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Guilty times five

Ramon Pineda convicted in drunk-driving murder case

BY LAURA COLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Ramon Pineda climbed into the witness box last week, raised his right hand and promised to tell the truth.

Speaking through a translator, Pineda told jurors he knew he'd run his Camaro into Vincent D'Anna's motorcycle on Sashabaw Road Aug. 26, and he knew the bike and rider were trapped under the Camaro as a result.

Jurors had already heard witnesses claim smoke puffed and gravel flew as Pineda revved the engine at the crash scene south of Clarkston Road just after 8 p.m.

"I stopped for a few seconds," Pineda said from the stand. "I was trying to see if he was under the car. When I didn't see the driver I got scared and started pushing the gas. I knew he was underneath."

Assistant Oakland County Prosecutor Robert Novy asked if Pineda knew what was happening to the man trapped between the low-riding Camaro and the Sashabaw pavement.

"Did you think it would hurt him?" Novy asked.

"Yes," Pineda replied. "I knew he was underneath and I was trying to get my car off him."

On Friday, a jury of eight women and four men found Ramon Felix Pineda, now 26, guilty of second-degree murder in the death of off-duty Flint police officer Vincent D'Anna.

During the course of the weeklong trial, 12 eyewitnesses took the stand to describe how the scene unfolded in Independence Township last summer: The driver

of a white 1992 Camaro revved his car's engine repeatedly as he hit the 2007 Suzuki motorcycle D'Anna, 26, was riding along southbound Sashabaw Road, then hit it again, causing D'Anna to fall, then struck a third time, rolling over D'Anna and trapping him between the car's front and rear tires.

Witnesses said Pineda made no attempt to stop, and appeared as if he were trying to flee the scene.

Investigators testified D'Anna and his bike dragged along under the Camaro for about 123 feet before the motorcycle veered off. D'Anna remained under the car, rolling and scraping along the Sashabaw pavement for another 60 feet before the car came to a halt.

State Police Toxicologist Felix Adatsi testified that Pineda had a blood alcohol level of .16, which he explained as .16 grams of alcohol per 100 ml of blood. Generally speaking, depending on a person's weight and food intake, he said, such a level indicates consumption of



Ramon Pineda, an illegal immigrant who was living in Ortonville and working at the Olde Village Cafe in downtown Clarkston before the Aug. 26 accident, was found guilty of second-degree murder in the death of off-duty Flint police officer Vincent D'Anna.

eight to nine beers consumed in an hour.

In just under three hours, the jury convicted Pineda of second-degree murder, 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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Trustee to take on May election

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Orientation starts next week for Susan Boatman, elected May 6 to the Clarkston Board of Education.

"I want to learn the process, how to get items on the agenda," said Boatman, voted to the board along with incumbent board Secretary Joan Patterson. "Bring about some change."

One of Boatman's first efforts will be to change school elections to November because of low voter turnout, she said.

"I'd like to see this addressed," she said.

"The more people involved, the better," Patterson said. "You always want more."

Patterson won re-election with 1,048 votes. Susan Boatman received 690 votes.

"I'm very happy to get the support of the community," Patterson said. "We're go-

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Susan Boatman, newly elected to the Clarkston Board of Education, sets her schedule with board President Stephen Hyer, right, Superintendent Al Roberts, and Trustee Karen Foyteck. Photo by Phil Custodio

Supervisor strikes back

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

After the announcement of last week's slate running for the Independence Township Board, Supervisor Dave Wagner fired back with his endorsement for treasurer and clerk at a May 8 fundraiser at Deer Lake Athletic Club.

"It's a hard decision between Cheryl Karrick, Curt Carson, and Sandy Dubre because they all three are excellent candidates," Wagner said. "I just felt since the other groups come out with a slate that I had to get behind individuals that I could support for those positions. The hardest one was treasurer because it's not something I normally do."

Wagner decided to stand behind Karrick

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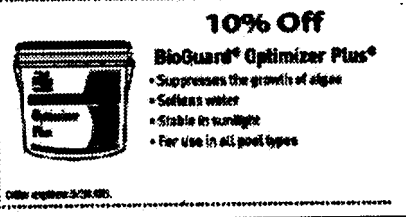
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B.J. Stapp, left, and Andrew Green, Independence Township Parks and Recreation Department, take down an old lifeguard stand in preparation for Memorial Day opening of Deer Lake beach. Once the stands are removed, they'll construct new ones. *Photo by Phil Custodio*

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Fundraiser sale this weekend

Neighbor for Neighbor, all-volunteer non-profit charitable organization, hosts "Treasures and Treats" spring fundraiser, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Friday-Saturday, May 16-17.

The semi-annual rummage and bake sale offers one-of-a-kind items and homemade baked goods at Hart Community Center, Mill Pond Park in downtown Davisburg. Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Department also hosts "Community Garage and Sidewalk Sale," same time, same place.

Call 248-634-0900 for more information.

Burn permits available

Burn permits are now available online through the Independence Township Fire Department website for Clarkston and Independence Township residents.

First-time applicants must provide information through the website before receiving a permit. Subsequent permits will only require online renewal, said Clarkston City Manager Art Pappas.

Local ordinances vary—those living in the township may legally burn leaves, while city residents may not. Permits and additional information can be found at www.independencetownship.org.

City salaries set

Clarkston's budget committee recommended Monday an annual salary of \$40,000 for incoming City Manager Dennis Ritter.

Jan Gillespie, incoming clerk-treasurer, will receive \$14,500 per year. Ritter and Gillespie will receive an initial one-year contract and flexibility to determine individual work hours.

"We don't want to micromanage," said budget committee and city council member Kristy Ottman at Monday's meeting. "We want you to be able to run your own ship and make those decisions based on what you determine is best for the city."

Current City Manager-Clerk-Treasurer Art Pappas is set to retire June 30.

Correction

The story "Ideas wanted for playground," May 7, should have said the playground train at Depot Park needs renovation, not replacement.

The train was donated in memory of a village child, said Friends of Depot Park volunteer Gini Schultz.

Coffee talk

Energy and housing were the main topics of discussion at a coffee-hour discussion Monday, hosted by U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers.

Local business and government leaders wanted to know what was being done about them. In energy, Rogers said he is pushing a wide variety of projects, including more oil drilling and refineries, wind, solar, nuclear, electric cars, and ethanol, which has been getting a bad rap lately.

"It's not a cure-all, but it can be part of the solution," he said.

A housing bill recently passed should help lenders and homeowners in trouble, he said.

Rogers meets with constituents every few weeks.

"It's important to meet with them," he said. "It's a great way to find out what's up in the community—I get a lot of ideas here."

The meetings are also a good way for constituents to find out what's going on in Washington, said Ed Adler, founder of Clarkston State Bank, who attended the meeting.

"It's a very effective way to communicate," Adler said. "(Rogers) has been doing these ever since he became a congressman."

— Phil Custodio



U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers, right, discusses the mortgage crisis over coffee and donuts Monday with Mike Clark and other local community leaders. Photo by Phil Custodio

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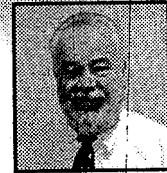
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Cops cuff culprit in purse-snatchings

BY LAURA COLVIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The man accused of snatching purses from unsuspecting Kroger shoppers—including a 92-year-old woman—told police he needed the money after he was fired from his fast-food job.

Independence Township resident Damian Jonas Buitkus, 24, was arraigned May 7 in 52-2 District Court on three counts of larceny from a person.

Buitkus allegedly confessed to the deeds when he was picked up by police May 6.

A 38-year-old Waterford woman was the first to report a purse-snatching incident.

After shopping at the Kroger near Dixie Highway and Maybee Road, the woman called 911 around 11:45 a.m. May 5 to report that a man pulled up behind her in a silver car while she was unloading two full carts of groceries into her vehicle.

The woman told deputies who responded to the scene the man jumped from his car, grabbed her purse, then jumped back into his car and sped off.

The woman said she had no cash in her bag, but was carrying a cell phone and personal documents.

About 45 minutes later, a 92-year-old woman was loading groceries into her trunk when the purse-pilfering bandit struck again.

The second victim told police the man drove up close to her car and grabbed her bag from the shopping cart without even getting out of his vehicle.

A 20-year-old witness said he saw the car, which he described as a Honda Civic or other compact model, make a U-turn and pull up by the doors of the Kroger as if he were waiting for someone.

The witness told deputies he heard someone yell "my purse!" as he bent over to get cans from his trunk, and looked up to see the same car speeding off.

The case was assigned to Oakland County Independence Township substation Detective John MacDonald, who spotted a car and driver matching the suspect's description shortly after setting up surveillance at the Kroger the following day.

According to police reports, MacDonald attempted to follow the suspect vehicle when it began to move through the parking lot.

Seconds later, he saw a group of people gathered around a third purse-snatching victim.

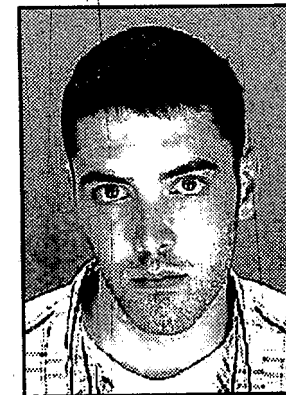
MacDonald notified dispatch of the car

and driver, including damage to the front driver's side door sustained when the victim bumped into the 92-year-old woman's cart with his vehicle the previous day.

Oakland County Sheriff's deputies near Dixie Highway and Telegraph Road heard the broadcast and spotted the car within minutes.

The third victim's purse was located under the front seat of the car.

Buitkus and his younger brother, who was also in the car when deputies stopped the vehicle, were



Damian Buitkus

brought to the substation for interview.

The younger brother was quickly cleared, but Buitkus allegedly admitted to the crime and told MacDonald he needed the money "because he got fired from Arby's."

He also said he "smokes a little weed and drinks a little, but doesn't have a major drug habit."

According to statements, Buitkus told police he threw the first purse in his neighbor's garbage after finding no money inside.

He did find about \$50 in the second purse, but threw that bag in the trash as well, and went to play Frisbee Golf in Holly with his brother.

After finding about \$250 in the purse of his third victim, a 76-year-old Independence Township woman, Buitkus said, he again picked up his brother, this time heading to Pontiac to "buy some dope."

The third bag and all its contents were returned to the owner, MacDonald said. The first two bags, however, were not.

"He threw them in the neighbor's trash," said MacDonald. "It was garbage day."

Buitkus was held in Oakland County Jail on \$25,000 cash surety per count.

He was also charged with larceny in a building and two counts of possession of a financial transaction device, and held on \$25,000 cash surety per count after he was connected to the theft of credit cards from the home of his girlfriend's mother.

According to MacDonald, a relative posted bond and Buitkus was released pending trial.

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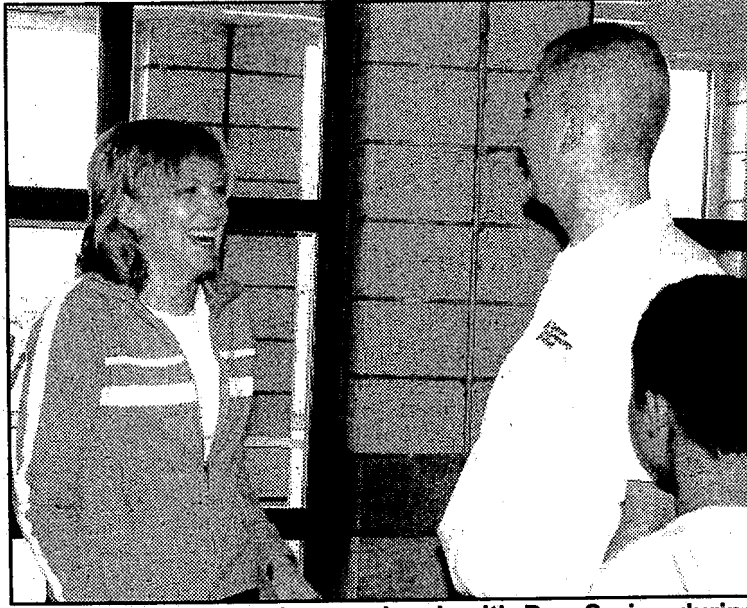
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Don Spring in action, mopping up a spill.



Pam Braunschweig shares a laugh with Don Spring during the May 7 lunch period.



Spring stops to chat with students.

Making school good, clean fun

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Don Spring, head custodian at Independence Elementary, won a Betty Campion Distinguished Support Service Award from Oakland County School Board.

Why does he deserve such an honor? A group of Independence Elementary second-graders had some answers.

"He's cool!"

"He's really good at his job."

"He's very friendly. Very funny."

"He's really good at mopping the gym floor."

"He mopped my face once!"

"He likes kids."

"Sometimes he wears a crown."

He wore a crown exactly once, when his award was announced at a school-wide meeting a few weeks ago.

"A couple students put a crown and cape on me, and they took a picture," Spring explained.

Oakland County School Board Association selected Spring and two others out of 15 nominees for the award, which honors support staff for service beyond the call of duty.

"It's very exciting, very deserving," said Principal Chris Turner. "The role he plays in this school goes well beyond what a typical custodian takes on. He's very much a part of this school."

"I think he does a wonderful job," said Pam Braunschweig, special education para

educator. "He's a mentor for the kids during lunch period. He makes them feel special."

He started with Clarkston Community Schools as a night custodian at Springfield Plains Elementary about seven years ago. When the position of head custodian opened at Independence Elementary two years ago, he applied and got the job.

"I love it. The atmosphere is great. I don't feel like I come to a job. The kids make it fun," Spring said. "I feel very special about getting it. It's a great award."

A colleague received it a few years ago and he attended the award ceremony.

"I know how special it is, what it means," he said. "I'm very humbled my colleagues and staff and students feel that way."

Spring grew up attending Clarkston schools. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1987-1992, including the first Gulf War.

"I have family here. I have roots here. I love the area," he said.

He and his wife, Sharon, have three children, Savannah, Madison, and Jack.

The award is named in honor of former

Oakland Schools Board member Betty Campion, who served from 1978 to 1992. Nominations were made in February and winners announced April 2.

"I was called into the principal's office," Spring said. "My mom (Christine McCleese) and the building secretary were there. I didn't know why I was being called in. It was a shock."

Spring and fellow recipients, Rosalie Burnett, paraeducator at Bowers Academy, Bloomfield Hills School District, and Randy Bockmiller, head custodian at Royal Oak High School, will be presented with plaques and checks for \$250 at the June 18 Oakland County School Board Association meeting.

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The Independence Elementary head custodian listens to what a student has to say. Photos by Phil Custodio

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Out loud

A column by Laura Colvin

The difficult details of D'Anna's death

The words leered from the pages of my notebook as I returned from court and sat down to write the story.

I can't put this in the newspaper, I thought. We just don't write like this.

The click of my keyboard fell silent. I wondered what to do.

Can I not put this in the newspaper?

See, I wanted people

to understand what really happened on Sashabaw Road last summer when a drunken illegal immigrant in a hotshot Camaro hit Vincent D'Anna's motorcycle and dragged him—wedged between the Camaro's undercarriage and Sashabaw's pavement—180 feet down the roadway.

We covered the story of course, and so did others, but only after we mopped up the blood.

It was the dozen eyewitnesses, still visibly traumatized eight months later, who told the real story of the horror unfolding in Independence Township Aug. 26.

They described watching in horror as D'Anna rolled over and over under a revving, spinning, smoking car.

An Independence Township paramedic described the 'road rash' visible over a large part of D'Anna's body once the car was lifted off: the layer of skin and fat was literally ground off from shoulder to thigh on D'Anna's right side, and on parts of his left, as well, ground right down to the muscle.

Another witness told how D'Anna's head was "blown up," and the inside of his helmet filled with blood and vomit.

His face was purple and swollen, his legs and torso twisted.

One witness who helped lift the car said D'Anna wasn't moving, wasn't talking, and didn't seem to be breathing.

But he was breathing. He was alive to feel the pain burning right through him. But when he tried to talk, Vincent D'Anna could only gurgle and gasp.

All of this information was provide to the jury by witnesses who described the scene while Vincent D'Anna's family and friends sat in the courtroom, shoulder to

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Viewpoints

Time to move school elections

Here's some news: There are 33,778 registered voters in the Clarkston School District.

Here's some bad news: Of those registered, only 4.9 percent (less than 1,700) bothered to vote in last Tuesday's school board election.

Here's even worse news: That election cost district taxpayers about \$20,000. We'll say it, that's about \$20,000 that could have been better spent on educating kids in the district than on an election with little participation. It is time the school board align its elections to coincide with November general elections.

A, it will save much needed funding in these economically depressed times; and more importantly, B, it would dramatically increase voter turnout which is a great educational tool for the children. In civics we learn the United States is a constitutionally limited, representative republic.

For this republic to succeed requires people (besides the ones in power) be involved. (FYI: We are not a pure democracy, where nine cannibals can vote to eat the tenth.)

Participation at the ballot box – that's what the United States of America is all about and one of the lessons students need to learn in public schools. One way the Clarkston Board of Education can improve the American experiment is by aligning our local school elections with general elections. School boards should not be afraid of a large turnout, there can never be too many voters.

According to Oakland County Clerk and former state legislator Ruth Johnson, if every district in Michigan scheduled elections to piggyback on November general elections, as

much as \$15 million could be saved annually. That money represents a lot of books, supplies and many teachers not getting pink slipped.

When asked about this election process, Board of Education President Stephen Hyer said the current schedule makes sense for the school board – it fits with the school year and the budget calendar, which begins and ends in July.

Further, departing trustees end their terms as students leave for the summer, with new board members on board in time to work on the upcoming school year. November elections, he explained, would mean joining the board in January, in the middle of the school year.

But this is a burden Brandon, Holly, Waterford, and 15 other school districts, along with Oakland Community College, have already taken up.

Aligning all districts in Oakland County with November general elections would save millions, be more convenient, and increase voter turnout. Clarkston schools should not bring up the rear on this. (It can still beat the dreaded Dragons of Lake Orion, which is also sticking with annual May elections.)

We can agree November general elections may be hard on the board – but it's not about making it easy or hard on the school board. It is about doing what is right and doing right, as most parents teach their children, sometimes means doing what is hard.

The school board has made many hard decisions, it is time for them to make this one, too. Do what is right, change school elections.

—PMC

Editorial

Beaumont not right for neighborhood

Dear Editor,

Larry Rosso, Sam Moraco, George Krull, Cheryl Karrick, Joan McCary, Joseph Lawrence, and Curt Carson (Independence Township Planning Commission), I regret that, like too many citizens, I sat back and didn't pay too much attention to Beaumont Hospital's proposed project. My husband and I finally attended the April 10 Independence Township Planning Commission meeting.

As a former member of the Sterling Heights Planning Commission, I felt I had to acknowledge some of my concerns with the project, especially the hospital portion. I firmly believe their suggested use is too dense for a Planned Unit Development.

As a resident across M-15, I am concerned, naturally, about the traffic and noise problems. Also, how, will the size of this project affect

Cranberry Lake and surrounding wells?

What about the problems during the actual construction? As a former owner of a contracting company, I know the amount of traffic, noise, and the "pollution" of M-15 at this time.

Eric Hunt (Beaumont representative) discussed the nature areas and walking, running, biking paths surrounding the project.

I wonder if the Oakland Sheriff's Department has been approached about safety issues? Also, this could be a gathering place for teens. How will this affect surrounding homes west of the project?

There are other issues of concern, but you are fully aware of these. I just hope you will all consider very carefully the impact of this project as a whole.

Jackie Tuck
Independence Township

Letters to the editor

Vote needed on part-time township idea

Dear Editor,

Regarding the Neil Wallace slate and township manager: does he intend to ask the 24,000 plus voters in Independence Township what they think about changing the structure of the township board? Or will it be the 40 people he had at the Clarkston Cafe Monday night?

The people in the community have the right to vote on an issue this important. By the way, if the clerk thinks her job should be part-time, then why is she still collecting a full-time salary?

Rudy D. Lozano
Independence Township

Local postal service lacking

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter for the lack of service at the Clarkston Post Office.

The office has the ability to have three clerks to help the general public – seldom do you have three clerks. Yesterday late afternoon, there were many people standing in line to receive service and there was only one clerk working. I am not complaining about the postal clerks – they are very helpful and courteous.

I complained to Postmaster Ron Hippensteel. There was no satisfaction. He couldn't help me and gave me some 800 number for further comments.

The Waterford Post Office on Dixie Highway is a much better place to do business because they have an abundance of clerks.

I was a substitute mail carrier for eight years at the Clarkston Post Office in the 60s. Mrs. E. Ronk was the postmaster, and a terrific boss. I remember her saying the customer always comes first. The Clarkston postmaster could take a page out of Mrs. Ronk's book.

Mel Vaara
Clarkston

Schools need new ideas

Dear Editor,

I just want to say that I think Brian Kitchin would have been a great asset to the Clarkston School Board. His ideas are fresh and should be used.

All school boards should have new people with ideas on how to improve it. So Brian should have been the one to win a spot.

Pat Hester
Cass City

A Look Back

From *The CNews* archives

15 years ago - 1993

"Death to the DDA?" Proposal A promised property tax relief and a new way of funding schools, but also threatened funding for Independence Township's Downtown Development Authority.

"National observance" Local residents gathered in front of Independence Township Hall to pray, for National Day of Prayer.

25 years ago - 1983

"Charities win Fun Run" Cool breezes and mild temperatures brought 104 runners to benefit SCAMP and the Northwest Oakland Vocational Education Center. The one-mile, five-kilometer, and 10-kilometer races started from the center and went through the Colombiere Center campus.

50 years ago - 1958

"Clarkston visited by Cassopolis mayor" Officials from the southwest Michigan town met with Clarkston business and government leaders to discuss ways to solve their similar "problems."

It must be me, it can't be just the news

Maybe too many things are just not going my way lately, but I'm getting upset more often, quicker and it's taking longer to get over.

Too, it could be my aging. However, I really believe my rising temper has more to do with this extensive political season.

I spent a lifetime writing news -- maybe not national -- but the writing has made me news conscious on all levels.

So, this anger (initiated by the GOP and Dems) has expanded to include state legislative non-action; the United Nations, global warming people vs. normal thinkers, Detroit Tiger pitching, batting and managing, service taxes, governmental spending and Cheerios. Yep, you read that right, Cheerios, and this is my *partial* list.

Nationally, you (not me or we) have three people running for the office of president of the United States whose total qualifications would leave a thimble half-full.

The Dems have a 46-year-old out there reading closet-written speeches, but who hasn't lived long enough to know enough qualified people to fill the positions left open by the election, let alone enough aging to give him the experience and knowledge to run our country.

Then (you, I want nothing to do with her) have Hillary, a person who believes she's *earned* the office of president. Did staying with a wayward husband entitle her to the most powerful position in the world? Does leaving Arkansas for NY make you worldly wise? Did her failed attempt to get a national health program passed make her believe she can bring

the entire country together on anything?

What gives her that presidential seal of approval: her wit, her laugh, her temper -- what?

And, the GOP could nominate no one better than a Dem-leaning man to head their ticket. Here's some of his non-GOP stands: open borders for immigrants, he wants to suspend the federal gas tax for the summer and take money from other funds to make up the difference

and he wants to improve health coverages, guarantee some home loans and rewrite the tax code. That ain't going to happen!

In our state, the legislature took the entire 2007 year to replace the Single Business Tax, only to find it increased taxes on 44,761 businesses, some by as much as 1,300 percent.

Jim's Jottings



a column by
Jim Sherman

Our leader, Ms. Granholm said she'd favor any tax change as long as it didn't reduce income. Lord help us if they ever actually slimmed down government in Lansing, and made it efficient.

From before spring training season to opening day we were hit with a deluge of optimism about our Detroit Tigers, only to find we were again victims of too much hype. They recently slammed the Yankees, then swooned to the Twins and Red Sox.

Their bats and pitchers' arms seem to go on vacation at the same time management fails

its responsibility. Is their trouble the pitching coach? Is it a failure of the overly rich, complacent players? It sure isn't the fans. They support them Tigerly.

Do the players need hearing aids so they can better understand their mumbling manager? Is the Tiger management getting advice from the Detroit Lions general manager?

John Bolton was the U. S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations. He said Paul Volcker was hired to investigate and propose reforms. He found the oil-for-food scandal was not unique. He urged very strongly to get the U.N. Budget Committee to vote on an outside audit of U.N. programs.

The Committee voted two-to-one against it. Bolton said, "This tells you pretty much everything you need to know about how the U.N. operates." The nations voting against the audit contribute just 10 percent to the U.N. operation.

Now, a huge new addition is being built for U.N. operations and you know who the by-far largest contributor is? Right! US (as in you and me, taxpaying Americans and not the United States).

In a cereal aisle recently, a Cheerio box reminded me I hadn't had any in years. Here's a cereal made for adults to teething infants. Spread them on little ones' tray and watch 'em clinch the Cheerios and crunch 'em. Nowadays the word cholesterol on the box is bigger than the name Cheerios. While trying to get rid of some to ma' dog Shayna she saw the word and left the room.

Send me an anger container and I'll fill it.

Green space millage proposal needed to save wetlands

I believe the open space initiative is vital to the health of this community. My perspective comes from 20+ years working in and around the environmental and planning field.

I am boldly against development without wisdom backed by science. Every disaster in recent history, from Katrina to the oil crisis, has been predicted based on science and much evidence, and could have been averted or diminished. I have endless examples.

Every new building increases the heat signature of an area, proportionate to density. This can, and does, affect weather patterns. Global Climatic Change is a complex equation that includes this and many other subtleties not yet widely understood. It is a very real phenomenon with overwhelming evidence that is happening much faster than any of the models have predicted. Everyone should be overtly and highly concerned, and should guide our planning commission in all decisions.

Every single one of us also contributes to environmental degradation in a variety of ways few think of. The roads we drive on, all impervious surfaces, convey every pollutant imaginable from their surface directly into storm drains, discharging to rivers and streams untreated. When you purchase goods not locally derived,

you contribute to the process that increases these pollutants. You drive, you shop, you use the infrastructure, you pollute your watershed.

Wetlands store(d) 30 percent of our world's fresh water, providing natural filtration and protection from and reduction in contamination and even evaporation.

Viewpoint



By Tammie
Heazlit

wide!

Given that 40+ percent of our nation's rivers are already considered impaired, and given that once a watershed exceeds 10 percent impervious surface, its water quality will begin to permanently decline proportionate to that exceedance, this ecosystem becomes increasingly vital to remain in balance.

These ecosystems are essential recharge zones to our surface water, important for maintaining healthy balance to water levels, temps and aquatic life as well as eventually infiltrating to deeper aquifers that are tapped for potable water supply.

Yet, over 120 million acres of wetlands are filled each year for development, having already eliminated half world-

So I propose to the Planning Commission, and citizens of Clarkston and Independence Township, that Wetland 6, between the development and M-15, should be the first acquisition of the open space proposal. This significant and vulnerable ecosystem is a recharge zone for the Clinton River and can provide an excellent educational resource. It should be protected.

Eventually, as density increases, this community will be faced with potential for expensive Municipal Stormwater permitting requirements (aka; a new utility). This as a first step, could function as an offset for voluntary non permitted compliance. There is funding available through various programs for this purpose, that would not be available once a permit is in place. Beaumont could even donate that portion of their property, use it as a tax write off, to offset their "losses" associated with not getting their way, and demonstrate their intent to be a good citizen.

In exchange, there is a property off the I 75 exit at Dixie Highway that is already zoned for a medical complex. This location would not have the traffic issues, wouldn't involve eliminating an already threatened ecosystem, still has a low density so would be better able to maintain bal-

ance in the heat signature, and would be easily accessible to both Independence and Springfield Township residents.

I suspect there is much that our officials could do that would assist in facilitating this much wiser choice that would also benefit a neighboring community. This sort of thing is happening in many communities across the county.

I'll take it one step further and suggest that Beaumont, along with all new developments, should be "green". Their updated storm water plans are the minimum of what many communities already require, as should we.

What about including solar panels on their buildings to offset their energy footprint and if planned properly, could offset energy costs for city offices?

These ideas are not far fetched, and the inherent wisdom contained in them is gaining converts daily. I'd like to encourage our city planners to engage in this line of thinking.

Our community, our planet, our responsibility! We need this open space initiative and it is long overdue.

Tammie Heazlit is a hydrogeologist, environmental scientist and planner, and storm water specialist. She lives in Clarkston.

Rosso running for fourth term on Township Board

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Larry Rosso, Independence Township Board trustee for 11 1/2 years, is running for a fourth term.

"I am not running against anyone, but running on a record of accomplishment," he said. "I love people, I love this community and I love government."

Rosso has been a township resident for 40 years, since he moved here in 1967 to take up teaching at Clarkston High School. He retired in 1994.

"I married and have established my family here," he said.

Rosso has watched the community grow from 24,000 to about 35,000 since he moved here. Growth is one of his main concerns for the township, which is why he got involved in Vision 20/20, long-range plan for the community.

"Vision 20/20 is the blueprint that emphasized responsible land use practices that would promote and protect the rural and suburban residential character that is inherent in our master plan," he said.

He believes the township has

adjusted the master plan to deal with population growth and the need for expanded services without "compromising the integrity" of the master plan.

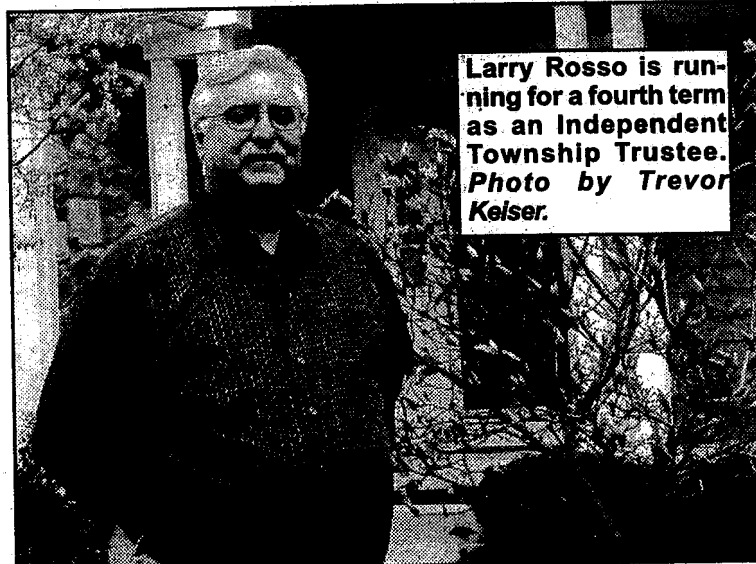
As township board representative on the planning commission since 2004, Rosso has opposed development projects he thought would compromise the community, such as ORCO's "big box" proposal and Beaumont's hospital plan.

"There has to be a stewardship to land and water, a balance factor," he said.

However, he did vote "yes" for the McLaren project because it was the "ideal location, in the commercial Sashabaw Corridor."

"I have been an advocate for sound office and commercial development along Sashabaw Road and Dixie Highway."

As a member of the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy, environmental impact has also been a concern. In addition, he has served on the Zoning Board of Appeals from 2000-2004 and is serving on the Senior Advisory Board as the Independence Town-



Larry Rosso is running for a fourth term as an Independent Township Trustee. Photo by Trevor Keiser.

ship Board representative since 2004.

"I strongly supported the new senior center," he said. "I believe in giving something back and helping those in need. Whether it be helping widows, or helping those with physical or social needs."

Rosso is also proud the township has maintained a balanced budget in spite of declining state

funding.

"I never have voted for a tax increase as a board member," he said. "The township budget, that is a priority. We never spend beyond our needs, we always keep our operating budget balanced."

Rosso said he is proud of all township departments and how each of them performs their operational functions, meet budget reduc-

tion requirements and still maintain a "full program of services."

"We have a great Parks and Recreations department, our fire department is second to none, and we have an excellent library facility and service," he said.

The Department of Public Works also completed a \$20 million renovation of the municipal water system, which is "more cost effectively than the communities served by Detroit Water Board," Rosso said.

"People don't totally appreciate it unless they've come from other communities."

Rosso was born in Mount Clemens and graduated from Eastern Michigan University with his Bachelors and Masters Degree in Political Science.

He met his wife, Mary, while he was in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. They recently celebrated their 30th anniversary on April 29. Their son Steve, 22, is a recent graduate of Central Michigan University.

"I think I've been doing the right thing," said Rosso. "I have no future political job aspiration. This is what I am all about, public service."

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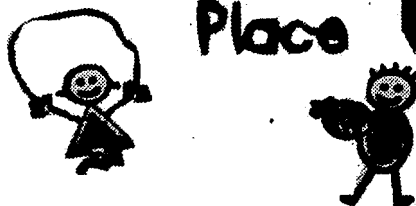
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Fri., May 2 A 27-year-old pregnant woman living in the 130 block of South River called police after her husband punched her in the nose during an argument. The 26-year-old man was arrested and jailed on domestic violence charges. The couple's 3 and 7-year-old children witnessed the scene.

Police were dispatched to POH after a 37-year-old Springfield Township man reported that he was leaving a restaurant in the 7200 block of Main Street when an unknown person struck him in the back of the head. The man told police "the next thing I know I am looking up at the sky." Police were unable to locate any witnesses at the scene.

Sat., May 3 A 36-year-old man living in the 6900 block of Landcaster Lake Court called police after discovering someone smashed a window out of his vehicle overnight and stole a GPS unit from inside.

A 23-year-old man was arrested and jailed on charges of auto theft after callers reported the man drove the vehicle away from a party he was attending with friends in the 5000 block of Frankwill Avenue.

Sun., May 4 An Ann Arbor man called police after discovering someone shot BBs through windows and cut screens in a vacant home he owns in the 4800 block of Pine Knob Lane in Independence Town-

Public Safety

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

ship. Damage was estimated at about \$800.

Mon., May 5 A 23-year-old man living in the 6300 block of Waterford Hill Terrace called police after discovering someone smashed a window from his vehicle overnight. Nothing appeared to be missing from inside the car.

Tues., May 6 A 61-year-old man living in the 4800 block of Curtis Lane called police to report someone had stolen a laptop computer out of his car overnight. The man told police an unidentified person phoned the following day and offered to sell the computer back to him for \$150.

A 71-year-old woman living in the 5200 block of Eastview Road called police after discovering several expensive rings missing from her home. The woman said she believes a friend or relative may have taken the jewelry while she received guests in the days following her husband's death.

A business owner in the 6500 block of Dixie Highway called police after arriving at work to discover someone made an obvious but failed attempt to break into his building overnight.

A 22-year-old woman living in the 5600 block of Parview called police after she was approached several times by a "suspicious" stranger in the parking lot of her apartment building. The woman said she finally decided to report the situation after the man stood at her sliding glass door barking like a dog. Police, who ran the man through LEIN and discovered he had no criminal record, advised him to leave the neighbors alone.

A 37-year-old Mount Morris woman was arrested and jailed on drunk driving charges after she was pulled over on a traffic violation near Ortonville and I-75.

Wed., May 7 Police issued citations for operating an unlicensed, unregistered vehicle and never getting a drivers license to a 23-year-old man with Mexican identification when he was pulled over near White Lake Road and Dixie Highway.

A 47-year-old woman living in the 4600 block of Curtis Lane called police after discovering someone entered her unlocked vehicle overnight and stole cash and medical equipment from inside.

Fri., May 9 A 28-year-old Groveland Township man was arrested and jailed on drunk driving charges after a caller reported the man was "all over the road" on Dixie Highway near White Lake Road around 11 p.m. the man registered a blood alcohol level of .24—three times the legal limit.

Sat., May 10 A 22-year-old man living in Lake Orion was arrested and jailed on an immigration violation after a deputy stopped to help the man—who appeared to be out of gas along Maybee Road—and discovered the status. The man admitted to crossing into Arizona illegally about seven years ago.

City of Clarkston

Wed., April 29 A Clarkston High School student called police after a fellow motorist drove up next to him near Clarkston Road and Main Street and opened the door of his own vehicle, causing a "medium-sized dent in the complainant's car. The youth told police he recognized the other driver from school, but didn't know his name.

Police issued a commercial vehicle violation in accordance with the Michigan Motor Carrier Safety act after discovering a truck passing through the city was without legal plates, insurance, markings and a proper DOT number.



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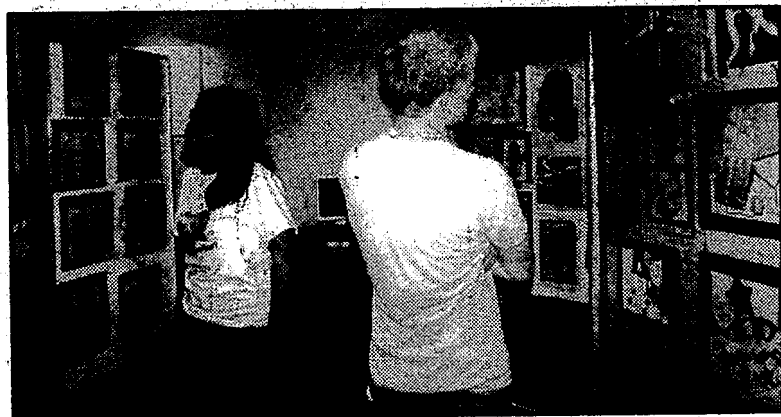
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Kellyn Carpenter, Clarkston High School junior, showcases her artwork.



Kristin Mallison, senior, displays her art. Carpenter and Mallison are AP Studio Art students.



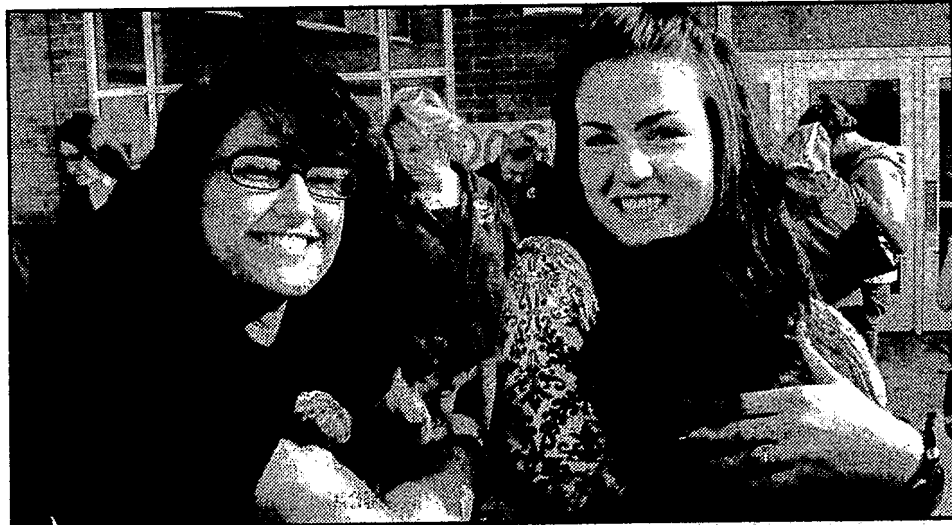
Students check out some works of art at the show. Photos provided

Students show their artwork

Clarkston High School's Art Department hosted its Annual Student Art Show April 30-May 2.

Students displayed artwork in drawing, design, painting, ceramics, sculpture, jewelry, and computer graphic design.

"It was truly an impressive display of the extraordinary talent among the visual artists at CHS," said Jan Danosky, art teacher, who organized the show with teacher Nichole Kaplan-Rudolph.



Providing a helping paw

Lauren Johnson and Emily Parkin, seniors at Clarkston High School, helped out these puppies at the Student Council fundraiser for Michigan Humane Society and Canine Companions, CHS counselor Connie Fleck's dog rescue group. The event was part of Charity Week, April 28-May 2 at the high school. Photo provided

No reason in Pineda case

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shoulder, quietly listening, wiping away tears and sharing their strength as the week wore on.

They listened when the medical examiner said D'Anna died from multiple blunt force injuries, listened as Dr. Cho sat on the stand and described the "multiple contusions and abrasions" on D'Anna's torso, the "extensive bruising of lungs," the blood accumulated in his chest cavity and the cardiac contusions—D'Anna's heart itself was severely bruised.

I imagine the collective heart of his family and friends has sustained some serious long-term damage, as well.

Here's the question that eats at me: Why? Some people believe there's a reason for every thing, whether we can even begin to understand what that reason might be or not. Usually, am one of those people—or I try to be.

But not this time. The drunken illegal immigrant who killed Vincent D'Anna was previously picked up by police, who dangled him before immigration authorities.

They didn't want him. His wife picked him up at the jail and they went on their way.

I wonder if he stopped to pick up some beer on his way home that night.

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Treasurer election would equal way to help people

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

For Sandy Dubre, work isn't about her, but helping other people. That's why she decided to run for treasurer of Independence Township.

"What would a treasurer do to help people? My thinking is to educate myself to the best of my ability to inform people of what resources are out there to help them," said Dubre.

"There are things out there that will help people as far as their taxes, and properties and things like that," she said. "Somebody needs to be investigating what kind of programs or what kind of grants might be available to help someone who's in trouble."

Dubre whose been an Independence Township resident for 20 years and worked as a real estate agent the past 14 years with Coldwell Banker Schweitzer. She is familiar with the area, assessments, state equalized values, and the township, she said.

"Being in real estate, I've already worked with the township on many occasions," she said.

She considered taking an assessor position at the township eight years ago, but because the real estate market was so good, she turned it down.

In real estate, she sells homes from



Sandy Dubre

She says her biggest accomplishment is being a trust worthy person and doing what she says she will do.

"Trust comes from keeping them informed and investigating every avenue," she said.

"Whether it be local government, state, or federal, I feel like that's what my job should be as treasurer is to make sure we continuously investigate every avenue that would help people."

She wouldn't be taking office during a "very good economical time," but understands there needs to be somebody with the knowledge to keep people here.

"If they can't pay their taxes, they can't make their mortgage payments, and are be-

\$30,000 to \$1.5 million.

"Each one of those people I gave equal consideration and the best service that I possibly could because the \$30,000 was just as important to that person as the million dollar person," said Dubre.

ing foreclosed on. They are going to leave, move to another area, or leave the state," she said.

Dubre understands there will be many late nights and weekends involved in the job, but she is up for the challenge, she said.

She has already begun educating herself about the treasurer's position and what is going on in the township:

Before filing her petition, she began attending township board meetings as well as talked with friends who are former treasurers in other townships, and said she is willing to meet with Treasurer Jim Wenger a few days a week to see how things are run behind the scenes.

"I don't want to wait until it's after Nov. 4," she said. "I would like to already be going as far as being prepared to start, not prepared to learn, continue to learn, but start learning now."

Dubre is also a huge advocate for senior citizens.

"I am truly concerned for them, that we not forget about them," she said. "They've been here a long time and they know a lot of stuff. I need them and I need their knowledge and I need to know what they need."

That is something she plans to find out as she works on her campaign.

"When I say I want to cutback or change

something, I don't mean just other people," she said. "I also mean myself, in order to protect the people we're working for."

Dubre was born in Waterford, but her father had businesses in Clarkston. He was the founder of Tri-County Power Rodding, and owned Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio, with which Dubre helped him, and her brother currently owns ACME Sewer Cleaning.

She has four children, Faith, 28, Amanda, 26, Chad, 21, and Erica, 20. She has been active and involved in Lighthouse for seniors, Senior Christmas, Toys for Tots, fire safety, and Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, organized floats for parades for Coldwell Banker Swietzer, and serves as an auxiliary officer at the Eagles Club.

"My life has truly been devoted to helping and providing service to people," said Dubre. "I started working at 13 years old and I have good work ethics, self motivated, and I am a leader."

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Turnout should be higher, trustees say

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ing to have a tough next couple of years."
"I'm excited to be joining the board,"
Boatman said. "I want to thank all my sup-
porters."

Challengers Jeff Broughton received
444 votes; Brian Kitchin, 404 votes; and
Joe Wauldrón, 334 votes. Voter turnout
was about 4.9 percent, about 1,655 out of
33,778 registered voters in the district.

Kitchin said he wishes Patterson and
Boatman well, and hopes they make

changes.

"They (school administrators) got their
five percent turnout - we're a laughing-
stock," he said. "Hopefully they will team
up and get something done."

He is considering a run for Indepen-
dence Township trustee or state repre-
sentative, he said.

"Some have asked me to run - we'll
see," he said.

Patterson and Boatman start their four-
year terms July 1.

Scoreboard

Baseball:

Vs. Troy, May 9, W 12-5
Vs. Avondale, May 8, W 15-0 and L 9-5

Boys Lacrosse:

Vs. Rochester Adams, May 10, W 5-3
Vs. L'Anse Creuse, May 8, L 10-5

Girls Varsity Lacrosse:

Vs. Rochester, May 6, L 15-9
Vs. Flushing, May 9, L 11-8
Vs. Lake Orion, May 10, JV W 5-4
Vs. Lake Orion, Varsity L 6-4.

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Vs. Royal Oak, May 6, L 2-1

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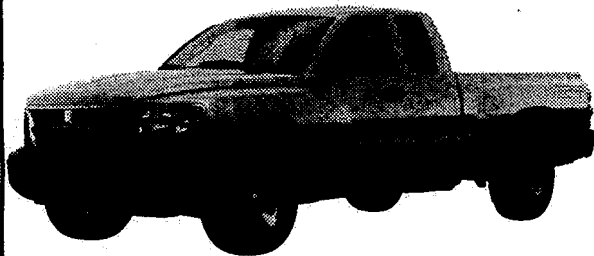
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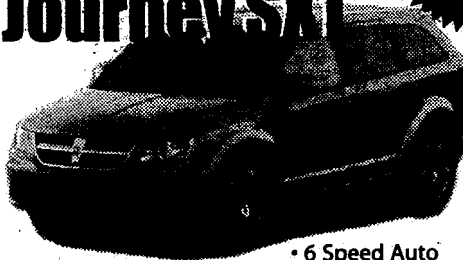
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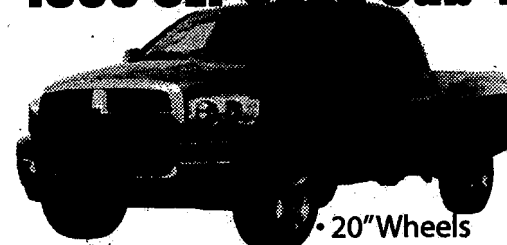


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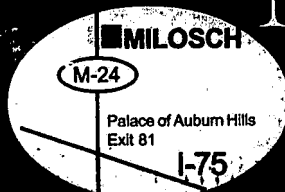
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Dumais, Andrea
Ege, Cansu
Frame, Hannah
Hart, Michael
Hastings, Megan
Hefty, Taylor
Holmes, Trevor
Hubregsen, Abigail
Hughes, Troy
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Kolka, Tyler
Lake, Nathaniel
Landgraf, Matthew
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Macsay, Kate
Mak, Rebecca
Mccallum, Sarah
Mick, Kayla
Miller, Paige
Ming, Jessica
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Pawlik, Spenser
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Watts, Casey
Williams, Samantha
Wolfe, Dustin
Wozniak, Amy

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Addis, Morgan
Allard, Anthony
Angel, Zachary
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Billet, Nathan
Billups, Brian
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Wilson, James
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Wood, Mark
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Young, Kyle
Ziola, Brian

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Ayoub, Laura
Baker, Kelly
Bale, Melanie
Barrett, Jeremy
Bartindale, Emily
Bedenis, Logan
Belanger, Patrick
Belevender, Bradley
Bemis, Patrick
Berquist, Jeremy
Blaga, Brianna
Bradley, Justina
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Bridger, Cody
Brown, Mary
Brown, Mitchell
Bruderick, Adam
Budzinski, John
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pher
Cooley, Kellianne
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Dellinger, Stephanie
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Glowski, Rachel
Goerss, Jamie
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Simon, Julianna
Skaggs, Emily
Sloan, Miranda
Sloney, Holly
Smith, Travis
Somes, Michael
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Stokes, Jordan
Stolzenfeld, Katy
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Stubbe, Ashtyn
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Bland, Kristen
Brown, Taylor
Bush, Amy
Delisi, Carlin
Dever, Lauren
Drankhan, Holly
Dudley, Anthony
Dumas, Megan
Ejups, Amanda
Fox, Matthew
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Gipe, Jacquelyn
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Pryor, Elizabeth
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Rice, Emily
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Sims, Jake
Smiley, Chloe
Villeneuve, Bradley
Weger, Joseph

Weiss, Kylee
Wertheimer, Megan
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9th Grade 3.5 - 3.999 GPA

Alalouf, Emily
Allen, Rachel
Alwin-snyder,
Zachariah
Andersen, Blake
Andree, Robyn
Anthony, Trevor
Arden, Robert
Arkwright, Michael
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Johnson, Danielle
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Kelley, Jeremy
Kersten, Jarrett
Kissel, Lauren
Kitchen, Allison
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Landis, Alyssa
Lanker, Alexander
Lee, Weston
Liddle, Kaylee
Lucas, Kristina
Magidsohn, Rosemary
Manns, Mitchell
Marheine, Kathleen
Matynowski, Adam
Mccafferty, Kyle
Mccue, Adam
Meharg, Marcy
Messick, Emily
Messing, Jacob
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Aguayo, Nickolas
Albee, Nicole
Altene, Sarah
Anderson, Benjamin R.
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Barrera, Zachary
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Duberg, Kaisie
Eberle, Daniel
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Fox, Brianne
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The varsity team smiles after finishing their OAA meet. Photo provided.

Ready for regionals

BY WENDIREARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Nicole Janek and Alyssa Lucas faced a tough game of tennis against West Bloomfield Saturday, but beat them to win first place medals.

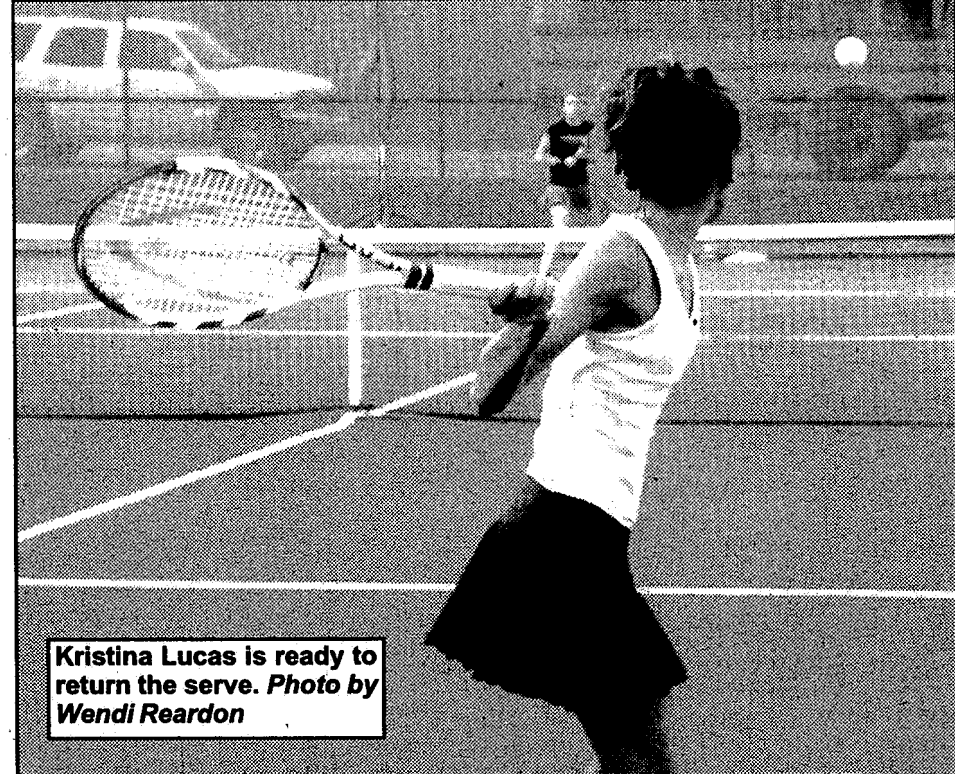
Janek defeated Taylor Pinchoff (6-2, 6-3) and Lucas defeated Samantha Pinchoff (6-0, 6-3) at the OAA league meet.

"I was pleased that both Nicole and Alyssa defeated players who had beat them earlier

this season," said Clarkston coach Craig Judd. "Those types of win reflects their character as well as their team's preparation and play."

Kristina Lucas took home a medal for second place.

"Although Kristina lost in her championship match, she played great tennis and took a set from her West Bloomfield rival," said Judd. "Our number four singles, Blair McCarty, didn't medal. She did play well and



Kristina Lucas is ready to return the serve. Photo by Wendi Reardon

placed number three."

Clarkston's Girls Varsity team placed third, behind West Bloomfield and Bloomfield Hills Lahser.

The girls played Stoney Creek on Tuesday to prepare for regionals on Thursday.

"There are great teams in our region, West Bloomfield, Rochester, and Troy. I have confidence this team is capable and determine to qualify for another trip to states," said Judd.

Judd is so confident in Clarkston he has

already placed room reservations for the state competition.

The team beat Rochester (5-3) and Utica Eisenhower (6-2) during the week.

On May 5, the girls lost to number one ranked Grosse Pointe South, 6-2.

Janek and Kristina Lucas won both of their sets against Grosse Pointe.

The team will play their regional competition at Rochester High School. It begins at 8 a.m.

Athlete of the Week

Cager Cavs take tournament

BY WENDIREARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Clarkston Cavaliers took time the past few weekends to win a tournament and help Special Olympics.

They took Lansing by storm April 27. They beat five teams and won first place at the Aim High Lansing Tournament.

They out shot Cereal City, 61-49; Michigan Magic, 60-37; Aztecs, 36-34; Triple Threat, 99-88; and Detroit Stars, 54-47.

"They have been doing a great job," said assistant coach, Jerry Tatu.

On May 3, the team gave back to the community and worked at the Special Olympics track and field competition at Lamphere High school in Madison Heights.

Head coach Tom Risi and Tatu wanted to the team involved. Volunteering at the Special Olympics allowed the team an opportunity to meet new people and see how the athletes at the Olympics were happy just to

"It was a great pleasure getting to know and work with the athletes," said Tatu. "Anyone who gets the chance to attend the Special Olympics should take time to do so. It will change your life."

The team is made of eighth-grade boys from Clarkston, Lake Orion and Holly. Most of the boys have been together the last four years when Risi and Tatu started the team.

Some teammates have joined through the years and some have left, but the dynamic of working hard and learning has stayed the same.

They play at a high level of competitive basketball in the Joe Dumas 9-10 grade league.

Risi and Tatu have taught the boys, not only how to play basketball but how to show good sportsmanship and teamwork on and off of the court.

"A special thanks to Tom Risi," said Tatu. "He has put his heart into it, teaching them basketball and turning them into young men."



With the trophy are CJ Gozdor, Steve Dolinski, Zack Collins, Connor Giroux, Jarad Plawski, Nick Tatu, Matt Wright, and Tanner Schulte. Not pictured are Jack Margavitch, Chris Dickey, Nick Dahl, Ryan Pierce, Mike Risi, and Ryan Holsworth. Photo submitted

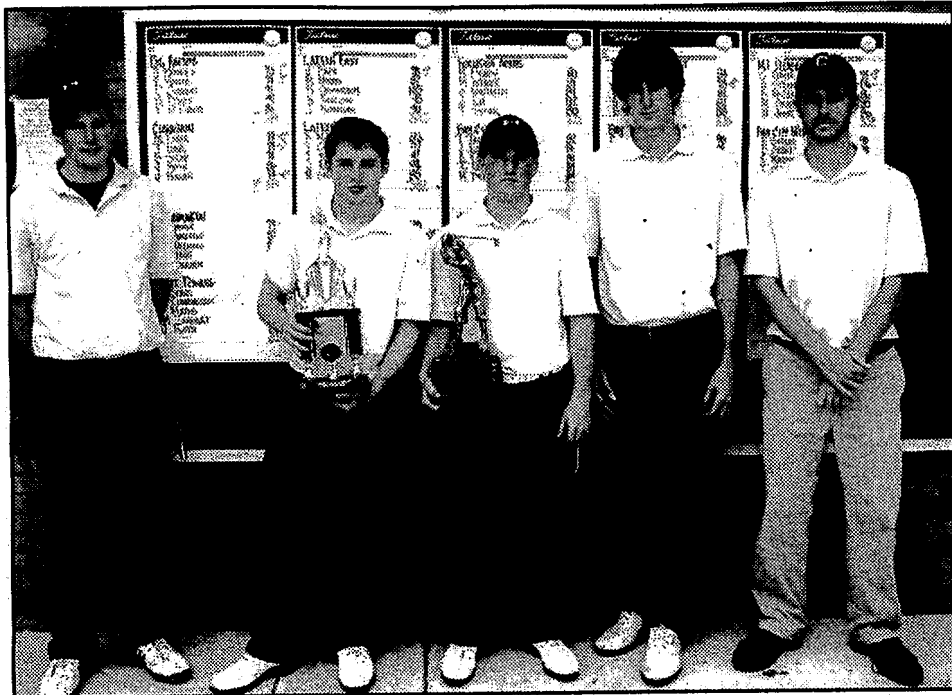
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In the picture at Bay City are from left to right: Jarred Horner, Brandon Stone, Tommy Ronk, Jordan Roth, and Matt Fuller

Undefeated on the links

BY WENDIREARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

During their first spring season the boys golf team has endured rain, wind and daily change of temperatures. None of the conditions have held them back from leading the OAA Red division with a undefeated record, 6-0.

Monday they kept up their momentum in their second OAA Red league meet and took first place. Clarkston scored 310 and were closely followed by Waterford Kettering (311) and Rochester Adams (316).

Tommy Ronk led the team with a par of 75. Jordan Roth followed with 76, Brandon Stone with 78. Matt Fuller, Jarred Horner and Mike Graham each had a par of 81.

The boys faced rival Adams last Thursday. They beat Adams by 13 shots at their home course Westwynd Golf Club.

"Our play is continuing to improve and our scores showed it as we posted a team best 152," said Clarkston coach Mark Wiegand.

Leading the way for the Wolves were Horner with even par 36, Ronk and Stone each with 37, and Roth with 42.

The day before, they hosted undefeated Troy at The Fountains (formerly Liberty). The Wolves played as the rain fell down on them. They beat the Colts, 154-166.

Ronk led the team with an even par 36. Roth followed at 38, Horner at 39, and Stone at 41.

"It was a great week and I'm very proud of what they've accomplished so far this season," said Wiegand.

During the busy week, the team noticed their strengths in playing in the spring season.

"We're learning that we can still play even in inclement weather as we showed in the Troy match," said Wiegand.

"We're improving our scores with additional short game shots that are increasing our percentages of getting up and down. The players have been working on these shots in practice, and have now put them in under tournament and match conditions and they've seen success."

Wiegand said he has seen other players step up and play very well when some of their top players didn't have their best games.

"This shows some depth to our team and that we don't have to count on any one player to be able to compete. Tommy Ronk, the only junior on our team, is showing why he's fast becoming one of the best players in the league."

On May 5, the team competed against 21 teams to take first place at the Bay City Western Invitational.

The boys scored 314 at the Bay City Country Club.

Big Rapids came in second place followed by Rochester Adams and Flint Powers.

Ronk scored a par of 77. Fuller, Stone and Horner each had a par of 79. All of them finished in the top ten.

"Unfortunately they don't get much time to sit back and enjoy the success," said Wiegand. "It's going to be another exciting week."

They are busy preparing for the Oakland County Tournament on Friday at Pontiac Country Club and a tournament in Lansing on Monday.

The boys will host Kettering next Tuesday in their last league match at The Fountains.

Racing to a big finish

BY WENDIREARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Regionals are quickly approaching and Clarkston's track teams are ready to compete.

During the OAA league meet last weekend, the girls took second place and the boys took seventh.

"This season has been about working with young guys," said boys varsity coach John Bennink. "They will come out more in seasons to come."

During the OAA league meet on Saturday, the boys team scored 47 points. They lost to sixth place to Southfield by one point.

The boys took first place in two events, the long jump and 400 meter relay.

Erik Thompson made his last jump count and landed at 21 feet and half an inch.

Thompson, John Verros, Adam Sharp and Duane George came ran 43.2 in the 400 relay.

"The boys did really well," said Bennink.

Carlo Mollicone placed fourth in discus throw and threw to 123 feet.

"It was a personal best for him," said Bennink.

Also to place were Duane George, fourth

in 100 meter (11.2); Jeff Kuhl, fifth in 1600 meter (4:30.3); and Kyle Riverburgh, third in low hurdles (41.8) and fourth in high hurdles (16.4).

The girls took second place behind West Bloomfield with a score of 75.5.

Taking first place in their events were: Stephanie Thorstad in high jump with five feet and five inches; Kristen Smith in 3200 meter run (11:02.2); Autumn Touchstone in low hurdles (45.3); 1600 meter relay team, Caitlyn Post, Andrea Butler, Jena Manilla, and Touchstone (4:08.2).

Also to place were Touchstone, second in high jump (15.2); Devon Rehm, fourth in shot put (31'10"); Manilla, fifth (62.3) and Post, sixth (62.7) in 400 meter dash; and Tiffany Kincaid, sixth in 1600 meter run (5:27.2)

Last Tuesday both teams won their meets at Southfield. The boys won 75-53 and girls won 78-50.

Clarkston hosts the regional meet on Saturday. It begins at 9:30 a.m.

"We're see what happens," said Bennink about how the boys will do to get a place for states.

"If we compete well, the weather cooperates, and get everything together, we will be fine."

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Lady Wolves take 1st in St. Clair tourney

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

A home run and a grand slam from the girls varsity softball team were just a taste of how well they played at the St. Clair tournament on the weekend.

"They played hard. They played together," said Clarkston coach Don Peters.

The team won all three of their games and were the champions of the tournament.

"Sarah Altene pitched really well, especially when she needed to," said Peters.

Altene was the winning pitcher for the first two games. During the fourteen innings, she pitched ten hits, thirteen strikeouts, and no earned runs.

"Kara Wandrie was very aggressive pace hitting. Brook Chadwell had key base hits in key situations. Taylor Hasselbach always has a good day at the office," said Peters.

The Wolves beat Clio in their first game, 5-4.

Hasselbach was the leading hitter against Clio. She hit two doubles, one home run, and had two RBIs. She stole one base.

The team hit five runs, ten hits, five earned runs, one homerun and one walk against Clio.

In their next game, they beat St. Clair High School, 8-2. St. Clair made their two runs in the first inning. Altene stepped in to pitch and kept St. Clair from scoring the rest of the game.

Leading hitters were Shantel Uballe with a double and three RBIs; Chadwell hit a double and had one RBI; and Hasselbach had two RBIs. Uballe and Chadwell had one stolen base and Hasselbach stole two.

In their last game of the tournament, Clarkston only needed six innings to beat Port Huron, 14-2.

Uballe pitched for the first three innings and threw one run, three hits, three walks and five strikeouts. Bailee Braunreuther finished the game and pitched one run, one hit, no walks and two strikeouts.

Lizzy Zezula hit a grand slam home run and had four RBIs. Uballe hit a three run home run to have three RBIs.

Katie Smith and Jenny Jochum hit a triple.



Back row: Assistant coach Mark Pingston, Coach Don Peters, Allie Kitchen, Connor Daugherty, and Assistant Coach Mike McCollum; third row: Taylor Hasselbach, Allie Reeves, Lindsey Upchurch, Katie Smith, Jenny Jochum, Bailee Braunreuther, Lindsay Viviano, Lizzy Zezula, Sarah Altene; second row: Amanda Martin, Kelly Anderson, Kara Wandrie; front row, Shantel Uballe and Brook Chadwell. Photo provided

Jochum had one RBI and stole two bases.

"We're getting healthier, play more as a unit. The hard work is starting to pay off," said Peters.

On Thursday, they split their double header at Troy High School. Clarkston lost the first game, 6-4. Then came back to win the next game in five innings, 13-2.

Jochum hit a triple and had two RBIs. Uballe had three RBIs. Wandrie, Hasselbach

and Upchurch hit one RBI.

Altene pitched for four innings. She threw five strikeouts, three hits and no earned runs. Braunreuther pitched one inning and had five hits and two runs.

Last Tuesday, the Wolves beat rivals Lake Orion in two games, 6-5, 7-0. Their overall record is now 19-11.

This week played their last home game against Stoney Creek on Tuesday. They will

play a double header at Frasier on Thursday. During the weekend they will play at Traverse City Tournament.

"It should be fun for the girls," said Peters. "We keep playing and keep getting better."

Next Tuesday they play their last game at Goodrich before MHSAA districts begin.

The first pitch goes out at 4 p.m.

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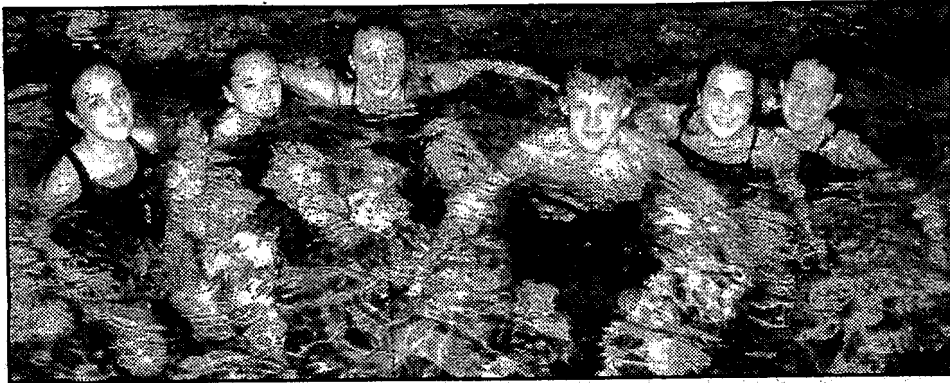
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From left, Katie Cook, Andrea Misterabich, Julia Vela, Bobby Nelson, Megan Zelinsky, Maria Henige, swim for a good cause. Photo by Phil Custodio

Swimmers help 3-Day walker

Clarkston High School swimmers raised about \$700 at Saturday's Swimathon.

The swimmers collected donations and pledges, and swam for two hours May 10.

The fundraiser goes to breast cancer research, said organizer Pam Rush, mother of swimmer Jake Rush.

Pam is participating in the Michigan 3-Day Walk for Breast Cancer, Sept. 26-28 in Detroit.

"My sister (Paula Wojtalewicz) is doing it with me," Pam said. "All the money goes to research. There's nice camaraderie. It's a big, feel-good event."

They will walk the 60-mile course, 20 miles each day, in memory of their mother, Kay Johnson. They are raising \$2,200 to participate.

"If you see a large group of women walking in the community, that's us," Pam said. "I'm looking forward to it very much. I've met a lot of good people."



LaCrossers stick it to cancer

Boys varsity head coach Brian Kaminskas presented a \$5,000 check to Karmanos Cancer Institute during half-time of the boys varsity game on Saturday.

The gift was given for Prostate Cancer Research.

The middle school, girls' teams and boys' teams spent the day playing in

"Game for a Cure."

All proceeds from admission, concession, and T-shirts went to Karmanos.

Leading up to Saturday's games, team member from the high school lacrosse teams raised money through various fundraising activities throughout the community.



Correction

The story "Beating the odds," page 1A, April 30 edition, included an incorrect photo. The photo should have included Devere Enoch and his mother, Dahl Enoch.

The story should also have listed Coach Adam Kern and Assistant Principal Billie Pambid, Devere's grandmother Margaret Sue, Tyrone Wilson, Maxine Wilson-Murphy, Estella Moore, Dr. Dan Maxwell, Dr. Mark Stuart, and his closest friends, Ryan, now in the army, Chip, Ryan, Sharp twins, Mark, also in the military, Phil, Brent, and Casey.

"The point of the story is I had a support system," Enoch said. "Yes, I was there, but there were times when I was exhausted and just needed someone to talk, when I needed help. His sister also made sure he would get to school if I was not feeling well. The late Rev. Harold Gates, my dad, told Devere, you are going to be a very successful young man."

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Candidates show support for Wagner

Continued from page 1A for the treasurer position.

"It's huge in the campaign, we've got a lot of the local officials and prominent people here tonight and to get that endorsement means a lot to the campaign," said Karrick. "We're moving forward, we're winning."

Wagner is also standing behind Joe Lawrence for clerk.

"I'm very proud to be associated with Dave Wagner. I've known Dave for a number of years and helped him with his Campaign when he was running for township supervisor. I've worked with Dave as part of my work on the township Planning Commission," said Lawrence. "I'm very proud and very humbled to be endorsed by somebody who has the moral character of Dave Wagner."

Candidates running for trustee there in support of Wagner included incumbent Charles Dunn, Sam Moraco, and Mark Petterson.

In response to incumbent Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen's position on the slate and willingness to work part-time in order to hire a professional manager, Wagner said he believes clerk to be a "full-time position."

"There is no way that a clerk's position is part-time," he said. "I would hope that since she's come out with that platform, that maybe possibly that she would go part-time now and show everybody that it could work and see what happens."

Wagner said it's important for the township officials to be available to the people.

"I think it's important that the people should be able to come in and see their elected officials and if they want to yell at them and give them personal advice with a loving touch than that's what they need to do," he said.

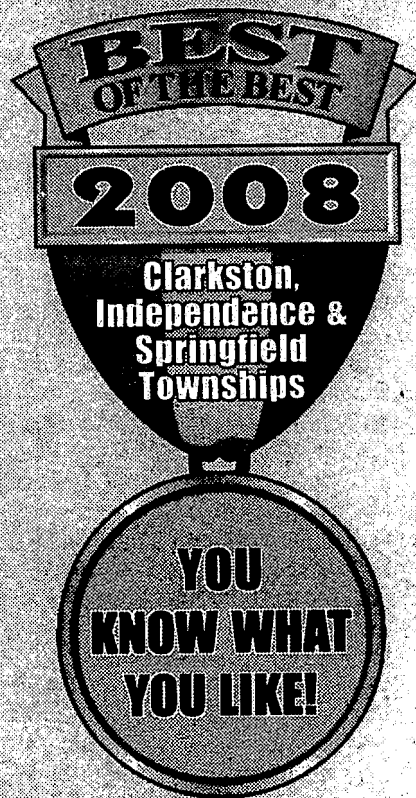
"That's what we're here for, we're a small community and it's very important that the people that elect you to office can come and find you tell you how they really feel."

Other township and Oakland County representatives in attendance were Forrest Milzow of Morgan & Milzow; Dr. James O'Neil, Clarkston medical group; Joan McCrary, former clerk; Dan Kelly, running for state representative; Steve Pearson, Oakland County Sheriff's department; and L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland County executive.

Both O'Neil and Patterson have endorsed Wagner. Patterson said Wagner has done a "good job."

"What I respect about Dave is he said four years ago he was going to accomplish A, B, C, and D, he made some campaign promises," Patterson said. "You look back and he did do A, B, C, and D. He balanced the budget, he got rid of outside consultant fees, he was able to do the things he said he was going to do. You hold a politician to his promises and I think Wagner made promises, kept them and that's good enough for me."

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Good luck and thanks for your participation.

Sentencing set June 4

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"It was definitely the verdict we were hoping to hear," said D'Anna's sister Camile Leinbach, who shouldered difficult testimony alongside family and friends all week. "But it doesn't make anything easier—we've been waiting so long for the trial, but nothing changed after it was over. We still live with this every day of our lives."

Chief Judge Wendy Potts presided over the trial and will hand down Pineda's sentence June 4 at 10:30 a.m. He could face life in prison.

Continuing with his somewhat unexpected testimony, Pineda said his cell phone rang as he noticed the cars ahead slowing for a turn into the driveway of DTE Energy Theatre.

"When the phone rang, for a minute I lost track of front of car," he said. "I tried to grab (the phone) but I couldn't."

By then, he said, he saw the motorcycle in front of him, and veered right when he realized he wouldn't be able to stop in time.

The Camaro's left front bumper connected with the rear wheel of D'Anna's motorcycle.

"After I hit it I didn't see the motorcycle any more," he said. "That's when I felt my car was over the motorcycle."

As he accelerated in an attempt to "get his car off" D'Anna, Pineda said he could feel that the front drivers side wheel was not on the ground.

When the car finally came to a stop about 205 feet south of where the accident began, Pineda testified that "his thought was wait for the police."

But when witnesses approached on both sides of the vehicle and began yelling at him to get out of the car, Pineda said he grew fearful, and claimed the scene reminded him of an incident where he'd been hospitalized "for about a month" when he was jumped and beaten by five men several years ago.

The recollection, he said, prompted him to run from the scene in fear of another beating.

After witnesses lifted the car, D'Anna was transported to Genesys Hospital in Grand

Blanc, where he was pronounced dead at 1:54 a.m., Monday, Aug 27.

Dr. Patrick Cho of the Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office testified D'Anna died from multiple blunt force injuries, specifically cardiac contusions, and pulmonary contusions and lacerations — bruises and scratches to his heart and lungs.

As he ran from the scene, Pineda was tackled in the parking lot of a nearby strip mall by several bystanders who later testified Pineda tried several times to get up and run away, while alternately moaning "Why me? Why me?"

All witnesses who testified to hearing Pineda ask "why me?" said the man spoke clear English. Pineda's comprehension of the language was an issue throughout the trial.

Defense attorney Elias Escobedo Jr., argued his client's Miranda rights were violated because Pineda, who went through sixth-grade in Mexico, did not have a firm grasp of the English language and therefore did not understand the implications of proceeding with the a police interview without an attorney the day after the incident.

Detective Sergeant Gary Miller, however, who interviewed Pineda's wife the day after the incident, said Dawn Pineda told him her husband understood English "very well," and that he determined the fact to be true, as well.

The prosecution played the videotaped interview in question for the jury during last

week's trial, although he speaks with a very heavy accent, Pineda appears to understand most of what is said, and answers questions quickly.

Pineda sat at the defense table with his head in his hands while the video played in the courtroom.

Others testified about inspections of the car after the accident, noting that the brakes were in working order.

Oakland County Deputy Michael Winkler of the Traffic Accident Crash Reconstruction Unit noted, among other evidence, considerable blue-paint transfer—the same color as D'Anna's bike—on the car's undercarriage.

Pineda's attorney contended throughout the trial that Pineda was only trying to get his car off the rider he knew was underneath.

"It's not an unnatural reaction," Escobedo said.

When the jury's decision came, Escobedo



Vincent D'Anna

Wed., May 14, 2008 The Clarkston (MI) News 23 A said he'd hoped for a different outcome.

"I'm disappointed with the verdict with in regard to second-degree murder," Escobedo said. "I conceded to counts two, three, and five, so that didn't come as a surprise at all. On count one, I was expecting involuntary manslaughter, but I respect the jury's decision."

Novy said the jury's return of a verdict in under three hours wasn't particularly unusual.

"It's probably on the quicker side," he said. "But the jury knew the facts of the case, and they paid attention. The issue here was 'was it manslaughter or was it second-degree murder?' The jury believed, based on evidence, that Pineda knowingly created a high risk of death or great bodily harm."

Novy said he was pleased the jury—who was never told D'Anna was a police officer—agreed with his position.

"I'm relieved," he said. "I can't bring Vince back—the only thing I can bring, hopefully, is some kind of closure."

As with any conviction, Pineda has an automatic right to appeal. Escobedo said he will encourage his client to do so.

Wife held partly responsible

BY LAURA COLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The man convicted of second-degree murder Friday in the death of Vincent D'Anna didn't actually own the Camaro that rear-ended D'Anna and trapped him underneath while the driver revved the engine on Sashabaw Road Aug. 26.

Legally, the car belonged to Ramon Pineda's wife.

Dawn Pineda, 38, served a 93-day sentence in Oakland County's Work Release program after she was convicted Jan. 31 of allowing a suspended person to operate a motor vehicle.

In a letter dated Feb. 19, Dawn Pineda asked 52-2 District Court Judge Dana Fortinberry, who issued the sentence, for an "early release or time cut."

"I plead no contest due to the fact that I did know my husband was driving the car, but I did not give him permission," she wrote. "He took the car when I was not home, as he did on a few other occasions. We were in the process of selling (the car) because I was tired of arguing with him regarding him taking it."

"I wish I could have controlled my husband and none of this would have happened," she continued. "But I was unable to control his actions."

In court last week to testify on her husband's behalf, however, Dawn Pineda said financial problems prompted her to park the car in front of the couple's Orionville home with a "for sale" sign.

"It wasn't driven for about a year prior to accident," she said Friday, noting she paid about \$9,000 for the vehicle approximately two years ago. "I purchased it to put in car shows, (but) we had a restaurant and we just got too busy with it, and with the baby. We never had

time to do anything with it."

At the time of the accident, Dawn Pineda owned the Olde Village Cafe in downtown Clarkston, where Ramon Pineda worked for about 7 years. It wasn't clear last week whether Pineda still owns the business.

In his own testimony, however, Ramon Pineda said his wife bought the car for him about a year prior to the accident.

"It was a gift for Father's Day," he said, explaining that he'd only had the car out on the road a handful of times. "She didn't allow me to drive."

The couple, who have a 2-year-old son in common, were married in Las Vegas about three years ago. Dawn Pineda also has a 13-year-old son and 16-year-old son from a previous relationship, and told Fortinberry it was concern for her children that prompted a letter asking for an early release from the program.

Work Release is a minimum-security facility that houses sentenced inmates who are court-ordered into the program. Offenders, who are charged, room and board on a sliding scale for the period of their stay, have the opportunity to continue to working while they serve sentences.

A friend of Dawn Pineda's, who was caring for the three children while both parents were incarcerated, also wrote to Fortinberry. "As long as I have known Dawn, she has never been in any kind of trouble," the friend penned. "Her family always came first and she is a very caring and loving mother. Her incarceration is having a very negative effect on her family. I truly feel that Dawn has been a victim of very very unfortunate circumstances. Her and her family are suffering due to the actions of another individual."

The requests were denied.

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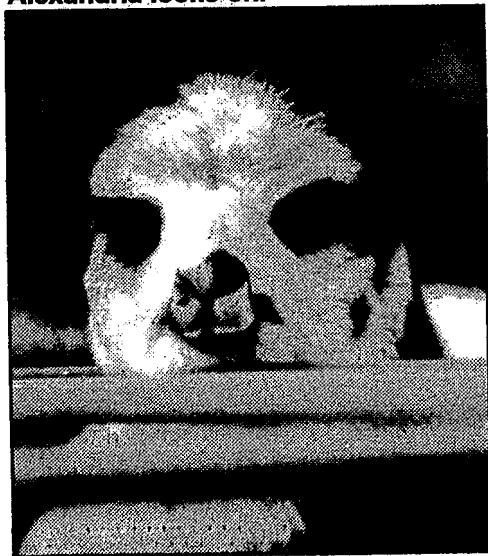
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Moses and Alexandria, 9, get reacquainted—Moses went to live on a new farm, but the two remain friends.



Above, Moses and Kiddy Gooden of R/L Paca Mundo in Fife Lake rub noses while Alexandria looks on.



Audrey Parks, 11, showed Accoyo America Prince in the youth class, while her dad showed him in the adult class. The 34-month-old alpaca won three blue ribbons.



Sam, curious and friendly, came to the show from Alpaca Family Farms in Ashley, Mich.

People Poll

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American Idol winner?



"David Cook"

Bonnie Parker



"David Archuleta"

Jacquiyn Hasenfratz



"David Cook"

Carey Stricklin



"Syeshia"

-Christina Wham

By Trevor Keiser

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A new song

John Dew saw a need for church, so he started his own

BY LAUREN HALULA

Clarkston News Intern Writer

When Pastor John Dew stands before God on his day of judgment, there is one thing he hopes he doesn't hear:

"John, you did a nice job with those 25 people right over there, but those 300 people you said the wrong thing to, those are the one's I'm worried about."

To avoid that fate, Dew spent 12 months attending two to three services every Sunday at different churches, learning their style of teaching and what makes people comfortable, and uncomfortable. One thing he found:

"The one thing we all have in common: we are all trying to worship God," he said.

As pastor of the new Gospel of the Good Shepherd church in Springfield Township, he counsels people and helps them combat their problems.

"None of us are perfect. We're not supposed to look at our brother's sins and point it out," he said.

Dew talked with Vietnam veterans before starting the church on Feb. 3. They discussed the diffi-

culties they faced when returning home. The first thing they wanted to do was go to church, but people pointed their fingers at them. He says it's the same thing today with homosexuals; people are too quick to oust them.

He started the independent Christian church, which meets at Hart Community Center, 495 Broadway, Mill Pond Park in downtown Davisburg, because he wanted to offer people something different, he said

After talking with people who left religions in which they were raised, he wanted people in his church to be comfortable worshipping God, he said.

Dew said his teaching style is a little unconventional. He teaches straight out of the Bible. Rather than taking an idea and relating it to the Bible, he relates the Bible to what's happening in people's everyday lives.

"I love sharing God's word with people," he said. "A lot of people read the Bible and do not understand what is being said. Yet, the magical part is the Bible is written in a way that makes the mind curious. Two people can read the same verse and have different interpretations of what was said. It's each individuals own interpretation of God."

Dew also enjoys fulfilling his other passion: singing. He puts a country spin on his gospel songs.

Before becoming a pastor, Dew was a car salesman. On the lot, he



Pastor John Dew incorporates music into his services. Photo by Lauren Halula

worked with a preacher and they would have deep discussions about different scriptures in the Bible. The more they talked the more Dew challenged his opinions and became interested in discussing their faith.

"The Lord was calling me. Talking made me realize that's what I wanted to do," he said.

Dew started out at a Baptist college, but felt they were forcing him into the denomination, and it would have taken 6-7 years to graduate. A California correspondence college accepted him because of his background as a music minister.

"I don't want to do it for the

money. I want to serve God, but not for the paycheck," said Dew.

His overall plan for the church is to secure property or a building in Springfield Township.

"I feel confident that God's will is for me to have a location for the church," he said. "I've seen firsthand that God does exist and miracles do happen. He has a way of changing lives so easily."

He would also like to offer a free retirement home at his church.

"Walking with God is like walking with your dad down the street. You feel so secure; he's in control of your life."



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Around Town

"Absurd Person Singular," comedy, Clarkston Village Players, 7:30 p.m. May 15; 8 p.m. May 16-17. Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road. 248-625-8811.

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.

Youth Missions Trip garage sale, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., May 15-16, North Oaks Community Church, 9600 Ortonville Road. 248-922-3515.

Spaghetti Dinner, 5-7 p.m., May 16, Independence Township Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. All you can eat. \$5. Desserts, \$1. 248-625-8231.

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.

Perennial Swap, Springfield Township Parks and Rec, 10 a.m., May 17, Mill Pond Park, Davisburg, 495 Broadway. Group perennials 2-3 root clumps in 4-6 inch containers. Label all plants and know whether they grow in the shade, sun or both. 248-846-6558.

Spring Dust-Off Car Show, Michigan Widetrackers, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., May 18, Springfield Oaks County Park, Davisburg. Trophies in 25 classes based on participant judging. Show cars from GM Heritage Center on dis-

play. \$15 in advance, \$20 at show. www.widetrackers.com.

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.

Fund-raiser dinner, benefits Seymour Lake United Methodist Church Mission Team, 4-8 p.m., May 20, Pete's Coney Island II, 6160 Dixie Highway. 248-628-0376.

Volunteers to help plant shrubbery around the Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road, 9 a.m., May 20. 248-625-8231.

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

Free food, Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency's Emergency Food Assistance Program, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., June 11, Independence Township Senior Center, 5980 Clarkston Road. Seniors only. Bring proof of address, family size, photo ID. 248-209-2686 or 1-800-482-9250.

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.

Summer Reading Kick-off with Kevin Kammeraad, 7 p.m., June 17, Springfield Town-

ship Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

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

What's So Special About Bees, with Carol Tait, register, 6:30 p.m., June 24, Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Teen Movie, "Bee Movie," 2 p.m., June 25, Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Make'n'Take craft week, June 30-July 3, Children's Movie Matinee, 2 p.m., July 2, Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Bubble Day, 1-3 p.m., July 7, Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Bug Off, ages 4-8 years old, 1 p.m., July 14, Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Craft Hour, 2 p.m., July 16, Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

"Stop Bugging Me" Acting Up Theatre Company, 10:30 a.m., July 22, Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Children's Movie Matinee, 2 p.m., July 29, Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

All-Day Book Fair, 10 a.m., July 31-Aug. 1, Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Playing Mantids Storytime, for ages 2-3 years, 10:30 a.m.; for ages 4-6 years, 11:15 a.m., June

19, 26, 28, July 10, 17, 24. Register, Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Teen Craft Night, Marble Magnets, 6:30 p.m., July 1, Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Bug Book Bunch Reader's Theatre, 2 p.m., June 25-26; July 9-10, 23-24. Ages 7-9. Register, Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Ruff Readers, 10-minute sessions starting at 10:30 a.m., June 23, 30, July 14, 21. Register, Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Video Game Party, with Guitar Hero and Dance, Dance, Revolution, 6-7:30 p.m., July 18, Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

End of Summer Reading Teen Pizza Party, 6:30 p.m., July 31. \$1. Register. Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

End of Summer Reading Children's Ice Cream Awards Party, 11 a.m., Aug. 1. \$1. Register, Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

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

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

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

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Learning about life on the farm

Springfield Oaks County Park hosted the annual project RED field trip recently for local schools.

Project RED educates children on the food, fuel and fiber products that are grown and produced in Michigan. Seven stations were set up for the children to visit including: goat milking, the importance of trees

in the environment, sheep shearing, horses, planting and growing seeds, grains and different types of birds. The stations were made up of games, discussions and demonstrations.

Oakland County Farm Bureau sponsored the event.

— Lauren Halula

Mother, daughter doctors

Betty Kozma of Independence Township received Oakland University's Outstanding Dissertation of the Year Award May 3, on the topic of Cultural Change and the Development of a Professional Learning Community.

"I think it's quite an honor," Betty said. "I'm absolutely honored to receive this award. The best part is that it can help other principals help children, especially those at risk."

She and her husband, Lawrence Kozma, have a daughter, Kelley Kozma, completing her first year of residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Illinois Advocate Christ Hospital in Chicago.

Kelley, graduate of Clarkston High School and University of Michigan, earned her medical degree May 5, 2007, from Michi-



Kelley and her mother Betty Kozma both earned their doctorates, Kelley in medicine and Betty in education. Photo submitted

gan State University Osteopathic School of Medicine.

Betty, former Clarkston Community Schools administrator and administrator for L'Anse Creuse Public Schools, earned her Ph.D. from Oakland University two days later in the area of Educational Leadership.

— Phil Custodio



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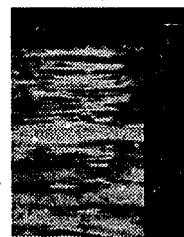
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Milestones

In our country's service...



Air Force Airman 1st Class **Frederick J. Brown Jr.** has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

He is the son of Frederick and Devon Brown of Clarkston, and a 2004 graduate of Clarkston High School.

Got a Milestone to share?

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



Cleaning up

Taylor Sloan, Jenni Ople and Charlie Heulltt spent Saturday morning, May 3, laying down wood chips for paths at Nels Kimball Sanctuary. They joined other volunteers as part of the Join Hands Project by the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Religion

Hope ... it's yours in Christ

The word 'hope' means "an optimistic belief that events or circumstances will get better." 'Hope' implies that a person is experiencing a certain amount of despair, wanting, or suffering and desires a better outcome.

- A person lying in a hospital bed hopes that they will get better.
- A soon-to-be college graduate hopes that there will be a job available for them.
- The family of a soldier hopes that they will return home safely.
- A 'prisoner of war' never gives up the hope that he can escape or that one day he will be liberated.
- Many of us hope that our state and national economies will rebound before even more individuals lose their jobs and families lose their homes.

In the end everyone has something that they hope for each day. But Christians have a hope that is unique in the world because it is a hope that does not come from the world. A Christian's hope contains a certainty that the world cannot offer because a Christian's hope comes from the relationship God has created through faith. And God has given us all numerous reasons to have a certain hope. As creatures born spiritually 'dead to sin' God offers

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Pastor James Krueger

'new life' through baptism and the gift of faith by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Christians can have a certain hope in the forgiveness of their sins because of God's sending Jesus to die on the cross as the 'atoning sacrifice' (1 John 2:2) for all sins.

Christians can have a certain and refreshing hope each day because of God's promise through Jesus to be with us always (Matthew 28:20) and that He always provides us with what we need (Matthew 7:25-34).

When this life on earth is over Christians are not left without a future hope. Jesus has promised to return and take believers to their eternal home in heaven (John 14:1-6). The hope that God provides in Jesus is certain. It is a hope that can be experienced each day of our life.

Following are 10 hints for a 'hope-filled' day that I came across on my church denomination's website (www.lcms.org):

1. **Today I Will Not Strike Back.** If someone is rude, impatient, or unkind I will not respond in a like manner.
2. **Today I Will Ask God to Bless My "Enemies".** If I come across someone who treats me harshly or unfairly, I will quietly ask God to bless that individual.
3. **Today I Will be Careful About What I Say.** I will carefully choose and guard my words, being certain that I do not spread gossip.

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In our churches...

Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., June 23-26, Seymour Lake United Methodist Church, 3050 Sashabaw Road.

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

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

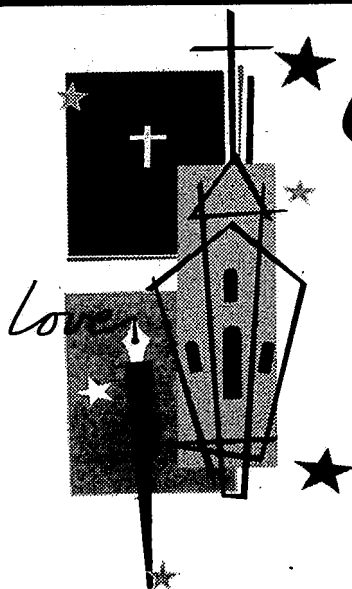
Bethany North, peer support to all faiths dealing with divorce or separation, general meeting, 7:30 p.m., fourth Monday, Cushing Center, St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park, call Tim, 248-628-6825, or JoAnn. 248-673-2539.

Calvary Lutheran Church has a weekly Wednesday 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. 6490 Clarkston Road. 248-625-2325.

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

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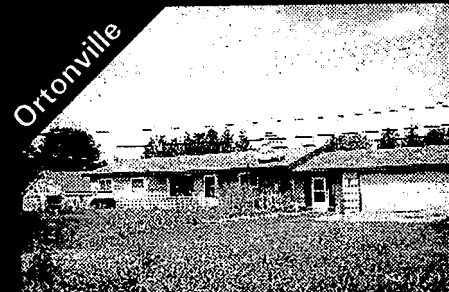
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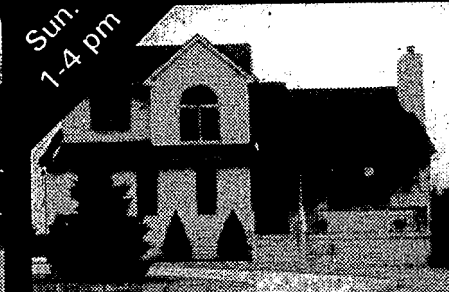
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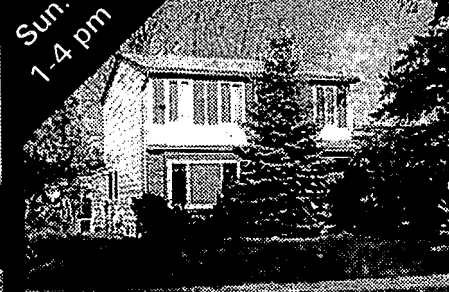
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4. **Today I Will Go 'The Extra Mile'.** I will find ways to share the burden of another.

5. **Today I Will Forgive.** I will forgive any hurts or injuries that come my way.

6. **Today I will Do Something Nice for Someone.** I will reach out and bless the life of another.

7. **Today I Will Raise the Spirits of Someone Who is Discouraged.** My smile, my words, my expression of support can make the difference to someone who is wrestling with the challenges of life.

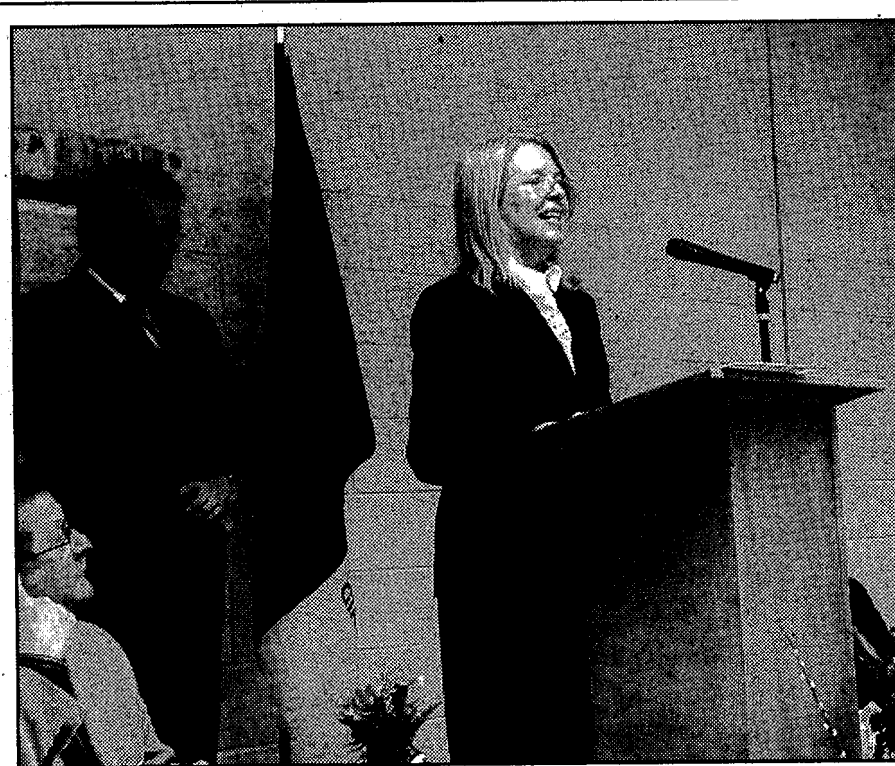
8. **Today I Will Nurture My Body.** I will eat less. I will eat healthier foods. I will thank God for my body.

9. **Today I Will Grow Spiritually.** I will spend more time in prayer. I will find a quiet place and listen to God's voice!

10. **Today I Will Celebrate Forgiveness in Christ** even when I don't live up to the other nine hints listed above!

Hope can spring eternal. That is God's promise to you. Be blessed!

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



Praying for good government

Clarkston Mayor Sharron Catalo leads a prayer for the government at the National Day of Prayer breakfast, at St. Daniel's Catholic church on May 1. Photo by Trevor Keiser

PUBLIC NOTICE

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NORTH OAKLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

PUBLIC NOTICE NORTH OAKLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY PROPOSED STATE AND FEDERAL SECTION 5316 APPLICATION FOR 2009 JOB ACCESS AND REVERSE COMMUTE OPERATING, CAPITAL AND MOBILITY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE

All citizens are advised that North Oakland Transportation Authority has applied for 2009 Job Access Reverse Commute Federal Section 5316 and matching state dollars for operating and capital assistance for job access transportation services. The total Capital Budget requested is \$136,000 for three replacement vans with wheelchair lifts, mapping system and leases. The total operating budget requested is \$325,410 for maintaining current services and reestablishing cut weekend service for the disabled, seniors, low income and transit dependent residents.

The Job Access Reverse Commute application is on file at North Oakland Transportation Authority, 720 James W. Hunt Drive, Oxford, MI and may be reviewed during a 30-day period (May 15, 2008 to June 15, 2008) between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Written comments regarding the plan must be received by June 15, 2008. MDOT will be notified of any changes made after the due date. Submittals should be mailed to North Oakland Transportation Authority, 720 James W. Hunt, Oxford, MI 48371.

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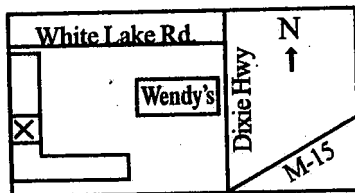
Dr. Staniszewski and Dr. Clancy are licensed

to prescribe medications to treat conditions of the eye. The doctors are highly trained and experienced in the co-management of Lasik and treatment of eye disease as well. Also, they are members of the Clarkston community. Perhaps you've seen them around town or at school functions, as they both have children in the Clarkston school district. Stop by and say hello if you're in the area that day, and see what we have to offer at Advanced Eye Care of Michigan!



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Local women step up

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According to the American Cancer Society, an estimated one out of seven women in the U.S. will develop breast cancer in her lifetime.

Each year, thousands of women and men make a commitment to help end breast cancer by participating in the Breast Cancer 3-Day 60-mile walk, in 14 cities throughout the U.S.

To participate, each walker must raise a minimum of \$2,200 to benefit Susan G. Komen for the Cure and the National Philanthropic Trust Breast Cancer Fund.

For years, Davisburg resident Sandy Rombach had the desire to participate in the walk, but, the fundraising requirement made her nervous.

Last year, Sandy and her co-worker, Bernadette Castillo of Clarkston, put their fears about fundraising aside and completed the 60-mile walk.

Bernadette said, "After attending the presentation to learn about the walk, and seeing what women with breast cancer endure, I felt I just had to do it."

"Last year's walk was an amazing experience. I didn't expect so much support. We met survivors all along the way. It was a very emotional three days filled with so many tears. As soon as it was over I knew I'd have to sign up to do it again."

Advice from Sandy, "Don't let fundraising scare you away. So many people are willing to support this cause."

During the first day, local boy scouts and high school students set up tents. After a full day of walking, everyone arrives at camp and portable showers are available for all.

Last year's route wove through Farmington Hills, Farmington, Plymouth, Livonia, Canton and Dearborn with the closing ceremonies at the Henry Ford Museum.

Along the way, the cities have welcoming banners, the business employees and local residents' line up to cheer them on, hand out popsicles, snacks, water, and offer to spray you with a hose if you're overheated.

The fundraising event at Terri King's Salon & Day Spa last year was instrumental in helping Sandy and Bernadette exceed the \$2,200 per person required prior to walking.

Lend a Hand



A Column by Michelle Phaup

This year the fundraising has been a little slower. "We have many people who are planning on donating and supporting us again this year, but, it's a little tougher for people with this economy."

The Terri King Salon & Day Spa will host their Second Cut-a-Thon to benefit the 3-day walk on Saturday, May 17th from 9 am - 3 pm.

For only \$10 you can choose between a haircut, a 10-minute massage, or a buff and nail polish.

To support the cause, just show up. Donated gifts from local businesses will be arranged in gift baskets and sold, as well. All monies collected will benefit the cause. If you're interested in donating, please call (248) 623-5464.

This year the Michigan 3-Day Breast Cancer walk is September 26-28, 2008.

Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation: (800)-IM-AWARE or www.The3day.org

Michelle Phaup, founder of Lend A Helping Hand, enjoys helping people and working for a worthwhile cause. To share a story about someone who can benefit from help within the community, email: Michelle@LendAHelpingHand.org. For information on Lend A Helping Hand: www.lendahelpinghand.org.



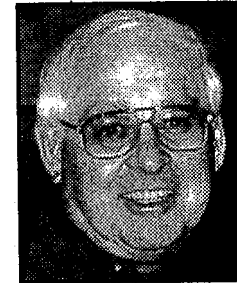
Bernadette Castillo and Sandy Rombach are training for the 3-Day walk to fight cancer. Photo submitted

David Robert Randall

David Robert Randall of Clarkston died suddenly on May 1 at the age of 76.

He was the husband of Marilyn for 50 years; father of Thomas Randall of N.C., Mark (Ann) Randall of Rochester Hills and Dana Randall of Ann Arbor; grandfather of Matthew and Michael; preceded in death by his brother Richard.

Mr. Randall retired from Oakland Community College, Highland Lakes Campus as Professor and Chair of the Mathematics Department. He had previously taught at Clarkston High School. He enjoyed golfing and traveling.



Private family services have been held. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Sons Funeral Home, Clarkston.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in his name to the OCC Foundation can be made by visiting Wint, through the Online guest book at www.wintfuneralhome.com, or to the Michigan Humane Society.

Obituaries are updated daily at ClarkstonNews.com

SMILE OF THE MONTH



Amy Golembiowski

Amy is sixteen years old and is a Sophomore at Holly High School where she is a member of the Band and the Tennis Team. Amy's favorite part about having her braces off is her new smile and eating apples.

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Obituary

Patrick Joseph Clancy

Patrick Joseph Clancy of Town Village in Sterling Heights, formerly of Clarkston and Royal Oak, passed away May 6 at the age of 90.

He was the beloved husband of Arlene (Yageman) for 67 years; father of Gary (Rosa) of Roseville, Connie (Chuck) Sanner of Ariz., Gaile (Rich) Swiatowy of White Lake, Cheryl of Lake Orion, Donna (Jerry Tauer) of Clarkston, Kevin (Susan Sewell) of Warren, Robin (Thomas) Sulich of Royal Oak, Chris (Jim) Cleveland of Royal Oak and Kurt (Jackie) of Clarkston; grandfather of 26; great-grandfather of 19; brother of Theresa Ahearn and Bernice Krist; brother-in-law of Scottie Clancy; preceded in death by his son PFC Dennis Patrick, who died in action in Vietnam, and his siblings Marie, Bernard, Veronica, Charlie and Edna; loving uncle and friend to many.

Mr. Clancy had a long career as a tool



and die maker and was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion. He loved to play cards, go fishing, hear and tell a great story and was an

avid Tigers fan.

He served in the U.S. Army during peacetime and later in the U.S. Navy during WWII.

Visitation was May 9 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was May 10, Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford. Interment, Roseland Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Clarkston SCAMP.

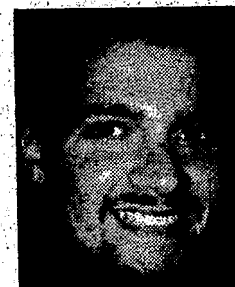
Online guest book, www.wintfuneralhome.com

Joshua David 'Josh' Vanicelli

Joshua David "Josh" Vanicelli of Clarkston went to be with the Lord May 8 after a long fought battle with cancer at the age of 23.

He was the loving Son of Jackie and Dan Vanicelli; brother of Stephanie and his twin sister Danielle Vanicelli; beloved grandson of Louise and Bart Vanicelli; preceded in death by his grandparents Edith and George David; fiancée of Lindsay Green; also survived and loved by many extended family and friends.

Visitation was May 10-11 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston.



Celebration of Life Service was May 12 at the Clarkston Community Church. Interment, All Saints Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan.

On line guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com

Evelyn P. Treece

Evelyn P. Treece of Black River, formerly of Clarkston, passed away Feb. 14 while vacationing in Florida at the age of 77. She was the wife of Thomas; mother of Pat Palmer & Jerry (Kim) Fair; step-mother of Angela Tomczak and Amy Treece; also survived by 12 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Memorial service, Thursday, May 29, at 6 p.m. at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may



visit from 5-8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice House or American Cancer Society. Online guest book

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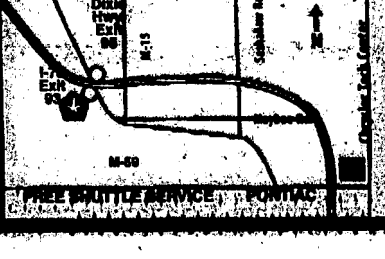
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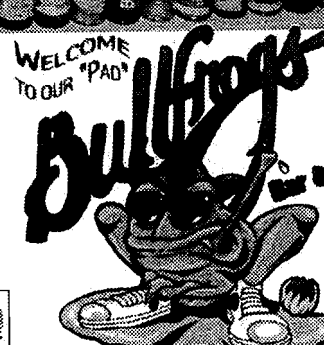


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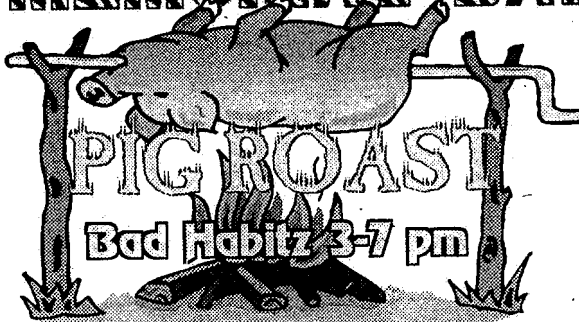


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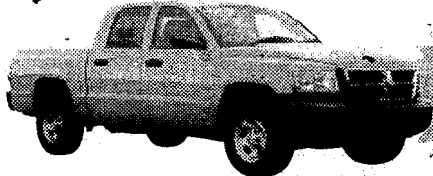


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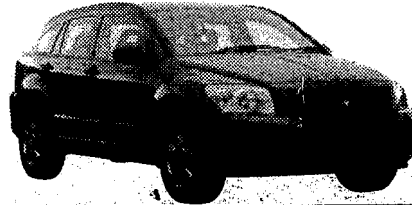
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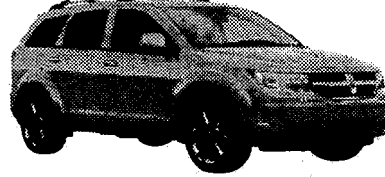
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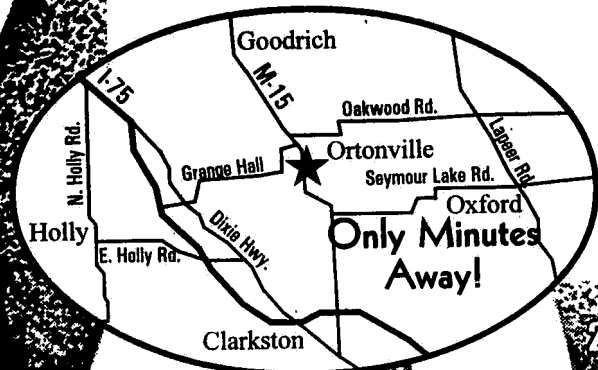
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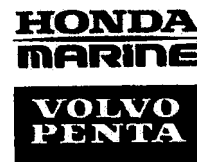
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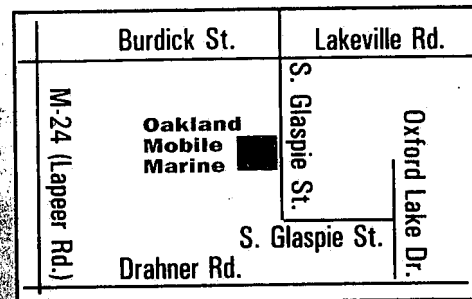
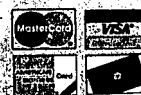


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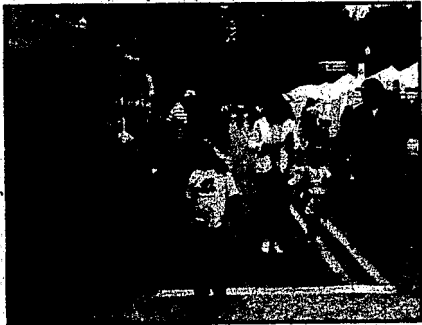
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Flower Fair on May 17-18

Historic downtown Lake Orion will present the 7th annual Flower Fair, Home & Garden Marketplace the weekend of May 17-18. The hours for this year's Fair are the same as last year: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Saturday, and 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Sunday. The premier sponsor for the 2008 event is T&C Federal Credit Union. Vendor sponsors include Gutter Toppers; Hometown Pool, Spa & Patio; Jacobsen's Garden Town; Northern Flooring & Interiors; Orion Stone Depot; Renewal by Andersen; Sherman Publishing; and Total Basement Refinishing.



84 booths will line the 4-block intersection of Broadway and Flint Street. Vendors will offer everything from flats of flowers, perennials, shrubs, and herbs to stone work, garden art, outdoor furniture, and home remodeling. Local churches will offer home-baked goodies and provide wagons to transport purchases to your car. Fair food will include kettle corn, ice cream, hot dogs, and soft drinks. Sidewalk café dining will also be available at CJ's Lakeside Grill and Poppyseed's

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Bring the family, because there will be entertainment for everyone. Radio Disney will create a lot of excitement on Saturday from 3-5 p.m. The Sugarbuzz Pink

Elephant will be loose on the streets on Sunday, and the Sweetapple Theater Group will also be performing that day. Rainbow the Clown (aka Orion High's Kyle Goodall) will be entertaining kids with his balloon-making skills both days. And

be sure and check out chainsaw carvers Steph Collin and Tom Fink, who will make some noise at the Orion Art Center, creating their unique wood sculptures. The little ones will enjoy riding Tina's party ponies, jumping on the moonwalk, and playing arcade games.

In conjunction with the Flower Fair, the Orion Art Center will host "Art in Bloom", an all-media art fair with artists' booths on S. Broadway. \$500 in cash awards will go to the best creations. The Art Center, 115 S. Andersen, will also be open, featuring an exhibition of Joan Brace Scholarship winners.

A little history...

The Village of Lake Orion was founded in the early 1800's, and through the years has been home to a vibrant downtown, nestled on the shores of Lake Orion.

The Village government includes the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) that operates to direct the development of all public facilities and enhance the business district.

The DDA includes Downtown Lake Orion (DTLO), a Main Street Oakland County community, using the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Main Street program.

The program is dedicated to enhancing business in the Village, now and into the future.

The Role of the DDA and the Village Council

The Village Council approves the budget of the DDA on an annual basis and appoints DDA board members.

The DDA is funded through tax increment financing, has a nine-member board, and operates independently from the Village Council.

The DDA oversees the Main Street

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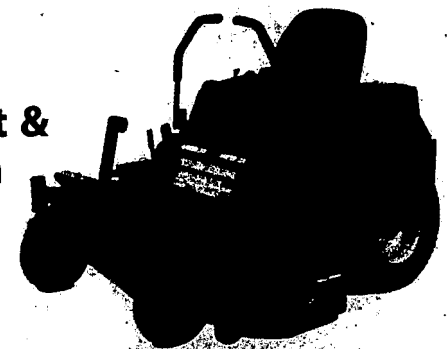
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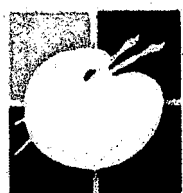
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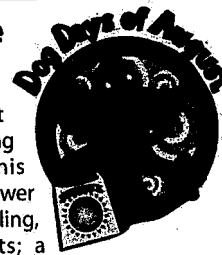
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Sara Frank

Sara will be available to discuss her work and display sample tiles on Saturday, May 17th during the Lake Orion Flower Fair. The artist can be found at the DDA tent, which will be located at the intersection of Broadway and Flint Street. For more information, visit the Iguanaworks web site at www.iguanaworks.com

All Dog Alert for Lake Orion Area Canines!



Make sure your human pets don't miss any of the special events going on in Downtown Lake Orion this spring & summer. May 17 & 18 is Flower Fair. Plants, flowers, home remodeling, cooking and art for the adults; a moonwalk, arcade games, pony rides, clowns, pink elephants, snacks and Radio Disney for the kids. And new this year - two crazy guys making cool stuff out of logs with chainsaws.

Your tails will be wagging in time with the music at the popular Gazebo Concert Series, Wednesdays at 7 pm, July-August in Children's Park. There's a list of performers on page 8 of this puppy training product. (Note to self: Talk to Village Council about that "no dogs in the park" ordinance.)

August 7-9 is my favorite special event: Dog Days. Two



days of doggone good deals during downtown sidewalk sales, followed by the famous Doggie Parade on Saturday morning. Pooches can win prizes by demonstrating their skills at the talent contest, your owners can buy pet accessories from the vendor tents, and one lucky dog will be selected as the next Doggie Mayor.

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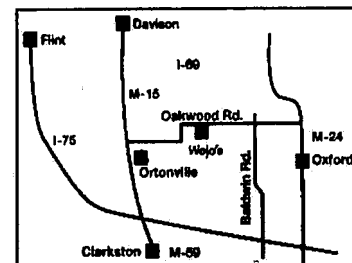
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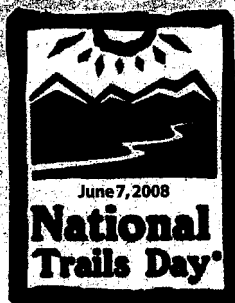
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For more than four years, Wireless Toyz has been proud to serve many of the Oxford/Orion area's technological needs.

"We want to thank everyone for their loyal support," said Joey, Frank and Richie Manni, managers at Wireless Toyz.

Staying in touch in this wireless world of ours can be a somewhat daunting task. So much information to keep track of, so many electronic gadgets to choose from.

Fortunately, Oxford/Orion area residents can find everything they need to stay connected at Wireless Toyz. Apple iPhone 8G or 16G is now available for T-Mobile or international use. Apple iPhone unlocking is also available. Ask for details.

From cell phones and PDAs to air cards and wide variety of wireless carriers, Wireless Toyz offers something to fit virtually everyone's need to stay connected.

Times are tough in Michigan these days. Everyone's looking to save money.

To help out, Wireless Toyz offers discounts on monthly bills and free activation for certain organizations and folks such as local businesses and their employees, police officers, firefighters, government employees, Big Three auto workers, Home Depot employees, etc.

"You can get up to 35 percent off your monthly bill depending on who your employer is," Manni said.

Wireless Toyz offers rate plans for a variety of wireless carriers including Verizon, Sprint/Nextel, T-Mobile and AT&T.

Probably one of the best services to have in these challenging economic times is metroPCS.

MetroPCS offers plans starting at \$30 per month all with unlimited calling.

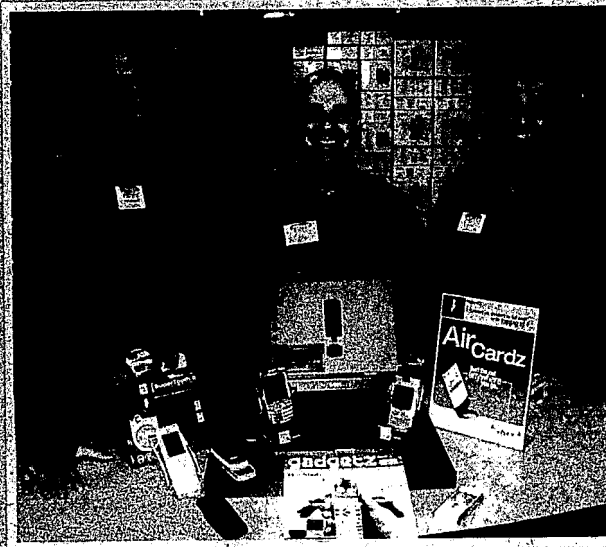
With metroPCS there's no contract to sign and no credit check to pass. Activation fees are included and the first month's bill is included.

"You never know if you'll need to cancel your service

for some reason," Manni said. "With metroPCS you're not locked into a contract or committed to anything. Plus, there is a 30-day trial period."

Wireless Toyz is the only place that offers metroPCS in the Oxford/Orion area.

"It's unbeatable," Manni said.



Frank, Joey & Richie Manni - your wireless experts.

For people who need a cell phone for emergencies only, Manni suggested T-Mobile To-Go - a prepaid service for as low as \$10 a year.

"You get a brand new phone with a one-year war-

ranty," Manni said.

For those who want the ability to use their wireless phone anywhere in the entire world, Wireless Toyz carries "world phones" which work with GSM carriers like AT&T, T-Mobile, Verizon and Sprint.

Think getting a phone that works at any point on the globe is impressive?

How about having the ability to watch your home television from anywhere nationally or internationally?

Wireless Toyz sells slingboxes that can make it happen. Installation is available.

A slingbox is a TV streaming device that enables users to remotely view their cable, satellite or personal video recorder programming from an internet-enabled computer or PDA, cellphone with a broadband connection.

For those seeking wireless broadband internet access, Wireless Toyz has air cards and internet packages available for any home or laptop computer starting at \$49.99 per month with nationwide unlimited access.

Wireless Toyz also carries Linksys wireless routers, compatible with wireless data air cards. This is a device capable of sharing a wireless internet connection amongst several computers. "This creates a WiFi hot spot within the whole house," Manni explained.

Those who like listening to MP3 music files on their wireless phones will be happy to know Wireless Toyz has a wide selection of Bluetooth headsets that are MP3 capable.

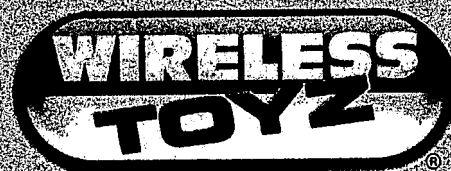
And Bluetooth headsets have come down quite a bit price-wise. They now start as low as \$19.99.

"The lowest price last year was about \$50-\$60," according to Manni.

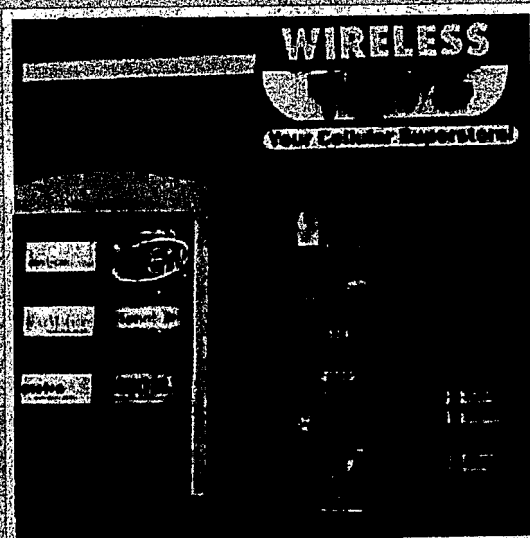
Need to store and move data?

Wireless Toyz has got you covered with memory cards ranging from 128 megabytes all the way up to 4 gigabytes.

Memory cards are the perfect way for people on the go to store data ranging from Excel spreadsheets to MP3 files to photos.



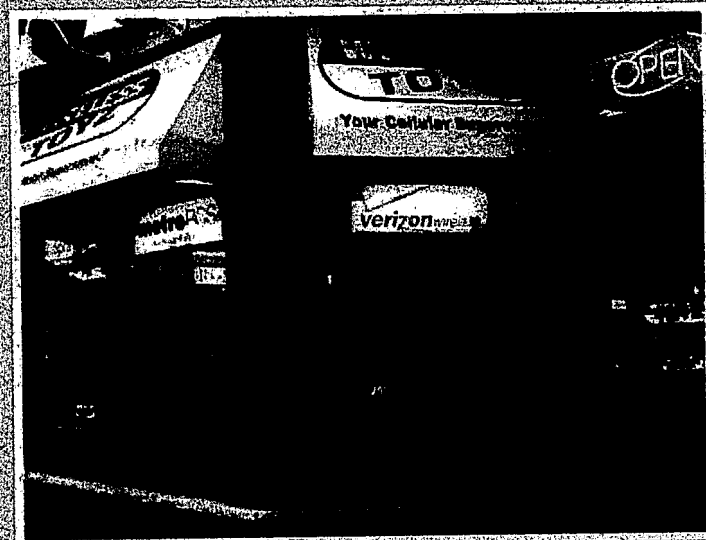
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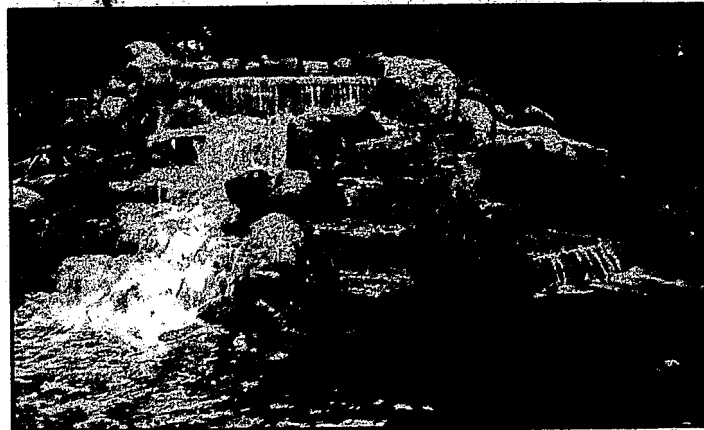
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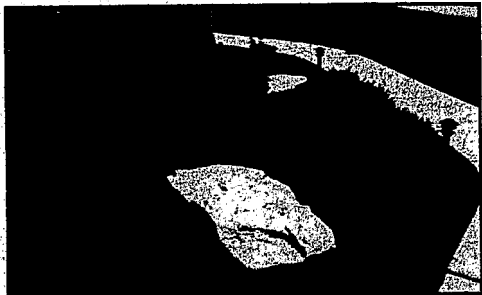


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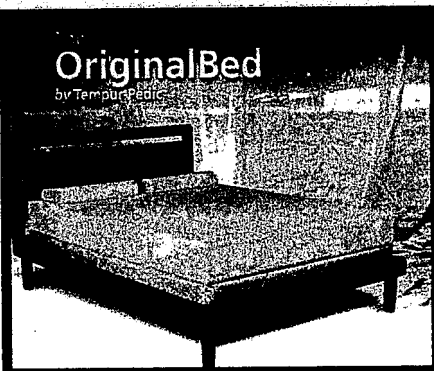
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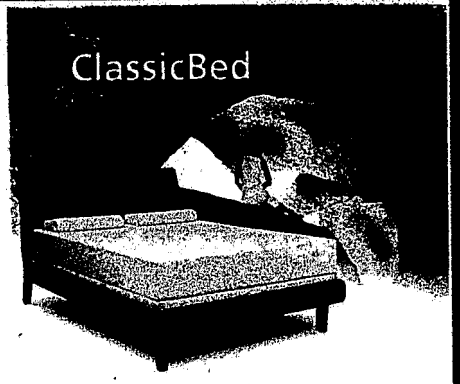
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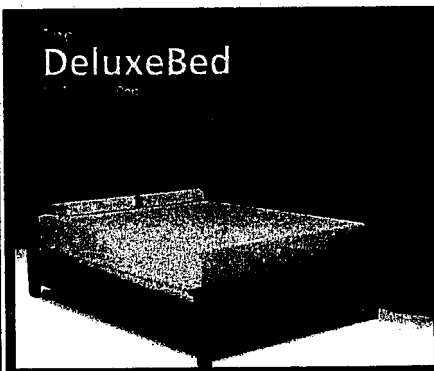
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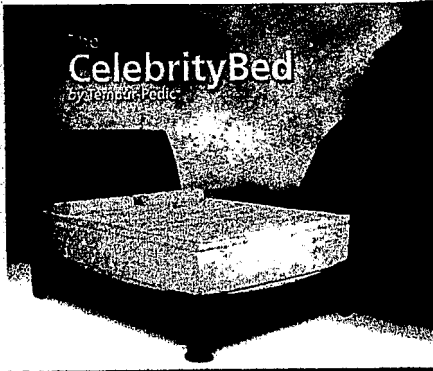
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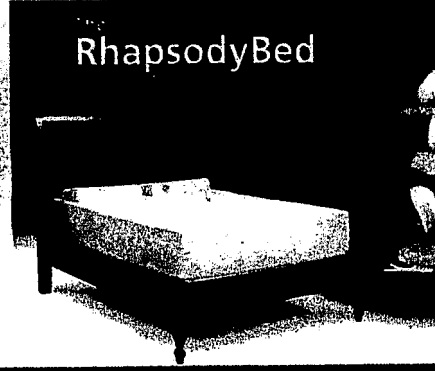
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