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Student of the year



Devin Bleim gets a congratulatory hug from Clarkston Area Youth Assistance Secretary Anita Dempster. Bleim was named Elementary Student of the Year at CAYA's 2007 Youth Recognition Awards. See more photos from the event on page 8B. Photo by Laura Colvin

Consolidation off table, city says

But Clarkston officials want to work with township board to improve sharing

BY LAURA COLVIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Clarkston City Council sent a clear and united message to Independence Township representatives Monday: We're not interested in consolidating.

Township Trustee Dan Kelly, Clerk Shelagh Vanderveen, and Treasurer Jim Wenger attended the Clarkston City Council meeting for a face-to-face discussion on the issue of consolidating the two municipalities.

Although the council made it clear they did not intend to give up cityhood, all agreed on finding new ways of working together.

"We're the poster children for shared services," said Clarkston Mayor Sharron Catalo.

The issue was brought up last month by Kelly, who said he personally believes taxpayers in both communities would be best served by consolidating.

However, he said, the most important first step was to commission a feasibility study, which would be provided by Oakland County at no cost to Clarkston or Independence Township.

Although Clarkston officials told Kelly they would be more likely to agree to the study if consolidation was off the table, Kelly argued for looking at every option.

"Just collecting data of unanswered questions doesn't force anybody to do anything," he said. "To exclude consolidation from a report is just simply saying 'we don't want to hear the answer to a certain analysis.'"

Kelly told the board there were many issues to be looked at in ways that could benefit both communities, including sharing police and DPW services in the same way the fire services are now shared.

Kelly also said he believed the council could still attain the city's goals of preserving the hometown atmosphere and historic integrity of the village, as well as controlling downtown development, without maintaining a separate government entity.

Such matters, he said, could be accomplished by legal entities. Please see *Sharing* on page 13A

School parking, utility upgrades set for summer

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Expect lots of construction work at local schools this summer, as the district puts its remaining capital-improvement bond money to work.

The Clarkston Board of Education voted Monday to authorize for bid \$910,000 in high-priority projects districtwide.

Clarkston High School and Junior High School projects include:

- Resurface auxiliary lot, CJH, \$40,000;
- Air conditioning to keep equipment cool in CHS Head

End Room, and generator hookup, \$30,000;

- Lighting system upgrade, CHS, \$75,000;
- Resurface CJH track, \$75,000;
- Replace fence around CJH stadium, track, \$50,000;
- Portable bleachers, CHS/CJH, \$60,000;
- Two ride-on floor scrubbers, CHS, \$25,000;

Work at elementary schools include:

- Re-asphalt parking lot, Bailey Lake, \$150,000;
- Re-asphalt entrance drive, North Sashabaw, \$50,000;

• Lighting upgrade, Independence, \$35,000;

- Energy-efficient, digital HVAC controls, Springfield Plains, \$60,000;
- Replace flag pole, Bailey Lake, \$5,000.

District-wide projects include:

- Seven test-scoring scanners for elementaries, \$35,000;
- Concrete pads for bleachers at Alternative Junior High, \$50,000;
- New exterior signs at various schools, \$70,000.

The list also includes \$100,000 for demolition and asbestos abatement at the former South

Sashabaw Elementary School.

"Whatever we do, all asbestos will have to be removed," said Bruce Beamer, executive director of business services.

It will probably not be renovated as an interim senior center, so its best use may be as additional athletic fields for Sashabaw Middle School, Beamer said.

Added to \$600,000 previously approved for computer replacement at CHS and \$45,300 for unforeseen costs, high-priority projects will cost \$1,555,300.

Medium and low-priority projects would account for the

rest of the \$6.5 million in bond funds. Most are district-wide, energy-efficiency projects.

The high-priority projects will go out for bid immediately, he said.

Responses are due by early June for discussion and approval by the school board.

Beamer will present additional details on medium- and low-priority project at a future meeting.

Voters approved the bond issue in 2003, borrowing \$83.7 million from the state. Conditions placed by the state limit use of the funds to capital improvements.

Millstream

Chris Haag helps the environment



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Sports

Wolves fall to rival Lake Orion

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Watch your speed!

Deputies from the Oakland County Sheriff's Department Independence Township substation were monitoring speeds with an automatic radar display trailer on northbound M-15 near Dixie Highway last week. The posted speed is 40 mph, but slows to 30 mph as traffic enters the downtown Clarkston area.

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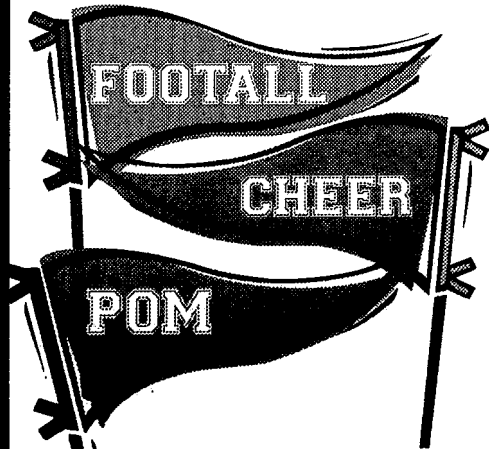


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The Second Front

Briefly

Wetlands public hearing set May 10

Independence Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing May 10 on wetland impacts of the proposed McLaren Health Village.

At issue is approximately 1.61 acres of regulated wetland to be used for an ambulance drive and pedestrian boardwalks.

The 70-acre project, on Bow Pointe Drive east of Sashabaw Road, would include medical offices, urgent-care center, hospital, shops, and restaurants.

The meeting is set for 7:30 p.m. May 10 at Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road.

For more information, call the township at 248-625-5111.

Township to consider keyholing

Keyholing returns to the Independence Township Board next week.

The sub-committee report on proposed rules to limit access to local lakes is due May 1. Keyholing is when several condominium or apartment residents are granted access to a lake through a single lakefront property.

The meeting is set for 7:30 p.m. May 1 at Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road.

For more information, call the township at 248-625-5111.

Bake sale for memorials this Sunday

A bake sale to create, establish, and help maintain hometown memorials in honor of Michigan men and women who gave their lives in the armed forces is set for 1-5 p.m., Sunday, April 29, at Rudy's Market, Main Street, Clarkston.

Got News?

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Reality sets in

Community spirit strong, but school's structure too weak

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Hopes were high this past January when the idea blossomed to renovate a closed school for seniors.

The reality of the situation has become clear, however.

"After months of detailed research, the Senior Center Extreme Makeover committee has decided that South Sashabaw Elementary School in Clarkston is not the correct site for a future Independence Township Senior Center," said Mel Vaara, co-chair of the Senior Center Extreme Makeover Committee, in a letter to *The Clarkston News*.

The idea to renovate the school, which closed in 1982, was discussed in December by Superintendent Al Roberts and community activist Tom Stone.

A committee of local government officials and volunteers was formed in January. Since then, the committee raised about \$3,600 in donations for the project. The money will remain in its account at Clarkston State Bank.

"My hope is that it would serve as a nest egg that would grow and be used in the future," Stone said.

The committee voted April 17 to end the effort, Stone said.

Sixteen construction experts donated their time to carefully examine the building. Their final report: the project would be too expensive.



Community activist Tom Stone and Mike Turk, director of Independence Township Parks and Recreation, examine the former South Sashabaw Elementary this past January. Hopes for renovating the school into an interim senior center were dashed as experts found costs would be too high.

Volunteers checked former elementary

Tom Stone submitted a letter to the editor just prior to the committee vote, thanking contractor volunteers who donated their time and expertise:

Pam Bytner, Bytner Design Kitchen; **Bob Eddy**, Clarkston Home Improvement Floors; **Kevin Fangel**, Fangel H&C Heating; **Dave Fritzinger**, Energy Shield Roof; **Wes Goodman**, CCS B&G Dir. General; **Darrell Hart**, Sierra Electric Electrical; **Robyn Johnston**, Architect Fire Suppress;

Rich Lee, R. A. Lee Electric Electrical; **Stu Mahler**, Deerwood Developer General; **Steve Matheson**, Air Ace H&C Air Conditioning; **Jay Noonan**, Design Resources Asbestos; **Bill Timco**, CCS Maintenance General; **Tim Wickersham**, Wickersham Prop. General; **Harold Wiederhold**, Former General Cont. General; **Dave Woodward**, Dave's Electric Electrical; and **Mike Wozniak**, Building Integrity Handicapped.

"The analogy I would use is a used car — you would get a couple good mechanics to go over it thoroughly," he said.

"They found things that weren't evident to amateurs like ourselves."

Examination of floortiles showed most contained asbestos, a fireproof material later showed to cause cancer.

"They are in worse shape than we judged

them to be as amateurs," he said.

The tiles had grown brittle and warped. The solution would be to remove them, a project that would cost about \$40,000, he said.

Air-conditioning costs would also be too expensive. Considered were window units and duct work for a central system. Win-

Please see Senior Center on page 12A

McCabe answers police committee's questions

BY LAURA COLVIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

If it's not illegal, immoral or unethical, the Oakland County Sheriff's Office will give Clarkston residents any type of police service they want.

That was the message of Undersheriff Mike McCabe as he spoke to the Clarkston Police Committee Wed., April 18.

"We provide services based on the needs of the particular communities we go into," said McCabe. "So Rochester Hills with 70,000 people is obviously not going to be comparable to Royal Oak Township with 2,800 people. They are two totally diverse, different communities with different needs."

As the Clarkston Police Department undergoes personnel changes, acting Chief Jim Thompson has proposed reinstating the department's midnight shift, which is currently contracted to the OCSO through a subcontract with Independence Township.

Although Thompson claims the city

could save money and improve service by reverting to a 24-hour department, the city council voted to hold off on a decision until the police committee presents its findings in May.

The OCSO provides service to 15 communities and maintains 12 substations, accounting for the police protection of about 280,000 people—roughly 23 percent of Oakland County's population, said McCabe.

"We're cost effective, because with 15 communities we eliminate duplication services," said McCabe, who joined the OCSO as a patrolman in 1977. "You don't have 15 police chiefs, you have one; it's the sheriff."

The same holds true, he said, for command staffs, dispatch centers, records bureaus and so forth.

In addition, he said, each community is indemnified—a city or township cannot be sued for the perceived or real wrongdoing of any Oakland County deputy.

The OCSO began offering police services more than 50 years ago, McCabe

told the committee, and has never lost a contract.

"There's a clause in the contract that if you don't like what we do you can fire us," he said. "But our deputies do go the extra mile because they know we could be here today gone tomorrow."

Providing lockout service, he said, is one example.

"A lot of community police departments don't do it anymore because they think it's too much of a hassle," he said. "They don't want officers wasting time on small things like that. But if you lock your keys in the car, it's a big thing to you."

McCabe also wanted to make it clear that the OCSO was not looking to run the Clarkston Police Department out of town.

"The sheriff doesn't go out and solicit contacts and say 'hey, we want to take your police department over,'" he said, pointing out that he was asked to come to the meeting to answer questions about service. "We've never done that and we never will do that."

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Parent volunteer McGinnis focuses on kids in the middle

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Over the past 20 years, Cheryl McGinnis has helped run several successful bond campaigns for Clarkston Community Schools. This is her first campaign for Board of Education, though.

"I didn't have the time before," said McGinnis of Independence Township. "With work and what I was doing at the building level, I didn't feel I could adequately do the job."

Now, two of her three children have graduated, and a new generation of parents are stepping up to help out.

She supports Superintendent Al Roberts' efforts to keep standards high for students, but said helping students in the middle would be a priority if elected.

"I embrace Dr. Roberts' phrase that he wants to raise the bar, but for kids in the middle of the pack, the bar may already be too high," McGinnis said.

The trimester system approved by the school board this past January for the fall should help, she said.

"My hope is that it will allow some kids in the middle of the pack to reach their potential, to reach the bar, too," she said.

The system changes the school year from two, 90-day semesters to three, 60-day terms. This would allow students more opportunities to retake classes, McGinnis said.

"It's a nice enhancement," she said.

Another way to help would be more personal interaction between students and teachers, she said.

"I would like teachers to engage all the kids in the culture of the

school - not just the top kids," she said. "Clarkston High School is a big school. My hope is that teachers could make it smaller for them. Recognize that they have something to give."

She supports school board Vice President Barry Bomier in his re-election campaign, and said the entire board and administration have done a good job.

"The current board has done a fabulous job with a shoestring budget," she said.

"I don't feel Clarkston has a lot of issues. We don't have squabbling in Clarkston - they take the role of board member seriously. They've educated themselves."

She supports their efforts to reduce costs, such as a new busing plan, while preserving classroom instruction as much as possible. She supports consolidation of business functions including purchase of supplies, but would be careful with larger consolidation efforts.

"Parents like local control," she said. "Clarkston is a moderate size district. There are many smaller districts (that could consolidate). I would like to see the state begin to fund schools differently."

She became involved with Clarkston Community Schools in the late 1980s, when her daughter Sarah, now a junior at Western Michigan University, became a student at North Sashabaw Elementary.

During a game of Buncp with other parents, she learned about a bond issue for construction of what would become Springfield Plains Elementary.

She wanted to support the bond, so she went to a parent meeting at North Sashabaw, where she was asked to attend a Board of Education meeting.



Parent volunteer Cheryl McGinnis is running for school board.

"Before the night was over, I was named the co-chairperson of HUG (Help Us Grow, a parent bond-advocacy group)," she said.

Voters approved the bond. After the campaign, she stayed involved at the building and district level.

"It evolved from the successful campaign," she said.

Her new priority was to ensure promises were kept.

"I was very concerned with the outcome, how it would play out," she said. "I attended almost every school board meeting."

Now president of the PTA council, she monitored every detail of the new school

project, including color of carpet, chairs, and design of building subdivisions, called "pods," she said.

By the late 1990s, redistricting had placed her family in Bailey Lake Elementary territory. Her involvement

continued, serving as co-chair of a bond campaign for what would become Independence Elementary, then helping out with high school bond campaigns.

By this time, campaign organizers were turning to her for help. They considered her an expert because she had documented the successful campaigns. She had copies of flyers, educational materials, and tips.

"We made big strides in how parent groups communicate with the community - lots of door-to-door, face-to-face work," she said.

She has worked the past 10 years in her husband Mark's business, Contract Professionals. As a payroll specialist, she processes billing and handles accounts.

As a board trustee, she would bring her experience with business finances to budget discussions.

"I'm very meticulous and detailed with money," she said. "I look forward to seeing what's behind the numbers - not one single line item should be overlooked. How can we do it differently? I would take an out-of-the-box approach to every line item."

She worked for General Dynamics as an executive assistant from 1981-1984, but left to raise her and her husband's children, Sarah, Natalee, and Patrick.

McGinnis grew up in Detroit and graduated from Taylor Center High School. She worked for Ford but was caught in the layoffs of the 1970s, then got a business degree from Dorsey Business School.

McGinnis joins challengers Joseph Wauldron, Edward Pierz and incumbent Barry Bomier in the campaign for two open seats on the Clarkston Board of Education. The election is May 8.

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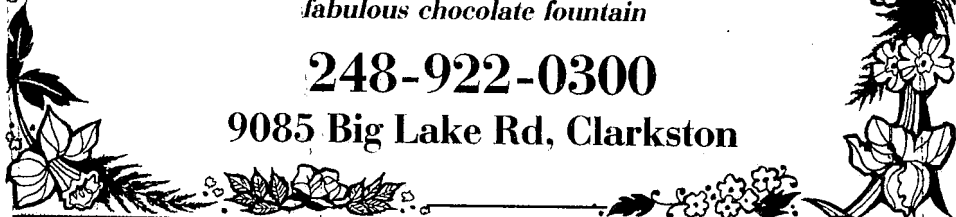
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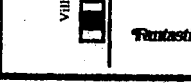
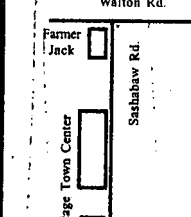
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The Spray Masters Ski Team usually performs on water at high speeds, but demonstrated their pyramid formation indoors for the crowd at the expo.



Nicholas VanGilder records his voice for the Michigan Child Identification Program at the Expo. Tom Braun, Cedar Lodge #60, operates the system, while Nicholas' father, Matt VanGilder, and brother Michael VanGilder watch. Karen VanGilder, Matt's wife and the boys' mother, is the 2007 expo coordinator. The program records children's fingerprints, voice print, photograph, teeth impressions, and DNA. Parents then get a print-out and CD with the information, at no cost. The program served about 30,000 children last year.

Expo welcomes return of sunshine

Hundreds of visitors and exhibitors welcomed warm, spring weather Saturday morning at the Clarkston Connects Expo.

About 50 local businesses, clubs, and groups displayed and demonstrated their outdoor and summer offerings. In the gym were gymnastics, Jazzercise, basketball, football, golf, and

other activities.

Activities outside included Oakland County Parks' inflatable bouncer and safety activities by Independence and Springfield township firefighters.

The expo is presented each spring by Clarkston Coalition for Youth.

Photo story by Phil Custodio



Danny Bulsck examines an activity sheet with the help of Susan Kraly, volunteer with Friends of Springfield Township Library.

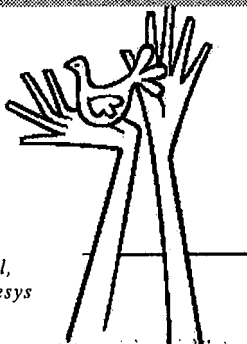


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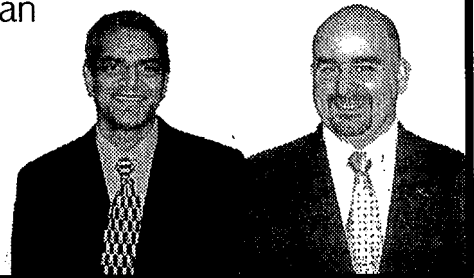
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Opinion

Helios yes

Seventy percent hydrogen and nearly 30 percent helium. That determines about three-quarters of my mood and likely has all of your attention if you're reading this.

As the weather goes, so goes my mood. Seemingly, so does everyone's outlook as the gray skies melt away and the sun comes out to play. Daylight Savings Time, a holiday in my mind, came some three weeks sooner than in years past this year. To my delight, my computer would not set to the right time. I couldn't have cared less as I stared at the sunset... at 7:30 p.m. As my pupils reset themselves from staring at the sun, I remembered that this is the way I feel every year, and have so since I was a child.

I lamented in an earlier column about my disgust for winter. Not because I don't like the cold and I don't mind driving in poor conditions. The sunset at 4:30 doesn't really do it for me though. As I made my way through the depths of Oakland County on my way to see Clarkston's finest take the courts and rinks, I hoped for the return of the sun. Sports, for the most part, happen at night, not during the day. My life sans-Helios felt lonesome. My guess is because it was always dark while I was at work. I was driving in the dark and it was still dark when I left. It should be daylight when you go in and nighttime when you leave, and that's the way I like it.

I don't know all the reasons for it, but I may be a victim in my sun deprivation. Seasonal Affective Disorder, appropriately named SAD for short, is my self-diagnosed problem. As soon as the sun comes back out, everything seems to return to normal.

According to the Mayo Clinic, "Winter's short days and long nights may include feelings of depression, lethargy, fatigue, cravings for sweets and starches, headaches, sleep problems and irritability."

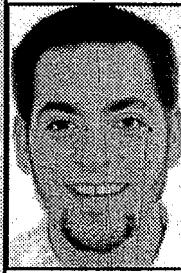
The hope and prospect of warm, sunny days with endless sunsets keeps me going through the winter. Thinking about those days helps greatly reduce the negative effects of a cold and bitter winter.

I can't imagine living in the Seattle area, also the birthplace of grunge rock. Go back and listen to some Nirvana, early Pearl Jam and Alice in Chains records. That's not happy music by any stretch, but the musicians who created that are just products of their environment.

Being a local product, I wonder how life would be living in a warmer climate. With the sun staying out just as long as here in Michigan, would the warm weather cheer me up? Who knows, but many Michiganders are likely to find out sooner rather than later if the economy isn't fixed.

I've heard if you change your situation to get rid of "problems," they will just transpose into new ones. Don't like your pay at this job, take a new one. Oops, the new higher-paying position makes you work twice as many hours... and so on down the line. Is it because as Americans we have it so good, all we can do is find little things to pick on, to the point where we complain that everything is wrong, when really things are okay? Any day you're living, breathing, eating and have clothes on your back and a roof over your head, you're doing okay. And some sunshine is really just frosting on the cake. Chocolate frosting, my favorite.

Going Home



Paul Kampe

'Dear Editor' (letters from our readers)

Don't jump to conclusions

Dear Editor,

A few people in the City of the Village of Clarkston seem to be quick at making decisions of what they think is the truth, the way they see it.

If Laura Colvin was so upset about our sleeping police officer ("Cops snooze, it's news," April 11 edition), maybe she should have walked into the office, instead of standing there and just saying "hello" once, and made sure the officer was alright, or maybe he didn't hear her.

If she had walked in and he still didn't respond, my first reaction would have been to take his pulse and make sure he was alright.

If she was a true villager, she would have known that this particular officer was just back from a near-death situation. His medication might not have been right yet.

She should have made sure he was alright. He might have been on his lunch break and just took his meds. But, instead, she didn't find out exactly what was happening and just assumed he was sleeping.

Maybe I should make a hasty decision about the teenage kids in the village and ask why the parents don't get involved with them?

Instead, they run the streets with baseball bats hitting rocks at buildings and destroying things at Depot Park. They are drinking and smoking cigarettes constantly.

When the police gets involved with the kids and what they are doing, the parents get mad at the police. These kids are probably really good kids and all they need is to put their energy into something good instead of looking for attention the wrong way.

As far as our police department, they need to know if there's going to be a police department. The people in the village need to put their actions towards a positive attitude with our police officers.

If we want our police department, we all need to work together and be one, and help each other. The first thing I would propose is a 24-hour police department.

As far as Oakland County taking over, they would only drive through. They wouldn't get involved with the people, kids, or parades, like our police department does.

When there is a problem, instead of embarrassing anyone, talk to the right people involved. Help the situation, instead of condemning it and jumping to conclusions!

Cheryl Stockwell
Clarkston

Return bond leftovers to taxpayers

Dear Editor,

A recent letter to the editor appearing in *The Clarkston News* by Mr. Bob Brown ("School/senior center would be wise use of money," April 4 edition) encouraged township residents to write to Clarkston Superintendent Al Roberts requesting that some of the leftover \$6.5 million school bond money be used to build a new senior center or recondition the South Sashabaw Elementary School.

We're writing to "encourage" you to do quite the opposite.

We "encourage" you to return OUR tax dollars back to us. As taxpayers we know that we can make better decisions of where and how to spend our money than township officials have proven to us so far.

If a tax collection results in a surplus, then our tax dollars should be returned to us promptly with sincere apologies.

After all, it is OUR money isn't it?

The senior center project has been voted on three times and has been overwhelmingly rejected each time.

Supporting such a project with our school tax dollars would go against the wishes of voters.

Such action would create a legitimate belief among voters that all future millage proposals would not be used as proposed and vote them down on those merits alone.

The \$6.5 million left over from the school bond fund should be returned to the taxpayers immediately with interest, and if our tax dollars are not being used as intended, then they never should never have been collected.

Our tax dollars should never be funneled into projects that the public has continually said "no" to, and we urge you to say no to this private sector project once again.

Mike and Lori Powell
Independence Township

More ideas for helping local businesses

Dear Editor,

I was catching up on reading some articles on your Web site (www.ClarkstonNews.com). I just read your article "Getting a Lift - New businesses could revive housing market" (Feb. 21 edition).

I was impressed with the breadth of initiatives your community leaders are pursuing to encourage new industry and businesses as well as benefit the community.

I thought I might suggest some other resources that I've come across.

Your article describes several strategies including encouraging new industries (e.g., medical research) and new businesses (e.g., Starbucks and Home Depot); offering business incentives such as health insurance discounts and zoning and permits; and providing community incentives such as free wi-fi, business discounts, and the Chamber of Commerce Web site.

I think many of these are innovative and hope they are successful for the community.

I especially like the offering of health insurance incentives to help businesses, and offering wi-fi to draw customers and businesses.

I am also wondering if your community leaders are considering other strategies that may beneficially supplement the community's existing business development goals. E.g., using tax-holidays to solicit targeted businesses, and establishing partnerships with job-training or university programs to provide job talent.

You may be aware of this Michigan resource on the former: the Angel Investment Incentive (www.michigan.org/medc/ttc/fundingopportunities/vca/index.asp).

Food for thought.

Dan Custodio
Roseville, Calif.

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

"11 teachers get lay-off notices" Four factors figured into the Board of Education's decision to lay off 11 teachers: overall financial posture of the district, uncertainty of continuing programs at Oakland Technical Center - Northwest, return of two staff members from leave, and anticipated decline in enrollment at the technical center. Nearly all teachers would be rehired if voters approved an additional two mills, officials said.

"Kiev Rotary Club has Clarkston connection" The Clarkston Rotary Club played a part in creating the first Rotary Club in Ukraine. Clarkston Rotarian Lubomyr Hewko, who had family in Ukraine, led the effort. The Eastern European country was part of the Soviet Union until a couple years before.

"AMT ambulance company closes in Michigan" Advance Medical Transport, based on M-15 in Independence Township, closed after a year of operation. Employees called a press conference to protest the closing and collect back pay.

25 years ago - 1982

"Residents blast liquor license quest" A standing-room-only crowd filled Independence Township Hall opposing a liquor license for the proposed La Piazza restaurant at Clarkston and Eston. Their petition said it would create too much traffic. The Township Board set a special meeting about it in May.

"Partial racing permit forces return check-up" Independence Township Board granted partial permission to the Waterford Hills Road Racing Association. Neighbors objecting to the auto racing were told a lawsuit restricted racing, but they were responsible for enforcing it.

"Trash presents problems" People were illegally dumping garbage on Colombiere Center property. Springfield Township officials and residents worked to clean up the mess and find ways to stop it.

50 years ago - 1957

"Republican women in finance drive" Every Republican woman in Oakland County was strongly urged to contribute to the Republican Women's Finance Drive.

"Polio program starts next week" The county March of Dimes raised more than \$141,000 so far that year for vaccinations and treatment of more than 80,000 polio victims nationwide.

"CHS received W-O League Award" Clarkston High School earned its second Wayne-Oakland League sportsmanship award. The award was given to the school with the most sportsmanlike players and spectators.

Write a letter to the editor!

shermanpub@aol.com, attn: Clarkston News

The wussifying of America: bike helmets

This weekend started out great -- but by the time the Detroit Red Wings finished skating up and down the ice in Calagary (1 a.m., Monday) two ugly feelings festered up and into my consciousness.

I guess I felt some guilt and a little old. Old and guilty, why? Why indeed!

The weekend was good. The weather was warm, there was plenty of sunshine, home-improvement projects did just that (improve the home) and I was able to spend guy-time with the lads, Shamus, 9 and Sean, 7. I took 'em to a local elementary school parking lot so Sean could practice his new favorite thing: Riding a two wheeler. (And I quote: "Dad, can we go ride in the parking lot so I can spend some quality time with my bike?")

The time was quality -- we three rode, laughed, hooted and hollered. And, then some 20-somethings and their little children rode past the parking lot on their two-wheelers. I smiled at them as they passed, but both mom and dad (both, too, were fit, tan, blond and good-looking -- perfect, I guess) didn't smile back. I swear they looked at me with either scorn, disgust or utter indignation.

Now I am not boasting, but we Rushes aren't some ragtag, below-average males, draggin' down the American gene-pool. We're not chopped liver. So, why the look from the Perfects? The only thing I come up with is these parents were upset with me because we three rode our bikes in public without helmets.

Let me say the Stepfords were well helmeted and the kids even wore long-sleeve shirts and long-legged pants. We were wearing, t-shirts, shorts and no helmets, while riding on cement with loose gravel about.

Helmets. The thought of riding my bike with a helmet firmly fastened to my noggin is foreign sounding. I am old enough to have watched the first generation of helmet-wearers reproduce and raise the second generation of helmet-wearers. I'm old enough to remember the No. 1 rule from bike safety class at Bailey Lake Elementary School: When riding on the road, ride against car traffic. When a car is visible, get off



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the road and onto the gravelly shoulder of the road. To this day, I don't like riding with auto traffic at my back. I still feel better riding into traffic, being able to see my potential death by car accident.

Where I grew up, in the wild, northeast part of Independence Township, the neighborhood was connected by hilly gravel roads -- there were also plenty of deep craters with paths to the bottom. We rode alone and we rode in packs. We rode with reckless abandon. We rode all the time. We crashed, rolled, wiped out and came home with scrapes, cuts, bruises and gravel embedded in our skin. I don't remember anybody dying or getting a serious head injury.

I know, things were different back then -- heck, maybe bike helmets weren't even invented back in them dark ages. While that may have been true, let me say this: Any kid who donned anything other than a baseball cap (backwards) whilst riding, would have been shunned and singled out as goofy (knit-stocking caps were acceptable if the temperature was below freezing). I shudder to think of what would have happened to the kid who wore a bike helmet.

In February, ABC news guy John Stossel did a report titled, "The surprising risks of playing it safe." He reported that every year in America, 700 people die because of bike accidents. So I reckon because of this fact alone, the boys should wear helmets.

I know as a society we're past the Darwinian theory of natural selection where the weak become extinct. We're higher thinkers now. We've made it easy so all can survive, not just the smartest, and strongest. That is a really good thing, I guess.

But, I still have reservations about bike helmets. Is it that I don't want to wussify the boys, or is it because of my own childhood prejudices? Is there something in the back of my head nagging, "wear anything other than a baseball cap while riding and you'll be shunned as goofy?"

My question to you, is it old and guilty or guilty of being old and intolerant to new ideas?

Or, as the boys' mom said, "Maybe they just looked at you guys because you're loud."

Nah, if that was the case, I wouldn't have had anything to write about.

E-mail Rush: dontrushmedon@charter.net

A teaspoon of vinegar goes a long way

"The only thing worth stealing is a kiss from a sleeping child." That's one of those good-feeling 'anon' quotes, to which I add: Few things are more warming than a peek at baby in a grocery cart being pushed mid-mornings by its young mother, saying smiling greetings to that baby and having them smile and experiencing a melting heart.

It's pretty much accepted that I'm going to write about ma' dog, Shayna. And when she gets a note from our 7-year-old neighbor girl, Bethany, I have to repeat it. "To Shayna. I will always love you. I am always with you. You are a good dog."



Jim Sherman

One last comment on Shayna (for this column). Growing up, my sister convinced me the darker the roof of a dog's mouth, the smarter they are. If that's true, Shayna belongs in Mensa.

Several years ago I was on a committee chaired by a Ford Motor Company man. He conducted the meetings like he said Ford did. Start and end on schedule, and no catching up or reviewing for late arrivals.

I was reminded of this when reading Ford's leader, Alan Mulally's rules for meetings: Don't be late. Be prepared. Listen to each other. Respect each other. No humor at anyone else's expense. No BlackBerries. No sideline discussions.

That last one should be enforced on the talking heads on news broadcasts. The over-talking is extreme. I loved it recently when, the two gals introducing the weatherman on Channel 7 continually chitchatted before giving him the mike. He remarked, "If you're through..."

This over-talking is rude, ego-tripping, annoying trivia.

One does not have to go to the doctor or pharmacy to get relief from numerous health problems. Just get a bottle of vinegar. Besides reading "The Vinegar Book" for uses, talk to grandmothers. No, not thirty-something grandmothers, traditional ones.

A teaspoon of vinegar goes a long way to relieving coughs, cramps, aches, skin spots, rashes, athlete's foot, circulatory care and raising your immune system.

If I live long enough, and I don't know what age that should be, I will credit all the vinegar I get by soaking my hard-boiled eggs in it before gulping.

There's good reason many researchers call vinegar Mother Nature's Liquid Gold.

Shorties

I was thinking about how, as we get older, we seem to read the Bible more often. Then someone told me we're cramming for the final exam.

Whatever happened to Preparations A thru G?

When you were preparing your income tax filings did you notice that when the two words "The" and "IRS" are put together they spell "Theirs?"

Did scientists, when they figured out the speed of lightning, consider the zig-zag?

Times, they have changed

Scenario 1: Johnny falls down, while running during recess, and scrapes his knee. He is found crying by his teacher, Mary. Mary hugs him, to comfort him.

1956 - In a short time, Johnny feels better and goes on playing.

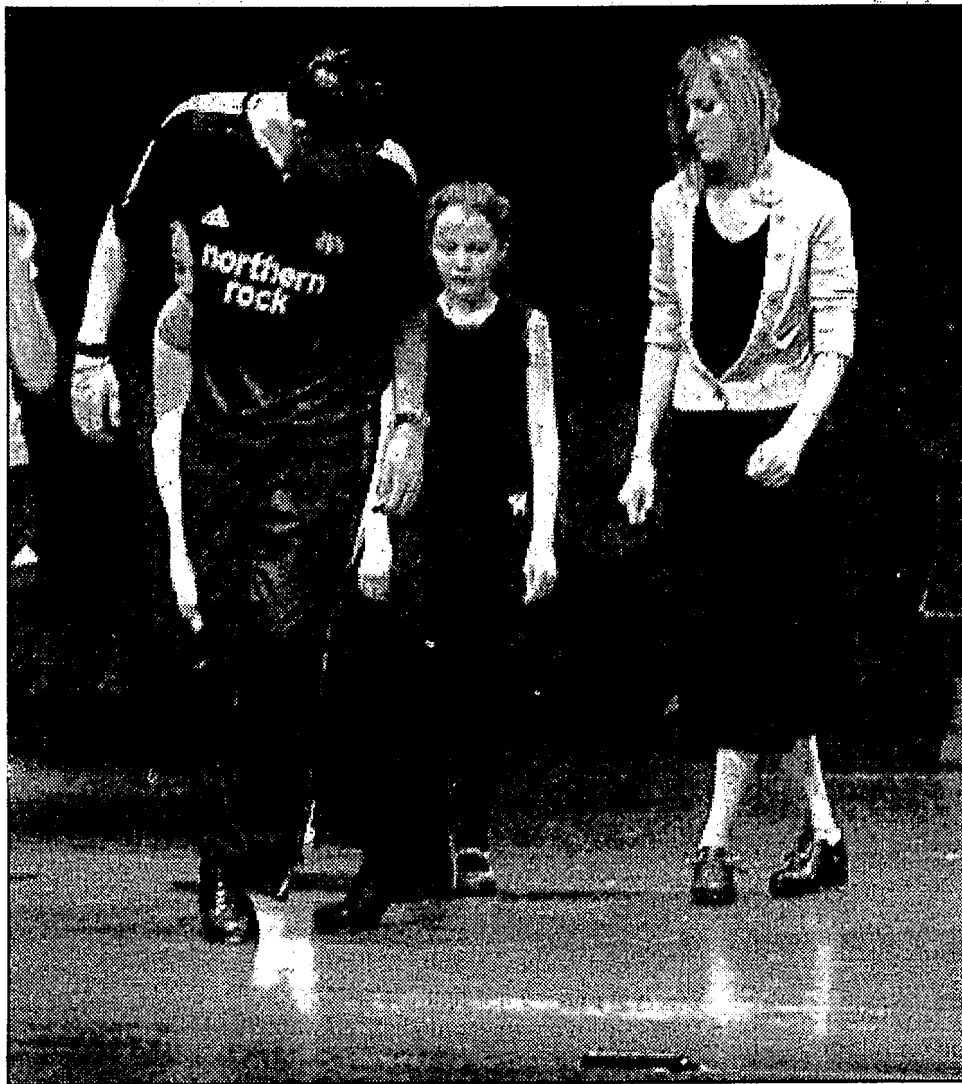
2007 - Mary is accused of being a sexual predator, loses her job and faces 3 years in prison.

Scenario 2: Pedro fails high school English.

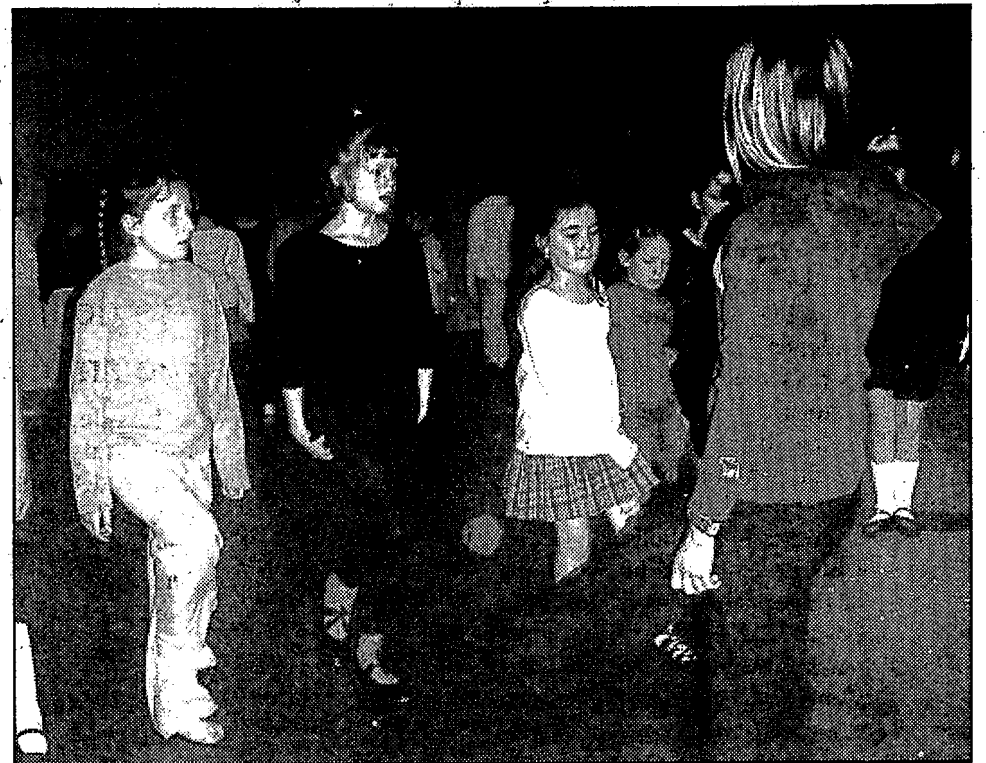
1956 - Pedro goes to summer school, passes English and then goes to college.

2007 - Pedro's cause is taken up by the State Democratic party. Newspaper articles appear nationally, explaining that teaching English as a requirement for graduation is racist. ACLU files class-action lawsuit against the State school system and Pedro's English teacher. The class of English is banned from the core curriculum. Pedro is given a diploma anyway, but ends up mowing lawns for a living because he can't read or speak English.

Professionals teach local dance classes



A cast member of Lord of the Dance shows dance students a new move.



A cast member helps the youngest dance students with their dance moves.

Photos by Kelly L. Reynolds

BY KELLY L. REYNOLDS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Cast members of Lord of the Dance came to town Wednesday to teach a master class to students of Dancin' Feet School of Gaelic Culture and Dance.

Ren'ee Ginell, director of the school, said the class was a fantastic opportunity and all the students learned a great deal from the professionals.

"We were flabbergasted by their talents and abilities," said Ginell. "It was a great

measuring stick to see where we are and to light a fire under us to see where we can go in the future."

Even though it was a master class being taught, even the youngest students got an opportunity to get on stage with the professionals to learn.

Each of the parents of the dance students were asked to bring a dish to pass, a Celtic tradition, which made the dancers feel at home, said Ginell. "They were flabbergasted by the hospitality."



Dance students of all ages got the opportunity to take part in the event.

All in all, she said, it was great timing.

"It was a great welcome back from Easter break, and it was wonderful timing because we have our recital coming up on

May 18."

For more information about the recital and the dance school, visit www.DancinFeet.zoomshare.com.

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Police and Fire

Independence Township

A report on last week's Police and Fire page should have stated that toxicology results were not yet back for a 30-year-old Independence Township man found deceased by his parents April 10. Family members said previously missing pain medication had been located, and the cause of death had not yet been determined. The report also stated the man lived with "controllable medical conditions" but his parents said he fought a difficult and ongoing battle with epilepsy.

Fri., April 13 Deputies were dispatched to assist the fire department after 17 residents and 3 guests were evacuated from an assisted living complex when a maintenance person noticed smoke coming from an electrical outlet.

A 41-year-old woman living in the 6400 block of Golfview reported discovering shaving cream, toilet paper, smashed eggs, mustard and ketchup on the car driven by her 16-year-old daughter.

Sat., April 14 Two teen females pulled over for a traffic violation were issued a minor in possession citation after open intoxicants were discovered in the vehicle.

A warrant request was sent to the prosecutor after an Ortonville man was pulled over for a traffic violation and found to have a suspended license and a stolen plate on his vehicle. The man had

four previous suspensions.

A 37-year-old woman reported \$2,700 in losses after a cell phone, laptop computer, iPod and CD player were stolen from an unlocked vehicle left in her driveway overnight.

A 28-year-old man living in the 6000 block of Ashwood reported after-market speakers stolen from his unlocked vehicle overnight.

Mon., April 16 A Troy woman reported damage to her vehicle when high winds caused a large tree to fall across the length of her 2007 Saab while it was parked in Independence Township.

A 43-year-old man reported extensive damage to his Jeep when high winds caused limbs from a neighbor's tree to fall on the car.

A 41-year-old man was arrested and jailed on domestic assault charges after a heated argument with his 36-year-old wife became physical.

A 60-year-old woman came to the Independence Township substation to

report several thousand dollars in unauthorized charges to various credit card and wireless service providers had been made from her bank account.

A 31-year-old woman living on Lancaster Drive reported returning from work several times to find her dogs locked in the bedroom and her computer logged on through an unknown user ID.

Tues., April 17 Deputies were summoned to a doctor's office after a 62-year-old Lapeer man who believed he waited too long to see the doctor became upset and belligerent. Employees, who told the man he would need to find a new physician, claimed they heard the man say he was going to "lay that doctor out."

Wed., April 18 A 36-year-old woman reported she was notified of more than \$20,000 in unauthorized charges after she called the company to inquire about her statement. The woman said the card never left her possession.

Deputies were dispatched for trouble between a mother and her 15-year-old son. The woman was provided with papers to begin the incorrigibility process.

Springfield Township

Tues., April 10 A 33-year-old Springfield Township man was arrested and jailed on domestic assault charges after an argument with his wife became physical. The couple's 2-year-old daughter was also in the house, and a report was sent to Child Protective Services.

Fri., April 13 Deputies conducting a traffic stop after observing a driver traveling at about 45 mph in a 70 mph zone called EMS after coming in contact with a confused, disoriented 63-year-old Oak Park woman. The woman, who was transported to the hospital, claimed she might be having a reaction to her medication.

A 32-year-old woman reported damage to the 3 hubcaps on her car and told police she believed her child's father, against whom she recently won a custody battle, could be responsible.

Sat., April 14 A 43-year-old man called police after discovering a flat tire, as well as a dark sticky substance around the gas cap on his pick up truck. The man told police he believed neighbors, who were also family members, might be responsible.

Fire dept. to hand out free smoke detectors

Residents concerned about fire safety can pick up a free smoke detector at the Independence Township Fire Station Training Room, 6560 Citation Drive Thurs., April 26 from 2 p.m. - 3p.m.

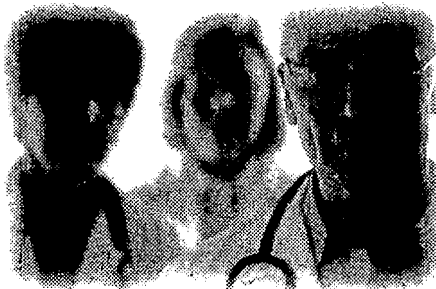
The potentially life-saving devices are available through a special donation provided by Detroit Red Wings forward Henrik Zetterberg, who recently presented 150 free smoke detectors to the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Fire Investigation Unit for distribution across the county.

Batteries are included, but supplies are limited.

Representatives from the department will also be available to provide information on fire prevention.

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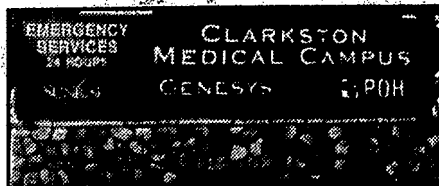
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For more information, call Marie Bristow at 248-620-4290



Clarkston Health Center is located at the Clarkston Medical Campus: 5625 Water Tower Place in Clarkston at the northwest corner of Dixie Hwy. & White Lake Rd.

Exercise your mind; read and learn

By Ernie Harwell

I love to read. I read the papers every day. And I've always loved books. I think we all have to get a way from ourselves every once in a while. There are a lot of different ways you can accomplish that. Reading is one of the best because you can just pick up a book and put it down when you want to. Most importantly, it keeps our minds active and gives us opportunities to learn.



Like physical fitness, learning is something that you have to work at.

You have to keep doing it every day; every year. And if we don't learn things, we dry up and we get within ourselves too much. There are so many things out there that we can read and learn about: art, history, sports, whatever you like.

We should all remember the words of Robert Louis Stevenson:

The world is so full of a number of things, I'm sure we should all be as happy as kings.

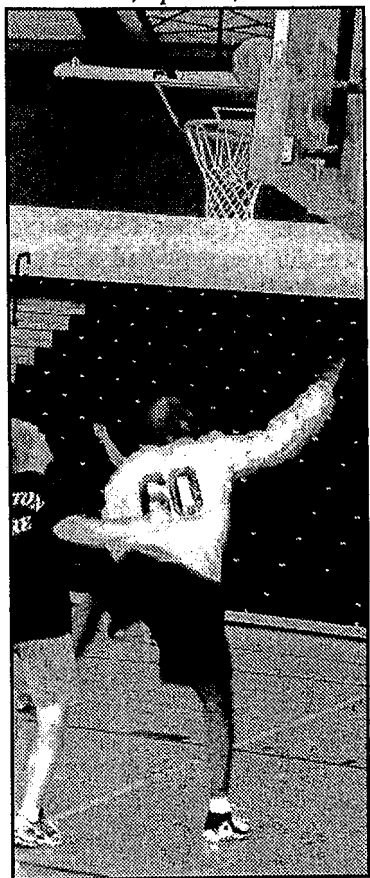
So make it a point to read. You're never too old to learn; you've got to keep learning no matter what.

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

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

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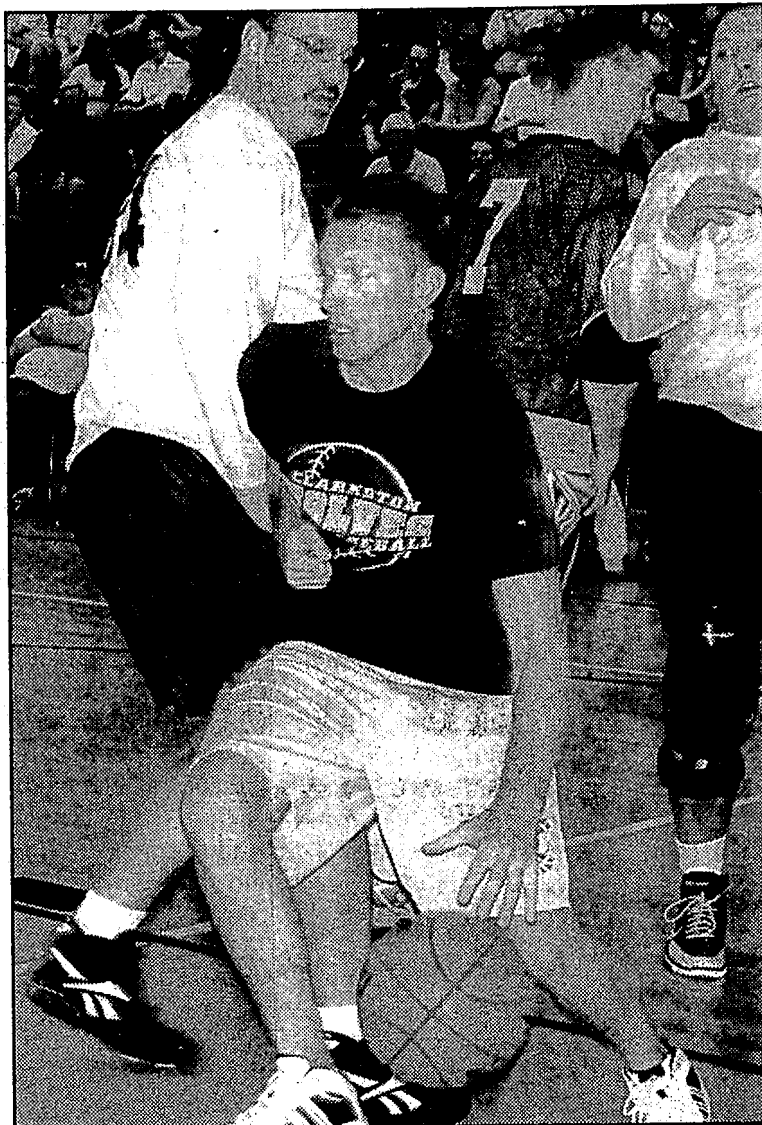
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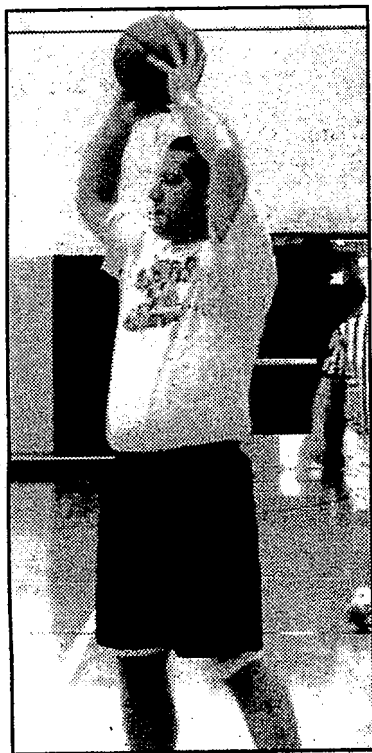
Buster Stanley, former UM Defensive Tackle, takes a shot.



The game offered serious basketball opportunities for Ann LeMire, former UM basketball and Overseas Pro Basketball player.



John Drallos and the rest of the Clarkston Teacher All Star Team makes a drive toward the basket.



Jeff Tandreds, former UM baseball and St. Louis Cardinals pitcher, gets a look at the basket.

All Stars, teachers help senior center

Clarkston teachers took on University of Michigan All Stars Friday in a benefit basketball game for the Independence Township Senior Center.

Recruited and led by Harold Krueger, UM sports scout since 1979, the All Stars beat the teachers, but they were all on the same side - to help the senior center.

"We had a really good time - the teachers loved it," said Margaret Bartos, center coordinator.

Attendance at the Clarkston Junior High School game was light, about 140, so next year it

will be scheduled earlier in the year, perhaps in March during basketball season, Bartos said.

The game benefits the center's Senior Athletic Programs.

"I play softball at the senior center," Krueger said. "They said they need money, and I know all the players."

The game was organized this past February. Fourteen teachers from Clarkston Junior High School and High School and 12 former UM football, basketball, and baseball players participated.



Dan Jokisch, former University of Michigan wide receiver, signs autographs for fans.

Photos by Phil Custodio

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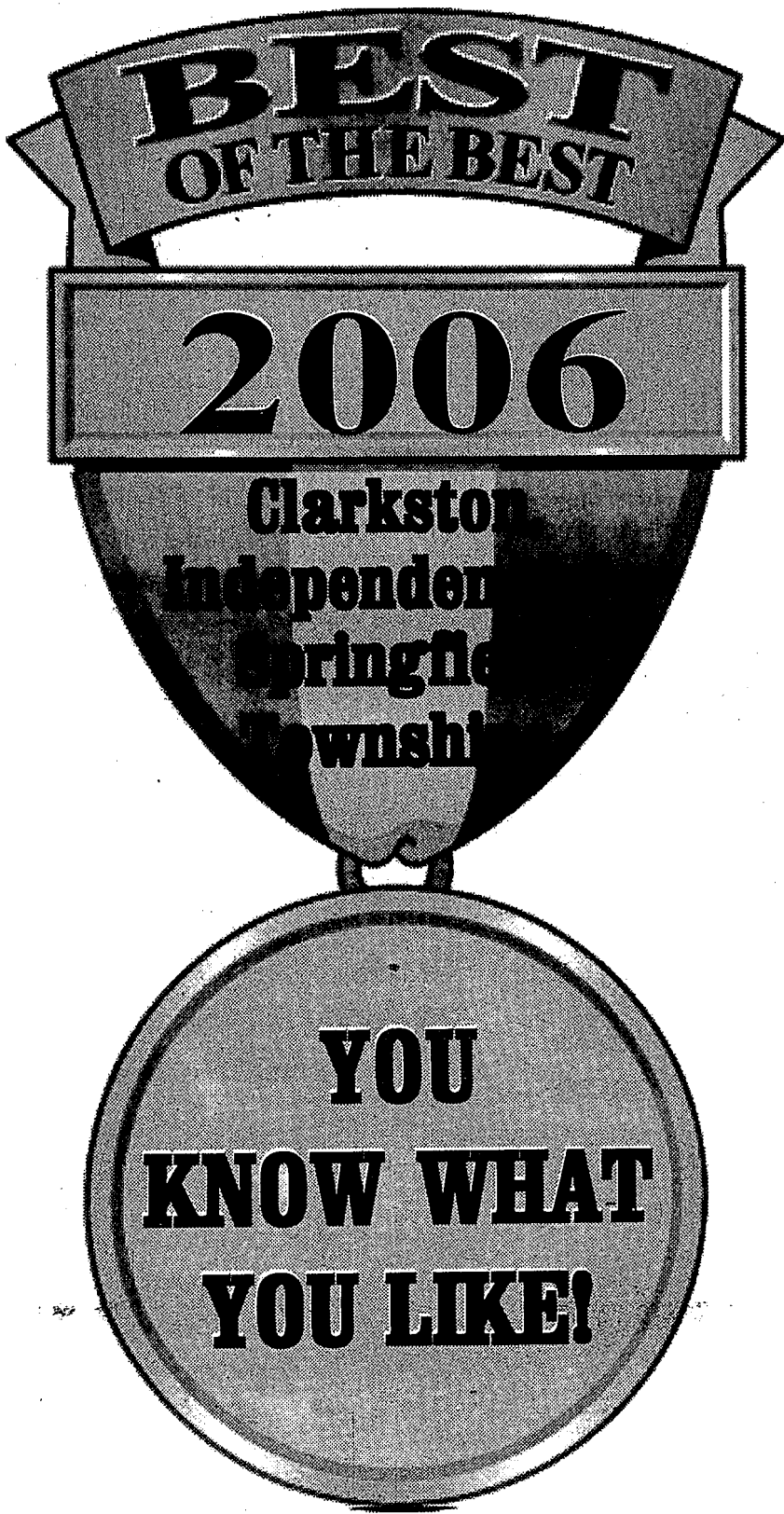
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*Good luck and
 thanks for your participation.*

Search continues for better senior facilities

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units, which would draw too much power, requiring wiring upgrades. New ducts would be too expensive, about \$60,000-\$75,000. The work would require professionals, not volunteers as envisioned, he said.

"It was a really neat possibility - but we found the cost of renovation was just too prohibitive," Stone said.

"While we are disappointed by this outcome, we are buoyed by the enthusiastic support shown by the community for this project, and believe it demonstrates the need for continued study of a solution," Vaara said.

Clarkston area seniors still need a good senior center, Stone said.

The center in Clintonwood Park was originally a farm house. Halls are narrow, stairs are steep, and accommodations are limited.

"We haven't given up - we'll keep going," Stone said.

The committee is set to present its final report to the Independence Township Board next Tuesday. The meeting is set for 7:30 p.m. May 1 at Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. For more information, call the township at 248-625-5111.

Committee work continues

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"We're not in the business of taking over local police departments."

However, he said, if Clarkston wants the facts and figures in order to make an educated decision, the sheriff's office will provide that information.

The cost for the service—the OCSO has proposed giving the city a 40-hour sergeant to act as the city's de-facto police chief—would run the city about \$140,000, once the Independence Township adds an extra 10 percent administration fee for providing the subcontract.

Policing above and beyond that 40 hours would come from deputies contracted to the township.

However, police committee member Tom Stone asked McCabe to sit down with Clarkston City Manager Art Pappas to discuss current city policing and deliver dollar figures for providing similar policing.

"I don't see how we can possibly make a judgment with out comparable data," said Stone. "And that would require (the OCSO) to be fully aware of current services provided in this community, regardless of the quality of that service, and to give us figures for providing the same services. Otherwise we're comparing apples and oranges."

Although some city officials and residents have expressed a concern over getting nothing more than a "drive-through" service by the OCSO, McCabe contends that municipalities policed by the department are his best advocates.

"Mike McCabe sounds like a used car salesman when he talks," said Oxford Township Supervisor Bill Dunn. "I thought a lot of what he said was too good to be true. But I'll tell you, he's delivered on every single promise he ever made."

The police committee will present findings and recommendations to the city council in May, after the compilation of data is complete.



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such as overlay districts.

"The other side of this is the Independence Township residents," Kelly said. "I have an obligation to make sure they're receiving a fair share in return for the tax dollars our citizens spend."

The township, he said, takes on the risk and difficult task of predetermining cost for services provided in an up-and-down economy.

"We're expected to sell our services without a profit," he said. "We're required by law not to sell for profit, but we take on all the risk of running those programs."

A study could come back saying the 10 percent administrative fee charged by the township was too much, or too little, he said, but it was important to find out and gather as much information as possible.

And, he pointed out, even if a study came back recommending consolidation of the two entities, the city, the township or both could still reject such an idea.

While the city council maintained its stance that even the idea of consolidation was a deal breaker, they were still interested in looking into other ways of cooperating.

Councilwoman Kristy Ottman reiterated to Kelly a decision made by the board at an April 9 meeting.

"The city council is open to all manners of feasibility studies short of consolidation of governments," she said,

reading from the meeting's minutes. "It was a unanimous decision of the board."

Ottman also acknowledged that while the city does depend on the township for a great many services, the opposite is also true.

"The city's dollar provides the space, the DPW, the police for all of the parades," said Ottman, noting that the city of 962 hosts about 10,000 people for the parades.

"We are absorbing that cost and we do it without a problem every year...because it's the right thing to do as a community"

Ottman also pointed out that liability risks Kelly spoke of were unfounded, as police, firefighters and other public safety organizations carry insurance against inherent risks. Furthermore, she said, the city had offers to use the Springfield Township Library at a substantial savings over the Independence Township Library, but opted for the more convenient choice.

"You're not the only game in town for a lot of these services," said Ottman, pointing out her belief that there were a multitude considerations in the matter. "And, you have an awful lot of issues (the Independence Township Board) is dealing with internally. It's unhealthy to even think about consolidating with a government with so many of its own problems."

Councilman Cory Johnston pointed out that, regardless of the results of a feasibility study, city voters would ultimately decide the issue. Consolidation, he said, was not something he anticipated happening.

Johnston also disagreed with Kelly's assertion that the city might not be pay-

ing a fair share for services.

"I'm sure (the dollar amount Clarkston pays) is way over your actual cost," he said, pointing out that the city doesn't have the option of negotiating. "There are taxes and there are fees; you charge your residents tax, and they get to vote. You charge us fees, we don't have anything to say."

Johnston said he agreed the issues needed to be studied, but worried the results would make one party or the other unhappy.

Councilman Dan Colombo expressed views shared by many residents, as well as the council: some things are more important than saving money. The township, he said, is engaged in many new projects and looking to the future.

"That's development and that's growth," he said. "But this village isn't about growth. We've grown, we're as

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big as we're going to be. There's no way to consolidate the two; it's like trying to consolidate history with the present; we're preserving history, you're plowing on with the present."

Still, both parties left the meeting hoping to move past the latest disagreements, difficulties and hard feelings to find a way to work together.

"What I've heard are a lot of conclusions," said Kelly.

"I've never said Clarkston doesn't do things for the township, and I'm not suggesting we should have a lot of animosity between the two communities."

The city council agreed it was important to develop a vision and define the goals of a study, and unanimously voted to approach the Independence Township Board with a proposal for conducting a study between the communities without third party involvement.



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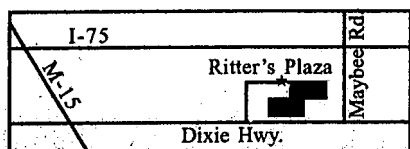
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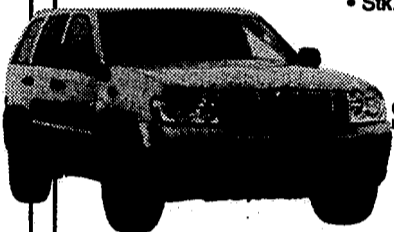


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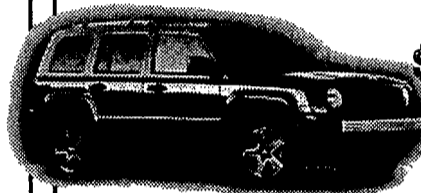


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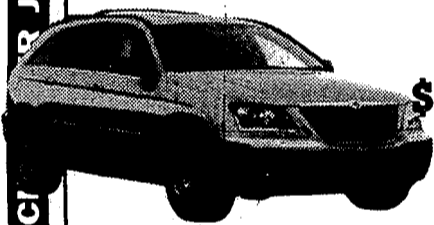


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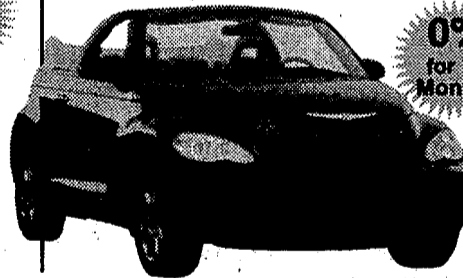
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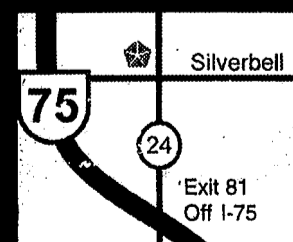
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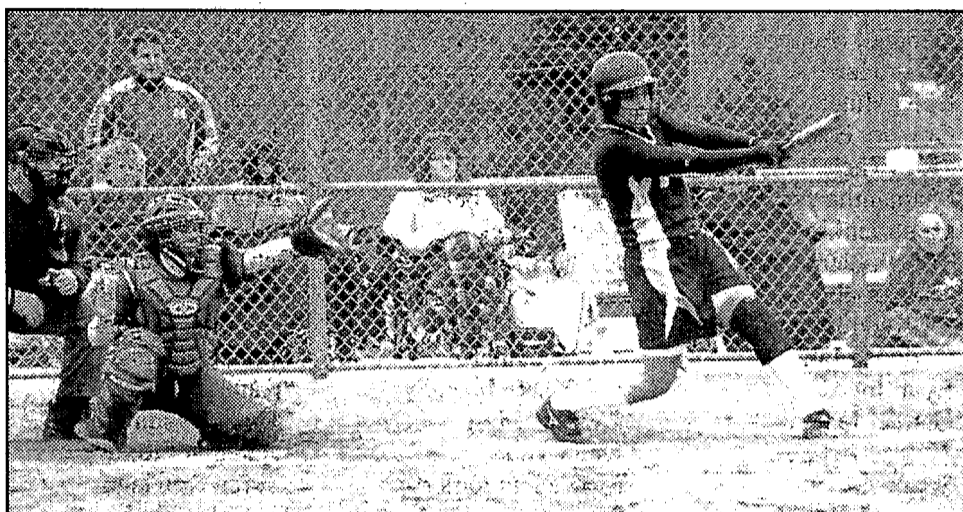
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Jessica Palace and the Wolves fell to rival Lake Orion last Wednesday, 6-3, 9-5. Photo by Paul Kampe

Dragons visit, steal two games

BY PAUL KAMPE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

In a well-known rivalry, Lake Orion was not the story so much as it's No. 1 pitcher, Daniellé Dunn. Dunn, a 27-game winner last season, pitched all 14 innings of the Dragons' 6-3, 9-5 doubleheader sweep at Clarkston last Wednesday.

"She's only a sophomore and she's got six different pitches. I always joke with her that she can't break a pane of

glass because she doesn't throw very hard," Dragons coach Dennis Davis said.

"She's left-handed and that confuses people. It shouldn't have any affect on anybody. She can break the ball in and out. She has risers and a drop ball. She has a nice little changeup.

"She keeps us in the game. In order for us to win, we have to have great fielding, because she's not going to strike out many people. She's not overpowering

(and) fast, but she moves the ball around well and if we play defense behind her, we have a shot."

Dunn rang up eight strikeouts against the Wolves, but one she didn't get was Clarkston freshman Taylor Hasselbach. Hasselbach had two RBI triples in the second game, one of which should have been out of the park, Clarkston coach Don Peters said.

"She's just a flat-out hitter," Peters said.

"If we had a fence that was normal, she would have hit it out.

"The first game of the season, she hit the top of the fence.

"When we first got her, she wanted to lift everything. That gives you pop-ups.

"We're working hard with her and the girls on changing their swings.

"Now we need her to mentally understand how and where a pitcher is going to pitch to her and get her to hit it."

Clarkston managed nine hits in the two-game set, but throwing errors and passed balls helped keep the Wolves out of the games.

"(It's) frustrating. We had four throwing errors at least, and that's all kinds of runs," Peters said.

"It's driving me crazy about not being able to block the ball back there. We've got to get better."

Clarkston (3-4) looked poised to make a charge trailing 6-0 in the bottom of the seventh inning of the first game.

Brook Chadwell started things with a leadoff double. After Lindsey Upchurch's pop-up bunt soured, resulting in the first out of the inning, Kaitlyn Woodard, as a pinch-runner, came home on a passed ball. With Katie Smith on first, Jenny Jochum struck out and reached first base on another passed ball. Smith and Jochum would later score.

"The juices were flowing and the kids were ready to go, but it didn't work," Peters said.

The Wolves didn't wait as long to get going in the nightcap. The Dragons led off with a 3-0 lead and Clarkston promptly answered back with three of their own. Holding a 5-4 lead in the fourth inning, Lake Orion (2-1) scored four runs to put the game away.

Fatigue was not a factor in the Wolves' fourth and fifth games in three days, Peters said.

"We can sit there and look for all these excuses, but I'm not big on that stuff."

The four-day, seven-game stretch will mean a lot to the Wolves over the course of the season.

"I wanted to use this as a developmental week. I didn't have any idea that we wouldn't have any rainouts. It's not all bad, I'm disappointed in this, but it's like taking a pre-test before an exam," Peters said.

"It's time to roll up the sleeves and go to work."

Athlete of the week

McMillen solidifies strong singles team

BY PAUL KAMPE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Eighteen-year old Brett McMillen enjoys computers and shoot 'em up video games in his free time, but it's his shots on the tennis court gaining him recognition.

McMillen, Clarkston's No. 3 singles tennis player, has been playing the sport for five years, picking it up in eighth grade. Playing with older sibling Dustin, now 22, Brett gained the upper hand.

"It was the only thing I could beat my brother at," McMillen joked.

"I had a knack for it in the beginning. It was fun for me."

Boys tennis coach Chaz Claus said McMillen has a flair for thinking about his matches.

"He's very aware of his abilities and what he needs to do to win," Claus said.

"He makes opponents play on his terms. He has a very forceful attitude."

Claus expects good things from McMillen throughout the remainder of the season.

"His skills and abilities are tailor-made for success at No. 3 singles. With him there, we match up very well against most opponents we're going to see this year," Claus said.

Brett learned as a sophomore that confidence is a big key to success. Playing in a doubles match against

Walled Lake Northern, McMillen and teammate Paul Chun were being taunted by their opponents. The duo persevered and won the match, leaving a lasting impression on Brett.

"You can hang with anybody and it can be your day any day. You need to stay focused," he said.

McMillen appreciates the competitive nature of tennis.

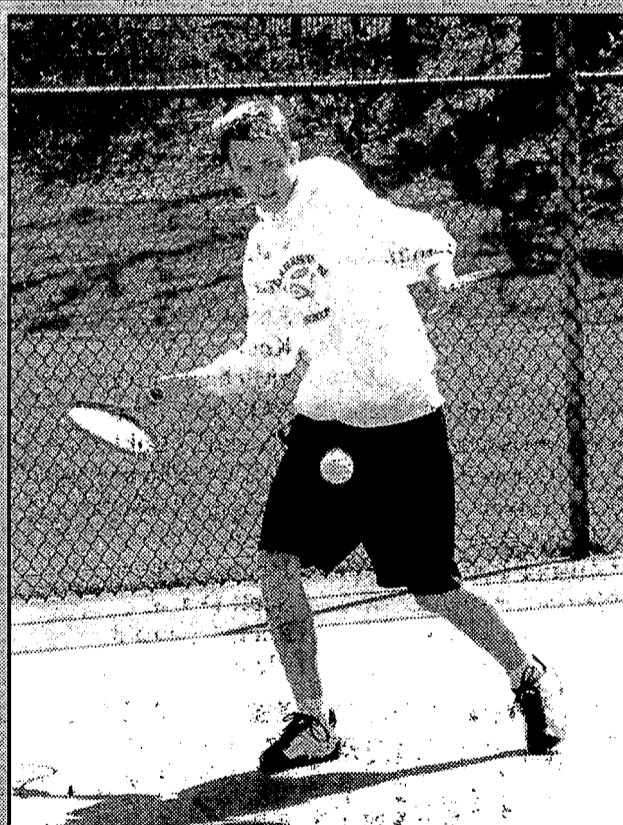
"I like being outside and having friends on my team and cheering them on. Tennis is something that can change on a dime.

"It's a competitive sport both individually and as a team at the same time."

McMillen, a National Honor Society member, plans to take his 3.7 GPA to Michigan State University in the fall, where he plans to major in computer science.

"Computers have always been my thing," he said.

Configuring software for the medical field is a possible area of interest for the future, McMillen said.



Clarkston's No. 3 singles player Brett McMillen picked up the sport five years ago and never looked back. Photo by Paul Kampe



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Lacrossers pick up pace for win

BY PAUL KAMPE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

For a few minutes, the game was closer than it should have been, as Port Huron boys' lacrosse played Clarkston harder than a second-year program should have against the eighth-ranked team in the state.

The Wolves (4-3) went above .500 again with a 15-5 win over Port Huron Friday. Nicholas Perry scored four goals and Stephen Giannaris also recorded a hat-trick. Matthew McEntee had two goals for Clarkston.

"Nick (Perry) played very well for us and worked both left and right hands, he scored with both. He did a great job controlling the offense and possessing the ball," Clarkston coach Brian Kaminskas said.

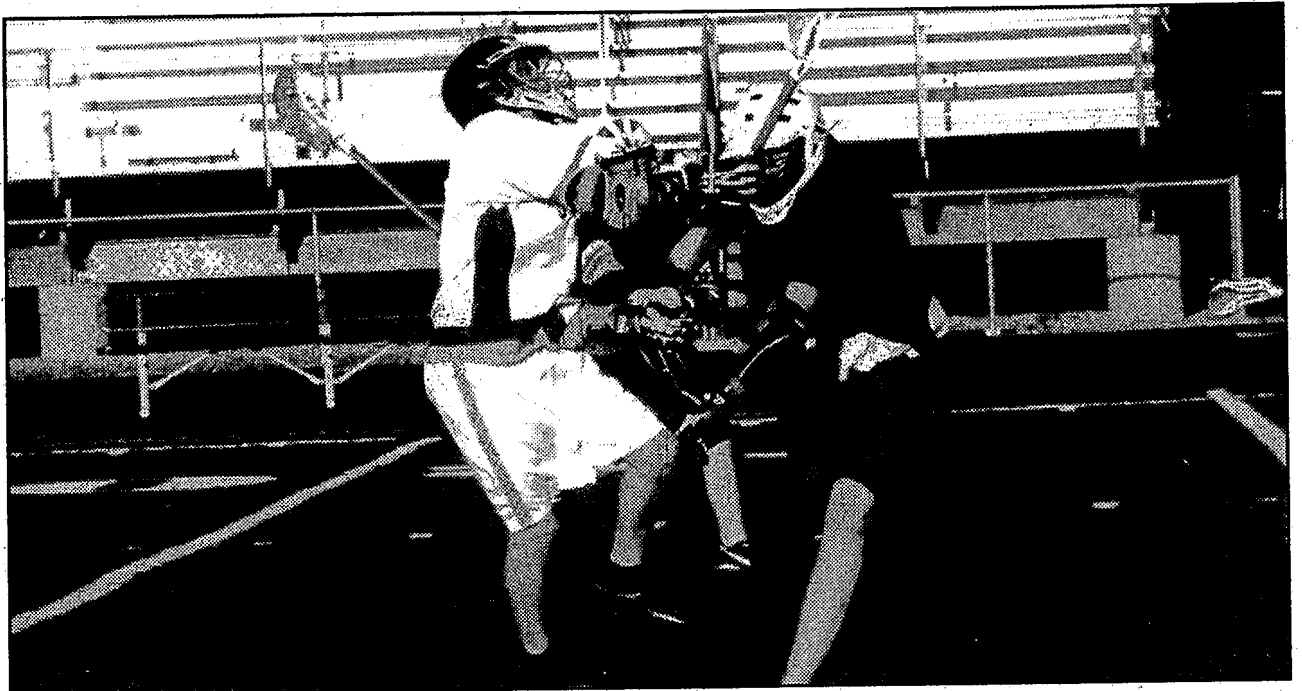
The Wolves led 5-0 in the second quarter when Port Huron got on the board. Jon Dewey danced through the Clarkston defense while the Wolves were in the penalty and scored at 7:10 of the period. Giannaris and Perry each tallied scores for Clarkston to take a 7-1 lead into halftime.

In the third, Port Huron mounted a modest comeback, outscoring the Wolves 4-2 for the quarter. Clarkston poured it on in the fourth quarter though, and scored six unanswered goals.

"We were playing our game and trying to go down the bench a little bit and we did a lot better. We were possessing the ball a lot more than we have in the past and making better passes on our clears," Kaminskas said.

"We did better on offense than we have in the past. Our starters did fine and when we went down the bench, everyone put the ball in the net."

"It's a tough start. The kids have a lot of heart and they play well. We have our stars and we have the kids who are just learning. Half the kids have never even been on a field before. We played a game last week on an elementary playground on a field we made, it wasn't



even regulation," said Port Huron coach Tom Moulton.

"I told them in the huddle (in the third quarter), I don't care if we lose, just keep playing the way you're playing."

Moulton can sympathize with his team's plight. He was a founding member of a lacrosse team himself at L'Anse Creuse North in 1979.

"When they were joking about having black and blue jerseys, I told them about our t-shirts we had with black magic marker writing on them," Moulton said.

The boys were to play Monday night against Farmington. Look for the results at www.clarkstonnews.com. The Wolves travel to Royal Oak Wednesday for a 6 p.m. game and return home to take on none other than L'Anse Creuse North on Thursday at 7 p.m.



Nicholas Perry, bottom right, was one of three Clarkston players with multiple goals Friday, scoring four. Photo by Paul Kampe

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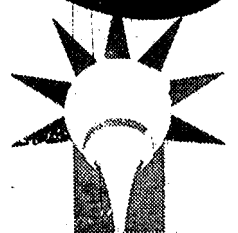
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Maples kickers fall on Clarkston

BY PAUL KAMPE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Birmingham Seaholm girls' soccer coach Mike Thomas works with his team on taking the right shots on net each practice.

"We work extensively on taking quality shots. We practice four corners, chips, everything to work on the shooting aspect of our offense," Thomas said.

The shot that gave the Maples a 2-1 win at Clarkston last Thursday wasn't highly skilled with tactical placement, but rather one born from hustle.

Seaholm's Emily Marx scored her second goal of the night when she swiped the ball from Clarkston keeper Beth Parks after the netminder stepped up to play a long pass. Marx beat her to the ball and booted in the game-winner for the Maples (4-4-1) with 18:47 left in the second half.

"That's what we've been working on since Monday, because we have been struggling on fifty-fifty balls. All week we've been working on getting up there and working and it's paying off," Thomas said.

Winless this season and still searching for an offensive explosion, the Wolves rebounded from a woeful 6-1 Maples' shot advantage in the first half and nearly matched their opponents in the second half, 7-6.

Trailing 1-0 at 24:59 of the second half, Julie Warner found the net, scoring on a header resulting from a well-placed corner kick by Brittany Davis.

The Wolves are committed to improving upon their lack of shots on offense.

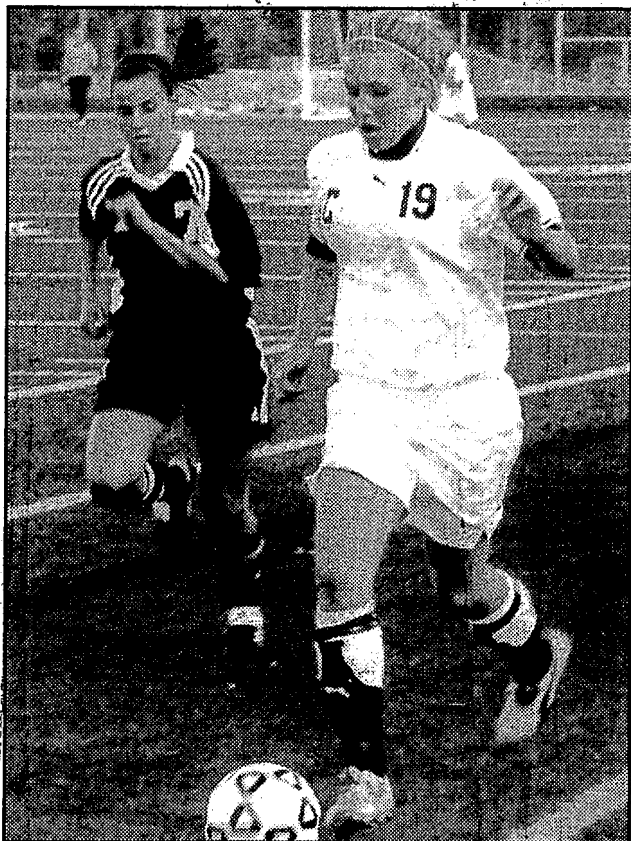
"We're working on it in practice and they're taking more shots and we're scoring goals now. We're making strides every practice and every game and I can't be disappointed with that," Clarkston coach Sarah Smith said.

"We tend to hang on to the ball and look for someone to pass to rather than knowing what we are going to do with the ball when we get it.

"We don't have that quickness yet, to just get the ball and shoot."

In addition to working to get more shots on net, the Wolves are improving their ball-handling skills.

"We lose control of the ball a lot. We don't have great first-touch control. We're being persistent and we're work-



Clarkston forward Courtney Meharg and the Wolves are looking to get more shots on net this season. Photo by Paul Kampe

ing on it. We know it's not going to come overnight. We're trying to keep a positive attitude and we don't come to practice or the games with negativity and I have a lot of respect for the girls because of that," Smith said.

While we were out...

Clarkston had a busy three days back from spring break, including five softball games in three days.

Monday, the Wolves took their second and third wins of the season in a 17-0, 14-0, doubleheader drubbing of Auburn Hills Avondale. The next day wasn't as kind to the Wolves, who lost 3-1 to Fraser Tuesday.

Other Tuesday games:

The girls' golf team fell in the season-opener to Rochester, 185-226. Minjoo Lee shot a 51, Ashley Blanc 53 and Jenny Fuller 56. The girls' match originally scheduled for Thursday against Birmingham Seaholm was moved to Monday. The girls were scheduled to play in the Oakland County tournament at the Pontiac Country Club Tuesday. Look at www.clarkstonnews.com for the Wolves' scores at both events.

The Wolves fell on the soccer field 2-1 at Birmingham Groves after taking a 1-0 lead into half-time. Courtney Meharg netted the lone Wolves' (0-4) goal.

Boys' lacrosse beat Troy 6-3 to pull even at 3-3. Jon Avery and Chris Salo both netted two goals for the Wolves. Coach Brian Kaminskas also praised netkeeper Zack Lewy, who had an 80 percent save percentage, stopping nine Colts' shots.

The boys' tennis squad fell 6-2 to Troy, Athens. No. 3 and 4 singles, Brett McMullen (6-1, 1-1) and Erik Ejups (6-4, 6-3) won for Clarkston (1-1).

Wednesday: At Troy, the baseball team fell 14-1 to the Colts to fall to 1-3 for the season.

Girls' lacrosse lost 20-4 at Grand Blanc, falling to 0-4 this season. Kellyn Carpenter had two goals and Kelli McKay added another.

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Girls' track sets quick pace, 3-1

BY PAUL KAMPE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Placing second overall in the state in 2006 didn't come with a host of top of the OAA predictions for this year's Clarkston girls' track team, but like last year, they are racing among the best.

The girls are 3-1 after taking two wins at a tri-way meet at West Bloomfield April 17, knocking off their hosts 79-58 and Rochester 87-47.

"We had a great day and it really helped our standing in the league. It put us up toward the top of the league and we weren't expected by other teams to be up there this year. We're happy to get there," Clarkston coach John Yorke said.

"We were a little disappointed because we barely got nudged out by Rochester Adams and that was our one loss. They were pretty happy about getting two wins against county-ranked teams. That's a big day for us," Yorke said.

The wins should be confidence builders for the girls as they move to take on a highly touted Troy team later this sea-

son, he said.

Autumn Touchstone had a win-filled day in the hurdles and as part of Clarkston's 1600-meter relay team. She ran a personal best in the 100-meter hurdles, finishing in 15.1 seconds. She also took the 300-meter hurdles (48.7) against the Lakers and the Falcons. In the last event of the day, the 1600-meter relay race, she anchored a come from behind win.

"(Rochester and West Bloomfield) were both ahead of her when she got the baton and she ran her best time ever in that race. We barely touched out in that race and that put us well ahead of West Bloomfield," Yorke said.

"She knew the team was relying on her and she knew we could have needed that race to win the meet. She's really matured in the last couple years and she can handle that kind of pressure."

Yorke also praised his throwing foursome of Lauren Frank, Allison Spinweber, Stephanie Carlson and Emily Meissnest.

"All four throwers really made a dif-

ference. They really pushed us ahead to get the wins," he said.

Meissnest (31-feet-4-inches) and Frank (98-feet-5-inches) won the Shot put and discus respectively, against both opponents.

The boys team lost 76-43 to Rochester and 72-47 to West Bloomfield. The Wolves' 0-4 start is a bit off last season's 2-2 beginning.

"We know we're a young team and that we're short different positions. I like the way we're approaching it, we're working hard and our time performances are getting better. It's a tough evaluation after Easter Break," Clarkston coach Walt Wyniemko said.

"We're starting to see some of our kids get better. The cream comes to the top and you're going to see better performances."

Nick LaMora, who lost to Rochester as a member of the cross country team in the fall, rallied to win the 1600-meter run with a time of 4:43.6.

"He knew what was at stake. Nick's been around track for a long time and he

knows all the ingredients involved with that," Wyniemko said.

Clarkston's 3200-meter relay team (8:27.7) comprised of LaMora, Jeff Kuhl, Phil Voorheis and Matt Alexander walloped both opponents by about 30 seconds each.

"We were really happy about that," Wyniemko said.

The Wolves put on the brakes in the race, slowing LaMora to rest him for his 1600-meter race. Wyniemko said at full-tilt, the Wolves could run an even faster time.

Alexander won the 800-meter run (2:05.3) versus both teams as did Kuhl (10:16) in the 3200-meter run. Clarkston's 1600-meter relay team won on both sides also, with the Kyle Rivenburgh, Giovan McDougal, Alexander and LaMora posting a time of 3:38.8.

On Saturday at the Birmingham Groves Invitational, the boys took ninth place overall. The 3200-meter relay team took third place and Jeff Kuhl was fourth in the 1600-meter run.

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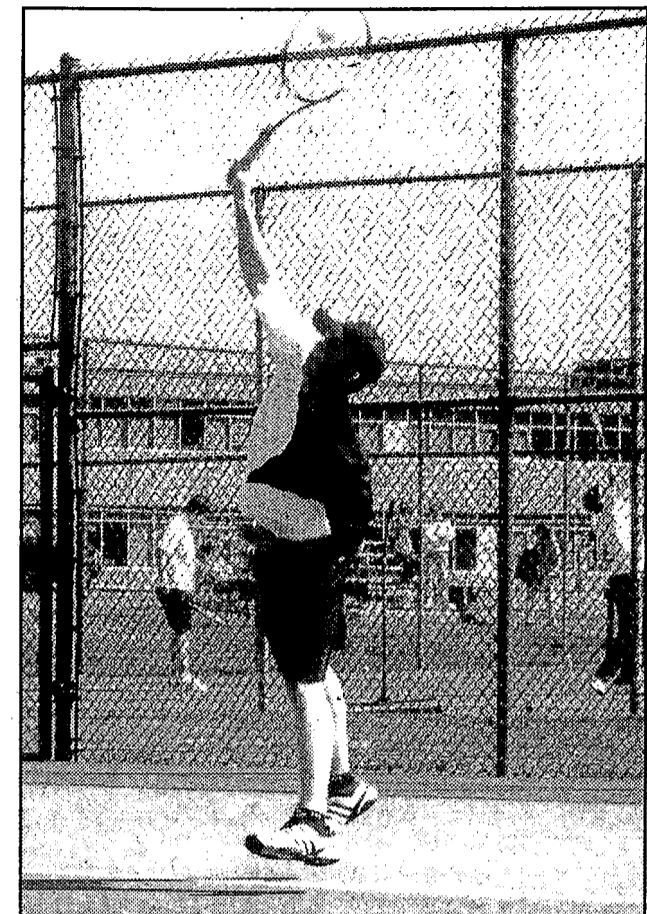
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Clarkston's No. 1 singles player Chris Graczyk celebrated his birthday and won 6-4, 6-2 over Matt Nordstrom of Rochester. Photo by Paul Kampe

Wolves escape Rochester victorious

Graczyk has cake, then victory

BY PAUL KAMPE
 Clarkston News Staff Writer

Birthdays come and go, but sweet intra-league victories will be cherished. Clarkston No. 1 doubles player Chris Graczyk celebrated his birthday last Thursday and promptly went out and made his coach's wish come true. Graczyk scored a 6-4, 6-2 win, one of two Clarkston victories in singles play, over Matt Nordstrom, leading a 5-3 Wolves' victory.

"Chris played really well. (Nordstrom) was a real battler and Chris really went after him and played on his own terms and was dominant," Clarkston coach Chaz Claus said.

Erik Ejups won 6-1, 6-0 at No. 4 singles over Pat Duronio.

"Erik did what he's done all year and moved his opponent well. Sometimes when you're up big, it's easy to have a mental lapse. He did a nice job of staying focused and delivering that point for us," Claus said.

The Wolves took three of four matches in doubles contention. The No. 2 doubles team of Derek Boatman and Jason Dutcher won 5-7, 7-5, 6-4; No. 3 James Chun and A.J. Tigue won 2-6, 6-4, 6-4; and No. 4 Adam Drews and Chuck Smith won 6-1, 6-3.

"Their play (doubles teams) improved, but we're still not where we need to be. But we did play the best we have at doubles, that was nice to see," Claus said.

The improved play from the teams was pivotal to the Wolves' season, Claus said.

"OAA II is going to be even and in matches like that, there are a lot of ties. It's huge toward our league standings to win rather than tying."

Reactions mixed to manager idea

BY KELLY REYNOLDS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A township manager discussed with Independence Township trustees benefits of hiring a professional to handle finances.

Supervisor Dave Wagner wasn't convinced.

"I don't see a benefit," Wagner said. "I was listening to him and it was mentioned that we'd be able to eliminate the supervisor, clerk, treasurer, and deputy clerk, but he also mentioned that he has an assistant and 11 department directors when we only have six. So I don't think there is as much savings as expected."

Richard Watkins, 14-year township manager of Delta Township, spoke with the board April 17 about his job duties, hiring process, and the day-to-day workings of a township with a manager.

With a background in finance, Watkins said he has taken over many of the responsibilities of the full-time elected officials of the township, which is about 36-square-miles with 30,000 residents - similar to Independence.

"I divide politics and policy for every day managing of the township," Watkins said. "I take direction from the board using my experience and training to do that."

Townships switching to a manager form of government usually do it by board action, not a grassroots effort, which has been a concern of many board members and residents, he said.

Watkins cited growing populations, a growing

number of township employees and a large amount of township complexities as reasons for a manager.

He also said a manager must be accountable to the people and the board, because he or she is always hired at will and may be replaced depending on the contract.

"A manager always makes sure the board has everything they need to make decisions," he said.

Managers are also responsible for looking at long-term goals and future of the township.

The speaker was interesting and informative, but the manager form of government would still be a mistake for the township, Wagner said.

Michigan has 1,262 townships, of which 44 have a manager. Of those, four are the same size as Independence, he said.

"If it's that's good, why wouldn't there be a lot more?" he said. "This has been looked at, and it looks like it's not feasible, but I'm keeping an open mind to it."

Clerk Shelagh Vanderveen, who asked Watkins to address the board, said the next logical step would be to hold a public hearing.

Independence Township resident Rudy Lozano attended the meeting and expressed his disdain with the situation.

"This whole things revolved around the integrity of the supervisor," he said. "The people have voted you in the first time, based on what your job is, and the people have the right to vote for you again and this new form."

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The city's Watershed Group is planning a "Plant Zoo" children's garden with plants like Monkey Flower, Turtlehead, Squirrel Corn and Butterflyweed.

In addition, Clarkston resident Gini Schultz is collecting funds for a bridge that will cross the river between the palyground side of the park with the gazebo side. Anyone wishing to donate can call Schultz at 248-625-3122 or 248-625-3062.

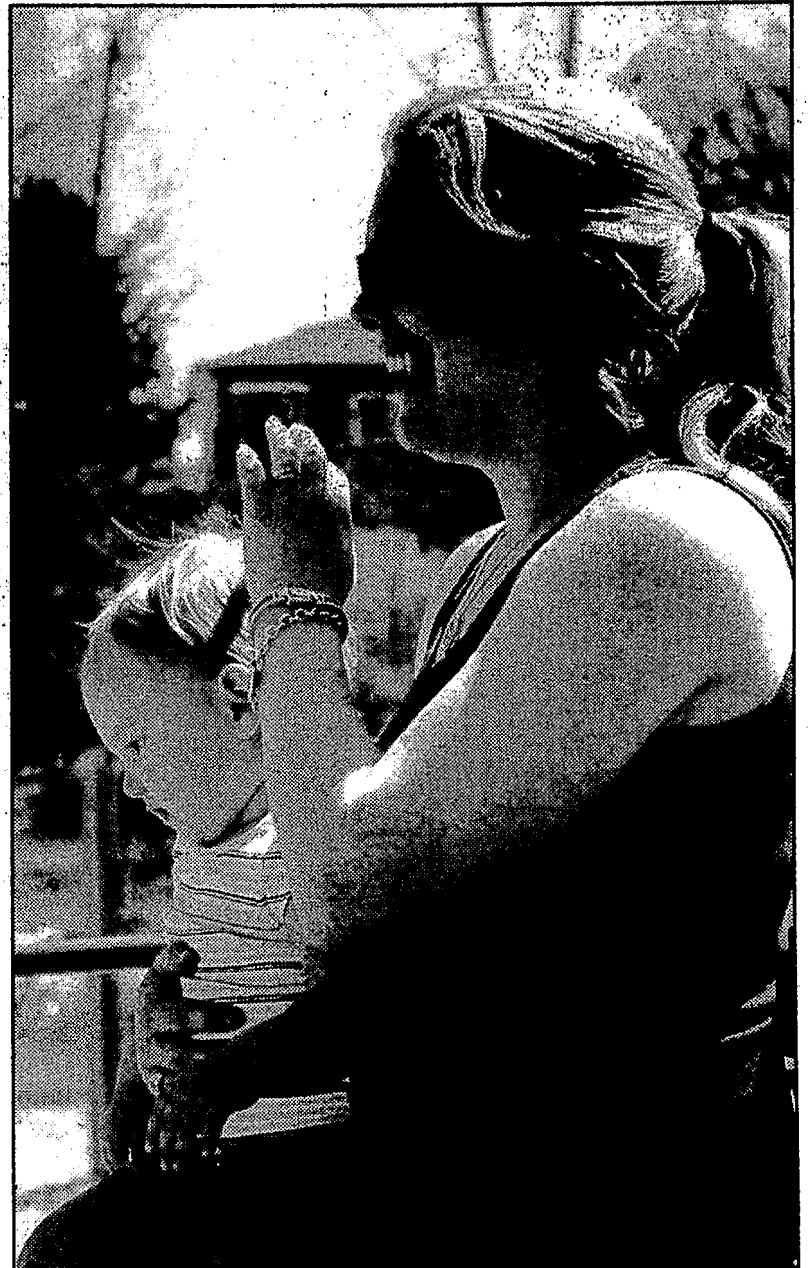
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Depot Park is a popular spot on sunny days.



One-year-old Kalin goes for a fun ride in the swing.



Elizabeth Rowe and daughter Abby, 1, get ready to slide down Depot Park's tunnel slide.



Molly Powell, 2, reached the end of the slide with a big smile on her face.



Ethan Davis, 4, gets ready to climb up the curvey ladder.



Sophia Fox, left, and sister Kara Fox, center, played at the park with Makayla Turner.



Dana Campbell and daughter Haley watch as big brother Cole plays at the park.



Swings? Slide? Cole Campbell considers the options.



Makayla Turner swings from the bars on the Depot Park caboose.

People Poll
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Activities
 in the nice
 weather?



"I'm going to Grandparent University (at Michigan State). I'm going to Girl Scout camp at Independence Oaks."
 — Emily Frasa



"I participate in lacrosse. Water skiing (with the Spray Masters Ski Team). Swimming in Tull Lake."
 — Brendan Kirchan



"Play catch with a football. Play baseball with the neighbors — we haven't done that since we were 10 years old."
 — Tim Holbert



"Hang out with friends. Take pictures of each other on rocks — there are a bunch in my front yard. Anything to stay outside."
 — Elizabeth Hawthorne
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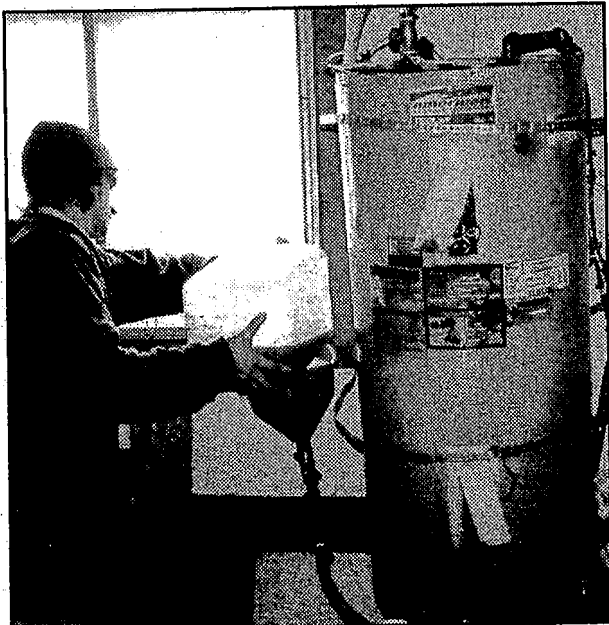
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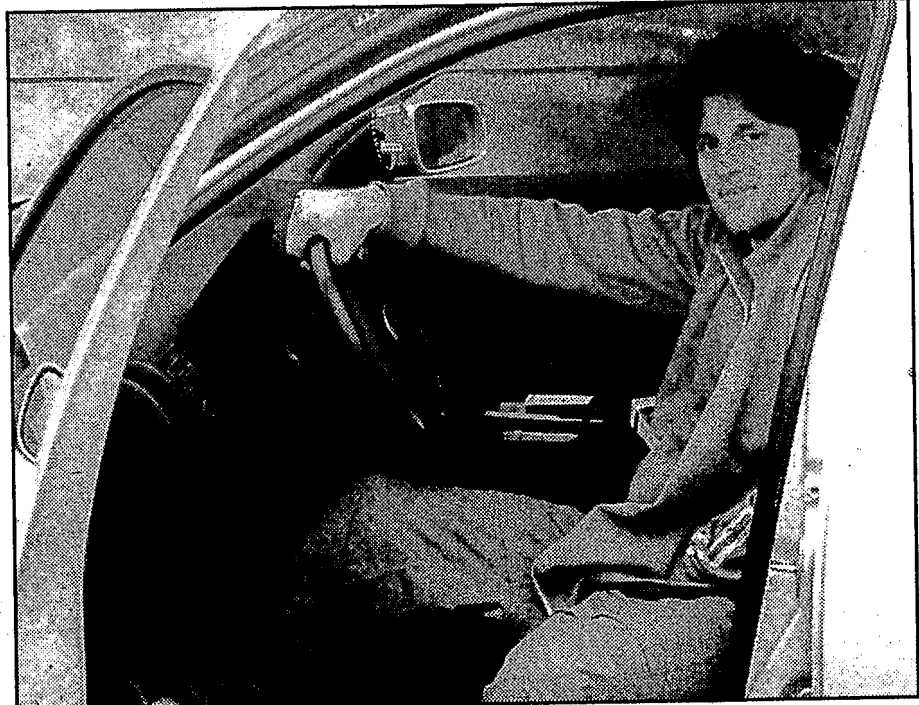


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Chris Haag converted his car to run on used vegetable oil. Above is his refinery. Photos by Paul Kampe



Hiking to a different beat

Haag carries care-free spirit

BY PAUL KAMPE
 Clarkston News Staff Writer

Fitting into a mold hasn't been Chris Haag's way of life. The 23-year-old Clarkston High School graduate (2001) and Oakland University student walks and now drives to a different beat.

Haag, with the help of friend and co-worker Jake Horn, parts and supplies from www.greasecar.com, and assistance from a diesel basics class at Oakland University, became the proprietor of a car that can be run on bio-fuel. His 1999 Volkswagen Golf hatchback can get 40 mile per gallon using vegetable oil as its fuel source, the same mpg as when he uses diesel fuel.

A flip of a switch is all it takes for the longtime Independence Township resident to go from diesel, to start and warm the car, to recycled oil. Haag has been collecting the oil from his employer, The Clarkston Union and its sister restaurant The Clarkston Café. From there, the self-asserted non-chemist runs the oil through his homemade refinery, made from a used water heater, which strains out waste from the oil, making it good enough to drive on.

After returning from an eye-opening trip to Alaska and Hawaii in 2005, Haag decided his next vehicle was going to be diesel, so he could convert it to a veggie oil burner.

"I bought it and I was hesitant to (convert) because the equipment to make the conversion wasn't as good and I was wary to do it on a newer car. But the technology

got a little more sophisticated and it wasn't such a big deal to do it on (the Golf)," he said.

Between the kit and the "refinery," Haag said he paid about \$1,000, the same savings he expects as a result of his transition. He doesn't expect to single-handedly change everyone's fuel consumption behavior.

"That's one of them, but that's really not the solution to the whole environmental/energy/pollution problem at all, but it's a step in the right direction. I can probably save a thousand dollars a year in fuel costs and that's a bonus too.

"As I go along, it costs me six dollars a month for filters."

Haag isn't worried about a shortage from his fuel sources, because, for one reason, restaurants pay to have collection companies remove waste grease.

"Between the two places, I can probably get between 20 and 30 gallons a week, which is more than I need, but I'm stockpiling," Haag said.

"A few people have already asked me about converting their cars for them. A couple guys that work at The Union are trying to buy diesels right now."

The scent of tortilla chips or French cuisine coming from the oil is actually a refreshing change for Haag.

"It smells like whatever you put in it," he said.

"Diesel smells horrible, I'll take tortilla chips over that any day. It's not that bad. You only really notice it if you stick your face up to the exhaust pipe."

In addition to attention in the news, Haag has become a near celebrity for his car, fielding conversation for and against his

move.

"Some people make fun of me and others almost thank me for doing it. Others tell me about how I'm going to wreck my car," Haag said.

Like his car, Haag has customized his school schedule at OU to work around subject areas he likes. In May, Haag will get his degree in general studies, a combination of four minor degrees: economics, international management, communications and philosophy.

Haag spoke about using bio-diesel in his public speaking class, and after researching, came in contact with Jim Leidel, an energy manager at OU. Chris attended a one-day seminar about how to make the bio-diesel fuel, long before vegetable oil passed through his engine. Only about 10 people went to the class, some from as far as Minnesota, Haag said.

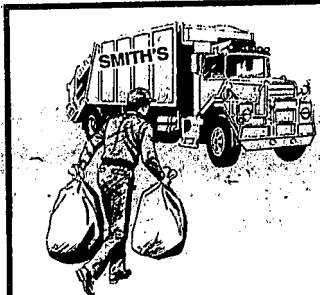
After graduation, a celebratory trip is in order. That's not the case with Haag, who has another trip in mind.

"Originally we talked about going to Alaska because the car was done and we thought it would be really cool to drive all the way up there on vegetable oil. Right now we're talking about doing Habitat for Humanity in Costa Rica building houses," Haag said.

Haag has already been to Alaska twice, most recently in 2005, on the trip that spurred his decision to switch to vegetable oil. The vacation was a bit unusual compared to how most people would take a trip.

Haag and a friend rode a train to Seattle, where they spent nearly a month in Seattle awaiting a fishing boat for a free

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AARP Driver Safety Program, 1-5:30 p.m., 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.

Fundraiser, 5-8 p.m., April 25, Pete's Coney Island II, 6160 Dixie Highway. Benefits middle school youth of Waterford Community Church, to attend a week long, 200 mile road bike trip in the Upper Peninsula. Call Pastor Jon Richey, 248-623-6310, or Jill Matthews, 248-673-3880.

Movie & Munchies For Adults, 1:30 p.m., every fourth Thursday. Free movie and snacks. April 26: "Man of the Year," Robin Williams. May 24: "Pursuit of Happyness." 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.

Club Bookworm, April 26, 10-11 a.m. \$1 drop-in fee. Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

Spring Sale, American Legion Auxiliary Unit #63, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. April 27, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. April 28, 8047 Ortonville Road. Antiques, crafts, jewelry. 248-625-9912.

Living With Lovely Lavender, with Karen Price. April 28, 10 a.m.-noon, Hart Community Center, 495 Broadway in downtown Davisburg. Residents: \$32. Non-residents: \$37. Ages 12 and older. Call Springfield Township Parks & Recreation at 248-634-0412.

Every Woman, 5-6:30 p.m., April 30 and May 7. \$15. Belleza Salon and Spa, 6465 Dixie Highway. Pre-register with Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.

Around Town



Clarkston Village Players stage Austen play

From left, Clarkston Village Players Debbie Truba of Lake Orion, Carol Taylor of Waterford, Susan Craves of Clarkston, and Mike Cavin of Waterford perform a scene from "The Last of Jane Austen." The show opens May 4 at Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road. Call 248-625-8811.

Mother's Day Tea, 2-4 p.m., May 2. Planned by English volunteer Catherine Reeve. Dress up or come as you are. \$6. Independence Township Senior Center Carriage House, 6000 Clarkston Road. Call Kathy at 248-625-8231.

Clarkston Village Players comedy "The Last of Jane Austen." Showtimes: 8 p.m. May 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; 2 p.m. May 13; 7:30 p.m. May 17. Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road. For tickets, call 248-625-8811.

Improve Employee Productivity seminar, 7:30-9 a.m., May 2, Colombiere Center, 9075 Big Lake Road. \$15 each, groups of three or more. Call Ron DeLorme, 248-396-5031.

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9:15-10:15 a.m., Wednesdays, May 2-June 6. Free Demo, April 24, 10:45 a.m. in Carriage House in Clintonwood Park. Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

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.

Ducks Unlimited Banquet, 5-11 p.m., May 2, Deer Lake Ath-

letic Club, 6167 White Lake Rd. Attendance prizes, live auction, silent auction. \$80 individual, \$135 couple. 248-623-6802.

Project Healthy Living, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. May 3. Free and low cost screenings, services, and exams. Clarkston Health Center, 5625 Water Tower Place. Call 248-620-4290, or check www.projecthealthyliving.org.

Support Group, recently widowed, all ages, 7 p.m., May 3, Senior Center in Clintonwood Park on Clarkston Road. Topic: "How Men and Women Grieve Differently." Bereavement Counselor Alicia Brown. Walk-ins welcome. Free. Call Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home at 248-625-5231, or www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Blooms and Brunch, 10:30 a.m., May 4. Bring some extra

perennials to share with old and new friends. Amateur and master gardeners welcome. \$7. Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

Benefit dinner for Clarkston Junior High School Vocal Music Department, 4-8 p.m., May 8. CHJS Choir members will perform hits from the '50s and '60s and will work for tips to raise funds to support their program. Pete's Coney Island II, 6160 Dixie Highway. 248-623-4300.

Clarkston High School Class of 1982 is planning its **25-year reunion** Aug. 11 at Deer Lake Raquet Club. Call Jeanne (Herron) Waddell, 248-922-0973.

Clarkston High School Class of 1987 is planning its **20-year reunion** Sept. 1 at Paint Creek Country Club. Contact Melissa Ronk at Bogey9@comcast.net.

"Cut Ups" Quilting Club, Mondays at 9:30 a.m. Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Call 248-625-8231.

Softball for Players 55+, practices on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, weather permitting. League games start in May. 248-625-8231.

BNI, Clarkston-Waterford Chapter, 7 a.m., Tuesdays, Oakland County Board of Realtors office. For more information, call Cheryl Bean at 248-625-7550.

Yoga for adults, 12-1 p.m. or 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, May 2 through June 20, Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Road. Residents: \$70 total. Non-residents: \$75 total. \$12 walk-in. 248-634-0412. Register by April 27.

Clarkston Area Lions Club meets on the second and fourth Thursday of every month, 6:30-8 p.m. Carriage House, next to the Senior Center, Clintonwood Park. Visitors welcome. 248-802-8603 or www.ClarkstonLions.com.

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Clarkston grad committed to worldwide community service

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Growing up, Nicole Keusch was always interested in community service, volunteering at Clarkston High School and Clarkston United Methodist Church.

As a University of Michigan sophomore, her focus has expanded.

"It was those experiences that drove me to help people around the world," said Keusch, 2005 graduate of Clarkston High and daughter of Debbie and Jim Keusch of Clarkston.

Last year, she spent four weeks in Vietnam with Global Intercultural Experience for Undergraduates.

"It was amazing – we saw almost the whole country," she said. "We studied the culture, history, all aspects of the country."

This spring break, she went to the Dominican Republic to look at their public health programs, including an education program for children about HIV.

This year, she joined Crossing Borders, a health-based, international humanitarian

group founded by UM students in 2005.

"I love it, it's really great," she said. "It's a great way to help make a difference."

About 40 students form the core group. They received training in language, culture, history, and other skills, all on their own time, she said.

"We dedicate a lot of time – I'm there about every day of the week," she said.

Crossing Borders, a private, non-governmental organization, was founded in order to bridge the gap between university-level research and practice in the field, which can be 10-20 years behind, she said.

"We focus our education at the university towards learning skills in the development field and then directly apply them in the summer," she said.

"We then have the opportunity to figure out what actually works and develop new models based on that."

To develop new, sustainable solutions to poverty and other problems, they have to live with people and experience poverty first hand, she said.

"I see what we have, and I

see what they have – a lot of people don't care," she said. "I care."

This summer, Keusch plans to travel with the group to Haiti.

"I will be studying how a poverty lending microcredit program relates to better health for women in a village in a northern village, Joli Trou," she said.

The research will improve programs by International Child Care, Crossing Borders' partner NGO, and help them improve women's income and health in other areas of Haiti.

Last summer, seven Crossing Borders students traveled to rural northern Vietnam, and lived in a commune for three months, she said.

While there, they developed a sustainable, soybean program to fight child malnutrition.

"Our goal is a sustainable program," she said.

This summer, the group is planning projects in Vietnam, Ecuador, Dominican Republic, and Haiti, she said.

For more information on Crossing Borders, check www.crossingbordersonline.org.



Nicole Keusch, University of Michigan student from Clarkston, helps people around the world. Photo by Phil Custodio

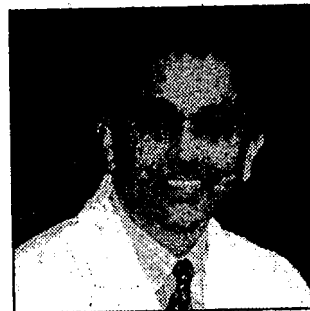
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Milestones

Academic success

Pat McDunn of Clarkston will be inducted May 3 into the Brother Rice High School's Hall of Fame.

McDunn has been an English teacher at Brother Rice since 1981.

"I love the Brother Rice community - and it really is that, a community," said McDunn, 73, who lives in Clarkston with his wife, Rosemary. "The faculty here is a great bunch of people. We are all very good friends."

He came to Brother Rice after 14 years of teaching at St. Ignatius High School in Chicago and U of D High in Detroit, as well as a few years of private business. He served as English chair at Brother Rice, and is well known as a local performer of Irish music.

"I have been lucky to stay in touch with so many Brother Rice alumni," said McDunn, who graduated from John Carroll University in 1955 and, before that, Cleveland St. Ignatius High '51. "These guys have been coming out to hear our music for many years. It has been a great way to stay in touch."

McDunn has two sons who came through Brother Rice: Kevin, who graduated in 2001 and Michael '03.

Amanda Isham and Heath Campbell, both of Clarkston, were named to the fall 2006 Dean's List at Davenport University.

Jennifer T. Kilgore was named to Northwood University President's List for Winter Term.

She is the daughter of Douglas Kilgore of Clarkston and Cathi Williams of Lake Orion.

David J. Gardiner, John F. Strong, and Leslie L. Swetich were named to Northwood University Dean's List for Winter Term.

Gardiner is the son of Jay and Julia Gardiner of Clarkston. Strong's parents are John and Christine Strong of Davisburg. Swetich's parents are Cathy Swetich of Clarkston and Daniel Swetich of Birmingham.

Business news

Brett Bankston has joined the real estate office RE/MAX Encore II, 8040 Ortonville Road, Clarkston.

Bankston comes to RE/MAX from Century 21. He has been in the real estate business for 13 years.

"RE/MAX is a very innovative company and has the most experienced agents" he said.

He is an active member of the community and served in the U.S. Army for 20 years. He joins owners Madeline and Chris Dishon.

Andrea Forst was presented March 16 the Outstanding Senior in Food Industry Management award from Michigan State University's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Forst, 2003 graduate of Clarkston High School, will graduate in May. She is the daughter of Michael and Cathy Forst of Springfield Township.

Rebecca Flores of Clarkston graduated December from Kettering University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Patric Alexander of Clarkston was named to Norwich University's Fall 2006 Dean's List.

Norwich, in Northfield, Vermont, is a private military college.

Mackenzie Bedor of Clarkston has been awarded a scholarship to attend Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala.

Bedor was one of 39 students selected for a full tuition scholarship.

Lindsay Stone of Clarkston was selected for the National Student Leadership Conference on Medicine and Health Care this summer at University of California-Berkeley.

Stone, daughter of Keith and Marlene Stone, is a junior at Clarkston High School. She is a varsity diver on the school swim team, SCAMP counselor, and youth chairperson for this year's SCAMP Walk and Roll program.

At the conference, she will meet with national leaders in government and business.

Julie Camp (Brown) graduates from Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., May 16 with a Master of Arts in Education Degree, emphasis on Instructional Processes. In addition, she will receive a Graduate Certification in Science Education.

She is a graduate of Springfield Christian Academy, class of 1996, and Grand Valley State University. She is now a seventh grade life-science teacher at Fort Zumwalt North Middle School in O'Fallon, Mo.

She and her husband, Greg Camp, reside in St. Peters, Mo. Julie is the daughter of Bob and Sarah Brown of Clarkston.

Delta Staffing, staffing and recruiting provider in Clarkston, has announced a new partnership with Simons-White & Associates, Inc., a training and consulting firm in Ann Arbor.

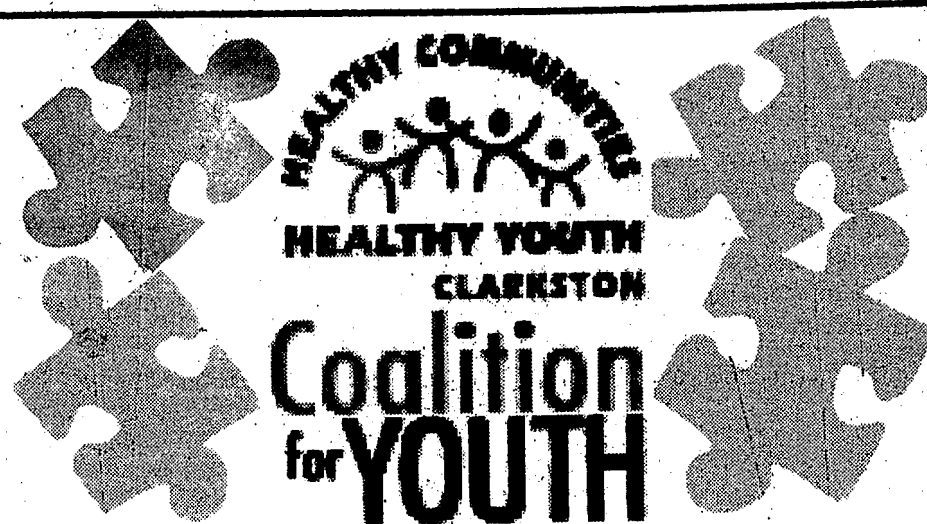
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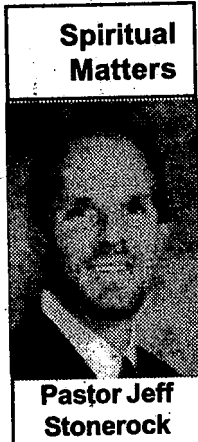
Just a few weeks ago, we had a professional illusionist minister at our annual Easter Egg Hunt and Sunday morning service. He's in full-time ministry, has traveled to over 20 countries and has been performing for more than 18 years.

One of his sole purposes, other than sharing the gospel, is to expose fakes and frauds. Through his illusions, he shows how easily people can be deceived. He debunks card readers, psychics and other money grabbing phonies. On stage, he has his "bag of tricks" which he uses to deceive his captive audience. He states publicly, "I could teach most anyone how to perform these tricks in under five minutes."

Soon it will be turkey hunting season in Michigan and just like my friend, the illusionist, I will head to the woods with my "bag of tricks." I have a turkey mouth call, a voice box call, a turkey decoy, and a camouflage suit. I am prepared to pull off a masterful illusion in the woods. However, my audience will be... turkeys.

If I succeed, I'll draw some gobblers close enough to bring home dinner to my family. Only the wisest of gobblers will dodge the hunters.

Revelations 12:9 refers to Satan as the one who deceives the whole world. He is even called, "The father of lies (John 8:44)." The word says, "There's no truth in him."



Pastor Jeff Stonerock

Spiritual Matters

What is he trying to lie to us about? What is his purpose?

Satan's number one purpose is to ensure that you miss heaven and spend an eternity in hell. He also lies for the purpose of preventing the gospel from being taught or promoted because the truth of the gospel will expose his lies.

The purpose I am going to focus on is his desire to deceive Christians by keeping them weak and defeated so God will get little or no glory. He knows what approach will work best on each individual. He has used his same "bag of tricks" to lure people away from Christ for thousands of years.

Whether I am hunting or fishing, I attempt to lure the animal or fish out of their safety zone. I'm calling ducks out of the sky, deer into an opening, turkeys into close range and fish out of the weeds and rocks.

Much like animals have a safety zone for their protection, God has provided a safety zone for the Christian's protection. Satan will do everything he can to lure you out of God's safety zone.

God's safety zone is simply "walking in the spirit." In that zone, we are led and guided by the Holy Spirit versus our own fleshly desires. When you live guided by the spirit, you find peace, joy, health, prosperity, salvation and all the benefits of salvation. That's where God expects his children to live everyday.

Jesus said, "The Holy Spirit will guide you into all truth (John 16:13)." Walking in the Spirit is walking in truth. Satan, on the other hand, will lead you onto a pathway of lies.

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In our churches...

Bethany North Oakland, Catholic organization providing peer support to all faiths dealing with divorce or separation, general meeting fourth Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m., Cushing Center, St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park in Clarkston. Call Marianne at 248-807-0041 or Paul 248-625-9563. Also, April birthday celebration, 7 p.m., April 11, Red Knapp's, Dixie and M15. Meet & Greet, April 25, 6 p.m., Deer Lake Athletic Club, Clarkston, call John at 248-625-0569.

Congo Dinner, 6:15 p.m., April 28, St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park Drive. Purchase tickets in advance, \$25 donation to help fund orphanage in the Congo, Africa. Call Barb at 248-620-1718.

Prayer Tea, Ladies' Circle of Love, 9:30 a.m., April 28, Davisburg United Methodist Church, 803 Broadway. Features radio minister Robin Sullivan. \$10. Child care provided. 248-634-3373.

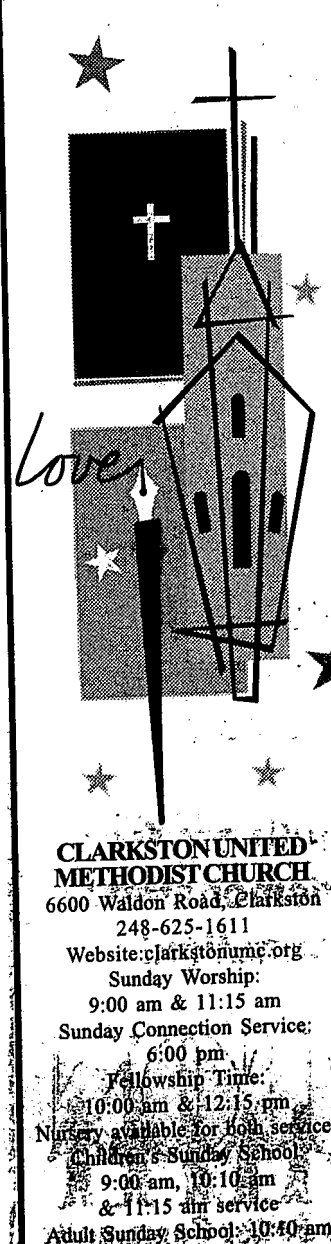
Fish fry, United Methodist Men, 5-7 p.m., May 5. Adults, \$8. Children 5-12, \$5. Children 4 and under, \$1. Davisburg United Methodist Church, 803 Broadway. 248-634-3373.

Musical group **Tales and Scales** will perform 10 a.m., May 11, Worship Center, Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. **Ampersand** will perform at the church at 7 p.m. Free, donations greatly appreciated. 248-625-1323.

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Wed: 6:15 pm Awana Club
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am
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Sunday: Youth Ministries
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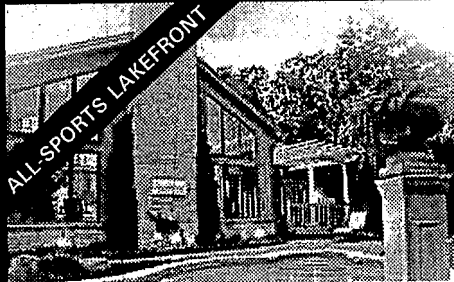
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NEW LISTING ALL-SPORTS LAKEFRONT
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NEW LISTING
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NEW PRICE
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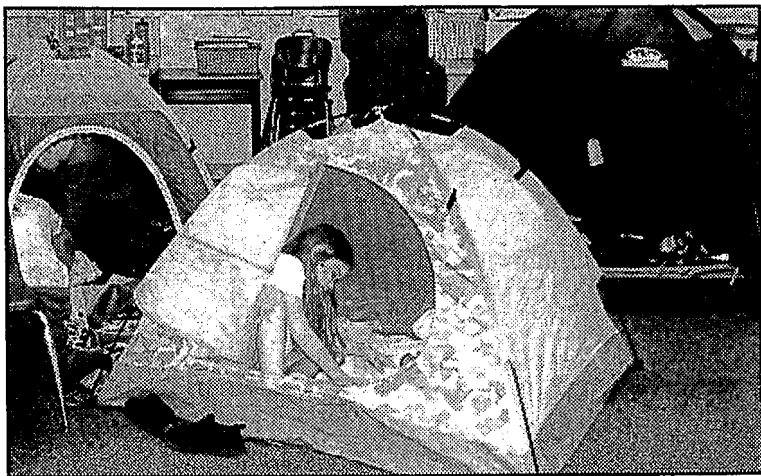


NEW LISTING
 1,000 well-appointed sq. ft.: private entrance, 2 master suites, brand new ceramic kitchen, new fixtures and fresh neutral paint, first floor laundry, and a clubhouse w/pool and fitness. **\$123,000 22-ATL**



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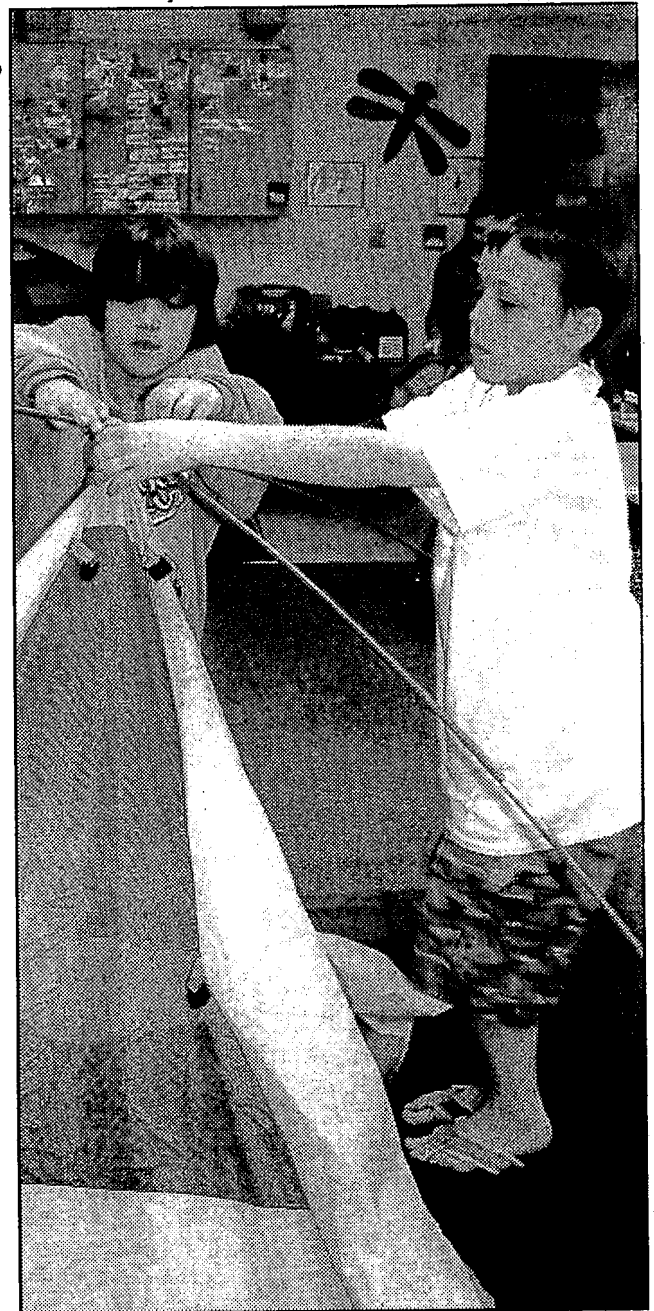
Destiny Kuhn writes in her journal about what she likes about camping, in the woods as well as the classroom.

Reading, writing, roughing it

Third-graders at Pine Knob Elementary pitched tents in their classrooms for a full day of reading and writing activities during Friday's Reading S'more Day.

Students and teachers decorated classrooms with construction-paper campfires, trees, vines, and other creations, with assorted stuffed animals hanging about.

Photos by Phil Custodio



Nicolas Bowman, left, and Luke Rekuta disassemble their tent.



Anna Dawson, Emily Trombley, and Lucille Mallory are comfortable in their tent.

May 13th, 2007

Brunch Buffet
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Dinner Buffet
3:00 pm - 5:30 pm

\$19.95 Adults
\$9.95 Children (4 - 11)
Toddlers 3 and Under, no charge.

Mother's Day Brunch
and Dinner Buffet

1 1/2 Hour Seating, Non Smoking.
Reservations are a must. 248-625-8686

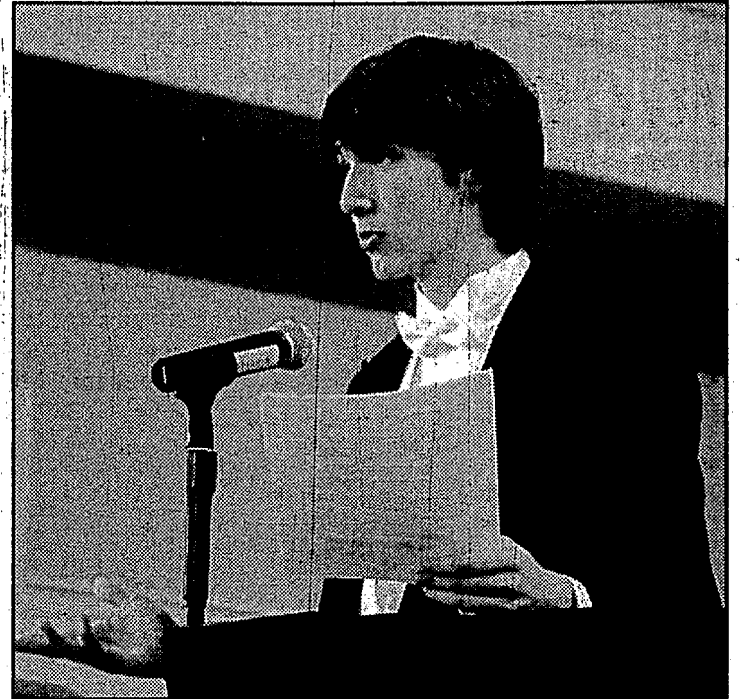
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Elementary Youth of the Year Devin Bleim poses for a picture after collecting her award and speaking about her volunteer efforts.



Charlie O'Donnell, a CHS junior, took home the honor of High School Youth of the Year.



Rebecca Turner was chosen as Middle School Youth of the Year.

HAPPY TO HELP

The pews at Clarkston United Methodist Church filled with proud family and friends Thursday as caring young people from across the area were honored by the Clarkston area Youth Assistance group.

Every year, the group contacts area schools and service organizations asking for nominations of youth who volunteer time and talent to help make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate.

This year, 119 kids from elementary to high school age were recognized for their hard work and dedication as CAYA and other community leaders gathered together to say "thanks, kids!"

Photos by Laura Colvin



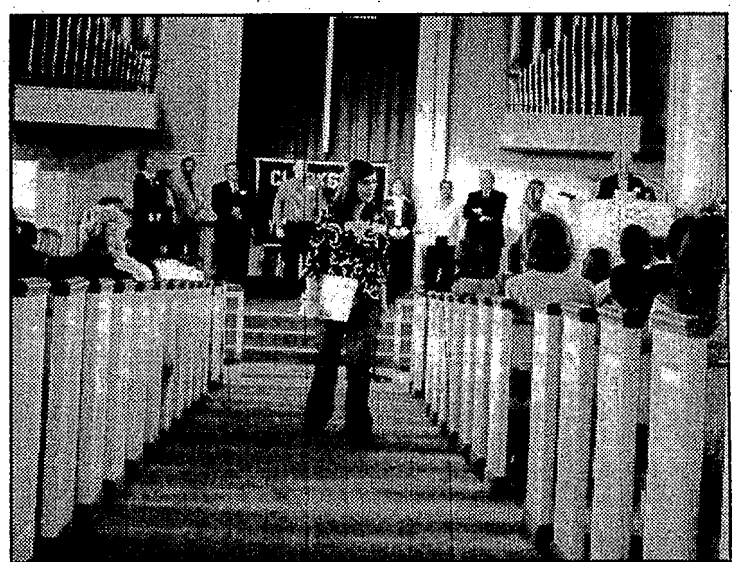
The CHS Madrigals opened the award ceremony with a stellar performance.



Clarkston Councilwoman Kristy Ottman, left, and Springfield Twp. Clerk Nancy Strole were among local officials who greeted honorees.



CHS junior Drew Fries talks with CAYA President Jackie Fromm.



Youth and their families filled the pews at Clarkston United Methodist Church.



Bridget Clancy was named Junior High School Youth of the Year.

Haag's travels take him around the world

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ride to Alaska. After an unsuccessful try, Haag and his associate bought a round-trip ferry ticket.

Once arriving at his destination, Haag started walking and hiking. Another type of hiking helped Haag and his friend see much of the state.

"We ended up hitchhiking all over south-

eastern Alaska and hanging out and doing whatever," Haag said.

"Pretty much everywhere we went out there, people gave us a place to stay."

Chris noticed a similarity immediately with his newfound friends.

"They're all from Michigan and they're all really nice," he said.

"It's really laid back. You almost feel uncomfortable at first because people are being so nice to you."

The trip left Haag with the goal of hiking at Denali National Park on a return visit after seeing Mt. McKinley.

From Alaska, Haag traveled to Hawaii and stayed with another friend for a month,

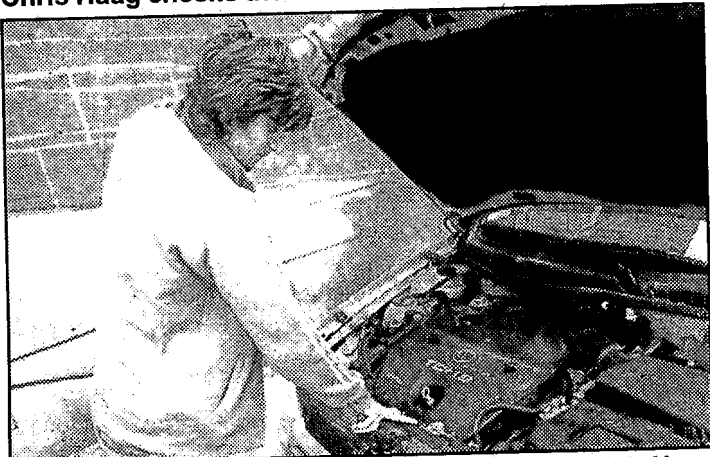
which was a visit less about discovery and more about surfing.

More than three months and \$800 later, Haag returned home and went back to OU.

While back in Michigan, Haag still enjoys rock climbing at Planet Rock in Pontiac and playing basketball, a lifelong passion of his.



Chris Haag checks the fuel filter.



The engine modification cost about \$1,000, which Haag expects to make up in fuel savings.



An extra fuel tank holds the refined vegetable oil. Photos by Paul Kampe

SPRING CLEAN-UP HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS & ELECTRONICS COLLECTION DAY

May 19, 2007

Charter Township of Independence

6050 Flemings Lake Road

8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Call DPW at 248-625-8222 for further details

NO COMMERCIAL VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED

CLEAN-UP FEE SCHEDULE

Automobile	\$ 10.00
Auto with single axle trailer	15.00
Pickup truck or van	15.00
Pickup truck with single axle trailer	30.00
Flatbed single axle truck	30.00
FREON REMOVAL	20.00 per unit
TIRES (limit of 10)	\$2 - \$5 per tire

(rims must be removed from large tires)

WE DO NOT ACCEPT

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

Brush* on this day if you bring brush there will be a \$10 charge
*we do accept brush every Saturday 8-noon, April through October (except for Holiday weekends)

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Computer CPU	\$ 5.00
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Computer Printer	\$ 5.00
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Based on gallons, pounds or items

1-5	\$ 5
6-10	\$ 10
11-15	\$ 15
16-30	\$ 30
over 30	\$ 35
Clarkston Residents	flat rate \$35
Springfield Township	flat rate \$35

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brake fluid	mothballs
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chlorine bleach	oven cleaner
engine cleaners	photographic chemicals
fiberglass epoxy	primer
floor care products	propane
fly strips	scouring powder
furniture polish	spot/stainer remover
gasoline	toilet cleaner
glue/solvent based	turpentine
grout sealer/primer	upholstery cleaner
herbicides	varnish
insecticides	weed killer
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Obituary

Victor J. VanHentenryck Sr.

Victor J. VanHentenryck Sr. of Pontiac, formerly of Clarkston, passed away on April 16 at the age of 85.

He was the father of Evangeline (Cookie), Butch (Debbie), Roberta (Brian) Krupp, Tim, and Todd (Barb); grandfather of Mike, Chris, Sean, Morgan, Newman, and Cassidy; preceded in death by his grandson Frederick; brother of Lewis (Marianne) and Jim (Rita).

Mr. VanHentenryck was a dedicated leader in Boy Scouts for 70 years,



and a WWII veteran involved with American Legion Post 377.

Funeral Service was April 21 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home. Interment White Chapel Cemetery, Troy. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Dorothy Jane Nalepa

Dorothy Jane Nalepa of Clarkston passed away on April 17 at age 80 after a courageous battle with breast cancer.

She was preceded in death by her husband Eugene Nalepa, M.D. She was the loving mother of Karen Smith of Auburn Hills, David Nalepa of Ohio, Nancy (Tom) Eldridge of Ark., Susan Nalepa of Plymouth, Julia (Jerry) Baumgras of Pinckney, Michael (Angie) Nalepa of Calif.; also survived by 13 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, and her beloved dog, "Doc"; sister of David (Patty) Lamb of Ypsilanti;



sister in law of Rachael (the late Jerry) Lamb of Ypsilanti, and Bob (the late Mary Louise) Bowes of Jackson.

Memorial service was April 21 at Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the church. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Obituaries are updated as we get them on our website, www.ClarkstonNews.com

Spiritual Matters

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In Gal. 3:5, Paul said to the church (that means Christians) "having begun in the spirit are you now made perfect by the flesh?" The flesh is simply the area of our lives that becomes so easily deceived like our emotions, feelings and senses, even our intellect and rationalizations can lead us away from His word.

If you or someone you know is al-

ways battling trouble, first head to God's protection zone. Ask God and yourself if you are believing any of the devil's lies. Only the truth of God's word will expose them!

Do not be another sitting duck or dumb turkey. Choose to be like the wise gobbler that's not so easily deceived.

Contact Pastor Jeff Stonerock at www.victoryworldoutreach.org.

In our churches

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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. * * *

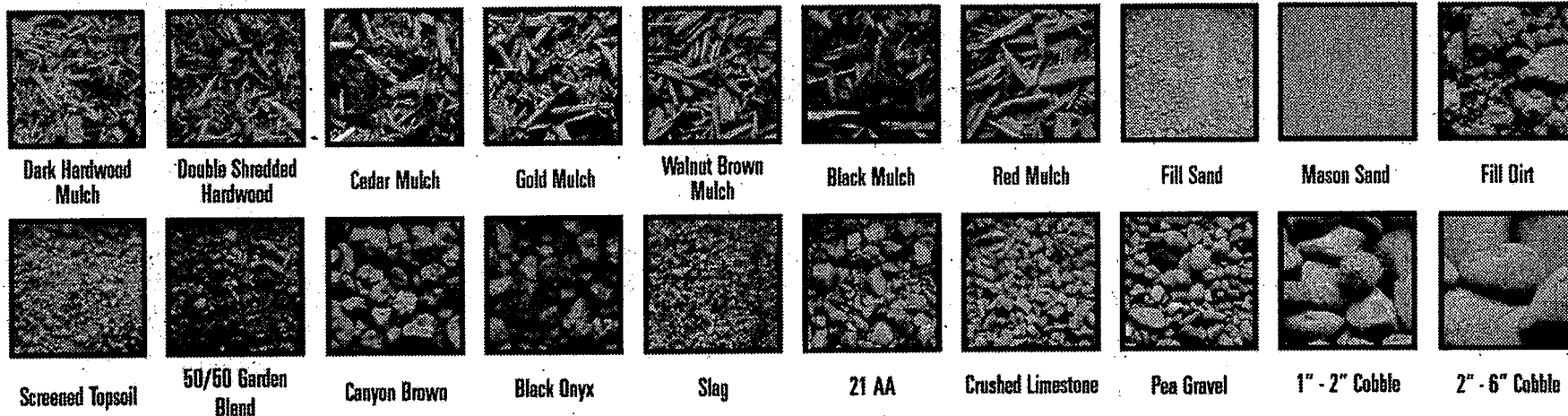
Scripture Study, Mondays, 7 p.m. study of Book of Isaiah. 248-625-1750. \$10 for materials. St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park Drive. * * *

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.

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OB/GYN offers services such as Botox, hair removal, massages, facials and waxing to help with womens' self-image

BY LAURA COLVIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Dr. Peter Shaman knows every woman wants to look her best.

As an OB/GYN, Shaman has delivered hundreds of babies, treated and cared for a myriad of other female issues and talked with women about all kinds of health and wellness concerns.

One thing that comes up over and over, he said, is a woman's wish to look in the mirror and feel happy about what she sees.

It was that understanding, he said, that sparked an interest in expanding his practice to include spa-like treatments to complement the clinic's medical aspect.

"As a doctor who only cares for women, it seemed natural to offer these services," said Shaman, who trained at Wayne State University. "Women want to feel healthy on the inside and out."

This philosophy leads to a holistic approach to caring for the person, not just the condition, he said.

In addition to conventional OB/GYN care, the office offers a menu of spa services such as Botox, Restylane

dermal filler, laser hair and vein reduction, massage, facials and waxing, all provided by certified, licensed professionals.

"One thing I find is that if you're not well, it is reflected in your skin," he said. "And likewise, if you don't feel you look good on the outside, it affects your mood coming from the inside."

It is an understanding, he said, that developed from years of talking to women about OB/GYN concerns and conversations that ultimately lead to other related topics.

"A lot of his branching out was generated from patients who asked for advice about where to go for specific cosmetic problems," he said. "We did our

own research and found more and more being done in medical offices."

The office is also an exclusive local distributor of Luzern, a line of high-quality organic skin care products.

"There are a lot of skin problems—like hormones, pigmentation, breakouts, dryness—we can address and treat," said Sencie Caldwell, the clinic's esthetician and laser technician. "We like people to come in and talk about what their different needs are, and then we can customize the facial for specific problems."

Caldwell also uses the latest laser equipment for permanent hair reduction. The newest technology, she said, allows treatment of more hair and skin types and colors than previously possible.

"The results are better than waxing," she said.

A variety of different massage styles are also available at the office.

"A lot of people think of massage as a treat for themselves," said Sandra Folsom, RN, CMT, RN. "But it's an overall wellness

treatment, as well. We all know stress plays a huge role in our overall health, but massage can help with stress reduction, improvement of circulation and chronic pain."

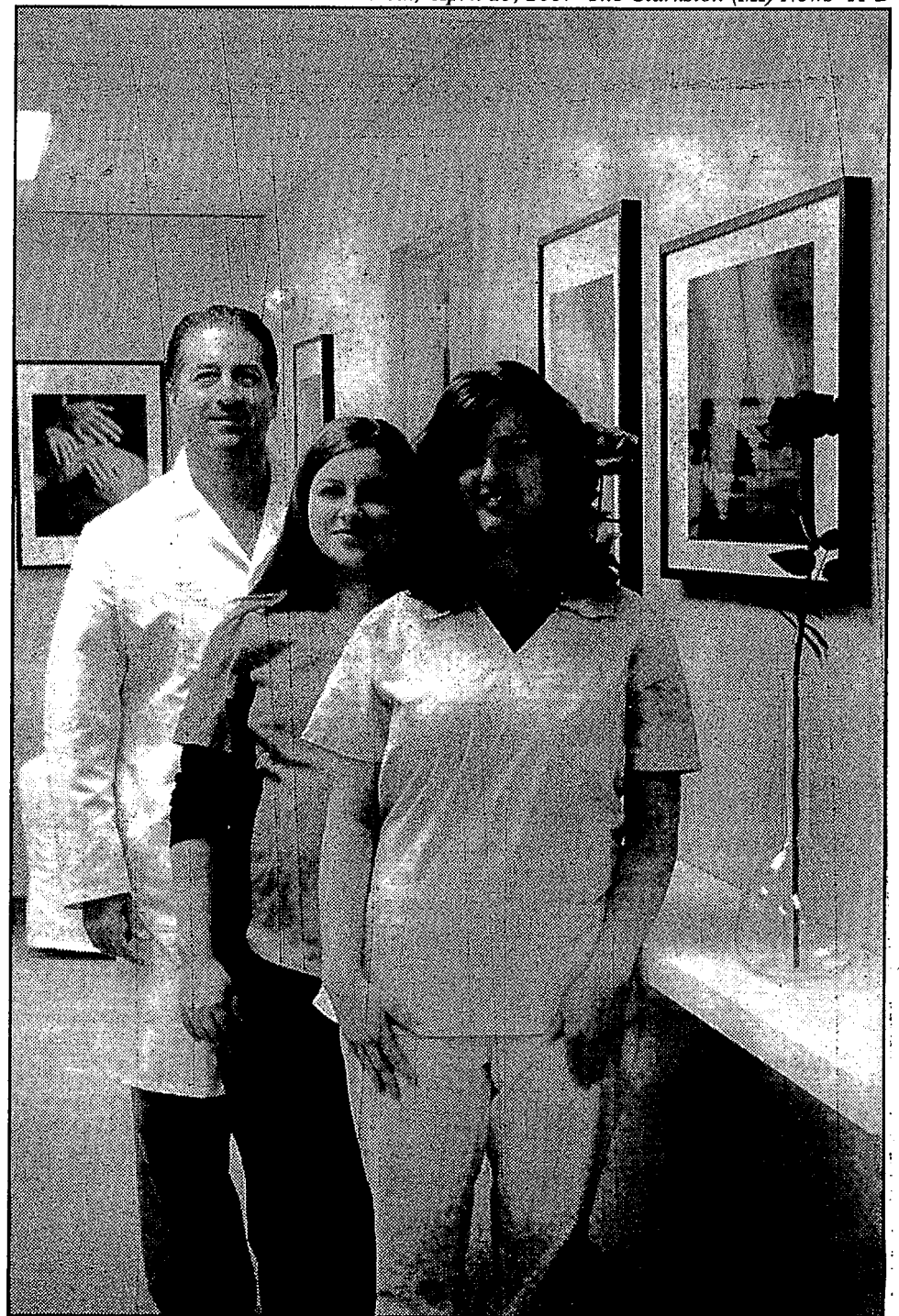
Folsom offers Swedish, hot stone, aroma-therapy, deep tissue and prenatal massage, and encourages clients to try different types.

"Especially the hot stone massage," she said, describing the technique as a combination of massage and strategic placement of hot stones along the spine, and other areas, like hands and feet.

"It's very relaxing." And, with 15, 30 or 60 minute sessions, an appointment can be booked into any busy schedule.

Just relax

Through the end of May, new clients can receive a free, 15-minute massage with Sandra Folsom, RN, CMT. Call 248-625-8555 to schedule an appointment.



Dr. Peter Shaman works with staff members Sencie Caldwell, center, esthetician and laser technician, and Sandra Folsom, RN, a certified massage therapist, to provide patients with holistic, relaxing care. Photo by Laura Colvin

"People can run in on their lunch break," said Folsom. "It's a nice way to relax a little before they have to go back to work."

Shaman spent a great deal of time creating an atmosphere especially welcoming to women before he opened the private OB/GYN practice in the North Oakland Medical Center last August.

The waiting area is tastefully decorated in warm, inviting colors; the seating plush and comfortable.

After all, he said, the way a place looks plays a significant role in the way a woman feels while she's there, and—

perhaps above all else—it's important his patients feel comfortable.

"Sometimes when a person is nervous, they'll forget about things," said Shaman. "I wanted to create a relaxed environment that will help women feel comfortable enough to sit down and talk to me about the problems they may be having."

Contact Peter Shaman M.D. at 248-625-8555, or check out www.drshaman.yourmd.com.

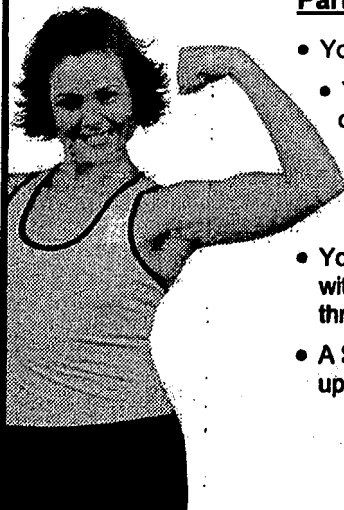
Dr. Shaman's office is located inside the North Oakland Medical Center at 6770 Dixie Highway, Suite 313.

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- You are not currently exercising on a regular basis
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Basket auction

The first-grade class of Mrs. Kathy Dunaj prepared two gardening baskets for Our Lady of the Lakes Schools Silent Auction. The baskets feature a book of gardening tips, written by the students and assembled by Karen Fluegel of Clarkston. The event is set for 6 p.m. April 28 at the new OLL Parish Social Hall, benefits the Our Lady of the Lakes School in Waterford.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA

Date and Time: May 1, 2007, at 7:30 p.m.
Place: Independence Township Library
6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI 48346

1. Call to Order
 2. Pledge of Allegiance
 3. Roll Call
 4. Opening Statements and Correspondence
 5. Approval of Agenda
 6. Public Forum - *Individuals in the audience have the opportunity to address the Township Board on an issue that is not on the agenda, limiting their comments to not more than three minutes.*
 7. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approval of Minutes of April 17, 2007
 - b. Approval of Purchase Orders
 - c. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run
 - d. Approval of Clarkston Area Youth Assistance Committee
- Unfinished Business
1. Sub-committee Update on Keyholing
 2. Inter-Municipal Agreement - Softwater Village - Springfield Township/Oakland County Drain Commission.
 3. Second Reading, Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2, Article III, Section 2-31 (a)
 4. Final Report, Senior Citizen Center Makeover at South Sashabaw Elementary School
- New Business
1. Comcast Franchise Agreement
 2. Water and Sewer Rate Study
 3. Request to purchase equipment for public computer lab for the Library.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION - MAY 8, 2007
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CLARKSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

To the Qualified Electors:
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Election will be held in:
City of the Village of Clarkston
Clarkston, Michigan 48346
TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2007
THE POLLS will be open 7 o'clock a.m. until 8 o'clock p.m.
POLLING PLACES IS HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE
BRAILLE AND AUDIO VERSIONS OF VOTING INSTRUCTIONS ARE AVAILABLE

AT THE POLLING PLACE LISTED BELOW:

City Hall
375 Depot Road
Clarkston, MI 48346

Polling location is accessible to all voters.
Voting instructions are available in Braille and Audio format.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING CANDIDATES FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

NON-PARTISAN OFFICES:
CLARKSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS:
MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION - VOTE FOR TWO
- FOUR YEAR TERM

Artemus M. Pappas, Clerk
City of the Village of Clarkston

PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know

INDEPENDENCE TWP.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Independence Township Planning Commission, Oakland County, Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on:
Thursday, May 10, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.
At Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston Michigan, 48346, to consider the following:
Wetlands File #W2007-003

McLaren Health Care, Gregory Lane, Petitioner
REQUESTS WETLAND AND NATURAL FEATURE
CONSIDERATION THAT IMPACTS APPROXIMATELY
1.61 ACRES OF REGULATED WETLAND FOR
THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTION OF AN
AMBULANCE DRIVE AND PEDESTRIAN BOARDWALKS
Proposed Development - Health Care Campus with Hospital,
Medical Office Buildings, and Related Retail Uses
PC File #2006-001
70 Acres, PUD Zoning

Bow Pointe Drive, East of Sashabaw Road
08-27-251-003 (5688 Bow Pointe Dr.), 08-27-251-005 (5690 Bow Pointe Dr.), 08-27-251-009, 08-27-252-001 (5725 Bow Pointe Dr.), 08-27-252-003 (5689 Bow Pointe Dr.), 08-27-252-004 (5629 Bow Pointe Dr.), 08-27-252-005, 08-27-276-002, and 08-27-276-004

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT THE ABOVE REQUEST MAY BE EXAMINED at the Township Building Department during regular business hours. Written comments may be sent to the Planning Commission c/o the Independence Township Building Department, 90 N. Main St., Clarkston, MI 48346 prior to the Public Hearing/Meeting. For further information call (248) 625-8111.

David Belcher, Department Director
The Township will provide the necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at a public hearing/meeting upon advance notice in writing or by calling the Township Building Department (248) 625-8111.

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SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
Clerk VanderVeen called the April 17, 2007, meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., at the Independence Township Library.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call: Present: Rosso, VanderVeen, Wenger, Travis, Kelly, Dunn, Wagner

Absent:

- There was a quorum.
1. Opening Statements and Correspondence
 2. Approval of the Agenda, as submitted.
 3. Public Forum.
 4. Approval of the Consent Agenda, with the exception of d. Township Server, to be moved to the end of the meeting:
 - a. Minutes of April 3, 2007
 - b. Approval of Purchase Orders
 - c. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run
 - d. Approval to Purchase a Township Server
 - e. West Nile Reimbursement Resolution
 5. Discussion and Presentation by Mr. Richard Wilson, Manager of Delta Township on issue of Reorganization
 6. Approved motion to untable 2007 Road Chloride Program
 7. Approved motion to approve Oakland County Road Commission to administer road chloride program
 8. Approved motion to award bid to ESO and Waste Management for Spring Clean-up
 9. Approved motion to approve Resolution Regarding Township Financial Contributions to Special Assessments Road Projects
 10. Approved motion to approve purchase and installation of Windows Township Server
 11. Approved motion to adjourn regular meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Shelagh VanderVeen
Township Clerk

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FILE PC #2007-007
Custom Sign Center Inc., John Gavin, Petitioner
REQUESTS SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL
Tim Horton's - Additional Wall Sign

Sec. 5.04.m 5.a., (1)

Special Land Use Request: Additional Wall Sign
Parcel Identification Number: 08-27-400-037
Common Description: 5700 Maybee Road
Regency Independence Center
Condominium, Unit 6
Sashabaw Town Center
Overlay District
0.81 Acres, C-2 Zoning

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ELECTION NOTICE

MAY 8, 2007 FOR
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NUMBER	POLLING LOCATION
1&3	CALVARY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 6805 Bluegrass
2&6	NORTH SASHABAW ELEMENTARY 5290 Maybee Road
4	FREE METHODIST CHURCH 5482 Winell @ Maybee Road
5&14	Pine Knob Elementary 6020 Sashabaw Road
7	INDEPENDENCE ELEMENTARY 6850 Hubbard Road
8&9	CLARKSTON ELEMENTARY 6595 Waldon Road
10	INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY 6495 Clarkston Road
11	FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 5449 Clarkston Road
12&15	BAILEY LAKE ELEMENTARY 8051 Pine Knob Road
13	MARANTHA BAPTIST CHURCH 5790 Flemings Lake Road

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING CANDIDATES FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR CLARKSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS:
FOUR YEAR TERM, VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN (2)
MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR LAKE ORION COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
FOUR YEAR TERM, VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN (2)
SHELAGH VANDERVEEN, INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP CLERK

ELECTION NOTICE

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CLARKSTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

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NUMBER	POLLING LOCATION
1	Shepard Fellowship Church 2515 Williams Lake Road Waterford, MI 48329

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FOUR YEAR TERM, VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN (2)
SHELAGH VANDERVEEN, INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP CLERK

Doctors join local practice

Dr. Carl Botvinick and Allan Jabobs have recently taken up practice at Endodontic Associates' Clarkston location.

Dr. Jacobs grew up in Pontiac. He attended the University of Michigan for pre-doctoral studies and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1970.

He graduated from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry in 1974 and received his Master of Science Degree in Endodontics from the University of Michigan in 1978.

He began a solo practice limited to endodontics in 1978 and then later joined Endodontic Associates in 1980.

Dr. Botvinick grew up in Detroit. He received a Bachelor of

Science degree from Wayne State University in 1964 and his DDS degree from the University of Detroit School of Dentistry.

He received a Post-Doctoral Degree in Endodontics and Oral Pathology from the University of Washington, Seattle, in 1972. He served in the U.S. Air Force as a captain.

"We had many patients who would come from here to our Waterford office," Botvinick said. "We came here to be closer to them, so they wouldn't have to travel so far."

Call the Clarkston office, 6770 Dixie Highway, Ste. 300, at 248-620-0002.

- Phil Custodio



Dr. Carl Botvinick, back left, and Dr. Allan Jabobs and their staff offer endodontic, root-canal services in Independence Township. Photo provided

Curves food drive nets 1,612 pounds

Davisburg Curves clients and staff collected 1,612 pounds of food this past March for Neighbor for Neighbor food pantry.

"It's a way to give back to the community," said owner Carolyn Thiele.

"We have awesome members - they step up to the plate and give generously."

The fitness center collected 1,150 pounds during last year's campaign. They plan to continue their community involvement during this summer's Relay for Life for cancer research and Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October, Thiele said.

For more information, call the center, 9811 Dixie Highway, Suite 1, at 248-620-1111.



From left are Curves owner Carolyn Thiele, Carol Suokas, Marie Van Tuyl, Christine Julian, and Penny Ward, with some of the food they collected in March. Photo provided

Mail carriers to collect food

Letter carriers will be collecting food for Lighthouse North May 12.

Donations of nonperishable, undamaged, canned or dried goods can be placed in mailboxes for letter carriers to pick up. Food can also be dropped off at 5886 M-15, Clarkston Post Office carrier annex.

Community volunteers can call coordinators Connie Stapleton of Lighthouse at 248-620-6116 or Jerri Duncan, National Association of Letter Carriers, at 248-625-0648.

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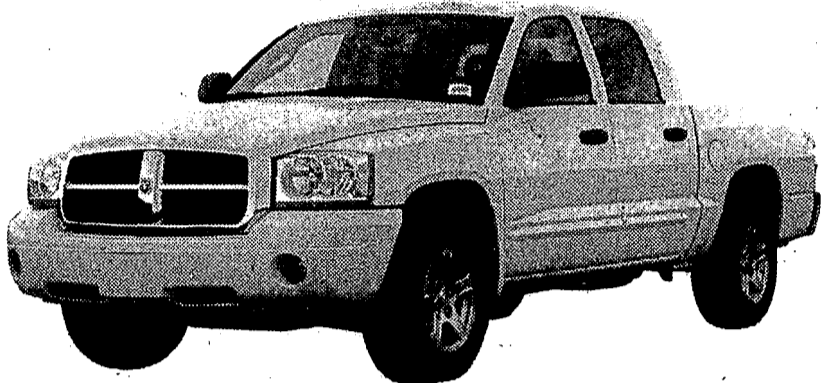
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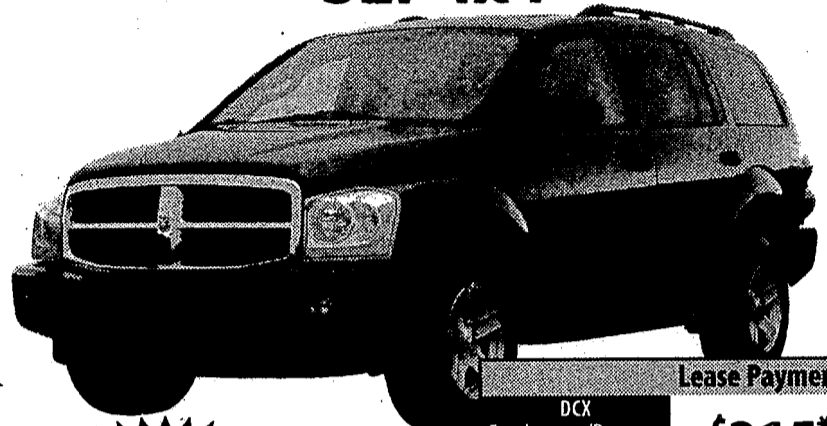
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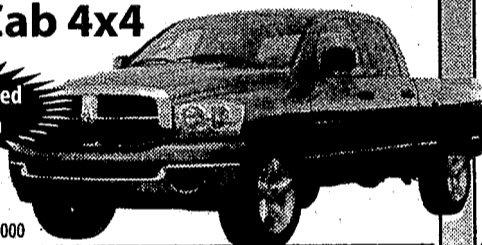
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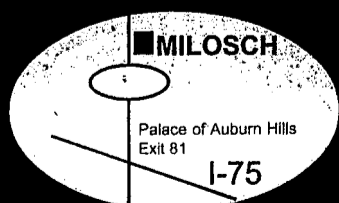
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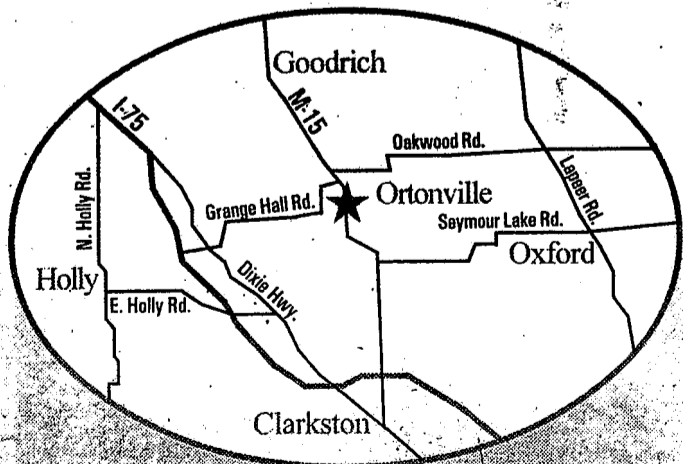
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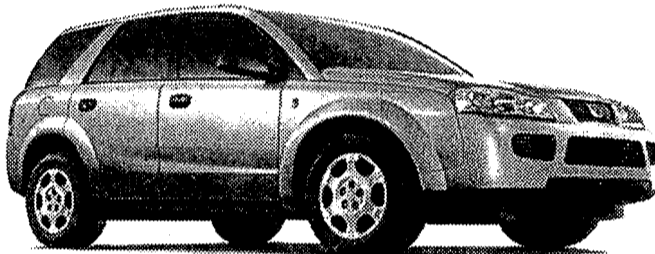
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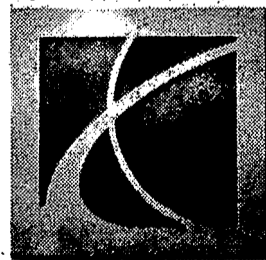
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LX19-2

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2007 CHRYSLER TOWN & COUNTRY TOURING

Lease Cash: . . . \$4,000
Lease Loyalty: . . \$1,000
Friendly Cash: . . \$1,850

INCENTIVES UP TO \$6,850!

\$127³²*/mo. \$0 Down 26 pymts



MSRP: \$32,535

Floor mats, N/C DVD, center console, 29S pkg., leather, heated seats

No Charge DVD Sale

2007 CHRYSLER TOWN & COUNTRY TOURING

Mini Van Sale



MSRP: \$29,490

Center console, floor mats, 29K pkg.

Lease Cash: \$4,000
Lease Loyalty: \$1,000
Friendly Cash: \$1,850

INCENTIVES UP TO \$6,850!

\$125⁹⁷*/mo. \$0 Down 26 pymts

2007 CHRYSLER SEBRING



MSRP: \$20,815

24B pkg., Sirius radio, Power seats

Conquest Lease Cash: . . . \$1,000
Lease Loyalty: \$750
Friendly Cash: \$500

INCENTIVES UP TO \$2,250!

\$199⁹⁷*/mo. \$0 Down 35 pymts

2007 JEEP® COMMANDER SPORT 4 DOOR



MSRP: \$31,410

Floor mats, 29S pkg., Rear air conditioning

Lease Cash: \$3,500
Lease Loyalty: \$1,000
Military Bonus: \$500
Friendly Cash: \$1,000

INCENTIVES UP TO \$6,000!

\$184⁸³*/mo. \$0 Down 26 pymts

2007 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN SXT



MSRP: \$32,375

Floor mats, center console, 29S pkg., Factory power roof, 2-tone leather, DVD heated seats

Lease Cash: \$4,000
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Friendly Cash: . . . \$1,850

INCENTIVES UP TO \$6,850!

\$134⁹⁸*/mo. \$0 Down 26 pymts

2007 DODGE CALIBER SE



MSRP: \$16,465

Air conditioning, floor mats, 24A pkg.

Lease Cash: \$500

INCENTIVES UP TO \$500!

\$156⁹⁸*/mo. \$0 Down 26 pymts

2007 DODGE RAM 1500 SLT QUAD CAB 4X4



MSRP: \$33,565

4.7L V8, chrome wheels, Big Horn pkg., bedliner, WW liners

Lease Cash: \$5,000
Lease Loyalty: . . . \$1,000
Regional Bonus: . . \$1,000
Friendly Cash: . . . \$1,000

INCENTIVES UP TO \$8,000!

\$167⁹¹*/mo. \$0 Down 26 pymts

2007 DODGE RAM 1500 SLT QUAD CAB 4X4



MSRP: \$35,715

Hemi, 5.7L Hemi, 20" v Big Horn pkg.

Lease Cash: \$5,000
Lease Loyalty: . . . \$1,000
Regional Bonus: . . \$1,000
Friendly Cash: . . . \$1,000

INCENTIVES UP TO \$8,000!

\$183²⁸*/mo. \$0 Down 26 pymts

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1999 TANGO SUGARSAND, 175hp, V6, very good condition, low hours, garage kept, lots of extras, \$6900. 248-969-8269 IILX19-2

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19FT TRAVEL TRAILER, 1994, air, stove, fridge, stereo, toilet/shower, \$4,000. 248-634-4621 IILX41-2

12FT. ALUMINUM boat, electric motor, oars, anchor, and old boat trailer, \$400. 248-693-7272. IILX20-2

2004 HOLIDAY RAMBLER Motor Home, 30ft., 2 slides, 8.1L Chevy, 10,000 miles, \$55,000. 248-391-6277. IILX19-2

1982 GOLD WING Sport, 1100cc. New tires. Runs great. \$1,900 obo. 248-693-7752. IILX19-2

2003 SUZUKI DRZ-400, street legal dirt bike, 500 miles, mint condition, \$3500 obo, 248-321-6401. IILX40-BOAT TRAILER- ADJUSTS & tilts with boat. Best offer. 248-628-5760. IILX20-2

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BOAT HOIST WITH canopy, 108" ID, \$2,500. Checkmate 150hp, fast, 1977, \$2,950. 810-441-7366. IILX20-2

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19FT. CENTURY Open Bow, 305 with MerCruiser outdrive, trailer, needs interior, \$650. 248-891-6306. IILX19-2

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LAKEFRONT ON Lakeville Lake, 1 bedroom duplex, kitchen/ living room combo. All newly redone. \$475. 248-656-1255; IILX18-4

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27 Month Lease

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- Power Windows
- Power Locks
- Automatic
- Air
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35 Available At Similar Savings

27 Month Lease

\$2000 Total Due \$1000 Total Due \$500 Total Due

\$109* \$149* \$169*

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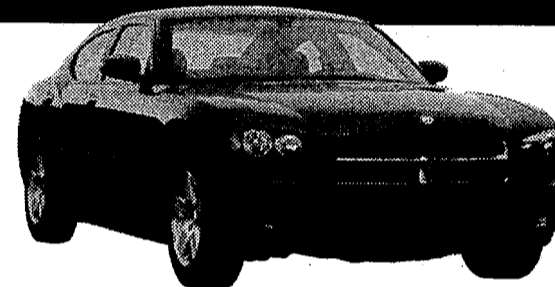
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- Power Door Locks
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- 7 Passenger
- Aluminum Wheels
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- Keyless Entry
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\$2000 Total Due \$1000 Total Due \$500 Total Due

\$169* \$209* \$229*

2007 NITRO 4x4



- Power Windows
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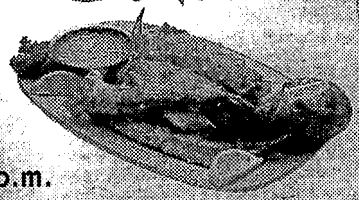
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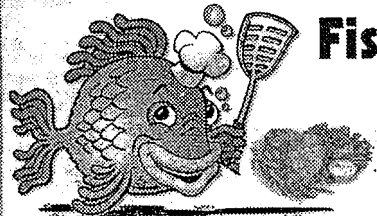
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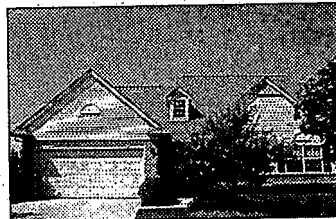
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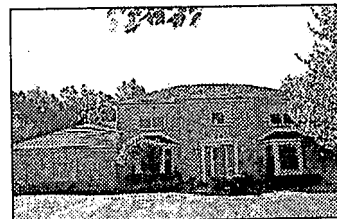
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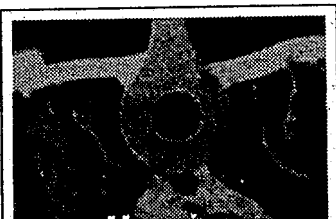
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CLARKSTON

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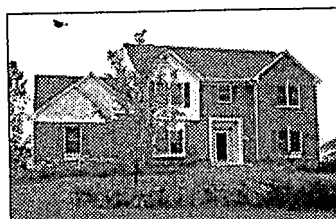
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CLARKSTON

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CLARKSTON

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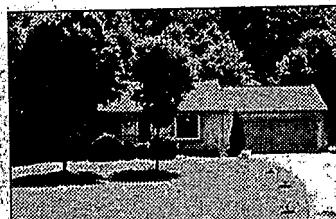
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Taking Care of Bizness

Celebrate Mom on May 13



Cherri Detkowski of the Parsonage, 6 East Church St., arranges a bouquet of flowers perfect for Mother's Day, coming up May 13. The holiday is the flower shop's busiest of the year, said Liz Andre-Stotz, who owns the Parsonage along with her mother, Susan Andre. For information, call 248-625-4340.

Fox steps down from board

The board of directors of Oxford Bank Corporation simultaneously announced the retirement of Randall G. Fox as chairman of both the Corporation and the Bank and the appointment of Jeffrey M. Davidson as his replacement.

Fox will remain an active member of both board of directors and serving as their vice chairman. Davidson will retain his current positions as president and chief executive officer of both Oxford Bank Corporation and Oxford Bank. These moves were made on March 27.

"This move completes a management transition plan first initiated by our board of directors in 2003 with Jeff's appointment to president and CEO of Oxford Bank," Fox said. "Jeff is an outstanding community banker and leader."



Randall Fox

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Istvan joins Daniel Krug & Associates

Rocky Istvan has joined Daniel Krug & Associates, a retirement planning and asset preservation firm based in Clarkston, as an asset protection specialist. The announcement was made by Daniel Krug, the firm's founder and president.

Istvan brings more than 20 years of specialized experience in the areas of benefit and retirement planning in the automotive, defense and health care industries.

He resides in Clarkston.

Area chambers co-host breakfast

Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce and Waterford Area Chamber of Commerce are co-hosting a Joint Chamber Business Over Breakfast/Perking Up Waterford networking opportunity on Tuesday May 8, from 7:45 to 9 a.m.

The breakfast is at Qdoba Mexican Grill, 6461 Dixie Hwy., Clarkston.

Join board members, ambassadors and members from both chambers to meet, greet and network over coffee and breakfast. Facilitated Networking activities are planned for this event.

The cost is \$15 per person (Members pay \$10 per person with PRE-PAID Reservations.) To RSVP call 248-625-8055 or email: Val@clarkston.org



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Quote of the month:

'To sit back hoping that someday, someday, someone will make things right is to go on feeding the crocodile, hoping he will eat you last—but eat you he will.'

Ronald Reagan
40th president of US (1911 - 2004)

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When the going gets tough, what does tough do?

By Maria Rotondo Mark

Where does stress go, how do we let it go?

Are we conscious of accumulated stress? During a telephone conversation with a friend a truth was exposed. My friend recently had a sister transitioned to eternal life, this brought up many unresolved emotions. My friend related about visiting her doctor. As I asked what was going on, the answer was something about the jaw. My immediate response was, oh, you mean T.M.J. How did you know? I have it too... Wow, that's incredible. As the conversation went on... my thoughts were to bring new dimension to T.M.J.



Maria Rotondo Mark

T - taking on too
M - much
J - junk and then chewing it during sleep.

Awareness is good medicine for the unconscious mind to work with.

I had invested in a mouth guard that I could not wear without disposing it in the night.

I often wondered if I could ever wear it again. Today, I have a new perspective on taking on junk that doesn't serve my highest good. To take something means to steal it from another. If is not for my best good, why would I ever want it? Once this new data is in deposit, a new way of processing is in place.

This is another way of discovering that ignorance is seldom bliss. Self-education is self-empowerment.

As the day of discovery progressed, I asked others about the T.M.J. question. The overall hesitant response was, I don't know about T.M.J. but my wife and I both wear a mouth guard, our four-year-old daughter will need one also. This is amazing insight to what each of us are embarrassed to admit, thus we have secrets. We cannot share about certain subjects like T.M.J. or politics, religion and the list goes on. Are there safe subjects to discuss? Is this why most folks talk about the weather? No one will be judged for weather errors in judgment. It's a way of breaking the silence with what is termed as small talk, safe talk, possibly even empty and meaningless.

The truth is simple, there are quick fixes that we can purchase to alter a natural expression. These fixes of overload to our conscious and unconscious mind will seldom change the outcome. Self-responsibility, thought awareness, eliminating what is not for our best good before it enters our mind is a good place to start.

As economic conditions are questionable, human beings require another level of tough, perseverance, flexibility, integrity, awareness, education, forgiveness of self and others if pertinent, respect, responsibility and all other virtuous ways to bring truth to a new exposed level. Happy venturing to one and all as we establish a co-existing respectful community and world.

Maria welcomes your comments. 5888 Dixie Hwy, Clarkston, MI 48346, 248-623-9348 mariasm@comcast.net

Improving Business Performance

Improving Business Performance (a series of articles designed to help you improve employee and business performance)

By Ronald DeLorme

Some business leaders get it, some don't!

On April 1, 2007, the *Detroit Free Press* ran an article about Alan Mulally, Ford Motor Company's new CEO. The article mentions what most of us already know - the leaders at Ford are fighting for the company's very survival. If the *Free Press* article is accurate, many of Ford's senior managers were, also, fighting each other.



Ronald DeLorme, president of Manage Max

The article describes how, in meetings, some of Ford's leaders ignored each other, mocked the ideas of others, made fun of each other, and so on.

Speaking about the behaviors he witnessed in meetings, Mr. Mulally is quoted as saying, "You know, that didn't really work for me... because it doesn't really create a working-together environment, and so we got rid of all that stuff, and pretty soon we started to really hum!" Hats off to Mr. Mulally, he gets it!

Mr. Mulally understands that people do not perform their best in nasty, demeaning, negative, contentious work environments. Organizational research supports him. For example, there is a field of research called Positive Psychology that has plenty of evidence indicating that a positive workplace yields the best business results (e.g., more committed employees, greater productivity, lower turnover, and so on).

Let's say you want to create a positive work atmosphere that encourages and enables employees to deliver out-

standing productivity, quality and customer service, where do you begin? As Mr. Mulally demonstrated, creating a more constructive and productive work atmosphere starts at the top. The leader needs to model the constructive values and behaviors he/she wants in others. Then, it is the responsibility of every manager in the organization to act in a manner consistent with those values. Those who violate the constructive workplace values need to be corrected, they are hurting the company!

In a positive, high-performing workplace, managers treat employees at all levels with respect; they make it clear that the employees' contributions, ideas and input are valued; managers provide employees with all the tools/resources they need to do a great job and give employees the latitude to have some fun while working hard. A positive, productive workplace rewards top performers and makes growth and advancement opportunities available, too.

Of all the factors that contribute to the creation of a positive (or nasty) work environment, this may be the most important - nobody wants to work for a jerk! Rather, employees want to respect the character, decisions and actions of their managers and leaders. Based on my experience, employees who have respect for their management team contribute more to the success of the company. And savvy managers want, and will capitalize on, all the ideas, energy and commitment that employees have to offer.

What are you doing to earn the respect of your employees and to create a more positive, and more productive, atmosphere in your workplace?

Suggestions/questions/topics? Contact me at training_pro@hotmail.com or 248.396.5031. Ron DeLorme, *Manage Max Performance Improvement. Partnering with you to achieve your employee and business growth goals.*

The question: Is your hair lifeless?

By JoAnn Zulinski

At this time of year everyone's hair and skin is extremely dry and flaky. Your hair, just like your skin, needs moisture. There are many moisturizers on the market; your best moisturizers would be professionally given at a hair salon, because everyday conditioners are not going to solve these problems. Most deep conditioners have a moisture base; this includes protein, for shine and manageability.



JoAnn Zulinski

Then hair needs to be either placed under the dryer, or heat lamps. The moisture and protein need to be able to get into the cuticle of the hair, in order to give shine and integrity back to the hair strands. This can be done whenever necessary, or on scheduled appointments during the winter and summer months. ;

Most product lines like Redken, Matrix, and Paul Mitchell have deep condi-

tioners. Your stylist will be able to replenish your hair with just the right formula for your hair type.

Keeping up your cuts or just trims is also important for healthy hair. Every 4-6 weeks is the right amount of time in between cuts. Spring is also a good time to change and freshen up your style. There are many new cuts, and a new look may help your hair to revitalize itself.

In the winter hair color can start to look lifeless and drab, and in the summer it can become faded or dry looking, so make sure your hair and the color is taken care of during those times for the best results.

Last, but not least, there are leave-in conditioners, shine products, and pomades that will add shine and luster to the hair along with manageability. Be sure to purchase products for your hair type.

Remember to get your products through professional stylists only, because products not sold at salons or through stylists are not guaranteed to be the real product.

If you have any other questions call Jo Ann at 248-942-3900.

A Biz plan, continued

By Patrick J. Allsteadt

The next topic in developing a Business Plan is Operations. Explain the daily operation of the business, its location, equipment, people, processes, and surrounding environment.

Where are you planning to locate your enterprise? What qualities do you need and type of a location? Describe the type of location you need to conduct your business and physical requirements: amount of space, type of building, parking, access for suppliers and transportation, zoning, power and other utilities. Estimate your occupation expenses, including rent, but also including maintenance, utilities, insurance, and initial remodeling costs. These figures will become part of your financial



Patrick Allsteadt is owner of your financial Accurate Book-keeping, LLC the business hours?

If you are producing an item to sell, explain the product development, production techniques and costs, quality and inventory control, and customer service.

There are a number of Federal and State regulations to adhere to depending on the product/services of the enterprise. A few are permits, licensing and bonding requirements, Occupational Safety & Health Administrations policies, workplace, or environmental regulations, zoning or building code requirements, insurance coverage, and trademarks, copyrights, or patents.

Where will you find the right employees you need? What type of labor will you need-skilled, unskilled, and professional? Prepare pay structures. Write procedures down: training, assignment of specific duties, schedules, and job descriptions. They help internal communications with employees.

What kind of inventory will you keep: raw materials, supplies, finished goods? What is the average value in stock, rate of turnover, and how this compares to the industry average? Will the product have seasonal high and low sales? Who will supply the raw materials? Identify your key suppliers: names and addresses, inventory supplied, credit policies, delivery policies. Do they have a record of dependability? Your suppliers will need a lead time to ship the raw materials. Are the raw material costs steady or fluctuating? How will you deal with changing costs, if the costs fluctuate?

Finally what will be your credit policies? Do you really need to sell on credit? Is it routine in your industry and anticipated by your customers? What policies will you have about which customer gets credit and how much? Will you check the credit worthiness of new customers? Establish terms that you offer your customers, that is, how much credit and when is payment due? Will you offer prompt payment discounts? You should look

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Menu Entrée of the Month

End of the Islander crab cakes

London isn't just known for fish and chips.

The Sherlock Holmes-themed restaurant 221B Baker Street, 10063 Dixie Highway, is reintroducing crab cakes to the menu.

End of the Islander, a dish featuring two six-ounce crab cakes topped with a lemon cream sauce, is set to return to the menu for \$12.50. The entrée is coupled with your choice of potato or rice and vegetables, with homemade soup or salad.

"It's simple, easy, delicate and tasty," said Tyler Ballek, 221B Baker Street chef.

"The crab flavor comes through," said owner Fran Avey. "It's not overpowered by the bread-ing. It's an explosion of crab flavor. It has just enough bread crumbs to hold it together."

The restaurant also serves a variety of steak, chicken sauté dishes, and other seafood such as salmon and fresh lake perch. The Case of Identity bruschetta is a popular appetizer at the restaurant.

It is located at 10063 Dixie Highway in Springfield Township. Hours are 4-10 p.m., Tues.-Sat. Reservations, catering and private parties are available by calling 248-922-9020.



The End of the Islander crab cakes entrée is displayed by 221B Baker Street Chef Tyler Ballek. The End of the Islander is making its return to the menu for only \$12.50. The restaurant is open for dinner Tues.-Sat. from 4-10 p.m.

Record-breaking beers on tap at Clarkston Union

By Paul Kampe

Clarkston isn't always mentioned in the same breath as "world record," but the Clarkston Union helped change that April 5.

Bell's Brewing Company of Kalamazoo selected the Union to host a record-breaking night. The brewer put the most beer selections, 25, on tap for the masses to sample.

Patrons flocked to the restaurant, which is housed inside a renovated church building on Main Street, for "The Union rocks the Bell's."



Clarkston Union owner Curt Catallo, left, brewery owner Larry Bell and Chef Scott Laufer sample a few of the 25 brews this past Thursday. Photo by Paul Kampe.

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WTB Recipes... for Mother's Day

What can family members do special this year for Mom?

Most moms dream of a fine meal they don't have to shop for, cook or clean up afterwards. Often going out for breakfast on Mother's Day can mean dealing with long lines and slow service. But Dad and the kids can rise to the occasion and prepare a meal themselves at home that can be a real treat. Even the dad who only makes breakfast on weekends can cater a fine restaurant meal at home, with kids as willing sous chefs.

It's easy when your family shops where the pros shop, such as Sam's Club for frozen appetizers, readymade pastry, organic produce, fine wines, quality meats, great breads and fabulous cheese-cake, ready to thaw and serve.

For a crowning touch, add an unexpected and affordable luxury gift and Mom just might decide to sign on for another year.

Check out www.samsclub.com — or the Sam's Club nearest you — for more great Mother's Day ideas. Mother's Day Game Plan. Here's the game plan for catering a Mother's Day meal at home.

Chill the champagne or make a delicious punch a few hours before the meal.

Salmon Wellington

Puff pastry encloses flavorful salmon, spinach and herbs in a main dish fit for a special occasion.

Wellington preparations are thought to take a great deal of time and skill to make. However, with the time-saver of purchased puff pastry, it's a breeze. The bundles can be prepared up to a week in advance and then frozen. Just pop them in the oven when needed. Note: Puff pastry must be cold (but not frozen) when placed into a hot oven in order for the pastry to become light and flaky.

Makes: 4 servings

- 1 tablespoon sweet butter
- 1-1/2 tablespoons shallots or onion, minced
- 1/2 cup frozen spinach, defrosted and well drained,

- 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 tablespoon lemon zest
- 1 teaspoon thyme or dill, minced
- Kosher salt and cracked black pepper
- 1-1/2 tablespoons crumbled feta cheese
- 4 thick, skinless fillets of salmon (about 6 ounces each)
- 2 packages puff pastry (defrosted in refrigerator)
- 1 lightly beaten egg
- 1 teaspoon milk

1. Heat sauté pan with butter over medium heat. Add shallots and sauté 3 to 4 minutes until softened. Reduce heat to medium-low and add spinach, nutmeg, lemon zest, thyme, salt and pepper. Sauté 2 to 3 minutes; remove from heat and stir in feta. Taste for seasoning and let cool.

2. Lightly salt and pepper each piece of salmon and top with 2 tablespoons of spinach mixture.

3. Roll out pastry sheets on lightly floured board. Cut 1 piece of pastry for bottom of each fillet — about 1 inch larger than the salmon. Cut a second piece large enough to drape over fillet and touch counter, plus 1 inch to spare all the way around.

4. Brush edge of smaller sheet with lightly beaten egg mixed with milk. Place 1 piece of salmon in center of pastry. Drape larger piece over salmon and seal the two pieces of dough together by folding and pleating like a pie crust. Repeat for each "package." Chill at least 30 minutes or freeze up to 1 week before baking.

5. Preheat oven to 425°F. Brush top of each package with a small amount of egg/milk mixture. Put on sheet pan lined with parchment paper and a dusting of corn meal. Bake in preheated oven for 18 to 23 minutes, until golden. Let rest 5 to 10 minutes before serving.

Cranberry Splash Punch

Makes: 8 servings

- 4 cups cranberry juice
- 3 cups pineapple juice



- 1/2 cup cherry juice
- 2 cups puréed strawberries or raspberries (fresh or frozen)
- 6 cups ice cubes
- 2 lemons, sliced
- 2 limes, sliced

3 cups orange soda or ginger ale
Mix all juices and puréed berries and chill thoroughly. To serve, put punch in handsome container and add ice and fruit. Slowly stir in orange soda.

Record-breaking brew on tap at Clarkston Union

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"It's a well-known brewery and it's an honor to be chosen. When it comes to microbrewers, that's as big as it gets," Clarkston Union owner Curt Catallo said.

"It's unique to happen at the Union," Catallo said. "We've always had a great relationship with the brewery. They knew our crowd really appreciated that quality-crafted beer."

In 1995, while the church building was being renovated into what is now the Union, Bell's owner/founder Larry Bell toured the building and offered his advice.

"He walked through the sawdust, gave us his two cents and we were wise enough to listen," Catallo said.

The most popular beer selection for the night was Bell's Oberon followed by Bell's Expedition Ale.

"It was a great turnout. It definitely wasn't your typical Thursday night in

Clarkston for sure," Catallo said.

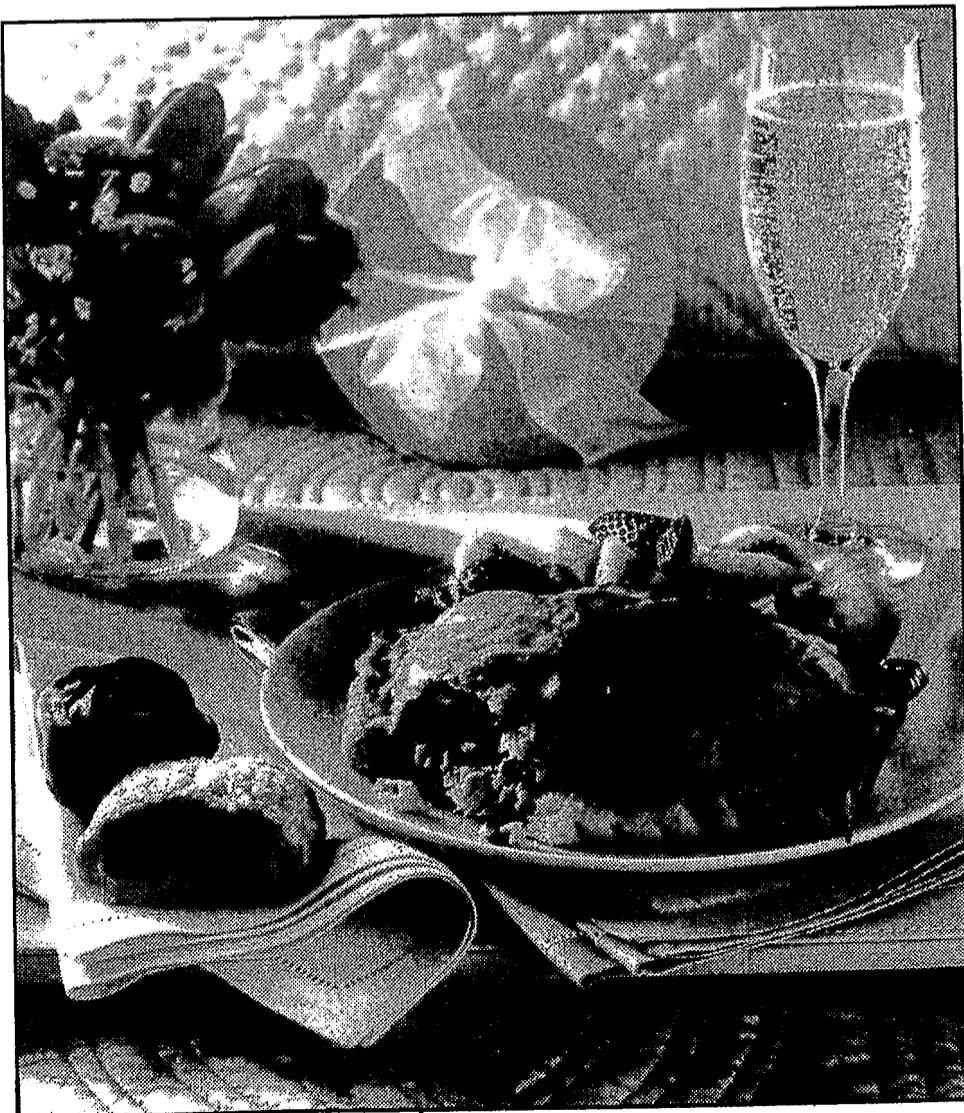
Larry Bell even rang the Union's church bell, which remains from the renovation, for the first time since the restaurant opened in 1996. The bell had remained tucked away, but Catallo felt the event warranted its return.

Bar patron Trevor Taylor, 24, from Independence Township, heard about the event from a friend. Sampling Third Coast, he said, "It's pretty good, it's strong and smooth. I really enjoy it."

Elyse Horner, 22, a friend of Taylor, liked being a part of a special event. Horner said she typically visits the Union on a weekly basis.

"I feel like I'm part of record-breaking history," Horner said.

Created in 1983, Bell's has matured from a small company operating within a former plumbing supply warehouse, to what they say is, "the oldest craft brewer east of Boulder, Colo." Bell's is available in nine Midwestern states.



For Cinco de Mayo try a Mexican pizza

Mexican Pizza

Makes: 10 servings

- 1/2 pound (8 ounces) ground beef
- 3/4 cup water
- 1 package (1.25 ounces) Ortega Taco Seasoning Mix
- 1 can (16 ounces) Ortega Refried Beans
- 1 package Ortega Tostada Shells
- 2 cups (8 ounces) shredded cheese
- Shredded lettuce, sliced olives, sliced avocado, chopped cilantro, sliced green onions, chopped tomatoes and

sour cream

Brown beef, drain. Stir in water and seasoning mix. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low; cook, stirring occasionally, 5 to 6 minutes or until mixture is thickened.

Spread refried beans on each tostada shell. Top with some meat mixture and some cheese. Broil for 1 to 2 minutes, or until cheese is melted. Garnish with desired toppings.

(And don't forget to serve with margaritas!)

How to buy a home

By Mike Wang

Buying a new home- wow that's a big, big decision and a lot of work. How do you even start? Reading ads, looking online, going thru neighborhoods, asking friends? So many ways, but which is the right way?

Knowledge is the best help you can get. Get your self a good Realtor, one that will work for you and keep your interests in mind. Yes, they work on a commission, and their desire is to sell you a house, but if the Realtor is good, sharp and knows his/her business, they will take 80% of the house hunting out of the picture for you. A good Realtor will make home hunting fun and keep you up with market trends and mortgage programs.

If this is your 1st home and you have no money to put down or invest, there are programs that can assist you, without big penalties. In fact the best way to purchase a home is with as little out of pocket cash as possible. Mortgage money is cheap compared to interest on charge cards and such.

Once you have determined as to how you are going to purchase your new home, you need to decide as to location, size and amenities you really need. Some things can be put in after the purchase, but major items to consider prior to purchase are roofs, central air, windows, and heating system. If the home comes with appliances, they may be older, but they can buy you a few months or years and save you 2 to 3 thousand dollars right away. Don't let paint, wallpaper, or any clean up work turn you off.

Get a home inspection from an objective 3rd party. All offers should be subject to the inspection approval within 7 days and you should be present during the inspection, along with your Realtor.

If you live in an apartment and or a mobile home, don't expect to find the same huge bedrooms in your new home search. The apartments are designed with large spaces to keep you there. Many renters end up buying big furniture and oversize items that don't normally fit in an average home.

When considering living space, know that if the home is 1000 sq. ft with a basement, then the basement is an additional square footage to above ground living space. Garages, outbuildings, and fenced yards are all pluses in purchasing a new home. Plants, paint, and home decorating items are all things that are easily changed and should not influence a smart buyer. If it meets your needs in size, location, price and availability, then you are on the right road to buying your new home.

It is always good to know as much as you can when you are buying, but don't get so involved in trying to learn, that you lose site of your goal, which is to purchase a home.

Renters should be out tearing in to the market today, It's a buyer's market, for interest rates, and prices. The prices are not going to jump back up 20 and 30 % over the next year. so don't expect to



Michael Wang,
Broker, Mico's
Real Estate, LLC

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Friends open karate, weight-training studio

By Paul Kampe

Decades of experience and know-how have merged into Master Bill's Karate and Better Bodies at 5907 Dixie Highway inside Independence Commons.

Master Bill Snyder, who has about 50 years of experience, heads the martial arts center. Snyder has opened martial arts facilities around the United States and the world. The Independence Township location is his second in Oakland County. He is a 10th degree black belt and a member of the United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame. His students practice Snyder's phung-hwa-do.

"It means the way of the peaceful spirit," he said.

The form, which Snyder developed more than a decade ago, is a combination of several martial arts.

"A lot of styles only have you kicking and punching and your blocks and forms, those things. With ours, we have a mixture of a lifetime's worth of exposure to all the martial arts. I brought that into this and that's incorporated into everything we do. That's why it's unique. We bring in the kickboxing and boxing and it's the people that have been around me throughout my career," he said.

That career began as a child in Seoul, South Korea, and has become Snyder's life.

Terry Bruce, a professional weightlifter and personal trainer, runs the Better Bodies center next door. After a nearly four-year friendship, the two men saw the opportunity to share an office.

"We became good friends and we share the same faith," Snyder said.



Terry Bruce and Bill Snyder recently opened Master Bill's Karate and Better Bodies. Photo by Paul Kampe

"We always talked about how nice it would be to have a karate school and a weight-training (facility) together one day. And somehow that dream became a reality.

"(We) always dreamed of being able to have a facility where we could start with you, for your health, nutrition, alternative sources of therapy and healing as well as training full-fledged warriors for combat.

"I want these (students) to be prepared mentally, physically and spiritually. We want to produce good people out here in these streets."

Snyder opened his studio in the 1,800-square-foot center in January and ensures the preservation of martial arts tradition with only the best instruction for his students.

"If they're not qualified and certified to

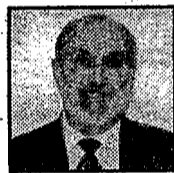
teach, then they shouldn't be teaching out on your floor. Either I or one of my certified black belts teach."

Better Bodies, which opened adjacently last May, offers a relaxed atmosphere to use their machines, free weights, and exercise equipment, and also nutritional and dietary advice.

Snyder said the two services can help reduce crime through preparation.

"We want to help the community. With crime and things as bad as they are today, a lot of these things could be deterred if people know how to defend themselves," Snyder said. The crime prevention is one way the studio is aimed at being family friendly and preserving families.

Master Bill's Karate and Better Bodies is located at 5907 Dixie Highway.



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Fox steps down, Davidson appointed

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I have enjoyed watching his progression since hiring him more than 21 years ago. He embodies the spirit and tradition of Oxford Bank and possesses the business acumen to deftly face the challenges that lay ahead.

"He has already exhibited strong leadership during the past three years while piloting our management team through the current struggles facing our local Michigan economy. I congratulate him on this 'next step' in his career; an appointment well deserved."



Jeff Davidson

Mr. Fox joined Oxford Bank in May of 1984 as only the 10th president in the organization's, then, 100-year history. He replaced Robert P. Dick as chief executive officer in 1986 and as chairman in 1987. Mr. Fox, also, became the first chairman, president, and chief executive officer of Oxford Bank Corporation upon its formation on August 1, 1988. In the 23 years since he was first hired, the Bank has grown in total assets from \$71,101,000 to \$515,198,000, making it the 16th largest bank or thrift in southeast Michigan, as ranked by *Crain's Detroit Business* in their 2007 *Book of Lists*. During that same period of time, total deposits increased from \$65,216,000 to \$460,122,000 and

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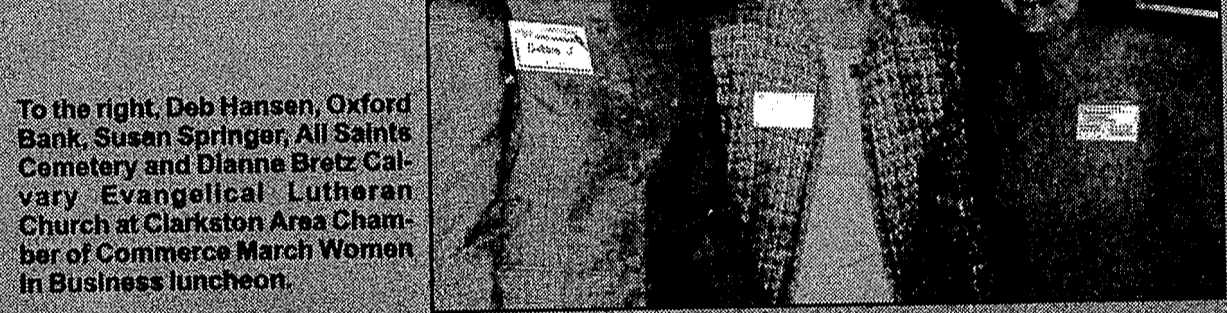
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To the right, Deb Hansen, Oxford Bank, Susan Springer, All Saints Cemetery and Dianne Bretz, Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church at Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce March Women in Business luncheon.

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Reinventing a powerful marketing tool: humble letters

By Dan Gauthier

New technologies have leveled the playing field in many ways for small businesses. From color brochures to online stores, small companies can now compete with the big boys when it comes to marketing their goods and services. At the same time, access to new marketing tools may be distracting small businesses from using one of the most powerful tools ever invented: the humble, old-fashioned letter.

Throughout history, the letter has played a significant role as a communication tool. It has been used to wage wars, stop wars, propose mergers and marriages, express joy, share heartache, console and inspire. A single letter can change lives.

Yet in our excitement over new forms of communication, many of us have forgotten about this seemingly lesser, but most powerful means of expression.

For small businesses in particular, the letter offers an intimate, personal way to build or strengthen a relationship in a way that large companies cannot. What customer, prospect or vendor doesn't appreciate a personalized message? A letter is inexpensive, quick, easily customized and can be used in a variety of circumstances:

- To introduce your company
- To follow up a first meeting
- To inform a customer about new products, sales and specials
- To share useful information

A letter can be sent via regular mail, e-mail or fax. What matters is not so much the delivery, but the content. A letter is not a line or two stating that the order is enclosed. Nor is it a series of pseudo acronyms stating that, "BTW looking forward to seeing you ASAP and FYI we have DKNY on special including XXLs."

What happened to creating a letter on a sheet of letterhead? Use print or electronic versions of a letter as long as you use real letterhead containing: company name, a tagline or descriptors that tell what you do and set your company apart, address, Web address, e-mail and phone. This information -- often lacking from the quick emails we send -- makes it easy for customers to get back in touch.

To take advantage of the letter as a communication tool, remember the following.

1. Make it personal.

Connect one-on-one with your recipient. A letter is not the same as a brochure, sales piece or Web site. Your tone should be conversational and personal, but at the same time, respect your current relationship with the recipient. If you know the customer well, you might use humor or a more casual tone. For prospects you are just getting to know, be warm, but not overly familiar.

2. Make it purposeful.

Too often, communication with customers and prospects is generic and fails to entice a response. This "one size fits all" approach does little to connect with the recipient. While this is not a time to be pushy or presumptuous, avoid being vague. Know your customer or prospect and be specific about what your product or service can do for them. Does your product or service:

- Provide a more cost-effective alternative to existing suppliers?
- Offer a way to increase store traffic?
- Streamline a process?
- Reduce waste or defects?

3. Build rapport.

Once you have your recipient's attention, make it clear why they should consider your company's products or services. Again, what is important to this particular recipient? Look for common bonds and similarities between your company and theirs. What do you have in common? Perhaps:

- Family ownership
- In business a long time



Dan Gauthier is the owner of American Speedy Printing Centers, Clarkston



Owners Tawn Marketti-Pearson and Allison Murphy opened Marketti Academy of Cosmetology on March 13.

Cosmetology academy is full-service salon, too

By Kelly L. Reynolds

A new cosmetology school offers Clarkston and Waterford-area residents a chance at cosmetology certification and a full-service salon with discount prices.

Marketti Academy of Cosmetology opened March 13 and welcomes the public into its salon where senior students perform services under the supervision of one of the four instructors.

Currently with 13 students, Marketti offers hair, nail, facial, esthetic, waxing and manicuring services to clients, said Allison Murphy, co-owner of Marketti.

The school also hosts birthday parties, where the birthday girl or boy can get a manicure and updo, and they also have many wedding parties come in prior to the wedding for many services.

In order to be accepted to the academy, potential students must write an essay and then make an appointment to come into the school to file an application. The applicant must be 17-years-old and either be in high school or have a high school diploma or GED.

"We really, truly care about our students," said Murphy. "We want to have great stylists come out of here. We offer a scholarship program, which is very unique. There are different levels to attain the next level of scholarship with each level giving more money toward tuition."

Murphy said they want the students to be able to talk the talk of a stylist, sell products, book appointments and do add-on sales.

"We're really making stylists here," she said. "They'll

know all of these things, and it'll make them a lot more marketable."

In addition to teaching potential stylists, Murphy and Tawn Marketti-Pearson, the other co-owner, say it is very important for the academy to continue education and stay up on the latest technologies.

"We have all of the modern equipment and we're constantly learning and teaching the latest techniques," Murphy said. "We're constantly getting trained. Continuing education is important for us and anyone to keep fresh on the latest things."

It generally takes one to two years to get a diploma in cosmetology, said Murphy. Esthetics runs about four to eight months and manicurists will go for about three-and-a-half to seven months, she said.

"We also have small class sizes, which is a plus," said Murphy. "We also offer day and night classes."

When the student graduates, they get a diploma from the academy and then must apply at the state level for a license.

In addition to the academy and the services provided, Marketti is also involved in the community.

"If our students and employees want to wear jeans to work on a Friday, they donate one dollar and that goes to take care of needy families in the winter," said Murphy.

The salon also sells Design Essentials and Redken products.

For more information about Marketti Academy of Cosmetology, call 248-618-6394 or visit www.marketicosmetology.com.

Annual Community Awards Breakfast May 24

The 22nd annual Community Awards Breakfast is Thursday May 24 at Deer Lake Athletic Club.

The Community Awards Breakfast is during Michigan Week and honors a variety of local volunteers, businesses and community groups. This year's breakfast will include video presentation of the nominations for the awardees. Photos and video clips will help the audience understand the importance and impact of the

awardee's work in the community.

The breakfast is open to the community. Tickets are \$15 per person.

Tickets are on sale at the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce Monday-Friday 8-4 p.m.

For more information please contact the Chamber at: 248-625-8055.

Chamber Golf Classic returns to Pine Knob

Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce will host the 20th Annual Chamber Golf Classic on Thursday June 28, at Pine Knob Golf Course in Clarkston.

"This is the first time in over a decade that we're returning to Pine Knob Golf Course," states Chamber executive director, Penny Shanks. "It is a sentimental favorite for the 20th anniversary, since our Golf Outing began at this Golf course back in 1987."

18 holes of golf with cart, continental breakfast, lunch on the course, beverage tickets, dinner, awards and gifts, the Chamber Golf Classic is a SCRAMBLE format

with 8:30 shotgun start.

"Our golf outing is well-loved for many reasons, but certainly one of them is the fact that every golfer gets a prize when you golf with us," adds Shanks.

Golfers can save \$25 on their registration fees by signing up and paying by April 30. That price goes up to \$175 after. The outing is open to members and non-members. Hole Sponsorships and other sponsorship opportunities are available. Contact Trisha or Penny at the Chamber for more information. 248-625-8055 or email: Trisha@clarkston.org Penny@clarkston.org.

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Your tax dollars hard at work?

By Tabetia Tiseo-Shell
Freedom - The American Dream and the costly Right To Be The Cash Cow for Those In Public Service....

If you read my column you know I relay information about changes in the insurance industry and how those changes affect you, the business owner and the individual consumer. For the last several months I have been interested in benefit packages our local government workers receive -- as they work, and upon retirement.



Tabethia "Tab" Tiseo-Shell, owner of Premier Employer Ins. Benefits

I wanted to know, because Michigan's economy is in shambles. Governor Granholm says Michigan is almost a billion dollars in the hole. Because I deal with benefits packages, I wanted to know how much money is contributed to the government employee's benefits?

Do you know what percentage of your tax dollars are applied to state and local government employee benefits? I did not, so using the Freedom of Information Act (F.O.I.A.) I requested information regarding these benefits packages from a local township. Let me say this, what I learned shocked me. Since my investigation, I was asked by a concerned group of citizens to speak to them about my findings (also attending were an economist and a state representative).

I asked all in attendance, "have you inquired within your municipality about what percentage of your money is applied to municipal employee benefits? Do the employees contribute to the premium, and if so how much?"

I then shared my shocking discoveries about "Cadillac" plans provided by some local municipalities. I'll give you an example of such a plan:

Medical Insurance-BCBSM: Community Blue 1 - NO Deductible, 100% Co-Insurance, \$10 doctor office copay. Next to no out-of-pocket cost, literally a "Cadillac" plan.

Prescription Drug Plan-BCBS: \$10 Generic Copay (85% of prescriptions have generics available), \$20 Brand Copay. If D.A.W. (dispense as written) is written on the prescription, your prescription should be filled as written. But if D.A.W. is not on the prescription and if there is a generic drug available the prescription will be filled with a generic drug.

Dental Insurance - BCBS: Community Dental Plan 3

Vision Insurance - BCBS: VPS
Life Insurance - Flat amount

Let's say there are 28 employees that elect coverages as either single, two person, family and/or family continuation. The monthly premium for Medical, Dental and Vision for the 28 employees is roughly \$37,317. This works out to an annual cost we, as tax payers, pay for the above employee benefits, is \$447,803.

If the employee has benefits under a spouse and he or she waives coverages, the employee will receive a \$2,000 check. This is nearly a half a million dollars a year of taxpayers' money.

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What you give away, will come back to you tenfold

By Kenneth Rogers

I have always believed in the power of tenfold return, simply stated, "What you give away, will come back to you tenfold." The concept of giving back to the community embodies this principle on many different levels. The power of doing business with someone you know and trust in your community, directly benefits the prosperity of your fellow businessmen and women, but the benefits to the community and yourself, always come full circle. Trusted relationships provide our greatest opportunities to stay positive, to stay focused, and to grow.



Kenneth Rogers, Executive Director of Automation Alley Chairman of the Board, Clarkston State Bank

The concept of giving back to the community during fluctuating economic times strengthens my resolve to believe in the Clarkston area community. I have experienced first hand the strength of Clarkston State Bank's commitment and passion to invest in their fellow business owners and to help them flourish. If we shop locally, invest our energy and reinvest our positive focus on our local community, all of us will thrive.

When I first started in business many years ago, I dealt with a local community bank for all of my financing needs. It was truly beneficial to be able to sit with a loan officer as we discussed my needs and I felt confident that they would represent my best interest as the loan went through the channels for approval. In addition, the ability to sit with the president of the bank and discuss future of my business was priceless.

There are truly many reasons to support the local community, many of which I have mentioned above. The most important reason is the benefit to all of us. So next time you are in need of a product or service, look around....our community has so much to offer.

"It is one of the most beautiful compensations in life . . . we can never help another without helping ourselves." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

New staff members for Clarkston Chamber

Trisha Donaldson, formerly of Orion Arts Center, has joined the Clarkston Area Chamber staff as a full time Membership Consultant. Trisha brings a cheerful commitment to membership development that includes a commitment to existing members as well as a drive to recruit new members to the Chamber. People oriented with a high value on customer service, Trisha is

a dynamic addition to the Clarkston Chamber office staff.

Also joining the Chamber is Cindy Lundquist. Cindy will work part time Monday-Thursdays as Administrative Assistant, answering questions from the community and providing administrative support to committees, programs and projects.

Make the right choice

By James B. Kruzan, CFP

The rapid growth of retirement-planning options such as 401(k)s, IRAs, and variable annuities has provided an ever-increasing variety of investment choices within each plan to save for retirement years. Yet, a number of reports show that an alarming number of today's investors are oblivious to the importance of asset allocation in their retirement portfolios' performance. This is despite the fact that financial advisors and the financial press have emphasized the asset allocation decision as critical to investment selection.



By James B. Kruzan
Registered Principal, Branch Manager
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Market studies published in the *Financial Analysts Journal* in 1986 and updated recently show that how dollars are allocated among stocks, bonds and cash equivalents is the single most important decision an investor can make. In fact, according to the studies, security selection and market timing are far less important to a portfolio's performance compared to the overall asset allocation.

Although these results have been widely publicized by the financial press and investment firms, a lot of retirement plan participants aren't taking the message to heart. Company stocks and guaranteed investment contracts (GICs) still compose a bulk of the assets in the country's defined contribution plans.

Company stock and GICs roughly constitute almost two-thirds of all retirement plan assets. Equities, the next most popular investment choice, composed less than a fifth of the portfolios. Bonds and cash equivalents represent the remainder of the assets. At first glance, one might suspect that plans are limiting the investment choices available to participants. However, this is not necessarily the case. Factors such as employee loyalty and familiarity account for the popularity of company stock.

On the other hand, GICs offer a fixed rate of return with a minimum of risk, thus making them attractive to investors who are understandably cautious about their retirement savings. However, placing too much money in GICs could limit an investor's ability to achieve higher returns available from other investments and necessary to achieve retirement goals.

Employees also tend to stay put and never transfer their balances to other investment choices within their plan, even when new investment options may be added. Retirement planning is a process that needs to be periodically reviewed. This means updating asset allocations and taking advantage of new investment opportunities.

Given the variety of investment

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Veterinarians who started their own practice: 22,981

Who are developing a pet food line: 28

And like to train for 10Ks: 7

With their Goldendoodle named Doc: 1

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Experience in a particular industry
Support of local charities

4. Offer an incentive.

Every day that passes after your letter has arrived reduces the likelihood that the recipient will act. Make it enticing for the reader to respond. If possible, give them a reason to act NOW – before they get distracted by other offers or misplace your letter. Can you offer:

- A special incentive or discount?
- Delayed billing?
- Smaller order quantities?
- Point-of-purchase support?
- Quick turnaround?

5. Suggest an action.

Finally, propose a next step. Be careful to avoid asking for too much too soon. Remember your goal is to build or strengthen a relationship, not just make a quick sale. So, instead of asking for a meeting, ask if you can start the relationship by delivering some form of immediate value, such as:

- A free sample of your product
- A free review or analysis
- Questions to see if your company can assist them with a current need
- Helpful information

In this world of text messaging, voice mails and blogs, a letter may sound a bit old-fashioned. In reality, a well-written letter continues to be one of our most powerful tools of expression.

Below is a sample letter to use as a marketing tool for your business or organization.

Dear (first name or Mr./Ms and last name – depends on your relationship)

(Make it personal.) It was a pleasure to meet you at the Chamber luncheon. I enjoyed our conversation and am fascinated by the variety of camping equipment that your company manufactures. I have fond memories of camping in the Pacific Northwest with my parents.

(Make it purposeful.) As your company continues to expand its product lines, tracking inventory will become a bigger challenge. Our accounting firm has developed a customized system for inventory control that supports multiple product lines.

(Build rapport.) We have worked with numerous growth companies that are transitioning from several products into more fully-developed product lines.

(Offer an incentive.) Through the end of the month, we are offering free staff training.

(Suggest an action.) If you are available I would like to schedule a no-cost analysis of your existing inventory control systems. This will help us identify potential future cost savings.

I will follow up with you in the next week. In the meantime, please feel free to call me at (phone number). I look forward to talking with you again.

Sincerely,
(signature)

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The importance of backing up your data

By Dan Izydorek

Let's face it; we live in a digital age. This means you could have your whole life stored on the hard drive of your computer. This could include a vast collection of digital pictures, tax returns of years past, music collections, your resume and who knows what other irreplaceable documents.

Backup solutions are insurance for your data. Having an exact copy of the files on your computer stored elsewhere is even better than insurance. Insurance only kicks in after a tragedy. If your hard drive breaks down, or you fall victim to a virus, or you delete some important files in response to a careless command, it's no tragedy when you have a backup. And if the backup is recent and serves as an exact copy for all the data on your com-



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puter, the recovery process won't present any problems or delays at all.

Here's a mental exercise that you can do to help you understand how important backups are. Take a look at your PC and think about what is on it. Think about your data and your programs. Consider how much time it took to create the data, and to set up and tweak your PC so that it works the way you like. Now imagine that one morning you go to your desk and the PC has vanished without a trace. What will you do?

Let's suppose you had insurance on the hardware, and a week later a new PC shows up at your door with a fresh new, clean hard disk. Now what? Most people, who ask themselves this question seriously, begin to take backups much more seriously. (Fortunately, for most people the exercise is only a mental exercise, but don't think it can't happen to you in the real world.)

Recovering from a disaster such as a total disk crash or theft of a PC box can be a very traumatic event, much more than most PC users realize. This is true even if backups exist; when they don't exist the situation is much, much worse. The pain of recovering from a disaster is

almost always high, and the cost is primarily in the time required to recreate the lost data. For even a small business, this can run into the thousands of dollars very quickly.

If you still aren't convinced, consider these observations from a University of Texas Center for Research on Information Systems report. Of the companies that lose their data in a disaster:

• 90% are out of business within two years...

• Nearly 50% never reopen their doors at all after the disaster!

While some of this is probably due to reasons other than the data loss (if the building burns to the ground there may be many reasons the company it housed never reopens), in many cases the data loss is what does the company in.

Give yourself and your company some peace of mind; call your IT professional and ask them about secure, automatic backup solutions. These modern programs are affordable and don't require any human intervention like changing disks or remembering to take the disks offsite. The best backup program is of no use if you forget to take it offsite. In the event of a fire, just like your computer, it will be just that much more melted plastic.

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Make the right choice

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choices available, there is almost no legitimate reason to have a portfolio that is not properly diversified. Buying company stock develops an ownership interest in your company that can make work financially and personally rewarding. GICs can help you balance your portfolio with a fixed-income component. However, to really minimize risk and enhance your ability to achieve superior returns, a diversified portfolio is recom-

mended.

Take the time to periodically review your asset allocation decision, preferably with the help of your financial advisor. If necessary, adjust your portfolio as your long-term plans change; most plans allow you to transfer your assets to different investment classes at least once a quarter. Remember, asset allocation is the most significant tool you have of making a real difference in your portfolio's performance.

Oxford Bank announces stock repurchase program

Oxford Bank Corporation announced a stock repurchase program under which the Corporation intends to reacquire up to 127,000 shares, or approximately 9.93 percent, of its 1,279,630 shares of outstanding common stock.

The program will run for a period of 12 months, although there is no guarantee as to the exact number of shares that will be repurchased. Repurchases will be made at market price, using the company's own cash resources.

"This strategy is being employed to emphasize the board of directors' intent to support the price of the Corporation's stock, which we feel is an attractive investment at its' current price," said Jeffrey M. Davidson, chairman, president, and chief executive officer. "While we would hope our investors will continue their ownership for years to come, should they decide otherwise, this mechanism will assist in their need for liquidity, and is an efficient use of the Corporation's capital at this time."

Stockholders who have questions regarding this program are invited to call Nicholas W. Hevron, chief financial officer of Oxford Bank Corporation, at 248-572-2012.

Oxford Bank Corporation is a registered holding company. Its subsidiary, Oxford Bank, is the oldest commercial bank in Oakland County and operates eight full-service offices in Clarkston, Davison, Dryden, Goodrich, Lake Orion, Oakland Township, Ortonville and Ox-

ford.

It also manages a consumer lending center in Oxford and a commercial lending office in Lake Orion. The Bank has operated continuously under local ownership and management since it first opened for business in 1884.

Chamber luncheon takes place in Oxford -- topic is Beaumont

May's Clarkston Area Chamber luncheon mixer will feature Eric Hunt, Vice President, Operations for Ambulatory Services, William Beaumont Hospital who will give Chamber members an update on the plans for development in Independence Township on Thursday May 17 from 11:45-1 p.m.; at Boulder Pointe Golf Club & Conference Center 1 Champions Circle, Oxford. Cost is \$20 per person (Members pay \$15 per person with PREPAID Reservations.) RSVP to: 248-625-8055 or email: Val@clarkston.org

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Your tax dollars hard at work -- what 'your' employees get in benefits

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Do not misunderstand me. Public employees are entitled to benefits, but the benefits should come with a "realistic" defined contribution. Some townships have recently changed their policy for "new employee's" to include a 5% contribution by the employee and 15% for family members. These benefits are in addition to a reasonable wage, overtime pay and the longevity pay which is based on the number of years employed and a defined percentage of the annual gross-checks disbursed once a year.

My company insures groups and individuals and not one of our group employers contribute 100% of their employee's benefit premium. It's just not realistic in today's economy. There are several options available within the BCBSM family of plans. Making small changes to the current plan or offering a BCBSM plan with a "reasonable" deductible and coinsurance, doctor office copay and prescription drug copay, combined with 20%, 30% or 40% employee contribution could relieve some of the financial burden on taxpayers and save thousands of dollars per year that should be ap-

plied for the betterment of the "community."

Have these options been explored? Do taxpayers have a say in the benefits being offered?

Back to my speaking engagement: When I addressed the state representative about how much he contributes to his benefits package, he did the old political two-step -- in other words he danced around the question, saying the state should implement a defined contribution for benefits. Hmm, I guess he didn't know, or did not want to share.

FYI: Did you know legislators who took office in January, qualify for health care for life (paid by we, the people) if they serve for only only six years?

So, the problem isn't just local government, but all state government: It is time we citizens ask questions of our officials. It is time we let them tell us what we want to know and time for us to demand they explore changes.

You tell me, what do you think about these findings?

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How to buy a home

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buy a home today and sell it for a huge price in a year.

Homeowners that want to move up should be out buying now. The price of their house might be down, but the price of the new home will be down also.

There are many factors in purchasing a home, but the best is the feeling you have when you walk in. Somehow you feel, "Yeah, this is IT!"

There is a BUYER'S SEMINAR on May 6, 2007. Learn more on how to buy. For free ticket and reserved seat call 810-338-1700. code # mc342.

If you have a question or have a idea for this column please call 810-338-1700 or fax it to 248-927-0282 Att; Mike Says.

Proofreading for Dummies

By Vicky Winkler

Most printers require you to be responsible for the proofreading of print materials. Professional graphic design and printer layout software is more geared towards design than textual content, and some do not even have automatic spell check! Here are a few quick tips to try when proofreading print materials before you sign off.



Vicky Winkler, owns The Marketing Shop.

Proofread backwards. Begin at the end and work back through the material paragraph by paragraph, line by line, and word by word. This will force you to look at the text on its own rather than the meaning.

Place a ruler under each line as you read it. This will give your eyes a manageable amount of text to read.

Proofread at the time of day when you are most alert to spotting errors.

Ask someone else to proofread in addition to yourself.

Check ALL copy - headlines, titles, body, captions, etc.*

Sometimes things get moved around from draft to draft - check for missing characters, sentences, lines. Also look for broken type and one-word lines.

Double-check easily missed items such as company name, address, phone, fax and email addresses.

Read through the copy at least twice—once looking just at spelling, another time looking just at punctuation.

Use the spell-checker on your computer, but use it carefully. Computer spell-checkers often make errors—they might suggest a word that isn't what you want, and they don't know the difference between there, their, and they're, for example. As a last and final check, read the piece out loud. Hearing you actually SAY the words will help you find errors in writing that just reading will not.

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at an aging receivable balance at least monthly to track how much of your money is tied up in credit given to customers and to alert you to slow payment problems. You will need a policy for dealing with slow-paying customers: make a phone call, send a letter, and need an attorney to assist.

You should look at an aging accounts payable balance, what you owe to your suppliers. This helps you plan whom to pay and when. Paying too early depletes your cash, but paying late can cost you valuable discounts and can damage your credit. Do your proposed vendors offer prompt payment discounts?

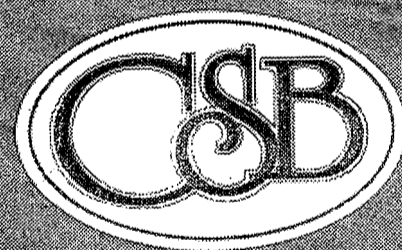
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