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## Prom in the park

Hope Foreman and Derek Betts wait for friends to join them for photos last week on the Friends of Depot Park Bridge. Hundreds of Clarkston seniors and their families converged on Depot Park for the traditional before-prom gathering. Please see page 8A for more pictures. *Photo by Laura Colvin*



## Art teacher earns honors

Clarkston Junior High School art teacher Claudia Keglovitz was named Teacher of the Year during a reception breakfast Tuesday, hosted by Clarkston Foundation. Nominators said Keglovitz is "part of the heart and soul of our school," and "gives students opportunities to experiment and learn there is no right or wrong and that anything created with passion and heart is beautiful." Check [Clarkstonnews.com](http://Clarkstonnews.com) for more information and next week's print edition of *The Clarkston News* for full story. *Photo by Laura Colvin*

# Changes come to downtown Clarkston's Main St.

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Downtown Clarkston shoppers may have noticed changes on Main Street, with The Chocolate Moose now gone and Essence on Main opening soon.

Main Street is experiencing what Mayor Sharron Catallo calls "transition."

"It isn't a new thing for us to have a business go out and a new one coming in," said Catallo. "It's always a horrible thing to lose a business."

Declining sales made it impossible to pay rent and utilities, said Chocolate Moose owner Christie Kojima.

"I couldn't do it anymore," Kojima said. "I'm really sad to be

gone."

But she'll still make chocolate, she said.

"I can make it in smaller batches and special orders as needed, without the huge overhead," she said.

She stayed open an extra two weeks to avoid disappointing Clarkston second graders during their annual tour on downtown, she said.

"I didn't have the heart," said Kojima. "I enjoyed having them."

She will take orders on the web, [www.Moosechocolate.com](http://www.Moosechocolate.com), and encourages customers to sign up on her email list so she can let them know where they can find her chocolate.

"I'll send out an email blast," she said.

Down the road, Essence on

Main, 4 South Main St., is getting ready for their grand opening.

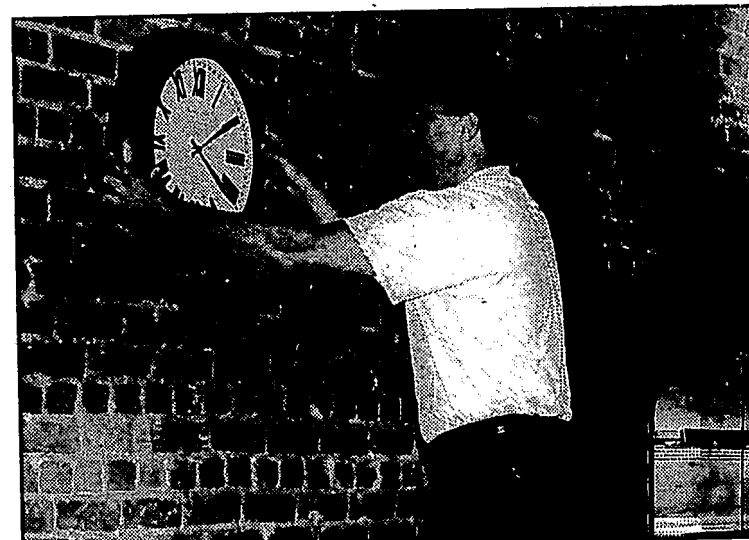
"We'll have it later in June," said Dave Donnay, who owns the business with his wife, Joan Donnay.

They will offer organic food, packaged, gluten-free products, locally produced items, whole grain breads, and other healthy choices, Joan said.

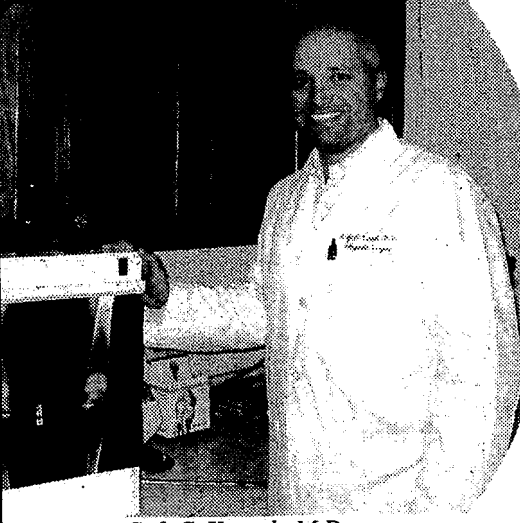
Catallo said she doesn't expect The Chocolate Moose building, 23 S. Main St., to remain empty for long.

"It's been great having them there and they will certainly be missed, by all of us chocolate lovers," she said. "We appreciate that they've been there and they've

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Dave Donnay sets a clock in place in the new Essence on Main shop in downtown Clarkston. *Photo by Phil Custodio*



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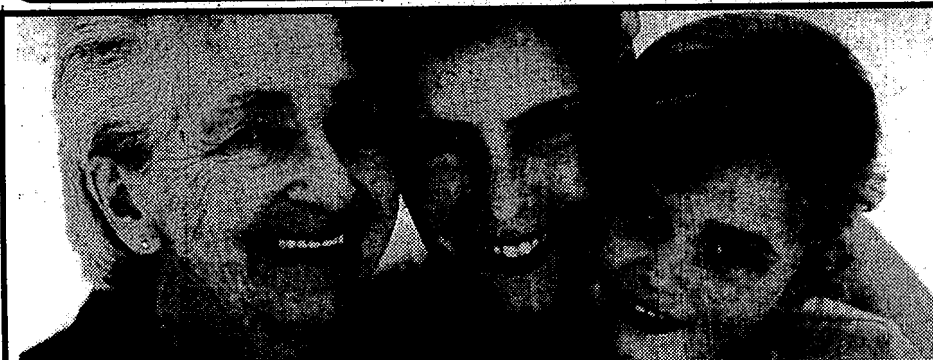
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## Pretty as a picture

Mary Beth Huttenlocher, right, and Joyce Figa, along with a number of other Clarkston Farm and Garden Club members, planted Hibiscus trees, petunias and sweet potato vines in downtown Main Street planters Thursday. The group fills the planters every spring. Photo by Laura Colvin

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### Celebrate life with Healing Hearts

Wint Funeral Home hosts Healing Hearts Grief Support Group for all ages for those who have recently lost a loved one. 7 p.m., June 10.

For the special "Celebration Of Life" meeting, bring a photograph of your loved one and bring or wear a memento reminding you of that special life. Family and friends, as well as children, are encouraged to attend.

A balloon release will be part of the ceremony. Emily Trahan, bereavement counselor for Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, will lead the meeting at the Carriage House, Independence Township Senior Center complex in Clintonwood Park, Clarkston Road.

Walk-ins are welcome at the free meeting. For more information, call 248-625-5231 or email [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

### Bear picnic to feature sports theme

Independence Township Parks and Recreation hosts their annual Teddy Bear Picnic next Friday morning.

The picnic will be at Clintonwood Park Pavilion from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

The picnic will include a story, hot dog lunch, teddy bear craft, game stations, and teddy bear parade.

This year's theme is sports. Teddy Bears can be dressed in their favorite sports attire for the picnic. The picnic is open to children ages 2-6.

Tickets are \$6 for residents and \$9 for non-residents and can be purchased at Parks and Recreation, 90 Main Street, Clarkston.

For more information, call 248-625-8225.

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## Carriage ride through Clarkston

A horse-drawn carriage joins Friday afternoon traffic from Depot Park through downtown Clarkston, as Daniel and Shay Russell take their first trip together as man and wife. "Depot Park is gorgeous," said the former Shay Staten. "The new bridge is beautiful." Charlie Warne, owner of Pinecrest Carriage Service of Lapeer, chauffeured the couple. Photo by Phil Custodio

## Another try for Beaumont plan

BY TREVOR KEISER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Beaumont Hospital has decided to give Independence Township one more try, after meeting with township planners and Building Department.

Beaumont is working on a re-submittal of the project on M-15 at I-75, in hopes of finally moving ahead.

"I think we're making some progress," said Eric Hunt, vice president of operations for William Beaumont Hospital ambulatory services. "We're making some changes to the site plan and we'll probably be filing something sometime in June."

The only change for sure is removal of an assisted living facility, said Hunt, as discussed April 10 with the planning commission.

"We are definitely taking that out and changing the layout of the nursing home to increase the setbacks," he said. "We're hopeful with these changes that we're going to be able to accommodate the requests that were made at the last meeting to point

where it will be acceptable to the planners. If not, then I am not sure where we go from there."

Sam Moraco, planning commission chairman, said he assumes "they've addressed a lot of the concerns," if Beaumont is planning a comeback.

"I'm excited that they're coming back. I have always been hopeful we could work a deal with them because I feel that a lot of people in the community want them to be here," he said.

"Other than the neighboring properties, which are always a concern, the actual rest of the community seems to be in favor somewhat of a project."

Dick Carlisle, Independence Township planner, said he met twice with Beaumont since the April 10 planning commission meeting, when the conceptual site plan was rejected.

The first was a "debriefing" on what happen and some issues of concern. The second was about what some of the possible changes were, he said.

"At this point in time, I have not seen any resubmission, so I don't know what the response of that's going to be," he said.

"I think essentially the action the planning commission took made it very clear in terms of what the direction is, so at least that was helpful in being able to advise Beaumont that if they were to resubmit, that these were the kinds of things they needed to be thinking about."

If a re-submittal is submitted next week, Beaumont could be on the June 26 planning commission meeting. Otherwise, they can appear before the commission in July.

"We keep trying," said Hunt. "It's not like we're not responsive - we try to listen."

Beaumont's proposed, multi-stage Life Care Campus on 62.5 acres at the northwest corner I-75 and M-15 includes medical office building, ambulatory service center, laboratory, radiology department, imaging center, and 100-bed hospital.

The original plan, proposed in 2006, included a 200-bed hospital, and more building and parking space.

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According to Clarkston City Council, sidewalks along Holcomb need repair. Photo by Trevor Keiser

## How wide Clarkston sidewalks?

BY TREVOR KEISER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

After 12 times on the agenda and almost a year of discussion, Clarkston City Council still has not made a final vote on their much debated sidewalk ordinance. However, through an informal vote and discussion, they did make some headway on width.

Johnston, who wrote the ordinance, said five feet is the minimum recommended width by government agencies including United States Access Board, Federal Highway Administration, Safe Routes to schools, Michigan Department Of Transportation, and Michigan's Elder Friendly Communities.

"I just don't see spending money to put in less than anyone recommends," he said at the May 27 council meeting.

"It's not a town that I want people to drive through. I want them to walk there - I think a wider sidewalk encourages that."

However, the council voted 5-2 to amend the ordinance to require four-foot sidewalks. Johnston and Councilman James Brueck voted "no."

Mayor Sharron Catallo said wider sidewalks cause a safety concern by putting pedestrians closer to the road, cause "extensive" tree loss, and increases cost.

"We don't need to replace the entire sidewalk system. We need to repair things and we need to do it quickly because it's a necessity," she said.

"We aren't going to have anybody walking if we don't repair those sidewalks, so the width will really not matter."

Kristy Ottman, councilmember, suggested making the south side of Holcomb Road from West Washington Street to Depot Road a designated, five-foot-wide "walking area."

"That would allow for the entrance coming up Waldon for those who wanted to go through town and come up Washington," she said. "Those who are going south from the north end can traverse around by Deer

Lake."

Ottman voted in favor of four-foot sidewalks.

"If we do a five-foot section, by the time we get to another big section of sidewalk to replace at five-feet in 15 years, we're going to be replacing the one we just laid down," she said. "It's going to be a never ending cycle."

Michael Gawronski, councilmember, said he appreciates the five-foot safety paths put in by Independence Township, but believes five-foot sidewalks would "change the character of the village."

"I don't think people are going to be all that putout by losing a foot of sidewalk edge as they enter from the township because they'll know they're in Clarkston," he said. "They'll know they're in the village as a part of the character of the village, and I don't mind maintaining that character at the expense of one foot of sidewalk."

Repairs will be funded through Tri-Party funds, a cooperative funding mechanism between Oakland County, Road Commission for Oakland County and some Oakland County communities. They allow the city to designate improvement projects within RCOC rights-of-way.

Each of the three agencies provides one-third of the total improvement cost through the Tri-Party Program

Tri-party funds can be used for replacing sidewalks around county roads - in Clarkston, that means South Holcomb, Clarkston Road and M-15 between the horseshoe-shaped Middle Lake Road inlets.

The council also voted unanimously to put a special-assessment provision back into the ordinance, so if the city cannot pay for sidewalk repairs through general funds, then Clarkston homeowners could be assessed to help out with the cost.

"We will try our best to not ever have to do it that way," said Catallo.

# Year was Golden for junior high teacher

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

When students in Bill Gunther's Clarkston Junior High School classroom commented on dating rules set by their parents, the teacher could relate.

He didn't keep his memories to himself.

"I remember thinking, my friends are allowed to go out - it didn't seem fair," he said.

When discussing relationships and other personal issues in his health class, he often shares his own experiences with dating, marriage, and fatherhood.

"I think it's important for students to see you as a real person," Gunther said. "It's interesting to them, helps connect them to what we're talking about."

Students showed their appreciation for his approach by voting him this year's Golden Teacher at the junior high.

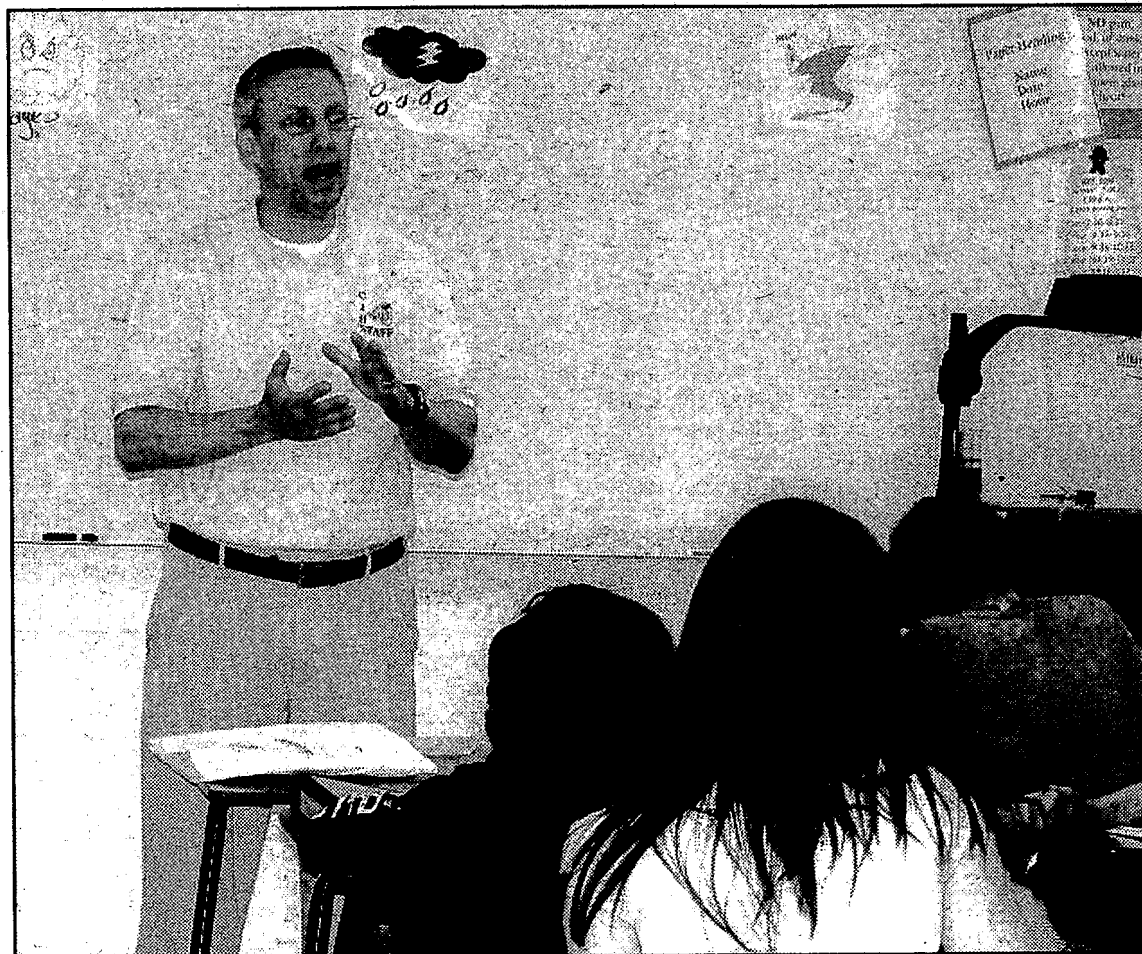
"He's an excellent teacher," said Principal Shawn Ryan. "He really has the kids' best interests in his heart. He takes it very seriously."

Organized by the school Student Leadership team, the award winner is determined by student vote. This year, they worked with Independence Township to bring in voting booths and ballot box.

Students voted during National Educators Appreciation week, May 5-9. The winner was announced May 9, Gunther was awarded two gift certificates, and will receive the official "Golden Apple" Trophy at the eighth-grade ceremony in June.

He has received employee recognition before, but the Golden Apple award is special, he said.

"The students voted on it," he said. "It was really nice. This is the



Bill Gunther, Clarkston Junior High School Golden Teacher award winner, leads his health class in a discussion. Photo by Phil Custodio

highlight of my career."

"He deserves it," said colleague Karen Culley, math teacher. "He sees the best in kids. He's a good guy."

"He's a really nice teacher," said Krista Deo, eighth-grade student. "I'm never bored in class. He does a good job."

"He tells a lot of stories to help us make decisions," said eighth-grader Matt Dellinger. "He talks about decisions he made, so we

don't make the same mistakes."

Gunther, who grew up in Waterford, attended Western Michigan University and Eastern Michigan University, where he earned his Master's Degree in Special Education.

He first went to school to become a medical doctor before deciding to go into education.

"I was in pre-med," he said. "I have a lot of respect for the medi-

cal profession. But I want to help prevent disease rather than treat it - I'm in the prevention business."

He worked as a substitute teacher in 1994 all over Clarkston Community Schools. The next year, he landed his first full-time teaching assignment with the Big Bay de Noc School District in the Upper Peninsula.

"It was a different experience - 280 kids in K-through-12th grade,

kids had a 38-mile bus trip," Gunther said. "We have more resources here. Teachers bought their own paper and other supplies."

He was offered a teaching job in Clarkston for the 1997 school year, so he and his wife, Leslie, a graduate of Clarkston High School, moved back to the Lower Peninsula, settling in Grand Blanc.

He taught science and health classes all over the district, kindergarten through eighth grade, before settling at the Clarkston Middle School five years ago, which became Clarkston Junior High School in 2005.

He covers a wide variety of health issues, including nutrition, physiology, safety, drug abuse, relationships, and sex education.

Health curriculum has changed over the past 10 years, moving from elementary to junior high and enduring changes to state requirements, but underlying values haven't, Gunther said.

"We stay within the community guidelines," he said. "This is a more conservative community. I tell it like it is, within boundaries."

Goals now are to be a good father to his and his wife's two young children, and be a good teacher, he said.

"I'm at the point in my career where my focus can be on being good at what I'm doing where I am," he said. "I have my Master's Degree. I'm not looking at going back to school."

His experience as a roving teacher lets him see many teaching styles and practices.

"I picked up little things, what works, what would work for me," he said. "I'm blessed to work with outstanding people."

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## Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

### Open house for everyone

We just finished hosting this year's second-grade tours of *The Clarkston News* offices on Main Street. Every year, Clarkston Community Schools students tour downtown, to learn about its history and see what goes on behind the scenes.

I'm impressed — the students seemed to appreciate what we have going on here, and they asked great questions.

"How do you know what you put in the newspaper is true," more than one asked.

"Well, we were there," I told them.

"Do you know about Henry Ford and the bank robbery?"

"Just what I read in the paper."

(*The Clarkston News* wrote about both in the 1930s, Henry building mills in Clarkston and gun-toting robbers holding up Clarkston State Bank like desperados from the Old West).

Brings to mind a thought: how about an open house for everyone else? I'm looking at 5-7 p.m., Friday, June 20, before the first Concert in the Park of the season.

Come on upstairs. I'll put on some coffee and spring for some cookies or something. Check out our newsroom, on the second floor of 5 S. Main St., overlooking downtown Clarkston ("a great location if you're a newspaper," I told the second graders).

Talk to me about what you want to see in *The Clarkston News*. What are we doing right? What are we missing? What do you want to see more of? What would you be happy never to see again?

Let me know.

Then we can go to Depot Park and listen to Rick and Dayna do their thing.

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My Brooksie Way training continues.

Invitation to join me in my quest to complete the half marathon without the help of an ambulance still stands. I run after work on Thursdays, at about 5:15 p.m. I have been checking for anyone interested in running along, but only hastily on my way out. I apologize if I missed anybody. I can go a bit farther and a bit faster than last month, but still nothing to get too excited about.

I still have 128 days, 20 hours, 42 minutes, and 40 second from now to prepare.



# The Clarkston News Viewpoints Community cares for its own

Dear Editor,

In early March, my 84-year-old father, Bob Heazlit, fell in his home in Clarkston and fractured his femur.

The Independence Township Fire Department responded to his medical alert and had to break into his front door to get him the help that he needed. At the time, I was living and working in Tennessee. I returned back to Clarkston and have been dealing with all the associated aspects of this situation.

Upon my return, I was contacted by Mike White about replacing my dad's front door. These good men of our fire department installed the new door at no charge to him. For someone on a limited income, this is a very big deal.

My dad has been a citizen of Clarkston, in the same house, for 50+ years, and has been an avid fan and consistent supporter of all the high school sports teams.

While I was working on dad's lawn, Dan Fife was out jogging, saw me, and stopped by to see how he was doing. He then took the time to visit my dad at Clarkston Specialty where he is recovering, accompanied by some of the basketball team.

I cannot tell you the impact this had on my

dad. It brings tears to my eyes writing about it.

Dad is also a regular at the Clarkston Big Boy. As he improves, I've taken him on outings, and he always wants to stop for a bite to eat there.

These folks treat him like a celebrity. He has received phone calls and visits from some of the waitresses there which are also a very big deal to him.

We have also received a greatly appreciated outpouring of support from dad's church, Christ the Shepherd Lutheran in Ortonville.

And not to be forgotten, the professional and personal care that dad has received at Clarkston Specialty has made all the difference in his recovery.

I would like to acknowledge the goodness in each of these random acts of kindness and assistance towards healing, mind, body and spirit, and extend my personal thanks to each and every one of you.

This is the beauty of living in a small town where every day interactions become more personal. This is the Clarkston I grew up in.

Graciously,

Tammie Heazlit  
Clarkston

### Letters to the editor

## Thanks for successful fundraiser

Dear Editor,

The Clarkston Area Lions wish to thank everyone for their support during our recent "White Cane Week." Through your generosity, we collected more than \$12,000.

All of the funds collected will be used to support many sight and hearing projects, including Leader Dogs for the Blind, Michigan Eye Bank and Transplant Center, Lions Bear Lake Camp for Physically Challenged Youth, Penrickton Center for Blind Children, Beaumont Silent Children Fund, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Madonna University's Office of Disability Resources, and the Lions Hearing Center of Michigan, just to mention a few.

Additionally, we support Clarkston Lighthouse, Offering Alternative Therapy with Smiles, Inc. (O.A.T.S), the Independence and Springfield township libraries, and SCAMP.

Money raised during White Cane Week also allows the Lions to provide eyeglass

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Lion Jerry Baumgart  
Clarkston Area Lions  
White Cane chairperson

## A Look Back

From *The CNews* archives

### 15 years ago - 1993

"Clintonwood Park to open new fields" Clintonwood Park held a grand opening event for the addition of four new ball fields and a concession stand.

"Deer breaks into Technical Center" A deer jumped through a plate-glass window and ran the halls of the Oakland Technical Center-Northwest until janitors escorted it out. Scuffed floors and the broken window were the only damages to the school.

"Little Allison makes medical history" A 3-year-old girl died of cardiac arrest caused by toxic shock syndrome and was resuscitated after 41 minutes of CPR.

"Candidates for school board pro-filed" Karen Foyteck was running for her second term on the Clarkston Board of Education, against Bill Craig, Bill McGregor, Lee Rogers, and Paul Van Klaveren.

### 25 years ago - 1983

"Troubled intersection" The intersection of Dixie Highway and Maybee Road had an increase in the amount of accidents becoming the third most dangerous intersection with 14 accidents.

"She's the tops" A Clarkston Junior High School girl was named "first in individual problem solving" and received 6th place at the international problem solving competition held in Cedar Springs, Iowa.

"Reading clinic offered by Oakland" For the first time Oakland University conducted a reading clinic for grades K - 6 in Clarkston.

"Independence ponders hiring township manager" After the resignation of township clerk Christopher Rose, Independence Township considered hiring a township manager with duties determined by the board.

### 50 years ago - 1958

"Clarkston High Graduates 107" The first graduating class exceeding 100 students held commencements in the high school gym.

"Miracle Mile, speedway opens Sunday, June 8" A raceway for children ages 4 to 15 years old was opened at S. Telegraph and Square Lake Road. Children drove motorized cars built by their fathers.

# Alaska's turning 50, wants visitors, not cards

That headline is the gist of what an article on Alaska reported in our recent Sunday paper.

And, I quote, "The summer tourist magnet is planning months of celebration, featuring some of the state's biggest bashes."

President Dwight Eisenhower signed the legislation making Alaska our 49th state, 50 years ago in June.

The promoters in Juneau better hope the power grid is restored by then.

If you read Jottings last week (how could you not?), you read that just a month ago an avalanche took down a mile of those huge, 4-posted power carriers, south of Juneau. A July restoration is hoped for.

With power costing about five times as much now, celebrants better bring candles.

Thank goodness several of my friends know I love local newspapers. Barbara Rockwell remembered me on her trip to visit her sister in Juneau.

One was the April 20, *Juneau Empire*. News emphasis was on the increase in the cost of electricity. Before the avalanche, Juneau had the lowest rates in Alaska. Now some homeowner rates have gone from \$100 to \$500 a month.

That's a lot of hurting when you consider most of the homes built in the boom following 1980 are heated with electricity. It was the most inexpensive heat . . . until

now.

And, forget about plug-in electric cars.

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This headline on page 6 caught my eye.

I don't hope to see one like it in this paper.

"You don't have to have peed in the Yukon to be a real Alaskan."

Part of the article is about the Cheechakos who live in places like Angoon and Tenakee Springs. They don't rely on hydropower.

But the Cheechakos of southeast Alaska have a way of strengthening their mind, body and soul. Some fools in the

**Jim's  
Jottings**



a column by  
**Jim Sherman**

lower states do this annually. The Tlingit people may do it daily, year around. (Polar bear plunges -- Brrr.)

*The Juneau Empire* has a whole lot of jobs posted in their classified pages. They also carry a whole lot of boats for sale.

The front page of *The Skagway News* has a picture of a caribou crossing the road by a Caribou Crossing sign.

Skagway is sort of a well-know name. I've certainly heard of it. After reading the 8-page tabloid newspaper, I looked up the

population.

680!

*The News* comes out twice a month, but I can't imagine a town of 680 in the lower 48 supporting a newspaper of any size. But it was in this paper I learned of the potential slowdown of visitors to Skagway when the new passport rules take effect. Skagway is an entry point to Alaska from British Columbia.

Questions have arisen regarding First Nations persons, and the many tribal cards they possess.

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*The Ely Echo* newspaper had an interesting story in its April 5 issue. People in that Minnesota town, bordering Canada, awoke April 1 to signs on posts reading: "Say NO, stop Canada! Keep Ely in Minnesota."

Seems the Chamber of Commerce hired people from a Twin Cities marketing firm to raise awareness about Ely, and drum up business for the summer tourism season. It worked better than expected, says Chamber Director Linda Fryer. Radio stations in Colorado, among others far away, carried the hoax.

"Most people quickly caught on -- realizing Ontario really had no plans to add Ely into the province -- some people fell for the ruse hook, line and sinker."

## The voice of a free people

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

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## Sashabaw Middle School appreciates teachers, staff

Dear Editor,

Staff Appreciation Week at Sashabaw Middle School has come and gone, but it was a great success!

We reached our goal of making each staff member feel appreciated and spoiled. The staff was treated to many nice surprises including a catered luncheon, catered breakfast, home baked cookies, muffins and other snacks throughout the week. They even found special treats in their mailboxes!

We ended the week with a raffle of nearly 40 baskets full of wonderful items! However, none of this would have been possible without the support and generosity of several people and area businesses who I would like to thank personally:

The Rib Rack of Waterford for lunch, the Sashabaw/Maybee Tim Horton's and the Mantha family for breakfast; Outback

Steakhouse; Laurie Alli and Fit Zone of Waterford and World Gym of Waterford; Jason and Chris at Caribou Coffee; Belle Visage Salon; First Impressions Salon; Angela Klebba and Partylite; Lisa's Connection Connection; the Chocolate Moose; Altair Engineering; Terry Rimatzki; Kelly Powell; Carrie Robar; and last, but certainly not least, all of our wonderful and very generous SMS families who donated gift cards, baked goods, snacks, pop and/or basket items.

There are truly too many wonderful people who helped throughout the week to mention in this space! If I have forgotten anyone, I apologize.

I know the teachers and staff of SMS are thankful for your generosity as well. It was a great week because of your support and I sincerely thank each of you.

Colleen Armstrong

Staff Appreciation Chairperson SMS



## Students honored by Optimists

Josh and Hannah Grindling, fourth-grade students at Independence Elementary, were awarded May Student Citizens of the Month by the Clarkston Area Optimist Club. The students were chosen for their good citizenship and caring attitude toward their fellow students. Photo provided



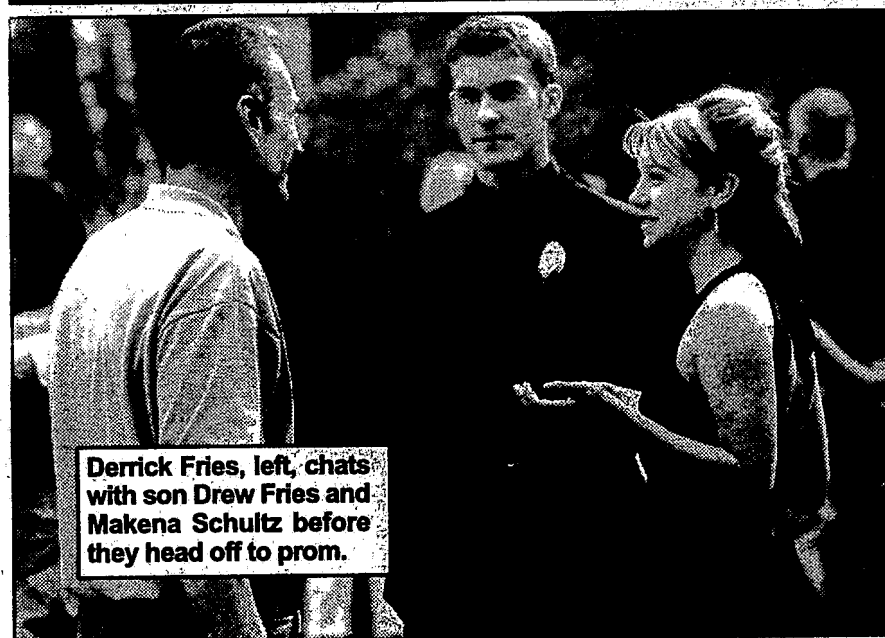
These seniors piled into the party bus for one more photo.



Sean Goebel and Heather Baron were all smiles.



Amanda Hoisington, left, and Kaity Jerolamon pose for a picture.



Derrick Fries, left, chats with son Drew Fries and Makena Schultz before they head off to prom.

# Prom's away!

Depot Park was awash in color Thursday as hundreds of Clarkston High School seniors—along with their parents, grandparents, siblings and friends—showed up for the traditional before-prom gathering.

Rows of limos and party buses idled along Depot Road as seniors posed for photos and met up with friends before heading off to the capstone event, this year at Rock Financial Center in Novi.

Want to see these and lots more before-prom photos in full color? Check out [Clarkstonnews.com](http://Clarkstonnews.com).

Photos by Laura Colvin



From left, Kaitlyn Warzybok, Kathy Warzybok, Valerie Dasbach and Gary Warzybok compare shots.



Brandon Mosher and Laura Mason share a smile.



The new Friends of Depot Park Bridge was a popular photo spot.



Sheri Frank helps Brian Gellish—daughter Lauren Frank's prom date—with his boutonniere.



## Independence Twp.

**Thurs., May 22** A 24-year-old Livonia woman filed a police report after someone stole her purse and car stereo from her unlocked vehicle during a concert at DTE.

An 18-year-old Dearborn woman was arrested and jailed on drunk driving charges after she was involved in a crash in the parking lot of DTE after a concert. The deputy who took the report noted the woman was "having a hard time walking," and her eyes were "very blood-shot." A PBT revealed the woman had a blood alcohol level of .22. The legal limit is .08.

**Fri., May 23** An Independence Township woman living in the 2500 block of Mann Road called police after discovering someone took a patio block from her neighbor's yard and smashed the window from her car overnight. Nothing appeared to be missing from inside the vehicle.

A 32-year-old woman living in the 5900 block of Rockcroft arrived at the substation with a black case containing a laptop computer, which she found while cleaning her yard. Police discovered the computer belonged to a doctor out of St. John's Hospital in Macomb, who reported the computer missing with Waterford police Jan. 28.

**Sat., May 24** Deputies were dispatched to check on the welfare of an Independence Township man living in the 5500 block of Parview. His mother called and said she was not able to reach her 47-year-old son, who had been re-

# Public Safety

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

leased from alcohol observation the previous day. Upon entering the man's apartment, police found him sleeping heavily under the influence of alcohol and prescription medication.

A 35-year-old man living in the 6600 block of Weston Court called police after discovering someone stole sunglasses and a radar detector from his unlocked vehicle overnight.

A 23-year-old Independence Township man was arrested and jailed on drunk driving charges after he was pulled over for speeding shortly after midnight near Maybee Road and Clintonville.

**Tues., May 27** An Independence Township man filed a police report after a former business partner called his phone a number of times threatening to "beat his head in" and that he better "move out of the state." The man told police the threats began when the business filed bankruptcy.

A 69-year-old Independence Township man living in the 7200 block of Deerhill Drive was arrested and jailed on domestic violence charges after his 44-year-old girlfriend called police complaining the man choked her after she accused him of being unfaithful. The couple had at-

tended a Detroit Piston's game earlier, and both were intoxicated. Once the woman learned the man was going to jail, she stopped cooperating with police.

An Independence Township man called 911 after accidentally hitting and killing a 1-year-old Chihuahua that ran into the road in front of his vehicle. The man was approached by the dog's 17-year-old owner, who yelled at the driver and punched him in the chest. After police arrived to diffuse the situation, the man said he did not wish to press assault charges against the dog's owner because he understood the youth was upset about his dog. The youth's mother told police the dog runs into the road all the time.

**Thurs., May 29** A woman called police after discovering someone stole her purse from a bowling alley in the 6600 block of Dixie Highway while she bowled with her children. Police were able to obtain video of the thief from the business manager, and were looking for the responsible person. The purse was later found in a dumpster on the south side of the building, minus \$270 in cash and an emerald pendant valued at about \$300, according to the woman.

## Springfield Twp.

**Wed., May 14** An employee at a gas station on East Holly Road called police after a woman purchased gas and pulled away without removing the nozzle from her vehicle, causing the hose to tear. The employee said the woman then hung the hose up and drove off. Another customer provided the license plate number, and the car's owner—the woman's boyfriend—was contacted.

**Sun., May 18** Deputies responding to the second alarm in two days at the Road Commission for Oakland County discovered two pigeons flying inside the building were activating the new system. The birds flew out when a representative from RCOC opened the bay doors.

Two students from Oakland Vocational School were facing the possibility of assault charges after they admitted to hitting another student, an 18-year-old Springfield Township man, in an argument over a stolen iPod.

**Mon., May 19** A 40-year-old Springfield Township man called police to report his right side cargo door glass broke out as he was driving west on White Lake Road between Mustang and Clement Road. The man said he didn't see anyone in the area, but the damage occurred from the wooded north side of the road.

**Wed., May 21** A real estate agent listing a home in the 9000 block of Kelly Lake Drive  
Please see Police on page 21A

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# Clerk candidate says Springfield needs sense of community

BY LAURA COLVIN  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Laura Moreau says she's never been one to walk away from a problem or wait for someone else to solve it.

Instead, she's inclined to roll up her sleeves, gather facts and find answers.

"I didn't ever think I'd run for public office," said Moreau, 38, explaining her bid for the clerk's office in Springfield Township. "But hearing that we're losing Nancy Strole and Collin Walls—that was probably the biggest factor in my decision."

Strole, the township's current clerk, and Walls, the current supervisor, both plan to retire in November.

As potential clerk, Moreau lists development of the Dixie Highway Corridor and revitalization of the Davisburg Hamlet among her priorities—both projects, she said, will help bring a much-needed sense of community to Springfield Township.

"I'd love to see something like a VG's Market—a fruit and vegetable market—along with some restaurants and other mixed-use development," she said, careful to point out that she's not an advocate of sprawling development and believes it's best to contain growth to the Dixie Highway Corridor between I-75 and Davisburg Road area, and, additionally, to the area immediately surrounding the East Holly Road interchange.

In the Hamlet, she said, a little work could go a long way.

"I know there are challenges with the septic and the high water table, and the area is surrounded by nature preserves," she said. "But it would be nice to revitalize it a little bit, maybe see a coffee shop, or a sandwich shop—a place to gather and meet."

It's important, she continued, to establish such gathering places.

"Our identity is that we have this gorgeous natural rural community," Moreau said. "But when you finish at church, you don't go to the coffee shop or go and gather anywhere. There's no clear identity—it's something we're missing and we have a big opportunity to change it."

Fire and police protection, as well as road safety, are also priorities.

"As much as I love hitting just one traffic light between my home and the I-75 interchange, I have seen too many accidents and near misses around Dixie and Davisburg Road," she explained. "As we plan for redevelopment along the Dixie Highway Corridor, we need to take a serious look at adding a light by the Kroger complex."

Moreau and her husband Pete moved to Springfield Township from Rochester Hills several years ago. The couple has a 7-year-old son and 4-year-old daughter.

"When my family moved to Rochester in 1976, it was the country," she said. "I grew up there, and thought I'd never leave. But I watched it change—today, you step outside your lot and you're surrounded by traffic congestion and strip malls."

Although the family escaped the daily bumper-to-bumper grind, the move wasn't seamless.

But faced with issues like second-story doorwalls leading to nowhere and residents who wanted to mow beyond lot lines and into protected areas, Moreau got involved with her homeowners association and took an interest in learning about Springfield's long-term planning efforts, ordinances and natural resource protection.



Laura Moreau

Her interest and dedication to her neighborhood paid off as Moreau, serving as president of the association, presented thorough research and coordinated between the builder, developer, and township board to resolve a number of problems.

Moreau's efforts were recognized and appreciated by the board, and in October she was appointed to fill a vacancy on the planning commission.

Although the process has been learn-as-you-go, Moreau said she's picking up information quickly and enjoying the work.

"I don't want to lose what we have in our township," she said. "The more you get involved, the more you see how much has already been accomplished. The township already has a comprehensive forward-thinking master plan in place, and I would hate to

see the pendulum swing the other way."

While the township board recently discussed reducing supervisor, clerk and treasurer positions to part-time and hiring a full-time manager to handle day-to-day operations, Moreau is running on a full-time platform.

"I think anyone who takes a close look at what is put on the clerk will see that the list of responsibilities is impressive," she said. "And not just because Nancy made it her interest—the statutory responsibilities alone are a full-time undertaking."

Moreau did say she would remain open to discussing the possibility of part-time elected officials in the future if the board decided a manager format was absolutely what we need.

"I'd be open to look at it," she said. "But I don't see how there's any cost savings. You'd need to hire more people to make up for work not getting done by a full time clerk."

Current Clerk Nancy Strole has announced she "strongly supports" Moreau to succeed her.

Moreau has a Bachelor of Business Administration, as well as a Master of Arts in Communication, and previously worked as a circulation manager at a local publishing company, an admissions counselor/recruiter at Wayne State University and as an adjunct faculty member at Oakland Community College.

She is involved with the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy, sits on the board at a local preschool and serves as an active member of her church.

Like each of the other 15 township board candidates to appear on the Aug. 5 primary ballot, Moreau is running as a Republican.

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Team members Dayton Wallis, Brandon Addis, Michael Abraham, and Makayla Toumi, with their coaches Carol Zorka and Anne Ortel. Photo submitted

## Problem solvers win first place

Pine Knob Elementary students Dayton Wallis, Brandon Addis, Michael Abraham, and Makayla Toumi earned first place in the Michigan Future Problem Solving State Bowl for creative presentation of their action plan.

The competition was April 19-

20 at Michigan State University. Students competed against teams from throughout the state as part of the Junior Division for students in grades 4-6.

The State Bowl capped a year-long program in which students learn to creatively seek, attack, and

solve problems about future. About 1,000 Michigan students worked on problems throughout the year.

The Pine Knob team worked on Simulation Technology, Neurotechnology, and Debt in Developing Countries.

— Phil Custodio

## Sashabaw earns Blue Ribbon honors

Sashabaw Middle School has been selected as a Blue Ribbon School of Michigan.

Michigan's Department of Education chooses the award recipients through peer review committees and a site verification visit.

Established in 1982, the award is given to five schools each year and is based on the schools' commitment to education and improvement over a five-year period.

Elementary and secondary schools compete on alternate years to receive the honor.

Sashabaw Middle School was



presented the Blue Ribbon award in a June 2 ceremony.

— Ingrid Sjostrand

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## Senior Scholars honored

Clarkston State Bank honored 28 Senior Scholars from Clarkston High School and five distinguished graduates from Renaissance High School, May 20, at Deer Lake Athletic Club.

The students were selected based on scholastic performance, leadership skills, good citizenship, extra curricular involvement and integrity, said Vince Licata, principal for Clarkston High School.

J. Grant Smith, president and CEO of Clarkston State Bank, presented each student with a personalized engraved pen in recognition of their accomplishment.

Check next week's *Clarkston News* for coverage of Clarkston High School's June 4 graduation, and Renaissance High School's graduation, June 3.

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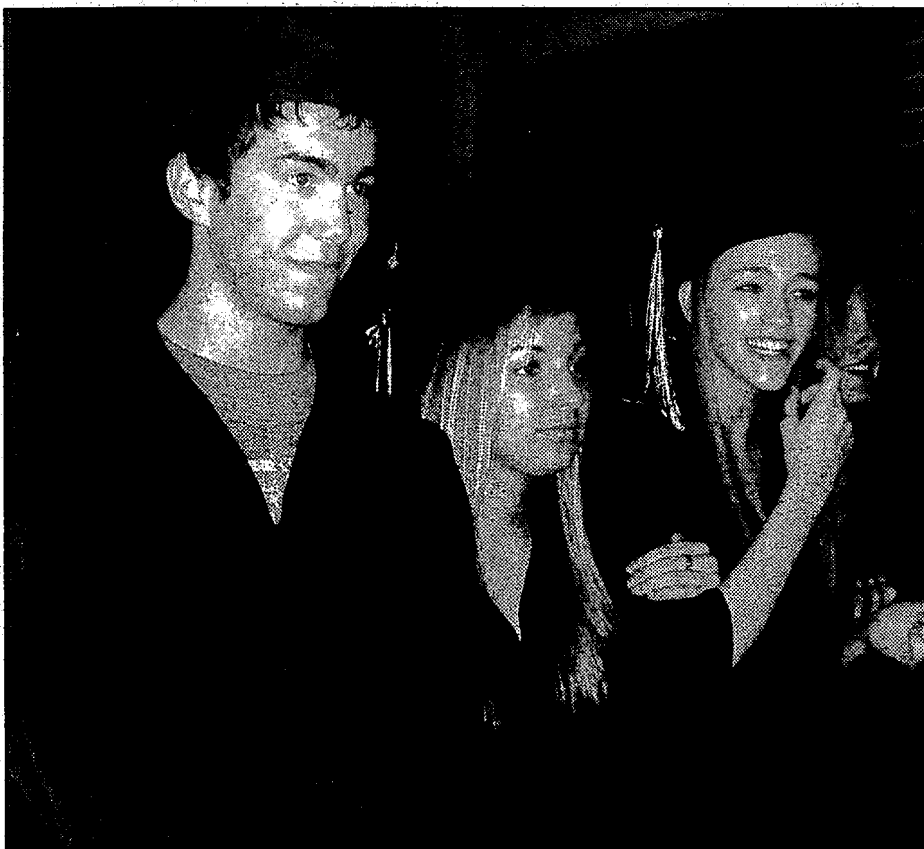
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From left, graduating seniors Jordan Zurek, Patricia Weiss, and Stephanie Thorstad enjoy one last walk through Clarkston High School as students.

## One last walk as Clarkston seniors

Clarkston High School graduating seniors enjoyed one last walk through the school hallways as students in the traditional Senior Walk.

Celebrating their last day of school, May 28, seniors picked up their caps and gowns, lined up, and walked through the hallways as parents, relatives, and friends cheered.

Following the Senior Walk, seniors enjoyed their Senior Picnic at Clintonwood Park.

— Ingrid Sjostrand



Seniors, decked out in their new caps and gowns, mingle with family and friends at their Senior Walk, May 28. Photos by Ingrid Sjostrand

## Reptile camps start June 16

Springfield Township Parks and recreation offers Team Reptile Summer Camps, including hands-on experiences with snakes, salamanders, turtles, frogs, and other wildlife.

Campers will also participate in educational activities such as developing charts, displays, and exhibits for the public. Participants will receive a T-shirt.

Participants must dress for exploring the outdoors, bring a sack lunch and a change of clothes everyday. A minimum number of participants are required for each camp. Registration is required one week before each start date.

All Camps dates are subject to change or cancellation. Full refunds will be issued if program is cancelled by the Parks and Recreation office.

Sessions are June 16-19, July 7-10, July 21-24, August 4-7, Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.- 2 p.m., at Mill Pond Park Pavilion, Davisburg.

Fee for campers 8 and older are \$100/residents, \$110/nonresidents, per camp.

For more information or to register, call Springfield Township Parks and Recreation, 12000 Davisburg Road, at 248-846-6558.

## Water ski clinic set for June 18

Davisburg's Spray Masters Water Ski Club and Show Team will teach techniques of water skiing and how to use the equipment, 6-8 p.m., Wednesday, June 18, Big Lake in Davisburg.

Maps to lesson location are available at Springfield Township Parks and Recreation.

A minimum number of participants are required. Registrater by Monday, June 16.

Participants must be at least 10 years old. Fees are \$32/resident, \$37/nonresident.

The Spray Masters are dedicating their June 26 performance to Springfield Township Parks and Recreation. The show is set for 7 p.m., Thursday, June 26, at Big Lake, Davisburg. Entry fee, \$3 general, free for children 2 and younger. For more information or to register, call 248-846-6558.

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## Crash close call for Kostins

BY LAURA COLVIN  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The woman who crashed her SUV into the vehicle containing a local judge and her family on Memorial Day may have been drugged.

The accident occurred just before 6:30 p.m. May 26 as 52-2 District Court Judge Kelley Kostin, Clarkston attorney Robert Kostin—along with their 13-year-old son and a friend—were making a quick trip for milk after returning from the pool.

At the intersection at Pine Knob and Clintonville Road, the Kostins watched as an oncoming white Trailblazer plowed into the back of a pickup truck stopped at the light.

The Trailblazer then went airborne for several seconds, said Bob Kostin, before landing on its left side and sliding through the intersection and into his Yukon.

Inside, the Kostins were shaken, but unharmed.

"It was a very scary moment," he said, noting the incident was the first car crash he's ever been involved in. "I knew she was going to hit us, but I couldn't get out of the way—all I could do was grab the steering wheel and hold on."

According to police reports, the Trailblazer was driven by a 49-year-old Independence Township woman, who told deputies at the scene she took "five Soma and two Vicodin tablets."

The woman's 12-year-old granddaughter, who was in the car at the time of the crash, crawled through a window and sat on a nearby curb as Independence Township rescue workers cut off the Trailblazer's roof to free the driver from inside.

Kostin initially told police the impact blew out the driver's side window of his Yukon,

but later realized the "bucket of glass" inside his vehicle was actually from the Trailblazer.

The warm weather, Kostin said, had prompted him to put his windows down moments before.

Deputies who questioned the Trailblazer's driver at the scene noted her speech was "slow and deliberate," and "she didn't remember anything about the crash and had a difficult time remembering her phone number."

A number of loose pills were also discovered in her wallet.

The pickup truck was driven by a 43-year-old Waterford man, who told police he also saw the vehicle approaching at a high rate of speed, and said he twisted his back and the impact caused his head to bounce off the truck's rear window.

Given his initial thoughts as the scene unfolded, Kostin said it was remarkable no serious injuries resulted from the accident.

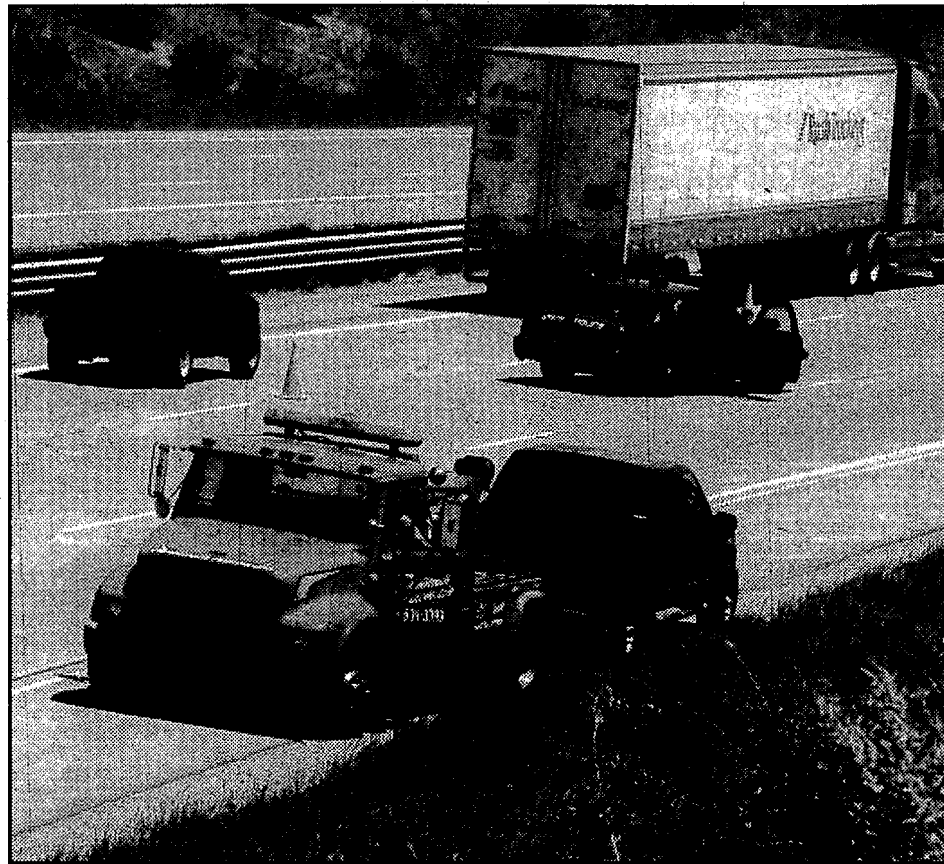
"I hope this never happens to anyone else," he said.

"It was like this slow motion event coming at us, and there was nothing I could do. I thought she was going to stay airborne and land on my hood. I thought she was coming right through my windshield."

The Trailblazer's driver, who did not immediately complain of injuries, was transported to Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital for a blood draw, which was sent to the Michigan State Police Crime Lab for analysis.

According to Oakland County Sheriff's Office Independence Township substation commander Lt. Dale LaBair, any charges will be determined by the county prosecutor's office pending test results.

Normal turnaround time, he said, is about 30 days.



Traffic is routed away from the investigation scene, as police collect evidence and a tow truck prepares to remove Richard Marshall's pickup. Photo by Laura Colvin



State Police officers photograph evidence. Photo by Trevor Keiser

## Man killed on I-75

Richard James Marshall, 54 of Waterford, was killed May 28 on I-75 in Independence Township

Michigan State Police, Independence Township Fire Department, Oakland County Sheriff's Office Independence Township substation and Clarkston Police responded to the scene.

According to state police, Marshall ran into traffic on southbound I-75 near the Holcomb overpass, between Dixie Highway and M-15 in Independence Township.

Witnesses told police Marshall parked his pickup truck along the shoulder of southbound I-75, exited the vehicle and squatted in front of the truck before jumping into the path of an oncoming minivan.

The man was thrown "several feet" by the impact, and died at the scene.

According to his obituary with Kinsey-Garrett Funeral Home, Royal Oak, he was a sales representative for Heimstad: Associates, married, with three children.

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Rafael Ortiz competes at the 2008 Victory Games, where he earned a first-place ribbon and two second places. Photo provided

## Athlete wins awards at Victory Games

Aaron Whatley, summer intern for Independence Township Parks and Recreation, coached athlete Rafael Ortiz to three ribbons at the Michigan Victory Games, May 15-18, Michigan State University.

Ortiz competed in three events, earning first place in the slalom course and two second-place ribbons in 100m and 200m races.

"It was excellent - I enjoyed being a coach, cheering on my athlete," Whatley said. "It turned out well."

Parks and Recreation organized the Independence Township Outlaws competitive sports team this year for the Victory Games, for athletes ages 7 and up with primary physical disabilities.

Goals for next year include getting sponsorships so they can train more often, and expand the program, Whatley said.

"We want to offer the same recreational opportunities the able-bodied have to those with disabilities," he said.

Ortiz has competed in track, field and recreational events for the past 12 years. Last year, he was nominated for the Michigan Victory Games Board as athlete representative. He was reelected for the 2008-2009 season.

The annual Michigan Victory Games are open to any individual with primary physical disabilities. Events include swimming, slalom, boccia, bowling, bicycling/ hand cycling, table tennis, power lifting, and track and field.

Independence Township Parks and Recreation will be signing up more athletes in September for the 2009 competition.

For more information, call Whatley at 248-625-8223.

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# Early lead not enough in season ender

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

After a second districts loss in two years to Avondale, Coach Phil Price will take time in the off season to reevaluate the team.

"The last couple years, we haven't played good baseball. We stopped playing Clarkston baseball," said Price.

"We don't play to win. We play to lose. We have to do a lot of reevaluating to do in the off season, what's happening now is not getting it done."

The season began with winning tournaments and lost momentum little by little until they lost to Avondale, 6-5.

"We don't pitch from behind the count," said Price.

"We pitch from ahead and that has been our demon all year, we beat ourselves. It's about getting the other team to beat you, instead of beating yourself."

Avondale scored their first run in the first inning.

The Wolves scored a total of five runs at the top of the second inning. Alex Navarre, Nick Shamoun, Tyler Scarlett, and Rob Sims brought in four runs.

Avondale hit a home run in the fifth inning that brought in two runs. Two in-

nings later they score three more runs to put themselves into the lead by one point.

The Wolves had one more chance at the top of the eighth inning, but were unable to tie the game.

"You have to tip your hat to Avondale," said Price. "Their kids battled and showed a lot of heart and went after things. They are a good team. We scored five runs in one inning and we didn't score the rest of the game. We had opportunities. We had guys on bases. We didn't get it done."

Scarlett hit a triple, a double and had one RBI. Joel Lange hit a double and had one RBI.

Alex Navarre, Shamoun and Sims had one RBI each.

Clarkston faced Avondale in a double header earlier this month. They won the first game 13-3 and then lost the second game.

The team faced Waterford Mott first on Saturday. The boys started the first inning with five runs.

Joe Preston and Luke Prudhomme had one RBI and Chris Mocerino had two RBIs in the first inning.

They continued the trend and beat Waterford Mott in six innings, 11-1.

The boys ended the season 16-15.



Joel Lange throws a pitch out to Waterford Kettering in the boys' first game on Saturday. Photo by Wendi Reardon



In back are Coach Gary Jbara, Tyler Deramus, Adam Giola, Steven Melnaker, Alex McIntosh, Cory Jbara, Ryan Anderson, Tommy Bowman, and Coach Dave Heinemann. In front, Matt Wright, Jordan Kraft, Scott Cousino, Remington Menard, Andrew Beard (lying down), Sam McLean, Paul Klemme, and Alex Gordon. Photo submitted

## Athletes of the Week Kickers come home champs

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The boys from Clarkston Impact 95 came back champions of their division in the Westlake Invitational Soccer Invitational.

The boys won their 13U white division with two shutouts, one win, and one tie. They received a team trophy and individual plaques.

"They were so happy," said manager and parent, Debbie Giola. "Going down there and winning was big. It was a great way to boost the boys up."

Impact 95 traveled to Westlake, Ohio where they joined 216 other teams participating in the tournament.

Each team played a minimum of three games during the weekend of May 24.

Champions and runner-ups in the 10U-14U age groups received individual awards.

The boys played in the 13 and under white division, for lower division travel teams and recreational teams.

The team played four games during the Saturday and Sunday and left with a 3-0-1 record. The boys took to the field early Sat-

urday morning and played their first game against Carpathia 95 Blue. They shut out their competition and won, 3-0.

They ended the day with another win. This time it was against X-Treme, 2-1.

They faced two more teams on Sunday. They ended their third game in a tie with the Force, 1-1.

The next game was another shut out for the team as they defeated Sylvania United UK, 3-0.

"Congratulations to the boys for their hard work," said Giola.

The boys' season ends this Saturday with their last game against Troy Elite 96 RV at Clintonville Park.

Players can try out for the 2008-2009 season Sunday, June 15, and Monday, June 16, at Clintonville.

For more information about tryouts or how to try out, go to [www.clarkstonsoccer.com](http://www.clarkstonsoccer.com) or call Damian Huffer, Clarkston Soccer Club director of coaching, at 248-807-0482.

The boys are coached by Dave Heinemann and Gary Jbara.



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## First spring on the links ends with 6th-place finish

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The boys golf team accomplished a lot of their goals this season.

Unfortunately, going to states was one they will have to try for again next year.

They rounded off the top six at their regional final at Westwynd Golf Club in Rochester last Thursday.

"It was a good season. We accomplished a lot of goals," said Clarkston coach Mark Wiegand. "Only one team accomplished all of their goals and that wasn't us."

Waterford Kettering (312), Traverse City Central (317), and Grand Blanc (323) placed in the top three and will go on to states this week at Grand Valley State University. Clarkston (332) came behind Davison (329) and Rochester Adams (331) to finish sixth.

"I am disappointed this group of kids didn't get to go to states. Not only me,

but they were disappointed as well," said Clarkston coach Mark Wiegand.

Matt Fuller has been the only player that has gone to states in his four years on the varsity team. He competed in states three seasons ago.

"It was a tough course, but it was we didn't play well. Jordan Roth shot the best with us."

Roth shot a par of 80 on the course.

The day at Westwynd ended the first spring season for boys golf.

"It was interesting to see some of the teams advancing to states that didn't do well in the beginning," said Wiegand. "The weather finally got nice. The change went smoothly as expected. I'm proud of their accomplishments and hope they are, too. We're look forward to banquets and all the fun stuff and start rebuilding for next year."

Tommy Ronk will be the only golfer returning for the next season. The rest of the team graduated on Wednesday.



Amanda Martin runs to first base.  
Photo by Wendi Reardon

## Softballers end season with wet-weather loss

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Umbrellas opened around the diamond as Bailee Braunreuther wound up to pitch.

Dark clouds rolled in and rain pounded the field, delaying the tied game for an hour.

When the storm was over, the Wolves came back to the field, but lost the district playoff game to Waterford Mott in the ninth inning, 5-4.

"It was an excellent game, two really great teams battling at it," said Clarkston coach Don Peters after the game.

"They had the balls bounce the right way for them in that last inning."

The bases were loaded at the bottom of the ninth inning. Mott's Kelsey Kleine hit a pitch from Braunreuther down the third base line to bring in a run, winning the spot to play Waterford Kettering for a position to play regionals.

"I told them 'I am really proud of you, you gave it all, all you have mentally and physically.' They played with all their hearts," said Peters.

"They worked really hard all season. Overcoming some adversity of some injuries at the beginning of the year, two to three girls out, starters with injuries and then regrouping going on to win the league championship and battled to the very end in the districts. I am very proud of them."

Mott scored two runs in the first inning, but the Wolves came back to score three runs in the bottom of the second inning.

Mott tied the score in the sixth inning, 4-4.

Sarah Altene pitched for the first six innings. She pitched four runs, four hits, no earned runs, three walks, and five strikeouts.

Bailee Braunreuther pitched for the remainder of the game and threw out one run, three hits, an earned run, a walk, and a strikeout.

Leading hitters for the game were Katie Smith, Taylor Hasselbach, Altene, Shantel Uballe, and Brook Chadwell.

Smith hit a double and had a RBI; Hasselbach was 2-for-3 for the day and hit a double and one stolen base; Altene hit 2-for-3 and had one RBI and one stolen base. Uballe had one RBI. Chadwell hit 2-for-4 for the day.

Clarkston had six errors to Mott's two errors. The errors brought in four un-earned runs for Mott while Clarkston earned their runs.

"We saw some awesome catches and plays during the game," said Jim Altene, statistician for the varsity softball team. "You could tell no one wanted to go home. Sarah and Bailee pitched as hard as they could."

The team loses four seniors, but a lot of potential players coming up from freshmen, JV and even eighth grade levels, Peters said.

"We have a bright future. We have a really, really bright future," he said. "I told the seniors they built the foundation of what I think is going to be outstanding softball for Clarkston."

The girls ended the season 23-16.

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Weston Gleiss goes for the loose ball...



...and makes a run after gaining possession. Photos by Wendi Reardon

## Cubs overpower Clarkston defense in 17-3 loss

**BY WENDI REARDON**  
*Clarkston News Sports Writer*

University of Detroit-Jesuit blocked Clarkston from lacrosse finals for a second year.

The Cubs made 35 shots on Clarkston's goal, beating the Wolves, 17-3.

"There's a reason these guys did what they did with the Catholic league and in the Midwest," said Clarkston coach Brian Kaminkas. "They're playing at a different level. They're playing at where we're trying to get.

"We upped our schedule this year and put a few more challenges in front of the guys to prepare for it. We'll just keep doing that."

The Cubs found a way past Clarkston's defense and went into half-time with a 7-1 lead.

Matt McEntee made the goal for Clarkston with an assist from Andrew Schram.

"We played our defense upward to 20 minutes in the first half," said Kaminkas. "It's tough to win a ball game like that."

The Cubs came back from the break and

in the first three minutes of the new half scored four against Clarkston.

Jon Avery gained control of the ball and put it in the net for the Wolves. The goal only pushed the Cubs to score two more.

In the final quarter, Avery passed the ball to Jackson Marr. Seconds counted down and Marr threw it into the net, 14-3.

Senior goaltender Zach Lewy had 18 saves for the game.

"He stood on his head for us today," said Kaminkas. "We will have him up for all-state.

He was an all-stater last year. I think he is very proud of his career and he should be. He has had a helluva a run for us and we wish them well.

"The guys fought the whole game," said Kaminkas. "We told them play your best game. Your best will be good enough. I thought the last two minutes they hustled. They wanted to end on a good note and they worked for it and I am happy. I am proud of them."

The season ended at a 8-9 record.

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## Four runners take all-state

**BY WENDI REARDON**  
*Clarkston News Sports Writer*

The girls track team came back with four individuals named all-state after the state final this past weekend.

They took 11th place as a team during their state meet in Rockford.

"It shows we're a very versatile team. They had a good performance overall," said girls varsity track coach John Yorke. "I was very proud of the girls and thought they did a good job."

Stephanie Thorstad placed fourth in the high jump at 5-feet and 5-inches.

Autumn Touchstone took fifth in the 100 hurdles (15.05) and sixth place in the 300 hurdles (44.67).

Kristen Smith kept the pace in her 3200 meter run and finished 10:56.66 to take fourth place.

Dana Johns placed in eighth in pole vault with 10-feet and 6-inches.

"We got as far as winning the regional championship. I am proud of the girls," said Yorke.

Ten girls qualified to go to the state final during the regional competition on May 17.

The girls team will lose all-state Thorstad and Touchstone for next season, but Yorke expects next year to be just as good with many girls returning and many new girls coming from this year's eighth grade team.

"It looks good for next year," said Yorke.

"The distance runners will be better. Girls will step up. Some will have to step up, and in the past they always have."

Coach Yorke will be running a track camp through community education this summer.

The camp is for boys and girls entering grades 3-7. It will be July 14-17 at Clarkston High School from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

The cost is \$95.

For more information, email Coach Yorke at Yorkeja@clarkston.k12.mi.us or contact Clarkston Community Education 248-623-4326.



Breanne Timm runs to beat Lake Orion to the ball. Photo by Cathy Kimmel

## Wolves kicked out of playoffs

Clarkston High School Varsity Girls Soccer lost in districts playoffs to Lake Orion last Thursday, 2-0. They ended the season, 1-14-3.



Leadership class students Mende Gleiss, Megan Leichtnam, Trevor Smith, Jenny Diemert, and Gianna Locricchio helped to make the day a success.

## Shooting for new equipment

Sixty-four students participated in the 3-on-3 basketball tournament Friday at Clarkston Junior High School.

The tournament was held to raise money for a new treadmill in the physical education department.

Students from Jon Paddock's leadership class planned the tournament.

"The physical education teachers came and asked for assistance to raise money. The class put together a 3-on-3 basketball tournament. It gave the students something fun to do," said Paddock.

The students raised \$500 for the treadmill. They designed T-shirts, sold tickets, and worked at the concession stand.

This is first year for the 3-on-3 fundraiser tournament.

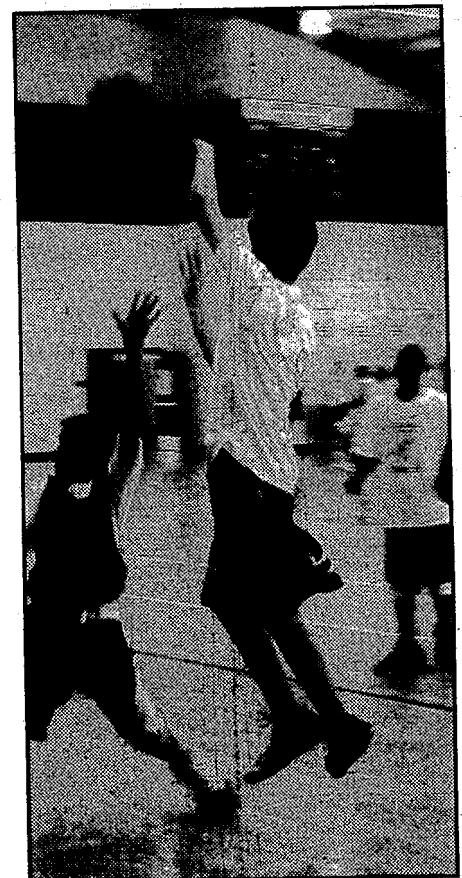
"It was such a big success," said Paddock.

They plan to organize a tournament each trimester, and are already thinking about volleyball, flag football and dodgeball.

Winners of the tournament received trophies.

Winners from the eighth grade were Joey Goss, Travis Smith, Alan Kamieniecki and Mitchell Baenziger.

Nick Aguayo, Tim Rogers, Rawley Hallman, and Eric Savoie made up the win-



The Junior high students jumped at a chance to help. Photos by Wendi Reardon

ning team for the ninth grade.

The class works on projects that benefit their school and the community. A few weeks ago they were in the community working on getting the Renee Przybski Memorial Spraypark ready to open Memorial Day.

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# Chamber still strong, officials say

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done a great job."

"I'm very sad to see the Chocolate Moose go," said Penny Shanks, executive director for Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce. "I loved their chocolate."

Chamber membership is strong, Shanks said.

"It's an economical way to do network marketing, and establish yourselves quickly at the grass roots because it's really cheap, through your chamber membership, to do that," she said.

Chamber members are active, participating and organizing networking activities such as Business of Breakfast, Women in Business and Luncheon Mixers.

"We are in a time where you have to be tenacious, you have to think outside the box, you have to really try and maximize as much as possible," said Shanks. "It's really hard to say, some people are selling a business or closing a business because they're ready to do a life change. They want to do something different."

Phil Custodio contributed to this report.

## Police

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called police after discovering someone entered the home and removed a built-in dishwasher. The home is in foreclosure and has been vacant about a year.

Sat., May 24 A 53-year-old Springfield Township man living in the 9100 block of Andersonville Road filed a police report after discovering someone stole lumber valued at about \$300 from wood piled on his property for construction.

Mon., May 26 A 44-year-old Springfield Township man was arrested and jailed on outstanding Friend of the Court warrants after police were called to the residence by a woman claiming she'd been kicked in the leg by another person at the residence. Police "immediately identified all parties on the scene were intoxicated" and made the arrest after discovering the warrants in LEIN.

Tues., May 27 A 21-year-old Rose Township woman filed a police report after discovering someone entered her unlocked vehicle while she attended a party in the 12500 block of Woodland Trail and stole her purse and duffle bag from inside. Upon contacting her credit card company, the woman learned her card had already been used at a gas station and fast food restaurant.

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# Players make top eight in the state

BY WENDI REARDON  
 Clarkston News Sports Writer

The girls varsity tennis team placed in the top eight teams at the state final in Midland.

The girls have placed in the top eight teams for the last four years.

This year 21 teams competed at the finals last Friday and Saturday.

Clarkston took eighth place after scoring ten points.

Grosse Pointe South, Ann Arbor Pioneer and West Bloomfield took the top three places during the weekend.

"The competition was exceptionally good this year," said Clarkston coach Craig Judd.

The doubles team of Alexis Egler and Kelsey Crawford was the only team to win a match and receive a valuable team point.

Single players Kristina Lucas and Blair McCarty both were seeded #6. They both won their first match after a bye, producing two points each for Clarkston.

Nicole Janek won her first two matches. She ran into the states #1 seeded player, Grosse Pointe South's Angela Chupa, and lost the match (6-3, 7-6).



Clarkston girls varsity tennis team, Emilla Allen, Katelyn Cooley, Alexis Egler, Chelsea Hundzinski, Nicole Janek, Stephanie Kincaid, Alyssa Lucas, Kristina Lucas, Blair McCarty, Kelli McKay, Victoria Sova, and Erica Zentner. Photo provided

"Nicole played her best match of the season and thrilled the crowd with her devastating ground strokes and focused determination," said Judd.

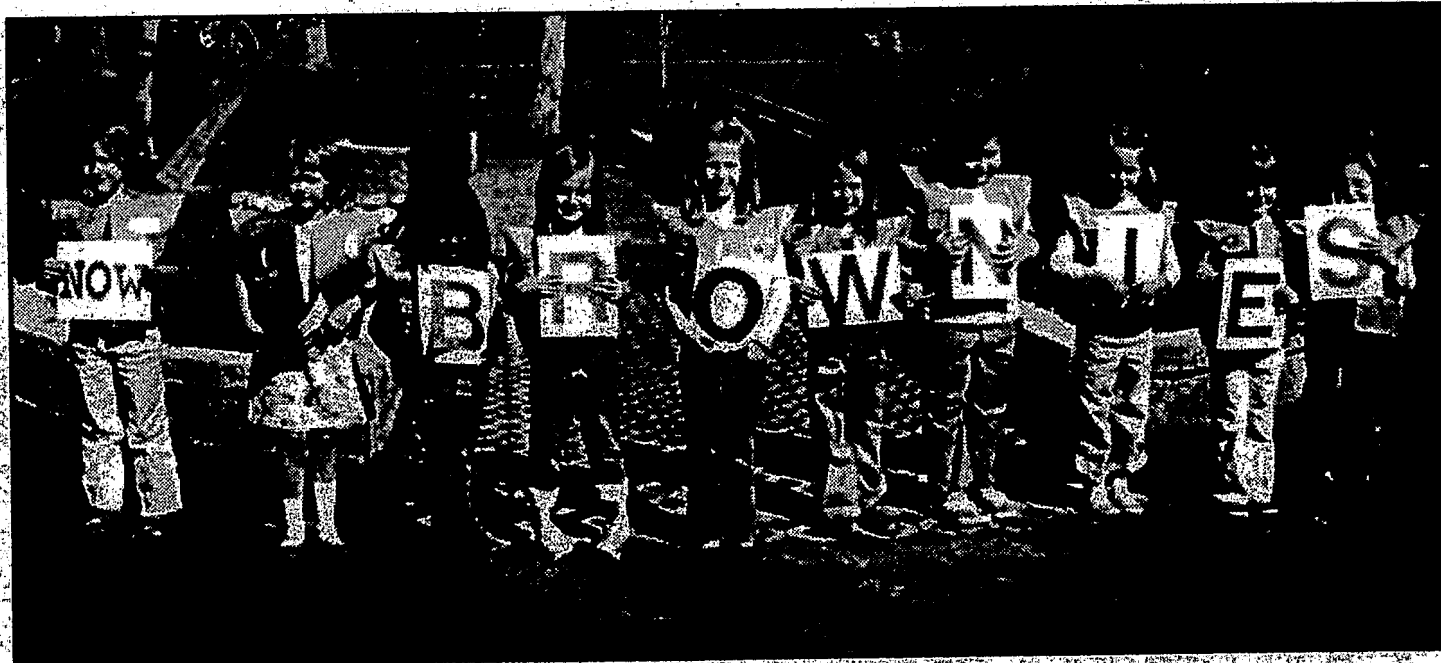
Alyssa Lucas was seeded #3. After a first round bye, she defeated Novi and West Bloomfield players in straight sets for a total of three team points. She went on to the quarterfinals on Saturday morning to play Grosse Pointe South's Mary Chupa, seeded #2 in the tournament.

She lost the match, but won the most amount of points for her team.

"With terrific cooperating help from parents who cheered, fed and transported players, dynamic tournament coaching from Geraldine Parkison and always the determined 'we can win' attitude of the Clarkston girls players, we had a wonderful, successful tennis season," said Judd.

"Although a few teams beat us this year, there are not many of them who have placed in the top eight at states in the last four years in a row as Clarkston has."

Judd will lose six seniors but the team next year will continue to be a dominate force on the court, he said.



# Depot Bridge crossers become Brownies

Clarkston Daisy Girl Scouts from Troop 3410, Independence and Clarkston elementaries, crossed the bridge in Depot Park May 28 as part of their bridging ceremony to become Brownies. Photo submitted

Successful

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## People Poll

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Thoughts as your senior graduates?



"We're really proud of her and her entire group of friends. They're an outstanding group of kids, both academically and athletically."

Joe and Sarah Wolf - Hannah



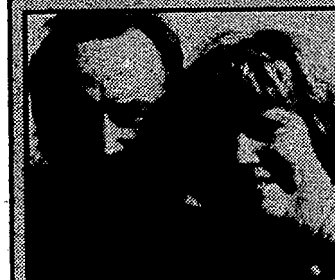
"I'm excited for college, but sad about this final chapter in his childhood. He's my baby—I've been crying for a year."

Tina Thomson - Jeff



"She's beautiful, happy, and excited. She's a beautiful young woman, and ready for the outside world."

Dennis and David Kluge - Mary



"We're very proud of him and his accomplishments. He's ready for the next step."

Valerie and Jim Podbielski - Aaron

By Laura Colvin

# The Clarkston News' Millstream

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

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## Dr. O'Neill still 'looking after' Clarkston

BY LAURA COLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

When the young doctor arrived in Clarkston some 50 years ago with plans to begin the area's first pediatrics practice, he looked around and liked what he saw.

He and his wife didn't want to put down roots just anywhere, and they'd spent time in other small towns—Alpena, Owosso, Dublin in Ohio—looking for a place they could settle into. They wanted a place, not only to start a practice, but also to continue family farming traditions and build a life.

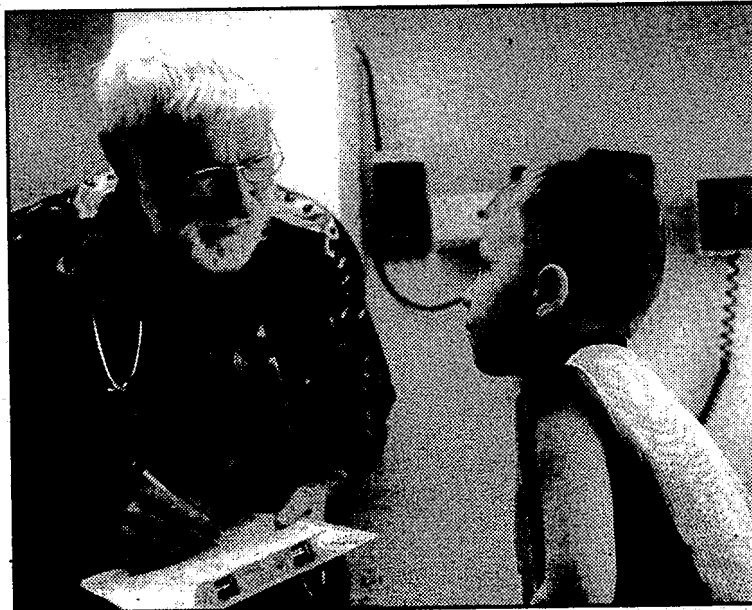
Clarkston was the town by which they measured all others. Clarkston, they decided, was the place to call home.

"The people were warm and great," said Dr. James O'Neill, who was recently honored by the Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS) for 50 years of service to his patients and the medical profession. "They were church-going, salt of America people. Where I came from, everyone worked hard and in Clarkston they looked like people who worked hard, too, and I liked that."

This year, the MSMS honored 163 physicians from across the state for outstanding contributions and important roles in a medical generation distinguished by its unprecedented advancement of human health care.

In Clarkston, only one name made the list.

At 73, O'Neill continues to practice, and sees several generations



After checking out an allergic reaction to an insect bite, Dr. O'Neill talks to Brevin Stout, 5, about attending kindergarten at Springfield Plains Elementary next year. Photo by Laura Colvin

of patients during long hours at Clarkston Medical Group.

"Everything in life you do is to help people, to look after them and worry about them," he said. "If, as a physician, you go home at night and you're not worried about five or six or 10 people, you're not doing your job."

When the O'Neills first arrived in Clarkston, they set up a pediatric practice out of the home they still live in—the home they raised six children in—on Holcomb in Independence Township.

A few months later, they were overwhelmed with patients arriving at all hours of the day and night.

With just one exam room and a broom closet—to contain those who appeared contagious—O'Neill often "sewed kids up on the kitchen table."

After two or three years, he decided it was time to set up in a real office. O'Neill moved across the street and stayed put for 35 years.

"He's always just been so dedicated, and he loves practicing medicine," said O'Neill's wife of 50 years, Mikel O'Neill. "Family always came first, and even when he wasn't here for a lot of time, the time he was home was very much quality time. He's always doing things for the kids."

The same dedication he gives his family, she said, is also bestowed on his patients.

"He's always calling to check and see how they're doing," she said. "He's always been that way."

In 1997, he moved Clarkston Medical Group to its current location at 6770 Dixie Highway, but as the practice continues to grow, O'Neill and the center's vastly expanded staff are looking forward to a new home in the McLaren Health Care facility going up on a nine-acre parcel across town.

But as much as things change and grow, others stay the same. O'Neill's commitment remains. After 50 years, the doctor is still making house calls, and claims the practice is an invaluable learning tool for him.

"You learn about a family's circumstances and difficulties when you visit them at home," he said. "You also learn a lot about yourself. You think you've clearly explained things and what to do, but you get out there and find out they don't have enough money and didn't fill the prescription, and they're afraid to tell you how bad things really are."

For O'Neill, the idea of looking after others is just part of who he is—who he's always been.

Along with a large, extended family, O'Neill grew up on a beef ranch in Williston, North Dakota—13 miles, he said, from where Sitting Bull surrendered—in a home with no electricity, no plumbing and Please see O'Neill on page 18B



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**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.

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**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.

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**Summer Reading Kick-off** with Kevin Kammeraad, 7 p.m., June 17, Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

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

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**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.

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

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**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.

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

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

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

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**Clarkston Garden Walk**, Clarkston Garden Club and Clarkston Schools Community Education, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., July 16. \$22 w/lunch. \$20 without lunch. 248-623-4327.

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

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

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

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**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.

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

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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

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**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.

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

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

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**Spanish Lessons**, beginners, 5:30-7 p.m., Tuesdays, through July 1; intermediate, 10-11:30 a.m., Fridays, through July 11. \$35 for 8-week course. Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

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



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Emery, member of P.E.O. Chapter AW, Clarkston, celebrated with 586 Michigan P.E.O.s at Saginaw State Valley State University. Fifteen Clarkston P.E.O.s attended to show their support.

Emery has served in all of the offices of both the local chapter and the Michigan State Chapter of P.E.O., international philanthropic and educational organization founded in 1869 at Iowa Wesleyan College.



Marian Emery, seated in the front row, second from right, is flanked by her Chapter AW, Clarkston, P.E.O. sisters. Photo submitted

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By Ernie Harwell

When was the last time you had a good, long talk with your doctor? I mean a real heart-to-heart.

If you're like most people, you probably haven't spent a lot of time picking your doctor's brain. We're so busy, it's natural to not pay much attention to our health until we're sick.

I think we can all benefit by having meaningful conversations with our doctors and taking advantage of their expertise. After all, your doctor has a lot of training and is the most familiar with your questions and get more insight?



Before your next appointment, take sometime to really think about you health and jot down some questions to ask your doctor. Consider such things as your weight, medical history, family medical history, eating habits, fitness level and gaps in your general knowledge about health.

I'm confident you'll find that your doctor can be a tremendous resource for you and sincerely wants what you want—a healthy you!

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

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**When:** Tuesday, June 10 from 3:00pm - 6:00pm

**Where:** Clarkston High School Gymnasium

**Who:** All Clarkston Community School Athletes  
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\*the physicals will be valid for the entire 2008-2009 school year\*

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Physical will be given by:  
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Dr. Larry Baylis  
Clarkston Medical Group  
POHSports Medicine Department

# Milestones

## Clarkston grad weds

Erica Nienstedt, daughter of Richard and Patricia Nienstedt of Clarkston, and John Burris, son of Thomas and Mary Burris of Lansing, were married on March 6th, 2008. The couple exchanged vows in front of 30 friends and family in a small chapel in Las Vegas, NV.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of Clarkston High School and 1998 graduate of the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor.

The groom is a 1987 graduate of Waverly High School and 2001 graduate of Monroe Community College.

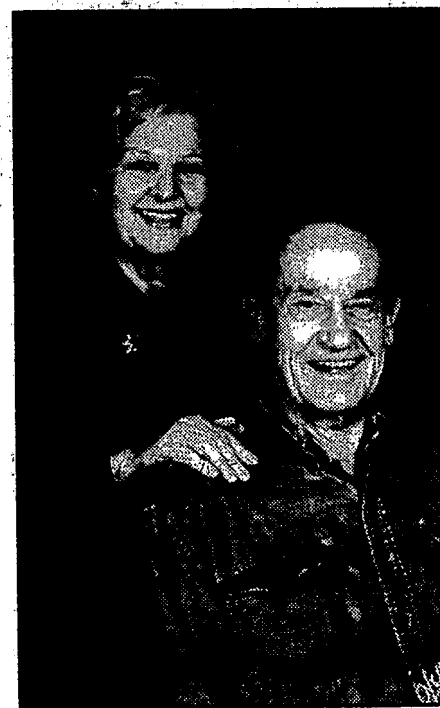


Erica and John

sity.

He is currently serving as a Detroit police officer and is finishing his Criminal Justice degree through Ferris State University.

Following the wedding, the couple honeymooned in Naples, Fla. A local reception has been planned for July.



Vincent and Betty Richard

## Celebrating 60 years of marriage

Vincent and Betty Richard of Clarkston are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary.

The former Better Olson and her husband were married June 11, 1948, in Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Detroit.

They have five children, Mark and Jane of Clarkston, Gail of San Diego, Calif., Eric of Columbiaville, and Ruth of Sebewaing and Harbor Beach.

They also have nine grandchildren.

Vincent is a retired quality-control and parts-fabrication worker for General Motors.

Betty worked in the Pentagon for war crimes and then became an aide at Clarkston Elementary 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](mailto:shermanpub@aol.com), attn: Clarkston News Milestones!

# Religion

## Humility, a powerful virtue

**Confidence. Determination. Wisdom. Strength.** Parents want these things for their children.

How many parents, when they dream of great things for their children, ask God to make their sons or daughters **humble**?

This virtue does not often top the list. Perhaps it's because we have a mistaken idea of what it means to be humble. Humility can conjure the image of a person who lacks self confidence, is easily taken advantage of, or who cowers before the strong and powerful.

I remember watching a great third baseman for the Philadelphia Phillies, Mike Schmidt, being interviewed after games.

He was big, strong, talented ... and humble. He would consistently thank God for his accomplishments. By being humble and recognizing God, he actually seemed to grow in stature.

True humility is a virtue.

It means recognizing my gifts and talents but also realizing that I'm not perfect and that the earth doesn't revolve around me. It means seeing God as the source of goodness, but also entails the responsibility to de-

velop the talents he has given me.

Humility allows me to be confident in my abilities while thanking God that I have them.

True humility isn't so much about how small and insignificant we are as much as it is about how tremendous God is.

For instance, we can look up at the night sky and have one of two reactions. We can marvel at the immensity of what we behold, or we can think of how insignificant we appear to be.

Marveling at the immensity places the emphasis on God and his wisdom and opens our limited horizons.

Concentrating solely on my insignificance closes the door to greatness and limits my view of the world.

The humble person can both contemplate the greatness and include himself in the picture. He discovers that even though he is small, he is also great because God created him.

Humility allows us to remove ourselves from the center of everything. It can help us to stop trying to being the center of attention so that we can be ourselves.

A humble person does not let the opinion of others dictate their actions. As a result, humility paves the way for true freedom.

Please see *Spiritual Matters*, page 7B

### Spiritual Matters



Father Daniel Pajerski

## In our churches...

**Garage sale**, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., June 5-6, and 9 a.m.-12 p.m., June 7, Peace Unity, 590 Crestmoor Circle, Oxford. 248-891-4365.

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**Vacation Bible School**, deadline to register June 8. Clarkston United Methodist, 6600 Waldon Road. For children completed 4 year old preschool, potty trained, through 5th grade. 248-625-1611

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**Financial Peace University**, biblically-based video-driven small group study on debt, wealth, credit cards, finances. Sundays, 13 weeks, starting June 15. The Journey Church, 1400 E. Davisburg Road. \$93. 248-605-5524.

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

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**Vacation Bible School**, "Friendship Trek," 9 a.m.-12 p.m., June 23-27, St. Trinity Lutheran church, 7925 Sashabaw Road. For children age 3-sixth grade. Free. Access open through construction. Sstrinityvbs.eventbrite.com, 248-625-4644.

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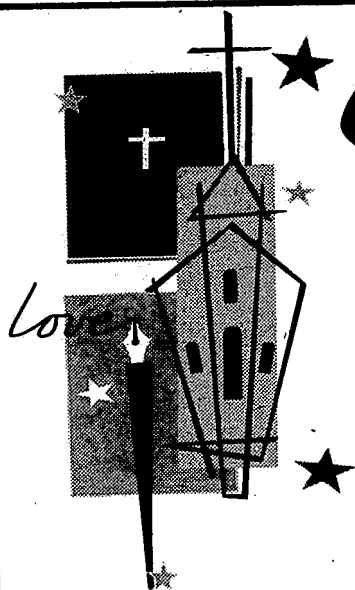
**The Sermon on the Mount**, ongoing study of Emmett Fox's classic book, 7 p.m., Wednesdays. Facilitated by the Rev. Matthew Long, Peace Unity. Oakland County Alano Club, 5661 Clintonville Road.

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**Prayer Partner Training**, 10:30 a.m., second Sunday. Par

Please see *In Our Churches*, page 7B

# CHURCH DIRECTORY



**DIXIE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
8585 Dixie Highway, Clarkston, MI  
(248) 625-2311  
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Wednesday 6:30 pm  
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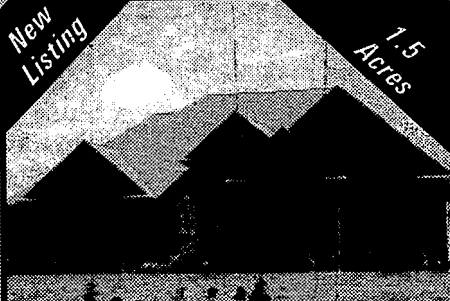
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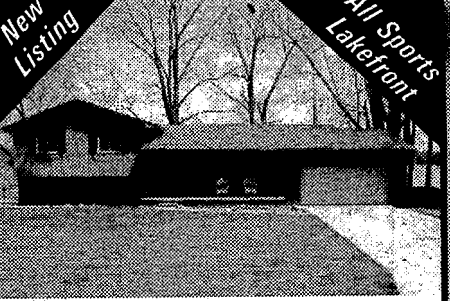
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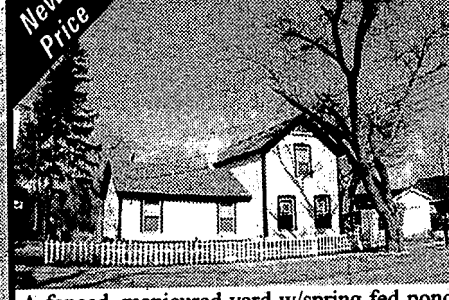
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## Spiritual Matters

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A humble person is more the master of his actions than someone who is always trying to be the center of attention.

A proud person who always tries to be the center of attention can end up being held hostage to whatever expectations are created for him. He can become a prisoner of pride. The key to unlock the chains is humility.

Humility also is a doorway that leads to prayer.

The humble soul realizes that no matter how many things he might accomplish, he can not take credit for the fact that his heart beats.

If something this vital to life is beyond his control, then a humble person perceives that he has much to be thankful for.

*Father Daniel Pajerski, LC, is the Director of Formation at Everest Academy in Clarkston.*

Like to join the  
Spiritual Matters  
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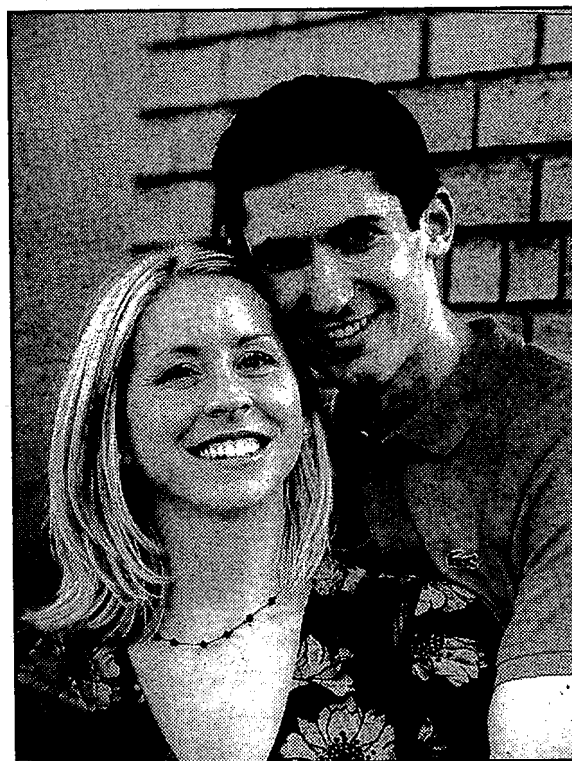
## Yarber-Klump

David and Cecilia Yarber of Clarkston are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Marie, to Christopher John Klump, son of Linda Klump of LeRoy, Ill., and Steve Klump of Bloomington, Ill.

Amanda is a 1998 graduate of Clarkston High School and a 2002 graduate of Michigan State University, where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications.

She is currently working as a marketing account executive in Nashville, Tenn. C.J. is a 1999 graduate of Le Roy High School in Illinois and a 2003 graduate of the University of Illinois, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration.

He completed his MBA from Vanderbilt University in Nashville in May,



Amanda and Christopher. Photo courtesy Marcin Harla Photography

2008.

A July, 2008, wedding in Clarkston is planned. Amanda and C.J. will reside in Chicago, Ill., after their wedding.

## In our churches

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Participants will receive a prayer syllabus. All welcome. Peace Unity, at Sashabaw Presbyterian, 5300 Maybee Road. 248-891-4365.

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

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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.

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Church of the Resurrection has bible study every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. Study is currently on "Paul's letter to the Romans." 6490 Clarkston Road. Call 248-625-2325 for more information.

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

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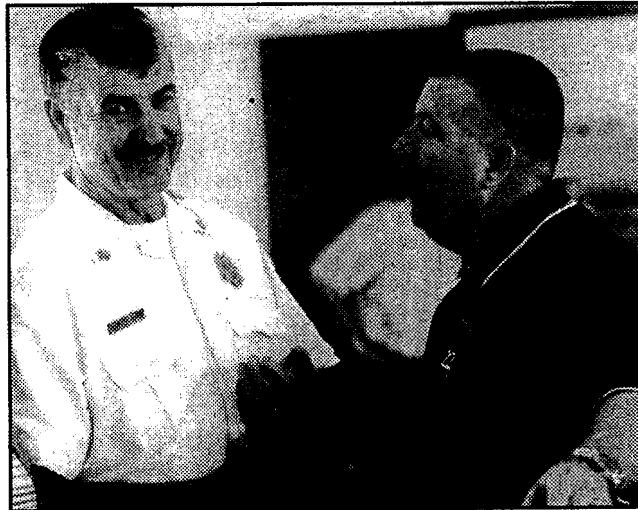
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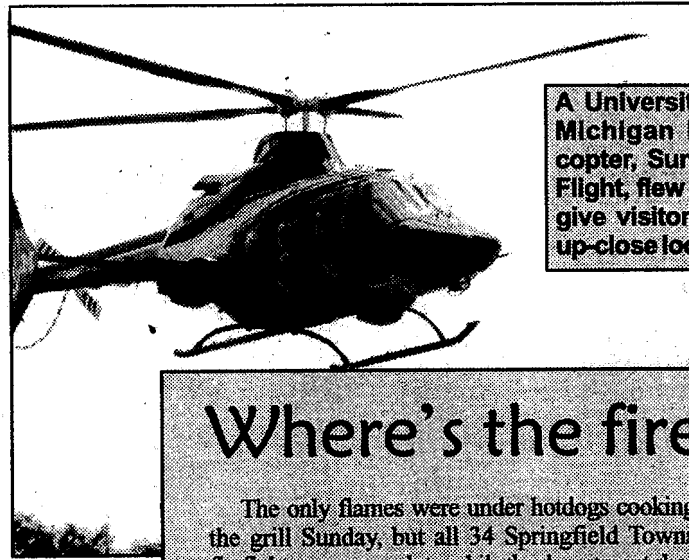
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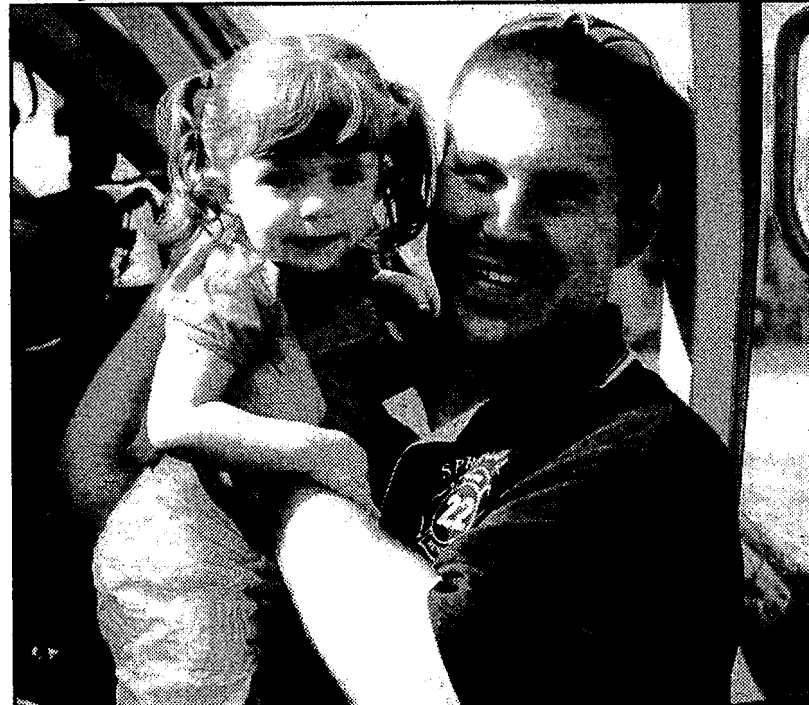
Chief Charlie Oaks, left, has a lively conversation with Randy Harless. Something about a burnt hotdog?



A University of Michigan helicopter, Survival Flight, flew in to give visitors an up-close look.



Wyatt Erwin-Gillaspie, 2, may just grow up to be a firefighter.



Springfield Township firefighter Ryan Hart lifts daughter Mackenzie, 2, from her seat in the helicopter.

## Where's the fire?

The only flames were under hotdogs cooking on the grill Sunday, but all 34 Springfield Township firefighters were on duty while the department showed off renovations at Station No. 2.

Families enjoyed free food, cold drinks, desserts, and also got a look at the station's new facilities and shiny red trucks during the open house.

Renovations on the firehouse, located on Dixie Highway near Rattalee Lake Road, began about a year ago. The project's budget totaled about \$1.1 million.

In addition to other expansions, two additional bays were added for a total of five.

"A lot of times the firefighters come back from a call and they're half-froze and the hoses are froze," he said. "The serviceability of the bays makes things a lot easier."

A much-needed exhaust removal system was also installed in the bays.

"The renovations are good for our firefighter's egos," Oaks said. "It shows them the township and the community cares about them."

The building is also used as a polling place for voters in Precinct No. 2.

"It was otherwise known as 'the hardship post,'" said Clerk Nancy Strole. "But those who worked here during the January Presidential Primary were just thrilled."

The township, she said, got a lot for its budget dollars.

"The builder and the architect did a really nice job," she said. "We got a lot for our money—this is a first-class facility and our firefighters deserve it."

*Photo story by Laura Colvin*



Fire Pup gets a high five!



Annie Lemleux says hi to Fire Pup while Devon Dufour decides enough's enough.



Clerk Nancy Strole stops to greet Norma and Marlin Hillman. Marlin is a former Springfield fire chief.



Firehouse renovations cost about \$1.1 million and increased station no. 2's total area from 2,500 to nearly 13,000 square feet.





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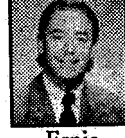
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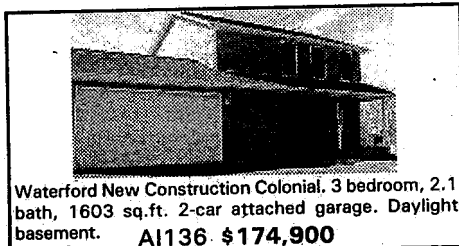
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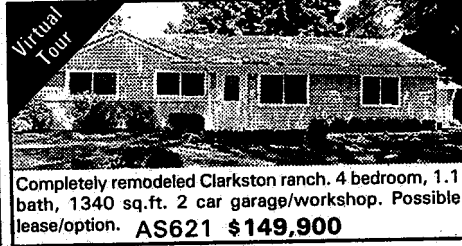
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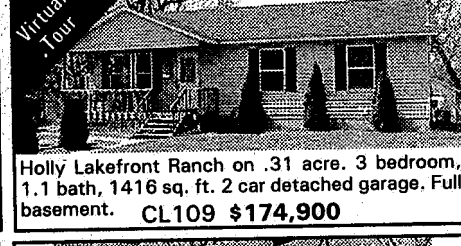
Waterford New Construction Colonial. 3 bedroom, 2.1 bath, 1603 sq.ft. 2-car attached garage. Daylight basement. **A1136 \$174,900**



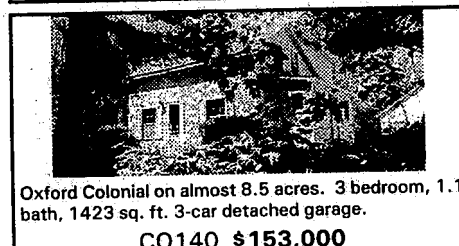
Completely remodeled Clarkston ranch. 4 bedroom, 1.1 bath, 1340 sq.ft. 2 car garage/workshop. Possible lease/option. **AS621 \$149,900**




Completely updated, Move-In Ready, Pontiac ranch. 3 bedroom, 1 bath. 882 sq.ft. Full basement. **BR40 \$95,000**



Holly Lakefront Ranch on .31 acre. 3 bedroom, 1.1 bath, 1416 sq. ft. 2 car detached garage. Full basement. **CL109 \$174,900**



Oxford Colonial on almost 8.5 acres. 3 bedroom, 1.1 bath, 1423 sq. ft. 3-car detached garage. **CO140 \$153,000**

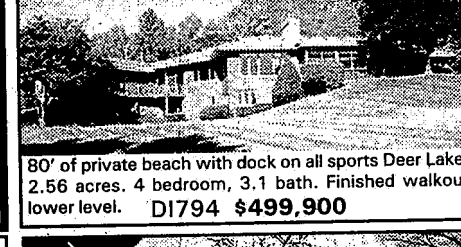
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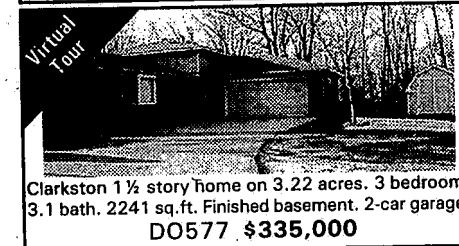
Pontiac Bungalow. 3 bedroom, 1.1 bath, 1218 sq.ft. 2-car detached garage. Fenced yard. Full basement. **CR304 \$44,900**



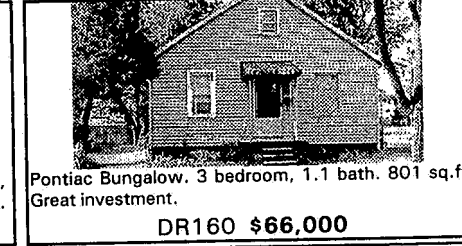
Clarkston Georgian colonial on almost 1/2 acre. Wonderful pool, 5 bedroom, 3.1 bath, 2500 sq. ft. 2 car attached garage. Full basement. **CU492 \$279,900**



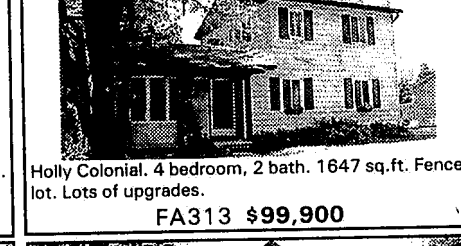
80' of private beach with dock on all sports Deer Lake. 2.56 acres. 4 bedroom, 3.1 bath. Finished walkout lower level. **DI794 \$499,900**



Clarkston 1 1/2 story home on 3.22 acres. 3 bedroom, 3.1 bath. 2241 sq.ft. Finished basement. 2-car garage. **DO577 \$335,000**



Pontiac Bungalow. 3 bedroom, 1.1 bath. 801 sq.ft. Great investment. **DR160 \$66,000**



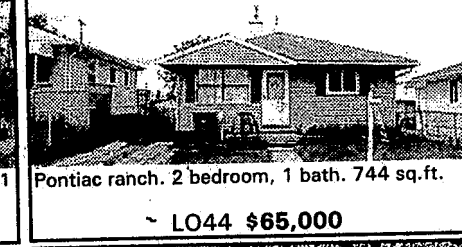
Holly Colonial. 4 bedroom, 2 bath. 1647 sq.ft. Fenced lot. Lots of upgrades. **FA313 \$99,900**



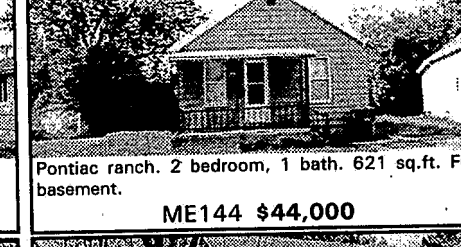
Pontiac Split-Level. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. 1570 sq.ft. 2-car attached garage. Full basement. **HA21 \$140,000**



Springfield Township ranch. 3 bedroom, 2.1 bath. 2651 sq.ft. 3-car attached garage. Daylight basement. **KI982 \$364,000**



Pontiac ranch. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. 744 sq.ft. **LO44 \$65,000**



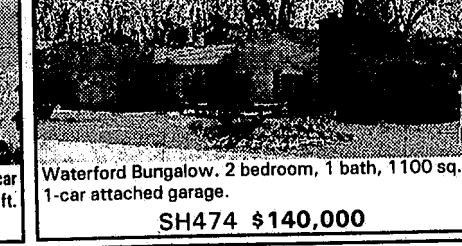
Pontiac ranch. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. 621 sq.ft. Full basement. **ME144 \$44,000**



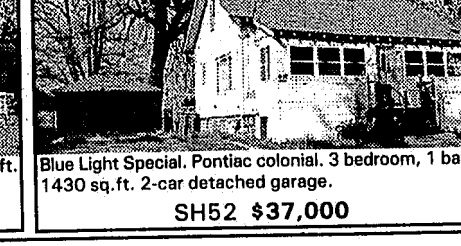
Clarkston Lakefront New Construction. 4 bedroom, 2.1 bath. 2600 sq.ft. Walkout basement. **ME418 \$444,444**



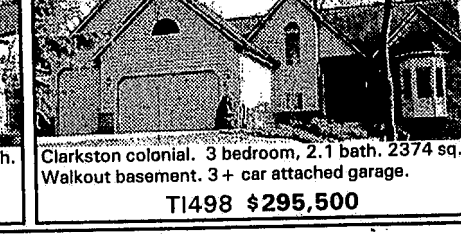
All-Sports Loon Lake. 4 bedroom, 3.1 bath. 3008 sq.ft. 3+ car attached garage. Finished walkout basement adds 1800 more sq. ft. **NE375 \$675,000**



Waterford Bungalow. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 1100 sq. ft. 1-car attached garage. **SH474 \$140,000**



Blue Light Special. Pontiac colonial. 3 bedroom, 1 bath. 1430 sq.ft. 2-car detached garage. **SH52 \$37,000**



Clarkston colonial. 3 bedroom, 2.1 bath. 2374 sq.ft. Walkout basement. 3+ car attached garage. **TI498 \$295,500**

# Pilgrimage to Holy Land strengthens travelers' faith

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

When families from Everest Academy spent a week in Jerusalem this past March, it was more than just a vacation.

The point of the trip was to bring people closer to their faith as they visited sites where Jesus Christ is believed to have lived and taught, said Father Daniel Pajerski, St. Daniels Catholic Church.

"As Catholics and a Catholic School, one of our missions is to have people develop a personal relationship with Christ," he said. "This is one of the ways we do it. We bring people there to the actual historical sites and have them read the Bible and experience those things."

Pajerski organized the trip through the Notre Dame Jerusalem Center, which is a pilgrimage center owned by the Vatican, but operated by the Legionaries of Christ, a religious order of priests in the church, of which he is part, and Shepherd's Tour.

"I basically asked people to come," he said. "All the organizational aspects were taken care of."

It was the first time Pajerski organized the trip, as well as his own first trip to Jerusalem.

"It was beautiful," he said. "It makes the Bible, for me, come more alive. You really have a mental picture of where things happen, it really helped me get in closer contact with Christ."

Fabiana Diaz, Everest Academy student, agreed.

"I feel like I can communicate more when I read the Gospel," she said. "I understand it more and I feel like I'm still there. Christ has opened up to us in a new way. He's more into us and we are more into him."

Brendan Kelly, 7, had his First



The Everest tour group sits in front of the Holy Sepulcher. Photo provided.

Communion at the Church of the Nativity.

"I was happy when I received Christ in the Eucharist," he said. "I

felt it was the best experience of my life."

Some of the key places visited included Old City Jerusalem; Jericho,

Masidonia, Dead Sea, Sea of Galilee, Bethlehem, Church of the Nativity in Nazareth, and Stations of the Cross.

They visited holy sites of three world religions, including the Holy Sepulcher, which Catholics hold to be the place Jesus lay before his resurrection; Wailing Wall, revered in the Jewish faith as the last remnant of their Holy Temple; and Dome of the Rock, from which Muslims believe Muhammad ascended into heaven.

"It was amazing to be where Christ was," said Michelle Diaz, "to see where he was born and where he died."

Meghan Kelly said Calvary was not how she pictured it.

"It was amazing how we were walking in the first steps of Christ," said Caroline Kelly. "It was hard to take it all in at once."

"When we walked into the tomb where Jesus resurrected I could feel his power and his might go through my body," said Bradley Mansour.

Fabiana said the trip was different for the children than for the adults.

"We didn't really understand where we were until we left," she said. "They (the adults) knew everything, but when we left we were like 'wow we were, here, here, and here.'"

The children also interacted more with people living in Jerusalem, and got their e-mail addresses, noted Fabiana.

"The parents were just there," she said. "We were the ones getting to know everybody."

Cathy Foster, along with her two sons Patrick and John, who attend St. Thomas Moore Academy, were the last three to get tickets for the trip.

"It was really obvious that God wanted us to go," she said. "I said 'just take my hand and lead the way and he did.'"

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# Obituary

## Shane K. Beebe

Shane K. Beebe died unexpectedly in an automobile accident on May 18 in Sagle, Idaho, at the age of 32. He will be missed by his parents John and Cindy Beebe and Catherine Tacey; and siblings Ryan (Hilary) and Erin Beebe Piziali (Nick), Avalon, and Aurora Tacey.

Shane was a student in both the Oxford and Lake Orion School districts and later Oakland Community College. He moved to Colorado and then Idaho to pursue opportunities in the concrete business. He was the owner of Eternal Concrete, a decorative concrete enterprise. He was the best in the business!



Shane was an adventurer, never fearful of a new challenge. He loved Sagle for its natural beauty and sports opportunities. He loved snowboarding, golf, photography, politics, and his

dogs Cain and Bambie.

A Memorial Brunch at the American Legion, 8047 Ortonville Road in Independence Township, is set for 12 p.m., Sunday, June 8.

## Loretta J. Baril

Loretta J. Baril of Waterford, formerly of Pontiac, passed away May 25 at the age of 82.

She was the wife of George for 61 years; mother of Dianna Kepler of Oxford, Mark (Mary) Baril of Sterling Heights, Teresa (the late Eugene) Escamilla of Waterford, Stephanie (Dale) Barlow of Holly and Matthew Baril of Oxford; preceded in death by her son Michael; also survived by 10 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Mrs. Baril did much charity work for more than 50 years with Sigma Beta So-



rority and she enjoyed playing golf.

Scripture service was May 30 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home. Funeral Mass was May 31 at St. Daniel Catholic

Church. Inurnment All Saints Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Sigma Beta Sorority.

Online guest book, [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

Obituaries are updated daily at [ClarkstonNews.com](http://ClarkstonNews.com)

## Gary E. Chamberlain

Gary E. Chamberlain of Clarkston passed away May 28 at the age of 59.

He was the loving husband of Carolyn for 40 years. He was preceded in death by his son Jason. He was the beloved father of Craig (Jennifer) Chamberlain and Gene (Julie) Chamberlain; grandpa "Papa" of Kaya and Ella; brother of Judy (the late Bob) Hocking, Connie (John) Lynch and Donald (Pam) Smith.

Mr. Chamberlain worked at General Motors for 34 years. He loved golfing, fishing, paddleball and traveling. He



coached little league baseball in Clarkston for many years.

Funeral Service was May 31 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment, Lakeview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association. On line guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## Linda M. Grice

Linda M. Grice of Auburn Hills passed away May 31 at the age of 61.

She was the loving wife of Donald for 43 years; beloved mother of Donald K. (Diana) Grice and Lisa (Tim) Currier; cherished grandma of Justin and Kalie Grice and Owen and Noah Currier; dear sister of Thomas (Mary O.) Smith and the late Martha "Gia" (Billy) Burling; also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Mrs. Grice retired from the Clarkston Post Office after 30 years of service. She enjoyed spending time with her family up



north and going to the casino.

Celebration of Life Service was June 3 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Private Interment, Slagle Township, Mich. Memorials may be given to Alice Gustafson Cancer Center. On line guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## Robert C. Van Norman

Robert C. Van Norman of Clarkston passed away May 30 at the age of 72.

He was preceded in death by his wife Delores. He was the father of Daniel (Lynn) Van Norman of Lapeer, Michelle (Dennis) Lankton of Columbiaville and Shari (David) Smith of Clarkston; grandfather of seven; brother of Cynthia (Anthony) Printz.

Funeral Service is Wednesday, June 4,



10 a.m., at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment, Lakeview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society or Beaumont Hospice.

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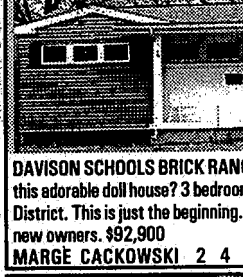
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**JOANN PONKEY**  
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**CLARKSTON SCHOOLS.** Open floor plan, living room features fireplace and doorwall to deck. 3 bedrooms 2 1/2 baths, 1<sup>st</sup> floor laundry, basement and 2 car attached garage. Water included in association fee. \$105,000  
**DDROTHY PLUMLEY** 2 4 8 . 4 0 8 . 5 6 8 4



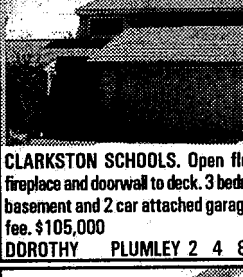
**NEWER!** Many updates in this cute Ranch w/3 bdms including... bath, roof, furnace, siding, Walkside windows & hot water heater. Fresh paint throughout & some newer carpet. Kit has also been done w/cabinets, flooring & appliances stay. Bdms are nice size & backyard is fenced. \$82,907  
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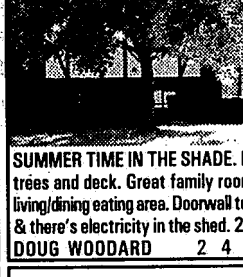
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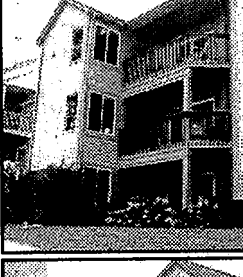
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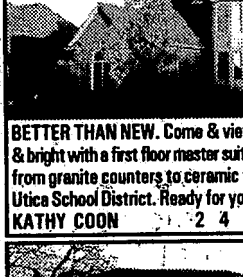
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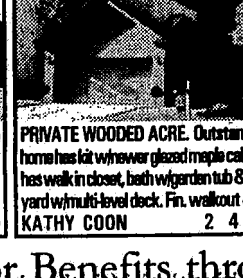
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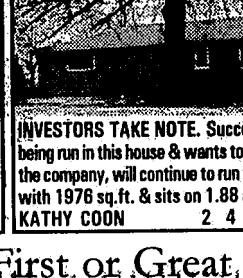
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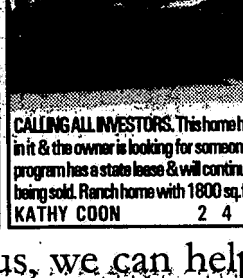
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**CALLING ALL INVESTORS.** This home has an adult foster care program running in it & the owner is looking for someone to take ownership of the home. The program has a state lease & will continue to run at the house. Only the house is being sold. Ranch home with 1800 sq.ft. on 1.75 acres. (C77Pre) \$265,000  
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# Summer trip to Japan for Clarkston students

Clarkston High School's Japanese Language students are traveling to Japan this July.

Japanese teacher Faye Valtadoros, Media Specialist Nancy Larsen, and 10 students will arrive in Narita, Japan, on July 6.

They plan to see the Daibutsu, a giant bronze Buddha housed in the largest wooden building in the world, visit the Sanjusangen-do Temple, housing 1,001 statues of the Thousand Armed Kannon, the Buddhist goddess of mercy.

They will tour Kyoto, with its hundreds of temples and gardens, Himeji-jo Castle, Hiroshima Peace Park and the A-Bomb Memorial and take a ferry to Japan's most beautiful place, Miyajima Shrine.

July 12-20, the students will travel by Bullet Train to Tokyo and change trains to make their way to Chiba. They will meet and spend the rest of their trip with a Japanese host family, to learn their cultural and customs. They will attend school and have a chance to tour Tokyo.

Students from their partner school in Chiba, Japan, visited Clarkston High School in February.



In back from left, Ricky Kelley, teacher Faye Valtadoros, Jeremy Baetz, Robby Zubalik, Zach Julian, Chris Melekian, and Nancy Larsen, media specialist. Front from left are Tyler Miller, Eric Leady, Megan Worden, Lisa Lideberg and Victoria Bonet.

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Participants are encouraged to bring their own poles, bait and tackle. Prizes will be awarded to the winners beginning at 3:00 pm. If derby is called due to severe weather, prizes may be awarded earlier. Participants must be present to win. Registration begins at 12:00 pm and contests begin at 12:30 pm. Contests include: Most Fish Caught, Biggest Fish Caught, Biggest Frog Caught, Best Fishing Hat and a Dry Casting Competition. Catch & release is strongly encouraged. Fishing licenses are not required. Children must be accompanied by and supervised by an adult. For additional information, please call Springfield Township Parks & Recreation at 248-846-6558.

# Obituary

## Elizabeth Ann Bowers

Elizabeth Ann Bowers of Waterford passed away May 28 at the age of 54.

She was the loving wife of Randall for 35 years; beloved mother of Christina (Jason) Crabb and Joseph (Kristen) Bowers.

Graveside Service was May 31 at

Lakeview Cemetery, Clarkston. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Cranbrook Hospice. Arrangements entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston.

On line guestbook  
[www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com)

## Dorothy L. Kirby

Dorothy L. Kirby, 81, of Charlevoix, died Friday, May 9, in Traverse City.

Funeral was May 14 at the Bethany Lutheran Church in Charlevoix, the Reverend Michael Tuescher officiating.

Mrs. Kirby was born Nov. 20, 1926, in Romeo, to Ward W. and Martha (Meisner) Pollion. She graduated from Romeo High School.

On Dec. 27, 1947, she married Lloyd G. Kirby in Auburn Heights. She worked in the Arlington Heights Post Office, and later moved to Clarkston where she was a member of the Calvary Lutheran Church.

In 1978, Dorothy and Lloyd made their home in Eastport. Dorothy worked with her husband at Michigan Appraisal Company in Charlevoix where she was the office manager for 20 years.

She enjoyed bowling, golfing, and cross-country skiing. Dorothy loved music and at the age of 3, she began playing the piano by ear at her mother's side.

She sang in the church choir for many years, and her friends and family will remember all of the musical gatherings in the Kirby home with Dot at the piano.

She was a member of the Bethany Lutheran Church in Charlevoix.

Dorothy is survived by her husband, Lloyd G. of Eastport; daughter, Sue E. (Rick J.) Ryder of Kalamazoo; son, Jeffrey L. (Sherry) Kirby of Charlevoix; grandchildren, Jarod, Jacob, and Jenna Kirby of Charlevoix; Matthew (Cozette) Borgenson, and their children, Amber and Zachary of Grand Rapids.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bethany Lutheran Church or the Spiritwood Foundation, P.O. Box 179, Ely, MN 55731, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to raise awareness of Alzheimer's Disease and support research,  
[www.spiritwoodfoundation.com](http://www.spiritwoodfoundation.com)/  
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Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is handling the arrangements.

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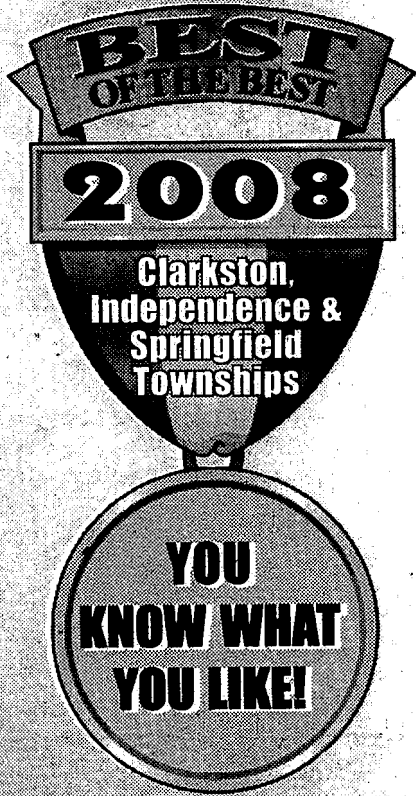
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4. Entries must be postmarked by June, 19, 2008.
5. Gift certificate winners will be selected via random drawing. Decision of judges is final.

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Best Auto Body Shop	Best Grocery Store	Best Tanning Salon	Best Insurance Agent
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**Good luck and thanks for your participation.**





Team Clarkston, Allen Ailbee, Matt Wilton, Kea Terry, Janan Horne, Tammy Layton, Darlene Welch, Mary Ann Floyed, and Fred Haynes.



From left, District winners Mary Ann Floyed, Clarkston, alternate; Tammy Layton, Clarkston, third; Barb Bunker, Holly, first; and Carrie Myre, Waterford, second.

## Clarkston bus drivers carry off awards at bus 'Roadeo'

Clarkston bus drivers won first place overall at the Oakland County School Bus Roadeo, May 17, at Oakland Schools in Pontiac.

Tammy Layton won first place for Clarkston, third for the Oakland District.

Waterford earned second place overall. Carrie Myre earned first for Waterford, second for District.

Holly earned third overall. Bark Bunker won first for Holly and first for District.

Lake Orion's Yvonne Brown won first for Lake Orion, and April Thompson earned third place in "Stop for a \$20," earning her \$5.

Marcy Simmons earned first place for Rochester, and Gordon Montross won first place in "Stop on a \$20," earning him the \$20.

Greg Anderson won first place for Southfield, and Lynn Erickson won first for West Bloomfield.

For Walled Lake, James Rivamonte

earned first, Heather Hanson earned second in "Stop for a \$20," good for \$10, and Allison Smith won a barbecue grill.

Thirty-one bus drivers from Clarkston, Holly, Lake Orion, Rochester, Southfield, West Bloomfield, Walled Lake, and Waterford competed in the School Bus Driving Championship, at Oakland Schools in Pontiac, created to test driving skills and recognize local professional drivers. It was hosted by Clarkston drivers.

Judges include police officers from Novi, Wixom, Ferndale, Norval Township, Royal Oak, South Lyon, Waterford, West Bloomfield, Oakland County Sheriff's Department, Michigan State Police Post 21 North, Traffic Improvement Association, Oakland County Transportation Supervisors Association, and local bus drivers.

Competitors received door prizes donated by local businesses.

— Phil Custodio

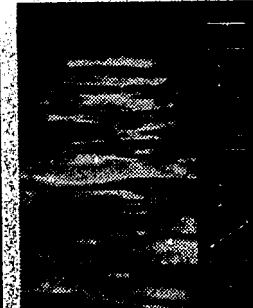


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# O'Neill cares for Clarkston children for more than 50 years

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no central heat—just a big cook stove.

He started school at the age of 4, and attended lessons in the one-room schoolhouse when it rained. Otherwise, he'd be out in the fields harvesting or planting corn, like everyone else.

As he grew older, part of O'Neill's education included a perceptorship—a period of supervised practical experience and training—alongside several local doctors who encouraged and mentored him.

Beginning around age 13, he scrubbed in, held retractors, assisted with medical procedures, watched and learned.

At 16, he headed off to St. Thomas College in St. Paul, Minnesota, graduated in three years, entered medical school at St. Louis School of Medicine, where he and emerged at the top of his class.

He and Mikel, whom he'd met when he was a freshman in medical school and she was a freshman at a small Catholic college nearby, moved to Detroit, where he completed his pediatric residency in pediatrics at Henry Ford Hospital.

There, O'Neill worked with Dr. Conrad Lamb on the first pump in heart surgery for children.

"It was a difficult time because there were a lot of failures on it," he said. "We'd get them through surgery and they did perfectly fine. Two days later, they'd get (a high temperature) and we'd lose them."

Most of the children, he said, were undergoing surgery for birth defects such as holes in the heart or vessels that were on "backwards" and therefore incorrectly routing blood.

After a successful surgery, the children would develop edema of the brain—swelling inside the brain, as it turned out, caused by micro-bubbles forming when the blood ran through a machine during surgery.

In 28 days, O'Neill said, doctors corrected the problem and the future of medicine looked very bright.

"I was still a pup and a very small part of it," he said. "But when we were in medi-

cal school, no one would even touch a heart in a human being—it couldn't happen. We went from no intervention to total intervention—rerouting blood in the heart, putting patches on holes. We were getting all the new antibiotics all the new surgical procedures—it was a very exciting time in history."

John F. Kennedy, O'Neill recalled, had just been elected president, and across the country, Americans were energized.

"There was this feeling—we can do anything, go anyplace," he said. "It was a very inspirational time. The United States was an unchallenged world power. It looked like nothing could stop this county. There was no horizon in medicine we couldn't climb over."

In 1960, O'Neill was recruited by Dr. Rockwood Bullard to start a pediatric practice in Clarkston.

They bought the old Ford farm on Holcomb and settled in.

Today, with grandchild number 14 due in August, they still call it home.

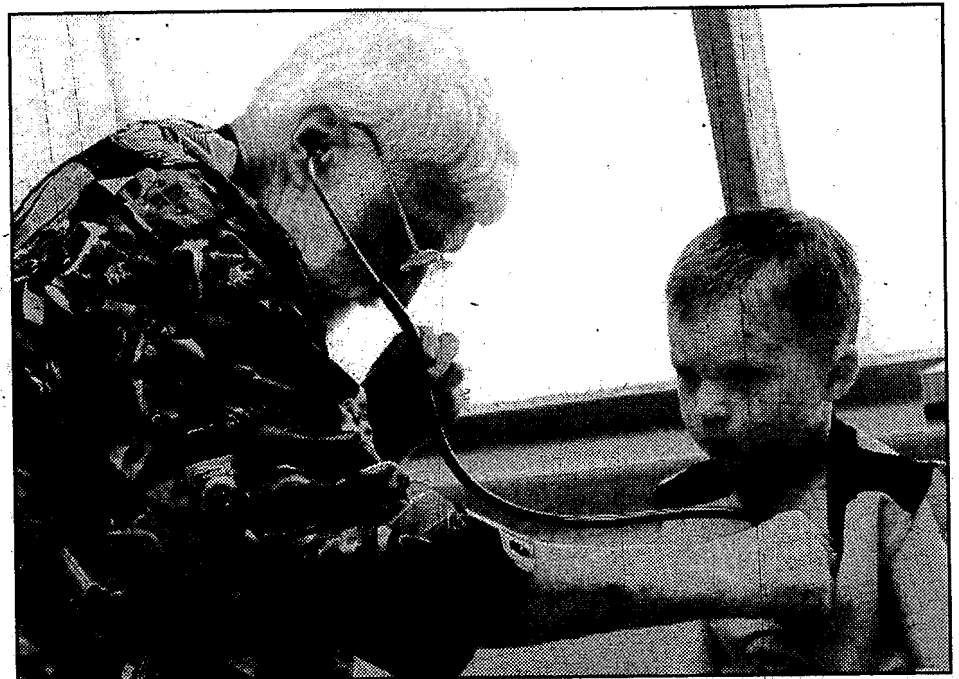
In the next 50 years, O'Neill said gene splicing and transplants looking like science fiction could become commonplace.

"There will be moral problems, people who say 'the sky is falling, we can't do this,'" he said. "But people in medicine are extremely ethical, and they're worried about moral intrusions. They're not going to rush headlong into doing something immoral."

O'Neill also said he expects to see medical advances made with the growth hormone, allowing minimization of Alzheimer's Disease, arthritis and overall aging.

He also remains enthusiastic about farming, and continues, nearly every day, to go out planting trees.

Staying up to date with political and social issues is also important, and just a short conversation with the doctor reveals his care and concern for others transcends medicine and reaches out to touch the great many small pieces that make up life's whole picture. For him, it's just part of looking after people.



Dr. James O'Neill runs a full spectrum of tests to make sure his young patient is healthy. Photo by Laura Colvin

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**BUDGET HEARING**  
**CITY COUNCIL**  
**JUNE 9, 2008**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**NOTICE**

A Public Hearing will be held regarding the 2008 - 2009 City Budget on June 9, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.

Copies of the proposed, 2008 - 2009 Budget are available for inspection at the City offices, 375 Depot Road, Clarkston, MI 48346, during regular office hours after June 2, 2008.

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING

Artemus M. Pappas  
City Manager/Clerk-Treasurer

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON  
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**SUMMARY**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MAY 27, 2008**

Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Mayor Catallo.  
Roll Present: Catallo, Brueck, Gawronski, Inabnit, Johnston, Ottman, Roth.

Absent: None.

Minutes of May 12, 2008, approved as presented.  
Agenda approved as presented with the addition of Code Enforcement as No. 4 in Unfinished Business.

Inabnit presented a report by Intellitrends on the Clarkston Community Police Department Study Police Committee.

Ottman reported that the Chocolate Moose would be closing its downtown store, but would be doing business via the internet.

Ottman asked about the treatment of the Mill Pond and the "indefinite use of water" from the pond. Gawronski will investigate this issue.

Ottman reported that she had met with Ritter, Pappas, and Pursley regarding the specifications for the Privatization bid process.

Brueck reported that John Meyland will be documenting the Depot Park project with photographs and has documented the initial rain garden. Brueck also reported that River Day will be June 7 and the Clarkston Watershed Group will be working on the gardens in Depot Park as well by the Parking Lot at Washington and Main Street.

Chief LaCroix reported that he had one extra officer on duty and the County Sheriff assisted in traffic control for the Memorial Day Parade.

A culvert at Clarkston Road and Main Street has collapsed and the Road Commission is working on repairing it.

Pappas reported that the Independence Township D.P.W. was trying to arrange a meeting for the Sewer Maintenance Agreement. The Council directed that Gary Tressel of Hubbell, Roth and Clark attend this meeting with City Attorney Ryan.

Resolved that the Sidewalk Ordinance No. 140, Section 4.01, Subsection 1 be amended to read... shall not be less than four feet as required to match adjacent sidewalk sections. Subsequent references to the five-foot width to be adjusted as needed.

Resolved that Section 4.01, Items A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, of the Sidewalk Ordinance be accepted by the City Council.

The Second Reading for the adoption of the 2003 International Property Maintenance Code will be held at the June 9 meeting.

Resolved that the contract for the City Manager be accepted with the starting date of May 27.

Resolved that the contract for the Clerk/Treasurer be accepted with the starting date of May 19.

City Attorney Ryan advised that code enforcement should be consistent, diplomatic, practically setup, and follow-up should be practiced. Council asked that the City Attorney prepare a Code Enforcement resolution to be adopted at the next Council meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Artemus M. Pappas, Clerk



The Rocket Man uses a model to explain to the Bailey Lake scouts how airplanes fly.

**Scouts have a blast with Rocket Man**

Boy Scouts Pack 341, Den 7 at Bailey Lake Elementary School learned about science with the help of the Rocket Man, April 24.

"Seeing the Rocket Man was a great experience," said Evan Scott, 9 years old, who wrote about the visit with help from his dad, Randy Scott.

"He showed us many, many rockets that were all different and cool. We also got to see two rockets blast off. They went higher than the clouds. The Rocket Man also showed us how rockets and their parachutes work."



He brought many rockets for his presentation. Photos submitted

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**Decedent's Estate**

Estate of MARGARET ANN CSIZMADIA, DECEASED, Date of birth: 7/10/1912

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:** The decedent, MARGARET ANN CSIZMADIA, DECEASED, who lived at 2112 Glenshire Lane, Waterford, Michigan died March 31, 2008.

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**Camp Invention set for July 21-25**

Camp Invention co-directors Kara Lomazov and Dennis Klenow are preparing for this year's program, set for July 21-25 at Sashabaw Middle School.

Lomazov has been a third and fourth grade teacher at Independence Elementary School for five years. This is her third year as Camp Invention director.

Klenow has taught fifth grade at Independence Elementary school for six years. He worked with Camp Invention as an as-

sistant director for the past two years and will be co-directing this year.

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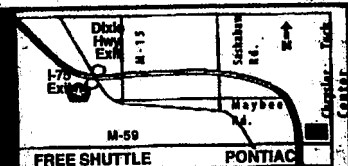
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