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Once upon a time...

Peter Pan, also known as kindergarten teacher Susan Snyder, reads a book chosen by one of her students. Teachers and students at Everest Academy in Clarkston celebrated March Reading Month this past Friday by dressing up as their favorite book characters. See page A14 for more pictures. Photo by Phil Custodio

Together again?

Officials consider consolidation of township, city

BY KELLY L. REYNOLDS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Lead story July 1, 1992, *The Clarkston News*: "Transformed, Clarkston is now a city."

Fifteen years later, township officials may not be sure that was such a great idea.

Trustees Dan Kelly and Charles Dunn placed the issue of reconsolidating Independence Township and City of the Village of Clarkston on yesterday's Board of Trustees' agenda.

"The township is currently allowing the city to have the benefits of a library, a fire department and parks and recreation," Kelly said Monday.

"And yet, we're allowing them to stay they're own little entity."

Consolidation of the two communities would help both township and city in three ways, he said.

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Cafe owner: Valet service keeps Main Street clear

BY LAURA COLVIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Weekend evenings are a bit livelier in downtown Clarkston these days, but the addition of valet parking had residents and business owners wondering whether the newly renovated Clarkston Café had special privileges.

The valet service blocks two Main Street parking spaces in front of the Café.

"It's a question throughout the community," said resident Tom Stone at a March 13 city council meeting. "I've heard several people comment about it."

The owner of a business located a few doors north of the iconic restaurant spoke at the same meeting, asking whether the Café obtained a permit to use two parking spaces to operate the service.

"Many of (the bake shop) customers are elderly, so it's hard for them to find parking and walk across the street," said Stefanie Vo, owner of the Clarkston

Village Bake Shop. "Most people don't know we have parking across the street, anyway."

The Café reopened in January, after its paper-draped front windows remained covered for six months of renovations.

Vo was informed by council members, including Mayor Sharron Catallo, who's son Curt Catallo owns the Café, that the valet service is paid for by the restaurant, and can be used free of charge by patrons of any downtown business.

Curt Catallo later confirmed the parking is available to customers of Rudy's Market, The Village Bake Shop, or any other downtown business open while the valet service is operating—after 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

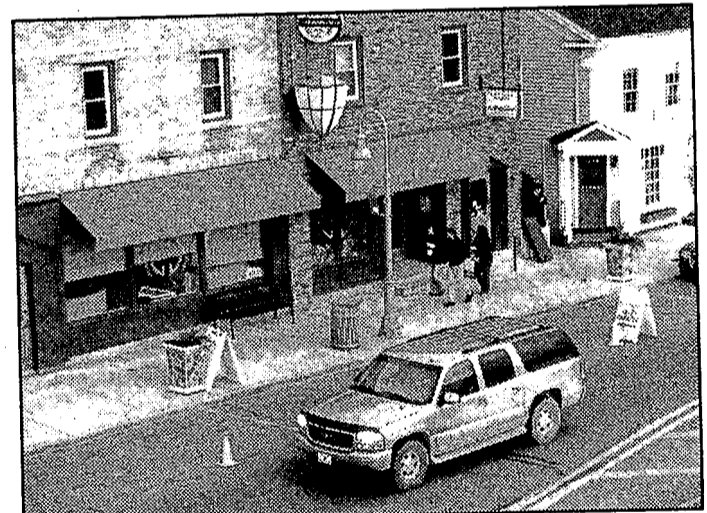
"Absolutely, by all means," said Catallo, noting that renovations included repaving of the alley behind the bakery at businesses at no charge to Vo. "If they want to use the valet parking, it is com-

plimentary. The guys who do it are nice, and customers appreciate the service."

Catallo said he is in full support of downtown Clarkston and would discontinue the service if asked.

However, he said the valet parking was initiated to help enhance the city and prevent traffic problems on Main Street.

"I thought offering complimentary valet parking on weekend nights would add vitality to downtown Clarkston," said Catallo, adding that using two spots for valet service actually increases available street parking. "It keeps more of our customers' cars off Main Street by moving them



Clarkston Cafe valet service came up for discussion at the March 13 Clarkston City Council meeting. Photo by Laura Colvin

to our parking lot out back."

The Clarkston Café, said Catallo, seats 150 people during its busiest

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PB&J for kids in need

Nicole Otenbaker is collecting jars of peanut butter and jelly for donation to Lighthouse North.

As part of her history-class service learning project at Clarkston Junior High School, the ninth-grader placed collection boxes at *The Clarkston News* office, 5 S. Main

Street; Dr. George Krull's office, 6401 Citation Drive; and history classrooms at school. She will collect donations until the end of the month, then deliver them to the Lighthouse food pantry for children in need.

Photo by Phil Custodio

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Briefly

No charges filed against Kid Rock

The Oakland County Prosecutor's office announced Friday no charges would be filed against Kid Rock, Robert Ritchie.

A 28-year-old Milford woman claimed she was assaulted by the musician outside his home March 8.

"We did a complete and thorough investigation and presented all the information to the prosecutor's office," said Undersheriff Mike McCabe. "They decided there was no case. It was a he said, she said thing."

The attorney for Kid Rock, Michael Novak, said he will seek legal action against the woman for filing a false police report.

Saturn raffle for Milzow fund

A fully loaded 2007 black Saturn Sky Roadster is being raffled to benefit the Jacqueline Milzow Scholarship Fund.

One thousand tickets will be sold for \$100 each. They are available at Clarkston's Deer Lake Athletic Club, 6167 White Lake Road.

Each ticket also grants admission to a raffle party, with entertainment, strolling dinner, auction, and cash bar. The party is set for 7-11 p.m. March 31 at Deer Lake Banquet Center.

The fund was established in 2004 in memory of Milzow, special education teacher in Pontiac and Clarkston community activist.

It awarded scholarships to Clarkston SCAMP summer day camp for children and adults with special needs. Last year, the fund provided \$5,000.

It also provided a \$4,200 scholarship to a student to attend Orchard Lake St. Mary's Preparatory High School.

Call 248-625-8686 for more information.

Donations needed for Senior Party

The finance committee for the Clarkston High School Senior Party is seeking donations of any size from businesses and individuals.

The all-night, lock-in party is set for the night after graduation to provide a fun time for seniors, while keeping them safe.

To make a donation, call Darlene at 248-625-8771.

Employees take sides in DPW troubles

BY KELLY L. REYNOLDS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

In light of recent complaints filed against Independence Township for discrimination and the arrest of Joshua Babe, a former Department of Public Works employee, current and former DPW employees have come forward to share their own stories.

Accusations of mistreatment

"It's a bad thing over there," said Brian*, a former DPW worker. "There is a group of three or four people who have total control and if someone isn't kissing their (butts) then they get in trouble."

Trouble, such as not getting necessary promotions, constant bullying, and threatening by members of management, said Brian, is causing employees to leave the DPW in fear.

"You hate going to work because you don't know what crap you're going to have to go through that day," he said. "You have to constantly look over your shoulder."

Included in the list of people Brian says are bullying employees at the DPW are Local 2720 Union President Jeff Cooper, DPW Director Linda Richardson and Sewer Superintendent Craig Richardson.

John*, another former DPW employee, shares Brian's sentiments about the department.

"They treated me real bad over there," he said. "It got so bad there that I had to leave because I was so stressed out. I'm a healthy person, but I thought I was going to have a heart attack because they treated me and everyone else so bad."

According to John, he and a coworker were reading water meters one day when a customer complained about their work. When Richardson called John into her office to confront him about the situation, John got mad and left.

"Then she ran after me and grabbed my arm and tried to turn me around," he said. "You're not allowed to do that. Everyone saw it and didn't say anything about it. No one will ever do anything to her because they're afraid."

Michael* said Cooper belittled him in front of nearly 40 employees at a union event.

"He called me a boy, a baby and a punk in front of all those people," he said. "Just think, if he said that to me in front of 40-plus people, you better believe if he's accused of physically threatening someone off to the side (in the case of the complaint against the township), you better believe that happened."

Cooper responds

Cooper denies any wrong-doing or threatening of employees.

"None of that makes any sense to me," he said. "It's funny how things are done and they get carried away and twisted. It sounds childish for anyone to say that."

Cooper also mentioned that no one has wanted to take any action and change the union because no one has ran for any positions in the union.

"They don't want to get involved, they just want to complain and run their mouths," he said.

Trouble with Babe

Michael's primary concern is how Joshua Babe got and kept his job.

"He was a known drunk and slept in his car outside of the office," Michael said. "It's who you know - that's how he got to keep his job. Quite a few employees were scratching their heads wondering why he still had a job."

According to Oakland County Sheriff's Department, Babe was imprisoned at Lakeland Correctional Facility last December for first-degree home invasion, and served two-year probations on firearms and drug charges in 1998. Release date could be as early as April, 2010.

Many sources close to the DPW say the reason Babe got and kept his job was because then-Sewer Superintendent Jeff Cooper was dating Babe's mother.

"It's not based on your qualifications there, but it's how long you've known a person," said Michael.

Cooper confirmed he was dating Babe's now-deceased mother at the time, but said it had nothing to do with Babe's hiring. According to Cooper and Richardson, Babe started as a part-time employee and because of his hard work on the job, he was promoted to full-time status.

"As far as Josh goes, he was one of our hardest workers," said Cooper. "For anyone to say why he had a job, that's all speculation on anyone's part."

In Richardson's defense

Former Independence Township Supervisor and current City Manager of Keego Harbor Dale Stuart said Richardson was an excellent employee and manager during his work in the township.

"She's an outstanding manager of her department and certainly one of the best managers of the township and has been since she was put in that position," he said.

"She works efficiently and she's an intelligent woman. I can't say enough good things about how good she handles her job and how she only works in the best interest of the community."

All current DPW employees, including Richardson, have been ordered not to speak to the press or anyone else about the accusations because of the on-going investigation into the complaint against the township.

However, since hearing the allegations of bullying in the department, many former employees and friends of Richardson have come forward in her defense.

Kathy Campbell, who worked under Richardson for nearly five years at the DPW, said Richardson treated employees fairly and never bullied or threatened anyone.

"I'm shocked people are saying these things because they're completely false," she said.

"I can't even imagine how it started because it's completely ridiculous. She didn't hire people unless they were qualified and she's not a bully at all. She's honest, caring and she's just a good person to talk to."

Campbell said she worked in many of

the different departments in the township and never heard anything bad about Richardson from anyone.

"I can't figure out why this would even be an issue," she said.

Vicki Gentry, a friend of Richardson's, said that two of the probable people bringing forth the allegations have "mental issues" and one of them has threatened to get Richardson fired if "it's the last thing I do." Gentry also speculates that the men accusing Richardson of bullying "don't like female authority."

"Linda Richardson is a rare individual who possess integrity, fairness and impeccable character," said Gentry. "She has more than earned her position and doesn't deserve to be the target of delusional interpretations or outright lies."

Steve Salter served as the assistant DPW director under Richardson for three-and-a-half years.

"I'm kind of disturbed as to what I've been hearing as of late," he said.

"As far as bullying - absolutely not. Linda has her hands full with things to do and she doesn't have time to do any of the petty stuff like that. I think they've had things that they've felt slighted by, and now they see this as an opportunity to gang up against her."

Salter feels there is resentment toward Richardson because she is a female in a male-dominated industry. He said, during his time in the department, there were many unfair comments and issues against Richardson because the men in the DPW felt she crossed the line as a female.

"Quite frankly, I'm disappointed have to even discuss this," Salter said. "This is just so absurd and it's unfair."

As far as allegations about Jeff Cooper, however, Salter said Cooper is a very vocal and strong-willed employee.

"He's not afraid to call a spade a spade and if someone acts a certain way, he's going to call them out," Salter said.

When confronted with the accusation they just want to see Richardson fail because she's a female, all three of the accusers denied that was the case and said they just want to see the bullying at the DPW come to a stop.

Supervisor investigates

Township Supervisor Dave Wagner said he has heard the stories of what's going on in the DPW and is concerned, but also said he thinks they are just rumors and "there's not a lot of fact" to it.

"The DPW director said these things are not going on, and I have said to her if they are happening, there will be disciplinary actions taken," he said.

"But, I think they (the accusers) are fabricating a lot of things. However, I will not tolerate this if it is going on. You cannot have a hostile workplace. Period."

Wagner urges anyone, including former and current employees, to come forward if they see or hear anything that would be considered inappropriate.

* Sources who spoke only on condition of anonymity.



Clarkston High School students Brent Bendes, left, and Rocky Bullard work on the arm of their T3 robot. Photo by Phil Custodio

Robots teach future engineers

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

The task seems simple. Pick up plastic, inflated rings and place them on pegs.

But when you have to do it with a hand-built, remote-controlled robot with five other machines competing for the same pegs, it gets more complicated.

"They make life hard," said Rocky Bullard, Clarkston High School junior and member of the Truck Town Thunder FIRST Robotics Team.

"We hadn't had time to practice yet," said Jason Bernard, who operated the robot along with Brent Bendes.

The two Clarkston High School students have to coordinate their actions to make the machine work — one operates its arms and fingers, the other drives.

"We didn't break anything, which is good," Bendes said. "It's a good design."

"We didn't know if it would work — it worked better than expected," said teammate Lindsey Hissom, senior at Clarkston High School.

"We did pretty well for our first competition."

They are part of the 13-member T3 team, which includes high school students from Holly and Waterford, as well as fellow CHS students Taylor Goodspeed-Slack, Riley Humphreys, Kyle LeClair, Robert Lemaux, and Jason Steed.

At the Great Lakes Regional competition March 8-10 at Ypsilanti, T3 came in 19th place out of 59 teams, and earned the Judges Award for excellence in team performance.

The team, number 68, meets at General Motors Engineering Structural Development Laboratories in Pontiac. One of 16 teams with full GM sponsorship, it has access to sophisticated design and fabrication equipment.

"It's a worthwhile effort," said Karl Haehn, manager with GM's Test Fixture Design Group. "When they start to get it, that's what makes it for me."

The team has its own shop, equipped with 10 years worth accumulated parts and machinery, including computers, programmable mill, lathe, welders, and other metal fabrication equipment. From shelving near the ceiling, nine robots from previous years silently keep watch.

"Anything we can beg, borrow, or steal," joked Rory Windrim, team leader and GM experimental vehicle builder, gesturing at the assorted parts and machines.

FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics Competition is an annual competition. It gives students practical, hands-on experience in science, engineering, and technology.

"Robotics are awesome," Hissom said. "This is a good opportunity."

Bullard enjoys building and wiring the 120-pound robot's aluminum chassis.

"It's pretty interesting — I really like it," he said.

The season began with a Jan. 6 kick-off in New Hampshire. All teams were shown this year's game field for the first time, and received a common set of parts rules, and regulations.

Working with mentors, students had six weeks to design, build, and test their robots. In this year's game, "Rack 'N' Roll," robots hang the rings on pegs on a 10-foot-high "rack" structure — some count for points while others "spoil" other teams' point accumulation.

The high schoolers create prototypes, try them out, backup, redesign, and try again.

"They prototype them, see how the parts fit," Windrim said. "They learn, back up, refabricate, redesign, and upgrade."

Their current robot, T3, went to competition with a three-pronged arm. The team learned that it might do better next time with two, Hissom said.

"So there's not so much movement, hopefully making it a quicker process," she said.

They will continue to work on point gathering in the two-period matches — during the first, the robot must operate autonomously. In the second, robots are human controlled — drivers can operate defensively or offensively, and can score extra points by lifting other robots off the floor.

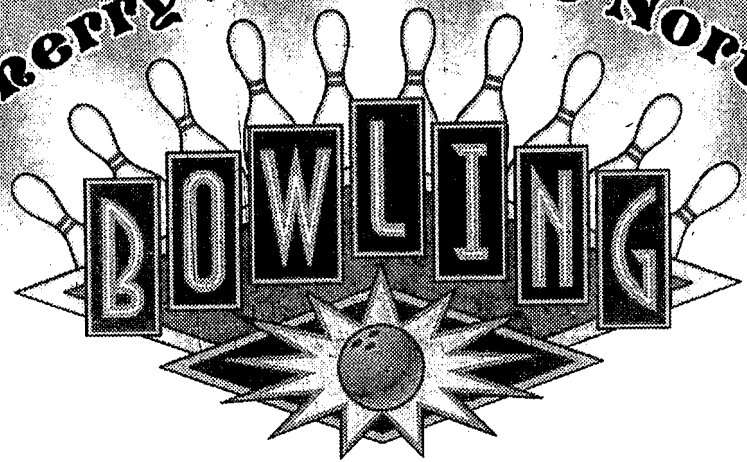
"We push other robots around a lot," Hissom said.

They are set for Waterloo Regional Competition in Canada March 22-24, West Michigan Regional at Grand Valley State University March 29-31, and the FIRST Championship in Atlanta, Ga., April 12-14.

About 38 teams are set to compete, including Team Rush from Clarkston Community Schools and OSMTECH Academy.

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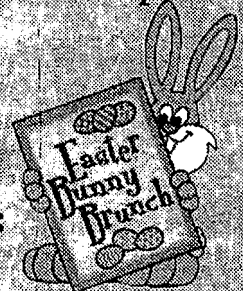
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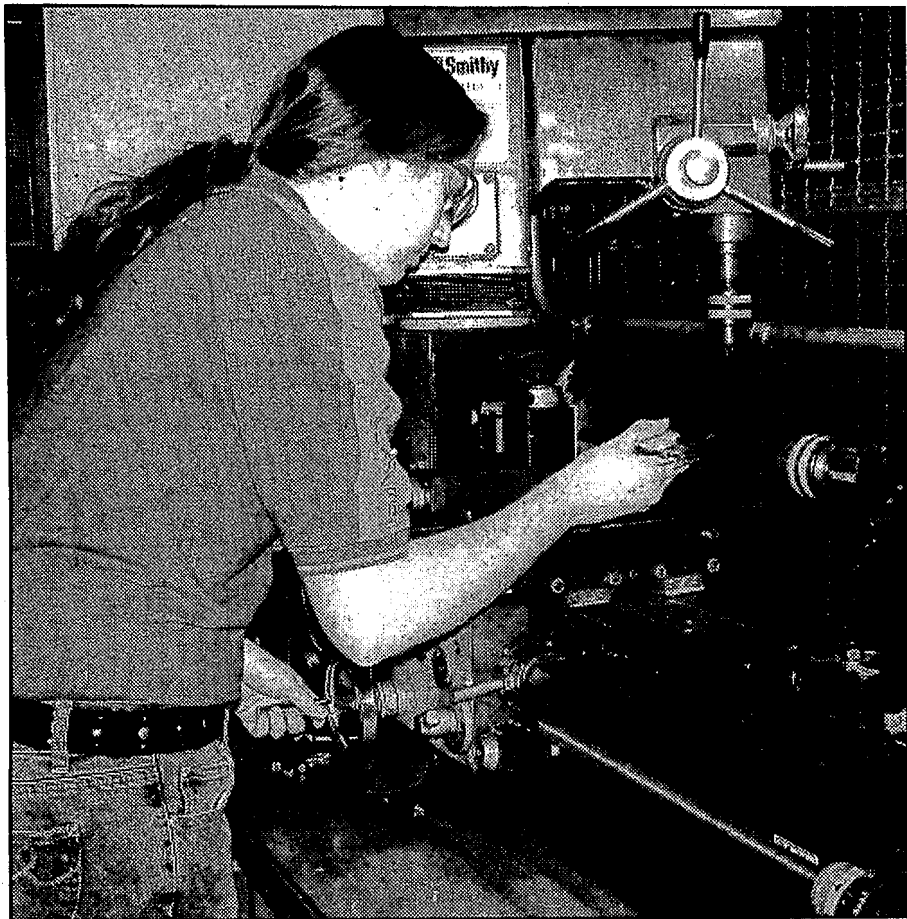
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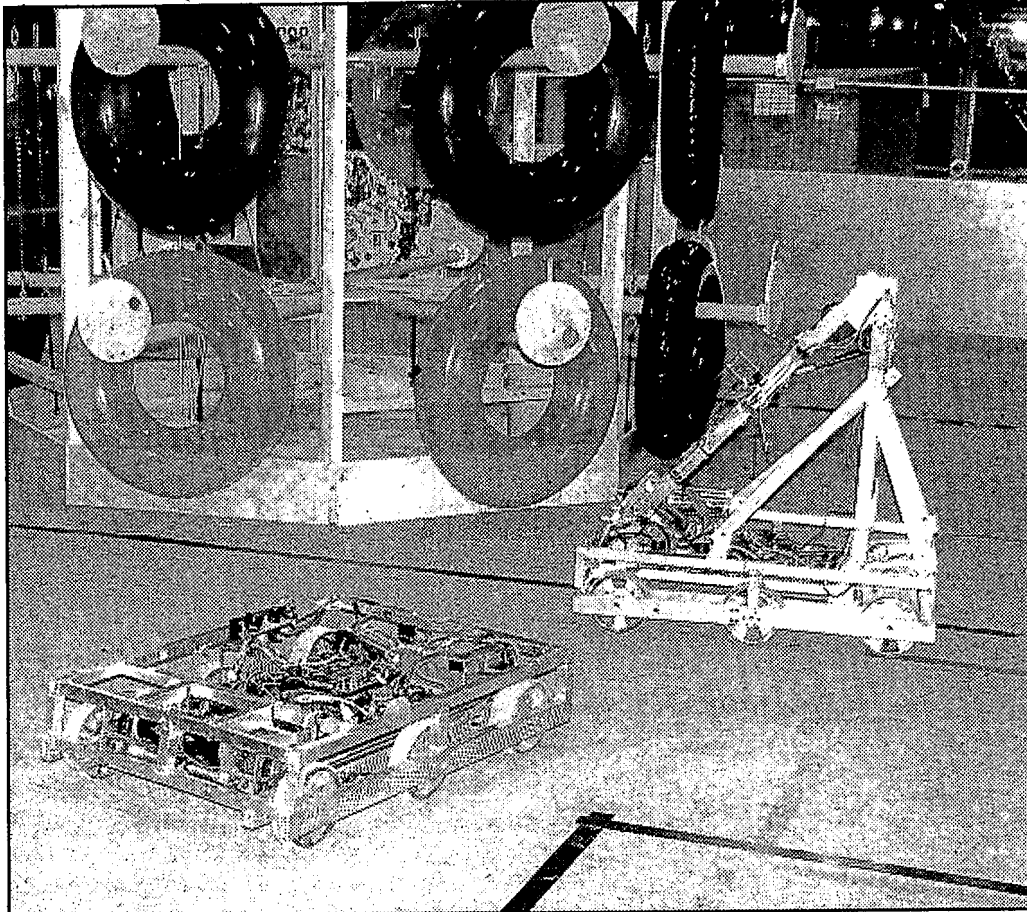
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Lindsey Hissom of Clarkston fabricates a part. Photos by Phil Custodio



Robots driven by Adam Denz and Brent Bendes maneuver around the practice rack.

Rumbling robotics

The Truck Town Thunder FIRST Robotics Team is hard at work refining their robot and tactics for competition.

The FIRST Robotics Competition is an annual competition that helps students discover the rewards and excitement of science, engineering, and technology.

More than 32,500 high-school students on 1,300 teams from Brazil, Canada, Israel, Mexico, Netherlands, U.K., and every state in the U.S. are participating in this year's competition.

Inventor Dean Kamen founded FIRST, For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology, in 1989 to inspire an appreciation of science and technology in young people.

In 1992, the FIRST Robotics Competition began with 28 teams. This season, more than 1,300 teams will participate.



In back from left are T3 team members and mentors Dave Smith, Gary Fenn, Taylor Goodspeed-Slack, Robert Lemaux, Kathryn Fischer, Mohkam Singh, Jacob Rau, Noah Rau, Lindsey Hissom, Denton Long, Rocky Bullard, Brent Bendes, Mark Garver, and Jason Bernard. Kneeling in front, from left, are Gary Bendes, Riley Humphreys, Joel Carne, Jason Steed, Rory Windrim, and Adam Denz. In front is the team's practice robot. Their competition robot is packed up, ready for the next contest.

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Opinion

Faded Ink

Disoriented by Disney

I've always been pretty sentimental when it comes to entertainment.

The sappier the better. And nobody does sappy like Disney. "Beauty and the Beast" – best movie ever made.

Amongst their latest work is Hannah Montana, TV show/music artist.

I knew enough to be aware that Hannah is a Hillary Duff/Britney Spears lookalike, sporting blond, straight hair with bangs.

I started watching in the middle of one of her episodes, and was confused when no one fitting this description ever showed up.

The young teenage characters referred to "Hannah Montana" a couple times, but she herself never seemed to make an appearance.

I thought it strange to name a show after a character and never have that character appear.

Of course, the character is in about every scene. It turns out "Hannah Montana" is a stage name for a brown-haired character named Miley Stewart, who wears a blond wig and lots of makeup on stage to hide her true identity.

Sort of like Batman, except I don't think he wears as much lipstick.

The series is about Miley Stewart, who dresses up as Hannah Montana when performing. She keeps her expensive clothes and shoes hidden in a secret closet, only to be revealed to her closest friends and, presumably, the IRS.

Looking into it further, I found the character is played by Miley Cyrus, daughter of '80s country singer Billy Ray "Achy Breaky Heart" Cyrus.

I also found that "Miley Cyrus" is itself a stage name. Her "real" name, the one her parents gave her when she was born, is Destiny Cyrus. "Miley" is short for "Smiley," which apparently she does a lot.

So actress Destiny Cyrus who performs under stage name Miley Cyrus plays character Miley Stewart who performs under stage name Hannah Montana.

Strangest to me is no one else seems particularly confused by this.

In "real life," she released a CD and is performing a concert tour as Hannah Montana, with some songs as Miley Cyrus. She wears her blond wig on stage – I don't know if she removes it when performing as Miley Cyrus.

The 2001 film "Wet Hot American Summer," in heavy rotation on Comedy Central, featured a character with important advice for Gene, a troubled Vietnam vet played by Law & Order's Christopher Meloni.

The sage-like character was portrayed as a can of vegetables, but what he said was important. "Be true to yourself."

In Gene's case, "yourself" meant being oddly affectionate with clothing and kitchen appliances.

In Destiny/Miley/Miley/Hannah's case, it might mean picking one name and sticking with it.



Phil in the blank

Phil Custodio

'Dear Editor' (letters from our readers)

Good job with stage adaptation

Dear Editor,

Thursday evening, we attended Meadow Brook Theatre, which was presenting *On Golden Pond*.

Our desire to go was because the movie, *On Golden Pond*, with Henry and Jane Fonda plus Kathryn Hepburn, has for years been one of our favorites.

We were a bit reluctant and so hoping not to be disappointed. Believe me, we weren't.

It was excellent and I only wish we had seen it

sooner. Since it only plays through this weekend, we don't have much chance to promote it to our, as they referred to it in the play, top of the middle age friends!

Hats off to David Regal, artistic director of Meadow Brook Theatre, John Manfredi, director of *On Golden Pond*, and the entire cast.

They did an excellent job and we haven't laughed so hard in a long time.

Chuck and Kay Robertson
Clarkston

Fund-raiser good start for Senior Center

Dear Editor,

The first community-wide step in renewing efforts to provide a safe and secure setting for the Independence Township Senior Center was held at the refurbished Mesquite Creek restaurant on Monday, March 12.

It was a great success, with 167 in attendance and at least \$3,000 saved for a Senior Center Extreme Makeover.

The crowd included representatives from Federal, State, and local governments, as well as from many community organizations.

I want to thank Mesquite Creek owners Jerry and Tony Vitale and their wonderful staff, Andiamo Italia, co-chair Mel Vaara, treasurer for the project and President of the Clarkston State Bank Dawn Horner and her staff, Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Penny Shanks and her staff, Marc Cooper of Impressive Type, Fifth-Third Bank, Dan

Travis, press liaison Maralee Cook, and Senior Center Director Margaret Bartos and her colleagues.

The evening would not have been possible without the generous help of these people.

Many people know, and more are learning, that we need to replace the tired current Senior Center and that the community is unready to finance a permanent facility — Senior Center or Community Center.

Hence, community volunteers are exploring interim alternative locations.

One way or another we will have a safer and more secure site for the provision of services to senior and others.

This is just a beginning.

Lots of help will be needed. But, it will get done because of the caring people of this community, doing what is needed to make changes in our world!

Tom Stone
Clarkston

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Know an unsung hero who deserves a medal? Nominate them for a Community Award!

Deadline for nominations for the 22nd Annual Clarkston Community Awards is next Friday.

Categories are:

- Citizen of the Year,
- Young Person of the Year,
- Business Person of the Year,
- Adult-Youth Volunteer,
- Community Preservation,
- Community Beautification,
- Community Enhancement and
- Community Collaboration.

"We're looking for the unsung heroes, the dedicated workers, the innovative and collaborative efforts that make our community a great place to live and work in," said Kelly Hyer, one of the event

co-chairs.

Nominations forms are available at the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce office, 5856 S. Main St.

Nominations must be received by March 30. Forms are also available at www.clarkston.org.

The 22nd Annual Community Awards Breakfast will be Thursday, May 24, at Deer Lake Banquet Center. Tickets for the event are \$15 per person.

The Community Awards are coordinated by the Clarkston Chamber. Event co-chairs include Johnna Goodwin, representing the chamber; Anita Banach, representing Clarkston Community Schools; and Kelly Hyer, representing Independence Township.

A Look Back

A peek back at those thrilling days of yester-year as reported in the pages of *The Clarkston News*

15 years ago - 1992

"1/2 million gallons" Construction was underway on the \$680,000 half-million-gallon water tower at Dixie Highway, near White Lake Road. The tower, to be painted sky blue, was part of Independence Township's master water and sewer plan.

"Grand opening" The new, \$2 million Independence Township Library celebrated its grand opening. The library included a local history room, funded by the Clarkston Community Historical Society.

"Could clock be leaving village?" The 1909 Seth Thomas clock located in front of the NBD bank at the time was being considered for transplant out of Clarkston. The clock was bought and installed with funds raised by Independence Township for its 150-year anniversary. With Clarkston recent vote to become a city, some township officials felt the clock should remain on township land.

25 years ago - 1982

"New McDonald's slated for Sashabaw Corridor" A new McDonald's restaurant was planned for Sashabaw Road at Maybee. In a split vote, the Independence Township Zoning Board of Appeals granted front-

age and greenbelt variances. Board members and residents who opposed the plan said the variance could lead to more fast-food restaurants seeking a spot on Sashabaw.

"Four cable companies offer plans to township" Concord Cablevision, McLean Hunter, Multi Cablevision and Omnicom offered bids for an Independence Township franchise. Plans ranged from 27-50 channels.

"Springfield board seeks 20 percent pay raises" The Township Board submitted a budget for a vote of the people at the upcoming annual meeting. The \$400,000 budget included about \$4,000 pay raises for its elected officials. In 1981, voters froze their salaries.

"Township budgets total \$3 million for '82 year" Independence Township submitted a budget for approval at its annual meeting - each resident attending would get one vote. The budget included 9.3 percent raises for elected officials.

50 years ago - 1957

"Athletic banquet Monday March 25" The 17th annual Clarkston High School Athletic Banquet was planned. Guest speaker was scheduled to be Don L. Mason, Spartan football alumni.

"Why a recreation program" Independence Township athletic leaders called for public support of a three-eighths mill levy for recreation programs. It was to come to a vote that spring. The programs would include outdoor games such as archery, baseball, and swimming.

"Larger school at Andersonville" The Clarkston Board of Education received bids for a seven-room addition to the elementary school. The project was estimated at \$1.2 million.

Waiting for a double lung transplant

Son of a -- the news that a fellow Clarkston High School alum told me about himself was a bit hard to swallow.

"I never smoked a day in my life, but I need a double lung transplant," Dave told me at the beginning of March.

"Cripes!" I thought to myself, "That, in one, very short and succinct words, sucks."

Dave Carpenter, a 1983 Clarkston High graduate, however, didn't call just to chat about the Clarkston of old, the Clarkston of today, or even his predicament. It was business he wanted to discuss.

"The Clarkston Eagles are having a fund-raiser for me and they said they had a good response with the last ad they put in your paper. So, how do I put an ad in your paper?"

The boss isn't gonna' like this but, I told Dave he needed to save his money, that we would do a story on him. And then I started to ask questions about his predicament (which he is probably tired of talking about.) To date, Dave has racked up a half-million greenbacks in medical bills, and that bill keeps on growing. "I'm not sure what the cost will be, but this sticks with me. With insurance, after the transplant medicine will run between \$4,000 and \$6,000 a month," he said.

How or why did Dave's lungs puke out? Black mold, my friends, black mold. According to Dave, he moved from our fair state 12 years ago. He started his own pesticide business, got married and then stuff started hitting the fan. His lungs have been crapping out now for six years.

"I was sick for about two years. It got to the point, I couldn't get to the truck without breathing hard. For two years, the doctors swore it was the pesticides from my business, even though biopsies of my lung showed no residuals. Then my doctor came back from a lecture and told me to have my house tested for mold. Don't quote me, but there is something like 10 molds toxic to humans. When they checked our house they found the top three in our bedroom. And, you couldn't even see it. It was inside the walls and it was disgusting."

(Sorry, 'bout the quote, but -- it helps tell the story.) Dave and his inspiration, his wife Victoria, have



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moved back up to Michigan. This week they are settling into life in the Ann Arbor area -- to be closer to the University of Michigan, where the transplant will happen. The couple have gone through the pre-transplant counselling and Dave is undergoing a few more months of testing. When everything is okay'd he'll be given a number and put on the waiting list.

Once a pair of lungs becomes available, Dave said, he needs to be at the hospital within four hours -- the sooner the better.

"The lungs deteriorate the fastest," he said. Should a pair of lungs become available, and should he get them, the next hurdle will be with rejection. "That will be for the rest of my life. The surgeon said people who have had lung transplants have had their bodies reject the lung, five, 11 or even 18 years after the operation."

I must confess, Dave's pretty upbeat about the whole thing. I can't say I would be as chipper. He admits, though, "It's tough. There are roller coasters of emotions. It can change from day to day, or from hour to hour. My wife keeps me going. She's positive all the time. I have to keep looking down the line, six months or a year -- I look forward to then and being able to do the things a 42-year-old can do."

This past weekend, Dave and the Vickster were able to spend St. Patrick's Day with their friends and family, "for the first time in 12 years -- that's why we moved back to Michigan, for support. Our family and friends are up here."

Friends and family are also busy coordinating charity events. Besides the Eagle's June 9 affair, there are talks of bowling and golf tournaments. One friend is working with Waterford Hills Courts for open wally ball, money raised will be donated. The wally ball extravaganza is slated for Saturday, April 14, from 3 to 6 p.m.

"It's evolving," Dave said. "There are a lot of people wanting to help and they are coming up with different ideas."

If any reader would like to pitch in let me know. The Clarkston Eagles will have a spaghetti dinner, live music, raffles and an auction. So, they need stuff folks can bid on -- products or services. E-mail me and I will get you in touch with the correct folks. Thanks.

Don's email address is:
Dontrushmedon@charter.net

My nose for news got an unwelcome scent

Monday, March 12, I turned on Fox Vews at 4 p.m. The tv screen was filled with a very strong fire. The news reader was talking excitedly about this blast. He said a gas or oil pipeline (he wasn't sure which) had burst in Texas.

For the next 15 minutes this event went from being possibly a terrorist action, a fire that would affect the stock market in a disastrous way (causing a possible depression, recession, suicides), something that could be alien retribution, Katrina comparisons and a possible nuclear attack from a consortium of North Korea, Iran and al Qaida.

Jim's Jottings



Jim Sherman

The announcer's excited words, "We have no account of the exact number of people that may have been injured in this explosion or are missing."

I could visualize the program's producers off-camera feverishly dialing, e-mailing, Googling and sending smoke signals to Texas Indians or anyone who would, please, talk to our news reader.

Finally, a good ol' boy sheriff's voice was heard. Casually, he said, "No, there wasn't really much more to it than a routine pipeline bustin'. No there weren't nobody within a couple miles of it. We're just going to let 'er burn out, just like we did with all the others. Thanks for callin'. Have a nice day."

I swear the audio sound chip picked up the announcer's deflation.

This 15 minutes of suspense was over in 15 minutes. Now then, the Tara Grant case kept the suspense going for four weeks.

TV announcers reached back into their "excited talk" memory bank to bring us "breaking news" 24/7. Nonstop vibrating uvulars.

Excitement continued to build when word got out (was released) that a foreign born au pair had exited the country.

At least fourteen Detroit television stations sent people who look good on camera to Germany so local viewers could get "news you'll see only on Ch. 17," and "Our Ch. 18 cameras were first on the scene. Stay tuned to this channel for the latest breaking news."

Every report was "exclusive" which preceded every breath.

We had a confession, a crying, pleading husband, missing body parts, court rejection, then approval, of home and factory searches, and then aerial shots of a man in an SUV coming from Petoskey to Macomb County for 17-and-a-half hours.

Finally, the uvulars got a rest, and the announcers could get back to calmly telling us of the routine news: drive-by shootings, deadly fires, car and bus crashes, bank robberies and baby stealings.

However, however, these two cited "breaking news" stories had to share air and screen time with the death of a beauty queen.

Heavens to Betsy, how much can we take? No wonder people drink, smoke, curse and pray.

This bosomy beauty, who is reported to have had all the talent of a toad, died of unknown causes, there were DNA demands, child custody fights, legal maneuvering, a crying judge and a foreign country involved.

More people claimed to have fathered the 39-year-old's child than fought in the Union vs Rebs conflict in the 1860s. One of the would-bes claimed to have been at Gettysburg.

Give a tv station some cleavage and there is no end to the coverage (lack of coverage?) a station can bring us.

And, in this case our exposure wasn't just locally. Those network geniuses, Hollywood types, and the "we-know-what-our-viewers-want-to-see" programmers saw to it that we saw to it ('em?).

What the tv stations don't seem to be concerned about is viewers' complacency and overkill.

I think I can smell it coming.



Standing from left are Dawson Holloway, Brenton Villeneuve, Alex Turner, Sierra Douglas, Kerenza Ryan, and Joel Zuzelski. Kneeling from left at Alex Dubre, Alex Trim, Jon Michael Suarez, Daniel Arpoika, Heather Davies, Taylor Walker, and Rachel Horton. Sitting from left are Mark Stout, Lynnsey Polish, Jon Giolitti, Deanna Cumming, and Sadie Knill. Students in the tie-dye shirts are Soaring Eagles, striped shirts at left are Eagles, and brain shirts are Brainiacs. Photo by Phil Custodio

Clarkston band to perform internationally March 25

The Clarkston Community Band will be traveling internationally to perform with the Greater Windsor Concert Band in the annual "Spectacle of Winds" concert.

The concert will be at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 25, in the Cleary International Centre, Canadian Club Room 201, Riverside Drive West, in Windsor, Ontario.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students, seniors, and groups. For ticket information call the Capital Theatre Box Office 519-253-7729.

"Spectacle of Winds 2007" will be an afternoon of symphonic band music. Each band will perform a number of selections finishing up with a mass band concert. Musical selections will range from Holst's Suite in E flat for Military Band to the "Theme from the

Muppet Show" in this historic theatre. Also included will be "The Magnificent Seven," "Malaguena," and "Shenandoah."

The Clarkston Community Band, directed by Vince Chrisman, is one of the areas fastest growing and most respected wind bands. Its 52 volunteer musicians perform free concerts for the greater Clarkston area and presenting various educational and family entertaining themed concerts.

The band program is sponsored by Independence Township Parks and Recreation and Clarkston Community Schools.

For more information, contact Independence Township Parks and Recreation at 248-625-8223, email clarkstonband@hotmail.com, or visit www.clarkstonband.org.

Solving problems as a team

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

While students at Springfield Plains Elementary School gather for lunch and recess, members of the Destination Imagination have been meeting in the Discovery Room to plan strategy.

"Teamwork was a priority," said third-grader Heather Davies. "We worked hard."

The students, split into teams Brainiacs, Eagles, and Soaring Eagles, compete in team challenges. The Eagles earned third place and Soaring Eagles earned fourth March 3 at Waterford Mott regional competition.

They decided to work on Direct Flight, and learned about airplanes and blimps. They made paper airplanes, elevators to raise and launch them, and a skit to explain what they learned.

"We made airplanes from scratch," said fifth-grader Kerenza Ryan. "We learned a lot, about how airplanes work and why, and how blimps stay up so long."

At the end of the contest, students from competing schools got together for a swap meet.

"I got a stuffed cow," said Alex Trim, fifth grader. "I traded a pink bunny."

Classroom teachers selected students for Andersonville's DI team. Their first problem was when the group, from grades 3-5 all over the school, got together for the first time.

"I didn't know everyone - we were from different classrooms and different grades," said Jon Giolitti, third grade.

"Now I know everyone pretty well."

The team got in a circle and took turns tossing a ball of string - catching it meant having to tell a story about him or herself. When complete, the room resembled a spider web.

"That helped a lot," Trim said.

This the first year for the DI program at Andersonville. Annie Knill, whose daughter Sadie Knill is a Brainiac, volunteers to run the school program.

"They learn teamwork," Annie Knill said.

All DI teams have eight weeks to design and construct their machine, and produce a presentation that explains it, with props and costumes.

"A month before the tournament, we were stressed out," said Daniel Arpoika, an Eagle.

"We built a model airplane and were practicing with it - it was a lot of trouble, but somehow we pulled through," said Mark Stout, Eagle.

"Sometimes it was hard," said Eagle Lynnsey Polish. "But we figured it out."

Students were chosen for the team because they are doing well in school, Knill said.

"It's a great thing, a nice extra challenge," she said.

The group is now preparing for the state tournament, set for April 21 at Central Michigan University. They will compete against about 36 teams.

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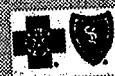
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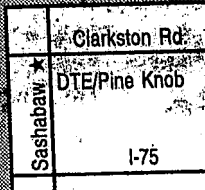
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Police and Fire

Independence Township

Tues., March 13 A 47-year-old man living in an Independence Township group home was found deceased in his bed by the home's manager. The man was mildly retarded and suffered from a seizure disorder, but had not been ill.

A 16-year-old runaway was lodged in Children's Village after deputies received an anonymous tip and picked the youth up at the Independence Township home of a friend where he'd been staying. Authorities were considering charges against the 46-year-old mother of the friend, who claimed she was not aware the youth was a runaway.

A 36-year-old Metamora man was arrested and jailed after deputies running a LEIN on several people involved in an Independence Township civil matter found the man had a valid Friend of the Court Warrants out of Lapeer County.

Wed., March 14 An Independence Township teen and his mother reported that someone entered the family's unlocked vehicle and made off with radio equipment, a digital camera and snowboard.

A 35-year-old man living in the 4400 block of Sunflower Circle in Independence Township reported he was awakened by the sound of his car alarm and

went outside to discover the passenger window smashed from his vehicle. Nothing was missing from the car, but police discovered another vehicle in the neighborhood with the door wide open.

A 49-year-old man living in the 5400 block of Old Cove called to report a camera and briefcase missing from the vehicle left parked in his driveway overnight.

A 37-year-old female reported a portable GPS unit and medical equipment stolen from her vehicle, which she said was left locked in the driveway. The vehicle was still locked in the morning, with no signs of forced entry.

Thurs., March 15 A homeowner in the 4900 block of Pine Knob Lane in Independence Township called police after arriving home to discover borrowed fishing equipment, including a shanty, power auger and underwater camera, missing from his driveway. The driveway also had a large crack, indicating a large vehicle had pulled in.

A 31-year-old Independence Township man working at a local pizza restaurant filed a complaint after he was allegedly assaulted by his manager, a 49-year-old lake Orion woman. A discussion about a former girlfriend led to an exchange of words between the two. The man claimed his manager began hitting and punching him after he took her up on a challenge to "call her a name." Police were seeking a warrant against the woman.

Springfield Township

Mon., March 12 A homeowner in the 8500 block of Waumegah called the police when he saw the man shining a flashlight on his truck, then went outside and confronted the man, only to be dragged 200-300 feet when he grabbed onto the door handle as the man tried to drive away. The 19-year-old Springfield

Township man was arrested and jailed after he was discovered to be involved with reports of larceny from a vehicle.

A deputy wrote a firearm discharge report after three deer were hit by a train near Andersonville Road and Edgar Road in Springfield Township. Two of the animals were shot when they were discovered still alive and suffering from broken limbs.

Deputies were dispatched to follow up on a home invasion that occurred Feb. 15 after two young men showed up at
Please see Police, page 10A

Two charged with burglary

Two men were arrested and charged with burglary after smashing through the front door of an Independence Township party store the second time in less than a month.

Police responding to an alarm at the Lakeview Food Basket located at 4710 Clarkston Road discovered lottery tickets and liquor bottles scattered about the store in situation almost identical to the robbery that occurred Feb. 27.

Deputies received an alert around 2:30 a.m. March 13 from Lake Orion police and moved into position on Clintonville Road just as the suspect car came into view.

The two men began acting very nervous when they were pulled over, and a deputy noted the passenger shak-

ing and "profusely sweating."

Broken glass, liquor bottles and lottery tickets were scattered about the vehicle, and large bags of returnable bottles were spotted in the car's backseat.

Surveillance video clearly showed the two men entering the store after smashing the front door with a concrete block.

Both later admitted to "drinking all day" before deciding to break into the store, and also confessed responsibility for the Feb. 27 incident.

Scot Francis Proper, 47, of Pontiac and Troy Anthony Klein, 29, of Independence Township were lodged in Oakland County Jail on \$50,000 bond each.

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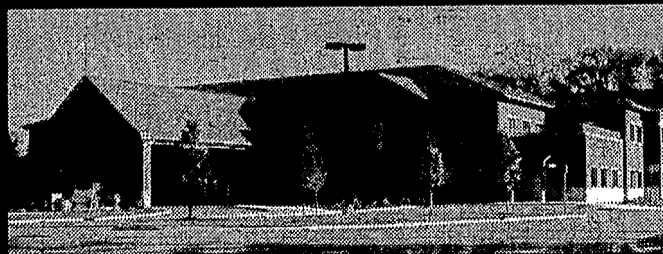
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A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN:

A passionate life is a healthy life

By Ernie Harwell

Ever know someone who was so passionate about what they do that it inspires you? I've admired many of the great teachers in baseball's minor leagues who have a tremendous zeal for developing the younger players. They don't make money and generally don't get a lot of credit for it, but they go about their work with great zest.

I'm sure you can think of people in your lives who go above and beyond the call of duty every day. It might be the cashier who greets you warmly every time you're at the grocery store, a mailman who takes special care to make sure your package isn't damaged, or a teacher who spends extra time after school tutoring your child.

To me, they're great examples for all of us. If we approach each day with excitement and eagerness, I think we're more likely to have a positive outlook and see the good in life and in each other. And, in my book, that's one of the best ways to take care of your health before it's longggg gone!

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

A Partnership Between Genesys Health System and POH Medical Center

Consolidation would save money, be more efficient, officials say

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First, Governor Granholm and the state legislature said sharing and consolidation of government would be the basis for granting state shared revenues in the future, Kelly said.

Second, township and city are incurring expenses for contract negotiation and legal representation. The consolidation would save money in both.

The third reason the consolidation would work, Kelly said, is that it would save tax dollars, especially for city residents, but also for those living in the township.

Dunn agrees with Kelly and thinks it's time to look into such a possibility.

"If we can find a way to work together and achieve some efficiencies that I don't think are happening at this time it should be at least looked at," he said. "I'm not taking a position one way or another, but it appears that the time has really come to look at it because of the loss of state shared revenue and the state of the economy. It is beholden to the board to look at ways we can save money."

Kelly said the consolidation would allow the township to do more for the "combined citizens" than would be possible if the two remained separate.

"The reality is that the city is not sharing resources, they are really piggy-backing on the township services and that's not really sharing," he said. "The township, because we are the size we are, would have these services anyway. The city, however, would not. But they are able to piggy-back off of us because of our size."

Tax savings for both the 962 Clarkston residents and 36,000 Independence Township residents are a big reason to at least look at the possibility of consolidation, Kelly said.

The tax savings to the residents of Clarkston, according to Kelly, would be an average of \$900 on a \$310,000 home. The city currently taxes residents 13.1 mills, while the township taxes 7.0 mills. If the consolidation were to occur, city residents would move to the 7.0 mills of the township. A mill is the amount taxed per \$1,000 of taxable property value. In this instance, city residents are charged \$13.10 for each \$1,000 of taxable property.

Also, city residents are currently being charged a 10 percent administrative expense on their water bills, said Kelly.

The charge is due to contracts with the city using township water services. If consolidated, city residents would not pay the additional expense.

In addition to monetary gains for the city, residents could also enjoy 24-hour Oakland County Sheriff Department services, a larger parks and recreation department program, and full Department of Public Works services, said Kelly.

Dunn agrees with Kelly and thinks the consolidation may benefit many in the Clarkston-area.

"With a consolidation, we can get more favorable treatment from the state for taking the steps," he said. "I think the key is that we're all area residents and most people don't see a distinction. Right now the township is providing most of the services. And, I think this could also be very favorable for the business community in Clarkston."

While he admits there is more monetary gain to Clarkston residents, Kelly said there are also several benefits for township residents if a consolidation were to occur.

"As far as savings to township residents, that would have to be looked at," he said, "but I think that by increasing the size of our tax base we could do more things as far as parks and rec goes. By increasing the size of the township, we may be able to provide more services in that department. But the real benefits to the township are to eliminate the legal expenses and we also gain the potential of receiving state shared revenues."

The big obstacle, however, Kelly noted with the consolidation would be the sense of identity in Clarkston.

"The city wants to maintain its own identity," he said, "and that's an excellent identity. We as a township have to be sensitive to that and help them with that. We've looked into having a possible financial district, which would help with that, and we've also considered changing the name from Independence Township to Clarkston. We're not going to do this by force or by any involuntary action of the city. We just need to look at it and see what we're willing to do and then put it to the city. We're not going to force them to, but we think it makes sense."

Clarkston Mayor Sharron Catalo said Monday she didn't plan to attend yesterday's meeting.

"It's something no one has talked to us about," she said. "Not one single word."

Consolidating services makes sense, Catalo said, noting the only service Clarkston and Independence Township don't currently share is the police.

"There's no point in duplicating," she said. "It makes sense to share services with your neighbor when you can; you get a lot more bang for your buck."

But, she said, consolidating services does not require combining two communities into one.

Although the township approached Clarkston last week with a new proposal for subcontracted police services, Catalo said the city would likely hire a new chief and keep its own police department.

Staff writer Laura Colvin contributed to this report. Check www.ClarkstonNews.com for updates to this story.

Valet service open to all

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hours—a capacity large enough to make the street impassable while patrons search for parking.

"We haven't had any customer complaints, actually the opposite," said Robert Eshaki, owner of Rudy's Market, located across Main Street from the Café. "The restaurant patrons don't take up as many of our parking spots because the valets are parking those cars in the lot behind the Café. We're ecstatic about it."

Eshaki said Catalo told him Rudy's and other downtown business customers were welcome to use the service free of charge.

"We like what Curt's done with the Café," he said. "We're in full support."

Meanwhile, said Catalo, the first months preceding the grand opening have gone well.

"So far so good, we're starting to hit our stride, and that's exciting," he said, adding the Café is working on a fresh spring menu. "It's great to start building that guest base."

Police

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the home saying they had found the owner's stolen computer at a pawn shop and paid \$400 to retrieve it for her. The serial numbers matched the stolen computer, but neither man could produce a receipt, nor did they know the name, location or address of the pawnshop. They did, however, offer to repair the computer, which had been dismantled when it was stolen, free of charge.

Tues., March 13 A 71-year-old Davisburg woman, who was last seen sitting on the edge of her bed around 7:45 a.m. was discovered deceased in her bed by caretakers who went to check on her around 3 p.m. The woman, who was prescribed 11 medications, suffered from several ailments, but the death was unexpected.

A 50-year-old woman called to report that her home in the 8600 block of Andersonville Road had been broken into and ransacked while she was away. Thieves made off with jewelry, a pellet gun, cash and several bottles of alcohol, but other valuables were left untouched.

Thurs., March 15 a 26-year-old Oxford man was pulled over for an expired plate and jailed when deputies discovered the man had a valid warrant for failing to appear in court for a drunk driving violation, as well as a bench warrant for probation violation in an impaired driving incident. Cash surety bonds totaled \$35,000.

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Event raises near \$6,000 for senior-center project

BY KELLY L. REYNOLDS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

At their fundraiser last week, the Independence Township Senior Center took its first steps toward moving into a new home.

The current facility housing the senior center is an old farmhouse in Clintonwood Park. With many stairs and narrow hallways, the facility isn't working for the seniors, said Senior Center Coordinator Margaret Bartos.

The new facility could possibly be the currently vacant South Sashabaw Elementary School. Plans for using the school have not been finalized through the Clarkston Board of Education. However, Tom Stone, facilitator between senior center and board and organizer of the fundraiser, said the issue will appear on a board agenda very soon.

Both sides have been working hard to facilitate the other's requests, Stone said.

Many local officials and community members came out last Tuesday to support the fundraising efforts.

"There were a lot of township officials that attended," said Stone. "Congressman Rogers was there along with our two local judges. Four township board members were there and at least two city council members attended. There were a lot of fine folks."

The event was held at Mesquite Grill, and raised almost \$6,000, not including expenses, for the renovation of a new, interim facility, said Stone.

In addition to the money raised by the selling of tickets, \$525 was raised from donations, said Dawn Horner, president and CEO of Clarkston State Bank and member of the committee helping the senior center.

"I recognize the need to do something with our current facilities at the senior center and I think this would be a great thing," said Horner. "We've had a lot of people already say when we need something they'll be more than happy to help out."

This fundraiser was just the first phase of fundraising and planning for the committee. If the school board approves the site, more fundraising and planning will be done, said Stone.

In November, voters turned down ballot proposals that would have supported a new facility.

"We want to help the community come up with a safer and more secure interim site for the senior center," he said.

"Plans that have gone to the voters have not been acceptable and yet something needs to be done to provide these folks with a safe place. Our interim solution would be for five 10 years, until the community is ready and wishes to fund a permanent facility."

Included in the renovation of the school would be building a bigger kitchen, and updating the fire protection, said Stone.

"We've got an architect that's going to go through the building and give us numbers," he said. "Then we're going to look at what can be donated."



Elizabeth Hawthorne presents a Pearls of Strength bracelet to Gov. Jennifer Granholm. Photo submitted

Meeting with the governor

Elizabeth Anne Hawthorne, 16-year-old honor student at Clarkston High School and reigning Miss Michigan Jr. Teen, visited Gov. Jennifer Granholm recently and presented to her the "Pearls of Strength" bracelet on behalf of the National Osteoporosis Foundation.

Hawthorne is working with the foundation to promote bone cancer awareness and education with the "No Bones About It" campaign.

In June 2006, Hawthorne was diagnosed with Scoliosis and what was thought to be a bone tumor on her ribcage. A recent MRI indicated it was extra cartilage and not a bone tumor.

"When I was told I might have a bone tumor, I was terrified," she said. "The word tumor is very scary."

She researched bone care and found nothing for teens or younger children. She came upon the National Osteoporosis Foundation Website and

wrote to them about informing other students about this issue.

"I saw the 'Pearls of Strength' bracelet and tried to purchase one for Gov. Granholm," Hawthorne said. "The foundation not only sent one for her, courtesy of NOF, but also sent one for me and I cherish the gift. What a privilege it was to meet our governor and give her a bracelet from the foundation."

Her goal is to speak publicly to her peers about the importance of making positive healthy choices and bone health.

"Osteoporosis is not just for old people and not just for women," she said. "The choices we make today will definitely affect our future."

Hawthorne was presented the Certificate of Tribute in recognition of her work as Miss Michigan Jr. Teen by Granholm.

She is the daughter of Steve and Peg Hawthorne of Clarkston.

Optimist fundraiser set March 24

The Clarkston area Optimist Club will sponsor an evening of elegant dining and dancing to the Dan Rafferty Band during its annual fundraiser Sat., March 24.

"Optimist Gala Royale '07" guests will have the opportunity to take part in silent and live auctions to win vacation packages, restaurant packages, sports memorabilia, gift packages and more as they support the club.

Tickets for the event, which takes place at the Deer Lake Banquet Center in Clarkston, are \$100 each, with proceeds going to support Optimist youth groups from elementary to high school level.

The Optimist motto is "Bringing Out The Best In Kids," and over the last 21 years club has helped build leadership

skills and a sense of community spirit in children, and makes donations to causes such as the Independence Township Spray Park and Soccer Fields.

The group also sponsors high school and music scholarships

Tickets are available by calling Mike Page at 248-330-2632.

Doors open at 6 p.m., with dinner served at 7:30 p.m.

Donations for the auction are still needed to help the club continue its projects, and members of the community are invited to make a donation and receive recognition in the evening program.

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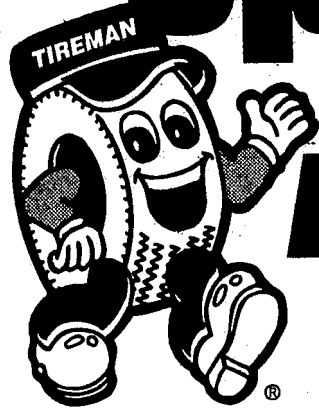
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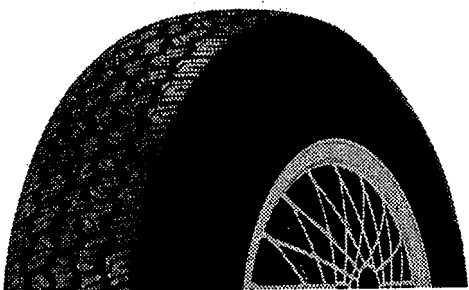
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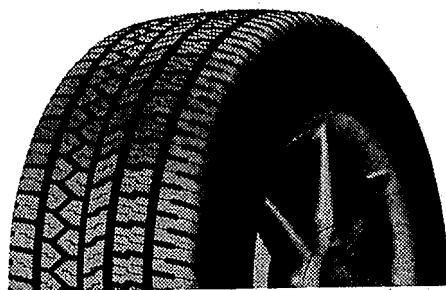
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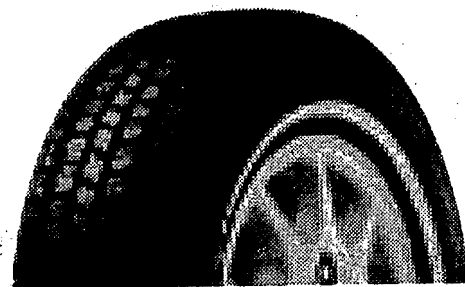
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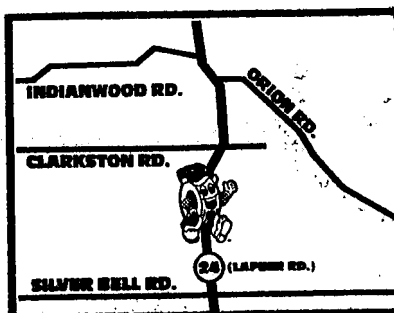
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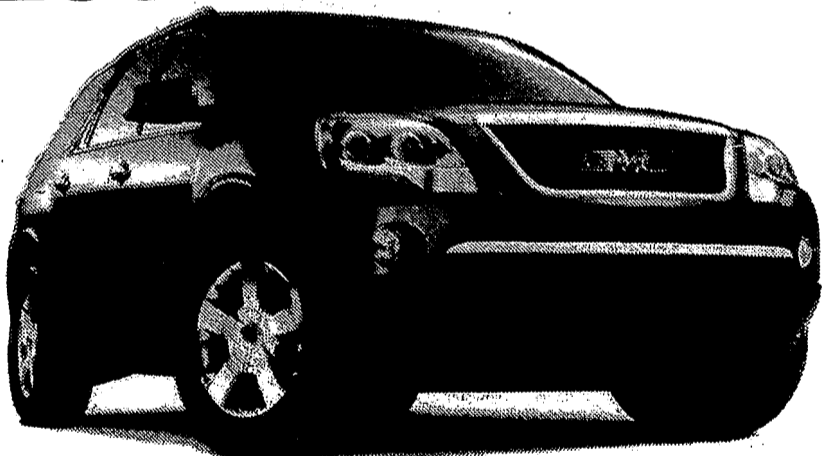
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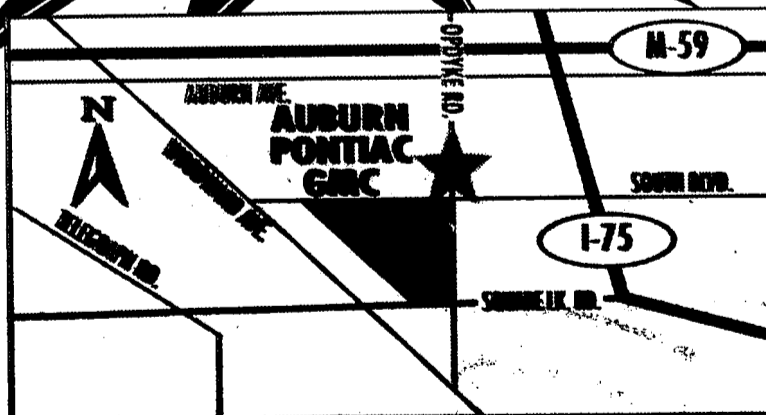


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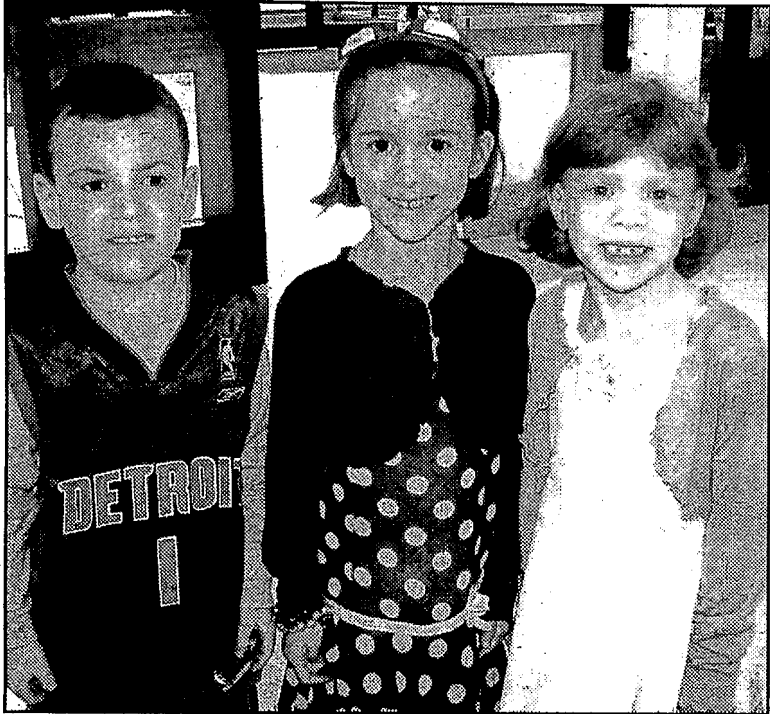
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Triplets Mitch, Serra, and Grace Lowney dressed up as their favorite book characters. Serra and Grace dressed as Dick and Jane, and Mitch as a Detroit Piston.

Pirates and princesses

Students at Everest Academy in Clarkston illustrated their favorite book characters by dressing up like them this past Friday.

Celebrating March Reading Month, they dressed as fairy tale princesses and wizards, superheroes, pirates, sports legends,

dragons, and even a Jedi Knight.

Teachers also got in the act.

"It means the world to them for the teachers to dress up," said Maura Plante, director of admissions for the private, Catholic K-8 school. "We really like having the kids focus on the importance of reading."

- Phil Custodio



Mother Goose, also known as kindergarten teacher Pat Gallagher, leads her class of princesses, wizards, superheroes, and other storybook characters on a parade around the school.

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The stylists at Best Impressions salon at 6684 Dixie Highway celebrated their grand opening March 19.

Make the Best Impressions

BY PAUL KAMPE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

For those looking to stand out, Best Impressions salon at 6684 Dixie Highway is there to help.

After a six-week renovation, the salon opened early last month. The 1,700-square-foot facility offers full hair and nail service.

Owner Carrie Van Duzen looks at the salon as a "new beginning in Clarkston," as she and her staff members have nearly 40 years serving the area in previous positions.

Van Duzen's mother/co-owner Lynn Warner said the spacious area was designed to offer an easier time for the stylists and expedite service.

"It's all set up like it was meant to be," Warner said.

The mother-daughter duo has plenty of experience working with each other in the past and they both said the chemistry is still there at the new locale. Van Duzen is a hair

stylist and Warner is a nail technician.

"She can do all the hair and we won't step on each other's toes. We've always been close anyway," Warner said.

The owners agreed their best efforts are going to be made in customer relations, citing client satisfaction as their number one priority.

Best Impressions was set to have a grand opening night March 19. It has monthly spa nights, the next being March 24 from 6 - 9 p.m., and it will also be able to accommodate children's birthday parties. The salon will also offer special services and products each month.

Best Impressions carries Redken and Paul Mitchell hair products and the salon is also certified to use Creative nail products.

It is located at 6684 Dixie Highway in Ritter's Country Square and can be reached at 248-620-1961. The salon takes walk-ins and appointments.

Learn to drive the right way

Remember when you learned how to drive? How nervous were you the first time you got behind the wheel? The whole process can be unnerving, especially if the classroom lessons leading up to that first drive are mundane.

Fortunately, there is an alternative to the average driving course, and owner Michele Montagano is willing to go the extra mile to make sure his students feel comfortable.

"I've worked for the other companies before. I hated it and I hated that the kids hated it. Now I come in to work and I like what I offer, you hold your head high," Montagano said.

The higher standards don't only apply to the students, Montagano has put in several years to achieve his level of driving proficiency. In 1997, Montagano earned his bachelor's degree to teach driver's education from Central Michigan University. He later attended the Kalamazoo Stunt Driving School to earn his stunt license. He wanted to earn that license to learn what a car will do in an unexpected circumstance.

"I'm calm because I know what to do next," Montagano said. "I did it for these kids."

No matter what driving school you attend, the rules of the road do not change. The methods for learning are completely different however. The content of the lessons set "All About Driving" apart and are taught, rather than watched.

"All they do is show movies from the 1980's or early '90s and the laws have changed since then," Montagano said.

Montagano invested his money to make sure materials at AAD are com-

pletely up-to-date and doesn't rely on straight-from-the-book lecturing or instructional films that students can doze off watching. Students at AAD interact with their lessons, with hands-on exercises that keep them interested and entertained all while learning the vital rules they need before they drive. Assignments have student using magnet boards to simulate various traffic scenarios and creating presentations on single aspects of driving which they present to the class.

From start to finish, lessons at AAD last three weeks and 36 students can enroll in a single class. Students get six practice drives to show what they've learned, but Montagano said he has no problem going over that number if that is what it takes for a student to feel comfortable. Whether it's teens or adults, defensive driving is critical to their success.

"I drove with a girl every Saturday for a year and never charged her extra," Montagano said, adding that the girl's parents came along to see her progress as time went along.

The type of car being used for road tests is hardly a minor detail. With the excessive mileage put on test cars, constant tune-ups and repairs are a necessity, and the investment is worth it.

"Try going away in a car with no power with a kid that doesn't want to go on the freeway at 70 miles an hour and they have to pick it up at the last second, it doesn't work," Montagano said. Student at AAD will become familiar with the company's Pontiac Grand Prix's, which Montagano maintains regularly. Each car has its tires replaced every two months for

Donations sought for Community Baby Shower

Donations are being accepted from the community of new or gently used items for a community baby shower to help young working single mothers pregnant or with infants up to 3 months old, who don't qualify for government assistance.

The "Baby Shower," given by employees of Rite Aid store on Ortonville Road in Clarkston, will be held April 14 at Andersonville Community Church, 10310 Andersonville Road in Davisburg.

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ribbons, pastel tissue paper, baby shower decorations, paper plates and cups.

All donations are tax deductible.

Monetary donations are also accepted. Checks or money orders made payable to: Andersonville Community Church - "Baby Shower" in memo.

Donations can be dropped off at 6150 Overlook in Clarkston, or call to make arrangements: 248-625-5271 (Beverly or Martha) or 248-625-9063 (Beverly).

Pick-up of items may be arranged. Additional businesses are welcome to help sponsor.

For more information, call Beverly Weddle at 248-854-2059, Andersonville Community Church at 248-625-5831, or Beverly, Martha Cooper, Sandy at Rite-Aid, 248-625-5271.

Deadline March 30 for spring activities

Deadline is approaching for registering for Independence Township Parks and Recreation's Spring Break programs.

Activities for grades 1-5 are set for 9 a.m.-4 p.m., April 9-13. They include ice skating, bowling, disc golf, and swimming.

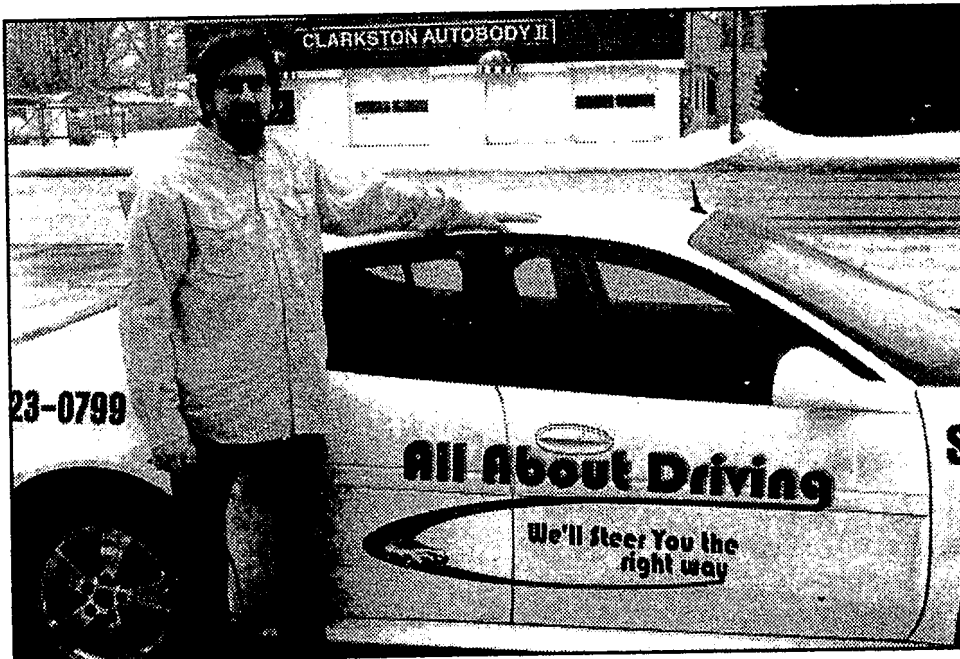
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Camp Building at Clintonwood Park, 6000 Clarkston Road.

Cost for residents is \$39 per day, \$170 for the week. Non-residents, \$49/day, \$220/week.

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All About Driving owner/instructor Michele Montagano believes in teaching students real-world scenarios.

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Montagano understands the pressure that comes with learning to drive, and knows that mistakes will be made along the way during the learning process.

"I can't be perfect, and I don't want to even suggest that I am. I leave my blinker on for too long sometimes. I'm like everybody else, I make mistakes. At least even in my conscience of it," Montagano said. "I don't think it's fair that students don't pass because they're nervous and they just need more time. I just give them more time."

Montagano said paying attention behind the wheel is a huge part of learning to drive, and a bad habit which may need to be un-learned. Bad behaviors can be learned from adult drivers, Montagano said. "We have to correct adults to train kids."

That sentiment applies to students even after they have passed the course. Former students are welcome to return for a refresher course or practice drive before taking a road test.

Montagano hopes to begin a defensive driving course in July. The program would be "panic control" to help students cope with hydroplaning, driving in reverse and cornering too fast, he said.

"If they lose control of the car, they know how to recover from it," Montagano said.

All About Driving is located at 5476 Dixie Highway. For more information or to register for classes, contact All About Driving at 248-623-0799 or visit www.allaboutdriving.com. The school's calendar can be viewed and reservations can be made on the Web site.

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Kupe pulls 19 boards, Wolves back to state quarterfinals

BY PAUL KAMPE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

All that was missing from Oliver Kupe's game Friday was a squeegee and cleaning solution. The 6-foot 2-inch forward came away with 19 rebounds for Clarkston as it advanced to this week's state playoff quarterfinal at Saginaw Valley State University with a 58-31 win over Macomb Dakota at Grand Blanc.

Clarkston faces Saginaw in what would seem more like a home game for the Trojans, but the Wolves' faithful should help neutralize the crowd.

"Clarkston's a great athletic community and we always travel well. We've got great support. If you go to the coffee shop tomorrow morning, they will be there talking about this from 7:30 in the morning until 10:30. Those guys are always there," Clarkston coach Dan Fife said.

Both teams were different Friday than last time they met, a 16-point Clarkston win last month. Both teams came off emotionally draining games the night before.

"They competed much harder this time than last time we played," Fife said.

"Honestly, I don't think (the last meeting) did anything for us. They were a completely different team.

"With those emotions coming in and that drive...it was really like a scrimmage. It really seemed like both teams were out there going through the motions."

After falling behind 2-0 in the game's opening minutes, Clarkston never trailed. The Wolves (21-3) used another strong third quarter to oust Dakota, outscoring the Cougars 17-9.

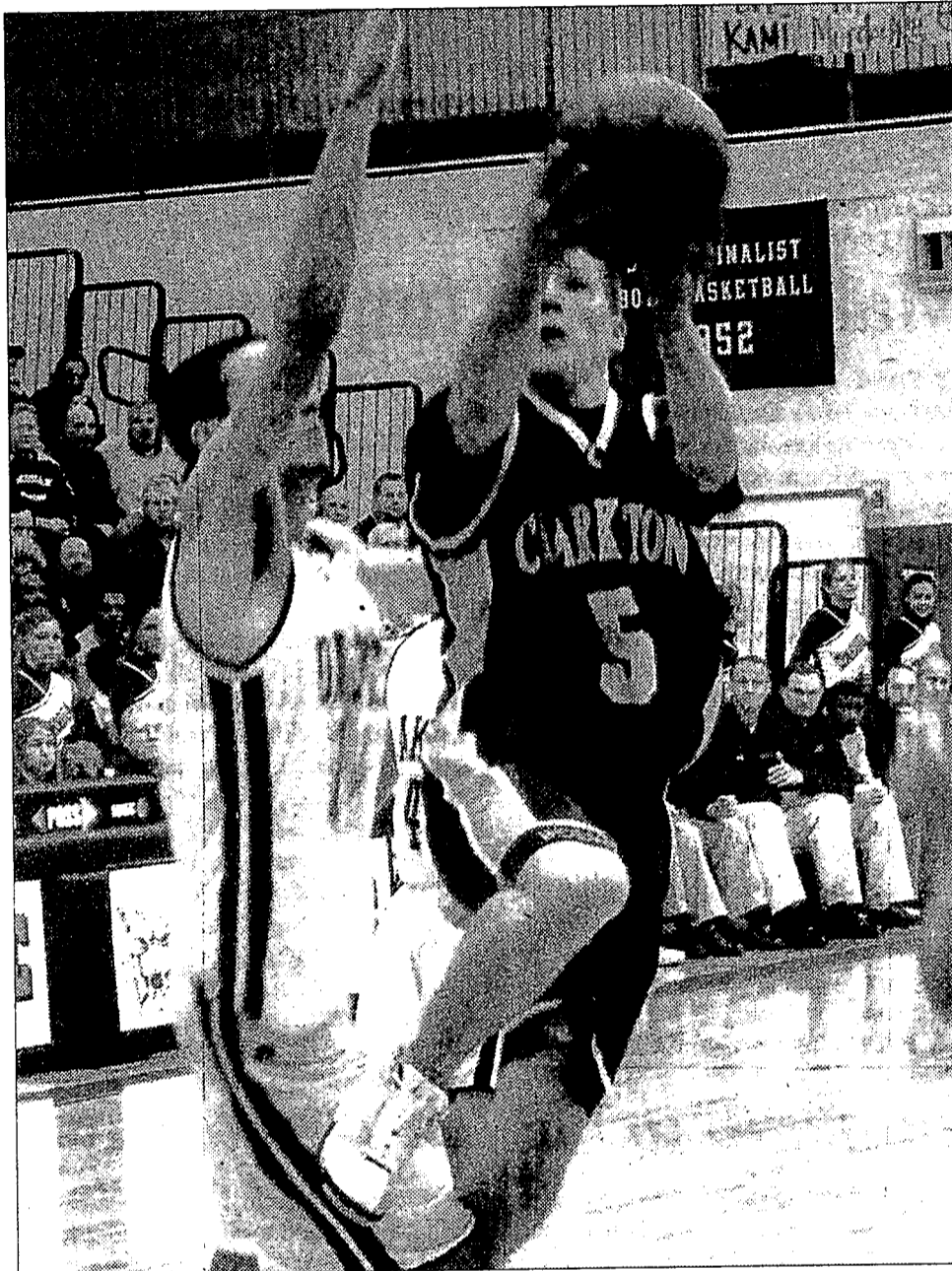
"There's no question the past two third quarters our kids have been very good. Tonight was the best defensively our kids could play. (Dakota's) a talented team," Fife said.

Clarkston worked hard to fight against a taller Cougars team and got quality time from its bench players, Fife said.

"I'm proud of the way our guys competed. We were mismatched (with multiple six-and-a-half-footers). That's hard for us to guard, but our guys did a great job at help."

"Forever, we've been pretty much out-sized, so that's nothing new to us," he added.

"In the second quarter we had four subs in at one time and they were giving



Clarkston's Andy Lyons drives to the basket past Dakota's James Stallons. Photo by Paul Kampe

Please read Wolves on A17

Athletes of the week Clarkston Cavs make long-range assists to Africa

BY PAUL KAMPE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Assists are a common statistic tracked in basketball. But one local travel team transcended the length of the court, raising more than \$600 for Nothing But Nets, a malaria prevention program.

The Clarkston Cavaliers, a group aged 12-13, collected returnable cans and bottles, then contributing the deposit refund to the nets campaign. The boys returned the cans at local grocery stores, which took nearly an hour, and when coach Tom Risi matched the boys' contribution, the group had raised enough money for 67 malaria prevention nets.

Nothing But Nets works with a collective called the Measles Initiative, made of the World Health Organization, the American Red Cross, the CDC, the United Nations Foundation and UNICEF, to purchase and transport mosquito barring nets to Africa and give them to families in need. A net contribution costs \$10 and protects a family of four for four years. The nets both restrict infectious mosquitoes, but are also insecticide laced, to help exterminate the insect.

Although the disease is not often found in the United States, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports up to 500 million cases are reported annually. The CDC reports most deaths from malaria occur in young children, and in Africa, one child dies

every 30 seconds.

Renee Weaver-Wright, mother of team member Matt Wright, introduced the idea of the program to the team's coaches. Like thousands of other readers of *Sports Illustrated* columnist Rick Reilly's May 2006 editorial, the team responded to a challenge put forth to readers to contribute to the campaign.

"I had just bought my son a brand new pair of basketball shoes," Weaver-Wright remembered.

"My kids don't realize how fortunate we are," she thought.

Weaver-Wright, a longtime *SI* reader, agreed with Reilly's sporting nets analogy of the column.

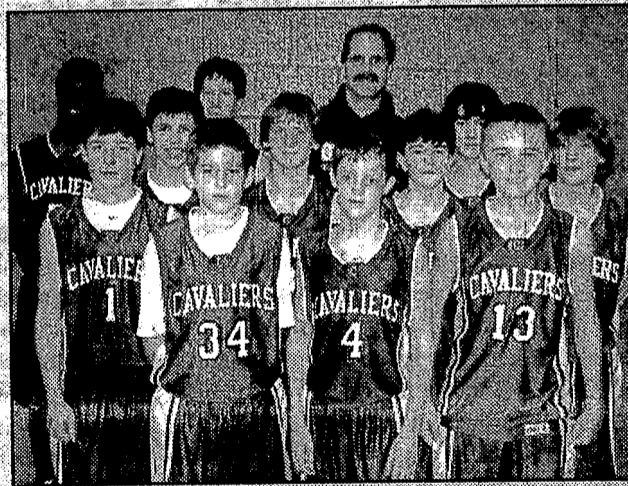
"A net is something a 12 or 13-year old can relate to with sports," she said.

Weaver-Wright wished to thank the accommodating grocers, Kroger and Farmer Jack, for their help with the returns.

Weaver-Wright's daughter, Allison Wright, was part of the Clarkston High School pom team's collection for the program. The poms team raffled different sports items including autographed basketballs in January to raise money for Nothing But Nets.

The campaign's Net-O-Meter counts more than 400,000 nets so far.

For more information about the campaign, visit www.nothingbutnets.net.



Front row: Jack Margavitch, Connor Giroux, Nick Dahl, Chris Dickey; Second Row: Michael Risi, Steve Dolinski, Tanner Schulte, CJ Gozdor; Back Row: Aaron Hayden, Matt Wright, Coach Tom Risi, Zach Collins. Not Pictured: Nick Tatu, Jared Plawski and Coach Jerry Tatu. Photo provided



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Wolves headed to SVSU for another state quarterfinal

us good minutes." Kupe has become a viable scoring option for the Wolves. Similar to the way he squirms his way into the mix after shots bounce off the iron, Kupe slashed his way to the hoop for eight points.

"Oliver has really become a force guarding defensively and then on both boards," Fife said.

Dan Owens had 22 points, including five three-pointers, Bren Bergquist scored nine points and Andy Lyons had 10 for Clarkston.

Glenn Bryant, who caused the Wolves problems with his size in the first meeting, saw limited time Friday because of early foul trouble. Bryant managed a team-high nine points and Kyle Demaster scored seven for Dakota.

"We wanted to come out and play really aggressive," Kupe said.

"Keeping them off the boards was our one way to score and we did that."

Fife and other Clarkston coaches were on hand to see the Trojans' victory in the regional finals Thursday, to get an idea of what to expect in the quarterfinals. Clarkston also faced the Trojans in a pre-season, four-team scrimmage the day after Thanksgiving.

"They're big and good. They're a tough team. I don't know what they're rated, but they've got size, quickness and strength," Fife said.

Consistently scheduling games against the top rated teams in the state to go along with a strong OAA schedule is a

strength builder for the Wolves.

"The more you play the good teams, the better you are. If you don't understand what it takes, then you never have a chance to get there. You have to let your kids see what kind of talent they have to face, that's what we've always done," Fife said.

The Wolves lost to Saginaw Arthur Hill in the quarterfinals last season.

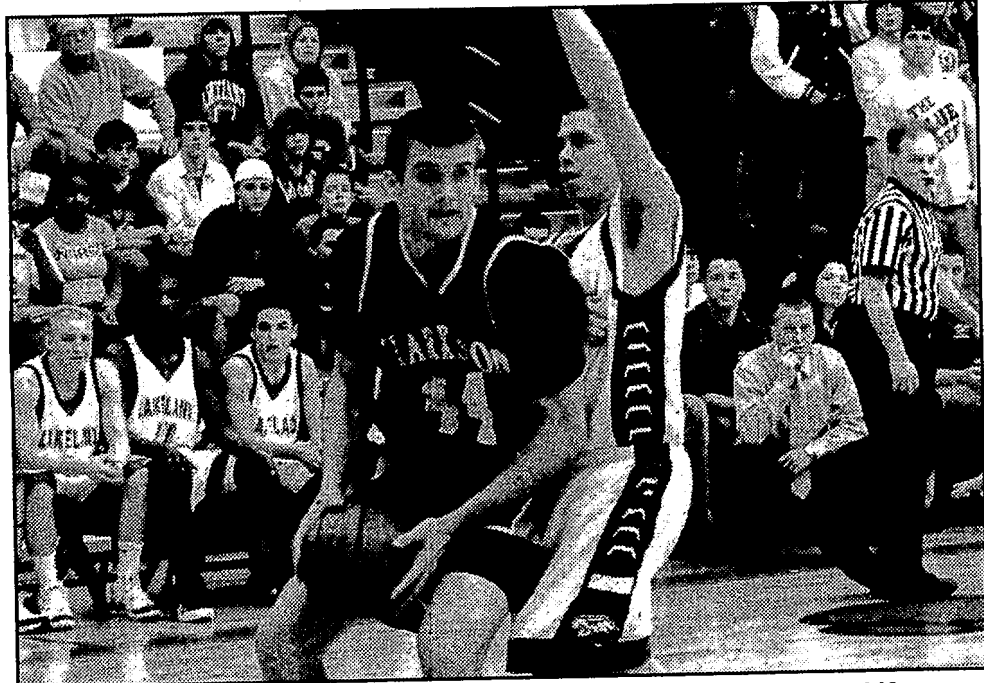
While Clarkston was handling things in its match, OAA co-champions Pontiac Northern also earned a berth in Tuesday's quarterfinals, downing Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

Look for the results of Tuesday's game at www.clarkstonnews.com for the results of Tuesday's action from SVSU.



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The Clarkston Jungle made its presence known last week in Grand Blanc and are likely to make the journey further north to Saginaw Tuesday. Draped in traditional camouflage, here the jungle taunts Macomb Dakota while the Cougars were at the free throw line. Photo by Paul Kampe



Bren Bergquist works in the paint against Lakeland. Photo by Paul Kampe

Cagers drop Eagles en route to regional finals

BY PAUL KAMPE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Overwhelming would be a good word to describe Clarkston's 70-26 win over Lakeland in Wednesday's basketball regional semifinal at Grand Blanc.

The Wolves, playing in their 14th consecutive regional playoffs, dominated the Eagles, taking the victory due largely to an 18-4 scoring advantage in the third quarter.

The cougars dropped the hosting Bobcats 61-58 Tuesday to get to the finals.

The Wolves (20-3) dropped the Cougars 62-46 Feb. 28 at Clarkston one night after avenging an early-season loss to Pontiac Northern.

Wednesday, Lakeland kept things close in the second quarter, but the Wolves carried a 26-13 edge into the locker room at the half. The Eagles helped subdue themselves by shooting 2/8 from the floor in a doomed third quarter.

"That was the end of the game in the third quarter when we couldn't score. We didn't get any open looks either. They played great defense," Eagles coach Bob

Brugger said.

"When you only score four points in the third quarter, you're not going to beat anyone, especially Clarkston."

"The pressure defense. That was the difference. We put a lot of pressure on them and we just wore them down. A lot of scoring comes from their guards," Clarkston coach Dan Fife said.

Lakeland came into the game with its third district championship in the past six seasons.

Eagles sophomore guard Michael Fugate did all he could to get things going for Lakeland (16-7) to no avail.

"We hung him out to dry a little bit in the first half as far as people not moving to get open," Brugger said.

"In the first half, they (Clarkston) were just trying to wear him down, putting different guys on him. We don't have a bench to go to in terms of ball-handling. Michael did a good job of handling the ball, but he just got wore down. It was constant pressure and we did not come to the ball, we were just standing around waiting."

Fugate, a first-team all conference player this season in the Kensington Valley Conference, led the Eagles with 11 points.

Brugger said the Wolves' physical play was the biggest reason for defeat,

because the Eagles were not used to that type of play in the KVC.

"They were just too physical. From the start we couldn't screen down low to get open and we couldn't pop out. They were just too physical for us from the start. I wish we would have had a chance to slow it down and control the ball and the clock, but their defense was too good," he said.

"We've got some adequate big guys for our league, but not compared to Clarkston's kids."

Clarkston spread the ball around the floor and finished with six players with at least six points. Dan Owens scored 18 points and had two steals, Clarkston got nine points from Oliver Kupe, eight points by Ty Taylor who also had two steals, and seven points each from Bren Bergquist and Julius Porter. Alex Millard-Swan had six points in relief work.

"People already know about (Dan) Owens, but our other kids need to be able to get their points within the offense and it was nice to see them get those shots," Fife said.

"We got a lot of baskets on our defensive pressure and transition. It was other kids making plays and we need that, we need everybody to step up and make plays, so they can't just rely on Danny all the time."

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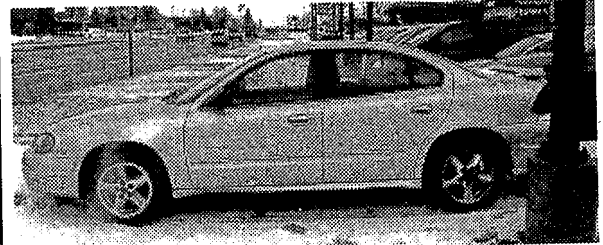
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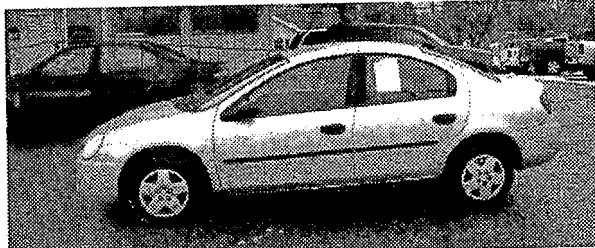
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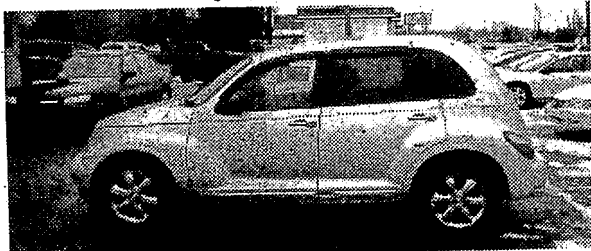
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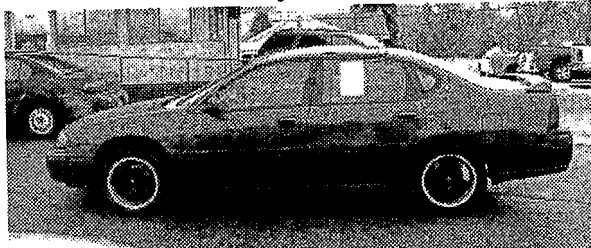
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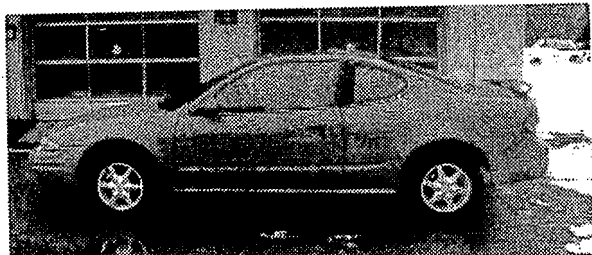
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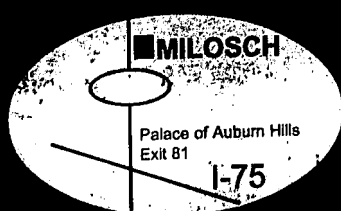
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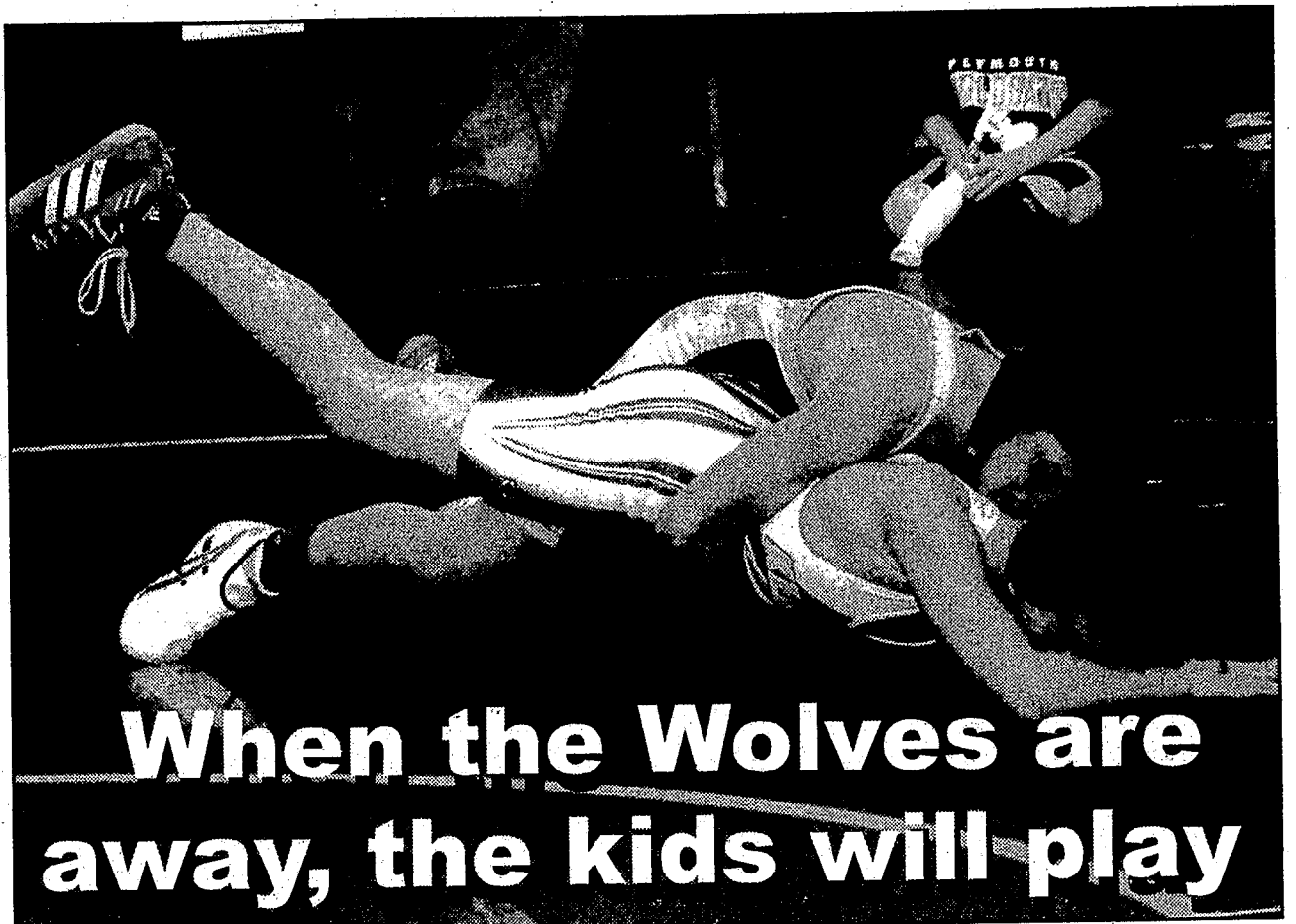
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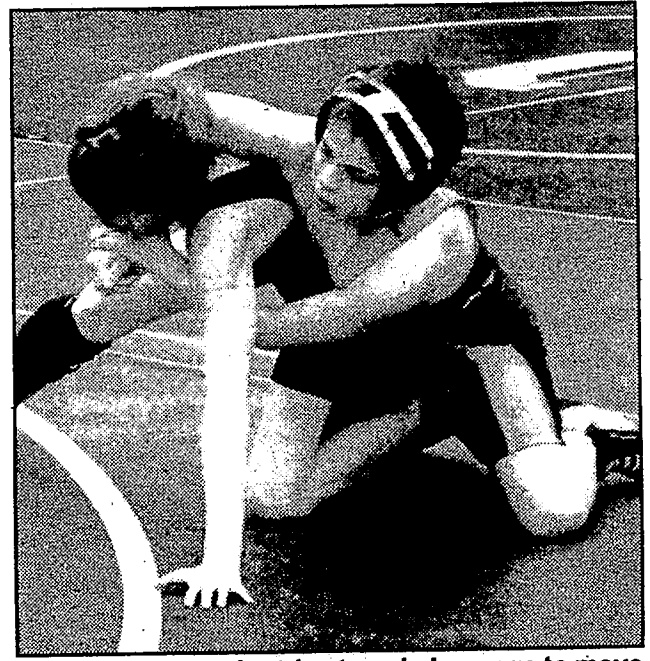
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This future Wolf sets himself up in good position for the takedown.



This young grappler tries to gain leverage to move in for the knock down.

Mini-mites duke it out on Clarkston mats

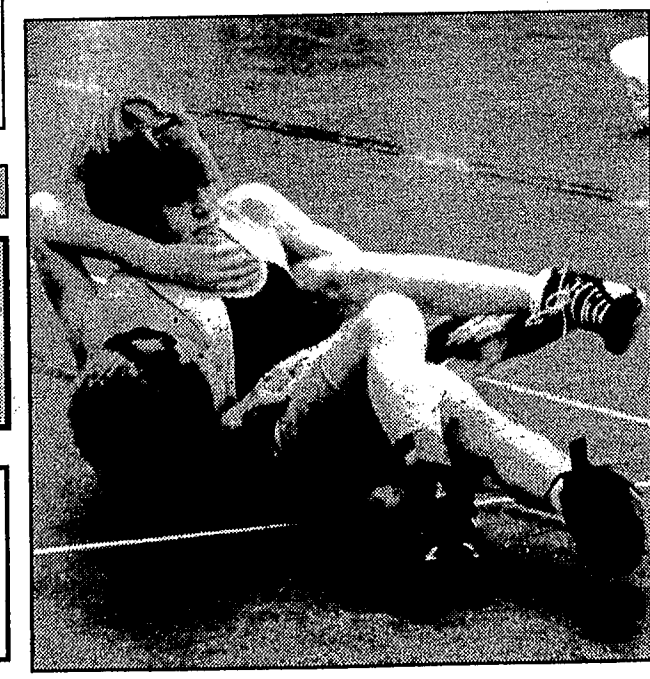
On the heels of Clarkston's appearances in the MHSAA team and individual state finals, Clarkston Wrestling Club hosted their own Mid-Michigan Wrestling Association state finals at Clarkston High School March 10.

More than 700 wrestlers were expected to compete from ages 5-14. The club has fostered many wrestlers who have made their way up the ranks to the notorious high school program.

Photos by Paul Kampe



Even from the top of the gym we can't tell if both shoulders are on the mat.



It looks like that hurts in the photo at left. Above, this young grappler looks focused on victory.

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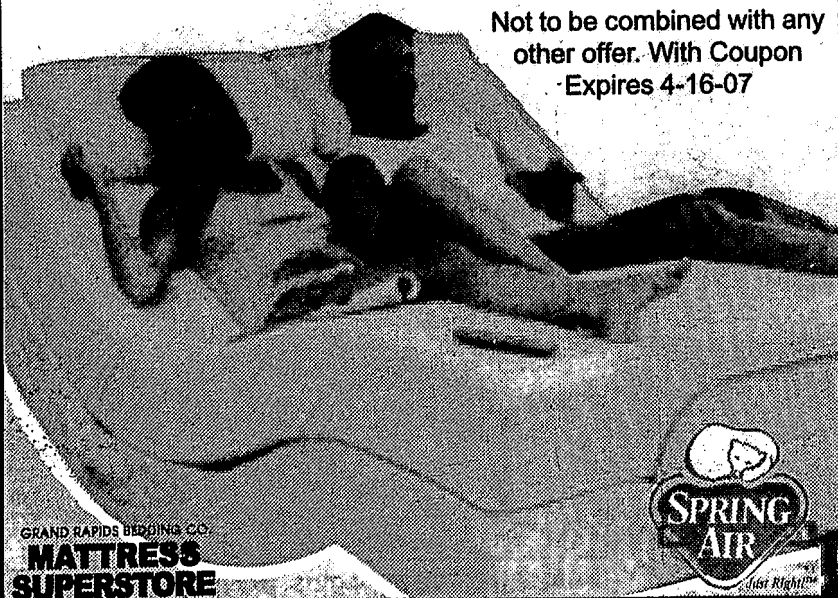
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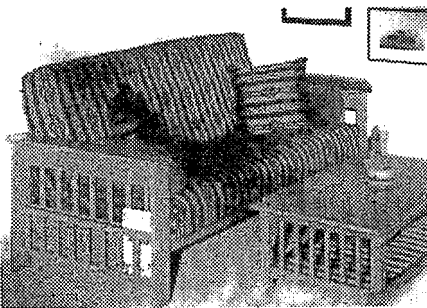
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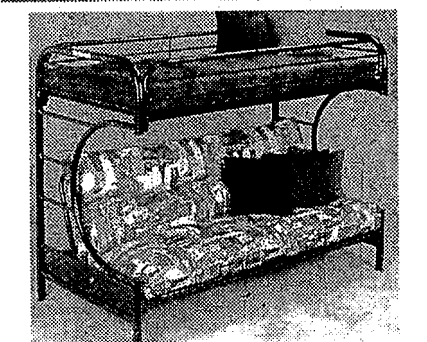


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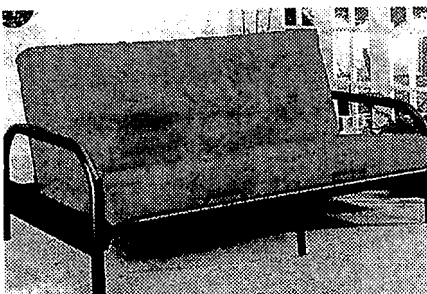
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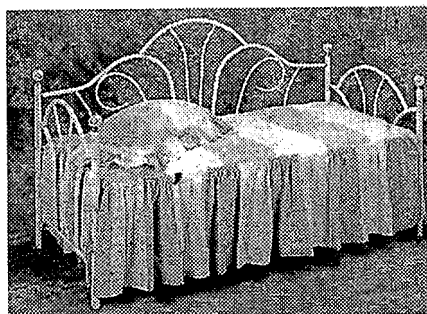


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Chess champions compete in contest

BY KELLY L. REYNOLDS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Springfield Plains Elementary School Chess Club took on Pine Knob Elementary School and St. Joseph Elementary School from Lake Orion in the second-annual chess tournament Monday.

Brackets were set up before the tournament by Cathy Schloff, mother of four and coach of the Springfield Plains chess club. Students, ranging from kindergarten to fifth grade, from each elementary school then competed against each other in a single-elimination format.

After each round, the player who won moved on, and the defeated player received a certification of completion and a prize from the "treat table."

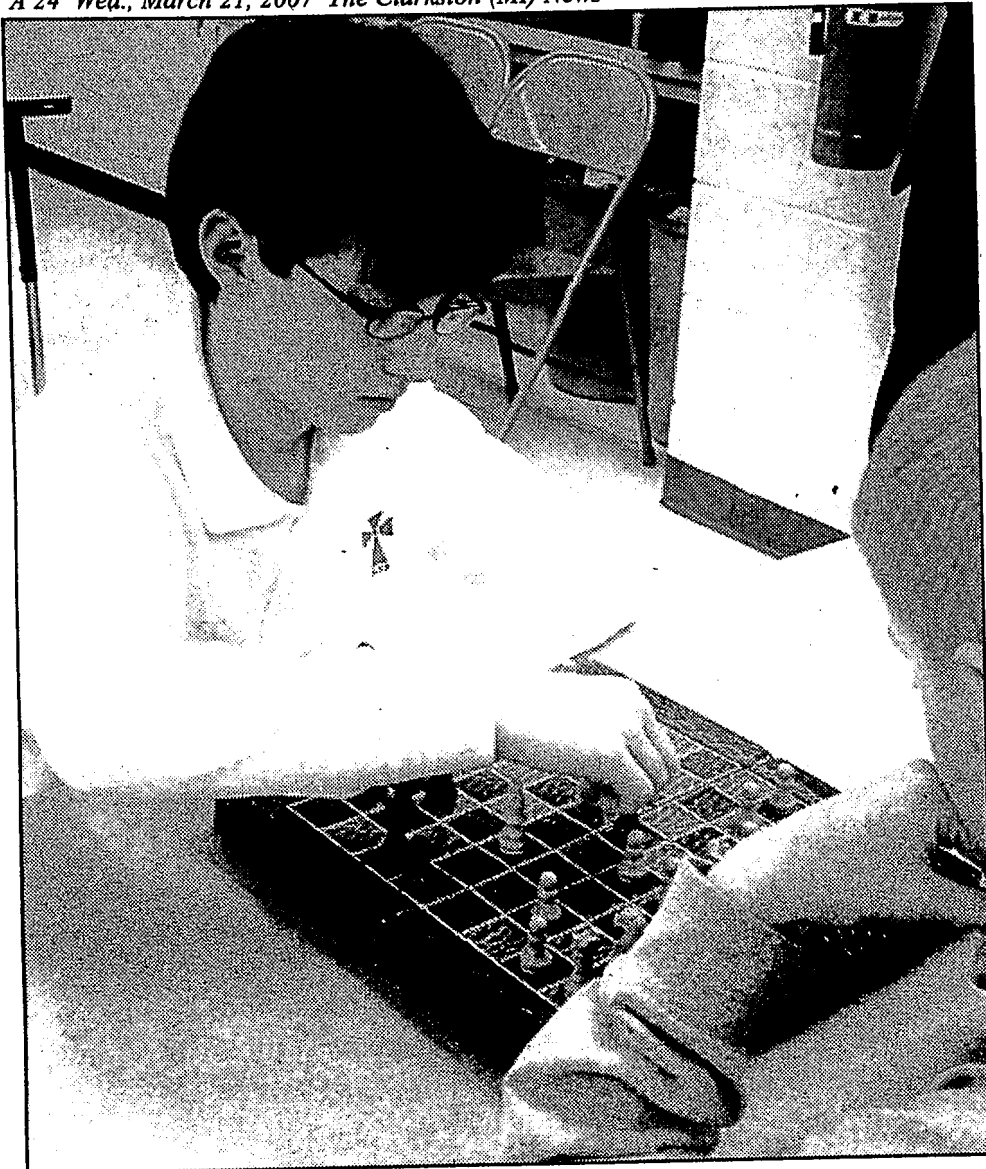
By the end of the day, each player received a certificate and a prize.

Good sportsmanship was stressed at the beginning of the tournament by Nancy Battishill, talent development specialist and chess coach at Pine Knob.

"At the end of each round, you each

must look each other right in the eye, smile, give a good handshake and say good game," she stated.

All in all, about 25 players started the tournament as their parents watched silently from the perimeter of the classroom.



A student from St. Joseph Elementary School in Lake Orion takes his next move.

The Final Four

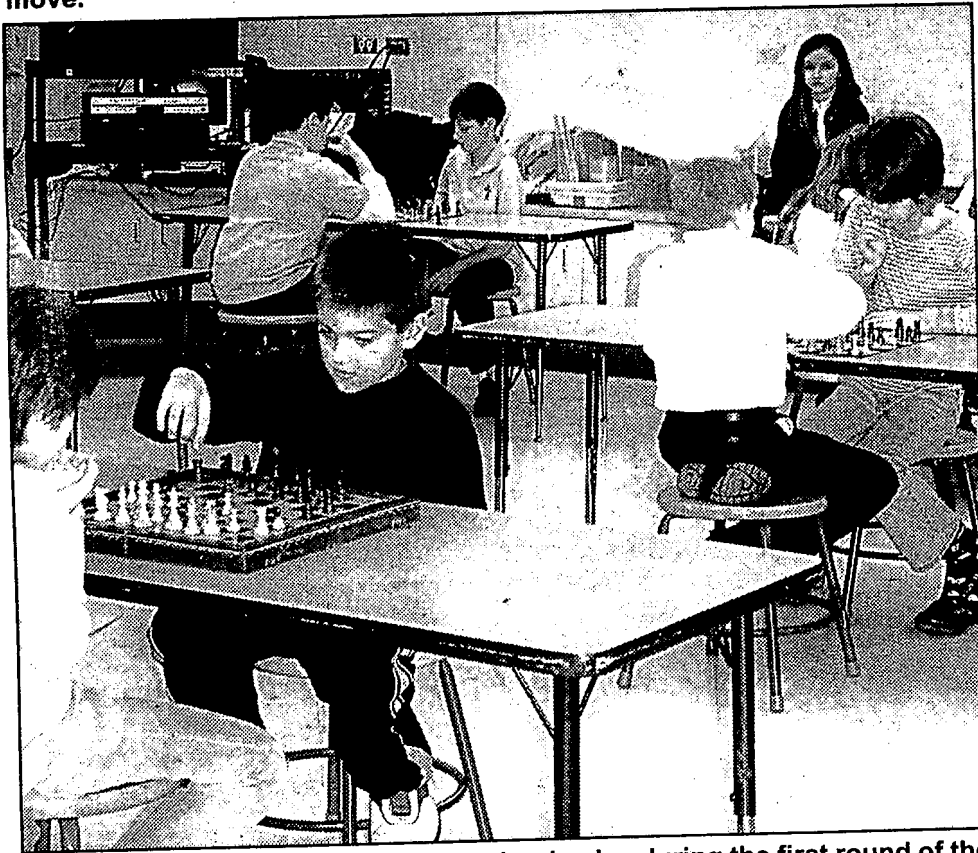
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Wyatt Jones - Springfield Plains
Mary Schloff - Springfield Plains
Matt Zurek - Pine Knob

Final Match

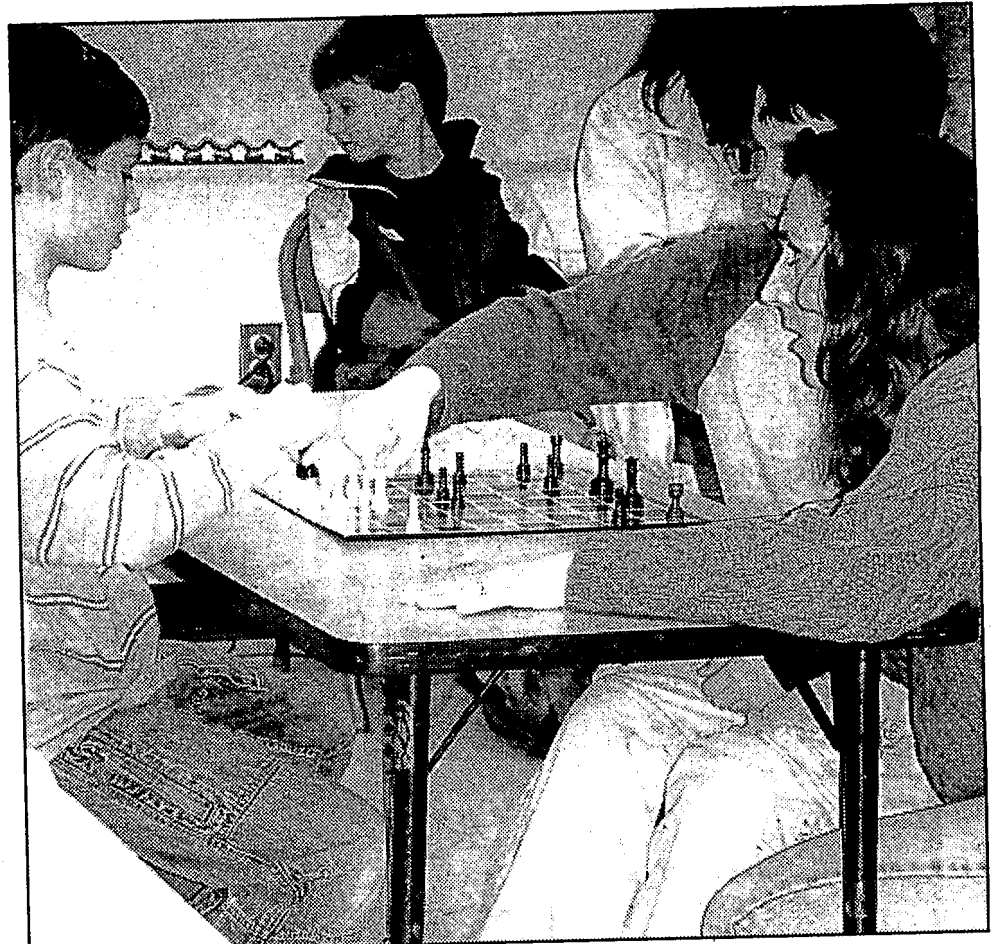
Andrew Dalrymple
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Tournament Champion

Andrew Dalrymple



Students from all three elementary schools play during the first round of the tournament.



Mother of four chess players and Springfield Plains Chess Club Coach, Cathy Schloff (right) checks to see if either of the two players has reached "check mate."



Parents sit around the edges of the classroom silently rooting on their favorite players.

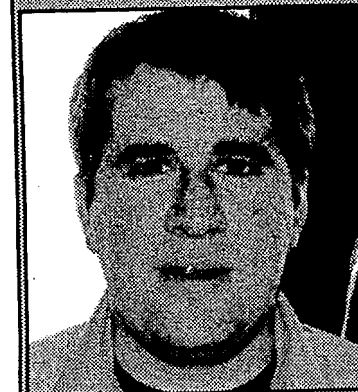


Before the action begins, players ohh and ahh over the "treat table."

Thoughts this first day of Spring?



"Working out in the community. There seems like there are more outdoor community activities when spring comes."
 — Sherri Salk



"(Detroit Tigers) opening day. This is the fifth year. I go with my friends and my cousins."
 — Bryan Smith



"I hope it brings a ray of sunshine to the state of Michigan and its economy."
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The Clarkston News' Millstream

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Family making a world of difference

Far from the drama of high school, removed from routine demands of work and family, and without luxuries like clean drinking water or flushing toilets, a Clarkston mother and daughter explore deeper meanings in life.

BY LAURA COLVIN
 Clarkston News Staff Writer

The little boy—abandoned just days before—clung to Kathleen Kerr at a home for children nobody wanted.

No one at the orphanage knew where the child came from, or how old he was. The little boy didn't even have a name.

But before the day was out, the little boy would eat pizza, maybe for the first time, on a Scooby Doo party plate. He would taste chocolate mousse birthday cake, in honor of 8-year-old orphan twins, and he would drink pop.

Best of all, before the day was out, the boy would have something he could keep forever.

"We gave him a name," said Maureen Tippon, Kathleen's mom. "We named him John Palmer, after a guy who goes on our mission trip every year."

The mother and daughter were back in their Clarkston home Thursday, after a 9-day trip to the Dominican Republic to provide medical care for people able to pay only in smiles and hugs and words of Spanish-spoken gratitude.

And that is enough.

Each winter, a group of volunteers assembled by the Midwest Medical Mission in Toledo travels to the Latin American country located on the Caribbean island of Hispaniola, bordering Haiti.

This year, the 13th trip for Tippon, a registered nurse and professor of nursing at the University of Michigan in Flint, and her younger daughter, made the trip with 35 doctors, nurses, technicians and translators.

On years 11 and 12, Tippon's daughter Anna Kerr, now a 19-year-old Northern Michigan University sophomore, went with her mother.

This year, it was Kathleen's turn. "I had no idea what to expect," said Clarkston High School junior Kathleen Kerr, 16. "I saw a lot of things I wouldn't have seen here, ever."

Kerr, who belongs to the National Honor Society, describes a culture of people who go without the niceties and so-called necessities Americans take for granted,

people who will stand in line all day for over-the-counter pain medicine and still find a way to smile.

"They are very appreciative and just generally happy," she said. "A lot of people will come in and they're not sick, they just want to get medicine to have later. They can't just buy Tylenol and stuff like we can."

Supplies to give away during the trip came from a community effort. Kerr took up a drive at CHS and collected more than 200 toothbrushes.

Paul Coglin, owner of Runnin Gear on Dixie Highway, sent over more than 50 pairs of shoes.

And the Clarkston Riverdaws, a travel baseball team, gave mitts, balls, bats, and batting helmets, a big hit at the orphanage. The list goes on.

The group from Midwest Medical Mission assembled into two teams when they arrived in the Dominican Republic: the first a surgical team for procedures like hysterectomies, hernias, and thyroid surgery—because the country does not have iodized



Kathleen Kerr, left, and Maureen Tippon were back in Clarkston last week.

salt, many suffer from an enlarged thyroid, also known as goiter, which can cause a baseball-size lump in the throat.

Uterine cysts and other female problems are also common.

"They have a lot of child bearing-type problems," said Tippon, "because they have a lot of children."

The second team, a clinical unit Tippon and Kerr worked with, set up in a hospital laundry room to treat issues like parasites, skin infections, fungus, repertory ailments and diarrhea diseases caused by unclean water.

"The hospital is not in greatest condition," said Tippon. "So we bring every thing we need for the week, set up the teams and just try to reach as many people as we can."

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AARP Driver Safety Program, 1-5:30 p.m., March 21-22 or April 25-26. For drivers aged 50+. \$10. Check or money order payable to AARP, at Independence Twp Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Rd. 248-625-8231.

Clarkston Village Players drama, "Seven Rabbits on a Pole" Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. March 22, 8 p.m. March 23-24, Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road. For tickets and information, call 248-625-8811 or 248-575-4104.

Club Bookworm, 10-11 a.m., March 22. Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. March book: "Here's Your Hat, What's Your Hurry" by Elizabeth McCracken. Call Mary at 248-625-8231. \$1 drop-in fee.

Movie & Munchies For Adults, 1:30 p.m., every fourth Thursday. Free movie and snacks. March 22: "Babel," Brad Pitt. April 26: "Man of the Year," Robin Williams. May 24: "Pursuit of Happyness." Springfield Twp Library, 12000 Davisburg Rd. 248-846-6550.

"Great Women in History" (1300 BC-AD 1600), Master "History Teller" Maureen Esther, 6:30-8:00 p.m. March 26. Springfield Twp Library, 12000 Davisburg Rd. 248-846-6550.

Needle Work Nights, 6:30 p.m., Tuesdays, March 27, April 24, May 29, June 26,

July 24. Springfield Twp Library, 12000 Davisburg Rd. 248-846-6550.

Spring Book Sale, March 28-31, Friends of Independence Township Library. Open to the public 10 a.m. Wednesday. Friday, books go on sale for half price. Saturday, books \$3 per bag. Sale ends Saturday at 3 p.m. 6495 Clarkston Rd. 248-625-2212

Landscaping for Lakes and Streams workshop, 7 p.m., March 26, Comcast Cable Studio, 5255 Maybee Road. Sponsored by Independence Township DPW and NOHLC. Presented by Clinton River Watershed Council. 248-625-8222.

A Taste of Spring, Wine Tasting Gala, Clarkston Rotary Club, 6:30-8:30 p.m., March 27, Oakhurst Country Club. \$40 in advance, \$50 at the door. Tickets available at the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, 5856 S. Main Street, or call 248-649-5560 or 248-625-9741.

Clarkston High School Drama Club Spring Musical, Rodgers and Hammerstein's, *The Sound of Music*, 7:30 p.m. March 29-31. Matinee Sunday, April 1, 2 p.m. \$7/students and senior citizens, \$9/adults. 248-623-4024.

University of Michigan Men's Glee Club will perform 7:30 p.m., March 30, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. \$15/adult, \$10/student and senior. Call 248-625-1611.

Great Egg Hunt, 9 p.m. March 30 for grades 4-5, bring flashlight. March 31, 11:30 a.m., children 2-4 years old; 2 p.m., children 5-8. \$6

resident, \$8 non-resident. Must buy tickets in advance. Independence Township Parks & Rec. 248-625-8223.

Beth Stalker in concert, 8 p.m., March 31. Depot Theatre, 4861 White Lake Road. \$12. or Call 248-625-8811 or check their Website at www.ClarkstonVillagePlayers.org.

Widowed Support Group meeting, sponsored by Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, 7 p.m., April 5, at Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Topic: "Why We Grieve the Way We Do." Facilitated by Bereavement Counselor Alicia Brown. Free. Walk-ins welcome. 248-625-5231.

Line Dancing, beginners 1-2:30 p.m., intermediate/advanced 3-4:30 p.m., Thursdays starting April 5, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. For those 50+, country, Spanish salsa, cha-cha rhythms with Rosemary Hall. Purchase punch cards at the Independence Township senior center at \$10 for 5 classes.

Family Board Game Mania, 6:30-8:00 p.m., April 10, May 15, June 19. Springfield Twp Library, 12000 Davisburg Rd. 248-846-6550.

Children's Storytime on West Nile Disease, with Oakland County Health Dept., 10:30 a.m., April 19. Sign-up starts April 2. Springfield Twp Library, 12000 Davisburg Rd. 248-846-6550.

Children's Book Week, April 15-April 21. Springfield Twp Library, 12000 Davisburg Rd. 248-846-6550.

Clarkston Connects Expo

2007, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., April 21, Clarkston High School, 6093 Flemings Lake Road. Clarkston Coalition for Youth presents exhibits by local clubs, organizations, and businesses for youth, adults, and seniors. 248-922-3004.

"Pizza & Pages" Book Club for teens, 11:30 a.m., Saturdays, April 21, May 12. Springfield Twp Library, 12000 Davisburg Rd. 248-846-6550.

Used Book/Bake Sale, Friends Of The Springfield Twp. Library. 10 a.m.-8 p.m. April 26; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. April 27; 10 a.m.-noon April 28. Springfield Twp Library, 12000 Davisburg Rd. 248-846-6550.

Beginning Computer Classes. Two sessions each day, 1-2 p.m. or 6:30-7:30 p.m. "Computer & Mouse Basics," April 30. "Email Basics," May 2. "Surfing the Internet," May 7. "Beginning Microsoft Word," May 9. Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Rd. 248-846-6550.

Author Presentation: Michigan Illustrator Nick van Frankenhuyzen. 6:30 p.m., May 1. All ages are welcome. Springfield Twp Library, 12000 Davisburg Rd. 248-846-6550.

The Sisters of Swing, The Story of the Andrews Sisters, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., May 17, MeadowBrook Theatre. Residents \$45/Non-residents \$48. The tribute features more than 20 toe-tapping favorites like "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" and "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree." Lunch before the show at O'Malleys. Senior mini-bus from senior center, 6000 Clarkston Rd. 248-

625-8231.

Parking lot sale, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., June 3. Bring tables, shelves, or sell from vehicle. \$10/parking space - benefits library. Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Rd. 248-625-2212.

Morning Book Discussion Group, 10-11:30 a.m., June 15. *Middlesex* by Jeffrey Eugenides, a story about the middle ground between male and female, Greek and American, past and present. Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 248-625-2212.

Clarkston High School Class of 1987 is planning its **20-year reunion** on Sept. 1, at the Paint Creek Country Club. We are looking for all graduates. Contact Melissa Ronk at Bogey9@comcast.net for more information.

Avalon Hospice, a nonprofit Medicare certified hospice program in Oakland County, needs volunteers. Training is available evening and daytime. Each of five training sessions lasts 2-3 hours. They can be conducted one-on-one with a trainer, to meet your schedule. Call Mara at 248-722-1474.

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Volleyball Practices, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Mondays at Colombiere on Big Lake Road, and 9-11 a.m., Thursdays at St. Trinity Lutheran Church on Sashabaw Road. **League games** Tuesdays at the Warren Community Center. Call 248-625-8231 and leave name and phone number.

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Income Tax Preparation Assistance Program for Seniors, 9 a.m.-noon, Tuesdays, through April 10. Carriage House, 6000 Clarkston Road. Call 248-625-8231 to make appointment.

Strength and Stretch, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Tuesdays/Thursdays, through March 1, Carriage House in Clintonwood Park. Nancy Boch, certified senior instructor. Wear comfortable clothes and supportive shoes and bring water. Sixteen classes for \$72.

Tot Lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Wednesdays, through March 28, North Sashabaw Elementary School gym, 5290 Maybee Road. For second graders and younger. Parent supervision required. \$2 for Clarkston students, \$3 for non-residents. For all events, \$16 for residents, \$24 for non-residents. 248-625-8223.

Clarkston Area Lions Club meets on the second and

fourth Thursday of every month, 6:30-8 p.m. The Lions meet in the Carriage House, next to the Senior Center, in Clintonwood Park. Visitors welcome. For more information, call 248-802-8603 or visit their Website at www.ClarkstonLions.com.

Samaritan Care Hospice seeks volunteers to spend time with terminally ill patients and their families. Hospice volunteers provide companionship and emotional support to patients, average 2-3 hours per week. Volunteers 18 or older with reliable transportation. Call Chris Kokenos at 800-397-9360.

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A coyote explores the Morrisons' back yard in Independence Township. Photo provided

Too close for comfort

The Morrisons on Perry Lake Road recently received a visitor reminiscent of the area's rural roots.

A coyote spent a couple days in their backyard looking for food this past week, so Esther and Roy Morrison took some photos.

"Things are getting crowded around here," Roy said.

According to Michigan DNR, this is the time of year when young coyotes leave their dens to establish ranges of their own.

They don't usually bother people, but should never be fed or tamed. They are common throughout Michigan.

For more information, call the DNR at 248-359-9040.

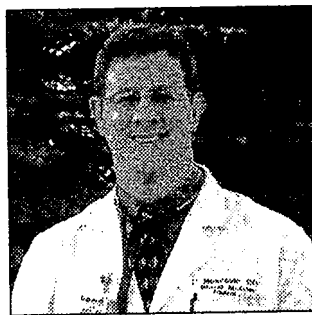
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Seth Hawthorne and Cary Henneman

Clarkston couple to wed

The Rev. Greg and Sandy Henneman of Clarkston announce the joyful engagement of their daughter Cary Marie Henneman to Seth Adam Hawthorne, son of Steve and Peg Hawthorne, of Clarkston.

Cary is a graduate of Clarkston High School class of 2004 and will receive her BSN degree from Anderson University in May of 2008.

Seth is a graduate of Grand Haven High School class of 2004 and is studying Mechanical Engineering at Oakland University.

A July wedding is planned.

Business news

Two books written by Clarkston author **Barbara L. Johns** were selected by the Screen Actors Guild Foundation of Los Angeles for their BookPals Storyline, an outreach program that supports literacy and encourages children to read.

Chosen were her first picture

storybook, "The Cat in the Candle Factory," based on the antics of a hardworking cat in the Davisburg Candle Factory, and "Christmas at the Candle Factory."

Books are read by hollywood actors with SAG, and are available at www.bookpals.net.

Academic achievements

Trustee **Joseph Armstrong**, Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education, recently received a Certified Board Member Award, and Clarkston Community Schools received an Honor Board Award.

Michigan Association of School Boards presented the awards based on completion of MASB leadership training program, conference attendance, years of service, and leadership activities.

Alicia Birach (business administration), **Bradley Carlile** (education), **John Chesley** (applied arts), **Debra Harp** (science), **Amy Licatovich** (education), **Bridget McCulloch** (business administration), **Darnita Stein** (science), and **Kevin Worley** (education), all of Clarkston, earned their bachelor's degrees from Central Michigan University this past term.

Brian Bigger of Clarkston was

named to the Fall 2006 Dean's List at Spring Arbor University.

Bigger, a junior, is the son of John and Diana Bigger.

Jeff Stevenson earned the Physical Education Major of the Year for the 2007 academic year at Eastern Michigan University.

The award is based on academic excellence, potential for future achievement in the field, and involvement in sports or coaching.

Stevenson is a wrestling coach at Pierce Middle School. He works at the Clarkston Cafe.

Courtney Herring, daughter of Loretta and Charles Herring of Clarkston, was named to the Dean's List at Denison University in Ohio.

Courtney, a 2005 graduate of Clarkston High School, is a sophomore communication and English-literature double major.

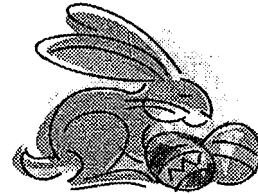
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Lesson in gratefulness in South America

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The temperature only fluctuates between 70 degrees in the winter and 80 degrees in the summer. The major difference between the seasons is that the so-called "winter" season has low-lying clouds while the summer is mostly sunny.

To us as Michiganders this temperature fluctuation is a narrow range while the Peruvian locals complain of the extreme heat in the summer and the terrible cold in the winters.

I was there during their summer months, which meant there was full sun and 80 degrees every day. Considering it was February, to me it seemed as if I had died and gone to heaven!

My thought was how much better could the weather be?

The people I was traveling with kept telling me to dress casually as these hot days were had to take. In my mind my response was "I wouldn't mind 'suffering' this was 365 days a year!"

It is interesting how our circumstances dictate

our opinions.

What seemed to be uncomfortable to some was like paradise to someone else.

My travels in Latin American have made this truth real in more ways than one. During my most recent trip to Peru I was speaking with a couple that work for the newspaper in Lima. They were asking my opinions about world events and how Americans perceive the world versus the way the rest of the world perceives itself and the United States.

I stated that I believed our affluence skews our perspective in a negative way. Unfortunately, we Americans are sometimes guilty of not realizing how good our lives really are in comparison to the rest of the world.

Their response was immediate as they told the story of their response to television reports of the Hurricane Katrina disaster in New Orleans. They laughed with the television reporters spoke of the effects mostly impacting the poor people.

To the Peruvian people their thoughts were, "How can you consider people who live in houses, have cars to drive and modern conveniences poor?"

In Latin American, poor is living outside with no shelter, begging for meager portions of food and being blessed to have shoes on your feet. Can you imagine a world where 50% of the people live like this every day? This is the norm in much of Latin America.

There are people who attend our church in El

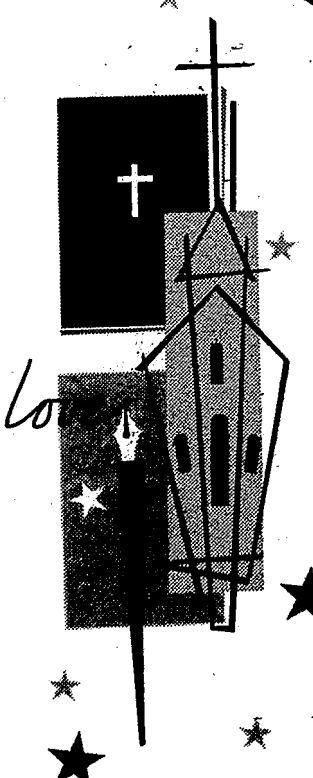
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Every Friday evening at 6 p.m., Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church is offering "Celebrate Recovery." This is a Christ-centered recovery program to help people overcome life's hurts, bad habits and hang ups. The evening includes a simple meal, praise and worship, and group discussion. Calvary Evangelical is located at 6805 Bluegrass Drive. For more information call 248-625-3288.

Peace Unity Church of Clarkston will offer "Teach Us To Pray," the first in a series of classes for 2007. Tuesday evenings, 7 p.m., at the McLoskeys home, 590 Crestmoor Circle, Oxford. Reverend Mathew E. Long will facilitate the class. Who, What, When, Where, Why and How of Prayer and Meditation, including: Silent Unity Prayer Method, Prayer Treatments for Healing Harmony and Abundance, Treasure Mapping, and the Master Mind Principle. All are welcome. Call 248-891-4365 or e-mail peace.unity@sbcglobal.net.

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Calvary Lutheran Church has a weekly **Wednesday**
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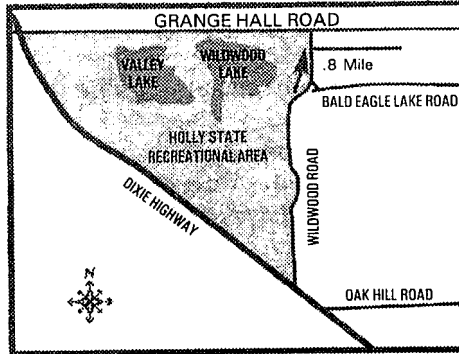


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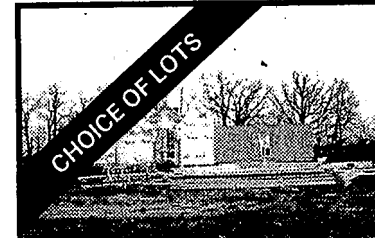
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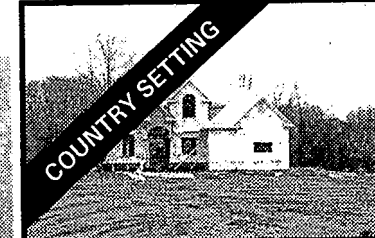
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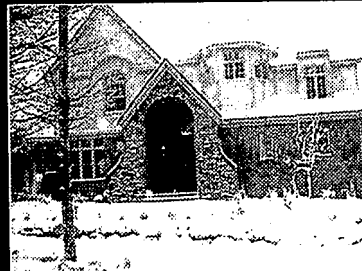


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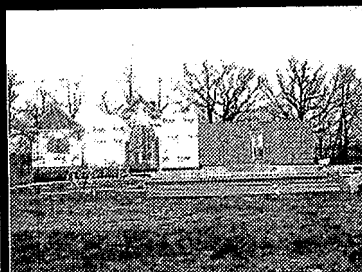


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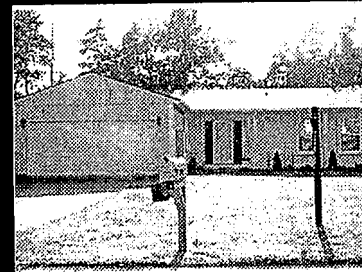
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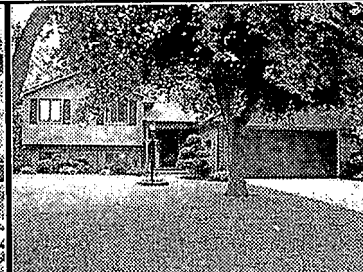
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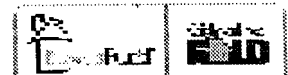
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Salvador who live on the normal wage of \$5 a day. For many of those people they make a choice each Sunday of whether to spend money for a bus trip to church or to eat.

You would be amazed to hear how many choose to spend their money on the bus trip and forego eating that day just so they can attend church.

I am always amazed when I hear their testimonies declaring the blessings of God because they were able to obtain a job that will not even provide enough money for them to live on.

I have determined to live every day

with as much gratefulness as I can muster.

I have also made a pledge to God that I do not want to live my life only thinking of my lack. I want to live my life helping others and making a difference in my world.

As we head into the spring season we are also heading into the Easter season. We need to all remember the message of the life of Christ.

The way to a happy ending is not to live for yourself but to give your life for others, which will release the power of God to change the world.

Loren Covarrubias is pastor of Mt. Zion Church

In Our Churches

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Evening FEAST. Dinner is served at 6 p.m., worship at 6:50 p.m. and classes for all ages from 7:15- 8:30 p.m. The church offers a free nursery. Calvary Lutheran Church at 6805 Bluegrass Drive in Clarkston at the southwest corner of M-15 and I-75. Call the church for more information at 248-625-3288.

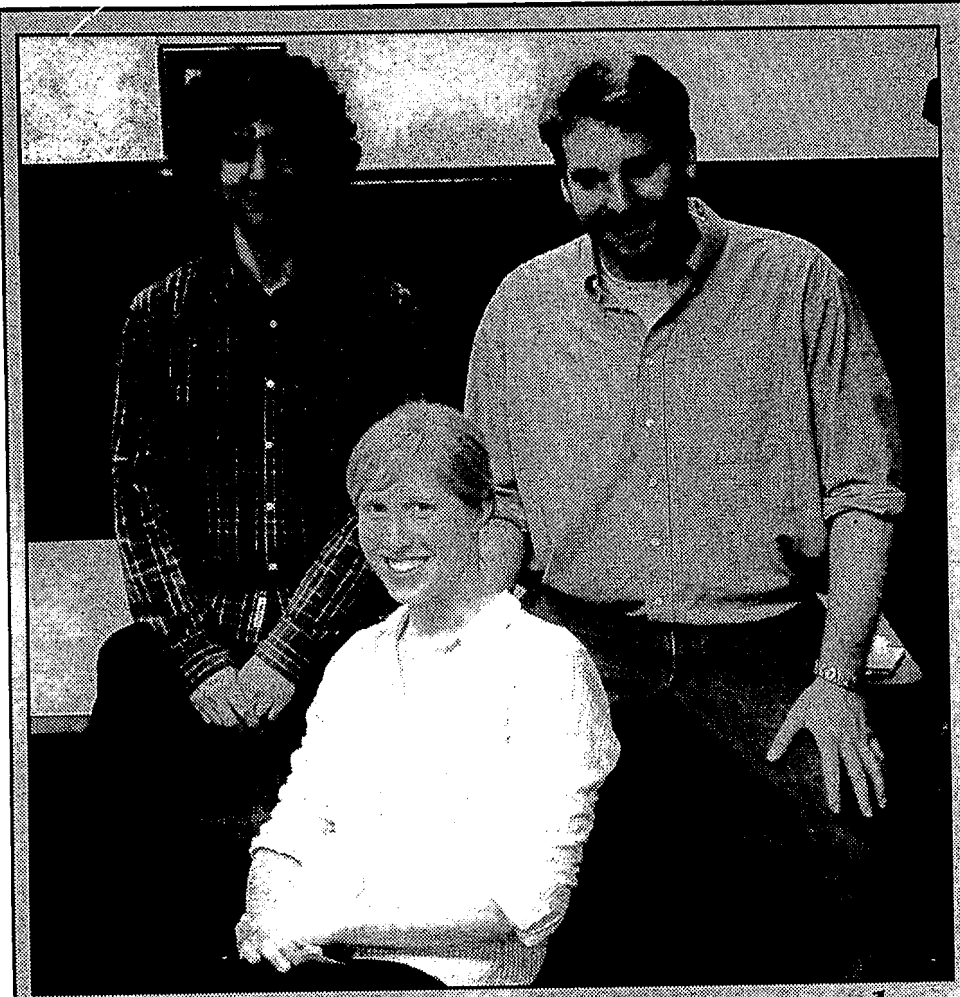
Scripture Study, Mondays, 7 p.m. study of Book of Isaiah. 248-625-1750. \$10 for materials. St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park Drive.

Church of the Resurrection has bible

study every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. Study is currently on "Paul's letter to the Romans." Church of the Resurrection is located at 6490 Clarkston Road. Call 248-625-2325 for more information.

St. Daniel Catholic Church holds **Rainbows meetings** on Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. in the Cushing Center. Rainbows is an outreach program for children and adults dealing with change in their lives due to death, divorce or other significant loss. St. Daniel Catholic Church is located at 7010 Valley Park Drive. Call 248-625-1750.

Let us know about your church activities at www.ShermanPub.com, attn: Clarkston News



Students work on eco master plan

Stephen Layton, left, Eric Bauer, and Susie Mattke-Robinson, front, comprise a University of Michigan team working in conjunction with the Clarkston Watershed group.

The three will spend nearly a year creating an ecologically sound master plan for Depot Park and the surrounding areas. The students are Master's of Landscape Architecture candidates

in the university's School of Natural Resources and Environment.

The watershed group hopes the park will eventually serve as an educational showcase for student groups and homeowners.

Watch our Website at www.clarkstonnews.com for updates as the plan progresses.

Photo by Laura Colvin

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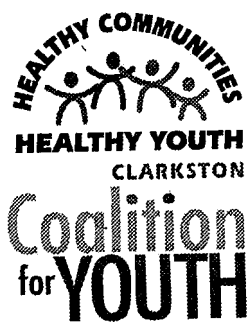


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Greg Mathiak and Dave Bridgewater talked shop during a break. Photo story by Laura Colvin



From left, Greg Mathiak, Ed Zull, owner of Pete's Coney, Carrie Erbe, Ric Hardy and Dave Bridgewater line up for a quick photo.

Firefighters help raise funds for MDA

Sue and George LaForge of Independence Township had dinner at Pete's Coney II Wednesday when the restaurant held a fundraiser in support of MDA.

The couple had two boys with MDA—both died in the 1970s at age 17 and 19.

"MDA was so helpful in getting us equipment

and services we wouldn't have otherwise had," said LaForge. "And they've come a long way since then, they're able to do so much more now."

Independence Township Fire and EMS personnel volunteered for the cause, greeting customers, pouring coffee, cleaning tables and chatting with patrons during lunch and dinner.



Independence Township paramedic Carrie Erbe chats with Sue and George LaForge.



Greg Mathiak was moving fast on the coffee refills.



Where's the fire?



Carrie Erbe cleans house.



Ric Hardy, Carrie Erbe and Dave Bridgewater stopped to talk.

Best Image Possible

Mother and daughter lend a helping hand

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It's old-fashioned word of mouth that brings people from their homes—many live in huts—to line up early in the morning with hospital-issued homemade tickets that determine their place in the long line.

"It's so hot there," said Tippon. "It was so unbearably hot this year. You just move in slow motion."

Kerr helped with general duties around the clinic, found the medicines her mom needed at any given time, gave children their anti-parasitic medication and translated for anyone who needed it.

"I'm pretty good at speaking in Spanish," she said, noting that it was definitely more difficult than her high school language classes had her prepared for. "Down there they have accents and they slur the words and talk so fast, so it's pretty hard to understand. But you hear the same medical words over and over, so as the week went on it got better."



At the orphanage, Kerr spent a lot of time with little John Palmer.

In the weeks before they arrived, other Midwest Medical volunteer teams with different specialties visited the town.

An ear-nose-and-throat specialist performed a number of tonsillectomies the week before, so the kids came back and Tippon checked to make sure everything was healing properly.

"We are the last team to go," she said. "So we have to be careful about what we do. We can't leave something behind that's going to get infected or need follow-up."

But it wasn't all work. After an eight or 10-hour day, the two made time to spend on the beautiful beach close to their hotel—and again, a sense of humor over the word "hotel."

Kerr, a vegetarian, survived on pineapple, rice, broccoli and bread.

"The food is pretty bad," said Tippon. "The people are nice though, so you can't be the ugly American. You just have to adapt and have a sense of humor about it."

At the end of the week, on their one free day, Tippon, Kerr, and several other members of the team traveled to an orphanage they discovered three years ago while looking for a recipient for leftover supplies.

It was there, this year, they found the little boy without a name.

The orphanage houses 13 children between the ages of 2 and 11, and had run out of cooking fuel. A woman was making porridge on a fire in the yard.

"Believe it or not there's a Dominos Pizza nearby," said Tippon. "It's a chaotic country; you have people living in huts then you have a Domino's Pizza. It looks completely out of place."

But the kids had pizza and cake, and the abandoned 2-year old got his name.

"We named him John Palmer after a guy who goes on our mission trip every year," said Tippon. "He has some health problems and this may be his last trip so we decided we were going to name the little boy after him so John Palmer could live on in the Dominican Republic."

Eventually, little John Palmer had to be set on his own little feet. It was time to go home.

Coming back home was a relief in ways, but difficult, as well.

Returning to the normal American teenage life gave Kerr a new perspective.

"It was really weird going back to school," she said. "I heard all the high school drama stuff, and compared to the bigger picture of what I saw, it all seemed really miniscule and stupid."



Tippon and Kerr pose with a mom and her kids at the clinic.



The children were eating porridge when the visitors arrived.

For Tippon, it's the same every year. "You're working at such an extreme intense level while you're there, you've got all this adrenaline," said Tippon. "But then I come home and..."

She thinks of it as the Dominican Blues. "I just need to find some quiet time to think about what really happened," she said. "It's overwhelming. You come home and it's almost like experiencing a grieving process—there's a sense of loss when it's done."

Kerr plans to make the trip every year, as long as she is physically able—and as an avid marathon runner, it could be quite a while, yet. After that, she hopes one or both daughters will continue to carry the torch.

"It's hard to describe what I learned in words," said Kerr. "People would say 'how was your trip?' but it's hard to say something in such a brief amount of time. There were so many different feelings involved."

"It's almost like it's in your soul," said Tippon. "And it's hard to express what's in your soul. It's just part of you."

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Saturn auctions off Sky Redline to raise money for Kaleidoscope

BY KELLY L. REYNOLDS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Saturn of Clarkston is teaming up with The Kaleidoscope Foundation to auction off one 2007 Saturn Sky Redline Turbo to raise funds for a new foundation facility.

The Kaleidoscope Foundation provides programs for senior citizens and people with disabilities in the seven townships, including Springfield and Independence, of

Oakland County.

Kaleidoscope was formed in 1988 to provide recreational programs for people with disabilities. It serves Independence, Springfield, Rose, White Lake, Highland, Groveland, and Holly townships, said Helen Vergin, Kaleidoscope volunteer.

"It's like a family," Vergin said. "Seniors love to eat, play cards, and socialize."

They hold 3-4 programs each month,

including Monday dinners, cards, dances, bingo, and holiday parties.

"People come from all over," she said. "So many live alone - this is one way for them to get together."

Kaleidoscope is run on a volunteer basis, so all proceeds will go to programming.

Goals include locating a site for a new center. It would have a large room for meetings, activities, and dinners, and space for art, craft, and music programs, therapy, and socializing.

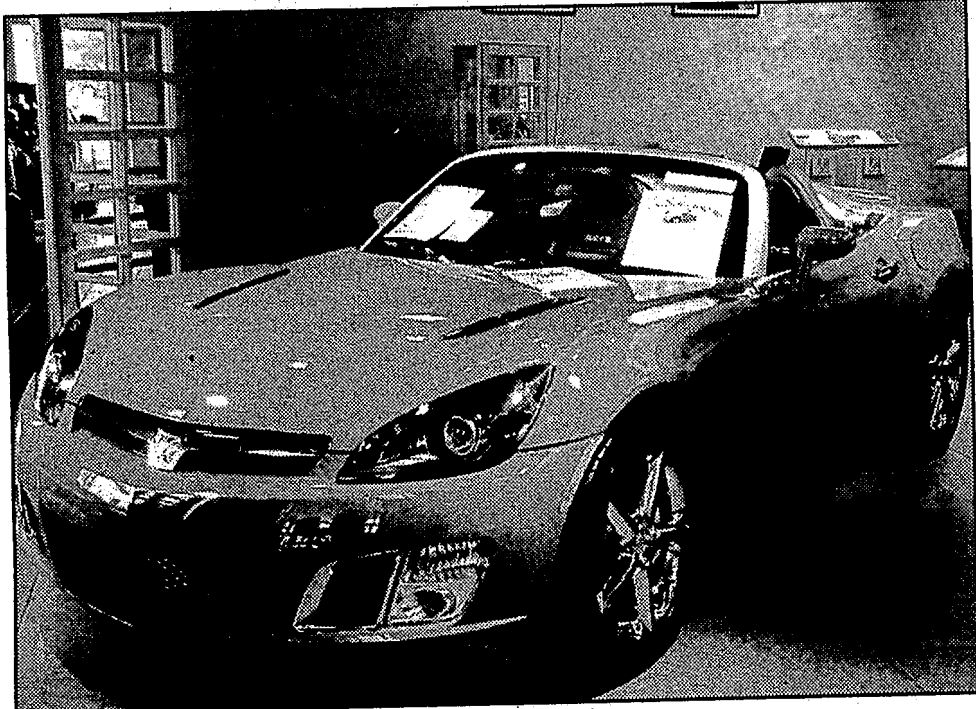
"We are in a new phase of the program at Kaleidoscope which is raising money to build our own facility central to all of the communities we service," said Tom Delke, owner of Saturn of Clarkston and a Board of Directors member for Kaleidoscope.

One-hundred percent of the money raised by this and any fundraiser put on by Kaleidoscope goes toward helping the people in need, said Delke.

Most of the money earned by this auction will go toward building the new facility, with some of it going toward the every-day operations.

One-thousand raffle tickets are being sold for \$100 each for the high-level, high-performance vehicle.

The drawing will be held on April 14. For more information about the auction or to order a ticket, call Saturn of Clarkston at 248-620-8800 or visit www.SaturnofClarkston.com.



This Saturn Sky Redline Turbo is being auctioned off by Saturn for charity.

VNA offers HPV vaccine

The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan offers Gardasil vaccination against HPV.

The vaccine is administered in three doses within six months and works best prior to exposure due to sexual activity. Common side-effects of the vaccine include those common for most vaccinations such as pain, swelling, itching, and redness at the injection site, fever, nausea, and dizziness.

Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan is a Medicare-certified, not-for-profit organization that provides home health care and hospice services to residents of Southeast Michigan.

Appointments are available Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at its Oak Park office at 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. For information, appointment or pricing, call VNA at 800-882-5720, ext. 8755.

Food drive at Curves

Curves of Davisburg is collecting non-perishable food items Monday through Saturday through the month of March. Last year, the food drive worldwide collected 11 million pounds of food for local communities.

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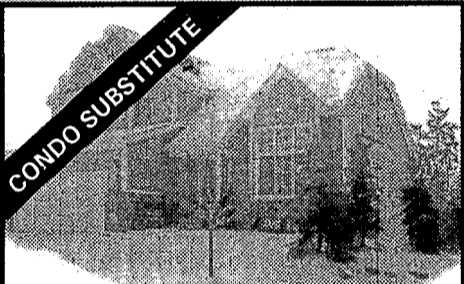
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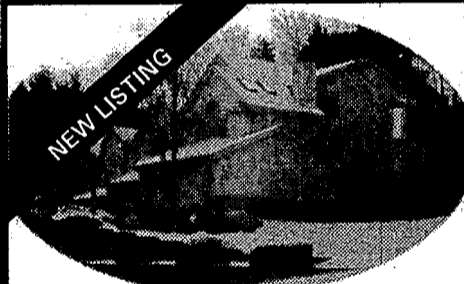
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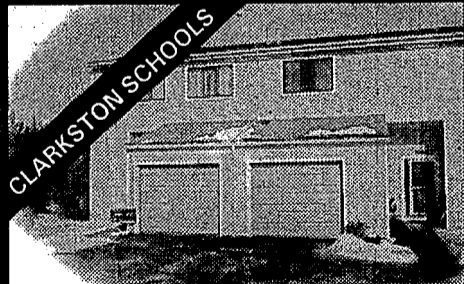
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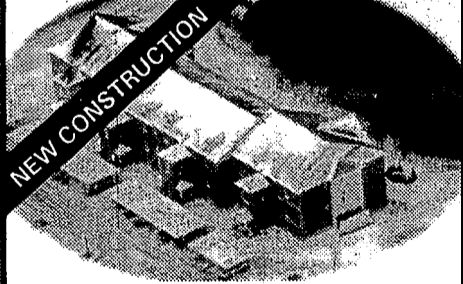
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Obituary

Jake A. Mobbs

Jake A. Mobbs of Clarkston passed away on March 12 at the age of 79.

He was the husband of Shirley; father of Carolyn Filhart of Waterford, Marilyn (Joe) Allen of Tenn., Sheila Mobbs of Waterford, David Howe of Waterford, Connie Whitlock of Flint and Alison Howe of Brighton; grandfather of nine; great grandfather of nine; brother of Evelyn Solmon and James (Norma) Mobbs, both of Tenn. Mr. Mobbs retired from General



Motors after 41 years and was a veteran.

Funeral service was March 15 at Mt. Zion in Clarkston. Visitation was at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery.

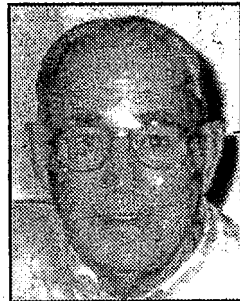
Memorials may be made to Mt. Zion. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

George Barnard Jr.

George Barnard Jr. of Waterford passed away on March 15 at age 93.

He was preceded in death by his wife Geneva and son William "Ed" Shipp. He was the father of Dennis (Debby) Barnard of Waterford, Mona (Ron) Shnowski of Fla., and Iline (John) Wagner of Calif.; also survived by 10 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Mr. Barnard retired from General Motors after 30 years of service and



was a member of UAW Local 653. He enjoyed 30 years of retirement, especially gardening and mowing his lawn.

Funeral service Wednesday, March 21, 12:30 p.m. at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Darryl T. Feyers

Darryl Thomas Feyers of Waterford, formerly of Centerline, passed away suddenly on March 11 due to an accident, at the age of 35.

Mr. Feyers was survived by daughter Annabelle Gold and her mother Kristi of Waterford. He was the son of Richard Feyers of Warren, Bonnie Feyers of Harrison, and Harold Chapman of Harrison; son-in-law of Dave and Ann Robbins of Waterford and William and Verna Cole of Ortonville; brother of Sonja, Rick and Mark (Kathy) Feyers, all of

Warren; brother-in-law of Tricia and Bill Pitt of Waterford, and Billy and Jen Cole of Walker; stepbrother of Brian (Linda) Chapman of Saginaw and Curtis Chapman of Detroit. Also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. He worked at Rochester Hills Chrysler Jeep for 18 years as a lease manager. He enjoyed snowmobiling and motorcycling.

Funeral service was March 15 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Any donations given to the family will be used for Annabelle's future education. www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Barbara J. Doerr

Barbara J. Doerr of Clarkston passed away on March 12 at the age of 73.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Arthur Kinney, and her second husband, William Doerr. She was the loving mother of Mary Patricia (Greg) Stevens of Davisburg, Michael (Sandy) Kinney of Ohio; grandmother of Matthew and Cynthia Stevens, and Zachary and Benjamin Kinney.

Mrs. Doerr was a member of the Advent Episcopal Church. She retired in 1988 from Pontiac



Motors Financial Staff after 26 years of service.

Visitation was March 14-15 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Funeral service was March 16 at the Advent Episcopal Church, Orchard Lake. Interment Lakeview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Advent Episcopal Church. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Evelyn Marie Harris

Evelyn Marie Harris of Traverse City, formerly of Pontiac, passed away on March 11 at the age of 89.

She was preceded in death by her husband Ellis. She was the mother of Phyllis Logan of Palms and Donald (Mary) Harris of Grayling; grandmother of six; great grandmother of 19; sister of Charlene Pace of Waterford, Mary (Lyndon) Wood of Drayton Plains, and



Patricia (Robert) Nunn of Waterford.

Funeral Service was March 16 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Ottawa Park Cem-

etery. Memorials may be made to the Pavillions Nursing Home, Traverse City. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Mary Gibbs-Guibord

Mary C. Gibbs-Guibord of Highland passed away on March 18 at the age of 76.

She was the mother of Fred (Cheryl) Guibord of Milford, Sue (Les) Forbes of Waterford and Bill (Deborah) Guibord of Highland; grandma of Jim (Jerian) Keyes, Angie, Nicola

Madjarac (Matt), Andrea, and Jason (Dusty) Zancanella, Tanya (Josh) Comer; great grandma of Cole James and Dominick; sister of Peggy Dyer and Carolyn Rhodes.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Special Financial Focus

Presented by: Scott R. Hazellon

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Don't Let Wild Markets Give You the Jitters

For much of the country, the end of February and the beginning of March brought plenty of wind, rain, sleet and snow. But the stormy weather wasn't confined to the atmosphere - there was also plenty of turbulence in the financial world. As an investor, how should you respond?

Before we answer that question, let's review the recent stock market numbers. In the week of Feb. 26 through March 2, the Dow Jones industrial average fell 4.2 percent - the worst weekly percentage drop for the Dow since March 2003.

What caused the correction? Two key factors jump out. First, investors may have reacted to the possibility that Chinese authorities are reining in market speculation. In a market as big - and as fast growing - as China, such a move can easily have large ramifications. Another possible cause of the market decline is the news that the U.S. economy is slowing to a more moderate pace of growth.

Will the decline continue? And, if it does, how far will stock prices fall? No one can really answer these questions with any certainty. Market declines often begin and end without warning. However, regardless of the length and severity of a market downturn, you'll want to consider these moves:

Focus on quality. There's never a "wrong" time to buy quality investments - but there's also never a better time than when the market is shaky. Quite simply, during market downturns, quality investments - such as stocks of some large companies in developed markets and top-rated corporate bonds - tend to not drop as far as riskier investments.

Look for buying opportunities. Everybody knows that it's a good idea to "buy low and sell high" but many investors do just the opposite. They chase after "hot" stocks, whose price may already be peaking, and they sell stocks whose price is falling, in an effort to "cut losses." But the best buying opportunities often occur when the market is down. That's because a market slump tends to drag down all stocks, even those with good prospects for future growth. The best buying opportunities are often those stocks whose fundamentals are strong but whose price has dropped substantially.

Think long term. Last week's 4.2 percent drop was big news. But as weeks turn into months, and months into years, will the impact of this drop be meaningful? The answer is we don't know. To put some perspective on this question though, look back 20 years, to March 1987, when the Dow Jones industrial average stood at around 2,300. Since that time, the Dow has gone up about 420 percent - an increase that's 100 times as large as the size of last week's drop. Of course, as you've no doubt heard, past performance is no guarantee of future results, so you can't necessarily count on past performance as a predictor for the future. But it's a fact that the stock market numbers have historically trended up. So, if you don't let short-term drops send you to the investment "sidelines," your patience and perseverance may give you an opportunity to be well positioned for the long term.

No one really likes to see the stock market shed so much wealth in a short period of time. But if you concentrate on quality, look for good deals and think long term, you can navigate the sometimes-bumpy roads of the investment world and continue on your journey toward your important financial goals.

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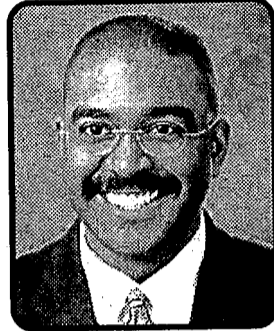
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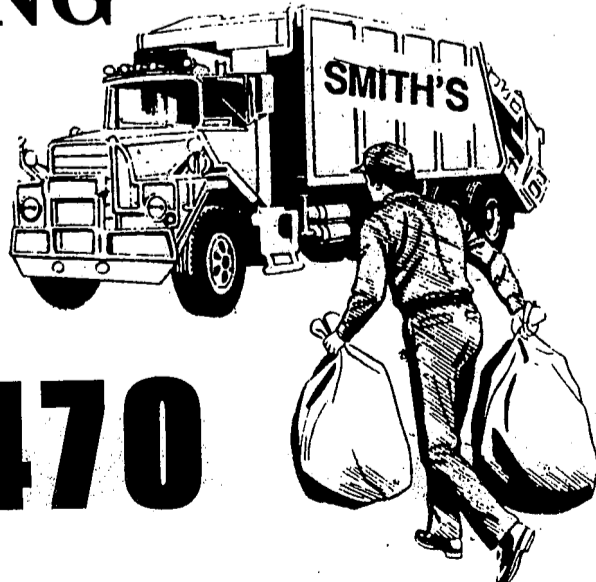
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Leon C. Decker

Leon C. Decker of Davisburg, formerly of Clarkston and Prescott, passed away on March 16 at the age of 94.

He was preceded in death by his wife Audrey. He was the father of Jerrie (the late J.P.) Perkins of Grayling, Arlene VanBibber of Davisburg, Lois (Arnold) Kottmann of Davisburg, Leon F. (Debbie) of Tawas, the late Carol Lutz, Jim (Pam) of Waterford and Bill of Grayling; grandpa of 23; great grandpa of 42; great great grandpa of 14. He was preceded in death by his grandchildren: Bill Perkins, Patty Repkey and Jus-



tin Decker. Mr. Decker retired from Fisher Body of Pontiac and was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church.

Funeral service was March 19 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Hillview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army or Calvary Lutheran Church. Online guest book at www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Lillian S. Bauer

Lillian S. Bauer, a 60-year resident of Clarkston and member of Clarkston United Methodist Church, passed away on March 6. She was born June 22, 1909.

She served as secretary to the church and later to the Village of Clarkston. After serving several years, she retired at age 85. Mrs. Bauer was preceded in death by her husband, Harold J. Bauer, and her grandsons Brian J. Wilson and Michael J. Gardiner.

She is survived by her daughters Shirley Wilson, and her husband Gar Wilson, retired chief of Independence Township Fire Department, who now reside in Boyne City, and Sally Whitney, and her husband, Clark, of Greer, S.C.; four

grandchildren, Jody Solomon of S.C., Cherie Wilson of Clarkston, Chaundra Wilson of Grand Blanc, Steve Wilson, now living in New York; five great-grandchildren, Erin, Randy, David, and Ashley Solomon of S.C., and Hayley Gardiner of Denver, Colo.

Mrs. Bauer was a delight to know and a treasure to her family. Her homecooked meals fed her family for years, and they enjoyed seeing the pleasure she gained from her bridge clubs, crossword puzzles, and most of all, her grandchildren.

Donations may be made in her memory to the Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldron Road.

A small, graveside ceremony will take place on Monday, April 23, at 11 a.m. in Lakeview Cemetery. We all love you and will miss you dearly, Grandma.

Leone Maslowski

Leone Evelyn (Clendenin) Maslowski passed away on Feb. 26 at the age of 87.

She was born Aug. 19, 1919, in Marcellus. She resided in Clarkston, retired to Punta Gorda, Fla., and more recently resided in Portage, Mich.

Mrs. Maslowski was predeceased by her husband, Edward A. Maslowski. She is survived by her children, Thomas G. Gotschall (Susan), Sharon G. Warner (Roy), and Kurt L. Maslowski (Leslie); three grandchildren, Gwendolynn W. Clem (Brian), Victoria A. Ofiara (Darren), and Ann C. Gotschall; two great-grandchildren, Megan L. Clem and

Jonathan M. Clem.

She was a loan officer for Community National Bank and later vice president for Pontiac State Bank in the loan department.

She always lived life to the fullest and is remembered fondly as loyal, strong, and caring for her family and friends.

She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

She will return to Clarkston, where she lived most of her life, to rest next to her late husband in All Saints Cemetery. There will be a Memorial Service for her late June.

Donations in her name can be made to the Breast Cancer Association or Diabetic Association.

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Helen Kitchen

Helen Lorene Kitchen passed away March 15 at the age of 85 at the home of her daughter, Susan Lockwood, surrounded by her loving family.

Mrs. Kitchen was born Aug. 6, 1921, in Galatia, Ill., to Anna Lucille Kennaday and Roy V. Weir. Helen married Harry C. Kitchen on Oct. 25, 1940, in Oxford. They were married for 46 years and had one daughter and four sons.

She worked for Federal Mogul in St. John's, Mich., for 15 years prior to moving to Vanderbilt, Mich. She was active in the Clinton Arts Council, expressing her love of art through her pastel drawings.

She was a dedicated mother, grand-

mother, and great-grandmother. She was also a devoted Christian and active member of the Vanderbilt Community Church, where she played the organ and took part in the church choir.

Mrs. Kitchen is survived by her brother Robert (Sally) Weir of Winchester, Ky.; her four sons, Theodore Kitchen of Grand Rapids, William Kitchen of Vanderbilt, Richard Kitchen of Lincoln Park, and Harry (Emily Meyerson) Kitchen Jr. of Petosky; her daughter, Susan (Charles) Lockwood of Williamsburg, Mich.; her 16 wonderful grandchildren; 15.5 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and her brother Roy Dale Weir.



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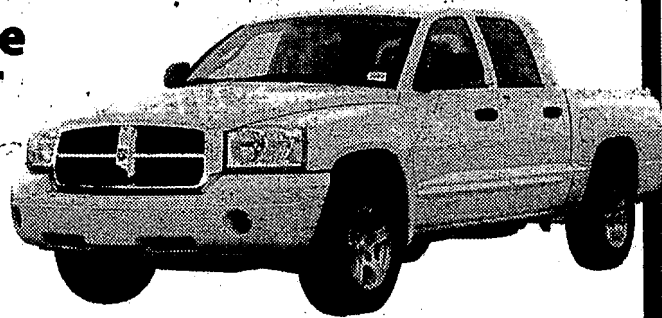
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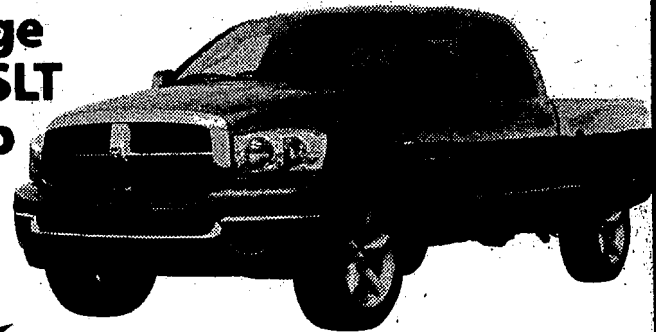


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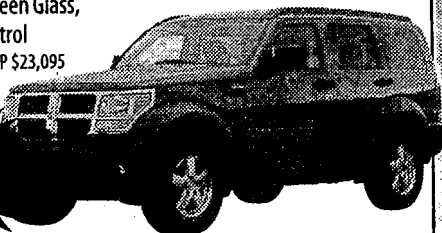
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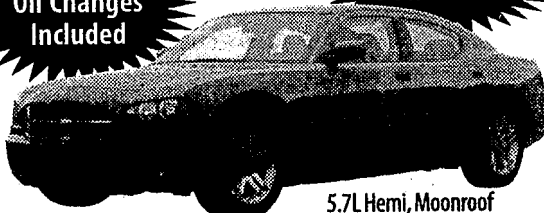


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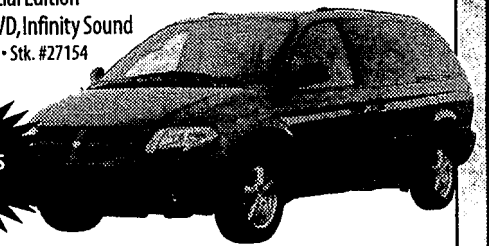
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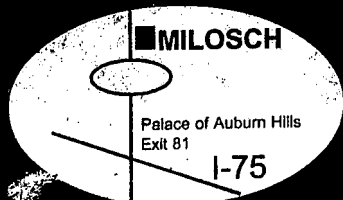
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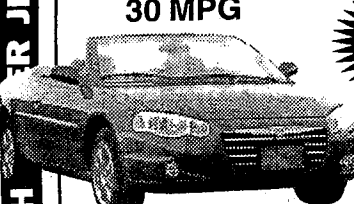
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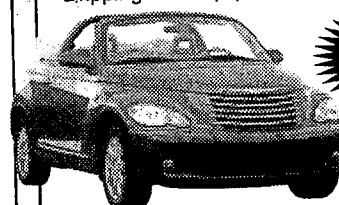
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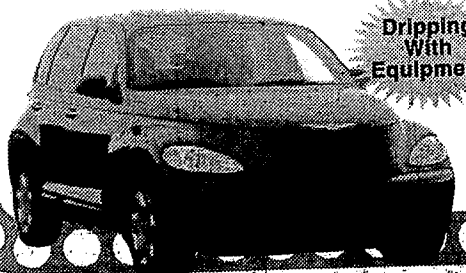


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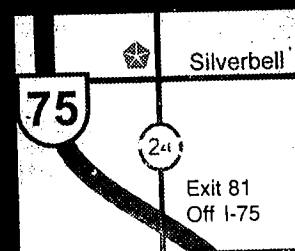
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Former Clarkston slugger starring at Wayne State

BY PAUL KAMPE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Although hard work is no publicly traded stock, it's been a worthy investment for Wayne State University junior Derek Ranck.

Ranck dedicated himself to working toward improvement in his days with Clarkston. Wolves coach Phil Price remembers the extra efforts Ranck put forth.

"He was a team player and a hard-working guy. He was a player a coach would dream to have. His work ethic was as good as they come," Price said.

"Derek was somebody who was very coachable and he took criticism well. He would try to get it done, he always wanted to get better."

Price recalls Ranck doing extra stretches and long tosses to make himself stronger defensively.

"He knew his arm strength wasn't the best," Price said.

"He understood, to get better, he had to work on his weakness."

As an outfielder for the Wolves, Ranck led the team with a .470 batting average in his senior year (2003) and was named All-state. He earned All-conference honors during his three seasons on the varsity squad, 2001-'03.

"Hard work pays off, especially in baseball. And determination, if you want it bad enough, you can accomplish what you want," Ranck said.

While recruiting, WSU coach Jay Alexander took note of Ranck's hard work.

"He's extremely focused and he works his tail off," Alexander said.

"Once I saw his competitiveness...I said this was a kid I had to have.

"He showed me he was above and beyond a lot of the kids we were recruiting."

The slugger earned his reputation prior to jumping to the Clarkston varsity, as a member of the Clarkston Riverdaws.

"Practice makes you better. The more you do anything, the better you will get," Ranck said.

"Not just working hard in practice, but working hard outside of practice is just as important."

The 22-year-old Ranck, after being red-shirted in his freshman season, used his first year to make the transition to the game.

"It's just different. You have to be smarter about some of your game decisions," he said.

"A lot of games are closer so you have to play

smarter baseball."

Ranck has made himself a leader for the Warriors. Wayne State, from NCAA division II Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, has begun this season with a 9-2 record after being picked to finish third in the conference in a pre-season coaches' poll. Ranck is third on the team, batting .500 in 36 plate appearances this season. He is also third in on-base percentage (.561) and second with 18 hits and 14 RBI's.

Derek batted .328 during the 2006 campaign as the Warriors suffered through a 19-34 season, with a 17-14 record in the GLIAC.

As can be expected, the jump to collegiate athletics made for an adjustment.

"It's very competitive. It's different than high school, which is a little bit more laid back. In college, everyone is good and they want to win. They work hard to try and win their league championship."

An aggressive attitude keeps Ranck fired up to get on the field.

"(I enjoy) the fact you get to compete every day. You get to compete against players just like you and try to beat them," he said.

As he did for the Wolves, Ranck roams the outfield for the Warriors.

"I like the outfield because you're the last defense. If the ball gets past the infield, it's up to you to stop the ball," he said.

Along with his Warriors teammates, Ranck is involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters and S.M.A.R.T.S., another mentoring program.

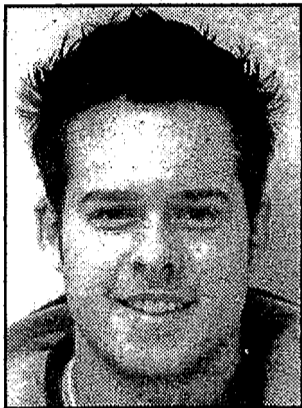
Ranck, who garnered GLIAC All-academic team honors last season, is majoring in electrical engineering. The extra year of eligibility due to sitting out his freshman season gives him the extra year he will need to finish the five-year program.

"I had interest in (this) and I've been taking classes for the past three years," he said.

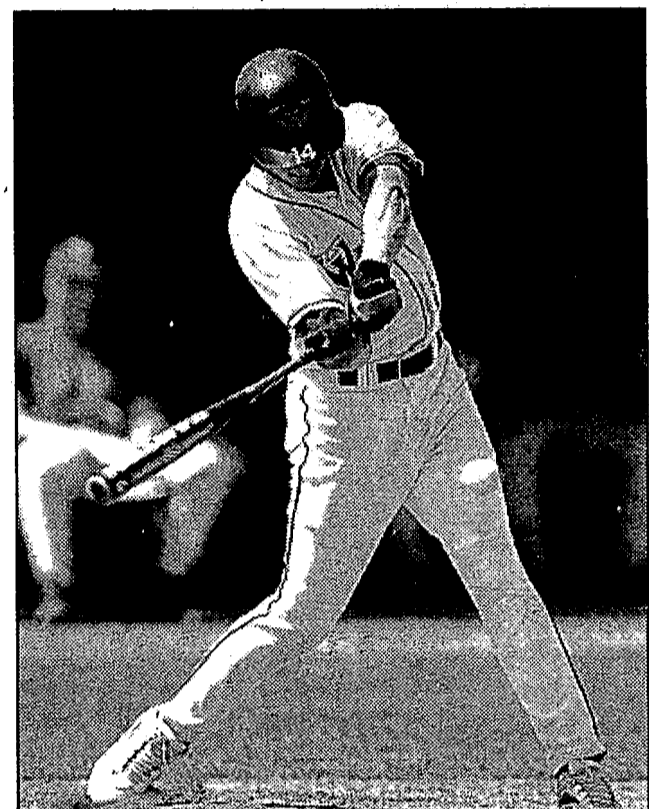
Ranck still keeps in contact with former teammates scattered throughout the state and nation continuing their baseball pursuits.

Former Clarkston teammate Matt Brady, who plays for Hillsdale, is now an intra-conference rival of Ranck's.

"It's a fun competition between us. When we play them, coach Price comes out to see us two Clarkston guys going at each other. It's a lot of fun," Ranck said.



Ranck



Derek Ranck, a 2003 Clarkston graduate, has made the transition to a team leader in the NCAA with Wayne State University. Photo courtesy of WSU

Clarkston hockey looks to improve next year

BY PAUL KAMPE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

An 8-14-4 season might not scream "the start of something big," but Clarkston's hockey team seems headed for a return to the OAA top tier next season.

"We have a lot of younger guys coming up. We have a lot of potential. We'll be fine the next couple of years," Clarkston coach Bryan Krygier said after the Wolves were eliminated from the playoffs.

After another high turnover this season (Clarkston has lost 20 players over two years), the team half full of new players.

"We did what we expected. There was a big learning curve with all the players," Krygier said.

"We learned throughout the year (and) we were more competitive toward the end of the season."

Freshman skaters saw more ice time as the season wore on, giving the team's future a chance to learn from their mistakes.

"We kept correcting them until they improved," Krygier said.

Adam Frank, part of the returning frosh foursome with David Cannons, Sean Hancock, and Jack Schlauf, found his scoring touch midway through the

season, tallying five goals.

"He's more of a finesse player. He can see what's developing in the play," Krygier said.

Krygier also expects leadership from sophomore Nick Posawatz. Forward Aaron Podbielski, a utility player, should be a big contributor again next season.

"He controls the puck well and creates opportunities," Krygier said.

"He needs to shoot the puck more, but other teams notice when he's on the ice."

Seniors Ryan Kenerson, Taylor Turner and Eric Salo led Clarkston. Kenerson led the team with 14 goals and Turner was tops in points, with 21.

"They stabilized the team and gave us the ability to be competitive," Krygier said.

Clarkston is expected to have both goaltenders return next season. Zack Lewy and Garrett Knappe split time between the pipes, facing nearly 30 shots on net every game. Knappe compiled a 6-7-3 record and an 89.6 save percentage.

"They were on their own for a while there," Krygier said. "We definitely have to eliminate the shots next year (and) work on our defensive zone coverage and creating opportunities."

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NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2007 FOR CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN CLARKSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION VOTE FOR TWO FOUR YEAR TERM

To the qualified electors of the City of the Village of Clarkston, County of Oakland, State of Michigan.

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THE MAY 8, 2007, ELECTION WILL BE CONDUCTED IN VOTING PRECINCT NO. 1 OF THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING CANDIDATES TO BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR CLARKSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS.

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Ordinance No. 97, an Ordinance to provide rules and regulations for the use of and conduct in the public parks and public recreation areas within the City of the Village of Clarkston was adopted on February 26, 2007.

A copy of this Ordinance is available for inspection at the City Hall during normal working hours.

Artemus M. Pappas
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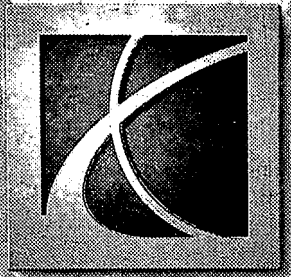
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NOTICE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON 375 DEPOT ROAD CLARKSTON, MI 48346 CHANGE OF MEETING DATE CITY COUNCIL MARCH 27, 2007

The City Council will hold its second March meeting on March 27, 2007, instead of March 26, 2007, due to the Landscaping for Lakes and Streams program to be presented on March 26.

The meeting will be held at the City Hall, 375 Depot Road, Clarkston, on Tuesday, March 27, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.

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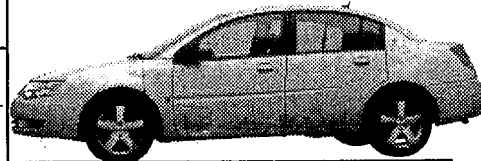
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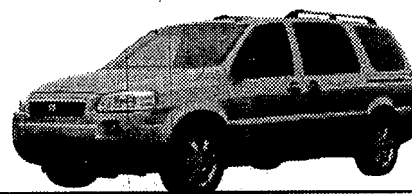
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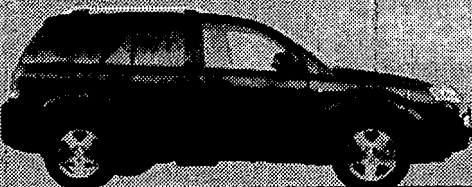
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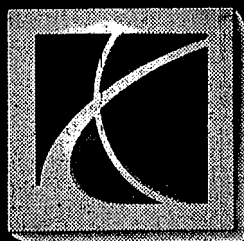
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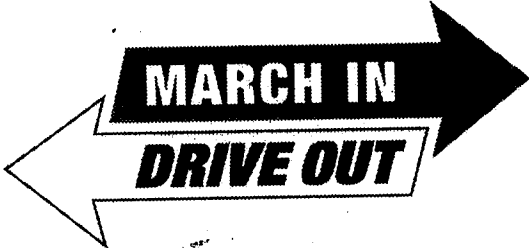
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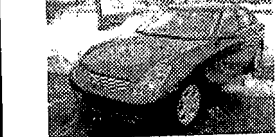
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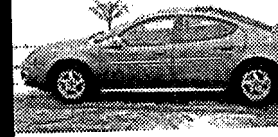
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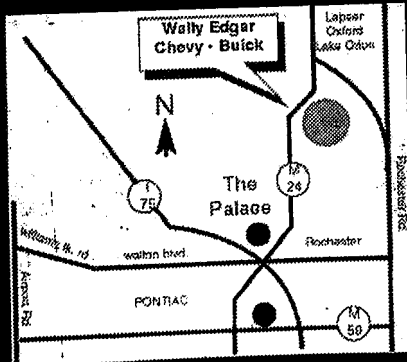
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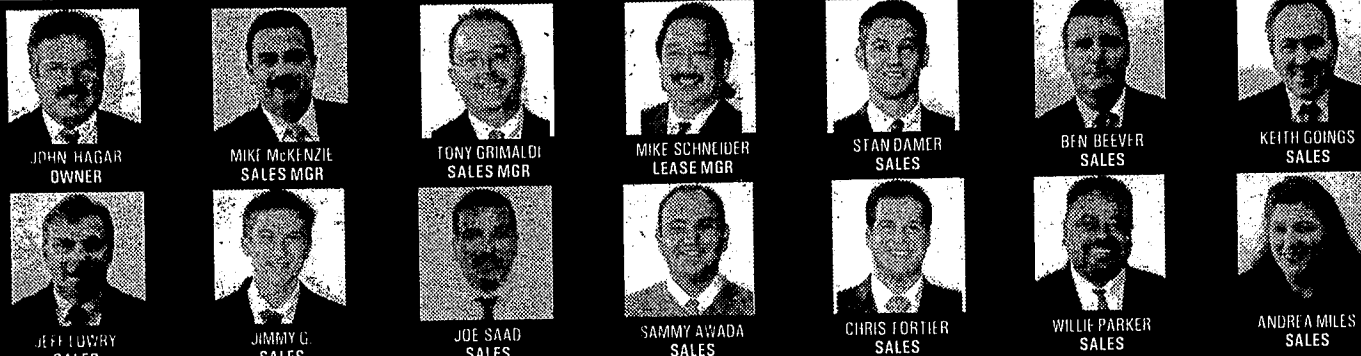
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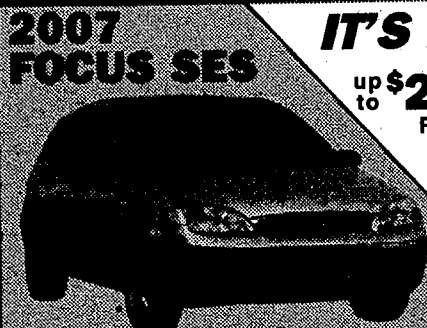
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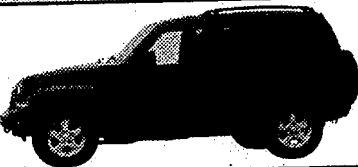


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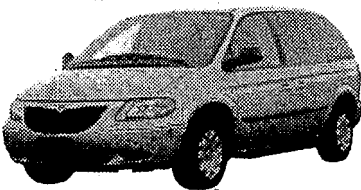


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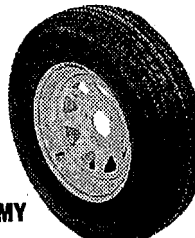
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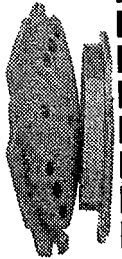
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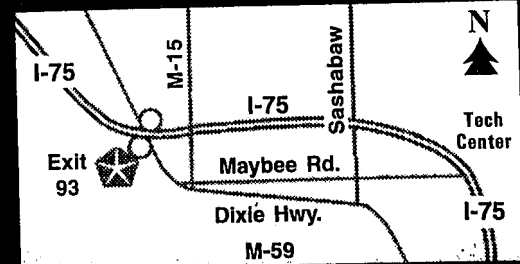
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