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Easter Bunny hops along Main Street



Thanks to Rudy's Market, the Easter Bunny walked up and down Main Street on March 25 until he bumped into Austen Ike. Photo by Christina Ula

COG investigates unorthodox millage

BY JENNY MATTESON
Clarkston News Editor

Slowly but surely the battle lines are being drawn in the potential fight over "big box" development in Independence Township.

In a statement released on March 23, Citizens for Orderly Growth announced the creation of a committee to research the possibility of forming a "legal defense fund for the big box/convention center."

The idea for the legal defense fund stemmed from discussions during

COG meetings where residents voiced a concern that "the developer can get what it wants by simply out spending us."

The developer referred to is ORCO Investments Inc. in Troy. On March 15, the developer filed a rezoning request with the Independence Township Building Department to change 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.

"People talk quite a bit about this developer suing us," said COG representative Neil Wallace. "A lot of people have expressed concern over this. The fear is that basically they can spend more money than Independence Township can. On the other hand, we've had

tremendous community support and feel this is something that needs to be considered."

According to the re-

leased statement, COG is currently researching the feasibility of using a one-time, small millage to raise a substantial legal fund for the township. According to the released statement: "Of course this means a tax – that awful word. But our initial concept would be to have the entire community vote to decide."

The statement also states that "a small one time
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'Of course this means a tax – that awful word. But our initial concept would be to have the entire community vote to decide.'

Citizens for Organized Growth
Prepared Release

Sashabaw Rd. bridge slated for repairs

BY DON SCHELSKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Add two more major stretches of road to the list of orange barrel routes this spring.

A week after the Road Commission for Oakland County announced their major road projects for 2005, state and local governments announced road closures of their own.

The Michigan Department of Transportation will do repair work on the Sashabaw Road bridge over I-75, causing the closure of Sashabaw between Clarkston and Waldon roads, from April 1 through May 19.

An Independence Township water and sewer project meanwhile, will cause "road closed" signs to be erected on Andersonville Road between White Lake Road to Curtis Lane from April 4 through July 30.

The announcements were made by the county road commission, but Public Information Officer Craig Bryson said the word came to them only when the other government units applied for road closure permits.

"I don't think we've been aware of it very long," Bryson said of the Sashabaw project, noting that MDOT is in charge of the freeway and the bridges over it.

Many breathed a sigh of relief last fall when major work was completed on Sashabaw between Waldon and Maybee roads. Some final intersection and landscaping work was expected this year, but the bridge work on Sashabaw is separate from the joint county-township boulevard project.

MDOT is also expected to rebuild the M-15 bridge over I-75 this summer, but details of that project have yet to be released.

Attempts by *The Clarkston News* to reach MDOT representatives on Monday were unsuccessful, and the agency's Web site was down.

The newly-announced projects join a list which includes a 1.5-inch "preservation" overlay on Clarkston Road between M-15 and Flemings Lake Road and on Pine Knob Road from Clarkston Road to the end of the pavement.

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 also 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.

Millstream

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Clarkston powerlifter sets three state records.

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Teachers recognized for excellence



At the March 14 Clarkston Schools Board of Education meeting, Ann Demonet, Lori Blum, Gwen Stewart, Corena Bell and Carrie Jessee were presented with the Third Quarter Employee Recognition Award. The nominees received a lovely desk clock from the school board. Photo by UlaJ

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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.

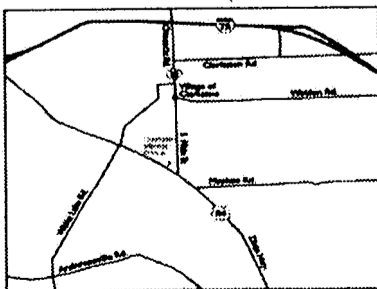


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Briefly

City invites comment on master plan

The Clarkston Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing during their next meeting concerning potential revisions to the city's master plan.

The commission will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 4.

The city council, at the urging of Council Member David Savage, directed the planning commission to review the future land use plan and determine whether revisions are necessary.

The master plan guides a municipality in developing the zoning ordinance, which dictates the various types of development within its borders.

Council postpones April 11 meeting

The Clarkston City Council has voted to postpone their Monday, April 11 meeting to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13.

The reason for the change is City Manager Art Pappas' anticipated absence on the regular meeting date.

In deliberating the change, some council members joked that conducting the meeting on the regular date would require a council member to take minutes. There were no takers.

Burglars hit Springfield Township

The Oakland County Sheriff's Office is investigating eight apparently related breaking and entering reports in Springfield Township over the past two weeks.

According to Sgt. Mark Gardner, commander of the Springfield Township substation, most of the incidents occurred in the Big Lake Road area. Among the items taken from the homes were jewelry, guns, DVDs and tools.

Several of the incidents involved forced entry into the homes. Gardner recommends that citizens keep doors locked and use alarm systems where available.

"We're working on some leads, but we're not sure where it will take us," Gardner said.

Dane Fife named IPFW's head coach

Dane Fife, a 1998 Clarkston High School graduate, was named head coach of Indiana University-Purdue University-Fort Wayne on March 24.

Fife, 25, is now the youngest head coach in Division I NCAA basketball.

Fife, coached by his father and current CHS Head Coach and Athletic Director Dan Fife, won the Hal Schram Mr. Basketball Award in his senior season. He went on to play at Indiana University.

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Mike Turk, director of Independence Township Parks and Recreation stands before the entrance of where the township's new and improved boat launch will be. Photo by Noah Purcell

New Deer Lake boat launch makes ripples

BY NOAH PURCELL
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A new boat launch at Deer Lake may cost Independence Township more than they originally foresaw, but the long-planned project will finally be completed.

The project has had the green light since July 1, 2003, but due to an extended planning phase and a re-bidding process did not come to fruition until now.

The original budget for the project was \$69,273, with the township paying 25 percent and the rest of the money coming from a grant through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

But items in the original proposal had to be re-examined when the township received only one bid, coming in well over budget at \$129,755.

"What reduced the price for us was the removal of dredging from the bid proposal," said Mike Turk, director of Independence Township Parks and Recreation. Turk added that sand which washes up on the beach

will be cleared by Parks and Recreation staff as it has been in the past.

Construction will begin on April 1 and is slated to be completed by late May. The new bid with dredging removed came in at 69,828 for construction and \$8,500 for planning; a total of \$78,328, which was received from V.I.L. Construction Inc. of Sterling Heights.

Because the MDNR offered to pay 75 percent of the original estimated costs, the township board approved an expenditure of \$30,868 for the boat launch. Originally, Independence Township was responsible for \$15,818.

Currently, Hubbel Roth and Clark Inc., the consulting engineer firm who sought the bids for the Deer Lake boat launch, is negotiating with the MDNR to raise their contribution to 75 percent of the new bid.

The new boat launch will have a 13 percent grade. The current launch has a five percent grade. Accord-

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Clarkston youth shouts 'Check Mate'

BY CHRISTINA ULAJ
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A nine-year-old Clarkston youth recently conquered the world of chess.

Ryan Leever, an Independence Elementary student, competed in the Michigan Junior Championship in Grand Rapids on March 19 and won first place. Ryan is the only winner out of his K-3 division group.

Ryan was introduced to chess by his father Rick when he was just six-years-old. While living in Florida, Ryan had learned the game and gathered his skills before moving to Clarkston three years ago.

"I try to teach my son that it is more important to compete than winning or losing," said Rick.

Before becoming highly competitive, Ryan had to learn certain rules including the one touch, where the piece you touch is the piece that must be moved.

Ryan said that as he grew into the game he became more proud of his efforts.

"I wouldn't say it was easy," said Ryan. "I feel good and I'm happy that I won."

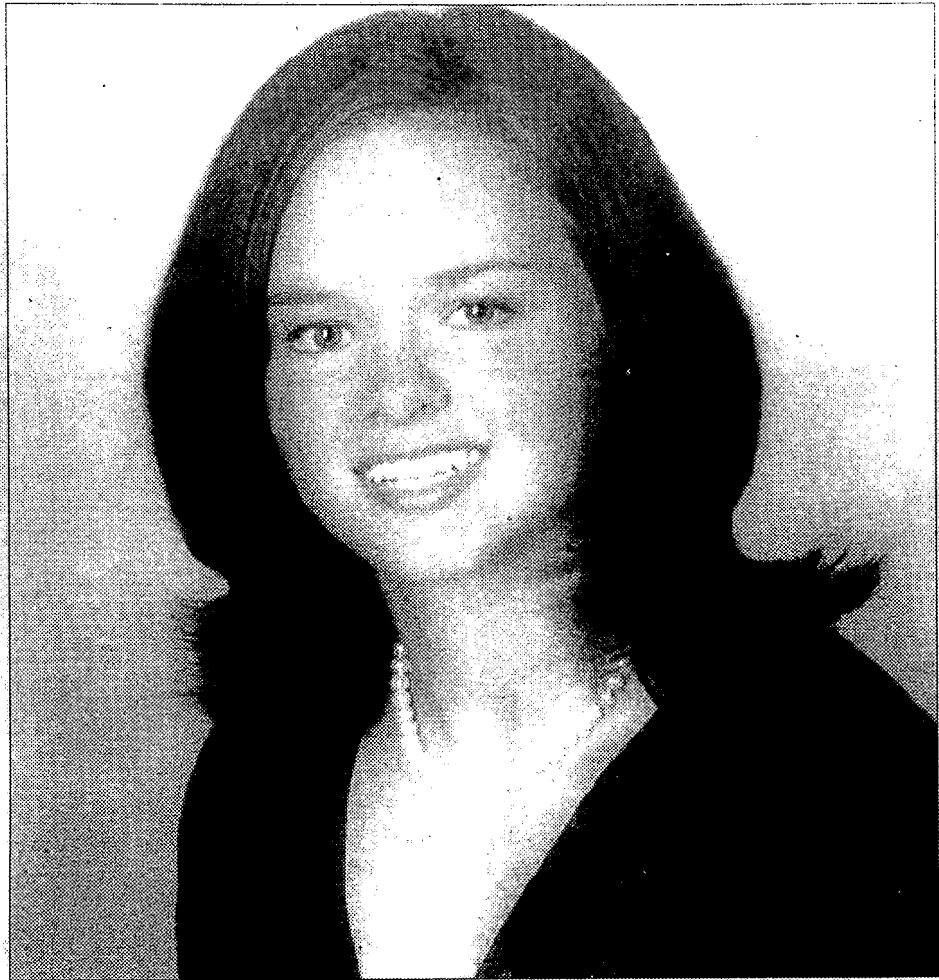
Ryan will join other chess competitors in Texas for the Nashville Super Nationals in April. The tournament is a three-day event, and Ryan said his hopes are high.

"I can't wait to compete again," said Ryan. "I just have to move to a different state so I can become the chess champ there."



Nine-year-old Ryan Leever proudly shows his trophy. Photo by Christina Ulaj

CHS Senior Spotlight



Name: Lauren Little
Parent's Names: Chris and Tracey Little
Favorite Subject: Anatomy and Physiology
School Activities: Varsity Tennis, National Honor Society and mentor in freshman mentoring program.
Outside Interests: Playing and teaching tennis, playing cards and hanging out with friends.
What are your plans after graduation? I plan on going to Marquette University in Wisconsin on a full tennis scholarship. While playing Big East tennis, I plan on majoring in nursing.
Where do you see yourself in 25 years? In 25 years, I hope to be a nurse anesthetist and happily married with children.
Best friends are people who: know you better than anyone else and who love you for the person that you are. A best friend is someone you can laugh, cry and share anything with. You understand each other.
What worries me most about the world is: violence. I fear that as time goes on the world will become a more violent place, making it harder to raise a family because you are always worried about their safety.
I will make a contribution to my community by: continuing to volunteer, and maybe in the future coming back to coach high school tennis or even becoming tennis coach in the summer. I will also contribute everyday when I am a nurse.

Students studying Japanese place first

BY CHRISTINA ULAJ
 Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston High School Japanese students placed first at the Japan Bowl on March 5 at The University of Michigan.

The Japan Bowl is a competition that brings together students of Japanese programs from across the state. The bowl is based on cultural knowledge as well as language skills.

"The mission is to challenge our students in their studies and speedily answer the questions," said Barbara Rice, Japanese instructor.

Clarkston High School took first place in level one and level two, and third place in level three.

"I am very proud that the students who competed did so well," said Rice. "Their enthusiasm and dedication helps me evaluate my career as a teacher."

"They make Clarkston's Japanese

Program excel and make their parents and the community look great," Rice added.

According to Rice, Clarkston High School students demonstrate passion for the culture, forcing the program to evolve.

"The Japanese Program continues to grow so I am challenged to keep up with the student's interests in the Japanese language," said Rice. "Internet, manga, anime and games are peeking the students' interests and this keeps me on my toes."

The Clarkston High School Japanese Program encourages students to use their skills of the language. The students often plan trips to Japan, as well as welcome Japanese students to experience the American culture.

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Fire damages Clarkston home

Three people escaped injury last week from a Perry Lake Road house fire believed to have been started by a five-year-old playing with a cigarette lighter.

The Independence Township Fire Department and Oakland County Sheriff deputies were dispatched at about 9 a.m. on March 24. According to sheriff reports, an 18-year-old woman was awakened by a smoke detector to find a fire in the bedroom of her parents, who had already left for work.

The young woman at first attempted to put out the fire herself, but was unsuccessful.

She then gathered her baby sister and a five-year-old niece and left the house, reports said.

According to sheriff reports, fire investigators learned that the five-year-old confessed to playing with a cigarette lighter in the bedroom.

Sheriff reports said there was fire damage to a floor rug and the bed, with smoke damage to one side of the house and minor water damage.

Fire Captain Tom McDonald later said the damage to the home was considered "moderate."

The Clarkston News presents a haiku to commemorate the coming of spring:

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Opinion

Flying cars? Sure

No one talks about the future anymore.

When I was growing up, we all got some good laughs about fanciful predictions made during the 1950's. Flying cars, colonies in space and all meals served in easy to swallow pills were just some of the spectacular predictions which just never panned out.

According to "2001: A Space Odyssey" we should be hurtling through space while chatting with our computer. Instead, we putz around cyber space chatting on our computers.

Farms may not have shrunk down and morphed into little vitamin production laboratories, but farm subsidies have surely been pared down.

Perhaps people were focusing too much on a macro level when they were making predictions back then.

Sure, robots are not doing humanities grunt work, but we can have virtually anything we want delivered. Our computers may not take up entire buildings, but the wealth of information which they have access to is staggering, and surely the world wide web has made the world smaller.

But where are the predictions of what will be going on in the next 50 years?

Maybe we are all too ashamed of how the last rash of speculations turned out and we don't want to be ridiculed by our grandchildren about how we thought airplanes would travel into space and cars would have massaging gas pedals.

But on the other hand, maybe the future we are making for our grandchildren is a little too bleak to wax optimistic about.

Say the United States continues down the road we chose when we pulled out of the Kyoto Treaty. What we heard from the White House was that the treaty was bad for business, that cutting back our production of carbon dioxide would damage our economy.

Sure, cutting back on environmentally damaging gases now might cost the United States and those companies pumping out pollutants some money now, but what about down the line. Just because cars are still on wheels and not flying around does not mean we should be afraid to look into the future.

The way the Kyoto Treaty works is that countries are all given "pollution credits." Since the US is dragging its feet now, our economy will suffer later. Every couple of weeks, a nation which is over the carbon threshold set forth in Kyoto, snaps up some wiggle room in the form of "pollution credits" from a nation which is under the threshold.

So when we, the United States, come into line with our neighbors in the world, our companies will be the ones who have to drastically cut production of gases instead of using the credit system built into the treaty to avoid shocking our economy with withdrawal symptoms from a pollution addiction.

While some in the Clarkston area may welcome the effects of global warming, as March seemed to come in like a lion and leave like a tired lion this year, simply having a shorter winter is not the worry here. The effects of the massive amount of the extra greenhouse gases we launch into the atmosphere everyday will surely be a detriment to this region.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, over the next century if the trend in global warming continues, the Great Lakes' water level could be diminished by a foot and temperatures rise by three degrees. Not only would the rise in temperature hurt crop development in Michigan, but also the lowered water level would mean a lot less business through all of the ports along the great lakes.

So instead of predicting flying cars, maybe we should be predicting flying boats to start popping up in the next 50 years.

Contact Noah Purcell at purellcn@yahoo.com



Started Out Dumb

Noah Purcell

Resident questions developers intent

Dear Ms. Matteson,

I am writing in response to your March 23 article, "Developer attempts to clarify plan for golf course condos."

The developers seeking to abandon the scenic easements they gave Independence Township four years ago so they could build more homes held an invitation-only meeting March 16 and served refreshments to a select few, including some homeowners' associations board members. However, the boards are not authorized to represent all homeowners on this issue nor did the developers request homeowner's input. In fact, the developers refused to meet with all homeowners.

Their March 16 meeting was a transparent attempt to persuade the chosen few that jamming more homes on what was supposed to be the open space of a golf course is somehow scenic. The developer's report to *The Clarkston News* that those who attended actually supported the proposal is not accurate. I was there along with several others who were not persuaded. What-

ever "scenic easement" means, it doesn't mean filling a golf course with 150-plus homes.

The developer's reference to the township clerk's actions at the township board meeting is wrong. The clerk's request to ask the township's attorney whether the scenic easement rights can be shared with the land conservancy is not illegal or unethical. It is that board's duty to protect our scenic easements. It is in the township's interest to investigate the options and as a resident, I'm glad to know the board is looking at the whole picture.

The developer's insinuation that the clerk's thoroughness disqualifies her to vote is absurd. His personal attacks on our elected leaders should not be allowed to hide his proposal to renege on his promise to preserve this land forever.

Sincerely,
Judy Cole

Independence Township Resident

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Supplements, are we getting the real deal?

The way we live, the way we eat, the processing of our foods, even the consumption of fast food, will most likely leave us deficient in something. Therefore, vitamins and supplements are now an everyday part of life.

The other morning I grabbed for my vitamin jar. I noticed this sentence on the side: "No bovine material from European sources."

This made me wonder, where do they get the cows? I'm very concerned about "Mad Cow Disease."

I called several pharmacies, three in our area. I was told by all three pharmacists that the cows were Asian. Do these cows meet the same standards as the cows in the United States?

As I read the other side of my jar, it stated, "Made to USP standards." So that was good, I thought.

Not so, according to Dr. V. Srinivasan, vice-president of the Dietary Supplement Verification Program (DSVP).

"The letters USP on a label are the manufacturers words. They do not mean the products have met our standards," said Dr. Srinivasan. "The USP-verified mark means it has been tested and verified by the standards of the U.S. Pharmacopeia (USP). Without our mark, consumers don't really know what they are getting."

Manufacturers volunteer to have their products tested and verified by USP's DSVP to insure the quality. The USP, formed in 1820, now has programs such as Health Care Information, Patient Safety and The Dietary Supplement Verification Program.

The government does not control the USP. The

USP sets the standards and the government enforces them. The USP is a "quasi-government" entity, a dormant agency.

The USP introduced the DSVP and legally marketed under the "Dietary Supplement Health & Education Act" of 1994. It is a not-for-profit group from independent government-sanctioned scientific standard-setting organizations. It is supported by staff and volunteer experts in all areas of health care.

Federal Law requires drugs manufactured and marketed in the United States to comply with USP standards. The FDA can enforce USP standards for prescription and over-the-counter drugs.

"If a product has our mark," added Dr. Srinivasan, "it means we have gone into the manufacturer's lab, did testing, took samples, looked at books and checked for contaminants and the purity of the products. Tests are done on disintegration per USP criteria to release nutrients. Lastly, it checks that the product is developed under a safe, sanitary and controlled procedure."

"You can buy a vitamin stating 500-mg, without USP verification, you may be getting more than 500 mg or less than 500 mg."

Dr. Srinivasan continued to explain that we don't eat what we should, so there is a need for healthy supplements.

The USP also does random market place testing to meet standards. These strict guidelines give you confidence to know your product is of highest quality.

Consumers say verification by USP would prove very helpful in choosing products. Pharmacists and health care professionals would feel better recommending USP marked products.

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A Look Back

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

15 YEARS AGO (1990)

• **Crash kills area man:** A 20-year-old Independence Township man died of injuries sustained in a two-car accident in Pontiac Sunday, March 25, about 2 p.m.

• **James Turner of Whipple Lake Road** suffered multiple trauma injuries, according to physician Robert Aranosian, head of the emergency room at Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital.

• **Woman flees rape attempt:** A 30-year-old Independence Township woman fled from a possible rape-attack Thursday, March 20, at 3 a.m., said Detective Steven Parker of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

• **Dog spends night in storm sewer:** When Rory Kelly, 8, went searching for worms Friday, March 16, he had no idea he would end up fishing for a dog.

The Clarkston Elementary School second-grader was digging in a leaf-filled culvert two weeks ago when he heard a whining sound accompanied by splashing.

25 YEARS AGO (1980)

• **Community salutes basketball team.** Wolves finish best season: The Clarkston News joins the entire community this week in saluting coach Gary Nustad and his 1979-1980 Clarkston High School basketball team...

Records? How about a 26-game winning streak, the

longest of any Class A team in the state?

In addition, the Clarkston cagers won their third straight league championship with a perfect 10-0 conference record; won their first district title in 16 years; defeated Flint Central to take their first regional championship in school history; and advanced all the way to the state semifinals before bowing to Highland Park by a single point, 51-50.

• **Parents protest new school lines:** Proposed boundary changes that would affect about 180 Clarkston School District pupils resulted in an emotion-charged public hearing Monday night.

About 75 people attended the two-and-one-half hour meeting conducted by Clarkston Schools Superintendent Milford Mason.

The boundary changes, tentatively approved by the school board, were designed to get sixth graders out of Clarkston Junior High School and back into elementary schools.

50 YEARS AGO (1955)

• **Carnival Tonight at Clarkston High:** Come to the annual School Carnival, March 24th at Clarkston High School. Admission is 10 and 25 cents. All proceeds will go toward lighting up the Football Field. The Carnival starts at seven and is highlighted at eleven with the crowning of the King and Queen, selected from the Senior High Students. A prince and princess will be selected from the junior high students. Drawing for the Door Prizes will be the closing of an eventful night.

• **Mayors Exchange Monday, May 16th:** Municipal officials throughout the state, assisted by county and community Michigan Week committees, are preparing for the greatest get-acquainted move ever made by the people of Michigan - the Mayor's Exchange of the second annual Michigan Week on Monday, My 16.

And another thing . . .

Last week I heard Paul Harvey report this startling fact: Each of our feet can produce a pint of sweat a day.

Between a pair of feet, that's a quart of liquid a day, nearly two gallons a week -- that's like 91 gallons of foot sweat a year produced by one human.

That my friends is totally gross!

I want to take a moment right now to thank Paul Harvey for his years of broadcast excellence. And, I also want to say, Paul -- stop with the yucky body factoid stuff already. I am not a doctor and I don't need to know all the ins and outs of my body. Now, because of you, I will think about feet sweat for the rest of my life. For the rest of my days, whenever I have nothing else to do and while my mind is blank, I know I will soon ponder about the moisture produced by my own two feet.

Thanks, Paul, you're swell.

One pint of foot sweat a day was a fact I didn't need to know, and since I didn't need to know it, but now do know it, I must pass it on -- I need to get it out of my system. Now that the monkey is off my back and firmly gripping yours, let me tell you another thing (or as Paul would say, "And now for the rest of the story . . .")

From my extensive, three minute on-line research, I was able to ascertain more fascinating foot facts. Do you know why your feet can each sweat a pint of sweat a day? I'm gonna' tell ya -- because there are approximately 250,000 sweat glands in each pair of feet.

Get this: Feet smell because 250,000 sweat glands do their magic while the feet are trapped inside shoes. And, if you are to believe the on-line information, it is the interaction of these two factors along with bacteria that cause the smell.

You may not believe this but, feet have more sweat glands than any other part of the body. So the next time you see some big, hairy guy with a sweat-

drenched shirt, think about his feet, his poor shoes and his family. Feel sorry for this family. Have pity on this man. Don't turn your nose in disgust, it is not his fault. It could be you. It could be me.

Some pointy-headed foot specialist-types also say inside your shoes your feet create a warm, damp place that is just great for growing things like bacteria. The bacteria produce isovaleric acid which is what causes the odor.

And want to know another thing? The medical term for sweaty/smelly feet is *plantar hyperhidrosis*. That sounds worse than smelly feet and is a heck of a lot harder to pronounce.

I don't want to just report the cold, hard facts on smelly feet. As a kind and caring writer-type, I want to help folks. I want to reach out to that big, hairy, sweaty guy and say, "Dude, give your family a break . . . take a shower. And when you're in the tub, clean between your toes. When you dry off, don't forget to dry between your toes. Do this, Dude, and your family will again sit next to you on the couch."

The on-line foot poindexters say it is relatively easy to control smelly feet. Besides what I just told the big, hairy, sweaty guy, you can also change your socks at least once a day.

They say to wear thick, soft socks to help absorb moisture. Also, natural fiber socks like wool and cotton are better than nylon socks. You can also use foot powders and try not wearing the same shoes two days in a row. If that don't work, doctors can hook you up to devices that send electric current through your skin, which shuts down sweating temporarily.

If after all that your feet still stink, surgeons can remove the nerve that controls foot sweating. However, if you don't want to do any or all of that, you can do like I do, air 'em out throughout the day . . . while sitting in my office, I use the cover of my desk to hide the fact I have kicked off my shoes.

This has two positive effects. One, it keeps my feet dryer. Two, it keeps the riff-raff out of my office.

Comments for Rush can be e-mailed to: dontrushmedon@charter.net

Manure spreaders were not invented as a joke

I was born on a farm in Laingsburg, Michigan. Though Dad wasn't a farmer, he played at it. Other farms we lived on in Shiawassee County were near Bancroft, Durand and Vernon.

We had chickens and hogs, not cows, hay, grain or the machinery to plant, care for and harvest them. So, we had no manure spreader experiences, though the fragrance from their use spread over the acreages.

Manure spreaders are mainly used in cold weather, when farmers aren't fielded and emissions are semi-frozen. Too, they all seem more comfortable outdoors getting their skin weather-beaten and avoiding calls to rearrange the furniture.

Jim's Jottings



Jim Sherman

But, manure spreaders always had a fascination to me. The closest I ever came to having one was when a man offered me a circus wagon. Its hard, ill fitting tires, its rusting frame and decaying deck stick out from the woods in our back yard.

In recent years, when I travel through Saginaw, Gratiot, Shiawassee Counties and the Thumb I'll go-rural, looking for what I think will be a reasonably priced manure spreader sitting out with a for sale sign on it.

I imagine what I'll do with it. Maybe paint the sides bright yellow like some of the new pick-up trucks, then add racing stripes, and maybe get Castrol to sponsor it. I could be the A. J. Foyt of West Draher Road, only the racing would be imagined.

Another idea I had was to take it to my son's house some mid-morning, when he'd be sleeping, let him wonder. Of course, putting a manure spreader in the yard of a newspaper publisher hardly stimulates anyone's imagination.

Continuing my mental quest for a manure spreader naturally led to advertising for one. The classified (under what?) could read: "Wanted: used, but not too used, manure spreader, free or darn near free. Suitable for lawn adornment and future headstone."

I guess I'd have to buy one of those box number ads so people wouldn't call me all times of the night offering their husbands and wives.

I tossed the ad idea around one newspaper office and the editor quipped: "If you're looking for manure spreaders I could suggest some elected officials."

That's exactly why no phone listing could be allowed. Imagine: "If you're looking for just one manure spreader you might contact Rush Limbaugh." Ha, ha.

Caller: "The obvious place to look for a manure spreader is rural areas, but the place where they are most likely to be found, cheapest, is in Lansing and Washington." Heh, heh.

One could also expect Oprah, Dr. Phil, Dr. Ruth, Martha and every talk show host in America. And, that's before the students start offering names of teachers, coaches and administrators.

Even with box ads I couldn't feel hidden. Word would leak. So, rural routes spreader searching may still be the best.

Continuing thoughts, maybe I should buy a whole bunch of used manure spreaders and become a dealer. Dad would be proud. With the right slogan I could become rich. Like, take Frank Sinatra's hit song, *New York, New York* . . . "Start spreading the hues."

We could air it across the land. What a great Christmas or birthday gift. It could be personalized with baby boots or fuzzy dice hanging from the shifting rod, a license plate his or hers on it, mag-pipes or even a Hemi.

It could be great for crematoriums. Slogan: "Spread his ash the old fashioned way." The market is limitless.

Faded Ink

Waumegah reps challenge Springfield officials

BY DON SCHELSE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

At least two people currently or formerly involved with the Waumegah Lake Improvement Board take issue with some Springfield Township officials' characterizations of "mismanagement" on the part of the lake board.

During the public comment section of the March 10 township board meeting, the citizens attempted to get trustees to "clarify" statements quoted in a Feb. 23 story in *The Clarkston News*.

The story documented discussions of the role of the township's representatives to lake boards in general and a Feb. 10 vote to replace Lou Kirby as Springfield's representative to the Waumegah board.

"We were kind of dismayed to see in *The Clarkston News*...some of these statements or accusations, especially in regards to a past record of mismanagement, approving a mess and not working with the township," said Dr. Paul Haduck, the elected riparian representative to the Waumegah board.

Supervisor Collin Walls offered Haduck a complete copy of the official minutes of the meeting, saying he would be glad to discuss the matter further if Haduck deemed the minutes insufficient.

Kirby, saying he had reviewed the complete minutes, asked for a public response to the questions.

"Because those comments were made in a public forum, I would like to

have public explanation as to what [the township board] believes the lake board did inappropriately," Kirby said.

Walls said the public comment portion of the meeting was not appropriate for a back and forth conversation.

"If there needs to be a discussion in public, we will set that as an agenda item," Walls said.

Kirby accused the board of "slander" before leaving the meeting.

"I think it's very sneaky," he said to the board. "It's terrible what you did."

Later, Haduck and Kirby said officials' actions reflected their opposition to an augmentation well for the lake.

At the Feb. 10 board meeting, some alluded to the fact that Waumegah is the

only lake improvement board to go beyond projects such as weed harvesting.

During the interview, Kirby cited a motion by the township board in October 2002 which he said constituted an order to vote against the well. The minutes of that meeting include Walls' statement that the township board cannot dictate a lake board member's vote, but Kirby said he abstained from the vote because of Walls' personal comments to him.

In response to a claim by Treasurer Jamie Dubris on Feb. 10 that the lake board missed deadlines for the issuance of checks and made "9-1-1" style telephone calls, Haduck said the lake board's financial representative has had problems

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Lake board guidelines adopted

BY DON SCHELSE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Current and future lake improvement board representatives will have clear "guidelines" if chosen to represent Springfield Township government.

The township board on March 10 adopted an eight-point document which officials believe will protect township interests on the five-member lake boards, most of which now have two township representatives.

In discussing the final draft, Clerk Nancy Strole argued for more specific references to the Clean Water Act, watershed guidelines and other environmental considerations to guide the township representatives. The final language includes the phrase "take into consideration," not a directive.

"We can't require them to do something that goes beyond the state lake board statute," said

Supervisor Collin Walls.

Other guidelines direct township lake board reps to "maintain an open mind and treat property owners equally with respect and courtesy" and "communicate openly, regularly and periodically with all property owners within the assessment district and the township board (at least annually)."

Township lake board reps are also directed to keep their lake board files up to date at the township offices, including contracts and lake board minutes.

State statute does not establish clear terms of office for lake board reps, and to date the township representatives have not had an expiration date.

"It shouldn't be a lifetime appointment," Trustee Marc Cooper said, noting the three-year terms given to the planning commission and zoning board. "It should be just like any other

appointment we make."

Since three of the four lake boards in Springfield Township already have one township rep, trustees decided to stagger the terms. Current representatives will be given a full three-year term, while the new, second representative will have one two-year term before converting.

The second township representative, along with additional administrative responsibilities for township government, came as a result of a new state law which took effect on March 1.

Trustees made temporary appointments for new positions, and appointed Mike Trout the lone Springfield representative to the Waumegah Lake board (where the other local government rep comes from Independence Township). After reviewing applications, the board is expected to make long-term appointments at the May meeting.

Well is in; level is up

BY DON SCHELSE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Residents on Waumegah Lake now enjoy a higher lake level, thanks to the much fought for augmentation well and a little help from nature.

State administrative decisions have allowed the installation of the well on the lake which straddles Springfield and Independence townships, even as a legal battle over the lake level continues.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality allowed the well to be installed last November, according to Dr. Paul Haduck, riparian representative to the Waumegah Lake Improvement Board.

The permit came with a still-unacceptable limitation, Haduck said, as the DEQ will only recognize a lake level of 1,048.8 feet. The lake board

still wants a level of 1,049.9 feet, as contained in a previous circuit court order.

A report from the Oakland County Drain Commission said the lake was at 1,049.1 as of March 4. Operation of the well by the lake homeowners association and winter snowfall have added to the lake's level.


Victories include a Jan. 27 memo from the DEQ reporting the agency's decision to no longer require permits for augmentation wells used to keep lakes at "ordinary" levels.

With irony, Haduck said that memo went to all lake improvement boards except Waumegah.

With opponents citing concerns about wetland vegetation, a new challenge came in the form of a Michigan Department of Natural Resources

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Police and Fire

Independence Township

March 22: Larceny from vehicle at Fox Creek apartments. Taken were 200 CDs and \$100 cash.

Larceny of \$25 worth of gasoline from the Speedway station on Dixie Highway. Staff provided a vehicle description and Waterford police later apprehended an 18-year-old Davisburg man.

March 24: Larceny from vehicle on Bowpointe Drive. Someone broke in and stole a computer printer. Auto theft on Bowpointe Drive.

Larceny of hand tools, digital camera and 30 CDs from vehicle at Fox Creek apartments.

Family trouble, child neglect and elderly neglect report on Allen Road. Deputies found an 88-year-old man allegedly abused by a 35-year-old daughter-in-law. Two children, ages 12 and 14, also lived at the resi-

dence, which deputies described as "extremely dirty." A report was forwarded to the Family Independence Agency.

Home invasion on Avington Parkway. An 11-year-old girl returned from a party to find a door kicked in. Someone took a plasma TV and jewelry. A neighbor reported seeing a suspicious man and woman in a silver van.

Assist fire department with medical call at North Sashabaw Elementary School. A six-year-old boy was taken to POH-Clarkston after falling on his head from monkey bars.

Domestic assault arrest on Spring Meadow Drive. A 48-year-old man allegedly assaulted his wife, then fled the residence. He was later apprehended after deputies traced the telephone number from where he called the residence. Deputies confiscated two long guns from the residence.

March 25: Assist fire department with fire at Lancaster Lakes apartments. Firefighters discovered a fire in the bedroom. The resident, who admitted to drinking, said he "possibly" was smoking in the bedroom. The case was turned over to the fire marshal.

March 26: Arrest for possession of marijuana on Sheringham Boulevard. A 24-year-old Oxford man was arrested after a traffic stop.

Larceny of jewelry on Creek Forest Drive.

Disorderly conduct and minor in possession of alcohol arrest on Old Cove Road. A 20-year-old Clarkston man, who registered a blood alcohol level of 0.136 percent, was arrested after he allegedly peeped into the window of a home, scaring the female occupant. The suspect was apprehended after a K-9 unit tracked him to another home, where another subject, a 19-year-old Clarkston man, registered a blood alcohol level of 0.144 percent.

Larceny of \$20 worth of gasoline from the Clark

station at Sashabaw and Pelton roads.

March 27: Arrest for possession of marijuana on Stonewood Drive. An 18-year-old Clarkston man was arrested after a traffic stop.

Malicious destruction of property on Clarkston Road near N. Eston Road. A 44-year-old Gaines Township (Genesee County) man allegedly followed a woman for about 45 minutes before she drove to an uncle's home. While she was there, the suspect drove by and threw a bottle at the uncle's truck. Deputies were seeking an arrest warrant.

Springfield Township

March 21: Identity theft on Ormond Road near Big Lake Road. A resident reporting getting collection notices for \$2,948 in unauthorized cellular telephone charges.

Domestic assault arrest at Magic Mike's on Dixie Highway at Davisburg Road. A 60-year-old Davisburg woman was arrested after she allegedly "lost control," yelling and scratching her son during a dispute over his taking over the business.

March 22: Animal cruelty report on Hickory Hollow. Someone shot a dog. There were no suspects.

March 23: Larceny of safe from basement on Autumnlo.

March 25: Burglary on Big Lake Road near Bigelow. Someone forced entry to a shed and took a leaf blower, a floor jack, a hand cart and two full gasoline cans.

Larceny of snowblower from garage on Foster Road.

March 26: Malicious destruction to vehicle on Misty Lane. Someone poured milk powder into the gas tank.

Crash snarls M-15 traffic

Morning rush hour traffic on southbound M-15 was slower than usual on March 24 after a minor personal injury crash.

According to Oakland County Sheriff reports, the crash occurred just before 7 a.m. on M-15 just south of Rattalee Lake/Hadley Road.

A Saturn sedan, driven by a 40-year-old Oxford man, rear-ended a Ford pickup truck driven by a 44-year-old Ortonville man, reports said. The truck was stopped for the traditional morning backup on that stretch of the state highway.

Both drivers were wearing seatbelts, and the Saturn's airbags deployed. The Oxford man reported minor injuries, but did not require hospitalization.

The offending driver was cited for failing to stop in an assured safe distance, reports said.

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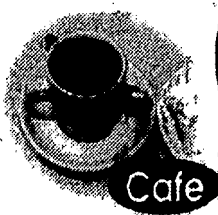
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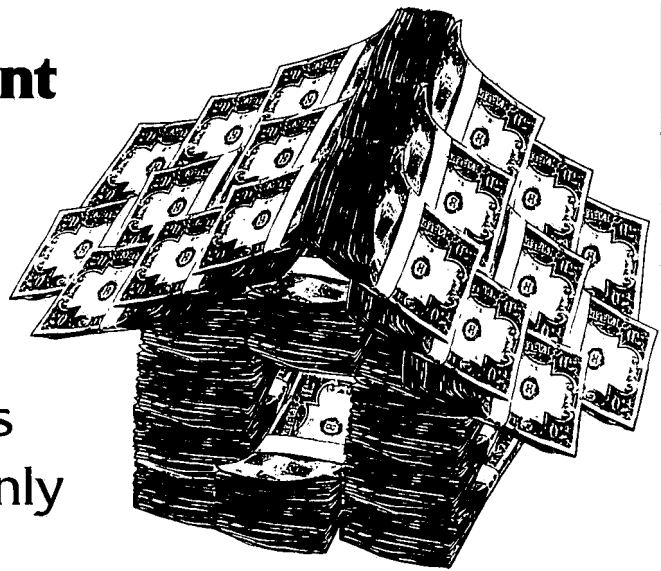
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A walk of remembrance...

Calvary Lutheran holds Good Friday CrossWalk from Clarkston High School

Youth from the Calvary Lutheran Church were joined by several area residents for their annual Good Friday Crosswalk this past week. The large group of participants came together at Clarkston High School at 5:30 p.m. on Friday for a brief opening service. The many participants then took turns carrying the cross through town to the church for a 7 p.m. Good Friday service. Throughout the walk, the group sang hymns, read the gospel and recited call and response litany from Ephesians. *Photos by Jenny Matteson*



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

The Clarkston Area Optimist Club would like to give special recognition and thanks to the following individuals and businesses for the donations made to our "Night on the Town", fundraising dinner/dance and auction held at the **LIBERTY GOLF** and **BANQUET FACILITY**. The Optimist Club sends a very special thank you to our event sponsor **LIBERTY GOLF** and **OAK MANAGEMENT CORPORATION**. We also thank the **DAN RAFFETRY BAND** for providing our wonderful entertainment again this year, and **FIRST CLASS VALET SERVICE**. Our club and the youth of the Clarkston Community appreciate your generosity and support.



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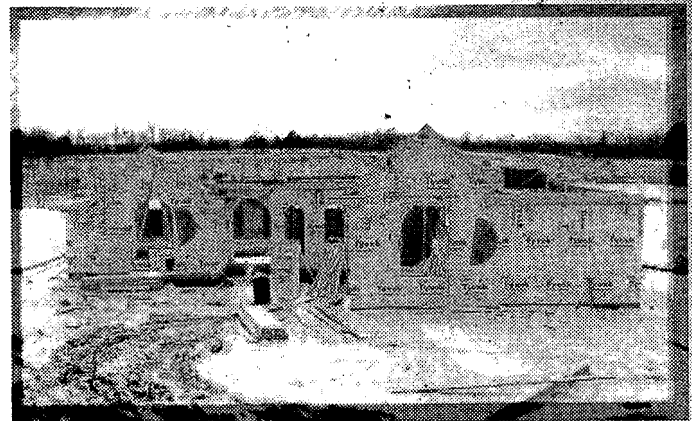
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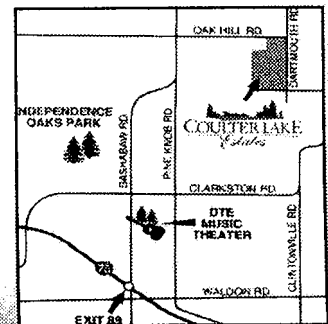
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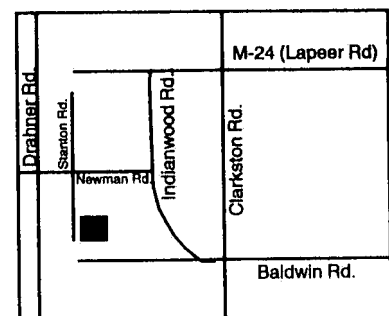
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On March 23, Carol Kane, Christopher Geister, David Wagner and Sheila VanderVeen came together to cut the ribbon in honor of the new Flagstar Bank on Sashabaw Road. "It is a fabulous, growing community," said General Manager Carol Kane. "We are proud to be growing with Clarkston." Photo by Christina Ula

Project for the hungry resurrected

BY NOAH PURCELL
Clarkston News Staff Writer

When the community garden, formerly located at McCord Stinckney park, was pushed out by residents' qualms, three acres of fertile land was left vacant.

Now through the efforts of many at Independence Township, the Michigan State University Extension office and local master gardeners, the Plant-A-Row for the Hungry Project will have the chance to produce a bountiful harvest of fresh produce for the Oakland County Food Bank.

"We got off to a false start when the courts had their garden out there," said Independence Township Trustee Dan Travis.

Last year, Plant-A-Row for the Hungry did not get started until June and much of the growth season was missed. This season, Independence Township is calling on the community to come out early and often to make the garden as big a success as possible.

In the lone year that the community garden was in operation, 12,000 pounds of vegetables were produced for the hungry in Oakland County.

"In the long term, this garden should be owned and run by the community," said Elizabeth Egan, a master gardener in charge of the project.

Currently through Independence Township Parks and Recreation, Egan is asking that community groups, from Scout troops to local businesses "adopt the garden" for one week during the growth season. Volunteers will help install plants, sow seed, fertilize, water, weed, harvest and deliver produce to the Oakland County Food Bank.

"The size of the garden will be dictated by the volunteer groups," said Egan. "We do have the potential to harvest between 12,000-20,000 pounds of produce."

For a yield of that nature, the Plant-A-Row for the Hungry Project needs 30-40 volunteers each weekend. According to the Oakland County Food Bank the organi-

zations, groups and businesses will be helping some 20,000 people in Oakland County, but the people behind this project foresee some fringe benefits as well.

"For some people who do not have a garden space this could potentially be a chance for them to enjoy themselves and meet other people," said Travis, who Egan credits with making much of the Plant-A-Row for the Hungry Project possible.

Also for those who are already blessed with a green thumb, the Plant-A-Row for the Hungry Project is an opportunity to glean knowledge from a master gardener or two. Aside from Egan, Master Gardener Bob McGowan, who runs the Bittersweet Farms Plant-A-Row garden, will take an active role helping the Plant-A-Row for the Hungry Project get off the ground.

"Being master gardeners we tend to talk a lot about gardening," said Egan. "People can expect to learn good horticultural practices. Hopefully, they can take these skills to their own garden."

Egan is planning on planting a wide variety of crops, including: beans, carrots, squash, wild asparagus, spinach, tomatoes, okra, lettuce, cabbage and radishes. Egan's hope is to also have a sunflower garden and a herb garden.

Currently the Plant-A-Row for the Hungry Project is looking to secure some other gardening items as well as volunteer groups.

For the garden to be a complete success, they are also looking to obtain soaker and professional gauge garden hoses, roof shingles to make weed barriers in between the crops, watering cans, plant stakes, picnic tables, small mammal fencing and stakes, and a solar powered deer fence.

Any group or individual who would like to "adopt the garden" should call Elizabeth Egan at 248-620-4621 to schedule their commitment.

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- Construction Association of Michigan, 1238 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield, MI 48302
- F.W. Dodge, 35330 Telegraph Road, Suite 350, Southfield, MI 48034
- Daily Construction Reports, 40000 Grand River, Novi, MI 48375

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Salon Williams, special in many ways

When the staff at Salon Williams looks out the front door, they are in plain sight of four other salons.

Salon owner, Ida Williams, is keenly aware of the competition, and says, "There's really nothing we can do about it."

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That said, Williams and her team are committed to educate clients on what makes the Salon Williams experience unique.

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vices at value pricing. The business has a tradition of building long-lasting relationships with both clients and staff, and is aware of the responsibilities which come with such a legacy.

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"We're thrilled to be an elite salon," said Williams. "It allows us to educate our team and serve our clients like never before."

The salon prides itself in having a great team of highly educated professionals and often hosts classes taught by national educators.

"Having access to such high level education is one more way we are different from other salons," said Williams.

Another distinction - the business is one of the largest salons in the area with a staff of over 20, some whom have been with the salon since its inception.

"As the business grew we needed to add team members," said Williams. "So we started a mentor-training program."

The program allows recent cosmetology school graduates to work with experienced stylists until they have refined their skills.

"It's a great opportunity for the graduates and for the salon," said Williams.

Salon Williams provides services for men, women and teens. The salon has also extended business hours including morning and evening appointments.

The experienced staff offers an extensive array of services including: complete hair care, manicures, pedicures, artificial nail enhancements, massage therapy, skin care and waxing.

"Our goal is to grow the business by 10% this year," said Williams.

"Some planned improvement includes: advanced education for the technical teams, enhanced marketing, on-line appointment scheduling, a new website and referral program."

"I think this is a realistic goal," said Williams. "We have a great team, and with the support of our loyal clients, 2005 should be a very good year."

For your personal care needs visit Salon Williams, located in the Waterfall Plaza at 5677 Dixie Highway, or call 248-623-6654. Business hours are Monday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Tuesday 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Wednesday 11 a.m. - 9 p.m., Thursday 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Saturday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.



The staff at Salon Williams is like family, their skills can please every client that walks through the door.

Clarkston News Sports

Powerlifters grab, pull and jerk their way to third place at states

BY NOAH PURCELL

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Clarkston Powerlifting Club grunted and willed their way into third place at the Michigan High School Powerlifting Association's state meet on March 19.

The Wolves finished behind Plainwell,

who has won the national title three years running, and second place Flint Powers.

"I was real happy with the results," said Clarkston Coach Chad Looper. "In the four years that we have had the program going, I think we have achieved a lot."

Steve McIsaac led the boys team

with a first place finish at 207 pounds, his second straight state championship.

McIsaac set three state records during this year's state championship: a dead lift of 630 pounds, a squat of 560 pounds and on his total of weight of 1,475 pounds.

"I have confidence, I tell myself that I can do more than I think I can do," said McIsaac. "I would say 70-80 percent of lifting is mental. Anyone can do what I do if they just put their mind to it."

Aside from McIsaac's herculean efforts, eight other Clarkston lifters placed at the meet.

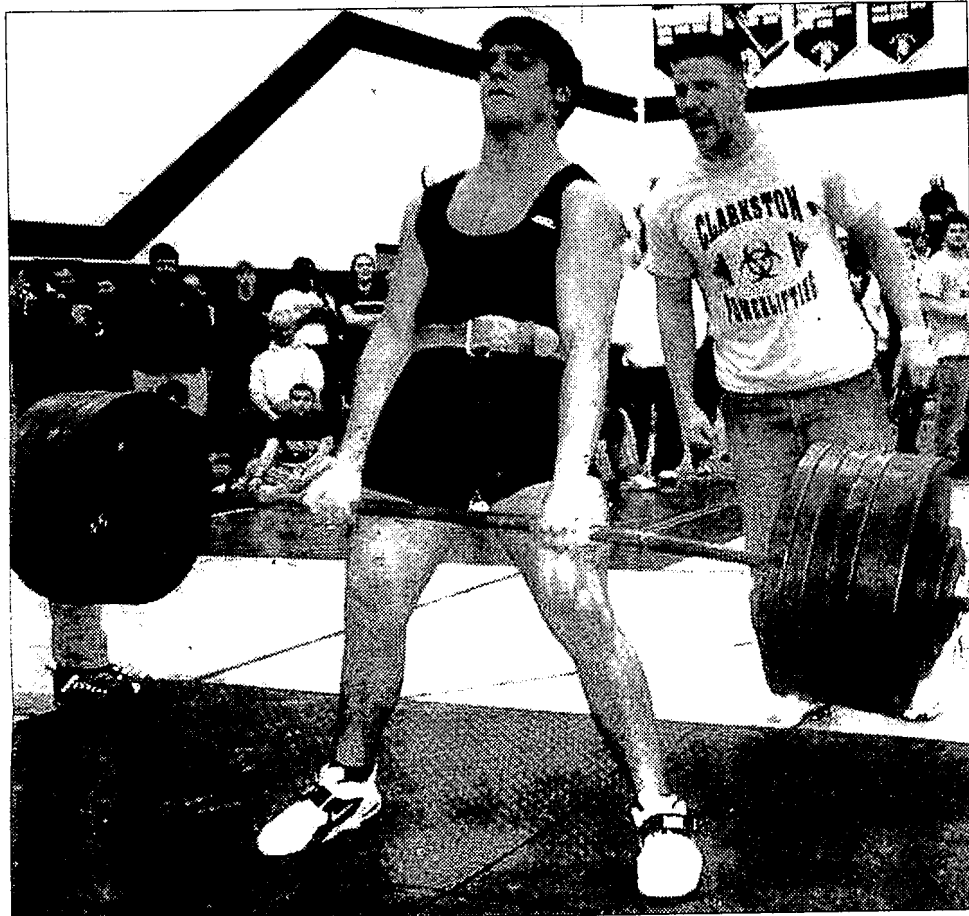
On the boys side Nick Sorise (145 pounds) took second, Jake Meissnest (275) finished fourth, Brad Nettle (165)

nabbed sixth place, Tim Hortsman (220) grabbed seventh and Chris Kato (242) ended up in 10th.

"We have come so far. Three years ago we didn't have enough people to fill the team," said McIsaac.

Clarkston's girls were led by Maggy Cornwell (220) who took home a second place trophy, and Meghan McIsaac (148) and Justine Morris (123) who both finished in eighth place.

On the season, the Clarkston powerlifting team competed in five tournaments this year, nabbing two first place finishes, one second and a fourth prior to their third place finish at the state championships.



Steve McIsaac during his state record setting, 630-pound dead lift. McIsaac also set a state record in the squat and for total weight. Photo submitted

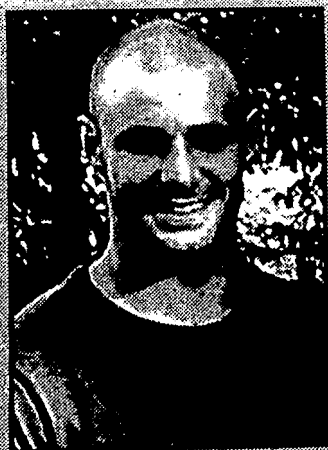


Members of the Clarkston powerlifting team celebrate the team's third place finish at the Michigan high school state meet. Photo submitted

Athlete of the Week – Pat DeGain

In his senior year at Indiana University, Pat DeGain, a graduate of CHS in 2000, has risen to the pinnacle of collegiate wrestling. He was recently named an All-American and finished third in the nation in the NCAA wrestling heavyweight division.

"All year I had the mentality of all or nothing," said DeGain. "I came close to being All-American the past two years and this was my last chance."



This year DeGain lost in the semifinals to eventual national champion Steve Mocco of Oklahoma State. But he triumphed over Greg Wagner of Michigan in his next match to capture third place.

"In the beginning of the meet there was

a lot of pressure," said DeGain, who added that he felt a great relief once he had won his first three matches, which guaranteed All-American status.

DeGain went 30-5 over the course of the season. His sterling win-loss record this year pushed his career win total over 100, making him the 11th wrestler in NCAA history to accomplish such sustained excellence.

What makes Pat's accomplishments this year more impressive is that at 230 pounds he is considered small for the heavyweight class.

"I definitely do not have the size advantage. But good things come in small packages. I beat people with speed and conditioning," said DeGain.

DeGain estimated that he gave up 30 pounds to his first opponent in the NCAA tournament and from there on had a 45-pound difference in weight from those he faced.

"It was a grueling season, and career but wrestling has made me the man I am today," said DeGain.

Now that wrestling season is over, DeGain is putting the finishing touches on a degree in Physical Education. All that needs to be done is for DeGain to sign

the paperwork, and he and his fiancée Nicole Hill will be off to Chicago where Pat has secured a job with the Northwestern University Wildcat International Wrestling Club.

Hill and DeGain have planned an August wedding in the bride-to-be's hometown of Davison.



Pat DeGain wrestling for Indiana. Photo submitted

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Clarkston man's Field-O-Matic Changing the world of sports

BY NOAH PURCELL
Clarkston News Sports Writer

James Folcik's life has always revolved around sports and engineering. Whether he was in the United States Air Force, at General Motors in Flint, working on subhunters for Lockheed in California or working in a hotel in Hawaii, Folcik has always kept sports close to his heart.

Now Folcik, a retiree from Clarkston, has blended his life's work with his passion, having invented the Field-O-Matic.

"I was dozing one afternoon and the idea just came to me," said Folcik. "I kept thinking about it and thinking about it and by the time I woke up I had the entire thing all figured out."

Folcik coached baseball for a time and played industrial ball with GM and Lockheed. He feels the experience as a player and as a youth league coach in Pasadena gave him the insight needed to create the Field-O-Matic.

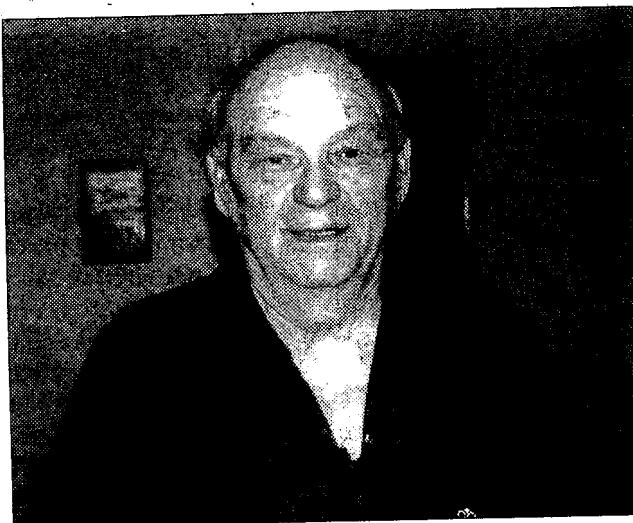
"I love sports. I would even like to get into coaching again, but I doubt anyone would let me," said Folcik.

While Folcik's invention is completely diagrammed and blueprinted, the public is not able to see it just yet. Having partnered with Florida-based Inventech, Folcik's invention's patent is still pending and they have not yet secured a production deal. The only people, other than Folcik, who have seen the design are his brother and Inventech staff.

"It's best for baseball. It will help kids develop hand eye coordination," said Folcik.

While the exact details of how his invention works are a closely guarded secret, Folcik feels it will be easy to use and helpful to many athletes.

According to Folcik, the Field-O-Matic lets people practice the defensive side of baseball while they are



James Folcik, inventor of the Field-O-Matic, hopes his invention will help kids develop defensive skills on the baseball diamond. Photo by Noah Purcell

alone. While the market is flooded with products which allow people to practice batting or throwing, Folcik and the people at Inventech feel his product fills a niche heretofore unexplored by solo-training-apparatuses. Folcik also feels his invention will be applicable to a wide range of sports, not just baseball.

"I'm surprised no one has thought of this before," said Folcik.

Folcik hopes the Field-O-Matic will go into production in July or August of 2005. Once the invention is in mass production, Folcik has thought about donating one to Clarkston High School.

Folcik's hopes are high for his invention's success. "Who knows (the whole process) is a crap shoot, but it's a good crap shoot. If the Field-O-Matic catches on it should be good for everyone," said Folcik.

Don't fret The spring sports season is almost here

In the Apr. 6 edition of *The Clarkston News* be sure to catch our spring sports season preview section.

The Clarkston varsity baseball, softball, girls soccer, boys tennis, girls golf, and boys and girls track teams will all be focused upon.

For those of you who like to plan out where you will be ahead of time, here is the first couple weeks of the spring sports season schedule.

• **Baseball:** (All games played at 4 p.m. unless otherwise noted) 4/4 at Davison inc.; 4/6 vs. Troy Athens inc.; 4/8 at North Farmington; 4/9 at Kalamazoo Central (10:00 a.m.); 4/11 at North Farmington; 4/13 vs. Rochester.

• **Softball:** (All games played at 4 p.m. unless otherwise noted) 4/16 at Farmington Mercy-Tournament (time TBA); 4/18 at North Farmington; 4/20 vs. Waterford Kettering.

• **Track (boy and girls):** 4/7 at Rochester Adams; 4/9 at Andover Relays; 4/12 vs. Southfield

• **Soccer:** 4/6 vs. Stevenson inc.; 4/7 at Stoney Creek; 4/11 vs. Waterford Kettering; 4/12 vs. Farmington

• **Tennis:** 4/7 at Avondale; 4/14 vs. Lake Orion; 4/19 vs. Rochester

• **Golf:** (Matches played at Oakhurst Country Club) 4/7 vs. Lake Orion; 4/11 vs. Troy; 4/13 vs. Rochester Adams

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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 lonnnnggg gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan 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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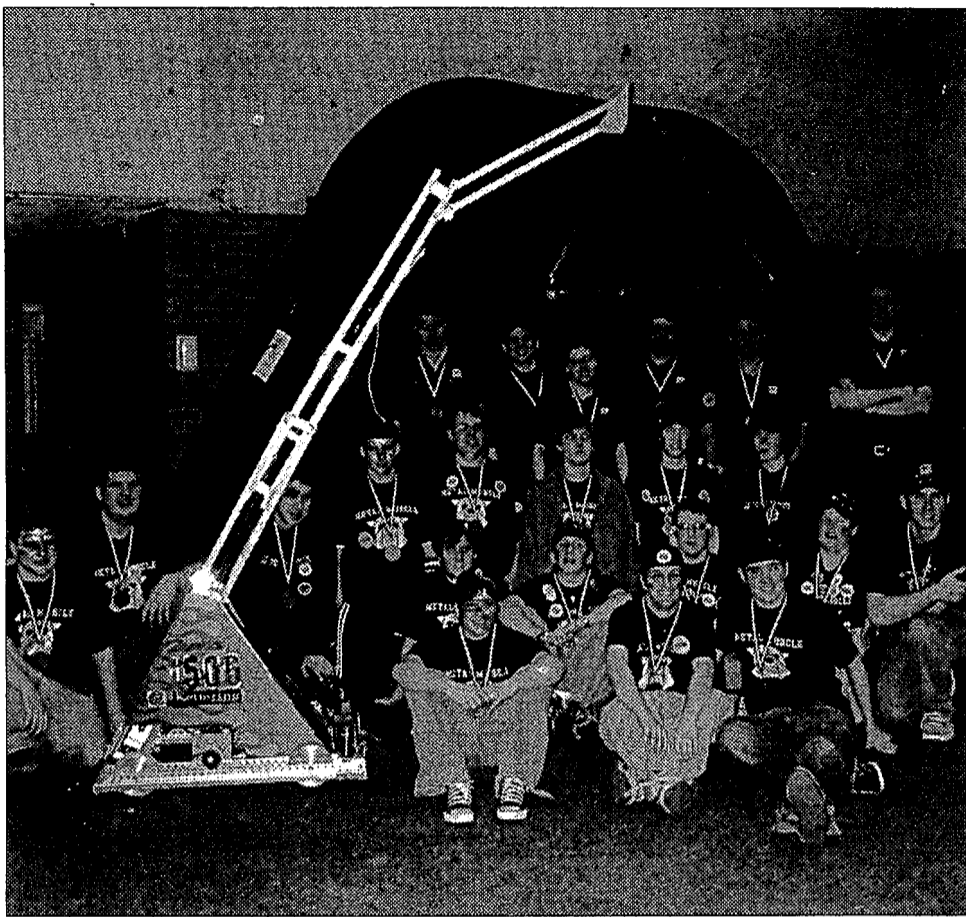
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FIRST Robotics Team receives award



The FIRST Robotics Team is proud of their hard work and can't wait to compete again in April in the National Championship in Georgia. Photo provided

BY CHRISTINA ULAJ
Clarkston News Staff Writer

On March 17, three Clarkston High School students – Rob Fittonneville, Chris Denis and Stefan Francesconi – participated in the FIRST Robotics Team. The team competed at the Detroit Regionals and won the Rookie All-Star Award.

FIRST – For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology – is a robotics program mentored by students from Kettering University. The program allows high school students to put their building and teamwork skills to use.

The students from Kettering University decided to form this program based off schools in Oakland County and surrounding areas that do not have a robotics team.

Once the students formed a team, they were fast to work on their mission: to build a robot that must be able

to play "Triple Play," based off tic-tac-toe, where the robot must pick up and pile objects on top of the other.

The robot the FIRST team built weighed a total of 130 pounds. The robot's mission was to pick up a nine-pound tetra (object) and place it on larger tetrads for points. The students on the team did all of the work – from building to programming the machine.

Now, the team is invited to participate in the national championship in Georgia on April 21-23. Due to budget concerns, parent volunteers and team members are working around the clock to raise money to raise money for the trip.

Volunteers have formed can drives, performed community service at the Woodward Dream Cruise and on April 16, will host a yooker tournament at the Knights of Columbus in Lake Orion.

For more information about the FIRST team and their fund-raisers, visit www.metalmuscle.org.

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COG

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tax would be substantially less expensive than the substantial economic impact of this development because of the demand for increased municipal services and the decline in our property values."

Wallace stated that he contacted Independence Township Assessor Dave Kramer and learned that the average taxable value on homes in Clarkston is \$138,000. With a one time .5 millage, that would equal to \$69 per homeowner, or approximately \$750,000 total.

"We were talking about it and felt the negative impact on property values and the area would have a much greater impact than \$69 per household," said Wallace.

At this time, COG is uncertain whether or not such a millage can even be proposed, or whether township

residents would be interested in the proposal.

"We are interested in what people think," said Wallace. "We are just beginning the research at this point."

COG is asking for Independence Township residents to please voice their opinions and ideas at www.cogmi.org.

When contacted by this reporter on Monday, Dave Wagner had not yet heard of COG's newest committee or their idea.

"The township is always pleased to receive help from out citizens," he stated upon hearing the news.

"I'm very pleased to see the citizens of the community really get behind an issue," continued Wagner, "especially one that's so near and dear to everyone's heart."

As of Monday, ORCO Investments Inc. was not on any Planning Commission agendas.

Resolutions delay ORCO public hearing

BY JENNY MATTESON

Clarkston News Editor

The March 15 rezoning request of ORCO Investments Inc. of Troy may have hit a delay — two Independence Township resolutions call for the temporary deferment of the plan's public hearing.

According to Independence Township Supervisor Dave Wagner, the township has sent ORCO Investments a letter explaining the two township resolutions recommended by township attorney Mr. Fisher earlier this year. The Jan. 13 township planning commission and the Feb. 1 township board resolutions require the township's planning consultant to complete an in-depth study of the Sashabaw corridor and make recommendations for future development and redevelopment of the area before any new zoning or planning actions can take place.

Specifically, the resolutions direct the township planning consultant to "prepare an in-depth analysis, describing the planning and development of the corridor over the past several years, and make recommendations for township actions, including public-private arrangements that may be feasible, rezoning actions that may be appropriate, infrastructure im-

provements that may be needed or beneficial and other matters relevant to the development and redevelopment of the corridor within the foreseeable future."

The township board resolved that this "study" should "precede any new zoning and planning actions within the corridor."

In the resolution, the township board required the study to be completed within 120 days of the Feb. 1 resolution. Any property owner who feels "aggrieved by a deferral of action on a proposed rezoning" can request a hearing on the matter to present how the deferral "will result in the unreasonable preclusion of viable economic use of property, or otherwise violate applicable provisions of state or federal constitution or law."

Wagner stated that because of this resolution, ORCO Investment's rezoning request cannot be addressed at the planning commission level at this time. He added that the letter sent by the township provides ORCO Investments Inc. with two options: either request the deposit for the rezoning be returned or leave the deposit and have the rezoning addressed after the study is completed.

Challenge

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getting the treasurer's office to provide adequate information.

"We're just trying to get all our numbers straight and pay all our bills," Haduck said.

Haduck and Kirby were not in attendance at the Feb. 10 meeting, and Haduck admitted he has not read news coverage of the deliberations on lake board representatives. According to Haduck, however, township

officials failed to honor a Jan. 2003 agreement to notify the lake board that the issue would be on the Feb. 10 agenda. Haduck also said Walls was given an opportunity to advise the lake board of improper procedures.

"I made a motion [on Jan. 6, 2003] that if there's anything we're doing wrong, please bring it to our attention," Haduck said. "He said he's not aware of anything."

"They slandered my name," said Kirby, noting that his replacement, Mike Trout, was invited to the Feb. 10 meeting.

Other than Kirby's request for minutes, neither Haduck nor Kirby attempted to contact township officials prior to the March 10 meeting, they said.

As of Monday, Walls said neither Kirby nor Haduck have requested a spot on the township board meeting agenda for a public discussion of their concerns.

Launch

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ing to Turk, getting a boat into Deer Lake will be easier. However he does not feel that people who have enjoyed Deer Lake in the past should be worried about the water being choked with boats this summer.

"(The new boat launch) will not increase the usage on the lake," said Turk. "We can only get 10 boats in our parking lot and then we stop allowing them in."

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edict concerning potential threats to the state-threatened white lady slipper.

A Feb. 11 memo from the DNR says that concern has been adequately addressed, Haduck said, and the well's operation shows no threat to the environment or residential groundwater.

"[The lake is] purer than drinking water," he said. "We've done pump tests. It's affected no residential wells. It's just how it was supposed to be."

A lawsuit from the lake board against the DEQ is still pending in Oakland County Circuit Court, but Haduck said the board is following a judge's request to exhaust administrative appeals before going back to court.

The years-old controversy centers on whether Waumegah Lake was intended to be an "all-sports" lake. Proponents say the augmentation well merely restores the lake to a level prior to the destruction of retaining berms and other devices.

The hunt was on in Springfield Township

Springfield Township Parks and Recreation hosted two Easter Egg Hunts on Good Friday. The little ones enjoyed hunting for the Easter Bunny's special treats in the morning, while the older kids visited Millpond Park in the afternoon. Enjoy all the fun and excitement left behind by the most secretive of holiday tricksters.



Cuddling up during the chilly Friday morning Easter egg hunt were Chris Mascone of Springfield Township and her grandson Alexander Mascone, seven months.

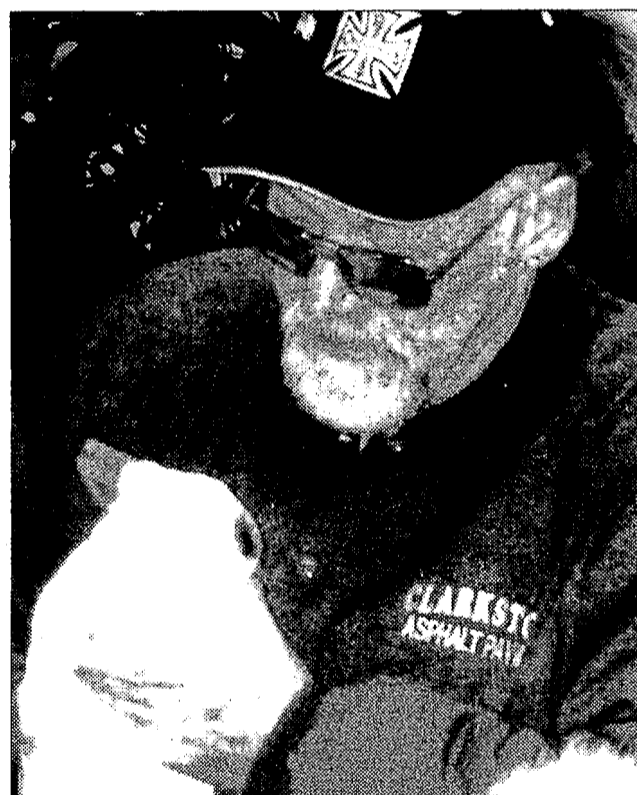


Taking off to hunt their eggs are Abbie Marshall, left, and Courtney Blackett. The little ones participated in the three and four-year-old age group.

Photos by Jenny Matteson



After going crazy outside, the Easter egg hunters were able to take a quite moment inside with the Guest of Honor himself – the Easter Bunny! Two-year-old Harrison Vincil, of Davisburg, was all smiles during his special visit.



Robert Ulman enjoyed spending time with his new friend – a cuddle Easter bunny on display at the Springfield Twp. Park and Rec Easter Egg Hunt.



Three-year-old Amy Ousmann knows how to get into the spirit of a holiday. She decided to rival the Easter Bunny himself in cuteness with her own costume.

People Poll

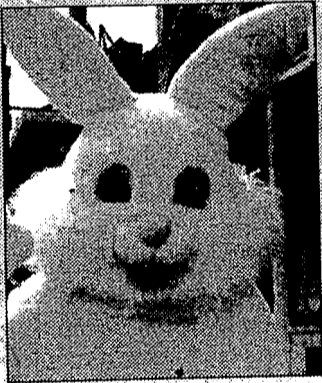
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"In education and the betterment of our children."
— Diane Knakal



"They should stick to national issues. I don't think they should be involved in issue's like Terry Schiavo's situation."
— Laurie Cunningham



"Congress should not invade people's private lives."
— Mike Tatu



"I think the states should retain more power. I don't think congress should be involved (in the Schiavo dispute)."
— Wayne Krug

By Noah Purcell

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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With her son, Shay, holding the Bible, Judge Kelley Kostin takes the oath of office, administered by Circuit Judge Joan E. Young. Photo by Don Schelske

Colleagues welcome Kostin to bench

BY DON SCHELSKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

With a sense of excitement and a sense of humor, 52-2 District Judge Kelley Kostin is adjusting to her new position.

"I absolutely love the job," she said. "It's been a whirlwind, but amazingly very smooth."

Kostin, elected to the post last November, spent one day on the bench in January before being "shipped off" to a week-long judge's orientation seminar in Lansing.

"They send you to judge's school so you can learn how to put on your robe and pound the gavel," she said with a smile, but she also pointed to several large looseleaf notebooks which came from the seminar.

Veteran judges tend to recite proce-

dures from memory, but Kostin admits she's not there quite yet.

"This is definitely a learning process," Kostin said, especially in guaranteeing a defendant's rights. That is becoming a greater challenge for those with little education or those in the growing Hispanic population. "You want to make sure all of their rights have been completely explained. You want to be comfortable that they understand their rights."

Kostin, who won election in her second attempt, has good experience as a magistrate in 52-3 District Court in Rochester, where she assisted with a variety of minor hearings.

"It's very different sitting behind the bench," she said, especially since the more detailed proceedings allow her to get to know some of the defendants. "You're getting a

real opportunity to do some good, and to change a person's life."

Kostin's background also includes years of working in her husband's Clarkston law firm. She can argue both sides of the case concerning the preparation that gave her for being a judge.

"The hardest part was weaning myself from private practice to government practice," she said, with the burden to transfer cases either to her husband or other attorneys. "It was very difficult for me to stop worrying about my clients."

Since taking the bench, Kostin has several cases in which she has had to offer to recuse herself because of relationships. Her opponent in the general election, Larence Kozma, represented a defendant in a sentencing transferred from former judge Michael Batchik. Kostin gave Kozma the opportunity to protest, but he did not.

"He said, 'Are we going to have to do this every time I come before you?' Unfortunately, probably," she said.

In conversation with fellow Judge Dana Fortinberry, Kostin quickly learned that the district court is very much a community court.

"Because we both have been involved
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'I absolutely love the job. It's been a whirlwind, but amazingly very smooth.'

**Kelley Kostin
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Around Town

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.

• For a unique experience, join guest tour guide Joe Soncrant for the **Places of Worship Tour** through three beautiful sanctuaries: Temple Beth El Synagogue (Jewish) in Bloomfield Hills, Islamic Association Center (Muslim Mosque) in Dearborn and Bharatiya Temple (Hindu) in Rochester Hills. Discover the artistic beauty of these places of worship and some basics of their religious beliefs. The tours take off on April 29 at 9 a.m. The cost is \$39 for residents, \$42 for non-residents and include lunch and motorcoach.

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.

• 1, 2, 3, cha-cha cha! What a great way to keep active and limber! Come in for **Line Dancing** on April 22 at 1 p.m. Enjoy moving to country, Spanish salsa, waltz and cha-cha rhythms with Rosemary Hall to exercise your memory as well as your body. \$10 punch cards for five classes are available at the senior center. This program is in cooperation with the Brandon Senior Center and classes will be held there at 345 Ball Street in Ortonville.

For more information, please contact the senior center at 248-625-8231.

The **Widowed Support Group** is meeting on April 7 at 7 p.m. at the Independence Township Senior Center. Facilitator Alicia Brown will present on the topic "The Myth of Closure in Grief and other Misconceptions." The evening is free to all area residents recently widowed. Refreshments are served. No registration is necessary, and walk-ins are welcome.

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

If you volunteer within the community or you would like to come and honor those who have, simply 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 a "Secret Gift for Mom." Registration is currently underway.

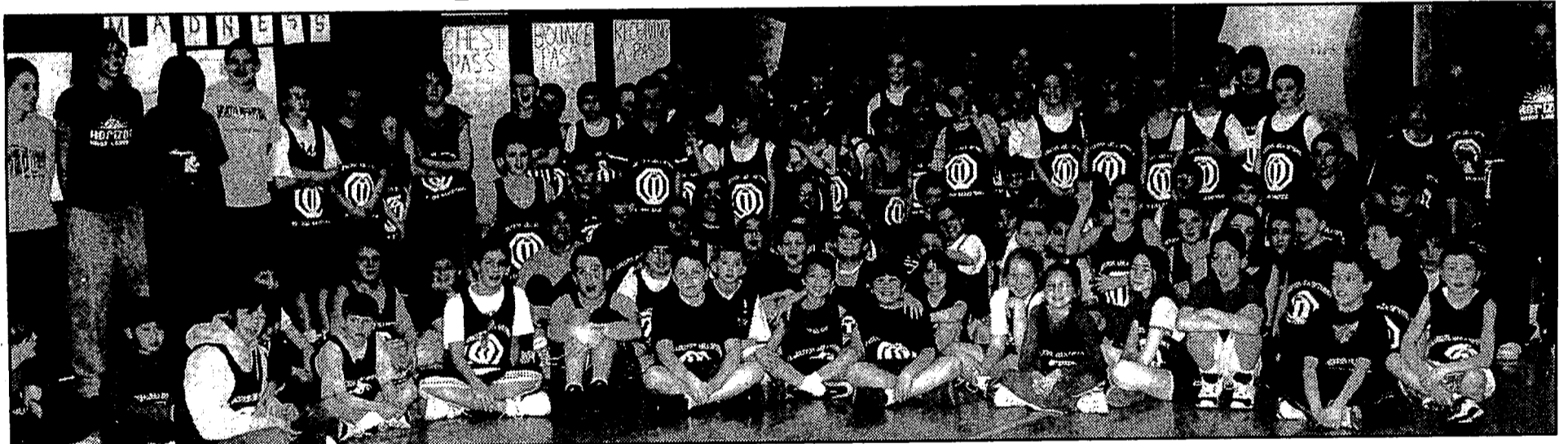
• Celebrate National Library Week on April 12 with Margaret Schmidt presenting "**Spring on the Farm.**" "The Farm Lady" will bring a bottle-fed lamb and talk about sheep, wool and making maple syrup. Registration begins April 1.

• **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. Both craft times are from 7-8 p.m.

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

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Clarkston Area Optimists host hoop competition...



The Clarkston Area Optimist Club hosted over 100 boys and girls between the ages of eight and 13 at their annual Tri-Star Basketball competition at Independence Elementary on March 22. The competitors demonstrated their abilities in dribbling, passing and shooting. Winners received trophies for their outstanding efforts. The Clarkston High School girls basketball team assisted in the event, which was chaired by Optimist Mike Blicher. Photo provided



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Kostin

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in civic affairs, there's not a day that goes by when someone comes to court that I know them or know of them," she said. "If it's at the point where you can't be fair, you must disclose that."

Kostin's background in private practice helps her sympathize with attorneys' busy schedules, but she said she also knows a delaying tactic when she sees one.

"I was out there. I know all the little tricks, and they're not going to work with me."

Case load is a big issue in the courts, however. Kostin is grateful for her new staff, secretary-court reporter Ann-Marie McCafferty and court clerk Jeffrey Allsteadt, and for those on the district court and probation department staffs. There have been a lot of changes in Clarkston District Court in the past few years, and Kostin has no illusions about making everything better instantly.

"I'm still getting my feet wet," she said. "I'm not

Wed., March 30., 2005 The Clarkston (MI) News 3 B going to try to implement a million changes."

Meanwhile, Kostin plans to continue her community involvement. A Clarkston Optimist since 1996, she is helping organize the club's sixth annual oratorical contest. Her visibility as a judge means more requests for her time and service in the community.

"A day doesn't come by that I'm not invited to some function or important community event," she said. "I just have to sort through those and determine which I can reasonably do. If there's something that has to do with youth, I'm there."

Kostin gives Fortinberry credit for getting Clarkston schools involved in the Courts in Schools project. Kostin hopes to reach out to other schools in the 52nd District to promote that involvement, and she continues her commitment to the special sobriety court.

The new judge has learned something else in her new role as a public servant.

"I have learned there's a difference between government time and real time," she said. In private practice, she was used to calling someone immediately to fix a broken printer. Now there are procedures involving separate government departments and work orders.

In another example, Kostin ordered furniture for her chambers in January, but in late March is still using furniture belonging to retired judge Gerald McNally.

Those are perhaps minor issues, because Kostin admits she still is not accustomed to her new title.

"I was making some copies the other day and I heard, 'Goodbye, Judge,' and I'm thinking, 'Who's that person talking to?'"

A March 23 investiture ceremony at the Oakland County Commissioners Auditorium may help her in that regard. Colleagues from the bench were joined by local and state politicians for her formal swearing-in ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Oakhurst Golf and Country Club.

Judge Kostin took the oath of office with one hand resting on a Bible held by her son, Shay. Husband Robert Kostin assisted her in donning her judicial robe. In her remarks, Judge Kostin thanked her family and her political supporters for bringing her dream to reality.



Kostin reviews an upcoming docket with her staff, secretary-court reporter Ann-Marie McCafferty and court clerk Jeffrey Allsteadt.

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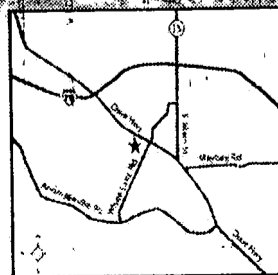
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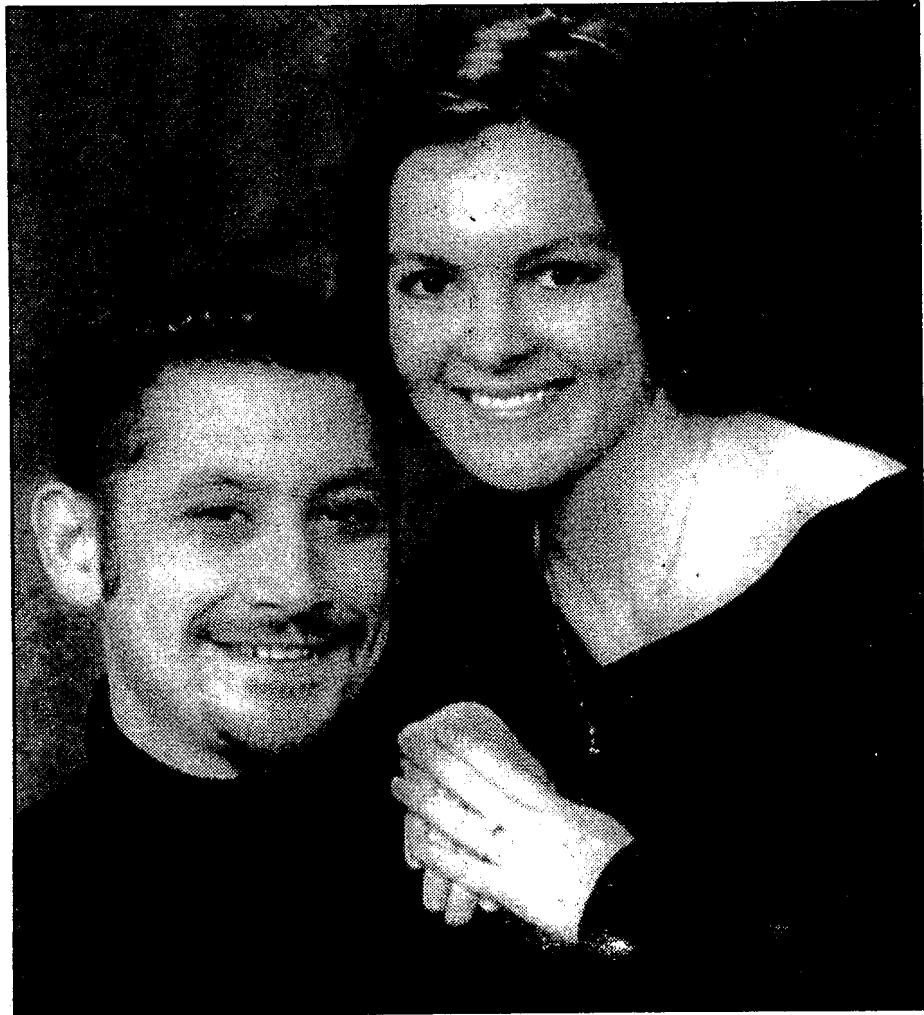
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Milestones

Gallentine-Fader engaged



Ross and Joanne Gallentine of Clarkston are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Lisa Gallentine to Daniel Fader, son of Danny and Jeannie Fader of Highland. The couple is planning a June 2006 wedding.

Anna Trim named GLIAC player of the week

Anna Trim, of Clarkston, a sophomore guard on the Northwood University women's basketball team, was named the GLIAC North Division Player of the Week this past February.

This was the first time in Tim's career that she received the honor. She was also the first Northwood player to earn the award this season.

During her award winning week, Trim averaged 25 points, four rebounds, 2.5 assists and two steals per game in a pair of Northwood victories. She finished with 26 points, five rebounds and three assists in Northwood's 75-65 vic-

tory over SVSU. Trim then went on to score 24 points in the Timberwolves' 79-77 upset victory over No. 8 Lake Superior. Her layup with 3.5 seconds remaining proved to be the game winning basket. Trim finished the week with 10 three-point field goals while shooting 45.5 percent from beyond the arc.

In her last three games, Trim averaged 26 points per game. Her 59 three-point field goals this season are the third most in Northwood history.

Northwood wrapped up its season with a 9-18 overall record, a four-game improvement from last season.

Haag receives multiple honors

PFC Matthew D. Haag of Clarkston recently completed his advanced training as a Bradley Fighting Vehicle Maintenance Engineer at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

PFC Haag received the Distinguished Honor Graduate Award, which is given to the student that has demonstrated academic scholarship, leadership and physical readiness superior to that of his peers. It is limited to one soldier per graduating class.

He also received the Soldier of Steel Award for achieving the highest score on the Army Physical Fitness Test, with at least 270 points, out of a possible 300.

Haag also attained the Excellence in Maintenance distinction. This program provides selected soldiers who have the desire and ability to learn, are highly motivated, physically fit and have demonstrated the leadership potential with accelerated, more in-depth training. The program is designed to better prepare and provide more technically proficient soldiers to the field.

Finally, PFC Haag gave the commencement speech to the graduating class and presented the units appreciation award to SSG D.R. Lilly. Matt is a 2004 graduate of Clarkston High School.

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Religion

The risks and rewards of faith

During a holiday to Israel, a man's mother-in-law died. She was in Israel with the family, so there was the difficulty of making funeral arrangements for her in a foreign country.

The attendant at the morgue told him that the body can be sent back to America, at a cost of \$10,000, or she can be buried in an Israeli cemetery for just \$200. The son-in-law quickly decided to have his mother-in-law shipped home.

"Yes sir, but are you sure?" asked the attendant. "It is very expensive".

"I know," said the son-in-law. "But 2000 years ago they buried a guy here and three days later he rose from the dead. I just can't take that risk!"

There certainly is not a shortage of mother-in-law jokes. In this one, the man couldn't bring himself to risk the possibility of an untimely resurrection of his mother-in-law.

Many people are taking a great risk today by living their lives as if the resurrection of Christ is not true. Perhaps they have heard the Gospel message and have even become very familiar with it, but nevertheless choose to live life on their own terms instead of God's.

Others have never heard the good news. Perhaps you have never heard the Gospel message before. It includes the wonderful news of Jesus Christ rising from the dead. According to the Bible, Jesus Christ died for our sins, he was buried, and then he was raised back to life after three days. Anyone who believes this will receive the gift of eternal life.

Before I talk about the risks of not believing in the resurrection of Christ, I want to talk about the great

benefits of believing.

First, the resurrection of Christ shows us that God the Father accepted the sacrifice that Jesus offered for our sins. The sacrifice was Jesus himself. The penalty for anyone who sins is death. Jesus, who never sinned, died in our place, suffering the punishment we all deserved. When Jesus was raised, it declared that God would now accept all who trust in Christ.

Second, we now know that Jesus is actually alive and continually active on our behalf. The Bible tells us he is seated at God's right hand, interceding for his people. It is encouraging to know that as we confess Jesus before people, he is busy confessing us before God's throne. As the popular song tells us, "Because He lives, I can face tomorrow."

Third, the resurrection of Christ shows us that Jesus was more powerful than death. Death was not the final chapter. We can now know and have assurance that death is not the final answer for us either. As Christ was resurrected from the dead, all who believe and live for him in this life will be resurrected on the last day. What a great hope this brings in the face of life's struggles.

Another benefit is that, after his resurrection, Jesus Christ returned to heaven and sent the Holy Spirit to live inside his people. We can now live with God's love in our hearts while experiencing righteousness, peace and joy as part of everyday life. I hope you will consider these wonderful benefits of the resurrection of Jesus.

What are the risks of not believing? If you do believe in the resurrection and it's not true, you gain nothing. However, if you don't believe in the resurrection and it turns out to be true, you lose everything. None of the benefits are yours. Are you willing to take that risk?

(Steve Brown is pastor of North Oaks Community Church.)

Spiritual Matters



Pastor Steve Brown

In our churches...

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 in every arena a unique approach to leadership development.

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May 17, "How to Build Trust as a Leader."

June 21, "How to Define Yourself as a Leader."

July 19, "Boundaries in Leadership."

Aug. 9, "Identifying Traveling Companions for Leaders."

Sept. 13, "Enemies and Idiots: How to Deal with Toxic People."

Oct. 18, "Leadership is for Grownups."

Nov. 29, "Transcendent Character in Leadership."

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

Calvary Lutheran Church offers the **Wednesday evening FEAST**, food for body and soul, beginning Wednesday, April 6 and continuing through May 25.

A catered dinner will begin at 6 p.m., followed by praise and worship, then small groups and classes for all ages, ending at 8:30 p.m.

For more information, call the church at 248-625-3288. Calvary meets at 6805 Bluegrass Drive at the southwest corner of I-75 and M-15.

"Ethical Issues in Health Care" will be presented by Ann Suziedelis Ph.D., director of mission services, St. Joseph Mercy-Oakland Hospital. Suziedelis taught religion in Catholic high schools for many years, and holds a doctorate in health care ethics from Saint Louis University. Her research has been published in Catholic and secular health care periodicals.

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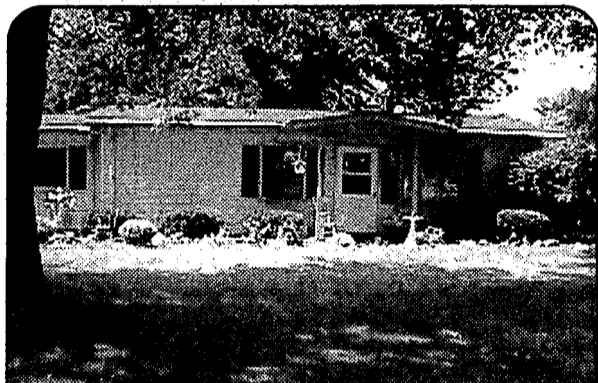
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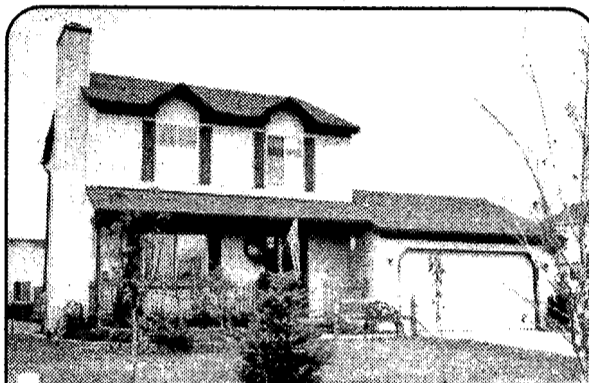
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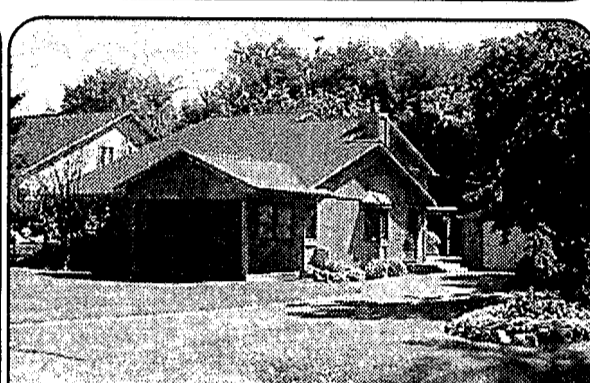
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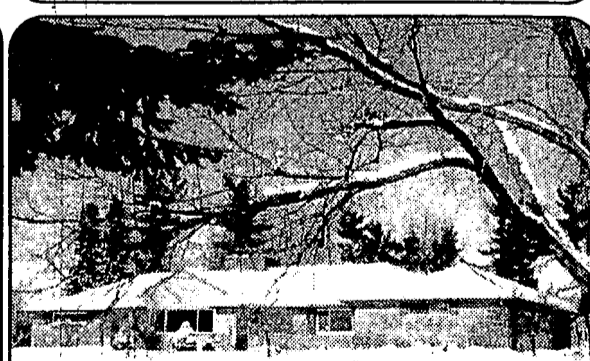
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Obituaries

Edna 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.

Tracy Halsey

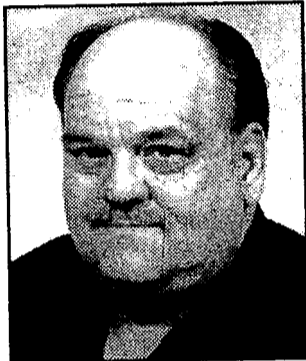
Tracy Y. (Callahan) Halsey, of Davisburg, passed away on March 16, 2005. She was 39. Mrs. Halsey was the loving wife of Bill; daughter

of Gloria (Hart) and the late Robert Callahan; daughter-in-law of Donald and the late Maxine (Giddings) Halsey; sister of (Annice) Lorrie Beseau, Robert Jr., Paulette Callahan and Shelley (Jim) DeLisle; and aunt of Nicole, Adam, Danielle, Mitchel, Donald and Domuniquie.



A funeral service was held on March 20, 2005 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made to the Michigan Lupus Foundation. www.legacy.com.

William Black



William Earl Black, of Waterford, formerly of Holly, passed away on March 22, 2005 at the age of 59.

Mr. Black was the father of Connie (Tom) Sizemore of Waterford and Cindy (Berto Felix) Black of Holly; grandfather of William "Jeff" and Robbie; former-son-in-law of Helen

Pearson; and brother of John (Sue) of Clarkston, Nettie Fields of Waterford, Tom (Linda) of Clarkston, Jim of Clarkston and Darlene (Donald) Austin of Holly. He was preceded in death by his parents Gordon and Vera Black; and his siblings Donald Black, Helen Deo and David Black.

Mr. Black retired from General Motors as a truck driver. He was a UAW member and a member of the Holly Moose Lodge. His greatest love was his grandsons.

A funeral service was held on March 25, 2005 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home. Burial ceremonies in Goodland Cemetery in Imlay City.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

William Cross

William A. Cross, of Clarkston, passed away on March 21, 2005. He was 74.

Mr. Cross was the husband of Audrey for 51 years. He was the father of Leola (Doug) Crichton of Metamora and Lisa (Tony) Deptula of Novi; and grandfather of Stephanie and T.J. He was preceded in death by his sister Claire Wardell and his brothers Herb and Nelson Cross.

Mr. Cross retired from Pontiac Motors Press Metal Plant. He played the violin; and enjoyed golfing, fishing, hunting and skeet shooting.

A funeral service was held on March 24, 2005 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home. Internment in Ottawa Park Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association or National Kidney Foundation.

Robert Linder

Robert J. "Bob" Linder, of Union Lake, passed away on March 22, 2005. He was 64 years old.

Mr. Linder was the husband of Nathalie (McCarthy); father of John (Tammy) Linder of

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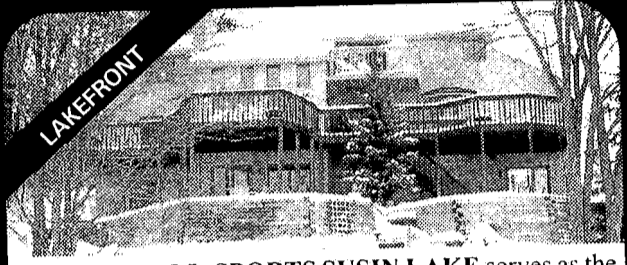
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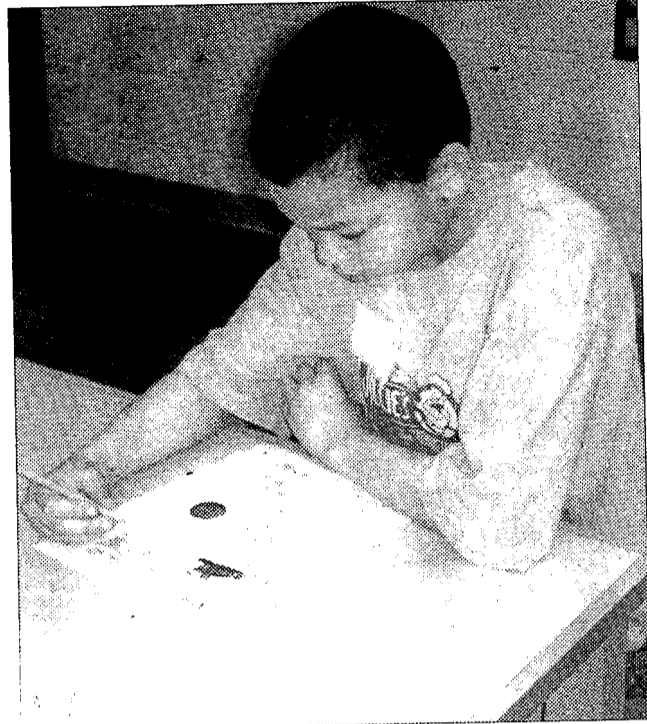
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Parker Jones plays the drums during "Family Fun Night" sponsored by Springfield Plains Elementary.



James and Jimmy Redman play "Logic Games," during the rotation of activities.



Cameron McCallister does a crossword puzzle in the library at Springfield Plains.



Angela Niezgoda strums a guitar with "Eleven Letters Long" band member Brian.



Natalia and Jaqueline Gergle showcase their hand puppets they made at fun night.



Catherine Schlaff playing color lines.



Bridget and Taylor Mulcahy play word games.

Obituaries

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Clarkston, Maggie (Eric) Zahrai of The Netherlands and Kate (Sean) Anderson of Clarkston; and grandfather of Alex, Samantha, Nicholas, Gavin, Carly and Jacob.

A funeral service was held on March 25, 2005 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Michigan or American Cancer Society.

Betty Henderson

Betty J. Henderson, of Clarkston, passed away on March 24, 2005 at the age of 80.

Mrs. Henderson was preceded in death by her husband Walter, son Gary, daughter Judy Adkins and sister Irene Spilak.

She was the loving mother of Jill Martin, Robin (Jack) Betts, Tom Henderson and Cheryl Dolph; Nana of Eddie (Debbie), William (Pam), Shelly (Mike), Toby (Jessica), Jeff, Tara (Joe), Todd, Jacob, Josh, Lyndsay and Nick; great-Nana of six; and sister of Doris Deaton.

Mrs. Henderson dedicated her life to her children and grandchildren. The family would like to extend a special thank you to nurses Leisa and Wendy at Covenant Hospital in Saginaw and Tender Care of Cass City.

A funeral service was held on March 29, 2005 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home. Burial ceremonies took place in Hillview Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Lung Association. www.legacy.com.

Carl Patterson

Carl Stuart Patterson, of Fernandina Beach, Florida, passed away on March 26, 2005. He was 81.

Mr. Patterson was born in White Lake and attended Holly High School, graduating in 1941 as the Salutatorian. He then served his country during World War II in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters of operations from

1944-1946 in the Submarine Service of the United States Navy.

Mr. Patterson then graduated from General Motors Institute in 1948 as a mechanical engineer and worked for GM until 1963. He then joined American Express Financial Advisers in 1963 where he remained until 1987, when he retired as a district manager in personal financial planning.

Mr. Patterson is survived by his wife Carolyn T. Patterson; two sisters Irene M. Schreiber and Vivian M. Bowden; and a brother Russell J. Patterson. He also had four children and three step-children, Donald Patterson, Nancy Rawlings, Janet Patterson, Julie Sloat, David W. Treaster, Gina T. Harvey and Daniel M. Treaster; and twelve grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on March 30, 2005 in the Burgess Chapel of Oxley-Heard Funeral Home with Reverend Dr. Bruce Jones, pastor of Memorial United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial ceremonies held in Bosque Bello Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Mr. Patterson's name to The Gideons International, Attn: Memorial Bible Chairman, P.O. Box 394, Fernandina Beach, FL 32035.

Bo Heung Lee



Sandra Rondo. He is also survived by numerous loving nieces and nephews.

Mr. Lee was a retired General Motors senior engineer, local businessman and a devoted Michigan State

University Alumni. His family wishes to express their deepest gratitude to family and friends for their prayers and support.

A funeral service was held on March 30, 2005 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home. Burial ceremonies took place in Lakeview Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the American Cancer Society for research. www.legacy.com.

University Alumni. His family wishes to express their deepest gratitude to family and friends for their prayers and support.

A funeral service was held on March 30, 2005 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home. Burial ceremonies took place in Lakeview Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the American Cancer Society for research. www.legacy.com.

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Mary Jean Cox



Mary Jean Cox, of Davisburg, was surrounded by her family when she went to the Lord on March 27, 2005 after a long battle with cancer. She was 60 years old.

Mrs. Cox was the loving wife of Bill for 41 years. She was the mother of Gina (Scott) Shore of Clarkston; grandmother of Tyler and Kaylee Shore; and sister of Claude (Geri) Trim of Davisburg, Carol (the late

Roy) Thomas of Clarkston and Larry (Darlene) Saiz of Utah. She was preceded in death by her brother Bob Trim. She was also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Cox was a former Clarkston High School Athletic Booster President and coached the Varsity Pom Squad for 9 years. She attended the Waterford Community Church.

Funeral service to be held on Thursday, March 31, 2005 at 10 a.m. at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home. Visitations were held on March 29 and March 30. Burial will take place in Andersonville Cemetery.

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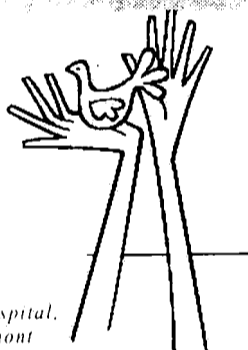


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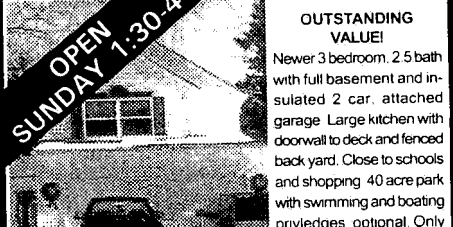
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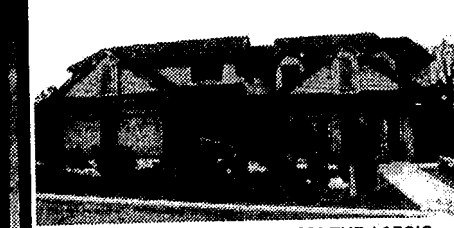
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• April 9 is a **Money Raffle**. Tickets are \$125 each which includes a roast beef dinner for two and a chance to win \$4,000! Only 125 tickets are available. The event is open to the public. All proceeds benefit the Sportsmen's Club.

• All Michigan residents born after Jan. 1, 1960 who want to apply for a Michigan hunting license must have a hunter's safety certificate. The O.C.S.C. will hold a **Hunter's Safety Class** in May. The cost is \$6 and class size is limited to 50 children (under the age of 18) and 25 adults.

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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.

Local artist Judy Hoddinott is sharing her talents with Scamp for the **Silhouette's at Frames-n-Art** on April 16 and April 30 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Matted and dry mounted silhouettes are \$20. All proceeds go

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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. Please help locate low-income senior citizens or handicapped seniors who could use the helping hands of community minded Clarkston citizens.

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 up to \$1,000.

Applicants choose from the following topics: 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.

The deadline for application is March 25. For more details, please call Mary Beth Baker at 248-625-3933.

The snow is ending and golf season is almost here! Once again the Clarkston Area Optimist Club is

sponsoring a **Junior Golf Championship Qualifier** for boys and girls ages 10-18 on May 8 at Liberty Golf Course on Maybee Road. The entry fee is \$40. Registration deadline is April 25.

Winners and qualifiers in each category will advance to the district tournament on June 27 at Highland Golf Course in Grand Rapids, where they can qualify for the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships at the PGA National Resort and Spa in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

This is an "entry-level-qualifier," and may be the first competitive match for many of the younger golfers who must have a working knowledge of the game, including course management. No on-site lessons will be given.

Registration forms are available at Liberty Golf Course, at all Clarkston Schools or by call Chair Sherry Regiani at 248-625-5222.

A brand-new **Lions Club** has formed in Clarkston. Charter membership is available to men and women living or working in Clarkston and surrounding areas. Meetings are held every other Thursday night at Mesquite Creek (corner of I-75 and M-15) at 7:30-8:30 p.m. (social hour begins at 6:30 p.m.). For more information, contact President Bruce Case at 248-625-2584.

Clarkston High School Class of 1985 reunion is set for Aug. 6 at the Deer Lake Racquet Club. Organizers are looking for names and addresses of graduates. Please e-mail CHS1985@aol.com.

Local Tanning Salon Distinguished As One Of The Nation's Top Facilities

PHOENIX, Ariz.—LOOKING FIT® Magazine, a national trade publication supporting the indoor tanning industry, recently named LUXOR OF CLARKSTON as one of the Top 250 salons in the nation.

Since 2000, LOOKING FIT® editors have worked diligently to identify the Top 250 indoor tanning salons on the industry. Published in the Feb. 15, 2005 issue of LOOKING FIT, this award identifies LUXOR OF CLARKSTON as one of the most innovative, dynamic and fastest-growing indoor tanning salons in North America.

The success of the salons that were chosen can be attributed to a number of factors including their professionalism, commitment to education and superior customer service. Year after year, the indoor tanning industry grows in direct proportion to consumer confidence gained through knowledgeable tanning salon owners and operators who have the welfare of their customers in mind.

The U.S. indoor tanning industry represents more than 25,000 freestanding tanning salons that have an economic impact of more than \$5 billion. The industry promotes moderate, sensible and responsible tanning—indoors and outdoors.

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proudly announces the addition of three new agents to their firm. Richard Howard, Susan Popelier-Howard & Desiree Heck, recently joined the Max Broock office at 27 South Main Street in downtown Clarkston. Richard, Susan & Desiree, all come with a wealth of experience and impeccable reputations.

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In our churches

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The presentation will be at St. Daniel Catholic Community, Cushing Center-Weingartz Room, 7010 Valley Park Rd., at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13. For more information, call Patty Moore at 248-620-6867.

A new Bible study will begin on April 13 at the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection.

A thematic study of the Old Testament and New Testament, "Knowing God," will meet 9:30 a.m. Wednesday mornings with Eucharist at 11 a.m., and from 7 - 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings.

The studies will run through June 1 (no sessions on May 11).

The Church of the Resurrection meets at 6490 Clarkston Road. For more information, call 248-625-2325.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know

CLARKSTON

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
375 DEPOT ROAD
CLARKSTON, MI 48346
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PLANNING COMMISSION
APRIL 4, 2005
7:00 p.m.

In accordance with Municipal Planning Act (P.S. 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 Huttenlocher
Chairman

PUBLIC NOTICE

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Independence Township Planning Commission, Oakland County, Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on:
Thursday, April 14, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.
At Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, Michigan, 48346 to consider the following:

FILE #2005-003
REZONING REQUEST
From: R-1A (Single Family Residential)
To: O (Office District)
Parcel Identification Number: 08-32-277-006
Common Description: **Moon Valley Sub, Pt of Lot 10 Behind 6465 Dixie Hwy Advance Floor/Karens Carpet Office Building**

Intended Use:
Any further information regarding the above Public Hearing may be obtained at the Township Planning Office during regular Office hours 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by phone at (248) 625-8111.

Shelagh VanderVeen, CLERK

Publish 3/30 & 4/6

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
375 DEPOT ROAD
CLARKSTON, MI 48346
CHANGE OF MEETING DATE
April 13, 2005

The City Council will hold its regular meeting on **Wednesday, April 13, instead of April 11, 2005, at 7:00 in the City Hall, 375 Depot Road.**

Artemus M. Pappas
City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

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CLARKSTON

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 registered 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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PUBLIC NOTICE

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CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
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CLARKSTON, MI 48346
CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Agenda
March 28, 2005
7:00 p.m.

1. Meeting called to order
 2. Pledge of Allegiance
 3. Roll: Catalfo, Colombo, Gamble, Meyland, Ottman, Savage, Wylie.
 4. Minutes of Last Meeting
 5. Approval of Agenda
 6. Committee Reports/Council Comments
 7. Mayor's Comments
 8. Police Report
 9. D.P.W. Report
 10. City Manager Report
 - a. Sewer Rates
 - b. Finance Committee Meeting
 - c. Wireless Oakland
 - d. 2004 Audit
- PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
(Note: Public comments will be limited to five minutes per issue)
- UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
NEW BUSINESS:
1. 2005 Child Abuse and Neglect Proclamation
 2. CDBG Resolution

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT OAKLAND COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT-FAMILY DIVISION

FILE NO. 2005-297,619-DE
Estate of DOLPHUS CHARLES FARNER, a/k/a DOLPHUS FARNER, Deceased

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: ANDREA FARNER whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE:
A hearing will be held on March 17, 2005 at 2:50 p.m., at 12 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac, Michigan 48341 before Judge for the following purpose:

Application for Appointment of Personal Representative, Testimony of Interested Person, Notice of Appointment and Duties of Personal Representative, Fee Agreement, Notice Regarding Attorney Fees, Acceptance of Appointment, Register's Statement and Notice to Creditors.

Creditors of the Deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the (proposed) personal representative or to both the probate court and the named/proposed personal representative within four (4) months of the date of publication of this notice.

March 17, 2005
SHIRLEY FARNER
4461 Beechwood
Clarkston, Michigan 48348
(248) 969-4944

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 2005-297,619-DE
Estate of SCOTT MICHAEL LUSSIER, Deceased Date of Birth: July 8, 1969

TO ALL CREDITORS:
Creditors of the Deceased are notified that all claims against the Estate will be forever barred unless presented to the (proposed) personal representative or to both the probate court and the (proposed) personal representative within four (4) months of the date of publication of this notice.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, SCOTT MICHAEL LUSSIER, Deceased, who lived at 1320 Welland Drive Rochester, Michigan died January 28, 2005.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Emily Lussier, named personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac, Michigan 48341 and the named/proposed personal representative within four (4) months of the date of publication of this notice.

Emily Lussier
1320 Welland Drive
Rochester, Michigan 48306
(248) 652-6714

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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 x 233

Shelagh VanderVeen
Township Clerk
Charter Township of Independence

PUBLIC NOTICE

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD AGENDA

7:30 p.m.
TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

DATE: April 5, 2005

1. Call to Order
 2. Pledge of Allegiance
 3. Roll Call
 4. Opening Statements and Correspondence
 5. Approval of Agenda
 6. Public Forum - Individuals in the audience have the opportunity to address the Township Board on an issue that is not on the agenda limiting their comments to not more than three minutes.
 7. Consent Agenda
 - a. Minutes of March 15, 2005 meeting
 - b. Approval of Purchase Orders
 - c. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run
 - d. Resolution recognizing Christopher J. Dondanville for reaching the rank of Eagle Scout
 - e. Resolution for the Preservation of CDBG Program
 - f. Resolution for Charitable Gaming License for Clarkston Health Center
 - g. Resolution regarding Local Control of Liquor Licenses
- Unfinished Business**
1. McCord Farmhouse
- New Business**
1. Pine Knob Scenic Easement Relocation
 2. Clinton-Oakland Sanitary Sewer Rate Increase
 3. Lake Lane Water Main Extension
- Items removed from Consent Agenda for action or discussion will be moved to the last item under Unfinished Business. Only those matters that are listed on the agenda are to be considered for action.
- A majority vote of the Board members may add or delete an agenda item.

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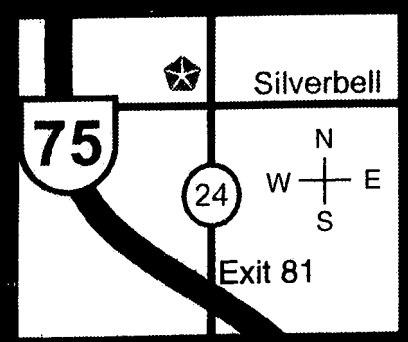


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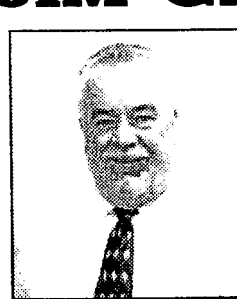
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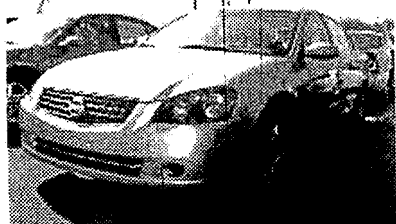
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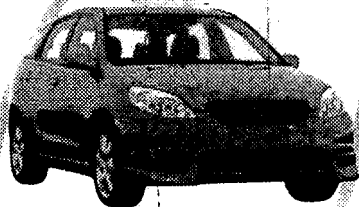
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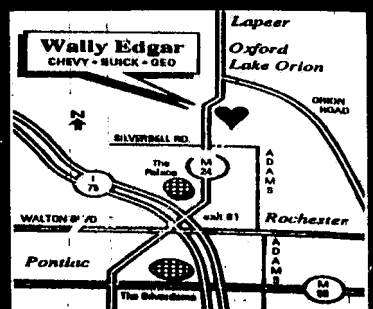
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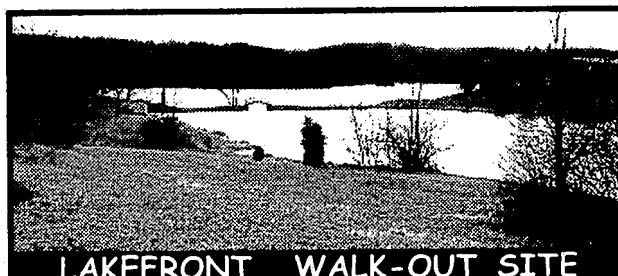
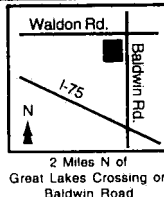
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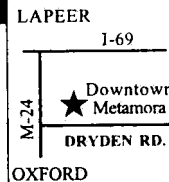
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And that hard work is evident in every aspect of the all new family-friendly showroom and service center.

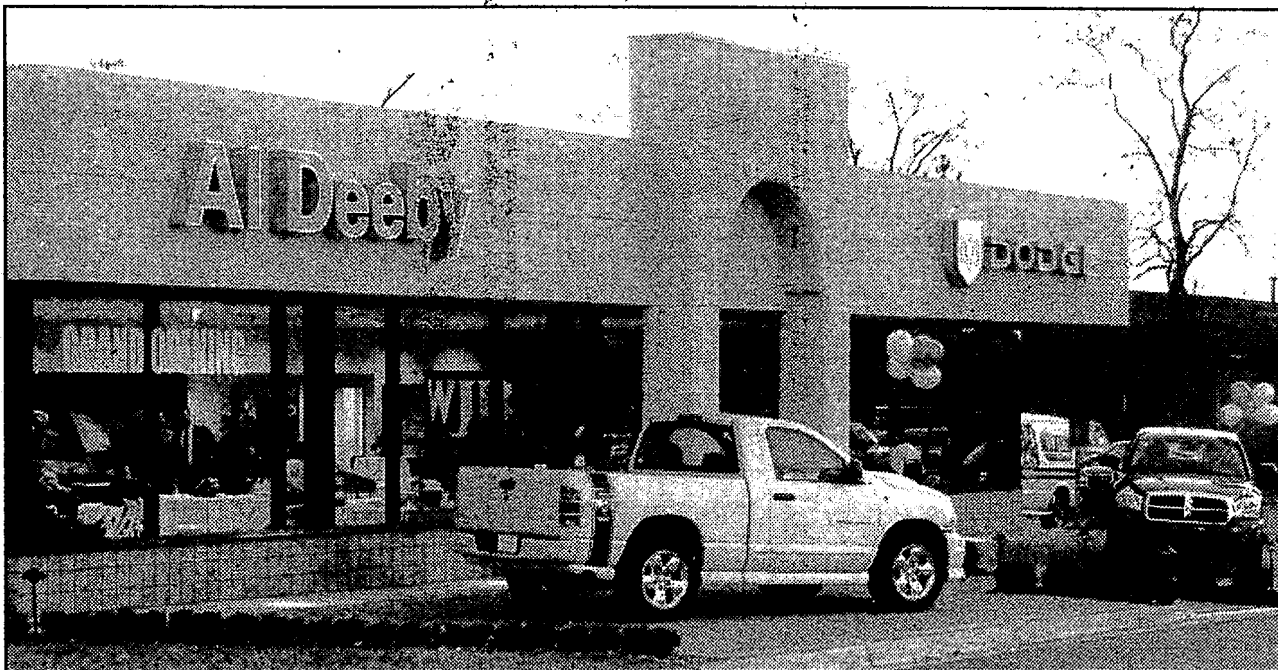
After dropping off a vehicle for the highest quality care, customers can relax in the service center's spacious lounge featuring a 42-inch plasma television, internet access (wireless available) and complimentary gourmet coffee and snack bar. Forgot your laptop? No problem - just borrow one from Al Deeby Dodge Clarkston!

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Every square inch of the showroom and service center is designed to create a comfortable, friendly atmosphere for guests.

"Our mission statement says we will meet or exceed everyone's expectations," said White. "That's just the way we do business. It's not magic. We just treat people the way we'd want to be treated ourselves."

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Al Deeby Dodge Clarkston is located at 8700 Dixie Highway in Springfield Township. Showroom hours are 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Monday and Thursday; 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; and 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday. Service center hours are 7 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; and 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturday.

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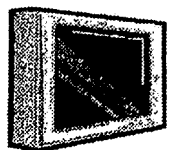
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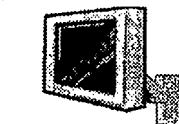
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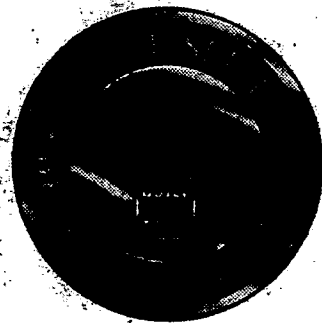
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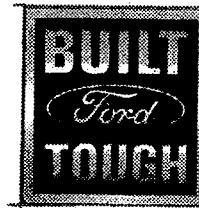
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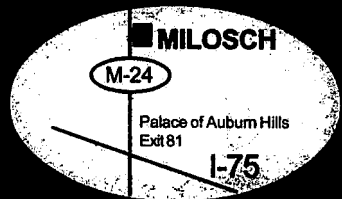


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