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Hall of fame inducts Coach Richardson

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

For Kurt Richardson, making the Hall of Fame reflects on all of Clarkston

"The amount of pride coaches and players have in town, huge amount of pride in athletics all together," Richardson said.

"Clarkston football is legendary around Michigan. It's kids working hard and having a good work ethic. I have been so fortunate to have great assistant coaches. I work with great people."

He was inducted into Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame, April 19, at University of Michigan.

"I feel fortunate and blessed," said Richardson, coach for 32 years and head varsity coach since 1987.

Richardson's induction into the hall of fame was announced at the Wolves basketball game against Waterford Mott in the Feb-

ruary district finals. Fans and students rose from their seats and gave a standing ovation.

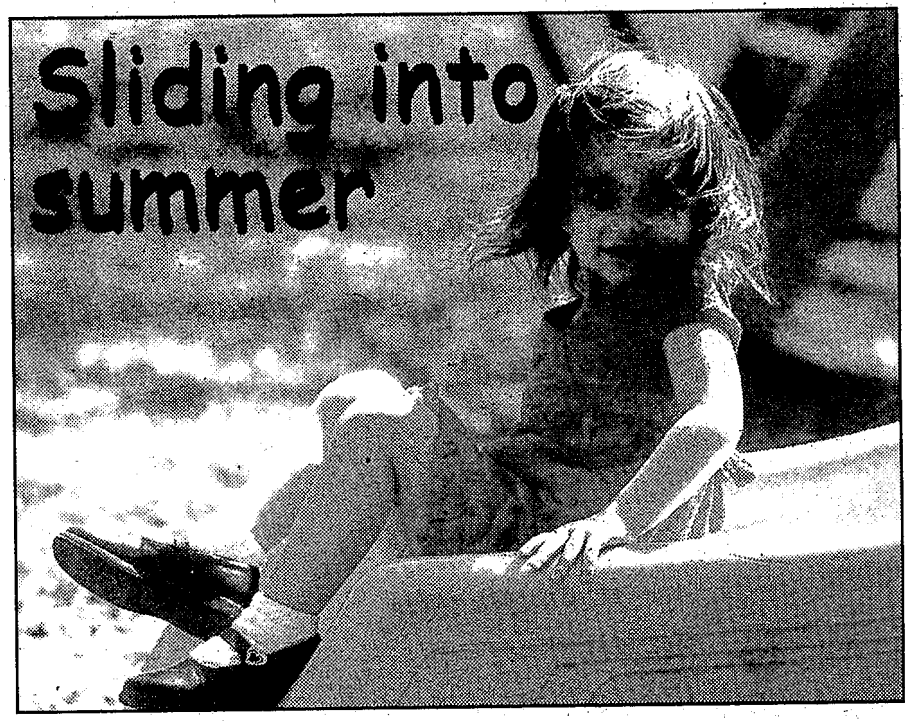
"That was a special moment," said Richardson. "It was a surprise they announced it."

During his coaching years, he has accumulated an overall record of 205-95 and led Clarkston to the MHSAA finals 10 times, including two back-to-back trips to the state finals in 1999 and 2000.

"It's a tremendous honor for Kurt," said Clarkston Athletic Director Dan Fife, life-long friend. "It's an accumulation of all the hard work he has put into the program."

"It's a distinction well deserved," said Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts. "He cares deeply about the program and players - he does a terrific job as coach and a great job guiding young men. That's what we're most proud

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Sliding into summer

Ella Klein, 3, was all smiles as she ran and played under a warm, sunny sky in Clarkston's Depot Park last week. See more photos from the park on page A28. Photo by Laura Colvin

Five vie for school board

Five candidates are running for two, four-year terms in the May 6 Clarkston School Board election. Candidates were provided identical questionnaires covering school issues - here is the first part of their responses. Check next week for their plans for the school budget and other issues.

Susan Boatman, my husband and I moved to Independence Township 19 years ago. My two children were educated in the Clarkston schools and they are continuing their education in college. I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from Michigan State University and a Master of Business Administration degree in Management from Wayne State University. I have 19-years experience working in Information Technology, including 11 years as a department manager in the banking industry.

Why do you want to be elected?

I would like to be elected to the school board to allow me to combine my interest in public education with my commitment to community service. During 15 years of volunteering in the Clarkston school district I

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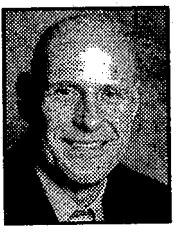


Jeff Broughton, 20-year resident of the community, single with two children, currently work for EDS as a global program manager and for the Michigan Army National Guard as a colonel.

Why do you want to be elected?

I am running for the School Board because I have a great passion for the children of this community, and the education they receive from the Clarkston schools. I am grateful that my children have received a world-class education from the teachers and administrators of this district. Election to the Board of Education allows me to serve the district and the community in a way that best leverages my leadership, management and commu

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Brian L. Kitchin, married to Kelly with an 11 year old, Chelsea, who attends Sashabaw Middle School. I am retired from General Motors Truck and Bus. I have been a resident of Clarkston for 9 years. Before that I was born and raised in Lake Orion. I am a Viet Nam Era veteran.

Why do you want to be elected?

I feel I can bring to the Board something that is missing, from Washington D.C. to the classrooms. That is some old-fashioned common sense.

Experience?

None. But I don't feel that should be considered a great handicap. All you have to do is look around at our career politicians at all levels to see that they are the main problem in this country, state and county.

Evaluation of Clarkston Community

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No picture provided

Joan Patterson, 49, incumbent, 21 years in community, husband Thomas Patterson, child Jeffrey Patterson, who goes to Clarkston schools; Systems Analyst, Certified Tennis Professional, Business Owner.

Why do you want to be re-elected?

I have enjoyed the challenges and commitment required as both a school board trustee, and this year school board secretary, and would like to continue to serve the community in this manner. I have the time, background, and commitment to help make sure Clarkston schools stand for a rigorous education for the 21st century.

Challenges facing public education, including cuts in funding, mandates from the state and federal government levels, and the difficult finan

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Joe Wauldron, 66, three years in Clarkston, married to Beverly; daughter Jill, who is earning a Masters Degree in Math and substiting in Clarkston schools; two grandchildren, Evan, 5, Ryan, 4

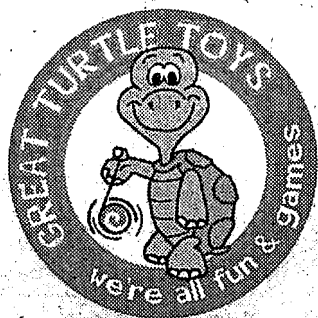
Why do you want to be elected?

The reason I am running for the Clarkston Board of Education is because of my grandchildren. As with other parents and grandparents, we all want to be sure they are getting the best education to make them better students as they proceed into their later years. By being on the school board, I can make sure the budget is there to provide the tools necessary for all the students' education.

Experience?

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Clarkston teachers Danielle Fuller, Christine Rogers and Elizabeth Gifford were honored by the School Board for their Outstanding Teacher award nominations. Photo by Phil Custodio

Teachers honored for award nominations

Clarkston Community Schools teachers Elizabeth Gifford, Pine Knob Elementary first grade, Christine Rogers, social studies at Clarkston Junior High School, and Danielle Fuller, social studies at Clarkston High School.

They were honored by Clarkston Board of Education April 14 for their student

nominations.

All nominees will also be honored at the Oakland County Outstanding Teacher of the Year Awards program Thursday, May 8, at Oakland Schools, 2111 Pontiac Lake Road in Waterford.

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Spring Fair set April 25

North Sashabaw Elementary hosts the Spring Fair, 5-8 p.m., Friday April 25. The fair will feature children's games, "All You Can Eat" buffet with salad, mostaccioli with meat sauce, and chicken fettuccine, face painting, cake walk, basket drawing, and silent auction.

Tickets available at the door. Buffet - \$6/adult or \$3/child. Game tickets are \$6 for 12 punches, 1-2 punches per game.

North Sashabaw Elementary is located at 5290 Maybee Road. For questions, call 248-623-4100.

Spiker clinic set for June

Learn new skills or improve current skills at the Annual Clarkston Volleyball Clinic.

It is open to any girls going into grades 5-12 this fall.

The clinic will be Monday, June 16, through Friday, June 20. The clinic is 8 a.m.-10 a.m. for girls in grade 9-12, and 10 a.m.-12 p.m. for grades 5-8.

Participants will receive a short-sleeved T-shirt, and can earn awards for outstanding athletes, attitudes, and tournament champs.

The cost is \$60. Sign up now, registration ends June 3.

Flyers are available at all Clarkston schools or online at the Clarkston High School Volleyball website, at www.clarkston.k12.mi.us/education/sportszone.

Golf at Metropark

Indian Springs Metropark will host the Carl's Golf and Metroparks Junior Tournament on July 18.

The tournament is open to boys ages 18 and younger.

Winners will advance to a regional final tournament at Stony Creek Metropark on Aug. 5.

Tournament fees and registration information are available at Indian Springs. Applications are available at www.metroparks.com. For more information, call 248-625-7280.

Join hands for nature

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy is set to open one of its preserves to the public.

But first they need some help.

"There's a lot to do," said Joan Harbaugh, chair for NOHLC's Stewardship program.

Volunteers are needed Saturday, May 3, for the Join Hands Project at the Nels Kimball Sanctuary, a 41-acre wooded preserve in the southeast quadrant of I-75 and M-15.

Workers will wood chip pathways, remove thorny invasive plants, clear underbrush and deadwood for more trails, install signs and birdhouses, plant 800 fir trees, and create additional habitat for animals.

"The little ones can move small rocks to provide places for salamanders and frogs, organize piles of trigs for small animals to nest in," Harbaugh said. "A fun thing is they'll fill mesh bags with feathers and yarn, and hang them from a tree, for birds to make the nests."

Moving piles of woodchips, donated by Michigan Department of Transportation, into the woods for trails will require a lot of helpers and wheelbarrows, she said.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans sponsors Join Hands, a national, intergenerational day of service.

"We want to bring the community together," said Heidi Quitmeyer, president of Thrivent's North Oakland Chapter.

"We'll have things to do for everybody, for every generation, from 2 years old to 90. Different generations don't get together that often. We'll have a good time and strengthen community."

Dozens of Thrivent volunteers are expected, but as many more volunteers as possible are needed and welcome, Quitmeyer said.



Judge Dana Fortinberry, Heidi Quitmeyer, president of Thrivent's North Oakland Chapter, Joan Harbaugh, chair for North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy's Stewardship program, and Katie Anderson, NOHLC executive director.

"This is a neat thing, something the community should be involved in," said David Wagner, Independence Township supervisor, who volunteered at last year's Join Hands.

"It's a lot of work, but it's a labor of love. It really pays off."

The project is a good way to maintain and preserve privately donated, local green space, he said.

"It shows we're able to maintain it properly," Wagner said.

Judge Dana Fortinberry, also a volunteer with NOHLC, was set to bring in workers with the Oakland County Boot Camp, but the program will be cancelled for budgetary reasons by then.

"This is a great project," Fortinberry said.

"We had a ton of fun last year. It was a blast."

"It's very enjoyable. Lots of camaraderie," Harbaugh said.

This is the third year Thrivent is working with the land conservancy, Quitmeyer said.

The first year, they worked at Springfield Oaks county park. Last year, the cleared trails and installed birdhouses at the Kimball Sanctuary.

"This is like a place up north," Harbaugh said. "With fuel prices so high, this is a great place to bring the family."

Light breakfast will be served at 9 a.m. May 3. Work is set to start at 9:30 a.m.

A new sign describing the preserve and the Clinton River Watershed will be unveiled at noon, followed by a light lunch.

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Green group gets ballot approval

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Voters will decide whether going green is worth an extra \$765,000.

Independence Township trustees voted unanimously April 15 to put the 0.45 mill property tax increase up for a vote Nov. 4. The money would be used to buy property and preserve it as undeveloped, green space.

"Well, I've got to say, I'm very, very pleased considering that they (board members) all said 'yes,'" said Jim Reed, a member of Independence Goes Green and the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy.

"Between now and probably the Fourth of July, we'll be trying to line up some of the local organizations to get behind us. We'll be talking to the Rotary, the chamber, the Lions, anybody

we can get to listen to us and explain why we think it's important that they get behind us."

Henry Woloson, township resident and financial advisor, spoke against the proposal at the township board meeting.

"It is inappropriate that the tax payers should be paying for this when there are mechanisms available for private citizens who believe in this," Woloson said.

Township residents already pay for open space preservation: 0.25 mill to Oakland County Parks since 1966 and another 0.25 mill to Huron Court Clinton Metro-Park Authority since 1939, he said.

Taxpayers also paid for open spaces around schools, he said.

"As a financial advisor I have to deal with people on a daily basis who are losing their

jobs, who are being required to cut back their income," he said. "The foreclosure rate alone in both our state and township is an indication that individuals simply cannot afford to have an additional tax burden placed on them - it's the wrong idea at this time. We don't need it."

"The public needs have already been met. If the private needs have not been met, than it's up to private parties to pay for it with private funds," he noted "That's the way it's done."

Independence Goes Green raised more than \$9,000 to conduct a phone poll in February. The poll, conducted by TelOpinion of Virginia, surveyed about 400 people.

The original plan was to put 0.6 mills on the ballot, but only 49 percent supported it. However, 60 percent of those surveyed said they

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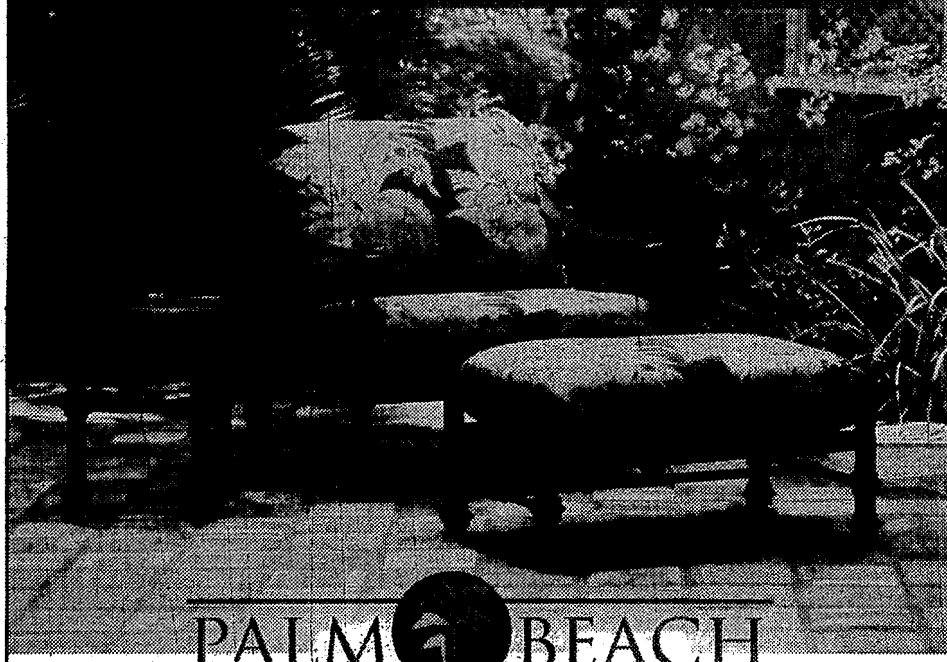
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Back to the bench

Fortinberry campaigns for re-election

BY LAURA COLVIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Judge Dana Fortinberry spent a recent afternoon leafing through campaign literature from her 2002 bid for the bench in Clarkston's 52-2 District Court.

Before publicly announcing plans to seek reelection in 2008, Fortinberry said, she wanted to make certain she'd kept the promises she made six years ago.

"I was pleased to see I'd accomplished every single thing I said I would accomplish," she said. "I am very aware that I've been entrusted with a tremendous amount of responsibility, and I'm proud of the fact that I have continued meet that responsibility and accomplish the goals I set out to accomplish."

As Fortinberry prepares to seek reelection—district court judges are elected to six-year terms on a nonpartisan ballot—she cites the 52-2's Sobriety Court as the "crowning achievement" of her first term.

A voluntary, but highly-supervised 15-25 month treatment program, Sobriety Court uses a team approach to help those with a second offense drunk driving conviction overcome substance abuse issues and end "the revolving door of justice" often experienced by addicted offenders.

The program, under the direction of Fortinberry and Judge Kelley Kostin, boasts a graduation rate of more than 85 percent and a recidivism rate of just 8 percent (compared to a national average of 33 percent for repeat drunk driving offenders).

According to Fortinberry, an independent evaluation conducted in 2007 by the State Court Administrator's Office, the 52-2 District Court Sobriety Court Program was found to be a model among drug and sobriety court programs in Michigan.

"I've been fortunate to work with Judge Kostin because she also brings a lot of passion to Sobriety Court," Fortinberry said. "I think it's really important both of us be fully involved in that program."

Fortinberry said she'd like to continue and grow the program, with increased community collaboration.

Facilitators are currently in the process, she explained, of forging a relationship with McLaren Health Care Corporation to provide health screening and ongoing minor health care for Sobriety Court participants.

"Often people who've been addicted to al-



Judge Dana Fortinberry

cohol for a period of time have some serious health problems," she said. "I think we're remiss in taking them through a path to sobriety without analyzing physical issues, as well."

In addition to Sobriety Court, Fortinberry also listed the following accomplishments of her first term:

- Court in School: Twice each year, Fortinberry takes her entire docket to the auditoriums of three local high schools—Clarkston, Brandon and Lakeland High School in White Lake—to hold actual court sessions. The day-long events provide high school students with a first-hand look the criminal justice system and court procedure.

- Community Service Garden: Although controversial at inception, the garden is now located at Springfield Oaks County Park and overseen by the Oakland County Department of Community Corrections. Convicted offenders work to pay back debts to the community, producing more than 20,000 pounds of vegetables each year. The produce is donated to charitable organizations.

- Reorganization of fine and costs schedule: In recent years, Fortinberry said, the 52-2 has eliminated a more than \$1 million-per-year budget deficit previously shouldered by Oakland County taxpayers.

"From my experience with other courts with judges who were good managers I knew that did not have to be the case," she said. "My philosophy is the people who utilize the court services should pay for the court service."

- Elimination of caseload backlog: "By early 2004, the 52-2 District Court's caseload reports reflected operations that are some of the most efficient in the state," said Fortinberry, who inherited a backlog of cases when she took the bench in 2003. "The judges and staff of the court continue to fine tune caseload handling procedures on a daily basis in response to changes in law and court rule mandated by the state."

- Collections program: Fortinberry and Kostin

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Ritter returns to public service as city manager

BY LAURA COLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Dennis Ritter doesn't like to think of himself as the guy who will fill the shoes left behind by retiring Clarkston City Manager Art Pappas.

But, Ritter said he's prepared to serve the community in which he lives.

"No one will ever replace Art," he said. "But I'm honored I was selected to fill the spot he's held so admirably for the last 45 years. The guy is just terrific."

Ritter, 62, was selected as the best of two final candidates interviewed by the city council.

The council voted 6-0 at the regular April 14 meeting to hire Ritter. Councilman Mike Gawronski, who did not attend the city manager candidate interviews, abstained from the vote.

Ritter and his wife, Sandra, moved to Clarkston from Waterford about 2 years ago when a home they built on Waldon was complete. The couple has two grown children; Mike is a Waterford police officer and Sarah lives near Atlanta, Georgia.

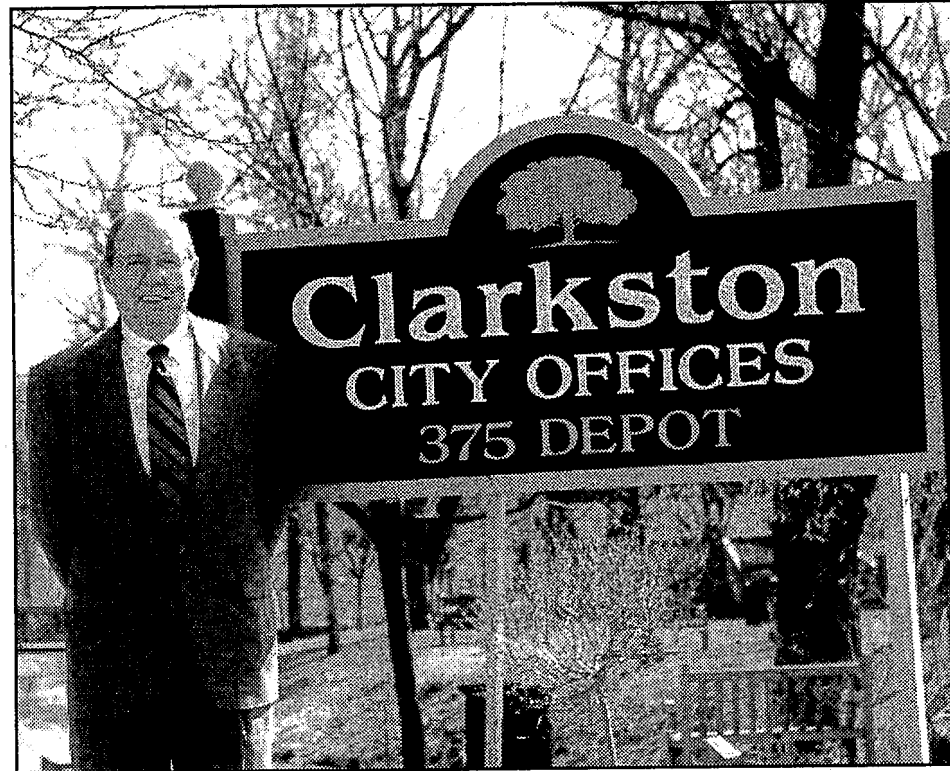
Although Ritter and the council have not yet drawn up a contract or defined specific working hours, he anticipates a 3-4 day work week, and will probably begin spending time in the city offices mid-May.

"It's going to be important to sit by Art's side for a couple of months and get a feel for the operation," he said.

Due to budget concerns, the city manager's job will become an hourly, rather than salaried, position once Pappas retires June 30.

"It's a small and very lean budget," said Ritter, noting he's already looked over a number of city documents, including the budget, charter and recently-adopted policy and procedures manual. "It's really remarkable how they're able to get things done with that amount of money, particularly in view of the fact that the state continues to cut revenue sharing."

The city's total 2008 revenues are currently



Dennis Ritter, who formerly served as both treasurer and supervisor in Waterford Township, will become Clarkston's new city manager when Art Pappas retires June 30. Photo by Laura Colvin

estimated at \$875,835, with expenditures totaling \$875,830—but Pappas said the outlook was likely to improve, at least slightly, before the budget year ends June 30.

As Ritter prepares to step in, he plans to take one day at a time and says he has no immediate plans.

"More than anything else, I really need to sit down with the council and see what they have in terms of priorities and needs and see what we can do to obtain those goals," he said. "As we go through the process I'm going to see things and maybe have a different perspective, which I'll present for consideration."

Ritter said he believes a team management approach is important, especially in such a small community.

"It has to be a participative type of government where everyone is involved," he said. "I think by and large the council has a pretty good pulse of the community. It's a diverse council and that's good—it's really good for the community."

Ritter also said he is a proponent of open government.

"In a general sense, government has to be transparent," he said. "I think it's important that everybody knows what going on in the community. Everyone wants to feel safe and be safe. You have to have information to satisfy those needs."

"I believe in transparency," he said. "Absolutely."

During his administration in Waterford, Ritter oversaw development of the

township's \$3 million library, as well as a \$10-million township-wide water filtration system.

Although projects of such a large scope are not likely to occur in Clarkston any time soon, Ritter said he's looking forward to getting back into municipal work.

"It's in the blood, almost like working in the market all those years," said Ritter, who's family owned and operated a produce market in Independence Township for many years. "Once you get a taste of it, and it's something you like, you continue to prosper in that profession."

Ritter's family arrived in the area during the 1940s. As one of 12 children, he often worked alongside his father at the family produce stand located on Dixie Highway near M-15.

The landscape, he said, looks a little different these days.

"I can remember taking the Greyhound bus from Pontiac and getting off at the fruit market," he said. "It was flat out rural here, it really was. We've seen a lot of change."

Today, Ritter said he enjoys the small town amenities that still exist in Clarkston.

"It's nice being able to walk to the donut shop to get a cup of coffee and a donut and sit down to talk with your neighbors," he said. "And it's nice to be able to walk your dog around the area—and we do that frequently."

Ritter said he also enjoys the local park.

"Depot Park is a great place, particularly when they have Concerts in the Park," he said. "People come from all over for that. Clarkston is just a nice attractive, place—a close-knit place. I'm honored to be able to serve in a community like that."

In addition to giving Ritter the nod, the city council also 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—manager, clerk and treasurer, but told the council last fall he was ready to retire.

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Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Reardon

Ode to spring

Winter is over and spring is finally here. I am filled with excitement. I can't help it. I think my hot summers in California ruined me. Our 70 degree days have felt a little chilly to me.

The nice weather means that the spring sports can continue on as planned. No more cancellations. (Unless it's rainy or there is a really bad storm like a few Fridays ago.)

Every time I go to a Wolves soccer game, I would remember more and more. It's amazing what you forget after some 14 years.

I remember practicing to get ready for our game against Lake Orion, and the determination we had for Oxford to prevail.

Also, I remember real grass. Real dirt. Real mud. Ahh, the bruises of falling on the ground.

Practices were sunny. Game days were rainy, windy, and snowy. Sometimes we had hail. Sometimes we had to cancel a game because the thunderstorm had gone on to long and the lightning would not pass.

But that was spring in Michigan and it gave us variety.

Each game I got a chance to play. I wasn't good, but I wasn't bad. But to me it was a treat. But I worked hard during practice and always tried. Because of that, Coach Green would let me know how hard I worked and tried in practice. He let me prove myself during games.

All the hard work led to me starting in the Holly game. (That I did not remember off the top of my head, I found it in an English paper I wrote.)

So Coach Green had an impact on my life.

I had just finished my first boys lacrosse game of the season and the Notre Dame Prep's girls soccer team was invading the field to practice for their game.

I was close to leaving the game and there he was. A ghost of spring past. My coach. I felt overwhelmed. But first I grabbed Notre Dame's roster in case I was mistaken.

There it was on the bottom. Coach Doug Green. It was him. He was still coaching. I was thrilled.

And he was the varsity coach. He was a good coach he deserved a varsity position.

I made a choice. I would go over and say hi.

So I made my way and waited for his conversation with the other coach to end before I re-introduced myself.

Coach Green remembered me.



The Clarkston News

Viewpoints

Beaumont should give it up

Dear Editor,

If it were not for the too massive project currently proposed, I would agree a Beaumont facility could be an asset for our community.

Neither Beaumont nor our community needs all of the different buildings and uses they have proposed to cram into this area.

There are five fundamental problems that must first be resolved:

- Invasion into residential area to the north;
- Resulting impact on the onsite wetlands and effects downstream beginning with Cranberry Lake;
- Effects on the water table;
- Height and resulting increase in density of the hospital; and
- Profound impact on an already bad traffic situation caused by a too intense project, which is the result of height and unnecessary use of residential property.

The five items I describe do not preclude the possibility of a hospital.

It is not enough for Beaumont to merely chip away at one or two of these problems, continuing on the path of testing us to see how much they can cram on to this property. If they continue on that futile approach, their expressions about timing and delay should be ignored as self-inflicted.

It would be a mistake for Beaumont to focus only on their intrusion into the residential area, hoping this will quell neighbors' objections.

Search for pet comes to a sad end

Dear Editor,

I am taking this opportunity to say that Benny the Beagle's story has ended. On Friday, April 18, I removed his body from the pond where he had fallen through the ice 2 1/2 weeks earlier.

We had hoped and prayed for a different outcome, but now we know we can stop looking for Benny.

In addition to thanking Fire Department and Sheriff's Department personnel and the American Speedy Printing shop as I had earlier, I would also like to thank all the caring people in our community that looked for Benny, sent their wishes to us and prayed for his safe return.

That tactic is doomed because the neighbors and the rest of the community realize there are other significant problems, including that the intensity resulting from height will have a significant impact on traffic and residents' access and safety.

They need to stop wasting time and energy on threats, unfounded accusations about our professional planner, surveys and the repeated jobs rhetoric.

Beaumont is reported to have said that without the hospital they will not come to our community. This merely confirms a significant part of their strategy is to compete with McLaren to get the state's approval to locate a hospital here. So they need to stop wasting time seeing how much they can cram into this project.

Beaumont should address all of these problems and significantly reduce the scale and adverse impact of the proposal to get local approval for what they really need.

The risk to them is that McLaren gets further entrenched and wins at the state for the only hospital here, if any.

I suppose Beaumont may have been somewhat misled in the beginning because they saw McLaren's local approval go so smoothly - McLaren could have and should have been made to conform to our height restrictions. But it is time for Beaumont to get over it and stop testing us.

Neil Wallace
Independence Township

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1993

"Portables approved for Clarkston High" To make room for freshmen at Clarkston High School in the fall, the district planned to buy four portable classrooms. The school needed room for 500 new students. The portables were to cost about \$160,000.

"Search for fire hall re-ignites in Independence" After a five-month layoff, Independence Township resumed a search to find a site for a new fire hall. The search committee was focusing on property along M-15.

"Board haggles over trash-toting Clarkstonites" Independence Township agreed to let Clarkston residents participate in the upcoming Spring Cleanup Days, over objections of officials who thought they should at least pay a non-resident fee.

25 years ago - 1983

"Teachers ratify two-year contract" Clarkston Education Association approved a two-year agreement, with no raise the first year and an unspecified increase in the second. District administration still had to approve the contract.

"Economy picks up; building department stalls" The Independence Township Building Department found itself shorthanded as the economy picked up, with a growing list of jobs and no time to do them.

"Postmaster opens doors to area" William Kinsley II took over Clarkston's post office. He worked as a letter carrier, officer in charge, and branch manager before becoming postmaster.

50 years ago - 1958

"Mrs. Wm. Shunck Woman of the Year" Waterford-Clarkston Business and Professional Women's Club named Mrs. William Schunck "Woman of the Year." She received a bronze engraved plaque, orchid corsage, and several gifts. She was chosen for her contributions to local culture, friendliness, and help to the sick and needy.

"Distance dialing started Sunday" The first long-distance telephone call dialed direct from this area was made April 19, 1958. Independence Township Supervisor Duane Hursfall called Rep. William Broomfield in Washington, D.C. Many local civic leaders attended ceremonies kicking off the new service.

"Schools plan safety if tornado strikes" Superintendent L.F. Greene organized practice drills for students, first aid supplies at all schools, and other safety programs in case of tornado.

Lastly, I want to thank *The Clarkston News* for its treatment of our story.

Robert Krouse
Independence Township

Et cetera, etc & etc

Few things rile me more, and more often, than the "pork barreling" that goes on in Washington.

Senators ask for and get bridges and roads to nowhere, airfields where there are no need for planes, subsidies for everything grown, etc.

Whatever lobbyist wants, lobbyist gets. It's a lot like Lola. You know! "Whatever Lola wants, Lola gets."

Maybe it's sleeping with (there's a lot of that going on) that gets it, but more often, I think, it's votes and money.

Lobbyists have been having field days for as long as anyone can remember when taxes are brought up. And, in Washington they have all 544 lawmakers listening intently for breaks and add-ons.

How else could our tax code reach 67,000 pages?

That's SIXTY-SEVENTHOUSAND!

There's got to be a loophole for even the middle class, whoever the candidates think that is. It's absolutely ridiculous, but then so are all our representatives who allow such rulings. I gotta get off this.

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Ever hear of "Little Husky Day Care?" Well, it's at Michigan Tech in Houghton, and it has given me a "You might be a YUPPER if," item. Chris and Jennifer Davidson enrolled their 3-month-old in it in early spring.

Chris asked, "What do I bring for Keegan?" "Make sure he has a snowsuit and mittens. We want him to be warm when we take him out for recess."

Recess for a 90-day-old! It should be very warming to Greg and Teresa Davidson in Oxford to know their grandson is being taught recess early.

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Jim's Jottings



a column by
Jim Sherman

good."

I have nothing!

Met up with Jerry Griffin recently. I've known him for many years. He's past president of Lions, heads Oxford's historical museum and more. He asked, "How you doing?"

I mentioned my bone break, need of a root canal, colonoscopy, etc. "How are you, Jerry?"

He said, quietly, "Since I had that heart attack between my chemo sessions, I've been

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Middle child, Daughter Luan, was with her daughter, Karen as they toured the Detroit Institute of Arts. They'd been there quite a while when Luan expressed her need, and not seeing any boy-girl images on doors.

She asked Karen if she'd seen any restrooms. Karen said, "I thought that was where it said, "Life's Pleasures."

Everyone's a comedienne.

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Wednesday, April 9

Dear Middle Child,

I tried to rationalize that you were trying to help when you took my clothes from the drier, but frankly, it wasn't a help, but a hinderance.

Most troubling was the hanging of my shirts.

My shirts are not to be hung on wire.

They are to be gently displayed on wooden hangers. And, they are all to be hung as follows:

- Hold the shirts in front of you with the shirt front away. The hanger is then to be held with the hook to your left, and the wooden hanger to be inserted into the right arm first.

- Then the shirt is to be hung from a rod brace with the front toward you.

- Spray the shirt with Downy Wrinkle Releaser and stretch it downward.

- Then hang the shirt on a door knob until I can place it in line in my closet.

Also, my stretch socks are not to be paired and pulled inside out like ankle-type. They are to be paired and folded twice. It saves time when they are chosen for wear.

Your folding of my boxer shorts was just fine.

Sincerely, Dad

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.

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Sometimes living in a community is a good thing

There is something to be said about privacy, minding your own businesses and hoping folks return the favor -- you tend to your backyard, I'll tend to mine. On the other hand, as one Orion Township family discovered, sometimes there is comfort in community.

In their time of grieving, the Osip family felt a warmth that solitude cannot generate. The community of friends, neighbors and complete strangers came together, on Saturday, April 5, at Collier Lanes in Oxford to help the Osips.

A month before, the gathering was planned to help Momma and Pappa Osip (Ellen and Andy) raise money to pay mounting medical bills. Andy was diagnosed with stage IV adenocarcinoma lung cancer on Feb. 1, after a lengthy "cold" that started this past Thanksgiving. Before another round of chemo and the fundraiser, Andy succumbed to cancer. That was March 31 -- seven days shy of his 62nd birthday.

And yet, the people came. They filled Collier Lanes.

"My dad was excited about the fundraiser due to the amount of bills that were coming in," son Dennis said. "I wish he could have been there so I could have seen his face from all the support we received. I have really been

in awe. I know it is a tribute to the respect everyone had for my dad and the love they have for both my parents."

According to Dennis, 225 showed up, 137 bowled and countless businesses contributed, donated and pitched in -- over \$5,000 was raised.

"Much more than I would have imagined," Dennis said.

Andy left behind his wife of over 40 years, two sons Andy, Jr. and Dennis, their wives Julie and Michelle and seven grandchildren.

The family is accepting donations, and checks can be made payable to Andy Osip Benefit Fund, P.O. Box 477, Lake Orion, MI 48362.

This is not only a good story, but a great story, not because someone died but because a community rallied. It is not an uncommon story. I have been in these parts for a few years -- roughly 82.2 percent of my 45 years. For nearly 23 years, I have worked for this newspaper and I cannot begin to count or remember all the times the community has reached out and hugged other members of the community.

Folks in these parts give in times of great local tragedy, they give regularly of their time and money to area charities; they dig deep when there is a need anywhere on the globe.

It is a truly caring community. I know, not only because I have written and read these stories, but because my family too, was once upon a time, blessed.

Much like Pappa Osip -- my father had and eventually died of cancer. And, like the Osip family, the first indication something was wrong with our father was during the holiday season. I recall the Christmas gathering of family, singing carols. Dad, who would rather fight than switch (which is to say he was a Winston's man), smoked multi-packs of cigarettes a day for forever. Whilst merriment was commenced, Dad kept rubbing his throat.

"Damn," he grumbled with a little rasp in his voice. "I can't sing. Must be getting a cold."

A couple months later he was filleted down the middle of face, from the bottom lip to the neck and over to both ears. Throat cancer. Doctors at the VA hospital in Ann Arbor took out part of his tongue, the little flangey thing that lets your body separate solids from air

(so you can breath and eat), part of his chin and I don't know what else. Immediately after the operation, all swollen and discolored, he looked like Frankenstein's Monster -- complete with stitched back on head. After that, even after therapy, he couldn't speak good and the only nutrition his body received was from Ensure, hops, barley and rye.

There were tons of chemo and radiation treatments, many trips to Ann Arbor, drugs and bills. Boy, were there bills.

The community took us in their arms and held us. The Clarkston Eagles had an auction. They scoured the area, businesses were asked to, and did, donate items for auctioning. And friends, neighbors and complete strangers showed up. The money helped Mom and Dad, but no amount of money could take the place of the feeling that came when all those people showed, gratefully will to give.

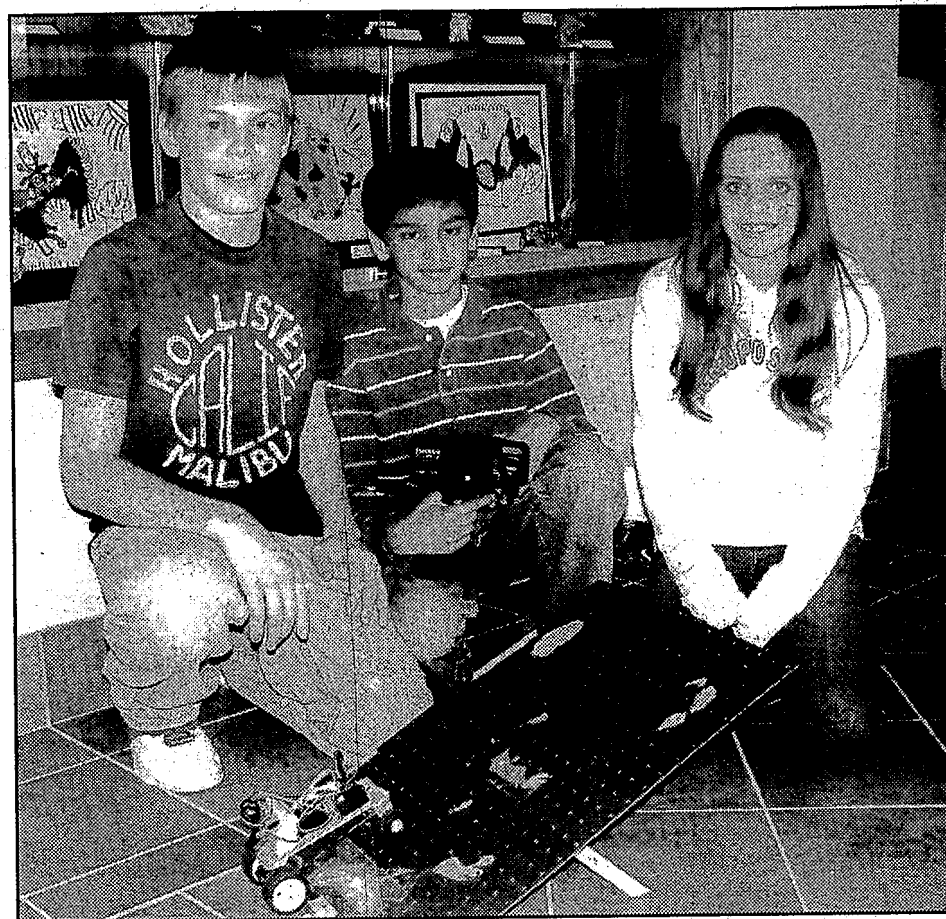
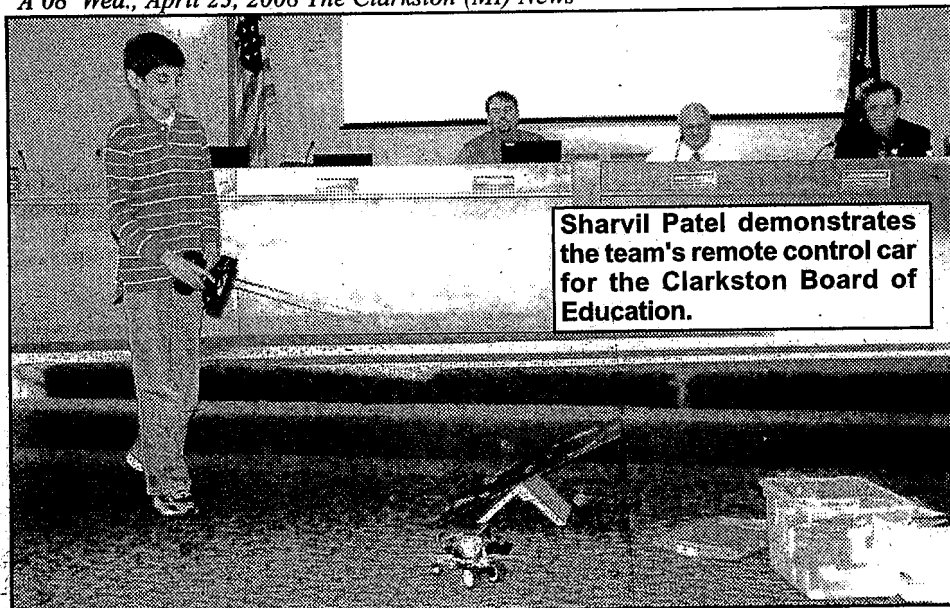
It took cancer five years to finally kick my dad's behind, and that was in 1996. He was 60. I think he was able to stick around longer than he should have because of the love that was shown him. I know it is long overdue, but, if I haven't said it yet, "Thank you."

Sometimes living -- and dying -- in a community is a good thing. Know of somebody in need, ask for help -- let us know.

Don't Rush Me



A column by
Don Rush



Sashabaw Middle School Destination Imagination team Nathan Yeloushan, Sharvil Patel, and Lindsey Schenten. Not pictured is teammate Maisey Peterson.

No obstacle too big for team

Sharvil Patel, Maisey Peterson, Lindsey Schenten and Nathan Yeloushan, Destination Imagination team at Sashabaw Middle School, built their own car for competition.

To figure out how, they took one of their own remote-control cars and tore it apart.

"We learned there were four main parts — receiver, speed control, servo for steering, and battery," Patel said.

The team competed in the Obstacles Of

Course division of Destination Imagination, a national program.

"We had to make different obstacles for points," Schenten said. "We used wood because it's sturdy and easy to use."

"It lets us use our imagination and be creative," Yeloushan said.

This is the fourth year the team has competed together.

— Phil Custodio



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Wed., April 12 A 17-year-old Independence Township youth was cited with possession of marijuana after a student at his school told the principal at his school that the substance was in the youth's vehicle on school property. The principal searched the vehicle, and called police when the substance was located.

Sun., April 13 A 40-year-old Independence Township man brought a Dell laptop to the substation and told police he found the computer in a field while walking near his home in the 9700 block of Prairie Lane the pervious day. Police were seeking information on the owner from Dell.

Mon., April 14 A 57-year-old Independence Township woman called police after discovering someone wrote three checks from her bank account to a company in Texas she'd never heard of or done business with. The first check was written for \$511, and the second for \$149. The third check was written for an undisclosed amount.

A 76-year-old Independence Township man filed a police report after discovering someone fraudulently transferred a balance of over \$10,000 to one of his credit cards, and changed his mailing address to a location in Washington D.C.

A 50-year-old man living in the 8400 block of Thendara called police after his 34-year-old former girlfriend became angry and began yelling and throwing her own belongings about the yard when she arrived at the home to find

Public Safety

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

the man had put many of her possessions on the front lawn and locked her out of the home.

Tues., April 15 Deputies were dispatched to assist the Independence Township Fire department after a woman living in the 5700 block of Lonlohpines called 911 to request help for her 82-year-old mother, who had the "shakes" then "went limp." The woman was transported to POH for evaluation.

A woman living in the 5300 block of Wild Daisy Ct. called police she woke to find a red bicycle in her yard. Police recorded the model number and transported the bike to the Oakland County Sheriff's Office property room.

Wed., April 16 A 46-year-old man filed a police report stating he sent \$218 via electronic check to Quality Clothing Inc., in Brooklyn New York for an internet purchase, but never received his order. The man told police the bank confirmed his check was cashed, but no one at the company would return his calls.

A 45-year-old woman living in the 9500 block of Ridge Top Trail called police after returning home to discover her storm door broken and on the front porch. The woman said she could not be certain whether someone attempted to enter

her home, or the wind had blown the door. Police cleared the building, then escorted the woman through to look for missing items and nothing appeared out of place. A neighbor, however, told police she saw a black pick-up truck in the driveway of the home earlier in the day.

A 44-year-old woman filed a police report claiming she requested and received a "business start up" check for \$4,890 from Starmark inc. for home-based employment, but was told by her bank the check was fraudulent.

A 41-year-old Independence Township woman filed a police report after a man contacted her regarding her tutoring services on Craigslist, then sent her a check for \$7870 asking her to keep \$1,000 for herself, \$3,000 for travel expenses and send the remaining funds back. The woman told her bank representative she was skeptical, and the bank quickly confirmed the check was fraudulent.

Thurs., April 17 A 25-year-old woman living in the 4900 block of Landcaster Hill Drive filed a police report after discovering someone stole her unsecured mountain bike from outside her apartment. The woman said the Ra-

leigh bike was a man's model, and valued at about \$300.

A 48-year-old Independence Township woman filed a police report after discovering someone fraudulently used her credit card to purchase a handbag for \$244 from Zappo.com.

Fri., April 18 A 34-year-old Independence Township man living in the 100 block of South River called police after discovering someone threw a beer bottle and shattered the rear window out of his vehicle overnight.

Thurs., April 19 An Independence Township man living in the 8100 block of Ranch estates called police after discovering someone stole his daughter's lime green 2005 Kawasaki ATV, valued at about \$2,200 from his backyard. The man said the key may have been left in the vehicle.

A 37-year-old Independence Township woman living in the 4900 block of Spring Meadow called police after discovering someone smashed a window out of her husband's truck overnight and went through the center console. Nothing appeared to be missing from the vehicle.

A 54-year-old man living in the 5000 block of Spring Meadow called police after discovering someone entered three vehicles parked in his driveway overnight and stole numerous items, including a satellite radio and GPS unit.

Police responded to an alarm at Pine Knob Elementary on Sashabaw Road and discovered an unsecured front entrance door. Deputies check the inside of the building and noted no signs of foul play.

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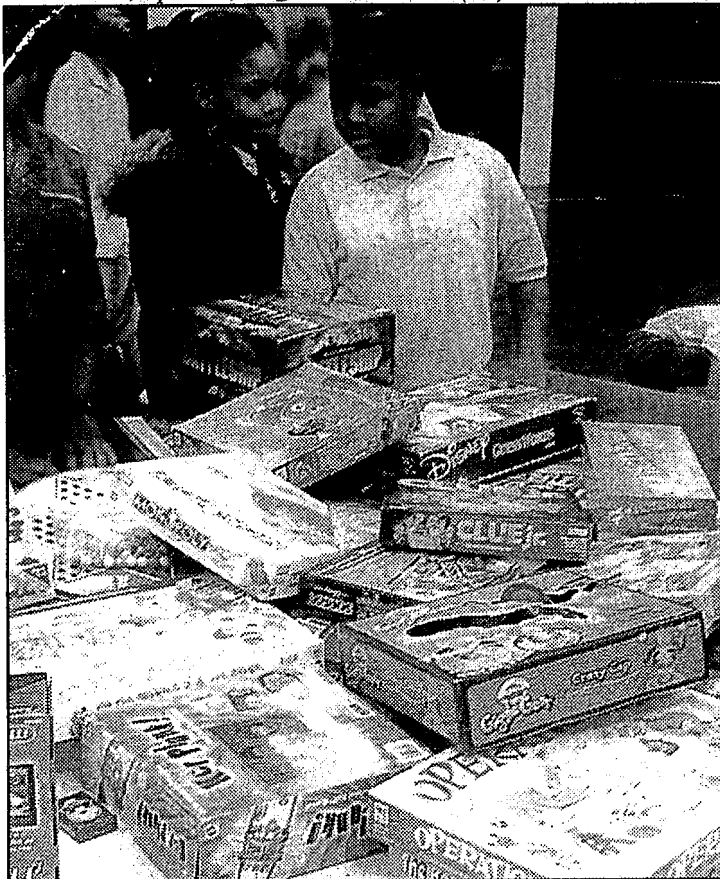
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Troop 1945 Girl Scouts Kierstin Blaga, Riley Budzinski, Catherine Denny, Grace Fallis, Brooke Grow, Becca Leek, Andrea Pangori, Dana Pangori, Maria Pangori, and Sara Wright, with some of their new friends in Pontiac.

The scouts donated these games to the Salvation Army After-School program. Photos provided

Girl Scouts give gift of games

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Bailey Lake Multi-age Girl Scout Troop 1945 collected 54 new and used games recently for the Salvation Army After-School program in Pontiac.

The fifth- and sixth-grade girls delivered the games earlier this month to about 50 students in the program. Salvation Army volunteers tutor students, and offer Spiritual Mass

and meals, as well as time for games.

"Some of the girls were nervous, but all the girls left with smiles on their faces," said Laura Pangori, troop leader.

"It was a lesson for our troop to open your heart to everyone, and share a toy of your own that you no longer use. It is always good to receive, but even better to give."

The toy drive was one of many community service projects for the Clarkston area Girl Scouts. They also collect glasses for the Lions Club and Thanksgiving food for Lighthouse North.

"They do so many different things," Pangori said.

- Phil Custodio

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Wauldron says auditor experience would benefit school board

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Detroit and received a degree in Business Administration. I have owned and operated two companies for more than 15 years, an interior design and an office supply firm. The office supply firm, I sold to another company and became their president for more than 10 years. I then worked for West International as a financial auditor and then retired after 10 years. As a board member with my experience, I will be able to look at the budget and make decisions to keep it in the black.

Evaluation of Clarkston Community Schools?

I lived in Royal Oak for 35 years, where I participated in the Royal Oak Schools on several of their budget meetings and other committees, before moving to Clarkston. I find the Clarkston Schools and Royal Oak School systems have excellent teachers and administrators. I have met a few of the teachers as well as some of the administrators and found them to be well informed about their positions and what

they are looking for in the future.

I have attended a few of the sports programs, football, baseball, and have watched the younger students play soccer and found also these programs to be very well taught to the students. I found the coaches did an excellent job teaching students the sports they were involved with.

I think all teachers and administrators are strong in the knowledge of their fields of endeavor; however, as they go forward, there are lessons to be learned and passed down to the students to make them better in their fields. This is the way they become stronger.

Opinion of federal and state education guidelines? Proper oversight or just unfunded mandates?

The No Child Left Behind Act established goals all schools support, including high standards and accountability for the teaching of all students. The act has been around for six years, and funding for this program has gone by the way-

side. As the economy falters and monies for these programs are decreased, it is going to be up to the individual school systems to maintain the program and not rely on the federal government for help.

The federal government has given the school systems a tool to help better educate our children and it will be up to the school systems to use those tools. As a school board member, I will ask the teachers and administrators how they feel about the program and use their suggestions to improve on it. The board can only react to what they learn from these people. **What is the role of schools in children's lives?**

The children who are taught in the Clarkston Schools are being educated to be better persons as they grow and learn. It is up to the teachers and administrators to help promote their ideals into these children. The more the parents and educators pass on their knowledge of the world, only then can the children improve on their lives.

Turn in nominations for Teacher of the Year

The Clarkston Foundation for Public Education is accepting nominations through Monday, May 5, for 2007-2008 "Teacher of the Year."

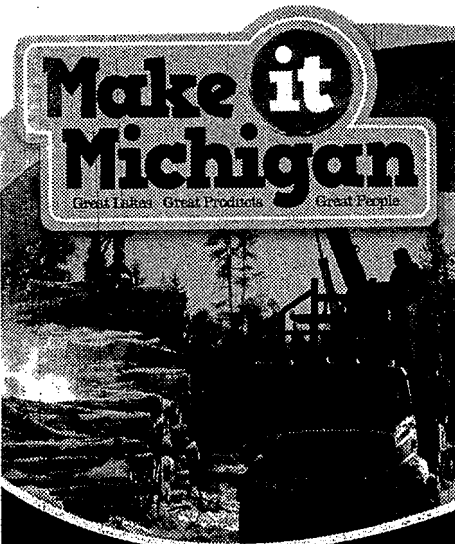
This year, the award will honor "Teachers in a Specialty Area," including art teachers, music teachers, reading specialists, math specialists, physical education teachers, health teachers, media specialists, special education classroom support teachers, and English as a Second Language teachers. Nominees must be contracted teachers with at least two years teaching experience, and must be currently teaching in the Clarkston school district.

According to eligibility requirements, nominees should create a love of learning in all students, have strong values, integrity and professional ethics, and work well with students, parents, colleagues, administration and community to enhance educational experiences.

The winning teacher, announced by May 30, will receive free use of a car from Suburban Collection of Waterford for a year. Nomination forms are available on at www.clarkston.k12.mi.us, and at any district school and Clarkston State Bank.

This is the 15th year the foundation has sponsored this program. Last year, it honored elementary teachers, and next year's is set to honor those teaching at the secondary level.

For more information, call Sherrie VanderVeen, chairperson of the foundation Selection Committee at 248-625-1611, ext. 232 or check svanderveen@clarkstonumc.org.



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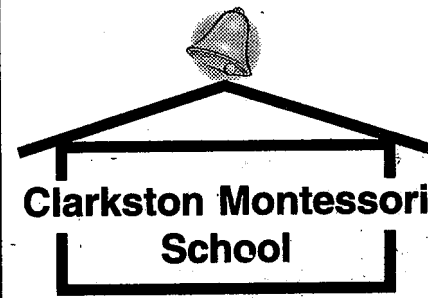
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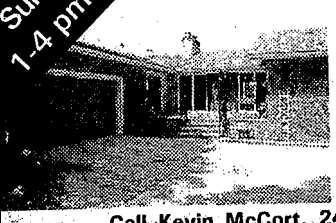
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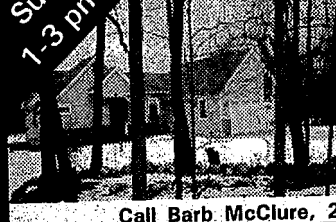
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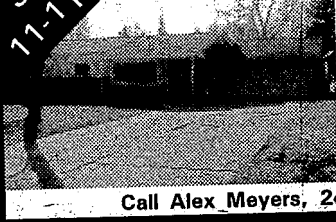
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Green group seeks more supporters

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supported 0.45 mill, which would collect around \$765,000 per year, Reed said.

"I think they've done what we've asked them to do," said township Treasurer Jim Wenger. "They did their study and have adjusted it based on public input and now it's time for the public to decide."

Trustee Dan Kelly agreed.

"If the people that come in front of us demonstrate to us that there is a significant amount of people in the community that wish for this to be on the ballot, then the public has a right to have issues like this voted upon," he said.

Kelly said board approval was needed to put the issue on the ballot.

"In cities and statewide you can get these on the ballot by having enough signatures and then it's forced onto the ballot," he said. "However the only way to get them on a ballot in a township is a board vote, as indicated by our township attorney."

Township Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen said if the millage passed, there would still be many details to work out, such as identifying priorities, adopting a preservation ordinance, develop application process, and appoint a review board.

"I really do think it's a great step for our community, to have that vision of what's going to happen in



the future," she said. "I think what it's going to do is protect those sensitive environmental areas in the township, the wetlands, floodplains, and culvert areas."

VanderVeen also suggested developing a program to educate the public about open space.

"I think people though they are well intentioned don't know how they're affecting the environment," she said.

Reed said they will meet this week to work out campaign details.

"We'll have to layout a plan in timing and hopefully we'll recruit some more people to work on our group," he said.

Tax deadline set May 1

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

With a declining economy and many homeowner trying unsuccessfully to sell, the state came through recently with a new law to help.

The catch: you have less than a month to take advantage of it.

"It's up to the homeowner to come to us," said Beverly Shaver, Independence Township assessor. "They have to come and ask for it, it's nothing we can notify them on. If we're aware of it and we're talking to people, we will bring it out."

Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed into law the "Conditional Rescission" bill April 8. The law is intended to lighten some property owners' tax burden.

Application Form 4160 must be submitted by May 1 to local assessors.

"I feel bad that we have such a small window to get this out there," Shaver said. "So we're going to miss some people, but they will qualify next year if they still own the house and it's still for sale and it's still vacant."

The law would provide homeowners living in one house while trying to sell another a way to avoid paying non-homestead property taxes

on it.

According to Proposal A, school districts can charge non-homestead property, including second homes and businesses, 18 mills in property tax.

"Conditional rescission" means a property owner can exempt their home from the non-homestead property taxes if they are trying to sell it.

"The house has to be for sale, unoccupied and not used for any commercial or business purpose, and you can't live out of state," said Kim Adkins, appraiser for Independence Township. "You must be in Michigan."

Homeowners should check with their assessor even if they are not sure they qualify, Adkins said.

"It (the new bill) is so new we aren't even sure of all the little quirks in it," she said.

Independence Township residents, call Shaver at 248-625-8114. Springfield Township residents should call Assessor Vicki Steven at 248-846-6530. Clarkston residents, call Oakland County Equalization Division, 248-858-0760.

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Lauren Halula contributed to this story.

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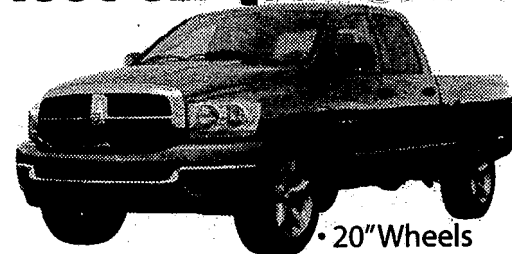


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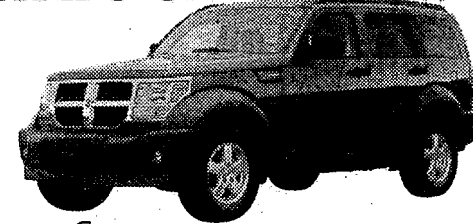


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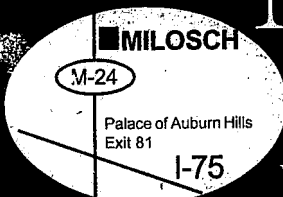
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New rivalry heats up

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The girls lacrosse team had a chance to show their rivals a few tricks of the trade.

Last Tuesday, the Wolves tied their game with Lake Orion, 5-5.

For Clarkston girls, it was a chance to play a new team and show them some moves. For Lake Orion, it was the second game of their first season.

"They knew that the team was new," said Clarkston Coach Kaitlyn Sitar. "They were ready to show them how they play as a team. It was our best game yet. They had a lot of energy and for the most part we held onto the ball for most of the game."

Lake Orion had just come back from spring break to compete against the Wolves.

"They did amazingly well," said Lake Orion Coach Debbi Booth. "Those teams are good. I think it was pretty even match. I think they all played well, Clarkston and Lake Orion. We were proud of our girls. Every game is a learning experience, they definitely picked up different things and what different players did."

Jenica Dabrowski scored the first goal for the Wolves within the first ten seconds of the game.

Lake Orion led the game after scoring two

goals.

The Wolves responded by putting some pressure on the Dragons. They scored four goals in a span of seven minutes, putting themselves into the lead.

Mickayla Meola scored two goals in that time and had one assist. Andrea Kovacic and Jessie Craig added two for the Wolves.

As the end of the first half grew closer, Lake Orion scored two more goals and were one point behind when the buzzer sounded for half-time.

With less than eight minutes left in the game, Ronnie Booth tied the score for the Dragons. It was her third goal of the game.

Clarkston's defense blocked Lake Orion from getting one more shot in the net as the last minute counted down.

"Kovacic and Meola had outstanding games," said Sitar. "They were quick on the field very good at their catching and passing of the ball."

They played Troy Athens. They (won, lost...need to find out. they played at 7:30)

The girls plays Bloomfield United at Lahser High School on Wednesday. JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.

On Monday, girls lacrosse hosts Carman-Ainsworth. JV begins at 6:30 p.m., varsity follows.



Jessica Goyke edges the ball away from Lake Orion. Photo by Wendi Reardon

The girls varsity lost to Troy Athens, 17-1. They travel to Lasher High School on Wednesday to play Bloomfield United. For

the league game they are ready for it to be competitive as they seek their first win. The girls record is 0-1-4.

Athletes of the Week

Senior spikers win league

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Clarkston seniors took home the first place trophy in their 55 Plus Volleyball Division 2 League.

The team won the league with their 57-11 record and placed out of the seven teams in their division. They just finished their winter season that ran from November to April.

Every Tuesday, the team would travel to Warren Community Center to play four games.

The team has 30 players that come out to practice, but only seven players go to the games. The remaining members prefer to only practice. For most playing volleyball is a way to get involved.

"Being on the team is an added bonus," said manager Bob Brown. "We have a good time."

Most of the team has been playing for at least ten years. Players have benefited by finding a way to be active and healthy.

"Comradery between players is a big thing," said Brown on other ways participants benefit.

Senior volleyball is one of the programs

offered by Independence Township Park and Recreation.

This year seniors 50 and over will be able to play volleyball during the summer months.

Starting on May 8, seniors can play volleyball every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The indoor volleyball program will run until September 25.

The team sends special thanks to Clarkston Auto Body for sponsoring the team and St. Trinity Lutheran Church for providing them with a place to practice.

The team practices at St. Trinity Lutheran Church off of Sashabaw.

"We were fortunate to find Trinity," said Brown. "We support ourselves. A fee goes towards cost of building we are practicing in. If we didn't have a place to I don't know if we would have program."

Attendance goes down in summer because of softball. The summer volleyball program will keep players together and an opportunity for them to continue playing and a chance to get new players involved.

For more information call the Independence Township Senior Activity Center at 625-8231.



In back, Jerry Akehurst, Bob Brown, Ray DeFiore, Dennis McCarty, Mark Geno, and John Schorsch. Knealing, Dale Kemp, Mike Meschen, Don Olson, and Mike Joseph. Not pictured are Tom Lyman, Jim McCoy, and Harry Groth.

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Kurt Richardson, in middle, surrounded by friends and colleagues, was inducted into the Hall of Fame at University of Michigan April 19. Photos provided

Richardson honored for 32 years

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of.”

Richardson has many fond memories coaching football, but three games will always stand out. One is the regional game against Macomb Dakota in 1999.

The Wolves were in their fourth overtime, in position to kick the extra point to tie the game or go for a two-point conversion and win.

Richardson chose to go for the conversion, and the Wolves won, 57-56.

“He made a gutsy move to go for the two-point conversion,” said Steve Pearson, friend and assistant coach.

“It was one of the great tournament games,” said Fife. Another fond memory for Richardson was a game against Pontiac Northern. The team was down 21 points, but they prevailed and won the game.

The third memory that sticks out for Richardson was when the Wolves beat rival Lake Orion in the 2006 district finals.

Earlier in the season Clarkston had lost to the Dragons, 32-8.

“Nobody thought we had a chance. No one came because they thought we would be beat again,” said Richardson.

The Wolves traveled to Lake Orion’s stadium and won the game, 34-14.

For many of Richardson’s players, football means learning about more than the game.

“He taught us to work hard,” said senior Erik Thompson. “Not just in football, but in life.”

Thompson was coached by Richardson during his two years on the varsity team.

“I am really happy for him,” he said. “He made everything

fun. No matter what we did, he taught us to have fun and not get caught up in everything. I will always remember him.”

“He’s a real good coach,” said senior Devere Enoch. “He deserves it. I think he’s a small coach but really intimidating, really stern. He wants something, you better do it or you will suffer the consequences. He just wants perfection and the best you can do.”

Phil Price, varsity assistant coach and varsity head coach of baseball, has coached with Richardson for the past 16 years.

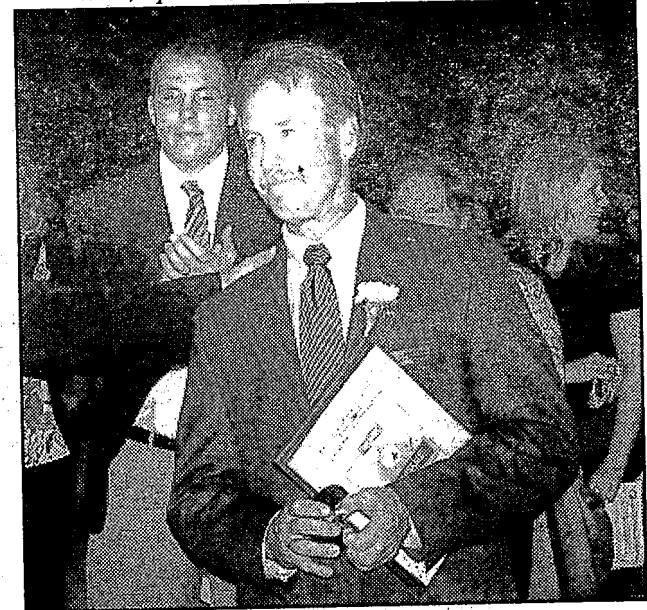
“If you ask anyone about Clarkston football, first thing that comes to mind is Kurt Richardson,” Price said. “He built the program. Loyal, to me, describes Kurt. You won’t find a man more loyal to Clarkston football, his assistant coaches, his players, and Clarkston.”

“He put his heart and soul into the program,” said Adam Kern, one of Richardson’s assistant coaches for the past eight years. “It wouldn’t be where it is without him.”

Tony Miller has coached with Richardson for 13 years. He has also played for Richardson in 1988, 1989, and 1990. When Miller was asked to be on the coaching staff, he said yes.

“When people talk about Clarkston football, they talk about Kurt Richardson. He is a true leader when it comes to coaching football,” said Miller. “He is a father figure and friend. I am lucky to have been coached by him. It is an honor to be on his staff.”

Pearson has worked with Richardson since his first day as head coach. When Richardson became head coach, he asked Pearson to be an assistant coach. They met in 1974 when they worked together at Parks and Rec.



Kurt Richardson has been Clarkston High School football head coach since 1987.

“It is pretty outstanding and well-deserved,” Pearson said about Richardson’s induction. “He believes in blue and gold and Clarkston football. I am honored to have a friend like him. He is more of a role model to those who have had him.”

Fife has been friends with the Richardson family since 1962.

“The success tells how hard coaches and kids work,” Fife said. “If the kids don’t believe in the coach, it doesn’t work.”

Richardson loved athletics while growing up. As a boy, he was always playing football. He joined his first organized team when he was in seventh grade. He continued to play until he graduated Clarkston High School in 1971.

He left Clarkston for a little while, but came back after graduating from Oakland University.

Richardson is a member of Clarkston Athletic Boosters. His father was one of the people who started the organization in 1966.

“Without it, athletics would be hurting,” said Richardson. He has taught physical education at Clarkston High for 32 years.

“I still look forward to going to school every morning. I love the kids. They keep you young.”

Richardson works 365 days a year as Clarkston’s football coach. He checks on his players throughout the year and runs his program much like a college program with training during the off-season.

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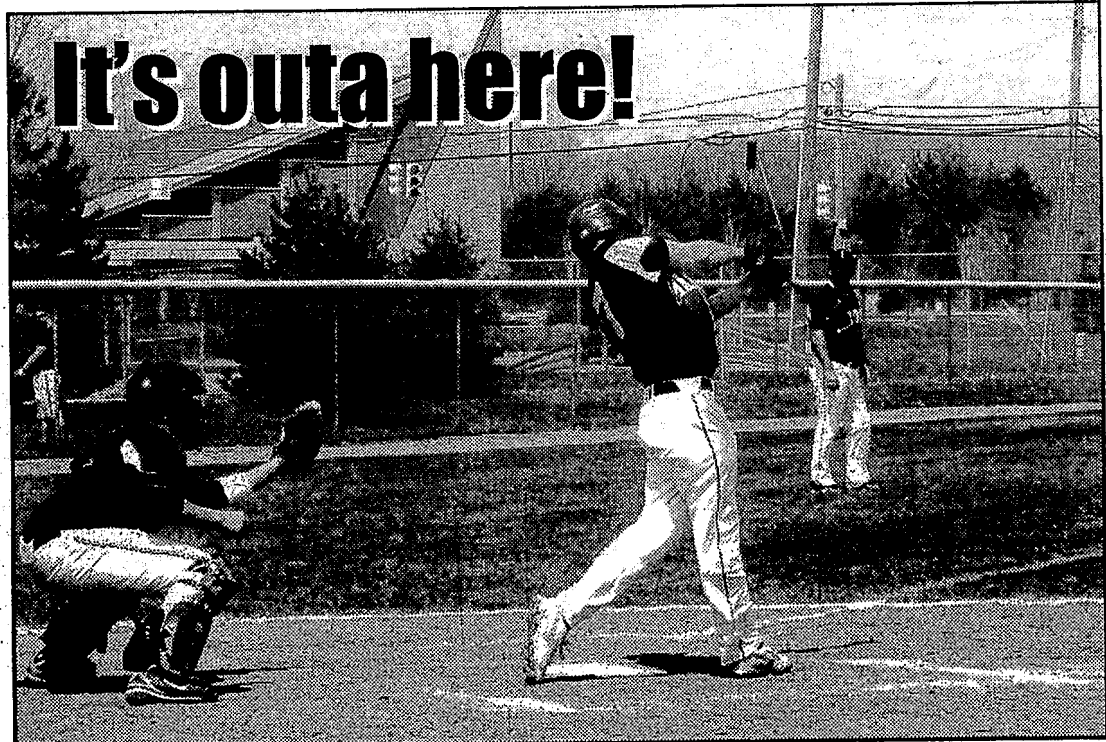
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It's outa here!

The boys varsity baseball team took first place at the Roy Warner Classic on Saturday. The team began the tournament going against Waterford Kettering and won, 8-4. They beat Cranbrook in the last game and won, 13-3.

Another home victory

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Reporter

Jon Avery led the Wolves to their win last Wednesday night.

He scored five goals and had one assist in the game against Essex High School from Ontario, Canada.

"He was a whole new player tonight," said Clarkston coach Brian Kaminskas. "He really came out and played extremely well. I was really happy with the way he moved the ball. He distributed it well. He was fighting for it. We had a couple of injuries and a few guys on the bench he usually plays with. He knew going into the game had to pick up the slack a little bit. We had a few guys that don't have that much experience."

The team followed Avery's lead and added six more points to bring Clarkston to their win, 11-6.

"I was extremely pleased with the way they played," said Kaminskas.

"I think they turned over a new leaf. They have been working hard at practice. They are putting things



Warren Swartz pushes past an Essex defender. Photo by Wendi Reardon

together and their skills are starting to show. We got a nice, complete game out of them."

For the first half of the game, Clarkston led 4-1. Three goals from Avery and one goal from Forbes Dever helped the Wolves to control the field.

Essex scored five goals in the next half. Three of their goals in the last few minutes of the game but it wasn't enough to catch up with Clarkston's score.

"I thought Zak Lewy, our goalie, did a terrific job," said Kaminskas.

"Adam Haslinger, one of our defensemen, did a wonderful job. Forbes Dever did a terrific job with our face-offs

Last Friday, the boys lost to Toledo St. John's, 11-2. The loss brought their overall record to 2-4.

The next two games for boys lacrosse are Saturday and Tuesday.

On Saturday, the boys host Utica Eisenhower. JV begins at 1 p.m., varsity follows at 3 p.m.

Tuesday they play at Troy High School. JV begins at 5 p.m., varsity follows.



Dani Thomas sees an opportunity to gain control of the ball. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Injuries don't sideline team

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Injuries kept five girls from playing against Farmington High School.

But that didn't bring the rest of the Clarkston's girls varsity soccer team from scoring two goals and staying in the game, finishing with a tie.

"I think they knew their backs were against the wall a little bit with us having so many players down and they weren't going to be mentally defeated and they didn't," said Clarkston Coach Sarah Wasilk.

"I couldn't be more happier or proud of my girls. They played an awesome game. They played their hearts out. They really showed their character. I couldn't be happier."

For both teams, it was an intense game. One player left the field with an injury. A few more received yellow cards. One Clarkston player received a red card and was taken out of the game for 36 minutes.

"Both teams were playing tough as nails and nobody was going to give up," said Wasilk. "I don't know what would have happened if there would have been ten or 15 more minutes cause both teams were just really intense and really tough. I am happy with them."

"I thought it was the most intense games of the year for us, without a doubt," said Farmington Coach Glenn Breuhan. "We had a lot of pressure near the end. We have been working on intensity."

A free kick from Lauren Wagner

got the Wolves in a closer position to the net. Kaylee Liddle kicked the ball into the corner of the goal and scored the first goal for the Wolves.

Allie Browe made the second goal four minutes into the second period. Browe was assisted by Alex Decker.

The Falcons scored their goals in the last 30 minutes of the game. The goals were made by Andrea Grove and Chrissy Healy.

"My whole team did so well," said Wasilk. "All girls did their job and did it well even the girls coming off the bench."

Dani Thomas and Lauren Wagner stood out for the game.

"We pulled freshman from JV yesterday." (Liddle) got her first goal. She played the whole first half and defensively Breanne Timm had a great game."

Beth Parks saved three shots on goal. Clarkston made a total of four shots on Farmington's goal.

"We felt like we had a lot of shots in the first half and just came up empty," said Breuhan. "That's been the story of the season, we have out shot our opponents 2-1 and came out with ties, 0-0. This is big for us. This is huge - we scored two goals. We kind of got the monkey off our back."

Last week they lost to Avondale, 2-1, and Grand Blanc, 6-0.

On Monday, they played Groves and (lost, won...)

The girls play at Seaholm High School on Thursday and at Avondale next Tuesday. JV begins at 5 p.m., varsity follows.

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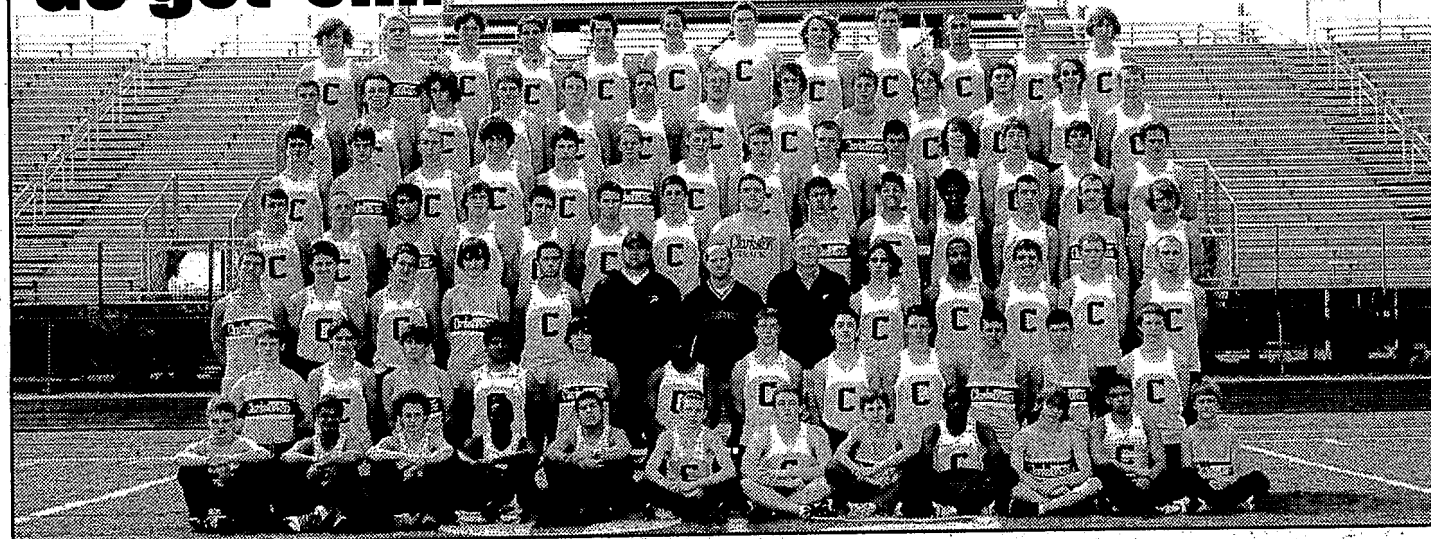
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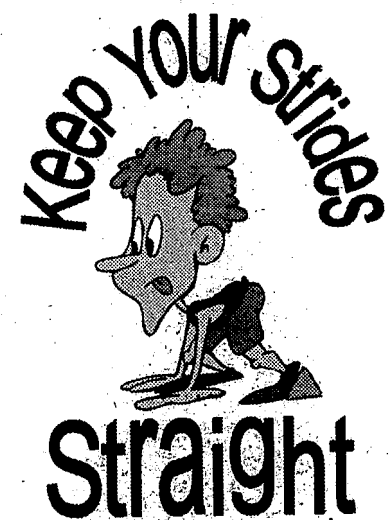
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Clarkston Varsity Track team, first Row: Greg Cockerham, Aditya Chand, Evan Lessenthien, John Golden, Victor Cisneros, Michael McCord, Dan Lemerand, Samuel Bell, Marcus Mosley, Tyler Moore, Larry Cassar, Zachary Snider Second Row: Andrew Singles, Nick Traver, Ryan Herrera, Jeff Raymond, Max Harden, Jovan Porter, Erik Thompson, Clay Keglovitz, Connor Gooden, Devin Reuter, Rawley Hallman, Christian Nickolaou, Third Row: Brandon Johnson, Jack Durkan, Jess Kerr, Kyle Jones, Aaron Sharp, Assistant Coach Jeff Long, Head Coach John Bennink, Assistant Coach Mike Taylor, Jon McNerney, Duane George, Eric Nordquist, Jeff Kuhl, Jordan Betts. Fourth Row: Branton Dennis, Dennis Martin, Andrew Cabaj, Tyler Workman, John Gavette, Adam Sharp, Sean Calvano, Joe Wilmot, Matt Calvano, Kyle Rivenburgh, Giovann McDougal, Matt McCord, Austin Yarger, Andrew Chaffee Fifth Row: Jacob Nettle, Nate Larkins, John Hendrie, Bobby Mantha, Ryan Brown, Jeremy Kelley, Brent Cousino, Christian Bonzheim, Michael Inch, Zach Robertson, Aaron Butora, Jordan Garrison, Phil Voorhies. Sixth Row: Brian Benway, Chad Richmond, Zac Moore, Patrick Blust, Chris Canada, Eric Holliday, Mike Deford, John Verros, Dan Moore, Jake Stanczuk, Steve Foreman, Riley Miller, Jadon Fox Seventh Row: James King, Tom Blassick, Johann Britting, Zac Peers, Erik Miller, Greg Dedow, Jessie Blaske, Matt Rolka, Nick Pike, Kamil Dechnik, John Dushaw, Nate Austin. *Photo by Visual Sports Network.*

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Fun Fact: Dr. Jason is one of the current record holders at Brandon High School for the 4x800m relay (8:06.07)

Boatman brings business know-how

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worked one on one with children, collaborated with teachers, helped provide PTA educational enrichment programs, advocated for change at building and district levels as well as advocated for legislation to benefit public schools.

Experience?

"I have served as treasurer and other positions on the PTA boards of Bailey Lake Elementary, Sashabaw Middle School, Clarkston High School and the Clarkston PTA Council. I served two years as president of the Clarkston PTA Council. I was a member of the Parent Advisory Team for eight years. I have sat on various district committees including the Field Trip Task Force, the Fundraising Task Force, the CHS Blue Ribbon Committee, and the Facilities Committee.

In 2007, I received the Outstanding Service Award from the Administration Building. In the business world, I have experience in developing work plans, preparing annual budgets, conducting performance appraisals and hiring staff. My extensive experience in decision making and problem solving would serve me well as a school board trustee.

Evaluation of Clarkston Community Schools?

No response.

Opinion of federal and state education guidelines? Proper oversight or just unfunded mandates?

We must ensure that our educational tax

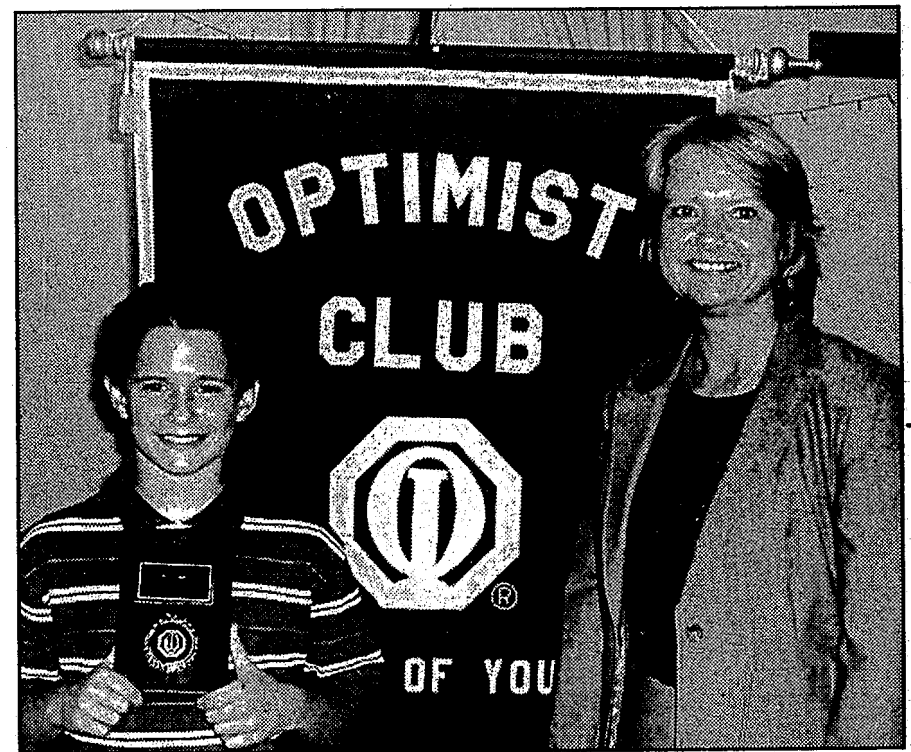
dollars are getting tangible results. Federal and state education guidelines are in place to ensure that all students are taught certain subjects, that their achievement can be measured, and that failure to meet these standards will result in specific consequences to school districts.

The new state graduation requirements were enacted because of the great disparity among graduation requirements in Michigan school districts. Students are being accepted into college but many are not graduating. Not being academically prepared for college is obviously a major contributor to the high dropout rate. The implementation of more rigorous classes will present challenges for students and school administration alike. The focus on academics will continue to grow due to lower demand for unskilled labor and higher competition from around the world for the jobs that pay well.

The federal No Child Left Behind legislation institutes accountability but its grading system, along with other issues, is in need of improvement. Schools are graded on their ability to improve their standardized test results every year. But a school that has been getting consistently high test scores may not be able to show an improvement and will receive a poor Annual Yearly Progress grade and possibly lose funding in spite of their excellent performance.

What is the role of schools in children's lives?

No response.



Optimist Club honors student

North Sashabaw Elementary student Donovan (DJ) Zezula, with his principal, Debra Latozas, was selected as the April Student Citizen of the Month by the Clarkston Optimist Club. Selection is based on good citizenship and character. *Photo submitted*

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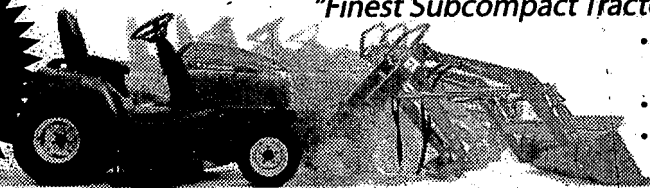
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Life-long Independence resident says it's time to roll-up the sleeves, get to work Petterson will run for twp. board

BY DON RUSH
Assistant Publisher

One thing you won't ask after meeting Independence Township's Mark Petterson: Mark, where's your passion?

It's evident the 44 year old has set his sites on contributing to the Clarkston area. "It's time people my age step up and do something besides complain," Petterson said, with enthusiasm and sincere energy.

Last week, Petterson announced he will run for the township's board of trustees. All seven board seats are up for grabs this election season. The deadline to file a candidate's petition is May 13. According to Independence's Elections Administrator Sandy Miller, to be valid, each petition must have between 50 and 100 signatures from township residents. As of this past Monday the township had received two petitions for township treasurer, one for trustee and two for precinct delegate.

Petterson, his wife Karen and their 6-year-old son Andrew, live on Peach Drive -- a few streets over from where Petterson grew up.

"My mom (Mary Karaba) still lives on Almond Lane," Petterson, a 1982 Clarkston High School graduate, said.

Petterson started to pay attention to township affairs in 2000, after the new high school was built on Flemings Lake Road.

"The land changed, the wildlife changed and along Almond Lane, people's basements were flooding. Something needed to be done," he said.

Petterson, an operating engineer for Allied Construction, spearheaded a citizens group to publicize the hardships caused and helped the school district and township hammer remedies. He's been involved since, attending most meetings.

A member of the 10,000-acre Lost Lake Woods Club in Alcona County, Petterson said he is a strong conservationist -- however, he added, pro-growth.

"I build roads, I believe growth equals jobs and not just minimum wage jobs. You can't live your life crying, 'not in my backyard.' Growth is going to happen -- but it has to be planned and positive growth.



Mark Petterson is ready to throw his hat into the ring and run for Independence Township trustee, "I'm not a lawyer, or a doctor. I build roads. I represent the average home owner."

What is wrong with a single business -- like a restaurant -- in a single building and not in a strip mall?"

Before new buildings are built, he believes existing buildings need to be filled -- and township officials can do more to aggressively seek out tenants for vacancies.

Petterson said his high energy, plain-spokenness and historic perspective on the community are all good qualities for a township trustee.

"I have nothing personal to gain by running. I am not building a resume. This is my home, it really is and even when I was gone it was always my home. I am not in any one group's pocket. I can't be bought -- I've been in the community, too long. Township trustees are the final vote -- their decisions will be either loved or hated. That is why you're there, to make the hard decisions. As a board member you've got to want to listen to public, they are the ones who put you there. I am happy to roll up my sleeves, go knock on everybody's door. I have no problems with talking to anybody or everybody in the township."

One concern Petterson has are attitudes between board members and differing community boards.

"There is a growing animosity between the township and the city (Clarkston). And, there seems to be pettiness between board members. It seems when somebody doesn't vote a certain way people hold grudges.

Why?

"I believe I offer a fresh perspective on how our community is run. I want to work with other board members to better this community, and if someone votes against me, move on -- it doesn't mean they don't like me or I them. I want to tear down the fences that have gone up between the city and the township," he said. "I believe you stay the course, impervise, adapt and overcome -- but don't just complain."

Concerning finances, he said the township is in sound shape, "but obviously the people's money needs to be spent wisely."

Petterson believes the community needs an assisted living facility for the aging population and he believes the township should continue to help maintain neighborhoods and existing infrastructure.

His time as a high school athlete, in the military and 22 years in the construction business has taught him the benefits of discipline, tenacity and hardwork, "And that's what I want to bring to the table. I am not afraid to roll up my sleeves and get dirty. It is time to give back to the community that has given so much to me. I have been fortunate and I am grateful this community has given me the opportunity to have a wonderful life."

The primary election is in August. Read the *Clarkston News* each week in print and on-line for the latest news on issues and candidates.

Fortinberry faces challengers in re-election

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court's accounts receivable line item by more than \$323,000.00 in just eight months.

Streamlining the design of the court's docket: More economical use of staff, law enforcement and public resources, Fortinberry said, reduces the amount of time police officers and others spend in court.

"We're running a very effective court," she said. "I'm proud of the way Judge Kostin and are working together and the way we work for the benefit of the community.

Fortinberry said she and Judge Kostin share similar goals, and claims both are "hard working," and neither is "shy about staying late," when the need arises.

The 52-2 District Court serves the entire Clarkston News coverage area—the City of the Village of Clarkston, Independence Township and Springfield Township—as well as the townships of Brandon, Groveland, Holly, Rose and White Lake, along with the villages of Ortonville and Holly.

Fortinberry lives in Independence Township with her husband, Chuck. The couple's three boys graduated from Clarkston High School.

"When you live in the community you serve, you see people at the grocery store, the gas station, and other places around town," said Fortinberry. "You have the ability to get to know people and interact in a

meaningful way."

Thus far, one challenger has filed the necessary documents to run against Fortinberry, while another has declared an intention to do the same.

Attorney Joseph G. Fabrizio, a partner at the Troy-based law firm of Fabrizio and Brook, filed nominating petitions and met other requirements necessary to place him on the November ballot as a challenger in the election for judge of the 52-2 District Court.

Fabrizio resides in the City of the Village of Clarkston.

Fortinberry said she doesn't mind the challenge.

"That's how we keep our elected officials honest," she said. "I was never in favor of judges automatically getting their seat back after six years; I think a challenge is good—it makes you fine-tune your work so you're doing everything you want to do."

Oxford attorney Frederick J. Miller has also announced plans to challenge Fortinberry in November, but has not yet met requirements to be placed on the ballot.

Candidates for 52-2 District Court judge must obtain at least 600 qualified signatures and submit all paperwork before the April 29 deadline.

Miller, who lives in Brandon Township, practices criminal defense and serves as an assistant prosecutor for Oxford Village and Addison Township, has been out-

spoken in public criticism of Fortinberry, especially concerning an issue that came out of the 2004 election.

During the campaign season, Fortinberry was backing Magistrate Colleen Murphy, who was running against Kostin and another candidate for a vacant seat in the court.

In July, 2004, Fortinberry wrote a letter to the Oakland County Sheriff's Association to protest their endorsement process. One paragraph in the five-page letter referred to the 1989 death of Judy Kostin, then-wife of Clarkson attorney Bob Kostin, who is now married to Kelley Kostin. The death was ruled a suicide.

The letter caused an uproar in the legal community and Fortinberry was scrutinized by local—and later, national—media outlets and was accused of unethical behavior by those who felt her comments suggested Bob Kostin was somehow involved in his wife's death.

The event caused White Lake Police—who felt their credibility was attacked and their work questioned—to reopen an investigation into the death.

At the time, however, Fortinberry said the public was incorrectly interpreting her letter, and said she did not believe the death was suspicious.

As a result of the letter and surrounding controversy, Fortinberry received a public censure from the

Michigan Supreme Court for inappropriate conduct in January 2006.

Shortly thereafter, both Fortinberry and Kostin said things were running smoothly at the courthouse.

Fortinberry has the same message today.

"I know my opponents have chosen to focus on an incident that occurred four years ago during Judge Kostin's election campaign," Fortinberry said. "While my comments at that time were contained in a letter that was never meant to be made public, I do take full responsibility for those comments and have made a full apology to Judge Kostin. She accepted that apology and we both have long ago put the incident behind us."

Fortinberry and Kostin—who coincidentally share a birthday—have worked together on development, implementation and ongoing improvement of the Sobriety Court program, the Court in School, Community Service Garden at Springfield Oaks County Park and Teen Court programs.

All those programs, Fortinberry said "have had a resoundingly positive effect" on the community.

"Judge Kostin is a terrific judge," she said. "I look forward to continuing to work closely with her to improve the services provided to our community by the 52-2 District Court."

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Kitchin calls for return to basics for schools

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try, state and county. Evaluation of Clarkston Community Schools?

I feel we are fortunate to have many professionals working here. We have some of the greatest teachers in the State. When Mrs. K.C. Leh was the principal of Pine Knob Elementary, she knew where every child was at all times. That is the type of dedication that you can't buy with a salary.

I have great concerns of the new science curriculum as well as some of the old. I am not interested in indoctrination, but education. Many textbooks are marketed for California, which has the largest pupil population, so much of the curriculum caters to them. I feel their views and schools are more interested in making good little left-wing activists instead of well-rounded, free-thinking adults.

I think our sports programs speak for themselves, but the focus should be education for all children who want it.

This would be the last May election. ALL elections would be in November where we can get a legitimate consensus. Not the laughingstock we have now. (Superintendent) Dr. Al Roberts has to be led kicking and screaming anytime we ask for the simplest changes. The post-Labor Day start and November elections are to name a few. We aren't smart enough to realize how difficult these decisions are, apparently. They speak from their mountaintop and us cattle just look up with a stupid look and let the administration and union run us over.

Opinion of federal and state education guidelines? Proper oversight or just unfunded mandates?

That is just what they are, unfunded mandates. The state took reading, writing and arithmetic and changed it to Rigor, Relative and Relationship. Hello? That is an example of somebody with a little too much book learning and no common sense. Do they realize that it makes no sense to the average hard working Joe and Jane Blow? Just what in Sam Hill is that suppose to mean? It means someone is trying to baffle the state with ridiculous phrases to justify their unneeded level of bureaucracy. A job I can see could be eliminated tomorrow without affecting the schools one iota.

The No Child Left Behind should be gone over and ANYTHING not funded by the federal government should be eliminated. In my opinion anything drafted by Sen. Ted Kennedy shouldn't be anywhere near my child. His egalitarian utopia doesn't exist outside his Mahogany paneled office. As a board member I would lead the fight to remove what we don't want, need or use of

this program.

What is the role of schools in children's lives?

I think the Powers-that-be feel parents don't have the time any more to properly teach values and morals. I think this is a dangerous concept. Personally, I feel we should teach adding, subtracting, provable sciences without agendas, reading and writing. Throw in Civics and Government and leave the rest to the parents. Right or wrong, that is their job. Not the schools. When schools are blackmailed to teach certain curriculums, either by the government or the Michigan Education Association, it can only lead to a curriculum that doesn't take the interest of the children or the parents into account.

When a child never heard a word about Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7 in school but we sing a 20-minute song about Kwanzaa, a holiday founded by a convicted terrorist and felon that celebrates racism, separatism, and Marxism, I think we have a major problem with political correctness that threatens our entire education system.

We have fifth graders reading about throwing paint on people who wear fur. They don't use energy to make us the greatest Nation on earth but they waste energy. These are some of the problems I see when we try to let the schools socialize our children.

Science instruction should develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills in students. Real-world applications enable students to understand the relevance of what they are learning. Further, active learning promotes intellectual growth. The MEECS curriculum relies heavily on passive instruction, which doesn't foster independent learning or critical thinking. Our students would benefit more if allowed to explore issues without indoctrination. Let them draw their own conclusions on such issues as land use, climate change and the use of nonrenewable fuels.

Every MEECS unit is prefaced with statements underscoring the balanced and science-based nature of the materials. However, the materials are not balanced. They promulgate a viewpoint, one that clearly favors centralized control and decision-making over scientific investigation and public debate.

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Incumbent Patterson wants to continue work with schools

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Financial challenges this state is currently experiencing, are issues that will not be solved quickly or easily. I have the passion, education, dedication, and business background to be your voice on the school board by continuing to listen to and represent your needs.

Experience?

My education, MBA of Information Systems, and work as a systems analyst, consultant, and Certified Tennis Professional, trained me to identify problems and implement solutions through both personal and community involvement. Through other elected and appointed positions I have held, such as president of the Deer Lake Farms Association, and president of the Independence Elementary PTO, I have gained experience in successfully working with diverse groups of people to move toward a common goal of continually improving our schools.

My last four years on the Clarkston School Board has given me background and the knowledge of the school system to challenge the status quo and continue to look for win/win solutions through these tough times. I believe we all need to look within ourselves to ask how we can improve our education system. I will continue to identify opportunities to allow all our children to be successful. I welcome the challenge the school board has ahead of it.

Evaluation of Clarkston Community Schools?

We have great people and a community that cares. The curriculum and sports programs have served us well. Now we must make changes that will allow our students to be competitive in the 21st century while still carrying on the traditions and values of our community. We must remain open to evaluate changes that may be required to retain our good reputation within and beyond the community.

Opinion of federal and state education guidelines? Proper oversight or just unfunded mandates?

The concept of standards for education is a good idea. It provides a base level requirement to evaluate our programs and curriculum. Gravitating our programs down to that base level is not good.

When these standards force teachers to teach to a test, I believe we've become too narrow in our expectations for our students. We need to look at the competencies within the schools that exceed the mandated standard, and maintain that difference.

Parents want to send their children to schools with superior programs. Good teachers want to teach there, and administrators want to be a part of the management process there.

We do not know what the jobs of tomorrow will be but we need to teach our students to be able to think critically and continue to be lifelong learners.

What is the role of schools in children's lives?

We are charged with the responsibility to ensure each child has the opportunity to learn and develop into a young adult. For a child to develop, they must feel secure and supported by the environment around them. To create a positive, safe environment, we create and communicate expectations of behavior, and enforce rules and structure to teach kids how to work with people and make a positive contribution to society.

It is not the responsibility of the schools to replace the role provided by parents and guardians of our students. Rather, it's the role to compliment the positive influences provided by the home environment. In situations where that positive environment is apparently lacking, it's the responsibility of the schools to engage the appropriate social services to help turn the situation around, to positive.

Federal mandates need to be supported, Broughten says

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Experience?

I have 15 years experience with Information Technology management, most recently as a Global Program Manager for EDS. I also have 24 years of military experience, as a colonel in the Michigan Army National Guard. These positions have given me valuable experience leading large, complex organizations similar to the Clarkston School District. I have also gained the know-how with budget management and strategic planning that will serve the board and the community well. I have also served as a PTA member since 1995, and have been a volunteer for numerous school activities.

Evaluation of Clarkston Community Schools?

Clarkston is one of the elite school districts in the state. This is demonstrated by the multiple Blue Ribbon awards, and the commitment to excellence shown by Clarkston's teachers and administrators. As a board member, I would work toward developing a bal-

anced budget that sustains the district's commitment to excellence.

Opinion of federal and state education guidelines? Proper oversight or just unfunded mandates?

I support these guidelines as a way of ensuring that the students of the district are making satisfactory progress, and as a report card for how the district is performing. The challenge we face is that these mandates are not supported with sufficient state and federal funding. I will work with legislators and other school boards to help our lawmakers understand the impact of these mandates on the district, and encourage them to provide the funding necessary to fully implement them.

What is the role of schools in children's lives?

The most important role of school is to educate children for the world they live in. I believe the primary responsibility for children's social skills is with the parents. If the school has a responsibility for socialization, it is to allow children to practice those skills in a socially acceptable manner.

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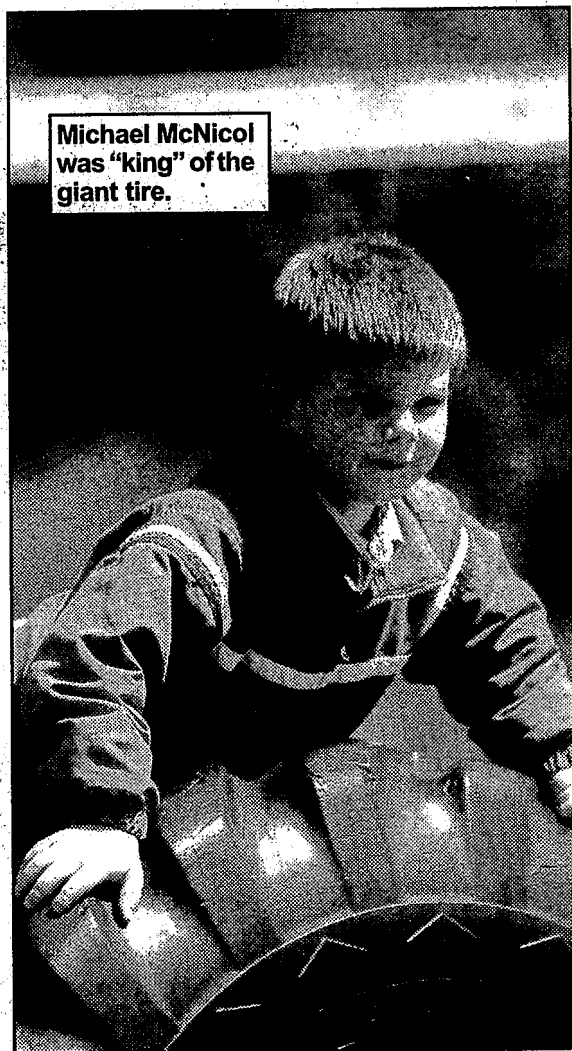
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Ella Klein, 3, enjoyed the sunshine and warm weather—and the big slide, too.



Don't worry, Mom! Brandon Brown, 2, decides he's plenty big to slide down the pole.

Depot delight

As temperatures continued to climb last week, so did the number of kids—and grown-ups—who headed toward Depot Park for some fresh air and sunshine after a long winter. Let's play!

Photos by Laura Colvin



Anna Irovits meets dad, Scott, at the end of the slide.



Juliana Rowland gets a helping hand from her grandma, Sue Watson.

People Poll

April 23, 2008

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Observing Earth Day?

"I think Earth Day's great — a good chance to take time out to think of the environment, plant a tree in the backyard, plant flowers."

— Heather Schoen



"We're going to the Mum-to-Mum Sale."

— Janet Peters-Alt, with her daughter Mareike

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Put it in park

Parks and Recreation director's quick action brings over \$100,000 in conservation funds to Springfield

BY LAURA COLVIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

All that money still seems too good to be true.

"When I say the words out loud, it seems almost surreal," said Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Director Jennifer Tucker. "We just got a \$101,662 grant."

She says the words slowly, as if still trying to convince herself it's not a dream.

It all started when Tucker got a call from a friend who told her about some last-minute funds that were funneled into the United States Department of Agriculture's Natural Resource Conservation Service. He thought it might be a good match for the work she was doing in Springfield.

Tucker jumped on the web, found a phone number and dialed up. The agent she spoke with was a little surprised, and wondered where she heard about the funds.

It wasn't something they were advertising, after all.

Still, the agency was willing to hear her out, and after a couple of meetings and several trips back and forth to Lapeer, Tucker not only had funds from the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program for

work in Springfield Township's Shiawassee Basin Preserve, but she had an award far larger than the agency usually hands out.

"Actually, they call it a cost share program," she explained. "They'll reimburse us after we do the work, and it's work we're already doing—like prescribed burning, and invasive species removal—but the cost-share allows us to do more—a lot more."

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"The property speaks for itself," said Tucker, who hired in as the township's Parks and Rec director about 10 years ago. "We have so many rare and endangered species here, how can you ignore it?"

Over the next seven years, Springfield Township Parks and Recreation will receive \$101,662. See Conservation on page 18B.



Jennifer Tucker stands outside the Springfield Township Civic Center, which sits near the Shiawassee Basin Preserve. Photo by Laura Colvin



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Around Town

Chair massage, 10 a.m.-noon, April 23. \$10 for 15 minutes. Walk-ins welcome. Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

Infant, Child, Adult CPR, 6-9 p.m., April 24. Springfield Township Parks and Rec, Certified instructors from McLaren Wellness Center. Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Road. 10 years and older. \$30/resident. \$35/nonresident. 248-846-6558.

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.

Girls Night Out, NOWC, 7-9 p.m., April 24. Line dancing, dinner, entertainment, inspirational speaker Michelle Hoffman with "Overcoming Life's Tough Spots. Liberty Golf Club, 6060 Maybee Road. \$19.50. Call Amy, 248-922-3426.

Used Book Sale, Independence Township Public Library, April 30-May 3. Hardback, paperback and children's books; most priced \$.25-.52. Half-price sale May 2; \$3 bag-day May 3. Open during regular library hours, 6495 Clarkston Road. 248-625-2212 or www.indelib.org.

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.

Children's Book Day, April 30, Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Absurd Person Singular, comedy presented by Clarkston Village Players to benefit Clarkston Community Historical Society, May 1, Depot Theatre, 4861 White Lake Road. 7 p.m. wine and hors d'oeuvre, 7:30 p.m. curtain. \$20. 248-922-0270.

Join Hands Day, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., May 3, Nels Kimball Preserve, southeast quadrant of I-75 and M-15, on Perry Lake Road north of



Clarkston Village Players' Melissa Butler, Verne Vackaro, Dale Dobson, Wendy Hedstrom, and Melissa Miller Farr rehearse a scene from "Absurd Person Singular." Photo provided

Players present comedy

Clarkston Village Players presents "Absurd Person Singular" starting next week. The comedy by Alan Ayckbourn features three couples' changing fortunes through three Christmas celebrations.

Showtimes are 8 p.m., May 2-3, 9-10, and 16-17; 2 p.m. May 11; and 7:30 p.m. May 15, at Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road.

Call 248-625-8811.

Northview Drive. Wood chip pathways, remove thorny invasive plants, install signs, plant trees, create additional habitat for animals. Bring boots, work clothes, gloves, tools. 248-846-6547.

Garlic Mustard Pull Challenge, Stewardship

Network, 2-5 p.m. May 14, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. May 18, Indian Springs Metropark Nature Center, White Lake Road. Help pull the invasive plant - Golden Hotdog Award for most pulled. Water, snacks provided, bring weather-appropriate clothing, sunscreen, bug repellent, and closed-toe shoes. Children under 18 must be

accompanied by an adult. 810- 227-2757 ext.5182.

Family Bingo Night, 7 p.m., May 15. Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Free Community Kite Flying Event, 12-4 p.m., May 17, Seymour Lake United Methodist Church, 3050 Sashabaw Road. Contests, prizes, free kites. 248-628-4763.

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.

Golf Outing, Clarkston Area Youth Assistance, 8 a.m., June 13, Springfield Oaks, 12450 Andersonville Road. \$100. Four-person scramble, 18 holes, golf cart, contests, prizes, skins, auction. Breakfast, lunch buffet. 248-623-4313.

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.


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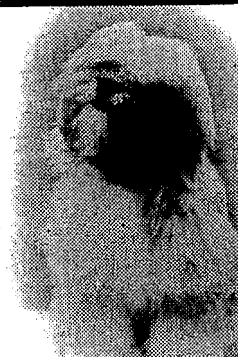
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Sanchin Ryu Karate, Tuesdays, through June 3, Hart Community Center, 495 Broadway, Davisburg. Classes for children, families. 248-846-6558

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

Quilting club, Wednesdays, 10 a.m., Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Beginners, experienced, hand or machine sewers, all welcome. Call Shiela, 248-625-8231.

Knitting, crocheting group, 10 a.m., Wednesdays, bring your own projects or help make items for troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. All welcome. Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Call Catherine, 248-625-8231.

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/non-resident. 248-846-6558.

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

Volunteering, Avalon Hospice, sit with patients, hold their hand, listen to stories, personal care, or just be there. Two hours a week or more. 800-664-6334.

County recruiting for advisory board

Oakland County Board of Commissioners needs volunteers to serve on the Friend of the Court Citizen Advisory Committee.

The committee's purpose is to advise the court and Board of Commissioners regarding Friend of the Court, and review grievances about office operation and gender bias.

It does not have any power or authority over Friend of the Court, and can't intervene in individual cases.

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For application forms, call Oakland County Board of Commissioners office at 248-858-0104 or email www.oakgov.com/boc/news/05pr_friendcourt.html.

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Knowing the score is a must in life's later innings

By Ernie Harwell

One of the first things I learned in broadcasting baseball games was that I had to give out the score every three minutes or the listeners would lose interest. I used an egg timer to develop this "habit."



In the game of baseball, knowing the score in every inning is an absolute must.

The same is true in the game of life—especially in the later innings.

Having said that, I imagine you're wondering what "score" I'm referring to.

Well, I recently read an article about a World Health Organization report recommending that older adults regularly assess how well they can

carry out daily activities.

What score would you give yourself today? Do you consider yourself "winning" or "losing" at the challenge of living the healthiest life possible? How easily can you prepare meals, climb stairs, do housework and care for pets? Do you walk regularly, even when it's not necessary?

Paying attention to the quantity and quality of our daily physical activity helps shift our perspective. Rather than desiring to be healthier so that we can be healthier.

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

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

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Milestones



Lawrence Tech's Steel Bridge Team members, from left, Joseph Wallace, Michael Mitchell, Erica Hume and Jacob Van Horn.

Students achieve success

Jacob Van Horn of Clarkston joined Steel Bridge teammates Michael Mitchell of Hartland, Joseph Wallace of Eastpointe, and Erica Hume of Canton in regional competition recently, earning first in four out of six categories – construction speed, construction economy, lightness, and structural efficiency.

The Lawrence Technological University team will represent the region in the national championships at the University of Florida, May 23-25.

Freshman Kathryn Rice of Clarkston was awarded the President's Cup during Honors Convocation April 3 at Alma College.

Rice, daughter of Brian and Susanne Rice of Clarkston, also participated in Alma's Kapp Honor's Day program April 3.

Also participating in Honor's Day was

freshman Martha Showalter, daughter of Lowell and Lois Showalter of Clarkston.

Martha is a 2007 graduate of Oakland Christian School.

Clarkston students Steven A. Puroll and Keith W. Voorheis earned 4.0 grade point averages for fall semester 2007 at Northern Michigan University.

Clarkston students Edward D. Brennan, Christopher A. Broughton, Ross A. Broughton, Sara J. Hartley, Matthew T. Hoffman, Scott H. Huber, and Michael J. Phillips earned at least 3.25 grade point averages, fall 2007, at NMU.

Julie Ann Williams, a 2007 graduate of Clarkston High School, was named to the Fall Dean's List at New York University where she is majoring in Journalism and Mass Communication.


In our country's service...

Navy Airman Apprentice Christopher J. Townson, grandson of John and Patricia Selent of Davisburg and son of Sheryl Selent of Elk Rapids, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. Townson is a 2003 graduate of Elk Rapids High School of Elk Rapids.

Army Pvt. Brian L. Shenberger has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

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Religion

Cut noise for better family communication

Isn't it ironic that one of the biggest threats to communication in our world today is sound, or too much of it?

The other day I was in the car waiting at a stoplight. In the car in front of me was a young woman listening to music. The music was so loud that I could see the rearview mirror shaking to the beat.

I enjoy music just as much as anybody, but no one can deny that in this life, we can enjoy too much of a good thing. Sound was created by God, and in itself, it is a wonderful thing.

But when sound becomes *noise*, it can become an unhealthy distraction.

Too much noise impairs our ability to communicate with those around us, and puts distance between us and those we love.

In our society, "noise" comes in many forms. Today's average teen is spending more and more time in cyberspace. As the PBS Frontline stated in its January 22, 2008, report entitled *Growing Up Online*, "This is the first generation to come of age immersed in a virtual world, outside the reach of their parents."

In other words, the Internet helps children to avoid communicating with parents, and it takes from the time that

parents have to communicate with their children.

As humans, we are made to communicate with each other. Parents and kids need uninterrupted time together to get beyond surface conversation and understand each other. This is hard to do with email and instant messaging.

Humans have an uncanny ability to communicate. We do not even need sound! A glance can speak volumes. Often times, when we know another person well, we can tell exactly what that person is thinking without he or she having to say a single word.

The raising of an eyebrow, a smile, a wink — these motions can speak without words — that is, if we are truly "listening" to one another.

Communication is critical to healthy family life. To combat the distractions available, today's family has to "fight" for time to listen to each other.

This takes effort and sacrifice. Sacrifice? Not a common household word. The fruit of this sacrifice is a family with more patience, tolerance, and charity.

Families with these virtues tend to grow stronger, resolve problems faster, and support each other. A strong family yields strong children.

So, ask yourself a couple of questions.

How many times this week did you sit down with your loved ones and eat a meal that lasted at least 30 minutes?

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Spiritual Matters



Father Daniel Pajerski

In our churches...

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.

Guest speaker Rev. Kathy Harwood Long, Peace Unity, 9 a.m., April 27. How to meet needs in an ecologically sustainable way. Special music by Michael Krieger. All welcome. Meets at Sashabaw Presbyterian, 5300 Maybee Road. 248-891-4365.

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.

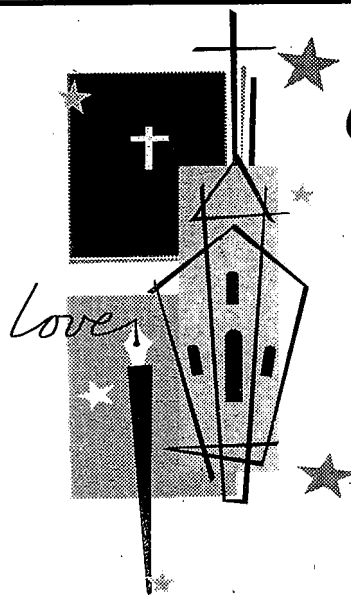
Prayer Partner Training, 10:30 a.m., second Sunday. Participants will receive a prayer syllabus. All welcome. Peace Unity, at Sashabaw Presbyterian, 5300 Maybee Road. 248-891-4365.

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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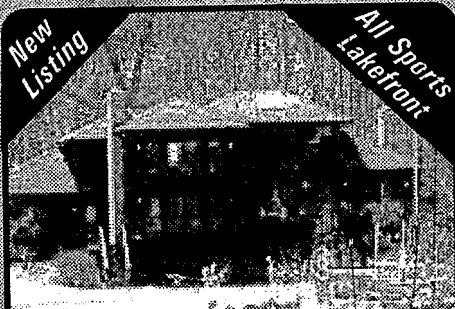
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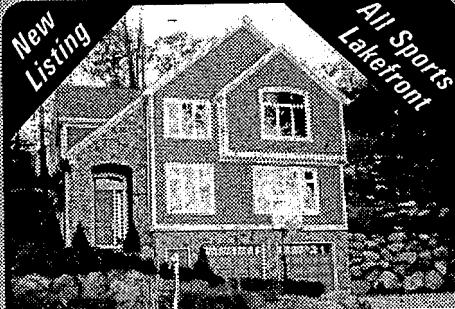
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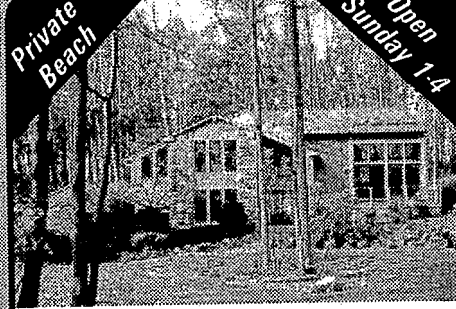
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All Sports Lakefront

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New Listing



All Sports Lakefront

Rambling 4-bedroom Colonial nestled on the shores of 235-acre Lake Oakland. Cherry kitchen, cathedral family room w/fireplace, formal dining, and grounds to ooh and aah about. \$349,000 39-DIL

New Construction



Open Sunday 1-4

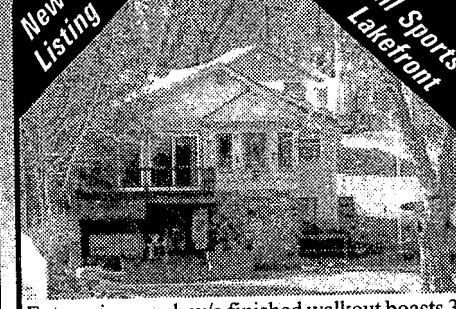
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New Listing



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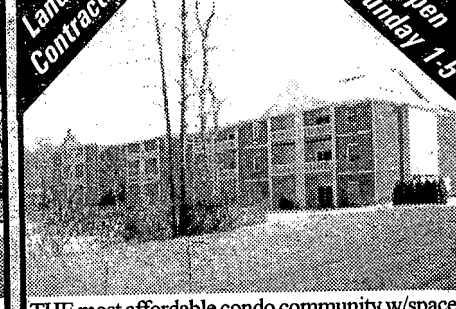
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Spiritual Matters

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(the average amount of time we spend glued to a TV show). Then, ask yourself how many combined minutes each of your family members spent on the Internet, watching television or listening to an iPod this week.

Based on the numbers, there may be room for change. More dinner time as a family. Less radio or television in the car. Family game night. One less night 'out' and one more night 'in'. There are many possibilities.

To strengthen our families, we need to turn off the noise, and listen. We just might be amazed at what we hear.

Father Daniel Pajerski, LC, is the Director of Formation at Everest Academy in Independence Township.

Call 248-625-3370 to take part in Spiritual matters

Local churches combine efforts to celebrate National Day of Prayer

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Clarkston Area Pastors Association celebrates its third annual local observance of the National Day of Prayer, 7-9 a.m., Thursday, May 1, at St. Daniels Catholic Church.

The event is co-chaired by Diane Bretz, operations director of Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, and Kay Duford, worship coordinator of St. Daniel Parish.

"We have people in the community assigned to different categories, for example, community law enforcement, fire department, non-profit organizations," said Bretz. "We find people from these groups to offer about a two minute prayer for that group in our community."

The event will include a full catered breakfast from Puzio Catering Company. Girl Scout Troop 1878 from Independence Elementary will present the flag ceremony, Mark Gilman will be the MC, and

Clarkston High School Madrigals will perform.

"I'm really excited that we have the Madrigals singing," said Duford. "We're hoping to have 300 people come."

There will also be special speaker Daphne DeMaris, talking about "Prayer. It does the body good." DeMaris is a licensed professional counselor and clinical pastoral counselor.

"We've had more participation with more churches than we've ever had before," said Duford.

"We have representatives from various churches, a lot of dialogue; it's an interfaith experience, so I am excited about that. It's ecumenical."

Other churches sponsoring the event include Calvary Lutheran Church, St. Daniels, New Hope Bible Church, Clarkston Free Methodist, Clarkston Community, and Clarkston United Methodist.

"It's really a worthwhile day. It's a good way to start the day of

course always with prayer, with other members of the community and it's good to be in community with other churches," said Bretz. "I think that's what I like most about it."

Both Bretz and Duford have been on the planning team for the past three years. The planning team this year includes Calvary Lutheran and St. Daniels, Clarkston Community and Clarkston Free Methodist church.

"I think we have a real successful planning team," said Bretz.

The national observance predates the founding of our nation. In 1775, the Continental Congress called on colonists to pray for guidance. A joint resolution of Congress in 1952 established a national day of prayer. In 1988, an amendment designated the first Thursday of May for the observance.

"I'm excited about the thoughts of Christians getting together to pray for our country," said Duford.

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. 6805 Bluegrass Drive. Call 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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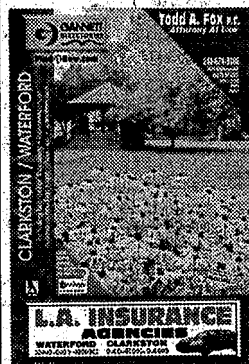
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Clarkston Grizzlies, Coach Buzz, Alberto, Jordan, Blake, Kyle, Garrett, Coach Marty, Dillan, Justice, Chris, Chance, Vinnie and Dan. Photo provided

Traveling to new heights

Editor's note: Due to misspellings of names, this article is being rerun in its entirety.

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Reporter

The Clarkston Grizzlies ended their season March 17 with a grand finale.

The traveling basketball team won their championship game of the playoffs against Flint-based Custom Lawn Care, 46-40.

"It was pretty cool," said Chance Huth. "It was a revenge for us. We have played Custom Lawn Care before in finals and lost to them."

"I was impressed on how poised and focused they were," said mom, Renea Huth-Grabow. "They are a tight knit group."

The team had time to strategize as they were driven to the game in luxury. One of their sponsors, 24/7 Limo Service, donated an H2 Hummer limo to take them to their championship game.

Most of the boys have been together since the team was formed in 2005.

They played two to three games a week and practiced at Oakland University. While practicing there, the boys would sometimes get a treat and would be helped by

Oakland's Grizzlies

"It was a really experience," said Huth-Grabow.

They reached the semi-final rounds during their first two seasons in 2005 and 2006. Last year, the Grizzlies advanced to the championship game after competing against 20 teams from Flint, Grand Blanc, Davison and other surrounding communities.

They defeated Flushing, 55-37 in the first round of the playoffs. In the second round, the team secured their spot to play in the championship game after winning against the Hornets, 50-31.

Competing in the fall, winter and spring sessions, they've accumulated a winning percentage over .750.

The Clarkston Grizzlies are seventh-graders Jeffrey Bullard, Chris Calvano, Jordan Dasuqi, Vinny Famularo, Daniel Baylis, Chance Huth, Justis Kerner, Kyle Riley, Garrett Ross, Blake Sutherland, Alberto Carlesimo, and Dylan Hancock.

Buzz Famularo and Marty Kernel coach the Grizzlies. They ended the season with an overall record, 12-3.

Wind doesn't stop Wolves on the links

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

The Wolves beat Rochester, 173-159.

"They did well," said varsity coach Mark Wiegand. "The wind and rain didn't help during the match, but it didn't seem to effect 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; Zak Rogers, 41; and Tom Ronk, 43.

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

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

"They have a couple of good players. In Division Red, they are competitive. If you don't bring your 'A' game, you are going to get beat."

They have a competition on Monday against Lahser before going to the Traverse City Invitational the last weekend of April.



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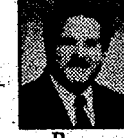
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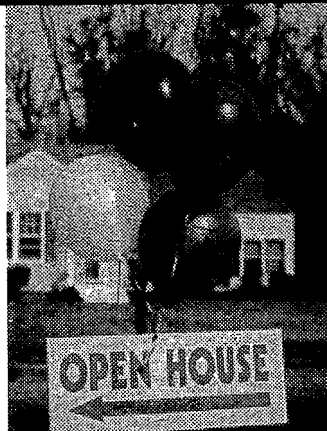


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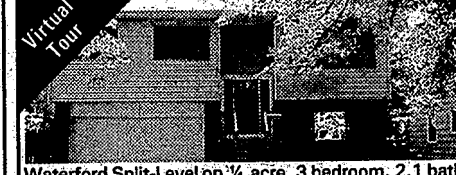
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Obituary

Lillian L. Steward

Lillian L. Steward of Auburn Hills went to be with the Lord April 14 at the age of 72, and is now pain free.

She was the mother of Deb (Bill) Brandreth of Clarkston; preceded in death by her son David Steward; also survived by her dear friend/Deb's father, Jesse "Jay" Steward; sister of the late James (Fran) Vanderver, the late Lonnie Vanderver, Marvin (Linda) Vanderver, Patricia (John) Czarnecki, Kathy (Donald) Munson, Grace (Bruce) Manney, Lacy (Nancy) Vanderver, Pamela Perna and Doris Scorzelli. Mrs. Steward was a longtime member



of Auburn Hills Christian Center.

Visitation was April 16-17 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral service was April 18 at Auburn Hills Christian Center. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Auburn Hills Christian Center for Missions.

Online guest book
www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Patricia Elsie Dennis

Patricia Elsie Dennis, age 75, passed away Thursday, April 17, at her residence in Carriere, Miss. A memorial service will be held in Michigan at a later date.

Pat, a native of Michigan, moved to Carriere from Florida three years ago. She was a homemaker and a Methodist.

She is survived by her husband, William Dennis, of Carriere, Miss.; three sons, Michael Dennis of Carriere, Miss., Steven Dennis of Michigan and James Dennis of Michigan; daughter, Kathryn Dennis of



Michigan; half-brother, Jerry Johnson of Texas; sister, Nancy Till of Florida; half-sister, Susan Carl of Michigan; and three grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Picayune Funeral Home and Crematory, 815 S. Haugh Ave., Picayune, Miss., (601) 798-5238.

Eva Louise Goins

Eva Louise Goins of Clarkston passed away April 18 at the age of 89.

She was preceded in death by her husband Bill. She was the loving mother of Sheila (James) Hughes of Clarkston, Wayne (Ann) Goins of Fla. and Cynthia (Michael) Duggan of Waterford; Nana of Scott and Jason Hughes, Grace and Jesse Goins, Lindsay and Kelsey Duggan; sister of June Jenning of WVa.; sister in law of Joe Green, Goldie Goins and Lillian Goins.

Mrs. Goins was an active member of Clarkston Free Methodist Church.



Friends may visit at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, Wednesday, April 23, 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral service, Thursday, 12:30 p.m., at Clarkston Free Methodist Church. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to In-House Hospice Solutions or Alzheimers Assn.

Online guest book
www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Cynthia Louise (Tinny) Bortz

Cynthia Bortz, age 78, of Rose City, formerly a resident of Clarkston and Holly, passed away April 10.

She retired from the Clarkston school district. After her retirement, she enjoyed working for the Oakland County Fair Grounds before moving to Rose City.

Cynthia was preceded in death by her parents Eugene and Louise Lejuste and her brother Edwin Lejuste.

She is survived by her children, Jim (Michelle) Bortz III of Clarkston, Bridget (Del) Rush of Oxford, and Shaun (Bill) of Rose City; grandchildren D.J. Bortz IV and Zachary Bortz; and sister Suzanne (Jim) Donnelly of California.



As an avid animal lover, she leaves in the care of her daughter Shaun her beloved dog "Dillon" and her miniature horse "Sammy."

A memorial service will be held at Clarkston United Methodist Church on April 30. Visitation begins at 10 a.m. with memorial service at 11 a.m. Burial will be in Milford, Ind. Memorial contributions may be made to Ogemaw County Humane Society, P.O. Box 231, West Branch, Mich., 48661, attn: Building Fund.

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Obituary

Lorraine G. Chapman

Lorraine G. Chapman of Clarkston passed away April 16.

She was born on Oct. 9, 1922, in Stockton, Calif., the daughter of Theodore Roosevelt Pretzer and Maybelle Fuller Pretzer.

She attended the University of the Pacific and worked at the Stockton Ordnance Depot making shell casing during WWII.

After the war, she set up PXs on military bases in Europe, traveling extensively in Germany, Switzerland, France, and England for 2-3 years.

After returning to the states, while visiting a friend in Michigan, she met and married Albert Jack Chapman in 1955. She never made it home to California again.

They made their home in Pontiac until they retired in 1975, and then moved to Central Lake, Mich.

They were married 39 years when Jack died on Jan. 16, 1994. They had two

daughters, Sherial (Michael) Sherman and Lori (John) King. Grandchildren include Kelly, Amanda, Adrian (Jason), Jason (died at age 7) and Joshua (Michelle). Great Grandchildren are Joshua Jr., Jason, Cierra, and Demetri.

Lorraine loved knitting, crocheting, and reading, but most of all she loved her family. She made many sacrifices "for her girls" which we will never forget.

For the last 11 years, she made her home with her daughter and son-in-law, Lori and John in Clarkston.

The house will be empty without her smiles to welcome us home. She loved well and was well loved.

Funeral Service was April 19 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment White Chapel Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Season's Hospice. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Mary J. Pawlik

Mary J. Pawlik of Kalamazoo passed away suddenly on April 18.

Mary was born April 10, 1963, in Pontiac, the daughter of Alan and Louise (Guellec) VanLoon, and was raised in Clarkston.

She was a Registered Nurse and graduated from Nursing School at Oakland University. On October 27, 1989, she was married to Dr. Michael S. Pawlik, who survives.

Also surviving are two teenage daughters, Sarah and Emily Pawlik, both at home; her parents Alan and Louise VanLoon of Clarkston; a brother Clifford VanLoon of California and three sisters, Anne (Steve) Ronk of Clarkston, Kathe

(James) Heaslip of Brighton and Amy (Sean) Campbell of Clarkston; nine nieces and nephews; three sisters-in-law, Anne Pawlik of Allen Park, Rose VanSickle of Arizona and Therese Pawlik of Farmington Hills.

A Funeral Mass will be 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 23, at St. Augustine Cathedral, 542 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo, with the Rev. Fr. James Richardson, celebrant.

As an expression of sympathy, memorial contributions may be made to the A.E.D. Fund of Kalamazoo County, P.O. Box 1464, Portage, Mich., 49081. Please visit www.langelands.com to sign the online register book and send a condolence to the family.

Obituaries are updated daily at ClarkstonNews.com

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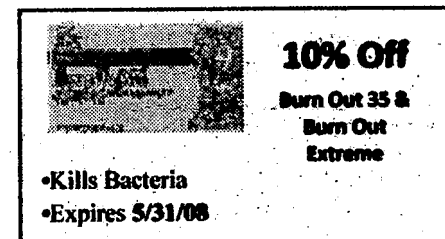
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Q. A friend of mine died recently and her divorced parents were her next of kin and couldn't agree on the services for their daughter. One parent wanted burial and the other wanted cremation. The mother ended up having to petition probate court for the right to make her own daughter's arrangements. It was granted to her and she then was able to proceed with what she felt was right. I am single and in a like situation, divorced parents, etc., can I get pro-active and spare both my parents the arguing and needless extra grief if I should pass before them?

Gina H., Waterford

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Q. It seems to me there is a lot of con-



Wint's Word on Advance Funeral Planning

By Connie Glynn

fusion about Veterans Benefits these days. I'd like to know whether or not someone has to have served in a foreign country during wartime to be buried at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly?

Tom S., Davisburg

A. Tom, you are not the only one who is unsure of their benefits. A veteran has only to be honorably discharged from any branch of the US Armed Services to be eligible for FREE burial at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly.

Because we at Wint Funeral Home care so deeply for our veterans, we are hosting a free Veterans Benefits Seminar on Thursday, May 15, at American Legion Post 63, 8047 Ortonville Road, in Independence Township. Refreshments will be served and we have 2 sessions available, one at 10 a.m. and one at 6:30 p.m. with keynote speakers Jim Goldsmith, assistant director at Great Lakes National Cemetery; Dan Crocker,

state director of Veterans Services and Oakland County's own Jack Becher, supervisor of the Pontiac office.

It is our sincere aim to facilitate getting the correct information out to all our vets and their spouses about all their benefits. RSVP's must be made in advance, please call Connie, 248-625-5231 or email wintfuneralhome@aol.com.

Q. My husband pre-arranged his funeral quite a number of years ago and pre-paid for it. I recently discovered that the price he paid then was so much less than what it costs today. I wish I had not been so stubborn and listened to a radio personality's advice not to pre-pay a funeral. What can I do now?

Anonymous, no city

A. It's not too late. You can still pre-arrange and pre-fund, therefore, locking in today's prices, because one thing is sure, they will increase in the future. In fact, it generally holds true that funeral service doubles about every 10 years or so. I'm guessing that is what you found out. Call me today and we will put a plan in place for you so in 10 years you'll be sighing a sigh of relief and feeling pretty confident about your economic savvy, too!

Thanks, Clarkston area readers for your great response to this column, I hope the answers are a help to you. Please keep those questions coming to Connie Glynn, Director of Family Services, C/O Wint Funeral Home, 5929 S. Main St., Clarkston, MI 48346, 248-625-5231 or e-mail to wintfuneralhome@aol.com to the attention of Connie Glynn.

Vilma Lee 'Val' Kessler



Vilma Lee "Val" Kessler of Clarkston passed away April 13 at the age of 75.

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Funeral Service was April 18 at A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home.



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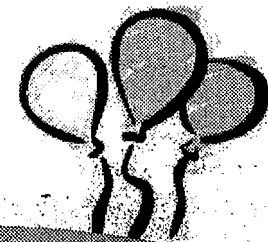
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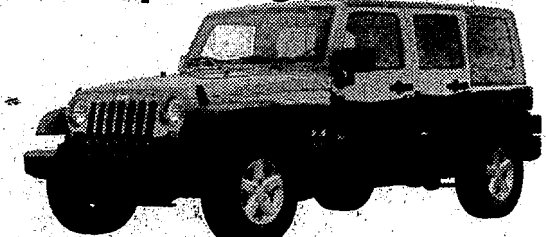
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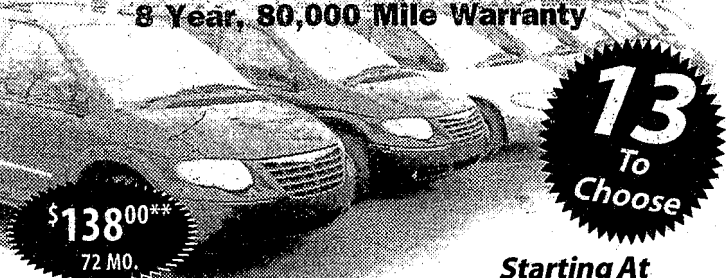
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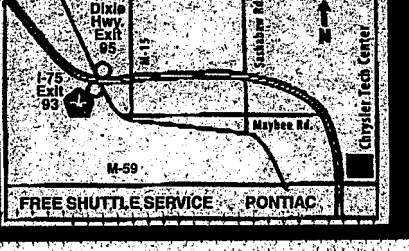
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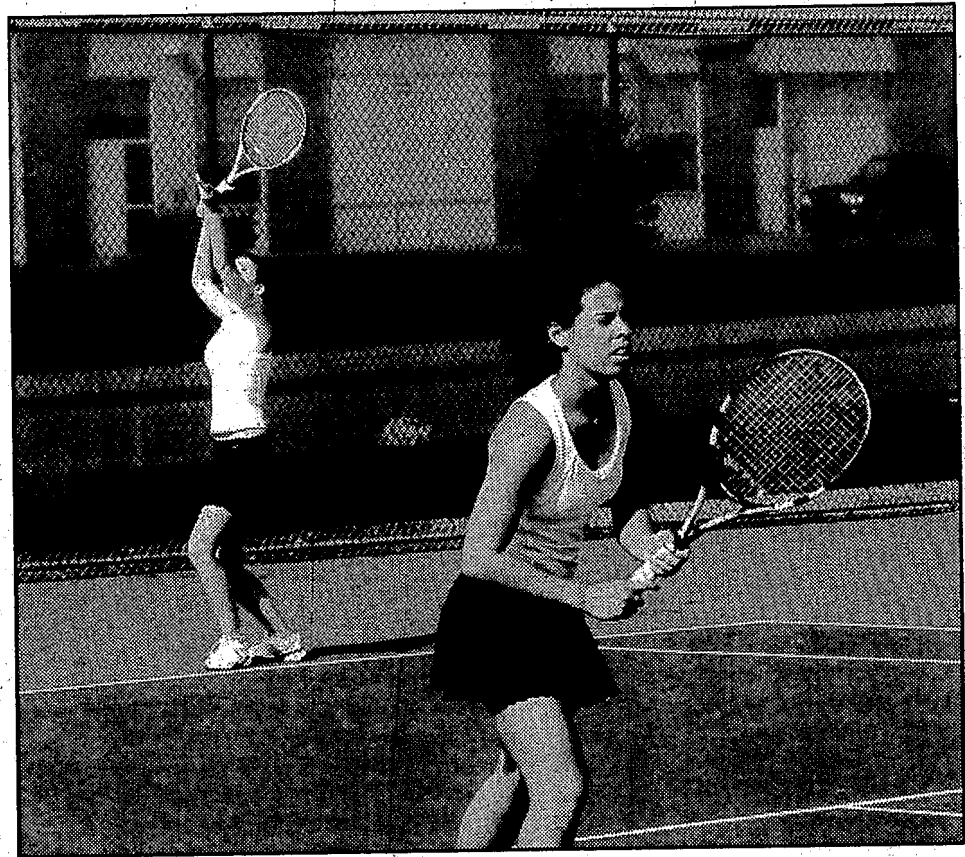
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Looking for the ace

The girls varsity tennis team took third place at the Saline Invitational on Saturday. Alyssa Lucas and Blair McCarty each placed second in their single matches. "I'm pleased with the steady improvement the girls are making," said Coach Craig Judd. "This week is critical and will determine many of the later seeded positions as we play North Farmington, West Bloomfield and Groves in dual matches." On Saturday the girls play at the Ann Arbor Invitational. Many of Michigan's top ten teams will be there. "Clarkston girls are up to the challenge," said Judd. "I expect some great tennis played this week."

Sports shorts

On Friday, the boys varsity golf team beat Stoney Creek, 156-180. Lead scorers for were: Matt Fuller, 36; Tommy Ronk, 37; Brandon Stone, 39; and Jordan Roth, 44. Stoney Creek's leading scorers were: Brent Yurik, 43; Shane Felton, 45; Eric Blake, 46; and Sean Cahill, 46. The boys played their home match at Oakhurst Country Club. "Fuller and Ronk continued their strong play and Brandon Stone's game is coming around nicely," said coach Mark Wiegand. "We travel to Traverse City Invitational for a Friday and Saturday tournament." * * *

At the Farmington Mercy Tournament, the girls varsity softball team finished 1-3. The four games brought their overall record to 5-7. They won against North Farmington, 5-1.

Sarah Altene was the winning pitcher. It was a 4 hitter with no earned runs, 3 walks, and 4 strikeouts. Taylor Hasselbach hit a double, one RBI, and had one stolen base; Lindsey Upchurch hit a double and 1 RBI; and Katie Smith had a double, one triple and one RBI. They lost their first game against Cass Tech, 5-2. Hasselbach was two for two both doubles, three stolen bases, and had one RBI. They lost to Milford and Farmington, 6-3. In the Milford game, Hasselbach hit a double, Shantel Uballé hit a double and one RBI, and Lizzy Zezula had a triple. Against Farmington, Connor Daugherty hit a double with two RBIs. They play at home on Wednesday against Troy Athens in a double header. The first game begins at 4 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE
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CLARKSTON

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
375 DEPOT ROAD
CLARKSTON MI 48346
SUMMARY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 14, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Catalo.
Roll. Present: Catalo, Brueck, Gawronski, Inabnit, Johnston, Ottman, Roth.
Absent: None.

Minutes of March 24, 2008, accepted as presented with two corrections.

Agenda accepted as presented with additions.
Ottman reported that she and several others had met with Bob Donahue of the Oakland County Main Street program which works with local communities to strengthen the business communities. The mentoring program was discussed and Mr. Donahue made a presentation later in the meeting.

Ottman informed Council that the Clarkston Area Youth Assistance would be honoring area youths on April 30.

Gawronski reported on the City's Planning Commission which met on Monday. Signage had been discussed with ways to direct people to downtown businesses by the use of signs at corners and kiosk-type signs for directions.

Brueck reminded Council that the U of M graduate students would be making the presentation on the Master Plan for Depot Park at 7:00 on April 16 at Fire Hall No. 1 in the Training Room.

Chief LaCroix reported that a suspect in several break-ins had been apprehended. The break-ins had occurred in the City and surrounding area.

Pursley reported that he had attended DTE training for a new system of reporting street light outages. Pursley reported on a demonstration of a crack filling method for streets on East Church and Main.

Pursley advised Council that the picnic tables were refinished and are ready to be placed in the park. Raking in the park will begin, weather permitting.

Mrs. Schultz presented Council with a collage of the bridge construction.

She further discussed the lighting at each end of the bridge and stated that funding would be from donations to the bridge. City Building Inspector Sy Stone has reviewed the wiring and specifications.

Mrs. Schultz asked that the Bridge fund be renamed "Friends of Depot Park." She would like to contribute to the playground with remaining funds and future donations for playground purposes.

Moved that the "Friends of Depot Park - Bridge Fund" be renamed "Friends of Depot Park Playground Fund."

Mr. Bob Donahue distributed and discussed different aspects for the Main Street Oakland program. Council asked to table this issue until the next Council meeting.

Moved that the City Council authorize City Attorney Ryan to prepare adoption of the 2003 International Property Code.

The City Council agreed that the Mayor should sign the Clarkston National Day of Prayer Proclamation.

Council agreed that Mr. McCullough of the Oakland County Drain Commission should schedule a meeting with Council regarding Asset Management.

Council directed Pappas to inform the Optimist Club that a structure could be built on the north end of the City to display service organization signs and Pappas is to submit an application to MDOT for this signage.

Council agreed that the sign at the playground listing donations be replaced by a framed list at the City Hall.

Pappas asked for a meeting of the Finance Committee to begin the process for the 2008 - 2009 Budget. Meeting will be arranged for the week of April 21.

The City of Pontiac Regional Wastewater Feasibility Study Report issued by the Oakland County Drain Commissioner is on file for review by Council or anyone else interested.

Resolved that the City Council authorize the Chief of Police to sign the letter of approval to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission for the serving of liquor outside the building. This is contingent upon a copy of the lease for this area being furnished to the City and the Fire Marshal, and City Building Inspector's review and approval.

Mr. Robert Bondy was present to request that he be allowed to display a sandwich board sign for this business on the second floor of the Clarkston-Café building. Council advised Mr. Bondy that if he wished to pursue this issue, he would have to obtain a vari-

ance from the ZBA
Resolved that the Search Committee and City Manager enter into negotiations with Mr. Dennis Ritter for the position of City Manager.

Resolved that the City Council authorize the hiring of Janet Gillespie for the position of Clerk/Treasurer; and, authorize the Search Committee and new City Manager to participate in the contractual discussion. Johnston asked Council's permission to prepare a flyer (sample furnished Council) outlining donations to be channeled towards what is needed for Depot Park development. Council agreed to Johnston's pursuing this.

Resolved that the 2008 - 2009 Assessing Contract with Oakland County be entered into as presented by Oakland County Equalization.
Meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

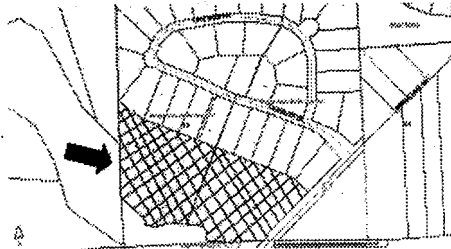
Respectfully submitted
Artemus M. Pappas, Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE
Charter Township of Springfield

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION
AMENDMENT TO ZONING MAP,
ORDINANCE NO. 26**

The Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield ordains that the Springfield Township Zoning Map, Ordinance No. 26, is hereby amended to rezone the following described properties:

Bridge Lake Bluffs residential development: The Park/Nature Preserve is rezoned from R-2 One Family Residential to RC Resource Conservation, P.I. 07-14-276-008, 07-14-276-015. The rezoned area is located west of Bridge Lake Rd. and south of Lakebluff Dr.



Said amendment having been adopted in accordance with the provisions of the Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No. 26 at a regularly-scheduled meeting of the Township Board held on April 10, 2008, which amendment shall become effective seven (7) days after publication of this Notice of Adoption.

The entire Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance, and map and files related to this amendment, may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, MI 48350 during regular business hours. Those persons needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance. 248-846-6510.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

At a regular meeting of the Independence Township Board held on April 15, 2008, the Township Board authorized a First Reading of a Rezoning Request from OS-2 (Office Service Two) to C-3/PRO (Highway Commercial/Planned Rezoning Overlay), restricted to C-1 and OS-2 Uses (Local Business and Office Service Two), Clarkston Hill Offices, LLC, Petitioner, 6160 Clarkston Road (08-33-302-031), as follows:



Publish: April 23, 2008

Shelagh VanderVeen
Township Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE
Charter Township of Springfield

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION
ORDINANCE NO. 79**

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ORDINANCE**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at a Regular Meeting held April 10, 2008, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield adopted Ordinance No. 79, Charter Township of Springfield Motor Carrier Safety Ordinance, which ordinance is set forth herein and shall take effect seven (7) days after publication of this Notice of Adoption.

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN**
AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE MICHIGAN MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ACT AND TO PROVIDE FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THE ORDINANCE AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS
Ordinance No. 79

The Charter Township of Springfield ordains:
SECTION 1 - TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known as the Charter Township of Springfield Motor Carrier Safety Ordinance.

SECTION 2 - MICHIGAN MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ACT ADOPTED

1. **Code Adopted**
The Michigan Motor Carrier Safety Act, Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1963, as amended; MCL 480.11 to 480.25, as amended; and all future amendments and revisions to the Michigan Motor Carrier Safety Act when they are promulgated and effective in this State are hereby adopted by reference, and its provisions will be effective in this Township from the effective date of this Ordinance.

2. **References in Code**
References in the Michigan Motor Carrier Safety Act to "local authorities" shall mean the Charter Township of Springfield.

3. **Penalties**
The penalties provided by the Michigan Motor Carrier Safety Act are adopted by reference, provided, however, the Township shall not enforce any provision of the Michigan Motor Carrier Safety Act for which the maximum period of imprisonment is greater than 93 days or for which the maximum fine is greater than \$500.00.

SECTION 3 - SEVERABILITY
Should any provision or part of this ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the same shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the balance of this ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4 - REPEALER
All other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 5 - SAVINGS CLAUSE
Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court or any rights acquired or any liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed as cited in Section 4 of this ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired, or affected by this ordinance.

SECTION 6 - EFFECTIVE DATE
This ordinance shall take effect following publication in the manner prescribed by law. This ordinance shall be published in the manner provided by law.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Springfield Township Ordinance No. 79, the Charter Township of Springfield Motor Carrier Safety Ordinance, adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Board held on the tenth day of April, 2008. The ordinance and related documents may be inspected or obtained at the office of the Springfield Township Clerk, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350 during regular business hours. Anyone needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance. 248-846-6510.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

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SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
Mr. Wagner called the April 15, 2008, meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., at the Independence Township Public Library.

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

- Absent:
There was a quorum.
- Opening Statements and Correspondence
 - Public Forum opened at 7:40 p.m. and closed at 7:55 p.m.
 - Approved the Agenda, as amended
 - Approved motion to approve the Consent Agenda
 - Proclamation - Mental Health Month, May, 2008
 - Proclamation - National Day of Prayer
 - Resolution - Clarkston State Bank
 - Approved motion to place Open Space Millage on the November, 2008 Ballot
 - Approved motion granting permission to hire Brandon Wyke as Park Laborer, effective April 21, 2008
 - Approved motion to approve First Reading of a Rezoning Request from OS-2 (Office Services Two) to C-3/PRO (Highway Commercial/Planned Rezoning Overlay), restricted to C-1 and OS-2 Uses (Local Business and Office Service Two), Clarkston Hill Offices, LLC, Petitioner, 6160 Dixie Highway (08-33-302-031)
 - Discussion on Robert's Rules of Order
 - Approved motion to approve 2008 Road Chloride Program
 - Approved motion to approve Purchase Orders and Accounts Payable Check run
 - Approved Motion to accept Minutes of April 3, 2008, as amended
 - Approved Motion to adjourn regularly scheduled meeting at 10:05 p.m.

Shelagh VanderVeen
Township Clerk

Published: 4/23/08

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NOTICE OF ELECTION - MAY 6, 2008

IN

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

FOR

CLARKSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

LAKE ORION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

To the Qualified Electors:

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MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION - VOTE

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PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

Thursday, May 1, 2008

The City of the Village of Clarkston announces a Public Accuracy Testing of the computer program on Thursday, May 1, 2008, at 10:30 a.m. for the May 6, 2008, School Board Election.

This testing will be held at the City Hall, 375 Depot Road, Clarkston, Michigan.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

April 16, 2008

SYNOPSIS

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Walks

PUBLIC COMMENT: Janet Demoniao, Independence Township; commented on salaries for Supervisor and Clerk

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approved Minutes: January 29, 2008 Special Township Board and Parks Commission Workshop Meeting and March 13, 2008 Regular Meeting with bills and additional disbursements of \$215,778.66
- Accepted March 2008 Treasurer's Report
- Received March 2008 Reports: Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical, Ordinance and Fire
- Authorized payment of bills as presented, total \$25,421.01
- Authorized attendance of up to 3 people to attend the Michigan Planning Enabling Act Workshop not to exceed \$175.00 per person
- Adopted resolution granting permission for the round up, hold, transfer and nest destruction of Canada Geese on and around Big Lake and other lakes in Springfield Township from 2008 and 2010
- Adopted resolution to approve prospective Holly Area Youth Assistance Board of Director Members
- Authorized participation in RCOO dust control program @28¢/linear foot for five applications on public roads; authorized contracting with Road Maintenance Inc. for dust control on private roads @ 38¢/linear foot for 4 applications
- Authorized submittal of West Nile Virus eradication plan to Oakland County Health Division by Supervisor
- Authorized a refund of a portion of building permit fee, \$446.00, to DW Investments
- Received communications and placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Adopted Amendment to Zoning Map, Ordinance No. 28, Bridge Lake Bluffs, P.I. #'s 07-14-276-008 and 07-14-276-015
- Adopted Michigan Motor Carrier Safety Act Ordinance 79
- Eagle's Ridge Master Deed & By Laws: Removed from Table and set for May Township Board Meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

- Kingston Pointe Condominiums: Conditionally approved Amended Site Plan
- First Reading: Amendment to Ordinance 16, Junk Ordinance; Authorized Second Reading
- Bridge Lake Road Gravel Request, Holcomb to Lake Bluff Dr: Authorized 50% cost share with Assn. Homeowners
- Daviesburg Hamlet Issues/Requests: Authorized development of work plan and budget by Carlake/Worlman Assoc.
- Dixie Highway Corridor: Authorized Boulevard Concept Preparation, not to exceed \$2,000.00
- Authorized Civic Center Landscaping, not to exceed \$5,700.00
- Adopted Bridge Lake Road Refund Resolution
- Discussed Parks Grant Award

PUBLIC COMMENT: None
ADJOURNED: 9:50 p.m.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk

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FILE NO:
2008-316, 412-DE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of KENNETH LEE ZETTEL, DECEASED. Date of birth: 9/5/1961
TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, KENNETH LEE ZETTEL, DECEASED, who lived at 6290 Saline, Pontiac, Michigan died March 19, 2008.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Mary Zettel named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Michigan 48341-0449 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

ROBERT G. ISGRIGG, JR. P-24924
2745 Pontiac Lake Road
Waterford, Michigan 48328
(248) 682-8800

Mary Zettel
6290 Saline
Waterford, Michigan 48329
(248) 674-7817

PUBLIC NOTICE

SASHABAW PLAINS, INC. TO ALL SASHABAW CEMETERY LOT OWNERS

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.

Funds will support conservation efforts

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for prescribed burning, invasive plant removal and control, wetland restoration, native plantings, and forest stand improvement.

Contained within the Long Lake Complex, The Shiawassee Basin Preserve may be the largest, highest quality and most pristine fen in Michigan.

And, explains Tucker, since Michigan has the most fens in the world, it's potentially the most highly ranked fen in the world.

"Which is a lot of pressure," she adds with a laugh. "It's a hell of a lot of pressure."

Funding from the NRCS will cover basic needs over the next seven years, plus allow for repair of a part of the fen dug up years ago for use as a livestock watering hole.

Tucker said she "absolutely loves" her job in Springfield Township, and credits her dad with encouraging her to follow her dreams and choose a career she would enjoy.

"My dad worked at Yellowstone for a while, and that really was his dream," she said. "But he had pressure to come home and work for the family business, and he's never done what he really wanted to do. When I went to college, he said 'make sure you do something you like.'"

Tucker pursued an education in teaching, and planned to work in a park during the summers when school was out.

Eight credits short of graduation, she changed her mind.

"I was always the kid stuffing dead fish in my pockets or bullfrogs in my baby carriage, that kind of thing," said Tucker, the youngest of seven children in her family. "I went back and got my degree in parks and recreation management, and here I am. It's the best decision I ever made."

Tucker said she enjoys serving the community in the 'recreation' half of her role, but also feels passionate about preserving and protecting the township's unspoiled areas.

"The resource can't speak for itself," she said. "We have to be an advocated for it because the next generation may not see the same things if we don't take an active stance."

"People often don't have the opinion that Parks and Recreation is a necessary service," she continued. "I personally think it is, not just because I work for Parks and Recreation, but be-

cause if my house burns down, it can be rebuilt. That fen cannot. Once it's gone, it's gone. We have to take care of what we've been given; we have to be stewards of the land."

Jay Blair, district conservationist with the USDA/NRCS, said the agency looks for a certain type of habitat—those that are considered rare, threatened, endangered or special interest—when awarding the funds, noting a particular interest in the area's inland wetland prairies, fen, and vegetation.

The fen's large size, rare species and relatively undisturbed nature, he said, are quite rare.

"That's why we awarded more money," Blair explained. "We're a federal agency but we have the ability to manage these funds as we see fit. The fact that they got awarded a lot more money indicates it's really a nice big habitat. Our goal now is to reestablish those habitat back to their historical time."

Blair said he was also impressed with the detailed planning already put in place by the township and its parks department.

"It made our planning process easy," he said. "With most organizations, we have to walk the property and sit down and educate them about what can be done and can't be done. Since she already had a plan in place, it was easier to develop our plan, so it was great."

Springfield Township Clerk Nancy Strole announced the news during an April 10 board meeting.

"I think it's remarkable," she said. "Sometimes we are pretty tough on the parks commission and the park director as far as initiating or obtaining funds for maintenance, but here's an example of how they not only succeeded but exceeded any kind of reasonable expectations."

Strole said she was somewhat aware of Tucker's efforts during the process, and knew the parks director was working on exceedingly short notice.

And, like Tucker, Strole said the land speaks for itself.

"I like to think a little bit had to do with recognition of the quality of the Shiawassee Basin Preserve," she said. "There's more and more recognition; it's world class and they know it, and they want to help. So congratulations, parks."

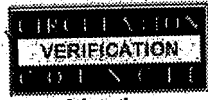
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090 AUCTIONS

SALE OF DEFAULT UNITS
Saturday, May 10th, 2008
10am, Lake Orion Self Storage Center,
180 W. Church St.,
Lake Orion, MI 48362
100 yds East of Lapeer Rd (M-24) 248-814-8140

Unit #30058-Michelle Kopas: Mattress & box springs, bed frame, microwave & cart, lamps, assorted boxes and much more!
L202

Notice is hereby given that on 05/23/08 at 12:00pm the following will be sold by competitive bidding at National Storage Center, 1007 Brown Rd., Orion, MI. Unit #307, Linda Vance, household, recreational items, misc. goods. Unit #214, Johnny Duane Buford, household, misc. goods. Unit #725, Shawna Mallett, household, misc. goods.
L202

EXPRESS MINI STORAGE, 2121 Lapeer Rd., Oxford announces the sale of Unit #62, leased by Julie Roberts. Misc. household items, Rocking chair, bed frame and mattress; Unit #163 leased by Megan Sauer. Misc. household items, microwave. Each unit sold as a whole. May 10, 2008 10:00am to 4:00pm. Cash Sale Only. 248-0004 IIL20-2c

AUCTION

SAT. MAY 10th, 4:00 p.m.
Stow-Away Storage
3080 Adventure Ln., Oxford
Unit #54: Andrew Dunn: Beds, heater, weight set, misc. items.
Unit #26, Shawni Raggio: Household items. Unit #15, Michael Stroud: Lots of household, TV, stereo equipment. Unit #235, Jeneé West: Boxes of kids toys. Unit #s 88, 89, 91: Neva Sisson: Lots of Boxes, bags, household items.
"CASH SALE"
L202

110 GARAGE SALE

ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE
Thursday and Friday
May 1st and May 2nd
from 9:00 till 3:00
"Bag Sale" on Friday
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L20-1

THE SALE YOU HAVE Been Waiting For. Wicker Furniture to Car Buffer, Bratz to Bikes, and everything in between. April 25-26, 9-5pm. 431 Parkview Blvd., near M24/ Clarkston Rd. IIL20-1

LIKE NEW PROM dresses for sale. MSU student selling dresses size 4. Were \$125- \$350, now \$50- \$75. 248-391-0778. 248-762-5260. IIL192

GARAGE SALE, April 28-27, 9-4pm. 43 First Street, Oxford. Off Washington in downtown Oxford. Many misc. items.

GARAGE SALE, THURSDAYS only through end of June. We have a lot of DVD's, video's, electronic equipment, clothes, kitchen items. 10 Park at Pontiac St., Oxford. IIL192

*BENEFIT SALE!! April 24-26, 9-5pm. 188 Overlake Dr. Take Indian Lake Rd. east off M-24 to Long Lake Woods Sub. Furniture, guitars, snowboards and much more! All proceeds go to ward Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk. IIL20-1

3 FAMILY SALE. Grandma's Stuff. Furniture, household, other odds & ends. May 1-3, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 9-5pm. 1758 Eagle Trail, Oxford. Lakes of Indianwood Sub. IIL20-2

5TH ANNUAL LIBRARY Parking Lot Sale coming June 1st. Come rent a space and be one of our 100 vendors flea market style. This popular event brings in a large crowd. \$10 rental fee benefits the Library. Pick up an application with details at Independence after 4 pm. IIL20-1

CLARKSTON: April 26&27, 10439 Hastings Ct., Ashford Sub, off Sashabaw, South of Oakhill, Furniture, toys, etc. IIL20-1

*SPRING CLEANING/ Remodeling Garage Sale. Friday the 25th, 8am-4pm and Saturday the 26th, 8am-1pm. Lots of household items, water coolers, craft/quilting supplies, calligraphy books, misc. 10191 Erie Street, Goodrich (W. Hegel and Erie, Village). IIZX36-1

*FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY. 9a-5p. 5010 Ridge Trail South, Clarkston (Pine Knob and Sashabaw). Antiques: Wood Cookstove, trunk, etc. Small appliances, furniture, lots more. IIC41-1

*Moving Sale

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Downtown Lake Orion
Sat. April 26 - 9am-3pm

Furniture, tools, housewares including oak entertainment center, sofa, recliner, twin bed, oak dining table & 4 chairs, twin sofa bed, antique cherry end tables & more.
248-770-8964, Karen
L201

CLARKSTON

St. Trinity Lutheran Church - HUGE Rummage Sale! April 25 & 26, 9:00 to 5:00
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L20-1

ANNUAL SUB SALE: The Preserve, Saturday, May 3, 7:30-2:30pm. Waldon and Baldwin. IILZ20-2

110 GARAGE SALE

★ LAKE ORION, 1170 Devon. May 1-3, 8am-3pm. Building material, hardware, tools, kids & household goods. I1L202

MOM 2 MOM Sale. Clarkston Community Church. Saturday, April 26, 9am-1pm. 6300 Clarkston Rd. Call Corinne, 248-765-7590 for more info. I1L192

MULTI FAMILY HOUSE Moving Garage Sale, May 1, 2, 3, 8am-5pm. Preserve Subdivision, Orion, W. Walden from Baldwin. I1L202

OXFORD-3909 LUDWIG Rd, April 24-25, 9am-5pm. April 26 9am-3pm. Everything goes- tools, household goods. West of M-24 off of Oakwood. I1L19-2

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE with a special boutique area & Rada Cutlery. Thursday, May 1 & Friday, May 2, 9am-5pm. Saturday, May 3, 9am-12 noon. Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 136 S. Washington (M-24), Oxford. I1L202

ANNUAL CHURCH RUMMAGE Sale, Crown of Life, 2975 Dutton Rd (at Adams), May 2ND, 9-4pm, (\$1.00 admission 9-10am), May 3RD, 9-12. Children's items, clothes, books, household, and loads more. I1L202

DO YOU SEE A ☺ OR A ★ NEXT TO AN AD? Check our classifieds on-line for a photo or a Google map. Oxfordleader.com I1L19-ftdh

★ YARD SALE: GARDEN statuary, flower pots, tools, household. 1256 W. Davison Lake Road, Oxford. Saturday, Sunday, 26th & 27th. 9am-3pm. I1L201

★ THURSDAY, FRIDAY 24th & 25th, 9am-5pm. 3817 Ludwig, off Oakwood at M-24. I1L201

★ MOVING SALE- Everything must go! Furniture, clothes, dishes, games and more. Sat. and Sun. 10am-4pm, April 26-27. 1891 Viola Dr., Ortonville (M-15 and Glass Rd., off Lake Louise) I1C224-1

★ CLARKSTON- HUGE ESTATE Sale. Living room, dining room, bedroom & den furniture, grandfather clock, antiques, paintings, glassware, collectibles, tools & much more. April 24-26, 9am-4pm. 8515 Ellis Rd. For complete photo gallery & directions email: myestatesale@gmail.com. I1C411

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OAK BEDROOM SET, Queensize, Headboard, 2 Nightstands, Dresser and Mirror. \$300. 248-804-7131. L19-2

SOLID OAK ENTERTAINMENT center, new \$1,500 asking \$350. 1920's Bartlett sewing machine, many attachments \$275. 248-391-1958. I1L202

2 PIECE WALNUT china cabinet. \$45 obo. 810-797-5919. I1L192

4. PIECE DRESSER set, looks nice. \$150 obo. Dan, 248-628-4038. I1L202

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150 ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

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ANTIQUA 3/4 Size JENNY LIND Bed with custom made mattress. \$100. 248-628-5087. I1L20-2

BLANKET CHEST; Mahogany bedroom set, double, (chest, bed, mirror); humidor table, stenciled. 248-889-3427. I1R2192

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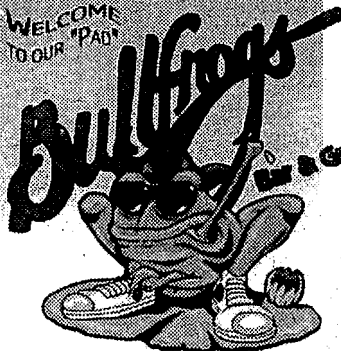
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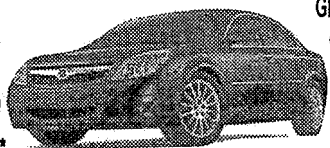
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