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Fight not over for local Chrysler dealer

Not ready to give up

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

His family beside him, Chuck Fortinberry is ready to fight.

"This is far from over," said Fortinberry, owner of Clarkston Chrysler Jeep in Springfield Township. "We're well capitalized, we're profitable. We have a great staff."

Fortinberry and the 788 other dealerships on Chrysler's rejection list must stop selling new vehicles and servicing warranties by June 9, a bankruptcy-recovery measure they are challenging in court.

"I just had a conference call with the community of affected dealerships," he said. "I'm joining a motion to set aside the sale."

A hearing is set for June 3, where they will request postponement of the consolidation plan.

"Chrysler is using bankruptcy as an excuse to circumvent franchise protections," Fortinberry said. "We're requesting a continuance to give us time to work this out."

According to Chrysler, dealers were rejected based on sales and customer service to create a smaller, more profitable net.

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Chuck Fortinberry, owner of Clarkston Chrysler Jeep, with his wife Dana Fortinberry and sons Lane, Cameron, and Brendan, received many letters and emails in support during these uncertain times, some of which are spread across his desk. Photo by Phil Custodio

Local PTA 'moves ahead' after bad news concerning funds

BY LAURACOLVIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Elizabeth Egan wanted to send an emphatic message to parents after news broke about a PTA volunteer who allegedly embezzled large sums of money from school fundraisers.

"We're going to move ahead," said Egan, PTA Council president for Clarkston Community Schools. "There are always lessons learned when something like this happens,

but if anything, I'm proud of our organization—we found it and we stopped it from happening again, maybe someplace else."

Superintendent Al Roberts sent a letter last week to inform parents across the district last week about "financial mismanagement" found in Pine Knob Elementary and Sashabaw Middle School PTAs.

"Our PTAs have strong policies and procedures in place to safeguard funds donated by families and community members," Rob-

erts wrote, noting no district funds were involved. "In fact, it was these policies and practices that led the PTA to uncover the missing funds."

The information, he wrote, was turned over to police investigators and former PKE and SMS treasurer Diane Weller was arraigned May 13 before 52-2 District Court Judge Kelley Kostin. She's charged with two felony counts of embezzlement of more than

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Planner's done Lack of leadership in township cited

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

After six years on the planning commission, Chairman Sam Moraco has had enough of township government.

"It has been a lot of fun for me working with the township in the past," said Moraco, who resigned his appointed post, Friday. "But as I tell everyone the more you know about how our government works the more disappointed and discouraged you get."

Moraco said he doesn't have anymore interest "associating" himself with current administration.

"I have worked hard to build a reputation in this community and I feel my association with the current administration jeopardizes that," he said. "It's been a long road and I am mentally and physically drained from dealing with these people."

It wasn't just one particular thing that caused him to resign, Moraco noted. But it's something that built up for quite some time.

He said "No one has the qualifications to run a service organization of this size" and he wrestles with the "total lack leadership" at the township.

"When no one is in charge no one is held accountable, the employees run the township not the elected officials," he said. "Everyone is there short term, so no effort is made to do anything but the minimum and they protect each other till they're out. Only the volunteer boards truly do it for the community."

Trustee Mark Petterson, said Moraco was a "great loss to the community."

"I congratulate him for all of his hard efforts, Sam has given a lot of flair and

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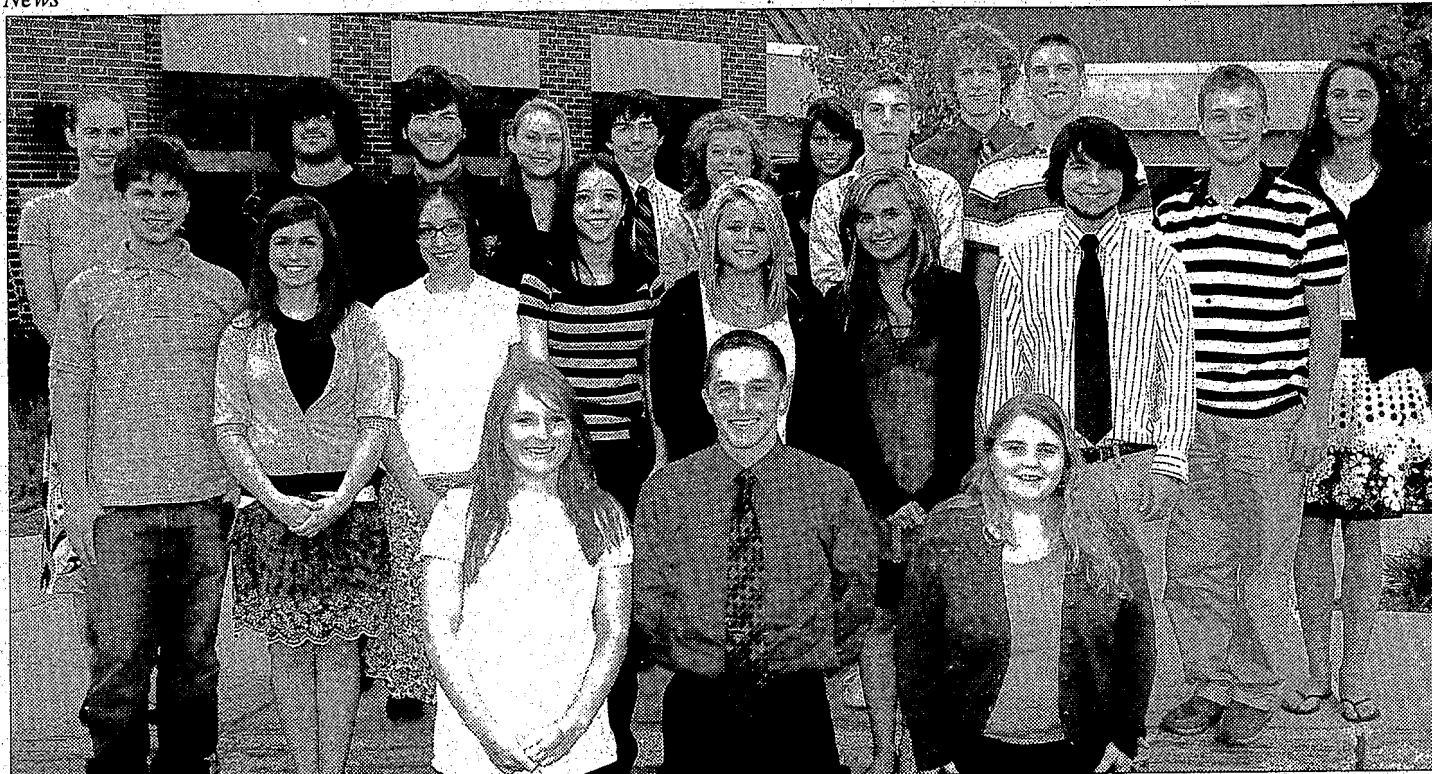
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Senior Scholars earn academic honors

Twenty-five Clarkston High School students earned a spot on this year's Senior Scholar list through academics and strength of schedule, in front from left, Ashley Hall, Eric Leichtnam, Morgan Brisse; middle from left, Ben Mackie, Taylor Benson, Kaycee Morra, Jenica Dombrowski, Elizabeth Abel, Katelyn Hoisington, and Tim Ginn; and third row from left, Amanda Tack, Mattan Alalouf, Evan Markarian, Ashley Chamberlain, Mike Schreiber, Alexandra Rodebach, Caitlyn John, Zac Habermas, Ian McCall, John Vanderveen, Jake Hoppert, and Jena Manilla. Not pictured, Kellyn Carpenter, Brittany Armstrong, and Jillian Schwab. Photo by Phil Custodio

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Awards include Citizen of the Year, Young Person of the Year, Business Person of the Year, Adult-Youth Volunteer, Community Preservation, Community Beautification, Community Enhancement and Community Collaboration.

"These awards honor the effort and dedication that people and organizations make to ensure our community is a great place to live and work," stated Kelly Hyer, one of the event co-chairs. Tickets are \$15.

For more information, call Clarkston

Memorial Day Parade

American Legion leads Clarkston's Memorial Day Parade, 10 a.m. Monday, May 11.

The parade lines up on Church Street, marches onto Main north to Washington, west to Holcomb, then south to Lakeview Cemetery for memorial ceremonies.

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James Justice from the EPA scans items for contamination. Photo by Trevor Keiser.

Mercury cleanup complete, EPA says

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A reading of 1,000 nanograms of mercury per cubic meter of air brings out hazardous-waste emergency response.

Air in a pole barn in the 6100 block of Clarkston Road read 80,000 nanograms.

"One of the things the people of this community should be proud of is the Hazmat," said Supervisor Dave Wagner, who was on site at the cleanup, May 12. "It's a team of many jurisdictions that's involved in this and last night when they were called out and responded it was identified immediately and prevented any injuries."

Independence Township Fire Department responded to a call that a pint of mercury was spilled during a court-ordered eviction.

"They (the workers) unknowingly broke a vile of mercury and became contaminated," said Gary Sharp, Independence Township firefighter. "Subsequently that contamination was transferred from their boots to their vehicles and some of the belongings in their vehicles, so we had them all return and with the assistance of the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) monitored all their shoes, their vehicles, and EPA has temporary taken possession of the stuff that's contaminated."

James Justice, on-scene coordinator with the EPA, said they were screening 12 other homes of workers who became contaminated.

"There are only three homeowners we could not get ahold of yet," he said. "My understanding is the rest of the houses came back clean."

Sharp, who gave an update on Monday, said an apartment of one of the contractors for the court had high levels of contamination in carpeting along with some of his belonging, which had to be thrown away.

Previous homeowner Gordan Lang received said he a call in Chicago from his neighbor on May 11, telling him workers were removing his belongings from the pole barn and throwing them in a trash bin.

"There is a 100 years worth of antiques in that barn, I wanted to save them," said Lang. "They have been through my family history and I want them."

After driving six hours from Chicago, Lang said he arrived at his house around 5:30 p.m. and immediately climbed into bin to start salvaging his belongings, much of which was broken.

After entering the barn, he saw mercury on the floor and called 911.

Lang and his dog Midnight both had to be decontaminated, he said.

Lang, who missed a deadline by a few days to purchase his house back, said he filed for an extension but was denied by the court.

"The court system is not on the poor people's side anymore," he said. "(They) have an obligation to serve and protect, not smash and destroy people's property, especially when the man's on the ground as far as he can go. Losing his home, losing his job, we're living in an era we've never seen before. Where is our compassion?"

Curt Thompson, team leader with the Oakland County Hazmat said they do many mercury responses.

"Short contact or casual exposure is not harmful, there's no acute sudden effect that you experience," said Sharpe. "However, the liquid mercury that you see is actually releasing invisible vapors and if you breathe those in for long periods of time, it will cause some neurological impairment."

Justice said they screen for contamination by wrapping furniture with plastic or, in the

case of shoes and clothing, putting them in plastic garbage bags and letting them sit outside in the sun or near a heater until at least 70 degrees for 15 minutes.

"If there are vapors on the clothes, the vapors will collect in the headspace of the bag and we'll know right away with the Lumex mercury meter whether it's contaminated," he said. "And whether or not we can give it back to them or throw it out and dispose of it."

Justice said a contractor from Detroit was coming to help clean up and screen the area for contamination. He said they will start outside first and eventually work their way inside the house and barn.

"Not knowing where the contamination spread outside, what we're going to do is take poli-sheeting plastic, lay it over the grass, which will cause a mini-green house effect," Justice said. "It will heat up and any mercury that may be in the grass will vaporize and collect underneath the plastic."

"Then we'll poke the Lumex underneath the plastic, and anywhere were it shows high levels of contamination, we'll mark with paint and those areas will be scraped with a Bob Cat and those areas will be disposed of."

On Monday, Sharpe said the EPA has completely removed all contaminated soil and property.

"It will be sent to a lab before all the Dumpsters are sent to a solid disposal facility," he said. "The contractor will be back sometime this week to put some grass seed down to replace some of the grass that was ripped up."

Sharpe said they are encouraging people to exchange old thermometers with mercury in them for new ones. For more information on how to safely dispose of mercury, visit www.michigan.gov/mercury.

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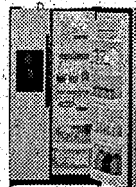
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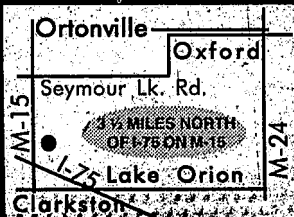
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Woloson works for state constitutional convention

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

After two May 12 meetings on a state-wide constitutional convention, Henry Woloson said he was "extremely encouraged" at people's response.

"Numerically, it may not have been a tremendous amount of people, but certainly the people who have attended have been very positive," he said. "Enough so, that we're going to move forward and send out the information, as I have said before this going to be very, very much a grassroots effort."

Woloson said at least four people within the Clarkston area are interested in running as delegates.

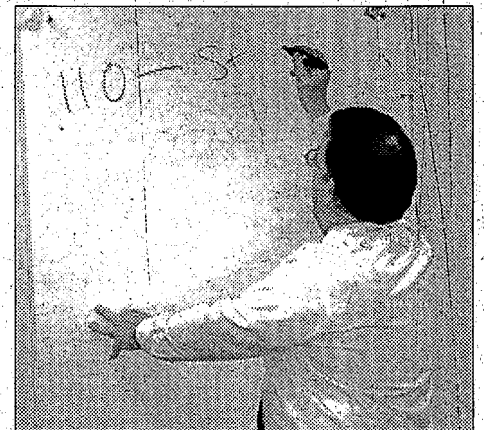
"If I had that kind of response from the entire state, we're home free," he said.

If a convention is called, 148 delegates would be elected, based on legislative districts for both the House of Representatives and Senate.

"How many times are we scrambling for somebody to run for school board," asked Woloson. "Here is a one-shot deal that you can't run realistically for reelection and we got four people running for one spot."

In addition, Woloson attended a session in East Lansing with more than 100 leaders from throughout the state, where some school board members showed an interest in getting involved, along with a school district superintendent, who was considering running as a delegate.

"This, obviously, is something that is timely and for those people who are looking for a reason to get involved will be given that opportunity," Woloson said. "That is



Henry Woloson explains how the delegate process works. Photo by Trevor Keiser.

the critical issue. It's very easy to say 'all is bad,' all we're trying to say is 'yes we know it's bad, here is an alternative.'"

Those skeptical of statewide constitutional convention "have valid concerns," which he shares alongside them, he said.

"It's incumbent on the individuals that want to make sure there is good representation to participate both as candidates and voters," he said. "I'm very convinced that there are so many levels of checks and balances that I'm certainly willing to engage in the process. I think it's a phony argument by individuals that are grasping for straws."

Woloson said the next year and five months will be spent educating people on the issues and encouraging them to vote "yes." Meanwhile, a group name and website are being finalized.

Junk yard wars continue

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Not much changes in a month. Just ask business partners Carolyn Frericks and Joe Delude.

The White Lake Road property owners stood before the township board, April 21, complaining the property next to them had unauthorized construction equipment, and was a junkyard for housing trucks.

Delude said not much has changed. "The trucks are still coming in and out of here," he said. "All the worker's vehicles are still parked up on the grass area next to the berm."

On March 10, the township sent a notice of violation to the property owner regarding both construction being done by Consumers Energy and the number of trucks causing blight on the property.

Township Attorney Steve Jopich said at

the May 5 township board meeting, his office sent a second notice indicating the prior violations were not taken care of, and "the problem has expanded on the Consumers site and the township intends enforcements in that regard."

Delude says he hasn't seen anything removed from the property, but described the situation similar to "musical trucks."

"What they did is rearranged them," he said. "Every few days they would move them from one spot, then they would put them in another spot, but there is still the same number of stuff there and they just keep shuffling it."

The board voted unanimously to go into closed session to discuss legal actions.

"All we can do is send letters and take them to court," said Supervisor Dave Wagner. "That's what we're in the midst of and that takes months."

Good Samaritans awarded for quick action, bravery

BY LAURACOLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Some of them lifted the white Camaro off the man trapped underneath, while others chased and held the car's fleeing driver until police arrived.

Mary Miracle stayed on the pavement of Sashabaw Road to comfort the badly injured motorcycle rider.

"I kept thinking 'this could be my son,'" she said. "I didn't know his name, but I told him, 'hang on, hon, help is coming.'"

His name was Vincent D'Anna. He was 26—a 1999 Clarkston High School graduate, an off-duty Flint police officer. He was a son, a brother, an uncle, a friend.

But on August 26, 2007, his motorcycle was struck three times from behind; D'Anna was knocked to the ground, trapped under the car and dragged along Sashabaw Road for 180 feet. He died early the next morning, surrounded by loved ones, at Genesys Hospital.

Miracle, along with those who lifted the car, chased the driver or otherwise helped at the scene of an accident near Sashabaw and Clarkston roads in Independence Township were among those honored Friday at the Oakland County Sheriff's Office in Pontiac.

The Sheriff's Office hosted the awards presentation in conjunction with National Police Week, and said honorees included citizen heroes who have made a difference in their community through heroic acts or deeds.

"These individuals are being awarded these Citizen Citations for their quick actions...when they observed a man on a motorcycle...being struck and then run over and dragged by a car



In front, from left, Danny Williams II, Kathy Merz, Fred Merz, Mary Miracle. Back row, Nathan Gearhart, Brandon Wakeman, Sheriff Michael Bouchard, Richard Falck. The following individuals were not able to attend, but were also honored for assisting at the scene: James Maurer, Kevin Lamentola, Kenneth Knight, Kenneth Auman, Scott Currie, Daniel Pace, and Stephen Hermes and Larry Hartley. Photo by Laura Colvin

whose driver was found to be intoxicated and in the country illegally," said Undersheriff Mike McCabe as he called forward 14 people who witnessed the accident and stopped to help.

The recipients took home a certificate of recognition and also had the opportunity to speak with D'Anna's mother, siblings and other relatives.

"I was happy to finally see the family and how they've come through this terrible time," Miracle said. "His mother thanked me for staying with her son; I told her I

was glad to be there. He had loving people all around him, people who really cared."

Camille-D'Anna-Leinbach, Vincent D'Anna's sister, said she and her family felt grateful for those who helped.

"I felt so much lighter leaving there Friday," she said. "I think I had a sense of closure once the trial ended, but this was a more positive sense of closure."

It's been a long time coming, she noted.

"The day after my brother died, that was one of the most important

things to us; finding these people, and thanking them," she said. "The words seem superficial compared to how I feel inside about everything they did. They lifted a car off my brother; Mary Miracle stayed right there and wouldn't leave him. I don't think it was any accident she was there."

Danny Williams, who drove to Pontiac from Dearborn Heights for the ceremony, said he was leaving a concert at DTE and saw the accident as it happened.

"It was terrible," he said. "To witness something like that, it

brings you to a stop and makes you think about how short life can be."

But, he noted, it also showed him how much is possible.

"We lifted a car," he said.

Fred and Kathy Merz, like Miracle, were called to testify at trial; the ceremony Friday brought back some difficult feelings.

"The emotions start to flow all over again," said Fred Merz. "You try so hard to put it to the back of your mind, but it's hard. To see someone's life taken away like that—it was just ungodly."

Kathy Merz said she and her husband never knew the outcome of the trial.

"I was glad to see (the defendant) got a lot of time," she said.

Sheriff Bouchard said he was "very proud" of the citizens who did everything they possibly could to help D'Anna.

"As a law enforcement brother, I'm sad for his family," Bouchard said. "From everything I've heard, he was a great officer with a great future ahead of him."

Like others, Bouchard said he felt the accident didn't have to happen.

"I'm very angry at the federal government for never getting a handle on the matter of illegal immigrants," he said, noting the problem reaches past the issue of funding. "It's a matter of backbone and setting public policy. We have borders and those borders need to be secured."

Ramon Felix Pineda, now 27, had a blood alcohol level of .16—twice the legal limit—when the accident occurred. He was convicted of second-degree murder, sentenced to 27-70 years in prison and is currently housed at the Michigan Reformatory in Ionia.

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A column by Laura Colvin

Schools' rules

For someone who's not officially on the school beat, I spend an awful lot of time in the hallways, classrooms, gyms and athletic fields of Clarkston Community Schools.

Why? A couple of reasons. First, it's an important part of what we do here at The CN. It's our aim to get every student into the pages of our paper at least once before he or she graduates.

Second, being in those hallways, classrooms and gyms with my camera is my favorite part of the job.

Last week, after more than an hour at Independence Elementary's Festival Day, I told a parent it was the most fun I'd had all week. I loved watching the kids get fired up during a musical performance in the gym, loved watching their imaginations go to work during an improv workshop, and loved seeing the passion the volunteers brought in. It's feel-good stuff, the kind of day that makes me say 'I love my job.'

And I'm still suffering from a touch of basketball withdrawal. I went to nearly every home game of the season, drove to Grand Blanc, drove to East Lansing—all off the clock—because I was caught up in the fever; because I was impressed with the drive and focus of the team; because Coach Dan Fife is passionate and driven, not just to win, but to do it the right way, with integrity, hard work and good sportsmanship. He's a fantastic role model, both on and off the court.

It's that way wherever I go in the district. Incredible parent involvement, smart kids, polite, friendly kids. Teachers who go way above and beyond. Good things are happening in Clarkston schools every single day.

Why then, does it all come to a screeching halt at the administrative level? Why is it "district policy" for all calls to the media be routed first through the superintendent's office? Why do I have to explain *why* I want to talk to this principal or that teacher, especially when a controversial issue arises, as it will in any organization? Why, in a district that sets such high standards, are teachers, principals, even parent volunteers, told whether their voice may, or may not, appear in a story? What kind of example does that set? And why is it so difficult to get an in-person conversation with the superintendent instead of yet another written statement?

Your kids are getting the best from Clarkston schools. But parents deserve better from the administration. You'll never get it unless you ask.



The Clarkston News

Viewpoints

Dixie needs new vision

Dear editor,

It's great to discuss the issue of increasing commercial vacancy in the Dixie Highway corridor, but the working group is just identifying a symptom of the core problem.

Decreasing consumer expenditure and population migration in the trade area are resulting in lower sales per square foot in the Dixie corridor, which is causing hardship to the businesses and landlords, as well as the residents/consumers.

Throwing money at this symptom will not help the underlying problem.

Creating jobs in our community is really the answer to our local and regional problem. Our community has three interstate highway interchanges as well as the Dixie Highway corridor, linking us to Genesee County and Central/Southern Oakland County trade areas. We already have a significant investment in our community by the McLaren Healthcare System at Sashabaw and I-75 with the commitment to build a new hospital, and have been fencing with Beaumont Hospital to build a Health Care facility at the M-15 and I-75.

Using these new developments as a base, I suggest we be front and center in the implementation County Executive Patterson's Medical Main Street program, and attempt to become a regional health care hub. Branding our community as a Health Care Hub and

recruiting spin off business, could create additional employment in the health care growth sector, away from our traditional manufacturing base.

In addition to the health care specific jobs brought to our community, we could encourage more collaboration between health care industry and non-traditional colleges/universities, leading to additional jobs in the education sector.

In the long run, this type of growth would also put us in a position to encourage additional forms of Public Transportation along the Dixie Corridor north of Pontiac.

Our community and region has been undergoing a significant change over the past four years. The status quo will continue leading us to higher vacancy rates and lower home prices.

Getting involved in creating a vision for the future is just about the only way to positively influence it. It may be time to rethink our position in this region, and update our Community Master Plan.

The Master Plan certainly didn't consider the effects of a Chrysler and GM bankruptcy. The only way to help ourselves may be to step forward and lead, instead of counting on other communities to provide jobs for our residents.

Jeff Gibbs

Independence Township

Shop could lead to dumping

Dear editor,

I am told that there are potential plans for a Salvation Army thrift store at the old Farmer Jack's location at Sashabaw and Waldon.

The Salvation Army does good things for those in need, just as other organizations such as Purple Heart and St. Vincent De Paul. My family traditionally gives each year to these organizations, donating good condition items that we no longer need or can use.

However, when I have delivered these items to other local thrift stores, I am always dismayed at the amount of items lying around the sides and rear of these stores.

It always appears that other people see these locations as a means of getting rid of their 'junk' and that the stores are not able or willing to keep the area clean of these dumpings.

I am concerned that Independence Town Square and the immediate area will become a local dumping site if this facility becomes a thrift store in our area.

Robert Ferer

Independence Township

(Ed. Note: According to Independence Township Building Department, no site plan has yet been submitted.)

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A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1994

"Teachers settle for a one-year freeze" Following the example set by Superintendent Gary Haner, Clarkston Education Association ratified a one-year contract extension including a pay freeze, in addition to a \$49,000 insurance concession.

"Chamber honors Clarkston's doers" Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce honored Ann Conklin as citizen of the year, Thomas Bullen for historic preservation, Bruce Harlton for property beautification, Sherry Regiani as adult youth volunteer of the year, Robert Brazier as young adult citizen of the year, and Richard Ayres as businessperson of the year.

"Fun Daze" More than 350 runners and walkers converged on downtown Clarkston for the Lighthouse North fundraiser, participating in one-mile, 5K, and 10K events. It also included petting zoo, music, and dancing.

25 years ago - 1984

"Kids clean up" About 160 students enrolled in Gary Nustad's class at Clarkston High School brought tools from home and planted flower, painted trash cans, mowed courtyard lawns, raked, swept, and planted trees.

"Keep the fire burning" The Olympic flame team ran up Dixie Highway towards Flint on their way to Los Angeles for the 1984 summer games. Bicyclists, other runners, and Michigan State Police cars kept pace with the torch as residents lined the route to cheer them on.

"Condo taping quashed by commission" Independence Township Planning Commission Chairman Neil Wallace ordered Michael Clark to remove his videotape camera from a controversial Deer Lake condo hearing before the commission and village council, saying it wouldn't be official. Clark objected, saying news cameras were allowed in the past.

50 years ago - 1959

"High school honor students" Clarkston High School recognized Perry B. Smith, Sue Johnson, Alan Wells and Jerilynn Minton for their top scholastic averages.

"Caravan of Buicks to go through village" About a dozen 1959 Buick body styles, two equipped with electric mileage testers which the public were invited to drive, were set to drive through town on their way to Lake Orion.

"Garden Club to see 'Fads and Fancies'" The club was set to attend the Goodwill Industries show spotlighting the past century of women's fashion.

CCES can figure your household emissions

I want to revisit the carbon credit program I mentioned in last week's Jottings. In case you missed it, I wrote that the Hiawatha Sportsmans Club I belong to got \$250,000 for selling carbon credits.

The purchaser, and even you, can buy carbon credits through the Carbon Credit Environmental Services (CCES) in Detroit. That could be less costly than building a carbon producing building.

It sounds like a bunch of hooley to me, but I'm guy who thinks this buying carbon offsets is just another government program to provides loopholes for would-be violators.

I have a fairly good vocabulary, but I can't come up with a word to totally describe this action. Cheating comes to mind. As does fraud, deceit, circumvention, hypocrisy and collusion.

CCES says, "An individual can reduce CO2 by purchasing carbon credits. These can be purchased for personal use or gifts. They are a unique gift for special occasions such

as weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, or events."

Wouldn't my kids love me more if I gave them carbon credits instead of money?

Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

I can hear son Jim now, "Oh, Dad, I'm so happy with my carbon credits. Thank you so much. I would have just spent the money on something foolish, like food."

CCES also says, "We will help you do your part to offset CO2 by first calculating your current household emissions."

I can see where this is going. Navy bean farmers

beware. The bean is going to be battered big time by the left-wing media, major talk shows, PETA, UAW, the UN, and a bunch of other outlets, but not the AARP.

Don't even think of attacking the Navy bean in front of my generation. Beans are the most basic of the basic food groups. From bean sandwiches we carried to school for lunch, to delicious bean soups, outstanding baked beans and even massed-produced Campbells and Progresso, beans are good.

I implore you, CCES, don't get involved with beans! What you might do as a Wayne State University Tech Town initiative, is concentrate your efforts on animal emissions. Such as us and cows.

Nine percent of our flatulences are carbon dioxide. I imagine it's higher in cows since some grant (our tax) money went to some Ph.D. to study their emissions.

You think you've got a stinking job, pity the scientist studying cow-generated wind.

Oh, yes. CCES owns a 100% carbon neutral travel agency. Visit www.CCESTravel.com to offset your travel.

This whole thing is a bunch of nonsense, which is what I usually write.

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So, continuing, I asked grandson Trevor, 9, how he signalled his teacher when he had to go to the bathroom. He raises a hand.

Back in my 9-year-old, one-room school days we raised our hand with either one or two fingers extended, indicating a particular need.

Why the teacher needed to know that escapes me, unless this was her way of keeping track of when to send out another supply of tissue, or she thought there was more urgency in one request than another.

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- The greatest mistake - giving up.
- The most expensive indulgence - hate.
- The greatest stumbling block - egotism.
- The greatest need - common sense.
- The most dangerous person - the liar.
- The greatest puzzle - life.
- The greatest thought - God.
- The greatest thing, bar none, in the world love.

Everyone needs to shop locally

Dear editor,

I not only try to buy local I try to buy as many Michigan product's as I can find. But being a GM retiree I can't help but notice how many foreign car's being driven by the owner's of our local businesses.

I don't support people who don't support me.

James Bird
Independence Township

Thanks for mail food drive help

Dear editor,

Lighthouse Clarkston sends a big 'thank you!' to all of the hard working Independence Township mail carriers, their customers and the our volunteers for another successful 'Stamp out Hunger' food drive.

On Saturday, May 9, many volunteers spent the afternoon in our parking lot sorting and boxing the thousands of pounds of donated items that the carriers picked up at the mail boxes along their routes.

This much needed food will allow Lighthouse Emergency Services to help local residents that are dealing with having to choose between purchasing food or paying the monthly rent.

Thank you to all who participated and made this a huge success!

Connie Stapleton
Lighthouse Emergency Services

Global economy killed U.S. auto industry

Dear editor,

To hear the media tell it, arrogant corporate chiefs failed to foresee the demand for small, fuel-efficient cars and made gas-guzzling road-hog SUVs no one wanted, while the clever, far-sighted Japanese, Germans and Koreans prepared and built for the future.

I dissent. What killed Detroit was Washington, the government of the United States, politicians, journalists and muckrakers who have long harbored a deep animus against the manufacturing class that ran the smokestack industries that won World War II.

How did Big Government do in the U.S. auto industry?

Washington imposed a minimum wage higher than the average wage in war-devastated Germany and Japan. The Feds ordered that U.S. plants be made the healthiest and safest worksites in the world, creating OSHA to see to it. It enacted civil rights laws to ensure the labor force reflected our diversity. Environmental laws came next, to ensure U.S. factories became the most pollution-free on earth.

It then clamped fuel efficiency standards on the entire U.S. car fleet.

Next, Washington imposed a corporate tax rate of 35 percent, raking off another 15 percent of autoworkers' wages in Social Security payroll taxes State governments imposed income and sales taxes, and local governments property taxes to subsidize services and schools.

The United Auto Workers struck repeatedly to win the highest wages and

most generous benefits on earth -- vacations, holidays, work breaks, health care, pensions -- for workers and their families, and retirees.

Now there is nothing wrong with making U.S. plants the cleanest and safest on earth or having U.S. autoworkers the highest-paid wage earners.

That is the dream, what we all wanted for America.

And under the 14th Amendment, GM, Ford and Chrysler had to obey the same U.S. laws and pay at the same tax rates. Outside the United States, however, there was and is no equality of standards or taxes.

Thus when America entered the Global Economy to maximize profits by outsourcing work and jobs overseas, GM and Ford had to compete with cars made overseas in factories in postwar Japan and Germany, then Korea, where health and safety standards were much lower, wages were a fraction of those paid U.S. workers, and taxes were and are often forgiven on exports to the United States.

All three nations built "export-driven" economies.

The Beetle and early Japanese imports were made in factories where wages were far beneath U.S. wages and working conditions would have gotten U.S. auto executives sent to prison.

The competition was manifestly unfair, like forcing Secretariat to carry 100 pounds in his saddlebags in the Derby.

Japan, China and South Korea do not believe in free trade as we understand it.

While we think the Global Economy is about what is best for the consumer, they

think about what is best for the nation.

Like Alexander Hamilton, they understand that manufacturing is the key to national power. And they manipulate currencies, grant tax rebates to their exporters and thief our technology to win. Last year, as trade expert Bill Hawkins writes, South Korea exported 700,000 cars to us, while importing 5,000 cars from us.

That's Asia's idea of free trade.

How has this Global Economy profited or prospered America?

In the 1950s, we made all our own toys, clothes, shoes, bikes, furniture, motorcycles, cars, cameras, telephones, TVs, etc. You name it. We made it.

Are we better off now that these things are made by foreigners? Are we better off now that we have ceased to be self-sufficient? Are we better off now that the real wages of our workers and median income of our families no longer grow as they once did? Are we better off now that manufacturing, for the first time in U.S. history, employs fewer workers than government?

We no longer build commercial ships. We have but one airplane company, and it outsources. China produces our computers. And if GM goes Chapter 11, America will soon be out of the auto business.

Our politicians and pundits may not understand what is going on. Historians will have no problem explaining the decline and fall of the Americans.

Regards,

Dave Cleveland
Independence Township

Springing into summer for SCAMP

It was a fun fundraiser.

That's the word from Tom Lowrie, of Lowrie's Landscaping, who hosted "Spring into Summer" last week in partnership with Moon Valley Rustic Furniture. The evening event, complete with food, drinks, putting contest, raffle and abundant sunshine, raised more than \$3,000 for SCAMP.

"It was supposed to last until 8:30 p.m.," said Lowrie. "I think things finally started to wind down around 10:30 p.m. A good time was had by all."

Check out the Big Blue Button to see these and more photos in full color at www.ClarkstonNews.com.



Deb Gordinier shows off her skills in the putting contest.



Back row: Rick Detowski, Donna Clancy, Tom Lowrie. Front: Lisa Detowski and Tami Lowrie. Photos by Laura Colvin



Christina Zarella, a RHS junior, works on her Chair-ity project. Photos submitted.

Chair-ity needs bidders

Some artistic students are hoping residents around Clarkston will feel charitable enough to come down and take a look at items on display for the second annual Chair-ity Auction.

During recent months, students at Renaissance High School painted donated chairs in a variety of whimsical, floral, sports and other themes.

The finished products, appropriate for indoor or outdoor use, are now ready and on display at the school.

The furniture will be sold by silent auction, with proceeds donated to the Clarkston Area Optimist Club.

"I'm grateful I had the opportunity to paint a chair for somebody to enjoy and to know that the money is going to a good cause," said Christina Zarella, a RHS junior.

RHS art instructor Jessica Hall is heading up the fundraising effort—a Clarkston Community Schools Academic Service Learning

Project—with students from her Art in the Community class, as well as other students who were interested in helping out.

Last spring's Chair-ity Auction resulted in a \$1,000 donation to the Clarkston Rotary, which was used to purchase a Shelter Box for national disaster relief.

"I absolutely love doing this project with my students," said Hall. "We are going to make this an annual event and keep giving back to the community. The kids and I have so much fun with this project. It is really neat to see the talent come out in so many different ways."

Chairs are available for viewing in the RHS atrium. Bids may be submitted until 3 p.m., May 28.

Renaissance High School is located in the Clarkston Community Education Building, 6558 Waldon Road.

For more information, call Jessica Hall at 248-623-8064 or email Murawslj@clarkston.k12.mi.us

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Lobsters will be available for pickup on Saturday, May 30th, at Church of the Resurrection, 6490 Clarkston Road.

For additional information, Call 248.625.2325

I spy

A man who was mowing his lawn when an accident occurred near his Clarkston Road and Ranch Estates home told responding deputies he didn't see the incident, but did hear a crash and looked up in time to see the driver of a pink Chevy Cavalier quickly toss something into his truck. The deputy asked the driver whether he had anything illegal in the car, and the man, a 31-year-old Independence Township resident, eventually admitted he had about three ounces of marijuana in the vehicle. He was subsequently cited for possession. The incident occurred May 8 around 8 p.m.

Team effort

The manager at a drug store on Dixie Highway had an eye on the store's surveillance cameras around 9 p.m., May 11 and watched as a woman in the liquor aisle put two bottles of vodka in her purse, two half-gallon bottles of whiskey in her coat, and proceeded to walk out of the store and drive away in a van without paying for the alcohol. The manager gave chase, alerting an off-duty Independence Township fire fighter who was in the parking lot. The firefighter followed the woman with his hazard lights on until police caught up to the procession on I-75 southbound near Sashabaw Road. Inside the van, which was impounded when police discovered the 51-year-old Detroit woman's license was sus-

Public Safety

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

ended for the eighth time, deputies found sealed cases of baby formula, chewing gum, energy drinks and several bottles of over-the-counter medication, as well as the missing booze, which the store manager valued at \$156.32.

Give me the keys

An Independence Township motorist called police May 9 to report he was following 2001 Chevy Cavalier that had nearly hit his car and was crossing the center line and hitting curbs along Waldon just before 2 p.m. The caller finally caught up when Cavalier came to a stop, and took the keys from the other driver's ignition. Deputies arrived on the scene and called EMS, as the man, a 38-year-old Independence Township man resident who was conscious but said he felt "very sleepy" appeared to be having a medical emergency. He was, nonetheless, cited for reckless driving.

Beer bandit

A man wheeling two cases of beer from a grocery store in the 5900 Sashabaw Road

on May 11 told an inquiring manager he had a receipt, but made no attempt to produce the slip while he loaded the brews into his vehicle and drove off. A security guard noted the license plate number, and a deputy reported he'd pulled the same car over only an hour before, when the owner of a nearby gas station complained of a man and woman who began to curse loudly when asked to leave after making a mess in the store with dirty returnables collected from garbage cans outside.

Crashed

Witnesses said they never saw brake lights when a car headed south on Dixie Highway around 7:30 a.m. May 13 suddenly veered left, went over a median, cut across all lanes of traffic, over the lawn area, through a parking lot and hit a building. According to police reports, a witness on the scene said the driver, a 41-year-old Holly resident, appeared to regain consciousness as he approached the vehicle, but had a large, bleeding laceration near her right eye. She was transported to the hospital by EMS.

Promises, promises

Following up on a promise to crack down on after-hours loitering in Depot Park in order to minimize vandalism, Clarkston police issued citations May 12 to a 19-year-old Rose Township woman and a 20-year-old White Lake man who were in the park around 11:30 p.m. The following evening, citations were issued to a 23-year-old Independence Township man and a 25-year-old Independence Township woman in the park around 11 p.m. Signs near park entrances state Depot Park rules, including the 10 p.m. closing time, said Chief Dale LaCroix, noting the city ordinance violation is a misdemeanor and carries up to a \$500 fine.

Viciously vandalized

Sinks, toilets, a glass shower enclosure, and several plasma televisions were smashed; a wall oven and washing machine were destroyed; paint was splashed on walls, ceilings and floors, and water was left running, causing drywall to collapse. Deputies documented page upon page of damage and began looking for culprits after someone broke into a home in the 4800 block of Menominee April 10 or 11 and vandalized the property. Nothing appeared missing from the home.

Someone breaking the law?

Call Clarkston Police, 248-625-0088, or Oakland County Sheriff, Independence Twp., 248-620-4970, or Springfield Township, 248-634-3111

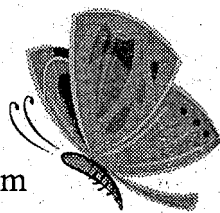
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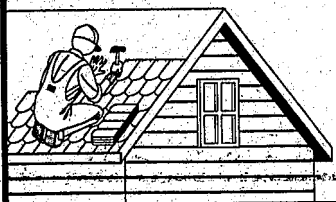
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Service, support of community will continue

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work of larger dealerships.

"I'm in the top 17 percent of dealerships in the country," Fortinberry said. "I sold 12,000 cars for them and they're telling me I'm a bad dealer. It's insulting."

Earning Chrysler's 5-Star rating every year since 1997, Time Magazine's 2005 Quality Dealer Award, remodeled two years ago, the car manufacturer should not have put Clarkston Chrysler Jeep on the reject list, he said.

"I understand the necessity over time to consolidate dealerships, but this is unconscionable," he said. "Why not let the market conditions determine it?"

The dealership also sponsors Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce events throughout the year, hosts the annual Harrison Charity Ride, employs 33, and pays about \$60,000 in property and business taxes to Springfield Township and Clarkston Community Schools every year.

Whatever happens, the dealership will remain in business as Clarkston Motors, Fortinberry said.

"We'll continue to offer top services, professional body repair. We'll still support the community as we always have," he said. "We'll look at other franchises in the marketplace."

The dealership is offering remaining new cars at or below wholesale, and will continue to offer used cars, service, parts, and body shop.

"Preowned, certified cars, backed by me," he said. "We're not going to leave an empty building."

Fortinberry and his family appreciate letters, e-mails, calls, and visits from supporters in the community.

"The outpouring of support has been overwhelming," he said. "I want to thank everyone for their support."

"It's really touching to see and hear from so many in the community, people we don't even know," said Dana Fortinberry, his wife. "It's an amazing thing. This is a great community. It's why we love it."

Council needs River Day coordinators

Clinton River Watershed Council wants to work with citizens, civic groups and communities during River Day, June 13.

Site coordinators would organize events throughout the watershed.

For information, check www.crw.org/crwevents/riverday.html. An updated schedule of events is also on the website.

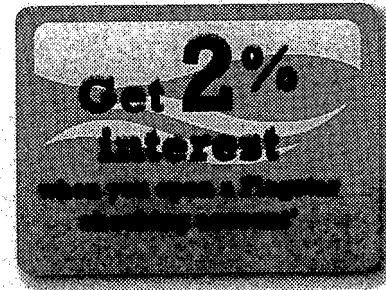


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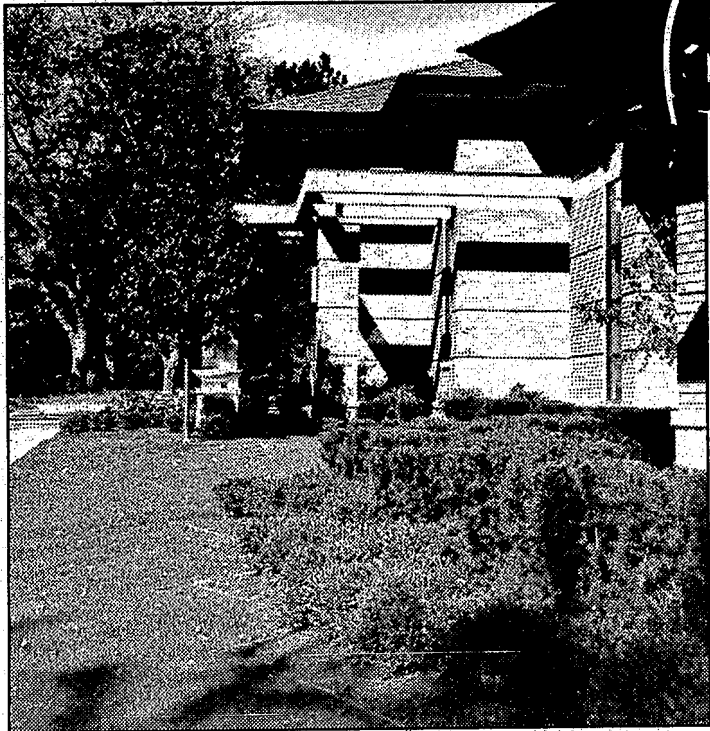


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GOOD LUCK!



Tenure granted to 29 Clarkston Community Schools teachers

Raising their right hands, 29 newly tenured Clarkston teachers take the oath of office, administered by Clarkston Board of Education President Stephen Hyer: **Michael Mallon**, Andersonville Elementary; **April Killewald**, Bailey Lake Elementary; Independence Elementary teachers

Dawn Gimbutis, **Michelle Laing**, and **Katie Marasco**; North Sashabaw Elementary teachers **Pamela Boewe** and **Liz Sajan**; Springfield Plains Elementary teachers **Heidi Kroll** and **Carolyn Leuenhagen**; Sashabaw Middle School teachers **Robert Cattin**, **Dan (Robert) Mooney**, **Cynthia**

Pebley, **Rodney Pierson**, and **Sandy Savoie**; Clarkston Junior High teachers **Emily Jackson**, **Joshua LaMay**, **Thomas McGinnen**, **Patricia Morrison Schneider**, **Joyce Sherman**, **Sara Tarzwell**, and **Timothy Wasilk**; Clarkston High School teachers **Amy Allen**, **Lynn Cecchini**, **Ryan Eisele**,

and **Susan Linder**; and special education teachers **Melinda Hart**, Independence Elementary; **Megan Horstmas**, Clarkston Elementary; **Carrie Kopitzki**, Andersonville Elementary; and **Hank Passmore**, Sashabaw Middle School. *Photo by Phil Custodio*

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Former treasurer arraigned on two embezzlement charges

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\$1,000 but less than \$20,000.

Weller first became treasurer of the PTA at PKE in 2001. She served as president during the 2002-2003 school year. The books appear "clean" during that year, said PTA representatives.

Weller served again as treasurer in 2003-2004, and while she was not involved with the PTA during 2005, she again became treasurer, this time at SMS, during the two school years spanning 2006-2008.

Andrea Schroeder, current PTA treasurer at SMS, told police she uncovered discrepancies in PTA financial books that led her to eventually discover more than \$20,000 was missing.

Schroeder and others who worked to reconcile the books told investigators they discovered, for example, that during a 2001 Entertainment Book fundraiser, 24 books—which sell for \$35—were reported as lost.

The fundraising company said Clarkston schools average about four books missing during each sale, Schroeder told police.

According to a police report, Diane Weller was interviewed by investigators and admitted to taking money from Entertainment Book, cookie dough and book fair fundraisers during her tenure with the PTA.

Other issues—checks written during the summer when books should be closed, voided checks and bounced checks written to the PTA from Weller's personal account—also raised suspicions.

According to reports, Weller admitted adjusting the books to cover money she took over the years and also submitted fictitious audits.

Independent audits are required annually in order for any school to remain in good standing with the Michigan PTSA.

She also told police she found other ways around safeguards—for example, since checks require two signatures, she had then-PKE PTA president, Mary Hubble, sign two or three checks at a time.

"You have to remember, this is someone who really had a lot of public trust," said Egan. "She ran for school board twice, she was an

Clarkston Medical hosts open house

Clarkston Medical Group hosts an open house, 1-4 p.m., Saturday, May 30, at its new 135,000-square-foot Clarkston Medical Building, Bow Pointe Drive off Sashabaw Road south of I-75.

Also sponsored by McLaren Health Care Village, Great Lakes Cancer Institute - Clarkston, and the new center's 20 medical specialties, the event includes free refreshments, games, giveaways, health screenings, entertainment, and tours. Check www.mclarenclarkston.org for more information.

active volunteer. We trusted her."

Weller ran for school board in 2003 and 2004.

Noting her family's home "almost went to foreclosure" about five years ago, Weller told police she stole money "just to pay bills."

She also said she was depressed after the death of a family member and needed money to help pay for the funeral, and that she wrote a \$3,000 check to Boy Scout troop 377 from the SMS PTA account in 2007 because she "needed to pay for her two sons' Philmont High Adventures Camp over the summer."

Weller's husband is the leader for troop 377.

Weller told police her husband knew nothing of the check, and that she was not involved in the books for the boy scouts.

Police later discovered, however, that she served as treasurer during the past six years and was solely responsible for the troop's books.

Although "shocked" by the alleged embezzlement discovery, Egan said the PTA has very careful cash handling practices in place.

"This is just one person who maliciously, intentionally abused our processes," she said. "But there is a certain amount of trust we put

in our volunteers to do the right thing, and we're still going to trust our volunteers; there's no reason why we shouldn't. We have a good nominating process, we have a good training process and I want the community to continue to feel confident in the wonderful things we do."

The shame, she said, are all the missed opportunities for students.

"That's what hurts the most," she said. "Our kids suffer because this money is gone."

Diane Weller is scheduled for preliminary exam before Judge Kostin May 29 at 8:30 a.m.



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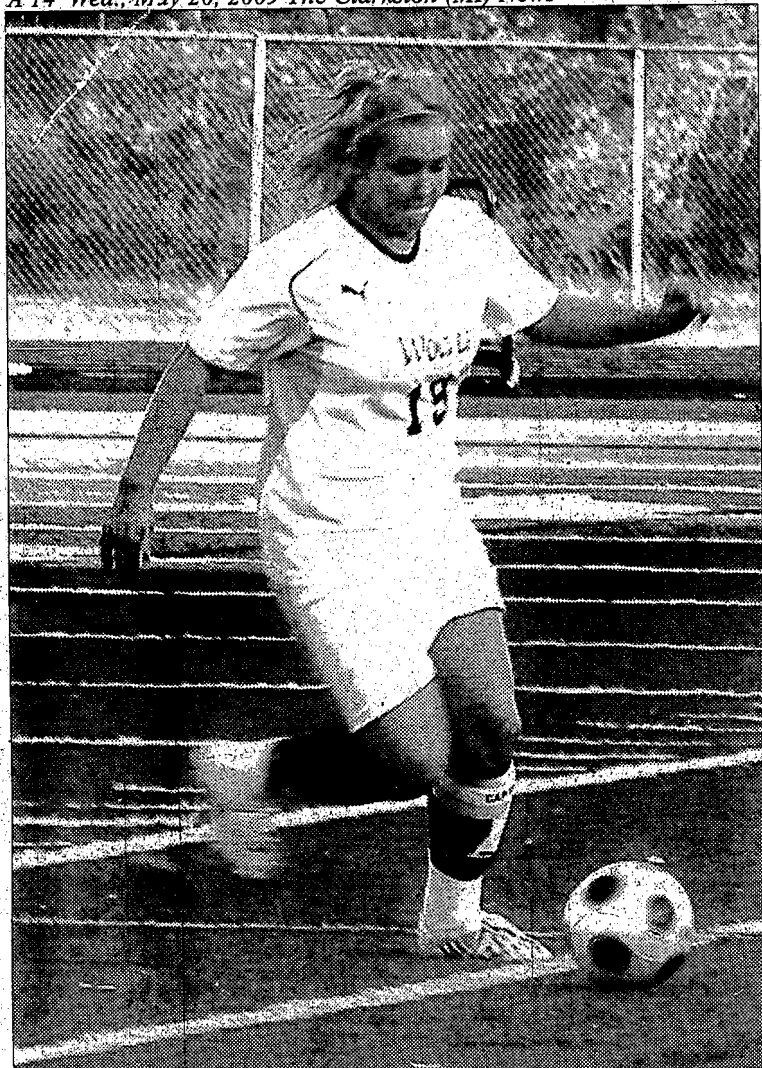
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Courtney Meharg dribbles down the field.

Loss to LO marks final home game

BY CAITLINSMITH

Special to the Clarkston News

Despite a two-goal deficit with 12 minutes left, freshman kicker Mikayla Ferar didn't give up.

Ferar got control of the ball, dribbled around her Lake Orion defending opponent, and shot the ball into the back of the net. Fired up for a come back, adrenaline kicked in and the Lady Wolves increased their urgency of play, but the final minutes ran out for a 2-1 loss to the Dragons.

Coach Sarah Wasilk was content with the outcome of the May 14 game.

"The seniors stepped up their leadership on and off the field. They came out intense and the rest of the team followed suit."

The Lady Wolves played a phenomenal game against their long time rival, she said.

"Lake Orion has a lot of talent and we didn't see their full capacity tonight," she said.

Lake Orion Coach Ken Snage said his team "played rather average — it was enough to win but not much more."

During the first half, Lake Orion controlled most of the play, but Clarkston's defensive line was able to tame the Dragons to zero goals for the first 28 minutes.

However, a foul just inside the box would reward the opposition with a penalty kick. Lake Orion's Kelsie Deppen took advantage of the situation and smoothly placed the ball into the corner of the net.

Down by one goal, the Lady Wolves came out aggressively into the second half. There were several offensive attempts and her team had "a few quality shots on net," Wasilk said.

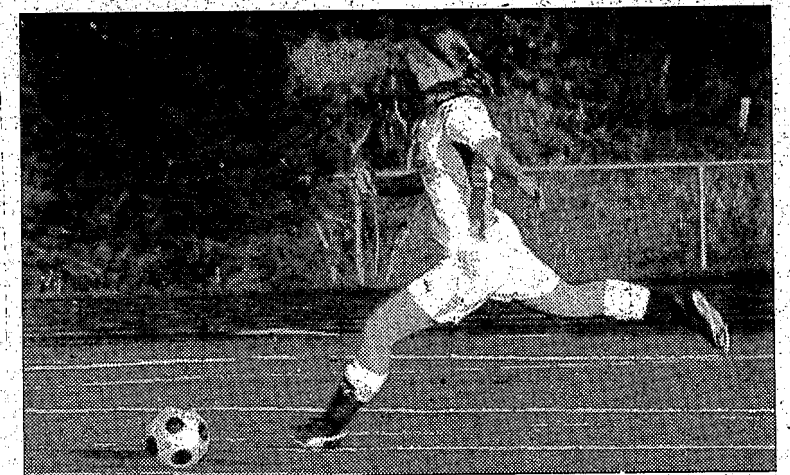
Yet, it was Lake Orion who managed to tally the second goal of the game. A scramble in front of the net provided some "edge-of-your-bleacher" drama for the fans.

Clarkston's defense attempted to save the ball as it rolled over the goal line, but a controversial call awarded the Dragon goal.

A head-to-head collision put a halt to the game, but not the excitement, as a player from both teams suffered an injury.

The team's final home game, graduating Lady Wolves were recognized by their teammates, coaches, and fans during Senior Night celebrations.

The Lady Wolves will take on Berkley and Farmington High School this week in their last two regular season games of the year.



Breanne Timm winds up for a kick. Photos by Caitlin Smith

Athlete of the Week

Batchik to play at Trinity Christian

BY CAITLINSMITH

Special to the Clarkston News

As Audrey Batchik finishes up her senior year at Clarkston High School, she looks forward to the adventures that await her — specifically playing Varsity Soccer at Trinity Christian College in Illinois.

Batchik played club ball for both Michigan Gators and Vardar, in conjunction with high school varsity for four years.

She will continue her career under the direction of Coach Josh Lenarz, on a soccer scholarship. While at school, Batchik plans to major in art, pursuing advertising or photography.

"Soccer drew me to Trinity," she said. "I love the congenial environment the school and soccer team offered."

Besides being able to play college ball, she is most looking forward to the new friendships that she will make.

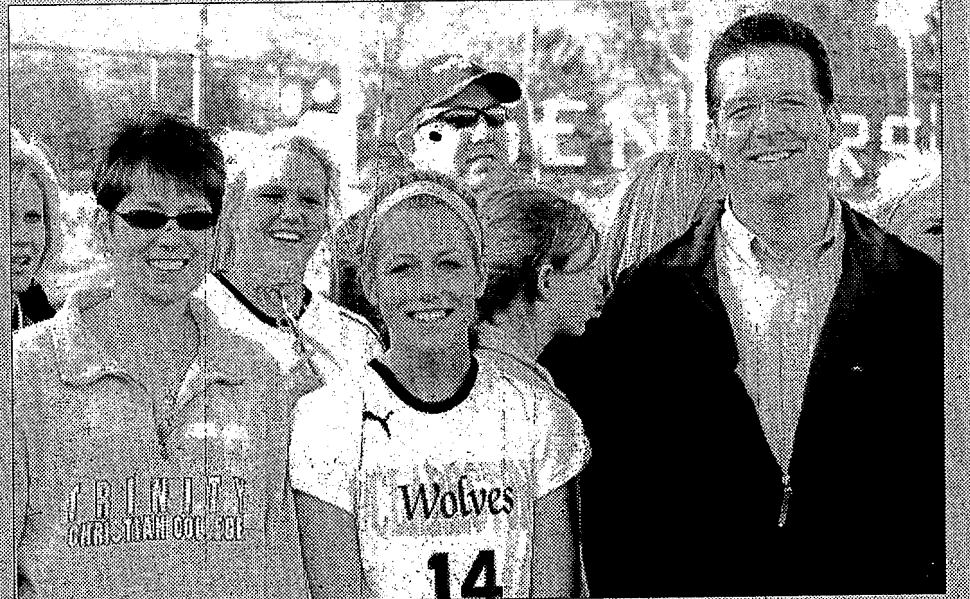
According to Lenarz, it is all about relationships. Soccer is secondary to the bond that players and coaches form.

Coach Lenarz says that when recruiting players he begins by looking for kickers who are not only athletically talented, but will also be a good addition to the school. Lenarz believes Batchik will be a strong asset to his team.

"Audrey is joining the team at a great time," he said. "We need more depth on defense right now and she could easily satisfy the position. Of course, she still needs to prove herself, but I anticipate her to do well."

Batchik is most nervous about competing at the college level. It will be a new experience for her, but she is anxious for the season to start.

She is especially excited about the training, which she will receive from Coach Lenarz and the Trinity Soccer Program.



Audrey Batchik, with her parents.

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Pokley becomes a Bronco

BY J.T. BOHLAND

Special to the Clarkston News

Brandon Pokley was accompanied by family, coaches, and fellow teammates at Clarkston High School on Monday, May 12, to celebrate Pokley's official commitment to Western Michigan University.

The 6-foot-4 shooter was recruited by several other schools, such as Northwood, University of Detroit, and Wright State, and narrowed his options down to Northwood and Western. Finally, Pokley signed with Western Michigan University after being offered a full-ride scholarship.

"It was really important for Brandon to go Division 1, that's what he was ultimately working towards," said Brandon's mother, Sue Pokley.

Brandon Pokley played a vital role on Clarkston's varsity basketball squad, which finished 24-2 and went farther than any other team in Clarkston's recent history, as they went to the Breslin Center for the Class A state semifinals.

"Brandon had as good a year as he could have as a senior," said varsity basketball coach Dan Fife. "He filled his role on the team and his teammates could always depend on him."

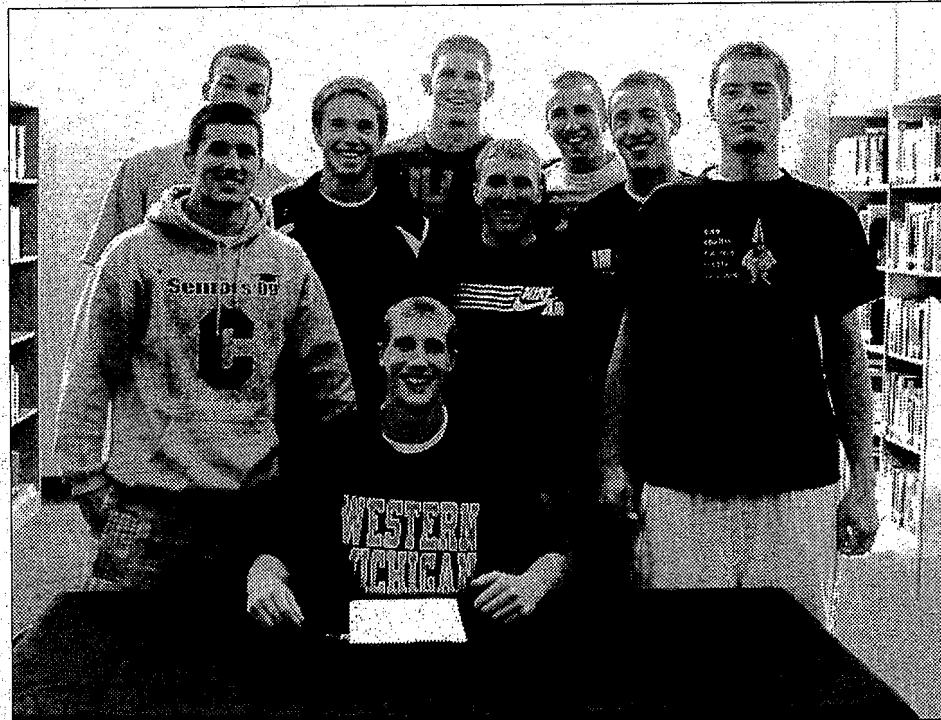
His senior year undoubtedly impressed Western's head coach, Steve Hawkins, as he showed a strong interest in Pokley after his final season as a Wolf, Fife said.

The road to becoming a Bronco was a tough one, though, as Pokley persevered through a tough sophomore year in order to earn a starting spot on the varsity squad both his junior and senior year.

"Pokley was always concerned with giving his best effort and working hard inside and outside of the gym to fully develop himself as a player," Fife said.

Although playing Division 1 basketball has always been Pokley's dream, he knows it's time to get focused in order to prepare for his freshmen year at Western.

"I take hundreds of shots everyday," which seemed to pay off as he averaged 21



Surrounded by his teammates, Brandon Pokley signs with Western Michigan University. Photo by J.T. Bohland

points per game for Clarkston, "and this summer is all about getting stronger and getting better. I specifically want to improve my strength and speed," Pokley stated.

He also wants to develop his defense and ball handling in order to be a better-rounded player.

"It's great to see hard work payoff, especially when it's your own son," said Brandon's father, Garry Pokley.

Both parents plan on attending as many games as possible next season to support their son. Fellow teammate and close friend, Matt Kamieniecki, played basketball with Brandon since the fifth grade, including three years on varsity. With nine seniors leaving the team this year, Kamieniecki knows he has to step up next year in order to lead his team the way Pokley did.

"Good luck and work hard," he said to Pokley.

Kamieniecki would like to someday reunite with Pokley on the court, but is waiting to see what opportunities are in store for him next year.

"In all my 30 years of coaching, I've never had a player improve from start to finish," Fife said. "Pokley had an incredible drive and always set his standards high. He's a great young man, with a tremendous future."

Pokley's friends and coaches, along with the Clarkston community, are all excited to see Pokley continue his bright future on the basketball court as he wears Bronco jersey number 10.

"Winning and being the best isn't easy, but if you work hard, you can overcome anything," said Pokley in his final words to the team.

He departs for Western Michigan University on June 22 to begin classes and start his training as an official Bronco.

Racing boat to be displayed

The Miss Chrysler Jeep hydroplane will be on display at Clarkston Chrysler Jeep, May 21-24, to honor the history of Gold Cup racing in Detroit.

The boat, owned by Chrysler Jeep Superstores Advertising Association of Southeast Michigan, will race in the 100th running of the Chrysler Jeep Superstores Detroit APBA Gold Cup, the oldest motorsports trophy in the world, July 10-12 on the Detroit River.

Summer walks start next week

Independence Township Parks and Recreation is gearing up for summer weekly walks at Clintonwood Park.

Free foot physicals and gate analysis will be from 3-7 p.m., Thursday, May 28, at Independence Township Senior Center. The walk begins at 7 p.m.

Walks will be every Thursday at 7 p.m. starting at the senior center throughout summer.

Those who walk each week will be put into a drawing to win a 3-night stay for two at Mission Point Resort on Mackinaw Island, Labor Day Weekend. This includes Labor Day Bridge Walk, round trip boat tickets, horse-drawn taxi ride, Sunday brunch at Grand Hotel, and a full course dinner.

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Mural used as backdrop for commercial

Those passing by the *Clarkston News* parking lot last Thursday may have been wondering why a raggedly dressed man was wrestling with a dog over a pair of jeans, while being videotaped? My X, Inc was shooting their first commercial for the launch of a new website, www.myxjeans.com.

"The premise of myXjeans is to provide a platform to connect sellers and buyers of new and previously owned high-end denim at a fraction of the retail price," said Lara Ramsey. "MyXjeans.com utilizes a user-feedback system that makes it safe and enjoyable to do business online. All purchases take place in a safe environment using the latest security technology."

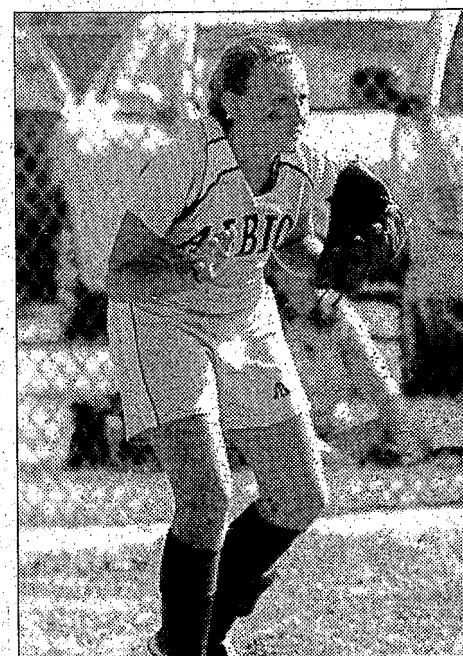
My X, Inc also shot a scene at Town Center Auto Wash on Sashabaw road with the same pair of jeans going through a carwash on top of a vehicle. The commercial was being shot by RW Productions based out of Dearborn.

Myxjeans.com will launch in June of 2009.

— Trevor Keiser



Camera-man Derrick Robinson and Director Ernie Zinger shoot as actor Byron Goggin tries to wrestle a pair of jeans from "Lucky" the dog. Photo by Trevor Keiser

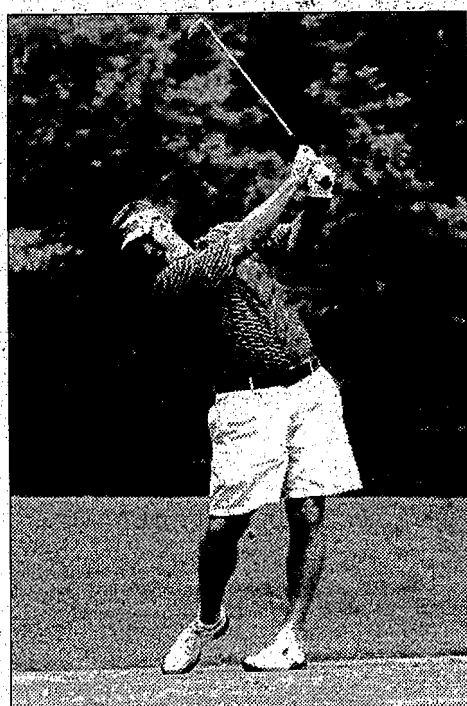


Kara Wandrie in action.

Local grad leads field at Albion

Kara Wandrie, daughter of Glenn Wandrie and Faith Wandrie of Clarkston and graduate of Clarkston High School, completed the season with Albion College's softball team, earning a certificate designating her first-year varsity award.

Wandrie played in the outfield in 34 games, hitting .371 with four doubles, triple, and nine runs batted in. Coach Christina Finch led the team to a 14-22 record.



Mark Eriksen tries for a birdie.

Golfers pair up at Horton Smith championship

Local business owners Mark Eriksen and Joel Wells joined forces to compete in the Horton Smith Championship at Detroit Golf Club last week.

Mark Eriksen, owner of EriksenFinancial in downtown Clarkston, played in the invitation-only tournament while Joel Wells, owner of Tiny Tots Golf School and After School Golf Academy, caddied.

Wells, son Nick, 9, has played in the US Junior World Championships and his older son Tyler is a freshman playing on the Clarkston High School Varsity Team. Wells enjoys caddying for Eriksen, sharing the experience gains in tournament settings with his children and pupils.

Eriksen, a former Division 1 College golfer and Mini Tour Professional, plays competitive golf now as an amateur for the competition and love of the game.

One reason he established his practice in downtown Clarkston was to be closer to his wife Lauryn and their four children, Emma,

14, Ian, 12, Nolan, 11, and Allie, 8.

Eriksen has played in The Horton Smith Championship before with Wells on the bag. His best finish was third in 2003. The Tournament was played over the classic Donald Ross layout May 7-9. Eriksen shot 76, 73 and missed the cut this year.

"I hit the ball fairly well, I was on 4 over par after 14 holes in the morning round and with birdies on 15 and 17, and I felt I was back in contention. Then I double bogied the last hole as the rain started. I knew I was going to have to play solid in the afternoon to compete this year."

Eriksen did play well but came up one shot short of making the cut.

"The bad news is I missed the cut, the good news is, that as a result I was able to watch Nolan's lacrosse game Saturday morning. "I'll have lots of chances to make the cut but I only have 1 chance to raise my children, I was thankful that I was able to see Nolan play."

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A ribbon-cutting welcome to Main Street

Charles Phyle II, PhyleTec CEO and co-founder, celebrates the new business at 27 S. Main Street with Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce members and government officials at a ribbon cutting, May 6. PhyleTec offers on-line supply chain management solutions. *Photo by Phil Custodio*

Moraco set to take break from township

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chutzpah to the planning commission," Petterson said. "He had a lot of guts, stood by his own convictions and always went by the book. I just hope we can replace that great loss because he will be missed."

Fellow commissioner Joan McCrary he would be missed by the commission and always showed a "great passion for what he was doing."

"People usually just have one focus, but he was always just as interested in every project that came before us, no matter if it was just a gas main or a major development, he really did his homework," she said. "I really believe the community is going to suffer a loss over this, it's hard to find people who really throw themselves into it like he did."

Current Vice Chairwoman Cheryl Karrick will chair meetings until the township board appoints a new chairperson.

Moraco said it's time to take a break and spend some time with his family.

"I am sure in the future I will be involved again, but for now the past six years is all I could take," he said.

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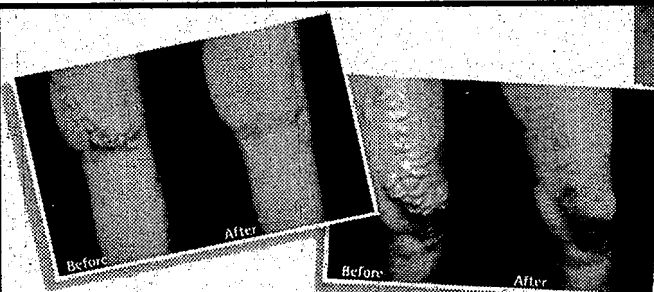
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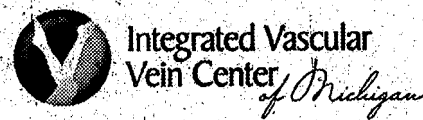
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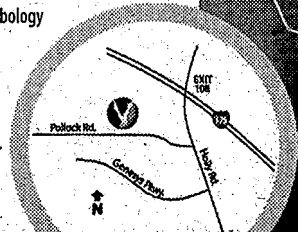
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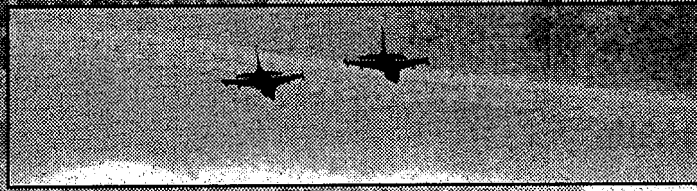
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Wooden cutouts were among many patriotic displays around the park on Sunday.



Soldiers from the 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, NY, perform the color guard ceremony.



Sarah Dibler hugs her dad, Gordy Dibler, after singing "Traveling Soldier" in honor of her brother, Army Spc. Byron Fouty.

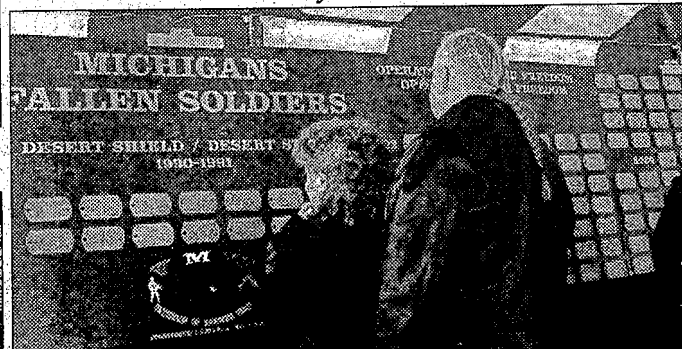
Tribute to the troops

More than a hundred motorcycles roared into Springfield Oaks County Park Sunday to kick off the Inaugural Armed Forces Appreciation Day Honor Ride and Rally. The event, which honored fallen Michigan soldiers Army Spc. Byron Fouty and Army Pfc. John Dearing Jr., was organized by Gordy Dibler, Fouty's step-father.

"As the season starts for honoring our veterans, let's not forget the guys who are active," Dibler said "These men and women are working hard every single day."

See more photos at www.ClarkstonNews.com

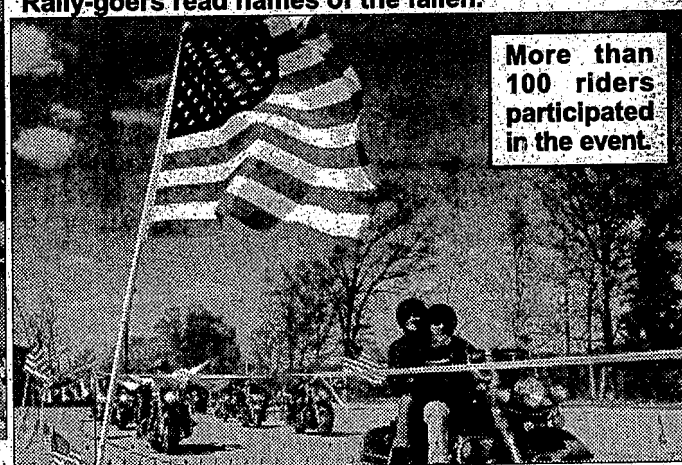
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Rally-goers read names of the fallen.



Students prepare to sing the National Anthem.



More than 100 riders participated in the event.



Sgt. Steve Anderson shares a moment with his daughter Rylie during Sunday's rally in Springfield Twp.

People Poll

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May means second-graders' downtown History Walk. One thing you've learned?



"I didn't know the Caribou Lodge burned down."

-Jennifer Rajala



"I didn't know the bank was robbed."

-Lisa Christensen



"I didn't know the bank was robbed in 1932."

-Michael Tuson



"I didn't know the whole town flooded when the dam broke."

-Heather Roeser

By Trevor Keiser

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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

History in the making

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Time travel isn't just a way to reboot a science-fiction film franchise – it's also great for elementary-school research.

That's what Andersonville Elementary students and teachers thought, bringing history to life through a film project using time travel to move the plot.

"Four kids are in the library researching the past, touch these apples, and are transported into the past," said Eric Yeloushan, who created the project with fellow second-grade teachers Jenni Conley and Cathy McEwen. "They learn about the school's milestones and find answers to their questions."

"We're learning about the olden days," said James Robert Hogg, second grader. "We're working really hard on the skit – practice, practice, practice, until we get it right."

The time travelers visit the 1800s and the 1950s, learning about earlier versions of the school and what life was like for students and



Ashley Dunlop explains life in 19th century Springfield Township in a scene filmed by Eric Yeloushan. Photos by Phil Custodio

teachers. "Handwriting was called penmanship," said second-grader Jake Gillitti.

"Kids studied the three Rs, reading, 'riting,

and 'rithmetic," said classmate Megan Ford. "Arithmetic means math."

"Boys and girls used separate entrances," Yeloushan said. "They had one teacher so students taught each other a lot. It's really neat, a different perspective."

Another difference: clothing.

"Kids dressed in different ways," said Ashley Dunlop, portraying a student from the mid 1800s in a red-and-white dress and bonnet.

"In the old days, girls couldn't show their legs and had to wear a dress," Ford said. "They had to curtsy to the teachers."

Dunlop said she prefers the dress to modern jeans-and-a-T-shirt attire.

"I look pretty in it," she said.

Parents came up with pioneer-type costumes for actors to wear.

"Families have chipped in a lot," Yeloushan said. "They help out with research, check mi-

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Time travelers Isabelle Holloway, Keturah Delcamp, Jake Giolitti, and Drew Erskine arrive in 1800s Springfield Township.

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Around Town

Picasso at the Lapin Agile, Clarkston Village Players, 7:30 p.m., May 21; 8 p.m., May 22-23, Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road. 248-575-4104.

Parking lot sale, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., May 23, Williams Lake Church of the Nazarene, 2840 Airport Road, Waterford. Benefits church summer youth camp. \$15/space rental. Rain or shine. 248-673-5911.

Pain, Stress, Emotion and Arthritis program, 5:30-8 p.m., May 28, Professional Development Center, Oakland Schools, Waterford. Speakers: Dr. Amita Bishnoi, medical management strategies for rheumatoid arthritis and osteoarthritis, and Psychologist Jane Savoy, how to use the mind to reduce pain and negative feelings. 800-968-3030.

How To Survive the Economic Meltdown, 7-9 p.m., May 29, North Oaks Community Church, 9600 Ortonville Road off Hadley Road. Free. 248-922-3515.

All-American Concert in the Park, with Clarkston Community Band, 5 p.m., May 30, Depot Park, downtown Clarkston. Clarkstoncommunityband.org.

Clarkston Conservatory of Music hosts a fundraiser, 11 a.m.-11 p.m., June 1 and 3 at Chili's of Auburn Hills, 3940 Baldwin Road. 248-625-3640.

Paint the Town Red Hat, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., June 3, Carriage House, Clintonwood Park. Lunch, entertainment, prizes. 248-625-8231.

Parking lot sale, June 7, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Over 100 vendors. Proceeds benefit library. Independence Township Library parking lot, 6495 Clarkston Road. 248-625-2212.

Bring a Plant, Take a Plant, annual Plant Exchange, Clarkston Farm and Garden Club, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., June 7, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Recycle plastic plant containers. Donations accepted.

National Kidney Foundation Golf Classic-Oakhurst, June 8, Oakhurst Golf and Country Club, off Clintonville Road. 800-482-1455.

Eye Fight Back, 10-11:30 a.m., June 12, Carriage House, Clintonwood Park. \$7. Home and vehicle safety, confrontation avoidance, deterrence, taught by law enforcement officers. 248-625-8241.

Freed-Up Financial Living Seminar, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., June 13 and 27, North Oaks Community Church, 9600 Ortonville Road. Prioritize financial goals, develop spending plan, reduce expenses and debt. \$20. 248-922-3515.

Fundraiser, benefits Independence Township Adult Activity Center, 4-8 p.m., June 16, Pete's Coney II, 6160 Dixie Hwy. 248-625-8241.

Adult Basketball League, 18 and over, 12-5 p.m., Sundays, Clarkston Junior High, 6595 Middle Lake. \$450/resident team. \$550/non-resident team. Referee fees are an additional cost. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.

Travel getaway, bus trip to Branson, \$650, Sept. 20-26, depart from Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. 248-627-7445.

Pony Basketball League, for high school boys

not on the school team, mid afternoons, Sundays, Clarkston Junior High, 6595 Middle Lake. \$200/resident team. \$300/non-resident team. at cost. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.

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

Clintonwood Teen Sand Volleyball Leagues, teens ages 13-17, Sundays, sand courts of Clintonwood Park. Independence Township Parks and Rec. League play starts first week in June, regular season lasts eight weeks. All games self officiated, six per team. Must sign up as teams. 248-625-8223.

Grief Support Group, Coats Funeral Home, 6:30 p.m., first and third Mondays, Community Presbyterian Church, 4301 Monroe Street at Sashabaw. 248-623-7232.

Therapeutic Yoga classes, Mondays, 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.; Tuesdays, 7:15-8:30 p.m., Jewels Yoga Fitness, 4612 Mountain View Trail, Independence Township. \$12 walk-in fee. 248-390-9270.

Bingo, Mondays, 6 p.m., sponsored by Divine Peace Metropolitan Community Church, at Knights of Columbus hall, 5660 Maybee Road. 18-way bingo, double action, regular jackpots to \$500, local progressive. 248-332-1186.

Clarkston Rotary Club, Mondays, 6:30 p.m., Deer Lake Athletic Club, 6167 White Lake Road. \$15. 248-625-4244.

Fountains charity poker, 5:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday, \$30 buy in. Fountains Golf and Banquet, 6060 Maybee Road. 248-625-3731.

Pilates and Sculpt, Mondays, 7-8 p.m., Bay Court Park's Lakeview room. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.

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

Spanish Lessons, Tuesdays, June 16-Aug. 4. Beginners and intermediate. \$35/eight-week class, \$15/textbook. Independence Township Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

50+ Golf, Tuesdays, tee off 7:30-8:30 a.m. tee off. Heather Highlands, Springfield Township. On-going, non-league play. \$8 greens fee and \$12 registration fee. 248-625-8231.

Breast Cancer Support Group, first Tuesday, 7-9 p.m., MIRO Mid-Oakland Medical Center, 6770 Dixie Highway. 248-625-3841.

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

Community Singles, third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Community Presbyterian Church fellowship hall, 4301 Monroe St., off Sashabaw, Waterford. All ages, men and women. 248-394-0412.

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Good old-fashioned News

Festival Day at Andersonville Elementary School meant a Journey Back in Time, May 8, as presenters from around the community led students in workshops about the history of dance, automobiles, cooking, art, science, and other topics.

For History of the News, presented by

Clarkston News editor Phil Custodio, teams of students constructed old-fashioned "paste-up" newspaper pages, cutting columns and pictures with scissors and pasting them up using glue sticks. Then they checked out how computers are used today to do the same thing.



Olivia Dalby and Dawson Holloway work on an article. Photos by Phil Custodio

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The prospective groom is a 2001 graduate of Oxford High School, and a graduate of Michigan State University. He is employed by the National Football League.

A May 30, 2009 wedding is planned.



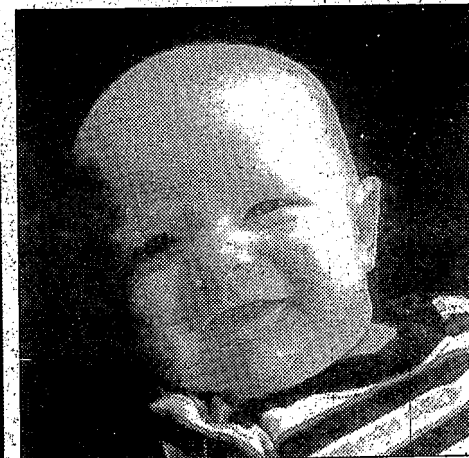
Louise and David

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Students achieve success

Amanda Leach of Davisburg, graduating 4.0 from Michigan State University, earned the Outstanding Senior Award and Board of Trustees' Scholarship Award.

Leach, a 2005 Clarkston High School graduate, is a nutritional sciences major, Lyman Briggs College.

She is the daughter of Randy and Lynne Leach. Amanda has also been accepted to Georgetown Medical School and will start this fall, 2009.



tory during Albion College's annual Honors Convocation.

Drolet, a sophomore at Albion, is the daughter of James and Anne Drolet of Clarkston and a graduate of Notre Dame Prep.

Kaitlin Richardson of Clarkston received a Bachelor of Music in Music Performance from Lynn University at its May commencement.

Gillian S. Nordquist of Clarkston was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest honorary scholarship society, at Bucknell University.

The daughter of Martha and Steven Nordquist of Clarkston, Gillian is a 2005 graduate of Clarkston High School. She is a senior majoring in Spanish and English - Creative Writing.

Caroline Drolet received the Ballard Family Endowed Scholarship in Art and Art His-

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Religion

Don't look to man for moral leadership

I recently read an article in Time magazine about the thinking behind the Obama administration.

The article talked about behavioral economics and referenced three books on the subject, "Predictably Irrational, Nudge," and "Influence."

In order to help me better understand some of the thinking behind the policies of our present executive branch I bought and read all three books. They each spoke about how predictable human behavior can be and how business can take advantage of these persuasions as well as how the government can use the same information to motivate our society to do the things they think are right.

Although I do not endorse the goals outlined in the books and especially some of the thinking behind our present society I certainly saw the wisdom of the authors in understanding human behavior.

My favorite subjects have always been history and social sciences. The first of the books I read was "Predictably Irrational." The title clearly indicates what the author is trying to say about human behavior.

The author feels that one can pretty well predict that humans will act irrationally more frequently than we will respond rationally. This is an interesting observation and in many ways flies in the face of contemporary thinking. Since the days of the Enlightenment Era western society has been

highly motivated to think that when given the proper opportunities and knowledge we will typically react in a rational and mostly altruistic fashion.

The Bible does not speak so optimistically about human nature. The prophet Isaiah lamented, "All flesh is grass and all the godliness thereof as the flower of the field. The grass withers and the flower fades, only the Word of God abides forever."

Although the authors of these book were saying the same thing their answer was to have people motivate them to do the right things. The problem with this solution is what person or people will do this?

History has shown that many people have thought that given the control of the world or their people that people could make the world a better place. Unfortunately, time has proven the best intentions of man are usually in the end corrupted by man.

If it is not the leader it seems to be the opportunists who work for the leader. The best thing we can do is as we have in the United States government is have a balance of powers that will bring checks and balances to human behavior. Secondly, we need limited government in order to maintain our individual right to choose, even if that means making mistakes.

Finally, we need to have a moral compass that is higher than us. We need God! Like the psalmist said in the Bible, mankind needs to declare lead me to the Rock that is higher
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Spiritual Matters



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248-625-1611
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Fellowship Time: 10:00
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Adult Sunday School: 10:10 am
Sunday Youth Groups:
Grades 6-7 5:00 pm
Grades 8-9 & 10-12 7:00 pm

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Saturday Mass: 5:00 pm
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 Martha Stewart-approved, tremendously upgraded, end-unit, ranch condo w/4 bedrooms, 3 full baths, a finished daylight lower level, and a 2-car attached garage. **\$225,000 58-BAY**



New Listing
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Dr. Paul J. 'Jack' Hettle, 85

Paul J. "Jack" Hettle, M.D., of Clarkston, formerly of Bay City, passed away, May 5, 2009, at the age of 85.

He was the loving husband of Alice; preceded in death by his son Paul; father of Nancy McGoodwin, Thad (Gloria) Hettle, Cynthia (Rodger) Dowdell, Matthew (Sabine) Hettle, and Duncan (Aracelia) Hettle; grandfather of six; and brother of Marie Lewis.

Dr. Hettle started his Urology career in Marquette, Mich., in 1955 and finished his career in Radiology in Bay City from 1971-94. At the doctor's request, no Memorial Service will take place at this time.

A private interment will take place in Indiana. Memorials may be made to Odyssey Hospice. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Online guest book, www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Anne E. 'Betty' LaPorte, 89

Anne E. "Betty" LaPorte of Waterford passed away, May 8, 2009, at the age of 89.

She was preceded in death by her husband Leo and son Joe. She was the loving mother of David of Waterford, Lisa (David) Bartlett of Clarkston and Dennis of Waterford; grandmother of Allison and Jeffrey Bartlett; sister of David (Marcella) Neaton, Sr. Imelda Neaton, I.H.M. and Margaret Neaton; sister-in-law of Ann Neaton; also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Mrs. LaPorte was a graduate of Marygrove College. She loved golfing and x-c skiing, and was a fabulous piano player. Betty was devoted to her family and faith and will be sadly missed.

Funeral Mass was May 12, 2009, at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford. Rosary service was May 11 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Rite of Committal, All Saints Cemetery. Memorials may be made to I.H.M. Retirement Fund or Michigan Parkinson Foundation. Online guest book, www.wintfuneralhome.com.

More obituaries
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Obituary

Gale S. Lynch, 65

Gale S. Lynch of Fenton, formerly of Pontiac, passed away, May 9, 2009, at the age of 65.

He was the loving husband of Barbara for 40 years; also survived by many extended family and friends.

Mr. Lynch retired from Pontiac Motors after 30.5 years of service and

served in the U.S. Army during Vietnam.

Funeral Service was May 12 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment, Ottawa Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Genesys Home and Hospice Care. Online guest book, www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Robert Campbell, 80

Robert Campbell of Clarkston passed away, May 12, 2009, at 80 years of age.

He was the beloved husband of Dolores "Dee" Campbell; dear father of Robert Campbell, Judy Flanigan, Vern Campbell, and Valerie (Dale) Sanford; loving grandfather of Jason and Joseph Flanigan,



and Joel, Barbara, and Beverly Sanford.

Mr. Campbell was a Veteran of the U.S. Army - Korea. A retired foreman, having served 30 years at Pontiac Motors, he also was a retired Volunteer Fireman with Independence Township Fire Dept.

His ashes will be interred at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly. Military honors will take place Friday, May 22, 2009, 11 a.m., at the cemetery. To send a private condolence go to www.coatsfuneralhome.com and select Guestbook on our menu.

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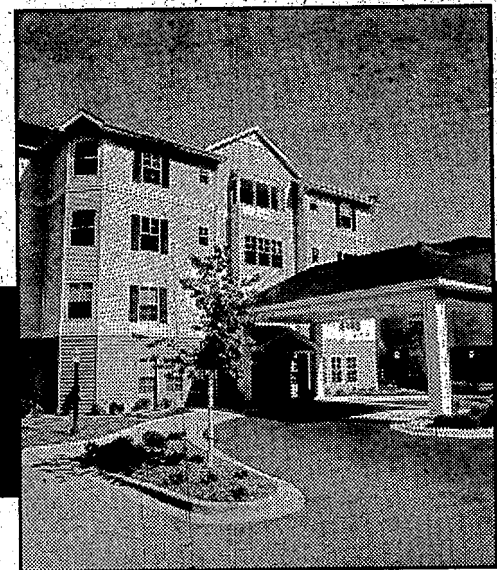
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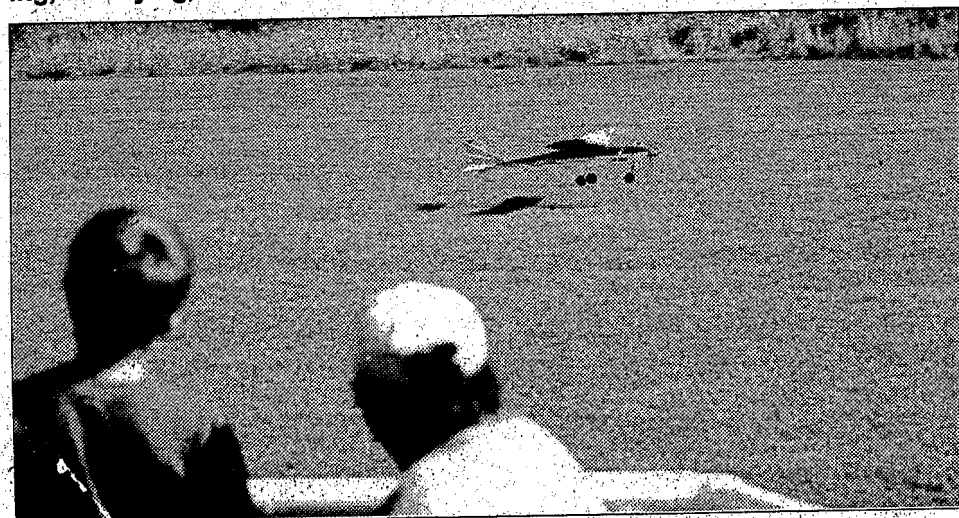
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Radio-controlled planes of every size and type will be available for viewing, and flying, at the club's community event.



An instructor launches a trainer plane for a student to try.

Learn to fly from the pros

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Radio transmitter in hand, the student pilot edged the control stick to the right for a gentle turn away from the crowd. The airplane responded with a slow roll to the left, then harder to the right as the pilot overcompensated, nose falling, soon out of control heading for the ground.

"I got it," said the instructor, flipping a switch on his controller and immediately bringing the plane back to level flight.

Learning to fly a radio-controlled aircraft from the ground is a challenge – especially when plane faces pilot – one welcomed by Pontiac Miniature Aircraft Club instructors.

New flyers of all ages are invited to their Takeoff And Grow Day, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, May 30, at their White Lake Road field.

The free event, open to the community, includes introduction to flight control on a computer simulator.

"We'll set you up on that until you're comfortable with radio control," said club member Dale Matteson of Davisburg. "Then we'll have them fly a real trainer plane with a PMAC flight instructor."

Student and trainer controllers are linked by a cable in a Buddy Box system. The teacher can assume control at any time by flipping a switch, allowing the student to fly without fear of crashing an expensive aircraft.

This system is a great improvement over older methods of flight instruction, said Dave Stephens of Waterford.

"When I learned to fly, the instructor would need quick hands to grab the controller," Stephens said. "The buddy box is a lot easier on the equipment."

Club members own and fly sporters, scale replicas, World War I and World War II fighters, jets, stunt planes for acrobatics, giant-scale planes with eight-foot wingspans, helicopters, and other radio-controlled aircraft, electric and gas powered.

"It's a good organization, very active," said charter member Jim Wert of Davisburg. "These guys took a small operation and made it nice. They come from many different walks of life. What we have in common is we all like to fly model airplanes."

"We have people from all facets of life, engineers, doctors, bankers, lawyers," said Bill Schaeffer of Waterford. "I enjoy the people out here."

"I like flying – it's a great hobby," said Sterling Smith of Clarkston, who has been flying since the club's founding, 47 years ago.

Sterling flies giant-scale planes with 100-inch wingspan to 20-inch indoor models, for indoor flying during the winter.

Steve Demster of Clarkston, club presi-

dent, joined four years ago.

"We have a good group here," said Demster, who joined the club while volunteering as a mentor. "There are a lot of people here I really admire and like. This is a well kept field with a wonderful instructor program."

"I like the challenge," said Amy Klopman of Waterford. "You lose yourself when you're flying. You don't think about anything else. This is a great bunch of people. Everyone is willing to help each other."

New members are invited to come out every Thursday, 6 p.m., May-October, for demonstrations and training, no appointment needed.

"I was driving down the road and saw this airplane flying, so I stopped by," said Tim Allen, who joined three years ago. "It's great – I love to fly and all the interaction with the people."

Planes are designed for speed, acrobatics, training, and air-to-air combat, with pilots trying to cut streamers attached to opposing planes.

"Kids love that," Demster said.

"There are so many avenues to look into. It never gets old," said John Hoover of Lake Orion. "It's a re-

warding hobby. It's not something you can learn in one day. Every flight is different."

Miniature-aircraft flying is also a good way to introduce students to aviation, Demster said.

"There are a lot of careers in aviation and aerospace engineering," he said. "If they're never exposed to them, they'll never know they're there."

Several club members fly full-size aircraft, including airliners, fighters, and private planes.

"I used to fly miniature airplanes as a kid, but started flying full-scale planes when I was 16, and got away from it," said John Becker of Waterford, a pilot with Delta Airlines. "I got back into it when my son wanted to try it out."

"The nice thing is to come here and fly club airplanes and figure out the orientation," said David Becker, John's son. "It's easy to get disoriented. This gets you past that big hurdle."

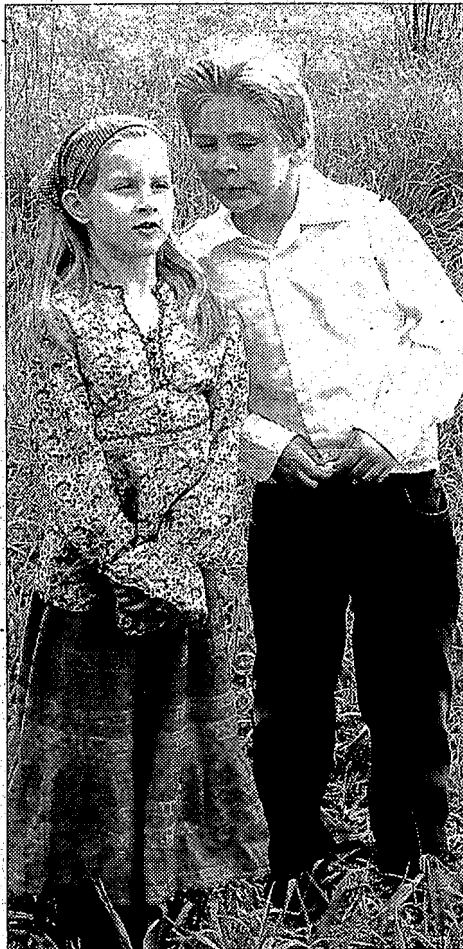
"It's flying without the stress," said Ed Kincer of Fenton, chief flight instructor for the club. "I enjoy it."

TAG day is part of the club's community outreach, which also includes aeronautics-badge work with local Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. PMAC's flying field is inside Pontiac Lake Recreation Area, White Lake Road west of Andersonville Road and east of Teggerdine.

For more information, check www.PMAC.us.

Takeoff and Grow Day

Pontiac Miniature Aircraft Club
10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, May 30
PMAC Flying Field, White Lake Road,
west of Andersonville Road



Megan Ford and James Hogg discuss their lines.



Michael Childress performs his role.

Students bring history to life

Continued from page 1B
 "We wanted to supplement it, with focus on Andersonville Elementary School and our place in history," Yeloushan said. "Funded through an Academic Service Learning grant, students write letters, act in skits, produce videos using computers, and make posters, he said."

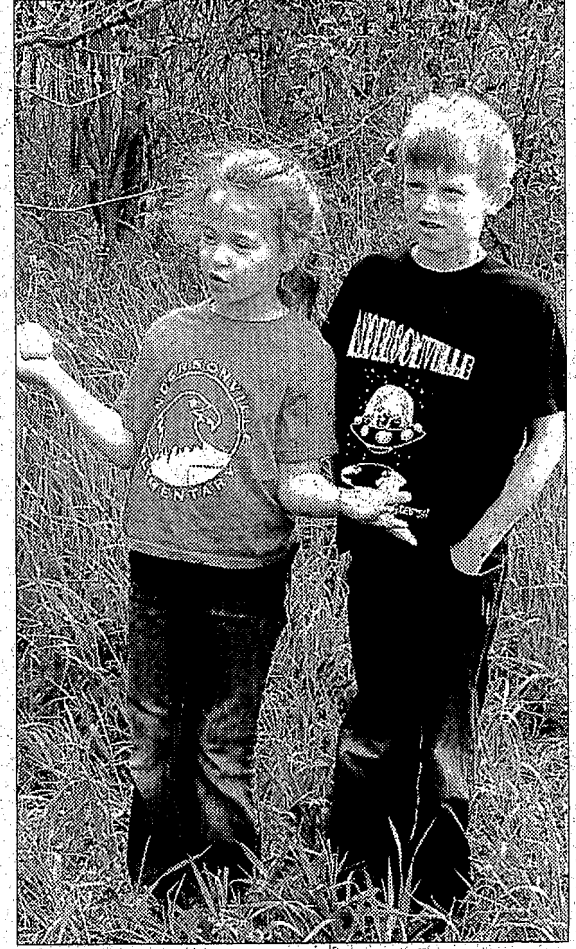
The DVD project also includes photos and interviews with former students, who explain firsthand what the school was like in the '50s.

It was inspired by Clarkston Community Historical Society's book "Our Children's Heritage," about Clarkston and Independence Township.

"The idea was to involve the entire second grade," he said.

They plan to premier the DVD at the end of May, he said.

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Nancy G. Moultrup, 90

Nancy G. Moultrup of Clarkston passed away, May 14, 2009, at the age of 90.

She was preceded in death by her husband George Moultrup, second husband Mitchell Schnaar and grandchildren, Greg Whinton and Julie Riddle. She was the loving mother of Sue (Ken) Whinton of Clarkston, Michael of Clarkston, Jane (George Voulgaris) Clover of Hartland and Hessel, Kathy (Jim) Willoughby of Clarkston, Diane (Jack) Condit of Maryland, Ruth (the late Steve) Lohff of Cedarville, Steve of Royal Oak, Barbara (Corky) Goss of Syracuse, N.Y.; grandmother of 24; great-grandmother of 28; sister of James (Shirley) Olsen of Warren, also survived by many nieces and nephews and special friend Sharon Reitmeyer.

She retired from the State of Michigan as an office manager at the Department of Social Services. Nancy loved to sing. She taught her children to harmonize, took them Christmas caroling, and held frequent "sing along" parties. She was a self-taught pianist, providing endless nights of her children falling asleep to the sounds of Gershwin and Beethoven.

Nancy was a friend to all and the best loved mother of all her children's friends. Her extraverted, engaging, unedited, and compassionate personality was never forgotten. "How's your mother?" was the question her children heard all their lives.

She was generous with all she had. By her example, she taught her family empathy, compassion, patience and unconditional love. She was a force larger than life and will be missed tremendously. Funeral service was May 19 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Family interment, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Craig Kulaszewski, 43

Craig S. Kulaszewski of Chicago, formerly of Clarkston, passed away, May 14, 2009, at the age of 43.

He was the loving husband of Elizabeth; father of Beau Michael and Reese Katherine; son of Virginia (Michael) Nurmikko and the late Ernie (Maryann) Kulaszewski; brother of Dan Colombo, Kristine (Don) Zimmerman and Sherry (Jeff) Gibeau.

Visitation was May 18-19 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral Mass, Wednesday, May 20, 11 a.m., at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford, where friends may visit directly at the church after 10:30 a.m. Rite of Committal, Lakeview Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, any donations to the family will be used for Craig's newborn twin's future education.

Online guestbook, www.wintfuneralhome.com.

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Abigail I. Findlay, 85

Abigail I. Findlay of Clarkston passed away, May 14, 2009, at age 85.

She was the loving wife of Hugh Findlay for 55 years; dear mother of Jill (Bill) Berden of Clarkston and the late Tracy Findlay; also survived by her grandchildren, Breana and Kyla Berden, Kelly (Greg) Emmans, and Whitney Findlay; and great



grandchildren, Kameron and Abigail "Abby" Emmans.

Mrs. Findlay was born and raised in New York. She graduated from Hunter College and St. Lukes Nursing Program and then practiced as an RN for many years.

Funeral Service was May 19, followed by interment at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly. Memorial donations may be made to Parkinson Foundation. To send a private condolence to the family go to www.coatsfuneralhome.com and select Guestbook.

In our churches

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6:50 p.m., classes for all ages, 7:15-8:30 p.m. Free nursery. Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-3288.

The Four Spiritual Laws of Prosperity, class series based on the book by Edwene Gaines, Wednesdays, 12 p.m. Peace Unity Church, 8080 Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

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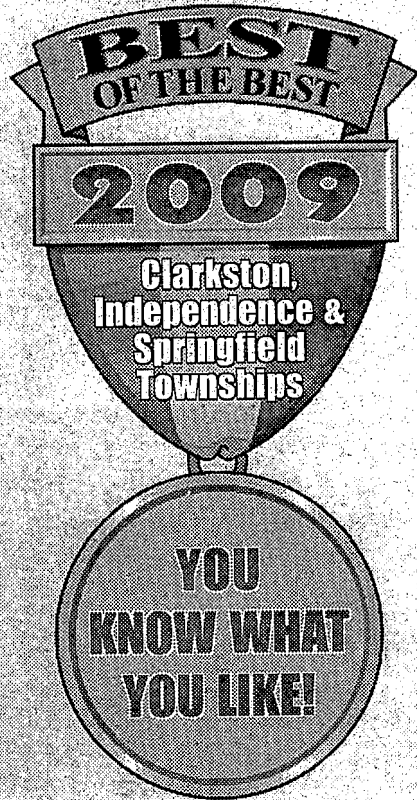
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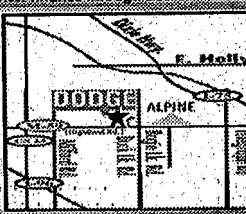
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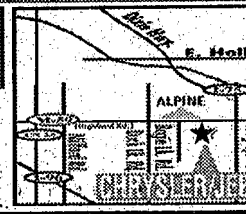
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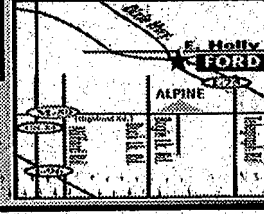
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SUMMARY MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 27, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Arkwright followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Roll: Present - Mayor Arkwright, Brueck, Gawronski, Ottman, Inabnit, Johnston, Roth
Others Present - City Manager Ritter

Moved by Johnston, supported by Brueck to "Approve the Agenda". Motion carried.

Moved by Johnston, supported by Brueck to move Items under Consent Agenda to Agenda Items. Motion carried.

No Public Comments.

Ms Cara Catalo, representing Clarkston Elementary School, asked the Council to recognize May 1, 2009 as Arbor Day.

Councilwoman Kristy Ottman sent a letter to the Mayor and fellow Council Members on April 23 resigning from the City Council after serving five years. Councilwoman Ottman will be moving with her family to Independence Twp. All Council members expressed their "deep" regret and sadness in Councilwoman Ottman's resignation. All members individually thanked Ms. Ottman for her countless hours of service to the Clarkston Community.

Moved by Brueck, supported by Roth, "To accept the letter of resignation from Councilwoman Kristy Ottman with sadness and regret." Motion carried.

Mayor Arkwright presented Ms Ottman with flowers and a Proclamation from the Council expressing their thanks for her many years of service to the community.

Mayor Arkwright asked the Council to consider residents for Ms Ottman's replacement and email him with the names. Mayor Arkwright would like to have someone in place by the second meeting of May. The next meeting the Mayor will recommend a Mayor Pro Tem.

Moved by Brueck, supported by Gawronski, "To accept the City Council minutes of April 13, 2009 with corrected changes". Motion carried.

Moved by Brueck, supported by Roth, "To approve the Treasurer's Report as of March 31, 2009 for all Funds". Motion carried.

A new business in Clarkston, Phyletel, located at 27 South Main St will be having a Ribbon Cutting and Open House on May 6 from 11 am until 2 p.m.

Motion by Brueck, supported by Johnston, "To move that the Clarkston Watershed Group, in partnership with NOHLC (North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy) is authorized to pursue the Erb Family Foundation Grant for the purpose of implementing the Depot Park "Ecological Showcase Plan" of the U of M Plan. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnston, supported by Gawronski, "To declare May 1, 2009 as Arbor Day". Motion carried.

Resolved by Brueck, supported by Johnston, "To resolve that the City of the Village of Clarkston establish a Building Committee for the purpose of developing proposals to consolidate city operations at 375 Depot Road. The Building Committee is requested to seek design proposals along with proposed funding, to recommend for review by City Council to determine our course of action. Recommended membership of Building Committee is:

- Members of the Physical Plant and Asset Committee
- City Manager
- A Planning Commission Representative
- A Historical Commission Representative
- A Citizen at Large
- HRC & Legal Representation to be utilized only for specific issue clarification"

Roll: Yeas - Brueck, Inabnit, Johnston, Roth

Nays - Gawronski, Arkwright

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

At 9:00 p.m. a motion by Johnston, supported by Brueck to continue meeting for another 20 minutes. Motion carried.

Resolved Brueck, supported by Inabnit, "To resolve that the City Manager be appointed Chairperson of the Building Committee".

Roll: Yeas - Arkwright, Gawronski, Inabnit, Brueck, Johnston Roth

Nays - None

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Mayor Arkwright asked the Council to email him with their recommendation for representative from the Planning Committee, Historical Committee and Citizen at Large to serve on the Building Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet C. Gillespie, Clerk

Jeffrey M. Travis, 49

Jeffrey M. "Jeff" Travis of Waterford passed away unexpectedly, May 17, 2009, at the age of 49.

He was the loving father of Stephanie (Sean Montney) and Chris; loving boyfriend of Jody Forrester; preceded in death by his parents James and Carmela and his brother Keith; beloved brother and friend of Sandy (Brian) Anderson, Brenda (Ted) Black and Linda (Bob Parsell) Travis; uncle of Brian (Lorissa McKay) Anderson, and Travis Black.

Mr. Travis was employed with Tri-County Distributors since 1978. Jeff was a boat enthusiast and surprisingly loved his cat Thomas Gray.

Funeral service, Thursday, May 21, 12:30 p.m., at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit Wednesday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com

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Kerstin Allvin, Jennifer DeMello-Johnson, and Leslie Wills perform in concert, May 31, at Clarkston United Methodist Church. Photo provided

Classical concert, May 31

Clarkston United Methodist Church hosts "Heavenly Music for Harp, Organ and Soprano" concert, 4 p.m., Sunday, May 31.

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William G. Oostdyk, 61

William G. Oostdyk of Davisburg, formerly of Lake Ann and Grand Rapids, went home May 17, 2009, at the age of 61.

He was the exceptional husband of Carol for 35 years; dearly missed father of Christyn (Rob) Gaston of Grand Rapids, Joel (Amy) of Wyoming and David (Amber) of Ma.; preceded in death by his parents James and Hilda Oostdyk; stepson of Helen Oostdyk of Jenison; grandfather of eight; brother of Jim (Joyce) of Spring Lake, Lynne (Dick) Berends of Holt and Bob of Lansing.

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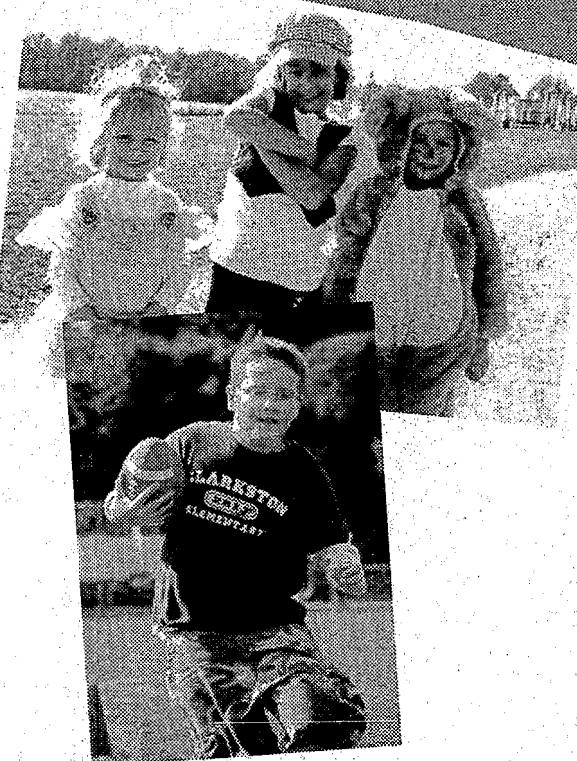
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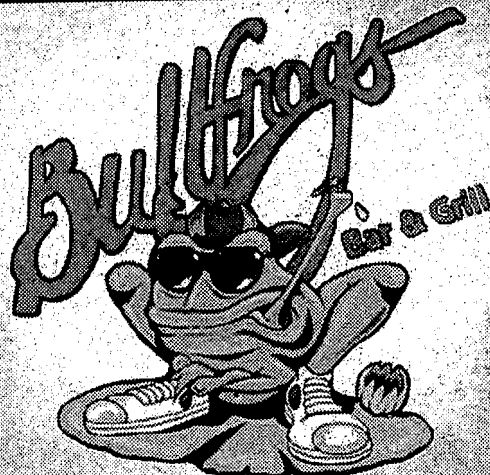
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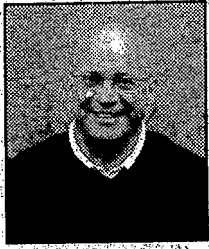
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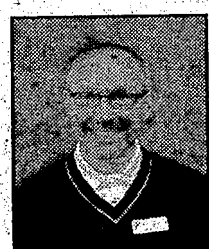
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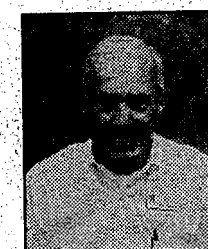
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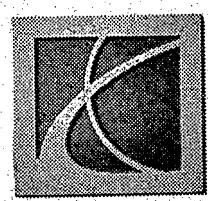
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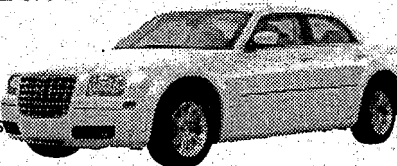
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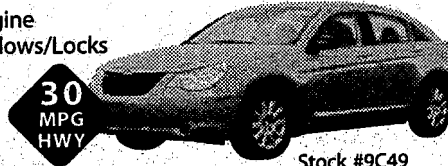
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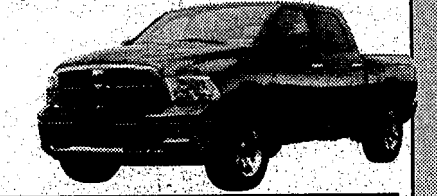
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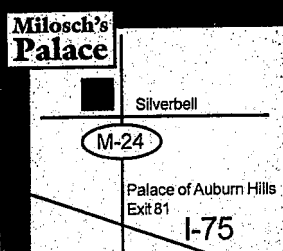


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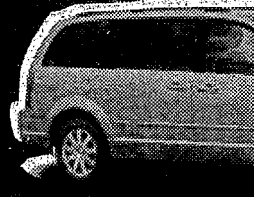
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