

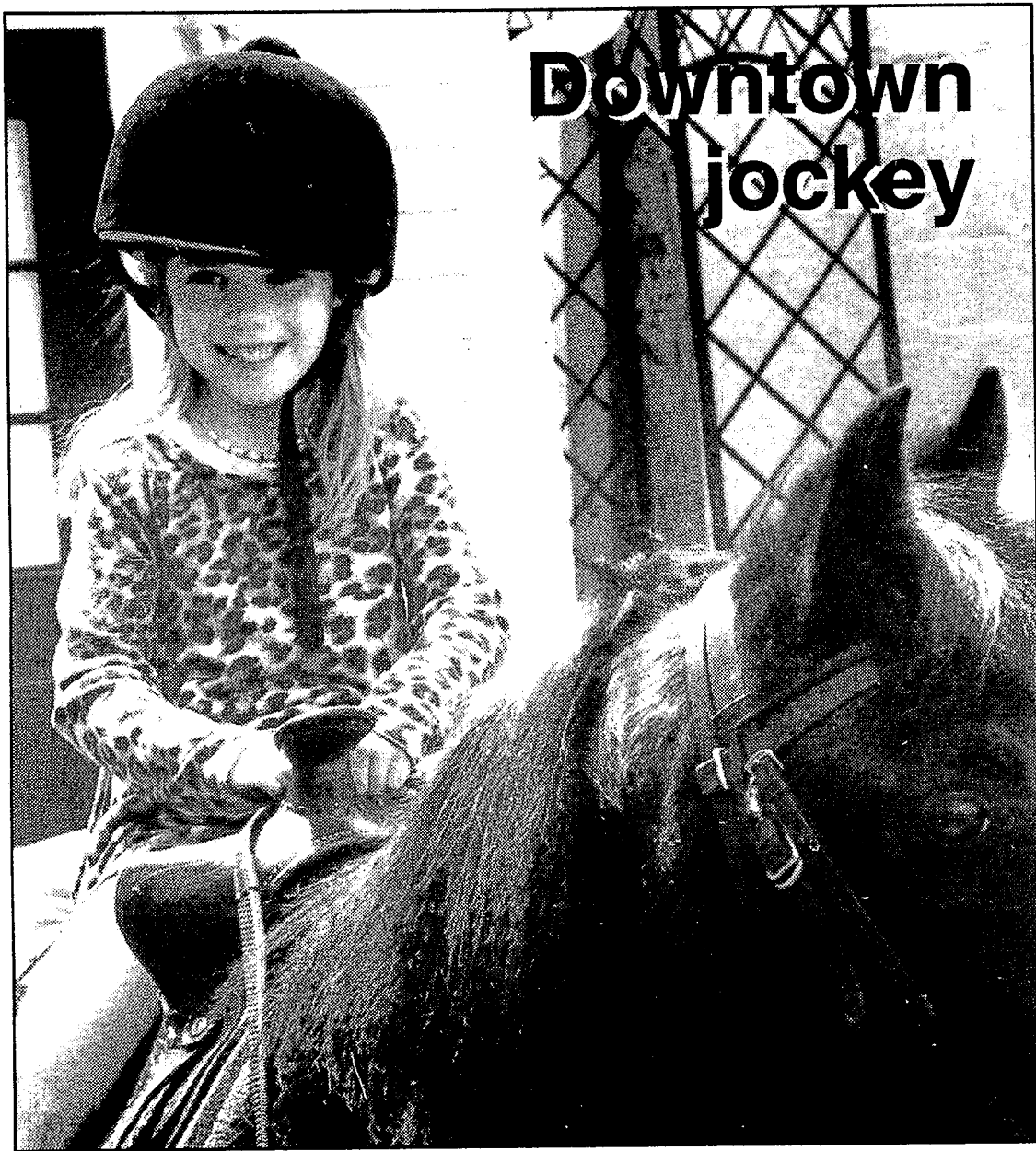
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Downtown jockey

Rylee Karlewski goes for a ride on the O.A.T.S. horse Huckleberry Finn, Saturday during downtown Clarkston's Clartucky Derby. The therapeutic riding center set up at Church Street Studios, one of many activities along Main Street that day. For more pictures, please see pages 4A-5A. Photo by Trevor Keiser

Praise for Expo!

Fans fill *News'* Coffee Club networking event

By Susan Reddy
 Coffee Club Member

Thank you to all the staff of Sherman Publication, Inc, our founding mothers and fathers of our hometown Coffee Club. The First Annual Coffee Club Business Expo, April 28 at the United Methodist Church in Clarkston, filled our meeting room, standing room only at times.

Thanks for those businesses that donated gifts for our raffles and congrats to those winners!

As a member of the Coffee Club since October 2010, I have enjoyed meeting and networking with the community business owners each week on Thursday morning at the church., not to mention those meetings in Ortonville on Wednesdays and Orion Township, Fridays.

Those community residents that came to our event last night were greeted with excitement. Between the conversations, the songs, the music, it was a fun packed night. Special thanks to Jill Mitchell for her continuous introductions of the vendors as they were greeted last night during set up time. Her excitement was contagious!

If we were strangers at the beginning of the expo, the vendors left as friends and that is what the Coffee Club means to so many...networking with friends.

Thanks again to all and I speak for many, we look forward to the next event. I hope other businesses will come and visit next Thursday. Same time; 7:30 am, same place; United Methodist Church, same purpose; network and building relationships.

Please see page 10A for story and more pics!



Angie Klebba-Pesta of Clarkston talks to Henry Woloson at the Expo about her Partylite business.

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Emily sings about the sun on page 8B

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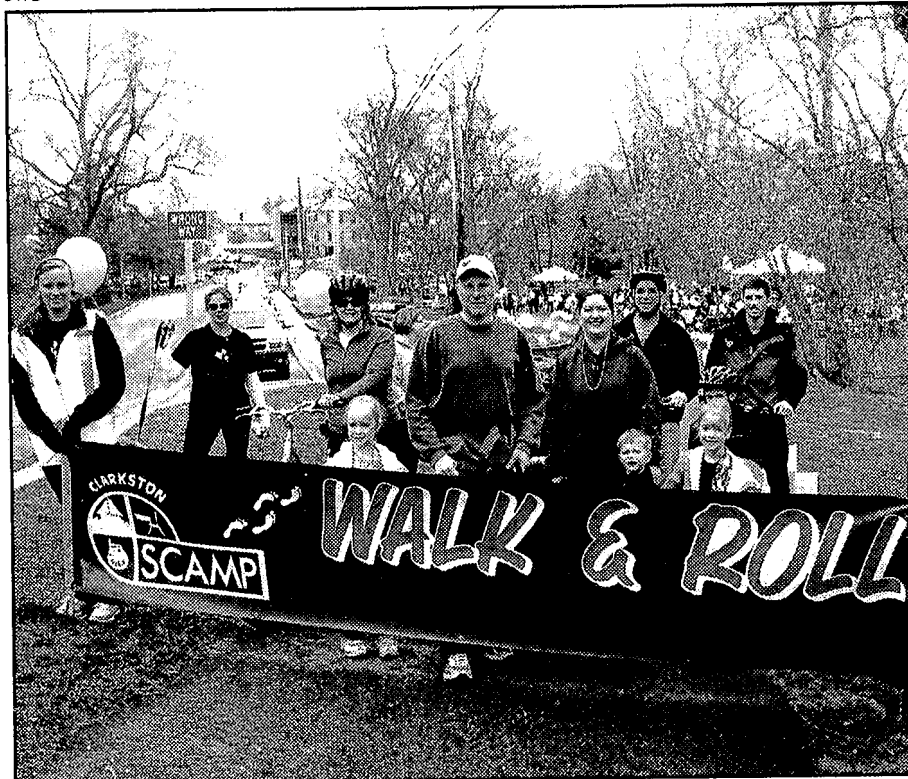
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Families Walk and Roll for SCAMP

Team Lemieux, including Ken and Marcie Lemieux and children Lucie, Paul and Annie, in the lead in the 2011 SCAMP Walk and Roll in Depot Park, Sunday. The annual event supports the summer SCAMP program for children with disabilities. *Photo provided*

Supervisor sorry in grievance case

A grievance against Independence Township Supervisor Dave Wagner, released to the public last week, was apparently resolved three weeks ago.

In an email to Human Resources Director Carol Gabris, April 12, union representatives said the grievance "was satisfied and resolved."

According to the grievance, a township employee got a phone call, Dec. 29, 2010, from another employee about a meeting regarding a piece of property owned by the township.

"I was told that Dave Wagner walked into Dave Belcher's (building director) office very irate," the employee said. "Further I was informed that he said, 'your brother is a ****,' and if I caught him out, I would hit him with a ****ing bat."

Gabris recommended Wagner apologize to the employee and "assure him that remarks of this kind will not be repeated as they create an atmosphere of fear and distrust," which is against township contract and policy.

According to a hand-written note at the bottom of the grievance, dated April 12, Wagner apologized to the employee, which was accepted.

- Phil Custodio

Landscape Tips from Tom Lowrie

Attention Mother's & Those Who Love Them!



Want to do something truly special for your wife or mom this Mother's Day? Below is a list of yard jobs that will bless her socks off and won't break the bank. Gather family and friends, put on garden gloves, turn on some music and get to work!

- Clean up limbs, leaves, trash and anything else that accumulated during the winter months.
- If you have a dog, scoop the winter poop.
- Trim overgrown bushes and shrubs.
- Lightly rake dead grass and reseed bare grass areas.
- Flatten mole tracks if you have them.
- Cut the lawn if it needs cutting.
- Ask an expert if you should aerate or fertilize.
- Plant flowers to add color and beauty.
- Give garden and flower beds a fresh layer of mulch from Lowrie's.
- Clean and fill bird feeders.
- Let mom select and plant an ornamental tree or grass.
- Clean patio furniture and the inside of the garage if you're on a roll!

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Briefly

Stamp Out Hunger

Clarkston letter carriers collect food donations for families in need, May 14, in the Stamp Out Hunger food drive.

The U.S. Postal Service and Campbell Soup is partnering with National Association of Letter Carriers to sponsor the annual event.

To participate, place bags filled with canned meats, fish, soup, vegetables, plastic bottled juice, pasta, cereal, rice, and other nonperishable food items next to your mailbox – no expired items or glass containers.

Letter carriers pick them up and deliver them to local food banks. For more information, check helpstampouthunger.com.

Specialty teacher to be honored

This year, Clarkston Foundation recognizes a teacher in the category of K-12 "Teachers in a Specialty Area."

Nominees in this area include teachers in art, music, physical education, health, media specialists, special education classroom support, and ESL.

Anyone may submit a nomination. Forms are available at schools and www.clarkstonfoundation.org. The deadline to receive nominations is Monday, May 9.

Fife basketball camps

It's time for cagers to improve their skills at Fife Basketball Camp.

The camp is July 18-22 and is open to boys entering grades 7-9 in the fall.

From 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., you will stretch, build skills and participate in contests and games. The cost is \$255 and participants need to bring a sack lunch, basketball equipment and a hard work attitude.

The camp is coached by Dan Fife and his Clarkston High School Basketball staff. It is open to the first 104 applicants.

For boys entering grades 4-6 is Fife Fundamentals Basketball Camp.

From shooting to defense, campers will learn the fundamentals of the game from Coach Fife and his coaching staff.

The camp is July 11-14, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

The cost is \$145 and is open to boys looking to improve their skills and hope to reach their full potential as a player.

Forms are available online at www.clarkston.k12.mi.us, visit the Athletics Department under Clarkston High School. Call 248-623-4003.



The faithful of Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church mark Good Friday with their annual Cross Walk, carrying a wooden cross through downtown Clarkston. Photo by Trevor Keiser

City OKs \$10,000 for new clerk hire

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

When it came to negotiating a salary for a new city clerk, City Manager Dennis Ritter wouldn't budge.

"I am totally opposed to anything other than what is before us tonight, it's just that simple. We can't function properly and completely, and proficiently as we need to," Ritter said at the April 25 council meeting. "As the city manager I know what it takes to run this operation, we need what I'm proposing tonight."

The proposal to hire a new city clerk for a salary of \$9,802 for 11-13 hours per week passed, 4-3. Councilmen James Brueck, Charles Inabnit, and Councilwoman Peggy Roth voted against the proposal.

"The reason I voted no was I didn't think we had enough information to make a decision and I thought it was premature," Roth said.

Treasurer Kim Howe, who previously served as clerk and treasurer, will continue to draw a salary of \$14,500. The \$9,802 for the clerk will be taken out of the general fund this year.

"The review and amendment of the budget resulted in an additional \$19,866 added to our existing \$147,000 fund balance," Ritter said. "Out of that is where we're going to draw money from to fund the new clerk's position for the balance of this fiscal year."

Brueck said a town hall meeting is scheduled in two weeks to discuss reducing the budget. Adding an extra \$10,000 wasn't helping the cause.

"The city is no bigger. It's smaller in fact by the last census and yet somehow we seem

to want to spend more money," Brueck said. "We're going the wrong direction with structured cost to keep the doors open. It doesn't do one more thing for the citizens other than take money out of their pocket."

Councilman Steve Hargis said he struggled with it too, but feels like the city has been operating with its "head in the sand."

"From my observation, that clerk/treasurer job doesn't work with one person," Hargis said. "I think all we're doing is facing reality, finally, that we have to have someone who can do the job and this is going to cost us 10 grand."

Mayor Joe Luginsk agreed they need to do something different, and they've been "behind the eight ball for many, many years" in terms of pay and expectations.

"We still have a city to run and we have to have employees who are competent, able, and can do the job and it's tough to find them for eight bucks an hour, when you can go to McDonald's and make \$8 an hour for the night shift," Luginski said. "Do we want McDonald's employees or are we looking for higher quality of employee to do the jobs we need them to do?"

Inabnit said it's the cost of being a city and he is embarrassed by how much they pay employees for the amount of work expected; however, he could not vote in favor of the position because they don't know where the money for the clerk is going to come from next year.

"We're trying to save money here, but we're just not doing it," he said. "I'm sure she's a well qualified candidate, but we're just cutting ourselves to death here."

Where the money was coming from was a big question for resident and former councilman Cory Johnston.

"I can understand that if you want good people it's going to cost more money. Given that, where are we going to get \$10,000? We are at our maximum millage, you can't charge more. You charge fees for just about everything you do now maybe you can squeeze a little more," Johnston said. "I'm paying very high taxes as far as I am concerned and I know we've had to accept what we get from employees because we pay what we pay, but nobody has said where the money is coming from for all these great things you want to buy."

A frustrated Dennis Ritter said "this is not a 'what if' world."

"It's what it is. Where are we going to get the money for next year? Where are we going to get it from the following year? You can't pass a budget in June to try and figure out where we're going to get the money to maintain a position or for that matter an activity, service that's going to happen a year away," Ritter said. "I'm sick and tired of hearing this drivel."

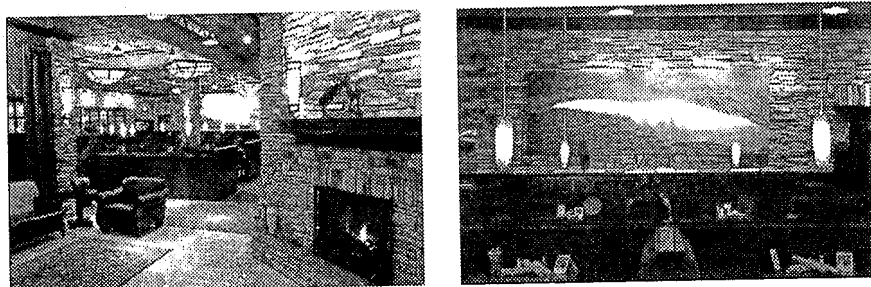
Councilman Richard Bisio who sits on the finance committee said they've talked about a number of things that they're looking at, one of which is restructuring the library contract with Independence Township.

"I'm hopeful the finance committee can work on next year's budget and not only present a budget, now that includes the additional \$10,000, but also continue working the rest of the year on additional ways to save money and reduce our expenses," Bisio said.

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And the winner is ...

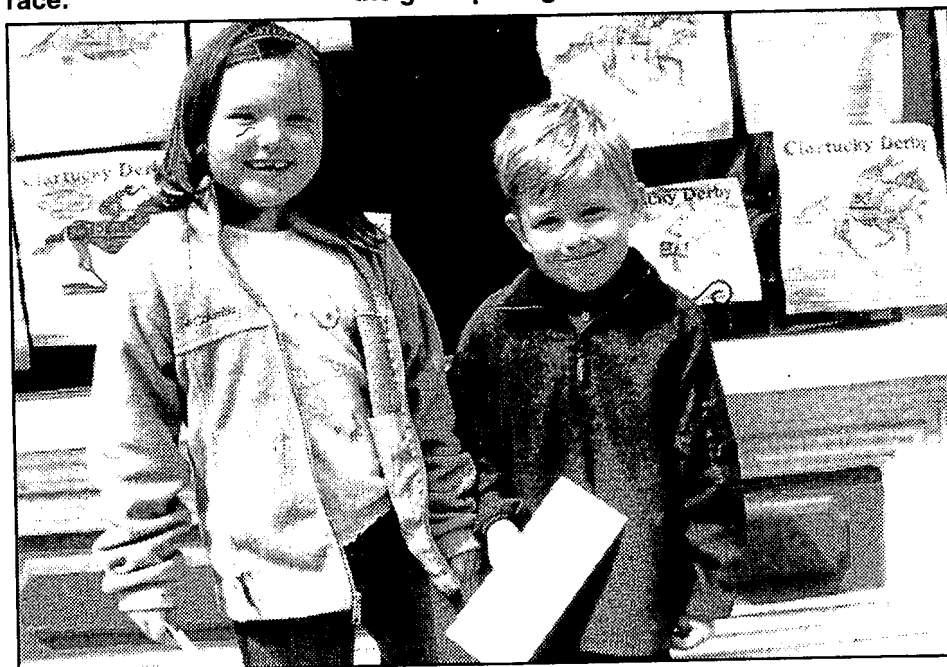
Many prizes were handed out at the first annual Clartucky Derby held on April 30 in downtown Clarkston.



John Horzog won the bike race.



Peggy Roth, at right, presents Dory Baum with the grandprize gift basket.



Alexandra Bokas and her brother Mark each won first place and prize money in the coloring contest for their age groups.



'Essence Sisters,' Theo Morgan and Joan Donnay with Clare Wren Catallo.



Gary Baum, Roger Landry, Dory Baum, and Rosie Landry enjoy some candy from Village Boutique.

Off to the races

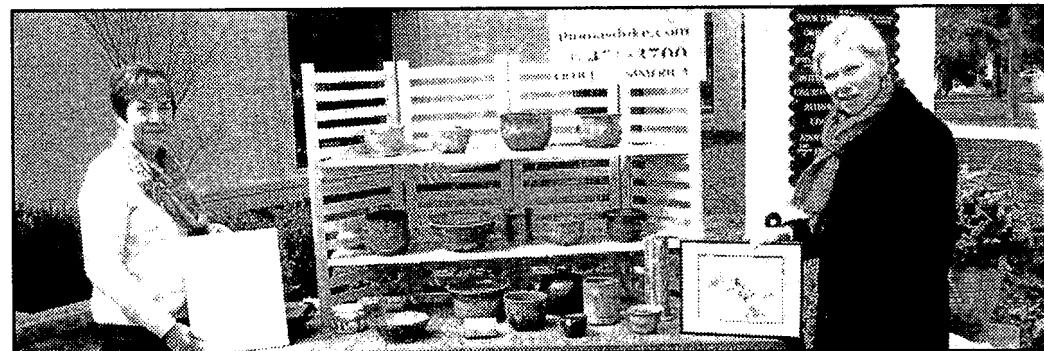
Children and adults alike enjoyed the downtown, Saturday, at the first annual Clartucky Derby.

Many local businesses offered various foods, snacks, and drinks as well as shopping discounts, all with a Kentucky Derby theme. There was also coloring contests, bike races, and horse rides.

Photo Story by TK



Author Mary Siefka Douglas reads one of her books to John Horzog and Brianna Gordon.



Mary Louise Susalla and Dorothy LaBay show off their artwork.

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Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

Osama bin shot

The elimination of Osama bin Laden seemed a topic ripe for localization, so I emailed 15 elected officials in Clarkston, Independence and Springfield townships, and Clarkston schools for their thoughts.

They must have been busy or something. I got one response, from Clarkston City Manager Dennis Ritter.

"Being a Vietnam veteran. I know this is a HUGE morale lift for our brave troops." Ritter wrote. "They'll be more motivated than ever before. Bin Laden being taken out only further reaffirms the importance, significance and purpose of their mission on behalf of this great country. 9-11 is still fresh in our minds and to that, there's an old saying: 'What goes around comes around, it may not be tomorrow, next month or even next year, but it comes around!'"

I think President Obama did a great job getting this job done, and seemed to learn a lot from it.

Watching all these folks fill the streets, chanting "USA, USA," singing the national anthem, waving the flag had to have made an impact on the president.

After a lifetime filled with people who frown on jingoistic American nationalism, he finally got a taste of good old-fashioned patriotism, with him at the lead of it, and perhaps thought, "oh, that's what it's all about."

Tragedies didn't do it. His success with getting the health care bill passed into law didn't do it. Even his inauguration wasn't the same thing.

Maybe he now gets it, why George W. had a swagger when he walked up to the podium to speak. Why Americans buy big cars and trucks, and own so many guns. Why Americans think they're so darn special.

The president's become a different person over the past two years.

"Close Guantanamo? What was I thinking," he might ask. "Where would I put all the terrorists?"

"Bring all the troops home? But then how would we deal with our enemies?"

"Did I call harsh interrogation methods torture? That's how I got Osama!"

To paraphrase his wife, I think for the first time in his life, he is proud to be an American. To that I say, better late than never.



The Clarkston News

Viewpoints

Reader unimpressed with sewer fees

Dear Editor,

Does anyone really think that changing the method of billing for sewer usage is about being more fair or equitable? Is it really about raising more money for DPW, since DPW depleted its Water & Sewer fund by loaning money to the township supervisor to pay over twice market value for the Township Hall?

It will be interesting to see if sewer revenue to DPW rises in the first full year of "punching the numbers in." Now Ms. Linda Richardson has two routes to raise fees, "all we have to do is increase our flow rate (charge)" or "we'll have to increase the ready-to-serve (charge)." I am not surprised with Ms. Richardson's pandering to seniors by suggesting that they are unfairly paying for the sewer usage of 10,000 square foot homes with 10 children.

Since the proposed sewer charge comes from on water flowing through the meter into

the home, is it more equitable to pay a sewer fee on summer water used for sprinkling your yard? How much will it cost to install a second meter to measure irrigation usage? DPW refused to do this when I built my home in 2003.

Letters to the editor

Please note that while Ms. Richardson suggests that raises in the Flow Rate or Ready-to-Serve charges are linked to fee increases from the Clinton-Oakland systems, she also points out that the change will not take place until the fees come in AND she reviews her 2012 DPW budget. This makes me think that if the DPW budget is a little tight it will be "just a matter of punching the numbers in".

This brilliant idea of raising money for DPW by charging a sewer fee for water not using the sewers makes me sorry that Ms. Richardson retracted her letter of resignation earlier this year.

Jeff Gibbs
Independence Township

Call for investigation of bat incident

Dear Editor,

Once again Independence Township Supervisor Dave Wagner has brought a black eye to our community with his mob like tactics. Now he's caught in a "vendetta" of his own making.

When "Godfather" Wagner was caught stealing taxpayer assets, tractor and aerator, his immediate response was to threaten the employee with a baseball bat for having the nerve to expose a possible theft.

So now we're paying the supervisor to threaten employees for reporting a possible theft of public property? Unbelievable!

Conduct such as this towards any township employee, by any township employee should be met with zero tolerance. This type of behavior is unbecoming of any employee, and is especially concerning when it is coming from a supposed "leader." What a horrible example he's setting for employees and the community!

I urge the Independence Township Board

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A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1996

"Businesses say parking's a problem"
When Clarkston eliminated 14 parking places on Depot Road due to a slip-and-fall lawsuit, parking became a problem. One solution was a new 20-space parking lot at the bottom of the hill.

"Superintendent candidate faces controversy" Interviews hadn't started yet when Clarkston School Board faced controversy in its selection of a new superintendent. The candidate, superintendent of Owosso at the time, was in trouble with his local PTOs for trying to fire a principal.

"Land conservancy will focus on paid director" Independence Land Conservancy was preparing for its spring membership meeting. The non-profit group preserved 19 parcels in the township, totaling 290.4 acres.

25 years ago - 1986

"Developers are ready to dig in" Development of four projects was set to begin, starting with Grovecrest of Clarkston nursing home, Clarkston Health Care Center, and Mediplex's Deer Lake Village. Work on Northcreek Commons mall was also set to start soon at Northview Drive and I-75.

"Mom awaits new dad's return" Jeanne Garland watched the news of America's military action in Libya with concern. Her husband, David, was a fire control technician on the U.S.S. Enterprise aircraft carrier, standing by in the Mediterranean Sea. Their first child, Mark, was born while David was at sea.

"Frisky fingers" Carolina Rutkoski of Independence Township won a Detroit-area typing competition, with 92.4 words per minute. She was set to compete nationally in Baltimore, Maryland.

50 years ago - 1961

"Vaudeville to capture Clarkston" Clarkston High School hosted a Clarkston Community School Talent Show, with a theme of the Roaring 20s vaudeville days. Student director was Linda Chapman, and Sharon Gotschall was assistant director.

"WSCS sponsors interesting speaker" The Clarkston group Woman's Society of Christian Service invited Mrs. Robert White of Birmingham. She spoke about her and her husband's trip to the Congo, where they worked in a hospital.

"Clarkston locals" The Pritchards went to Richmond, Mich., to watch their granddaughter Barbara in the lead female role in her high school play. Then they hosted an open house for the cast, stagehands, and production coach.

Faded Ink

Connecting dots between rain, royal wedding

So, riddle me this Batman: How does three inches of rain in two days relate to the royal wedding?

* * *

I guess you can call me a man's man, only in that I had no compulsion to wear a funny hat; no desire to wave the Union Jack and no, inkling – not one, single thought -- of watching any part of the marriage between England's Prince William to his then bride-to-be Kate Middleton. It's not that I harbor any ill will to the couple, I just don't care. I am an American, one of the common-folk. I am a working mongrel trying to make ends meet. Watching the pomp and circumstance of another country does not interest me as much as the price of gasoline.

Last Thursday morning I woke up and looked out my bedroom window. It was a little before 6 and I noticed it had rained (again). "Dang," I thought. "I'll be glad when May gets here to be done with April showers."

I went to the basement to get a clean pair of pants from the laundry room and noticed about an inch of water on the floor. "Double dang," I thought.

I went to work, made the coffee, hosted the first Coffee Club Expo that

night and finally got home at about 8:45. I went to the basement and – tada! – the inch of water had risen to just over two inches.

"Sweet," I thought (or something like that with colorful metaphors added) as I headed down the stairs into the money pit's nether regions. Always thinking ahead, that morning before I left for work, I placed my tall rubber boots at the bottom of the stairs so – if needed – I could just put my feet into them without getting said feet wet. Well, one of the boots was on its side (I blame the cats), filled with water.

So, much with proper planning.

In a white tee-shirt, stylish boxers (you can thank me later for the visual), with a wet foot and a dry foot I headed to the center of the basement that was first dug out in 1916. I found the drain and began plunging with gusto. Water moved out in concentric circles across the pond in my basement. It splashed up around and on me... running down my legs, into aforementioned rubber boots. I was trying to

move that water out of the house via the drain. Forty-five minutes later I achieved nothing more than a nice blister on my right palm and soggy socks.

I think I said, "Ow!" (Or something like that with colorful metaphors added). I went up stairs bathed, hopped into bed and read some of the book, *Soul of a Woman, Soul of the Land*, and tried to fall asleep.

And, sleep didn't come.

I jumped out of the bed, walked to the living room and plopped on the couch to see if a change in environments would bring the Sandman. Sleep was light; I drifted in and out. Worry about the basement was trumping tiredness, and by 3:39 a.m. I had had enough. I turned on the TV, because nothing brings sleep faster than crappy programming. Always a cheap (fill in your own noun), I have free TV – no cable, no satellite, no internet, nuttin' honey. Limited to ABC, CBS, NBC and about 20 god-stations, I turned on CBS. There was Katie Couric live in London, talking about the number of bathrooms in Buckingham Palace. I switched to NBC, yep, live from London. With resignation, I keyed in ABC. Dangblab! Diane Sawyer and Babs Walters were talking about the

smackinfrackin royal wedding. But, I needed the sleep so I turned off the screen and let ABC's coverage of the royal wedding lull-me to sleep audio-ly.

For a guy who wanted nothing to do with *the Royal Wedding*, it is now a part of my subconscious. I slept for four hours with nonstop coverage, facts, opinion and commentary of everything English, royal and weddings pouring into my ears, my brain. It's now a part of me – forever. I blame God for making it rain so much – three inches of rain in two days, equals 2.5 inches of water in Don's basement.

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How does three inches of rain in two days relate to the royal wedding? The short answer, Riddler, is: Only in my head.

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Last week I said I'd let you know about some local authors. I lied. I will do it next week. One of them, B. David Warner of Independence Township, is on *Don't Rush Me – The Showwowow!* Right now. Go to www.clarkstontv.com and click on my face for the interview. He has a book signing gig at the Border's bookstore at Great Lakes Crossing this Saturday.

Something about May causes me to recall . . .

Maybe it's Mother's Day.
Maybe it's graduation time.
Maybe it's Memorial Day.

Whatever, something about this month makes me have some more serious thoughts. I'm reminded of a quotation and poem I've put in Jottings columns in years past.

First the quotation:

*Take a bucket and fill it with water,
Put your hand in it, up to your wrist;
Pull it out, and the hole that's remaining,
Is a measure of how you'll be missed.*

The first time I heard this, I was in high school in Vernon. I have repeated it many times and frequently apply it to myself, and sometimes to others about the time I or they start feeling important. This is the middle stanza of a five-verse poem. All together they go like this:

The Indispensible Man

Sometimes when you're feeling important,
Sometime, when your ego's in bloom.
Sometime, when you take it for granted,
You're the best in the room.
Sometime, when you feel your going,
Would leave an unfillable hole,

Just follow this simple instruction,
And see how it humbles your soul.
Take a bucket and fill it with water,

Jim's Jottings



a column by
Jim Sherman

Put your hand in it, up to your wrist;
Pull it out, and the hole that's remaining,
Is a measure of how you'll be missed.
You may splash all you please when you enter,
You can stir up the water galore,
But stop, and you'll find in a minute,
That it looks just the same as before.
The moral in this quaint example,
Is do just the best that you can,
Be proud of yourself, but remember,
There is no indispensable man.
More? More!

If you were going to die soon and had only one phone call you could make, who would you call and what would you say? And why are you waiting?

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A man asked, in a letter, if he could bring his dog to the hotel. The answer was immediate.

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"Yes, indeed, your dog is welcome at my hotel. And, if your dog will vouch for you, you're welcome to stay, too."

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This from *Chicken Soup for the Soul*. It's about a bumpy bus ride on a back road.

In one seat a wispy old man sat holding a bunch of fresh flowers. Across the aisle was a young girl whose eyes came back again and again to the man's flowers.

The time came for the old man to get off. Impulsively, he thrust the flowers into the girl's lap. "I can see you love the flowers," he explained, "and I think my wife would like for you to have them. I'll tell her I gave them to you."

The girl accepted the flowers, then watched the old man get off the bus and walk through the gate of a small cemetery.

Good quarter for Clarkston bank

Clarkston State Bank posted a net loss of \$38,000 the first quarter of 2011, compared to a net loss of \$267,000 this time last year, according to its holding company, Clarkston Financial Corporation

There's more good news, said J. Grant Smith, Clarkston Financial Corporation president and chief executive officer.

"Although the corporation posted a small loss for the first quarter, I am proud to announce that we have successfully raised approximately \$8,000,000 in new equity," Smith said.

Local private investors and the bank's board of directors raised the capital, he said.

"All are committed to and are confident in the future of the bank and the corporation," he said. "Our team has worked long and hard to get back to well-capitalized status."

During the first quarter, about \$7.2 million of the money was infused into the bank, he said.

"We have executed our plan with precision and cooperation from our primary regulator," he said. "It is now time to complete the turnaround of the bank and return the bank to profitability. We are very excited about our future."

The corporation's net interest income was \$1,025,000 for the first quarter, compared to \$900,000 last year, an increase of \$125,000 or 13.88 percent. The net interest margin of the bank increased from 3.53 percent in last year's first quarter to 4.60 percent this year.

The rise in net interest margin reflects stronger core deposits, and more favorable deposit pricing, Smith said.

First-quarter total assets are also up, with \$110,510,000 this year, compared to \$109,974,000 in 2010, an increase of \$536,000 or 0.49 percent.

Total loans decreased \$6,024,000 from \$87,051,000 at March 31, 2010, to \$81,027,000 this year, a decline of 6.92 percent.

Total deposits also shrank to \$100,272,000, March 31, 2011, from \$103,841,000 in 2010, a decline of \$3,569,000 or 3.44 percent. Both the decline in loans and deposits were a direct function of management's efforts to reduce the balance sheet and preserve capital.

Total stockholders' equity increased from \$1,690,000 last year to \$5,451,000 as of March 31, 2011, an increase of \$7,141,000 or 422.54 percent. This increase is due to the completion of the capital raise at the corporation.

The bank also has 38.55 percent less in non-performing loans, decreasing to \$3,315,000 at March 31, 2011 compared to \$5,395,000 in 2010, a decline of \$2,080,000.

The allowance for possible loan losses decreased to 3.16 percent of total loans as of March 31, 2011, compared to 4.21 percent for the same period 2010.

The decline represents a strengthening of the loan portfolio in the first quarter. The improved loan portfolio is a direct result of stronger controls over loan underwriting and an increased focus on credit administration, Smith said.

Free outdoor events in Clintonwood Park

Independence Township Parks and Recreation hosts four free events all on Saturday, May 7, in Clintonwood Park, 6000 Clarkston Road.

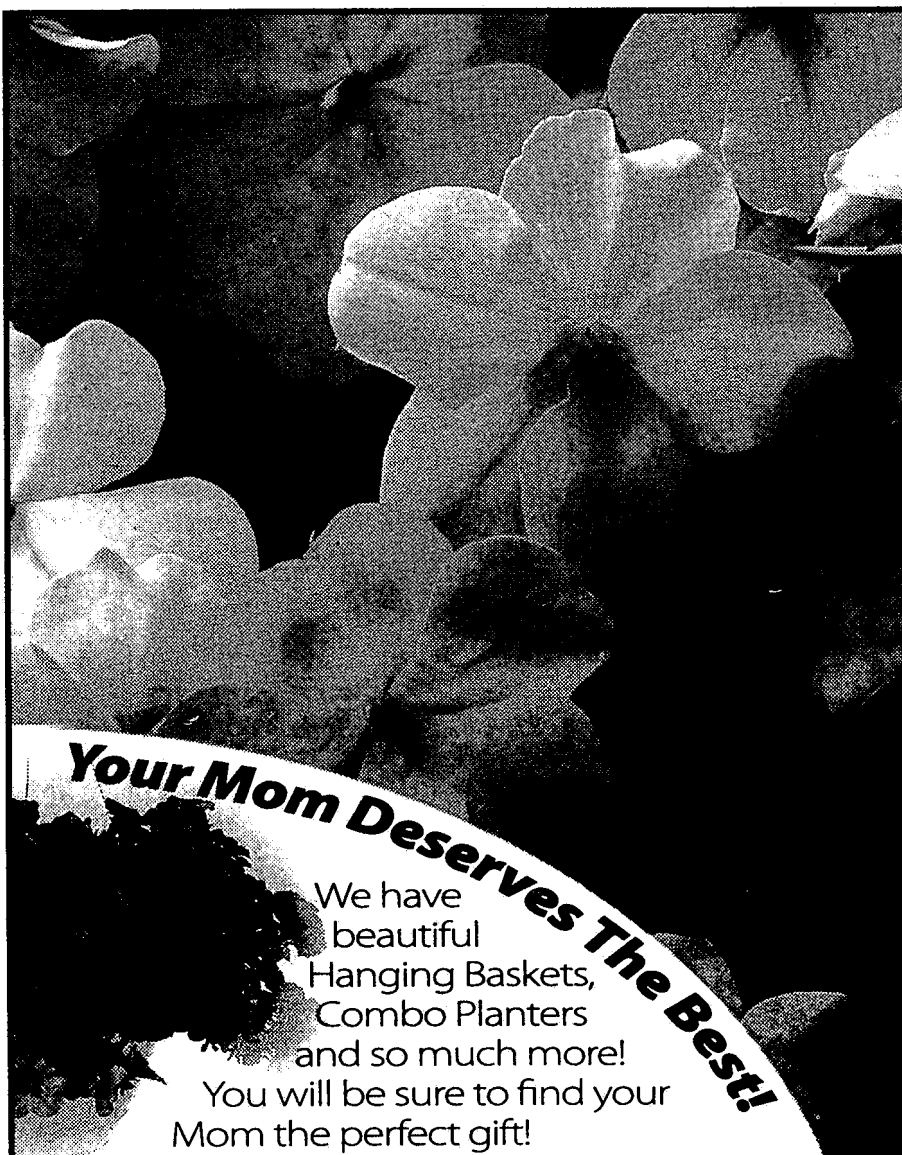
Scraps for Seniors starts at 8 a.m., running until noon. Bring scrap metal to recycle in the fund raiser for Independence Township seniors. Accepted items include lawn mowers, with gas and oil drained, pots, pans, and metal furniture. Free donuts and coffee or hotdogs and pop for recyclers.

Senior Center Garage Sale is 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. The Senior Center is accepting most household items except clothing. Items can be dropped off this week, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. All proceeds go to Friends of the Independence Township Senior Center.

Kids Only Garage Sale is 10 a.m.-1 p.m., with toys, books, dolls and other child related items. For sellers, cost to participate is \$8 per booth. Residents of Independence Township get a discount.

Kite Fest is also 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Great Turtle Toys gives away 50 kite kits, first come, first served, and will also have kites, kite accessories and toys for purchase. The Learning Experience offers free Sno Cones and bounces on their moonwalk. Planet Kids also brings a moonwalk, and Mt Zion Youth Ministry offers a bubble zone. There will be music and games.

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Public Safety

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

Driving with vodka

Passersby called police to report a pickup truck on Pine Knob Road near Sashabaw, with heavy front-end damage and no driver. Deputies found the driver, a 49-year-old Orion Township man, walking down the road a short distance away, bottle of vodka in his coat pocket. The man said he hit a pothole, lost control, and hit a tree, and had called his wife for a ride. He said he bought the vodka from a nearby convenience store, but the clerk said he hadn't. With a preliminary blood test result of .223, he was arrested for drunk driving, third offense.

Stealing for a baby

An Dixie Highway store employee watched as two customers filled their cart with \$574 in baby formula, diapers, baking pans, and other items, then left without paying, 3:50 p.m., April 19. The 20-year-old Pontiac woman and 20-year-old Ortonville woman were stopped in the parking lot and held for police, who arrested them for second degree retail fraud.

Thefts

Several bundles of cable were taken from a work truck parked in the 5000 block of Dvorak Street, April 20.

Someone broke into a business in the 4000 block of White Lake Road, April 21, and took a desk safe and handcart.

Illegal alien

A deputy stopped a 29-year-old Clarkston woman for having front tinted windows in her car, 4:28 p.m., April 21, at Maybee and Sashabaw roads. The woman had an expired license, and has been in the country illegally for 14 years. She was cited for driving with a suspended license, equipment violation for the tinted window, and obstructed vision because of a dangling object, and Immigration and Customs Enforcement was notified.

Two steps back

An Independence Township man was due to go off probation for possession of marijuana, April 25, and went to pick up a drug test kit in the 7000 block of Dixie Highway, 12:30 p.m., April 21. He left without paying, though, and was caught and cited for retail fraud.

Multiple car break-ins

Four cars in driveways near Sashabaw and Maybee roads and one off Fox Creek were broken into, April 23. Thieves used a tool to pry open door handles to get inside, stealing a navigation system, sunglasses, a police officer's jacket, and other items.

Bold shoplifter

A woman walked into a Dixie Highway store, 12:35 p.m., April 22, grabbed a cooler, yanked a camera out of its display, and walked out without paying. When confronted by an employee asking for a receipt, she reportedly said, "I'm not showing you nothing," and "get out of the way or we will run you over." She fled in a car that was traced to Pontiac.

Hitchhiker with warrant

Police picked up a 40-year-old woman walking on I-75 at Ortonville Road, 5:57 p.m., April 24, hitchhiking from Monroe to Tawas. She had a Friend of the Court warrant out of Wayne County, and was arrested.

Wrong way

Deputies stopped a 40-year-old Flint man for driving in the wrong direction on I-75 at Dixie Highway, 5:03 a.m., April 24. The man, who was confused and smelled of alcohol, said he was on his way home from a bar, which was also in Flint. He was arrested for drunk driving.

Wrong friends

Seven teenagers had a sleepover party, April 24, in the 5000 block of Golf Pointe Drive. The next morning, two of them found their locked vehicles had been opened and items, including a gym bag, purse, and laptop computer, stolen. They also noticed their keys had been moved sometime during the night.

DVD thief

Employees watched as a 24-year-old Groveland Township man picked up six DVD movies, 9 a.m., April 25, in the 6000 block of Dixie Highway, then check out, paying only for a loaf of bread. When approached, the man bolted from the store. Employees got his license plate number, which deputies used to track him down.

Home burglary

Someone kicked in the front door of a house in the 7000 block of Allen Road, April 25, and stole jewelry. A neighbor reported seeing a light blue, older model Blazer with its back window replaced by clear plastic, parked in the driveway at about 10 a.m.

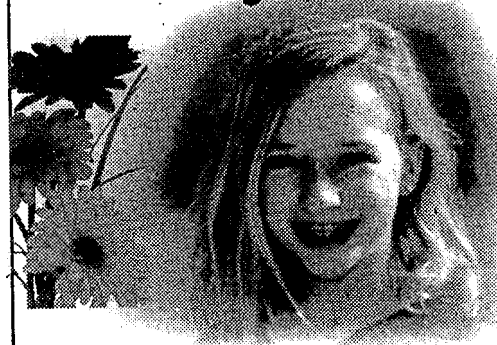
Passed out in bathroom

A restaurant employee found a 24-year-old Oxford Township man passed out in the bathroom, 8:56 p.m., April 26, in the 5000 block of Sashabaw Road. As paramedics treated the man, deputies took note of a syringe, lighter, and cut-down aluminum can with blackened residue inside it. The man said he used the can to cook heroin, then injected it.

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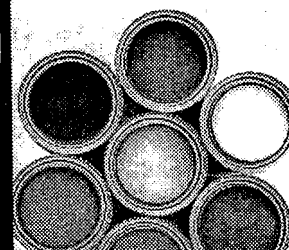
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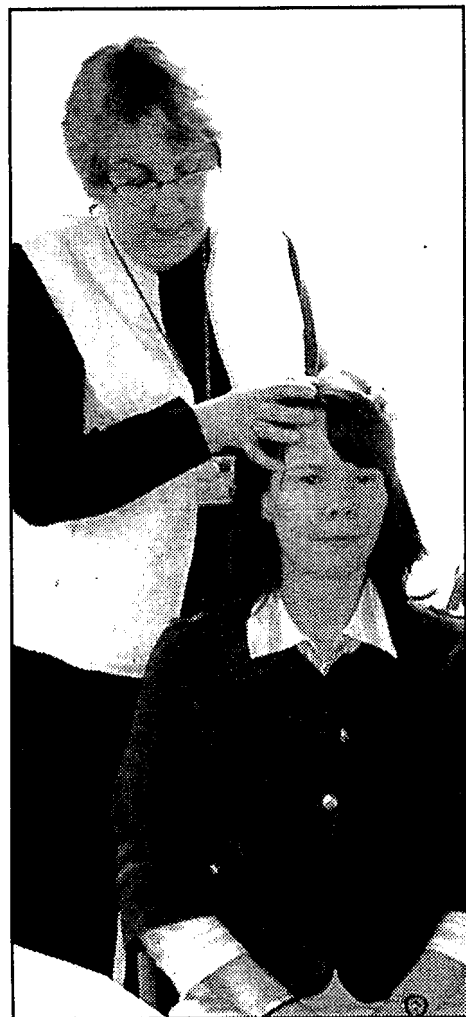
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Tom Mazzaro entertains with song.



Andrew Dubats adjusts his video camera.

Networking at the Expo

Folks filled Clarkston United Methodist Church, April 28, for the Clarkston Coffee Club Expo.

"I wanted to meet more great people for referrals," said Dr. Sara Whedon, of A Place to Grow Chiropractic and member of the Lake Orion Coffee Club with a booth at the Expo. "I think it's really cool, an opportunity to talk to people about what I do in a non-stressful way."

Ron Swift of Michigan Center for Orthopedic Surgery said the Coffee Club is a way to spread the word about the center and also to learn about other local businesses.

"It's nice to keep business local for the things I need done, also,"

Swift said. "It's nice to meet with someone before giving them a call," Swift said.

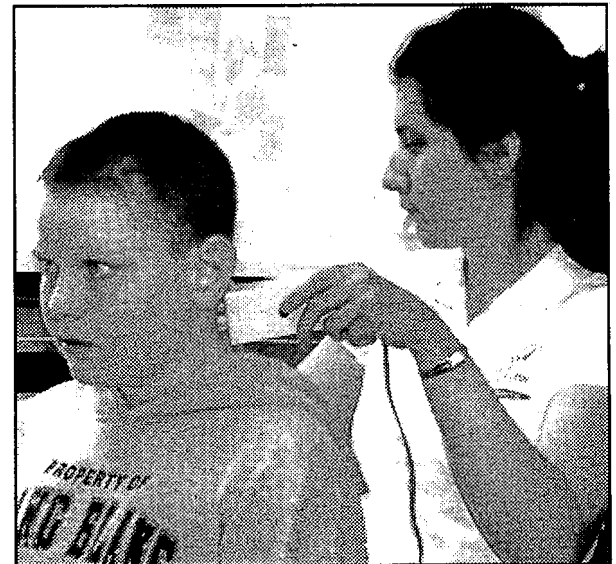
Cindy Tippett didn't have a booth, but still got in lots of networking at the Expo.

"Everyone needs to stick together and keep local business local," Tippett said.

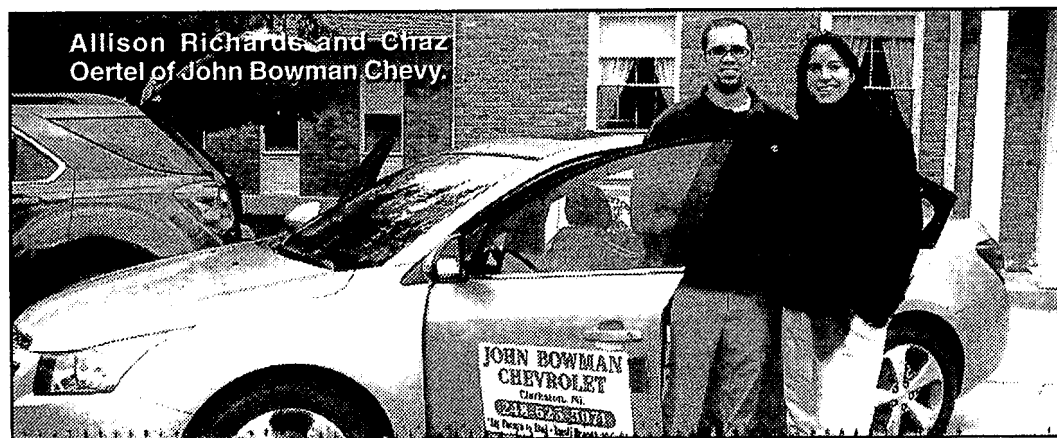
Food was provided by Guido's Premium Pizza and Culver's of Clarkston.

"It's a great network, a great way to meet local folks," said Kevin Powers, Culver's owner with his sister, Katie Schmitt. "I'm glad to be part of something like this. It's the first of many to come."

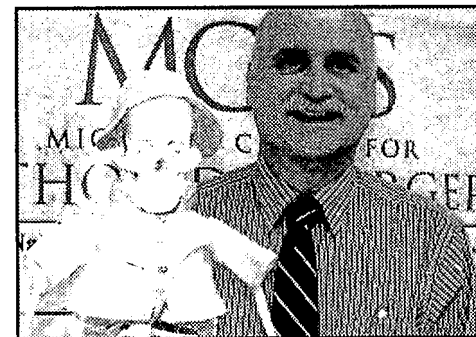
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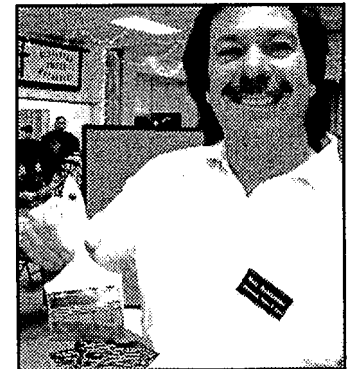
Dr. Sara Whedon of A Place to Grow Chiropractic takes a reading on Jon Tippett.



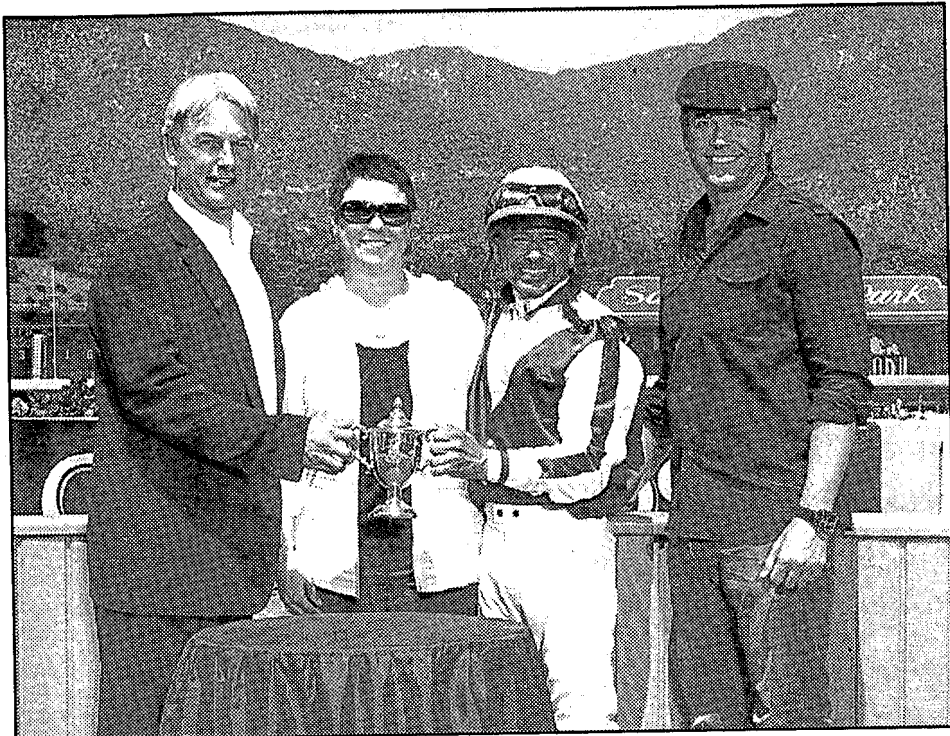
Allison Richards and Chaz Oertel of John Bowman Chevy.



Ron Swift, with Michigan Center for Orthopedic Surgery's mascot skeleton, clad in a raincoat in honor of April.



Rob Schroeder, with a custom card holder.



Katie Colosimo and jockey Mike Smith accept a trophy for Regally Ready's win from Mark Harmon, left, and Michael Weatherly, both from TV's NCIS. Photo courtesy of Benoit Photo

Clarkston grad makes Derby run

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The spotlight shines on the Kentucky Derby this weekend and as many prepare for the big event, Clarkston native Katie Colosimo is also preparing.

While many are watching the horses race she is helping to get the horses ready for the races, walking out with some of them, help saddle and make sure everything will go smoothly.

It's part of her job - Colosimo works as an assistant to Scott Blasi, assistant to trainer Stever Asmussen.

"I help run the barn and keep everything," she explained. "Anything they need to have done I make sure it is taken care of. I let everyone know what they need to be doing, help watch over the horse and make sure they are okay. I travel with some of them when they go to races at other racetracks. Occasionally I saddle the horses for races when they need me to do it."

Colosimo admitted it is her first being personally involved with the Kentucky Derby but she has sat in the stands several times watching it.

"It is so exciting," she said. "It is just so many people and so much excitement. People from everywhere come for the race. There is so much electricity in the air and so much on the line. There is nothing else like it."

She has worked in many positions as she worked up to the assistant positions.

"I get to work with some really nice horses," she added. "It is a great opportunity. I like the way my boss does things."

Colosimo already knows what to expect

at the Kentucky Derby after years of experience and after being in Santa Anita Derby in California for another race on April 16.

"It was a prep race," she explained. "It was a million dollar race. You stay in the barn and make sure everything is okay. There is a lot riding on it."

The end result from the race was Regally Ready, one of their horses, won by a nose in the San Simeon Handicap.

Colosimo, a Clarkston High School 1996 graduate, began working with horses when she was 12-years-old and showed them.

She moved on to Leonardi Racing Stables in Metamora where she worked with race-horses.

When she was 22-years-old she left Michigan and went to Phoenix, Arizona and worked at a racetrack.

"I worked at a lot of different tracks in a lot of different states and traveled a lot," she explained. "I always worked at it and got a lot of good breaks to be where I am at and work with the horses."

Though it was what she wanted to do, she took a break for six months to make sure it was what she wanted to do the rest of her life.

"I am at the barn at five o'clock in the morning. It's a seven days a week job," she said. "You devote your life to it."

She made some phonecalls and found a job in Shreveport, Louisiana.

"I feel very lucky to wake up every morning and go to a job I love. I get to travel the country and see a lot of great things. It has been a neat experience," she said. "I am looking forward to the derby on Saturday."

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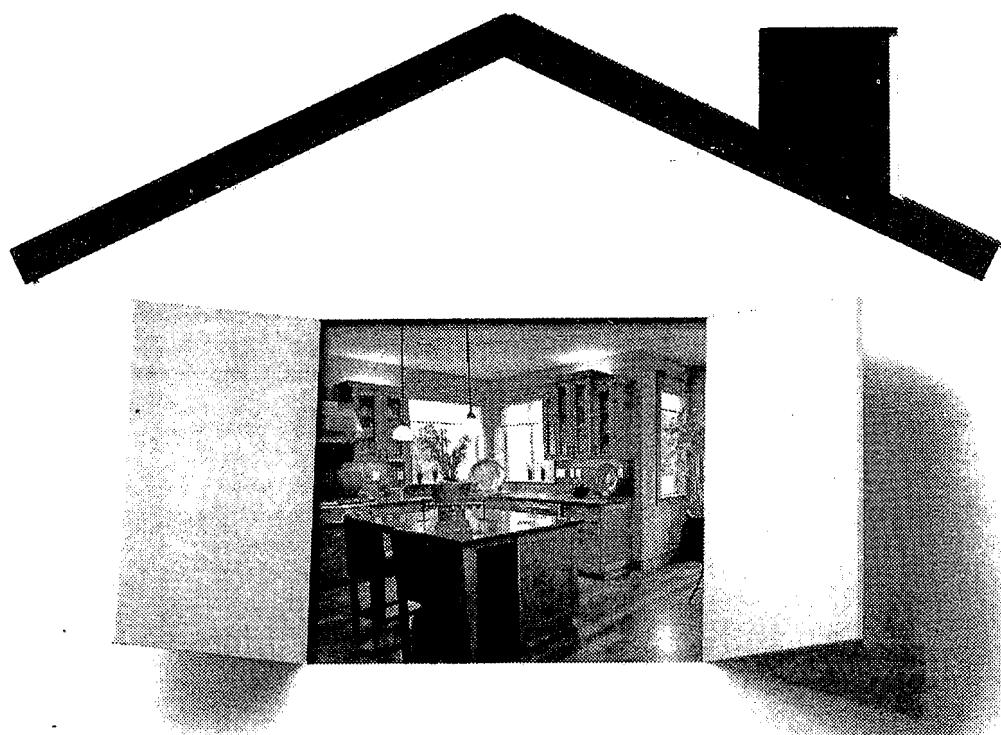
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Township audit shows no deficit

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

After review, the state found Independence Township fell \$27,543 short last year, as opposed to \$2.7 million it found last July.

That amount has already been paid, said township Treasurer Curt Carson.

"I'm glad with the result, that's what we were looking for," Carson said. "It seems like it would be hard for anybody to argue with the result."

Trustee Mark Petterson said he was "extremely happy" and had a feeling this would be the outcome.

"I'm happy that Mr. Carson was able to work with these people and get the situation resolved," Petterson said. "I think all the snot blowing from board members on the treasurer was uncalled for (and) ultimately it worked out for the best."

Supervisor Dave Wagner agreed.

"I knew we were never in any trouble and I'm very glad the state has it clarified now," Wagner said. "It once again proves we did the right thing and it was a good thing. Hopefully there are no more problems."

Carson drove to Lansing with state Sen. Jim Marlow and met with state Treasurer Andy Dillon, a move some trustees opposed.

The board voted 4-3, March 15, to prohibit Carson from meeting with state officials.

"I know it looks like they had a meeting and it got resolved but that's not really what happen," said Trustee David Lohmeier, who voted in favor. "I believe the progress is a result of our finance group's work with the (state) treasury department. We are not the only township with this issue, but I believe they (state treasury) were mostly concerned about setting a precedent for other townships with real financial issues."

Wagner should have brought the issue to the board earlier, Lohmeier said.

"When this first started it should have been brought before the board and we should have talked about the best way to resolve it," Lohmeier said. "Excluding our finance department makes no sense, because they're the only ones that can implement any accounting change."

In an April 15, 2011 letter to the Township the state said the township had 30 days to submit a Deficit Elimination Plan that demonstrates the amount has been eliminated or will be eliminated by 2014.

A Plante Moran audit, Dec. 31, 2009, lists \$2,659,093 in township capital assets, with \$2,686,636 in expenses, falling short \$27,543.

Carson said the 2010 audit should show a positive balance of about \$80,000.



Ryan Boersma, Zander Neideck, and Jake Boersma fill a bag with leaves and twigs.

Rotary, scouts clean park

This spring has been cold and wet, but that didn't stop Clarkston Rotary members and Cub Scout pack 499 scouts and parents from cleaning up Depot Park.

Dave Boersma, Cub Scout den leader and Clarkston Rotarian, arranged for the collaboration, preparing the park for upcoming warm weather.



Scouts and Rotarians team up to clean Depot Park. Photos provided

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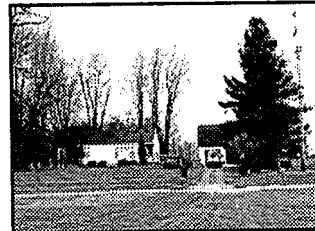
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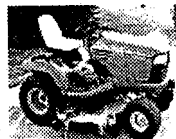
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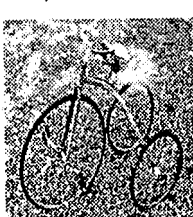
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Residences OK'd for 90 N. Main

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Unless city officials change their minds, the historic 90 N. Main Street building will include residences.

On 6-0 vote, City Council adopted the first reading of the Zoning Ordinance Overlay District Amendment to include the residential component, which had been stricken previously by the planning commission.

"I think having a mixed use would make a lot of sense," said resident David Bihl. "It doesn't make the property more of a problem, but it lessens the impact on the village to have residents in it."

Councilman Steve Hargis, who is also the liaison between the council and planning commission, was strongly opposed to any residential component, but had a change of heart after reflection.

"I think we ought to give the ownership some latitude to come up with the ability to propose the highest and best use," Hargis said. "I'm supporting having some residential mixed use in this operation to see what they could actually come up with because I don't see this going away. I would like for it to go away, I'd like not to have to deal with it but I don't see it happening."

However, resident Theo Papatheodoraperilos said the council should go with the planning commission's recommendation.

"Nobody can predict the future. Ten years ago we didn't know it was going to be an overlay (district) and something else could happen. If we just knock it out now we hopefully just move on and we go back home and live the rest of our lives. Things change all the time," Papatheodoraperilos said.

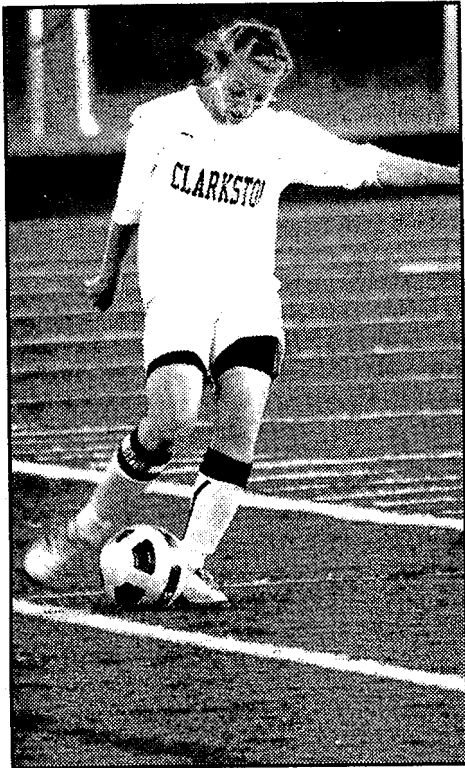
"Also as a resident of this town I feel we have given this hardship case enough to work with the building. We are letting them (the owners) use the building in a way the building wasn't supposed to be used."

Bob Roth, owner of 90 N. Main, said he had a hard time believing residents were arguing over the residential aspect of the amendment.

"If it's to be compatible with residential, how can a residential component not be a plus for it? It's going to make it compatible for the person who lives there," Roth said. "It's very compatible by having a residential component there. I think that was the intent all along."

City Attorney Tom Ryan agreed. "Whether you're on the property as a resident or off the property next to it, you all have the same interest in having a low impact non-intrusive," Ryan said. "If it's not residential folks it's going to be something else, which is commercial or office."

Two last goals send Brandon Blackhawks packing



Jacke Gipe leads the ball into Brandon territory. Photo by Wendi Reardon

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Senior Kaylee Liddle kicked the soccer ball forward towards Brandon High School's net and scored with 5:01 to spare in last Friday's game.

The Clarkston fans cheered in the stands as the Lady Wolves briefly celebrated on the field - they all had been waiting for 75 minutes for the goal to break the 0-0 tie.

Another goal made minutes later gave the Clarkston Girls Varsity Soccer team their second win for the week, 2-0.

"I am happy we won," said Sarah Wasilk, head coach. "I am glad they kept the pressure on and didn't just give up and settle for a tie. I was hoping once we scored one it would lead to others. I was glad to see that as well. But I am disappointed with the way we played. It took us a while to get started playing together as a unit."

The girls controlled possession of the ball for 90 percent of the game with defense gaining control when the Lady Blackhawks slipped closer to the net.

A few close breaks came near the end of the first half but nothing making it into the net to count as a point on the scoreboard.

Junior Taylor Stokes opened the last half

with a high kick from 30 yards from the net but it was caught by the goalie.

"At the end we came together," said Liddle. "We came out strong then settled down a bit which we shouldn't have done."

After Liddle scored the first goal the excitement in the air increased and the girls put more pressure on their visitors.

"We started thinking we can do this, we are strong enough to do this," said Liddle. "We kept going and pushing up. We are really a bonded team so once one of us gets started then we all started coming together. It's a chain reaction."

With 2:30 left in the game junior Lisa Lyons put the ball in position for a corner kick and sent it into a crowd in front of Brandon's net.

Liddle struck quickly, shooting the ball in for the second goal of the night.

"She did outstanding," said Wasilk. "She came ready to play and that is why she got two goals."

"We came together and came out strong again and that is how we finished," Liddle added. "We didn't play to our fullest potential but we did play with heart which we always do. We also played more offensively then defensively."

The girls put six shots on the net during

the night and Brandon was only able to put one shot on the Lady Wolves' net.

"Our defense is really strong," Wasilk added. "I was impressed with our defense. They always show up to play."

The girls claimed a win over Waterford Kettering on April 25, 2-0. Lyons and junior Mikayla Ferer scored a goal each in the win.

They lost to Avondale on Thursday, 1-0, putting their overall record at 2-3-3.

The girls have three games this week as they aim to add more wins to their record.

"We know we are a better team than we played tonight," Liddle said after Friday's game. "We are a stronger team. We didn't play to our fullest potential and stooped out a little bit. We will come out harder and stronger and be ready to go."

The girls head out for their next round of games. They played Troy-Athens on Tuesday. The Lady Wolves play at Holly on Thursday at 6:45 p.m. and at Groves High School on Friday night, 7 p.m.

"Hopefully it gets their confidence up knowing we are back on the board for scoring," said Wasilk. "We have some tough games next week so hopefully this is what they needed so they can get the ball rolling in the right direction and get some wins."

Athlete of the Week

Cooper dedication to bowling continues

BY NICK LOOMIS
Special to The Clarkston News

At Clarkston High School, state champion bowler senior Nick Cooper proved you don't have to be an above average student, take AP classes or do tons of extra curricular activities in order to be recognized by colleges.

With a 3.0 GPA, Cooper emphasizes there are other scholarships than the ones given out for academics.

"I've basically gotten all of the credits I need to graduate high school," said Cooper. "Now, I'm just trying to decide what to do from here. I've gotten an offer from Davenport University and I've set up meetings with Webber International in Florida and Robert Morris in Chicago. At this point, I'm waiting for the best offer before I decide where to go."

Cooper's dedication to bowling was seen when he won the Division I Singles state championship as a junior and qualified for the finals from his regional finish in his freshman, sophomore and junior years. His Clarkston High School Boys Varsity Bowling team has qualified twice for the state

finals while Cooper was on the team.

Even in the off-season, Cooper is working tremendously hard to stay on top of his game.

"I'm bowling six days a week during the off-season, whether it's practice or individual scholarship tournaments where scouts come to watch me bowl," said Cooper.

In the off-season he has finished fifth in the nation in the Teen Masters National Tournament in 2009.

He has competed in the National Junior Gold Tournament for two years in a row. Last year he placed 27th out of 1,000 boys. This year he qualified for the Junior Gold Nation Finals Tournament.

Cooper travels going to Las Vegas, Ne-

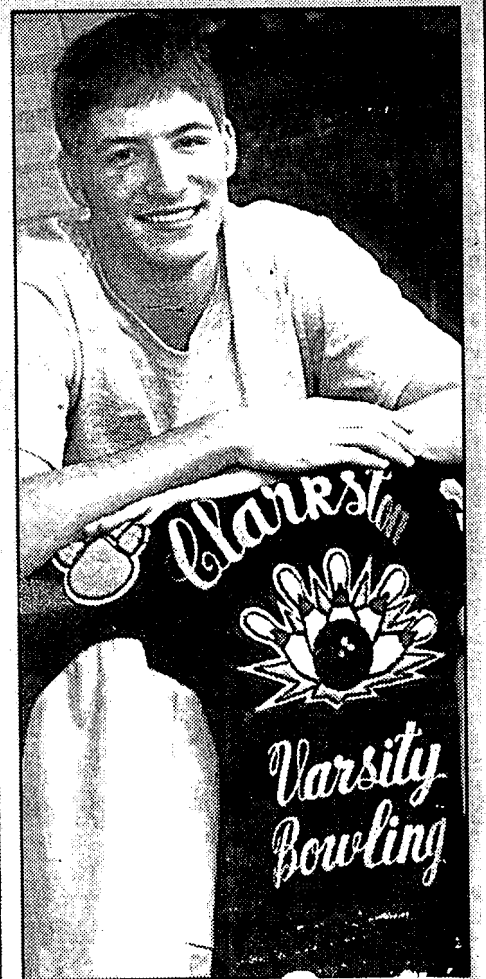
vada in July where he will compete against other amateur bowlers and has a chance to win \$10,000 in the tournament.

If Cooper performs well enough, he has the opportunity to bowl on TV for scouts around the nation to watch.

He has the highest bowling average in the OAA conference and in Division 1. His high game for his senior year was 299.

Cooper was also one of five bowlers to be chosen for the Detroit Free Press All-State Dream Team.

"Everything I have accomplished so far in my life I have to credit to my dad," said Cooper. "I've grown up watching him bowl and he got me started with the sport. He got me this far and hopefully I can go somewhere with it."



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Wolves down three more opponents

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Junior Kevin Horton led the Wolfpack as they closed last week at Utica Eisenhower.

The boys won the Saturday game on Eisenhower's field, 8-5, with Horton contributing five goals to the game.

"He was an absolute workhorse for us this week," said Clarkston Boys Varsity Lacrosse Coach Brian Kaminskas.

"It was a great win," he added. "It is always great to beat Eisenhower. It was the hardest game we played out of the week. Though the score was close I don't think anyone thought the game was in question."

The boys led going into the second half, 6-1, and continued to hold onto the lead as the game closed to its end.

Senior Alexander Dziewit and juniors Sam Moore and Travis Craft added one goal each. Dziewit and junior Jordan Kincaid aided with one assist each.

Senior goalie Matt Goebel made seven saves in the net.

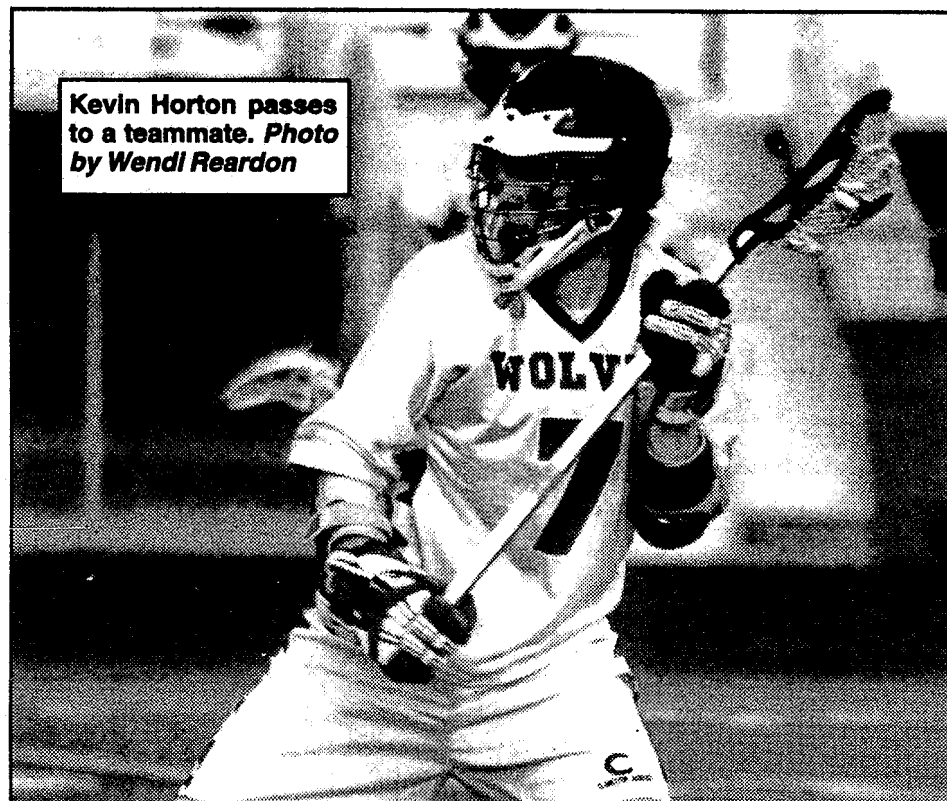
"It was the end of a long week," added Kaminskas. "It was three of the most competitive games we have played in a roll. We were beat up a little bit. Matt Burnett didn't play on Saturday, our key defenseman. It was a long week and a good opportunity for the boys to fall asleep and they didn't do it."

The boys beat Rochester United on Thursday, 10-8.

"It was a great game," said Kaminskas. "It was a closer battle than we expected but we were really happy with it. We played our playbook. We tell the guys all the time 'if you play our book, we can't be beaten.' When we make mistakes that is when guys can take advantage of us. We stuck to script, did exactly everything we wanted to do and came out winning."

Junior Kevin O'Grady and Horton led with three goals each. O'Grady also assisted on two goals as well as Dziewit.

Goebel was a force against Rochester United making 13 saves for the night.



Kevin Horton passes to a teammate. Photo by Wendi Reardon

The Wolves began the week beating another team from Rochester, Rochester Adams, to the score of 10-5 on April 26.

"It was a nice win and it was a nice night," said Kaminskas. "You could see in that game where our guys have started to take it to the next level. It showed throughout the week."

O'Grady led with four goals as Horton and Kincaid added two to the board. Goebel made eight saves against the Highlanders.

Junior Joe Sharkey also had a big part in this week's three wins, Kaminskas added.

"He has been a terrific role player for us," he said. "He is great in transition and doing all the little things most people don't know how important they are."

The boys head into another busy week as they get closer to MHSAA Division 1 Re-

gional, set to begin in a few weeks.

The boys played University of Liggett on Tuesday.

"It is a new team for us," said Kaminskas. "We have seen them and have had eyes on them. We think we will be okay."

The boys host North Harrison in a OAA game, Thursday night at 7 p.m., and they are ready for a tough game. The same goes for their Saturday game against Lake Orion.

"It seems the better we do at Clarkston the tighter the target gets on our back," said Kaminskas. "These guys come out to play stronger and stronger. Orion is a big game. As the week goes on the games will be more difficult."

The game at Lake Orion begins with JV at 10:30 a.m., varsity follows at noon.

Stars on mound

Mother Nature may have delayed and cancelled games in the last month for the Lady Wolves but they made up for it at the 19th Annual Michigan Stars Tournament during the weekend.

The Clarkston Girls Varsity Softball team went 4-1 during the two-day event, beginning with a huge win over Roseville on Saturday morning.

The girls scored 12 runs while keeping Roseville to zero.

Liz Zezula went 3-for-4 during the game, hitting a double and had three RBIs.

Megan Hastings and Shauna Siwicki also hit a double. Siwicki hit 3-for-3 for the game.

Hastings pitched for four innings and had three strikeouts.

The Lady Wolves followed it with a win over Lincoln Park, 11-1.

Hastings hit 3-for-4 and had four RBIs. Siwicki hit 3-for-3 and had three RBIs.

Hastings, Siwicki and Allie Reeves hit two doubles during the game.

Sarah Altene pitched for four innings during the game and had four strikeouts.

Next win came against Dakota, 6-1.

Hastings hit a double, went 4-for-4 and had three RBIs. She also pitched for seven innings and had five strikeouts.

The Lady Wolves began Sunday with a loss to Stevenson, 8-3.

Zezula hit a homerun and had a RBI. Hastings hit a double and triple, going 3-for-3. Sydney Hasselbach hit a triple.

They finished the tournament with a win over Armada, 2-1. Altene hit a triple while Zezula and Siwicki had one RBI each.

Hastings pitched seven innings and had 11 strikeouts.

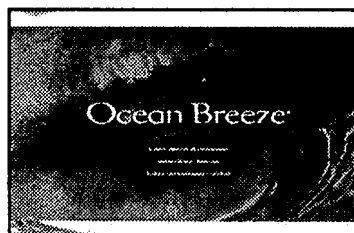
The girls host Lake Orion in a double header on Wednesday beginning at 4:30 p.m. They head to Carman-Ainsworth for another double header on Thursday.



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Wet weather doesn't slow Wolves down

BY GABE COMOS

Special to The Clarkston News

Golf is a difficult game in itself but it may be ten times more difficult when the weather calls for snow with temperatures in the upper thirties, and you have to play a round of nine.

This has been the forecast for some of the days during the current high school golf season.

"It has been raining quite a bit this spring, the rain mixed with the cold weather causes the ball to not travel as far," said Junior Jimmy Delnick, adding some days on the course this season the winds have reached speeds up to 40 miles per hour.

Delnick, who is operating in his third year with the varsity team, is also a veteran on the squad and is beginning to take some of the leadership roles for the team.

He has set high expectations for this season stating he hopes his team can qualify for the state tournament, and he himself will finish as one of the top 15-20 individuals in the state.

The younger, but still somewhat experienced Wolves, will have to bring their top game in the weeks to come after they didn't end up getting the start that they wanted.

"The weather has been a factor for everyone. It was snowing at our tournament at Indianwood Country Club (Lake Orion)," said Delnick.

"It doesn't matter who you are, you will have a tough time playing in this weather. Personally I have not been playing up to my stature, I need to pick up my game in the coming matches."

Junior Dan Corazza, who is in his first year with the varsity squad, improved his game greatly over the summer and winter and has evolved into one of the team's best golfers.

Corazza has finished steadily in the low 40s all season including a 41 against Rochester Adams last week. Also the team medalist at the Indianwood tournament, Corazza should be a key component to the team's

hopeful success.

"I hope to have a big year and keep my scores low throughout the year. Our team has a lot of talent. Hopefully we can use that talent to our advantage," said Corazza.

The boys will have a few tough opponents ahead of them if they plan to make it farther in the season like planned.

Top teams in the area include: Brother Rice, Detroit Catholic Central, Grand Blanc, Northville, and OAA opponent, Adams, who beat the Wolves by four slim strokes last week.

Delnick, who has been playing golf his entire life, has made golf a priority. He definitely plans on playing college golf, but is unsure of where.

Delnick is considered one of the best and most steady shooters on the varsity team.

Good putting and keeping the ball in play are two things Delnick said needed to execute in order to have a good round.

Corazza added, "you must relax mentally and finish your entire round."

"I really enjoy the competitive atmosphere of golf. The pressure put on you to execute every shot perfectly is thrilling to me. It can be such an 'in the moment' sport," Delnick stated.

Corazza is also a life-long golf lover.

"I enjoy the scenery and the serenity of the sport. There probably isn't any better feeling than hitting a nice shot on the golf course," said Corazza.

The team consists of seniors, Chad Wotton and Ryan Milliken; juniors, Jimmy Delnick, Dan Corazza, Andrew Lange, Mac McClelland, and the lone sophomore, Jack "JD" Alli.

They are coached by Pete Gallagher. Gallagher is a gym teacher at Clarkston High school and is also the offensive backs coach for Clarkston Varsity Football.

The boys next home match is next Tuesday against Rochester at Oakhurst Country Club.

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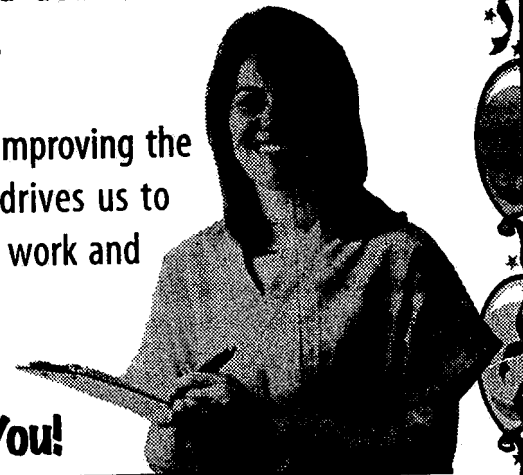
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Track camp

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Clarkston Girls Varsity Track Coach John Yorke, his staff and varsity athletes show kids entering third through ninth grade the fundamentals and enjoyment of track and field.

The camp is held July 18-21, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., at the Clarkston High School stadium.

Forms are available at Clarkston Community Education Center, 6558 Waldon Road or at www.clarkston.k12.mi.us/cec.

Scoring big

The Lady Wolves were tied going into the second half against Stoney Creek on Monday night, both with eight points.

During the second half the Clarkston Girls Varsity Lacrosse team prevailed for their sixth win for the season, 16-13.

Stephanie Dellinger and Lauren Sharkey led, scoring five goals each. Danielle Dunn scored four and had two assists.

The Lady Wolves faced their first loss of the season to Powers Catholic High School on Friday, 9-8. Dellinger led the girls with five goals. Sharkey added two goals and one assist while Dunn had one goal and two assists.

They defeated Waterford United on April 27, 14-4. Dellinger led with eight goals and had one assist. Sharkey added three goals. Brittney Jaynes, Quinn Dabrowski and Dun added one goal each to the score. Sharkey, Dunn and Sage Beuregard had two assists.

The girls head to Notre Dame Prep on Saturday, 1300 Giddings Road, Pontiac. JV plays at 10 a.m., varsity follows at 11:30 a.m.

They host Farmington Hills Harrison one Monday night. JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows at 7 p.m.

Ruling the court one win at a time

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The momentum continues to grow for the Lady Wolves as they post two more wins after playing Novi and Birmingham Seaholm.

"The girls are getting stronger and stronger week by week," said Clarkston Girls Varsity Tennis Coach Becky Freeman. "They are correcting things we were doing three weeks ago. They are adjusting their game and making those corrections."

Freeman added the Lady Wolves are still a work in progress as they continue practicing and perfecting their game.

The girls started the week on April 27 with a 7-1 win over Novi.

For singles, Gabriella Spindler beat Abby Wang, 6-2, 6-0; Lexi Baylis beat Ashley Aljadah, 6-0, 6-0; Katie Brozovich beat Rebecca Chen, 6-1, 6-0; and Kristina Lucas beat Asawari Kanitkar, 6-0, 6-1.

For doubles, sisters Paige Olsen and Dana Olsen beat Meggie Riegel and Jenna Snyder, 6-1, 6-3; Amy Wozniak and Abbey Hubregsen beat Emily Kwederis and Ori Nagasaka, 6-0, 6-3; Olivia Dunn and Allie Wilson beat Caitlin O'Brien and Emily Sheeran, 6-4, 6-0; Annie Gencay and Monique Zentner lost to Meng Meng Jie and Amy Zhou 6-4, 7-6 (7-5).

They beat Seaholm with the same score

on Thursday.

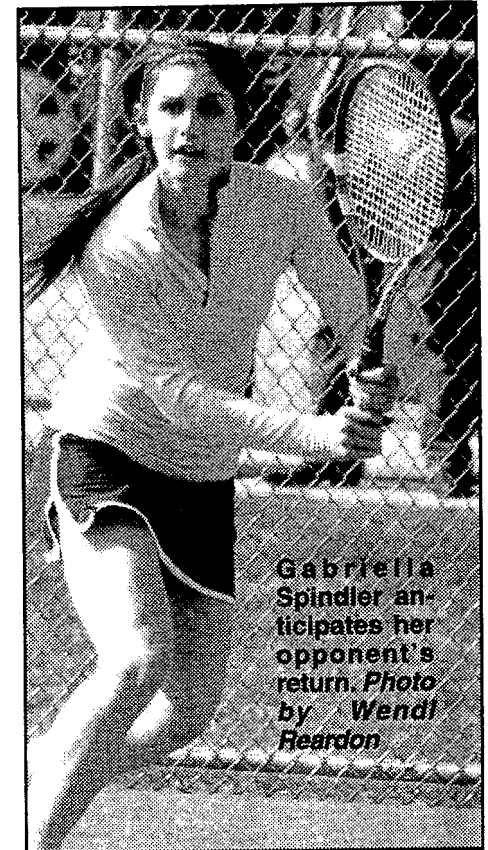
For singles, Spindler won, 6-0, 1-0; Baylis beat Allyson Freeman, 6-0, 6-0; Brozovich beat Arielle Williams, 6-0, 6-0; and Lucas beat Lauren Frazier, 6-0, 6-0.

For doubles, the Olsens beat Elizabeth Gunckle and Labina Petrovska, 6-3, 6-2; Wozniak and Hubregsen beat Meghan Dooley and Katie Root 7-6, 4-6, 6-4; Dunn and Wilson beat Sammy Miller and Annie Grier, 6-1, 1-6, 6-4; Gencay and Zentner lost to Katy Shook and Jackie Meier, 6-1, 6-2.

"The singles are doing great," said Freeman. "The doubles #2 (Wozniak and Hubregsen) and #3 (Dunn and Wilson) teams went to a third set. We won the first one and they won the second and both ended up winning the third set. It is huge they can dig for that because it is real easy to lose your momentum. It is easy to give up. The momentum was going for Seaholm but our girls stepped in and took both of them out for a win."

The girls play Lahser on Wednesday, a makeup from the April 26 cancellation. They host North Farmington on Thursday and head to Holly on Saturday for the Red/White Tournament.

"It is looking good and looking like a solid week," said Freeman.



Gabriella Spindler anticipates her opponent's return. Photo by Wendi Reardon

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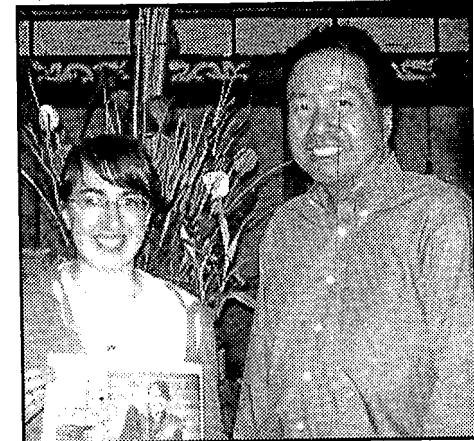
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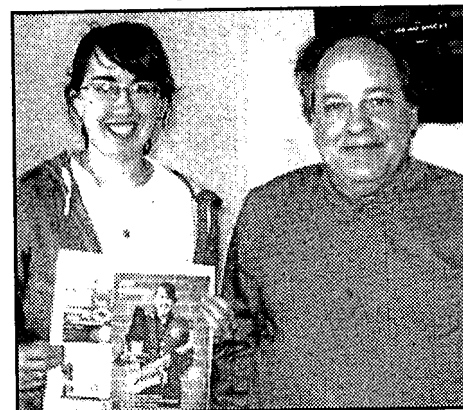
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The trip to London was amazing. Some of my favorite places to visit during the trip were the National History Museum and seeing the dinosaur exhibit there.

Another place that was my favorite to see was the Dover Castle, even though the bus ride there and back was really long. We saw

the play "Wicked," which was really cool to watch for the first time ever. Out of everything we did during those eight days, my favorite part was definitely marching in the New Year's parade. Marching in front of a million people was amazing and marching around the city of London made the parade even better. A moment to remember forever!

Thank you again for supporting the Clarkston High School Marching Band.

Julie Goldberg
Junior, alto saxophone

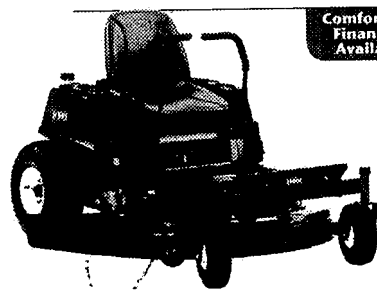


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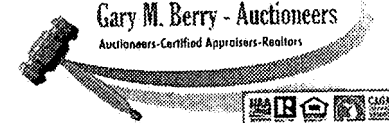
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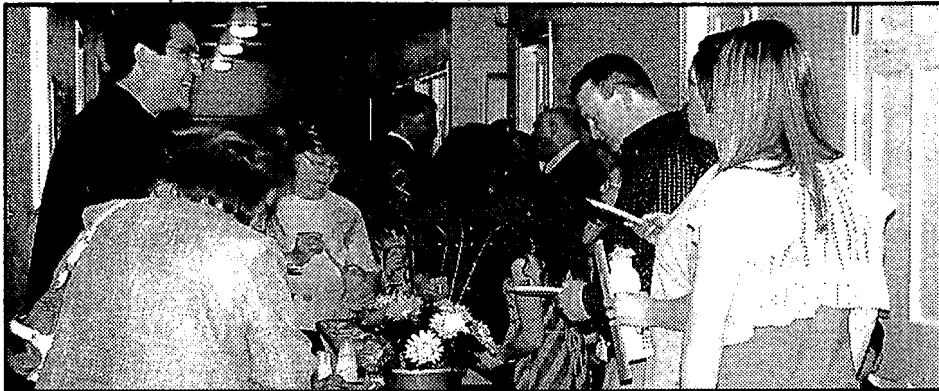
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Honored students and their parents enjoy refreshments at the CAYA Youth Recognition Ceremony. Photo by Phil Custodio

Youth honored for helping others

Clarkston Area Youth Assistance honored more than 90 local students in its annual Youth Recognition Ceremony, April 27, at Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road.

The Clarkston youth were nominated for their willingness to volunteer with community groups to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

Students recognized include Danielle Adkins, Maya Alalouf, Manny Alalouf, Josh Alder, Robert Arden, Sarah Bates, Collin Bauer, Hailey Bauer, Lexi Baylis, Clark Beattie, Chelsie Blevins, Lauren Brill, Carmen Calcaterra, Michael Campbell, Caroline Champion, Julia Champion, Jenna Cruz, Andrew Culver, Amy Cummings, Starr D'Autremont, Gabrielle David, Lauren Davis, Tyler DeCoster, Kate Doty, Escamilla Monserrat, Kelley Fitzpatrick, Josh Frankovich, Emily Frasa, Michael Gapczynski, Jacob Giola, Ashley Gozdor, Christopher Gozdor, Jacob Gozdor, Hannah Grindling, Kate Gualtieri, Caitlin Hamilton,

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Clarkston Community Chest team members Lisa Lucas, Yvonne Wiedemann, Molly McCoy, Missy Brozovich, Kerry Wozniak, Kim Crawford and Wendy Schaffer are training for Komen 3 Day.

Bowling for 3 Day team

The Susan G. Komen 3 Day team "Clarkston Community Chest" hosts a Bowl-A-Thon fund raiser, 4-7 p.m., Sunday May 15, Cherry Hill Lanes North, 6697 Dixie Highway.

Team members Lisa Lucas, Yvonne Wiedemann, Molly McCoy, Missy Brozovich, Kerry Wozniak, Kim Crawford and Wendy Schaffer are training for the

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Though it took Moore 14 years to get his Bachelor of Science Degree from Oakland University, completing it in 2008, he was optimistic and pointed out some of the benefits to the long process. He was able to apply the education he was learning in school to real life situations, at work and at home.

For example, when he and his wife got married and started a family, they started a college fund for their kids. However, like so many other folks, changing his career after 25 years, there came readjustment. During an eighteen month transition period, Moore said, "Unemployment and our 'emergency fund' weren't designed for that amount of time, so the college fund then became the emergency fund. You have to do



Darwin Moore walking the streets of Clarkston.

what you have to do." Again, being optimistic he acknowledged "Had it (the college fund) not been there, it could have been much worse." Moore realizes it has been worse for many, and he hopes he can use his experience, knowledge and Prudential resources to help others be better prepared.

Moore believes individuals and families should address their insurance and financial needs more like successful busi-

ness models. Maybe not quite as stringent, but applying the same type of principles. Such as: know where the money is going, have a budget, current money use, emergency fund, future money use, risk management through insurance, etc. "This is where the results of our needs analysis become useful, helping our clients visualize the entire process," he said. He continued, "Though it is not always a complex process, it is not often an easy process to do on your own." Moore went on to say that this process is used not only with individuals, but, also with business clients as well. Moore acknowledges there are a lot of people in the insurance and financial business; however, it's important for clients to find someone they are comfortable working with. "Your financial professional, like any other professional, is someone you want to have a long term relationship with. You need to know they always have your best interest in mind," he said.

Being "home grown" in the community, graduating from Clarkston High School in 1980, delivering parcels in the community for over twenty years, and having multiple family members who taught, or work, in the Clarkston School System, Moore said he knows "a wide spectrum" of people and is looking to build a clientele in the community he loves. Being raised in the community, he continues to live in Independence Township with his wife Cindy, and their daughters Sabrina, Miranda, Jessica, and Georgia. "I have a lot of respect for the community," he said. "I want to see it, and the people within the community, do well." For more information call Darwin Moore at 248-688-3671, e-mail Darwin.Moore@prudential.com or visit Prudential.com/us/Darwin.Moore

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People Poll

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Mother's Day is Sunday, May 8

Why is Mother's Day special?

"I never know what it is going to be like - in the 70s and sunny or in the 30s and snowing."



- Brent Nickola

"As a mom it's the one day you get to think about yourself."



- Kristin Arntz

"It is an opportunity for me to say thank you for all the things she does or doesn't do for me."



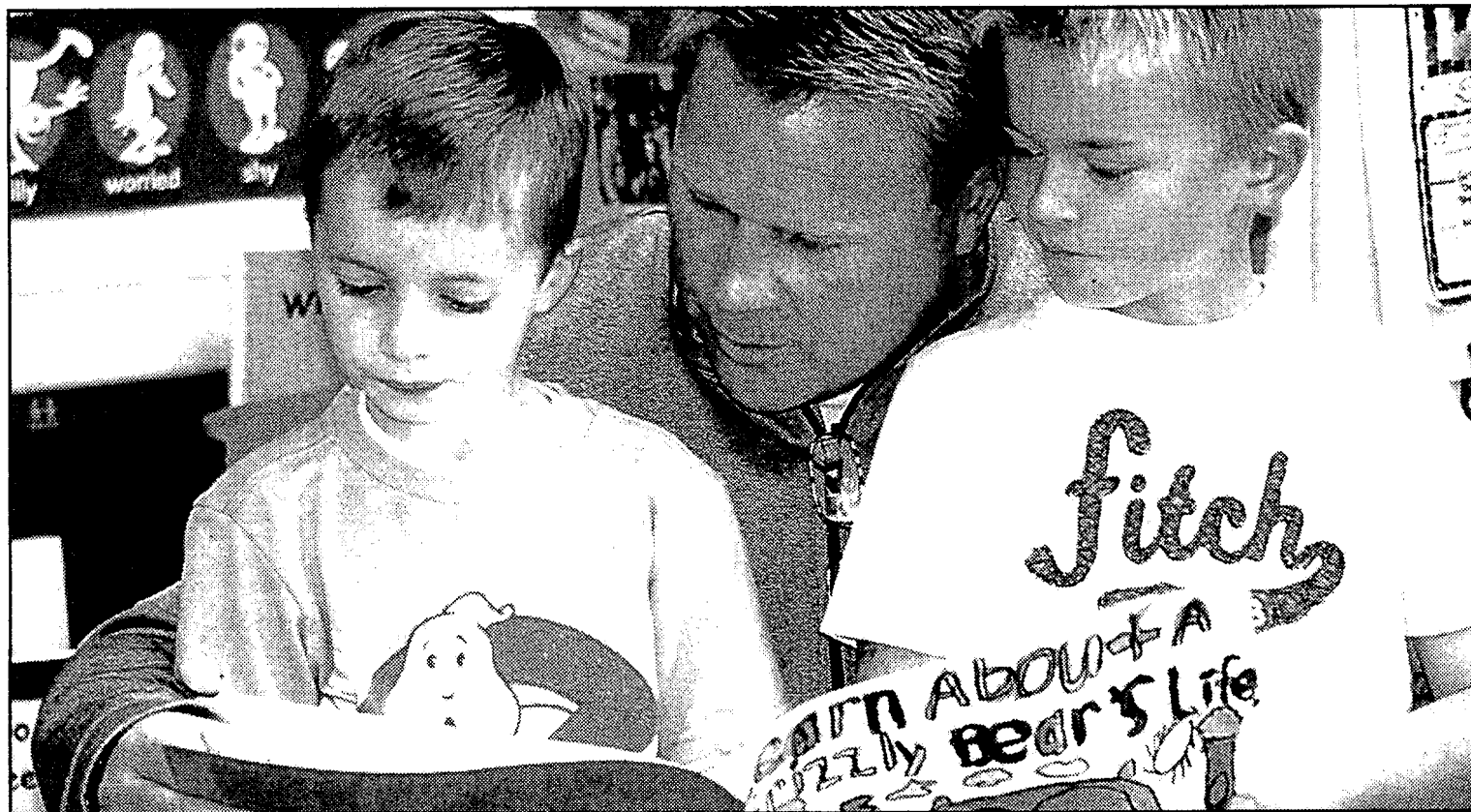
- Clarence Jennings

"This is the one day we can treat mothers the way they need to be treated since they are so selfless."



- Heather Nassar

By Wendi Reardon



Tony Jerome reads about Grizzly Bears with Ethan Brock, left, and Spence Jerome. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Classroom becomes a zoo of knowledge

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The first-grade classrooms at Pine Knob Elementary were transformed into zoos on Friday.

It was the end of a project the students began in February. They wrote a non-fiction book about a animal, created the animal and its habitat.

While working on the project they used information they found from research and what

they learned when they visited the Detroit Zoo.

They learned all they could about their animals including how they move, what body parts they have, what they need to survive and what habitat they live in.

The students, who's animal shared the same habitat, worked together to create the habitat.

Then, they brought in items from home they could use to make their habitat like sand for the desert or cotton balls for arctic snow.

They finished putting together the zoos just

in time on Friday as parents and students from other classes walked around and visited the different sites - the rainforest, woodlands, desert, ocean, antartic, mountains and savannah.

They read their books and information they found on their animal to their parents before going to other classrooms to visit their zoos.

The project incorporated reading, writing, science, math and working in a group.

Please see page 3B for more pictures



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Special Events

Fund raiser for Waterford Community Church Youth Group's 200-mile bike trip in northern Michigan, 5-8 p.m., May 4, Pete's Coney Island II, 6160 Dixie Highway.

Becoming Indigenous: From Preservation to Regeneration, 7-9 p.m., May 4, Independence Township Fire Station, 6500 Citation Road, with Mark Angelini. Wild Ones, North Oakland Chapter.

Clarkston Area National Day Of Prayer Breakfast, 7-9 a.m., May 5, St. Daniel's Cushing Center, 7010 Valley Park Drive. \$7. 248-625-3288 or 248-625-1323.

Fly fishing workshop, 7 p.m., May 6, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Led by Shawn Chalker of White River Fly Shop, with outside practice casting. Free. Pre-register, 248-625-2212.

A Friendship Tea, ESTHERS Children, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., May 7, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Tea and dessert, shopping, raffle. \$25. Call Leslie at 248-625-8240 or Vonda, 248-890-4876.

Indoor Garage Sale, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., May 7, Clarkston Knights of Columbus, 5660 Maybee Road. Table: \$20. 248-625-3772 or 248-736-4117.

Wint's Healing Hearts Grief Support Group, 7 p.m., May 10. Topic: "The 'New' Normal." Led by a bereavement counselor from Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home. Carriage House, Clintonwood Park, Clarkston Road. Free, walk-ins welcome. 248-625-5231.

A Taste of Spring, annual Clarkston Rotary

Around Town

A calendar of places to go, people to see and things to do



spring wine party, 6:30-8:30 p.m., May 11, Oakhurst Country Club, 7000 Oakhurst Lane. Features Michigan wines, food prepared by Oakhurst. \$50 in advance, \$60 at the door.

Tell Us About Your Travels, 6-7:30 p.m. May 12: The Amazon. June 8: Egypt. Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 248-625-2212.

Skin Cancer Screening, 3-5 p.m., May 13, Great Lakes Cancer Institute, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. All exams conducted by board-certified dermatologists and dermatology residents. No x-rays or blood tests. Wear loose-fitting clothing. Free. Limited appointments available. 248-338-5748.

Game for a Cure, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., May 14, Clarkston High School, 6093 Flemings Lake Road. Lacrosse team hosts 500 players in 24 teams, grades 3-12. Also, radar gun competition, food, bake sale, ice cream. \$5. Benefits St. Joseph Mercy Oakland's Cancer Research Program. 248-620-2321.

Community Charity Golf Outing, Michigan Fallen Heroes Memorial, 12 p.m. registration, May 16, Oakhurst Golf and Country Club. \$150 per person, golf, lunch, dinner; \$40 per person dinner only. www.michiganfallenheroes.com/support.

Community Awards Breakfast, 7:30-9 a.m., May 19. Citizen of the Year, Youth of the Year,

Adult-Youth Volunteer, Business Person of the Year, Community Beautification/Preservation, Community Enhancement, and Community Collaboration. \$10. Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. 248-568-6337.

Angels' Place Race, 9:30 a.m., May 21, St. Daniel Church. 1 mile, 5K, 10K races to support those with developmental disabilities. \$20 before May 12. www.angelsplacerace.org.

Warbird Fly-In, Pontiac Miniature Aircraft Club, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., May 22, 9480 White Lake Road. Up to 75 warbirds, nitro, gas, electric. Free. 313-444-9303.

Peacefest, with over 50 artists, June 4-5, 5815 Dixie Highway. Featured artist: Carl Lundgren, psychedelic rock poster artist. Music by The Rythm Kings and other local bands.

Weekly meetings

Monday

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.

Clarkston Rotary Club, Mondays, 6:30 p.m. Clarkston Community Education Center, 6558 Waldon Road. \$10. 248-880-0027.

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

Afternoon Line Dancing, Mondays, 1:30-4 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Country, Spanish salsa, rock and roll, cha cha, with Rosemary Hall. \$3 drop in.

Exercise program for all ages, joint mobility, coordination, strength, Mondays, 12 p.m., lower level, 7590 Dixie Highway. \$7/session, \$25/four sessions. 248-627-7445.

Tuesday

Tai Chi with Tammy Cropp, Tuesdays, 10 a.m. \$8 per session. Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-420-6119.

Belly Dancing, Tuesdays, 10-11:30 a.m., Bay Court Park. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.

Clarkston Area Youth Assistance, second Tuesday, 7 p.m., Clarkston Community Education Building, 6300 Church Street on Waldon. 248-623-4313.

Zumba, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 8-9 p.m.; Saturdays, 12-1 p.m. Clarkston Hot Yoga, 5678 Sashabaw Road. 248-620-7101.

Wednesday

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

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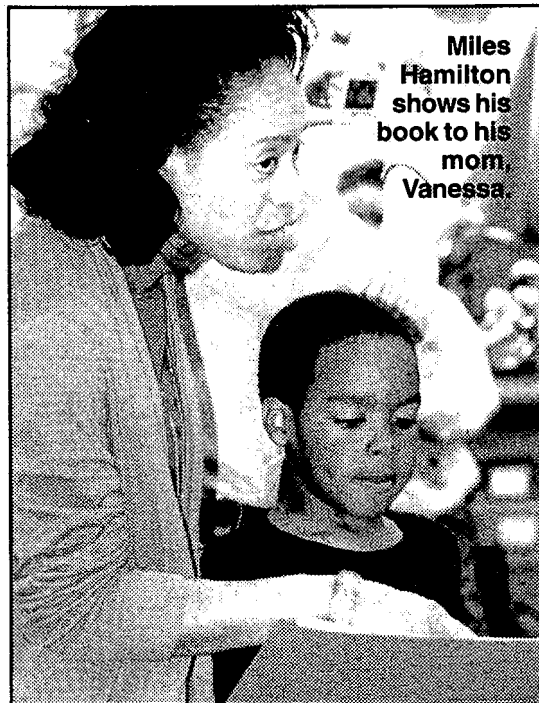
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Amiley Williams wrote her book on giraffes. Photos by Wendi Reardon



Miles Hamilton shows his book to his mom, Vanessa.

Animal learning

Pine Knob Elementary students created an indoor zoo to learn about the natural world around them, with the help of teachers and parents.

They made clay sculptures, drew pictures, and wrote books about their chosen animals.



Tessa Scholz displays her book and model of the Red Panda.

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The big white table in our back kitchen was the "urgent care" before we became a twenty four hour facility in 1984. My father estimates he has sewn up over 1500 people in his home through the years. I know he's put at least thirty sets of them in me alone so this number may be a little conservative. From the horrible wound cleaning "scrub brush" so many letter writers have mentioned to the same line of questioning each child receives when getting sewn up; "Do you have a grandma and grandpa? Where do you go to school?" the stories about him sewing someone up have been prevalent. This story perfectly portrays the anxiety a parent and child go through when an injury comes up and how being available for his patients has been the hallmark of my father's medical career. Interestingly, another story writer also brought up calling information 2 years ago when we moved to our new location on Sashabaw. The operator they spoke to knew our office number by heart saying it was one of their most requested numbers. I hope you enjoy this classic tale of an anxious parent and a panicked young lady.

~ Dr. Timothy O'Neill

Summer...1995...we had just moved into our newly built home in Clarkston. The subdivision itself was new and not many other homes had been completed. It was a beautiful day and there was anticipation of emptying moving boxes, cleaning the garage, and chasing around my 3 year old daughter.

While working in the garage, I noticed my daughter searching through the piles obviously looking for something to amuse herself. I didn't pay much attention until she walked by me and I saw the trail of blood on the garage floor. Upon closer observation, I discovered she had cut her leg just above the knee (she was wearing a little summer dress). The cut, to my surprise, appeared to be very bad and I realized she had stumbled into some broken glass in her search for entertain-

ment. I quickly assessed the injury, she hadn't even noticed, and knew immediately it was pretty severe. Of course, now that I had addressed it, her panic struck in!

Having been an EMT, I attempted to control the bleeding but soon discovered that this injury needed immediate medical attention. Dilemma...I had no car and the closest neighbor was several houses down the block. So, I grabbed the cordless phone (no cell phone back then) and dialed 911. "Huntington Woods 911, what is your emergency?" Huh? "Huntington Woods, I'm calling from Clarkston", I replied. "Perhaps you should hang up and try again", the operator instructed. I did, and was connected to the same operator! She explained that there was nothing she could do for me and suspected that Clarkston didn't have the 911 system. Yea... obviously!

So, to the phone book/yellow pages I went and found Dr. O'Neill in Clarkston. Now it was off to find a neighbor and get a ride to the office...hopefully the neighbor would be a bit more familiar with Clarkston and know how to get to M-15 and Dixie Hwy.! She did, and the rest is history.

Dr. O'Neill was fantastic! He took us right in, made us feel comfortable, and performed his stitchery on this little girl with extraordinary care! After seventeen sutures and a cherry sucker, we were on our way back home. Today, my daughter sports a pretty good scar on her leg and claims that she barely cried while getting stitched up by Dr. O'Neill. Actually, she's pretty accurate and I credit the good doctor for the minimal tears!

John

COMMUNITY HEALTH WATCH
 Here's some information that will help you avoid allergies. It's not just how to treat your allergy symptoms now so you can be prepared for the fall allergy season. If you need help controlling your symptoms, please see your physician as soon as possible. We are also seeing some strep throat and a few cases of hand, foot and mouth disease. Strep throat will go away in 5-7 days and antibiotics can be used to help your symptoms and speed healing time. Hand, foot and mouth disease is a viral infection that will usually resolve in 7-10 days. Symptoms can be managed with over the counter medication until the final resolution.

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Act Quickly

Spots that are not immediately removed can turn into permanent stains, even on new, protected carpet.

Use the Right Tools

Use a spoon to remove solid material, a vacuum to remove loose soil, e.g. toner carbon, ash, powder make up, and a white terry cloth for liquids.

Be Gentle

Never rub or scrub the spot as this can damage your carpet's texture.

Spot Removers

Plain tap water can often remove water based spots, particularly if the carpets stain protection system hasn't worn off. Stubborn spots may require the use of a spot remover. **Select a spot cleaner recommended by your carpet manufacturer or your trusted IICRC certified carpet cleaning professional. Look for the Carpet & Rug Institute's (CRI) seal**

of approval. Many spot removers leave a residue which can cause rapid re-soiling. Avoid products that are not made specifically for carpet. If the product that you are using seems to cause the spot to re-soil over a few week period, discontinue its use. We recommend Chem-Dry's Professional Strength Spot Remover for water based spots and Chem-Dry's Grease and Oil Remover for oil based spots.

Apply spot cleaner sparingly, working from the outside of the spill to the center with large spills. This prevents the spot spreading. Gently blot with a white terry cloth. Continue blotting until you no longer see transfer of the spill. Be patient.

For more serious spots such as ink, paint, pet urine or feces, call your professional cleaner immediately.

Call Four Seasons Chem-Dry at 248-625-9921 for a spot removal guide or for more information visit our website at www.PristineCarpets.com

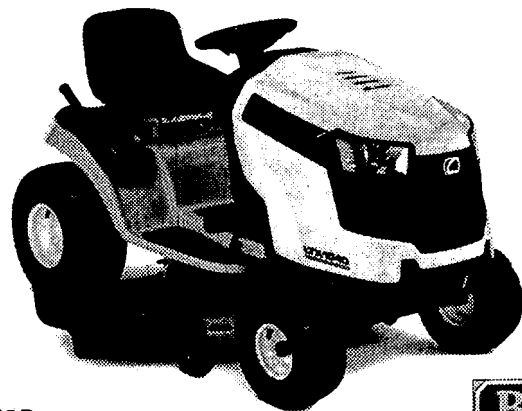


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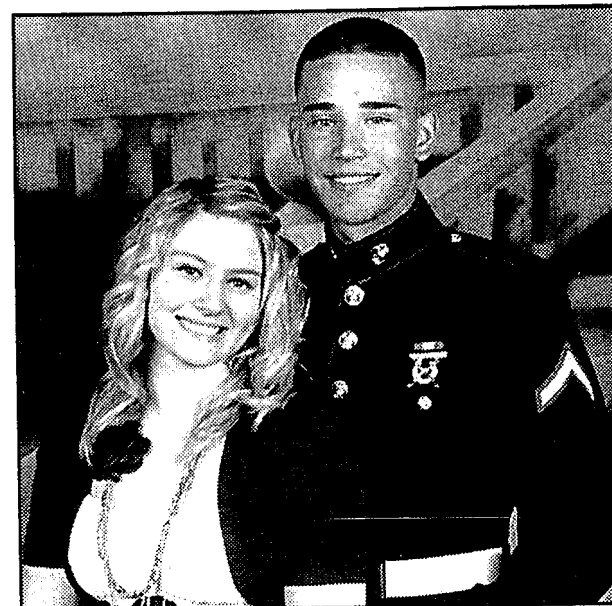
Milestones

McVety-Campau

Dennis and Janay McVety and Phil and Tracy Campau are proud to announce the engagement of their children Brianna McVety and Evan Campau.

Brianna is a 2011 graduate of Clarkston High School and is currently attending Oakland Community College.

Evan is a 2009 graduate of Clarkston High School is currently Private First Class in the United States Marine Corp.



Brianna and Evan

In our country's service...

Army Cadet Steven J. Soeder is a member of one of only eight teams throughout the U.S. Army Cadet Command to compete in this year's Sandhurst Military Skills Competition at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point.

The military skills competition includes cadets from selected ROTC detachments as well as cadets from West Point, the U.S. Naval Academy, the U.S. Air Force Academy, the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School and international teams from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst in Britain, the Royal Military College from Canada, the National Military Academy from Afghanistan, the Royal Military College from Australia, the Military Academy of Taiwan and the Chilean Military School.

Each team consists of a nine-member squad, each with at least one female, that must complete a series of military tasks during a rapid, non-tactical move along a prescribed seven-mile course. The cadets are tested on first aid, traversing a rope bridge, marksmanship, navigation and fitness. They

are also tested on their mental agility, ability to assimilate problems, decision-making in a complex, stressful environment, teamwork and communication.

Soeder, a student at Michigan State University, is the son of Bob Soeder of Clarkston.

Army Pfc. Joseph C. Edwards graduated from the Basic Field Artillery Cannon Crewmember Advanced Individual Training course at Fort Sill, Okla.

The course is designed to train servicemembers to maintain, prepare and load ammunition for firing; operate and perform operator maintenance on prime movers, self-propelled Howitzers, and ammunition vehicles; store, maintain, and distribute ammunition to using units as a member of battery or battalion ammunition section; perform crew maintenance and participate in organizational maintenance of weapons and related equipment; and establish and maintain radio and wire communications.

Edwards is the grandson of Mary A. Leitsinger of Clarkston.

Got a Milestone to share?

We'd love to see them — births, weddings, engagements, military, business and school achievements!

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Religion

Jesus provides example on dealing with each other

My mother taught me so much. Things like, be yourself, do your best, love forgives, always wear clean underwear, and share with others.

A story that could be true of any of us... One rainy spring day a woman was shopping with her young daughter. She was very busy and had many errands to run. The crowds and traffic were terrible, so they had to skip lunch to get everything done.

Towards the end of the long day the woman was tired and hungry, her feet were aching, and she was more than a little irritable. As they left the last store to finally head for home, the woman turned and said offhandedly to her daughter, "Could you believe the nasty look that salesman gave me?"

Without skipping a beat her young daughter innocently answered, "Mommy, he didn't give that nasty look to you. You already had it when you went in." Knowing the young girl was right, the woman paused, said a silent prayer, gave her daughter a hug, and said, "Thanks, I really needed that!"

Like it or not, intentionally or unintentionally, carefully or carelessly, we share what we have with others. Whether we are aware of it or not, what we do has an impact on our world

and on those around us "for better or for worse." Every time we encounter another human, no matter who they are or what their position is, we have an opportunity to build up or tear down. Wherever we go we can share joy, peace, hope and love, or we can sow irritation, anxiety, frustration, and despair.

I know all of this because my parents taught me. But sometimes I act like I don't really get it or seem to care. Life can be very difficult and yet in the midst of all things I really want to build others up and share goodness.

Often it is in the little things and in the common everyday experiences that we have our greatest impact - and our kids, and others, do watch what we do more carefully than we are usually aware.

In Bible times I can imagine Jesus' disciples and others watching him very carefully to see how he handled things - how he treated people along the journey of life. Was he consistent? How did he deal with interruptions? How did he handle those different

from him? How did he react to those who made mistakes? What did he really care about most? How did he share his love and amazing grace with those he met? What did he do when we were tired?

After Easter Jesus appears to his disciples a number of times and shares with them the miracle of his resurrection. Because it was so amazing they were always startled by his presence (Luke 24:37) or they didn't recognize him (Luke 24:14). And almost always Jesus' first words to his friends were, "Peace be with you."

What wonderful opening words they are and they helped. I long for that peace in my life too. They are words I need to hear today in the midst of the ups and downs of my life. I believe Jesus shares that same peace with me, and because of that I can approach each day with a fresh start and a kind heart.

Following Jesus' example I wonder how our days would be different if we greeted each new morning and each encounter with another person with the words and actions that communicate, "Peace be with you." That is what I really want to share with others, and with God's help I really can.

The Rev. Jonathan Heierman is pastor of Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church

Spiritual Matters



Pastor Jonathan Heierman

In our churches...

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Metaphysical Bible Study, Sundays, 8:30 a.m., discover the inner, spiritual meaning behind the stories. Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

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

DC4K, DivorceCare for Kids, for children ages 5-12. Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. DivorceCare for adults runs concurrently. Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-3288.

Wednesday Evening FEAST, dinner at 6 p.m., worship at 6:50 p.m., classes for all ages, 7:15-8:30 p.m. Free nursery. Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass

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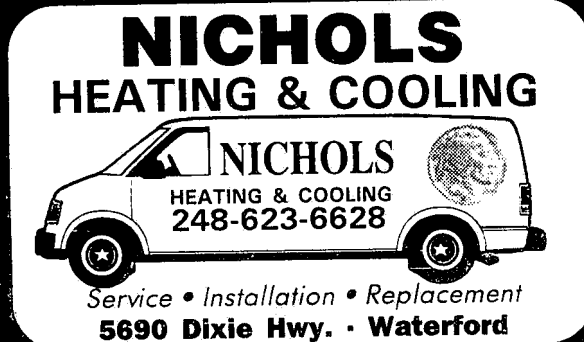
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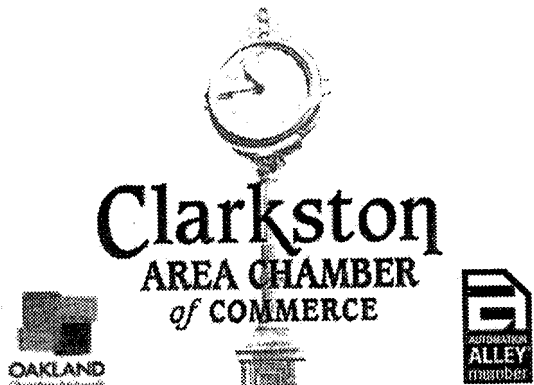
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From left, parent helper Mrs. Scott assists second graders Ethan Davis and Will Pospy. Photos by Phil Custodio

Science of flowers

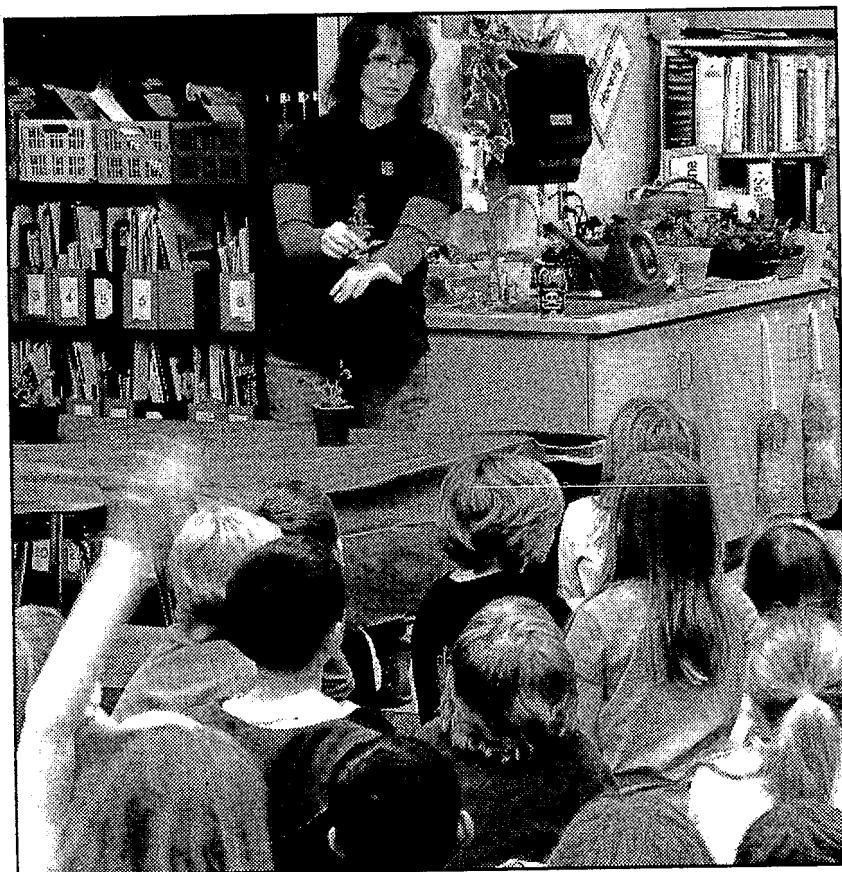
Clarkston Elementary second-grade students are learning about how to spread the beauty of flowers in their three-part Academic Service Learning project.

The first part was a presentation by Bordine's plant expert Kim Hric, April 21, explaining the science behind seeds and flowers.

The second part is a presentation by DB Trees. The students put what they learn to use in the third part, planting seeds and flowers in Depot Park at the end of the month.



Lucy Thienel, left, and Paige Walters check out their new plant.



Kim Hric, general manager of Bordine's, answers students' questions about flowers.



From left, Nate VanHeulen, Luke Scott, Gabe Hutchinson, Josh Adams, Neel Shaw, and Hayden Payne learned about how flowers grow.

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Third-graders Kaylee Shore and Betsey Walkowiak reminisce in their skit "The Good Old Days of Andersonville."

Music and dancing

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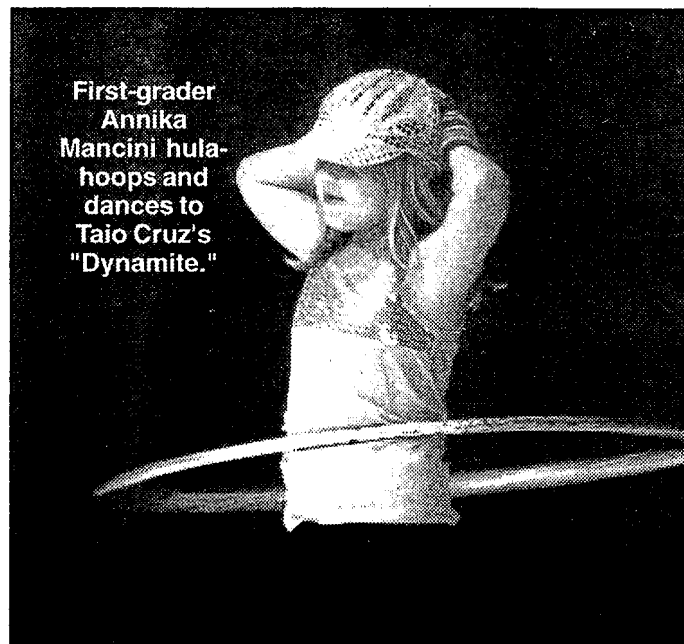
They performed in front of their friends and classmates in the 7th Annual Variety Show. Some saying it was more nerve-wrecking than performing for their parents the next night.

The show ended with a surprise performance from the staff to Journey's "Don't Stop Believing."

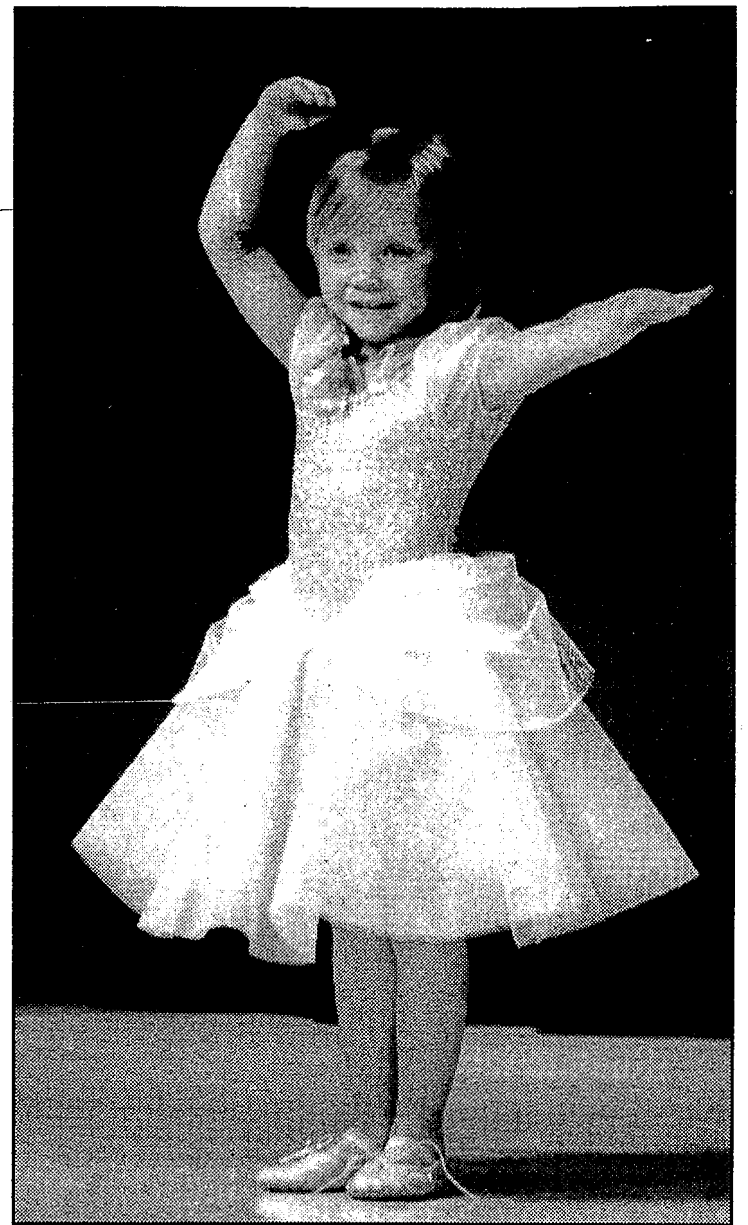
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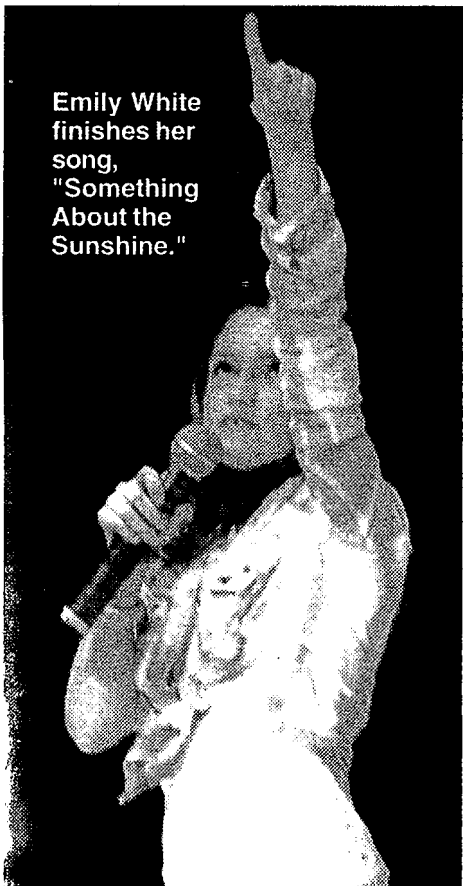
Courtney Blackett performs Kelly Clarkson's "Because of You."



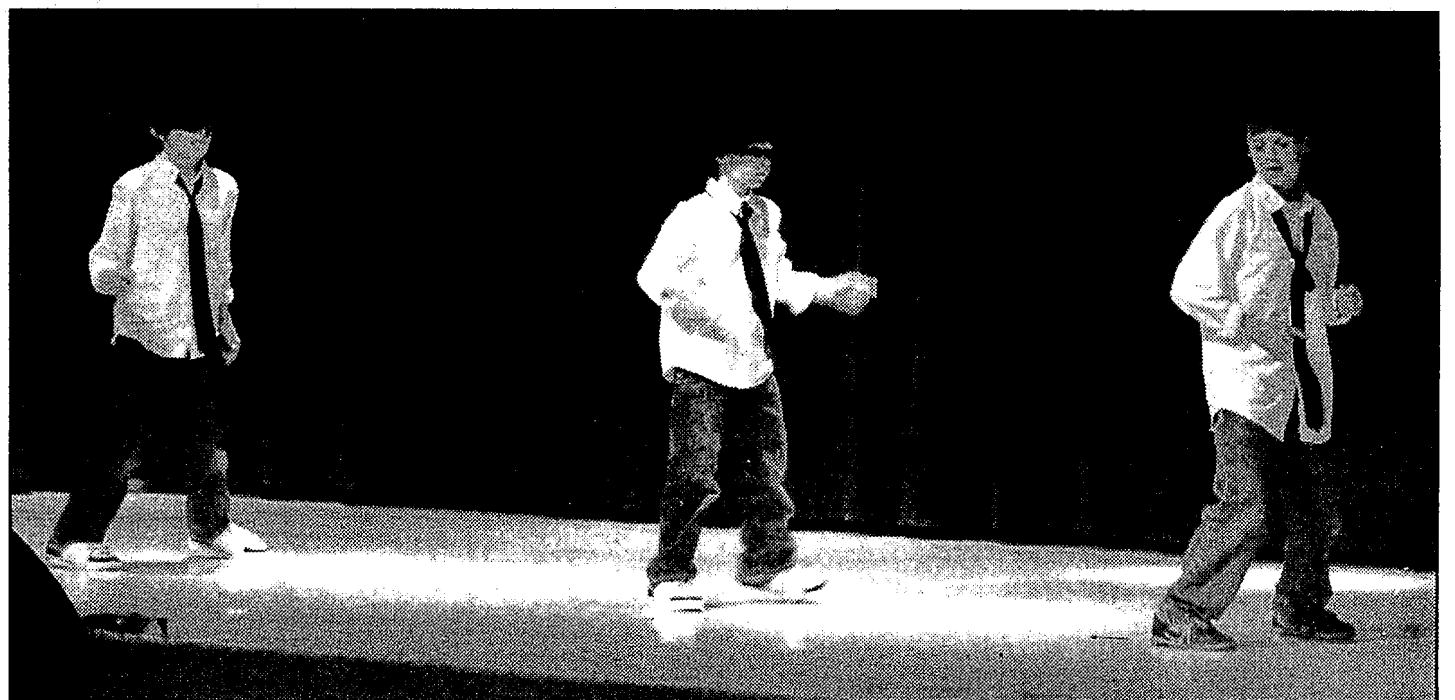
First-grader Annika Mancini hula-hoops and dances to Taio Cruz's "Dynamite."



Kindergartner Mallorie Zangara dances in her first Andersonville Variety Show to "Down to Earth."



Emily White finishes her song, "Something About the Sunshine."



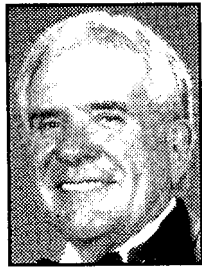
Fourth-graders Jake Giolitti, Nathan Locher and David Moss show their moves in the "Cupid Shuffle."

George T. Bird, 87

George T. Bird of Clarkston passed away April 30, 2011, at age 87.

He was preceded in death by his wife Elvera. He was the father of Judy (Sean) Kelly, Bruce and Jacquelyn Bird. George graduated from Cornell University in 1949 and served in the U.S. Navy. He enjoyed retirement with his family horse farm.

Family services have been held. Arrangements entrusted to the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home-Cremation Services**, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Michigan Humane Society. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Eva N. Goines, 84

Eva N. Goines of Florida, formerly of Clarkston, passed away Dec. 27, 2010, at age 84.

She was the wife of Joseph; mother of Sheryl (Ted) Herr of Clarkston; step-mother of Bobby (Elaine) Goines of Georgia; grandma of Adam Herr, Vincent Herr, Bobby Goines, Jr. and Deanna Goines; also survived by five great grandchildren and four great great grandchildren; sister of Vivian Jones and Betty (Ed) Betts; preceded in death by her infant son Joseph Jr., grandson Duane, great great grandson Nathan and siblings Jane Bailey, Ronald Terry and Lillian Stanfield.

Mrs. Goines retired in 1980 from Huttenlocher, Kerns and Norvell Insurance as an office manager.

Memorial Service, Saturday, May 7, at 4 p.m. at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home-Cremation Services**, Clarkston, where friends may visit 3 p.m. until time of service. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to American Heart Association of Michigan. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Lois I. Miller, 76

Lois Imogene Miller, "Gene," of Waterford went home to be with the Lord on April 27, 2011, at the age of 76.

She was the precious, loving wife and longtime caregiver of the late Edward W. Miller, husband of 54 years; devoted mother of Steven (Lin), Kathy (Lloyd Coe), David (Lynne) and Lori (Jeff Tate); special grandmother of Morgan (Joshua Haskell), Travis, Rebecca, Rachel, Bonnie, Mitchell, Zachary and Bryson Miller; Jennifer Giroux (Jaacob Bowden); Joel Giroux Coe, Kelly Coe, Ryan (Jeanarta) Coe; Joshua and Tyler Tate; loving great-grandmother of Sage Coe and Lyla Miller; sister of Donald (Patricia) Wright.



A graduate of Pontiac High School, class of January 1953, Mrs. Miller will be missed by numerous lifetime friends. For over 40 years, Gene was a talented and renowned seamstress, known for making exquisite Barbie doll clothing that were often featured at area craft shows.

She was a longtime member of North Auburn Hills Baptist Church and former member of First Baptist Church of Pontiac.

Visitation was May 1 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral service and celebration of her life was May 2 at North Auburn Hills Baptist Church. Burial followed at Christian Memorial Estates Cemetery, Rochester. Memorial donations may be made to North Auburn Hills Baptist Church. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

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Bernice E. White, 87

Bernice E. White of Lapeer, formerly of Gladwin and Waterford, passed away April 29, 2011, at age 87.

She was preceded in death by her husband Kenneth. She was the mother of Claudia (Richard) Goldsworthy, Roger, Paula (David) Temerowski and Annette Dant; grandma of Shawna (Gregory) Bilicki, Shelli (Tim) Lorrison, Nicholle (Lee Walker) Dant, Jennifer (Logan) Rasher and Christopher Dant Jr.; great grandma of Shantel, Samantha, Timmy, Shelby and Tyler; sister of Edward (Jacquelyn) Hancock, Isabelle Haslock, Herbert (Margaret) Hancock, Josephine (Floyd) Leinenger, Doris Coombs, Shirley Hancock, Timothy (Judy) Hancock.



Mrs. White was formerly employed by Michigan Bell Telephone for 15 years, and realtor for Southern Realty for 4 years. After retirement she enjoyed playing golf at Pontiac Country Club. Bernice was a member of Faith Baptist Church.

Funeral service Wednesday, 1 p.m., at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, where friends may visit Monday 3-5 and 7-9 p.m., and Tuesday 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Entombment Ottawa Park Cemetery.

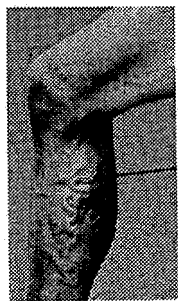
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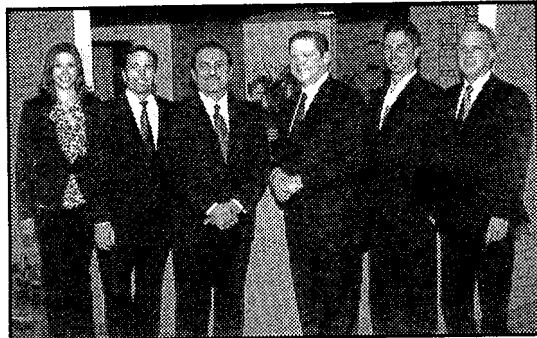
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Perform a Self-Exam Monthly

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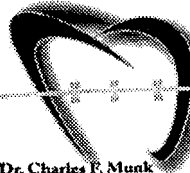
- Remove any dentures
- Look and feel inside the lips and the front of gums
- Tilt head back to inspect and feel the roof of your mouth
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- Pull out your tongue and look at all of its surfaces
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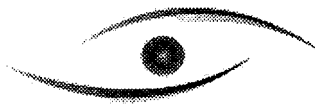
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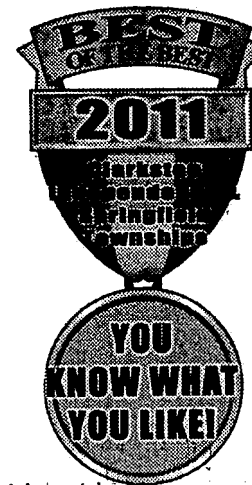


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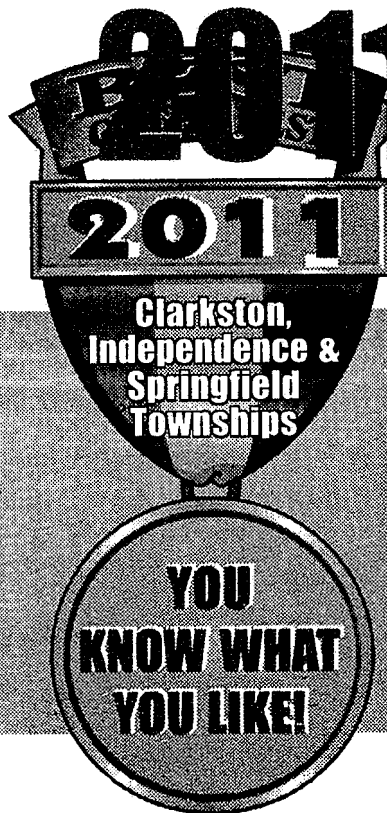
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And just as painters frequent a particular art-supply store that sells that perfect shade of blue, I purchase tomato seeds from catalogs specializing in heirlooms so I can grow my favorite tomato varieties.

This year I ordered seven varieties of tomatoes. I have a red and yellow Brandywine.

Many consider Brandywine to be the perfect tomato in terms of flavor. The red Brandywine was introduced in 1889 and is one of my favorite tomato varieties so I decided to try to yellow variety this year.

Pink Ponderosa was introduced in 1891 and yields 2-pound fruit. Just imagine a beautiful, thick slice of a pink tomato on your BLT or in a tomato-mozzarella salad.

Bonny Best red tomatoes are canning tomatoes introduced in 1908. According to the Baker Creek Heirloom Seed catalog, Bonny Best "became one of the most respected canning varieties in America in the first half of the twentieth century."

That convinced me to give this variety

a try.

Gold Medal is a yellow striped tomato. Ben Quisenberry, the late, legendary seed collector described Gold Medal as "Large, yellow, streaked red; firm and smooth. Very little acid. The sweetest tomato you ever tasted... a gourmet's joy when sliced." Oh my.

Last year I did not grow any cherry tomatoes. This year I ordered red Chadwick Cherry and Beam's Yellow Pear varieties.

I love to snack on sun-warmed cherry tomatoes as I work in the garden. I also like to use these smaller tomatoes in pasta salad or on pizza.

The yellow and red colors are a treat for the eyes as well as the palette.

At the most, I only have room in my garden for 10 plants. That leaves one plant each of the Chadwick Cherry and Yellow Pear, which is fine because cherry tomato plants are very prolific.

I want a few Bonny Best and Pink Ponderosa plants since I will be canning these varieties. I will make room for two plants of Gold Medal tomato plants.

What can I say? This tomato variety makes me weak in the knees.

That leaves space for one red Brandywine and one yellow Brandywine.

You can never have too many fresh tomatoes (she said in March). Let's see if I stick to my story come August.

Mary Pellerito is a garden writer living in Brandon Township, Michigan. She is a Master Gardener and a member of Wild Ones. You can contact Mary at mary.pellerito@gmail.com

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From left, Jeff Lichty, Ghanaian host Kwadwo Keteku, James Robinson of Rotary International, Mary Sloan taking video at a school.

Rotarians in Ghana

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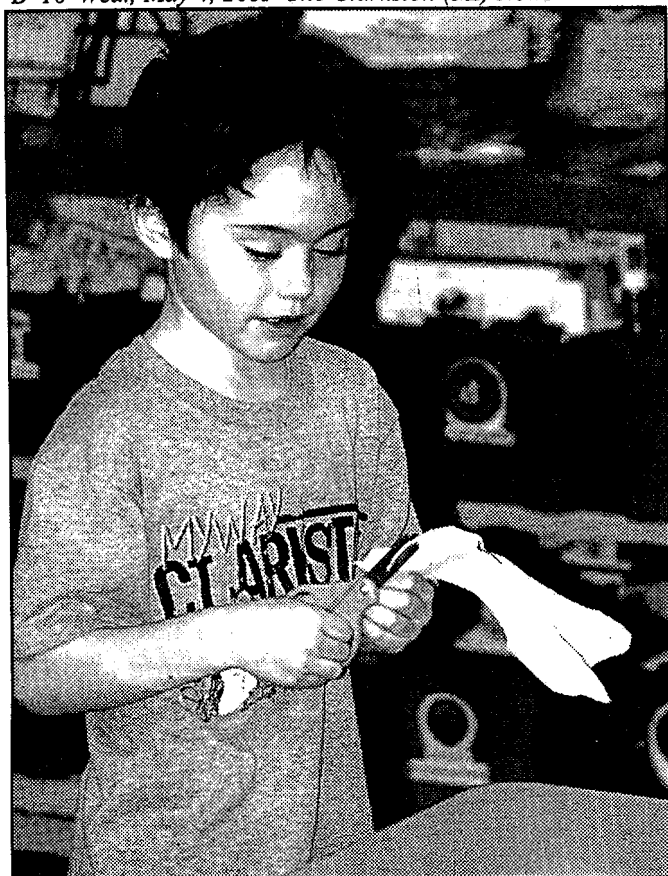
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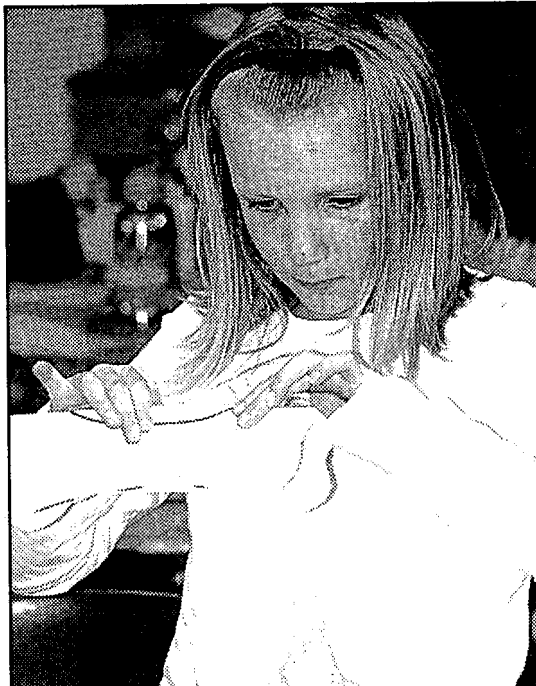
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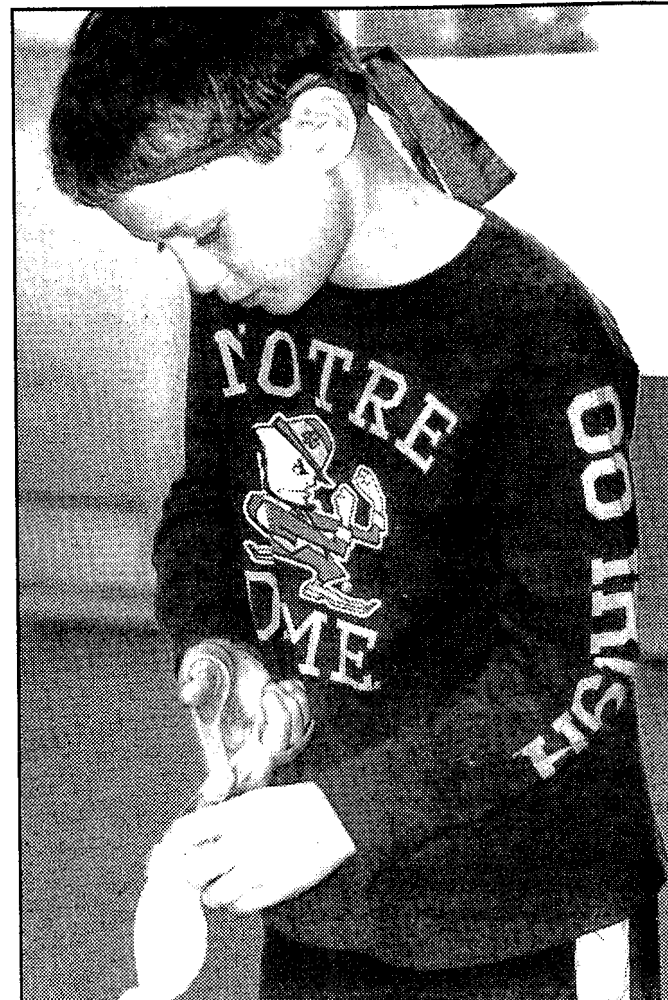
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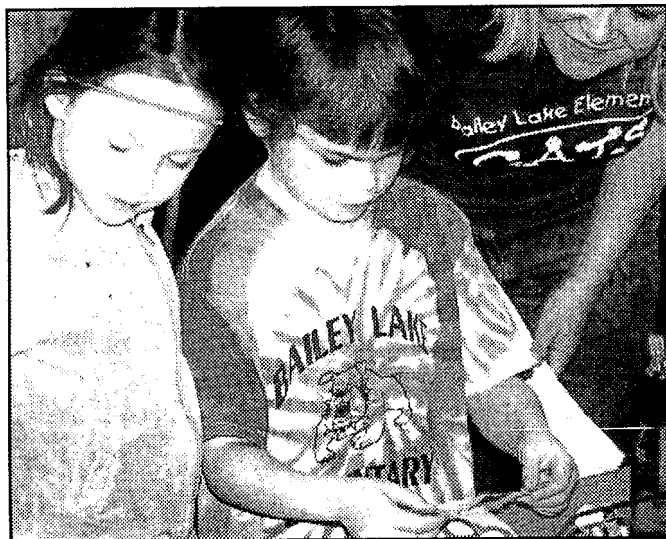
Dru Martin trims his letter for his dog adoption bag.



Leah Pawlowski folds her letter.



Third-grader Luke Bechtell adds slits to the cat toy made out of a sock. Photos by Wendi Reardon



First-graders Audrey Brancheau and Cristian Walk decorate their adoption bags for dogs.



Third-graders Jay Porter and Haley Puskar work together to clean up the supplies.

Entire school helps animals

Bailey Lake Elementary third-graders piled all cat toys they made out of socks into a plastic tub during the annual C.A.T.S. - Connecting Academics Through Service - day last Thursday.

The next stop for the cat toys was to the Kindergarten classes where they were put into adoption bags the Kindergarteners made.

Each grade level participated by doing something different. The first-graders made dog adoption bags, second-graders made "how-to" books, fourth-graders made dog treats and fifth-graders made and sold bandanas.

The day ended with a Pet Information Fair and a Celebration Assembly.



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Blazer lead act in festival

Justine Blazer of Springfield Township kicks off this year's 99.5 WYCD Downtown Hoedown in Hart Plaza, Detroit.

Blazer, who won the Ram Truck Battle of the Band National Competition in Austin, Texas, March 20, is set to perform on the main stage, 3 p.m., Friday, May 13.

She joins more than 50 bands on three stages, including Jason Aldean, Josh Gracin, Joe Nichols, JaneDear Girls, Frankie Ballard, Gloriana, Longneck Strangler, Desolation Angels, Billy Craig, David Shelby, Austin Scott, and Molly Hunter.

For more information, check wycd.radio.com/shows/wycd-downtown-hoedown.



Justine Blazer performs May 13. Photo provided

Around Town

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Relay for Life of Clarkston Planning Committee, May 4, 5:45-6:45 p.m., Church of the Resurrection, 6490 Clarkston Road. Relay, May 21-22. 248-625-9182.

Thursday

Clarkston Area Lions Club, second and fourth Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m., Carriage House, next to the Senior Center, in Clintonwood Park. Visitors welcome. 248-802-8603.

Lunches for 50+, Thursdays, 12 p.m., made-from-scratch. \$5 donation. Independence Township Adult Activities Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Make reservation by Monday before, 248-625-8231.

Young At Heart Active Adults, Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., lunches, guest speakers, musical performances, field trips, holiday parties, movies, bingo, games. Hart Community Center in Davisburg. \$5 yearly membership, \$5 lunch. 248-846-6558.

Free General Support Group for any type of

cancer and caregivers, fourth Thursdays, 2-3 p.m., Great Lakes Cancer Institute, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. Walk-ins welcome. 248-922-6610.

MOPS, Mothers Of Preschoolers, first and third Thursdays, 9-11:30 a.m., Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. Call Saleena, 734-620-2844.

Stepping Strong, Thursdays, through June 2. Walk 1-3 miles on paved paths. \$10. Senior center, 248-623-8231.

Friday

Coffee House, third Friday, 7 p.m., Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. Featured musicians, poets, dancers, other performers, open mic. Free. 248-625-5192.

Saturday

Yoga for the fibromyalgia patient, 11:30 a.m., first Saturday. Taught by an instructor living with fibro. Support and community follows class; \$12 walk-in or purchase 10 visits for \$100 class card. Jewels Yoga and Fitness, 4612 Mountain View Trail, Clarkston, 248-390-9270.

Kid's Camp Yoga, Saturdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Clarkston Hot Yoga, 5678 Sashabaw Road. \$7, for ages 5-10. 248-620-7101.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of JANE F. OBRINGER. Date of birth: 04/24/1920
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, JANE F. OBRINGER, who lived at 3601 S. ADAMS ROAD, ROCHTERS HILLS, MI 48309 died 03/21/2011.

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

SPRINGFIELD CHARTER TOWNSHIP, OAKLAND COUNTY MICHIGAN PROPERTY DISPOSITION

The Charter Township of Springfield intends to dispose of various items of property by sealed bid on Friday May 6, 2011, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at the following locations:

1. Miscellaneous electronics and office equipment at the Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, 48350
2. Pre-owned air packs, tool boxes, televisions, and various hose adaptors at Fire Station #2, 10280 Rattalee Lake Road, Davisburg, 48350

Interested parties may view the items during the above posted time. A full list is available at www.springfield-twp.us or at the Township Offices during normal business hours. Inquiries can be made by contacting the Supervisor's office at 248-846-6502.

Successful bidders will be notified by phone or email on Friday evening May 6th. Payment by certified funds or cash and pick up will be required on Saturday May 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon or Monday May 9th from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Springfield Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Bids, to waive irregularities, and to accept a Bid which, in the Owner's opinion, is in the Owner's own best interests.
Published: April 27 & May 4, 2011

Music students earn honors in contests

Clarkston seventh- and eighth-grade musicians earned honors at the District 4 Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association Middle School Solo and Ensemble Festival, April 16 in Lake Orion.

Seventh graders earned 83 First Division Medals, with top scores in tone, intonation, rhythm, technique, and interpretation., and 52 Second Division Medals. First Division ratings include:

Samantha Starr, horn solo; Matthew Covert, baritone solo; Jeremy Piper, trombone solo; Zachary Keith, piano solo; Kiera Quigley, oboe solo; Airianna Butler, clarinet solo; Isabelle Merlo, flute solo; Allison Sikowski, bass clarinet solo; Keith Auchterlone, trombone solo; Olivia Baylis, clarinet solo; Carl Klein, percussion solo; Rebecca Stiles, clarinet solo; Emily Trombley, trombone solo; Kirkland Maguire, flute solo; Lyric Kusky, flute solo; Steven Bertolini, trumpet solo; Dylan Gray, percussion solo; Dawson Holloway, tuba solo; Matthew Netherland, trumpet solo; Madison Balkany, clarinet solo; Abbey Kuhn, clarinet solo; Kevin McCarty and Maddie Davis, clarinet duet; Lynnsey Polish, John Giolitti, Mark Stout, brass trio; Madeline Peterson and Airianna Butler, clarinet duet; Mark Stout, Benjamin Ehrhard, Nate Hyde, brass trio; Kyle Dunlap, Jon Gilolitti, Trevor Chamberlain, Mark Stout, Dawson Holloway, Zachary Evans, brass sextet; Matthew Covert and John Giolitti, baritone duet; Abbey Kuhn and Berkley Bretschneider, woodwind duet; Evan Scott, Benjamin Ehrhard, Matthew

Netherland, brass trio; Nathan Hyde, Kaitlyn Cavallo, Kristen Abraham, Jacob Kersten, Kiera Quigley, woodwind quintet; Nichole Hurst and Lyric Kusky, flute duet; Hannah Agnew and Brady Bentler, percussion duet; Natalia Gergle and Allison Lindquist, flute duet; Andrew Lemieux, Jared Harper, Cameron Pawlik, Michael Baker, saxophone quartet; David Nelson and Alexis Haselwanter, saxophone duet; Sadie Knill, Erin McNeil, Claire Pawlowski, wind trio; Jared Harper and Lyric Kusky, woodwind duet; Amanda Beaune, violin solo; Megan Nicholson and Amanda Beaune, violin duet; Haley Patton, Colleen Moore, Kiersten Blaga, string trio; Victoria Wolf and Michelle Bacher, string duet; Michelle Bacher and Ashley Yamanoha, string duet; Amanda Beaune and Kelsey Catania, string duet; Sam Mead, Elizabeth Hampton, John Raymo, and Michael McCarty, string quartet; Evan Tackabury, violin solo; Mathew Hart and Hannah Grindling, string duet; and Elizabeth Hampton and Amy Brozovich, violin duet.

Eighth-grade students earned 51 First Division Medals and 12 Second Medals. First Division includes:

Tyler Neal, Clarinet Solo; Kira Suzak, Flute Solo; James Klein, Tenor Sax Solo; Charlie Steupert, Horn Solo; Jake Vanderheyden, Alto Sax Solo; Emily Chartrand, Clarinet Solo; Colin Coppersmith, Horn Solo; Malcolm Hill, Percussion Solo; Kiera Woodward, Trumpet Solo; Alex Lies, Trumpet Solo; Jenny Lussenhop, Trombone Solo; Tyler Neal, Gracie Fallis, Clarinet Duet; Ashley

Peters, Alex Bradsher, Brass Duet; Charlie Steupert, Ashley Peters, Horn Duet; Malcolm Hill, Thomas Lowe, Percussion Duet; Josephine Auchterlonie, Keith Auchterlonie, Mixed Duet; Josephine Auchterlonie, Rebecca Didion, Woodwind duet; Ryan Zittel, Zach Owczarzak, Michael Abraham, Sax Trio; Hunter McLaren, Jade Beauregard, Caitlin Yaroch, Clarinet Trio; Emily Kelly, Jessica Parsons, Kiersten Novak, Alena Jordan, Woodwind Quartet; Emily Kelly, Jessica Parsons, Gracie Fallis, Tyler Neal, Clarinet Quartet; Jakob Limbert, A.C. Bendle, Rob Dalka, Ian Bischoff, Kiera Woodward, Brass Quintet, Josh Zawadzki, Meredith Turner, Jayme Shepard, Julia Rambeau, Tommy Hickey, Percussion Quintet; Christian Keer, Shane Sundell, Daniel Mattise, Nick Melekian, Jeff Ylvisaker, string quintet; Ayah Alghanem, violin solo; and Josh Ward and Mitchell Kozlowicz, string duet.

Also, the Treble Choir from Clarkston Junior High received the highest rating at Michigan School Vocal Music Association Choral Festival in March.

The Mixed Combined Choir received Division I (Outstanding) rating in sight reading. The judges had some nice comments on the musicality achieved as they sang 3 and 4-part a cappella harmony for both of their selections.

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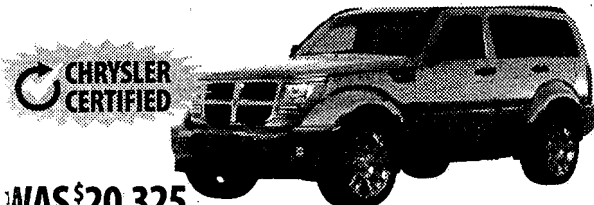
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