



Voters pick Patterson, Boatman for school board

Results are in for Tuesday's school board election: Joan Patterson easily won re-election, with 1,048 votes, 35.85 percent of the total. Susan Boatman also joins the school board, with 690 votes, 23.61 percent of the total.

Challengers Jeff Broughton received 444 votes, 15.19 percent; Brian Kitchin, 404 votes, 13.82 percent; and Joe Wauldron, 334 votes, 11.43 percent.

Voter turnout was about 4.9 percent. About 1,655 out of 33,778 registered voters in 16 precincts in Clarkston, and Independence, Springfield, White Lake, and Waterford townships, cast a ballot.

The turnout was low even by school-

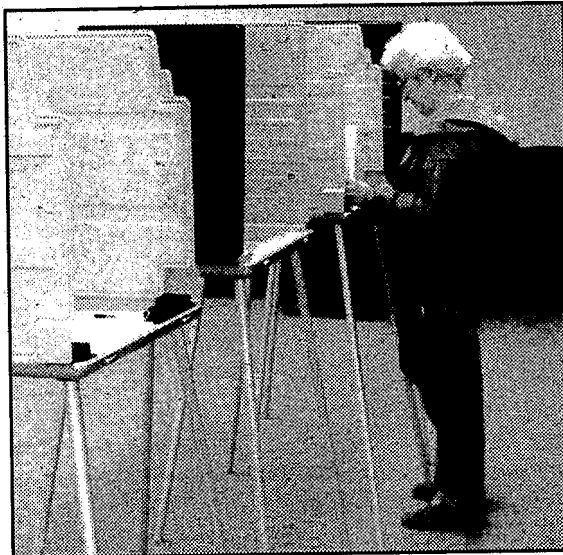
board election standards, officials said. "It was extremely light," said Michelle Cox, Springfield Township clerk's office. "One precinct had only one voter so far (at about 2 p.m.)."

The turnout might have been light because no bond proposal was on the ballot, said Sandy Miller, elections supervisor for Independence Township.

Turnout was about normal for a school election in Clarkston, said Clerk Art Pappas.

Patterson and Boatman start their four-year terms in June.

Check ClarkstonNews.com and next week's print edition for more information.



Louise VanLoon of Independence Township has the room to herself as she casts her vote at the library. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Trial underway in drunk-driver murder trial

BY LAURA COLVIN
 Clarkston News Staff Writer

The bulky package—wrapped in brown paper and wound with orange "evidence" tape—sat behind the prosecution table most of the morning Monday as testimony began in Oakland County Circuit Court.

But when prosecutors lifted a scraped and dirty, yet distinctive motorcycle helmet from inside, a flood of emotion washed through the courtroom.

Off-duty Flint police officer Vincent Owen D'Anna, 26, died at Genesys Hospital in the early hours of Aug. 27 after he was trapped underneath an IROC Camaro and dragged along Sashabaw Road in Independence Township.

Trial for the man accused in his death began Monday.

Ramon Felix Pineda, an illegal immigrant authorities claim was driving with a blood alcohol level of .16—twice the legal limit—was bound over for trial by Judge Kelley Kostin after facing

preliminary examination at Clarkston's 52-2 District Court in October. Pineda is charged with second-degree murder, and could face life in prison if convicted. Pineda is charged with second-degree murder, and could face life in prison if convicted.

Eyewitness accounts of the crash, which took place near the intersection of Sashabaw and Clarkston Road just after 8 p.m. Aug. 26, differ in many small ways. Essentially, however, the story sounds the same: The driver of a white 1992 Camaro revved his car's engine repeatedly as he hit the 2007 Suzuki motorcycle D'Anna was riding, then hit it again, causing D'Anna to fall, then hit it again, rolling over D'Anna and trapping him between the car's front and rear tires.

Larry Hartley was driving in the northbound lanes of Sashabaw Road and saw the Camaro hit D'Anna's motorcycle several times.

"As it hit the bike's tire, the Camaro was pulling on the back end of the bike," he said. "It was like a monster swallowing something up—taking a bite, taking a bigger bite, and pretty soon the car was on top and the guy on the bike was completely under the car."

Witnesses were repeatedly cautioned against interpreting what the defendant was doing or thinking at the time of the accident, but nearly all the accounts given Monday by those who saw the scene unfold said it appeared Pineda was attempting to flee.

Tires spun, white smoke puffed, and the car

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Candidates team up for township

BY TREVOR KEISER
 Clarkston News Staff Writer

The rumors are true. Dan Travis is leading a full slate of candidates for Independence Township Board.

"You've elected me seven times as a trustee and I am here to tell you tonight, not again. No, I am going to run for township supervisor," said Travis at a kickoff event Monday at Clarkston Cafe. "The need for change is too great."

Joining Travis' team is incumbent Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen, and challengers Jeff McGee for treasurer, and Neil Wallace, Bart Clark, Terri Nallamouthu, and David Lohmeier for trustee.

One of their goals will be to hire a professional manager or superintendent to help run the township. This would mean reducing supervisor, clerk, and treasurer positions from full- to part-time, Travis said.

"This will come at no additional cost to the community residents and the tax payers," he said.

McGee said he can run the treasurer's office as a part-time official.

"We're here to say 'I don't need to do this for the job.' I don't think anybody who's on this slate needs to do it for the job," he said. "We're here to do it because we care about the community. We're willing to put our money where our mouth is."

Nallamouthu said she is excited to be on the team.

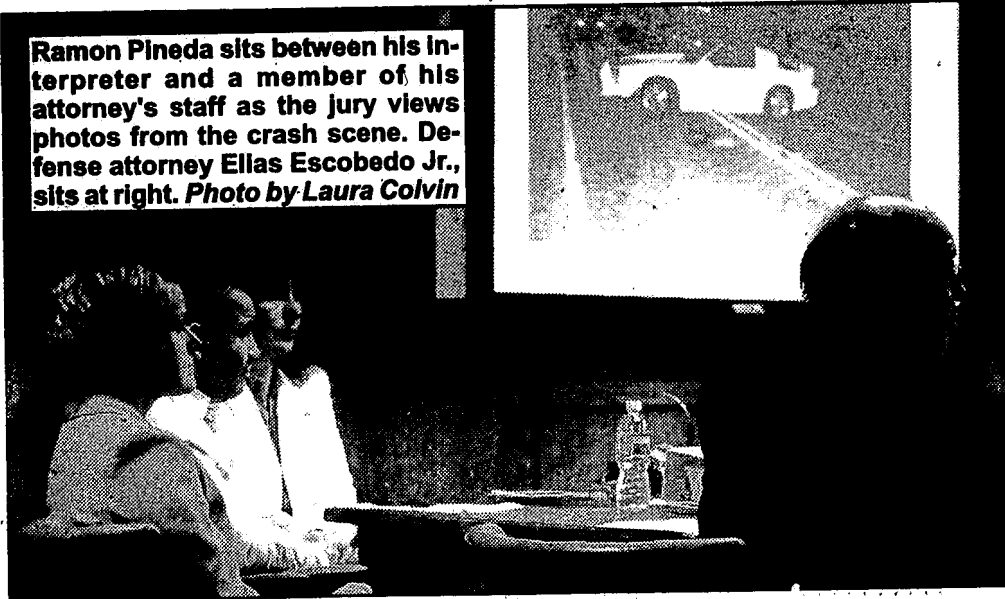
"We look to get Independence back on its feet and control growth here," she said. "We're happy to see things come to the township, we just want to keep a handle on it and what shows up in the township."

Lohmeier said he did a lot of "soul searching" to see if was up for the challenge.

"I feel that the challenges we've got here in Independence

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Ramon Pineda sits between his interpreter and a member of his attorney's staff as the jury views photos from the crash scene. Defense attorney Ellas Escobedo Jr., sits at right. Photo by Laura Colvin





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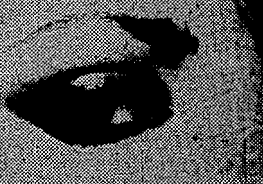
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Singing her praises

Bianca Keitel, 15, performed vocal selections from Les Misérables, Bach, and Celine Dion during the annual Youth Recognition ceremony hosted by Clarkston area Youth Assistance last week. Later, impressed members of the audience stopped to compliment and congratulate the Clarkston High School sophomore—one person even asked her to sing at an upcoming wedding. Photo by Laura Colvin

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Dog licenses available

Dog licenses for 2008 are available at the Independence Township Treasurer Office. Tags will be sold until the end of May. Proof of valid rabies vaccination and whether spayed/neutered must be shown.

Beginning June, 1 tags will cost \$30 (exceptions are newly acquired dogs). All 2008 tags will need to be purchased at the Oakland County Animal Shelter located at 1700 Brown Road in Auburn Hills. Call the shelter at 248-391-4102.

Tags for 2009 will be available at the Township Treasurer Office beginning in December.

Passport Fair at post office

Clarkston Post Office hosts a Passport Fair, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, May 17.

To get a passport card, used for land and sea entry to Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, and the Caribbean, bring two forms of identification and two passport photos.

ID includes birth certificate, with official seal, driver's license, state ID card, and naturalization certificate.

Photos are available for \$15. Fees include \$75/adults and \$60/children to the state, \$20/adult and \$10/children for new passports, and \$25 to the post office.

Children, under 16 years old, must be accompanied by both parents or legal guardians.

For more information, call the post office, 5799 S. Main St., at 248-922-1764.

Lacrosse teams take on cancer

Clarkston lacrosse teams proceeds during Saturday's games will go to Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Admission is \$5 or buy a T-shirt for \$10 and get in for free.

Girls will play Lake Orion. JV begins at noon, varsity follows.

Boys will play Rochester Adams. JV begins at 2 p.m., varsity follows.

For more information or to pre-order a T-shirt, email clarkstonlacrosse@hotmail.com.

Park plan unveiled

BY LAURA COLVIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

After nearly 18 months of research, analysis, and planning, three University of Michigan graduate students delighted onlookers who came to watch the trio unveil the newly-developed master plan for Clarkston's Depot Park.

The students, all Master's of Landscape Architecture candidates at the UM School of Natural Resources and Environment, were recruited by the Clarkston Watershed Group in spring 2007. The plan—which serves as a master's thesis for the students—combines ecological design with aesthetics to create an “ecological showcase.”

“They did an outstanding job,” said Clarkston Mayor Sharron Catallo, who attended the presentation. “I hope they'll come back in a few years and see some of these ideas implemented in the park.”

The master plan included designs for city office and grounds improvements, tall grass and mown areas, and improved planning for memorial areas.

Students also discussed converting to porous path surfaces, and installing a wave garden on the hillside space located on the park's east side.

The garden would showcase large swaths of carefully selected native plants and inter-



Grad students Eric Bauer, Susie Mattke-Robinson, and Stephen Layton share their research with Clarkston officials. Photo by Laura Colvin

pretive signage along the pedestrian pathway.

“The wave garden is designed in large drifts of native perennials,” said Susie Mattke-Robinson, one of the students. “The long ribbon of native perennials in large beds will serve as showcases, teaching about beauty of native plants by seeing them in a mass of bold forms and colors.”

Planting the sloping hillside with native species, the students said, includes ecological benefits such as preventing erosion, promoting rainwater infiltration, and inspiring visitors to use native species in their own backyards.

Other plans included designs for a woodland wildflower garden, as well as recommendations for expanded and additional rain gardens.

The current rain garden near city offices is overwhelmed by storm water runoff, the students said, and should be expanded to slow rainwater. If unchecked, it deposits pollutants and sediments into the millrace and wetland.

Depot Park is already suffering the negative impacts associated with unchecked runoff, and overall neglect, the students said.

Wetlands, making up 35 of 39 acres of the

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Ideas wanted for playground

When Friends of Depot Park Playground meet for the first time Tuesday, May 13, they hope for comments from the community, especially parents of small children.

“They know what they'd like to see in the park,” said volunteer Gini Schultz.

Some of the play equipment in the park, such as the rusty play locomotive at the entrance to the playground, is in need of replacement, Schultz said.

Parents and guardians at the playground with their children May 5 had some ideas.

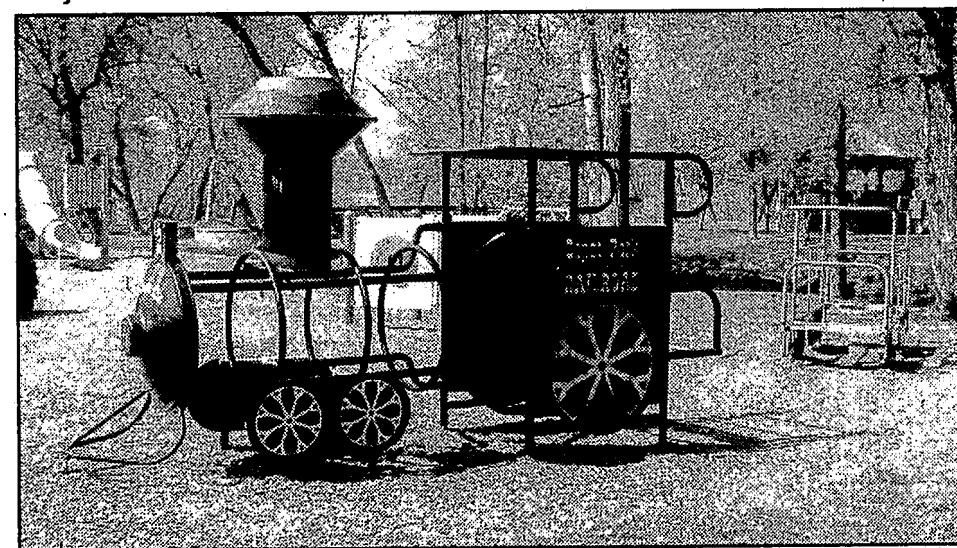
“Maybe a couple more swings for little kids—that would be a real plus,” said Susan Mazur.

“Definitely more swings,” said Edward Mazur.

“A merry-go-round? That was my favorite when I was little,” Susan said. “Are teeter-totters safe? Probably not.”

Marie Diederich said ground covering could be updated, as at other parks.

“Instead of mulch, they have flooring made of something like recycled tires, something



Friends of Depot Park hope to replace some of the park playground's older pieces. Photo by Phil Custodio

rubbery,” said Marie Diederich. “It's pliable, better than dirt and wood chips.”

A big sand area with swinging shovels would make a nice addition, said Alysa Komisarz.

“The kids love the slide,” Komisarz said. “Maybe more climbing things?”

The project will depend on donations,

Schultz said.

The meeting is set for 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 13, in the village hall, 375 Depot Road, next to the park.

For more information, call between 11 a.m.-5 p.m., 248-625-3122 or go to Clarkston County Store at 21 N. Main.

— Phil Custodio

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The senior center's volunteer lunch has been an annual event for more than 30 years. Photo by Trevor Keiser

Thanks for volunteers

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

More than 130 people filled American Legion Post 63 April 30 to show appreciation for volunteers who help at the Senior Center.

"Over 4,000 volunteer hours were recorded," said Margaret Bartos, senior center director.

"This is to honor the volunteers and we invite the township board and the other people to help us honor them. It lends a little more weight to how much this community appreciates what they do."

Volunteers help out with the Senior Advisory Committee and event planning committees, kitchen helpers, and meals on wheels drivers, food booths, bake sales, fundraisers, Clarkston Melody Makers, bowling, volleyball, Red Hats, bingo, cards, crafts, World War II talks and other inter-generational events, tax preparation, and other tasks, Bartos said.

Donating prizes were: Kroger's, Clarkston Auto Wash, Clarkston Big Boy, Hair Tamer, Hamlin Pub, Las Piramides Restaurant, McDonald's, Nina's Restaurant, Ruby Tuesdays, State Farm, T & C Federal Credit Union, TCF Bank, and Town Center Auto Wash.

Lunch was provided by "Shannon's Cooking." Ron Wagner helped with the theme "Thanks A Bunch" and with décor. Clarkston High School Madrigal Singers under direction of Michael Peterson and Clarkston

Melody Makers senior band provided entertainment.

"It worked out very well, I am so glad so many people turned out and our senior center staff does a wonderful job," said Bartos. "This is the one thing that the staff does, where most of our programs are volunteers."

More than \$1,000 was raised from sponsor donations, noted Bartos.

Sponsors included Dr. Hsiao Bechinski of Genesys Practice Partners, Clarkston Specialty Healthcare Center, Home Instead Senior Care, Oakland Eye Care, Oxford Bank, Pine Tree Place, Sunny Hill Estates, and Wint & Son Funeral Home.

Guests included John Stakoe, 44th District state representative; Tom Middleton, 4th District county commissioner; Dave Wagner, Independence Township supervisor; Shelagh Vanderveen, Independence Twp Clerk; Dan Travis, Larry Rosso, and Dan Kelly, Independence Township trustees; Dave Belcher, Building Department director; Linda Richardson, director of DPW; Bev Shaver, director of Assessing Department; Mike Spillum, Bruce Mercado, and Dan Niewoit, Parks and Recreation Commission; Mike Turk, director, Parks and Recreation; and Kelly Hyer, Parks and Recreation supervisor. Father Leslie Harding, Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, led prayer.

"The Volunteer Lunch has been an annual event over 30 years," Bartos said.

Slate wants government reform

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far outweigh the personal sacrifice," he said. "We are a wonderful community to live in. We should never forget that everybody here and our neighbors have chosen to make this our home."

VanderVeen also had doubts about joining the slate.

"I looked at Neil and said 'I really need to

know who's on this slate,' and I was thinking I would give it some thought, go home and sleep on it. When he told me who was on this slate, I said 'I'm in.'"

Wallace said he wants to get the township back on track through broad citizen participation.

"It is through that kind of participation that we can develop the leaders for the future of this community," he said.

Students learn from questions

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

The "mystery guest" paced apprehensively behind the curtain, awaiting interrogation by fifth-grade students assembling somewhere in the gymnasium.

Soon enough, the first question. "What's your job?"

Wait, isn't that what they're trying to figure out, with yes-and-no questions only?

"Don't answer that," said Gina Joy Roemer, school building aide, acting as moderator.

"Remember, you're asking yes-or-no questions," she told the students.

The queries continued.

"Do you do anything with kids?"

"Well," the guest thought, "I'm here, aren't I." He answered out loud, "yes."

So went the April 24 edition of "Bronco Time 20-Questions Career" at Independence Elementary School. New school employment contracts this year provided 25 minutes extra for each teacher per week for planning and conferences.

Students needed something constructive to do during that time.

"The first idea was to use it as a second recess," said Roemer, who organized activities with Lisa Sementowski, instructional aide, and Marilyn Lash, reading aide.

"But as a mom, I thought, do they really need another recess?"

"We started brainstorming with teachers and the principal," Sementowski said. "The goal with the kids was not to have a free-for-

all."

"The goal was to make the time fun and educational," Roemer said.

Sementowski brought games, puzzles, and other activities for different ages out of storage in her basement, and bought others. She packed them in a cart for easy transport to classrooms as needed.

But over the weeks, some older students were getting bored.

"The younger ones still liked them," Sementowski said. "The older ones, not so much."

So they had another idea: invite people from the community to help out.

"We invite professionals to come in and talk to students about how they use math and reading in their jobs," Roemer said.

"I really felt this was an opportunity to do something that mixes education with fun," said Principal Chris Turner. "It's less structured, but students learn something valuable."

Invited so far: Lisa Smigelski, owner of Lisa's Confection Connections, mural artist Michelle Tynan, and Jeff Noftz, co-owner of Kinetic Systems bike shop on Main Street.

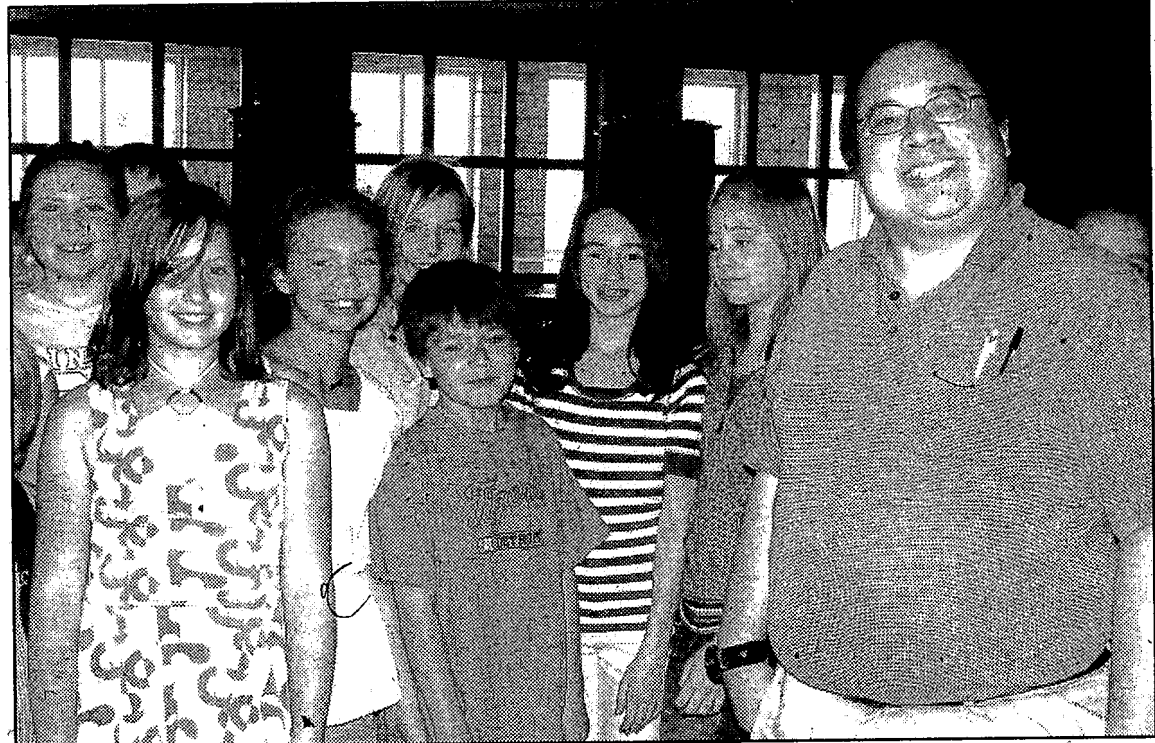
As for the April 24 guest, students were running out of questions. But they slowly closed on their quarry.

"Did you graduate from college?" - yes.

"Where did you go to college?" - not a yes-or-no, but what the heck...

"Ohio State University."

"Boo," said the students.



Phil Custodio, Clarkston News editor, with fifth graders during Independence Elementary School's Bronco Time. Photo submitted

Almost last question: "Do you write books?"

Pretty close. Newspaper articles written by the guest, Phil Custodio of The Clarkston News, are bound into archive books every few months, which are, technically, books.

"I'm going to say yes," he told the students.

Soon, all 20 questions were asked and guest introduced, with just enough time for a brief discussion. Then students went back to class, having learned a little about how reading and math skills they're learning translate into job skills, Roemer said.

Bronco Time organizers continue to seek volunteers to participate, as well as Michigan-based activities for students.

"It's been a little work, but it's fun," Roemer said.



Lisa Sementowski, instructional aide, assembled a cart of activities. Photo by Phil Custodio

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Lauren's outlook

A column by Lauren Halula

Writing politics the power of persuasion

So, this is my second column. The first one I feel I didn't properly introduce myself. I'm Lauren Halula, intern writer at the Clarkston News. I was born and raised in Clarkston. I'm attending Oakland University; I will be a senior in the fall! My major is journalism, obviously, and I will have a minor in political science.

When I graduate my dream is to become a political or court reporter. I love government, law and politics. I know crazy.

You're probably wondering why I didn't just go pre-law instead.

For one, there was no way I was putting myself through that much extra schooling!

Second, my other, larger passion is writing. I can write it's a talent that would be a shame to waste. Not everyone has the ability to take facts and build a story out of it. I didn't want to waste either passion so I combined the two!

To me the beauty of law is the fact that it's so ambiguous and it deals with the power of persuasion. It's about taking the information on the case and convincing a jury. The lawyer's interpretation is the right one. Most of you have no idea who I am, but people that do know I can be a very influential arguer.

That's where words come in. To me, the written word is far more powerful than the spoken word, probably because I am a writer. I find it's easier to hear something and question what the person is telling you.

Written words, however, are more compelling. They convey the idea of powerful facts and information. Look at two of the greatest written works: The Declaration of Independence and the Bible. It's difficult to find doubt in the literature. Both give us freedom, what is there to doubt?

That's my goal, I don't want people to have reservations about the stories I write. As frustrating as writing and politics can be I want people out there to know that the end product I'm giving them is fact, it's the truth. Or, in the case of politics, the best version of the truth.



The Clarkston News

Viewpoints

School administration should share in cuts

Dear Editor,

For many months now I have been reading with interest about the efforts of the Clarkston Community Schools administration to deal with the system's budget issues.

Several painful cutbacks have been suggested and implemented to deal with budget shortfalls.

However, I may be missing something: while I know I have not read every scrap of information pertaining to these efforts, I also know that nothing I have read mentions anyone looking under the rock labeled "reductions in administrative staff, administrative compensation and administrative benefits" to find funds to help balance the budget.

There have been suggested cuts in teachers, special education funds, textbooks and other areas that directly impact students but I have not read anything about administrators sharing the sacrifice.

If administrators and the Board of Education are truly interested in ensuring a quality education to as many students as possible, downward adjustments in administrative expense would be much higher on the list of reductions than anything directly affecting the classroom.

As administrators, educators, and parents, we owe it to our children to provide them with a quality education with which they can confidently become productive members of society.

Thanks to teachers, staff

Dear Editor,

May 4-10th is National Staff Appreciation Week. On behalf of Sashabaw Middle School students and their families, the PTA would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank you" to all of the wonderful teachers, support staff, administrative staff, counselors and custodial staff at Sashabaw Middle School who work with our children every day.

Each of you have an important role at the school that is often taken for granted. For

every tear, scrape, hurt feeling and disappointment, you are there during the day to comfort and take care of our most valued possessions - our children.

You keep them safe and provide a clean, healthy environment that enables them to learn and grow as people.

We couldn't ask for more and we truly appreciate what you do, not just this week, but every week.

Further, we find ourselves in a time when many governmental bodies in the State of Michigan are making an extraordinary effort to attract businesses to the state.

Among the reasons a business may choose to relocate to Michigan is the availability of qualified candidates to fill anticipated job openings.

By making unnecessary or ill-conceived reductions we compromise the ability to provide these businesses with qualified candidates while at the same time deprive our students of an opportunity to be successful in their chosen endeavors because we limited our capacity to deliver a quality education.

If administrative reductions, as outlined above have not been considered and implemented, we have compelling reasons for the Board of Education to re-visit the budget to determine if all avenues have been explored.

Lawrence Matta
Independence Township

line between the optimal delivery of educational services and compromising the efficacy of the education through poorly-conceived or unnecessary reductions in teaching staff and/or classroom funds.

That is not to say that we shouldn't continue to look for efficiencies in our classrooms, but we have to find that fine

line between the optimal delivery of educational services and compromising the efficacy of the education through poorly-conceived or unnecessary reductions in teaching staff and/or classroom funds.

SMS PTA/Staff Appreciation Committee

Oil greed drives up gas prices

Dear Editor,

How much greed is enough?

The major oil companies drilling for oil worldwide and selling their products in this country announced their First Quarter Net Profits this week.

Just in case you missed this week's announcements and failed to analyze what they mean to us, then please note the following regarding those first quarter profits of:

Shell Oil's earnings from oil production rose 52 percent from 1 year ago to \$5.14 billion. \$5.14 billion = \$5,140,000,000 / (90 days * 24 hours per day = 2160 hours) = \$2,379,629.63 Net profit (after expenses) for every single hour during January, February and March 2008.

British Petroleum (BP) posted a 63 percent surge in first-quarter net profit to \$7.6 billion from 1 year ago. \$7.6 billion = \$7,600,000,000 / (90 days * 24 hours per day = 2160 hours) = \$3,518,518.52 Net profit (after expenses) for every single hour during January, February and March 2008.

Last week ConocoPhillips reported a 16 percent rise in net income to \$4.14 billion from 1 year ago. \$4.14 billion = \$4,140,000,000 / (90 days * 24 hours per day = 2160 hours) = \$1,916,666.67 Net profit (after expenses) for every single hour during January, February and March 2008.

More big profits are expected from the biggest two U.S. companies, Exxon Mobil Corp. and Chevron Corp., when they report first-quarter earnings later this week.

Exxon/Mobil Oil said Thursday its earnings for the first three months of the year rose to \$10.9 billion, or \$2.03 per share, up from \$9.3 billion, or \$1.62 per share, a year ago. \$10.9 billion = \$10,900,000,000 / (90 days * 24 hours per day = 2160 hours) = \$5,046,296.30 Net profit (after expenses) for every single hour during January, February and March 2008.

How much greed is enough greed at our expense? Are we just expected to pay more and more at the pump without end AND to pay more and more without end to have every product delivered to our grocery stores and every other point of purchase forever?

Dave Cleveland
Independence Township

Light Ink

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A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1993

"Water woes" After 14 years of waiting, residents of Springfield Township demanded clean up of tainted ground water. The Woodland Trails site was still contaminated with toxic waste, dumped in the late 1960s.

"Park merger in planning stages; waterpark isn't" Oakland County, and townships of Springfield and Whitelake wanted to add Pontiac Lake Recreation Area to Indian Springs Metropark. This would have created a 6,000-acre park. A high-tech water park was also under discussion.

25 years ago - 1983

"Schools approve 2-year pact" Almost a year of negotiations on the Clarkston schools teachers' contract ended with unanimous approval of a two-year contract. It included a wage freeze for teachers the first year, and 5.95 percent raises the next. Average salaries were \$25,000-\$26,500. Identical raises were also approved for district administrators.

50 years ago - 1958

"Dinner honors J. Ward Robbins" Clarkston resident Jay Ward Robbins was honored by more than 50 of his fellow Detroit Edison employees for his retirement. He had worked with the company for 35 years.

Ah, May! New golf clubs, old results

It's that great, new year when we golf club swingers expect pars and get double bogies. When we realize we learned nothing watching the pros at the Masters, when we still need a lot of luck to get a decent score and again accept that the best part of golf is the 19th hole.

We've all read a few books on golf, but I'll give you 2 shots a side if you've read Buddy Hackett's "The Truth About Golf and Other Lies."

You could have, he wrote it in 1968, but I just got it. Of course the book is written with demeaning the sport in mind. Like his description of his best two wonderful years, "In 1957 when I hit a good shot and in 1963 when I did it again."

Buddy played golf with many of the 'names' of that era, and they become the basis of his book. He was on the first tee with Milton Berle, Jan Murray and Hal March at Hillcrest Country Club in Beverly Hills.

On the first tee Milton hit a ball straight up and it landed behind him. He hit another one which went into a hedge alongside the tee and was lost.

His third shot dribbled off the tee. March bent down, picked up the little yellow wooden peg and said, "Here, Milton, don't forget your lucky tee."

Hackett also describes proper wear. Pants should be made of parachute cloth so when

you jump off a cliff you'll float to safety. Shirts have to have penguins, "which are regulation at Christian clubs." He wears shirts with alligators and once saw an alligator wearing a shirt with a golfer on it.

"If you don't own a shirt with an animal on it -- you have to play a public course," Hackett said.

Jim's Jottings



a column by
Jim Sherman

He writes, "Jimmy Durante received the best advice of anyone who ever played the game.

As he came to the 18th hole, his partner estimated Jimmy's score was over 200. After holing out, the Schnoz asked his companion, "What should I give the caddy?"

Without smiling he said, "Your clubs!"

And, "I play a lot of golf and I hate it -- yes, I hate golf -- but I play every day because I'm married. When you're married you're not supposed to drink and chase broads, so I play golf."

One day when Mickey Mantle and Don Cherry were playing, Mantle topped the ball and it went into the creek.

He took the club and broke it. Don asked, "What was that?" and he said, "A 3 iron."

On the 11th hole Mantle hit a ball at least

200 yards out of bounds. Again he took the club and threw it against a tree, bending it. Don looked at it and it was a 3 iron, and said, "I thought you broke that other 3 iron?" Mantle said, "I got six of them." "Why six?" Mantle, "Because I hate them."

Tommy Bolt, playing with Doug Sanders, was about 130 yards from the green, going downwind, and he asked his caddy what club should he use.

The caddy said, "Three iron." "But it's only 130 yards," Bolt said. The caddy said, "You have to hit either your 2 or 3 iron because that's all you got left."

Hackett's way of calculating the true cost of golf: Just subtract ten years from you life expectancy.

In a pro-am tournament, Dutch Harrison's partner had a particularly difficult shot. "How would you play that?" he asked Dutch. His reply: "Under an assumed name."

Hackett was playing with Bruce Crampton, and he asked the pro how he should hit a particular shot. Crampton said, "It's either a strong 7 or a weak 8."

Hackett said, "Thanks a lot. Ask me how to tell a joke sometime and I'll tell you to do it with your mouth open or slightly closed."

Hackett's quote on golf: "Golf is more fun than walking naked in a strange place, but not much."

And, "Treat the property like it's your own, and if you can, sell it!"

Look out for the local money grab (incognito)

Yeah, I know, I know -- I have been quiet for quite a while. This, of course, doesn't mean I have permanently put away my reporter's fedora. On the contrary, my Friends of Conspiracy (FOC), I have been alert, watching and waiting.

I have laid low, waiting for something to cross my path before launching into another irrational tirade. That thing popped up last week whilst I was perusing one of our four local newspapers. As if guided by Providence, my eyes beheld, and I read, a Public Notice. A Public Notice, for you civics novices, is one of those things local governments are 'sposed to post in local newspapers to keep local residents abreast of local government actions. These are the same things the Clarkston School District doesn't post with us, the local newspaper of record (and if you want to know why, call the administration) so the notice I shall opine about is not theirs.

Nope, one of the nine townships we circulate in (and you know who you are) is proposing a new ordinance "to prohibit Domestic Violence is necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Township and that it is appropriate to provide a separate ordinance dealing with conduct arising

out of actions between persons who are not strangers to each other and have or previously had a defined domestic relationship; and that there should be penalties for the violation thereof, and to repeal all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, blah, blah, blah."

Don't Rush Me



A column by
Don Rush

I don't want the following to lead readers to think I'm pro-domestic violence. No way, Jose. As I read the above first reading, I thought it odd a township would spend taxpayer dollars to pay an attorney to draft said ordinance, pay us to post it, when domestically perpetrated violence on a significant other is already against the law in this, the Great Mitten State.

According to the local law enforcement types I have talked to, already without said ordinance, in domestic violence calls somebody (the aggressor) is going to jail. So why all the hubbub and expenditures at the local level for redundancy? The reporter-type in me was curious, something was not right. I read

on . . . and sure enough I was about to connect the dots, find a reason, unearth the conspiracy, if you will. The locals want the ability to collect \$500 from domestic violence cases.

Cha-ching!
One of my teachers at Clarkston High School always said, "follow the money." I reckon he's right. This ordinance has nothing to do with protecting folks, it has all to do with filling in funding shortages.

I did some snooping and found in 2007, Oakland County deputies responded to domestic violence calls .0064214 percent of the time in the township of record. Yep, the township is writing law based on 34 calls out of 5,295 total calls. While it's only a relatively small number of calls, it is still a good cash cow. Those 34 calls could bring in \$17,000 of "new" revenue.

So let it be written, so let it be done!
What's next? What other crimes already on the state books, can local townships pile on to help pay for the rising costs of doing business (excuse me, managing government)? An ethnic intimidation ordinance surely is worth \$500 a slur; murder, rape a grand each, easily. Can you say "slide the slippery slope" three times, really fast?

Am I the only one who has a problem with turning a quick buck on other folks' misery; or is this the new, out-of-the-box-thinking trend government will use for additional funding, whilst proclaiming "no new taxes."

A quick call to the Michigan Township Association (MTA to those in the loop) and I discovered of the 1,242 townships here in the Great Unemployment State, "you can count on one hand the townships that have or are thinking about" such a revenue increasing -- excuse me -- "necessary" ordinance. This leads me to the conclusion our local township is either way ahead of the curve or way off base. Either way it don't bode well for us in the Great Barely Scraping By State.

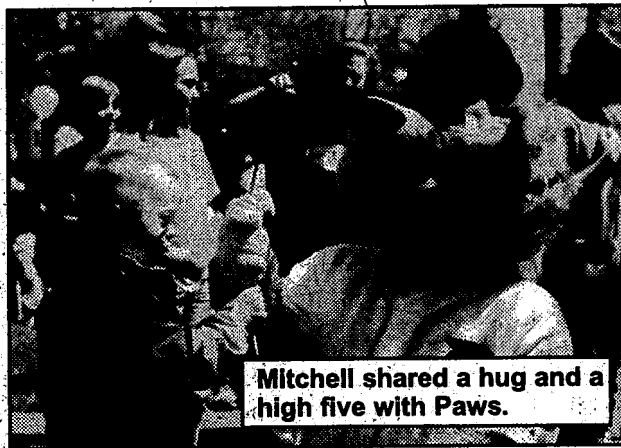
I'm not going to single out the township in the process of enacting this money-grab law, but I do have a few parting thoughts (some would say, "shots").

1. READers: READ public notices, get involved and don't just complain.
2. Local officials: You are hereby on-notice and are so warned: Considering such ordinances will force me to "out" you.

Comments for the charter member of the FOC can e-mail dontrushmedon@charter.net



Casey Pegram gets a hug after Paws autographs her shirt.



Mitchell shared a hug and a high five with Paws.

Paws for SCAMP

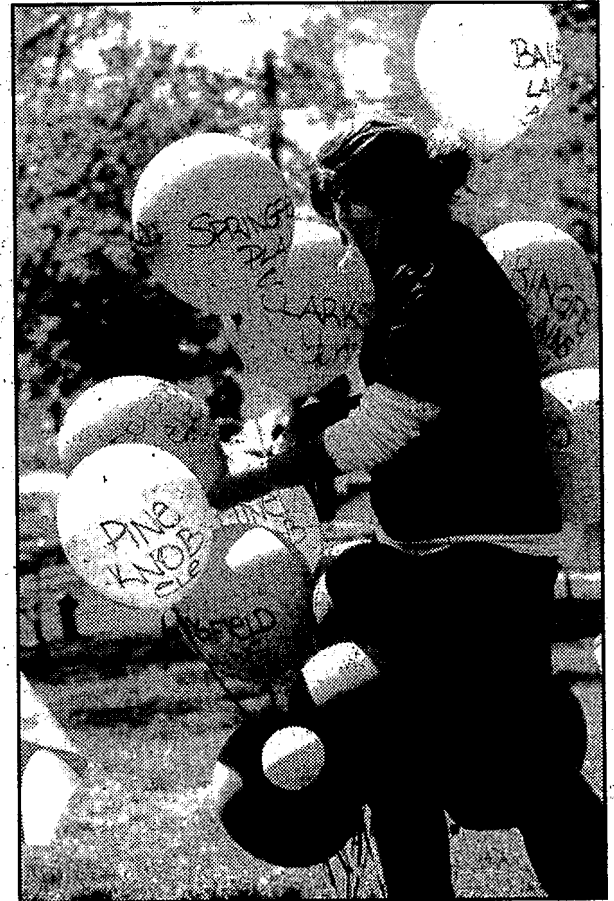
Hundreds of supporters hit a home run for SCAMP when they showed up at Sunday's annual Walk and Roll event in downtown Clarkston.

The event raises money to help support SCAMP, a non-profit six-week summer day camp for children and young adults with special needs.

This year, Paws—the fun-loving, jersey-wearing Detroit Tigers mascot—stopped by to sign autographs, pose for photos and even do a little dancing with the kids in Depot Park.

"This is truly a family event," said Donna Clancy, executive director of the SCAMP funding corporation. "It's like a first rite of spring in Clarkston."

Photos by Laura Colvin



SCAMP volunteer Bridget Clancy began popping balloons as the day concluded.

Park plan to preserve plants

Continued from page 3A
park site, is filled with invasive, non-native plants threatening fragile aquatic ecosystems.

"Currently in Depot Park we have phragmites and cattails," said Stephen Layton, another member of the group. "It's really in poor health now, but with a lot of hard work, by 2030, we feel Depot Park could have a beautiful vibrant wetland with exciting plants, boardwalks and everything else that comes along with it."

Another problem, they said, is a "wonderful clearing bordered on three sides by cottonwoods with an excellent view out over the wetland towards Deer Lake."

This space is currently being used as a dumping ground for municipal storage, and contains excess wood and mechanical equipment.

"The use of this space as a dump detracts from the overall appearance of the well-maintained park and contributes to the perception of this clearing as a hazardous location," the students wrote in the executive summary of their plan.

To correct the problem, a lengthy process, the students discussed ideas for wetland restoration Tactics, millrace and streambank stabilization a wetland overlook, and a wetland boardwalk.

The students also planned ecological

modifications to the parking lot to handle rain-water more responsibly.

"The parking lot is on a really steep slope toward the millstream," said UM student Eric Bauer, who is also a Clarkston High School graduate. "Whenever it rains, you have all this water collected rapidly and sent right into the millrace. Just the sheer volume of water creates erosion, but it also collects brake dust, oil and other things coming from cars. You've got a ton of water rushing down and tearing things apart, but also adding pollution to the water."

Several techniques, such as new rain gardens and a covered infiltration trench, they said, would improve the parking lot and allow for the planting of trees.

Trees in the parking lot, said Bauer, have more than ecological benefit.

"The tree canopy makes a better experience," he said. "The parking lot it is the gateway for park use, and the impression you're going to make on people starts here."

Clarkston Watershed co-chair Jim Brueck said the new master plan "rejuvenates the engines and gets things going again."

"They really created a visionary plan for Depot Park, which is exactly what we were looking for," he said. "This will allow people to take ideas back to their own neighborhoods and their own homes; when you've



Grad students Stephen Layton, Susie Mattke-Robinson, and Eric Bauer, with Clarkston Watershed co-chair Jim Brueck, right, and Clarkston City Councilman Cory Johnston, left. Photo by Laura Colvin

done that, that's when you know you've had an impact."

Brueck said the watershed group will now focus priorities on identifying service groups and fundraising ideas.

Now that the final project is complete, the students will head in separate directions—Mattke-Robinson, who calls Boston her home, has a fellowship lined up in the UK, where she'll teach and work in different botanical gardens.

Layton plans to spend the summer in Baltimore, then he and his wife will head to

Northern California, where they'll build a yurt on a parcel of land in the redwood forest. Layton said he'll look for work with an ecological design firm, or possibly strike out in partnership with his wife, who is in the same line of work.

Bauer will continue his mission to land a great job while he spends the summer working at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum in Ann Arbor. Bauer said he'd like to stay in Michigan, but will ultimately go where his work takes him—hope-

Independence Twp.

Fri., April 25 an Independence Township business owner in the 7000 block of Dixie Highway called police after discovering a bag containing \$4,326 in cash, plus several checks, was missing from inside a satchel, where it was placed after being prepared for a weekly bank deposit.

Sat., April 26 Deputies were dispatched to assist the Independence Township Fire Department after receiving reports of a 17-year-old Shelby Township youth from Utica Eisenhower High School who was injured during a collision with an opposing player during a lacrosse game at Clarkston High School. Police alerted family members, who were not at the game, and the young man was transported to Crittenton Hospital by ambulance.

Sun., April 27 A 36-year-old Independence Township man living in the 4700 block of Independence Drive called police after finding a small clear bag containing an unknown white substance on his lawn while doing yard work. The substance, which was field tested it at the township substation, came back positive for cocaine.

An Independence Townships man living in the 6400 block of Waterford Hill Terrace called police after discovering someone stole a set of golf clubs from the garage in his home.

A 48-year-old Independence Township man living in the 6500 block of Andersonville Road was arrested and jailed on domestic violence charges after his girlfriend called

Public Safety

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

police claiming the man assaulted her. The 38-year-old woman told police "she asked her boyfriend to show her how to roll cigarettes. When she asked him, he hit the tray off her lap and started to hit and kick her." The man told police he was sleeping in his chair when the request was made, and reacted because he wanted the woman to leave him alone while he napped.

Mon., April 28 A 61-year-old Independence Township woman filed a police report after receiving a call from AT&T informing her wireless account was in default to the tune of \$422.37. The woman told police she never opened an account with the company. Records showed the account was opened in 2002, with the last payment made in 2004.

A 57-year-old Independence Township woman called police after her former husband refused to make the drive from Ontario to pick up his daughter, per court order. According to the woman, the man said her daughter's father, who the girl resides with, said was not coming due to the high price of gasoline.

Tues., April 29 A 29-year-old Independence Township man living in the 6900 block

of Tuson Blvd was arrested and jailed after the mother of his 27-year-old girlfriend called police and said the man was assaulting her daughter in the apartment where they'd been allowing him to live for the previous six months. The girlfriend told police the man began arguing with her earlier in the day, and when she tried to ignore him the man punched her, spit in her face and called her obscene names. According to police reports, the woman told police the man said "he was glad he hit her because it was her fault" and when police arrived he said "I'm leaving, don't tell the police I put my hands on you." Deputies, however, showed up before the man left the building. Given the chance to write a statement, the man wrote "I don't wish to make a statement."

A 64-year-old Independence Township woman living in the 4800 block of Riverview called police after she went to her car in the morning and discovered someone siphoned an entire tank of gas out of her vehicle overnight. The woman said her dog barked around 1:30 a.m., but said she didn't see anyone in the area.

City of Clarkston

Wed., April 9 A Clarkston resident called police after spotting an abandoned bicycle near Depot Park. The bike was brought back to the station, where the owner claimed it about a week later.

Fri., April 11 A 55-year-old Independence Township man was arrested and jailed on drunk driving charges after an officer on patrol during the midnight shift spotted the man's car weaving near Dixie Highway and M-15. The man blew a preliminary breath test of .14—the legal limit for driving is .08.

Sat., April 12 A 54-year-old Oxford man was arrested and jailed on drunk driving charges near Washington and Main. The man initially attempted to evade police by pulling into a driveway and attempting to park in a residential garage.

Wed., April 16 Police responded to the scene of an accident after a 73-year-old Independence Township man lost consciousness and crashed into a tree as he was driving along Clarkston Road between Robertson Court and Main Street. The man's wife, who was in the passenger seat at the time of the accident, told police her husband suffers from vertigo. Neither was injured during the incident.

Sun., April 19 A 21-year-old Highland Township man was arrested and jailed after he was pulled over for drunk driving around 2:45 a.m. The man blew a preliminary breath test of .18—more than twice the .08 legal limit.

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Get your daily five helpings of fruits and veggies

By Ernie Harwell

There's an old saying, "an apple a day keeps the doctor away." What it really means is to be sure to eat your fruits and vegetables.

In fact, the FDA recommends at least five servings a day to help maintain your health - apples, okra, bananas, spinach, broccoli, whatever you like.

You can have them with meals, and they make quick, healthy, easy-to-eat snacks.

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There's no doubt that fruits and vegetables pack a wallop and their effects are long lasting.

So eat that apple, and include more of your favorite fruits and veggies.

Take care of yourself before your health is 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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Honored for achievement

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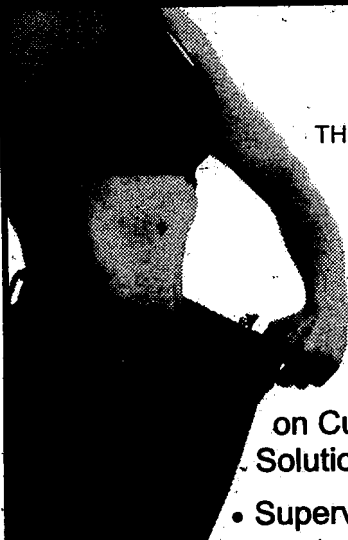
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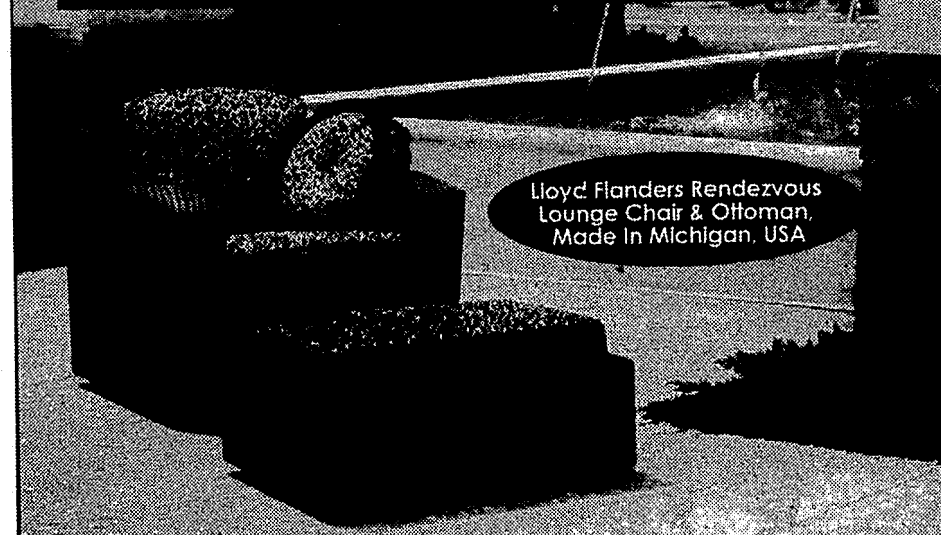
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More Letters to the Editor

People support green millage

Dear Editor,

The recent opinions against a conservation millage in Independence Township astonish me since they portray conservation as something for only a few people.

I live in the Village of Clarkston and everyone should know that what happens with land in Independence affects almost everyone in Clarkston, certainly everyone in Independence, and with regards to water and air quality, thousands of people who live around us.

With that in mind, putting a land conservation issue on the ballot seems like one of the most enlightened decisions the Township Board has made.

It has the potential to protect the quality of the land and water for us, for our children, and for all those that will come after we are gone. It also allows this area to remain as desirable as the other areas around us that have already adopted these policies.

The conservation millage for Independence is also supported by an independent poll that shows a majority are in support, not just a "chosen few."

Many will say that this will stop development in Independence Township at the taxpayers' expense.

I disagree and think that it will help development be done correctly. For example, the proposed Beaumont development has been rejected due to existing trees and wetlands. But the polls say that most people want Beaumont to be here.

The decision should not be one or the other but how can the most valuable natural property be saved and because of that possibly more intense development done in other areas.

The valuable properties are easily identified and the county offers free assistance to document them and their affects on adjacent development.

However, there is little that can be done to protect them with the current site plan approval process that only looks at one site at a time.

I am sure that everyone already realizes that if it wasn't for Beaumont's request to build on what is currently residential property, they could do almost anything they wanted with little or no input from the public.

Perhaps that is why the Powells, who expressed their opinion in this paper, are so troubled with the development around them.

I am glad we all have the opportunity to comment and that so far Beaumont has been willing to listen. While often emotional and time consuming, it still is what democracy is all about, as is a vote for conservation.

Now is the opportunity for Independence Township voters to decide if they want to save their surrounding property. This is not something that you should just hope is done by the county or state, but something you have control of.

You could have green spaces, more controlled and intelligent development, and the qualities we all should treasure, or you can have the types of development that have occurred in many communities south of us. The same communities many of us moved from so we could live here.

Beaumont is continuing with discussion even after being turned down twice. They obviously see the potential for this area. I certainly hope that the residents of the township also see the potential.

If not, think about what the next generation will say. Will it be "why did they let this happen?" or will it be "thank goodness they had the foresight to protect the land in Independence Township."

Cory Johnston, PE
Clarkston

Now is time for preservation

Dear Editor,

Some facts to consider when we vote on a millage to preserve open space, waters and wetlands in Independence township;

- If we don't do it now; Then when?
- Communities that have greater areas of green space and natural areas have higher property values and a better Quality of Life.

- 63 percent of our voters think open land is being developed too quickly

- Protection of waters and wetlands is critical to the quality of our ground water which most of us depend on for our daily use. 92 percent of the voters would support using the millage for this purpose.

- We have major portions of the Clinton River headwaters and every thing we do here to protect them benefits all of our downstream neighbors. Let's be good

neighbors.

- Natural areas and wetlands provide the habitat for our many birds and wild life and thus insure their well being and survival.

- For an example of what we can do with the millage visit the Kimball preserve of the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy located on Perry Lake road. This lovely 41 acre parcel is open to the public!

It seems to me that the opportunity to save some of our vanishing natural areas will not be before us for long. Therefore a small millage increase to save some of "the Best of the Rest" is a wish investment in not only our future but that of our grandchildren.

Jim Reed

Independence Township

Open space would benefit everyone

Dear Editor,

This is a note to respond to Mr. and Mrs. Powell's letter encouraging people not to support the "Green Group."

It is our hope over the next five months to inform citizens on the economic benefits of land conservation. The following are facts from the Trust for Public Land.

- Parks and open space often increase the value of nearby properties along with property tax revenue.

- Parks and open space attract businesses and trained employees in search of high quality of life.

- Parks and open space attract tourists' and boost recreation spending.

- Parks and open space reduce obesity and health care costs by supporting exercise and recreation.

- Conserved open space helps safeguard drinking water, clean the air, and prevent flooding - services provided much more expensively by other means.

- When open space is transformed into homes, the taxes of existing residents invariably increase because while development generates tax

revenue, the cost of providing public services and infrastructure to that development is likely to exceed tax revenue emanating from it. (Compton 2004, 50 research teams in 21 states).

Thank You.

Thomas Pytel
Independence Goes Green
(The Green Group!)

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Young artists earn honors

BY LAUREN HALULA
Clarkston News Intern Writer

Clarkston Foundation honored Clarkston students for exceptional achievement in performing and fine arts with a breakfast at the Deer Lake Banquet Center.

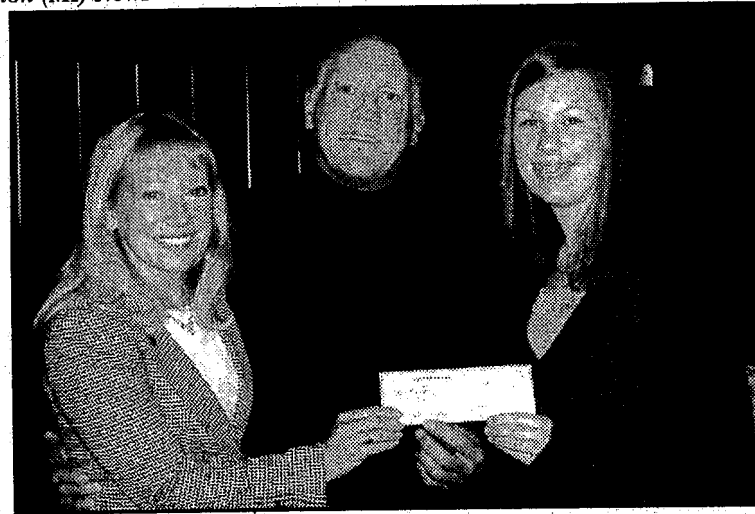
Thirty-two students, grades 6-12, were recognized for their work in the arts.

Alaina Bur, 14, received a \$1,300 scholarship to Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp. After two years of attending the summer camp, Bur was invited by the camp to accompany them on their trip to Europe this summer. She will travel to Budapest, Germany and Denmark.

"I'm really, really excited!" she said.

Michael Peterson, Clarkston High School's vocal and instrumental music teacher, recommended Bur for the grant when the Clarkston Foundation asked him for students he thought deserved it.

"It's an honor to have someone of her caliber. This will be an oppor-



Sherry Regiani and Jim Evans of Clarkston Foundation present Alaina Bur with a scholarship.

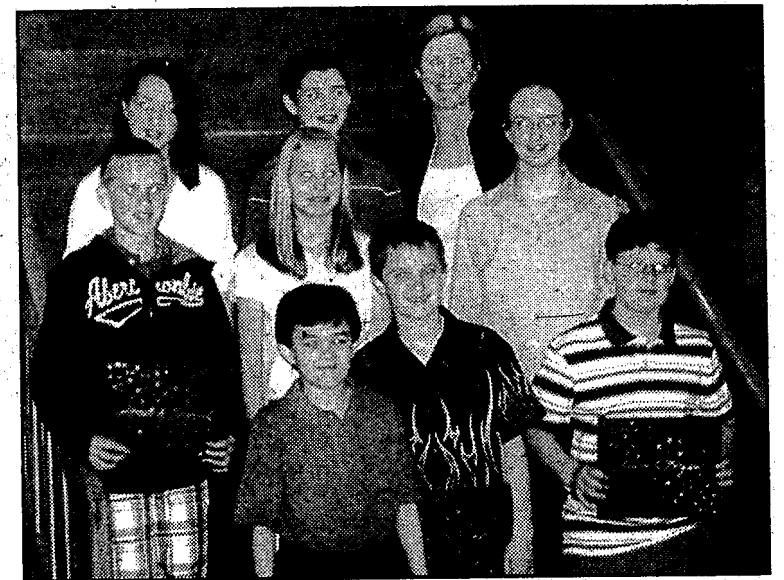
tunity of a lifetime," said Jim Evans, president of the Clarkston Foundation.

Evans said for students who want to attend the prestigious schools, they have a greater chance of getting in if they participate in summer programs. The foundation still has money left over for scholarships for summer programs. Interested students and parents should contact the organization.

Presenting awards were Vince Licata, Clarkston High School princi-

pal; Billie Pambid, director at Renaissance High School; Shawn Ryan, Clarkston Junior High principal; and Linda Foran, Sashabaw Middle School principal. The foundation honored students in math and science the week before.

The Clarkston Foundation is a nonprofit charitable trust organization. They host events and fundraisers to earn money that is put in an endowment fund. The fund is used to increase educational opportunities for the children of Clarkston



Sashabaw Middle School students honored by the Clarkston Foundation: in math, sixth-graders Wyatt Jones and Scott Ushiro, and seventh-graders Brooke Huisman and Steven Moltmaker; and in science, sixth-graders Emily Ross and Rebecca Gorz, and seventh-graders Adam Vinstra and Sean Johnson.

in math, science, music and arts. Currently the fund has over \$250,000. Their long term goal is \$1 million.

"With declining revenues it's hard to get money allocated from the general public for higher level scholarships," said Evans.

The foundation is hosting a golf outing Aug. 4 at Oakhurst Golf and Country Club to raise money for the fund. Last year, \$20,000-\$30,000 was raised at the outing. For more information or to make a donation, call 248-623-5475.

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Extraordinary service to students

Clarkston Board of Education honored 12 teachers and staff for Fourth Quarter Employee Recognition Awards, for service above and beyond the call of duty: **Anne Underwood**, third-grade teacher at Pine Knob Elementary; **Pam Thompson**, custodian at Clarkston High School; **Kathy Thompson**, physical education teacher at Clark-

ston High School; **Kathi Ritthaler**, math aide at Andersonville Elementary; **Dan Mooney**, seventh-grade math teacher at Sashabaw Middle School; **Brenda Dudlets**, secretary at Clarkston High School; **Jodi Yeloushan**, director of Student Support Services; **Michele Przybylski**, secretary at Clarkston Junior High; **Margee Berquist**, building aide for

Kids Connection, Bailey Lake Elementary; **Kim Simmons**, social worker at Sashabaw Middle School; and **Anne Sharkey**, paraprofessional at Independence Elementary.

Not pictured is **Adele D'Andrea**, media technician at Independence Elementary.

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Tree stops drunk driver

Main Street residents received an unwelcome wakeup call early Sunday when a drunk driver slammed into a tree at Robertson Court.

A 26-year-old Waterford Township man drove his southbound Ford Explorer truck into the tree at about 1:13 a.m., May 4. First responders found the driver unconscious, with airbags deployed and

horn stuck on.

"People were calling to report his driving on M-15," said Clarkston Police Chief Dale LaCroix. "Alcohol was definitely involved."

The driver was taken to Genesys hospital in critical condition, but is expected to recover. Charges will depend on blood-alcohol test results and accident reconstruction, LaCroix said.

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Pineda on trial for murder in hit-and-run

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spun out, some said. Trapped underneath, D'Anna and parts of his bike rendered the car undriveable.

Witnesses also testified Pineda attempted to flee on foot after the car finally stopped.

"He hopped out and started running," said Brandon Wakeman, who was about to cross Sashabaw on foot and said the accident happened "right in front" of him. "I yelled ahead to some guys, 'stop him, he just killed somebody.'"

Wakeman said he then helped lift the car from a badly injured D'Anna.

"I thought he was an African American, he was so black and blue," Wakeman said. "If (Pineda) had stopped the first time he hit the bike, (D'Anna) would still be here today. There was nothing wrong with him (after the first impact)... he was not injured."

Others gave similar, but more graphic and often disturbing testimony about D'Anna's condition, including Independence Township engineer-paramedic Daniel White, who on Monday identified the distinctive Mohawk-topped helmet he removed from D'Anna at the crash scene Aug. 26.

Although unresponsive at the scene, White testified that D'Anna came around briefly during the ambulance ride.

"He indicated he knew he was hit by a car, but said it wasn't going to kill him," White said. "He said he was going to be alright."

D'Anna was transported to Genesys Hospital in Grand Blanc, where he was pronounced dead at 1:54 a.m., Mon., Aug 27.

Dr. Patrick Cho of the Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office, performed an autopsy Aug. 27, said testified D'Anna

died from multiple blunt force injuries.

From the courtroom's other side Monday, defense attorney Elias Escobedo Jr., climbed into the witness stand during opening statements and spoke to the jury in Pineda's voice.

Escobedo told of a 14-year-old boy who came to the America with a dream when he was just 14, who worked as a busboy and "didn't ask for public assistance, didn't try to get on welfare or anything like that."

On Aug. 26, he said, Pineda made a "terrible mistake" by drinking and driving.

"Hold him responsible," Escobedo said. "I'm not asking you to set him free. He knows what he did was wrong, but he's not guilty of second-degree murder. Desperate people do desperate things... the American dream is not so much of a dream as people think."

Oakland County Assistant Prosecutor Rob Novy, however, said second-degree murder is an appropriate charge, given the defendant's attempts to drive away from the scene, knowing a man was trapped under his vehicle, then to flee on foot.

To be successful, Novy must prove to the jury Pineda knowingly created a high risk of death or great bodily harm.

Witness Fred Merz, who said he and his son both own motorcycles, testified he was so shaken by the event he hasn't ridden his bike since.

"(D'Anna's) legs were rolling under the car, mid-vehicle,"

Merz said. "The car spun out sideways and the vehicle stopped because he couldn't go any further."

Merz told the court he got out of his vehicle, and looked up to see Pineda standing outside the Camaro "looking down at the legs underneath his car."

Pineda, Merz said, passed close by as he began to run from the scene.

"I said 'you're the driver, stop, stop,'" Merz recalled. "He said 'no, no' and continued to run."

Merz said when he caught up, Pineda, who had been tackled and detained by a number of people in the parking lot near 7-Eleven, put his hands to his head and asked, in English, "Why me? Why me?"

Pineda's comprehension of the language has, and continues to be an issue in the case, despite testimony otherwise.

Kathleen Merz said she was "horrified."

"I remember grabbing my husband's arm and saying 'why doesn't he stop?'" she said. Although the defense later commented she didn't seem the type to use strong language lightly, Kathleen Merz said she remembers feeling very angry at the scene.

"I know I swore at him," she said, describing the scene in the parking lot, where Pineda had been tackled and detained by witnesses. "I said 'why didn't you (f-ing) stop? What were you thinking?'"

Pineda is also charged with driving while intoxicated causing death, failure to stop at the scene of an accident, operating a vehicle with a suspended license and false certification of personal information to obtain a driver's license.

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Chief Judge Wendy Potts is presiding over the trial.



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Credit unions merging

T&C Federal Credit Union of Bloomfield Hills and USA Credit Union of Auburn Hills, have announced their intention to launch "a new beginning together" through a merger that will create the fourth largest credit union in Michigan with assets totaling more than \$1.2 billion. T&C has a local branch at 7357 Deer Lake Road.

The merger has the unanimous support of both credit unions' boards of directors, but must be voted upon by T&C members as the merging credit union in August.

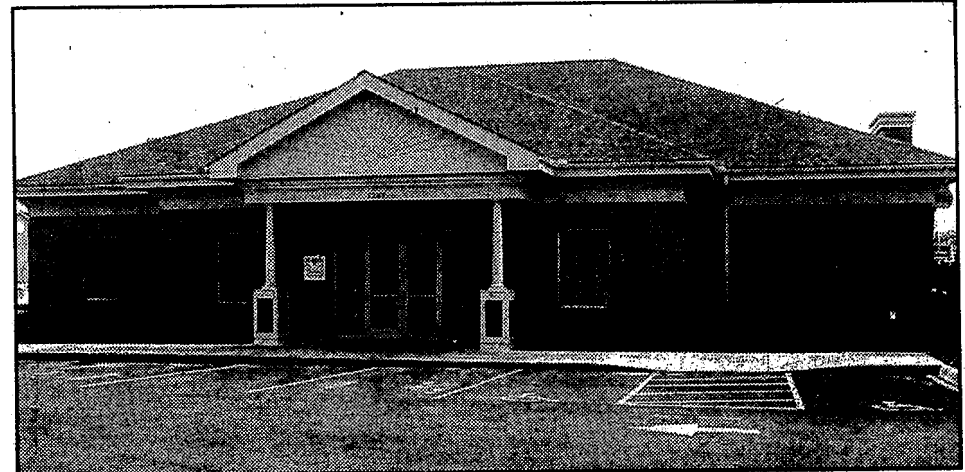
The new credit union will be called "Genisys", recognizing the member roots of each General Motors for T&C and Burroughs/Unisys for USA Credit Union. Genisys will rank in the top 85 credit unions nationally in terms of members (130,000) and will be in the top 100 nationally in terms of assets.

"The timing for this merger is just about perfect," said Mary McDonald, current President, CEO of USA Credit Union, who will re-

main with Genisys during the transition and then take retirement. "Both companies are prosperous and successful and will be even more so as a result of the merger. We'll benefit from economies of scale and economies of scope and will be able to immediately provide more and better service to all our members."

"Consolidation of two healthy credit unions is good business sense," said Dianne Addington, President and CEO of T&C and CEO-designate of the newly merged company. "Larger credit unions have significantly more attractive results in terms of asset growth, loan growth, members, and return on assets. What makes our merger particularly exciting and what promises to make it successful is the shared values we both have in terms of our commitment to our members, our employees and our communities."

T&C Credit Union currently has 11 branches in Oakland County and one in Ypsilanti. USA Credit Union has ten branches, seven in South-



T&C Federal Credit Union and USA Credit Union are merging.

east Michigan, two in Minnesota and one in Pennsylvania. T&C is federally chartered by the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA). USA is chartered and regulated by the Office of Finance and Insurance Regulation (OFIR) in Lansing. The merged credit union will be chartered in Michigan under OFIR.

Members of both credit unions will benefit

from potential increased dividends, decreased loan rates, and lower fees as well as more convenient branches and expanded call centers. Employee benefits include the promise that no jobs or benefits will be lost as a result of the merger. The new organization will, in fact, provide added jobs and enhanced growth opportunities for employees in the future.

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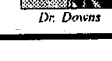
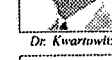
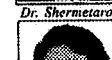
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Meola leads the way

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The girls lacrosse team was ready to show Waterford United they would not lose to them again this year.

They succeeded and won their first game of the season, 8-5.

"They have been pumped up for this game for a while. This is one of our biggest rivals from last year," said Clarkston coach Kaitlyn Sitar.

"We lost to them last year by a one point difference. We lost to them twice by one. They were coming back for this. They were ready to do what they needed to do. It was definitely the best game yet. Lots of energy. Their passing was good. They scored. Everything fell into place tonight."

Mickayla Meola led her team to victory by scoring four goals.

"We did amazing," said Meola. "Everyone worked together, defense, offense. It was awesome. Waterford was my old team, so there was no losing."

Meola was the first to make a goal in the game.

Waterford had the ball in Clarkston's defense, Meola gained possession and made a run towards Waterford's goal. Only two defenders stood ready to block Meola. She

shot past them and put the ball into the net.

Waterford took control of the scoreboard by scoring two goals.

Meola tied the score with a minute and a half to go in the first half. She made her first attempt on the net, but it was blocked by the goalie. Meola shot the ball again. It bounced off of the ground and into the net.

Kelsey Reardon put one more into the net less than 30 seconds later.

Waterford scored one more time and went into the second half in a tie. The Lady Wolves led the remainder of the game and kept Waterford to scoring two goals.

In the second half of the game, Meola scored two more goals. Reardon, Andrea Kovacic, Kellyn Carpenter each scored a goal for the Wolves.

Becky Furlo had one assist. JV was also successful against Waterford United, 2-1. It was their second win in a row. Earlier in the week, they beat Midland, 9-8.

On April 23, varsity lost to Bloomfield United, 13-2 and JV lost, 9-4.

The varsity played Rochester on Tuesday and will play at Flushing on Thursday. The game begins at 7 p.m.



Kelsey Reardon scoops the ball up. Photo by Wendi Reardon

JV and varsity will host Lake Orion on Saturday. JV begins at noon, varsity follows.

All proceeds from the girls and boys la-

crose games on Saturday go to Karmanos Cancer Institute.

They host Notre Dame Prep on Monday. JV begins at 6:30 p.m., varsity follows.

Athlete of the Week Giroux continues family legacy

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Carly Giroux' emotions were mixed with excitement and sadness when she found out she won the Stacy Giroux Memorial Award.

The award is given in memory of her aunt, Stacy Giroux. The Waterford Parks and Recreation Department presents the award to a sixth grader who displayed strong sportsmanship in her athletic endeavors.

The Sashabaw Middle School student was nominated by her Waterford Waves basketball coach.

The nomination went to a committee and out of all of the girls, Carly won and accepted the honor at the 75th Annual Saint Pats Classic in Waterford.

"So many good girls could have won that," said dad, Mark Giroux. "It is an outstanding honor to our family and Carly."

"My sister would be extremely proud of her. She reminds me of my sister, athletic and sportsmanship. Positive. Driven, but positive."

Since she was 5, she has played in Clarkston's Deer in the Bush summer basketball camp and Horizon Hoops.

Being a part of Horizon Hoops motivated

her to continue playing basketball.

Carly just ended her season for AAU travel basketball. She was on the 11U Waterford Waves team. During the weekend, the Waves took fourth place in division two during the AAU state championship.

"Carly is a true, blue basketball player," said Mark.

She continues to play basketball to fulfill her plan to be on the seventh grade basketball team.

Carly has set her dream and goal to play varsity basketball at Clarkston.

During the winter season, she would go to the varsity games to watch the Lady Wolves on the court.

Carly enjoys all of her classes, but likes math the most. She studies hard and is a straight-A student.

She enjoys hanging out with friends when she is not playing basketball or studying.

The award has been given out in memory of Carly's aunt, Stacy, for the last 24 years. Stacy, who was active in basketball, softball, and volleyball, died in a car accident in 1983.

Carly honors her aunt on the court by sporting number 10 on her jersey. It was Stacy's number.



From left are Mark Giroux, Connor Giroux, Carly Giroux and Vanessa Giroux. Photo provided

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Parents stand proudly with their seniors, from left, Jed Smith, Karen Smith, Caitlin Smith, Dani Thomas, Kelley Thomas, Les Thomas, Julie Wagner, Becky Wagner, and Mark Wagner. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Trying to connect

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Clarkston's kickers celebrated senior night by pushing for a win.

All of their shots were blocked, though, and they settled for a tie, 0-0.

"It been like that the whole season. We have been playing well," said Clarkston coach Sarah Wasilk. "We have either come out one point short, or a tie. We're still pushing forward."

Lapeer East possessed the ball for the first 15 minutes of the game. After that, Clarkston tightly held control of the ball for the rest of

the game.

"I thought my girls controlled the ball really well on the offensive end," said Wasilk. "We had a lot of opportunities, just the shots didn't fall tonight. It was good experience for them. Defense was very strong, they worked together. Forwards worked together. Everybody played tough."

"Lauren Wagner had a great game. My defense, Audrey Batchnik. Chris (Rozwadowski) and Bree (Timm) had a great game, too."

The Lady Wolves out shot the Eagles 9-1. Clarkston made three shots on goal in the



Dani Thomas, #16, Chris Rozwadowski, #3, and Julie Warner, #10, fight for control of the ball. Photo by Wendi Reardon

first half and six in the next half.

The Eagles got one try in the last minute of the game, but it was stopped by Damaree Wells.

"We only have one game against Royal Oak," said Wasilk going into this week. "Every team in the OAA is tough. It will certainly be a tough game, but we are looking forward to it. We haven't played them since the beginning of the season. It should be a totally different match up at this point because so many teams change throughout the season so I am looking forward to it."

The varsity team's overall record stands at 0-9-5.

They won their game against the Eagles. They played Royal Oak on Tuesday.

They will play Waterford Kalamazoo on Saturday. They will play on Friday.

Saturday. Winner: Caitlin Smith and Dani Thomas had the most points. Clarkston's last home game will be Tuesday, May 20 against Troy-Athens.

Rained out

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Hitters faced rain during their Nathan Manuel Tournament on Saturday.

They took to the field in the afternoon and beat Pontiac Northern, 12-3.

"We did okay, it was our first game on Saturday. We were a little rusty," said coach Phil Price. "Matt Kamieniecki did a nice job pitching, but he struggled at his command a little bit. It was a pretty good game." Kamieniecki was the winning pitcher for the game.

Leading hitters were Kamieniecki, Tyler Scarlett, Nick Shamoun, Rob Sims and Alex Navarre.

Kamieniecki hit 2-for-3, hit triple and had four RBIs. Scarlett hit 2-for-3 and hit a triple. Navarre hit 2-for-3 and hit a double. Sims was 2-for-3 and Shamoun hit a double.

They went on to play Cranbrook. They were beating them in the third inning before the game was called on account of rain.

They lost against Troy on Wednesday, 5-1.

The team will keep busy this week with four games.

The week begins with Clarkston hosting a league game on Wednesday against West Bloomfield. They host Avondale on Thursday.

"We have two tough games," said Price. "Avondale is in our district and they beat us last year."

They continue on Friday with a visit to

on Monday. The host Troy-Athens

will play on Tuesday. The boys' season record is

The need for speed

The girls varsity track team competed against the top ranked schools from the Midwest at the Roosevelt Memorial Invitational this weekend.

"It was good overall," said coach John Yorke. "The weather was windy and rainy. It wasn't a great day for time, but it was a good weekend for competition."

Clarkston took eighth place among the 49 schools represented. They scored 37 points.

The girls held on to their undefeated record on Tuesday. They won their matches against Lake Orion, 80-48, and Rochester, 67-61.

The score against Rochester was close. "It came down to 4x4," said Yorke. "We really did good for this time of year." It came down to 4 by 4. Their record is now 5-0.

The boys team took fifth place at the Ashley Relays at Waterford Mott on Saturday. They earned 58 points and competed against 13 schools.

The relay teams took first place. The 400 relay team, John Verros, Erik Thompson,



Kristen Smith keeps pace against Rochester and Lake Orion. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Adam Sharp, and Duane George clocked 43:53. Chris Canada, Giovan McDougal, Adam Sharp, and George in the 1600 relay.

At their Tri-Meet on Tuesday, the boys lost to Rochester, 89-39, and Lake Orion, 78-50.

Both teams compete in the OAA league meet at Southfield on Friday. The meet begins at 4 p.m.

Ready for OAA

After taking Rochester Adams by storm, varsity tennis players are ready for their OAA league meet this Saturday.

At the league meet, the girls will face teams they played earlier in the season.

They will play against Lasher, Seaholm, Troy, North Farmington, West Bloomfield and Groves.

They fell to Lasher (5-3) and West Bloomfield (6-2), and know what they will have to face going against them again this weekend.

"West Bloomfield is tough," said Clarkston coach Craig Judd. "They give us all they can handle. They are an excellent team. We will have to work hard."

They beat Adams last Thursday, 8-0. The girls won all of their sets.

The scores for singles were Nicole Janek (6-4, 6-1), Alyssa Lucas (6-0, 6-2), Kristina Lucas (6-0, 6-0) and Blair McCarty (6-0, 6-2)

The scores for the doubles teams were Kate Cooley and Kelli McKay (6-0, 6-4), Stephanie Kincaid and Emi Allen (6-0, 6-0), Alexis Egler and Kelsey Crawford (6-4, 7-6) and Chelsea Hundzinski and Erica Zentner (6-4, 6-2).

On Monday, the girls played number one ranked Gross Pointe South.

Before the league meet, the girls host Rochester on Tuesday and Utica Eisenhower on Thursday at 4 p.m.

"They have good singles players," Judd said getting ready for Rochester. "That's a good team."

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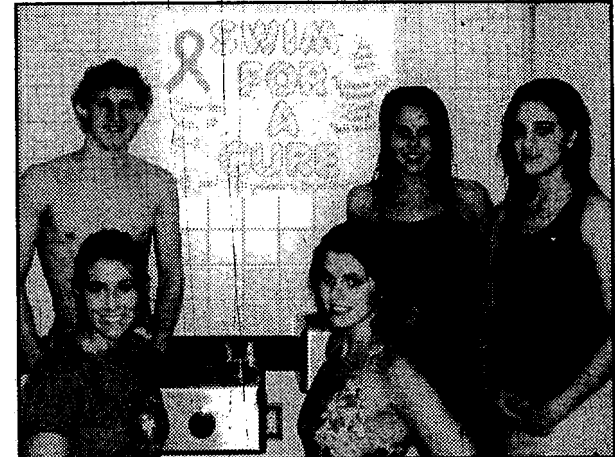
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Race for a cure



This Saturday the swim teams and lacrosse teams are raising money for cancer.

The boys and girls swim teams are holding a Breast Cancer Swimathon at the Clarkston High School Natatorium from 12 p.m.-2 p.m. All proceeds will go to the Breast Cancer

Maria Henige and Caitie John, in front, and Robert Nelson, Megan Zelinsky, and Katie Cook. Photo provided.
cer 3-day walk in Detroit, September 26-28.

Golfers ready for a big week

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

After playing tough competition in the last few weeks, golfers are ready for some more.

"It's going to be a big week," said varsity coach, Mark Wiegand.

The boys play undefeated Troy on Wednesday and Rochester Adams on Thursday.

"They are always tough against us," said Wiegand.

He was hopeful playing the Bay City Western Invitational on Monday would help the team for their next matches.

"If we keep playing the way we have been, we will be alright."

The boys varsity golf team hosted Lake Orion last Friday at Liberty Golf Club. Through the rain, Clarkston won the close match, 163-168, bringing their division record to 4-0.

Leading the individual scores was Matt Fuller (39), Brandon Stone (41), Jarred Horner (41), and Tommy Ronk (42).

"We were very fortunate to come out with a win," said Wiegand. "We played poorly and made several mental mistakes that our varsity players typically don't make. We've addressed those problems and I hope that we've learned from them. I expect to see continued improvement from here on. It's time for the seniors to step up and stay focused."

Last Tuesday, the boys took to the green on the cold day for Huron Valley Golf Invitational in Highland.

Clarkston took eighth place with a score of 323.

Leaders of the meet were Waterford Kettering (306), Novi (308), and Milford (309).

Fuller and Ronk led the team. Fuller had a

score 77 and Ronk scored 79. Following the two were Jarred Horner (83) and Brandon Stone (84).

The last weekend of April, the boys traveled to Traverse City for the Traverse City Tee Off. Clarkston took 11th place during the tournament. They scored 660.

Saline held onto first place with a score of 617. Grand Blanc and Brighton followed in second and third place.

Saline shot one over par as a team on Friday and continued to hold on Saturday to win in some of the toughest weather conditions Wiegand had ever see for golf.

"While we didn't play our best," said Wiegand.

"We certainly got to see what the state's competition looks like as this is one of the strongest tournament fields outside the state championships. We also learned the value of keeping the golf ball low and out of the wind, a shot we'll continue to practice and get better at."

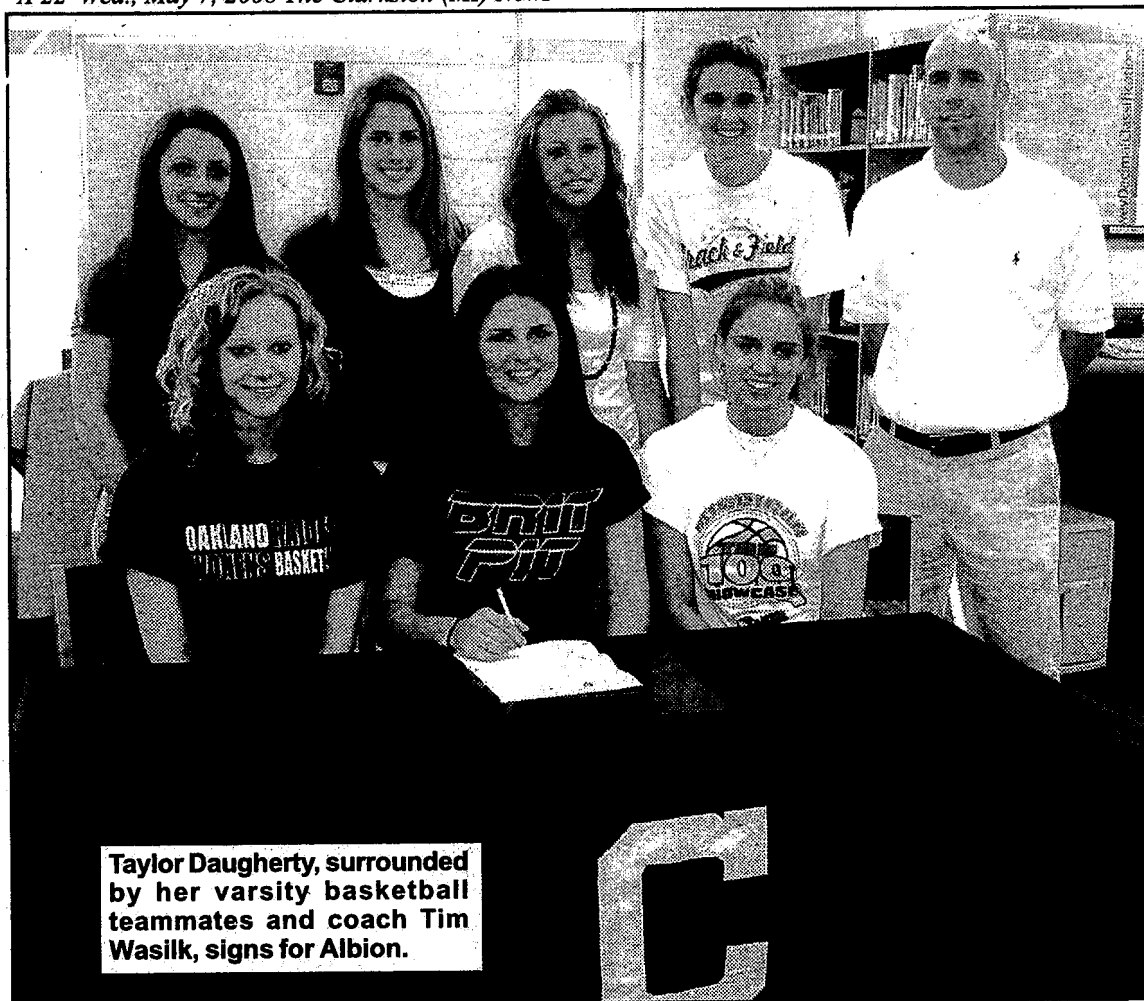
On Friday, the boys played on the Wolverine course. The scores on the course were Fuller, 75; Ronk, 76; Jordan Roth, 84; Stone, 80; Mike Graham, 88; and Zach Rogers, 92.

The boys played on Spruce Run course on Saturday. The scores were Fuller, 85; Ronk, 87; Roth, 89; Stone, 84; Horner, 90, and Nate Hedtler, 98.

"We've got some work to do if we want to be able to compete with Saline and Grand Blanc, but we have the potential to do just that," said Wiegand.

The match against Troy is at Liberty Golf Club and the match against Adams is at Westwynd Golf Club.

They will face league teams on Monday in the second league meet of the season. It is held at Boulder Pointe Golf Club in Oxford.



Taylor Daugherty, surrounded by her varsity basketball teammates and coach Tim Wasilk, signs for Albion.



Alyssa Swindlehurst, with her mother Gale and future coach Marv Allen, signs up for Oakland Community College.

Making their mark

Clarkston Varsity Basketball players, Taylor Daugherty and Alyssa Swindlehurst are set for college this fall.

Swindlehurst signed with Oakland Community College Raiders basketball team.

"Alyssa has a lot of versatility," said Coach Marv Allen. "She has a good outside shot, and she goes to the basket good. Most important, she's a great team player."

"I'm really excited," Swindlehurst said. "I like their program. They're close to home. I planned on going to OCC even if I

wasn't playing ball."

Daugherty will play for Albion College.

"I really enjoy the campus," said Daugherty, who will study German business. "They offer what I'm looking for."

"It's wonderful, so nice," said Gale Swindlehurst, Alyssa's mother. "This is a good opportunity for her, and the coach has been good."

"Taylor and Alyssa have done a really good job for us," said coach Tim Wasilk. "I'm excited for both of them. They're good kids, hard workers. It's a good fit for both of them."

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Crossing sticks

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

A push at the end of the game did not help to bring the boys lacrosse team a win over Lake Orion. They lost the game, 7-5.

"We played 48 minutes complete," said coach Brian Kaminkas. "Sometimes it doesn't go your way. The boys played hard. The boys did everything we asked them to do."

Andrew Schram led the game with two goals and one assist. Adam Zak, Jon Avery and Matt McEntee each had a goal.

Kevin Giaier, Forbes Dever, and Avery had one assist in the game.

The boys hosted Plymouth on Saturday and won, 9-6. Jon Avery led the game with a hat trick, and two assists

They lost to Troy on Tuesday, 12-7.

Schram had three goals, Zak two goals, Rob Julian and Weston Gleiss each one.



Andrew Schram rushes to get control of the ball. Photo by Wendi Reardon

The team is looking ahead for this week.

"Our big game, we are getting worked up for, is May 10," said Kaminkas. "We have our 'game for a cure.' That's the one everyone is working towards. It should be a challenging week. We're working hard, we should definitely grab a few victories out of it this week."

The boys played Farmington United on Tuesday.

They host L'Anse Creuse on Thursday and Rochester United next Tuesday. JV begins at 6 p.m., varsity follows.

They will play Rochester Adams in their "Game for a Cure." JV begins at 2 p.m., varsity follows. The boys' record is 4-7.

High hopes for league

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Tecumseh won Clarkston's Michigan Stars softball tournament over the weekend.

"Our tournament was very successful," said coach Don Peters.

Forty-eight teams came to play at the event hosted by Clarkston. The Wolves had their own success. They won two of the five games they played during the weekend.

"It was up and down. We could do better. We could play like we did during Macomb Dakota," said Peters.

They lost to Macomb Dakota, 1-0. The girls won against Cranbrook (21-0) and Romeo (4-3). They lost to Trenton (4-3), Alma (10-2) and Macomb Dakota (1-0).

Sarah Altene and Uballe each pitched a winning game.

Leading hitters for the weekend were Taylor Hasselbach, Shantel Uballe, Kara Wandrie and Lindsay Upchurch.

Hasselbach hit 5-for-8 and had five runs, four home runs, and 10 RBIs. Uballe hit 9-for-15, two home runs and had four RBIs. Wandrie hit 3-for-6, had five runs and two RBIs. Upchurch 5-for-9, four runs, and one RBI.

Before the weekend tournament, the girls beat Waterford Kettering in both double header games.

They scored 12-7 in the first game, and 15-2 in the second.

This week they play league games against Lake Orion and Troy.

"We could come out league champs or in third place," said Peters going against the two schools.

They played Lake Orion on Tuesday and will play at Troy on Thursday at 4:30 p.m.

The girls travel to play in the St. Clair tournament on Saturday. They will play Clio, Port Huron, and St. Clair. They host Stoney Creek on Monday. The first pitch goes out at 4 p.m.

Overall record is 15-11.

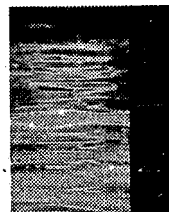


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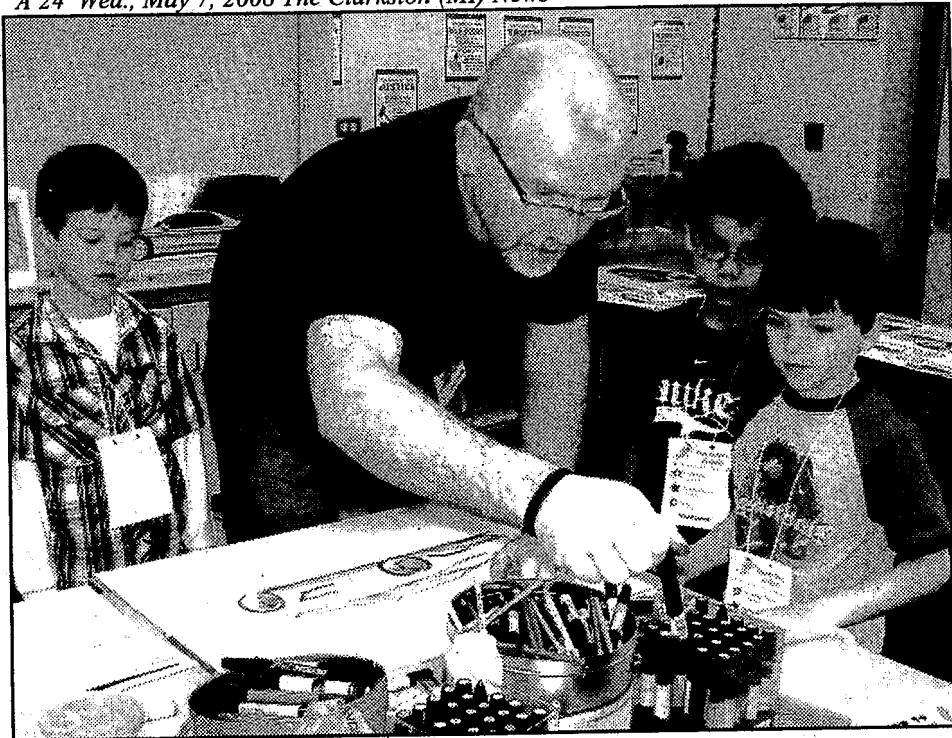
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Maj. Sean Campbell, Michigan National Guard, uses a model to describe the F-16 fighter jet, which he flies in combat.



Lindsey Fournier, left, and Jess Breuer, stylists with Pink the Salon, demonstrate their skills with students Isabella Bender and Alexis Green.

Learning from the professionals

Springfield Plains Elementary students spent their Festival Day last week learning from dozens of professionals, volunteering their time.

Students picked their top five choices, and were scheduled accordingly, said Teri Spytman, who chaired the committee with Kelli Horst and Traci Greenlee.

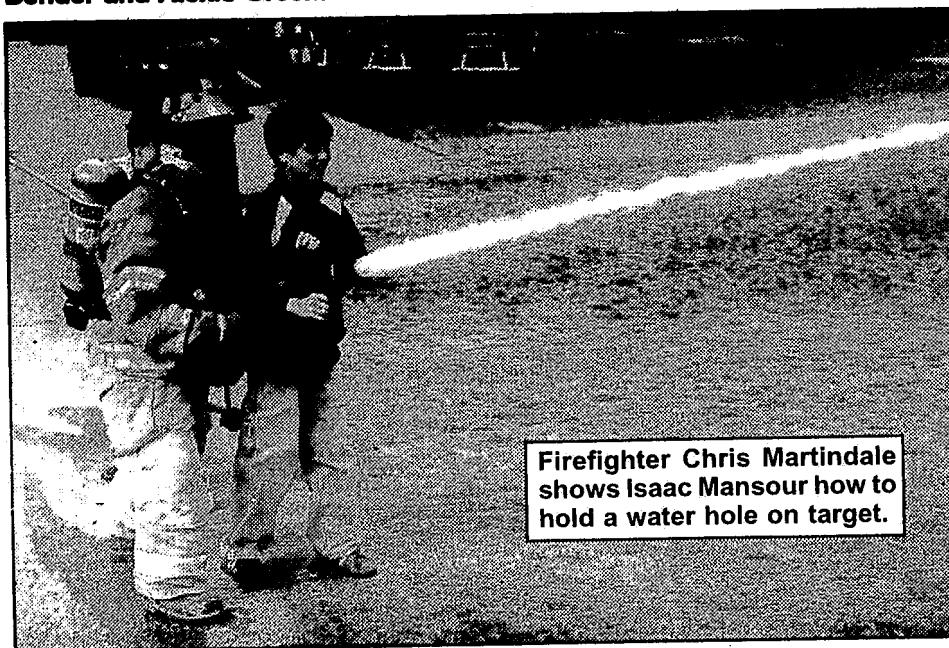
"We tried to get at least three out of their five," Spytman said.

Planning started in January.

"It took a lot of coordination," she said.



Ryan Weaver examines Maj. Campbell's flight helmet.



Firefighter Chris Martindale shows Isaac Mansour how to hold a water hole on target.



Engineer Kathy Wojtalewicz shows students how to wire a flashlight.

People Poll

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Thoughts on tax rebates?



"It's not going to stimulate the economy enough to put us back on the page—only jobs will turn things around."

- Sandra Kertel



"Send me the money, I'll spend it."

- Jack McCarroll



"It's very political, but I hope it will do some good for the people who really need it."

- Carole Meyers



"I'm glad my kids are all getting re-

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Taking a stand

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

With undecided superdelegates, close popular vote, and Michigan and Florida in the balance, the Democratic National Convention for President this August promises to be contentious.

Phil Reid of Independence Township will have a front row seat.

"Why go to a boring convention? I'd rather go to one that's interesting," he said.

Reid, 55, is the Eighth Congressional District male delegate to the Democratic convention, representing north Oakland County. He and 82 other delegates were elected April 19 at congressional district conventions.

"Oakland County gets one delegate, and I wanted to be that delegate," he said.

His plan is to cast his vote for Sen. Hillary Clinton.

"I really believe she is the best candidate for the job," Reid said. "She has the experience and temperament to be a good president."

Her respect for government contrasts sharply with that of President George W. Bush, Reid said.

"The current administration is disdainful of government," he said. "The last eight years have been a train wreck."

The Democratic Party said Michigan and Florida's delegate votes will be in vain, because their primaries were in January in violation of party rules. However, Reid is confident something will be worked out.

"I think it's highly likely," he said. "We have to wait and see how the primaries do. The clock's going to run out. All states have to have a say. Then it will be clear."

If not allowed to vote, the trip still won't be wasted, he said.

"There's also a number of other events — regional and state meetings, visit and meet with other delegates," he said.

He will support Sen. Barack Obama if he ends up with the nomination, he said.

"I'll be happy to support whoever emerges as the candidate. I'm very confident Michigan will go Democrat this November, and that the Democratic candidate will win, with the economy, the war, so many things."

The closeness of the race is a product of modern politics, driven by the media, he said.

"I'm not surprised it's so even. I don't see it as a coincidence — it's in their interest to keep it close," he said.

The media focuses negative reporting on the frontrunner, whoever that may be at the time, he said.

Reid moved to Independence Township from Pleasant Ridge 10 years ago with his family, Cindy, his wife, and their two children, Caitlin and Keith.

"My wife wanted to move farther out," he said.

They settled in a former farmhouse on three acres near Independence County Park.

A life-long Democrat, he didn't become actively involved in the party until 2004, when he went to work on Sen. John Kerry's presidential campaign with the Oakland County Democratic Party.

"I was at the point where I needed to do something," he said. "The 2000 election was stolen. Bush was running for his second term. I was so unhappy. I couldn't not do anything."

Kerry's campaign was unsuccessful — stolen again, Reid said — but the work wasn't wasted.

"Staying busy has a therapeutic effect," he said.

He is now chair of the North Oakland Democrats Club, vice chair of the Oakland District Democrats, and member of the Eighth Congressional Committee.

With a majority of the county, 15 of 25 county districts, represented by Republicans, the North Oakland County Democratic Club has its work cut out for it.

"It's a work in progress," he said. "North Oak-

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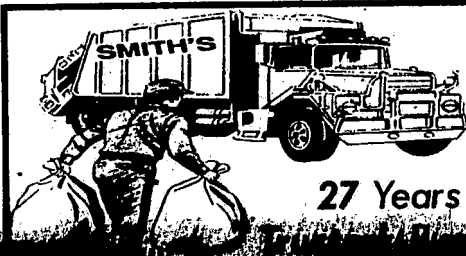
land County is the opposite of south Oakland County. It's hard for Republicans in south Oakland County, and it's hard for Democrats in north Oakland County."

The Democrats' 10 districts are concentrated in the southeast corner of the county, with the 10th and 11th districts, Pontiac and Auburn Hills, its northernmost territory. Districts in north Oakland County, including Clarkston, Independence Township, Springfield Township, Brandon, Lake Orion, and Oxford, are all Republican.

"I see some townships here and there run by RINOs (Republicans In Name Only)," Reid said. "I'd like to see a climate where Democrats can run as Democrats, and win as Democrats."

To that end, the club is participating in more community events and hosting local and state speakers, he said.

"We may need a number of election cycles before we see dynamic changes," he said. "But over time, as south Oakland County goes, so will north Oakland County. The trend is there."



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Mother's Day Tea, 2-4 p.m., May 7, Carriage House, Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Flavored teas, sandwiches, pastry delicacies. Mothers, daughters, granddaughters welcome. Dress up or come as you are. \$6. 248-625-8231.

Wint's Healing Hearts Grief Support Group for all ages for those who have recently lost a loved one, 7 p.m., May 13. Topic: "Stress Management and open discussion." Led by Emily Trahan, bereavement counselor for Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Carriage House, Clintonwood Park, Clarkston Road. Walk ins welcome. Free. 248-625-5231.

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.

Blooms and Brunch, 10:30 a.m., May 15. Featuring Master Gardener Carolyn Morrison. \$10. Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

Around Town

From left, Abby Kroll, Adrianna Hassenzahl, Kay Lee Lichtenberg and Esther Lee surround Eric Lichtenberg as Frank Butler and Abigail Lee as Annie Oakley. Photo provided



Church theater stages 'Annie Get Your Gun'

Sashabaw Presbyterian Church Ecumenical Youth Theater Group presents "Annie Get Your Gun."

The production by the church's ecumenical youth drama group 6 Stools & a Folding Chair features a cast of 40 from Clarkston and Waterford, ranging from 5-18 year old.

It stars Abigail Lee as Annie Oakley, Michael Bugin as Charlie Davenport, and and in the role of Frank Butler, Eric

Lichtenberg. They are supported by Chris McNally as Buffalo Bill, Josh Iglesias as Sitting Bull, and Kira Brakel as Dolly Tate.

The show opens Thursday, May 8, and runs through Saturday, May 10. Curtain times for the Thursday and Friday performances are 7:30 p.m., with Saturday matinee at 2:30 p.m., at Shepherd Fellowship Church, 2515 N. Williams Lake Road.

For more information, call 248-310-0792 or 673-3101.

Free Community Kite Flying Event, 12-4 p.m., May 17, Seymour Lake United Methodist Church, 30500 Sashabaw Road. Contests, prizes, free kites. 248-628-4763.

Tea To Remember, Friendship Tea Benefit Fundraiser Luncheon and Tea Talk, 12-2 p.m., May 17, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Bring special tea cup and their stories, learn about "Esther's House." Door prizes. \$25. 248-

620-6828.

Spring Birding, 8-10 p.m., May 17. Independence Oaks County Park. Two-mile walk. Meet at Camp Wilderness parking lot. 248-858-0704.

Eye Fight Back, 9:30-11:30 a.m., May 19, Carriage House, Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Self-defense program combines military, law enforcement techniques for all ages. Vehicle safety, home security, confrontational avoidance, self-defense techniques. \$7. 248-625-8231.

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.

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Clarkston Community Band rehearsals, 7 p.m., Tuesdays. Especially needed: percussion, clarinets, trumpets. \$30/semester. Band room, Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane. Independence Township Parks & Recreation, 248-625-8223 or www.clarkstonband.org.

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

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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.

Making a difference

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Maya Girschner, 7, painted a picture for last year's PTA Reflections Fine Arts Program. This year, she made a video.

The cast?

"My sister, and me, of course, and my brother," Maya said.

The Bailey Lake Elementary student earned an Award of Excellence in Film, and recognition from the Clarkston Board of Education April 28. Her video, "Kids Can Too," will be entered in the national PTA's Reflections Program.

She made the video with the help of her parents, Sven and Denise Girschner, big sister Megan, and little brother Joel. Since it was her video, Maya served as director as well as lead actor.

"I say 'cut' and 'action' - it's really fun," Maya said.

"Joel was trying to put paper plates on the table and he went out of the video, and I said, 'Cut! You're out of the video.'"

"She likes being in charge," Denise said.

The video demonstrates how children can participate in recycling, and saving water and electricity.



Maya Girschner, with her big sister **Megan**, earned an Award of Excellence and a chocolate wolf for her video. Photo by **Phil Custodio**

In one scene, Megan is brushing her teeth, with water gushing from the sink.

"I come in and yell at her, 'What are you doing, leaving the water running,'" Maya said. Then, she turns it off.

The PTA Reflections Program included Film, Literature, Visual Arts, and Music categories, for students pre-K through 12th grade. This year's theme was "I Can Make a Difference By...."

Students receiving awards and school-board recognition also included:

Amanda Chamberlain, Sashabaw Middle School, Award of Merit in Literature;

Julia Rambeau, Springfield Plains Elementary, Award of Merit in Literature;

Alyssa Spytman, Clarkston Junior High, Award of Merit for Visual Arts;

Monique Zentner, Sashabaw Middle School, Award of Excellence for Visual Arts;

Rachel Glowski, Clarkston Junior High, Award of Excellence for Visual Arts; and

Micheal Culver, Clarkston Junior High, Award of Merit for Music.

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Milestones

Kline- Bailey

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Holly is a graduate of Lakeland High School and earned her Masters Degree from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She is a teacher at Avondale High School.

Chris is a graduate of Clarkston High School and Central Michigan University. He has been working at BBDO for 12 years.

Their wedding will take place in June in Pleasant Ridge. The couple will reside in Oakland County.



Christopher and Holly

Students achieve success

The photographic works of John Ehlke of Clarkston will be on exhibit at Central Michigan University's Senior Photojournalism Exhibition.

His work and that of 15 others will be on exhibit on the fourth floor of Moore Hall at CMU through May, 2009.

Cadet Justin Parr, 12th grader, was named to the Superintendent's List with a 4.0 GPA for the fifth period at Howe Military School in Indiana. Parr is the son of Betty and Jack

Parr of Clarkston.

Jonathan Moehlig of Clarkston was awarded March 30 the Westminster Foundation Religious Life Award and the Bloomfield College Scholar-Athlete Award.

He has been accepted by Asbury Theological Seminary to continue his studies.

Kelly Kathleen O'Neill of Clarkston earned a Master of Physician Assistant Studies degree at Rocky Mountain College.



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Religion

Life lessons from the family dog

She is old now; at least by the standards she is measured. She is grayer, thinner and a little slower than days past. Sabra is our chocolate Labrador who has been with us now 13 years.

Recently she and I went to the vet and while there I asked how long do labs usually live. When the answer came back; "About 12 years", she turned her head quickly and looked at him. It was as if she was doing mental math and coming out with a conclusion she didn't like.

She is in the autumn of her life. For years she never ate more than her dog food, but now she knows her begging will not be ignored. She is particularly fond of pita chips we have discovered.

We would never have known that a few years ago. But there is a softening in us that rewards her sad eyes and ever present stare with tastes of goodies never before shared with her.

She is not a threat to jump on the bed anymore; it is too high for her. But now she is allowed to lay on the couch next to us. We have thought about what it will be like to no longer have her with us. We have thought about whether we will one day no longer have a dog in our home for the

first time in our lives.

But those decisions are for another day. For now, we enjoy her, spoil her and give God thanks for her.

Some of you may be animal lovers also. Some of you may never want an animal in your home. But for all of us there may be some lessons to learn from Sabra. They have been important to me and I pass them on to you on her behalf.

One, each day is one to be entered into with joy. Each morning when I let her out the back door, she looks around her domain with great interest. She inspects what she has inspected hundreds of times before. She does not let the newness of each day to get lost in the repetition of days past.

Two, she is at peace with her life. She can no longer run as fast or play as long as she could years ago. But she is content. She loves our routine and often reminds us of exactly what she expects of us. She does not get irritable, or resentful or proud.

Three, she remains a consistent reminder to me of the unconditional grace of God. No matter what else happens, she is glad to see me and welcome me home. She loves me when I am irritable and rejoices when I am present to her. I can be gone for minutes or days, and she is ready to welcome me home.

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Spiritual Matters



Pastor
Richard Dake

In our churches...

Neighbor to Neighbor Give Away, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., May 10, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 5464 Waterford Road at Maybee. Gently used items for anyone in need: clothing for children and adults, toys, books, household items. Large items posted on bulletin board with contact information. 248-623-6123.

Special speaker Argentina Glasgow, founding board member of Association for Global New Thought and former board chairperson of Association of Unity Churches, 9 a.m., May 11, Peace Unity. **Special Mother's Day music** by Kirsten Jorgensen and Michael Krieger. Meets at Sashabaw Presbyterian 5300 Maybee Road. 248-891-4365.

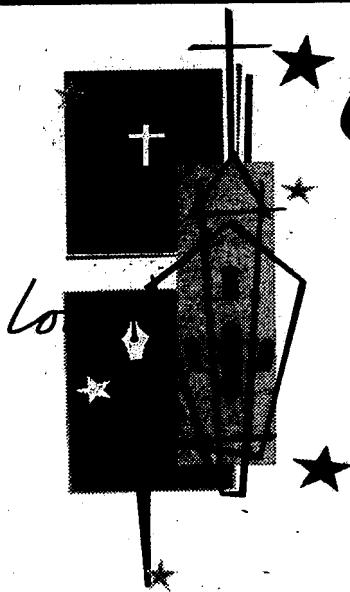
The Sermon on the Mount, ongoing study of Emmett Fox's classic book, 7 p.m., Wednesdays. Facilitated by the Rev. Matthew Long, Peace Unity. Oakland County Alano Club, 5661 Clintonville Road.

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.

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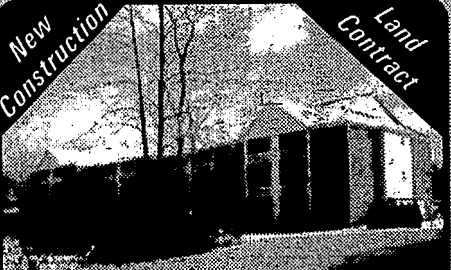
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Spiritual Matters

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I suppose there are those who would claim they cannot learn lessons of life from lowly dogs. I only give testimony to this, there are days my soul desires to be at such peace as Sabra.

Christ taught us how to live in such harmony, peace, and contentment. I turn to him to find it for my life. I give God thanks I can go home today and be reminded of lessons I forget as soon as I open the front door.

The Rev. Richard L. Dake is pastor of Clarkston United Methodist Church.

In our churches

continued from 5B

Calvary Lutheran Church has a weekly **Wednesday 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.

Glitters gala for symphony

Mary Lou Schell of Independence Township enjoyed last year's fundraiser dinner and auction for Pontiac Oakland Symphony.

She won the grand prize, a diamond necklace.

"I immediately put it on and marched all over," she said. "It was fun, a nice piece of jewelry."

She plans to return to this year's All That Glitters II gala, 6:30-11 p.m., Saturday, May 17, at the Lafayette Grand, One Lafayette Street in Pontiac.

This year, items for auction include authentic African jewelry, Indian sari, porcelain jewelry box, night at Soaring Eagle, costume watch, Brighton Jewelry items, and symphony tickets.

The three-piece, silk sari is authentic, said Rita Marcero, president of Pontiac Oakland Symphony Board of Directors.

"My son just went to India," Marcero said. "I asked him if he could buy a sari for the auction."



From left, Mary Lou Schell of Independence Township, Rita Marcero, and Gerry Irwin display some items up for auction at Pontiac Oakland Symphony's All That Glitters II fundraiser. Photo by Phil Custodio

The benefit will include strolling dinner, silent and live auctions, jazz band.

"It will be a nice evening," said Gerry Irwin, president of the symphony's Women's Association.

They will also honor past and present conductors Francesco Di Blasi, Felix Resnick, David Daniels, and Gregory Cunningham.

Tickets are \$75. For more information, call Sandra DeRemer at 248-673-5817.

- Phil Custodio

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Brittany Rodgers breaks into a big grin after collecting her award.

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The pews at Clarkston United Methodist Church were filled with kids and proud parents last week as Clarkston area Youth Assistance—CAYA—recognized 107 young people who selflessly lent a hand to those in need.

"This is our chance to say thank you to the youth in our community who are doing all the right things," said Anita Demster, Clarkston area Youth Assistance vice president. "Even though we hear from the experts they are part of the 'Me Me Me Generation' who think only of themselves, these young people have managed to give over 10,000 hours to the community."

About a dozen local officials were on hand to congratulate the kids for the efforts they put forth to support local organizations.

The annual Youth Recognition evening is part of CAYA's many programs. The organization also offers programs such as The Family Education Committee; The Mentors Plus Program; and The Skill Building Program.

For more information about CAYA programs and volunteer opportunities, call 248-623-4313 or check out www.clarkstonya.org.

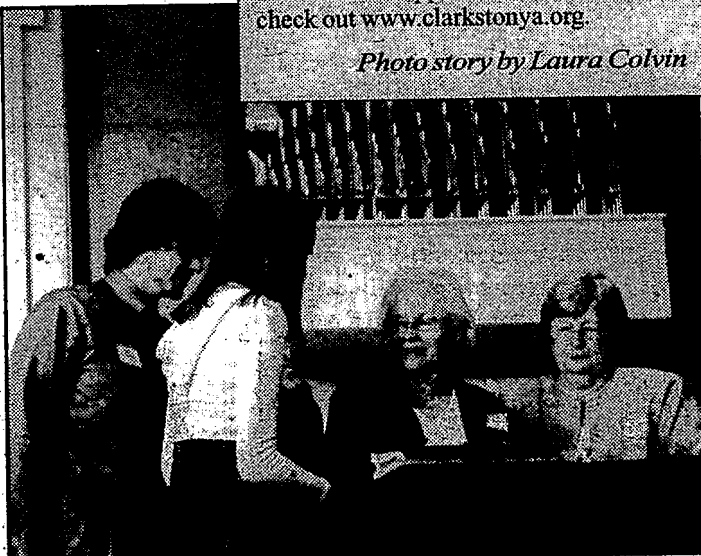
Photo story by Laura Colvin



Kaitlin Catania heads back toward her family.



Eric Barch, followed by Maya Alalouf, make their way to the front of the church to pick up their awards.



After shaking hands with local officials, students picked up their awards from CAYA Treasurer Carole Meyers, right, and Jackie Fromm, CAYA secretary.



Michael Mallon, a third grade teacher at Andersonville Elementary, spoke at the event.



Danielle Adkins looked pretty happy Wednesday.

A Flip Flop success

Katie Scheu found Erica Cale's mission to help people facing poverty in Honduras and her presentation at the Clarkston Methodist Church about her organization, "Helping Heart Helping Hands," so enthralling that she mentioned it to her teacher.

The timing was perfect. Kelly Bertin was seeking a community project for the six grade students of Sashabaw Middle School.

She first checked out the organization's website and, "After seeing the website I was inspired and interested in helping the organization. I think the biggest plus is seeing Erica at her age (15) with a goal and a mission."

Erica gave a moving presentation to the students. They were attentive and saddened by the stories, yet hopeful and inspired as a result of the work she is doing."

Erica captured the attention of the students by beginning her talk in Spanish. Her presentation, accompanied by photos of poverty and unsanitary living conditions inspired the children to action.

"Since one of the most essential items needed by the Hondurans is shoes," Erica pointed out, "we chose Flip Flops. They're the easiest to carry in my luggage and distribute. Plus, the Flip Flops in Honduras are plain and cheaply made."

Erica was pleased to discover e-mails from

students within an hour of her presentation.

Many of the students thanked her and asked how they could help more; some had questions about her talk, and one insightful student asked Erica, "What did you think of yourself after your trip to Honduras versus before the trip?"

Lend a Hand



By Michelle Phaup

For a couple of weeks, 129 students actively sought out donations. Numerous students donated their own money to buy Flip Flops.

Erica is currently in Honduras distributing the 224 pairs of flip flops collected by the students. She'll continue to track the progress and provide photos of her visits at

www.helpingheartshelpinghands.org.

During the next couple of months, local Clarkston businesses, such as, TCF Bank and Best Impressions Hair Salon will be collecting more flip flops to be taken on Erica's next trip in July.

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Erica Cale, surrounded by sixth-grade students at Sashabaw Middle School and hundreds of flip flops.

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For more information, email Erica at: america23@comcast.net.

Michelle Phaup, founder of Lend A Helping Hand, enjoys helping people and working for a worthwhile cause. For information on Lend A Helping Hand, check



Katie Scheu and Erica Cale

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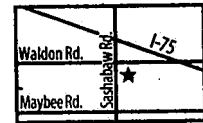


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"Many people don't realize until it's too late that Social Security and their company pension are often inadequate income sources for the kind of retirement they desire," said Kruzan, branch manager.

"Because people want to have the same standard of living in retirement as they had when they were working, it's important to plan accordingly."

Kruzan said he works to develop financial strategies that will carry clients through the ups and downs of volatile markets, rather than trying to beat the market in the short run.

"Our goal is to always exceed client expectations," he said.

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Obituary

Adolph Lee Ayotte

Adolph Lee Ayotte, also known as Eddie by his many friends, Moe by most of his family, and pepe by his great-grandchildren, passed away April 17.

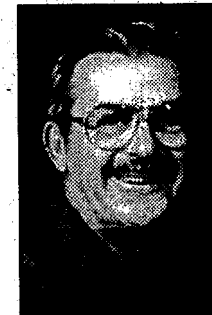
Mr. Ayotte was born June 13, 1935, to Clifford and Catherine, in Ishpeming, Mich.

He joined the United States Army in 1954 and was stationed in Washington State and Missouri for a while, but soon after had the great privilege of being stationed in Italy for three years. After his service in Italy the family moved back to Washington, where he spent time in both Alaska and France without his family. He retired from the military at the rank of staff sergeant.

The family moved back to Pontiac; Mr. Ayotte was soon hired by General Motors Bus and Truck, and became of resident of Clarkston where he has lived ever since. He stayed at GM for nine years, before going to work at the Clarkston bus garage as a mechanic.

He decided it was time to move on from the bus garage after 10 years and found the most fulfillment he had ever experienced in careers as a land surveyor, which became his favorite profession.

Mr. Ayotte loved deer hunting with his boys and sports, especially baseball. He coached all kinds of little league teams and adult teams. He played softball on a league up until four years ago. He was a real joiner and organizer, and served as president of the Clarkston Eagles. He was also a member of the Clarkston American Legion since



1968, and the Ishpeming V.F.W. and Amvets.

Adolph leaves behind his loving wife Janice (nee Moriarty), and their three children - Cindy (Parker) Bates, Rick (Karen), and Steven (Lori). He treasured his 11 grandchildren, Matthew (Sarah) Merenuk, Angella (Zach) West, Anthony (Cathy) Merenuk, Ashlei West, Misty Ayotte, Tyler Ayotte, Austin Ayotte, Emma Ayotte, and Conner Bates. He was the very proud pepe of Preston West, Keegan Merenuk, Gavin West, and Kloey Merenuk. He was the dear brother of Marlene (Bill) Lauer, Kathleen (Gordon) Lamb, Richard (Kathy), David (Jenny), Linda (Chris) Gerrety, and Randy (Connie). Preceded in death by his parents Clifford and Catherine (nee Sestito), and his brother, Paulie. He leaves behind more cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends than could ever be mentioned.

Adolph's family received friends April 20-21 at the Harrington & Temrowski Funeral Home, 8909 Dixie Highway. Funeral services was April 22 at the funeral home, with full military honors presented. Inurnment was at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, April 24.

Please share memories at www.HarringtonFuneralHomeClarkston.com.

Elaine Anita O'Connell

Elaine Anita O'Connell (Waterbury) of Davisburg, formerly of Clarkston, passed away May 1 at the age of 84.

She was preceded in death by her husband Patrick. She was the mother of Michael (Anne) O'Connell of Midland, Mary Huffman of Utica, Patrick O'Connell of Utica and Timothy O'Connell of Pa.; grandma of Matthew, Peggy Huemiller, Benjamin (Wendy) Huffman, Sarah (Todd) Wiczorek, Mark Appling; also survived by eight great grandchildren; sister of James (Nancy) Waterbury of Ariz. and Carolyn McAboy of Bay City.

Mrs. O'Connell was valedictorian of Clarkston High School class of 1941 and



graduated from Michigan State University in 1945. She retired from Oakland County as a data processor. She enjoyed bowling and golfing.

Visitation was May 3 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, followed by a Graveside service at Lakeview Cemetery, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Springfield Township Library. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com

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Hazel M. Houston

Hazel M. Houston of Clarkston passed away May 1 at the age of 87.

She was born Jan. 6, 1921, to the late Ernest and Willie Doyle in Parsons, Tenn. She was the beloved wife of Robert "Leo" for 68 years; loving mother of Linda (Mark) Shude of Clarkston; cherished grandmother of Jeff (Janet) Swan of Goodrich, Russ Swan of Lapeer, and Lisa (Jim) Hackler of Lake Orion; dear great grandmother of Kayla, Blake, Andrew, Mike, Mitch, Max, Jenna, and great granddaughter to be; sister of Maxie (Zula) Doyle of Parsons, Tenn., and Arnell Dowell of Morrow, Ga., and the late Mossie Doyle; also survived by many



loving nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Houston retired from General Motors in 1980.

Funeral Service was May 3 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment, Ottawa Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to In House Hospice. On line guestbook, www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Sandra L. Gosley

Sandra L. Gosley of Clarkston passed away April 29 at the age of 62.

She was preceded in death by her husband Dick and her father Robert Parker. She was the loving mother of Kelly Achten of Clarkston, Kerry Engler of Waterford, and Larry (Buffy) Achten of White Lake; daughter of Marilyn Parker of Clarkston; grandma of Cory Lovett and Kimberly Achten; sister of Robert (Sandy) Parker II of Fla., Ronald Parker of Waterford, and Linda (Philip) Stibelton of Mt. Pleasant.



Mrs. Gosley was employed with Krogers for several years. She enjoyed gardening and her birds.

Funeral Service was May 2 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment, Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to BK Benefits. On line guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Janet Brunsdon

Janet Brunsdon, "Nancy," age 78 of Clarkston, died April 22, 2008.

Nancy was the cherished wife of Robert, and the dear mother of Donald (Karen) Mann and the late James Mann. Also she is the proud grandmother of Amber, and loving sister to Connie (Lucky) Shotwell, and Katheryne (Bill) Pugh. Doting owner of Casey.



Visitation was May 4 at Harrington & Temrowski Funeral Home, 8909 Dixie Hwy., Clarkston. Funeral Services was May 5 at Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Rd., Clarkston.

Nick G. Lekas

Nick G. Lekas of White Lake, formerly of Clarkston, passed away April 28 at the age of 82.

He was preceded in death by his wife Annetta and his son George Lekas (survived by George's wife Janet). He was the loving father of Nick (Kelly) Lekas; grandfather of Andrew, Annalise, Nicholas and Annetta; brother of Steve and the late Greg.

Mr. Lekas was a veteran of WWII, having served as a Marine in the Pacific Theater.



Funeral Service was May 3 at St. George Greek Orthodox Church, Bloomfield Hills. Visitation was May 2 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Disabled Veterans of America. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

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SUMMARY CITY COUNCIL MEETING April 29, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Mayor Catalo.
Roll Present: Catalo, Brueck, Inabnjit, Johnston,
Ottman, Roth.

Absent: Gawronski.

Minutes of April 14, 2008, approved after three corrections.

Agenda approved as presented after tabling Sidewalk Ordinance and Main Street Oakland.

Johnston expressed appreciation for the U of M presentation on the Depot Park ecological master plan.

Pavers at both end of the bridge were in need of fill as the soil had settled and there are areas to be filled in.

At a SEMCOG meeting it was announced that utility costs would be increasing twenty to forty percent this summer. Johnston stated that the City budget should reflect these increases.

Brueck commented on the U of M Depot Park presentation and asked the question of who is responsible for driving the Master Plan presented. Johnston stated that there were donations to the Children's Garden and other donations have been offered.

Resolved that the City Council authorize the Clarkston Watershed Group to develop implementation of the Depot Park Master Plan.

Discussion was held on sidewalk widths. Johnston stated that the Planning Commission has jurisdiction of the sidewalks widths and that body should address other sidewalk priorities.

Mayor Catalo suggested that a meeting be held with City Engineer Gary Tressel, City Attorney Tom Ryan, and a public hearing for sidewalk discussions should also be held.

Chief LaCroix stated that Waldon and Robertson Court have been patrolled and warnings have been given for speeding and a.m. use of Robertson Court.

Brueck asked that the D.P.W. inspect the bridge at the south end of Depot Park as it needs to be shored up due to falling on the east side.

Terry Coventry expressed her concern over the costs borne by the City in proportion to what the Township contributes to events such as the Taste Fest and Parades.

Pappas asked if the Council was interested in mandatory hookups to the municipal system should a resident's well need replacing. The consensus of the Council was that an ordinance mandating hookups was not required at this time.

Resolved that the City Council authorize the road closings with proper detours for 2008 parades and road closings.

Resolved that the City of the Village of Clarkston proclaim May 2008 as Mental Health Month.

Moved that the following Zoning Board of Appeals members be reappointed for terms ending 2010:

Thomas Hunter
Margaret DaCosta

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Artemus M. Pappas, Clerk

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BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Ron and Janna McCann, owners of Miracle Ear in Waterford, hosted a grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for their second store in Independence Township April, 29.

Ron and Janna were joined by members of the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, Clarkston Rotary Club, several friends, family members and customers as well as three guests from Miracle Ear headquarters in Plymouth, Minnesota: Bonnie Scheil, Janine Vesper, and Theresa Goodwin.

"We felt it very important for us to come and participate in this grand opening because it is a new image and design, these are new franchise owners," said Scheil, senior store manager and has worked 33 years for the company. "These folks are grasping and adapting to all of the right things that should happen with a franchise. Part of that is the store design, the image and the look. We came to support them on this big day."



From Left: Brad Evans, Gary Hintz, Jack Hannah, Mary Sloan Litchy, Jason Webster, Ron and Janna McCann, Vaughn Smith, Cindy Monroe, Bonnie Scheil, Theresa Goodwin, Janine Vesper, Carol Peters, and Maureen Murphy Boyd.

"I am spending time in this office and visiting the existing office that's in Waterford, just doing a business review, goal settings and business strategy planning with Ron and Janna," said Vesper, a franchise business developer.

Ron and Janna's first store is located in Sears in Waterford, but this store is freestanding. Not only is it a new store, but it also has a new look.

"This was a new design for Miracle Ear that was introduced to our franchise system in June of 2007," said Goodwin. "This location is the first location that has implemented it."

Ron said the day went "phenomenally well."

"I'm just really proud that people from the Rotary and Chamber made it

out. We have family members here along with friends and customers, which is great to get support from too. We've really had a warm welcome from the Clarkston Community in general," he said.

"We are just really happy to be here and we think we are going to do great. We believe this to be a great location, with a lot of community support, and a great area to do business."

Both Janna and Ron thank everyone for attending.

"We hope to be able to help people with their hearing health for many years at this location and would like to extend an invitation to anyone that would like to stop by and see our store," said Ron.

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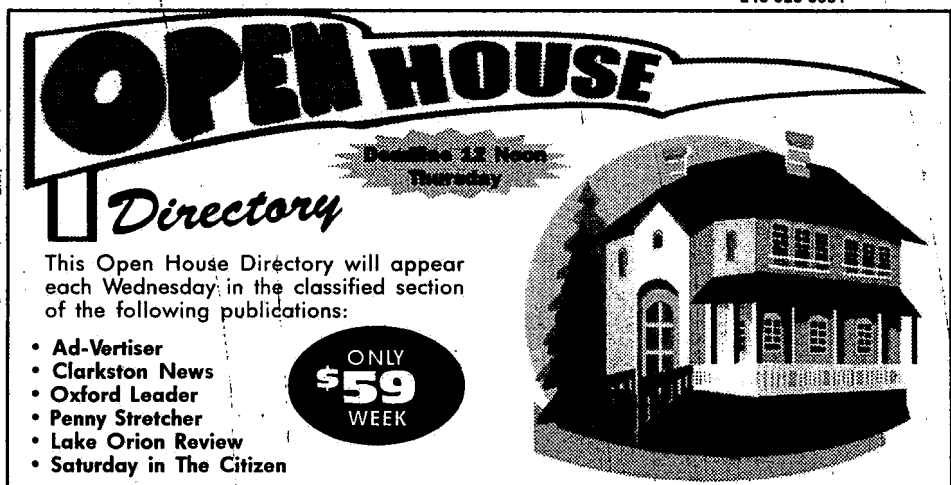
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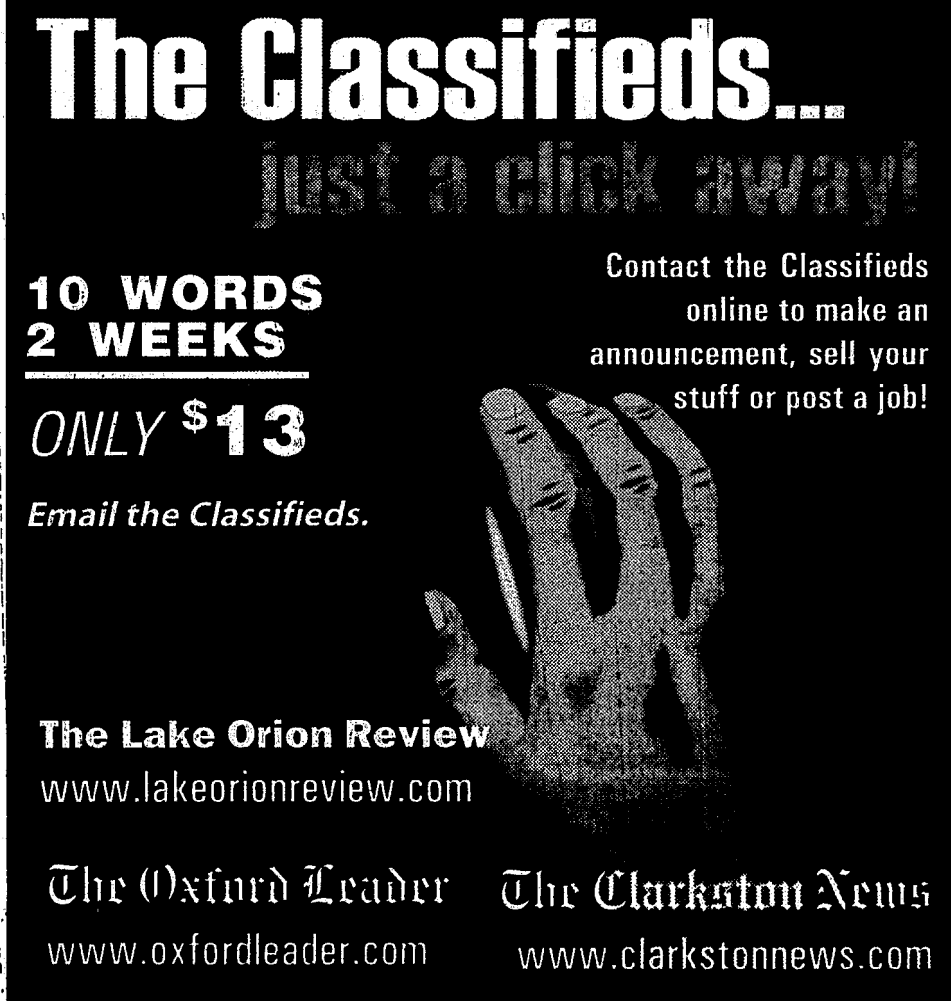
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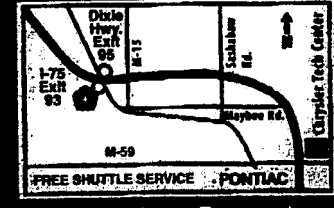
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