, on how to open accounts, teller transactions and Teller balancing.
- The Branch Managers and Assistant Managers open the accounts, and the Tellers process the deposits.
- Only deposits are accepted.
- Marketing ideas are presented from the kids on how to increase deposits.

Oxford Bank has created an ongoing partnership with local high schools to provide a unique financial awareness course, developed specifically for high school students. This interactive program is designed to teach adolescents how to access and manage credit responsibly. *How to Do Your Banking* is a seven-lesson course in banking skills taught by high school faculty as a supplement to their regular curriculum. Oxford Bank is excited to be part of this program.

"We pride ourselves in supporting our local communities and we sensed there is a real need to reach out to young adults and provide them with valuable money management training," says Jeffrey Davidson, Oxford Bank President and CEO. "As students learn these money and debt management skills, everyone will benefit -- the kids, their parents and the community. Oxford Bank is committed to educating local students by emphasizing real life financial skills and we believe by sponsoring *How To Do Banking* our young adults are better prepared for life after high school."

The course is designed to teach the following personal finance lessons:

- How to define and reach financial goals.
- The importance and "how to" of budgeting.
- How to save as a strategy to reach goals.
- How to use ATMs safely and responsibly.

- Everything about checking accounts.
- How to apply for a loan.

Recent surveys indicate teenage consumers spend an average of \$103 per week and only 7% of all teens can balance a checkbook.

"Today's teens need to know how to handle their finances because it will obviously have a big impact on their lives," says Oxford Bank Marketing Director Tony Lasher.

According to an MSNBC survey, nearly 94,000 people under the age of 25 filed for bankruptcy last year.

Lasher states, "We hope by sponsoring this program we are reaching out to our young people and teaching them sound financial skills they can use for the rest of their lives. By sponsoring *How To Do Your Banking* we are really bringing Oxford Bank into the classrooms of the communities we live and work in."

From the *Success Builders* column and myself, I want to thank Clarkston State Bank and Oxford Bank for their total team commitment. We would like to see more community businesses get involved with our young children helping them become better community citizens. **Remember, Success is Failure turned inside out.**

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Orco request rezoning, COG moves into action

BY JENNY MATTESON

Clarkston News Editor

The rumors are finally true.

On March 15 Orco Investments Inc. of Troy, the developers interested in bringing the well-discussed "big box" stores to Independence Township, have filed a rezoning request with the Independence Township building department.

The developers are requesting to rezone approximately 70 acres of property located north of Waldon Road and west of Sashabaw Road, near the I-75 interchange, from R-1A single family residential to C-2 planned shopping center and C-3 highway commercial.

Although the zoning request does not state specifically what plans Orco is developing for the property, the application contains a "Trip Generation Forecast" showing the following: a free standing discount superstore; home improvement superstore; shopping center; gas-line station; high-turnover, sit-down restaurant; quality restaurant; drive-in bank; hotel and assisted living structure.

According to a disclaimer at the top of the document, the purpose of the "Trip Generation Forecast" is not to show proposed uses for the site, but to illustrate an intensive use of the site under proposed zoning classifications. In the rezoning process, developers do not have to present a site plan.

"The 'big box' is something we don't feel fits in our township at all," said Supervisor Dave Wagner in an interview. "This is a small, quaint bedroom community and we want to keep it this way."

And according to Neil Wallace, Citizens for Orderly

Growth (COG) agrees.

Since the rezoning request was filed, COG has already posted an initial analysis of the application on their website, as well as the four-page planning analysis and a portion of the traffic study. A local appraiser is reviewing the "economic feasibility study," which determines whether or not the land can be developed profitably as zoned, and members are in the process of looking at the traffic study for sound premises, conclusions and accuracy.

In addition to all this, COG committees are researching the various concerns -- such as economic impact, type of crime impact, traffic impact, impact on demand for additional services from the township and any possible environmental concerns with the site -- surrounding the "intensive use" development concept.

"We are going through this carefully," said Wallace. "There is a lot of information to review."

As of Monday at 5 p.m., Orco Investments Inc. had not been added to any planning commission agendas. The individual answering the phone at Orco Investments declined comment or to transfer to another representative.

Wagner stated the developer will not be treated any differently than any other individual requesting a rezoning.

"There's no other way to do it," he said.

Maybee Road paving around the corner

BY JENNY MATTESON

Clarkston News Editor

After several developers, a couple letters of credit and a new promise, Independence Township officials are still left with one question: When will Maybee Road be paved?

After lengthy discussions lasting three meetings, Independence Township trustees voted on March 15 to approve the final site plan of Eagle Ridge Morgan Lake PRD, Phase III Residential contingent upon several factors.

According to the motion made by Trustee Dan Travis, before the site plan approval can take effect, Project Manager Angelo P. Zervos, of Zervos Equities LLC, must complete the following items:

- Have the completion and paving of Maybee Road "substantially commenced," which means the road will have drainage, be graveled and approved by the Road Commission for Oakland County for paving.

- The township will have an estimate done by the RCOC estimating the cost of completing the road after the "substantially commenced" stage.

- All legal documents pertaining to this transaction and the well site dedication to Independence Township are to be signed by all parties within 10 days of the township's presentation of those documents.

Please see Maybee on page 23A

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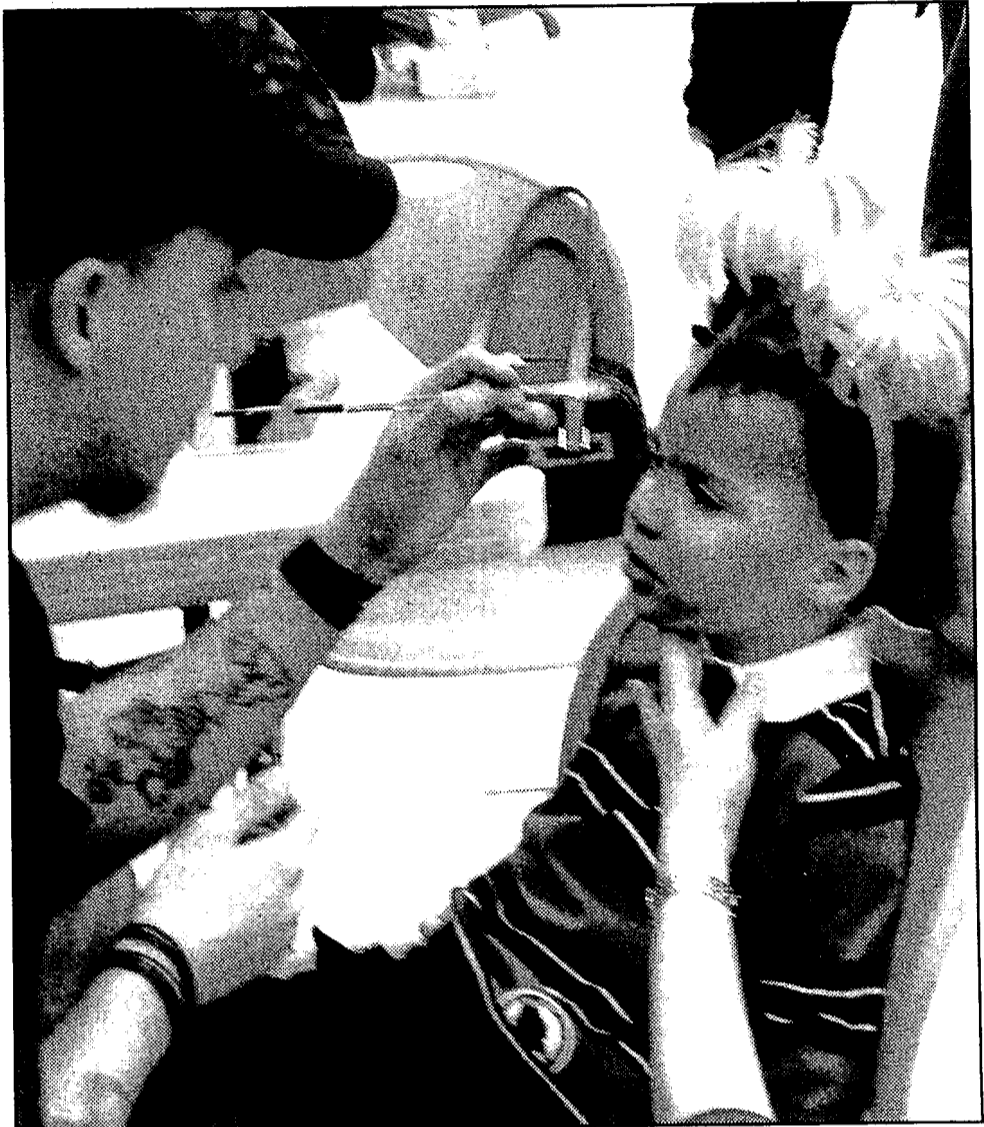
Kids turned maniacs over 'Egg Mania'



Abigail Kurniawan patiently waits in line, with mommy, for face painting.

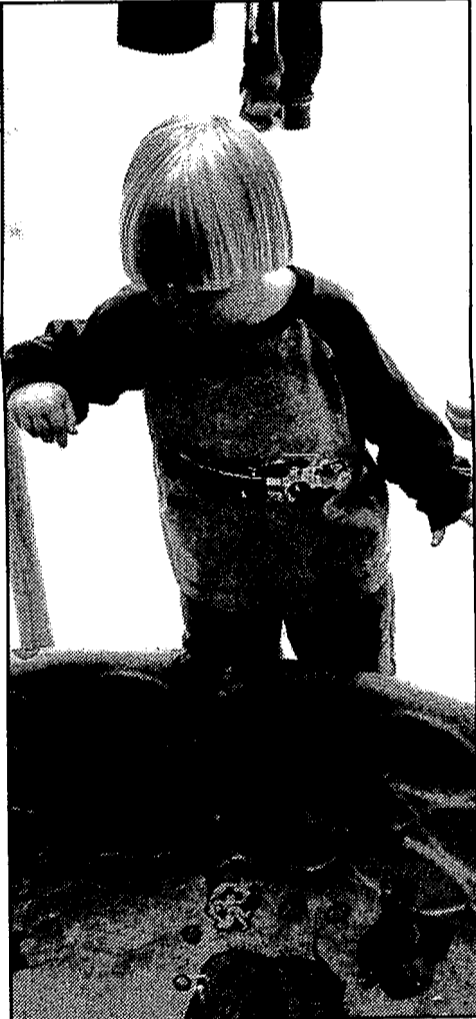


Lindsey Gates enjoy Egg Mania and really likes her new face for the day.

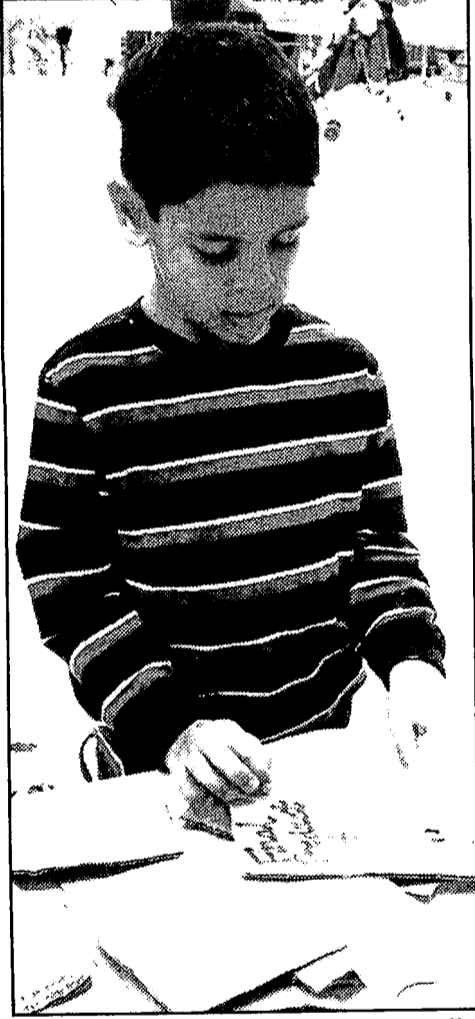


Tyler Baalek gives Edan Diver a green goblin face to start off his day at "Egg Mania" the right way.

Photos by Christina Ulaj



Preston Hazelton go fishing for ducks during his day of fun.



Jacob Soulliere makes a bunny tail.



Lewyn Beernink and Heather Kirkpatrick make paper hens.



Trinity Roodbeen makes cupcakes at The Clarkston News table.



Tristan Surre sits on Daddy's shoulders during the eventful day. She waits, with her balloon, to get her face painted along with all of her little friends.

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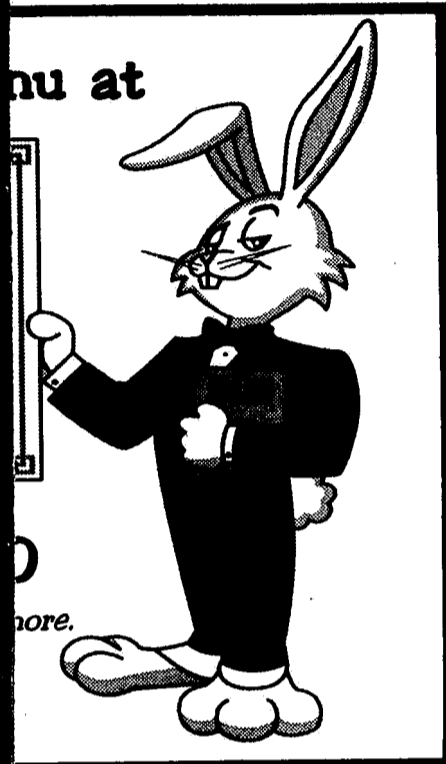
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Clarkston News Sports

Ballers deflated...

Trojans end Wolves run in state quarterfinals

BY NOAH PURCELL
Clarkston News Sports Writer

What the Wolves displayed right up until the end of their season was heart – and it got them within three points of advancing to the state semifinals.

Saginaw proved to be too tall, strong and athletic for Clarkston, as they eeked out a 58-56 victory as Brad Goodman's deep three point attempt, with two de-

fenders breathing in his face, rattled off the back rim as time expired.

"Those kids, they just battled their butts off. We're probably 20 pounds lighter at every position and that's been the character of our team this whole year. Our kids play the game the way it is supposed to be played and compete every possession," said Clarkston Coach Dan Fife.

While his final shot may linger,

Goodman put Clarkston in position to win as he took over the game in the fourth quarter, scoring 15 points including ten straight to open the final eight minutes. Goodman finished with 25 points, seven rebounds, six steals and three assists.

"I told them not to foul (on the last possession), but we had to contest the shot, especially against kids who can flat out shoot the basketball. (That last shot) was tough. If it had gone, it would have been us (losing)," said Saginaw Coach Lou Dawkins. "We were pushing everything out on the perimeter, we did not want them to have a three point shot. I was hoping that they would drive, then we would have been in overtime."

Saginaw's height and athleticism garnered the Trojans nine offensive rebounds in the first half, those extra possessions led to a 34-23 lead at the close of the second quarter.

"I couldn't ask for anything more from my kids than what they gave me on the floor and their effort both physically and mentally," said Fife. "Why I really wanted to win states was my kids' effort."

To open the second half, Clarkston senior Robbie Clark and junior Joe Moran drained back-to-back three pointers, making the score 34-29.

A quick spurt by Saginaw led to a 12-point lead midway through the third. Clark again cut into the Trojans' lead with a furious drive to the basket, twirling the ball onto the glass and absorbing contact

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Brad Goodman's final game in a Wolves uniform was a gem. The senior guard carried Clarkston down the stretch scoring 15 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter. Photo by Noah Purcell

Skiers named to All-State

Thirteen athletes between the boys and girls ski teams from Clarkston have been named to All-State teams. The Wolves recent personal accolades combined with both team's lofty third place finish at the state finals, only further cements their powerhouse status.

"It show how deep we are. A lot of schools have three good racers, we are pretty much six deep on both teams," said Clarkston Coach Bruce Rosengren. "I was thrilled to see so many of our kids be recognized."

Alex Rosengren was named first team All-State in both the slalom and giant slalom. Also on the boys side, Eric Weiland, Jeff Haladik and Kevin Vahlbusch were named to the second team in the slalom and third team All-State in the giant slalom.

Jennifer Stanton was named second team All-State in the slalom. Alyssa Vermeulen was also named to the third team in the slalom. Trisha Peters was named third team All-State in the giant slalom. Finishing out the awards for the girls was Erica Halsey and Mo Weiland who were both named honorable mention All-State.

The crowd Clarkston put on the All-State teams was second only to Marquette, with 17 skiers.

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Athlete of the Week – Maddy Dunn



Maddy Dunn is this week's Athlete of the Week for her incredible skiing chops, recently put on display at the Junior Olympics in Vail and Beaver Creek Colo. from March 6-12.

"The hills out there are just huge," said Dunn. "You really can't be thinking about slowing down or speed checking though. You just have to know how to ski... and have no fear going over

the jumps."

In the 13 and 14-year-old age group, Maddy was the third highest ranked skier out of the Midwest region and placed 20 out of 162 in the downhill event. She also competed in the slalom, super g and giant slalom.

"It was a lot of fun to compete with such great athletes," said Dunn.

Dunn's parents, Molly and Charles, are both avid skiers, and Maddy was taught how to ski at a young age. Her early years spent carving up Pine Knob Ski Resort provided Maddy with her first taste of competitive skiing through the Thunderbolt Racing Program. When she was 10, she took second in a NASTAR event and has since been competing nearly ev-

ery weekend of the winter.

"You really have to be committed," said Dunn.

While she is thoroughly committed to being the best skier she can be, Maddy does not spend fall, spring and summer staring wistfully at the bare Pine Knob hillside. The eighth grade Clarkston Middle School student lists softball, volleyball, track and waterskiing as just a few of her other pastimes.

"I really like anything outside or athletic," said Dunn.

Aside from her numerous sporting forays, Maddy also finds time during the school year to participate in student leadership and student council. Despite all of her other pursuits Maddy has also maintained all A's in school.

"I guess I work better under pressure," said Dunn.

Having been allowed to practice with the Clarkston High School varsity ski team this past year, Maddy is looking forward to joining and adding to their continued excellence next year.

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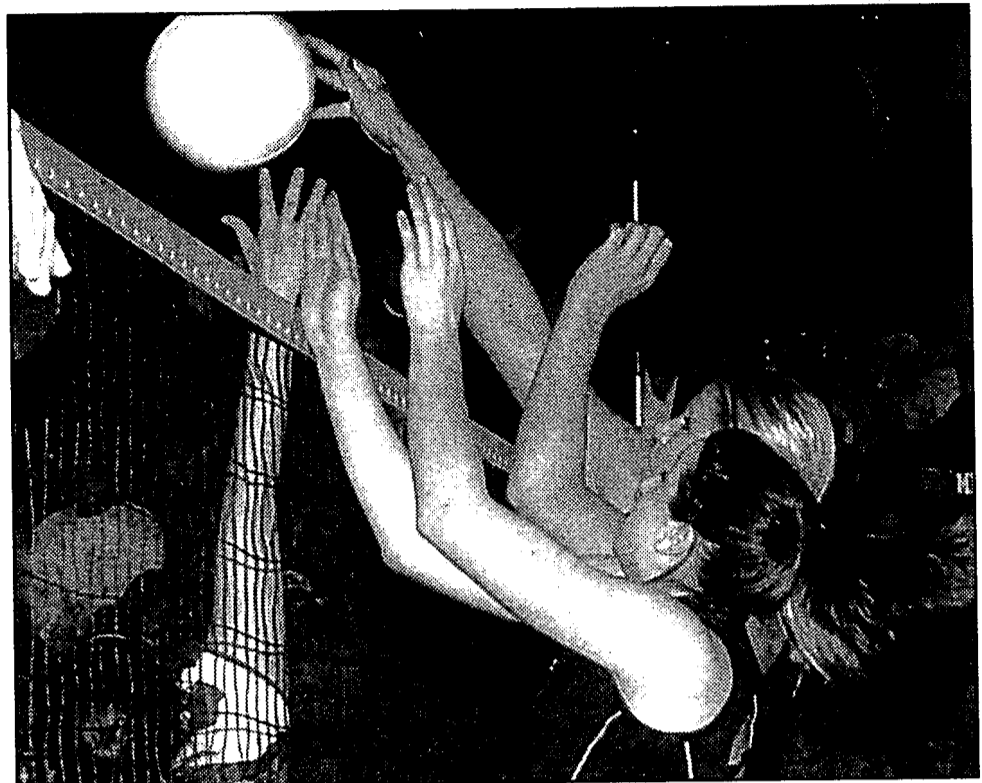
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A look back at the winter sports season

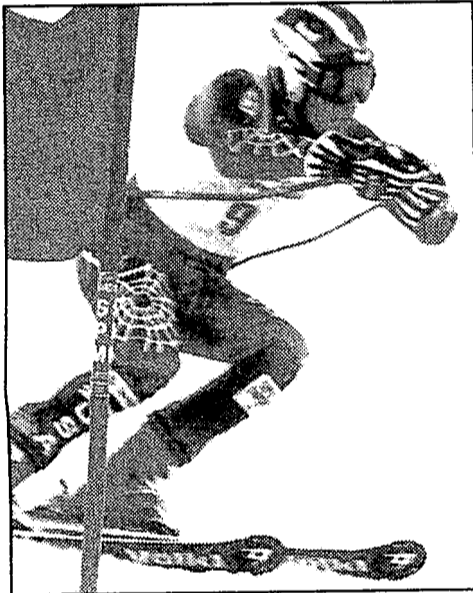


Senior Michael Brach's 2.66 goals against average this season helped the Wolves hockey team reach the lofty heights of the state semifinals before bowing out to the eventual state champion, Detroit Catholic Central.

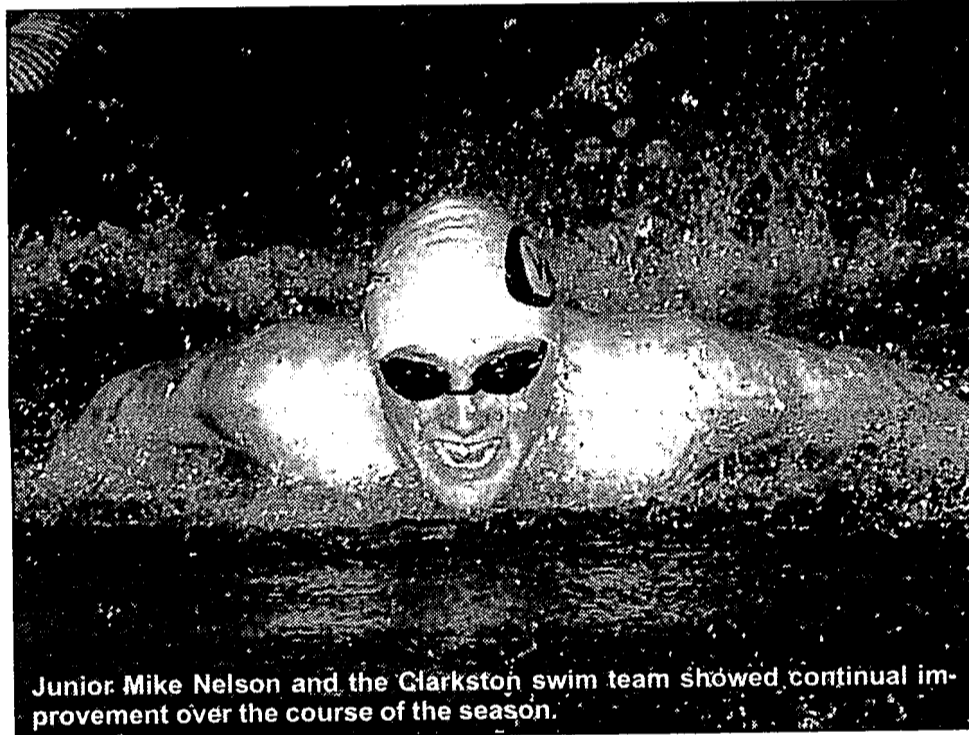


Seniors Carolyn Murdock and Stephanie Betzing teamed with Stephanie Parkin (not pictured) to form an imposing front line for Clarkston volleyball.

Photos by Noah Purcell



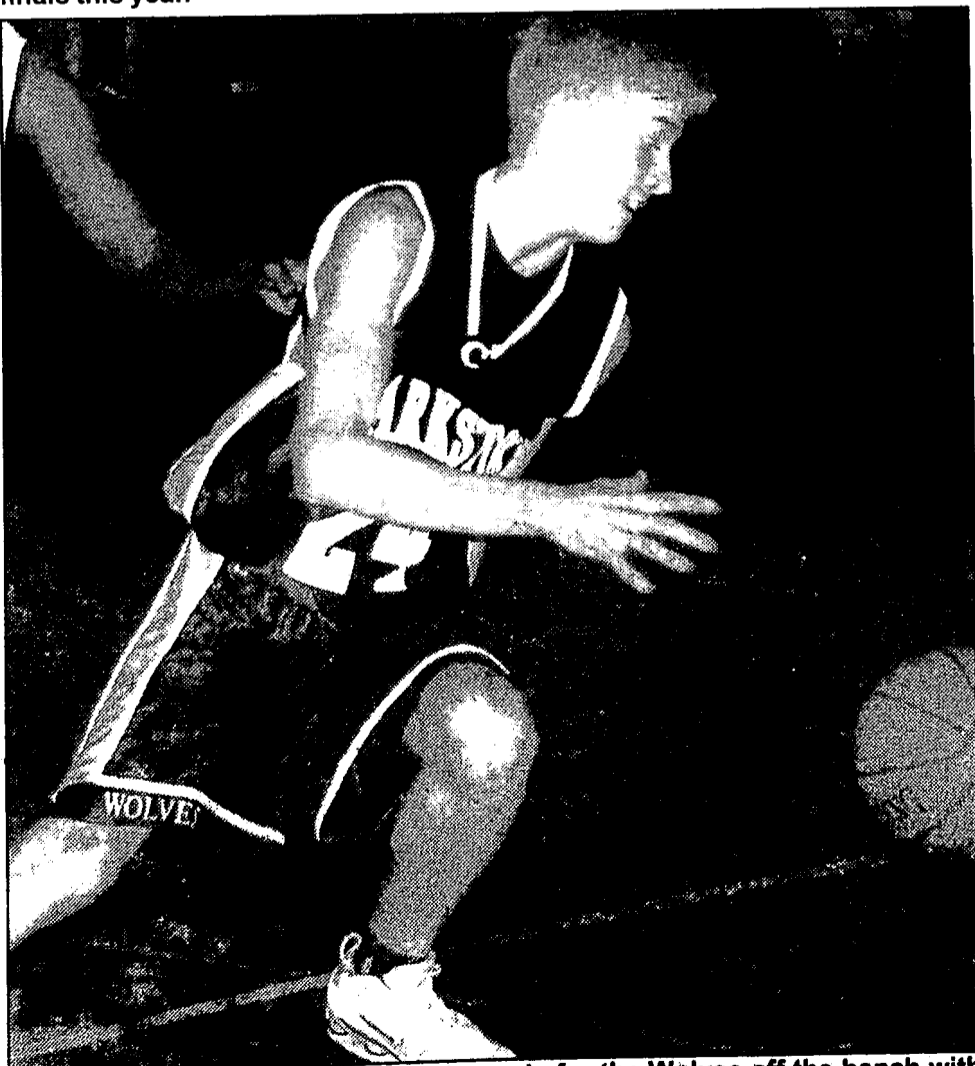
Senior Alex Rosengren was one of 13 Clarkston skiers who made an All-State team this year. Both the girl's and boy's teams took third at the State finals this year.



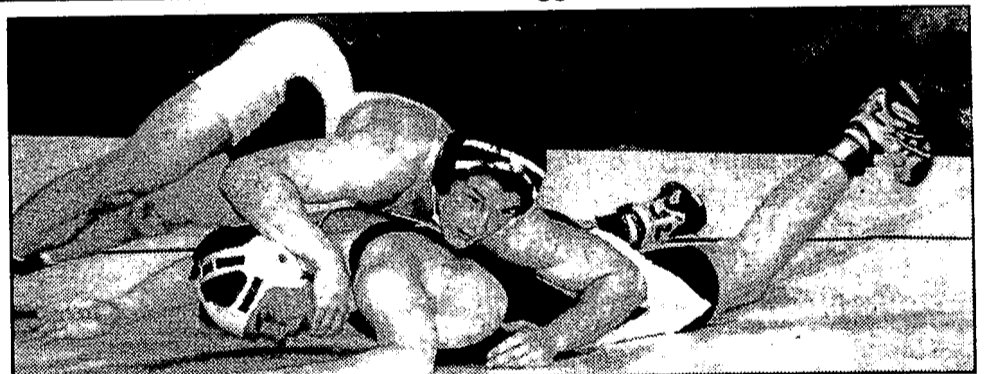
Junior Mike Nelson and the Clarkston swim team showed continual improvement over the course of the season.



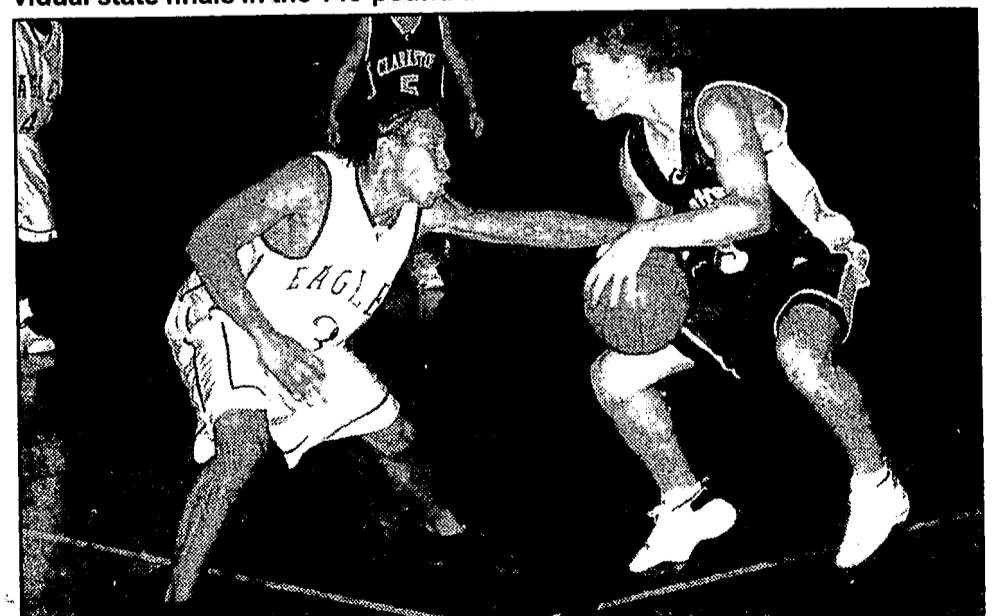
Junior Kyle Chartrand will have to step up next year to fill the skates of Mike Fogg and Trevor Johns.



Junior Joe Rademacher played a key role for the Wolves off the bench with his tenacious defense.

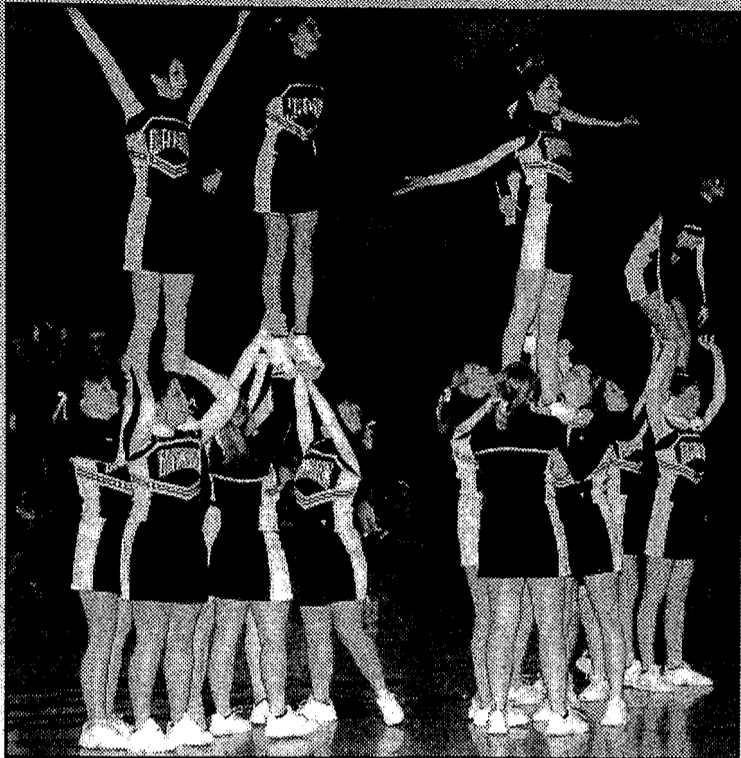


Senior Braden L'Amoreaux wrestled his way into second place at the individual state finals in the 145-pound division.



Junior John Kast will have to take over more of the scoring load next year with Clarkston losing its two leading scorers: Brad Goodman and Robbie Clark.

Cheerleaders perform well at MCCA finals



Clarkston's cheerleaders finished 12th at the Michigan Cheerleading Coaches Association State Championships for sideline teams on March 12. Above the team is pictured performing during halftime of the boy's varsity basketball game on Feb. 4. Photo by Noah Purcell

Have an opinion on sports in Clarkston?

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Bball

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in the lane to get to the free throw line, pulling the Wolves within seven points.

"All throughout the game, (Clarkston) would drive and we would turn to the side and let them have the layup instead of taking the charge," said Dawkins.

Clark would not be able to finish the game for the Wolves.

He fouled out with 5:20 remaining in the fourth.

"Our bench has come in all year and played well. Would I have rather of had our starters? Of course, but that is the way it is, that's the way it goes," said Fife.

Trailing 45-36 at the end of the fourth, Goodman's scoring spree brought the Wolves to within five. Sophomore Bren Bergquist then snatched an offensive rebound and fluidly cut the Saginaw lead to three. On

Clarkston's next offensive possession, Joe Moran drilled a straight away three pointer from two steps beyond the arc to tie the game, 51-51.

"I'd like to compliment coach Fife and his team. They came in here to our city and played one of the best quarterfinal games in history," said Lou Dawkins.

The Trojans clawed their way to another three point lead with 1:30 to go, but Goodman tied the game again with an off-the-dribble three point shot.

Sensing the game would come down to the final possession, Saginaw worked the clock down to under :20 to go in the game. While the Trojans' subsequent bid to break the tie bounced off the rim, Bergquist was whistled for a loose ball foul as he tried to track down the errant shot, sending Saginaw's Emanuel Southern to the free throw line with :13 left in the game. Southern stroked both tries from the line with ease setting up Clarkston's final possession.

This is the third year in a row Clarkston has reached the quarterfinals and lost. They finish the season 23-3.

"I hate to call it a jinx. When you have a 23-3 team playing another strong team, only one team will leave happy. I'm proud of our kids' effort, we gave it our best shot. I can't even think about a jinx when we play that hard," said Fife.



Clarkston was without senior Robbie Clark's silky smooth jump shot for the final 5:20 of the ball game. Photo by Noah Purcell

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

By Ernie Harwell

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



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

So if you have decided to exercise to improve your health, here are three important things to remember about the best way to begin:

First, consult your doctor. Next, start slow and increase your level of exercise gradually. Even a little exercise is better than none. Just walking three to four times each week for 30 to 40 minutes will deliver many benefits. In fact, the U.S. Surgeon General says 30 minutes of moderate exercise cumulative each day is enough to keep us in shape.

Finally, remember that pain during exercise is a sign that something is wrong. If you experience unusual pain while exercising, slow down or stop until you have again talked to your doctor.

These three simple tips are your keys to improving your health "in the best way."

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

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 53 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns titled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.

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Renaissance students clarify drinking water

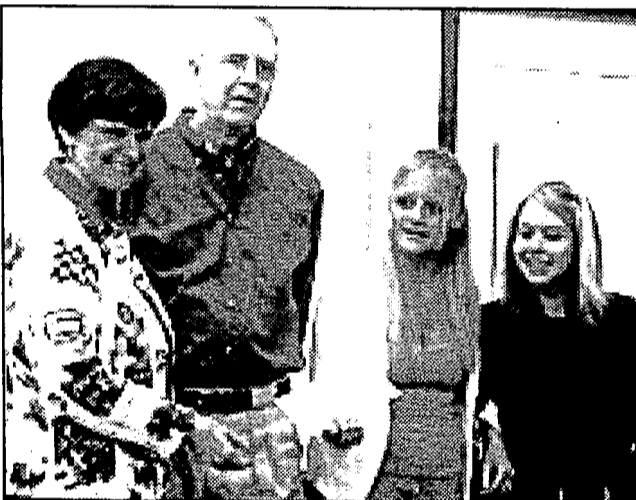


Renaissance High School students are excited about filters and give thumbs up to support their project. Photos provided

Optimist essay winners!



The Clarkston Optimist Club recently honored the three winners of the Optimist Scholarship Essay Contest. Pictured are (center) first place winner Kristine Kilbourne, (left) second place writer Anna Kerr and third place writer Meghan Hall. The three ladies attended the March 16 Optimist meeting where they read their essays and received a medal and gift card. Kilbourne's essay will continue to compete at the state level for a \$650 scholarship. District winners then move forward to the national level to compete for a \$5,000 scholarship. Congratulations to these talented young women! Photo by Jenny Matteson



Renaissance students present a check to Eileen and John Heasley.

Students from Renaissance High School recently addressed a concern for those without safe drinking water.

After hearing rotary members Eileen and John Heasley speak about their trip they took to India and Nepal, and the difficulties these countries have getting clean drinking water, the students decided to take up the cause.

The Heasleys described to the students how they discovered a possible solution in the form of a bio-sand water filter for only \$50. The filters can serve the needs of families, schools, or orphanages.

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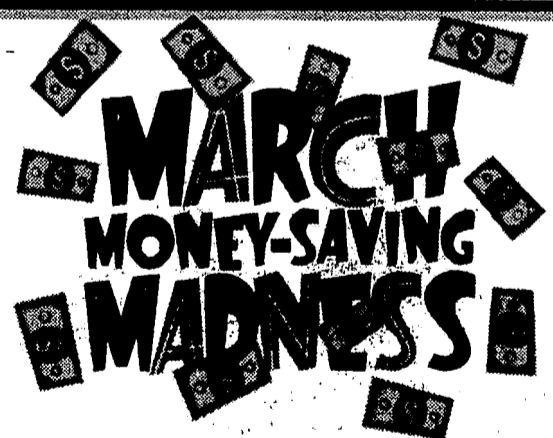
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BY CHRISTINA ULAJ
Clarkston News Staff Writer

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Under the instruction of John Zittle and Peggy Marko, the CHS Mock Trial Team competed in the first round of competition and placed fourth in the Eastern Regional's. Now the team is going on to state finals. The students that participate must prepare for the state competition tournament.

The Mock Trial Team receives their case in December; then they must prepare to argue the case as the defense and prosecution against other schools. The students spend time after school and on weekends pre-

paring. With the help of Zittle, Marko and three lawyer coaches – Greg Townsend, Rob Novy and Bill Cataldo – the students know their battle plans well.

This year's civil case involves the wrongful death of a young man who contracted a fatal illness due to poisonous runoff from a local farm. The students involved each have their place on the team; and after rehearsals and training, these students are enjoying the experience.

"I am the defense attorney on the team," said senior Lyndsey Kitson. "This experience is one of a kind."

Most of the participants have considered law for their future, and the volunteer attorneys feel they are doing a phenomenal job.

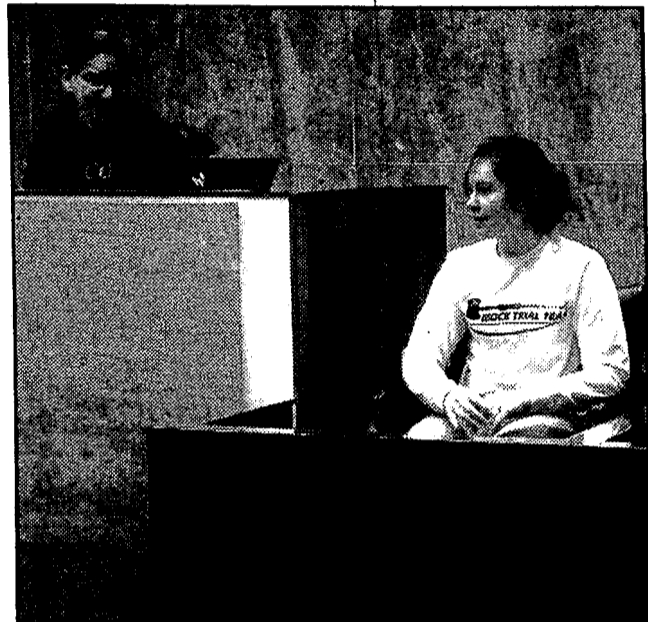
"These kids are wonderful," said Townsend, assis-

tant prosecutor for Oakland County. "They have advanced so well and their ability to present is incredible."

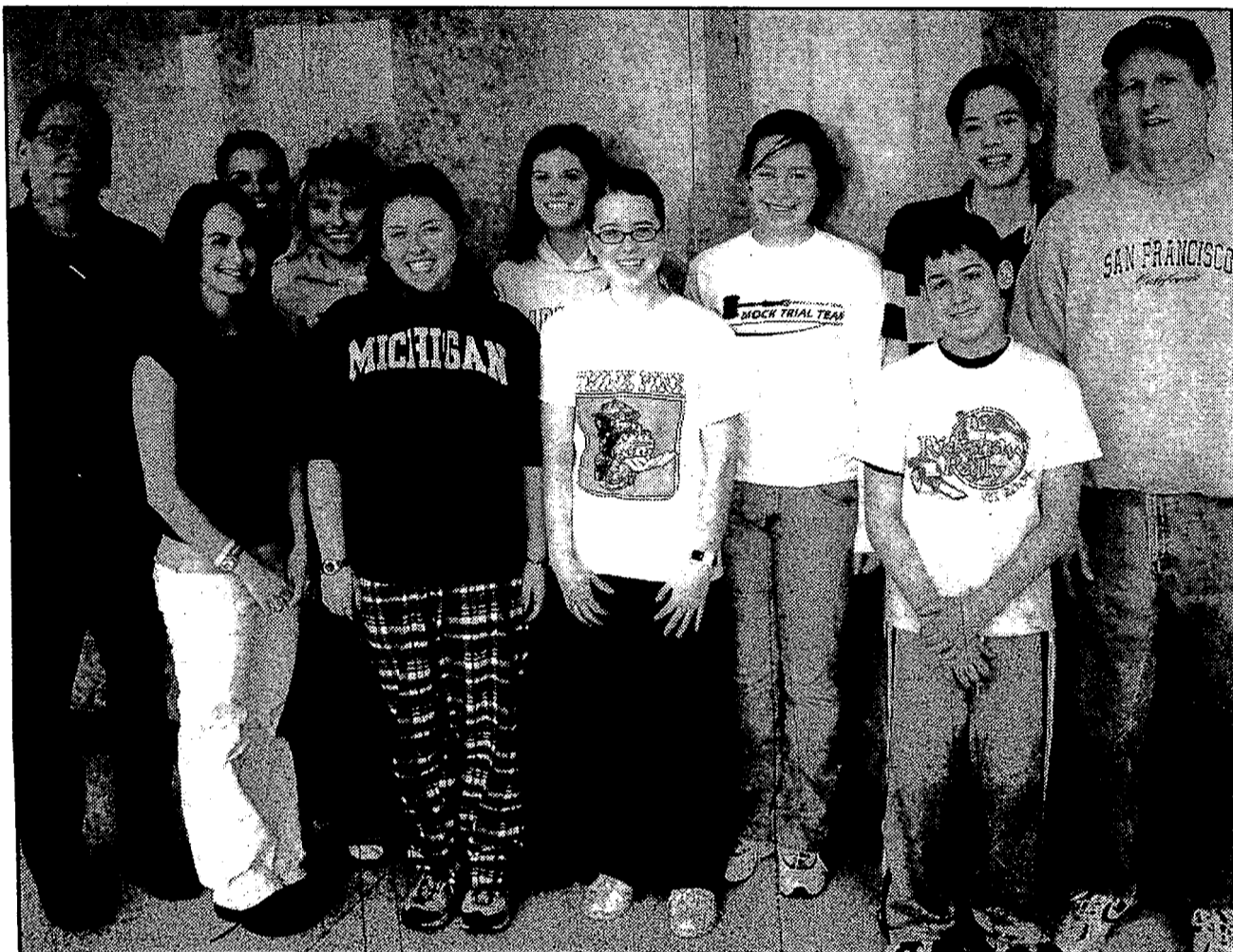
The students involved on the Mock Trial Team are seniors Lindsey Kitson, Lauren Doski and Jennifer Titsworth; juniors Jessica Rupright and Sarah Rankin; sophomores Zach Weiss, Dani Angeli and Jordan Bellant; and freshmen Tyler Boston, Kaitlyn Hassett and Laura Mason.

"I am the plaintiff attorney and I have learned so many new things," said Rankin. "I have learned more about public speaking and that will help me in the future."

The students and instructors will continue to practice in preparation for the tournament finals.



Students take the stand to practice techniques.



Clarkston High School students practice the law with the help of John Zittle, Peggy Marko and attorney, Greg Townsend. Photos by Christina Ulaj

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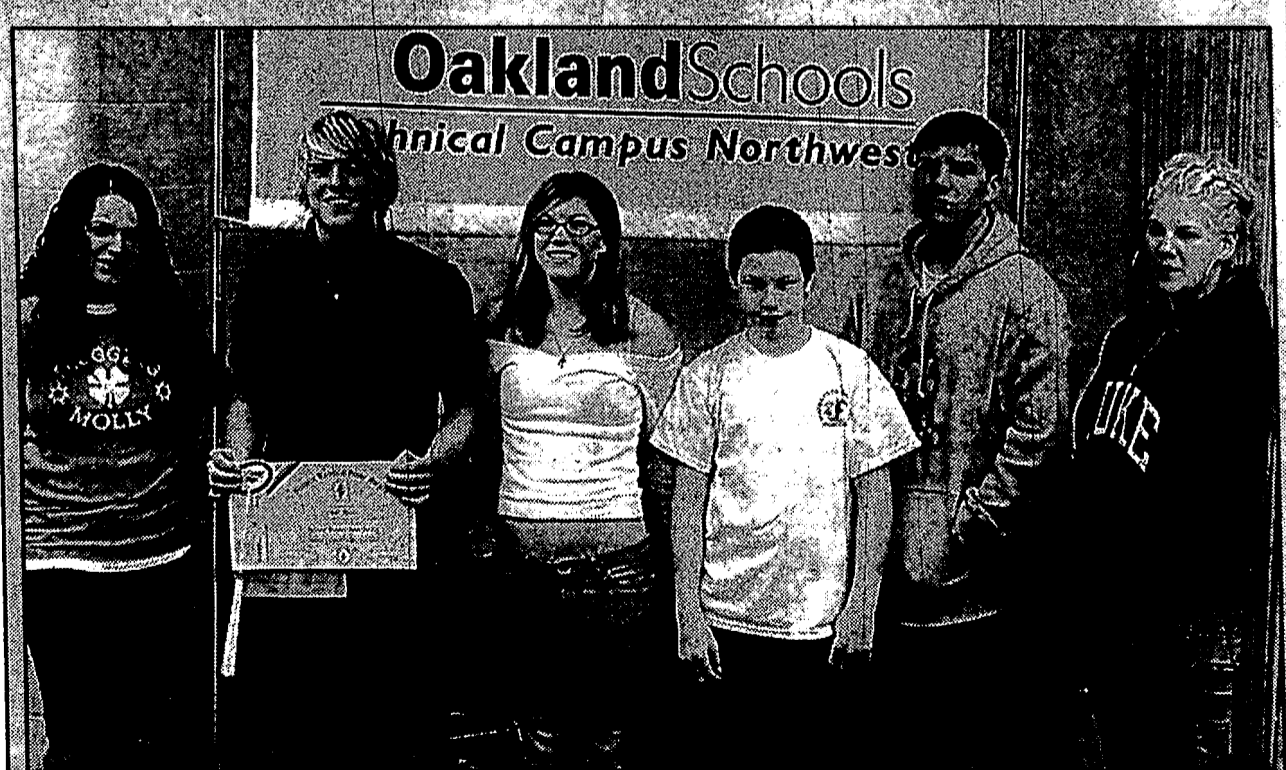
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Beth LaMonda, Chad Beuter, Charlotte Pinch, Gevin Willits, Matt Stinson and Amanda Okonowski are the Oakland Schools' Technical Campus' National Vocational Technical Honor Society students. Photo by Christina Ulaj

SMS students experience reality

BY CHRISTINA ULAJ

Clarkston News Staff Writer

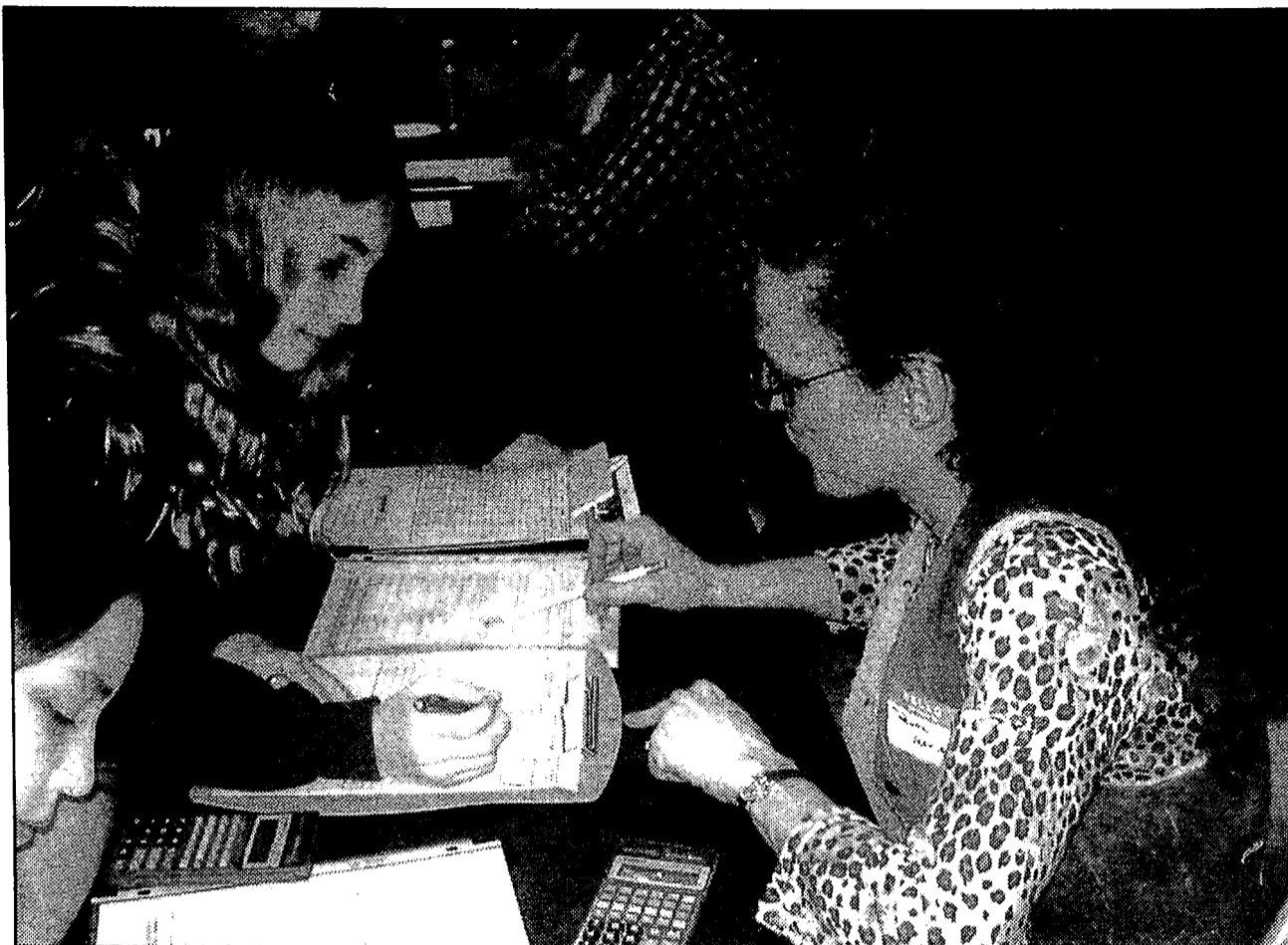
Sashabaw Middle School hosted a "Reality Store" on March 18.

Students received information from actual business professionals in an array of fields. The different business participants spoke to students about their career and answered any questions from the kids.

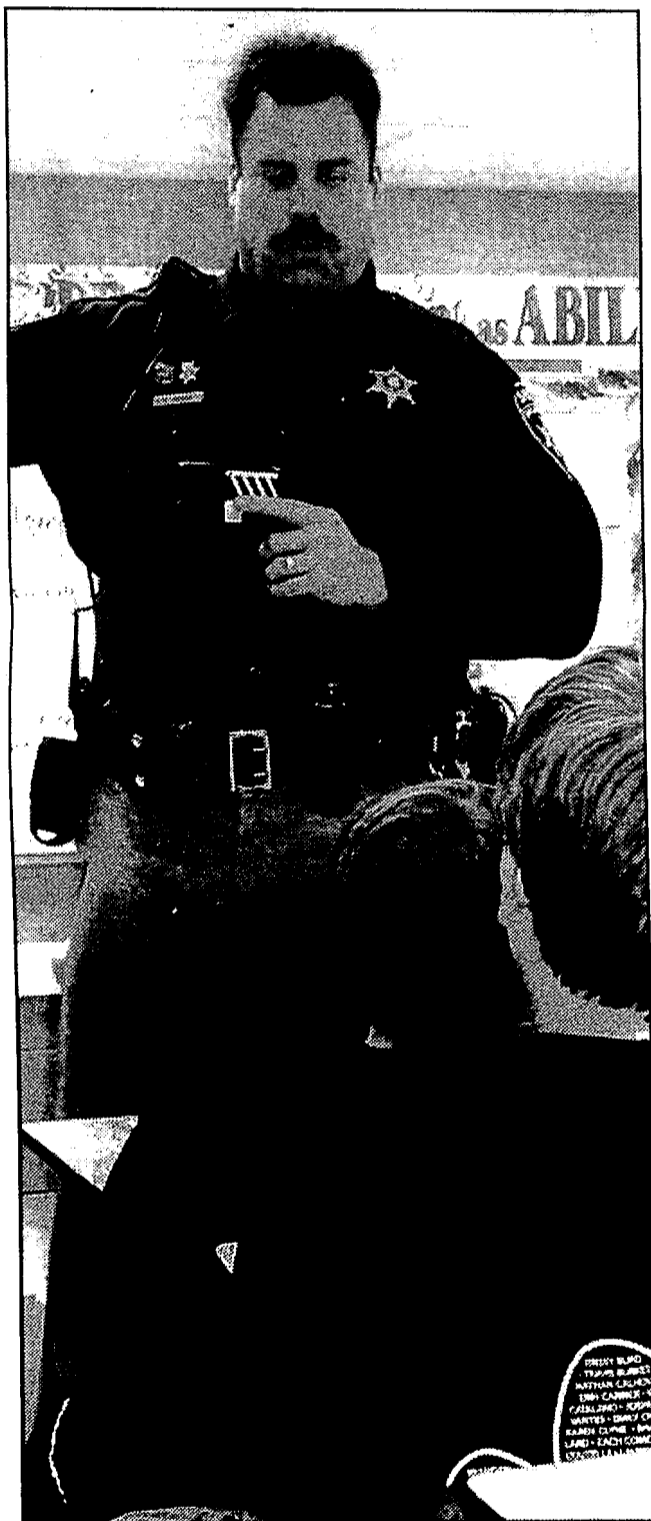
The day was broken up into three sections: reality store, computer lab and presenters. The reality store provided students with booths where they could learn about different businesses, the computer lab was useful for students interested in doing extensive research on their desired field, and the presenters spoke to the students in depth.

The goal was to give students an idea of possible future careers, and to put focus on their likes and dislikes.

Photos by Christina Ulaj



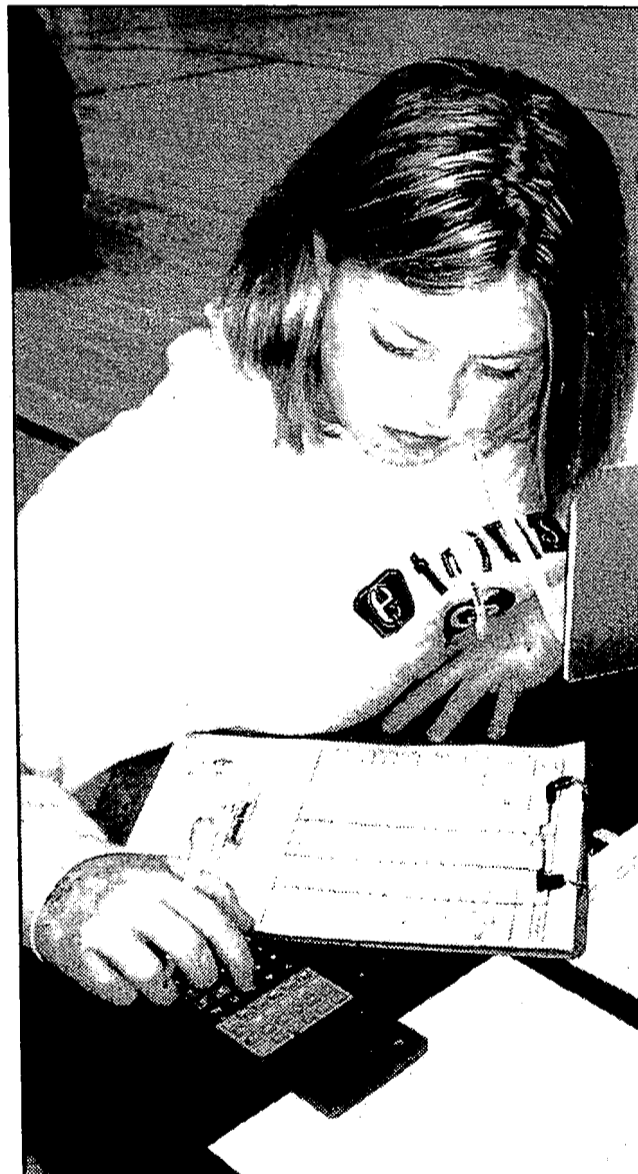
Bianca Keitel and Ruth Vernier discuss their careers in personal care during the SMS Reality Day.



Deputy Matich, Oakland County Sheriff's Department, spoke to students about basic law enforcement, while using props to achieve clarification.



Bob Cesario, Independence Township Fire Department, explains to students the tasks of a paramedic.



Chelsea Domke learns about savings and investments.

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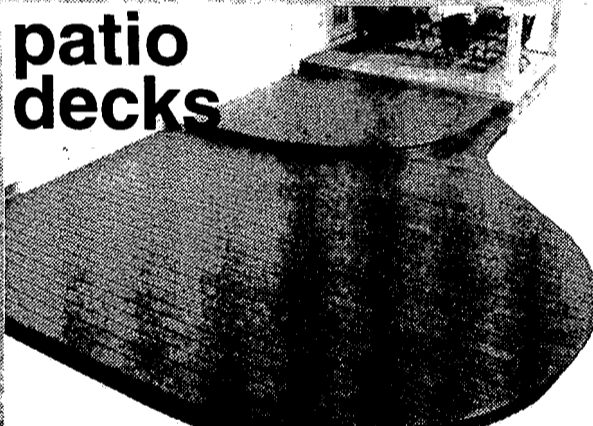
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Gravel roads could be worse after thaw

With temperatures now forecast to be above the freezing mark, the Road Commission for Oakland County has issued a new caution concerning the condition of gravel roads in coming weeks.

In a worst-case scenario of a very quick warmup, unpaved roads could rapidly deteriorate if snow melts before the ground thaws.

"We could end up closing the worst gravel roads if they become impassible, and others could be very difficult to drive," said Tom Meszler, RCOC highway maintenance director.

Because it takes the ground longer to thaw, a rapid thaw means melted snow water will not be able to soak into the ground, Meszler said.

"That means the surfaces of many gravel roads are likely to turn to mud," he said. "If there is three or more inches of mud on top of frozen ground, grading the road will do absolutely no good."

If that happens, the only option left to the road commission will be to spread additional gravel or recycled asphalt product on the muddy road surfaces. Because that option is so labor intensive, it can only be done in the worst situations, Meszler said.

Officials have already talked of the worst season for gravel roads in decades in Oakland County. Unpaved roads were battered by record January snowfalls, followed by an unseasonal thaw and heavy rain, followed by more heavy snow and sub-freezing weather.

False alarms to become costly

Public safety agencies in Springfield Township are tired of responding to multiple false alarms at businesses and some residences.

The township board on March 10 passed first reading of an ordinance which would allow the township to bill offenders for the actual cost of the emergency response under the township's cost recovery ordinance.

The ordinance was requested by the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, which reported "excessive alarms" in several locations.

On Feb. 21, Supervisor Collin Walls sent a letter to addresses which the sheriff's office documented to have four or more false alarms during the first 11 months of 2004, warning them of the impending ordinance.

Walls told the board on March 10 of two replies to that letter. One was from a homeowner with a "complicated situation" (which Walls said would be covered under a proposed appeal process) and another from a business with a similar situation.

Those with the most false alarms did not respond, Walls said.

Under terms of the ordinance, scheduled for second reading on April 10, homes and businesses would be allowed three false alarms a year before a fine is imposed.

The fines, to be assessed in accordance with the current civil infraction fee schedule, would be assessed to both burglar and fire alarms, although the Springfield Township Fire Department reported no locations with more than three false alarms during 2004.

Curfew, skateboard restrictions mulled

BY DON SCHELSKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

New ordinance amendments, if approved by the Springfield Township Board, will establish a curfew for young people, severely limit skateboarding or in-line skating on public streets and sidewalks, and add other offenses as recommended by the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

The board adopted first reading of the amendments to the township's Omnibus Crime Ordinance at their March 10 meeting. Such amendments require second reading before adoption.

According to Supervisor Collin Walls, the sheriff's office requested the amendments to bring several ordinances into line with their common enforcement practice in other communities and to help deter certain types of crimes.

The proposed curfew, proposed as 10 p.m.-6 a.m. for those under age 13 and midnight-6 a.m. for those age 13-16, requires minors to be accompanied by a parent, guardian or a designated adult during curfew hours on any public street or gathering place.

Skateboarding and in-line skating are mentioned in a proposed provision designed to prohibit "loitering, blocking or hindering access" of pedestrians or vehicles in public places.

Walls voiced concern with these provisions in a memo to the board prior to the March 10 meeting. He noted the absence of bicycles or motorcycles "or all the means by which pedestrian traffic could be obstructed."

Walls also wondered about the need for a township-wide curfew.

"As a parent, I would have no problem with the hours that are included in the restriction," Walls said in his memo, "but as a government official, I am concerned that this may be going beyond what we should be doing, especially if there is no overwhelming need for a curfew."

Sgt. Mark Gardner, commander of the Springfield Township sheriff substation, is quoted by Walls as saying the curfew would help deal with larcenies, "but larceny is already a crime," Walls wrote.

Although the board adopted first reading, Walls later repeated his philosophical opposition to the curfew.

"My problem is I'm too old-fashioned," he said. "I think parents should be responsible for and have control over their own children."

Indeed, the amendments suggested by the sheriff's office includes a "parental responsibility" section, establishing a misdemeanor offense for those who "assist," "allow" or "permit" children to violate local ordinances.

Other provisions in the omnibus ordinance amendments are intended to bring local law into harmony with new state laws. They include issues such as host liability, minor in possession of alcohol, disobeying police officers' lawful commands and possession of controlled substances.

Second reading is expected to be on the board's April 14 agenda.

Clarkston Road included in summer road projects

BY DON SCHELSKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Several areas in the Clarkston area will see orange barrels this spring and summer as part of the Road Commission for Oakland County's 2005 road construction season.

Clarkston Road between M-15 and Flemings Lake Road is slated for a 1.5-inch "preservation overlay," as is Pine Knob Road from Clarkston Road to the end of the pavement.

No specific timetable has been announced for these two projects, which are included in a \$1 million project involving seven different overlay projects throughout the county. Officials said the road improvement season will begin as soon as weather permits.

In addition, two intersections are targeted for "safety improvements."

Clintonville Road at both junctures with Maybee Road (at the I-75 overpass) will be widened to accommodate a new traffic signal. Work is expected to begin in July at a projected cost of \$750,000.

The Sashabaw-Clarkston road intersection will be widened, with a hill cut on the north leg, at a projected cost of \$1 million. Work is tentatively scheduled to begin this fall, depending on developer coordination and right-of-way acquisition.

"This list includes projects that we have long anticipated and that are sorely needed," said Brett Bair, RCOC managing director.

Even with \$40 million worth of road widenings planned throughout the county, Bair said the road commission is a long way from solving traffic congestion problems.

Eighty percent of the cost of most major construction projects will be paid for with federal road dollars (generated by the federal gasoline tax), with the remaining 20 percent split evenly between RCOC and the local community in which the project takes place.

The local road construction projects are in addition to a previously announced Michigan Department of Transportation project to widen and rebuild the M-15 bridge over I-75 this summer. MDOT has yet to announce a detailed schedule for that project, but a variety of county roads are expected to feel the impact of detoured traffic.

"It is inevitable that motorists will experience delays in some cases," Bair said. "Unfortunately, we must endure a little pain in order to gain the benefits of improved roads."

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happen."

In combination with his development plans, D'Agostini said he is donating a portion of land to Independence Township for construction of a new pump house, and expanding and rebuilding the bridge leading to the Pine Knob Golf Course.

"(Director of Public Works Linda) Richardson was thrilled to hear this," said Mollicone. "This took a load off her. She was ecstatic."

In addition to addressing "misinformation" and "rumors," D'Agostini said he is displeased with several actions of Independence Township Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen on this matter.

According to D'Agostini, discussion of his development plans were "illegally put on the agenda a week and a half ago."

At the March 15 regular board meeting, VanderVeen made a presentation and motion requesting the board to transfer the scenic easements to the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy.

She publicly read a letter on the matter from a local attorney who does not

represent the township. The township tabled the motion until the April 5 board meeting.

"We are waiting for a legal opinion on what we can actually do," said Supervisor Dave Wagner. "There has not been a formal proposal made. We're not sure what we can do at this moment, or if the motion could even be made."

'There are units to be built on this land. It is up to the board and the people as a whole to determine where they're going to be built.'

**Mario D'Agostini
White Lake Development**

D'Agostini said he received no notification that the topic would be an agenda item and believes the motion and discussion were inappropriate.

"That was a completely illegal act that she was asking the board to do," said D'Agostini. "Thank goodness the board was good and realized it was improper to do that."

VanderVeen said she had not planned on making a formal presentation. She requested the topic be on the March 15

agenda because of public comments at the March 1 meeting.

"That wasn't necessarily planned," said VanderVeen. "I originally put on the agenda to have our board refer to legal counsel. We need to find out what role the township can have in all of this, what our rights are."

"We had citizens come to the meet-

ing and show concern on this topic, so I wanted to find out more," explained VanderVeen.

VanderVeen said she read past minutes on the topic and saw where the township had discussed sharing the scenic easements with the conservancy. She felt officials needed to know "the rights of the township in this regard."

"I didn't know Mr. D'Agostini was coming forward with any proposals," said VanderVeen. "I had talked with some in-

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dividuals and received conflicting answers on this, so I felt we needed more information."

According to D'Agostini, he is responding to this situation and others, such as the leaking of information for an upcoming "closed door meeting," by having his attorney draft a letter requesting VanderVeen to abstain from any voting on this issue.

"We feel this is a conflict of interest," said D'Agostini. "She has shown she already has an opinion."

At deadline, D'Agostini was not yet placed on the township's April 5 agenda. The final agenda will be set on Monday, March 28.

"There are units to be built on this land. It is up to the board and the people as a whole to determine where they're going to be built," said D'Agostini. "They are going to be built. Whether they're going to be built on nine acres abutting million dollar homes or 15 acres causing traffic congestion which we don't want, they will be built."

"We are basically looking for direction from the board."

The April 5 board meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Independence Township Library meeting room.

Rape

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allowed her mother to read a prepared statement on the victim's behalf.

"I don't think a day will go by when I can be alone and feel the security I once did," the victim wrote. "I don't think a night will go by when I don't have to replay the horrible memories over and over in my sleep."

Several in the courtroom audience dabbed at tears as the mother read.

"This is a sick person, and for him to sit on the stand and deny those horrible things makes me convinced that he feels no sympathy and would do this again," the victim wrote.

The victim's father also spoke to the court. He asked the judge "to show the same mercy [for Combs] as he did" for his daughter.

Speaking directly to Combs, the father implied that he would have taken justice into his own hands if Combs had been released on bond prior to trial.

"Thank God that didn't happen, because I would probably be standing here and you wouldn't be," he said.

Tears of anger came from a member of Combs' family outside the courtroom, who said, "I have to go home and tell his baby," referring to his six-year-old child.

Arnkooff said after court that Combs would "absolutely" apply for an appeal, but Townsend downplayed that possibility.

"Every defendant can file an appeal," Townsend said, but only based on procedural errors in the trial. "There were no legal errors."

Maybe

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All additional requirements made from the July 7, 2004 review letter from Carlisle/Wortman Associates; the July 15, 2004 review letter from Hubbell, Roth and Clark; and the August 3, 2004 review letter from King and MacGregor Environmental. These letters pertain to the Maybee Road work as well as the developer's site plan.

With his final site plan approval, Zervos said during the township board meeting he is now able to move forward with the infrastructure and grading for his Phase III development. He added that he intends to pave Maybee Road at the same as his infrastructure.

However, the final requirement on the site plan approval does not allow Zervos any building permits without a letter of credit for the remaining work on Maybee Road.

Township Trustee Charles Dunn requested that the cost of completion of Maybee Road for the letter of credit be based on estimates from the RCOC. He also asked that the letter of credit be good for one year, with the township having 60 days in which to call in the letter.

The township board unanimously approved the motion with all requirements. Mr. Zervos said he plans to continue work on Maybee Road as soon as the weather and RCOC timelines permit.

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Roberts

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cation Center will be used for several purposes. It will house our Renaissance High School and post-secondary programs; and it will be the focal point for community education activities. As I see it, this renovation project is one of our most exciting projects. We have opted to restore the 1930s-era structure to its past glory. This building will demonstrate that it is possible to appreciate the beauty and craftsmanship that exists in older buildings; while acknowledging the need to upgrade such structures to meet today's needs.

In closing, I want to remind our citizens that schools do not operate in a vacuum. The ability to make a good school system a great one is directly linked to the support of its citizens; the guidance of its school board; and the existence of a faculty and staff that cares deeply about the community's children.

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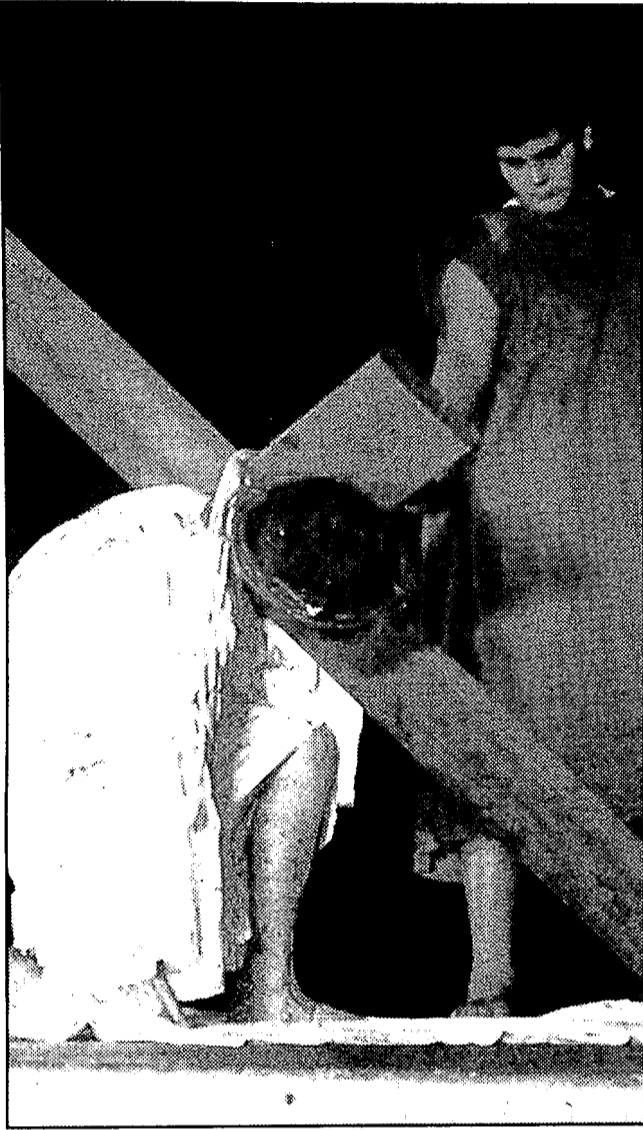
Everest students bring religion to life

BY CHRISTINA ULAJ
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Sixth grade students at Everest Academy brought religion to life on March 18.

The students presented the "Living Stations of the Cross" for the student body, and showcased the struggle of Jesus with heartbreaking and realistic expression.

The students worked "in the moment," to convey the importance of Jesus and his destiny.

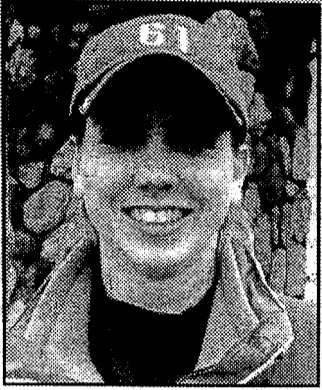


Photos by Christina Ulaj



People Poll

Where is the worst pothole in Clarkston?



"They are all over the place. The worst thing I had this winter is a rim leak."
— Andrea Ryan



"There was supposedly one on Clarkston Road that my son hit. But when we went looking for it, we could not find it."
— April Haase



"I live off a dirt road so there's potholes everywhere. The fluctuations in temperature have made this probably the worst year I've had with potholes."
— Tim McIlrath



"Oh boy, the worst pothole in Clarkston is right on my street on Mustang. The whole road is full of potholes."
— Tracy Holsbeke

By Noah Purcell

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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

Going once, going twice, sold!



Friends, Tom Lowrie and Mike Page, mingle during the "A Night on the Town" event on March 19. Photo by Christina Ulaj

BY CHRISTINA ULAJ
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Clarkston Area Optimist Club hosted its 17th Annual Fund-raiser, "A Night on the Town," on March 19.

The event was held at the elegant Liberty Grille and Golf Club in Clarkston. The guest list was impressive, and everyone came together to support the good causes the Optimist Club promotes.

"Basically, all the funds will go towards different causes," said Mike Page, Optimist Club President. "We are always helping the community any way possible, so the money will be spread out as needed."

The Optimist Club is always generating support with different fund-raisers and events. The next venture involves the

Clarkston area students.

"There are some big changes with the new school buildings," said Page. "We will be doing something for the kids involved in the new 6/7 and 8/9 buildings on the first day of school."

The goal for the evening was obvious: helping each other and the community while enjoying the company of good friends, grand auction items and delectable food.

"I just joined the Optimist Club in January," said Jim Reed. "I am very excited about the night."

Not only were Optimist members excited about the evening, but non-members even came out to show their support.

"I always look forward to this because this is one of the nicest events in the commu-

nity," said Tom Lowrie, Lowrie's Landscape. "I am an Optimist, but I am not a member. I have always donated my trucks and trailers to help out the members and the community."

The layout was divine allowing guests to easily stroll the auction items in there elegant gowns and black suits – the only thing missing was a red carpet.

"I am looking forward to everyone having a lot of fun," said Past President Ahdi Dasuqi. "Also raising a lot of money to help the kids."

Auction items were donated from people within the community and included: deluxe spa package, gift certificates, goodie baskets, private tennis lessons, music lessons, one-year golf membership, one-week at Cozumel Reef Club Resort and much more.

Guests seemed thrilled about the auction items, and when the auction began, everyone was set to negotiate with paddle in hand.

"They have all these nice items," said past president Sheila Ritter. "I really like

'I am looking forward to everyone having a lot of fun. Also raising a lot of money to help the kids.'

Ahdi Dasuqi

Clarkston Area Optimist Club Past President

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Around Town

The never ends with **Springfield Township's Parks and Recreation Department:**

• Eggstra, Eggstra, read all about it - **Teen Flashlight Egg Hunt** back by popular demand! The hunt is on March 24 from 8-10 p.m. at Mill Pond Park in Davisburg. Participants must be between 13 and 18 years of age and are required to bring a flashlight and something to carry their eggs. The cost is \$6 per person and includes prizes, pizza and a beverage.

Awards will be given to the top three teens who collect the most eggs. The hunt will be held rain or shine, so please dress appropriately for the

weather. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged, but admission will be accepted at the door. A minimum number of participants is required to hold the hunt.

• Come out to Millpond Park on March 25 to enjoy park and rec's **Seventh Annual Easter Egg Hunt** and meet the Easter Bunny Himself!

Ages 4 and younger will hunt from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and ages 5 to 12 will hunt from 2-4 p.m. Children will collect bright, colorful, candy or toy filled eggs. Pictures with the Easter Bunny may also be taken with our camera or yours for a small fee.

In addition a moonwalk is being provided by Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation. Children must wear socks while

using the walk.

The cost is \$4 for residents and \$6 for non-resident children. Door prizes, snacks and punch are included. Children must bring their own Easter basket. The hunt will be held rain or shine, so please dress appropriately, and all hunts will begin on time. Please arrive at least a half hour early!

Registration deadline is 5 p.m. on March 24. Tickets will not be sold the day of the event!

• **Yoga! Yoga! Yoga!** Springfield Twp. in cooperation with Lavender Lotus Yoga Studio is offering yoga for adults. Classes will be on Wednesdays from noon to 1 p.m. through May 4 in the Springfield Twp. Civic Center. The cost is \$10 per person per walk-in.

For more information on these and many other great activities, please contact the parks and rec department at 248-634-0412.

Other fun activities happening at the **Independence Township Park and Recreation office:** **Kickball** is back for men and women 18 and over. Register as a team now through March 24. Games will be on Sunday evenings starting April 17. T-shirts will be awarded to the first place team. Teams must have equal or more women to men on the field.

The Clarkston Health Center is now offering a two-part **Diabetic Instruction Out-Patient Program** on March 22 and March 24 from 6 - 8 p.m. The program will discuss diet, medication, blood glucose monitors, exercise and prevention of complications.

The fee for the program is \$35, and one additional guest is allowed at no extra charge. The Clarkston Health Center is located at 5625 Water Tower Place, just off Dixie Highway.

For more information or to register, please contact Brenda Pauly at 248-338-5389.

The Davisburg Youth Athletic Association will hold registration for its 7 through 16-year-old **spring baseball and**

softball leagues from 7 - 8:30 p.m. on March 24 at the Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Office, 12000 Davisburg Rd.

Registration fee starting at \$25. For further information, or if you are interested in coaching, contact Jim Ashley at 248-634-2909.

There's always plenty happening at the **Independence Township Senior Center:**

• April 6 at 9 a.m. is a **softball session** for older adults aged 55 and up, starting with a "coffee and donuts meeting." Players will be placed on a team according to ability. Practices start that day weather permitting and continue on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m.-noon. Games with the North Oakland County league start in May.

• **Project Healthy Living** has returned! The Senior Center and First Congregational Church have teamed together to offer free tests and service such as blood pressures, foot exams, vision exams, hearing exams, skin cancer screening and pulmonary function checks for those 18 and up at the church. Free information and advice on colon cancer, nutrition, mental health and adult immunizations is available. There will be optional tests with fees available such as PSA test for prostate cancer at \$25 and CA 125 test for ovarian cancer at \$25.

Cash, check, money order and major credit cards accepted. The First Congregational Church in Clarkston is located at 5449 Clarkston Road, just east of Sashabaw.

The Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce and Clarkston Community Schools will host a new community-wide **Volunteer Appreciation Night** on April 13 at Clarkston High School at 7 p.m.

The event includes a program in the performing arts center with keynote motivational speaker Tim Cusack and music by the Madrigal Singers. A reception will follow in the cafeteria with time to learn more about local groups and organizations.

The event is held in the spirit of the Clarkston Coalition's "Each One, Reach

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Thanks for delivering The Clarkston News...

Davisburg Post Office employees Connie Campbell, Postmaster Bruce Bergum, Chris Allen and Jayne Howard receive extra bundles of *The Clarkston News* on March 16. The newspaper normally delivers one or two bags of newspapers each week. Because of last week's annual Progress Edition, however, five bags of newspapers came for delivery to subscribers in the Davisburg area. Photo by Don Schelske

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With more than 25 years combined experience in patient care and service, the staff at POH Medical Center's BackCare and Pain Management Institute offers an unmatched level of quality and expertise in back care and pain management.

The brand new office opened in the Clarkston Medical Campus on March 7 to offer both spinal rehabilitation for chronic neck and back pain and pain management for all areas of chronic pain.

"The combination of back care and pain management allows us to be a comprehensive pain management program," said Peggy A. Miller, R.N. "You can see the pain management physician and receive your treatment all in one convenient location."

The POH BackCare program specializes in strengthening the muscles that support the spine in an effort to improve function and decrease chronic neck and back pain.

"Chronic means anything that has lasted longer than six weeks in duration, or two or more debilitating episodes of neck or back pain in one year's time," explained Program Director Nicola E. Pavelka, R.N., B.S.N., M.B.A.

This unique program has been extremely successful in patients with muscle weakness and spasms; bulging; degenerative or ruptured discs; postsurgical rehabilitation; automobile accident injuries and workman's compensation injuries.

What truly sets POH BackCare apart is the MedX testing and rehabilitation equip-

ment. "We are able to isolate the muscles in the lumbar area and test isometrically the strength of the muscles all at once within three degrees of the painful area," said Exercise Physiologist and Clinic Manager Terry L. Dibble, M.S.

The MedX diagnostic equipment stores and tracks the progress of each patient allowing for periodic adjustments. Pavelka said she has been utilizing the MedX equipment for 14 years with a 90 percent success rate. This is the ninth facility of this kind she has opened.

Another impressive tool at POH BackCare is the AquaMED Dry Hydrotherapy bed. According to Dibble, the bed uses 95 degree, pulsating water to warm and massage tight, sore and stressed muscle tissue. The therapeutic benefits promoted include increased blood circulation, decreased muscle tension, increased oxygen absorption, decreased muscular toxins, increased release of endorphins, decreased blood pressure and increased muscular range of motion.

"We can isolate the sore areas to promote the best pain relief," said Dibble.

The staff at POH BackCare works closely with their patients' primary physicians and chiropractors to ensure only the best results. Services through the center are available through physician prescription only.

However, those with chronic pain and without a primary physician, or those simply uncertain who to consult about their



The staff at POH Medical Center's BackCare and Pain Management Institute are ready to provide you with chronic pain relief.

chronic pain, the Pain Management Service at POH Medical Center is there to help.

The Pain Management Service at POH Medical Center is a comprehensive treatment facility for acute, chronic and cancer pain. The pain center was started in 1996 by the department of Anesthesiology and headed by Ashraf Khan, D.O.

Dr. Khan received his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from Des Moines University in Iowa. He completed his anesthesiology resident at Nassau County Medical Center in New York.

During his anesthesiology residency, he developed a keen interest in the field of pain management. He completed his pain fellowship training from the State University of New York, Brooklyn. He is board certified in pain management by the American Osteopathic College of Anesthesiology and American Academy of Pain Management. He is also board certified in anesthesiology by the American Osteopathic

College of Anesthesiology.

Dr. Khan is an interventional pain specialist. He has extensive experience managing complex and challenging cases for pain control. He utilizes the latest technologies, injection therapies and medical management for patient care. He works with primary care physicians and specialists to ensure comprehensive care for the patients.

Most people with chronic pain cannot be completely "cured;" however, Dr. Khan tries his best to help his patients and heal the wounds that nobody can see.

Relief is available and closer than you think. Visit POH Medical Center's BackCare and Pain Management Institute at 5625 Water Tower Place, Suite 220 in the Clarkston Medical Campus.

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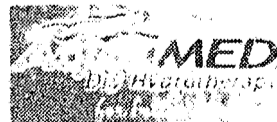
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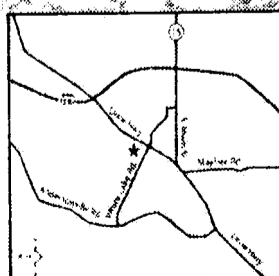
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Milestones

Knitter named to board of Parkinson's foundation

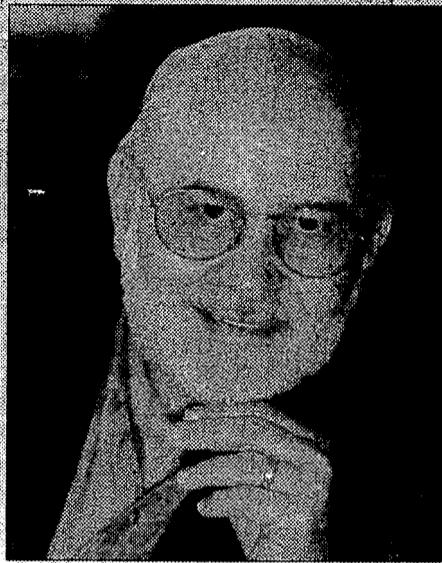
Harry Knitter, a resident of Independence Township, has been elected to the board of directors of the Michigan Parkinson Foundation in Southfield.

Knitter has been under treatment for Parkinson's disease for the past 13 years, and undergone deep brain stimulation surgery for the affliction four years ago.

The foundation provides a wide range of benefits to victims of Parkinson's disease, including a network of 49 support groups throughout the state.

A new group is forming at Rochester's Crittenton Hospital, and will conduct its first meeting on April 4.

For more information, call 248-922-9400.



Harry Knitter

Around Town

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One... Connecting for a Better Community" initiative.

Register by calling 248-623-3896. Please register no later than April 6.

There's a lot happening at the Springfield Township Library:

- Come enjoy stories, songs, finger plays, crafts and more at the **Family Storytime** at 7 p.m. on April 19 and May 17. No registration is required.

- The Bag of Books/Bake Sale is April 14 from 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; April 15 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; and April 16 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Come hungry and ready to read!

- Looking for something to entertain your young one ages 5-12? Then bring them in for **Holiday Crafts!** April 5 is "Talking Chick and Egg," and May 3 is "Secret Gift for Mom." Registration is currently underway.

- Celebrate National Library Week on April 12 with Margaret Schmidt presenting "**Spring on the Farm.**" "The Farm Lady" will bring a bottle-fed lamb and talk about sheep, wool and making maple syrup. Registration begins April 1.

- **Young adult craft nights** are coming up fast: April 6 learn how to cross-stitch and May 4 make a gift for Mom's special day. Craft times are from 7-8 p.m.

For more information, please call the library at 248-846-6550.

The **Oakland County Sportsmen's Club** has several upcoming events:

- Feeling lucky? Then stop by for **Vegas Party** on April 2. The event is open to the public with a \$5 admission fee. Games include Let It Ride, Craps, Black Jack, The Big Wheel, Texas Hold'em and Seven Card Stud. A cash bar and snack bar will be available. All proceeds benefit the club.

- April 9 is a **Money Raffle**. Tickets are \$125 each which includes a roast beef dinner for two and a chance to win \$1,000! Only 125 tickets are available. The event is open to the public. All proceeds benefit the Sportsmen's Club.

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Orders must be prepaid by April 9. Trees are \$28 each, \$23 for orders of six or more. Shrubs are \$18 each, \$15 for five or more. Pickup is April 23, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Springfield Oaks County Park.

For more info, call 1-800-642-7353 or email GlobalReLeafMi@aol.com.

The first ever **Christmas in Action** of Oakland County, Clarkston community work day is April 30.

CIA currently seeks volunteers to assist with home repairs for low-income senior citizens who live in their own single family home.

To volunteer to work or obtain an application for a senior citizen, call 248-618-7433 or write CIA, P.O. Box 644, Clarkston, MI 48347.

North Oakland Right to Life is sponsoring a **High School Oratory Contest** on April 9 at 10 a.m. at the Independence Township Fire Hall on Citation Dr. Students in grades 9-12 can compete for up to \$100. The winner can continue to state and national competitions to win \$1,000.

Applicants choose from the following: euthanasia, abortion, infanticide, cloning or embryonic stem cell research. Oral presentations should be 5-7 minutes long. Resource material is available at the local library, crisis pregnancy centers, hospice or the Oakland County Educational Resource Center.

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Religion

Easter brings hope for future

I look at the calendar with great expectation. I am not a fan of winter. I do not like snow and have an even greater dislike for what lies beneath: dead grass. I prefer green, lush grass. I like to see the grass turn green.

Winter is a conflict between covering up the dead with the cold and snow, which I don't like, or seeing the brown, which is no encouragement. Over the years people have told me I need to develop winter interests.

I have followed that advice with winter vacations; note the "s" at the end of the word vacation. I like to get out of town as often as I can. To me, the best part of winter is knowing that it will indeed end... eventually.

The Easter season is a great complement to the spring season. From a spiritual perspective, it is God's way of saying to us that the winter season of life, no matter how long or cold, will come to an end. Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is the story of overcoming the ultimate tragedy of the human experience: death. Whatever we face in life, we always have a hope for the future, but with death we have to face the final verdict.

As Christians, we believe in the resurrection from the dead. To us, death is not the ultimate judgment, for with Christ we know we can live forever. The resurrection story is more than just the triumph we will see in the future, it is also the story of the triumph for today.

The perspective the disciples had on the Easter

story is an interesting part of the story. They had lost their dear and beloved teacher and friend. What an unimaginable experience it must have been to say goodbye to someone they loved, only to get them back again. The Easter story tells us that, no matter what happens in life, there is always hope for our future in this life.

As a Christian and as a pastor, I have seen people face situations they never imagined they could go through, only to find that they can indeed come through it and overcome it. The same Spirit that raised Jesus Christ from the dead is available to us today.

I have faced many winter seasons in my life. As in the natural, the problem and solution looked equally miserable. Yet, I have found with God that all things are possible.

The deepest snow will melt. The brown grass will come back to green. The resurrection account tells us to look past the impossibility of the present distress. We may not have matters in our own hands and we can't control the calendar, but indeed hope is in our future.

We can also look to the disciples as another source of encouragement. When Jesus was taken to the cross, His disciples abandoned Him. They all ran for fear and were unwilling to face their situation. Yet, because God was on their side, they still made it through.

The resurrection depended only on God. You might be standing there with mud on your face like the disciples, but as with them, the Lord will rub off the mud and welcome you into His arms with great love. Because of Him, you will make it through.

(Loren Covarrubias is pastor of Mt. Zion Church in Independence Township.)

Spiritual Matters



Pastor Loren Covarrubias

In our churches...

Experience events from the last week of Jesus' life through the eyes of two of his disciples, Peter and Andrew, as presented in a dramatic vignette on Easter Sunday, March 27.

Worship times are 8:15, 9:45 and 11:15 a.m. Mid-week services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Saturday Easter Vigil are all 7 p.m.

All are invited to Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive, at the southwest corner of I-75 and M-15. For more information, call 248-625-3288.

The First Baptist Church of Clarkston drama team will perform the original drama, "This Hallowed Place" at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 25 and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 27.

Admission is free of charge, and childcare for infants is available during both performances.

First Baptist Church meets at 5972 Paramus Drive. For more information, call 248-625-3380.

All are invited to join Calvary Lutheran Church for their Good Friday CrossWalk on March 25.

Gather at Clarkston High School at 5:30 p.m. and walk the cross through town, ending at Calvary by 7 p.m. for the evening service, reflecting on Jesus' suffering and death.

Calvary Lutheran Church in Clarkston will offer a monthly simulcast series entitled, "Ultimate Leadership." In partnership with Dr. John Townsend and Dr. Henry Cloud, these CCN simulcasts offer leaders a unique approach to leadership development.

Each presentation will be from noon to 1 p.m. Bring your lunch, and come learn.

The schedule an April 12 session, "How to Know God's Will for You as a Leader."

For more info, contact Gayle Buschur, director of outreach and evangelism, at 248-625-3288, ext. 219.

"Ethical Issues in Health Care" will be presented by Ann Suziedelis Ph.D., director of mission

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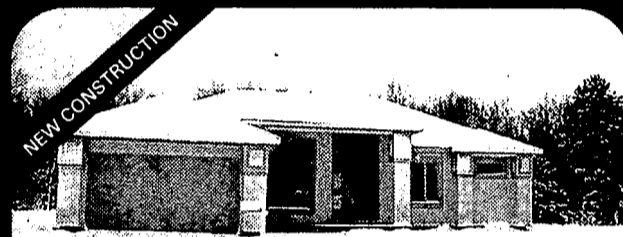
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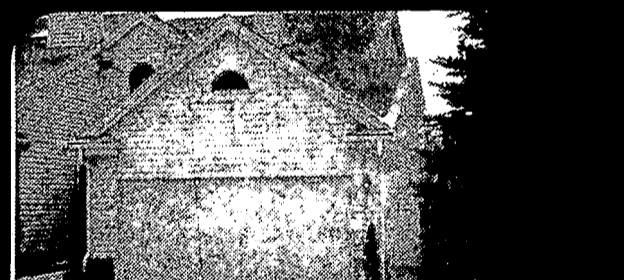
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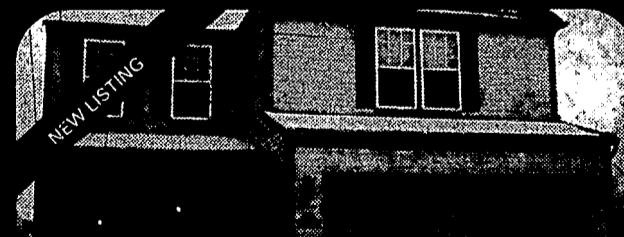
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Encouragement: a great gift for all our children

Recently, I had the opportunity to talk to a group of parents at Springfield Plains about the Each One, Reach One kick-off campaign and to talk about one of my favorite parenting topics, encouragement.

Giving encouragement is one of the pleasures of being a parent. Watching a child realize that their efforts are noticed and appreciated is priceless. The day gets old when we spend it reminding, nagging, scolding and criticizing. It becomes a peaceful, productive and positive day when we use encouragement and watch our children learn to think for themselves. In addition, offering encouragement to children other than our own is just as valuable and part of the Each One, Reach One community approach.

Encouragement is a GIFT. No one needs to earn it. It is for everyone and can be given for effort, improvement or any little step along the path of our children's growing and learning. Encouragement can be given as a way of noticing what is special. With encouragement, children learn to appreciate their own special qualities, to feel capable and worthwhile, just the way they are.

Examples of encouraging statements would include:

- "You really worked hard for that A." (The child thinks to himself, "Yes, I did, good for me!")
- "That picture shows how much you love using different colors." (Notices what is special.)
- "You worked all afternoon on that castle, you must be pleased!" (Notices effort.)

Encouragement can be given when a child isn't doing well or makes a mistake: "Yes, you got lost and forgot where you were during your trumpet solo, but you found your place again. It can be hard to think when you are nervous. That is a really important skill you have!"

Encouragement provides opportunities for children to develop the perceptions that, "I'm capable, I can contribute and I can influence what happens to me or how I respond." If a child thinks this about himself, it is safe to conclude they have a healthy self-esteem. Encouragement helps children learn how to think for themselves.

Praise is a type of reward. You have to earn it. You might earn it by competing and winning, or maybe by being compared to somebody else. Praise from a parent gives a child the reward of being valued by the parent. It teaches a child WHAT to think.

Examples of praising statements would include:

- "I am so proud of you for getting an A." (Robs the child of ownership... whose A is it?)
- "This picture is awesome. You are going to become the next Picasso!" (Is this statement believable to the child?)
- "That is the best sand castle I have ever seen!" (This statement doesn't mention all the work that went into the child's effort.)

When too much praise is lavished upon our children, children learn that they have to please others. It isn't necessarily bad to want to please others, but with too much praise, children will believe they MUST please others. They will decide that it is the only way to feel worthwhile. They will want more and more praise and become what I call praise junkies. They will worry about their worth if they do not receive praise; they will start to doubt themselves.

Think about the words encourage and discourage. They both include the word courage. Courage is an important part of self-esteem. It means a willingness to make an effort. An encouraged child has strong self-esteem. This child has the courage to cooperate, to try new things and to be responsible.

We can get into the encouragement habit by thinking about our child's path,

their steps along the way, and provide statements that show we:

- Love and accept our child - every child is special. We will always separate the deed from the doer.
- Notice our child's efforts.
- Appreciate our child - "Thanks for remembering to take off your boots."
- Have faith in our child - Expectations are powerful... your child won't believe in himself if they sense you do not believe in them.

The long-range effect using praise too often, is our children learn dependence on others. The long-range effect using encouragement, is children learn self-confidence and self-reliance. So when your child is run-

ning at the next track meet and wins the race, do you shout from the bleachers, "You really worked hard for that ribbon!"

Of course not, you shout, "Way to go, awesome, woo-hoo!" Praise can be appropriate in some situations, but learn to use more of encouragement. You will be pleased with the results.

Jennifer Arkwright is a trained facilitator in Systematic Training for Effective Parenting and Essentials of Asset Building. Both models support positive and practical ways for adults to relate to youth. Arkwright holds a master's degree in counseling, teaches No More Whining parenting classes for Clarkston Area Youth Assistance and is an adjunct professor at Baker College. Parenting questions can be emailed to JenofArk@yahoo.com. Questions will be printed without the author's name, unless otherwise instructed.

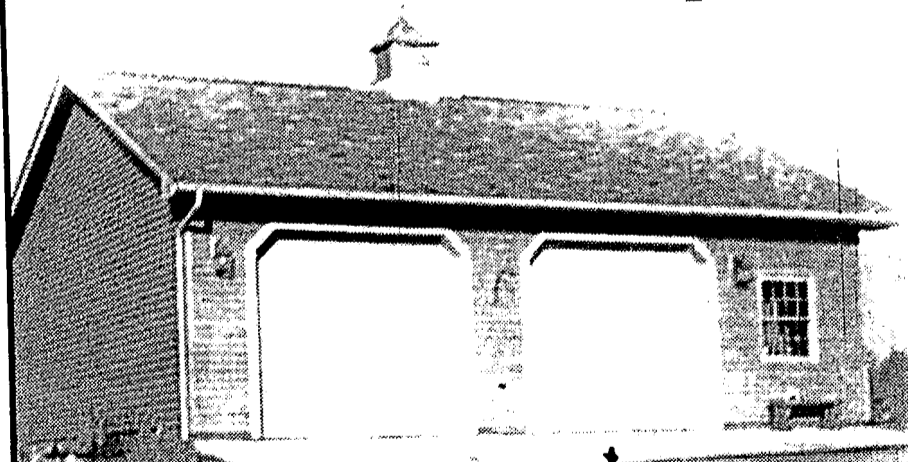


Tiger Cubs visit The Clarkston News...



Tiger Cub Scouts from Pack 131 take time to read The Clarkston News during their visit. Pictured above are (front) Allison Carter, 6; Magdelynn Miller, 5; (back) Ashton Carter, 6; Darin Campbell, 7; Christopher Miller, 7; and Colby Campbell, 6. Not pictured, Avery Carter, 5. Photo by Jenny Matteson

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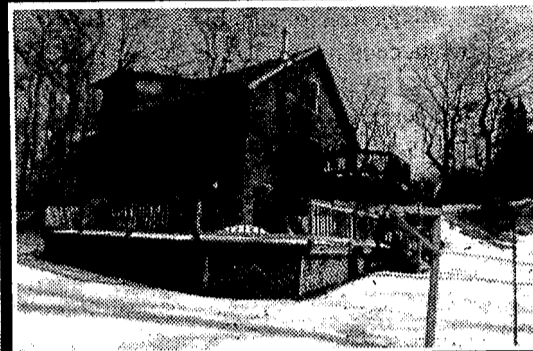
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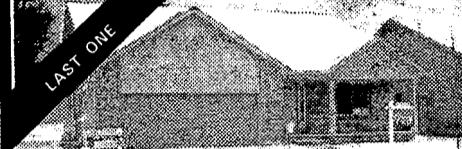
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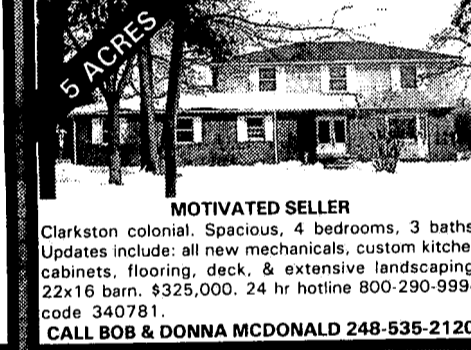
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Obituaries

Richard Surre

Richard Darwin Surre, of Davisburg, passed away on March 14, 2005 at the age of 78.

Mr. Surre was the beloved husband of Ila Mae (Bailey) for 58 years. He was the loving father of Leslie (Bernie) Starnes of Mt. Pleasant, Sue (Terry) Andress of Coldwater, Mark (Laura) Surre of Clarkston, Lynn Surrey of Brighton and Lee (Bonnie) Surre of Muskegon; dear grandfather of Nikki (Joshua) Taylor, Kirk (Amy) Starnes, Joshua (Jennifer) Surre, Tina (Chris) Cardenas, Jeremy (Angela) Surre, Jamie (Jeff) Dolson, Broc (Danielle) Andress, Chad and Carlee Andress, and Natalie and Kevin Surre; blessed great-grandfather of Cameron and Logan Cardenas, Tristan and Caelan Surre, Juanita and Carl Roselli, and Rollin and Marion Bird. He will be greatly missed by a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.



Mr. Surre retired from Pontiac Motors after 38 years of service, several of those spent at the Pontiac Retail Store. He was a charter member of Williams Lake Church of the Nazarene where he has always remained active, including 33 years as a church treasurer.

Although Mr. Surre was an avid horse lover and enjoyed golfing, his love for his Savior, Jesus Christ, and care for his family remained supreme in his life.

A homecoming celebration was held on March 18, 2005 at the William Lake Church of the Nazarene with friend and pastor Daniel Wine officiating. Burial ceremonies took place in Ottawa Park Cemetery. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home.

Memorial donation may be made to William Lake Church of the Nazarene Missionary Boat Project.

Edna Lalonde Moore

Edna "Juanell" Lalonde Moore, of Waterford, passed away on March 16, 2005. She was 74 years old.

Mrs. Moore was the loving wife of Robert C. Moore. She was preceded in death by her daughter Betty Ann Purgiel.

Mrs. Moore was the grandmother of Kevin (Nicole) Purgiel and Cynthia (Tim) Lawrence; great-grandmother of Garrett, Rein, Cole and Peyton Purgiel; and sister of Juanita Sexton, Marie England, Joyce Kerney, Ralph Kerney and Rosco Kerney. She will be missed by many nieces, nephews and friends.

Mrs. Moore retired from General Motors after 40 years of service. She was an active member of the G.M. Girls Club and a member of the Lake Orion Easter Star Lodge #340 and the Clarkston Eagles.

A Funeral Mass was held on March 19, 2005 at St. Perpetua Catholic Church in Waterford. A Scripture Service and Eastern Star service were held on March 18, 2005 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home. Rite of Committal in Ottawa Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. www.legacy.com.

Robert C. Brown

Robert C. Brown, of Clarkston, passed away unexpectedly on March 14, 2005 at the age of 64.

Mr. Brown was born in Bellevue, Ohio to Harold and Mary Brown on December 1, 1940. He was older brother to Jo and Carol. He was raised in Saline, Michigan where he met his close lifelong friend Tom Richards.

After graduation from Saline High School, Mr. Brown attended Michigan State University. There he



received an undergraduate degree in history and a minor in journalism. He was a member of the Delta Chi fraternity and remained close lifelong friends with his fraternity brothers, and later with their wives and families.

After college, Mr. Brown went to work as a branch manager for Bank of the Commonwealth. There he met the love of his life Susan Counts. Mr. Brown attended Wayne State University School of Law night school while working full-time as a branch manager at Bank of the Commonwealth. He received his degree of Juris Doctor in 1971. He later became the chief legal counsel for Bank of the Commonwealth where he remained until 1980 when he was asked to create an in-house legal department for Michigan National Bank.

Mr. Brown mentored many young lawyers in banking law and commercial loan documentation. Some he mentored have since described him as one of the best loan documentators in Michigan. When Michigan National merged with Standard Federal Bank, Mr. Brown went into private practice.

His professional life was impressive, but Mr. Brown as a husband, father and friend is what we remember and miss most of all. He was like a sponge in absorbing information. He had a lifelong thirst for learning.

Mr. Brown's hobbies were reading, history, cars, boating, and MSU football and basketball. He and Sue

were season ticket holders and enjoyed many tailgate parties with fraternity brothers and their wives.

If one was Mr. Brown's friend, it was a lifelong friendship. He cherished his Sue for 37 years in a marriage filled with love, happiness and respect. He insisted on walking "his Susie" through the dark parking lot into the emergency room himself, rather than letting her drop him off at the door.

Mr. Brown lived his life for his family and gained his primary satisfaction by watching his children Jennifer and Evan succeed in life, and in whom his love lives on.

Mr. Brown is survived by his cherished wife Susan; and children Jenny (Mike) Kokoszka of Commerce and Evan Brown of Clarkston. He was preceded in death by his parents Harold and Mary. Mr. Brown was the son-in-law of Donald (the late Maxine) Counts of Clarkston; brother of Carol (Don) Maxwell of Virginia and Jo (Tom) Schultz of Ontario.

A funeral service was held on March 19, 2005 at the Clarkston United Methodist Church. Burial ceremonies took place in Ottawa Park Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home.

Any donations to the family will be used for Wayne State University Law School Scholarship Fund. www.legacy.com.

Safety info available

In the interest of promoting emergency preparedness and homeland security, the City of the Village of Clarkston has free brochures explaining how local residents can be prepared for disaster situations.

City Manager Art Pappas said the literature is available free of charge at the Clarkston city offices on Depot Street.

"Your Family Disaster Plan" and "Your Family Disaster Kit" were prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the American Red Cross. "Tornado Safety Guidelines," "Tornado Safety for the Family" and "Community Threat Level Guidelines" were prepared by Oakland County Emergency Response and Preparedness.

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First floor master suite with jetted tub, 2 full baths on 2nd level. Brazilian cherry flooring, granite counters & cherry cabinets. Daylight basement, 3-car side entry garage. New Clarkston development w/fitness trail & sidewalks - on Ellis pond. \$540,000 (71ING)



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You want quality?? Stop right here! Built in 2002, open floor plan, large bedrooms, 1st-floor master, partially finished lower level walkout along with 2 story foyer, hardwood floors & more! \$254,900 (51WES)



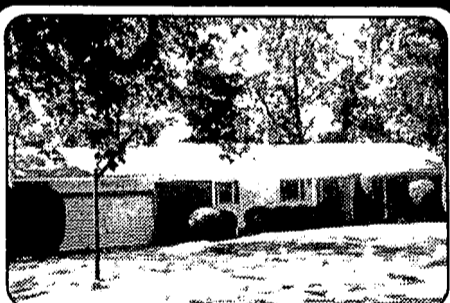
THINK SUMMER 2005!
Panoramic views from every room provides a visual delight. Custom kitchen with European cab., Thermidor appliances, granite, hardwood & more. Lower level w/o has full kitchen, fireplace, full bath. Also, ext decking & dock. \$659,000 (51SHE)



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LAKEFRONT
3 bedroom lakefront ranch on the quiet end of all-sports Bush Lake in Holly. Large lot, swimmable beach, large country kitchen with fireplace. Combined living room and dining area, all appliances stay, lots of storage space. Easy access to I-75. \$299,900 (16RIV)



DRAMATIC WYNGATE COLONIAL
Perched on heavily wooded hill. Open floor plan combines great/living room and breakfast area flowing kitchen. Master suite has vaulted ceiling, walk-in & master bath, 4th bedroom could be in-law's quarters, walk-out basement and more! \$439,900 (94OAK)



FARM HOUSE
3.1 acres in Clarkston, Kitchen/keeping room has pine flooring. 2 bedrooms on main floor and 2 more up with bath. Classic picket fenced surrounds the entry courtyard. 2nd garage and barn with cement floor and loft. \$339,900 (70HAD)



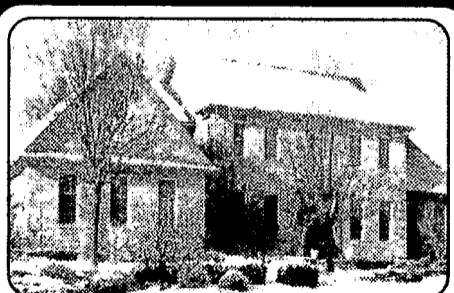
DO YOUR OWN THING!
Almost new brick and vinyl ranch. Enjoy privacy of almost 3 acres backing to woods. Neutral, open floor plan with cathedral ceilings, fieldstone fireplace, oak floors, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, full daylight basement. \$269,900 (22WAL)



MILLER PROPERTIES
Home will be completed Sept. 2005, It offers formal dining, kitchen with granite tops, plus a walkout lower level. Hardwood floors in the great room, kitchen, dining room, foyer and study. Master suite hosts two walk-in closets, shower & Jacuzzi tub. \$850,00 (66AVI)



OPEN THE FRONT DOOR
Of this 4 bedroom colonial look past the curved oak staircase, over the hardwood flooring to a wall of windows with a breathtaking view. Kitchen/hearth room with fireplace leads to deck overlooking pond. Walk-out features a 5th bedroom & full bath. \$440,000 (80BRO)



STUNNING TURN KEY HOME
Done to perfection and attention to detail in every room, With soaring ceilings the 2 story great room has a bridge, 6 panel doors, hardwood flooring, specialty ceramic tiles & neutral decor, extensive decking & exquisite landscaping. \$539,900 (56BLU)



INVITING HOME
Offer 2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths & hardwood floors throughout. Freshly painted in soothing neutral tones. Updated kitchen, bath, furnace & central air. Family room could be used as 3rd bedroom. All this son 1.5 lots. \$125,900 (68WAK)

Auction

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seeing all of the people come out and support the kids."

"Tonight's event is for Clarkston," said Governor Elect Don Brose. "We have the adults helping the kids and the kids helping the kids, it's great."

Program sponsors include: Judge Kelley Kostin, Lil' Peoples Place, John Karam Photography, Leslie Knitter, Ingenuity Group LLC, Colleen P. Cavanaugh, Ty Cook, Ahdi Dasuqi, All About Driving, Clarkston State Banks Ben Kramer and Jill Popour, David Knitter, Philip O. Dutton, D. Scott VanderVeen, Kenneth Thomas, Stanley Garwood, Kathleen Garwood, Dave Smith, David W. Regiani, Sue Kingsepp, Joseph Barger Sr., Carl Matisse, James Evans and John Merz.

The support is appreciated and the events will continue to benefit the area.

"It's unbelievable that people support the community the way they do," said Page. "This is just outstanding."

"Helping" was the theme of the evening. Everyone was there for the same reason - to promote the Optimist concept of "Bringing out the best in kids."



Margaret McDermott and Linda Giroux greet each other at the buffet table. Photo by Christina Ulaj.

In our churches

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services, St. Joseph Mercy-Oakland Hospital.

The presentation will be at St. Daniel's Cushing Center at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13. For more information, call Patty Moore at 248-620-6867.

Clarkston Community Church will host a "Celebrate Your Mate" marriage seminar on April 15-16. The Friday session will begin at 7 p.m., with the Saturday event running from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Guest speakers will be Jay and Laura Lafoon.

For more information, call the church office at 248-625-1323.

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Because the People Want to Know

INDEPENDENCE TWP.

NOTICE

LAST DAY TO REGISTER

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS

OF
INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the Charter Township of Independence that the last day to register to vote for the election held on Tuesday, May 3, 2005 is April 4, 2005.

Registrations are taken at any Secretary of State branch office, Oakland County Clerk's Office or the Independence Township Clerk's Office.

If you wish to register at the Independence Township Clerk's Office, you may do so at:

90 North Main Street
Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
248-625-5111

Shelagh VanderVeen
Township Clerk

Published: 3/23/05 and 3/30/05
Charter Township of Independence

PUBLIC NOTICE

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CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
375 DEPOT ROAD
CLARKSTON, MI 48346

County of Oakland, State of Michigan

TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2005

THE POLLS will be open 7 o'clock a.m. until 8 o'clock p.m.

AT THE POLLING PLACES LISTED BELOW:

PRECINCT 1

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FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING CANDIDATES FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CLARKSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS.

ARTEMUS PAPPAS
CITY CLERK

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PLANNING COMMISSION
APRIL 4, 2005
7:00 P.M.

In accordance with Municipal Planning Act (P.A. 285) as amended in 2000, The Planning Commission for the City of the Village of Clarkston will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 4, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at 375 Depot Road, Clarkston, Michigan, Oakland County, to receive public comments on the review of the Master Plan.

David Buttenlocher
Chairman

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet Wednesday, April 6, 2005 at 7:30 pm at the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI 48346 to hear the following cases:

Case #05-0014 John Gibson III, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE TO CONSTRUCT DETACHED GARAGE ON NON CONFORMING LOT OF RECORD
Sashabaw Rd., Lot 42, R-1A
Drayton Heights Subdivision
08-34-128-055

Case #05-0015 William VanCurler, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS SIZE VARIANCE OF 236 SQ FT PLUS PLACEMENT TO BE CONSIDERED TO CONSTRUCT DETACHED GARAGE
Waldon Rd., Lot 1, R-1A
Sashabaw Creek Farms
08-23-477-005

Case #05-0016 Darryl Lambertson, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS SIZE VARIANCE OF 448 SQ FT PLUS PLACEMENT IN FRONT YARD TO CONSTRUCT DETACHED GARAGE
Indianwood Rd., R-1A
08-01-427-021

Case #05-0017 Joaquim Carvalho, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS 2ND FRONT YARD SETBACK VARIANCE FROM FUTURE ROAD RIGHT OF WAY OF 52', REAR YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 40' AND SIZE VARIANCE OF 937 SQ FT, PLUS HEIGHT VARIANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 8" TO CONSTRUCT ACCESSORY STRUCTURE
Indianwood Dr., R-1C
08-02-426-015

Case #05-0018 Suguna Surapaneni, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS FRONT YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 34' FOR FRONT PORCH AND MUD ROOM, PLUS SIZE VARIANCE OF 309 SQ FT, SIDE YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 5' AND FRONT YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 20' TO CONSTRUCT CARPORT/ADDITION
Hillside Dr., Lot 6, R-1A
Lake View Heights
08-20-351-010

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

Respectfully submitted,
Shelagh VanderVeen
Township Clerk
Katherine A. Poole
Secretary

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NOTICE
NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION
OF THE ELECTORS OF
THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ALL ELECTORS ARE HEREBY GIVEN NOTICE that an Election will be held in the City of the Village of Clarkston on Tuesday, May 3, 2005.

Electors who wish to vote in the election must be resigtered no later than April 4, 2005. To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office, the County Clerk's office or local clerk's office.

If you wish to register at a local clerk's office, please call ahead for business hours.

City of the Village of Clarkston
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SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

Supervisor Wagner called the March 15, 2005, meeting to order at 7:30 at the Independence Township Library.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Kelly, Rosso, Travis, VanderVeen, Dunn, Wagner, Wenger

Absent: None

There is a quorum.

1. Approval of the Agenda
2. Approval of the Consent Agenda as presented
Approval of Minutes dated March 1, 2005, as presented
Approval of Purchase Orders in the amount of \$1,179,592.38
Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run in the amount of \$1,301,240.55
3. Approved motion to approve Second Reading and Adoption of Eagle Ridge
Morgan Lake PRD, Phase III with contingencies
4. Approved motion to extend Letter of Credit for Tri-Mount
5. Approved motion to table Scenic Easement at Pine Knob
6. Approved motion to accept bid for Deer Lake Boat Launch
7. Approved motion to grant transfer of liquor license to Lorenzo, Inc.
8. Approved motion of Resolution of Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month
9. Approved motion of Bond Resolution for Water Supply Bonds
10. Approved motion to enter into Closed Session at 8:35 p.m.
11. Approved motion to reopen the regular meeting at 9:10 p.m.
12. Approved motion to adjourn at 9:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shelagh VanderVeen
Township Clerk

Published: 3/23/05

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SUMMARY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 15, 2005

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Mayor Catallo.
Roll. Present: Catallo, Gamble, Meyland, Ottman, Savage, Wylie.

Absent: Colombo.

Minutes of February 28, 2005, accepted as presented.
Agenda accepted as presented.

Bills in the amount of \$113,943.26 approved for payment.

Ottman reported that she met with Curt Anderson regarding Municipal websites, and she will report further at the next Council meeting. Ottman reported that there City residents on the COG e-mail list.

Wylie reported on the Planning Commission meeting. There will be a Public Hearing on April 4, 2005, to receive comments on the review of the Master Plan.

Officer Thompson distributed the Police statistics for February. Meyland will meet with Chief Combs regarding the format of the statistics report. Thompson reported that parking enforcement has resulted in the issuance of seven parking violations in the two-hour parking zones, all of which were issued to business owners.

Meyland expressed appreciation for the introduction and recognition of the Police Reserves at the February 28 meeting.

Pursley reported that Adam Frank has accepted a position with the Auburn Hills D.P.W. which will take place within two or three weeks. Frank will remain as part-time employee.

Ben Lawrence, is the new full-time D.P.W. employee and has been hired for a six-month probationary period.

The D.P.W. automobile is out of service and is under study for a solution to resolve this problem.

Pursley will be contacting the Garden Club with regards to the proposed bridge in Depot Park. Pursley is investigating various methods of low-cost sidewalk repairs. When weather permits, the D.P.W. will be making some sidewalk and curb repairs.

The April 11 meeting be moved to April 13.

Pappas reported that he will be attending a "Oakland Wireless" meeting on Wednesday, March 16.

Pappas distributed Disaster Plan pamphlets furnished by Oakland County.

Resolved That the Moslem Shriners be granted permission to conduct the annual Hospital Fund Drive on June 9, 10, and 11, 2005, as described in their letter request.

Resolved That the American Legion Auxiliary be granted permission to distribute Poppies on May 19, 20, and 21, pending receipt of appropriate insurance certificates.

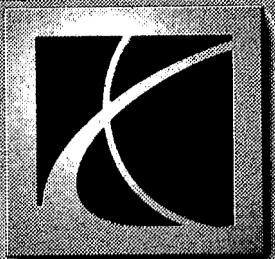
Resolved That the City Council of the City of the Village of Clarkston expresses its appreciation and best wishes to James Sherman on the 50th anniversary of newspaper ownership by adopting a resolution and making it a part of the official minutes.

Resolved That the City Council of the City of the Village of Clarkston expresses its appreciation by making a Resolution a part of the official Minutes extending sincerest best wishes for continued success in all of the future endeavors of The Clarkston News.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Artemus M. Pappas, Clerk

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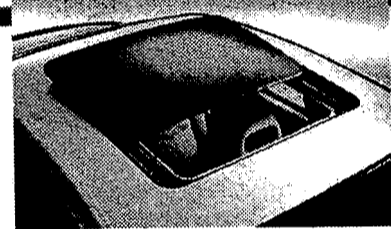
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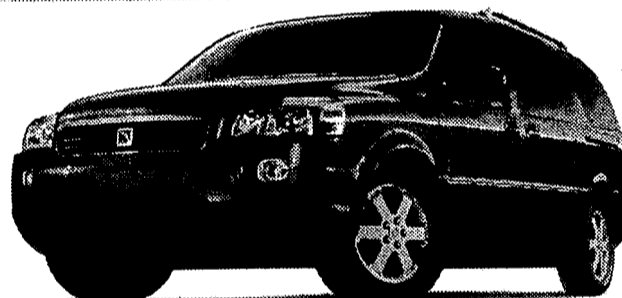
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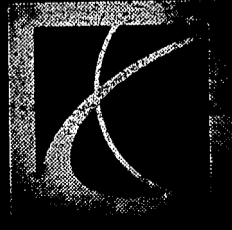
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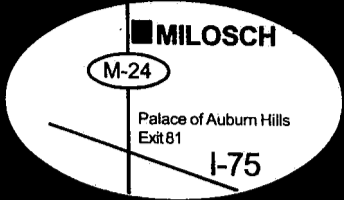
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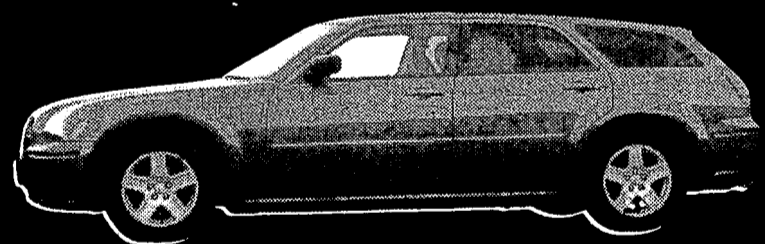
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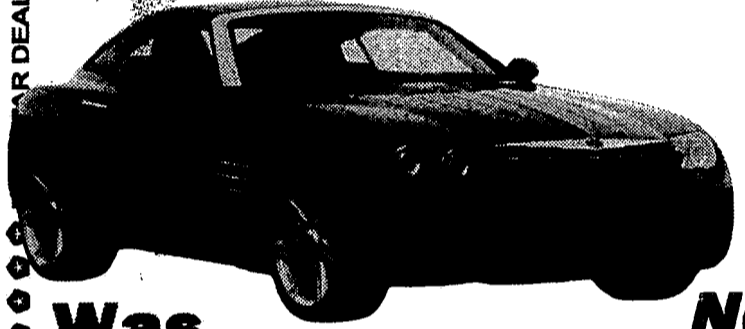
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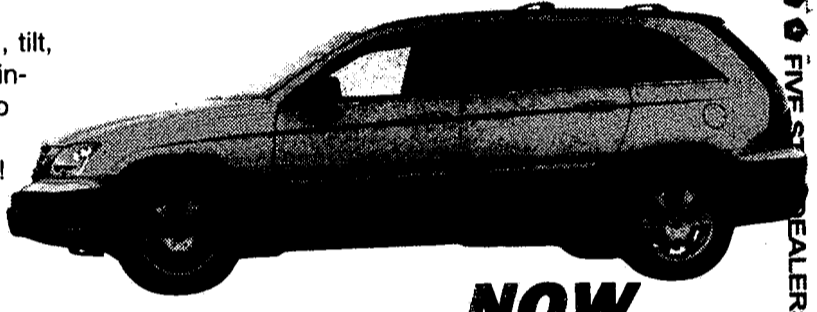
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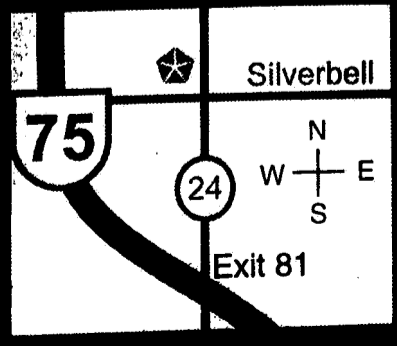
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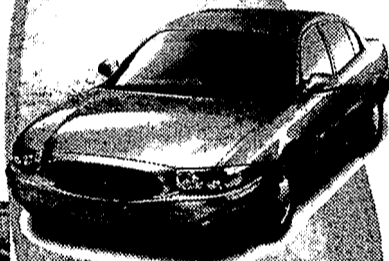
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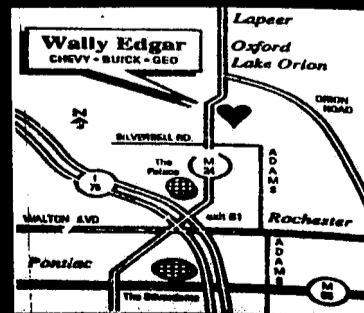


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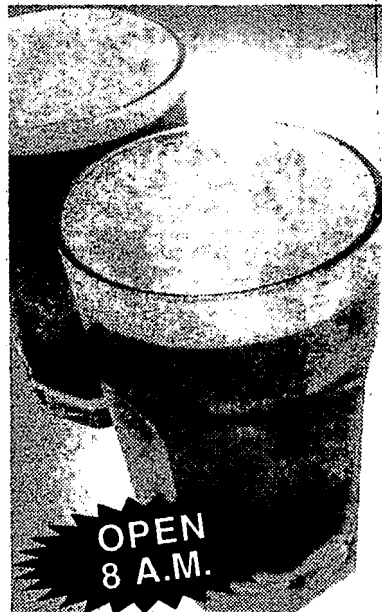
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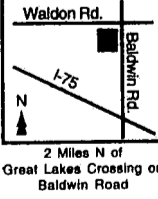


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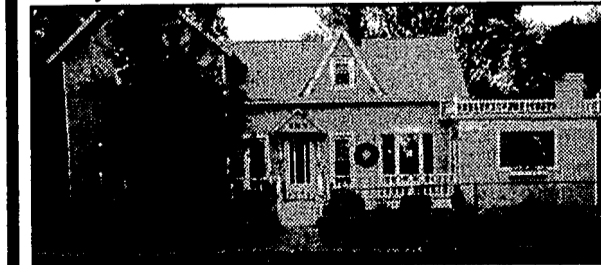
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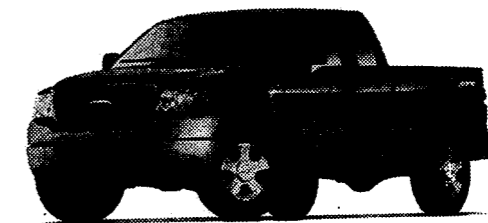
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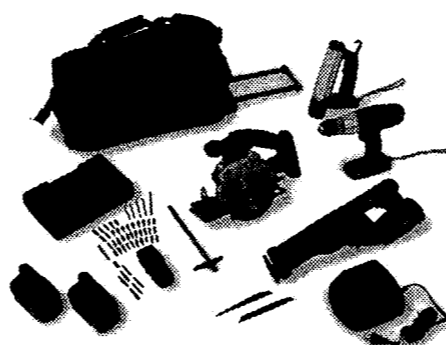
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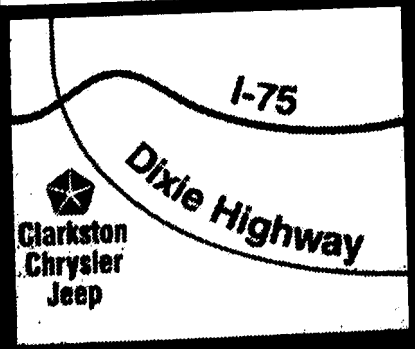


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