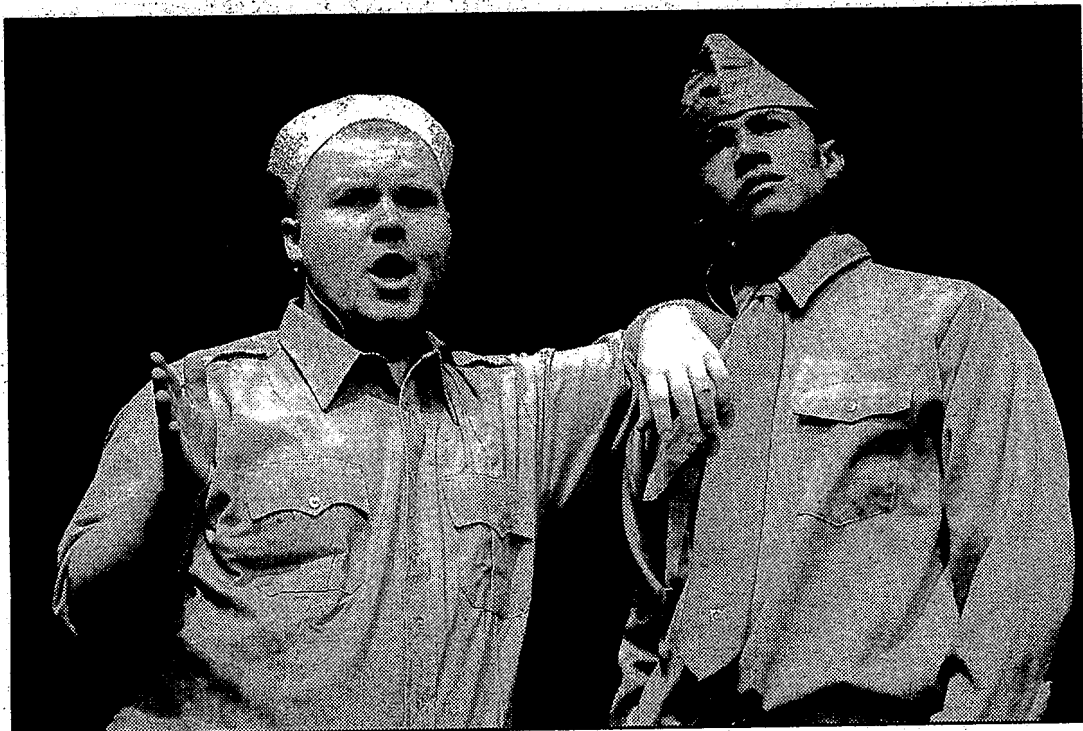




**Kids collect millions
of paperclips for
Holocaust memorial
project, page 5A**



Where the sky meets the sea...

Joe Chaney's Luther Billis tries to convince David Nienhuis as Lt. Joe Cable to visit "Bali Ha'i," in Clarkston High School Drama Club's "South Pacific," April 17-19. Please see page 8A for more pictures of the upcoming musical performance. Photo by Phil Custodio

Layoffs on the line

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

At least 11 teachers face layoff this year, part of Clarkston Community Schools' budget proposal calling for \$1.6 million in spending cuts and increased earnings.

Cuts include 11.4 full-time employee salaries, \$570,000, through layoff of full- and part-time teachers; four full-time Academic Development support positions, \$200,000; \$150,000 cuts in special education; \$175,000 in new curriculum adoptions, textbooks; \$81,460 in per-pupil funding to principals; \$45,000 for conferences; and \$25,000 in capital outlay support costs.

Cuts to Academic Development, which helps teachers collect and review student-performance data, will probably not mean four laid-off employees, said Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts.

"Their amount of time will be cut back," Roberts said.

The plan also includes \$401,540 in new revenue: transfer of six students back to the school district,

\$45,516; \$140 more in state per-pupil funding, totaling \$325,840; and \$30,184 for four students in the district child care program.

Even with the cuts and revenue, preliminary revenues fall short of spending by \$4,014,318. The difference would come out of the district's fund balance, reducing it from \$11.4 million to \$7.3 million.

Dipping into reserves is better than more cuts, Roberts said.

"We must continue to act, look, taste, smell, and be a thriving district to attract kids," he said. "If that means the fund equity, my advice would be to do that."

Fund equity is important, but growing budget deficits, projected to cut into the fund balance until it disappears in 2011, is also a concern, said board President Stephen Hyer.

"We don't want to spend money on interest to borrow - that would be money better spend in the classroom," Hyer said. "But we're going in the opposite way from where we want to go to get to a balanced bud-

Please see Cuts on page 13A

Beaumont's hopes for hospital shattered - again

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

When Independence Township planner Dick Carlisle said he "strongly recommended" Beaumont hospital not be given conceptual site plan approval by the planning commission, the crowd rose to their feet in a standing ovation.

After four hours of listening to changes made by Beaumont, concerns of residents, and Carlisle's recommendations, the commission voted 4-2 to deny the project.

"Basically you can't make people's properties worth less because of your project," said Chairman Sam Moraco, who made the motion to deny the project. "Once you take people's properties, their property is worth less."

Phase three of the project, which included a boulevard, took residential properties and lowered other property values, Moraco said.

Moraco voted in favor of the motion along with Curt Carson, Joe Lawrence, and Larry Rosso.

Commissioners Joan McCrary and Cheryl Karrick voted no.

McCrary's motion to approve conceptual site plan approval, with a condition to return at phase three, was defeated, 4-2.

"I was disappointed in the way it went because I thought when I made the motion that included so many caveats that the others at least one or two of them would go along with Cheryl and I," said McCrary, "because I thought I included everything they ever wanted."

McCrary said she was also disappointed with Moraco, who served on the sub-committee with her and Karrick.

"We thought he was going to be supportive, we thought he had so many good ideas in the sub-committee and we all worked so

hard on changing everything," she said. "I guess he had his other reasons."

Moraco said the project is still a "work in progress" and they haven't "burned any bridges" on Beaumont.

"There will be something built there someday and it makes more sense to make it something medical related. For the longevity of it, it's a good industry and seems to stick around," he said. "I think they're going to comeback with something we can support."

Eric Hunt, vice president of operations for William Beaumont Hospital ambulatory services, said he was disappointed by the commission's decision, but happy the commission left the plan open for negotiations.

"We've got to figure out where the issues are, whether or not we can correct them, or whether there is a better alternative," said Hunt.

"I hope that Beaumont finally gets the

message," said Attorney Neil Wallace, township resident. "It's not that we don't want them here, but we want something appropriate for our community."

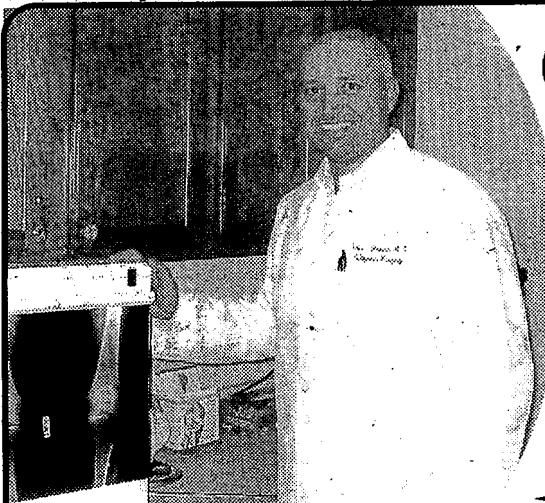
Residents' concerns included invasion of property, taxes, no need for a second hospital because McLaren is already approved, water quality and wetland conservation.

"The engineers and wetland consultants are very talented people who know how to handle wetland litigations. To litigate one-third of wetland is not an insurmountable deal, it's not a big deal," said Hunt. "It can be done and handled in a way that's environmentally friendly and in fact environmentally beneficial to the community."

Brian Foster, a business owner in the township, said Beaumont, commission and Carlisle all had "good points."

"My hopes, with economic times we're in

Please see Beaumont on page 14A



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City Council names Pappas replacements

Assuming he accepts the appointment, Clarkston's new city manager will bring a great deal of experience to the table when he steps in to fill the shoes of retiring Art Pappas.

The Clarkston City Council voted 6-0 Monday to offer the city's top position to resident Dennis Ritter, who they hope will replace Pappas beginning June 30.

Councilman Mike Gawronski, who did not attend the city manager candidate interviews, abstained from the vote.

Ritter served as Waterford Township treasurer from 1978-88, then served another 8 years as township supervisor.

During his administration, Ritter oversaw development of Waterford's new library, as well as a \$10 million township-wide water filtration system.

In the cover letter accompanying his resume, Ritter wrote: "My interest in becoming the city manager is of both a personal and professional nature. I am a resident of the village; I chose to build my home here because of the historical character and strong community spirit that is unique to Clarkston. As city man-

ager, my commitment will become a reality."

Ritter also owned and operated Ritter's Farm Market from 1976-78 and currently works as an independent landscape designer.

In addition to giving Ritter the nod, the council voted unanimously to offer the position of clerk/treasurer to Independence Township resident Jan Gillespie. Gillespie recently retired from Bloomfield Hills School District, where she served a 20-year tenure as the district's accountant.

Pappas, 75, currently holds all three positions, but told the council last fall to begin looking for replacements.

Several members of council said they'd like to give the incoming city manager a voice in the selection of the incoming clerk/treasurer, as required by the charter. Ultimately, it was decided they would invite Ritter to sit in during contract negotiations with Gillespie.

See next week's print edition or visit ClarkstonNews.com for a more in depth look at the council's decision.

-Laura Colvin

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Briefly . . .

Hooked on books?

Friends of the Independence Township Library will offer thousands of gently used hardcover, paperback, and children's books—as well as a few surprises—April 30-May 3 at the Spring Used Book Sale.

The sale is open during regular library hours, with most items priced \$25-\$2. All books are half-price Fri., May 2. Sat., May 3 is \$3 bag day. All book sale proceeds benefit the library.

The Independence Township Library is located at 6495 Clarkston Road. Call 248-625-2212 for more information, or check out www.indelib.org.

Fundraiser for Darby children set April 25

A spaghetti fundraiser is scheduled to benefit the children of Oakland County Deputy Mark Darby, who works out of the Independence Township substation.

Darby's former wife, Galea Darby was recently placed in a nursing home for around-the-clock care after suffering debilitating stroke.

The Darby children, Marcus, 16 and Ashley, 18, attend Clarkston High School, while Meagen, 20, is pursuing a nursing degree.

The fundraiser takes place at the Oakland County Deputy Sheriff's Association Union Hall from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday, April 25. A lunch or dinner meal, including spaghetti, garlic bread, and salad are available for a \$5 donation.

Pepsi Bottling Group will sponsor hourly raffles, and grand prize raffle winners take home either a large screen TV, GPS unit, bicycle or NASCAR jacket.

The union hall is located at 581 Kennett Road in Pontiac. For more information, call Jon Peters at 248-830-1551.

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Lions do lots for neighbors

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Clarkston-area libraries reaped the rewards recently of local Lions' labor.

"We want to promote the sight- and hearing-impairment projects they have," said Bob Murdock, Clarkston Area Lions Club president.

Independence Township Library will use the donation to purchase computer software that enlarges text and provides voice prompts for readers with sight impairments.

Springfield Township will purchase more large-print books.

The donations are funded by the Lions' White Cane project, this year set for April 25-May 3. Lions collect donations from the public at intersections and storefronts throughout the area.

"It's our biggest fundraiser," Murdock said. "One-hundred percent goes back to the community through charitable projects."

Donations fund sight and hearing projects including Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, Michigan Eye Bank and Transplant Center in Ann Arbor, Lions Bear Lake Camp for Physically Challenged Youth in Lapeer, Penrickton Center for Blind Children in Taylor, Beaumont Silent Children Fund, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Madonna University's Office of Disability Resources, and the Lions Hearing Center of Michigan.



Clarkston Area Lions Club President Bob Murdock presents Springfield Township Library Director Cathy Forst with a donation. Photos submitted

"Money raised during White Cane Week will also allow Lions to meet pressing needs in our community, including such items as eyeglasses and hearing aid support for those in need and KidSight vision screening for pre-school children," Murdock said.

"We also support local organizations, including Clarkston Lighthouse, O.A.T.S., and SCAMP."

Murdock will step down as president June 30. He is set to become zone chairman of the local Lions district.

The club meets the second and fourth Thursday of the month, 6:30-8 p.m., Carriage House, next to the Senior Center, in Clintonwood Park.

Visitors and new members are welcome. Call 248-802-8603 or check www.clarkstonlions.org for more information.



Bob Murdock presents a donation to Independence Township Library Director Julie Meredith.

Fall MEAP results in Clarkston

Grade 3	Math	Reading	Writing	ELA*	Grade 7	Math	Reading	Writing	ELA	
2005	97.0**	95.0	59.2	88.5	2005	74.4	89.4	78.4	87.9	
2006	96.4	95.5	69.9	91.6	2006	83.9	93.8	81.6	91.5	
2007	94.5	92.8	68.0	90.3	2007	88.9	89.2	90.8	90.6	
State 2007	90.0	86.0	57.0	81.0	State 2007	73.0	72.0	77.0	74.0	
Grade 4	Math	Reading	Writing	ELA	Grade 8	Math	Reading	Writing	ELA	Science
2005	94.9	95.6	74.4	94.0	2005	80.4	89.3	80.4	86.7	90.5
2006	95.3	95.9	65.2	93.5	2006	81.3	88.8	79.6	85.5	87.1
2007	95.9	96.5	62.2	92.5	2007	85.3	88.9	84.1	88.2	91.1
State 2007	86.0	84.0	44.0	76.0	State 2007	71.0	77.0	70.0	75.0	79.0
Grade 5	Math	Reading	Writing	ELA	Science	Grade 9	Social Studies			
2005	89.9	95.8	81.1	92.6	92.7	2005	87.8			
2006	93.2	96.2	82.2	94.8	95.3	2006	90.5			
2007	90.5	93.9	83.0	92.5	95.3	2007	86.1			
State 2007	74.0	82.0	59.0	78.0	82.0	State 2007	71.0			
Grade 6	Math	Reading	Writing	ELA	Social Studies	* English Language Arts				
2005	86.0	93.1	87.3	92.2	92.4	** Percentage of Clarkston Community Schools students considered "proficient" in the Fall MEAP test. To earn a "proficient" score, students must place at Advanced or Proficient levels. Those who place in the Partially Proficient or Not Proficient levels are considered "not proficient."				
2006	86.1	92.4	84.0	88.5	91.1					
2007	91.7	91.4	87.2	91.4	91.0					
State 2007	73.0	82.0	73.0	80.0	73.0					

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Cheryl Karrick is running for Independence Township Treasurer. Photo by Trevor Keiser.

Planner's prepared for elected office

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Planning commissioner Cheryl Karrick is seeking elected office, as treasurer on the Independence Township Board.

"Jim Wenger is not running again in this election," she said. "This is a vacated seat. That's why it's a good time for me to get involved."

Karrick's goals include finding ways to run a "leaner government" with the best use of tax dollars.

"We need to find innovative and creative ways of maintaining the current level of services we provide without further burden on the residents," said Karrick. "Our state is faced with many economic problems. With that said, we are receiving less revenue sharing from the state than ever."

Her business experience includes real estate since 1999. She is involved with the Government Affairs Committee at the North Oakland County Board of Realtors and was honored with "Active in Politics" award in 2006.

"Much of my business is of the banking nature. I handled properties for Wells Fargo, US Bank, TCF, Countrywide and LaSalle," said Karrick. "This provides me with much accounting experience."

She grew up in Brandon Township and graduated from Brandon High School. She became a resident of Independence Township when she married in 1987.

She has two sons, Spencer, 16, a junior at Clarkston High School, and Kendall, 12, a seventh grader at Sashabaw Middle School.

Karrick was appointed to the Planning Commission in January, 2001.

"Since my appointment I have been

chairman for four years and earned my 'Citizen Master Planner' designation from Michigan State University," she said.

In addition, she was appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals in 2003 and has been chairman of the ZBA the last three years.

"I am the first person in Independence history to chair both the planning commission and zoning board of appeals at the same time," she said.

If it's allowable, she would like to be the liaison back to planning, zoning or both.

"I would be willing to give my time to those things still as well," said Karrick. "I just don't know if that will be allowable still through township or state government as a full-time elected employee."

Karrick also enjoys helping out the community. She donates time to the Good Fellows Newspaper sales campaign, which helps supply local children with boots, hats, and gloves.

She volunteers with "Christmas in Action," a program set to help rehab or "mini makeover" homes for low income seniors in the township.

Karrick, who is also a huge San Francisco 49ers football fan, has been involved with youth football as a director for many years. Both of her boys participated in Clarkston Chiefs Football.

She would enjoy her service on the township board, she said.

"When you are elected as treasurer, you also have the privilege to sit on the township board, which allows you voting privilege on important things that happen here in our community," she said.

Counting cost of Holocaust one paperclip at a time

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

For students in Jennifer Baechle's Cedar Crest Academy class, just learning facts about the Holocaust during World War II wasn't enough.

They wanted to do something about it.

A trip to the Holocaust Memorial Center and documentaries about memorial projects gave them an idea – collect paperclips to represent the huge number of people killed during the Holocaust.

"There were a lot of paperclips on display," said fifth-grader Sofia Mourouvapin. "The Rabbi said they represent lives lost in the Holocaust."

"It inspired us to collect paperclips," said fifth-grader Nathan Weinreich. "Each life is important. That's why we decided to do this."

Their goal is to collect six million paperclips, one for each Jewish person killed in the Holocaust, as well as five million more for others killed by the Nazis.

"At the Holocaust Memorial Center, we realized it starts with us – we can make a difference," said classmate Logan Hamilton. "It's something that can happen today. It starts with bullying and can turn into a massacre."

They collected 1,508,375 paperclips so far.

"They came up with the idea after watching the documentary," said Baechle, fifth grade Language Arts teacher. "They wrote a letter to the Rabbi (at the Holocaust center), asking if we collected paperclips, would he accept them. He said he was very interested."

The paperclips will be included



Standing, from left, are Maya Zonneveld, Sofi Henke, Rachel Deradoorian, Jennifer Baechle, Morgan Baylis, and Logan Hamilton. Kneeling from left, Emily Moreno, Nathan Weinreich, Sofia Mourouvapin, Julia Dutkiewicz, Addison Bloom, Dillon McMurray, and Sydney Shandrom. Photo by Phil Custodio

in a children's center planned at the Memorial Center, to help educate children ages 10 and under about the events of the Holocaust, she said.

Students spent about 90 minutes each Friday since Oct. 24 counting paperclips. Sealed boxes

of 100 made counting fast and easy. Loose donations were more challenging.

"We counted them one by one and put them in bags," said Dillon McMurray. "We're still counting."

"It's great how people do-

nate," said Sofi Henke. "We got way more than I thought we would. I can bury myself in them."

"We could fill a swimming pool with them," said Rachel Deradoorian. "I never thought we get this far. I thought maybe we would get 100,000."

Donations ranged from a few dozen, often accompanied with heartfelt letters in support of the project, to hundreds of thousands from office supply companies. As the weeks went by, sometimes they'd receive few or no paperclips, sometimes hundreds of thousands at a time.

"Every time the UPS truck pulled up, we'd start screaming," Deradoorian said.

"Each paperclip means something, they represent lives – that moves me," Nathan Weinreich said. "This has gone a lot farther than I expected."

In addition to the project, the class read the historic-fiction novel "Milkweed," by Jerry Spinelli.

"That motivated us," said Rachel Deradoorian. "It explained a lot because he was a guy our age."

They also watched a movie about an effort by a school in Whitwell, Tenn., to collect 11 million paperclips for display in a boxcar actually used in the Holocaust.

"They couldn't visualize six million, so they thought they would collect paperclips," said Morgan Baylis.

The class watched a slide show about the Holocaust.

"It was really scary," said Maya Zonneveld. "Survivors told their stories."

"I'm really happy but sad," said Sydney Shandrom. "My grandpa and his brother escaped the Holocaust. This paperclip might represent one of my family members."

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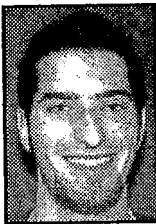
Keiser's Role

A column by Trevor Keiser

Township politics are heating up

With 16 of the 19 non-union township workers deciding to unionize and Beaumont once again denied by the planning commission, politics in Independence Township are heating up; and it's just the beginning of a long summer.

I am glad there is a lot happening in the township politically because it is keeping my hands busy at the keyboard, but I must admit I hate the dirty side of politics.



I hate all the finger pointing, and back stabbing behind the scenes. I think more issues could be settled and fewer started if everyone communicated more.

I don't mean sitting in a room and yelling at each other, pointing out what so and so is doing wrong, but honestly listening to what each one has to say and taking those words into consideration.

For those running for township offices or trustee, I encourage you to simply run for your position. Let the public know who you are, what you want to accomplish, and why, without bashing your opponents. Then let the public vote on who they think will do the best job.

A person's integrity and honesty will stand out more among the crowd, in my opinion, than those who bash each other for personal gain.

There are four people, I know for sure, who are running for township treasurer. I am still trying to figure out why that position seems to be the hot seat.

As far as other positions go, I know both Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen and Supervisor Dave Wagner are running for re-election to their current positions. I haven't heard confirmation of anyone running against them for either of those positions other than what's been rumored. Same for those running for trustee, all I've heard is rumors.

If anyone out there is running for any township or city position for Independence, Springfield, or Clarkston, and want your name in the paper, call us at 248-625-3370 or e-mail us at clarkstonnews@gmail.com

The Clarkston News

Viewpoints

New leaders needed

Dear Editor,

I have been following the chain of February and March letters to the editor, the genesis of which was Mr. Neil Wallace's initial letter of concern over certain actions of our township planning commission.

That letter and the subsequent related letters of Mr. Wallace, Mr. Dave Lohmeier, Mr. Craig Bennett, and Mr. Cory Johnson have appropriately and clearly expressed opinions on substantive issues of importance to our township.

In response, instead of providing a thoughtful and issue-focused rebuttal to the above writers' opinions, Rudy Lozano, campaigner for the township supervisor, instead attacks Mr. Wallace and Mr. Lohmeier personally for their opinions and also personalizes the issues.

We are all enriched by intelligent, articulate presentations of diverse opinions and ideas, such as those presented by Mr. Wallace, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Lohmeier, and Mr. Johnson.

However, belligerent personal responses, such as Rudy Lozano's, are harmful and detract from the actual and important issues at hand.

I was dumbfounded by Rudy Lozano's

contention that because a supervisor "got 60 percent of the vote, he was qualified to appoint who he wants to the planning commission and zoning board of appeals, because that is what a supervisor does."

Unfortunately, while getting the most votes does vest in him the power to "do

what he wants," often sadly, it does not necessarily make him qualified to perform his duties well, again often sadly.

Absent the requisite measure of experience, training, education, knowledge, skill, and discernment of the electorate's mandate, an elected official is not qualified for his/her task.

Over the last year I have attended numerous township board meetings, and planning commission meetings.

As a result, I agree that Independence Township needs a change in leadership for many of the reasons Dave Lohmeier identified.

And I will seek an official that will not aim to "do what he wants" but rather one who will act to accomplish the "wants" and needs of our community.

*Sharon Gardner
Independence Township*

Letters to the editor

Pope should listen to all

Dear Editor,

When Pope Benedict visits the United States, I hope and pray he notices there are many women in this country, in many aspects of life, who are making valuable contributions to our country's public life and in faith life.

His Holiness can see first hand the roles women can and do play in this world.

This is a country where Nancy Pelosi is adeptly leading the House of Representatives and Hillary Clinton is running an intelligent, competent presidential campaign.

This, too, is a country where an American Catholic, Sister Joan Chittister, O.S.B., was voted one of the most influential women in the world.

The Holy Father needs to open his heart and mind to the injustices facing the female faithful, including over 24,000 female lay ministers, serving Catholic parishes today.

As the head of the worldwide Catholic Church, Pope Benedict can reach out and become the leader for all his people. He can make sure women's voices are being heard.

Next October, when the Vatican holds the International Synod on the Word, female biblical scholars, and there are many, need to be there to contribute their wisdom and experience.

Sincerely,

*Marianne Bernard
Independence Township*

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Write a letter to the editor at ClarkstonNews@gmail.com

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1993

"School district ponders effects of ballot Proposal A" Clarkston school officials didn't think the proposed Proposal A would cause problems, but its effect on Social Security and retirement could be a concern.

"Traveling balloon forms Clarkston link" A pink toy balloon launched by Joe Angelosanto from Clarkston was found by former Clarkstonite Jack Eiden in Mio. Angelosanto launched the balloon as part of Easter at his church, two days prior.

"Detective testifies in Kentucky murder case" A Kentucky State Police detective told the court about a Clarkston's man's murder of a local woman. The suspect was charged with beating, stabbing, and setting the woman on fire.

25 years ago - 1983

"Another safety path receives consideration" Independence Township Board was almost ready to cross the priority White Lake safety path off its list. Instead, an alternate route along Clarkston-Orion Road from Clintonville Park to Sashabaw Road.

"Contract approval predicted" The tentative Clarkston teachers' contract was not quite official, but negotiators were predicting approval. Included was a salary freeze for the first year, a raise for the next.

"Clarkston Place" St. Joseph Health Systems of Flint proposed a 750-resident retirement community on 28 acres next to Deer Lake. The project would be located in Independence and Springfield townships, so officials with both were looking into it.

"Boys net balloon in frog hunt" Eddie White of Independence Township was looking for frogs with friends, but instead found a toy balloon launched from a school in Monroe, as part of their Writing Palls Balloon Contest. It flew 55 miles in about a month.

50 years ago - 1958

"Flying fingers exhibit sewing" Club members Mabel Russell, Sandra Brown, JoAnn Jones, Joan Smith, Martha Halsey, and Carol Orr all won blue ribbons for their sewing at 4-H Achievement Day.

"21 Club gets ready for last dance" The club for 6-8 graders was set for its last dance of the school year. They were giving away all their music records because they would all be passé by the fall.

"Clarkston locals" Mrs. Percy Lowery wore a beautiful orchid that Sunday, a gift from her family.

First some quickies, then a basic 'intrusion'

Former Detroit Mayoral Chief of Staff, Christine Beatty was ordered to wear a tether by a magistrate. Her attorney, Mayer Marganroth, in defending her, asked the camera, "How is she going to explain that to her two little girls at home?"

My question is, "How did she explain the text messages to her two daughters?"

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Under a travel news headline: Don't come into Metro Airport at night and expect to find a taxi. Contracted Metro Airport Taxi cuts its fleet to 10 or 15 at night, for 110 days. However, there were none available from 2:30 to 3:00 a.m. on a recent Tuesday. Why?

The company's night dispatcher sometimes has to leave her post to go across the street to the fire station to go to the restroom because there are no facilities in dispatch for women. Issue a lawyer alert! Contact the Animal Cruelty bunch. Get the Civil Rights people involved. And, don't forget the U.N., NLRB, UAW, Greenies, Al Gore, zoners and Nancy Pelosi. There's got to be a place in the workplace for everyone to go at all times.

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Now for my 'intrusion' story, lengthy though it may be.

Why do we do so many things in life that make us question our own sanity? Like: why do we get sold into buying 3 quarts of berries

for \$5 when we know two will spoil? Why do I climb a ladder when I have this fear of falling?

Why do I listen to and read the same weather reports a half-dozen times a day? Why did I put in a gas fireplace and never turn it on? Why do I go into a grocery store for eggs, bread and milk and come out with a van full?

Jim's Jottings



a column by
Jim Sherman

And, why did I schedule an optometrist, ophthalmologist, dentist, my GP and a colorectal specialist in the same week? Oh, yeah, that was the same week I sprained an ankle and broke a bone in my foot that was connected to my ankle bone, that was connected to my knee bone, that was connected to...

This was my third colonoscopy (it's an aging thing), and the worst and best. Prescribe me an enema anytime over that half-gallon of re-sealant. I had the "goes" way too far into the night. The written instructions had ended with, "hopefully you will finish evacuating the solution to have a good night's sleep."

It didn't happen.

It was the pre-exam experience at Bald Mountain Surgical that was memorable. I had splashed on some great after shave, only to learn my face was of no concern.

You could hear instructions from Denise, Laura and Terri telling each patient, "Now don't be bashful or shy when you come out. Let it go. You'll have a lot air, and you shouldn't try to hold it in."

What a great scene comedians Sid Caesar, Robin Williams or Richard Pryor could have made of this setting. Maybe they did.

But, what a contradiction to what our mothers told us. There was none of Dad's finger pulling, and as it turned out, there was no need for finger pulling. Emissions came, not too fast at first, but gaseous, gracious later!

Even my watching-over daughter Luan added her advice.

"Dad, you're going to have to and want to, but maybe feel like you shouldn't. Get over it and let it go!" she said.

At home it brought a smile to Shayna's face, as I tried to convince her I only needed to light candles for hers.

I was going to start this item with: There's only two good things that can come from a colonoscopy: a report of no polyps and the pleasure of refilling the tract.

Another Jottings is most important right now. I can write about a body function that's encouraged, an emission usually reserved for deer camp, an escapement that's medically supported and a release more joyful than ten years in Jackson Prison.

The voice of a free people

Letters to the Editor should deal with issues affecting our community. They not only criticize, but also praise. Where they point out problems, so too should they offer suggestions.

The Clarkston News reserves the right to edit for accuracy, brevity, or clarity. Letters must include the full name of the writer, home address and daytime telephone number (which will not be published). Anonymous letters will not be published.

For consideration for each Wednesday's edition, the deadline is noon the Monday before (earlier is better!). Submission does not guarantee publication.

You can drop them off or mail them to 5 S. Main Street, Clarkston, MI 48346; fax them at (248) 625-0706, or e-mail ClarkstonNews@gmail.com.

Any questions, call The Clarkston News at 248-625-3370.

Police could solve problems

Dear Editor,

The Clarkston Police suffer from two main problems.

Problem one is the residents don't know what they do. Problem number two is they are a strain on a small town's limited budget.

To solve problem number one, they must become highly visible and make their accomplishments well known.

They need to be patrolling almost all the time. There should be a patrol car passing any given point in the village about every 35 minutes. If they are not on the move, they should be using radar to slow down the traffic.

They need to publish their accomplishments on the Clarkston News "Public Safety" page, like they have promised to do in past City Council Meetings. A long list of their activities would help justify their existence.

The second problem should be addressed in the two ways that every business person understands, reduce costs and increase revenue.

Get serious about costs.

A town that is about one square mile is size doesn't need three patrol cars that are fully equipped with all the latest computers and high-tech gizmos. One patrol car should handle the job.

For those three big events, the Fourth of July parade, Taste of Clarkston, and the Labor Day Parade, how about three bicycles and some cell phones.

Increasing revenue is easy. Implement a fine schedule for traffic violations and other ordinance violations and start enforcing our laws.

Let's look at a simple example. Supposedly, there are 22,000 cars that travel through Clarkston on Main Street each day.

If one percent are speeding, that is 220 violations each day. The ticket for "5 miles per hour over the posted limit" is about \$80.00 in Oakland County.

I'm told the municipality gets half the fine or \$40. If you multiply \$40 times 220 you get \$8,800 in fines each day. Multiply the \$8,800 daily income times 365 and you now have a revenue stream of \$3,212,000 per year.

That will help pay the day-to-day expenses.

If people are worried about Clarkston's reputation, forget it.

All those speeders aren't residents. They are just people in a big hurry to get somewhere else. They honk their horns, yell at each other, make illegal right turns on red, go down restricted streets, and there are currently no consequences.

They don't shop here, eat here, walk around the millpond, or enjoy the beautiful houses of Clarkston.

I think they should put our Village budget in the black.

Sincerely,

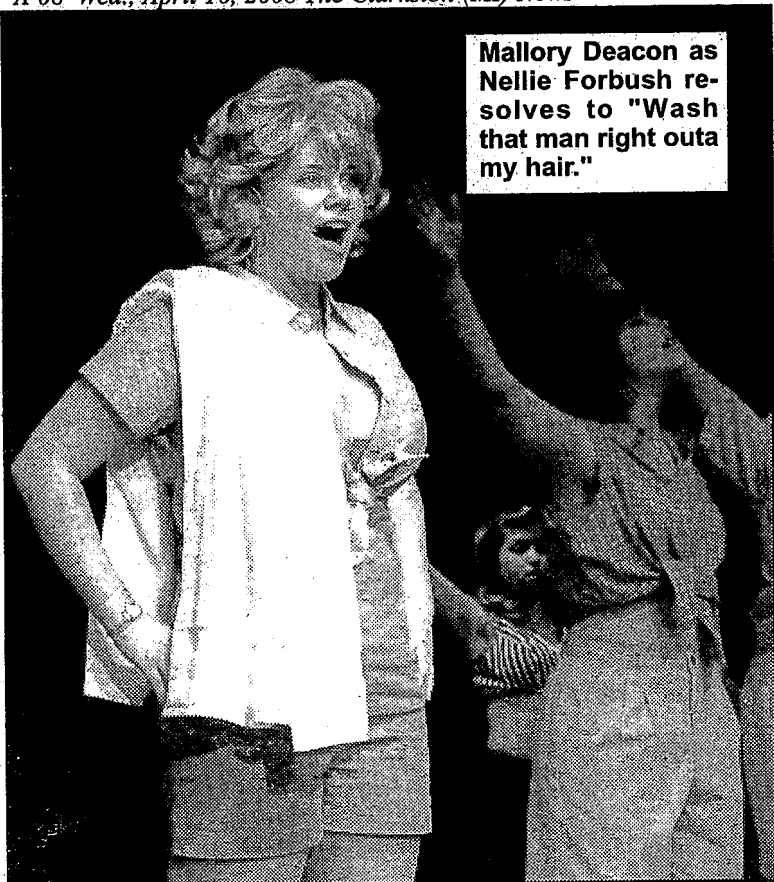
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"20-year Main Street resident"

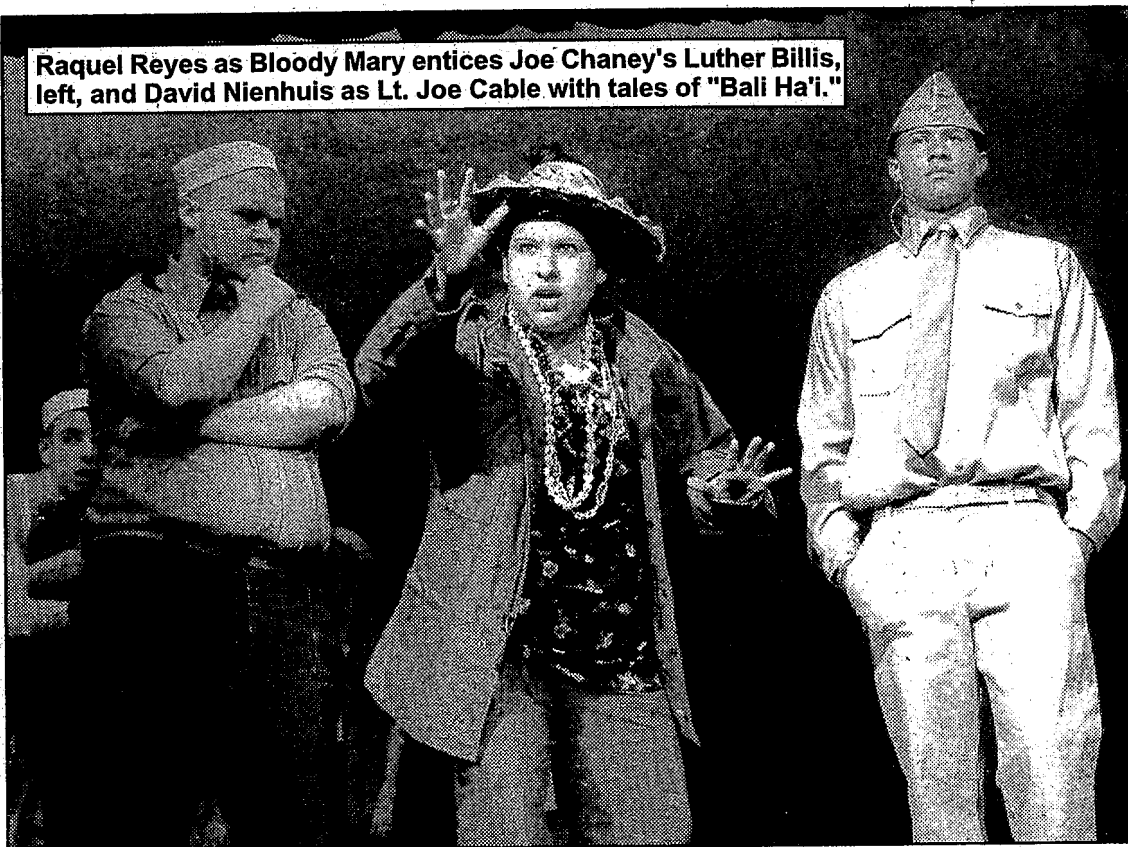


Smiles of the week

From left, Marie Fahrner, Debbie Patten, Tarnela Patten, and Lisa Loiodas enjoy sampling some of Michigan wineries' best at the Clarkston Rotary Club's spring wine tasting, April 9. Please see page 28B for more pictures from the event. Photo by Trevor Keiser



Mallory Deacon as Nellie Forbush resolves to "Wash that man right outa my hair."



Raquel Reyes as Bloody Mary entices Joe Chaney's Luther Billis, left, and David Nienhuis as Lt. Joe Cable with tales of "Bali Ha'i."

Island intrigue on stage

Step back into the drama, intrigue, and catchy musical numbers of World War II's Pacific Theater Thursday, as Clarkston High School's Drama Club presents "South Pacific."

"It's going really well - everything's coming together now," said Jordan Hefty, publicity chair.

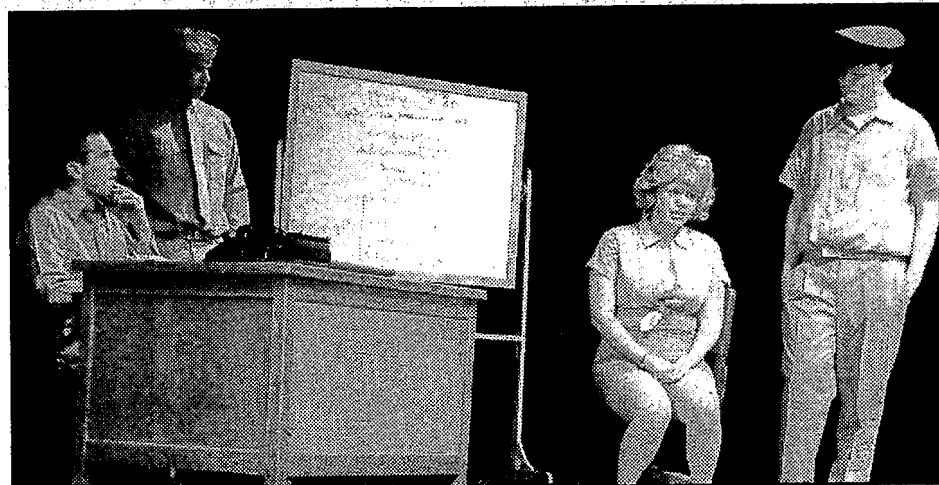
"This is a classic musical," said Megan Peterson, Drama Club publicity.

Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. April 17-19, and 2 p.m. matinee on April 19, at the high school Performing Arts Center, 6093 Flemings Lake Road.

Tickets are \$9/adults, \$7/students and senior citizens. Call 248-623-4024.

Photo story by Phil Custodio

The cast of island-bound sailors express their opinion that "There's nothing like a dame."



At left, Max Baker as Captain George Brackett, Commander Harbison, played by Mike Costine, and Lt. Cable pressure Forbush to spy on de Becque.



Nellie Forbush, played by Mallory Deacon, and Nick Johnson's Emile de Becque recall "Some Enchanted Evening."



City of Clarkston

Sat., April 5 A 36-year-old Rochester man and a 38-year-old Orion woman were cited for disorderly conduct after police discovered the two engaged in intimate activity in Depot Park around 1:30 a.m.

Sun., April 6 A 20-year-old Clarkston man and a 20-year-old Independence Township man were arrested and cited with possession of marijuana after a resident on Surrey Lane called police to complain of loud music and suspicious behavior in the area.

Independence Twp.

Thurs., April 3 A 28-year-old Independence Township woman was arrested and jailed on third-offense charges of drunk driving after a caller reported an erratic driver on Sashabaw Road south of I-75 around 7:15 p.m.

Sat., April 5 A 30-year-old man living in the 10200 block of Horseshoe Circle called police after discovering someone entered three unlocked vehicles on his property and made off with cash and a digital camera.

A 53-year-old woman living in the 10300 block of Horseshoe Circle called police after discovering someone smashed out a window in her son's car, as well as in a

Public Safety

Reports from Clarkston Police, Oakland County Sheriff Deputies and Independence Township Fire Department

camping trailer, and stole an iPod and other items from inside.

A 40-year-old woman living in the 5700 block of Dora Lane called police after discovering someone entered her garage and stole a bike, golf clubs and a basketball from inside.

A patrolling deputy notified a homeowner after spotting a car with the window smashed out in the 10100 block of Horseshoe Circle. The owner discovered about \$80 in cash was missing from the car.

A 22-year-old woman living in the 10200 block of Horseshoe Circle discovered a GPS unit stolen from her unlocked vehicle overnight.

A 24-year-old Oxford man was cited for marijuana possession after police discovered the substance when the man was pulled over on a traffic violation near Sashabaw Road and Maybee Road.

Police were seeking a warrant for felonious assault against a 29-year-old Independence Township man after he alleg-

edly struck his 26-year-old girlfriend and threatened her with a knife when the woman's birthday celebration went sour.

Sun., April 6 Deputies were able to assist a 52-year-old man with MS after a caller said the man was late for an appointment and asked police to check on his welfare. Responding deputies called for medical help after discovering the man had fallen in his van and possibly broken his arm.

An Independence Township man living in the 5600 block of Wembly Court was issued a citation for leaving the scene of an accident after deputies responded to a call and discovered a vehicle had driven off the roadway and struck a tree, breaking it in half. The man was highly intoxicated when police found him by following a trail of radiator fluid to his home.

Mon., April 7 A 92-year-old woman living in the 5400 block of Parview called police and said she was awakened in the night by the sound of someone trying to enter he bedroom window. Police noted damage to the outside screen.

An Independence Township employee called police to report she was sitting in her car in Clintonwood Park when an unknown male on a red bicycle approached and inquired about whether she wanted to have sex with him. The woman told police she was concerned for the safety of children in the park, and described the man as about 60 years old with big brown eyes and a clean-shaven face.

Tues., April 8 A 48-year-old Springfield Township man was arrested and jailed after police discovered him in possession of crack cocaine during a traffic stop near Dixie Highway and I-75 around 4 a.m.

A 16-year-old Independence Township youth was lodged in Children's Village after he allegedly assaulted his father with a knife. According to police reports, the incident occurred as the teen was leaving the home after an argument and physical altercation with his father.

Thurs., April 10 A 69-year-old Independence Township woman filed a police report claiming she paid Concord Services \$240 in advance for lawn services in 2008, but the company was not returning her calls. The woman told police she also spoke with the sales representative she worked with last year, and the man told her he no longer worked for the company, but was still owed money, as well.

Fri., April 11 An employee at Light Please see Police on page 10A

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Police

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house on Sashabaw Road called police after discovering someone cut the catalytic converter, valued at about \$500, off one of the agency's cargo vans.

Sat., April 12 A 56-year-old Independence Township man living in the 6500 block of Deer Ridge Drive reported that he returned home after a trip to Florida to discover someone shot out two windows in his home with a BB gun and also broke the glass in a street lamp while he was away.

Sun., April 13 Deputies were dispatched to assist the Independence Township Fire Department after a dryer caught fire at Landcaster Lakes Apartments. No one was injured during the incident, but the unit suffered significant smoke damage during the fire.

Springfield Twp.

Wed., March 26 A 42-year-old Holly man was arrested on a misdemeanor warrant out of 52-2 District Court when police came in contact with the man while checking out a complaint about someone stealing gas from parked cars in Davisburg.

Tues., April 1 A 40-year-old Rose Township man was arrested and jailed after patrolling deputies spotted his vehicle in the parking lot near Davisburg and Dixie Highway and discovered the man had a felony warrant for a third offense drunk driving incident.

A 40-year-old woman filed a police report after opening her credit card statement to discover someone had fraudulently used her account to purchase a camera for about \$420 through a Toshiba website.

Mon., April 7 A 55-year-old Springfield Township man filed a police report after discovering someone opened an account with DTE Energy in his name during July 2006 for a home in Detroit. The account was delinquent \$1,581.

Tues., April 8 A Springfield Township man called police after discovering someone entered his unlocked vehicle overnight and stole a company laptop, along with paperwork for adoption of a child, from inside his unlocked pickup truck.

Check our website at
ClarkstonNews.com
for police updates

Church bandit busted

BY LAURA COLVIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Police in Clarkston said a man arrested in the city last week confessed to a March 31 break-in at Clarkston United Methodist Church.

According to Police Chief Dale LaCroix, interviews with Bryan Mattson, 18, led to the recovery of about \$2,000 in goods stolen from the church. LaCroix said Mattson also admitted responsibility for two break-ins that occurred at the church in November.

Church officials reported laptop computers, voice recorders, DVDs, an iPod and a Play station among missing items.

On each occasion, Mattson, who was arraigned April 8 in 52-2 District Court on three counts of breaking and entering, allegedly entered the church after breaking a window in the rear of the building.

Mattson is a Clarkston city resident who had been attending Renaissance High School. He is currently lodged at

Oakland County Jail on \$150,000 bond—\$50,000 per count.

Each count is a felony carrying a 10-year maximum penalty.

Although Mattson has no prior criminal record, LaCroix said police had previous minor dealings and suspected him in the break-ins.

LaCroix credited Clarkston Police officer Roy Johnson in the case.

"Johnson is really the one who did all the work," LaCroix said. "He did all the follow-up and put everything together for us."

LaCroix said Oakland County Sheriff's Office deputies from the Independence Township substation were also instrumental in the case.

"They sent a dog out to help with a track," he said. "And (school liaison) Deputy Gary Crake helped us out quite a bit."

According to LaCroix, Mattson was also connected to several cases in Independence Township, but those reports were not immediately available at the substation.

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Lakeville resident Teri Leibson purchased three uninsulated garage doors and some accessories from the Oxford company and she couldn't have been more pleased with the service or the product.

"They did a phenomenal job for me," she said. "When I called them up, I had no idea what I wanted. She sat there on the phone for a half-hour to 40 minutes going through the website with me, helping me figure out what I wanted, what I needed... I described my house to her and she showed me some designs that were very compatible."

"The fact she was willing to spend all that time with me, giving me the customer service she did, was everything to me," Leibson noted. "I own my own business and customer service is huge for me. I tend to not have a lot of time shop around for things."

Leibson was also very impressed with the service man who came out to install the doors.

"Any time he came into my house he was fanatical about removing his shoes," she said. "Every time he addressed me it was Mrs. Leibson. He showed great respect."

As for the doors themselves, Leibson said, "They look phenomenal. I'm very pleased."

Oxford Overhead door offers a wide selection of garage doors to fit almost every budget and taste.

For those looking for something stylish, yet extremely affordable, vonKnipper recommended customers check out their line of uninsulated coachman or carriage house style doors. "If they want a different look, but don't want to spend a lot of money, this is a good option."

Customers seeking a long-lasting garage door with a completely natural look will be impressed with Hormann's Golden Oak Timber design (www.hormann.com).

On the surface, these doors have the authentic appearance of a high quality, high gloss wood grain pattern. But it's really a steel door with polyurethane foam panels.

"Unless you touched it, you'd never know it's not wood," von Knipper said.

Homeowners in need of a stylish garage door that requires virtually no upkeep should check out Martin Garage Doors' (www.martindoor.com) line of aluminum carriage house style doors. They come in three styles and a diverse array of colors.

"You don't have to worry about painting it or if it's going to rot later on," von Knipper

said. "And it has a distinctive look."

VonKnipper warns people not to be taken in by competitors' promises of discounts galore or lowest prices. "Most garage door dealers



Back row (from left): John Riley, Chris Smith, Rob Barrett and Dave Jones. Front row (from left): Terry Kage, Barb vonKnipper and Brandie Barrett. Not pictured: Kristopher Neef and greeters Sophie, Buddy and Snoopy.

don't offer huge discounts because we can't," said vonKnipper. "Others may inflate their prices so when they come down they can say they're offering big discounts."

Other than discounts for senior citizens, vonKnipper said Oxford Overhead Door's prices are already fair and reasonable, so there's no need to lower them.

"A lot of people are always shopping around for the cheapest price, but the cheapest price doesn't necessarily mean they're going

to get the service they should," vonKnipper said. "It's not really a savings if the job is not done right and a customer has to spend more money later on."

Depending on how busy they are, vonKnipper said Oxford Overhead Door can typically service a customer the same or next day. The company has a staff with a cumulative total of experience of 117 years.

The company's biggest source of pride is its staff, which includes Rob Barrett, John Riley, Terry Kage, Brandie Barrett, David Jones, Christopher Smith and Kris Neef.

"Our guys are experienced, honest, and conscientious," vonKnipper said. "They do quality work you can trust."

The company mostly services residential customers in Oakland and Lapeer counties and has commercial business in several more counties, including Wayne, Macomb and Genesee.

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Hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. and 9 a.m. until noon Saturday.

Don't forget to check out the company's website at www.oxfordoverheaddoor.com.

Girl Scouts honor graduating seniors

BY LAUREN HALULA
Clarkston News Intern Writer

After seeing what life was like for poor children in Honduras for herself, Erica Cale, 15, decided she had to do something to help.

She and her mother Nancy Cale joined the non-profit organization Helping Hearts Helping Hands in Honduras, she said to Clarkston Girl Scouts at their April 10 service meeting.

On their missions trips, Erica and Nancy bring clothes, food, vitamins, personal care items and toys to children, who have nothing to play with but rocks and sticks they find in the road, Nancy said.

"The simplest things we bring down just excite them and make them really happy," she said.

The Cales are hoping to start a pen pal program for the older children. The children range in age from babies to mid-teen.

"[The organization] gives kids appreciation when they look at what life is like when you have nothing," Nancy said.

Erica's goal is to open an American run orphanage by 2010 so the children can be adopted into American families. She would like to become an adoption attorney.

For more information or to help out call



Heather Haynes, Jenn Lumetta, Cindy Chapman, Lindsey Chapman, Amber Raffler and Cathy Haynes were honored April 10 for their service with Girl Scout. Photo by Lauren Halula

248-660-4507 or visit www.helpingheartshelpinghands.org.

Also at the meeting, graduating seniors Lindsey Chapman, Heather Haynes, Jenn Lumetta, and Amber Raffler were honored for their service, including leadership of younger troops and fashion shows.

Haynes also received the Gold Award for

the work she did at the Springfield Township Senior Center. She taught a three-week class on making chocolate. At the end she gave them a booklet so they could make chocolate with their grandchildren.

Alison Kitchen, Caitlyn Harvey and Kat Gawronski received Silver Awards for sessions they planned for day camp.

Chamber needs local talent

Organizers invite local groups to open each Concert in the Park this summer.

"We are looking for groups or individuals who would like to help us celebrate what a wonderful place Clarkston is to live and who would like to help us showcase the talent within our community," said Carol Peters, Concerts in the Park chairperson.

Local Talent Spotlight will be 6:30-6:55 p.m., and headline bands go on at 7 p.m.

Invited are family-appropriate groups and individuals, vocal, instrumental, solo or ensemble, musical, comedy, magic, mime, and other talents. Performers receive \$100.

T&C Federal Credit Union sponsors the Spotlight.

Concerts in the Park are Friday evenings starting at the end of June and through July in Depot Park.

To apply, send a demo CD to the chamber office, 5856 S. Main Street, no later than Friday, April 30.

For more information, call the chamber at 248-625-8055.

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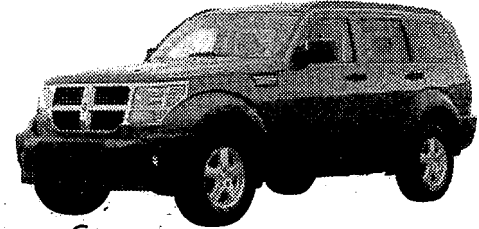
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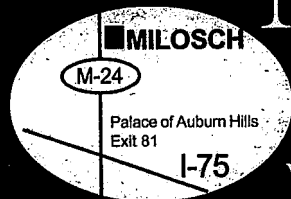
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Staffing cuts set April 28

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get.”

“I don’t think anyone is against spending some of the fund equity,” said board Treasurer Ronald Sullivan. “Just at what level? This is a guessing game – I hate to say that.”

Cuts are hard to reverse, said board Secretary Joan Patterson.

“I support Dr. Roberts – we should be careful with cuts,” Patterson said. “Once we make a cut, it’s hard to bring back.”

More specific staffing decisions will be made at the April 28 Board of Education meeting. Laid-off employees can be recalled, but according to contract, layoffs must be made by the end of April.

Rules to budget by

The school board presented Bruce Beamer, assistant superintendent for business services with a set of parameters for writing the budget:

- Reduce spending by \$1.96 million;
- 18 mills for non-homestead tax;
- 8,146 students;
- \$100 more per student in state funding;
- 1.5 percent raise for teachers and support staff, plus 3 percent step increment;
- 5 percent increase in health care cost;
- 16.54 percent retirement rate; and
- 10 percent fund equity.

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Beaumont to review plans one last time

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and certain industries that are struggling and people being forced out of state to seek employment, is that the Independence Township Planning Commission board and city council will explore every opportunity with Beaumont hospital to allow them in some fashion to come into our community to provide jobs as well as services that are available through Beaumont practices," said Foster. "It's also my hope that both sides do not become frustrated with each other and give up on each other, as I feel that it is important to the economic growth of the community."

Compromise is the key, he noted.

"I am not taking sides because I don't think either side is perfect. I just think it's in everyone's best interest to work together to come up with a 'happy medium,'" he said. "If we can't create 1,500 jobs because it's going to alienate the neighborhood, then maybe we come up with something that has 500 jobs and is within the realm of what the neighbors would like."

Karrick said she was appointed to make good planning decisions for the entire township, not just a "minority of people."

"I understand the plan is not perfect, but I don't think you can pick one out in the township that is perfect, but this is an economic stimulus that's coming to us," she said. "I think we're crazy to let a professional group like Beaumont get away from us. There are things that we still need to work on, but they've shown us that they're willing to work with us every step of the way."

Carson felt the project wasn't ready to move forward.

"The density was an issue, I think what they were anticipating doing up in the residential area wasn't appropriate and the phase three traffic situation was going to be a problem," he said.

"The problem with a PUD (Planned Unit Development) is once you go ahead and give it an approval. Then the thing just starts to take off. This is a huge project and we've got to make sure it's done right, if it's going to be

done at all."

Phase three could have been developed without the boulevard, Hunt said.

"If that's not what the commissioners want, then we would be willing to look at our other options, but at this point it seems like every time we answer a question or look at different options there's a whole other concern thrown at us," said Hunt. "It's kind of like running through the rain drops and it gets a little frustrating after awhile."

One area of conflict between Carlisle and Beaumont was wetlands. Carlisle said he has a statement from the Department of Environmental Quality stating one of the wetlands is state regulated. However, Hunt said he has a statement from DEQ saying it was not.

"We have the documentation from the DEQ indicating that it's not a state regulated wetland and for him to throw that out there again is disappointing and somewhat disingenuous," Hunt said. "If he's got some data, or some plan, or some finding that show's something different then he should provide that to us or provide it the state and he's done neither."

Carlisle said he was "not surprised that DEQ would contradict themselves."

Beaumont will have an internal meeting this week, in which they will discuss five different options, Hunt said.

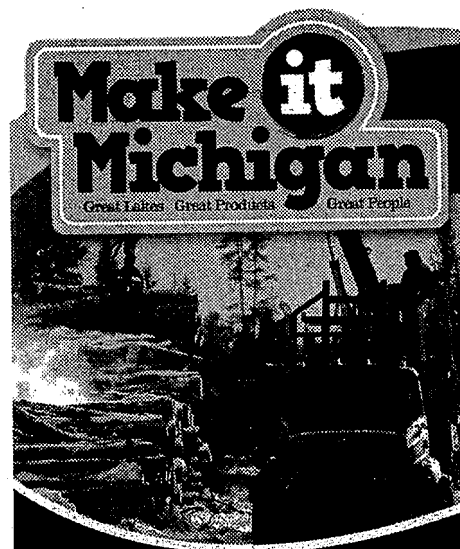
"We're going to look at all of our options and make a decision as to what's best for Beaumont and what's best for the surrounding communities in order to bring quality healthcare out to that area," he said.

Sites outside Independence Township are available, Hunt said.

"The biggest problem with continuing along the track we are is that it's very clear that Mr. Carlisle has no desire to try and work with us or to try to accommodate a site that includes a hospital on it," said Hunt. "Therefore that's an issue because I think that no matter what we come up with he's not going to change his opinion and we'll modify whatever concerns he has to prevent us from getting a site approved with a hospital."



Commissioners Curt Carson, Joe Lawrence, Joan McCrary, Sam Moraco, chairman, Cheryl Karrick, and Larry Rosso listen to public comment. Photo by Trevor Keiser.



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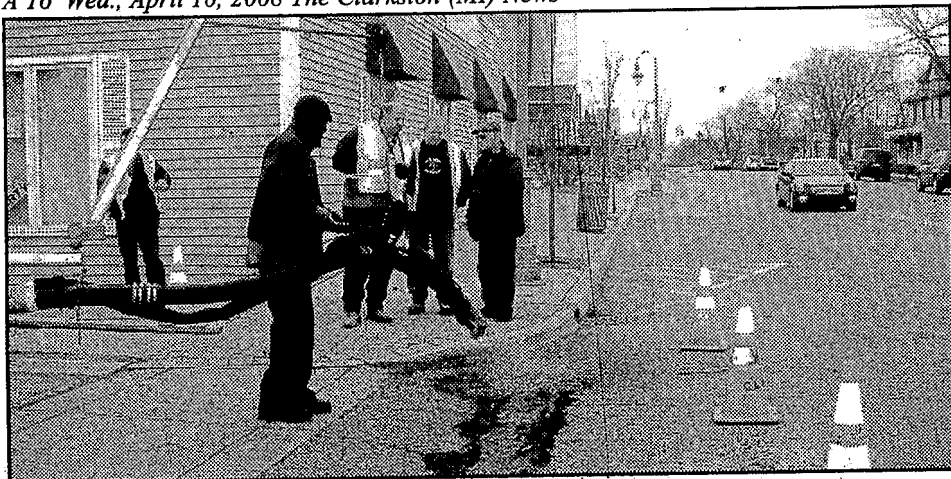
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Workers with Total Maintenance demonstrate their new pothole-filling machine on Main Street, for local road-maintenance officials.

Fill those potholes

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Total Maintenance road repair company wanted to demonstrate its newest pothole-filling technology for Clarkston.

Bob Pursley, director of Clarkston Department of Public Works, had just the spot for it.

"Right in front of the (DPW) building," he said. "We're looking for a better way to patch potholes - we'll watch it and see how it holds up."

Workers with Total Maintenance filled in gouges on the side of downtown Main Street at Church Street, April 10.

"I want to show what this machine does," said George Tanner, sales representative for Total Maintenance of Swartz Creek.

The Pothole Doctor spray patcher combines emulsified asphalt with gravel aggregate on site - the hose operator directs an alternating stream of asphalt and aggregate.

"Cold patch comes up right away and hot patch can't be done until later," Tanner said. "This is a more permanent repair. It lasts a couple years."

It costs more per application, but costs less over the long run because it lasts longer, he said.

"We want people to know about this," he

said.

Road Commission for Oakland County officials observed the demonstration, but response was cool.

"At this point, we don't believe it would be cost-effective to hire this company to patch potholes for us," said Craig Bryson, public information officer. "That is one of our main functions year-round. I doubt any private company has the equipment or man power to be able to patch on the scale that we do."

The equipment is not practical for Oakland County, Bryson said.

"They recommend not allowing traffic to drive on the patch for several hours after it is applied. This would not go over well with drivers," he said.

The machine also takes longer to patch potholes than the county's hot-patch method, Bryson said.

"Because of the sheer volume of potholes we patch, times is always a consideration," he said. "Finally, even if this technology was ideal, in our current economic situation, we have no money to buy new specialized equipment. We can't even afford to replace our current aging trucks, which are used for both pothole patching and plowing/salting as well as many other tasks throughout the year."



The first step was to fill in holes with alternating streams of liquid asphalt and gravel.



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Attackers lead way to first win

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Andrew Schram and Weston Gleiss led the lacrosse varsity team to their first win last Tuesday.

Schram scored five goals and Gleiss had two in the April 8 game against North Farmington.

The Wolves won, 10-3.

"We didn't have Jon Avery tonight, who is one of our starting attackers, he was sick so we told Andrew we needed him to take the offense over," said Clarkston coach Brian Kaminskas.

"That's exactly what he did. We put a challenge in front of him and he responded. He was impressive."

The players took more chances on the field by trying to get the ball into the net every opportunity that they could.

"They are starting to settle into the offense and we do play position style offense but up until tonight they didn't seem confident going to the net," said Kaminskas.

"Tonight they broke through that a little bit. We were much better. We played much more tempo," said Kaminskas. "We are starting to gel a little bit. We have a lot of young guys but they are starting to get together and come together."

Gleiss shot the ball right into the net, making the first goal six minutes into the game.



Doug Zasacky is ready for defense to attack. Photos by Wendi Reardon

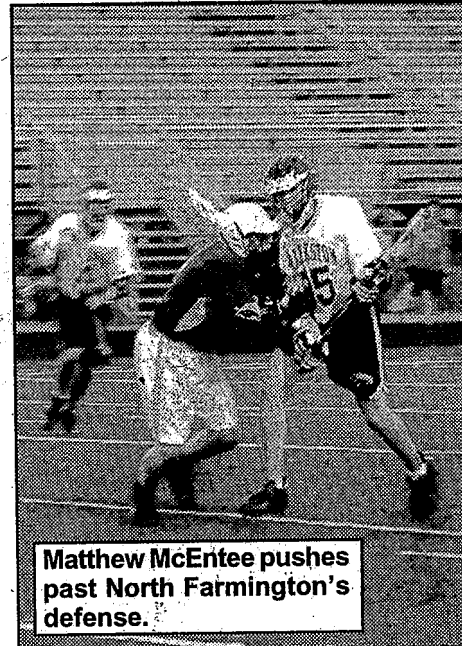
Farmington tied up the game with a minute left in the first quarter. Twenty-nine seconds were left and Chapin White brought the Wolves back into the lead.

Andrew Miller had the next goal in the second quarter. He shot the ball. It hit the

ground and bounced into the net, giving Clarkston a two point lead.

Gleiss and Schram added two more points to the scoreboard before going into half-time.

In the second half of the game, Schram



Matthew McEntee pushes past North Farmington's defense.

scored four more goals and Warren Swartz scored one.

Schram had two assists for the game.

They played Royal Oak on Thursday and lost the game, 4-3.

Swartz, Dever Forbes, and Julian Rob made goals for the Wolves. Jon Avery and Rob each had an assist.

The varsity team, 1-3, hosts Essex on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

The JV and Varsity will travel to battle rival Lake Orion on Thursday. JV begins 5:30 p.m, varsity follows. Lake Orion High School is located at 495 East Scripps Road.

Athlete of the Week Schram hits his goals

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Reporter

Andrew Schram had a goal in mind when he went into Tuesday's first home game against North Farmington.

"I was thinking 'we need a win,'" said Schram. "I went out and wanted to play really hard."

Wolves lacrosse team won the game, 10-3.

Schram helped his team by scoring five goals and assisting on two more.

Schram is a sophomore at Clarkston High School and in his second year on the varsity team.

He used to play as a midfielder before going varsity. He moved into an attack position in his freshman year.

"It's like being a quarterback," said Schram. "You control the field and set up the plays."

Schram also plays football. He was on the junior varsity football team last fall.

Schram began both sports in third

grade. He started lacrosse when his friend, Jon Avery, got him interested.

While playing both sports, he could use the moves and speed he learned in one sport for the other.

Schram enjoys playing lacrosse because it is a contact sport.

"Not that many people play it, and more people are wanting to learn about it," he said were other reasons he like the sport.

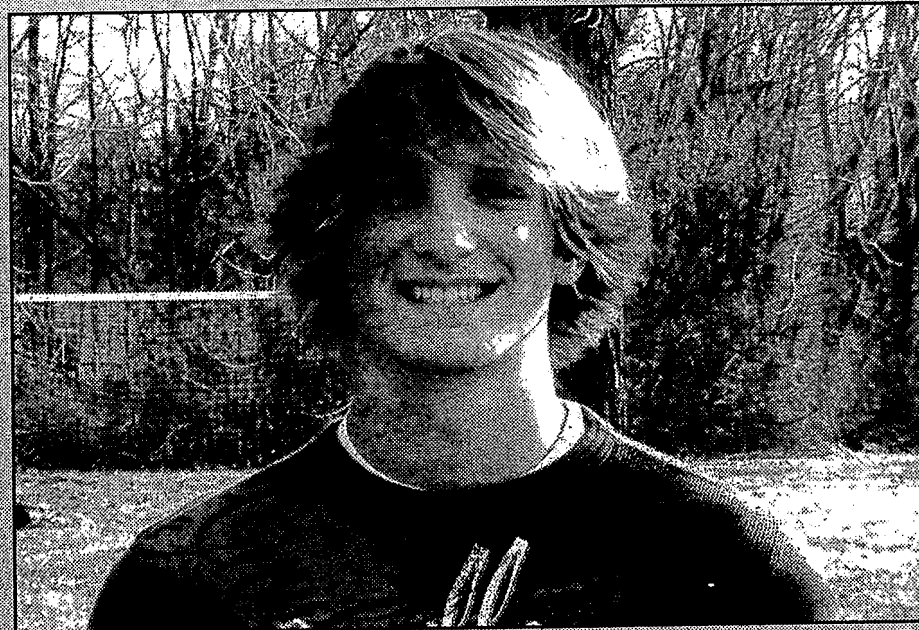
As lacrosse continues to grow, he encourages younger athletes to give it a try.

"Just get a stick in your hands," he said.

His advice for young lacrosse players is to watch college games and attend high school games.

Schram has watched college games to see what the players were doing. From watching, he learned offensive tips and different techniques to try on the field.

When Schram is not playing lacrosse, he is hanging out with his friends, riding dirt bikes, hunting or fishing.



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The Varsity team smile after earning the first place trophy. Photo provided

Tough tennis at tournament

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

After competing against eight schools, the girls from Clarkston took first place at the Holly-Powers Invitational.

The Lady Wolves varsity tennis team scored 22 points during the Saturday invitational.

"The girls played tough tennis and stayed focused," said coach Craig Judd.

The rainy weather took the invitational inside the Genesys Athletic Club where Clarkston competed against Birmingham Groves, Farmington Hills Mercy, Flint Powers, Holly, Jackson Lumen Christi, Petoskey, and Traverse City St. Francis.

Clarkston was in the finals for six of eight events.

For singles, Nicole Janek defeated Mercy, Alyssa Lucas defeated Petoskey, Kristina Lucas and Blair McCarty defeated Groves.

In doubles, Kate Cooley and Kelli McKay defeated Mercy and Victoria Sova and Alexis Egler defeated Holly.

"We lost Tuesday to a real good Lahser

team, practiced extremely well to the end of the week, and competed in the Saturday Holly-Powers Invitational with determination to play like a team that placed third, fifth, and seventh in the state for the last three years," said Judd.

Placing in second after Clarkston was Groves, with 15 points. Petoskey and Mercy tied for third place with 14 points. Holly took fourth place with ten points.

Earlier in the week, the team lost on Tuesday to Lahser, 5-3.

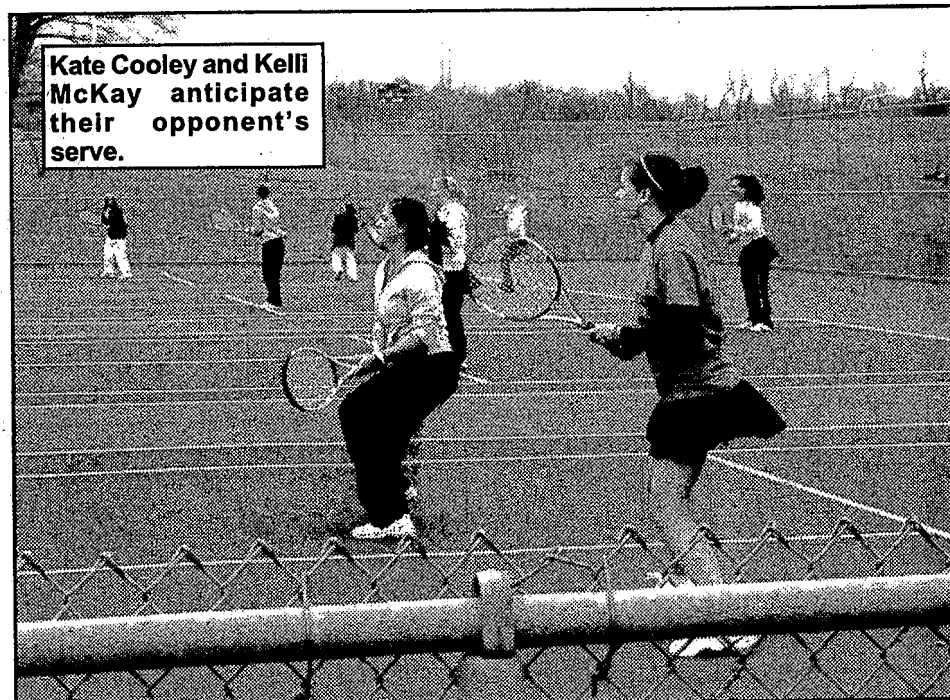
"Outstanding effort and play from Kristina Lucas, who in our last two matches won most decisively," said Judd.

Nicole Janek, Kristina Lucas, and Blair McCarty won both of their matches.

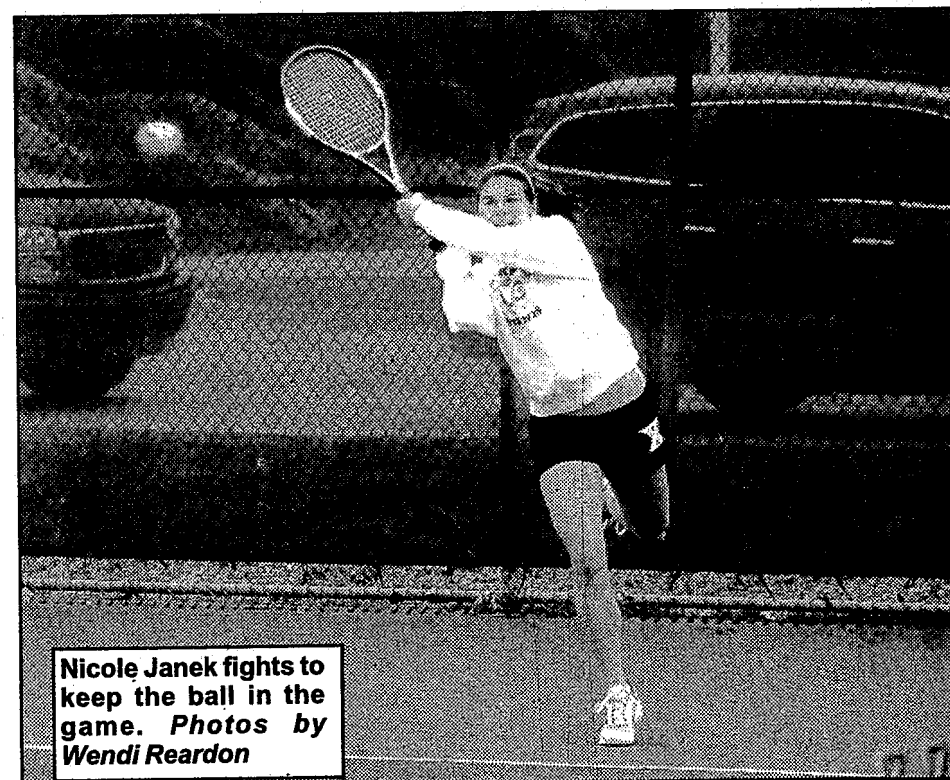
Their game against West Bloomfield on Thursday was stopped on account of rain. The match was rescheduled for the next Wednesday, April 23 at 4 p.m.

The varsity team played Seaholm on Tuesday.

They host Troy on Thursday at 4 p.m. and have the Saline Invitational on Saturday at 8:30 a.m.



Kate Cooley and Kelli McKay anticipate their opponent's serve.



Nicole Janek fights to keep the ball in the game. Photos by Wendi Reardon



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Maria Warner takes advantage of the corner kick opportunity.



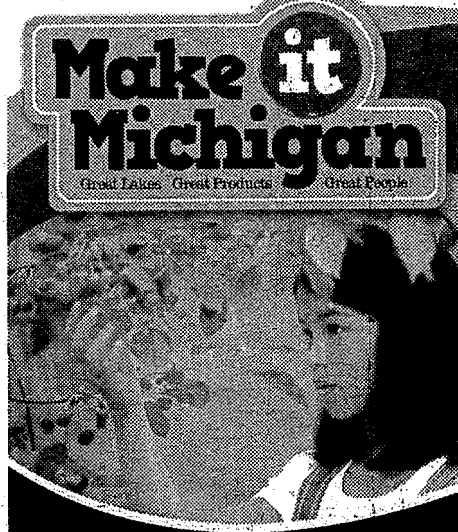
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Tied in knots

BY WENDIREARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The first win of the season is proving elusive for Girls Varsity Soccer.

The team held Birmingham Groves and Seaholm to zero goals, but they fought just as hard to keep Clarkston from scoring, ending both nights with tied games, 0-0.

"I was expecting a competitive game," said coach Sarah Wasilk about their game against Seaholm. "I think they definitely played a great game. We had some opportunities. Unfortunately we didn't capitalize on them. Julie Warner had an excellent game."

The weather from Friday night's weather pushed Lady Wolves game against Waterford Mott back to Saturday.

Prior to playing Clarkston, Mott won their game against Pontiac Northern, 8-0.

The Wolves scored two goals in the game, but every time they scored, Mott responded with a goal to tie the score.

The game ended with one more tie for the girls, 2-2.

They ended the week with their overall record at 0-3-3.

This week they played Avondale on Tuesday. The girls will host Farmington on Thursday and travel to Grand Blanc on Friday.

Next week, the ladies will play Groves and Seaholm again. They host Groves on Monday and will play at Seaholm on Thursday.

JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows at 7 p.m. JV will play Seaholm at 5 p.m.

Plans for the future

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Alyssa Vela and Jaclyn Otto have decided to attend college close to home.

Last Thursday, they signed their letters of intent.

Vela will be joining the swim team at Oakland University and Otto will play basketball for the Warriors of Rochester college.

Vela is the first swimmer from Clarkston to receive a scholarship.

"I am really excited for her," said Coach Kenwyn Chock. "It shows the other girls what's out there, what opportunities there are if they work hard and swim during the off-season, achieve all-state status, they can get scholarships."

Swimming close to home will allow family and the boys and girls swimming team to watch Vela at her meets at Oakland University.

"We get to watch her swim in college, which is really important," said Chock.

For the past two years, Vela has been an all-state swimmer. She began competitive swimming when she was six years old.

Before she chose to become a Grizzly, Vela had a decision to make when Michigan State

University, University of Michigan, Oakland University, and a few out-of-state colleges accepted her.

Her parents, Jamie and Marie, offered her support in the decision.

"We told her 'you'll be an adult, it's your decision,'" said dad, Jamie. "I am very, very excited for my daughter."

"I'm excited," said Alyssa. "It's a good team and I like the team members. I think it just offered me the best opportunity all around."

Alyssa will be majoring in pre-med with a minor in Spanish to achieve her goal of becoming a doctor. Her current grade point average is 3.5.

Otto started making baskets when she was three years old. Her dad, Jim Otto, owns Basketball America, so it was no surprise to him or his wife, Gail, that their daughter would continue to play basketball in college.

"She grew up there," said Jim. "It's exciting. It's something that she has always wanted to do."

"I'm really excited to be playing on a different level," said Jaclyn. "I loved basketball and I wanted to continue a little bit, and they have a good program there."

Jaclyn had gone to one of the games at Rochester College and liked the way Joel Schroeder coached the team.

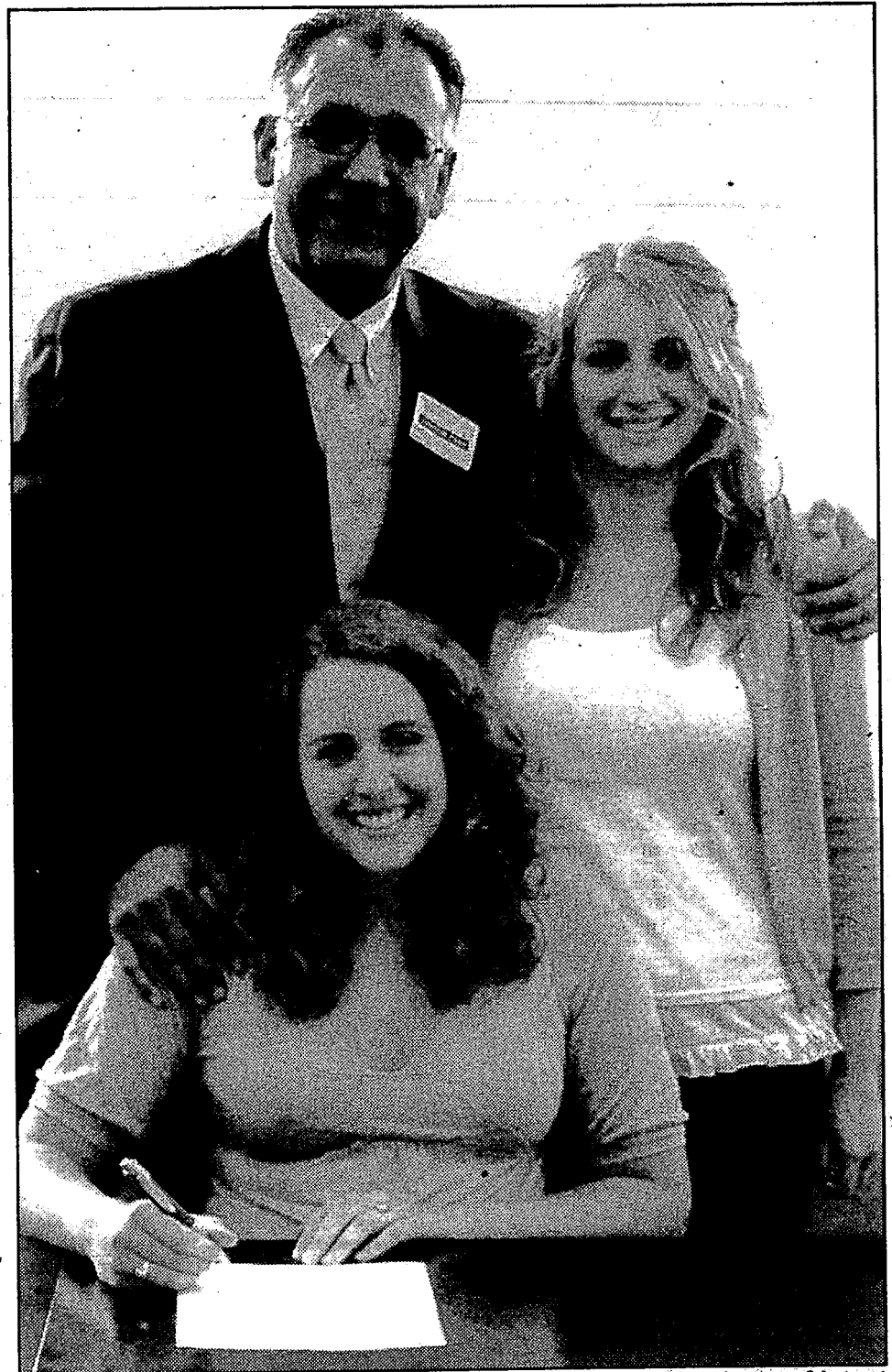
Schroeder had coached the men's basketball team at Rochester College for five years before taking over the women's team.

He had been looking for local players when he noticed Jaclyn play.

"Her parents did a great job with her. Coach (Tim) Wasilk did a great job with her," said Schroeder. "We are really excited. She's really going to bring a lot to our program. We are in need of a point guard and she plays point guard position and she's done a great job. She can handle the ball, she can defend, she can shoot. We are really excited about that."

"She has put the time in. She is a smart, heavy player. I think she will do a great job. I am really excited for Jaclyn," said girls varsity basketball Coach Tim Wasilk.

Jaclyn currently holds a 3.0 grade point average. She will be studying elementary education while she is attending Rochester College.



Alyssa Vela became a Grizzly last Thursday. She signed her letter of intent with her dad, Jamie, and sister, Julia, there for support. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Tee time

Golfers took to the fairway to battle the wind and Rochester Falcons

The Wolves beat Rochester, 159-173.

"They did well," said varsity coach Mark Wiegand. "The wind and rain didn't help during the match, but it didn't seem to affect Matt Fuller, who golfed three under par for 34. That is good in those conditions."

The top four scores that counted for the team, came from Fuller, 34; Mike Graham, 41; Zack Rogers, 41; and Tom Ronk, 43.

"They are practicing hard, and continuing to improve. As long as we do that, we will do good."

In Monday's Eccentric Tournament at Paint Creek, the boys took first place out of 21 teams.

Fuller won a tournament medal with his score of 71. Ronk was eighth overall with his score of 79. Also scoring for the team were Brandon Stone, 80; Graham, 81; and Rogers, 91.

They took first place by scoring 311 points and took the lead over Lasher, Brother Rice, Cranbrook, and Rochester Adams.

The team has a competition against Stoney Creek on Friday at Liberty Golf Course.

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BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

With the arrival of spring, baseball players were able to take to the field and play their first games of the season.

The Wolves went against three teams last week and won all three, for a 3-0 record.

"Our kids have been playing really well," said coach Phil Price. "Since tryouts, they have had a great attitude and have been working really hard. We have only played three games, but I like what I have seen so far."

Luke Prudhomme has had a great start to the season and has given a great contribution, continued Price.

"Matt Kamieniecki is hitting the cover off the ball. They are playing good team baseball."

Price contributed some of the Wolves' beginning success to little things that don't show in the stats or on the scoreboard, but that have helped the team win their games. Joe Preston helped the team with hitting bunts.

In their first game of the season, the Wolves beat Stoney Creek, 17-6.

Joel Lange was the winning pitcher for the game. Leading hitters were Luke Prudhomme, Lange, Matt Kamieniecki, Tyler Scarlett, and Chris Mocerino.

Prudhomme hit 3-for-4 with three RBIs. Lange was 2-for-3 with a double.

Kamieniecki was 1-for-4. He had a two run homerun with 3 RBIs.

Scarlett had two hits, two walks, and two runs. Mocerino hit 2-for-3, with two runs and two

RBIs.

Their won their second game against Farmington, 10-2. Robert Sims was the winning pitcher for the game.

Leading hitters were Prudhomme, Sims, Kamieniecki, and Nick Shamoun.

Prudhomme hit 3-for-3 with a double and had 2 RBIs; Sims was 2-for-4 and had two doubles; Kamieniecki hit 3-for-4 with a triple and had 2 RBIs; and Shamoun hit 2-for-4.

Their third win was over Waterford Mott, 13-3. Lange was the winning pitcher and struck out seven players.

Leading hitters were Prudhomme, Kamieniecki, and Sims.

Prudhomme hit 4-for-4, had a double and 4 RBIs; Kamieniecki hit 3-for-4, had a double and three runs; and Sims hit 2-for-4, had a double and two runs.

Their Saturday game against Avondale was cancelled because of the weather and has been rescheduled for May 8.

"We keep playing good baseball, it should take care of itself," said Price going into the upcoming week.

The team faces a full schedule for this week as they get further into the season.

They played a double header on Tuesday at Brandon. The boys play at West Bloomfield on Wednesday at 4 p.m.

On Saturday, the varsity team hosts the Roy Warner Classic, beginning at 10 a.m.

They will host rivals Lake Orion on Monday at 4 p.m.



Brooke Chadwell prepares to swing at the ball. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Split ends for softballers

Softballers split their week with a win over Grand Blanc and a loss to Farmington.

They hosted both schools in the double header games.

Against Grand Blanc, Taylor Hasselbach and Shantel Uballe had two RBIs and Bailee Braunreuther had one RBI in the first game.

Kara Wandrie had three RBIs in the second game. The Wolves won 5-3, 11-0.

Clarkston gave Grand Blanc their first two losses

of the season.

On Wednesday, the ladies lost to Farmington, 10-5 and 8-2.

The week brought them to an overall record of 4-2.

The varsity team travels to Utica Stevenson on Thursday to play a double header beginning at 4 p.m. JV will play Stevenson at home.

On Saturday, Varsity will play in the Farmington Mercy Tournament.

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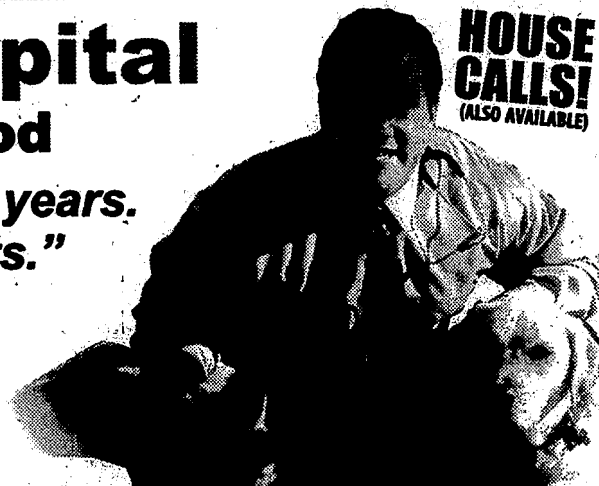


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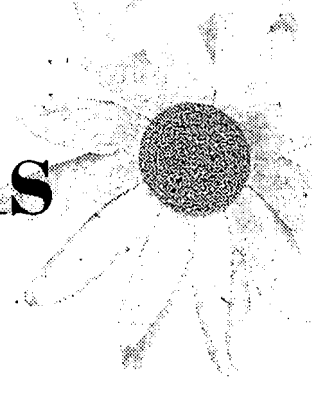
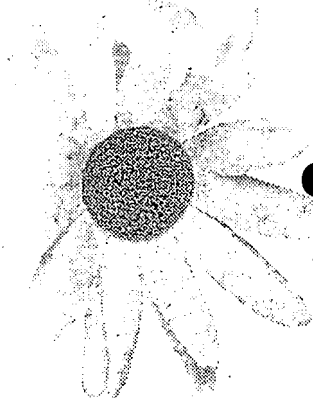
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Josh Burr



"Walking, smelling the air."

Marissa Ortiz



"Walking, too."

Melinda Ortiz

By Wendi Reardon

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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

Future looks bright for Good Citizen

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Sashabaw Plains Daughters of the American Revolution honors one student per high school for good citizenship at home, community, and school.

For Clarkston High School, that student is senior Lauren Frank.

"I was actually very surprised because I'd never heard of it before," said Lauren, daughter of Sheri and Robert Frank of Springfield Township.

"One day I got a note from one of my counselors that I needed to go and see him. Then he told me about it and that I was the senior girl chosen to represent Clarkston High School. So, I was very surprised and happy about it too."

"We're very proud of her, as we always are," Sheri said. "She's always gone above and beyond what is expected of her and we think she's going to do great things."

She and five other Good Citizens Award recipients were honored by DAR at a Red Knapps luncheon Feb. 20.

Each student received flowers, DAR Good Citizens winner's pin, certificate, wallet recognition card, and gift certificate.

Students are nominated by faculty and then a vote is taken

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"My counselor told me that one of the things that pointed me out was that I did a lot of work last year at the election at the Republican office in Waterford," Lauren said. "So, they thought that stood out."

Lauren, who has taken many AP government classes, said her interest in politics came at a young age.

"My family always been into politics," she said.

"I liked watching the elections with my dad when Dole was running."

After graduation, Lauren plans on going to Hillsdale College in the fall and majoring in Political Science and Pre-Law.

Being part of the high school's "Mock Trial team" also increased her interest in politics and becoming a prosecuting lawyer.

"It's like a pretend case and you act out the roles as lawyers, defendants and witnesses," said Frank. "It is pretty fun. You get to argue a lot, which is something I like to do."



Lauren Frank of Springfield Township earned a Good Citizenship Award from Sashabaw Plains DAR. Photo provided

She has also been on the high school varsity track team for the past three years, National Honors Society, and Octagon club, and has been dancing ballet and Jazz for 16 years.

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Rattlesnake Recognition, 2-3 p.m., April 19, Wint Nature Center, Independence Oaks County Park. Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake, a protected species. Short hike follows program. \$2. 248-625-6473.

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Spring Used Book & Home Baked Goods Sale, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., April 24; 10 a.m.-6 p.m., April 25; 10 a.m.-12 p.m., April 26, 'Bag of Books' sale. Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Benefit dinner, Middle School, Waterford Community Church, for Bike and Hiking excursion in the Upper Peninsula, 4-8 p.m., April 30. Pete's Coney Island II, Dixie Highway. 248-673-3880.

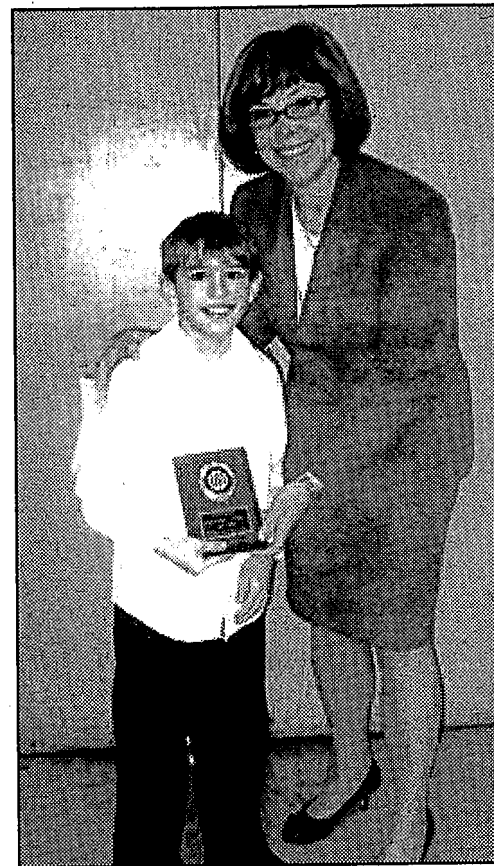
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Family Bingo Night, 7 p.m., May 15.

Optimists honor student

Springfield Plains student Nick Stefani, with his principal, K.C. Leh, was awarded Clarkston Area Optimist's April Student Citizen of the Month. The club awards the citizenship and character awards and organizes charitable activities at its Wednesday meetings, 7:30 a.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 6600 Waldon Road. Call 248-622-6096. Photo provided



Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Michigan Notable Author Visit, Sharon Kegerreis and Lorri Hathaway, featuring "From the Vine: Exploring Michigan Wineries," 6 p.m., May 20. Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Digital Camera Class, 6 p.m., May 29. registration required. Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Mothers & More, non-profit dedicated to

improving lives of mothers through support, education, advocacy, 7:15 p.m., third Monday, Red Knapp's Restaurant, 6722 Dixie Highway. 248-969-9788.

Men's 50+ Softball, Practices Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays weather permitting. Players placed according to ability. League games start May 6. Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

Clarkston Community Band rehearsals, 7 p.m., Tuesdays. Especially needed: percussion, clarinets, trumpets. \$30/semester.

Band room, Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane. Independence Township Parks & Recreation, 248-625-8223 or www.clarkstonband.org.

Sanchin Ryu Karate, Tuesdays, through June 3, Hart Community Center, 495 Broadway, Davisburg. Classes for children, families. 248-846-6558

Gentle Yoga, 8:30-9:15 a.m., Tuesdays, through May 27, Carriage House, 6000 Clarkston Road. Bring yoga mat and comfortable clothing. \$6/drop-in. 248-625-8231.

Women's 50+ Softball, countywide slow-pitch league, games on Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m., beginning in May. Practices in April. Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

Needlework Night, fourth Tuesday, 6:30-8 p.m. Stitch and visit. Everyone welcome. Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Strength and Stretch, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Tuesdays, Thursdays, through May 29. Certified Senior Instructor Nancy Boch. Drop-in/\$6. Carriage House, Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

Shallow Water Aerobics, through Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, 12-1 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, through May 15. Clarkston High School Pool. Medium intensity workout: water walking, low-impact aerobics in 82-degree pool. \$42/six weeks. 248-625-8231.

Clarkston Area Optimist Club, 7:30-8:30 a.m., Wednesdays, Clarkston United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 6600 Waldon Road. 248-622-6096.

De-Stress Gentle Yoga, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Wednesdays, through May 28. Instructor Nancy Boch. Drop-in/\$6. Carriage House, Independence Township Senior Adult Ac-

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tivity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

Knit or crochet program, second and fourth Wednesday, 7-8:30 p.m., Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. All levels welcome. Tea and coffee served. 248-625-2212.

Line dancing in Clarkston, Thursdays, Beginners 1-2:30 p.m., Intermediate/Advanced 3-4 p.m. \$3. Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Call Independence Township Senior Center, 248-625-8231.

Clarkston Area Lions Club, second and fourth Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m., Carriage House, next to the Senior Center, in Clintonwood Park. Visitors welcome. 248-802-8603.

Movies and Munchies, 1:30 p.m., Thursdays; April 17: "The Quiet Man"; May 15: "North by Northwest"; June 19: "The Thin Man"; July 17, "Rio Bravo"; and Aug. 21: "The King and I." Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

LBN - Independence Township Chapter,

7:15 a.m., second and fourth Thursdays, North Oakland County Board of Realtors, 4400 W. Walton. Call Stacy Meagher, 248-241-6000.

Lego Robotics, 6-7 p.m., Thursdays, April 17-June 5, Hart Community Center, 495 Broadway, Davisburg. Springfield Township Parks and Rec. Grades 4-8. \$40/resident. \$45/nonresident. 248-846-6558.

Perennial Swap, 10 a.m., June 17. Free. Mill Pond Park, Davisburg. Springfield Township Parks and Rec. 248-846-6558.

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Community events?

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Enjoying sunshine of spring

Gabby Shefferly, 3, waits for a friend on top of a play structure at Depot Park in downtown Clarkston. Lots of kids and their parents were excited when spring weather started to make a slow-but-sure appearance in the area. Photo by Laura Colvin



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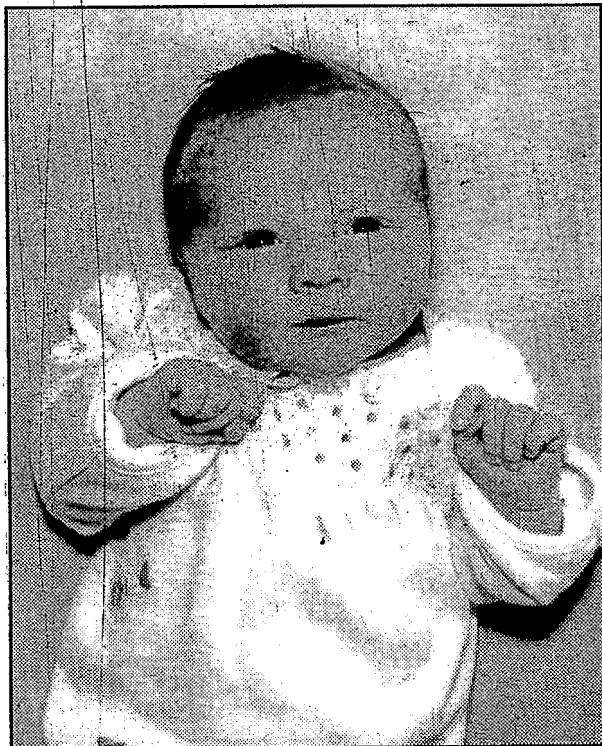
Milestones

Hi Chloe

Adam and Kristy (Barefoot) Rasbach of Lake Orion are happy to announce the birth of their second child, Chloe Paige.

Chloe was born on Feb. 18. She weighed 8 lbs 7 oz, and was 21.5 inches long.

She joins big sister Lily Shay. Proud grandparents are Jon and Judith Rasbach of Davisburg, Pat and Ron Hooper of Waterford, and Newton and Dianne Barefoot of Clarkston.



In our country's service...

Tyler Boston, son of Gregory and Holly Boston of Clarkston and student at Clarkston High School, was appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis.

"Military academy appointments are based on character, leadership potential and academics," said U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers, who

also appointed Ian Deming of Grand Ledge.

"I am very proud and pleased to have nominated both Ian and Tyler to the Naval Academy. They are outstanding young men prepared to tackle the challenges of becoming leaders among those who defend our nation."

Students achieve success

Clarkston students Fidel H. Gonzalez, Angela Elizabeth Betzer, and Shelly G. Shattuck received degrees from Walsh College at Winter Commencement ceremonies in Troy.

Gonzalez earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree; Betzer, Bachelor of Business Administration; and Shattuck, Master of Business Administration.

Clarkston students Paris R. Conwell, Sa-

rah L. DeFrayne, Scott A. Gauche, Stephen M. Hunter, Nathan P. Jamnik, Nicole M. Johns, Jessica J. Kennedy, Christopher W. Kotcher, Monica S. Lynn, Mallory A. Morell, Bradley E. Nettle, Marilyn M. Porritt, Ryan T. Smith, Nicole M. Summers, Alyssa T. Tierney, Jordan S. Waller, Miriam G. Wisniewski, and Nichole L. Zardus were named to the Grand Valley State University Fall Dean's List.

Got a Milestone to share?

Drop them off at our downtown office at 5 S. Main St. or e-mail them to Clarkstonnews@gmail.com, attn: Clarkston News Milestones.



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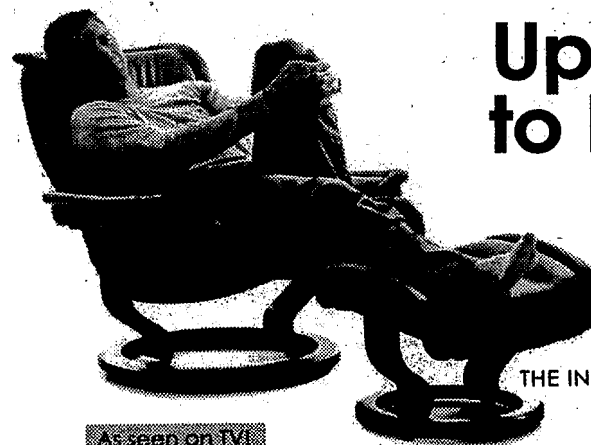


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Religion

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Today is April 16 – one day after the day known throughout our country as “tax day.”

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While I don't have the words of comfort you might need regarding your specific tax situation on this day after “tax day,” it is my great honor and privilege to share with you a certain and specific word of comfort and hope from God.

This word offers to all a peace that makes each day a “new day in the Lord.”

For all of you who believe in Jesus Christ as your personal Savior from sin, I hope you will find comfort in the fact that there is no need of any payment due from you for your sins.

God requires no special thoughts, words, or deeds to secure your forgiveness or salvation. On the cross of Jesus there could have been placed a second sign with these words inscribed on it: “payment for sins

Spiritual Matters



Pastor James Krueger

paid in full.”

“Paid in Full” – what does this mean?

First, these words are nothing else than the purest form of what is known in the vernacular of the church as the “gospel” or “good news.”

The words of John 3:16 are referred to as the “gospel in a nutshell” – that through the great love of God eternal life is offered to all who believe in His Son, Jesus.

Second, we know from Scripture why God came to earth in the person of Jesus.

In 1 Peter 3:18 we are taught, “Christ died for sins once for all ... to bring you to God.” God came to sinners through Jesus Christ and offered forgiveness and salvation – fully and freely. Through Jesus and the cross the payment required for all sins is “paid in full.”

There is also a certain measure of freedom given to each one of us through the forgiveness of our sins.

In Galatians 5:1 we are taught, “It is for freedom that Christ has set us free ... do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.”

Through Jesus Christ we are “set free” – never again to be shackled by the demands of the “law” as the means to gaining God's favor and love – forgiveness

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In our churches...

Walking Lightly, Earth Day celebration with the Rev. Matthew Long, special music by Judy Insley, 9 a.m., April 20. Peace Unity. Soup and salad potluck follows. All welcome. Meets at Sashabaw Presbyterian 5300 Maybee Road. 248-891-4365.

Rummage Sale, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., April 25-26, St. Trinity Lutheran Church gym, 7925 Sashabaw Road. 248-625-4644. St. Trinity Preschool is enrolling students for the fall 2008 program. 248-620-6154.

The Sermon on the Mount, ongoing study of Emmett Fox's classic book, 7 p.m., Wednesdays. Facilitated by the Rev. Matthew Long, Peace Unity, Oakland County Alano Club, 5661 Clintonville Road.

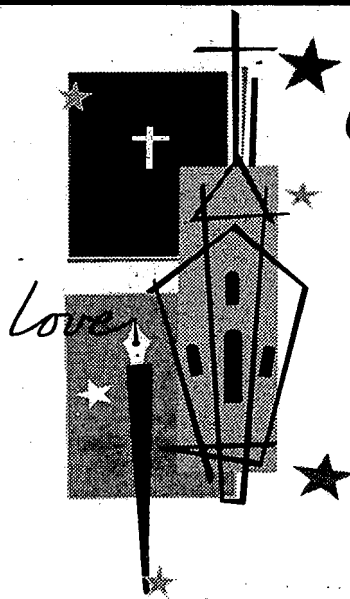
Prayer Partner Training, 10:30 a.m., second Sunday. Participants will receive a prayer syllabus. All welcome. Peace Unity, at Sashabaw Presbyterian, 5300 Maybee Road. 248-891-4365.

Bethany North, peer support to all faiths dealing with divorce or separation, general meeting, 7:30 p.m., fourth Monday, Cushing Center, St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park, call Tim, 248-628-6825, or Joann. 248-673-2539.

Calvary Lutheran Church has a weekly **Wednesday**

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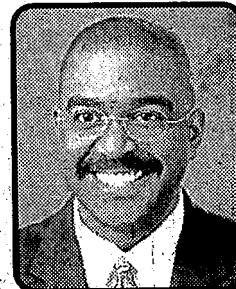
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and salvation.

We are "set free" by God's love through Jesus so that we can live each new day in peace and joyful service to God and one another.

We should never abuse that God-given freedom to "indulge the sinful nature," rather we are called to "serve one another in love" (Gal. 5:13).

The American inventor and statesman Benjamin Franklin once said, "In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes."

By faith in God, let us add to this the truth of what Jesus has accomplished for us in which we can be absolutely certain: through faith in Jesus sins are forgiven and eternal life is secured. In Jesus our debt to sin has been "paid in full."

Thanks be to God!

The Rev. James Krueger is pastor of St. Trinity Lutheran Church.



Bobbing for apples?

The Millstream is a friendlier place for ducks now that it's no longer frozen.
Photo by Laura Colvin

In our churches

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

Church of the Resurrection has **bible study** every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. Study is currently on "Paul's letter to the Romans." 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. 7010 Valley Park Drive. Call 248-625-1750.

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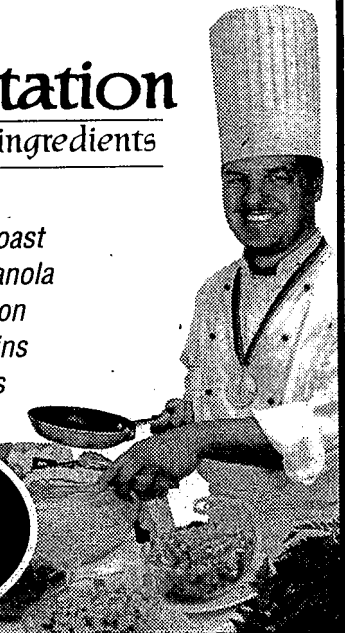
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Lots to talk about at Decus Communications

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Mark Gilman lived in the Clarkston area for about 11 years when he realized he didn't really know anyone.

"I wasn't involved," said Gilman, who worked in corporate public relations in Troy before opening Decus Communications in downtown Clarkston this past December.

"Now, I'm involved with downtown activities, Chamber of Commerce, the kids are in school sports."

He worked for EDS until about 2004, then Comcast and a law firm in Southfield, before establishing his own company in 2006.

He incorporates the best ideas and lessons he's learned working with public relations firms.

"Some firms don't do any work - they just bill," he said. "I hate that. I won't do that. We work on a retainer basis, not by the hour."

"Decus" is a Latin word meaning honor and integrity, he said.

"It's a good reminder in this business - why we do what we're doing," he said. "Our goal is to get the job done."

The agency's core business includes law firms and other professionals, but they also work with non-profit groups including Light-house of Oakland County and Salvation Army.

"It's to give something back, to be able to go home and say, I contributed," he said. "That's the fun part."

Decus moved into the Clarkston Mills, Suite 4, on Washington off Main Street from Birmingham.

"We outgrew the space," he said. "We looked at places in Farmington Hills and Troy, when my wife asked, if you own the company, why drive?"

He lives in Independence Township with his wife, Patti, and their five children.

"I'm happy here. I love being downtown," he said. "Parades, Farmers Market - it's nice to be part of the downtown experience."

Decus offers a full range of services, including an "Ignition kit" and other packages designed for small businesses.

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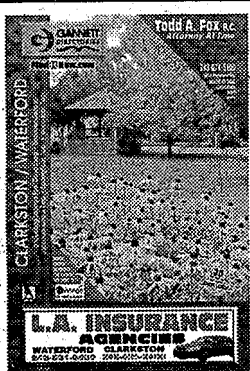
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Center embraces mind, body, spirit connection

BY LAURA COLVIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

When Bobbi Friday opened the Healing Center, she had a vision: the center would serve as a gathering space for the spiritual community, a place where those searching for health, happiness, peace and harmony could gather for guidance and support.

Friday first opened her doors in downtown Davisburg in February, and said the center is growing every day.

"Society is going through a real shift in thinking," she said, noting the community has been "tremendously" supportive of her endeavor.

"People are beginning to understand that the mind, body and spirit are all connected."

Friday recently transitioned away from SweetGrass, a neighboring shop specializing in metaphysical, new age and conscious awareness products, which she helped establish in 2006.

"At Sweetgrass, I'd meet and talk with people everyday who knew they really liked the store, but didn't know exactly why," she said, noting that many seemed to be looking for something they couldn't quite put into words.

"I began to see that there's so much healing that needs to occur in the world so that people can live satisfied lives and reach their full potential as human beings."

The Healing Center, she said, serves as an umbrella; underneath, visitors can find a number of alternative modalities to explore in a "safe, loving, nurturing" environment.

The center offers massage, Reiki, life coaching, and a non-denominational Sunday service at 11 a.m. each week.

The service features speakers with "a message of hope, love and joy, and becoming more in alignment with your higher purpose," said Friday.

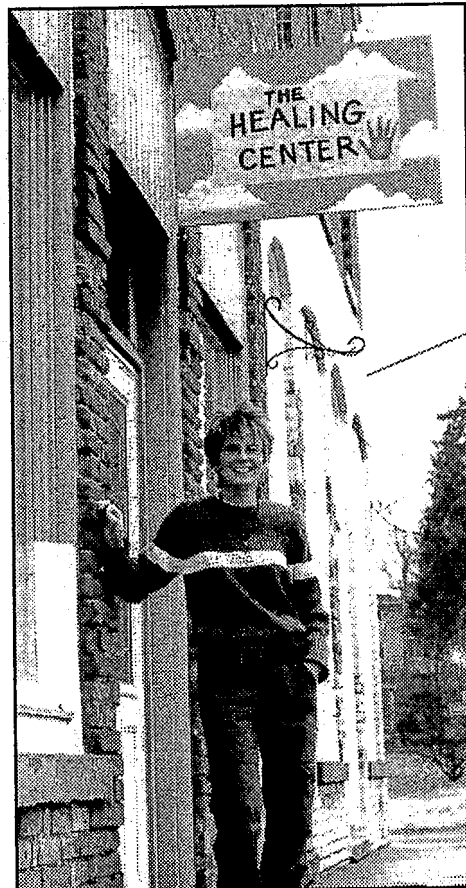
A number of groups, including one for writers and another just for women, also meet at the center for support and friendship.

Several other professionals work under the Healing Center's umbrella, as well.

Attorney Deborah Skorupski offers a "holistic perspective and practices from a standpoint of integrity," said Friday, noting that Skorupski offers a monthly workshop for women who are considering divorce.

Dan Burman, a doctor of naturopathy, also practices out of the Healing Center, and offers personalized systems for lifestyle and wellness based on naturopathic principles and philosophy.

The center features a number of other



Bobbi Friday is founder of Davisburg's Healing Center. Photo by Laura Colvin

services as well.

"When I started to envision The Healing Center, I suddenly had people coming into my life who were headed in the same direction I was," she explained. "I just got out of the way and it all started happening."

Although most services are offered at a fee, Friday said she encourages those without the ability to pay give her a call.

"No one is turned away," she said. "This is about the community coming together. It's about the people—that's where my passion lies, with the people."

Throughout her life, Friday said she's held many different jobs, some she didn't like.

"I always did what I had to do to take care of my family," she said, noting with a laugh that she was the first certified pole climber in Michigan.

"This is like coming home," she said. "I'm doing what I love—meeting people, helping people. For me, it always comes back to the people."

The Healing Center is located at 661 Broadway in downtown Davisburg. For more information, call 248-634-5600 or check out www.michiganhealingcenter.webs.com

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Obituary

Christina 'Tina' Watterworth

Christina "Tina" Watterworth of Clarkston passed away April 9 at the age of 89.

She was born May 12, 1918, to Greek immigrants James and Rea Stavropoulos. She was preceded in death by her husband Clarence N. "Bud", infant daughter Mary, and her brothers Constantine "Gus" Stevens and Socrates "Babe" Stevens. She was the loving mother of Rea (David) Gustafson of Wisc., Patti Watterworth of Holly, Laura (Mark) Surre of Clarkston of Clarkston, Paul (Alice) Watterworth of Fla. and Christine Watterworth of Texas; grandmother of nine and great grandmother of 13.

Mrs. Watterworth was a woman of great courage and determination, facing the last



years of her illness with perseverance.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Clarkston. Sewing was her passion and gardening was her therapy. Funeral Service was April

12 8 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Entombment All Saints Cemetery, Waterford.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Childrens Research Hospital or Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. On line guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Ellen 'Joanne' Newsome

Ellen "Joanne" Newsome of Clarkston passed away April 6, at the age of 62.

She was the mother of Michael (Jewel) Newsome of Clarkston and James "Jim" (Sandra) Cook of Lincoln Park; grandmother of Zabrina and Gabreal, Michael, Zachary, Samantha and Taylor; sister of Jim (Florence) Cook of Whitmore Lake and David (Ilene) Cook of Livonia.

Funeral service was April 9 at Clarkston



Free Methodist Church. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Memorials may be made to the family. Online guest book

www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Stephen Timothy Oakley

Stephen Timothy Oakley of Grand Blanc passed away April 11 at the age of 64.

He was the husband of Janet; father of Jenelle (Tony) Callan of Waterford and James (Victoria) Oakley of Ill.; son of Dora (the late James) Oakley of Texas; "Poppo" of Liam, Evan and Nolan; brother of Deborah Oakley of Texas and Bethine (William) Marquardt of Ariz.

Mr. Oakley retired from General Motors. He enjoyed the time he spent boating, golfing and entertaining at his cottage in



Ludington.

Visitation was April 13-14 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral service was April 15 at Clarkston Community Church. Interment Lakeview Cemetery.

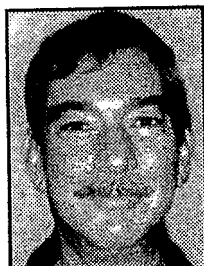
Memorials may be made to Eastern Michigan Food Bank. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Hans B. Keydel

Hans B. Keydel of Clarkston passed away unexpectedly April 11 at the age of 54.

He was the husband of Michelle for 18 years; father of Kyle and Stacy; son of Doris Keydel of Bloomfield Township; son-in-law of Allen and Carol Cadieux of Harrison Township; brother of Kris (Janet) Keydel of Va., Mark (Keltie) Keydel of Vt. and Karl (Patti) Keydel of N.Y. He was preceded in death by his father Robert.

Memorial service was April 15 at First Congregational Church, Clarkston. Funeral



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In lieu of flowers any donations to the family will be used for the future education of Kyle and

Stacy.

Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

John E. 'Jack' Marshall

John E. "Jack" Marshall of Clarkston, formerly of Davisburg, passed away April 8 at the age of 72.

He was the husband of Dorothy for 53 years; father of John W. (Diane) Marshall of Tenn., Debbie Marshall and Daniel (Tracy) Marshall, all of Clarkston; grandfather of Justin, Adam, Miranda, Nathan and Jack; brother of James (Annette) Marshall of St. Clair and Paul (Vicki)

Marshall of White Lake.

Mr. Marshall owned and operated One Way Industries, Madison Heights. He enjoyed golfing and family vacations.

Funeral Service was April 11 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society.

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Pauline M. Poage

Pauline M. Poage of Clarkston passed away April 3 at the age of 78.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John. She was the loving mother of Kathleen (James) Knol of Ann Arbor and Julie Poage of Spokane, Wash.; and beloved grandmother of Meghan Knol.

Mrs. Poage retired from Oakland University after 16 years of service as a secretary. She enjoyed knitting, watching the Pistons and walking her beloved dog



Heidi.

Private arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association. On

line guest book
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Robert H. Parker

Robert H. Parker of Clarkston passed away April 13 at the age of 87.

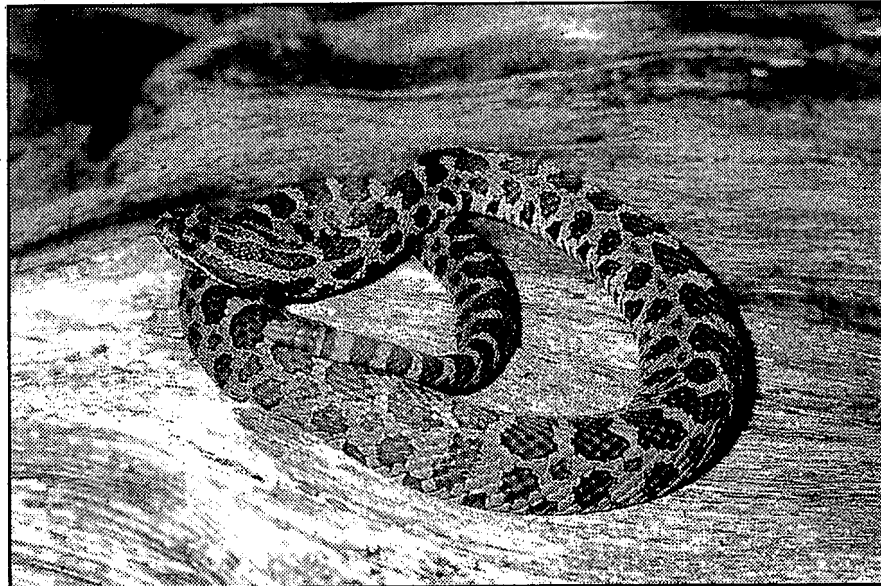
He was the husband of Marilyn for 61 years; father of Sandy Gosley of Clarkston, Robert II (Sandy) of Fla., Ronald of Waterford and Linda (Phillip) Stebelton of Mt. Pleasant; also survived by 12 grandchildren and several great grandchildren; brother of Audrey Kidwell of Fla., Beverly Tyler of Clarkston and the late Donald.

Mr. Parker was a lifetime member of the



Disabled American Veterans. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII and retired from Pontiac Motors after 30 years of service.

Funeral service, Wednesday, April 16, 10 a.m., at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com



Snake ID classes April 19

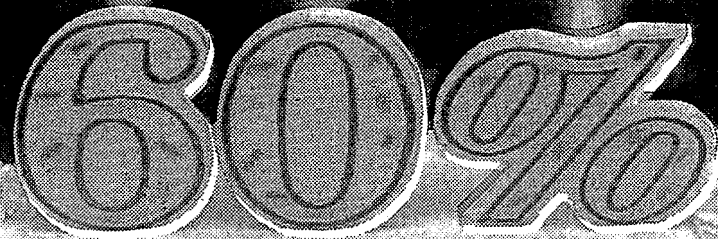
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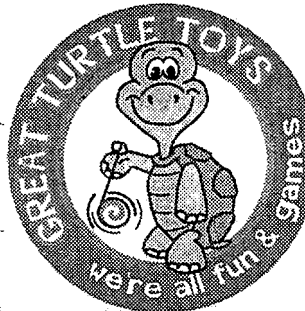
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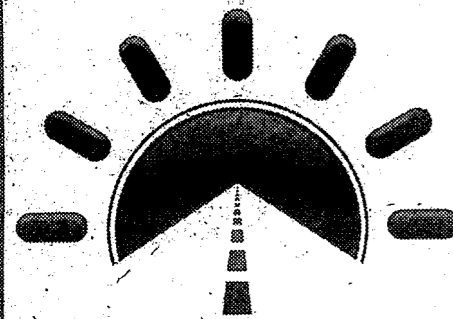
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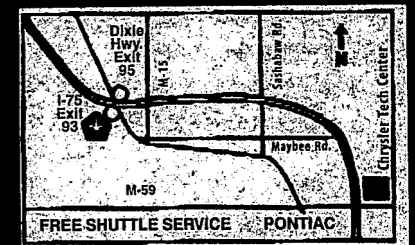
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From left, Ducks Unlimited volunteers Greg Middleton, Bob Brown, Andrew Doran, with their children, and, from right, John Plautz, Rob Ward, and Chuck Myers helped Eagle Scout Matthew Jarjosa install his duck houses.

Houses for his feathered friends

Matthew Jarjosa of Davisburg had fine weather Saturday for his Eagle Scout project – if you're a duck.

That's fine – they're the recipients of five houses he constructed, with the help of local businesses and conservation groups.

"I wanted to do something nature oriented – I've always liked nature," said Jarjosa, 17, Troop 49 in Clarkston and son of Joe and Paula Jarjosa.

"He loves wildlife," Joe said.

"When this venue became possible, he hopped on it and he's been all over it."

With the help of fellow scouts and volunteers with Ducks Unlimited, he posted the houses on property owned by the North Oakland Headwaters Conservancy next to Greens Lake.

He also received assistance from the Aaron Harris Spinal Cord Injury Foundation and Home Depot in Auburn Hills.



From left, Clarkston Boy Scouts Josh Bertrum, Steve McNally, Michael Jones, Spencer Smith, Mike Dunn, Matthew Jarjosa, Jason Dunn, and Matt Dunn helped Jarjosa build these duck houses for his Eagle project. Photos by Phil Custodio

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PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

The Charter Township of Independence announces a Public Accuracy testing of the computer program for the Election on May 6, 2008.

The testing will be held on April 22, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. at the Independence Township Supervisor's Office, Conference Room, 90 N. Main Street, Clarkston, MI.

Shelagh VanderVeen, Clerk
Charter Township of Independence

Published: April 16, 2008

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet on Wednesday, May 7, 2008 at 7:30 PM at the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI 48346 to hear the following cases:

Case #08-0012 Ma, Thomas, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS HEIGHT VARIANCE OF 6' FOR ACCESSORY STRUCTURE (FIRE REPAIR/REMODEL-ALREADY BUILT)
8591 Allen Rd., 3 Acres, R-1R
08-07-400-021

Case #08-0013 Borchardt, Douglas, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUEST EXTENSION OF VARIANCE GRANTED ON 7/18/07 (ZBA CASE #07-0025) TO BUILD TWO STORY ADDITION WITH WALKOUT BASEMENT ON NON CONFORMING LOT OF RECORD.
4661 Ennismore Dr., Lot 14, R-1A
Woodhull Lake Sub.
08-34-386-013

Case #08-0014 Gavulic, Gary, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS FRONT YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 11' PLUS 2ND FRONT YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 17' TO CONSTRUCT SECOND STORY, GARAGE AND COVERED PORCH ADDITIONS TO HOME ON NON-CONFORMING LOT OF RECORD
7031 Hillside Dr., Lot 4, R-1A
Lake View Heights
08-20-355-003

Case #08-0015 John Bowman Chevrolet, Inc., Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE FOR TWO ADDITIONAL WALL SIGNS PLUS 55 SQ FT OF ADDITIONAL SIGN AREA
6750 Dixie Highway, 3.26 Acres, C-3
John Bowman Chevrolet, Inc.
08-29-453-031

Case #08-0016 Hamlin Pub, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE TO SECTION 50-861 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW A ONE DAY EVENT, SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2008.
6397 Sashabaw Rd., C-2
Independence Town Square
08-27-100-045

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

Respectfully submitted,
Shelagh VanderVeen, Clerk

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Sashabaw Plains, Inc. will hold a special meeting of its owners, partners, members and/or stockholders at the Senior Center Carriage House, Independence Township Clintwood Park, 6000 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, Michigan on May 31, 2008, at 1:00 pm. The special meeting shall be held to present a proposal to transfer by donation all real estate, assets and records of the Sashabaw Plains Cemetery to the Charter Township of Independence for the continued care, maintenance and administration of the cemetery, including the liquidation of the Sashabaw Plains Trust and the transfer of its assets to a cemetery account to be established by the Charter Township of Independence for the continued care and maintenance of the Sashabaw Plains Cemetery, and the dissolution of the Sashabaw Plains Corporation following the transfer of the cemetery and the Trust to the Charter Township of Independence.

Thief sentenced

A 23-year-old Clarkston man was sentenced to 183 days in the Oakland County Jail and two years probation on April 1 for his part in the thefts of catalytic converters from several Brandon Township businesses.

Jason Brian Morgan was credited with 73 days served and was also ordered by Sixth Judicial Circuit Court Judge Shalina Kumar to pay \$23,734.51 in fines and court costs.

According to police reports, Morgan and Dannie Vernon Vore, Jr., of Goodrich, took converters from vehicles parked at area businesses including Solley's, Master Rack, Randy Wise Ford, Hamilton's, Papa Bella's, Ortonville Transmission, and Waste Away.

The thefts began around August and ended after the pair were found stealing a catalytic converter from a park-and-ride lot in Independence Township in January.

Vore was sentenced on March 4 to 210 days in jail, with credit for 41 days served, and was ordered to pay \$20,870.43 in restitution.

- Susan Bromley

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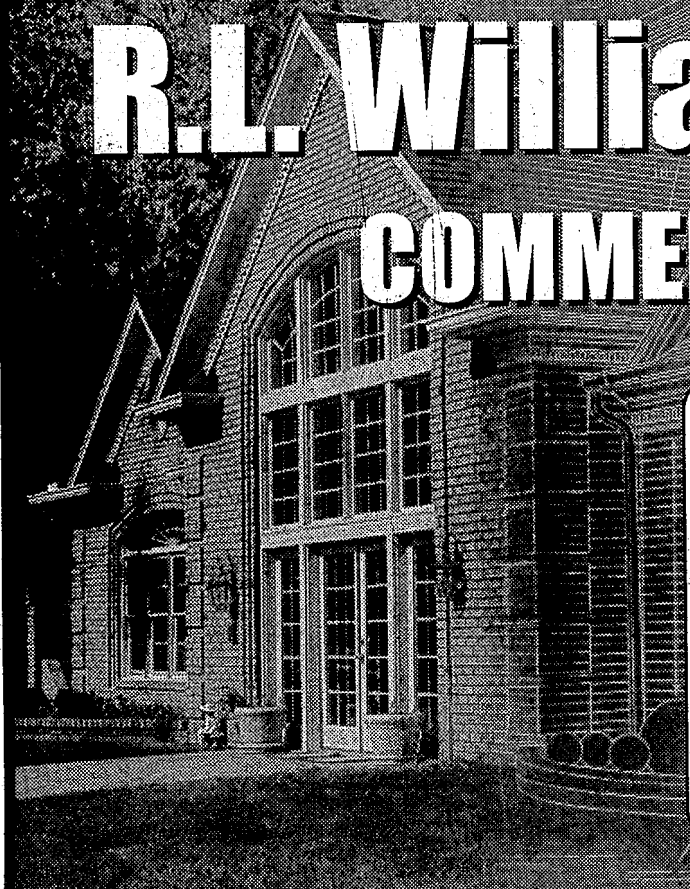
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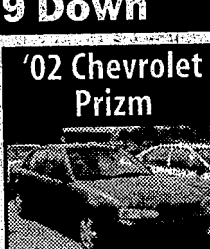


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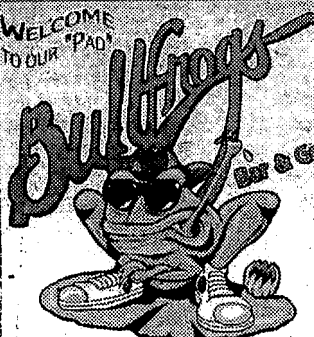
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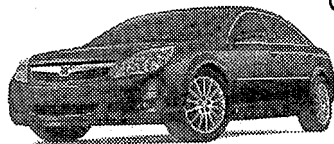
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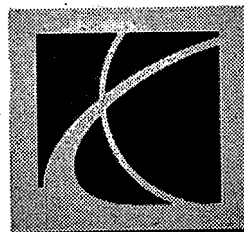
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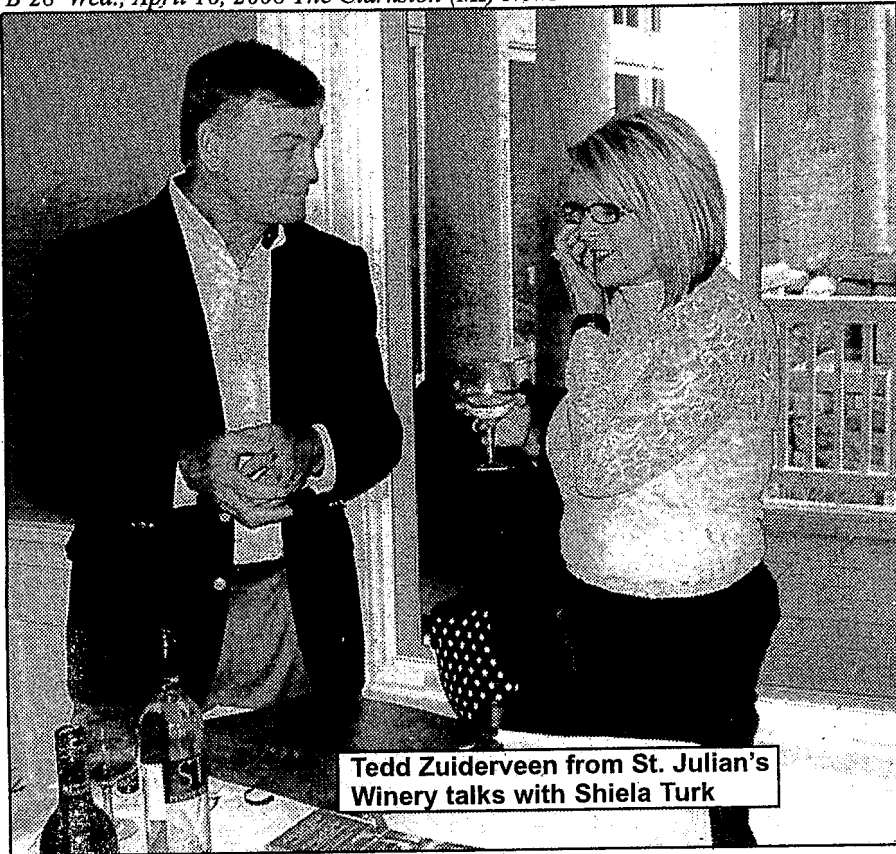
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Tedd Zuiderveen from St. Julian's Winery talks with Shiela Turk



Dan Matthies from Chateau Fontaine Winery pours Kip Barker a glass

ROTARY'S SIGN OF SPRING

The Clarkston Rotary Club celebrated their Spring 2008 wine tasting at Oakhurst Golf Country Club, April 9.

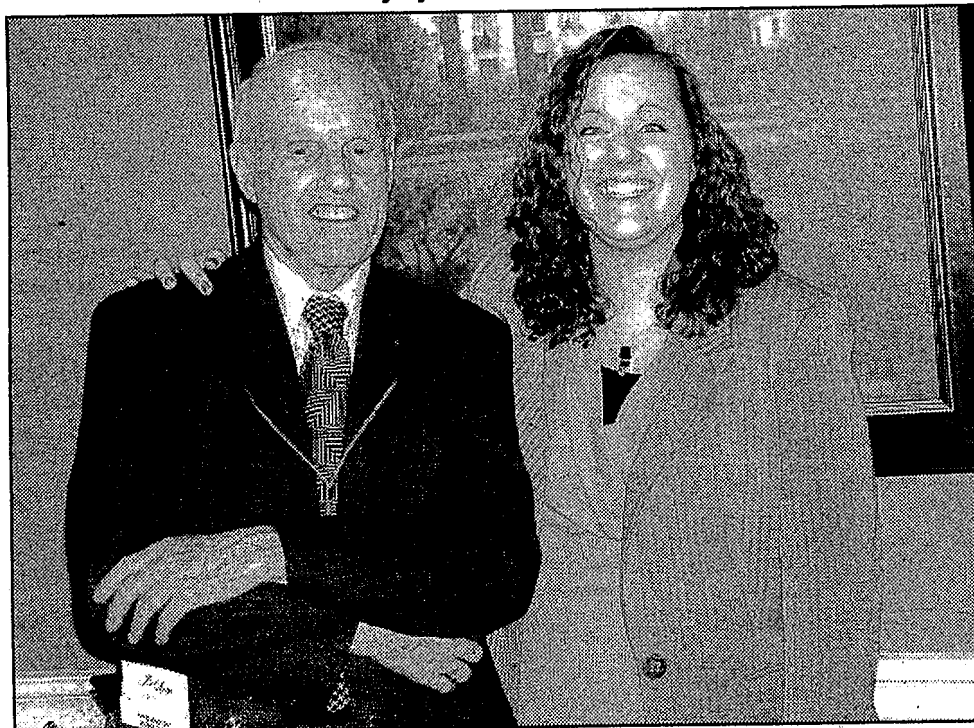
"This is Rotary's big money maker," said vice President Bart Clark. "All money goes to local Clarkston charity. It's money well spent."

Between advertising and ticket sales, the club had already raised between \$2,000 - \$3,000, before the night began.

"Oakhurst Country Club is a beautiful place," said Clark. "It's a sign of spring."

Clark noted all wines presented were from Michigan wineries, including Bel Lago Winery, Brys Estate, Chateau Chantal, Chateau Fontaine, L. Mawby Vineyards, Left Foot Charlie, Lone Oak Vineyard Estate, St. Julian Winery, Chateau de Leelanau, Willow Vineyards, Sandhill Crane Vineyards, and Blackstar Winery.

Photo story by Trevor Keiser



Rotarian Harold Wiederhold and Cristy Catlett smile for the camera.



Tim Everhard and Tina Thomson share a toast.



Prosecutor Randy Secontine along with Judge Dana Fortinberry.