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Remember a vet  
this Memorial Day

# Classes opened

## Lead the Way joins open-enrollment options

BY WENDI REARDON  
*Clarkston News Staff Writer*

For some parents, Project Lead the Way is leading Clarkston schools into open-enrollment trouble.

"A lot of parents are coming to me about open enrollment," said Clarkston Board of Education Trustee Joan Patterson. "We need to verify we have the support. Parents are concerned our students have the first opportunity. It is our responsibility to our students."

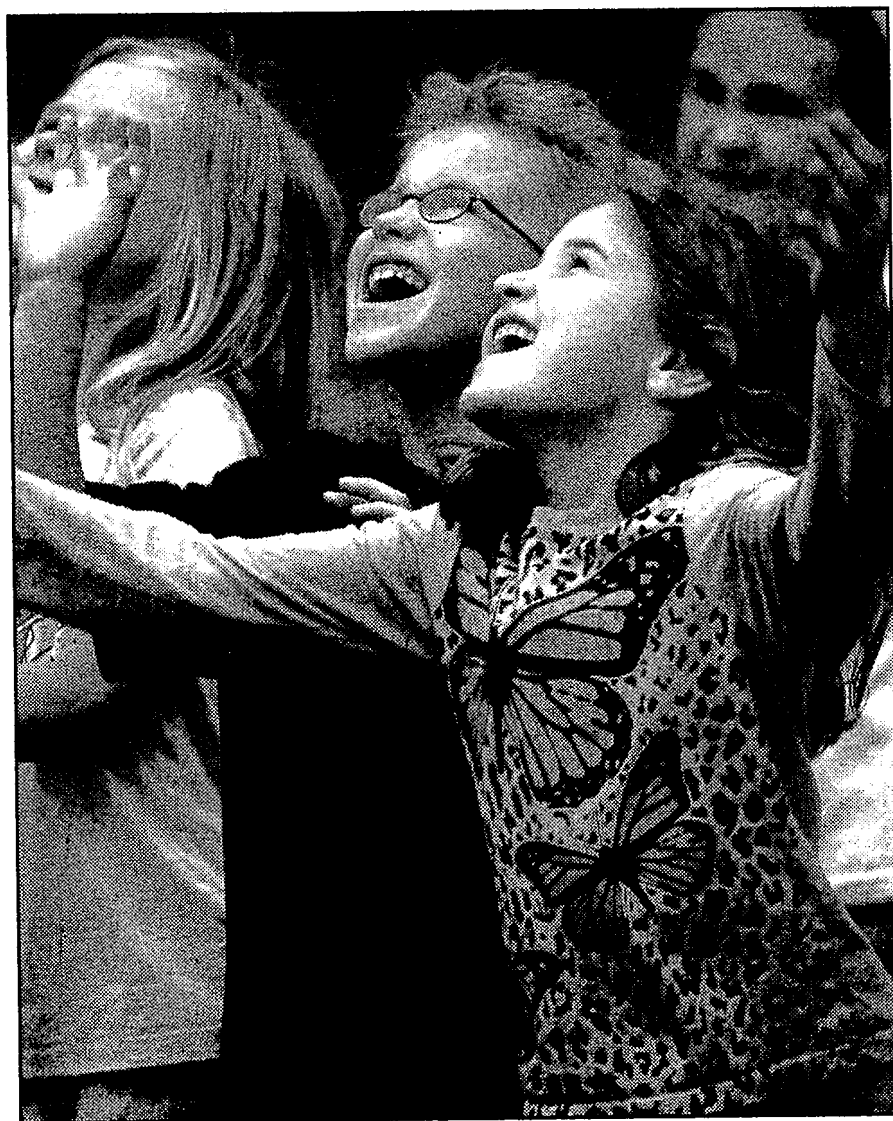
"Increasing school of choice may not be in the best interest to the community and the students," said Pat Callahan, parent. "It has not been an unfavorable result to other districts. Some are closing it out. Additional feedback is needed. To do something the district does not agree with is not advisable."

The school board approved the addition of Project Lead the Way Career Pathway Program, for pre-engineering students, to the district's open-enrollment offerings. It joins CSMTech Academy, Advanced Studies Program and International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme as School of Choice programs.

Patterson, as well as board Treasurer Rosalie Lieblang and Secretary Susan Boatman wanted a few more weeks to discuss open enrollment for Project Lead the Way.

They succeeded in amending a proposal to approve all four programs as school-of-choice with a 5-2 vote, with Trustee Barry Bomier and

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## Free at last!

Springfield Plains Elementary first-graders Matthew Ames and Anna Laube excitedly reach toward the sky as the butterflyfiles they raised are released. Please see page 8A for more photos. *Photo by Wendi Reardon*

# Honored to serve

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
*Clarkston News Editor*

For Chloe Smiley of Clarkston, accepting this year's Community Award for Youth of the Year was a family affair.

She was joined at the 26th Annual Community Awards Breakfast, May 19 at Clarkston Community Church, by her parents Jean and Jim Smiley, her sister Calleja, and grandparents Clifford and Dolores Smart.

"I'm very proud of her," Jean said. "She has worked really hard. She's a very determined girl, and she loves the Lord."

"I'm very proud of what she's done - she's worked really hard," Jim said. "I'm pleased the community recognized her for what she does to give back to the community."

"I'm proud of her, she never ceases to amaze me," Dolores said.

"She's great. Her parents are, too," Clifford said.

Chloe's award was in recognition of her leadership in many volunteer projects, including a 30 Hour Famine fund raiser for world hunger.

"Once you realize how much hunger there is, it doesn't take much to help," said Chloe, whose motivation comes from her church as well as community. "It's great to give back to the community."

She plans to major in entrepreneurship and start a business. She'll continue her volunteer efforts in college, she said.

Penny Shanks, executive director for Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, received the Citizen of the Year award.

"Thank you so much - I am so honored," Shanks said.

Her leadership efforts with the chamber helped it weather a fire which destroyed all its records in 1996, and grow membership from 82

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**Penny Shanks,  
Citizen of the  
Year**



**Kerri Gualtieri,  
Adult-Youth Vol-  
unteer**

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## Walking a long road to fight cancer

Walkers and runners filled the Clarkston Junior High School track for Relay For Life, May 21, including CJH Leadership team members, from left, Paige Devitt, Kelley Fitzpatrick, Lyndsey Pike, Mackenzie Hannon, Ryan Zittel, Natasha Oldford, Maddie DeClercq, Jack Witzke, Sarah Chandler, Rachel Andes, Camron Razdar, Kaiden Kamp, MacKenzie Gibson, Hailey Bondy, Hannah Cartier, and Kara Pyykkonen. They keep track of their progress with lap beads, a white bead per lap, purple per mile – some indicate more than 10 miles with 14.5 hours left to go. *Photo by Phil Custodio*



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## Briefly

### Memorial Day parade

American Legion Post 63 leads a Memorial Day Parade through downtown Clarkston, 10 a.m., Monday, May 30, starting at Church Street and Buffalo. For more information, call 248-625-9912.

### SCAMP Home Tour

Clarkston-area residents open their homes for Clarkston SCAMP's annual home tour, June 4-5.

Homes include David and Pam Johnson's Stonewood Farms, a 200-plus acre sprawling wooded estate near downtown Clarkston, two homes in the Parks of Stonewood community, a 1928 home in Clarkston, plus a chance to preview in its pre-designed state SCAMP's 2011 Designer Showcase House, a home in Clarkston's historic district.

Check-in is in downtown Clarkston's Depot Park - for Patrons' Evening, June 4, between 5-6:30 p.m. Homes will be open from 5-7 p.m. Check-in for tours on Sunday is 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., with homes open from 12-5 p.m. Advance reservations for both events must be made by 11 p.m. Wednesday, June 1. Shuttle service based at Depot Park.

Patrons' Evening tickets are \$100 Silver, \$150 Gold, \$200 Platinum. Tickets for Sunday are \$30. For more information, call SCAMP at 248-623-8089.

### Fourth of July

All veterans are invited to Independence Township Fourth of July Festival of Fun and Fireworks.

The festival includes a tribute to veterans and the military, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday, July 4, at Clintonwood Park, 6000 Clarkston Road.

Festivities include a ceremony honoring veterans, meet-and-greet with World War II veterans, military displays in the Carriage House Museum, military vehicles and displays, and vendor displays and information. Veterans who would like to participate in the ceremony and/or items for display are invited to all Barbara Rollin at the center, 248-62508231.

Also, Liberty Mutual offers a contest for more Fourth of July funding. Go to [www.BringBackThe4th.com](http://www.BringBackThe4th.com) and take an eight-question multiple choice quiz on "Responsible Moments in U.S. History." Each completed quiz counts as one credit for Independence Township.

The community with the most points by June 14th wins \$10,000 towards its July 4 festivities.



From left, Dan Weingartz, Carol Moore, Jill Stringer, Chris Bolton, Kelly Hyer, Kerri Gualtieri, Carol Evans, Penny Shanks, Chloe Smiley, Linda Zara, Dawn McLennen and Susan Barnes were honored with Community Awards. Photo by Phil Custodio

## Clarkston community activists awarded

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businesses to 575.

Kerri Gualtieri received the Adult-Youth Volunteer award in honor of her many projects, including Leukemia/Lymphoma Light the Night Walk, Community Blanket Drive for DMC Hospital, and projects for Oakland County Animal Shelter and Renee Przybylski Memorial Spray Park.

"I feel this award belongs to all Clarkston teachers and support staff - we're blessed to

have them," Gualtieri said.

Community Collaboration Award went to Clarkston PTA Health and Wellness Expo.

"We're completely honored to be recognized," said PTA volunteer Susan Barnes.

Volunteers with Kids' Kloset was honored with the Community Enhancement award. The mission for children under 6 serves more than 100 families each month.

"We couldn't do what we do without the community," said Carol Moore of First Congre-

gational Church of Clarkston, which runs the mission.

Carol Evans, president of Smith's Disposal, received the Business Person of the Year in recognition of more than 100 donations the company makes to community activities and programs each year.

Weingartz earned the Community Beautification/Preservation award for its renovation of the former auto dealership on Dixie Highway. The lawn and snow business opened in 2009.

## Building director suspended 60 days for bonus payments

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Dave Belcher, Independence Township building director, was slapped with a 60-day suspension without pay for refusing to repay a \$3,000 bonus.

Clerk Barbara Pollata and Trustees Dave Lohmeier, Larry Rosso, and Neil Wallace voted unanimously, May 17, after closed session to immediately suspend Belcher. He will be on a probationary period for one year following his return.

Belcher must also repay the \$3,000 within 13 months. Failure to meet conditions means immediate termination.

Trustee Mark Petterson, Treasurer Curt Carson and Supervisor Dave Wagner were absent.

According to Wallace, the board received new information "somewhat different" than what Belcher told them during open session, May 3.

"He for the very first time apologized for his various conduct. The receipts of the bonuses, the lying to the township about them and the failure to timely make the repayment," Wallace said. "That was significant to me because one of things I think we have to be concerned about in our discipline situation is that this sort of thing not happen again and without the apology and he was quite adamant at the last meeting he had done nothing wrong and wanted us to say he had done nothing

wrong."

He also said Belcher promised it would not happen again concerning bonus payments and lying about them or any other "breach of trust."

"The most significant thing perhaps is he told us the supervisor told him not to repay the money, which I think is a significant factor in explaining the delay in the payments not being made," Wallace said.

Lohmeier said he could support the motion to suspend for 60 days.

"I think it was very, very relevant Mr. Belcher's apologies and acknowledgement of what was done wrong," he said. "It was stated that he was at least in part was operating under the advise and council of the supervisor. That's his direct supervisor that meant something for me."

Lohmeier had made a previous motion to completely terminate Belcher from his position with the township, but failed on a 2-2 vote. Trustee Larry Rosso and Clerk Barbara Pollata voted against termination.

"I thought it was important that we clear the decks on the issue of termination which is why I made that motion even though I wondered if I would get suitable support," Lohmeier said. "I thought it would not be as appropriate to start in the middle on this. I was glad we took the vote on termination and I can support this (60 day suspension) as a secondary means."

Rosso said he voted against termination because it was "more extreme" than he was comfortable with and he felt has done a lot of good for the township and the board "can't lose total track of that."

"We can't have this one incredibly bad mistake of his and very serious lack of judgment, cancel out all the positive things he's done for the township; however, the disciplinary measure we took I feel in the end was appropriate," Rosso said. "We really had a lot of negotiations going on between the four of us on the board (and) there was give and take on everyone's position."

Belcher could not be reached for comment. Wagner felt the decision made by the board was wrong and nothing more than a personal attack against him.

"This was already looked at by the Attorney General's Office and by the County Prosecutor and there was a finding of no problem that was done," Wagner said. "We did nothing wrong, we all followed protocol according to the investigation. There is no way the board should have made that decision but once again it's just witch hunt against me."

As far as giving advice to Belcher not to pay the money back, Wagner said he talked to the labor attorney about it and was told Belcher "had no obligation to pay it back and it was just admitting guilt."

"Unfortunately he's paying the price," Wagner said. "I'm very disappointed in that."

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# Biking for wishes

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Sashabaw Middle School teacher Howard Andress asked his students to help with a math problem.

He needed to raise \$2,500 for Wish-A-Mile for the Make-A-Wish event he is participating in July. How much could be raised with their help by the July 1 deadline?

One way students could solve the math problem was to donate \$1 if they wanted to wear a hat or pajama bottoms to school on May 13.

The donations amounted to \$1,300, more than Andress had anticipated because usually when students participate it generates \$300.

"The support has been fabulous," he said. "The kids were just wonderful. They were very excited and high fiving me in the halls. Even kids not even in my math classes."

Many went beyond the donation and mailed a check to Make-A-Wish or through Andress' website on [www.wishmich.org](http://www.wishmich.org).

Wish-A-Mile is the biggest fundraiser for Make-A-Wish in Michigan and bicyclists travel 300 miles in three days. The goal is to raise enough for 300 wishes.

Andress has been involved with the ride for the last couple of years after hearing about it through friends.

"I looked it up online," he said. "I thought this is a wonderful thing and I want to be part of it. I love to bike ride."

Andress and a group of friends put a team together called Paige's Peloton.

"It is fun to do as a team because you help motivate each other," he added. "You ride together which is fun because it is long rides and a comradeship of riding together."

The ride begins in Traverse City on July 29 with 115 miles.

"It is pretty hilly up there so somewhat of a challenge," said Andress, an experienced rider. "There is always chatter of people calling out hazards like holes and gravel."

The next day is 100 miles and the final day is 85 miles. Before concluding the ride they go through a stretch called the "Silent Mile."

"It is quite emotional," said Andress. "They have a 16-inch stick and a star on it with a photo of a recipient. It is every few feet for the whole mile. You realize why we are doing this. It really chokes you up."

After recovering the riders finish at the fairgrounds in Chelsea for the "Heroes Hurrah" finish line celebration.

Andress explained Make-A-Wish recipients announce the riders names and place a medal around the riders' necks when they go up on the stage.

"It's very moving," he said.

He admitted once the ride is done he



Andress

**"I tell them 'I am an old guy and can do it, so you can do it.'"**

wants to do it again and go through the small towns and the route again.

"It is a nice way to feel part of the surroundings," Andress noted. "That is what I like about biking, you can take in everything around you and get there pretty quickly."

He said another benefit is he encourages his students to be active and most ride their bikes and go outside.

"I tell them 'I am an old guy and can do it, so you can do it,'" he joked. "They will come in on Monday morning and say 'I went on a 12-mile bike ride.' They are excited to talk about it. It is a different way to interact with your world."

Andress has ridden long distances before. The longest distance was when he was in high school and rode a bicycle up to Mackinaw.

"I always wanted to do it as I was growing up as a kid," he said.

When school gets out he will be training for the 300-mile bike ride with long bike rides and will work up to 100 miles per day.

He also participates in bike races and triathlons and is part of the Craig Greenfield Memorial Triathlon and Marathon. Unfortunately this year it falls on July 31, the same day as Wish-A-Mile.

Andress would like to ride across the country one summer but right now runs a summer math program.

He has taught for 15 years, all of them in Clarkston.

"I love it here," Andress said. "The kids are wonderful and it is a great community. It is a very gratifying job and it is very rewarding. The kids response well to fundraising events because we do a number of them. They have a caring nature and that is a reflection of the community and the parents."

Make-A-Wish Foundation grants wishes for seriously ill children. This year marks the 24th year of riding to grant wishes. Over 700 riders participate in the event and just as many volunteer to help out.

To donate, go to [www.wishmich.org](http://www.wishmich.org), click on events. Then, choose Wish-A-Mile and click on donate to a participant.

"It is a wonderful event and it is exciting to be involved," said Andress. "It is a feel good experience."

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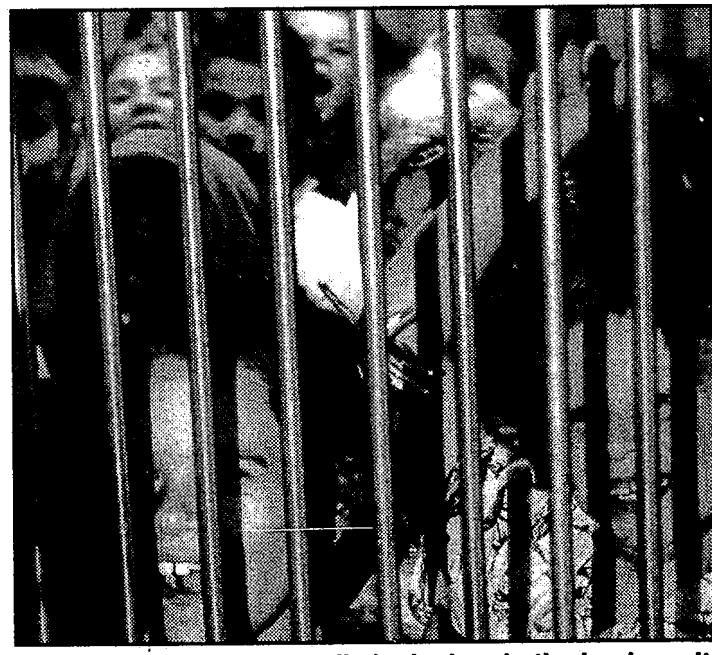
Kelsey Moran of Clarkston State Bank talks to Bailey Lake students about the bank's history. Photos by Wendi Reardon

**Time for History Walk**

Bailey Lake Elementary second-graders kicked off this year's History Walk through downtown Clarkston, May 19. A popular stop each year is Clarkston State Bank. Students learn about the time bank robbers came to town, and see what it's like to be locked up in the bank's safety deposit vault (briefly).



Students, parents and teachers tour downtown Clarkston.



Second graders aren't really locked up in the bank vault.

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## Keiser's Role

A column by Trevor Keiser

### Thrill ride weekend

This past weekend I went to Cedar Point with my girlfriend Noell and her family. It was her younger sister Hannah's birthday and a trip to Cedar Point was what she requested for her birthday present.

Well, let me tell you, the last time I went to Cedar Point I think I might have been 10-12 years old and the most intense rides I rode were the Corkscrew and the Blue Streak.



I've never been a huge rollercoaster fan. Perhaps it's because I remember as little kid going and my dad having to hold me down because I could just stand up and walk right out of seat even with the bar down. It could also be that I have a little fear of heights.

I don't mind flying in planes or standing at the top of the St. Louis Arch and looking out. But going 70 plus miles per hour at 200 plus feet in the air isn't really my cup of tea.

Being it's been over 10 years since I've been to Cedar Point, I was determined to conquer my fears and take on some of the big rides.

My girlfriend thought the Raptor would be a good one to get my feet wet. While the ride got my stomach to drop a few times and my heart rate up, I felt fine once the ride was over, and thought "that one was pretty fun."

Taking a break from the thrill ride, Noell and I rode one of the easy going spinny rides that you go on at fairs. Next, we decided to go on the Magnum, which had set records when it first opened in 1989, and would seem to some as child's play who ride the Millineum Force and the Dragster. But to me it was like facing Goliath.

As I waited the 45 minutes in line I was fine, I got to the top and stood on the platform and looked up at the first major drop. I wanted to run and hide. As we got in our seats I gripped on for my dear life and had my eyes closed most of the time. It was about five minutes after the ride had ended I started to speak in full sentences.

Not to be overcome by fear I rode the Gemini as my last ride of the day. Perhaps one day I will be able to push my self to the next level and go on the Millineum Force and the Dragster. For now I am content to say, "I rode the Magnum."

# Letters to the editor...

## Dr. Rock doesn't get it

Dear Editor,

I think Clarkston Superintendent Rod Rock is a very smart man with a rather large blind spot ("Superintendent's call to action: part II," May 18).

Long term, the danger to our children is not the governor's budget. The true lurking danger is a school system that has truly forgotten why it exists in the first place. A system run by people who refuse to be measured and evaluated in any meaningful way trying to preserve entitlement and lack of accountability. We don't need cutesie rhetoric and turns of phrase and intellectual flourishes and references. We need the truth. More money will not reform our school system. The Dr. Rocks of the world had plenty of money during better budgetary times and built a system not at all relevant and economically resilient.

What's needed is a restructuring process, much like the American Bankruptcy code, to reshape the balance sheets of our school system and schools. The governor has nothing against our children. He knows the course we are on won't make us or our children more competitive. I agree.

Here's the essence of the Rockian Blindspot: he says the most important resources in our schools are the teachers. He's so wrong. It's our children.

You want raises, rich benefits and development? Then embrace and tie it all to measurement, performance and results.

One of my son's teachers actually pronounced on the first day of the trimester that if students didn't learn to type 50 words per minute they'd never get a decent job in the future. I will not even go into what is so absolutely wrong with a teacher expressing that perspective to a group of 14 year olds living on this planet at this point in the 21st Century.

Honestly, Dr. Rock, what would Horace Mann think about our schools? We have moved beyond universal education. You're fighting a new age war with an old battle cry, and you want us to follow you? Not on my watch.

Michael Palese  
Independence Township

## Honor our Armed Forces

Dear Editor,

In celebration of Armed Forces Day, May 21, we would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to all the men and woman who have made, and are willing to make the ultimate sacrifice while protecting the rights and freedoms we enjoy in this great country.

Sincerely

The Family and Employees  
of William H. Wint

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## Mac Center doesn't get it

Dear Editor,

I was infuriated after reading the perspective by Tom Gantert, May 18 ("Clarkston teachers well paid"). He made inaccurate statements, used figures and statistics from his imagination, and basically attacked Clarkston teachers with a Rick Snyderian vindictiveness. As a Clarkston teacher and Independence Township resident I was appalled at the malarkey that came from him.

Then I read the bottom italicized print, and it all made sense. It appears he has no direct ties to Clarkston or its schools. But rather, he works with the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, a well-funded organization of teacher-hating anti-union frat brothers of Rick Snyder, the Koch brothers.

These gentlemen possess an agenda similar to Mr. Snyder's in that they look out for and take action to insure and improve the lifestyle of the elite rich, while demonstrating almost no evidence of caring about the welfare of the general public as a whole.

Mr. Gantert and the consultant he references, Michael VanBeek, are simply well-paid employees and mouthpieces of this organization. They're just doing what they are paid to do; spread anti-public education and teacher rhetoric around the state under the guise of a fancy named organization funded almost completely by rich beneficiaries of the recent tax cuts signed by Governor Snyder.

Another reason to consider the source before believing something you read.

Paul Sabbag  
wClarkston

## Drive with care

Dear Editor,

Clarkston area drivers need to be reminded about traffic rules, specifically those relating to yielding to pedestrians and cyclists when they have the walk signal.

I was riding my bike and crossing Main at Waldon heading west, May 12. When I received the "walk" signal, I proceeded to cross and a lady almost hit me.

Similarly when I crossed Main at Clarkston Road going back home, I was in the intersection with the "walk" signal when a lady on her phone noticed me when she was a foot from my bike.

Drivers need to be reminded that pedestrians and cyclists have the right of way in these situations.

Drivers in this area have absolutely no respect whatsoever for pedestrians and cyclists. The behavior is not only illegal and dangerous but downright rude. Very often these drivers have their kids in the car so they are also passing this behavior on to their children.

Ken Klostermeyer  
Independence Township

## A Look Back

From The CNews archives

### 15 years ago - 1996

"Recreation Association honors Middleton" The Michigan Recreation and Park Association presented Rep. Tom Middleton with a "Legislative Award" for his exceptional support of local parks and recreation. This was the first year that this award was given.

"Licata named state's best" Principal of Clarkston Middle School, Vince Licata, was named Michigan Association of the Secondary School Principals' Outstanding Middle Level Principal of the 1966-67 School Year by the MASSP.

"Rested Burklow Runs 5:04 Mile at all-star event" Stefanie Burklow, a Clarkston graduate and track/cross country runner, finished fourth at the Midwest Meet of Champions June 8. Burklow raced a 1600 meter run and ran a personal-best time of 5:04.66.

### 25 years ago - 1986

"Students pick Mahrle for teacher of the semester" History and American government teacher, Larry Mahrle, was chosen to be Teacher of the Semester. He also coached basketball at Clarkston, Lakes and Avondale and was named Coach of the Year by the Oakland Press in 1983 while at Avondale.

"Friendly Faces" 19-year old, Carol Currey, enjoyed her job at Hallman's Apothecary in Clarkston and had worked there for 17 years.

"Love provides winning edge" Wendy McCarthy, a Clarkston Junior High School ninth-grader, took first place in the state 4-H horse bowl competition. There were 250 participants and McCarthy participated in the senior non-team division of the Michigan State University event.

### 50 years ago - 1961

"Ruthann Carmean and Robert Porritt Married in Candlelight Service" In a candlelight ceremony in the Clarkston Methodist Church, Ruthann Louisa became the bride of Robert Lee Porritt. Reverend William Richards performed the ceremony.

"Perry Smith Honored at Albion" Scholastic recognition was received by Perry B. Smith, a sophomore at Albion college. The award ceremony was held at Goodrich Chapel. Perry was recognized as a member of Delta Sigma Rho, national honorar forensics society, and of Kappa Mu Epsilon, national mathematics honorary.

"Guest Speaker- Bud Guest" Bud Guest, who had worked in the newspaper and radio business, was the guest speaker at a family style dinner celebrating Michigan Week. The dinner was held by the Waterford - Drayton Rotary Club at the C.A.I building in Waterford.

## Thanks for help with...

### Walk and Roll

Dear Editor,

Our Walk and Roll for SCAMP was a huge success! It takes a village to make this event happen and the village came out and produced a wonderful happening. From set-up to tear down, every aspect went off without a hitch. The rain even held off until the last table was down!

Thank you for your support. The SCAMP program is an immense undertaking in time, talent, and money. It could not happen without the help of our sponsors who give so generously.

If you can join us for one of our other fund raisers, Home Tour, June 4-5; Concours in the Park, July 29; Golf outing, Sept. 9; and Designer Showcase House, Sept. 23-Oct. 2, we would love to see you.

*Theresa Fabrizio, co-chair  
Theresa Rigato, co-chair*

### Stamp Out Hunger

Dear Editor,

Our local letter carriers once again hit the road, May 14, and collected food for Lighthouse Clarkston to help feed local low-income households in their Stamp Out Hunger food drive.

Despite the cold rainy weather, food was left by mailboxes for the carriers to collect.

Lighthouse sends a sincere 'thank you' to the Independence Township Post Office employees for supporting this food drive, to the local residents who kindly donated the much needed food and to the more than 25 volunteers who took four-and-a-half hours of their Saturday to come to our building to sort and box the food.

*Connie Stapleton, manager  
Clarkston Lighthouse*

## Take time Monday to remember vets

- It is a veteran, not the reporter who has given us freedom of the press.
- It is the veteran, not the poet who has given us freedom of speech.
- It is the veteran, not the campus organizer who has given us freedom to assemble.
- It is the veteran, not the lawyer who has given us the right to a fair trial.
- It is the veteran, not the politician who has given us the right to vote.
- It is the veteran who salutes the flag.

### Jim's Jottings



a column by  
Jim Sherman

I'm a veteran of WWII.

I am really proud to be an American.

John Philips Sousa's music thrills me, color guards passing by give me chills, men in uniform of various services make me proud.

The look on peoples' faces on Memorial Day is different from any other day of the year. Their respect, reverence and dignity shows.

In the Navy at Great Lakes Naval Training Station in 1944 my first public march was to a college football game, and I still remember my shoulders going straighter enroute.

That pride and patriotism strengthened over time. I'm more aware of more good

things that have been accomplished in the United States by our fellow citizens.

Of course, all accomplishments have not been memorable, but I'm not remembering those this Memorial Day.

I'm remembering learning the Preamble to the Constitution and the Gettysburg address in a 1-room school in Shiwassee County.

I'm remembering the feelings I experienced at the foot of the Statue of Liberty and standing before the Lincoln Memorial, and finding I could still recite the words he spoke in the 1860s while my eyes followed the sculpted words at the memorial.

And, I'm remembering covering all those Memorial Day gatherings at the park in downtown Oxford. Making notes and taking pictures, then on to the cemetery for wreath laying and taps playing.

Oh, those feelings taps bring.

The feelings were great, though different snapping tots waving little American flags, putting their hands over their hearts just like dad, decorated bikes, the high school band . . . the whole atmosphere Memorial Day brings.

Memorial Day, is, of course a day for remembering all. Mom, dad, family, those who died service, those who served and are serving and our country.

God bless this land of the free, and home of the brave. The land of the people, by the people and for the people.

## Memorial Day traditions and poppies, and more!

I first ran this column in 2003, and since then — every year around this time — some folks request I re-run it. I usually oblige.

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"Poppies! Poppies! Poppies!" — Something the Wicked Witch of the West may have uttered in the 1939 movie classic, "The Wizard of Oz"

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Quite simply, I know the day we remember those who died in service to this country is upon us because I replaced the dusty and faded red paper poppy that hung from my rearview mirror for the past 12 months.

In towns across this nation, graying and weathered veterans don their uniforms to stand in roadways and in front of stores to sell paper poppies. Monies raised from these sales and those made by the wives and daughters of veterans help different veteran causes (not to stock the bar with booze as I have heard some speculate). So, I always feel obligated to pull out some green backs, purchase a poppy and say "thank you." There's been a red paper poppy somewhere in every vehicle I have owned over the years.

Come to think of it, Pops Rush, my dear and departed father, always had one in his car, too. At any rate, I always kinda figured it was a fund-raising gig, but I never — until now — researched the origins of the red poppy tradition. And, since I invested a finite amount of my life into this research, you too must suffer or be enlightened — choose your pick. Regardless, we're taking this ride together. There is no escape.

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Legends of poppy fields popping up over battlefield are reported from the time of Genghis Khan, through the Napoleonic wars and up until the first World War. Why, you may be asking? Well, dear reader, because as any Master Gardener knows, poppy seeds can lay dormant for years, only to germinate when the soil they lay in gets turned up.

After particularly bloody battles, the

war dead were left or buried under the battlefield. The battlefield turned graveyard, turned to soil and poppies grew.

In 1915, Canadian military medic John McCrae penned the poem, In Flander's Field:

### In Flander's Fields

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.  
We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we

lie,

In Flanders Fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies

grow

In Flanders Fields.

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In 1918, an American woman, Moina Michael wrote:

We cherish too, the Poppy red  
That grows on fields where valor led,  
It seems to signal to the skies  
That blood of heroes never dies . . .

She then adopted the custom of wearing a red poppy in memory of the sacrifices of war and also as a symbol of keeping the faith. After that, those darned French adopted the custom and took it one step further. So the story goes, Madam Guerin, after returning from the United States, made and sold red poppies to raise money to benefit orphaned children and destitute women in war torn France.

Folks in England, Australia, France, Canada and the good old US of A, still continue this tradition.

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From Botanical.com: Red poppies are "Corn Poppies." This plant does not contain opium.

Corn Poppies, *Papaver rhoeas*, however, does contain a mild sedative that has been used since the Romans were tops in the world.

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Enjoy the holiday and remember to remember.

### Don't Rush Me



A column by  
Don Rush



Jacob Wieggers, Logan Dunn and Keirstin Moore sing and wave their arms like butterfly wings.

## Butterflies take wing

Springfield Plains Elementary first graders laughed and smiled as the butterflies flew into the garden by their classes.

Since the butterflies were caterpillars, the students have watched them eat and grow larger as they went through their lifecycles – from larva stage until they changed into a butterfly.

"First, they lived in tiny jars and ate leaves," said first-grader Matthew Ames. "When they turned into butterflies they ate sweet stuff like sugar water and oranges."

They also learned about metamorphosis (changing) throughout the lifecycle process.

"We read books, sang songs, and wrote poetry and stories about butterflies during this time," said first grade teacher Linda Linenger. "Each child kept a butterfly journal where they recorded observations and drew pictures of the various changes taking place throughout this process."

The project was funded by a grant from the Clarkston Foundation. They also received a grant from the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club to foster a love for plants and gardening in the students.

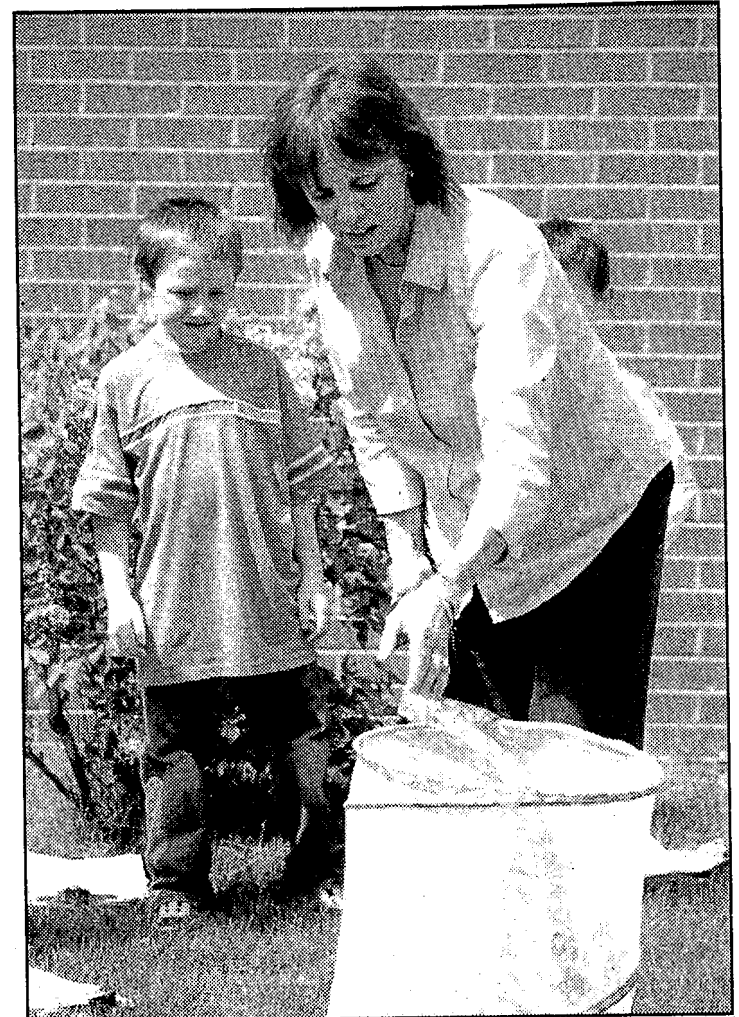
Books were purchased at the children's reading level about plants and gardens. They worked in the Literacy Garden that was started many years ago in memory of Kindergarten teacher Darcy Burleson, who passed away after a battle with cancer.

Before the butterflies were released, it was weeded, mulched and perennials were planted with help from volunteers.

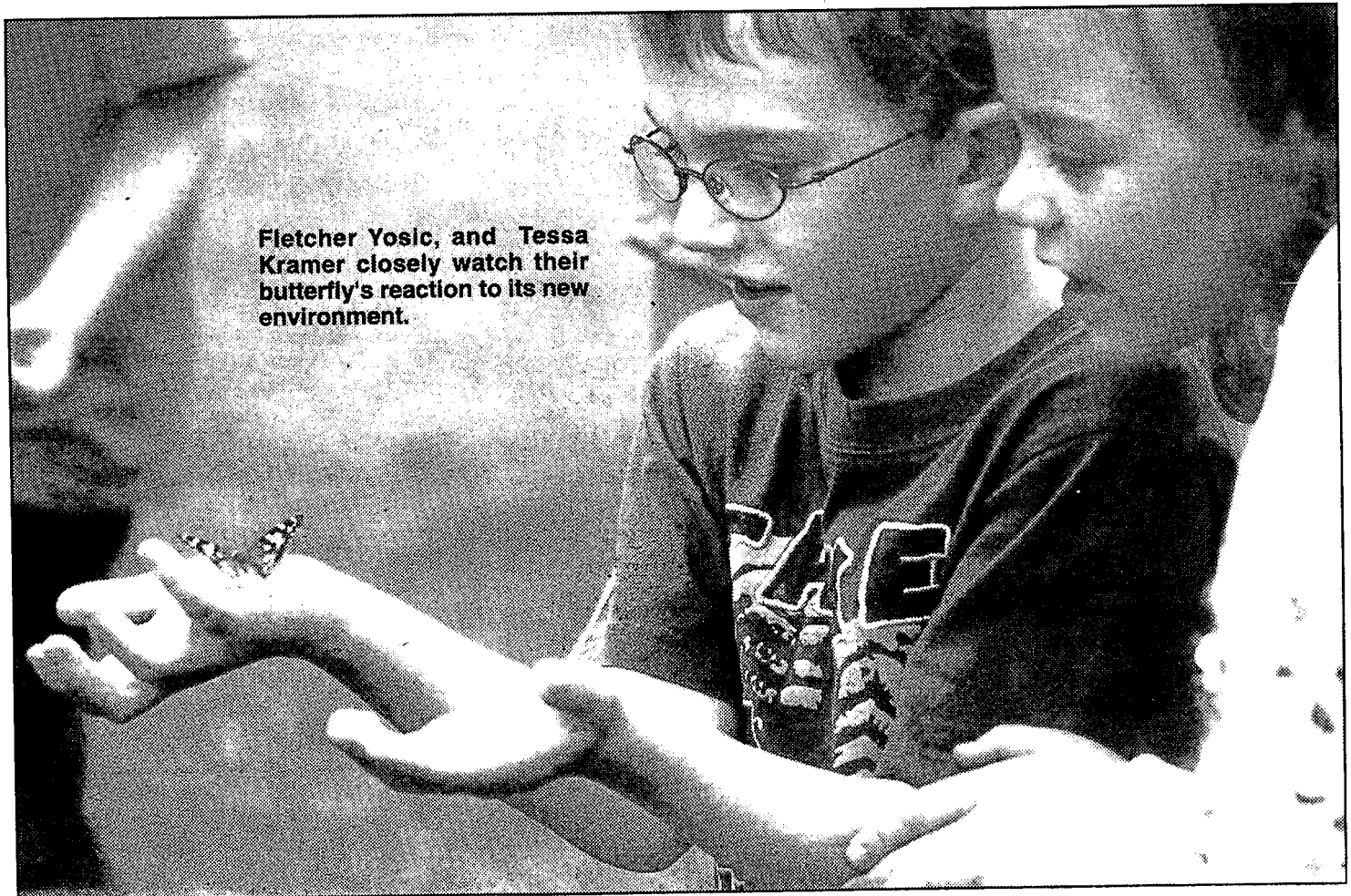
~Staff Writer Wendi Reardon



Keirstin Moore welcomes a friend after it lands in her hand.



First grade teacher Linda Linenger opens the netting.



Fletcher Yosic, and Tessa Kramer closely watch their butterfly's reaction to its new environment.



# Public Safety

Reports from Oakland County Deputies and Independence Township Fire Department

## Break-in frenzy

Deputies are investigating a series of break-ins just north of downtown Clarkston last week. Someone pried open a door to a business in the 7000 block of Ortonville Road, May 16, and took a television mounted to the wall. Also on May 16, petty cash envelopes were emptied at two businesses in the 7000 block of Ortonville Road, and another in the 5000 block of S. Main Street. Someone broke into an office suite in the 7000 block of Northville Drive, May 17, and took two laptop computers and petty cash. On May 19, burglars smashed open a glass door in the 5000 block of S. Main Street and took petty cash, and forced open a door to a business in the 6000 block of Blue Grass Drive.

## Goodbye Scooter

Someone took an electric scooter from a Sashabaw Road grocery store, May 9.

## Can't stop me now

A deputy watched a car weave and cross the center line and go through a stop light, and signaled for it to pull over, 2:38 a.m., May 11, at Sashabaw and Dixie Highway in Waterford. The driver, a 49-year-old Waterford woman, didn't stop, leading police on a 40 mph pursuit. Deputies set up a roadblock at Maybee Road, which the suspect tried to evade by driving on the shoulder. She finally stopped, and was cited for drunk driving, second offense, and fleeing and eluding.

## Windy weaving

A deputy stopped a 34-year-old Flint man for weaving in his lane on I-75 near Dixie Highway, 1:28 a.m., May 12. The driver said it was windy, and he was talking on his cell phone. With three prior driver's license suspensions and a warrant out of 52-2 District Court, his car was impounded and case forwarded to the prosecutor's office.

## Briefcase stolen

Someone broke the front passenger window of a vehicle parked in the 5000 block of Clarkston Road, May 12, and took a briefcase and clothing.

## Gameful purchase

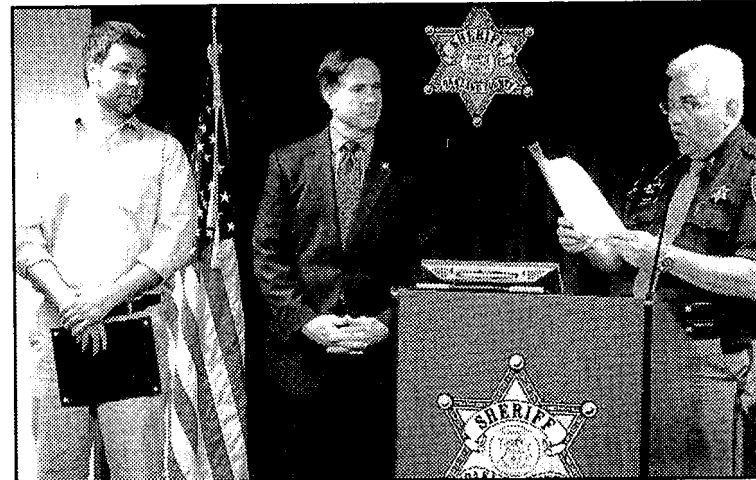
An Independence Township resident cancelled her credit card after finding a \$422 charge for a video game system, a purchase she didn't make, May 14.

## What a pistol

After an argument with her husband, a 45-year-old Fox Chase Lane resident went upstairs and, while looking for her shoes under the bed, came across her husband's pistol and fired a shot, 8:50 p.m., May 18. The husband told police she wanted him to think she shot herself, but she denied that. Deputies took her to St. Joe's for evaluation. The bullet went through an end table and lodged in the floor.

## 29 bottles of liquor

Deputies are examining surveillance video of three suspects shoplifting 29 bottles of liquor from a convenience store in the 5000 block of Main Street, 12:45 p.m., May 18.



Undersheriff Mike McCabe and Sheriff Michael Bouchard present a Citizen Hero award to Jason Setla of Independence Township. Photo by Phil Custodio

## Local hero honored

Jason Setla of Independence Township was among citizen heroes from around Oakland County receiving awards from Sheriff Michael J. Bouchard during National Police Week Recognition presentation, May 18.

Setla was honored for helping in the rescue of a girl found at the bottom of a swimming pool, July 11,

2010.

"It was really fast – there wasn't time for a lot of thought," Setla said. "She's doing very well. This is neat, to be honored this way. Very humbling."

Also, the Oakland County Sheriff's Office presented awards to six deputies, investigators, and employees for outstanding service.

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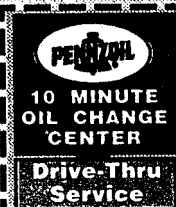
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## Seniors honored, win games

Senior players from the Clarkston High School Varsity Girls Soccer team, Gina Bollini, Andrea Butler, Amanda Ejups, Jackie Gipe, Samantha Johnson, Kaylee Liddle, Claire Viazanko, and Jenny Zawadzki, were recognized at Senior Night, May 19. To top off the festivities, the team won their game against Oxford 6-1. This followed a win, May 14, against Waterford Mott and a win on May 17 against Royal Oak.



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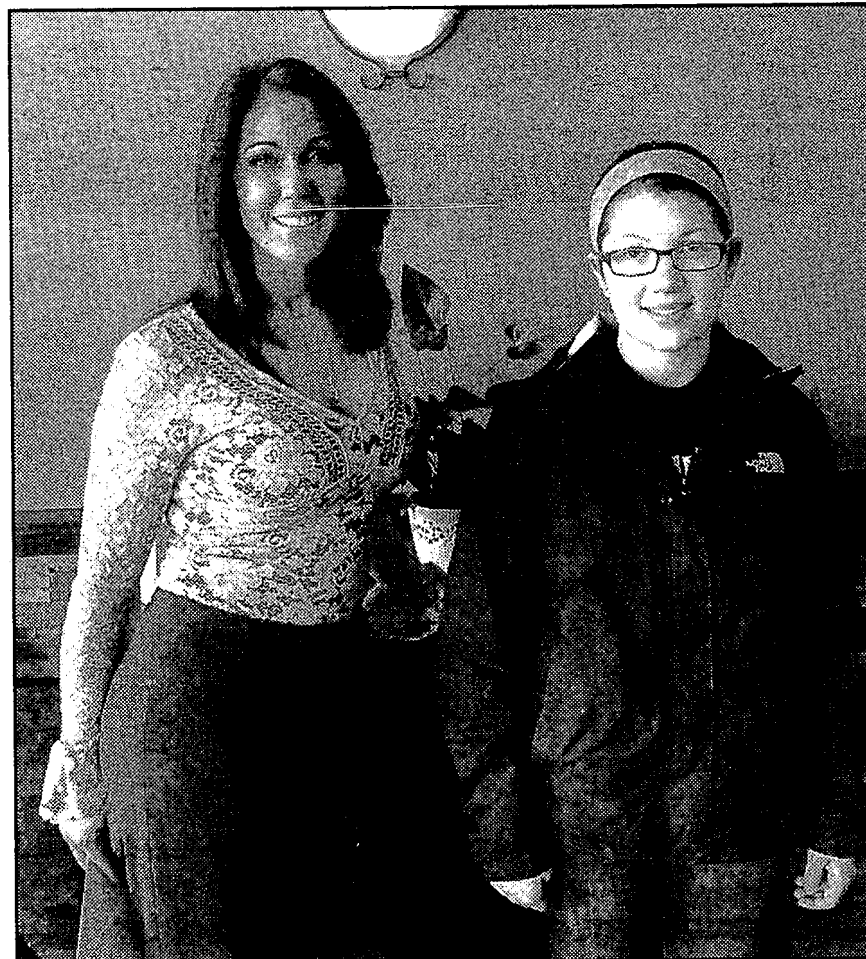
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## Band thanks for LaVida

Emily Rice, right, thanks Andrea of La Vida Massage, her sponsor who helped her take part in the London trip with Clarkston Marching Band last winter. She is one of several Clarkston High School Marching Band members to publicly thank sponsors of their New Year's trip to London.

# Church volunteers rush to help tornado victims

BY ELISE SHIRE

Special to the Clarkston News

On April 27, a massive tornado tore through northern Alabama, leaving devastation in its path.

Less than a week later, a team of 16 volunteers from Clarkston United Methodist Church decided to help pick up the pieces.

The group traveled to Pleasant Grove, Ala., one of the worst hit towns in the area. For three days, the team worked with Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church and other agencies to help rebuild.

It was a touching trip for everyone, said Greg Martin, team organizer and youth director at CUMC.

"At each place there was an amazing story of people who didn't see themselves as victims, but as survivors. Their will to press on was just overwhelming and inspiring," Martin said.

One of the volunteers was Clarkston resident Morgan Hoxsie.

"As soon as I heard about it, I just wanted to go to help and be there for the people," Hoxsie said.

The team spent long days helping

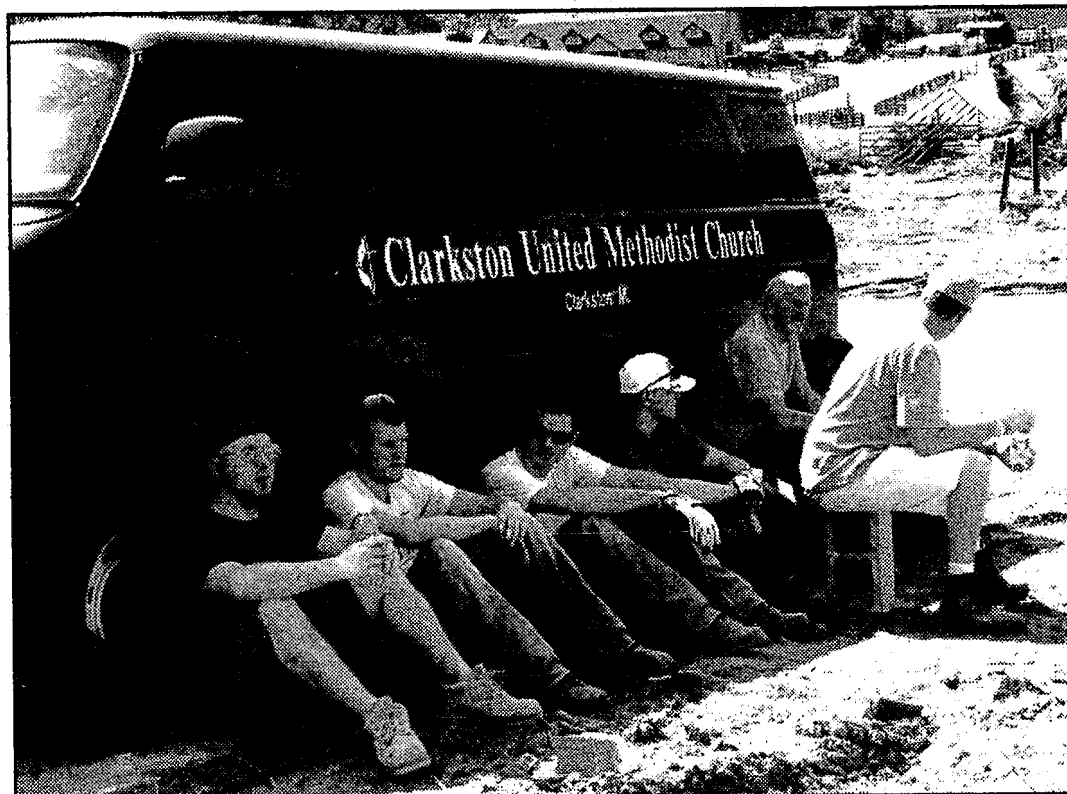
families recover from the tornadoes, working from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. each day. Work included moving debris, patching holes in damaged roofs, cutting up and removing fallen trees, and helping families find lost valuables in the rubble.

Through all of the hard work, Martin has no regrets with his decision to organize the mission trip, and hopes others will want to make similar trips in the future.

"Don't hesitate," he said. "If you overthink it, you're always going to be able to find a reason why you can't go. If you're compelled at all by people who have lost everything and still have faith, sign up and go. Don't shut down that initial incline that we all have to go and help our brothers."

Hoxsie also has no regrets and looks forward to helping again.

"We've been discussing going again in three months," she said. "We don't know where they'll be in three months. We don't know if they'll be rebuilding or what they'll need. So we'll just have to go in open-minded and ready to help in any way that we can."



Clarkston volunteers take a break from helping clean up after severe storms down south. Photo provided

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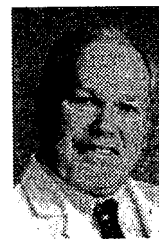
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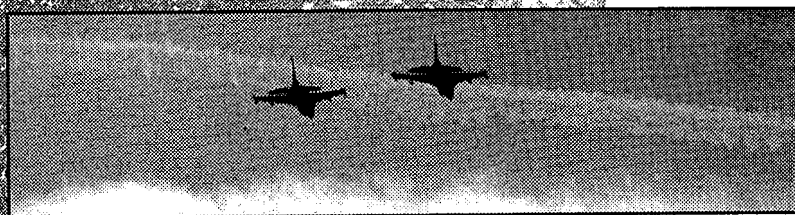
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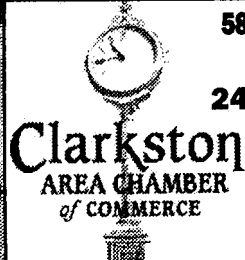


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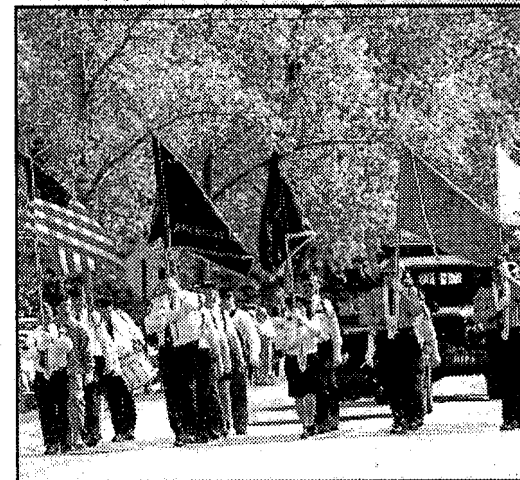
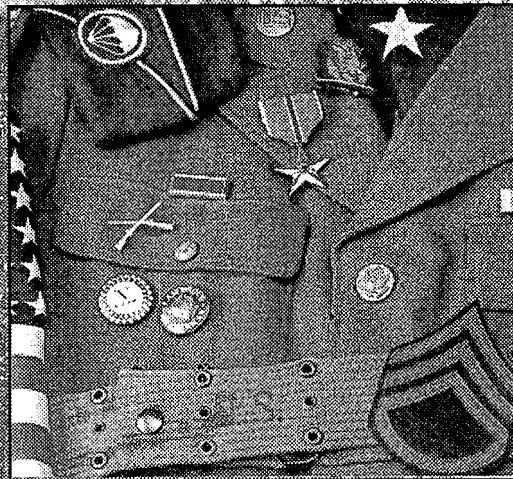
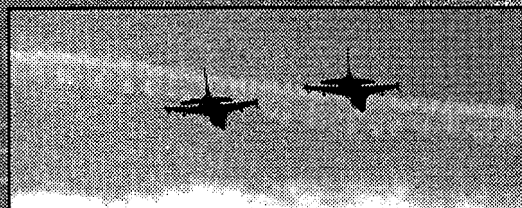
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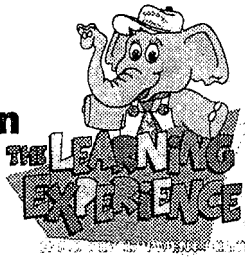
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# High schooler creates his own music

BY NICK LOOMIS

Special to The Clarkston News

Many individual talents are lost in a high school with such a large population.

However, one student that shouldn't go unnoticed any longer is Clarkston High School senior Conor Barkey and his uncanny ability to play guitar.

Barkey started playing guitar two years ago and has now written over six of his own songs.

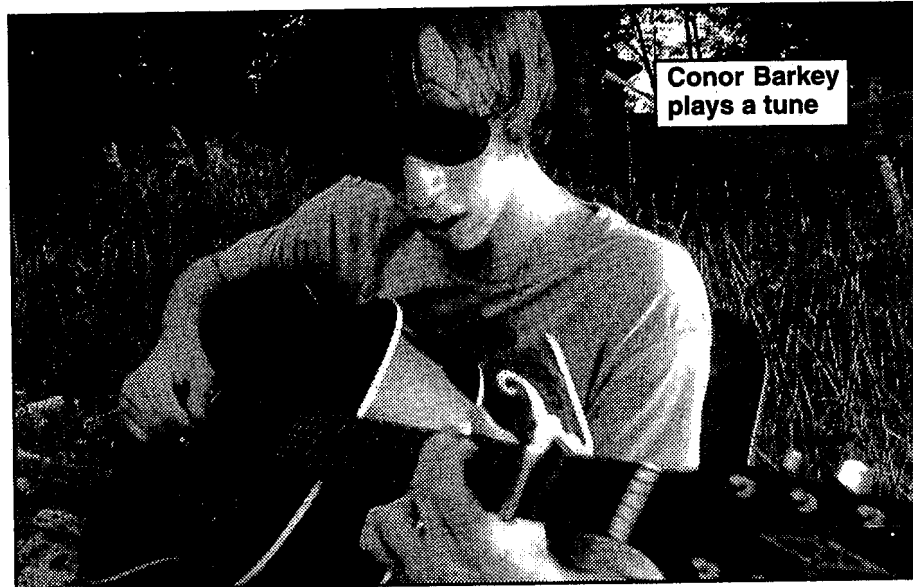
"My dad is big into indie music, so I started listening to it. That's kind of what I base my music off of," said Barkey.

He started playing piano when he was 6 but says he hated it and switched to guitar when he got one for his sixteenth birthday.

"I've taught myself everything I know about music," said Barkey. "It's all I do in my spare time."

When Barkey played piano, he admits to having taken lessons for a short period of time. He uses some of the skills acquired from these lessons when playing guitar.

"I honestly don't think guitar lessons would help me at all because I already have music theory from piano, and I like the way



Conor Barkey plays a tune

I play guitar," said Barkey.

His family has also been a major influence in his musical abilities.

"My dad and uncle always played music when I was younger so I took after them," said Barkey.

Next year he is attending Oakland Com-

munity College and doesn't know idea what he wants to study.

"It'd be awesome if I could continue to produce music after high school," said Barkey.

He currently has several music videos on Facebook he created and produced.

## Open enrollment

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President Steve Hyer voting no. A motion to table the Lead the Way proposal failed.

One of their concerns was Oakland Technical Campus Northwest off Big Lake Road also offered engineering.

"It seems to be similar," said Patterson. "Did we take a look at what their positives are and how they will work together?"

The programs fit together, said Deputy Superintendent Shawn Ryan.

"(OTC) is a solid build for students that want to go into something more specific," Ryan said. "Project Lead the Way is more all-around and gives a more well-rounded look, besides just one look. Both programs at OTC and Clarkston are great. Ours is more elongated."

Patterson also noted she would like to see the district do something with the medical field since it is also a growing field.

Another concern was funding, although the district has applied for grants.

"I am concerned about offering a program when we aren't 100 percent sure the grants will go through," said Lieblang, who requested a one page summary for costs and grants covering it.

"We are making sure it is covered by grants," said Ryan.

Dawn Schaller, one of the parents in attendance, also shared her concern about open enrollment.

"I am happy to see the board separate Project Lead the Way from the original action," Schaller said. "I think the district should be asking the public about how they feel."

"We are at a point we are not communicating - case in point, open enrollment," said parent Bridget Gibbs. "Begin an open forum with the community. Redo this program with parent involvement."

Ryan and Hyer firmly stated approving the programs for open enrollment would not make Clarkston an open district.

Clarkston students would get the first opportunity to apply to Lead the Way. Students from other districts would have to go through an application process and committee review with up to 10 accepted. Once in the program they have to maintain a GPA of 3.0.

The other programs will be unlimited so the district can see applications in an ongoing manner, Ryan said.

Clarkston PTA President Kelli Horst disagreed parents weren't involved with the process.


"The suggestions tonight that parents weren't consulted or communicated with during the strategic planning process is ludicrous," she said, adding Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock holds a Parent Advisory Team meeting with parent leaders every month and parents share information with other parents in their schools.


"Dr. Rock tweets," Horst continued. "He sends frequent e-blasts to parent via clarkstoncalendar.org. He writes guest columns for the local paper. In his every outreach he invites parents to reach out to him directly."

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# Next stop - state finals

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Lady Wolves took charge of the tennis courts on Thursday, scoring their first MHSAA Division 1 Regional title.

"It was very exciting," said Clarkston Girls Varsity Tennis Head Coach Becky Freeman. "We are excited to prepare ourselves for finals in Midland."

The team scored 30 points to take the top spot out of ten teams and secure their spot at finals. Rochester took second with 25 points and also heads to the finals.

During the meet, both teams also took West Bloomfield out of the running for the state finals for the first time since 1996.

For finals in singles, Lexi Baylis held onto her undefeated record beating Morgan Taylor, from West Bloomfield, 6-1, 6-1, in singles #2. In singles #3, Katie Brozovich beat Anna Parker, from Rochester, 6-1, 6-0, and Kristina Lucas beat Rachel Parker, from Rochester, 6-1, 6-1, in singles #4.

Gabriella Spindler lost to Kelsey Dieters, from Rochester, 6-1, 6-0, in singles #1.

"They all played to their seed, if they were first seeded, they finished first. If they were second seeded, they finished second," said Freeman.

For finals in doubles, Dana and Paige Olsen beat Rochester's Julie Markiewicz-Kelli Wetherhold, 6-1, 6-1, in doubles #1; Abbey Hubregsen and Amy Wozniak beat Rochester's Kate Berry and Jenn Chen, 6-

2, 6-0, in doubles #2; Olivia Dunn and Allie Wilson beat Rochester's Kirsten Byszkowski and Leah Evanson, 6-3, 6-1, in doubles #3.

Monique Zentner and Annie Gencay in doubles #4 lost to Rochester's Stephanie Handley and Stephanie VonBehren after going into a third set, with the ending score 6-1, 4-6, 5-7.

"It was close," said Freeman.

The Lady Wolves are one step closer to their ultimate goal of winning a state title after adding the regional victory to their tournament wins, league title and their 20-0-1 season.

Freeman pointed out a lot of attributes have led the team to their success.

"Their skillset and their determination," she began. "They are just very talented and they all really want it. Their skills are unparalleled compared to some of the other teams. They are very focused and we are staying calm."

Since the beginning of the season the girls have been anxious to play Ann Arbor Pioneer and Midland at the finals. The next few short weeks the girls will spend their time getting ready for finals by continuing to practice, doing drills, and playing in scrimmages against other teams.

"We will keep our noses down and see it through," said Freeman.

The MHSAA Division 1 State Finals is June 3 and 4 at the Midland Community Tennis Center.



Clarkston High School Girls Varsity tennis team celebrates their MHSAA Regional win on May 19. The team includes Lexi Baylis, MacKenzie Bedor, Katie Brozovich, Olivia Dunn, Anna Gencay, Abbey Hubregsen, Kristina Lucas, Alaina Nido, Dana Olsen, Paige Olsen, Courtney Parkhill, Gabrielle Spindler, Jordan Stuart, Allie Wilson, Amy Wozniak and Monique Zentner. They are coached by Becky Freeman, head coach, and MaryJo Colonna, assistant coach. Photo provided



Allie Reeves and Macomb Community College Women's Softball Head Coach Joe Cavatio sign letters of intent. Photo by Wendi Reardon

## Athlete of the Week Reeves becomes a monarch

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

While Allie Reeves is preparing for finals in her classes and the end of the softball season, she is looking forward to the fall.

The Clarkston High School senior signed to play for the Macomb Community College Monarchs on May 11.

"I am so excited," said Reeves. "It is a big relief to be signed and ready to go to college."

Reeves began talking with Macomb's Head Coach Joe Cavataio since last summer. Once she found the school she knew where she wanted to go for college and didn't look at any other colleges.

"They have a good softball team and it is close to home," Reeves noted on how they stood out to her.

"It is a really good opportunity for her," said Don Peters, head coach for the Lady Wolves Varsity Softball team. "I like Joe and it is going to be a lot of fun for her and get her started on her education."

Peters added Reeves will add her positive attitude and ability to play multiple positions to her new team.

"We are so excited to have a person like she is," said Cavatio. "She is a great student, a great softball player and a great person. When I went to watch her it was her determination and giving it all the effort she could. It was really fun to watch. I told Dan Fife, Clarkston's athletic director, we want 18 more just like her."

Reeves has been playing softball since she was four-years-old when her parents, Annette and Mark, signed her up to play. Annette had also played softball.

"I loved it from the first day I started playing," said Allie. "I couldn't imagine playing anything else."

"I am proud of her," Annette added. "She has worked really hard and deserves it. It is amazing to see how much she has grown, how strong she has become. The sport taught her how to be a strong person."

Allie currently plays in the third base and catcher positions for Clarkston but added she can play where she is needed.

She has a 3.79 GPA and is undecided about her major. Allie said she is leaning towards the health field, particularly physical therapy.

"I have always been interested in the health field," she said.

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# Offense dominates over Cats



Junior Taylor Stokes uses her head to block the soccer ball from getting past defense in Clarkston's game against Oxford last Thursday. Photo by Wendi Reardon

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Sophomore Morgan Todd passed the ball to teammate junior Lisa Lyons last Thursday night.

Oxford goalie Sarah Stroope stepped out of the net to make a save and Lyons quickly took her shot. She kicked the ball past Stroope and into the net with 32:39 left in the second half of the soccer game.

The Lady Wolves continued to hold control of the ball and beat the Lady Wildcats, 6-1.

"I am very happy," said Clarkston Girls Varsity Soccer Head Coach Sarah Wasilk. "They are finishing and working together. We have been putting a lot of work into it. We have been strong defensively but we have been struggling to score all season. The last couple games we have been able to put some goals in the net, which is nice."

The girls opened their Senior Night a little slow but once junior Lindsey Adams scored the first goal the Lady Wildcats were in trouble.

Within a three minute span, Lyons and junior Caitlin Kirby scored two more goals to put Clarkston further into the lead at 3-0.

Oxford opened the second half with a goal from Sara Ruch, but it would be the only one to get through as defense kept the ball in Clarkston offense's possession.

Junior Sarah McCallum added one more for Clarkston to the board four minutes into the second half to continue the lead at three points.

After Lyons' goal a few minutes later, the girls kept making attempts on the net keeping Oxford on their toes.

"We came together especially in the second half," said senior Andrea Butler. "We connected passes really well and we switched the field."

"We finished," added senior Jackie Gipe. As the fog started rolling in over the field the girls continued to take their shots.

Adams gave her attempt with seven min-

utes left in the game. Her kick sent the ball in the air and inches away from the top bar of the net. The ball slid down against the netting as the girls celebrated their last goal.

Junior Andrea Dumais, Lyons, Kirby and Todd assisted on goals.

Clarkston made ten shots on goal during the night while Gipe made two saves for the night.

"Congratulations to my seniors," said Wasilk after senior night. "They have been a great group of girls to work with and we will miss them a lot."

The girls finish their regular season this week before they head to district playoffs.

"We need to work on playing 80 minutes of good soccer," said Wasilk. "We are playing good soccer but it's not consistent. We still have some weaknesses that are simple to fix, but it is more mental errors. It is just staying mentally strong and keeping our heads in the game."

Butler and Gipe vividly remembered last year's district playoffs and use their experience to motivate during practices.

"The biggest thing is taking it one game at a time," said Butler. "Just remind them this is what we want - to go as far as we can go in districts."

"One practice, one game at a time," added Gipe. "Every day you have to practice like you play."

"At the beginning of our season we were struggling it was hard to finish and we have definitely stepped up," said Butler. "We are ready for playoffs."

The girls played Lapeer West on Tuesday. They finish the regular season at Lapeer East on Thursday. JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.

They head to Oxford High School for the first round of MHSAA District playoffs next Tuesday, 7 p.m.

"It is going to be tough," said Butler. "We know it is going to be a huge challenge. Everyone wants it. Everyone is going in with a good attitude and wants to work hard."

## ZeZula, Hasselbach score on homeruns

Lady Hitters had hits and misses last week.

They opened with a pair of wins against Oxford High School on Thursday.

The girls beat Lady Wildcats in the first game, 4-3.

Sydney Hasselbach hit a homerun, hit 2-for-4 and had one RBO.

Rachel Pytel hit a double, a triple, hit 2-for-4 and had one RBI; Megan Hastings hit a triple, hit 2-for-4 and had one RBI; and Allie Reeves hit a double.

Hastings was the winning pitcher and had 14 strikeouts against the hosts.

During the second game, the girls won 7-3.

Liz ZeZula and Shauna Siwicki hit two doubles. ZeZula hit 4-for-4 and Siwicki hit 2-for-4 and had three RBIs.

Sarah Altene hit a double, hit 3-for-4 and had one RBI and Reeves hit a double, hit 2-for-2 and had one RBI.

Samantha Hoeksema was the winning pitcher and had four strikeouts during the four innings she pitched. Altene pitched for two innings and had three strikeouts.

The Lady Wolves played in the University of Michigan Tournament during the weekend and finished with a 3-2 record.

The girls beat Ann Arbor Huron, 12-4, Lapeer West, 4-2, and East Kentwood, 6-2.

Against Ann Arbor Huron, ZeZula hit a homerun and a triple, hit 3-for-4 and had six RBIs. Siwicki and Pytel hit a double. Altene was the winning pitcher with two strikeouts.

Against Lapeer West, Hasselbach hit a homerun and Hastings had two strikeouts.

Against East Kentwood, Reeves hit a double and had three RBIs.

They lost to Milan, 4-0, and Garden City, 8-7.

The girls played Rochester Adams on Tuesday and begin MHSAA Districts next week.



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## Boys and Girls Track

Wolves are heading to Rockford for the MHSAA State Finals in Track and Field for June 3. The girls qualified in six events while the boys qualified in three.

For the Lady Wolves, Erin Billette qualified in the 800-meter run in 2:20.20; Franz Loetzner, 300-meter low hurdles, 47.40; Anna Manilla, high jump, 5'2"; Caitlyn Post, 400-meter dash, 59.20; and Natalie Smith, 1600-meter run, 5:14.60.

Both teams will be sending their 3200-meter relay teams. The boys qualified finishing at 8:05.10 and the girls qualified in 9:45.40.

CJ Gozdzor finished 6'1" in the high jump to

secure a spot at finals and the boys 1600-meter relay team is also going to finals.

They qualified during the MHSAA Regionals on Friday at Brandon High School in Ortonville. The top two teams qualified for regionals as well as individuals who met qualifying times and measurements for their events.

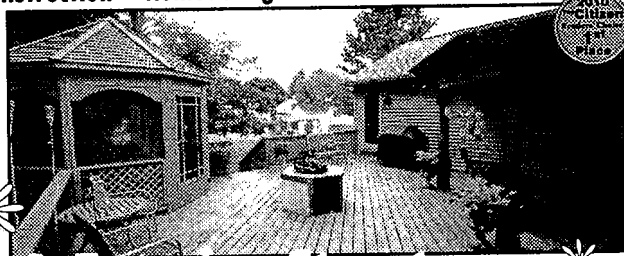
The boys finish in seventh place with 31 points. Grand Blanc and Oxford took the top two spots out of 15 teams. The girls finished in fifth place with 57 points. Rochester Adams and Holly finished in the top two places out of the 15 teams.

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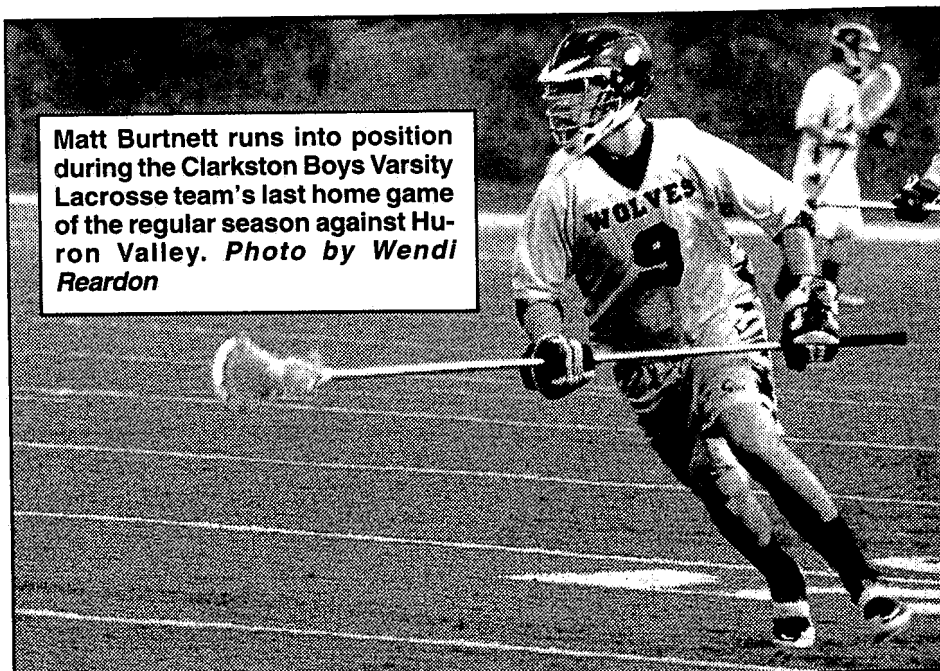
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Matt Burnett runs into position during the Clarkston Boys Varsity Lacrosse team's last home game of the regular season against Huron Valley. Photo by Wendi Reardon



## Boys Lacrosse

The Wolves continued their winning streak taking down three teams in their last week in the regular season.

They beat Bloomfield Hills Andover on Friday, 8-7.

Alex "Wazzy" Dzewit led the team with three goals. Jordan Kincaid scored two and Travis Craft had one. Kevin O'Grady had three assists for the night.

Matt Goebel made 10 saves during the night.

They beat Huron Valley Lakeland on May 18, 19-2.

Kevin Horton led the Wolves scoring six

goals. Kyle Lamberti added four and Kincaid had three goals.

Nathan Gill and Kyle O'Grady had two assists in the game.

They began the week with a 16-8 win over Troy on May 17.

Kincaid led with six points. Horton and Dzewit had three goals each.

Kevin O'Grady had three assists and Horton had two. Goebel made three saves during the game.

The boys head into their first round of MHSAA Regionals with a 16-1 record. They host Davison on Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

## Boys Varsity Baseball

Hitters beat Cranbrook in five innings during their annual Nathan Manuel Tournament on Saturday, 11-1.

Jared Sperry hit a homerun and had three RBIs. Dylan Peck hit 2-for-3 and Adams Johns hit 3-for-4 and had two RBIs.

Ryan Slaughter was the winning pitcher with three strikeouts.

They lost to Linden, 14-10.

The boys beat Rochester Adams on Friday in five innings, 15-0.

Peck hit a grand slam, hit 2-for-3 and had six RBIs. Chase Toth hit 2-for-2 and had two stolen bases. Vince Siwicki was the winning pitcher and had six strikeouts during the game.

The boys record is 15-4, 7-3 in OAA Red.

## Boys Varsity Golf

Golfers placed in eighth at the Oakland County Tournament on May 18.

They scored 312 to place in the top ten against 22 teams. Auburns Hills Oakland Christian took first with 296.

"We played very well," said Clarkston Boys Varsity Golf Coach Pete Gallagher.

The scorers were Jimmy Delnick, 76; Andrew Lange, 76; Jack Alli, 78; Chad Wotton, 82; and Ryan Milliken, 84.

The boys lost to Lake Orion in a dual meet on May 17 at Boulder Pointe, 155-152.

Lange led the team with a par of 34. Delnick shot a par of 37, Milliken shot a par of 40, Dan Corazza shot a par of 44, Wotton shot a par of 45, and Alli shot a par of 46.

They played at Katke Cousins for their second OAA Tournament. During their first OAA Tournament they placed in third behind Lake Orion and Rochester.



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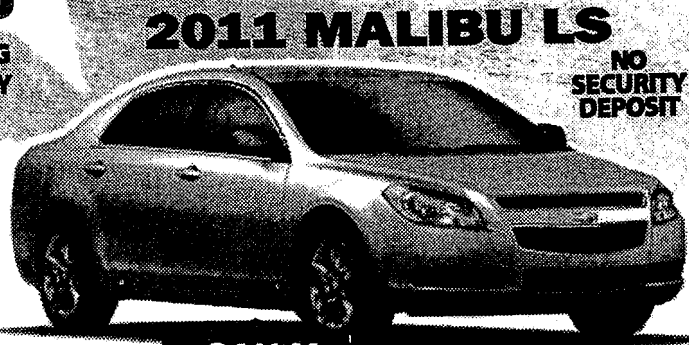
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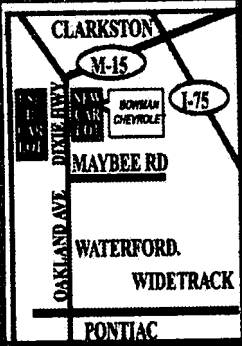
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**People Poll**

May 25, 2011

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At the Cemetery Walk, actors played Clarkston's founders

**What would your character think of Clarkston today?**

"She'd be amazed how things have changed - in 1839, there wasn't much here."



- Cathy Phillips Forst, playing her ancestor Elizabeth Miller

"I think she'd find it exactly as she remembered it - people care about each other. She'd be excited to see all the history still maintained in these contemporary times."



- Julie Meredith, portraying Eva Esther Walter

"I think she would like it, the small town feel, closeness of the residents - this is still a neighborly town. She'd like seeing the downtown shops still busy and still charming."



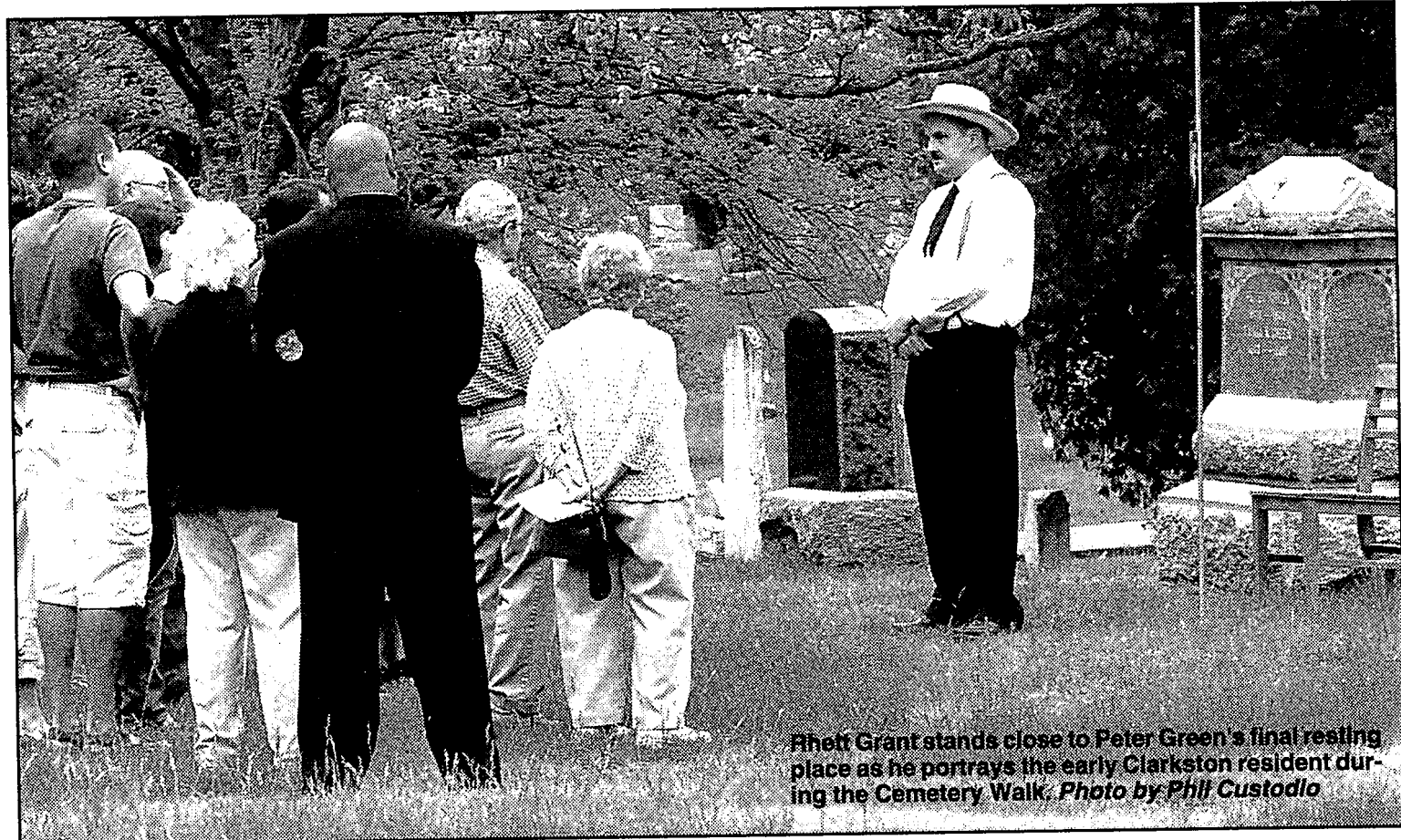
- Melissa Luginiski, portraying her ancestor Hannah Clark

"He'd be proud of the number of churchgoers here in Clarkston, and the amount of new churches and temples."



- Spencer Bunting, portraying Peter Addis, builder of First Baptist Church in Clarkston

By Phil Custodio



Rhett Grant stands close to Peter Green's final resting place as he portrays the early Clarkston resident during the Cemetery Walk. Photo by Phil Custodio

**Cemetery Walk through Clarkston's past**

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

Crowds of visitors enjoyed a pleasant Saturday evening at Lakeview Cemetery to learn about Clarkston's earliest residents.

Volunteers with Clarkston Community Historical Society guided them on the Cemetery Walk, with stops at gravesites, the occupants of which were portrayed by costumed re-enactors, May 21.

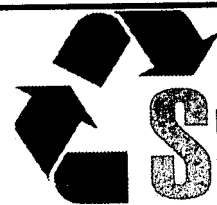
Julie Meredith portrayed Clarkston socialite Eva Esther Walter; Kay Robertson played former New Yorker Sarah Foster; Fred Irish played Jesse Skarritt, horse-drawn bus driver; Diane Clark portrayed the Lady in Mourning, greeting visitors and explaining Victorian mourning customs; Spencer Bunting played builder Peter Addis; Rhett Grant played Peter Green, livery owner; Clark Headrick played Samuel Miller, successful farmer who lived the high life; Joe and Melissa

Luginiski portray Milton and Hannah Clark, owner of M.H. Clark Dry Goods; and Cathy Phillips Forst plays Elizabeth Miller, determined farmer who lived to 101.

"It was fun finding out about her," said Forst, who is Miller's great great granddaughter. "She lived to be over 100 years old - an amazing thing for the time."

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**Your Family** photography art show, through May 31, LA Cafe, 5815 Dixie Highway. Flashes of Life Photography exhibits work centered on special milestones of life. FOLphotography.com.

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**What Every Women Should Know about Car Care**, 6-9 p.m., June 2, 5640 Willow Lake Road. Tips on maintenance, gas mileage. Independence Parks and Rec, 248-625-8223.

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**Coaching Workshop**, Understanding the Truths about the 10 Myths of Estate and Medicaid Planning, 6:30 p.m., June 2; 10 a.m., June 3, 800 Ortonville Road, Suite D. 800-767-2157.

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**Perennial Plant Swap**, Clarkston Farm and Garden Club, 9 a.m., June 4, Clarkston Village downtown parking lot, Washington and Main. Trade divided and thinned plants with other participants. 248-620-2984.

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**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.

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**Dixie Highway Summer Block Party Sales**, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., June 4-5. Discounts, door prizes, car show, music, food, all along Dixie Highway in Independence Township and Waterford. Table rental proceeds benefit Desert Angel. Free parking at Waterford Courts.

**Around Town**

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

Clarkston



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

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**For The Health of It** Open House, 5-8 p.m., June 9, Attuned Mind, 3 E. Washington Street. Free healthy snacks, health enhancing tips, demonstrations, specials. 248-394-1415.

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**Hope 4 Hooters Charity Golf Scamble**, 7 a.m., June 11, Fountains Golf, 6060 Maybee Road. \$90 per golfer, benefits Komen 3 Day for a Cure. 248-821-2852.

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**Look Good Feel Better**, American Cancer Society, free cosmetic advice to women battling cancer, cosmetics and wigs provided. 1-3 p.m., June 13. Great Lakes Cancer Institute, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. 248-922-6606.

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**Wint's Healing Hearts** Grief Support Group for all ages, 7 p.m., June 14, Carriage House, Clintonwood Park. Bring photograph or memento of loved one and join in a Celebration of Life Balloon Release. Free. Walk-ins welcome. 248-625-5231.

**Weekly meetings**

**Sunday**

**Adult Basketball League**, 18 and over, 12-5 p.m., Sundays, Clarkston Junior High, 6595 Middle Lake. \$450/resident team. \$550/non-resident team. Referee fees are an additional

cost. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.

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**Pony Basketball League**, for high school boys not on the school team, mid afternoons, Sundays, Clarkston Junior High, 6595 Middle Lake. \$200/resident team. \$300/non-resident team. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.

**Monday**

**Mothers & More**, non-profit dedicated to improving lives of mothers through support, education, advocacy, 7:15 p.m., third Monday, Red Knapp's Restaurant, 6722 Dixie Highway. 248-507-4839.

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**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.

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**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.

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

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

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**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.

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**Job Ministry** presentation for unemployed or to hone employability skills, third Monday, 7:30 p.m., St. Daniel's Cushing Center, 7010 Valley Park Drive. 248-625-4580.

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**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.

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**Free Smoking Cessation**, Wednesdays, May 11, 18, 2-4 p.m., Great Lakes Cancer Institute, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. 248-922-6606.

**Tuesday**

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**Co-Creating Healthy Families**, Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m., "Bradshaw on: The Family," PBS series presentation, support group, 7:30 p.m., Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-891-4365.

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**Clarkston Community Band** rehearsals. 7 Please see *Around Town* on page 11B

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# Designer DJ loves his hometown

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

For disc jockey Jesse Moyet, giving back and helping out is one of the biggest things.

"I've got ultimate goals I want to get to. Once we get to a certain point we will be able to help out even on a bigger level. Everybody needs some of that," Moyet said. "It's all love."

Also a T-shirt designer, his biggest design recently features the pink ribbon for breast cancer, which Moyet said has gotten a lot of attention from various walk groups like Relay for Life.

"We've been partnering up with a lot of different people because we're able to wholesale it to all these different groups. When we wholesale it they can mark it up and take all the money they make from it to go directly into their funds," he said. "Whether directly or indirectly we're still getting the shirt out there and helping a good cause."

His "Detroit Love" line of T-shirts comes from a song he was writing.

Moyet has also expanded into some hometown pride with "Orion Love," and the most recent "Clarkston Love."

"My wife grew up here in Clarkston and I'm an Orion dude," he said. "Clarkston Love started at our daughter's elementary school, Bailey Lake. Faculty and staff saw "Detroit Love" stuff and approached us and asked if we had any ideas for "Clarkston Love," I said 'yeah.' Now, a lot of faculty, staff, and parents are wearing that at our Bailey Lake Elementary and that's going really well.

Detroit Love and Clarkston Love are available at Frank & Me in downtown Clarkston.

## Bailey Lake top readers

Bailey Lake Elementary in Clarkston saw 100 percent of the students read in the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Reading Rangers Program, making their school the top participator.

"When a student learns to love to read, there are no doors that are closed to them," said Laura Cadreau, Bailey Lake media specialist. "The PTA spends about \$1,500 each year buying books for each family. Each family also receives activities to go with the book, and students can earn prizes. We really put a lot of emphasis all year long on reading, especially during 'March is Reading Month.'"

More than 200 schools in Oakland County participated in this year's Reading Rangers Program. Overall, more pages were read this year than previous years with 13,000 students reading nearly 5.3 million pages.

More information about the Reading Rangers program can be found at DestinationOakland.com or contact Boyd at 248-975-9717.

"We're excited about it, Terry the owner is always looking for something new and fun and unique most of all. I think this will be a nice fit for us," said Cindy McDonald of Frank & Me. "I think we'll do real well with all of it, especially the Clarkston Love, that's what I think will be the hit."

In addition to being a DJ, Moyet also owns his own landscape company, but is hopeful that the clothing line will continue to go forward and he could step away from the "hard everyday labor" and concentrate

on what he really likes to do.

"I never planned it to be like this, I just planned on giving shirts out and handing margaritas out and having a good party. It turned into more and this more turned into more with the giving back," he said. "Now I'm starting to see my shirt on people and the artist side of me thinks it's really cool to see people digging my stuff."

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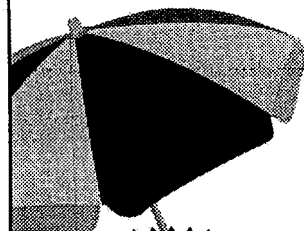
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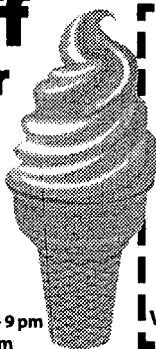
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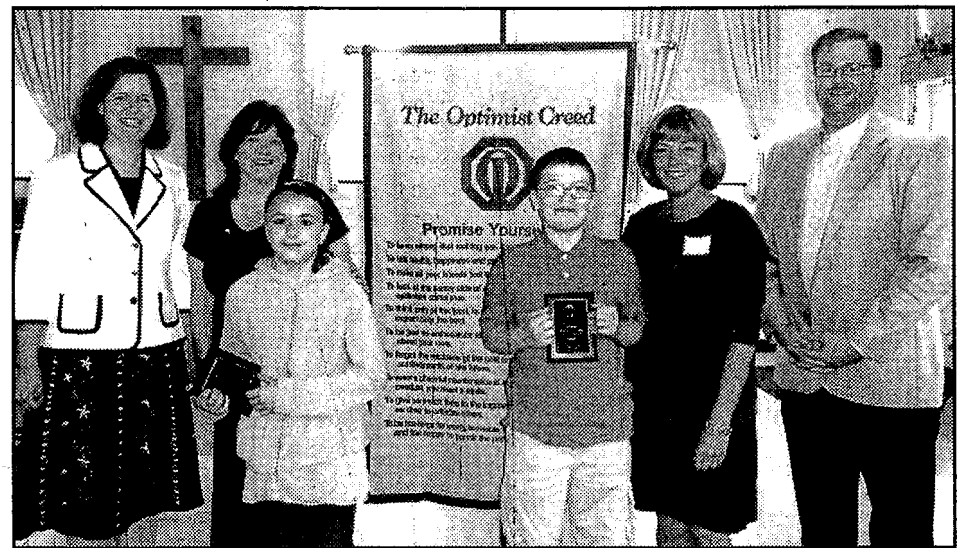
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# Milestones



From left, Clarkston Elementary Principal Dana Pennanen and fourth-grade teacher Patty Walters honor Kailey James, Clarkston Optimist Student Citizen of the Month for May Student Citizen. From right, Optimist President, Jeff Reed and Springfield Plains Principal K.C. Leh honor Ethan King, April Student Citizen. *Photo provided*

## Students achieve success

Clarkston High School art students Caitlin Harvey, Kelsey Stevenson, Courtney Carson, Barbara Walker, Emily Roan, and Erika Snoeyink had their art work juried in the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center's Regional High School Competition. Their work is on exhibit at the center through June 10.

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Several Sashabaw Middle School and Clarkston Junior High students were also selected to participate in the 2011 District 4 MSBOA Middle School Honors Band, May 7, at Milford High School.

Representing Sashabaw Middle School were Lyric Kusky, flute; Allison Sikowski, bass clarinet; David Nelson, alto saxophone; Emily Frasa, bassoon; Steven Bertolini, trumpet; and Keith Auchterlone, trombone.

Clarkston Junior High performers included Rachel Andes, flute; Josephine Auchterlone, bassoon; Tyler Neal, clarinet; Kiera Woodward, trumpet; Jakob Limbert, tuba; and Meredith Turner, percussion.

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Local students graduating from Clearwater

Christian College, May 7, include Daniel James Vanaman, bachelor's degree in Church Ministries, and Paul William Shemela Vanaman, bachelor's degree in General Studies. Their parents are Tigg and Susie Vanaman of Clarkston.

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Clarkston students John Vanderveen and Rachael Whitmore were named to the Hope College Dean's List for the second semester, 2011.

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Hannah Gould, a freshman History major at Grove City College, has been named to the Dean's List for the spring 2011 semester. She is a 2010 graduate of Christian Leadership Academy and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Gould of Clarkston.

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Paul Edward Anderson made the Dean's list for spring session at Michigan State University, in his first semester at MSU. Anderson, a 2010 graduate of Clarkston High School, is pursuing a degree in Spanish. He is the son of Michael and Kelly Anderson.

## Got a Milestone to share?

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

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## Religion

# Turn to God to help you diffuse anger

Several years ago my wife and I were driving down Square Lake road. We were going to visit somebody in the hospital.

The two lanes were being squeezed into one, and the traffic was backed up almost a mile. Everybody was cooperating and going single file when I looked in my review mirror and saw a guy flying alongside of us expecting to cut in at the last second.

All of a sudden he boldly started to cut in on me, and I had to pull over and stop or he would have hit me!

Immediately I flushed with anger. I was hot! So I didn't slow down. I played chicken with him! I had a big van. He had a little sports car. I'm in the right; he's in the wrong. I'll show him!

All of a sudden he violently pulled in broadside, rolled down his window,

screamed at me and gave me the finger! (And it wasn't his little finger either!)

I admit that I had the impulse to jump out of my car and pound that guy's head in! But then I had visions of me sitting in jail and all of my parishioners writing letters to me.

I realized, "This is silly and stupid. Just let it pass!" And within three minutes we were past the traffic jam and on our way.

Anger. We all experience it. Anger can make an otherwise rational person do crazy things.

That experience made me go home and search the Bible regarding anger. Here's what I learned:

1) Anger is dangerous. "A hot-tempered man starts fights and gets into all kinds of trouble." (Proverbs 29:22)

2) Anger is a symptom of a deeper problem. "A man's wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense." (Proverbs 19:11)

If you're always getting ticked off; if you're always blaming people for "making you mad," you then you're not wise. You

just don't get it. The more you understand your kids, the less you get angry at them. The more you understand your husband/wife, the less you get angry at them.

Anger is never really the root problem in your life. It's a symptom, a warning light. It tells you something is wrong. Anger usually signals that you're hurt, you're fearful, or you're frustrated.

3) It's ok to be angry... just express it in healthy ways. It's ok to be angry. But it's critical we express our anger in the right ways. We tend to clam up or blow up.

God says, "Grow up."

"If you are angry, don't sin by nursing your grudge. Don't let the sun go down with you still angry—get over it quickly; for when you are angry, you give a mighty foothold to the devil." Ephesians 4:26-27

God promises us his grace to change. We don't have to live with grudges and ulcers that eat our lives away. Freedom, forgiveness, and wholeness are ours in Christ.

*The Rev. Greg Henneman is pastor of Clarkston Community Church.*

### Spiritual Matters



Pastor Greg Henneman

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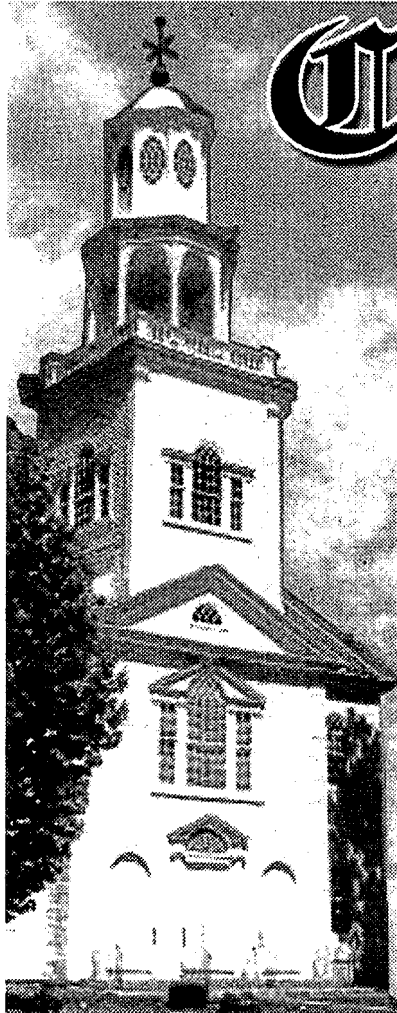
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Bonita Laudeman, Kevin Kuehne,  
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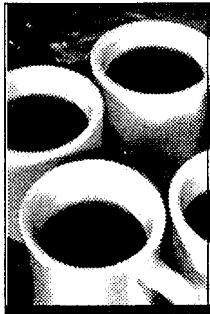
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# Clarkston Coffee Club

News about and for local business folk

Networking meetings Thursdays 7:30 to 9 a.m.  
at Clarkston United Methodist Church

## 'Can you hear me now?'

BY TREVOR KEISER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Whatever your cell phone needs may be, Scott Hakim manager of the Verizon retailer located at 9749 Dixie Highway says he and his crew can help.

"I have a cellular and Verizon background for 10 years, so I know exactly what to do for all types of customers," Hakim said. "If you're having billing issues, equipment issues I can help you. My knowledge is pretty extent with Verizon."

Previously Hakim worked for a multi-carrier company, which also sold Sprint and AT&T, but he decided to just start selling Verizon exclusively because "that's the best company out there."

"Their equipment is top notch. Their services are the best as far as the quality of the phone call. Customer service is excellent and you don't have to pay for your warranty," he said.

"If you buy a Sprint phone you have to buy the insurance in order for it to be serviced. Otherwise you have to send your phone to the manufacturer and that sort of thing. Verizon they ship you out a phone within two days."

Hakim said his store is also the first "Premium Dealer" in Clarkston, which is the highest level a dealership can achieve with Verizon. As a premium dealer they get the latest products on time.

"Like for example the iPhone if you go into some Verizon stores, they don't have the iPhone," he said. "We get the good stuff right away."

Hakim said the "hot phone" right now is the HTC Thunderbolt, which is Verizon's first 4G phone and has an internet that is like cable speed fast. However, he said they have several phones out there both "simple phones" and "smart phones" that are free with new contracts.

"The one thing about us is we'll put you on the right plan. We don't have a quota to fulfill, so when you walk in you're going to get honest service," he said. "If you just want to get simple basic phone, fine, we're not going to push you any other way."

In addition to selling phones, Hakim said they have a full line of accessories including the "Mifi hotspots," which allows customers to have wireless internet connection anywhere they go, as well as tablets similar to the iPad.

"The Motorola Zoom and the Samsung



Scott Hakim shows off the HTC Thunderbolt, and the Motorola Droid X. Photo by Trevor Keiser

Galaxy tablets, those you can put a plan on them and have internet wherever you go and at the same time it can give off internet. So if you have your tablet and you also have your laptop you want to do some work on, it will give internet to your laptop," Hakim said. "It's a pretty competitive rate right now."

They also do several business accounts and can do up to 500 lines, which Hakim says "nine times out of 10 they can save businesses money from their previous carrier."

"If they work for GM we offer business discounts or corporate discounts or if you're just a regular Joe that wants to buy five phones or two phones we can give you discount on pretty much anything, as long as you're doing business here, we'll take care of you" Hakim said. "Even if people didn't get their phone from here and they want sound advice feel free to stop in or e-mail us."

A Grand Opening at the store is June 11, 12-4 p.m., which will include food, fun, games, and a raffle. The store is open between 10-6.

For more information call Scott at 248-625-4500 or e-mail TccofClarkston@yahoo.com.

## Common insurance mistakes we all make

We all know we need insurance but it's not usually at the top of our priority list. Insurance is a valuable tool to protect our families from unforeseen events that can severely damage their financial futures, but it does not often get much of our attention. We have compiled a list of common insurance mistakes so you can determine if you are currently making any of them and hopefully properly insure you and your family before it's too late.

• Not having any life insurance – Life insurance has two basic purposes: to provide estate liquidity and to provide sufficient assets for a surviving family to live on after the wage earner has passed away.

• Having too much life insurance – If substantial assets are accumulated, then survivors may already be adequately provided for.

• Not having life insurance on a non-working spouse – The value of a "non-working" spouse, which can be substantial, is often overlooked.

• Buying life insurance on children – Such coverage rarely makes economic sense unless the policy pays interest which is tied to current market rates. The premium dollars could be better spent by contributing to a custodial account for the child's future education needs.

• Underinsurance of personal residences – Most homeowners obtain homeowner's

coverage and then forget about it. They may fail to realize that if construction costs increase at 8% per year, the replacement cost of a property doubles every nine years. Determine what your house (not counting the land) is really worth and then see if it matches your coverage.

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A column by James Kruzan

• Having medical insurance with inadequate lifetime limitations – With the ever-increasing cost of medical care, it is easy to incur very high expenses for an extended hospital stay.

• Not having disability insurance – You've probably heard it before. Your family's single greatest asset is more than likely your ability to earn a living.

• Having a disability policy with too restrictive a definition of disability – Many policies cease coverage if the insured can perform any occupation after the second year of coverage.

• Holding a disability policy after retirement – Make sure you are not paying premiums in retirement.

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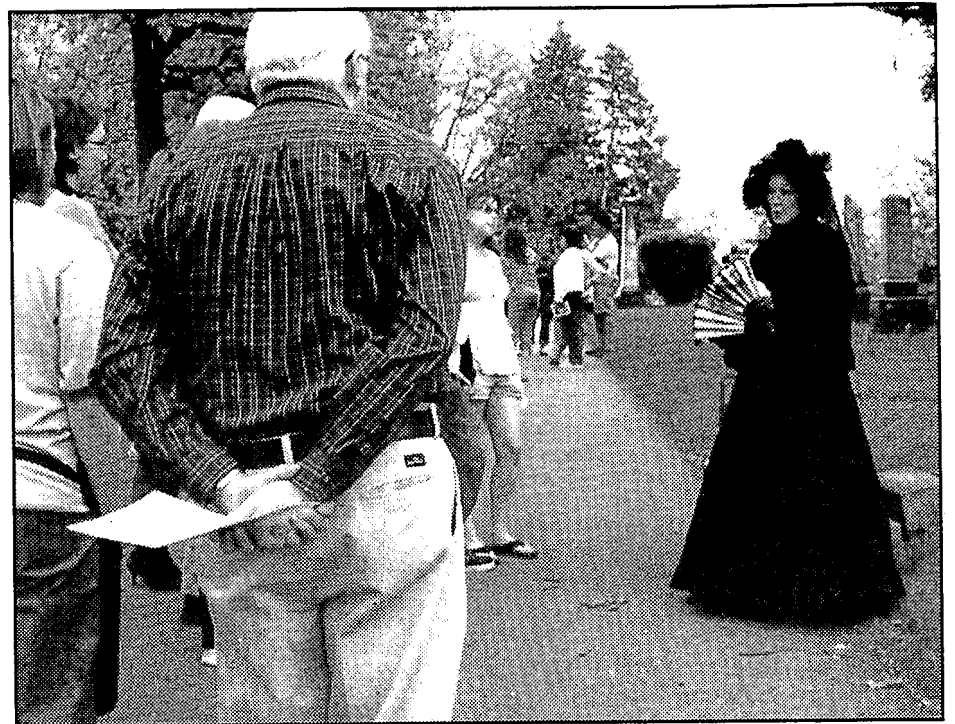
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Julie Meredith portrays Clarkston socialite Eva Esther Walter.



Diane Clark, as the Lady in Mourning, explains Victorian mourning customs.

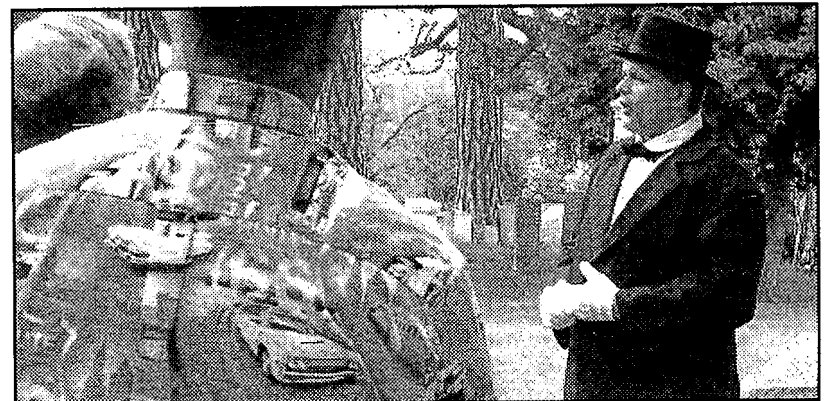


Spencer Bunting puts his Clarkston High School drama experience to use as builder Peter Addis.

## Walk with city founders

Costumed re-enactors brought Clarkston history to life, May 21, at the Clarkston Community Historical Society's fifth Cemetery Walk at Lakeview Cemetery.

Photos by  
Phil Custodio



Joe Luginski of Clarkston plays Milton Clark.



Jesse Skarritt explains how Fred Irish operated a horse-drawn bus line from the train depot.



Cathy Phillips Forst discusses her ancestor Elizabeth Miller.



## Tea for Right for Life

From left, Emily Horvath of South Rockford, Amy Horvath and daughter Melanie of Clarkston, and Diane Siemers of Trenton, Mich., were among 70 ladies celebrating life at the North West Oakland County Right to Life Victorian Tea, May 7 at Holly Hotel. Proceeds were shared with the local affiliate and Birth Choice Pregnancy Center in Clarkston. *Photo provided*


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## Obituaries

### Bonnie Andrews, 70

Bonnie May Andrews of East Jordan, formerly of White Lake, passed away May 22, 2011, at age 70.

She was preceded in death by her husband Bud. She was the mother of Kathy, Kevin (Mary), Kurtis (Annette) and Keith; also survived by nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren; sister of Anna Marie, Janet, her twin Betty, Margaret, Bob, Pauline, Nina, Judy, Cindy, Dixie, and Sharon.



Friends may visit at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, Wednesday, 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral service, Thursday, 10 a.m., at Clarkston United Methodist Church. Interment White Lake Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Michigan. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

### In our churches

*continued from 5B*

p.m.; Thursday, 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

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**Celebrate Recovery** ministry for hurting people, Thursday, 7-8:30 pm., Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. 248-625-1323. Childcare available.

### John W. Ostrand, 59

John W. Ostrand of Davisburg passed away unexpectedly May 15, 2011, at age 59.

He was the husband of Terry; father of Devyn and John Ryan (Amber); brother of Ellen Rigg, Susan (Ron) Fitzpatrick, Barbara (John) Knopp, Chip (Shannon); also survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins.



Mr. Ostrand was a Vietnam Veteran. He retired from General Motors and currently was a bus driver for Clarkston Community Schools. He served as vice president of Clarkston Eagles.

Memorial gathering was May 20 at Clarkston Eagles. Arrangements entrusted to the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home-Cremation Services**, Clarkston. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family.

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

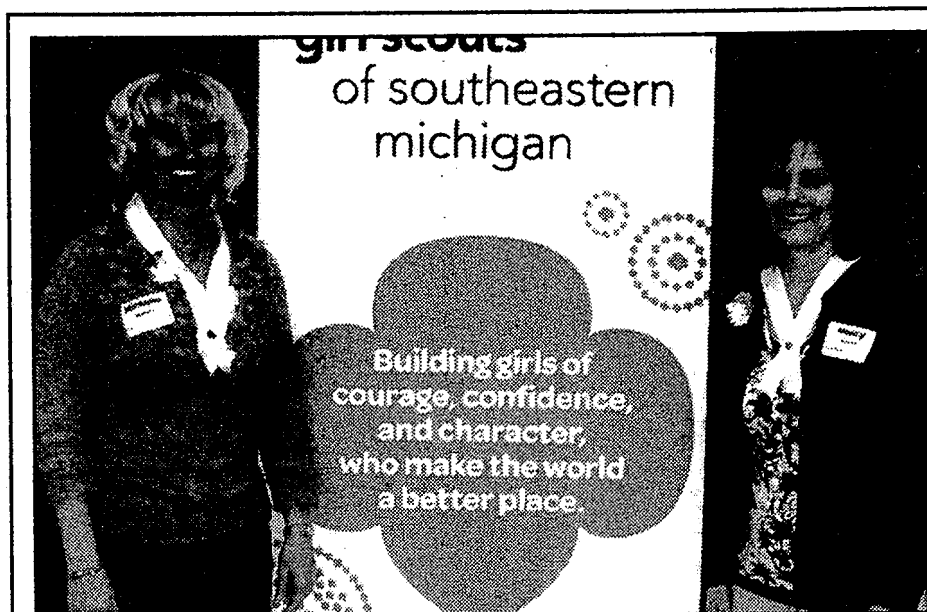
### James L. Woolley, 69

James L. Woolley, "Jim," of Pontiac passed away May 16, 2011, at age 69.

He was preceded in death by his parents Dorothy and Floyd Woolley and siblings Edward Woolley, Don (Joanne) Woolley and Doll Decker. He was the brother of Marion (late Ken) Mayhew and Bonnie (Don) Hauser; brother-in-law of Leatrice Woolley; also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Private arrangements entrusted to the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home - Cremation Service**, Clarkston. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com)

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Michelle Bennett, left, and Nancy Ritchey at Girl Scouts of South Eastern Michigan National Awards Luncheon. Photo provided

### Girl Scout leaders honored

Clarkston-area Girl Scout leaders Nancy Ritchey and Michelle Bennett were recognized nationally for their outstanding work.

Ritchey serves on the Service Team in Clarkston as registrar, My Way Girls coordinator, and treasurer. She mentors other new leaders as they get started with their troops, whenever she is needed. In addition to her work with the troops, she has volunteered as a unit leader and recruited others to participate in the Pleasant Ridge Day Camp that is hosted by the Clarkston Service Unit every year. She's been a very active member of Girl Scouts for about eight years.

Both of Nancy's daughters, Jillian and Jenna, are active in Girl Scouts and have enjoyed learning and growing through their mom's leadership within their troops.

Nancy was awarded with the Girl Scout Appreciation pin for all her efforts.

Bennett is an active leader in the Clarkston Service Unit, and served as cookie booth manager, organized Cosmic Bowling day and Pleasant Ridge Day Camp.

She has volunteered for many years as a Unit Leader. Last year she stepped into the lead role without hesitation and planned a fun-filled learning adventure.

Her daughter, Jessica, is an active Girl Scout and enjoys sharing Girl Scouts with her mom. Michelle was awarded the Girl Scout Honor pin.



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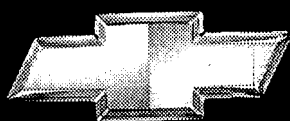
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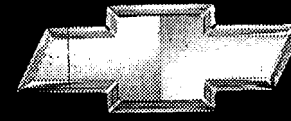
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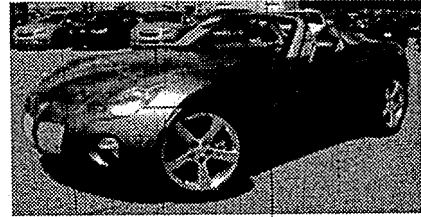
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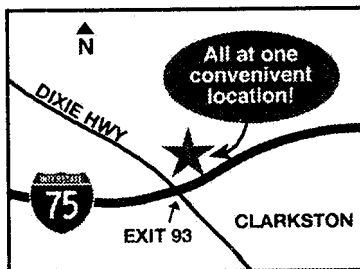
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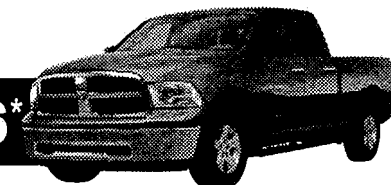
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