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Clarkston Lacrosse players from Boys and Girls Varsity and JV teams sport their "Game for a Cure" T-shirts, May 4. Players from grades 2-12 take to the fields this Saturday for the annual fundraising event, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Photo by Wendi Reardon

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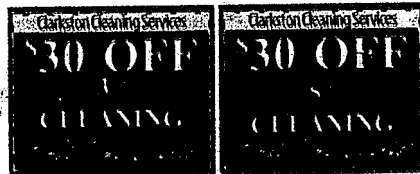


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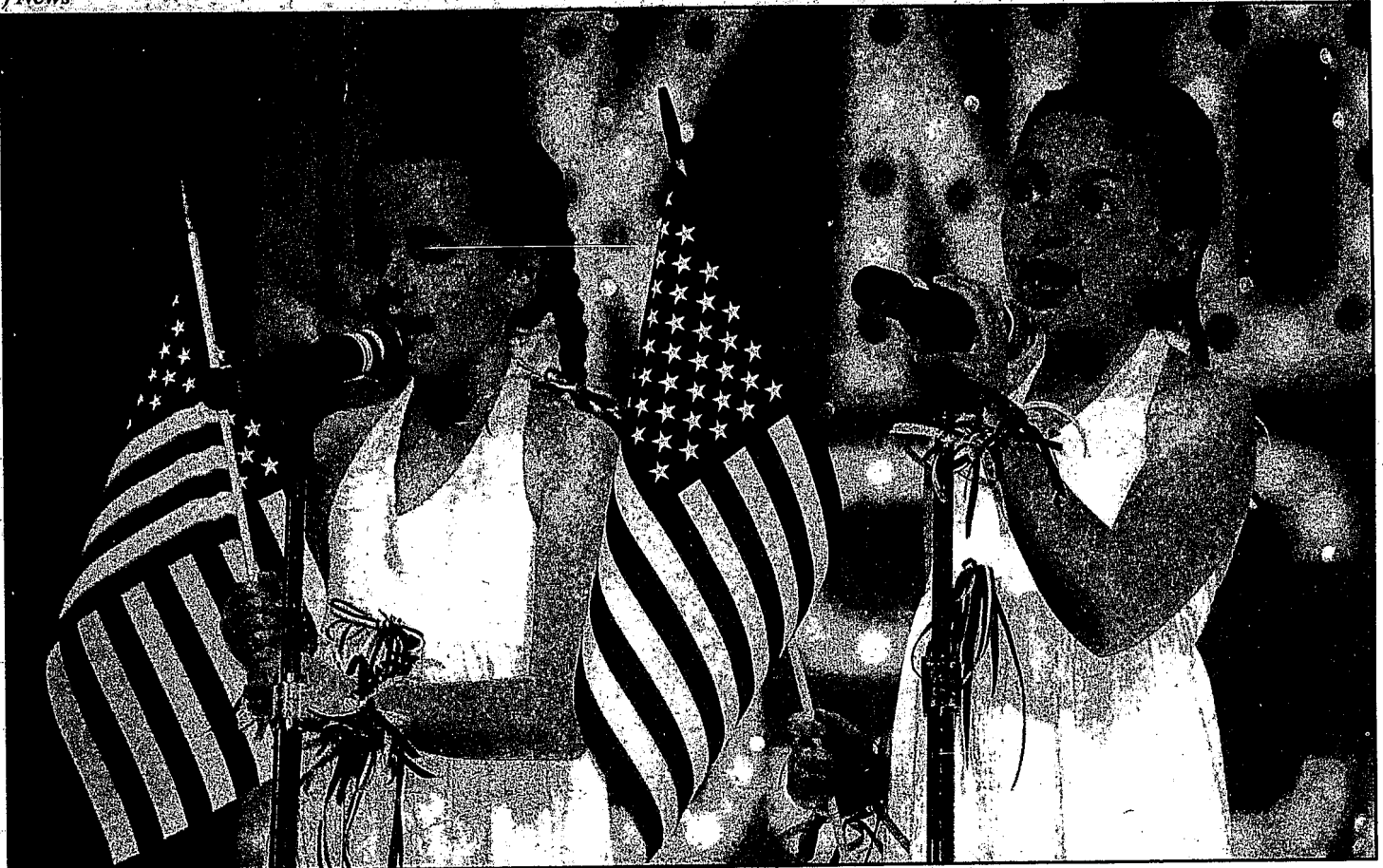
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- If you have a dog, scoop the winter poop.
- Trim overgrown bushes and shrubs.
- Lightly rake dead grass and reseed bare grass areas.
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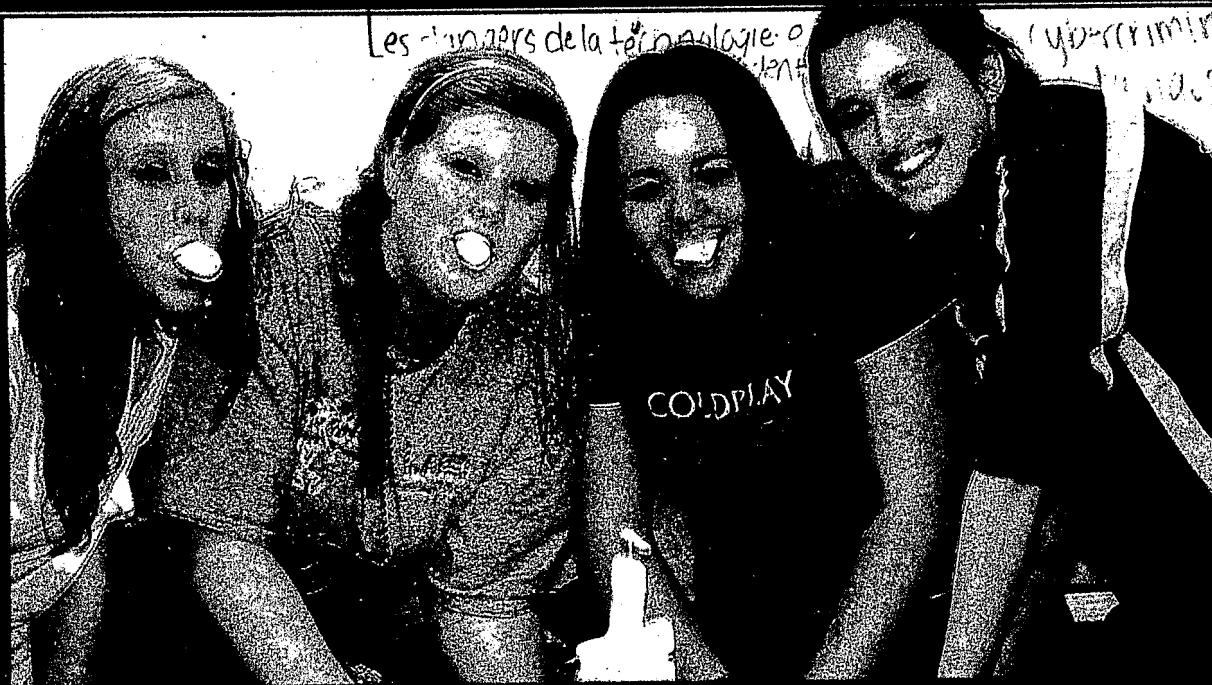


Around the world

How do you travel around the world without leaving your room? At Clarkston High School, students are taking a virtual trip around the world through their costumes and props. The school's annual costume contest is in full swing, and students are showcasing their creativity with unique and imaginative outfits. From historical figures to modern pop culture, the students are bringing the world to their school.



Kristen Collins adds glitter to her mask



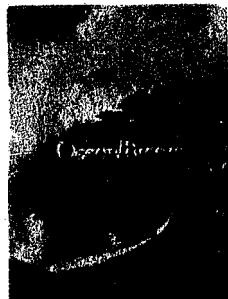
From left, Lindsey Curtis, Melissa Lavergne, Emily Ward and Jessica Stayton finish their marshmallow version of the Eiffel Tower. Photos by Youth Reporter



Clarkston High School Assistant Principal Jeff Kosin gets into the spirit

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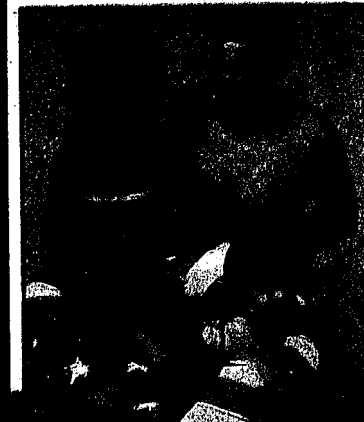
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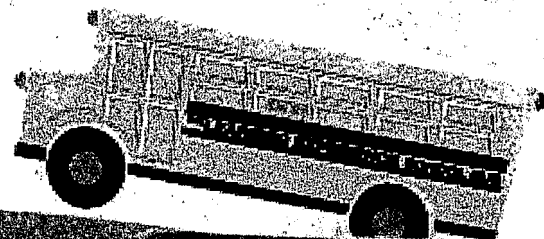


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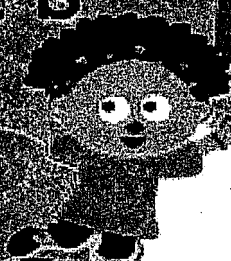
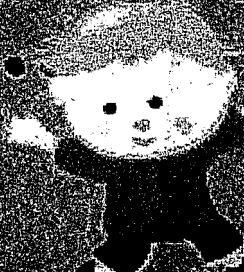
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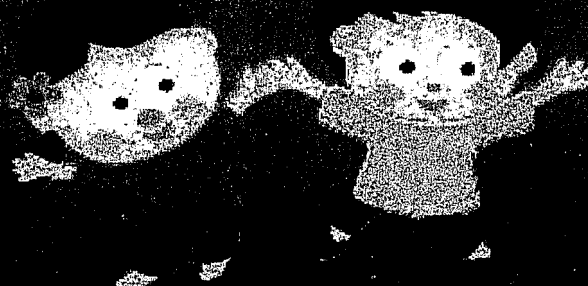
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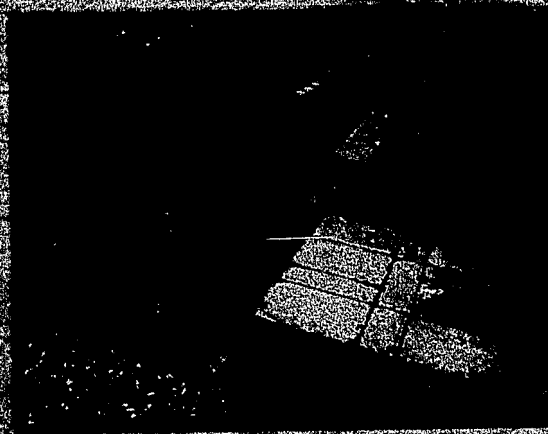


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LACROSSE FOR A CURE: Natalie Bowman, who plays on the JV Girls team, and her brother Harry, 5/6 Select team, will join the rest of the Clarkston Lacrosse players in Game for a Cure. *Photos by Wendi Reardon*

Smile of the Month

Jack Viazanko

Jack is a sophomore at Clarkston High School. He plays goalie for Clarkston Varsity Hockey.

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Tommy Wozniak poses with his Game for a Cure T-shirt.

Hitting the field for a cure

Over the last six years, Game for a Cure has grown from one varsity lacrosse game to a day-long tournament, but the mission is still the same.

"It started in honor of our coach's dad - Big Poppa," said senior Sam Moore, from the Clarkston Boys Lacrosse Varsity A team about head coach Brian Kaminskas' dad.

All proceeds from the event go to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Cancer Research Center in Pontiac. Last year they raised just over \$9,000 and this year they would like to donate more.

Players are wearing T-shirts in support of loved ones or friends who are cancer survivors, currently battled cancer or have died of cancer.

"I am playing for one of my friends that goes to our church," Moore said. "She has breast cancer. She had it once and then it came back. It is a great way to let them know we are there for them and play for them."

"I am playing for one of my mom's really good friends," senior Evan Kneisel. "She survived cancer."

The event is Saturday, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. The last game of the day is at 7:30 p.m. with the Wolves Varsity A team taking on

OAA rivals Lake Orion.

"It will be a lot of fun," Kaminskas added. "They have supported the event in the past by having their own T-shirts and raising money on their own."

T-shirts are available for \$10 at Coach's Corner, 12 S. Main Street. Admission is \$5 or free to those wearing the 2012 Game for a Cure T-shirt.

"The shirts this year are being created by Coaches Corner," added Vicki O'Grady, event coordinator. "We're excited to be working with them and keeping it local. It's a win-win situation for everyone!"

"Come out, enjoy the game," Kaminskas welcomed. "Enjoy a cup of coffee and have a donut. Or just show up and make a donation."

For more information on how you can support the Game for a Cure, contact Kim Kneisel at 248-620-3840.

"It is a nice way to support people who are trying to find a cure for cancer," said junior Jordan Moore.

Other activities throughout the day include a radar gun contest for the fastest lacrosse shot, a bake sale and food from concession sales.

~Sports Writer Wendi Reardon

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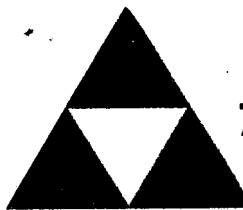
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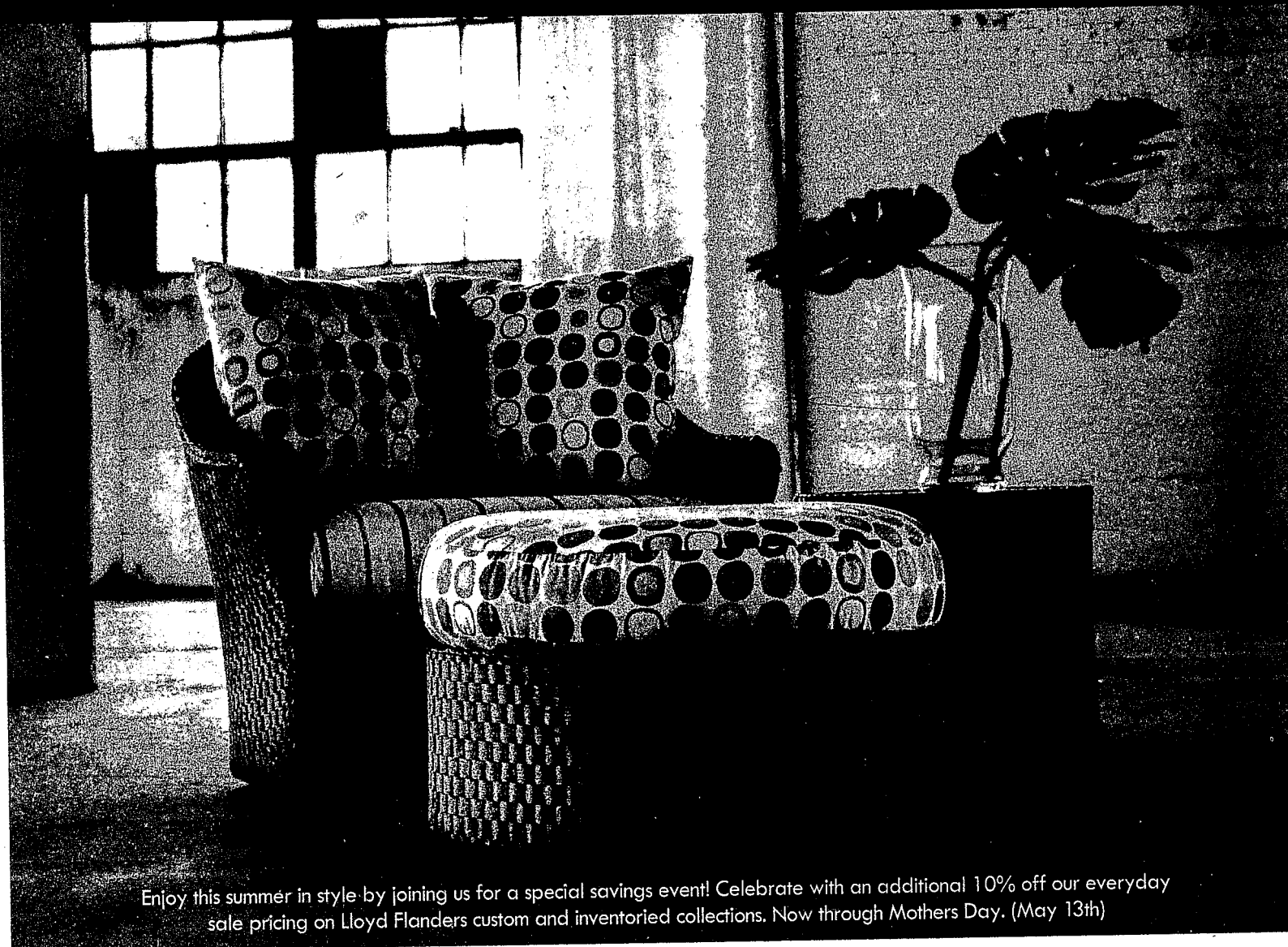
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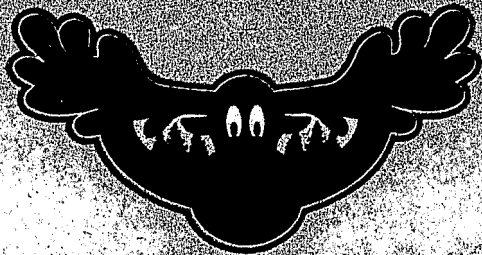


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Lydia Minnick holds an apple blossom.

Locals Hungry for Wild Foods

BY MARY KECK
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston resident Mark Angelini led the first of many monthly classes on edible plants in Oakland county parks. The two-hour course, April 14, was a blend of plant identification, discussion, and hiking for people of all ages.

While walking along the trails, Angelini pointed out edible plants such as trout lily, juniper berries, blue spruce needles, and daisies.

Participants said, "mmmmmm," as Angenlini described the various ways he cooks vegetation you can find in your backyard. According to Angelini, wild plants have a higher nutritional value than produce you can buy at the grocery store.

"The soils wild foods grow in haven't been leached like plants on many farms. They're higher in calcium, potassium, and iron," he

explained.

Not only did he share favorite recipes for preparing wild foods, Angelini also described various medicinal qualities of vegetation. For example, willow bark can be used for aches and pains while a white mushroom, commonly called Artist's Conk, can be an immune booster.

During the class, students walked along trails jotting down notes on the various textures and coloring of plants. Angelini took time to answer questions about invasive species, poisonous plants like hemlock, and over-the-counter medications derived from plants.

Angelini hopes his class spreads awareness and encourages students to do more than walk in the park, but become active participants with nature.

For more information, check www.eathereknow.org.

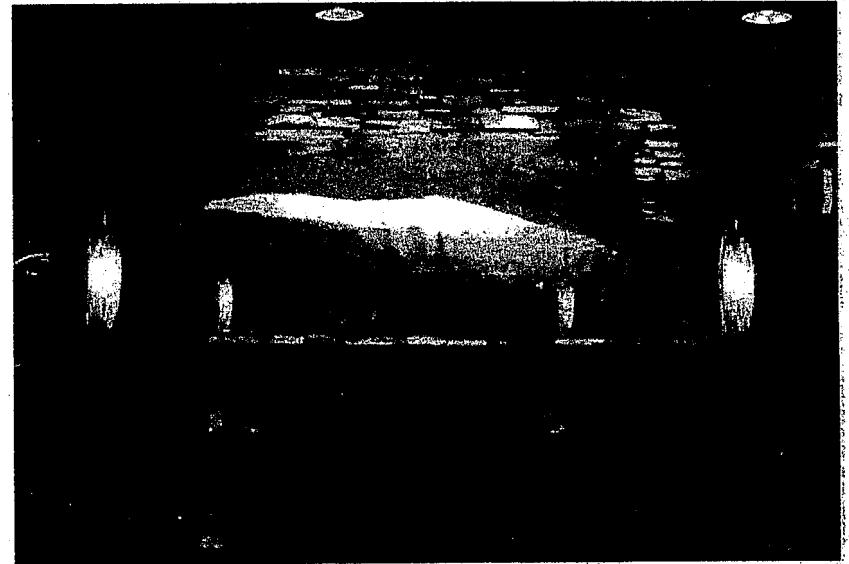


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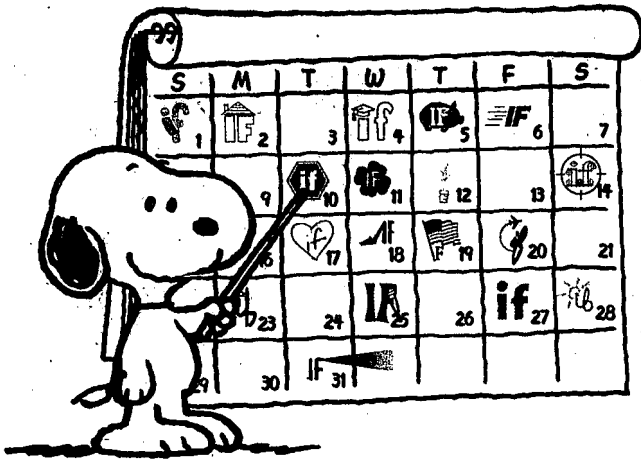
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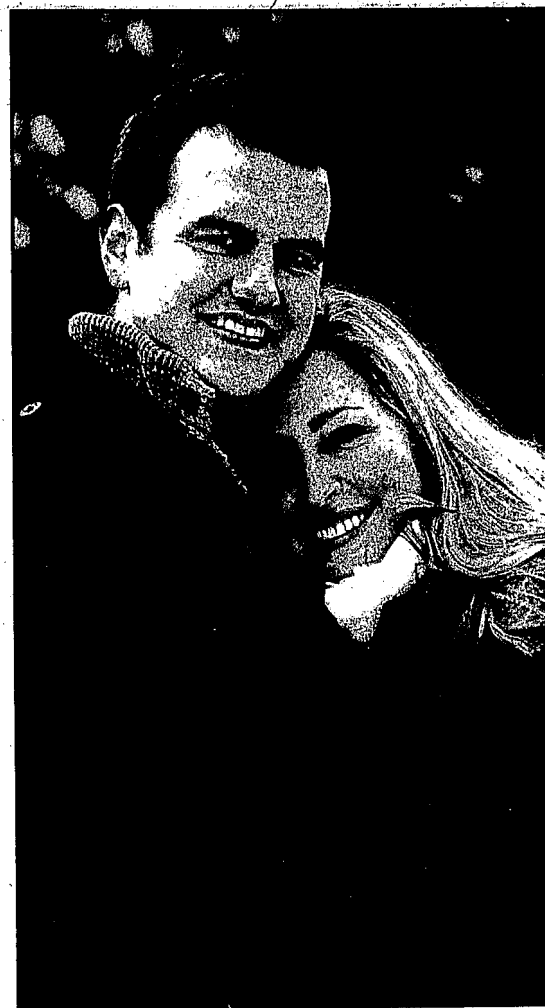
Amanda is the daughter of Greg and Kathryn Nichols of Clarkston. She works for Clarkston Community Schools as a Technology Integration Specialist. In August 2012, she will be working for Oakland University as Assistant Professor, E-Learning and Instructional Technology Librarian.

Chris, the son of Lynn Hess of Clarkston, and Roger Hess and Kathryn Wujciak of Au Train, Mich., works as an architectural designer at Penske Corporation in Bloomfield Hills.

The bride-to-be received a Bachelor's degree in English and a Master's Degree in Library and Information Sciences from the University of Michigan.

The future groom received a Bachelor's degree in Design from Michigan State University and is completing a Master's Degree of Architecture at Lawrence Technological University.

Amanda and Chris reside in Clarkston. The wedding will be in June 2012 in northern Michigan.



Christopher and Amanda



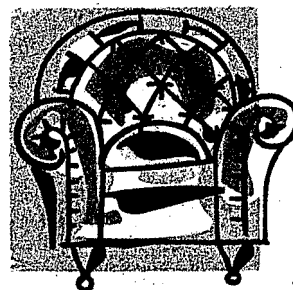
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"It was a great day for the girls and a great day as we raised money for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation," said head coach Don Peters. "I couldn't have been prouder of their mental toughness and how well they played together as a team."



Shauna Siwicki gets ready for the pitch.



Clarkston High School Girls Varsity Softball team: Rachel Alli, Alyssa Armstrong, Mikayla Blaska, Brenna Cooper, Sydney Hasselbach, Megan Hastings, Makenzie King, Candace Kitchen, Madeline Maday, Katie Nelson, Tara Perry, Rachel Pytel, Shauna Siwicki, Victoria Sharkey, Rachel Vieira, head coach Don Peters, assistant coaches Barry Bailey and Amy Quayle. Photos by Larry Wright

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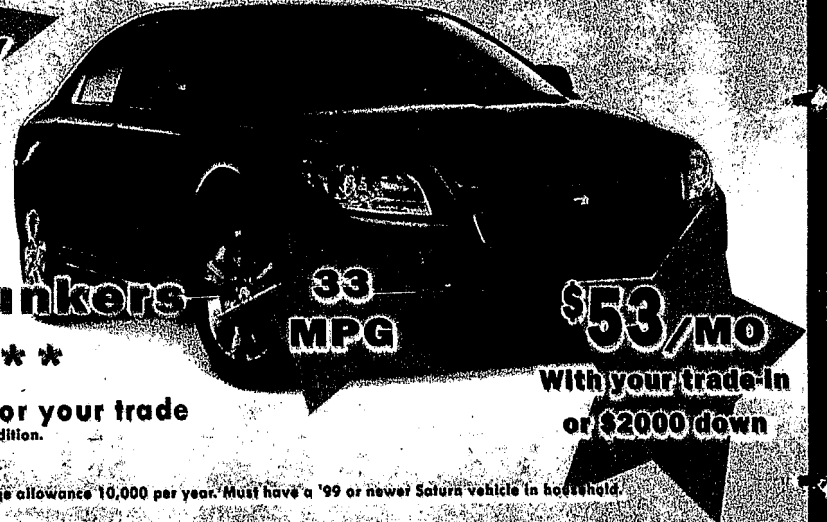


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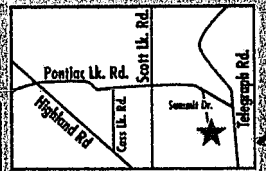
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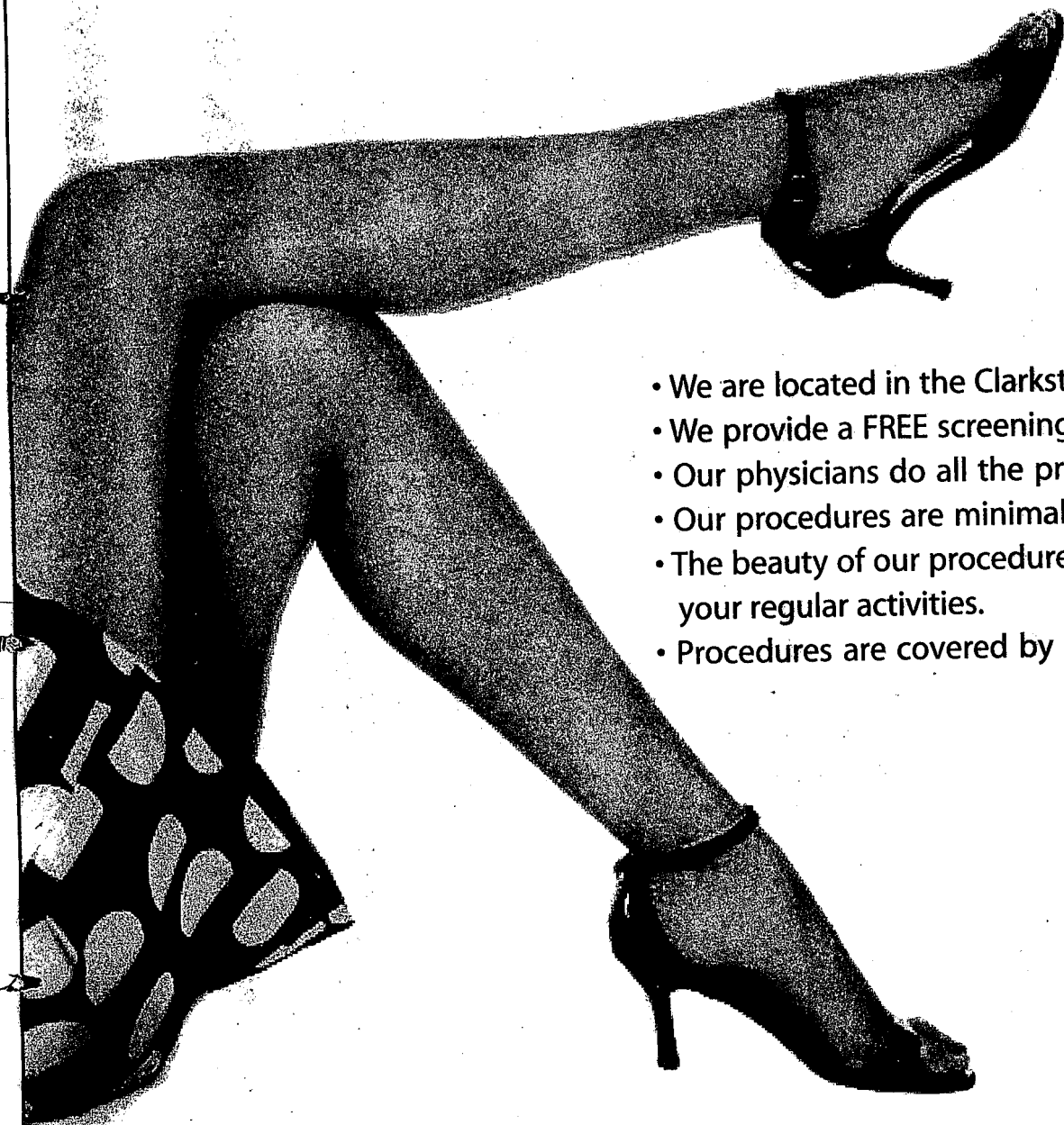
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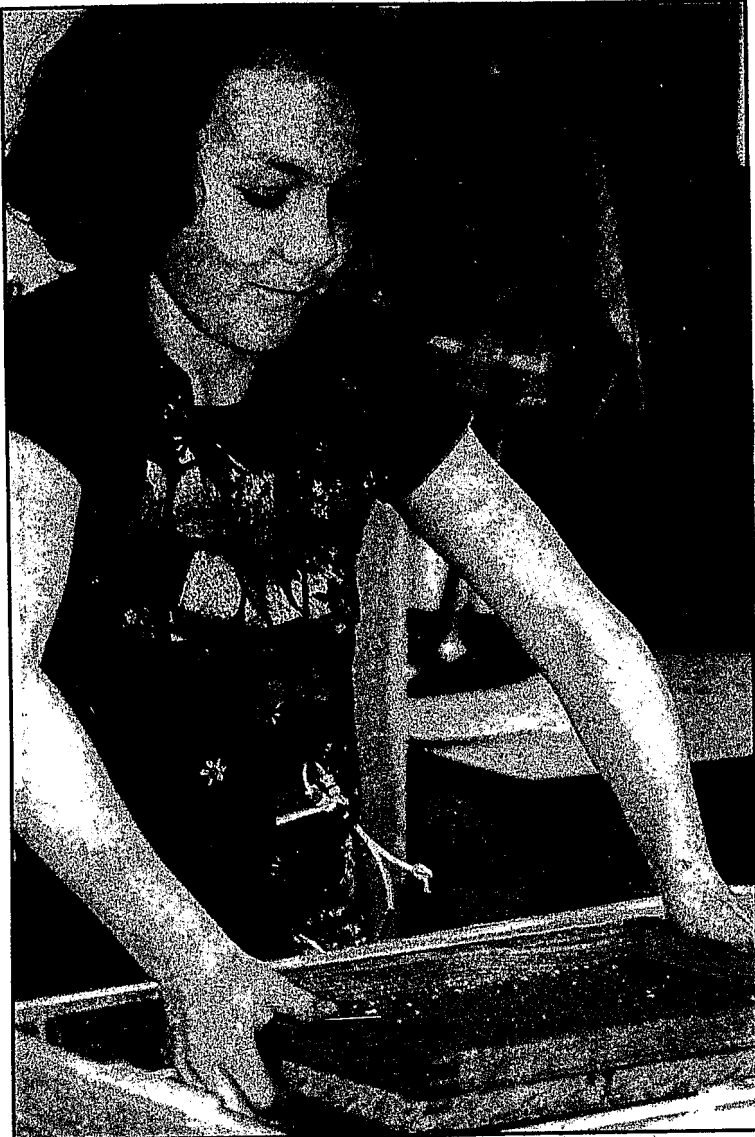


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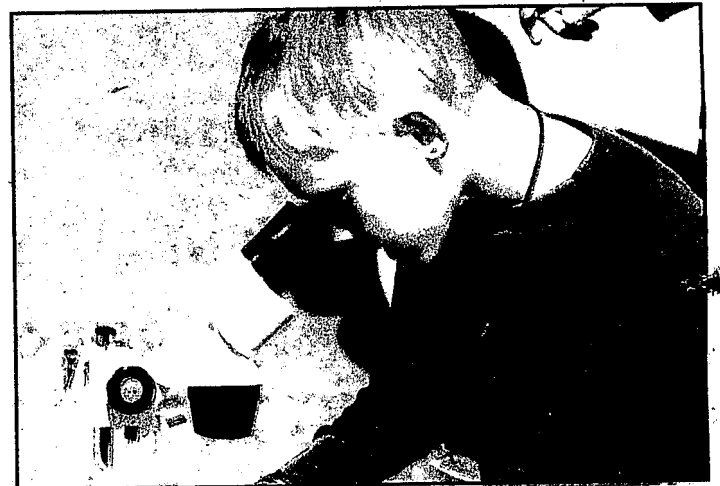
Cody Schmidt draws on the mural.

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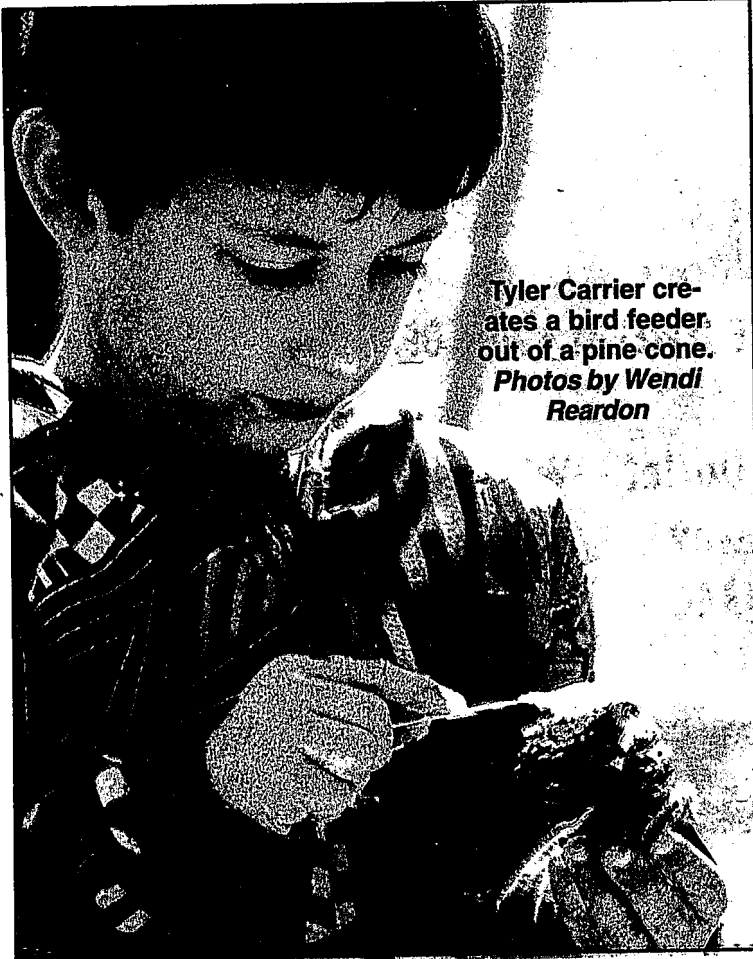
Third graders at Pine Knob Elementary spent April 27 celebrating Earth Day.

During the day they learned about animals and their habitats, recycling paper, plastic, metal and using items found in the environment for something new.

They took pine cones and turned them into birdfeeders. Also, they used their creativity with paint and a rock to make a colorful masterpiece for the garden.



Alex Osmun takes a closer look at pond life.



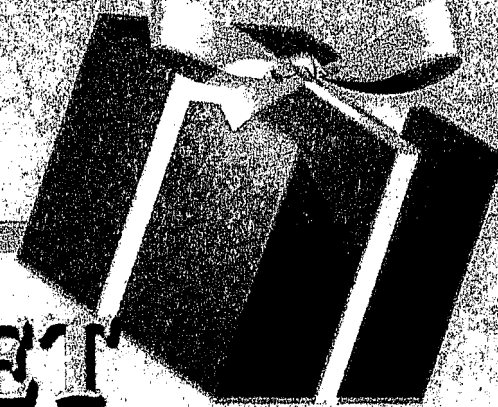
Tyler Carrier creates a bird feeder out of a pine cone.
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Josh Stone and Jenna Pace look for creatures in the pond water.

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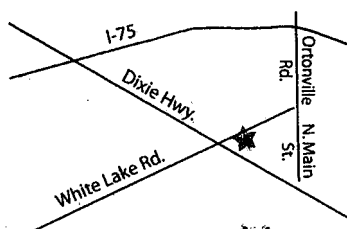
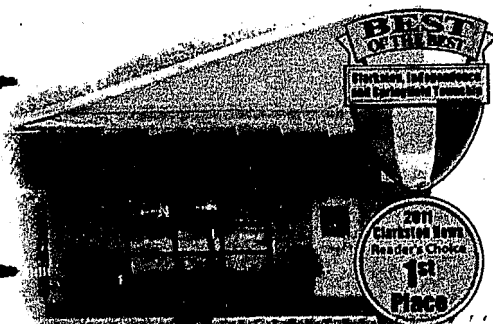
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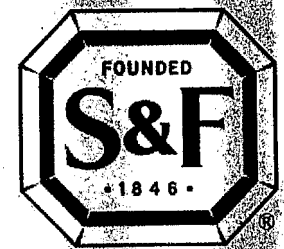
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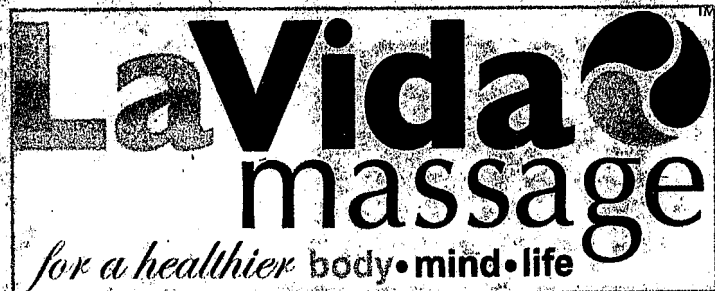


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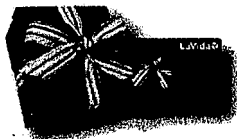
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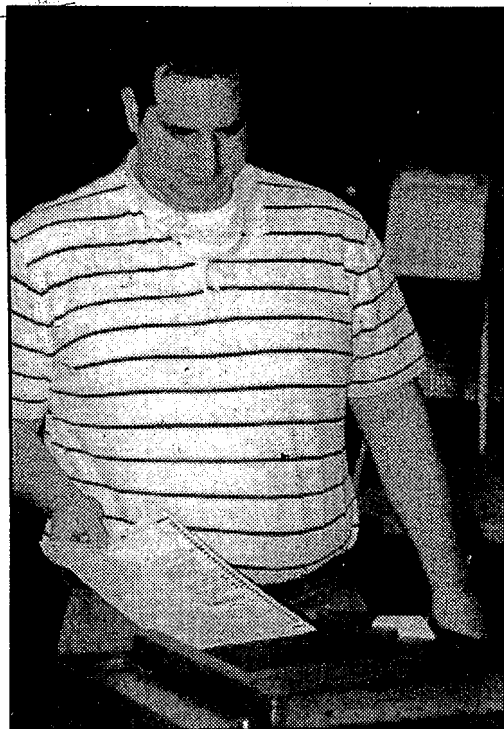
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Ryan Dudek of Independence Township casts his ballot. Photo by Wendi Reardon

'No' to school bond

2/3 vote against \$20 million plan

Residents voted almost 2-1 against a \$20 million school bond proposal in Tuesday's special election.

About 8,700 voters cast ballots: 2,945 in favor of the bond, 5,755 against, according to unofficial results posted by the county clerk.

Early turnout was slow in Independence Township but picked up quickly, said township Clerk Barb Pallotta.

"Between 1 and 1:30, precincts 3, 7, and 1 started to pick up," Pallotta said at about 4 p.m. "Since then, it's been crazy. I think we'll break at least 25 percent turnout. It's been a great day!"

Turnout in Independence Township was 27.1 percent, with 6,581 casting ballots out of 24,263 registered voters.

In Springfield Township, 1,722 out of 6,600 registered school district voters cast ballots, 26 percent. In the City of the Village of Clarkston, 280 voted out of 846 registered, 33 percent.

"We've been busy," said Kelley Richter, Clarkston city clerk. "It's been steady for the city."

Overall district turnout was 26.8 percent. Voter turnout was 8.89 percent in the May 2009 school board election. In May 2007, school election turnout was 6.76 percent.

Clarkston Community Schools asked voters to approve a one-mill property tax increase for a \$20 million non-qualified bond, half for wireless Internet, tablet computers for students and teachers, and other technology, and the rest for parking lot, utilities, building improvements, and other capital projects.

The May 8 election cost the school district \$35,000.

— Phil Custodio

Firefighters favor higher millage rate

BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

If Independence Township Fire Department doesn't get more funding, "we're going to be in trouble," said Acting Chief Mitch Petterson.

They're down one person per shift and have lost \$1 million in revenue over the past four years, Petterson explained.

Petterson and Captain Gary Sharp presented four millage options to Independence Township Board, May 1.

The first was a renewal of the current millage, 3.1688.

The second option was renewal with increase of 0.2 mills, which would allow the department to cover capital needs, but not add personnel.

Option three is a 0.5 mill increase, which would address the department's need for new equipment and allow them to add some staff.

The fourth option, a 0.59 mill increase, would enable the department to hire three people, partially restore their fire prevention division, and cover their capital needs, which means they would have a third ambulance, he said.

Petterson favors option three or four. "We're asking because we want to continue operating the fire department," he said. "This is a pretty tough economic time for us to ask anybody for anything, but we've got to do something."

Township Board will consider the mill rate and ballot language at the next township meeting, May 15 at 7:30 p.m. at Township Hall.

Interested citizens can locate the Fire Department's presentation on www.twp.independence.mi.us.

Fire Chief Ronk wasn't at the public hearing on the potential mill increase because he's recuperating from the bypass surgery he underwent on April 20.

Ronk won't be at the station for a minimum of six weeks and maybe more, said Petterson, but "he's recovering as expected."

Both Petterson and Sharp are stepping up to help while Ronk's on the mend, but they're "making an effort to keep him informed" about the goings on at the station, said Petterson.

Citizens have been sending cards and well wishes to the main station, which

Please see Acting Chief on page 9B



Emma Albani, left, and Selah VanderVoort dance at Walk and Roll. Photos by Mary Keck

Walking and rolling for SCAMP

Whether they were on two or four legs, walkers, joggers, bikers, and even hula hoopers gathered in Depot Park on Sunday to raise money for SCAMP, Clarkston's camp for special-needs kids.

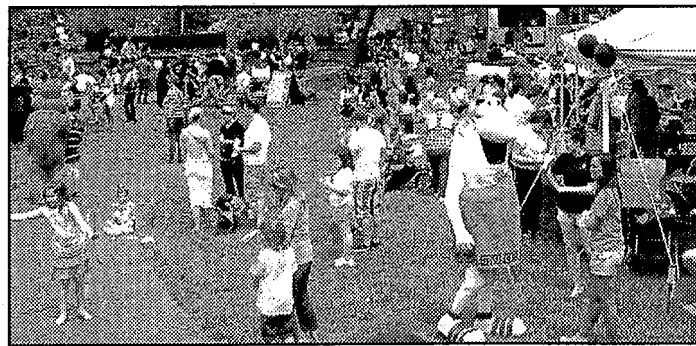
SCAMP's Walk and Roll is their oldest fund raiser. Director Donna Clancy said it takes about \$450,000 to make SCAMP happen, and the Walk and Roll event raises about \$25,000-35,000 of that total. It looked like SCAMP was well on the way to reaching their goal.

Clarkston's streets were swarmed with the bright yellow T-shirts of SCAMPers, and children dressed as bees buzzed among the yellow and black balloons lining the walkways of Depot Park.

Participants entered prize drawings and received free hotdogs for walking various 1-5 mile routes around Clarkston in support of SCAMP.

For more information, check out www.clarkstonscamp.com.

— Mary Keck



Depot Park was filled for the SCAMP event.

CPAC turns dial to 'Independence Television'

BY MARY KECK
Clarkston News Staff Writer

If you see "Independence Television" on your screen, don't grab the remote; you're still watching Clarkston Public Access Center (CPAC) but under a new name.

"We're trying to signal that things are changing," said Manager Joe Barnhart, who joined CPAC in February.

As for dropping "Clarkston" from the name, Barnhart explained, "geographically, we're bigger than Clarkston."

He also pointed out the new title is a play on the word "Independent," which not only represents the township's name, but also the kind of programming available.

Citizens can develop audio and visual productions on any subject except "you just can't break the law or get naked," Barnhart said with a laugh.

"People on public access television do push the boundaries and that's okay," he said. "We're sensitive to what time of day things can run. If something is a little too over the edge, we'll run it at night when kids aren't around."

According to Barnhart, CPAC's new title is only a preview of what's to come as he's in the process of purchasing new equipment too.

On May 2, the Township Board of Trustees authorized not only a name switch, but also \$62,000, which will be used to buy three up-to-date cameras along with "nuts and bolts hardware that actually puts the programs on the channel."

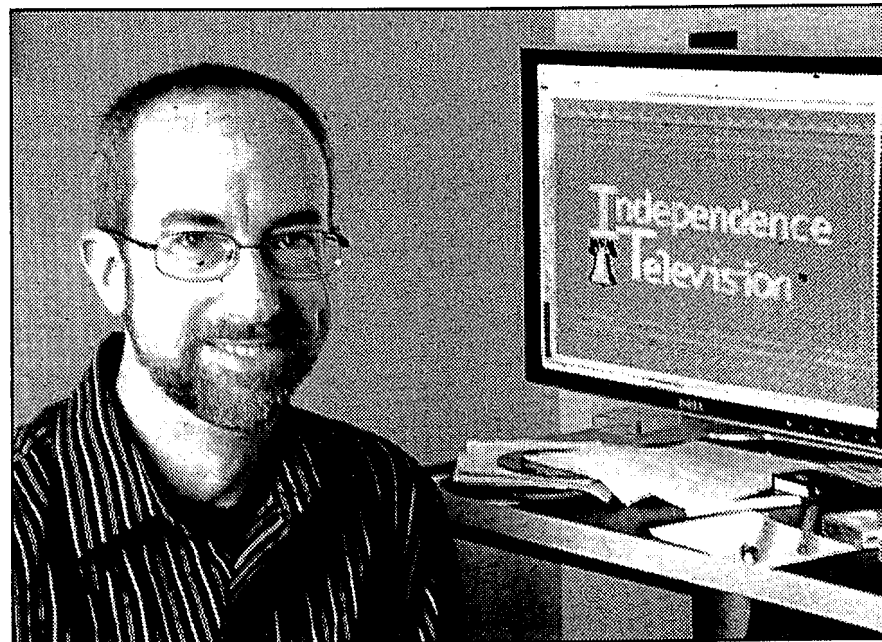
Barnhart has the studio's long-term modernization in mind as well.

He hopes to renovate the control room with new equipment and the studio with better microphones. He also intends to create a more public-friendly space with some remodeling to transform the building, which he described as "showing its age."

"We want to be a community resource and a place where people can go for equipment and expertise" on video and audio production, Barnhart explained.

From his point of view, CPAC isn't currently able to provide the services it should because of the lack of quality, modern equipment.

CPAC will switch to "Independence Television" on the air by early next week, and residents should stay tuned for future changes to their usual programming.



Joe Barnhart is manager of Clarkston Public Access Center, soon to be renamed Independence Television. Photo by Mary Keck



Check out programs produced by The Clarkston News on Clarkston Public Access Channel, soon Independence Television – here's editor Phil Custodio, at right, and sports reporter Wendi Reardon interviewing Dale Ryan, sports announcer for the Clarkston Wolves. Photo provided

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Charlie, a Leader Dog for the Blind, enjoys a friendly pat from Jack Meyer.



Grace King makes a cat toy.

Helping C.A.T.S.

Bailey Lake Elementary Students celebrated their annual C.A.T.S. Day - Connecting Academics Through Service, April 27.

The students worked on projects for the Oakland County Animal Shelter and learned about different organizations helping animals.



Hayden Lamriouex draws a photo on an adoption bag.

Briefly

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Kids Day in Park

Enjoy a Kids Day in the Park, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, May 12, at Clintonwood Park, 6000 Clarkston Road.

Hosted by Independence Township Parks and Recreation and Great Turtle Toys, the event includes a 60-animal Petting Zoo, sponsored by LaFontaine Automotive, Kids Only Garage Sale, kite building, bounce houses, pet adoptions, archery, face painting, balloon animals, tumbling, fort building, football clinic, coloring, crafts, hula hooping, egg toss and duck pond game.

"The Kids Day in the Park is an opportunity for you to get outside and experience a huge collection of activities to satisfy an array of interests with your family," said Jamie Nye, owner of Great Turtle Toys and co-host of the event.

"Our objective is to get kids outdoors this day and with a focus of kid friendly and family fun," said Kelly Hyer, recreation supervisor of Independence Township.

Admission is free.

For more information, go to www.itpr.org or call 248-625-8223.

Run raises \$3,600 for youth group

The Seventh Annual April Fool's Run at Clarkston Community Church raised \$3,600 for the youth group Homeless Mission Work, March 31.

Top finishers in the 1 mile race were Richard Chambers, 5:31; and Cassie Williams, 6:44.

Top finishers in the 5K race were Shane Logan, 16:33; and Tammy Nowik, 19:41.

In the 10K race, top finishers were Cory Steuben, 34:17; and Kristie Slowke, 38:23.

The race included 296 registered participants. Full results are at www.highfiveraces.com.

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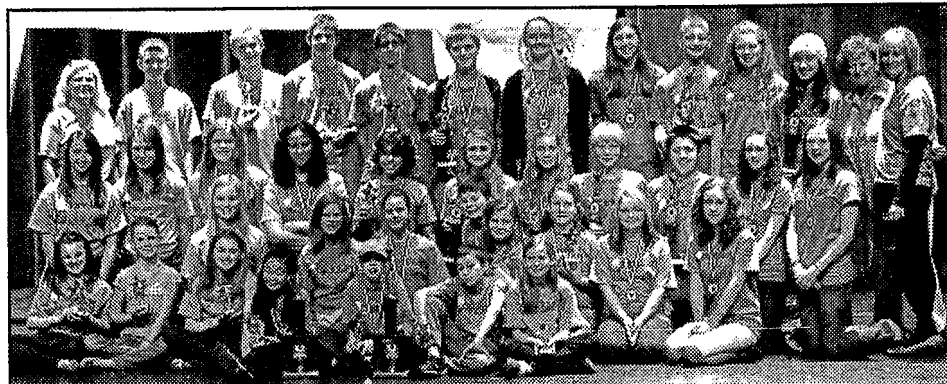
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Clarkston Community Students compete in the Future Problem Solvers State Bowl. Photo by Andrew Jeung of AJ Photography

Problem solvers take first

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston High School junior Trevor Torres considered the product in his hand and gave it back to junior Matt Dahl and junior Dan Agnew.

Along with junior Sean McNeil, the four were practicing their skit for the Future Problem Solvers State Bowl Tournament at Clarkston Junior High School, April 21.

During the morning, they wrote their solution to the problem presented to them and then worked on the skits to convince the judges their solution and action plan would work – they took first place in the presentation of their action plan.

The high school team, with senior Sarah Keller, senior Jacob Kornas, junior Brooke Huisman, and sophomore Phoebe Morris, won the title of champions in the senior division of the Global Scenario Problem Solving and won second place for their presentation of their action plan.

They were invited to represent the state

of Michigan at the International Competition at Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind., June 7-10.

Another team from Clarkston also won the state champion title in the Global Scenario Problem Solvers and were also invited to Indiana for the International Competition. Eighth-graders Hanna Jeung, Zachary Evans, Connor Kornas and Nate Gipe from Clarkston Junior High School took the title in the middle division. They also won first place for their presentation of their action plan.

Ten teams from Clarkston Community Schools participated in the state bowl. Six were from Sashabaw Middle School, two from junior high and two from the high school for a total of 58 students. Three teams from the middle school won awards for their presentation of their action plan, and one middle school team and one junior high team were semifinalists in the Global Scenario Problem Solving in their respective division.

"I am so proud of all of our teams and students for competing at the state bowl level and want to congratulate the two teams that were named 2012 FPS state champions," said Holly Kornas, one of the coaches for the junior high and high school teams. "All of the students did a lot of hard work and research throughout the season to prepare to compete in the state bowl."

Other coaches are Sue Banworth for the junior high, high school, and middle school, and Lisa Crawford for the middle school teams.

A total of 75 teams from all over Michigan competed at the Future Problem Solvers State Bowl, 17 in the senior division, 27 in the middle division, and 31 in the junior division.

Under the guidance of teachers and coaches, teams of four students use the Future Problem Solvers six-step model to explore challenges and propose action plans to societal problems in business and economics, science and technology, and social and political issues.

This year's problems included work, coral reefs, and human rights. The State bowl topic was trade barriers, and the International Competition topic was pharmaceuticals.



Hanna Jeung creates a prop for the skit. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Waring in race for supervisor

BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Todd Waring, in his first campaign for public office, will be on the primary ballot for Independence Township supervisor in August. He believes the current governance has failed.

Waring wants to be supervisor because he's been "asked to step up to the position by several local businessmen, people, and politicians."



Waring

Waring noted many positive aspects of Independence Township such as the school and park system.

He also feels "it's a solid place to make a real estate investment," but he wouldn't give the current government credit for the township's good characteristics.

"I don't think there's anything they've done in the past several years that has changed this township for the better," he said.

As for how he thinks the government should improve, Waring said the township board has "too much personal interest, too much personal vendetta, and way too much drama to be able to concentrate on pursuing their jobs in a professional manner."

When he attended the latest board meeting, he only stayed an hour.

"I couldn't stand it. I had to go," he said.

Though he seeks to transform some aspects of governance, he feels the supervisor, clerk, and treasurer positions should remain full time.

When asked about the recent proposal to make the supervisor's position part time, Waring said, "I don't know how they can justify somebody going part time."

If he's elected, he anticipates working more than full time; "with the mess I think I have on my hands, it's going to be a 60-80 hour a week job."

While he thought the full time positions should continue as they are, Waring's take on the township superintendent's position was, "I think if the people elect someone they trust and that person is doing their job, there shouldn't be someone behind them to babysit."

When distinguishing himself from Trustee Neil Wallace, who also plans to run for supervisor, Waring said, "I think we're totally two different people. I truly have the township's heart at interest."

Waring believes he's the best candidate for the position because he's "not a politician" but a "no-nonsense, straight forward, business-minded man."

Waring is a Republican and business owner of Elite Land Development. He said he is pro-hospital and supports regulated growth.

Swan for Life wins national grant

Swan for Life Cancer Foundation of Clarkston won a Creative Centers Art grant from the Livestrong National Community Impact Project.

"This is quite an honor to be selected by this prestigious organization," said Angela Andary, Swan for Life Cancer Foundation's executive director.

The final phase of the selection process included a national online vote in which over 400,000 votes were cast. Swan for Life Cancer Foundation got more votes than major cancer centers such as Ohio

State University and Fox Chase Cancer Center.

Swan for Life, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive, Suite 201, will receive an \$11,000 grant as well as training, support, and resources to bring an Art Therapy program to its centers in Clarkston and Rochester.

The Livestrong project, created by the Lance Armstrong Foundation, supports cancer programs across the United States.

Swan for Life is a non-profit cancer foundation founded by Farid Fata, MD, Hematologist/Oncologist, in early 2010.

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Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Reardon

Pinning away

Reasons I could never have a cell phone with apps.

The first reason is because I would definitely get Pandora - internet radio. Since someone said last week they didn't know what it was here is the cliff note version. Type in the singer or band you want to hear, and it will play their songs plus bands and artists that sound like them. I keep mine on a rotation of quite a few stations and different artists.

Sometimes a song will play and I just think, "how did you know, Pandora? This song is just what I needed." Not to mention it is great because it has limited commercials.



I am already leaning toward a new cell phone. My excuse is for the cardio stations programmed; it would really motivate me to go to the gym. Good excuse, isn't it?

Another reason, and I may have to go into a 12-step program for this one, Pinterest.

See I was always the person with a bulletin board and would pin magazine clippings or photos on the bulletin board. Pinterest is a virtual bulletin board with no limitations.

I can make different boards and "pin" photos from other websites or other Pinterest users.

Here are a few categories you can find - food and exercising. I pick these two since they seem to be the most interesting combination. You find a lot of exercises to try, a lot of motivational sayings to get you going for exercise. Then, you click and find yourself on a recipe board with desserts. Quite dangerous.

So instead of doing the awesome exercise I found only taking up ten minutes of my time, I found desserts. Millions of colorful desserts of all shapes, sizes, and tastes sucking away two hours of my life and leaving my laptop with drool marks.

I will admit I am not as bad as I used to be. Probably because I avoid getting on my computer during the weekends. But I could only imagine if I had a cell phone with an app at my fingertips every minute of every day.

But I will stick to my cell phone. The slide keyboard for typing has grown on me.

Plus, it's nice to get away from technology once in awhile.

Viewpoints

An update on 'A Look Back' item

Dear Editor,

In "A Look Back," April 11, you mentioned our daughter, Liisa Vaara celebrating her first birthday with friends and family.

Well, 50 years later the Vaaras, now a family of 17, celebrated her 51st birthday at her home in Royal Oak.

Liisa and her husband, Jeff Lewis, graduated from Michigan State University. Jeff is an engineer with Ford Motor Com-

pany and Lisa is a social worker at Woodward Hills Nursing Center.

Their daughter, Nickora, graduated from the University of Michigan last December. She was valedictorian of her Royal Oak High School class. Their son, MacKay, is a sophomore at Royal Oak High School.

Thank you for mentioning our precious daughter, Liisa.

Jo and Mel Vaara
Clarkston

Reader support for Wallace candidacy

Dear Editor,

Neil Wallace has recently announced his intention to become Independence Township supervisor and we are extremely pleased. Neil is, in our opinion, that rare combination of experience, talent, vision and character ideally suited to fill that position.

Neil has been a part of this community for about 35 years. During that time, he has been politically active as a private citizen, as Township Planning Commission member, including chair, and, of course, more recently in his second term as township trustee.

During this time he has handled a variety of complex situations, which have called for complex solutions.

One of Neil's core beliefs is that Independence should be developed as a quality residential community.

As such, he has vigorously supported the Township Master Plan. This plan helps assure development preserves the quality and character of Independence. While this may sound simple, it can in fact be complicated and in many cases unpopular with those who

would reap large financial rewards by being allowed to circumvent its enforcement.

Another of Neil's core beliefs is active citizen participation is critical to good government. While serving as township trustee, Neil has spearheaded numerous cost saving initiatives to reduce accumulated inefficiencies and waste. While doing so, Neil has encouraged citizen-led committees to recommend what might be done.

And thirdly, Neil believes in good communication. He believes a properly informed public will have a much greater ability and desire to become involved in the decision making processes of its elected leaders. Neil's website at rTownshipmatters.com is a great place to view important details of his perspective on our township government.

And so if you think as we do that experience, talent and great set of core beliefs is important in your next Township Supervisor please join us Aug. 7 and vote for Neil Wallace.

Craig and Diana Bennett
Independence Township

Democrat candidate seeks spot on ballot

Dear Editor,

The 1958 hit song title "Try the Impossible" by Lee Andrews and the Hearts perfectly describes what I am trying to do in Independence Township.

I have never worn a Michigan State jersey to the Big House or a Michigan Jersey to the Breslin Center. But, I have decided to do something much, much worse. I am collecting petition signatures to appear on the ballot as a Democrat in Independence Township.

Now this isn't a partisan letter to the editor and I'm not asking for your vote. I am however encouraging you to "Try the Impossible" in your own life. America, and quite

possibly Clarkston, would not even exist if the founders decided not to chase their dreams because it would be difficult.

We all have something in our lives that we want to try but think we don't have a snowball's chance of accomplishing it. But I say go for it anyway! Take a chance! Goliath may win more often than David. But when David wins, the inspirational story seems to last for years and years!

So as Lee Andrews and the Hearts said, "Try the impossible... for in trying, all of our dreams might come true."

Sincerely,

Jeremy Mitchell
Independence Township

Write a letter to the editor at ClarkstonNews@gmail.com

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1997

"Clarkston Foundation to relive '60s with party" The Foundations Honorary Degree in Civic Affairs Membership Drive will host "Bridgestock: The Times they are a-Changing" at the Clarkston home of Jim and Anne Evanson. The evening will include '60s and '70s music, food, and beverages.

"Making a point about prayer" Some 40 students and a few adults rallied around the flagpole for the annual observance of World Prayer Day. For the last few years students in American public high schools have used the day as a way to show they believe they ought to be allowed to pray at school.

"Rain, rain go away so tennis team can play" In an ideal world, the Clarkston boys tennis team would have two more league matches, but leave it to Mother Nature to play havoc with the schedule. The Wolves have had three matches this past week cancelled due to rainy conditions.

25 years ago - 1987

"Man Survives night in Lake Huron" Tim Ellenberger, a Brandon Township resident, and two other men were boating to a salmon fishing derby in Port Sanilac when their boat struck an unmarked rock near the south end of Huron County. The group spent the night huddled atop the partially submerged boat. The Michigan Coast Guard found them early Saturday morning.

"Fire by Lightning" Lightning struck a house on Pine Knob Lane Sunday and caused about \$4000 in damage. The lightning burned the house electrical service wires, destroyed the electricity meter, and blew the transformers out of their pole.

50 years ago - 1962

"Many Dogs Poisoned here \$50 Reward Posted" Independence, Waterford, and White Lake Townships have been hit with a rash of dog poisonings. Strychnine and rat poisoning were believed to be the types used. The Michigan Animal Rescue League is warning people of this outbreak and is offering a \$50.00 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of poisoners.

"State Police to Hold Open House" The State Police will again observe Michigan Week by holding open house on "Hospitality Day." A special welcome is extended to the public to examine the equipment and facilities and find out how the department operates. Visitors will be escorted by officers.

Fishin' instead of just a 'wishin'

Trout season in Michigan opened Saturday, April 28 in the UP, and I was there.

In my 50 years of opening trout seasons, only one other matched this one. All four of us caught our limits.

All four of us included Tim Davidson, Bob Offer and son Jim, remained modest, un-boastful, humble, and, er, ah... yeah, right.

We toasted our success repeatedly. Texting (not by me), e-mails (not by me) and phone calls (again not by me) reported our achievements (no luck involved here) to multiple friends and relatives who didn't really care.

We are all spin-casting fishermen, not fly fishermen. We did not communicate our lure brand, technique or even stay within sight of each other the first several hours.

From the headline in this *Jottings* you learned the topic. And now, if you're still with me, you are alerted that fishing comments will continue.

We fished stocked ponds on Hiawatha Sportmans Club near Engadine, 50 miles west of the bridge. Elsewhere, on one pond was a 10-year-old boy fishing with nightcrawlers, who was about as successful as we experienced fishermen (with lures that caught our eyes in the stores and not necessarily a fish's

eye).

Frankly, I haven't bought a new lure in years. No need to. There's no more space in my four-drawer, 22-pound tackle box, which has four spinning reels.

Jim's Jottings



a column by
Jim Sherman

I stayed with my experienced lures, those that have failed me year after year. Some are stone-scarred, some rusty and bent, and some, like glistening Flat Fish, have remained unused for years.

Hate Flat Fish, they wobble a lot, but I don't believe they lure.

My favorite trout lures are Dare Devils, Little Cleos, Rapalas, Mepps and Johnson Silver Minnows. I don't think any of them ever caught a fish,

but Little Cleo has a Hawaiian hula dancer logo.

I use her a lot. It's stimulating.

So, with our limit achieved in the morning, I took my fold-up chair to the banks of one of the ponds in the afternoon.

Two casts with a Dare Devil and I landed a nice trout. So, I changed lures to a colorful spoon. Same thing, two cast and another trout.

I did that three more times with another colorful

spoon, a Mepps, a Rooster Tail and Little Cleo. Same experience proved to myself again, it ain't the lure, it's the inexperienced, well-fed trout that haven't been exposed to shoreline killers.

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It's the first time I've experienced a catch and release program, and the law made me do it. (That and three guys who would rat on Apostles if they were in a fishing contest.)

Is there a lot more coverage of potential vice presidential offerings this year than ever before?

Who cares at this point who the vice presidential candidate is for the Republicans? Seeing the vice president we have now with more baggage than a cross-country passenger train, why even mention a GOP choice?

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Okay, a little more about our trout fishing and I'm through. I mentioned my lucky lure being Little Cleo, Bob's was the Five of Diamonds, a yellow spoon with five red diamonds.

Both Tim and Jim caught most on yellow and red spoons, but they couldn't remember the names. That's typical and expected from people who fish. They have memory gaps when asked to name their lures, but can always remember it's not their time to buy.

My masculinity must'f deminished

So there I was in my backyard, in my domain. Don Rush, Master of His Domain and fashion maven: sky blue, white and tan bowling shirt, khaki shorts and faded forest green rubber boots up to my knees. (If there's a picture next to the definition of the Suburban American Male, I'm sure it would resemble the visual image I just supplied to you.)

I had just tilled and raked level the rich, dark soil in the little corner of my backyard that, for the last 12 seasons has provided fresh vegetables for me, my family, neighbors, rabbits, ground-hogs, deer, slugs and other assorted free-loaders that tend to make my blood pressure tick up a few notches.

After I rolled the roto-tiller back into the garage for another 12-month slumber, I grabbed the cold cup of black coffee I had brought out earlier in the morning and walked back out to gaze in wonder at the masterpiece of agricultural miniaturizing I had just created.

The rake I had left next to the freshly tilled soil, tines up, I stepped on and deftly caught the handle before it could whap

me in the face.

I hate to admit it, but I thought to myself, "Damn, I'm good."

Don't Rush Me



A column by
Don Rush

I sipped my coffee as the sun warmed my face. I looked back to my right and saw "Bob" the squirrel. (By the way, every brownish-orange fox squirrel is named "Bob" at Casa d'Rush since one of the lads named the first Bob a decade ago.) Though, I was contemplative I wasn't still.

I turned and watched Bob as he scavenged the yard -- not 10 feet from me -- for stuff to eat.

I know he saw me, he stood up on his hind legs and looked at me. Then, he calmly went back to his business of looking for nuts or whatever it is that Bobs - I mean squirrels -- eat.

I turned my back to Bob as indifferently as he turned his on me. (I'm sure

that showed him, dang it.) I took a sip of coffee and then looked down to my left.

On the east edge of what will be my vegetable garden, the boys and I stacked crushed hunks of concrete to make a short, decorative wall that extends the garden about two feet. There's no dirt in there yet, but by this weekend there will be. (If you must know, I'm planning on planting herbs in there.)

I looked down and saw a small tuft of brownish/grayish fur -- a little smaller, but just as round as a golf ball. I bent down and it didn't move. I laid the rake down (tines down this time) and got down on my knees to get a closer look. My nose got about two feet from the ball o'fur when it looked at me.

It didn't scamper or scurry away. It looked sorta like a field mouse, but wasn't. It looked back down and started eating on some grass or something.

Whatever it was, it wasn't scared of the 230 pounds of masculinity within arms reach of it. It turned and moved a little, and I saw it had a short tail. The wheels and gears inside the steal trap of

a mind I possess started moving. Slowly, the encyclopedic knowledge stored in my cranium opened.

Not a mole, but rhymes with mole, the thought processed. *Starts with 'v'.* *Vole.*

"You're a vole," I vocalized. "Why aren't you scared of me? I am a man. Man equals predator. Man is on top of the food chain. Voles are not. Boo!"

Without so much as a squeak of acknowledgment, the little rodent moved lazily into a tunnel of grass.

I stood up and looked over the freshly tilled soil, and then the recently mowed lawn. Bob had moved on. Why wasn't anybody scared of me? Don't all critters fear Man, and since I am of the Man tribe, doesn't that mean they should be afraid of me?

What's wrong with me? Where has my he-man, masculinity gone?

Maybe next time I am in the yard I will forego the Suburban American Male wardrobe and go for army fatigues, black boots and face paint. That'll scare 'em (if not the neighbors).

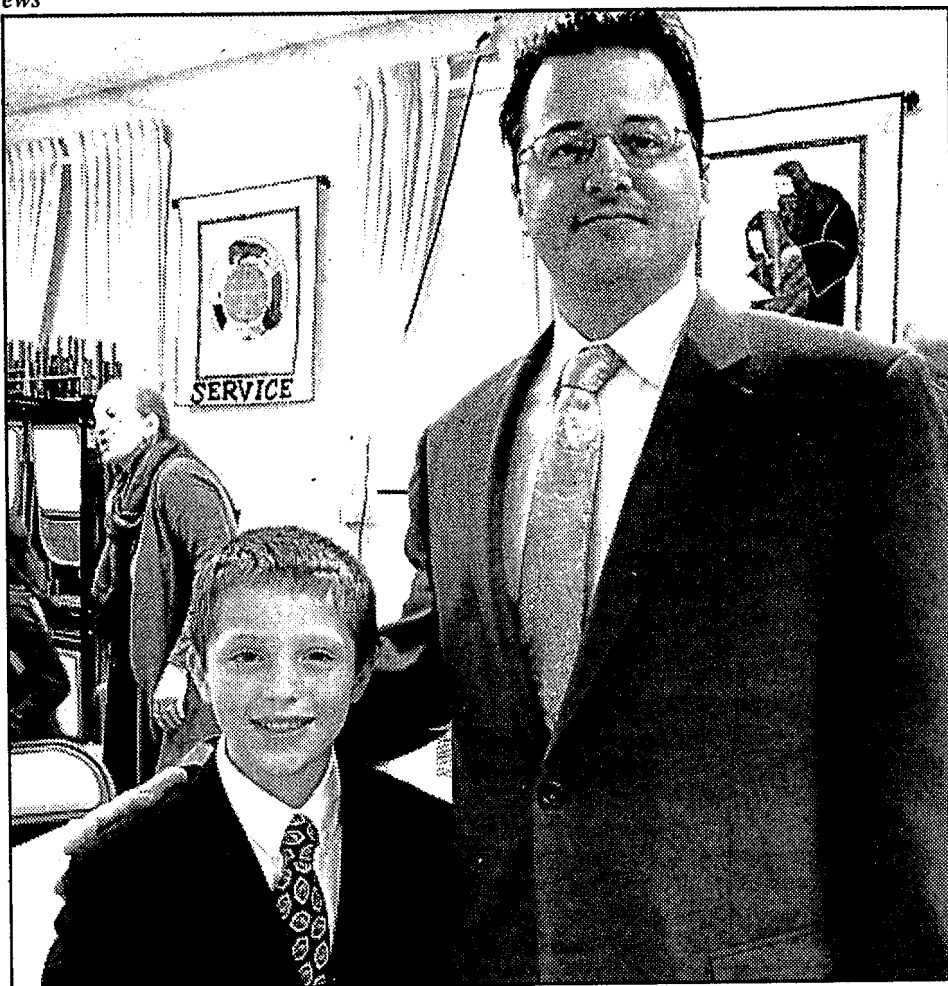
Honor society invites public to documentary

Clarkston High School's National Honor Society hosts a free screening of the documentary film *After the Factory*, directed by Michigan native Philip Lauri, 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 16, at Clarkston Junior High School Performing Arts Auditorium, 6595 Middle Lake Road.

The documentary compares Detroit, Mich., with Lodz, Poland, and how they dealt with post-industrial transition.

"I want to share this film with my classmates and community to try to improve awareness of the positive and exciting things happening in and around Detroit," said Harrison Smith, CHS junior and National Honor Society member. "As we move through the next five years and make decisions about where to live and work, I want us to consider joining the movement to bring Detroit back, rather than think that there's nothing here for us."

The film's run time is 45 minutes, followed by a question-and-answer session with the director.



Justin Tebbets and Judge Joseph Fabrizio, 52-2 District Court. Photo by Mary Keck

Kids have a day in court

Ten and 11-year-olds may seem young to be in court, but not for the 24 local fourth graders in the Clarkston Optimist's Respect for Law program.

On May 2, the Optimists recognized the students who were nominated for their civic responsibility by their teachers and principals.

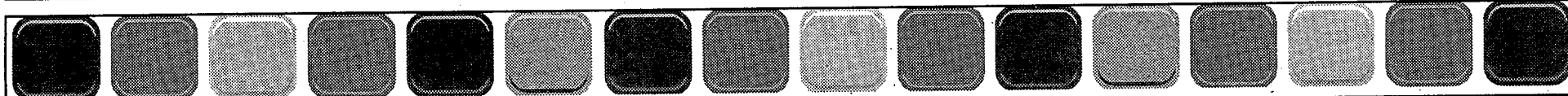
As part of the Respect for Law program, the students visited the 52-2 District Court and observed a court session. Then they went to Circuit Court in Pontiac.

Many of the kids were impressed by the underground tunnel leading from the Circuit Court building to the Oakland County jail. Another remembered the metal detectors, and one student said he learned "never to do any of those things!"

Larry Rosso, chair of the Respect for Law program and township trustee, said the program coincides with what students are learning about the judicial branch of government at school.

It also "encourages the kids to understand the importance of the legal system, and it impresses on them why it is important to have a civil society."

— Mary Keck



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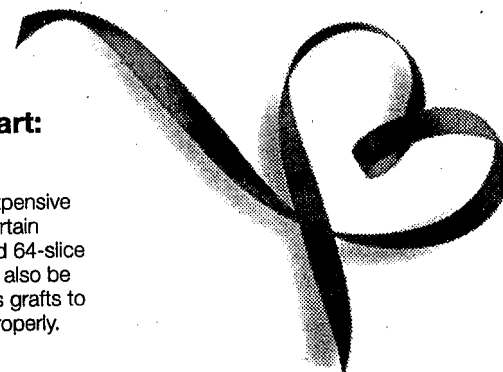
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Public Safety

Reports from Oakland County Sheriff Deputies and Independence Township Fire Department

Student caught passing pills

A Clarkston High School teacher saw a student stumbling and slurring her speech, so took her to the office, 8:13 a.m., April 17. She had taken two pills, which she got from another student. School administrators called Independence Township paramedics, who took her to the hospital with her parents. A 17-year-old boy was found with five pills in a baggie. Investigation continues.

Caught in the act

An employee recognized the sound of security caps being removed from bottles of vodka, coming from the bathroom of a S. Main Street convenience store, 6:36 p.m., April 25. She and a co-worker watched as the occupant, a 30-year-old Ortonville man, emerged and left the store, then found two broken security caps in the trash and called police. A deputy arrived as the suspect was driving away, and found two bottles of vodka in the front seat. The man had three misdemeanor warrants, one each out of Genesee, Lapeer, and Oakland counties. He was jailed for retail fraud and driving with a suspended license.

Main Street thefts

Two women with a baby are suspected in the theft of a bracelet and necklace from a North Main Street boutique in downtown Clarkston, 2 p.m., April 26. The suspects are described as white, one in her late 20s with blonde hair in a ponytail, and the other, in her late 50s-early 60s with short black hair.

Someone took a necklace from a counter display of a South Main Street gift shop, April 26.

Acting fire chief ready for duty

Continued from page 1B
have been passed along to the chief who is healing at home.

Although serving as chief wasn't what Petterson expected, he said he is "more than happy to help get the township through until the chief is back."

He described taking on the role as a "natural transition" because he had worked closely with Ronk as captain.

Petterson admitted, "it's tough" because Ronk was leading up "multiple projects that were important," including the fire millage renewal and possible increase currently before the board of trustees.



Mitch Petterson is acting chief of Independence Township Fire Department. Photo by Mary Keck

Took the opportunity

A 30-year-old White Lake man was cited for theft for taking a bag of change while waiting at the counter of a metal recycling business in the 4000 block of White Lake Road, 10:50 a.m., April 28. Surveillance video shows the man looking around, grabbing the bag of coins, and putting it in his pocket. He told deputies he was hard up for money, saw an opportunity, and took it.

Driver killed in crash

David Stone of Independence Township, 61, died in a traffic crash on White Lake Road at Andersonville Road, 6:21 p.m., May 2. He had swerved into opposing traffic, sideswiping a car then hitting another head on. Independence Township paramedics responded and transported Mr. Stone to St. Joseph Hospital in Pontiac, where he was pronounced dead at 7:07 p.m. Both of the other drivers suffered minor injuries. All three drivers were wearing their seat belts and airbags were deployed. Alcohol does not appear to be a factor in this crash. Mr. Stone may have suffered a medical condition, as he was seen slumped over the steering wheel by one of the other drivers. This crash remains under investigation.

K-9 tracks down suspect

Oakland County Sheriff's K-9 tracked down a home invasion suspect in the 5000 block of Frankwill Avenue, 1:35 a.m., May 4. Taken back to Independence Sub-Station for questioning, the 17-year-old Independence Township boy said his evening included stealing a fifth of liquor from a Maybee Road convenience store, drinking it, then stealing a pornographic movie from a Maybee Road video store. On his way home, he tried to get into two cars, but they were locked.

He then checked a home, finding a back garage door unlocked. He took cell phones from two unlocked vehicles, then went into the house, picking up money and items. Reaching for more items, he grabbed a sleeping resident, who awoke. Finding the suspect standing over him, the resident yelled for help, and his parents called police as the suspect ran. Ten deputies responded, including the police dog unit. K-9 followed the scent despite heavy rain along Frankwill, losing it at Maybee Road. When the deputy took the dog back to try to pick it up again, he saw the suspect walking along the road. The suspect was jailed for home invasion pending charges.

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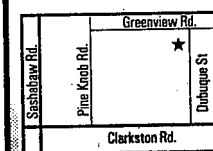
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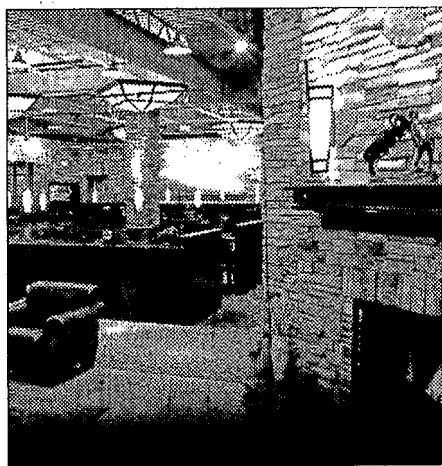
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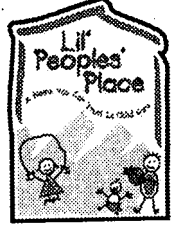
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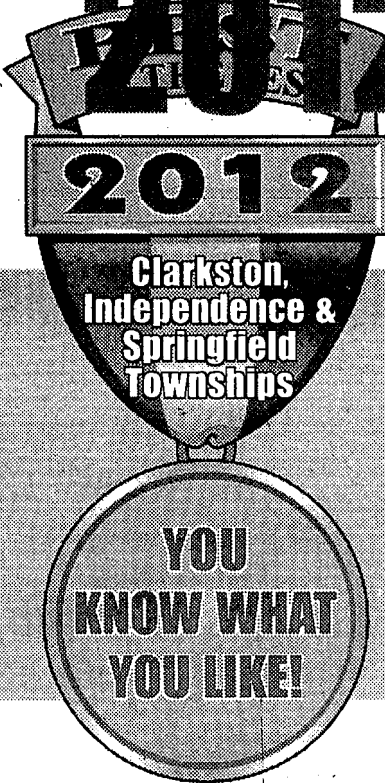


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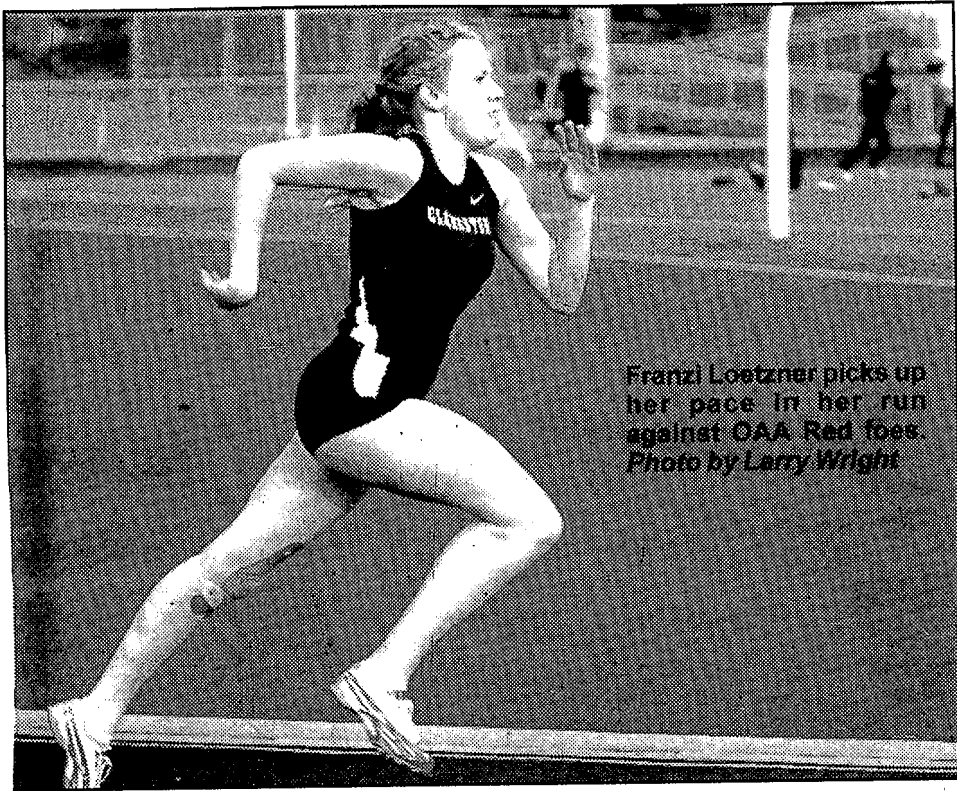
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Franzl Loetzner picks up her pace in her run against OAA Red foes. Photo by Larry Wright

Building distance in the league

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Lady Wolves are heading into this Friday's OAA Red League Meet with a hunger.

They head into the meet undefeated and an opportunity to finish first in the league.

"It is going to be tough with Rochester Adam, Rochester and us," said Clarkston Girls Track and Field Head Coach John Yorke. "We are pretty good. We are deep in all 16 events. The depth has kept us undefeated."

He added seniors have led the way for the team with Kayle Sherwood in discus and shot put; Natalie Smith and Jill Harris in distance; and Anna Manilla in the high jump and low jump. Other boosts to the team have come from Erin Billette in distance events and Maicey Peterson in hurdles.

"We should score pretty decent in all events," Yorke predicted. "The rest of the league has a couple of girls that are pretty good."

The last time the Lady Wolves were undefeated in the league was 2008, in which they also won the league championship.

"Things are going well," Yorke said. "We have to step it up individually for the league championship because we are running against five teams at once. Hopefully our depth can translate into top performances so we can get it done in the next two weeks."

A win over Oxford on May 1, 77-51, gave them their 5-0 record. The girls took first place in nine of the events.

Sherwood took first in two events, 32'4" in shot put and 100'11" in discus; Manilla 5'0" in high jump; Taylor Mullins, 15'0.75" in long jump; Peterson, 17.01 in 110-meter high hurdles; Franzl Loetzner, 50.26, 300-meter low

hurdles; Billette, 2:20.59 in 800-meter run; Alyssa Spytman, Maddie Wilson, Loetzner and Mullins, 1:50.05, 800-meter relay; and Kristen Robinson, Spytman, Mullins and Wilson, 53.04, 400-meter relay.

Yorke added the 3,200-meter relay had a good day with a 9:44 finish.

"They really had a top notch day," he said. "It was very fast for this time of year. They put us way up there. Oxford has a fast 3,200-meter relay team, too. Going against them made us run faster. By far that was the top performance for the day."

The girls had standout performances at the Saline Invitational last Friday. In the one mile run, Billette took first, 5:14, and Smith finished in second place, 5:16. Wilson ran 26.6 in the 200-meter dash and Peterson finished with 9'0" in the pole vault.

The boys also beat Oxford in their dual meet, 105-23. They took first in 14 events.

In first place finishes, Colin Kupper, 41'11" in shot put and 112'5" in discus; CJ Gozdor, 6'2" in high jump; Caine Watlington, 16.45, 110-meter hurdles, and 41.47, 300-meter hurdles; Ian Eriksen, 11.25, 100-meter dash; Mike Schwartz, 22.41, 200-meter dash; Blake Sutherland, 52.56, 400-meter dash; Sam Tanielian, 4:35.85, 1600-meter run; Austin Draving.

All four relay teams also took first 400-meter relay, 45.49; 800-meter relay, 1:33.84; 1,600-meter relay, 10:29.58; and 3,200-meter relay, 8:05.76.

For the Bay City Western Invite last week, Schwartz, 200-meter dash, and Gozdor, high jump placed in first.

The boys finished 4-1 in the dual meets and also head to the OAA Red League meet on Friday at Rochester High School, 4 p.m.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Michigan Impact U-12 Boys team; from left, bottom row, Luke Quilliams, Noah Burzloff, Thomas Ridge, Trevor Massey, David Gray, Michael Snider; top row, Coach Rean Turner, Kyle Niedzwiecki, Hunter Lagerquist, Garrison Kaul, John Loch, Chad Morris, Sean O'Dea, Nathaniel Wilson.

Kickers leaving an impact

The Michigan Impact took the west side of Michigan by storm during the 2012 Crusader Cup, April 27-29.

Boy from the U-10 and U-12 battled through rain, wind and cold to a great finish with the U-10 team winning the championship in their division. The U-12 team finished as finalists in their division.

The U-10 boys went undefeated on their way to the championship as they posted wins over: Caledonia, 5-1, Grand Rapids, 5-0, Middleton, 7-3, and Paw Paw,

4-2

Everyone on the team scored at least one goal and Zac Senko had a hat trick.

The U-12 boys beat Middleton, 3-1, Galesburg, 6-2, and Caledonia. They lost the championship round to Kentwood, 3-1.

Tryouts for the next season are June 16 and 17 at Clintonwood Park. Please visit www.MichiganImpactSoccer.com for more information about their boys and girls teams.



Michigan Impact U-10 Boys team; from left, bottom row, Adam Sprague, Connor Sprague, Zac Senko, Logan Rajala; top row, Vaughn Carraher, Lochlan Gray, David Elkin, Ricky Beltran, and Julian Lee Manager Brad Senko and Coach Damian Huffer. Photos submitted

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Kevin Horton avoids a block from a Rochester Adams defense. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Horton seals deal on the field

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

With a swift swing of his lacrosse stick senior Kevin Horton ended the game against Okemos with the game winning goal in overtime, 11-10.

"He had a nice weekend," said Clarkston Boys Varsity A Lacrosse Head Coach Brian Kaminkas. "He is a captain and a returning leader. He started to show his old form which is a great time to show it."

The score remained tied throughout the game between the two teams leading to the overtime period with both teams at 10 points after scoring four goals each in the second half.

"It was a great game," Kaminkas added. "That is what you get when you get two of the top teams in the state going against each other. It was a nicely fought game. We came out more focused."

Horton and sophomore Reid Kaminski had three goals. Senior Travis Crafts scored two goals while seniors Jordan Kincaid, Kevin O'Grady and Sam Moore added one goal each.

On defense seniors Nick Demattia, Ethan Frick, Evan Kneisel and junior AJ Schlaff had a combined 10 ground balls and seven takeaways.

The boys beat Rochester Adams on Friday, 12-10. Craft led the team with six goals.

"It was huge," added Kaminkas. "It was a nice job and he did a nice job against Okemos, too."

The boys held onto the lead going into half time after the Highlanders outscored Clarkston 3-1.

"A lot of credit to Adams - they have a lot

of good athletes on the team," said Kaminkas. "They certainly hustled a lot more than we did. We came out a little flat and disinterested. We weren't prepared mentally as we should have been. Adams stayed with us and did a nice job. Our skills may have separated us from them a little bit and allowed us to sneak out the victory."

O'Grady and Horton had two goals each as Kincaid and Moore had one goal each.

Adam Gohl saved 11 shots and the Wolves made 24 shots on the Highlanders.

Demattia, Frick, Kneisel, Schlaff and junior Preston Haven had a combined total of 15 ground balls and eight takeaways.

The Wolves face OAA foes this week beginning with Stoney Creek, then North Farmington on Friday and Lake Orion on Saturday.

"It is an exciting, busy week," Kaminkas added. "Thankfully we have a few days off before our big weekend. We had a lot of things exposed to us during the past weekend. We have some work to do but it will be a good week. The guys are looking forward to the OAA games. It is a good reason to be focused and come out strong."

The boys host Farmington on Friday and host crosstown rivals Lake Orion during their annual Game for a Cure game on Saturday, both games at 7 p.m.

"They are probably the toughest of the three teams this week," said Kaminkas. "They are on seven game winning streak. They will come into the game pretty focused and ready to go."

The Clarkston Girls Varsity Lacrosse team also plays during Game for a Cure with their game against Rochester Adams slanted for 2:30 p.m.

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Top two in tournament

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Michigan Stars tournament started with 48 teams and throughout two days it narrowed down to Clarkston and Plymouth in the championship game on Sunday.

The Lady Wolves from the varsity softball team finished in second place after their 5-4 loss to Plymouth, putting their record to 20-3.

"They got up on us but we battled back," said head coach Don Peters. "It wasn't quite enough but it was a great game. We were just on the other end of the score. The girls played great for game and battled to the championship game and in that game."

The Lady Wolves beat five teams, Grosse Pointe North, 4-1, Farmington Hills Harrison, 3-0, Cardinal Mooney, 10-0, Troy Athens, 7-0, and Pinconning, 5-0.

Freshman Madeline Maday pitched the three shutouts against Harrison, Athens and Pinconning for a combination of 29 strikeouts.

For hitting junior Sydney Hasselbach hit three home runs for the weekend.

"She is staying on the ball and all of them were at important times," added Peters. "It was pretty impressive."

The girls also shut out Carman Ainsworth on their double header last Thursday, 10-0 and 14-0.

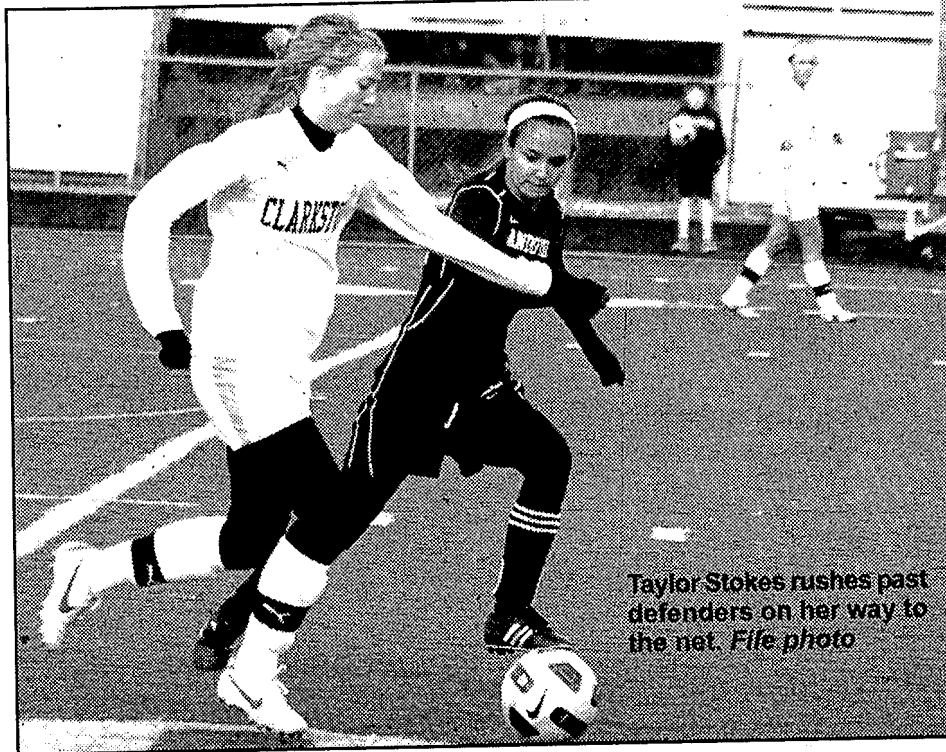
"We did what we were suppose to," Peters said. "The girls hit the ball against them and played good defense and we shut them out."

The Lady Wolves head to Farmington on Wednesday for a double header and Davison on Thursday, both beginning at 4:30 p.m.

"Davison is doing well," said Peters. "We saw them play at Michigan Stars. Their coach was on our coaching staff so it is a fun rivalry."

They head to the St. Clair Tournament on Saturday.

"It should be a very competitive week," Peters added.



Taylor Stokes rushes past defenders on her way to the net. File photo

Sports in a Flash

Hitters went undefeated during the week topping Stoney Creek in both double header games and finishing their Nathan Manuel Memorial 3-0.

The Clarkston Boys Varsity Baseball team beat Stoney Creek last Wednesday 2-1 then 8-3. For the second game Dylan Peck hit 2-for-2 bringing in two runs on his home run.

They beat Waterford Kettering on Saturday as well as Lahser and Holly

They head Oxford this Wednesday for a double header and Waterford Kettering on Friday for another double header. Both games begin at 4 p.m.

The Lady Wolves finished the Red and White Holly Invite on Saturday with a three way tie with Marian and Port Huron Northern.

For the Clarkston Girls Varsity Tennis team, Katie Brozovich and Lexi Baylis won the Championship finals in Singles court and

Abby Hubregsen took second place. On the doubles court Monique Zentner and Katie Hubregsen finished in second.

They added another OAA Red win after beating Andover last Tuesday, 6-3. Brozovich, Baylis, Hubregsen and Paige Olsen each won their matches for Singles. For doubles, the team of Dana Olsen and Olivia Dunn and team of Zentner and Katie Hubregsen won their matches.

The Lady Wolves host the OAA Red meet this Saturday, 8 a.m.

Junior Allison Roberts led the Clarkston Girls Varsity Soccer team against Royal Oak with three goals. Another goal from senior Lindsey Adams ended the game, 4-1, for the win.

Their game at Oxford was postponed to this Wednesday due to weather. They also head to Lapeer West for a 6:30 p.m. game on Friday.

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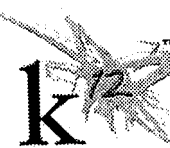
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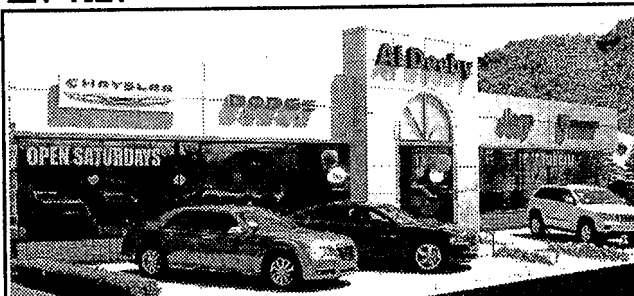
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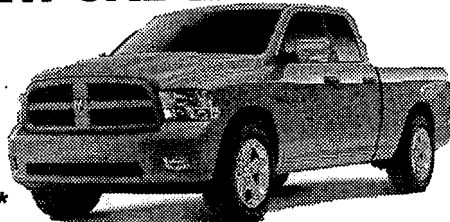


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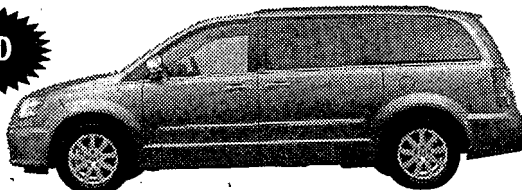


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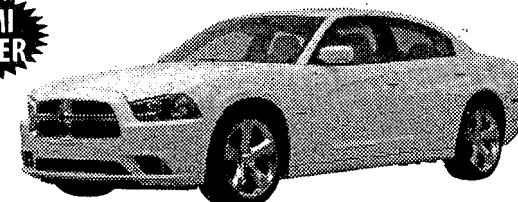


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Everest seniors gather in the Middle Eastern sun during their week-long visit to the Holy Land. Photo provided

Holy Land trip caps high school career

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Less than two weeks until graduation, seniors don't have many steps left as students of Everest Collegiate High School.

The steps they'll probably remember most, they made half a world away.

"Holy Week was a really incredible thing," said Don Allen, one of 15 students from the boys and girls schools to travel to Israel last month for their senior trip. "It was a really intense and moving experience, more than I expected. It's changed who I am a little bit."

"It's what you believe come to life," said class-

mate Patrick Nalepa. "Now, when I hear the Gospels, it's not just words. I've been to all those places."

The trip brought the students together as a class, said senior Fabiana Diaz.

"It's a good way to end high school - we really bonded," Diaz said. "I'm honored and proud of how far we came. It prepared us for the next part of life."

They visited the Garden of Gethsemane, Calvary, the Tomb, Mount of Olives, Temple wall, and other sites in Jerusalem.

"We walked the Way of the Cross, the whole thing," said student Mary Smith. "It was cool to

know Jesus walked the same road."

"People lined the streets," Nalepa said. "It was narrow and packed, just like it was then. It made me feel some of what Christ must have felt."

They also visited Cana, Nazareth, Bethlehem, Jericho, and other locations in Israel.

"Our goal at Everest Collegiate has always been to bring the students closer to Christ," said Fr. Daniel Pajerski, one of four chaperones on the trip. "We accomplished that in a special way by being in the very same places that Jesus lived."

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Around Town



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

Home Landscape Transformation workshop, 7:30 p.m., May 9, St. Daniel Church Cushing Center, 7010 Valley Park Drive. Topics: grass prairie, rain gardens, flower beds, Buffalo grass lawn. 248-454-6300.

Dangers of Spice/ K2 forum, with Judge Kelley Kostin, 6:30-8 p.m., May 10, Clarkston Junior High School, 6595 Waldon Road. Info on the drug and its effects. 248-625-4880.

Jump Street Swing Band, 7 p.m., May 12, Community Presbyterian Church, 4301 Monroe at Sashabaw, Waterford. 248-673-7805.

Fall Prevention and Balance, Managing Arthritis, and Ergonomics of Gardening, 10 a.m., May 15, presented by Advanced Physical Therapy, Independence Township senior center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Free lunch. RSVP, 248-625-8231.

Treasurers and Treats Neighbor for Neighbor spring fund raiser, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., May 18-19, Hart Community Center, downtown Davisburg. Rummage and bake sale. 248-634-0900.

Wag and Walk, K-9 Stray Rescue League, May 19. Registration, 9 a.m.; walk, 10:30 p.m. Powell Lake Township Park, 530 Pontiac Street, Oxford. \$15 individual, \$30 family. Refreshments, games, dog training tips, dog contests. 248-431-6167.

Clarkston school retirees luncheon, 11 a.m., May 21, First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. RSVP, 248-673-1417.

Boater's Safety Course, 6-9 p.m., May 22, 24, McLaren Cancer Institute, Conference Room, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. \$20. Topics: fundamentals, maintenance, boat operation, legal requirements, personal preparedness, survival skills. 248-338-5389.

Rummage Sale, May 25-26, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; May 27, 12-3 p.m. St. Trinity Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road. Donations for the sale accepted, May 20-24. 248-625-4644.

One Day to Change the World 3 Day Event, Bridgewood Church, 6765 Rattalee Lake Road. June 1, 7 p.m., Community Block Party with rock climbing wall, bungee trampoline, velcro wall, bounce house, prizes, games, large outdoor movie screen, with "Cars 2." June 2, Motorcycle Fun Run, Classic Car Show. June 3, 5K Run For Change, 1 Mile Family Walk. 248-625-1344.

Perennial Plant Exchange, Clarkston Farm and Garden Club, 9 a.m., June 2, Clarkston Village Parking Lot, Washington and Main streets. Trade divided, thinned plants with others. 248-620-2984.

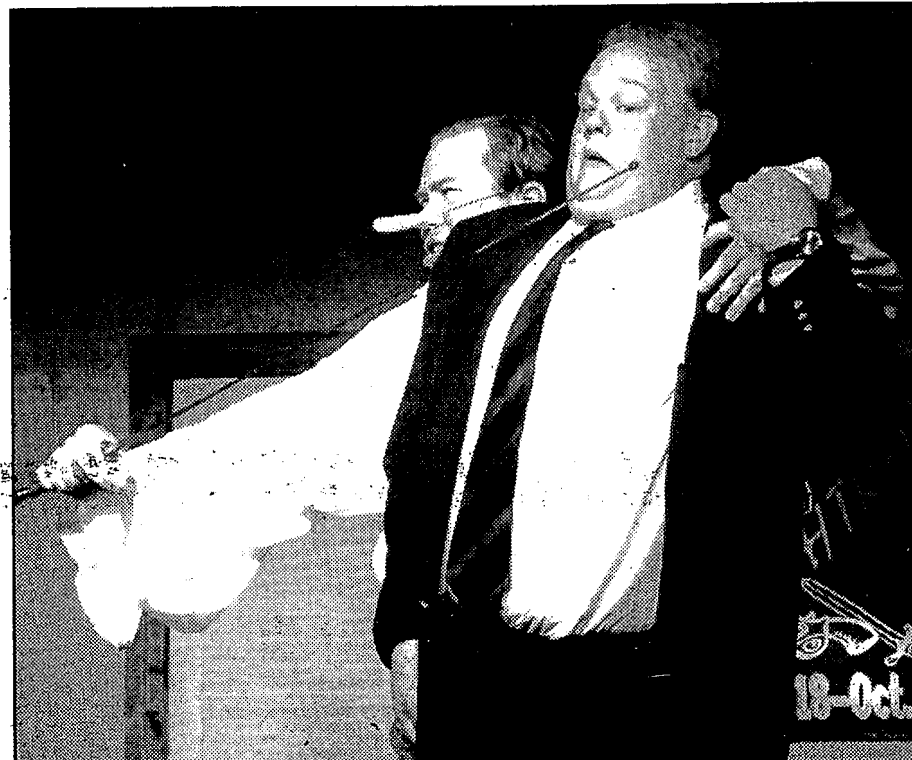
Mothers & More, non-profit dedicated to improving lives of mothers through support, education, advocacy, 7:15 p.m., third Monday, Red Knapp's Restaurant, 6722 Dixie Highway. 248-507-4839.

Town Hall Quilt Guild, third Tuesday, 7 p.m., First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. Guest fee, \$5. 248-705-7310.

Tell Us About Your Travels, third Wednesday through October, 6-7:30 p.m., Library Community Meeting Room, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 248-625-2212.

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

DivorceCare facilitated discussion, Thursdays, 6:45-8:30 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road, room 122. 248-625-1611.



George Hay holds his daughter's fiancé hostage. Photo by Mary Keck

Love and laughter at Depot Theater

Clarkston Village Players offer a little romance and a lot of comedy in the two-act play *Moon Over Buffalo* by Ken Ludwig.

Set in Buffalo, New York in 1953, the play tells the tale of George and Charlotte Hay, actors who are losing leading roles to younger talent. Their plight reflects the drama scene of the 1950s when playwrights and actors feared the extinction of their art to more modern forms of entertainment like television and film.

Not only are the Hays struggling to reach their dream careers in a fading industry, they must also sort through family drama involving infidelity, pregnancy, and drunkenness. When the Hays finally get their chance at stardom, they're so mixed up that they aren't certain which performance to put on for famed movie director Frank Capra - is it *Cyrano* or *Private Lives*?

While the Hay family tries to keep their

performances straight, they must also sort out cases of mistaken identity, which lead to some wacky situations. In the midst of hilarious slapstick and witty insults, the play takes pages from numerous Shakespearean classics like *The Tempest*, *Henry V*, and *Romeo and Juliet*.

Like many of Shakespeare's works, *Moon Over Buffalo* is "about human nature," said Dale Dobson who plays George. "It's this theme that makes the play relatable. Even if you don't have a mother-in-law like George's who doesn't always keep her hearing aid in, you'll find something true in what Director Al Bartlett calls "a delightful play."

If the laughs don't bring you to tears, the love might when you see *Moon Over Buffalo* opening May 11 and running until May 26 at Depot Theater.

- Mary Keck

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Clarkston walks to raise funds in Relay for Life

The 2012 Clarkston Relay for Life will be filled with 24 hours of remembrance, fun, and fund raising, May 19-20 at Clarkston Junior High School, 6595 Waldon Road.

Morgan Addis, senior at Clarkston High School and Relay planning committee member, helped make it that way.

"It's a life changing event, especially the luminaria," said Addis, member of the committee for three years.

At dusk, they line the track with candle-lit luminaria, decorated in honor of those affected by cancer.

"We do one for my grandpa who had lung cancer, an aunt, my grandpa who just passed away from cancer," Addis said. "It's kind of cool to remember them - they remind us why we're there, why we work so hard on the Relay."

She has participated in the walk five times. "When I first started, I met Nicole, a little girl with leukemia. It was the biggest thing for her," Addis said. "I do it for people like her."

Teams set up camp at the track, with at least one member on the track the entire time.

Events include speakers, music, dress-up-as-a-superhero contest, and a pudding-eating contest.

"The kids love that," she said. A survivors' lap kicks off the Relay, which starts at 10 a.m., followed with purple-glove, bubble, luau, glow-in-the-dark, family, holding-hands, and other themed laps.

Her team is the CHS Wolves, made up of more than 50 students. The team organized fund raisers through the year, and each member raised at least \$100 for American Cancer Society.

"Raising \$100 was really easy because everyone knows someone with cancer," she said.

Teams also fund raise at the Relay, selling food, bracelets, lap beads, and other items. They set up wishing wells, dunk tanks, carnival games, and other activities.

"It's really family friendly," Addis said. "There's a lot of youth involvement - kids keep walking all night. And the community also comes out to remember and honor those they know with cancer."

- Phil Custodio



Kyle Lichtenberg plays Lancelot and Jacob Peake, King Arthur, with Esther Lee as Guenevere. Photo provided

Youth in Camelot

Six Stools and a Folding Chair Youth Theater of Clarkston celebrates its 10 Year Anniversary with a production of Lerner and Loewe's musical "Camelot," 7 p.m., May 10-11; 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., May 12; and 3:30 p.m., May 13 at the Karen Joy Theater 2575 Indian Lake Road, Oxford.

The non-profit youth theater, open to all youth, meets at Sashabaw Presbyterian Church, 5300 Maybee Road.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Call 248-673-3469 or check www.sashabawpresbyterian.org.

Help Save Lives at the American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Clarkston

Residents to spend 24 hour this weekend fighting cancer

What: More than a fundraising event, the American Cancer Society Relay For Life offers our community a way to celebrate cancer survivorship, remember loved ones lost and fight back against a disease that takes too much from too many.

Key activities include:

- Opening Ceremonies 10 am
- Cancer Survivor Victory Lap .. Immediately following
- Fight Back Ceremony ESTIMATED TIME
- Luminaria Ceremony Dusk
- Closing Ceremonies 9 am Sunday

Who: Everyone in the community is invited to participate in the Relay For Life of Clarkston. Join us by lighting a luminaria to honor a loved one, participate in our silent auction, join in the games/activities or simply walking laps with friends!

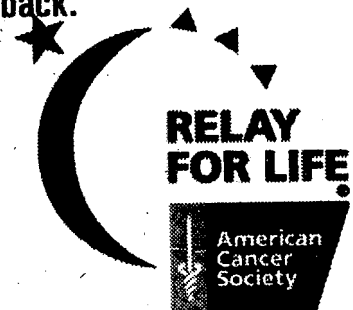
When & Where: 24 Hour Event • Clarkston Junior High • Saturday, May 19th at 10am till Sunday May 20th at 9 am, Rain or Shine!

Why: 1 out of every two men, and one out of every three women will face a cancer diagnosis in his or her lifetime. Money raised at this Relay For Life supports the American Cancer Society's efforts to create a world with less cancer and more birthdays by helping people stay well, by helping people get well, by finding cures and fighting back.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Anyone interested in learning more about Relay For Life should contact Dree Chartier at 248-884-8429 or Teresa Wynn at 248-766-1342.

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Detroit Voice features nine Clarkston singers. Photo provided by Kate Peterson

Detroit Voice seeks CD kickstart

Clarkston High School's Detroit Voice is fund raising for its first CD through Kickstarter.com.

"We hope the project will create excitement within our choral program and spur the recordings of other Clarkston choir groups," says Choir Director Brian Haverkate.

The website helps the group raise funds to record and edit songs, and have them mixed, mastered, and licensed to sell as a CD.

To donate, visit www.kickstarter.com/projects/996652856/help-detroit-voice-record-their-first-a-cappella-a by May 12. Rewards include digital downloads, group photos, and live performances.

Detroit Voice is a nine-person high school

a cappella vocal group from Clarkston High School created as a celebration of Detroit-inspired music from throughout the decades.

Detroit Voice uses only the human voice to recreate the Detroit Motown sound with eight mixed voices and one vocal percussionist/beatboxer.

Members of Detroit Voice for 2012 include Sarah Milano, senior, soprano; Mason Van Gieson, sophomore, soprano; Adrianna Fay, senior, alto; Saaja Rayford, senior, alto; Manny Estrada, junior, tenor; Dakota Miller, senior, tenor; Conor Foley, senior, vocal percussion/baritone; Nathan Wilson, freshman, baritone; and Jameson Waterbury, senior, bass.



CLEANING THE ROAD: Clarkston teachers and students spent part of their weekend, April 21, cleaning up Clarkston Road. It was Clarkston Education Association's second Adopt-a-Road cleanup of the year. "This is a commitment the CEA has made for our community for the past five years," said Beth Rogers, Springfield Plains Elementary teacher and PR co-chair for CEA. The teachers also support Goodfellows and Christmas In Action. Photo provided

God's blessings for the graduating class of 2012

Graduation time will soon be upon us and for graduates everywhere it is an exciting season of celebration. It's a time to experience the satisfaction of accomplishment and to anticipate the future.

Yet this year in the midst of stressful economic times there is also some worry and concern about how things will work out, and we know they will probably be different from the way they used to be.

Above all graduation is a time of transition and there is an abundance of advice from many sources about life and how to live it.

Of all the wise and helpful words that can be shared at graduation time, I believe there is none more basic nor more easily forgotten in the busyness of life, than something I learned even before I "graduated" from preschool. You probably even know the song. It goes like this, "Jesus loves me this I know..."

I am loved and accepted by God no matter what career path I take; no matter how much I achieve or how much money I make; no matter if I go to college or go to work; no matter who I marry or if I marry, and no matter how things go during these tough times.

These simple words, "Jesus loves me this I know..." assure me that God will love and forgive me no matter what mistakes I make along the journey of life or what difficulties I encounter. And above all, they let me know that God desires to have a loving relationship with me now and forever. When all else fails, God is faithful and will always be there for me.

When I base my life on this fundamental trust in God's goodness and grace I am free from having to always prove my worth as a person. I am free to mold my life around God's will and purpose regardless of the economic climate, and to follow Jesus' example. I am free to love God and others (the Great Commandment, Mark 12:28-31). I am free to try new things and to fail and learn and be all that I can be.

And the best news of all is that I am free to do this not to get God to love and accept me, but because he already does.

God never promises we will have an easy life if we stay close to him and follow his way, but he does promise that our life will have purpose and depth, and that we will not be alone. That is enough for me!

For the past few years I have shared with the graduates at Calvary Lutheran a word of blessing and challenge.

I have adapted it from something I found called simply "A Franciscan Blessing." For

me it captures what is different about a life lived with and for Jesus. It is about so much more than just being "religious."

It is a different way of going about life that goes deeper. It is not the easy way, but I believe it is God's way, and I hope you will be open to it no matter what season of life you are in.

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy.

May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done.

May God bless you with the assurance of his amazing grace, that you may always know that nothing can ever separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Amen.

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

Spiritual Matters



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In our churches...

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

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

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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.

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Spiritual Economics, 6:30 p.m., May 3. Multimedia event. Free-will offering. **Celestine Prophecy** movie based on the book by James Redfield, 6:30 p.m., May 10. Discussion follows. Peace Unity Church and Holistic Center, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

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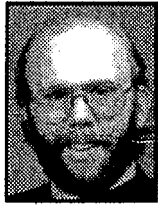
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Robert Schultz, 53

Robert Edward Schultz of Clarkston died May 6, 2012. He was 53.

Mr. Schultz was born May 13, 1958, in Pontiac to the late Luther and Fern Schultz. He is survived by two brothers, Luther "Skip" (Elaine) Schultz and Jonathon (Susan) Schultz; one sister, Carol (Walter) Kepler; his best friend, Billy Downey; five nieces and nephews; four great nieces and great nephews.

He retired from Pontiac Motor-Fiero Plant.



He was a member of UAW-Local 653 and enjoyed repairing TV's and computers. He was a member of St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Waterford, where his funeral service will be held on Thursday, May 10, at 11 a.m. Interment White Chapel Cemetery, Troy. Family will receive friends on Wednesday from 4-7 p.m. at Coats Funeral Home-Waterford, and after 10 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorial donations may be made to the church. Envelopes are available at the funeral home. To send a private condolence, go to www.CoatsFuneralHome.com/Obituaries.

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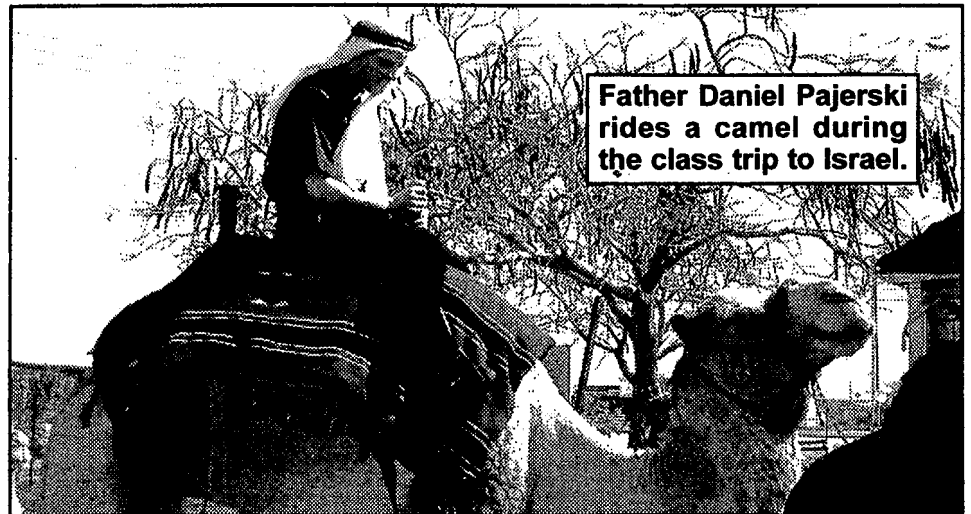
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Father Daniel Pajerski rides a camel during the class trip to Israel.

Students grow in faith during trip

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The trip to the Holy Land, home of three world religions, gave them a different perspective on their faith.

"It's a place where Christians have to fight for their faith," Diaz said. "We take it for granted. We don't really appreciate how we can go anywhere and find a church where you can go anytime."

"It was really astonishing to see everyone there, Christian, Jewish, Muslim, all as observant as they could be," said Jacob Staffor, senior. "They were so passionate about it."

On their first day, their tour guide told them Jerusalem is their home, Allen said.

"I've never thought of the Middle East as my home, but it's where my faith started," he said.

The group returned home in time for Easter.

"I'm grateful for the chance to go there and experience the land Jesus walked on," Diaz said.

"It really brought the Gospels to life," said Smith. "To stand in the same tomb where Jesus was, instead of just hearing about it, made it more real and personal."

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Sashabaw Middle School Principal Todd Bidlack honored Alexis Larose and Jacob Aberlich.



Clarkston High School Principal Gary Kaul with honorees, from left, Drew Canada, Zach Rabideau, Julianna Simon, and Jennifer Grogan.



Clarkston Junior High School students Cole Chewins and Christie Faw, with Principal Adam Kern.

Optimized

Clarkston Area Optimists honored 10 young scholars at their Youth Appreciation Breakfast, April 25.

"We get to recognize people who are just great people," said Clarkston High School Principal Gary Kaul. "The Optimist Club does such a wonderful things for the community. It's just tremendous to provide us with this opportunity."



Renaissance High School Principal Billie Pambid with Sara Craig and Victor Cisneros. Photos by Phil Custodio

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Thomas Ellington, 47

Thomas Robert Ellington, "Dude," of Lake Orion passed away May 4, 2012, at age 47.

He was the beloved husband of Sherri (McClellan) and Best Dad Ever to Madison "Madoh" and Oliva "Lib Lib"; preceded in death by his parents John Edward and Karolyn, brother John Richard and "his brother from another mother" Brian Gucwa; brother of Kathy (Phillip) Tremblay, Barbara (John) Roe; son in law of Connie McClellan and Bruce (Sandy Graham) McClellan; brother in law of Julie (McClellan) Stuver; uncle of Joshua, Megan, Brendan, Jacob, Mitchell, Madelyn, Jackson, Maxwell and Emerson; brothers in heart: Dan Zilwaukee, Chris Gucwa and countless friends and family.

Mr. Ellington was a designer at AutoLiv, Auburn Hills, and an artist.

A Celebration of Life memorial will be Saturday, May 19, times and location pending. Arrangements entrusted to the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston.

In lieu of flowers, any donations to the family will be used for his daughter's future education. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Obituaries

Mary Cornelius, 85

Mary Margaret Cornelius of Ortonville passed away May 4, 2012, at age 85.

She was preceded in death by her husband Asher; mother of Asher, John (Fran), Ben, William, Julie Haddock and Catherine (Michael) Wynne; also survived by 10 grandchildren and three great grandchildren; sister of Allan (Lil) Chisholm.

Funeral Mass was May 8 at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston. Rite of committal, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

William Schwalbe, 86

William D. Schwalbe, age 86 of Port Huron and Clarkston, died unexpectedly of natural causes on April 29, 2012.

Mr. Schwalbe was a bachelor who loved sports, and rarely missed a Big Reds or Huskies football game.

He was a graduate of Port Huron High School and Port Huron Junior College, and the Universities of Michigan and Nebraska. A World War II veteran, he was a member of the U.S. Army's 24th Cavalry Squadron. He worked for GM's Pontiac Motors Division for 38 years. Bill was a member of both Grace Episcopal Church Port Huron and All Saints Episcopal Church in Pontiac. He is survived by his first cousins Janet Thayer, and William Webb, and several other cousins and friends.

Funeral service was May 4 at Grace Episcopal Church, the Rev. Robert Trask officiating. Graveside committal service followed in Lakeside Cemetery. Visitation was May 3 at the **Smith Family Funeral Home-South**, Port Huron. Memorial contributions may be made at the discretion of the donor. www.smithfamilyfuneralhome.com.



Lorena M. Ward, 81

Lorena Miladean Ward (Shelton) of Clarkston passed away May 5, 2012, at age 81.

She was preceded in death by her husband Texas. She was the mother of Sandra (Steven) Havens, Debbie Ward and Matthew Ward; grandma of Rebecca, Michael, Rachael, Regan and Sydney Havens; sister of Bob (Trish) Shelton.

Interment, Fort Bliss National Cemetery, El Paso, Texas. For information regarding Texas service details contact Sunset Funeral Home, 915-587-4408. Local arrangements entrusted to the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association.

Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Shirley J. Mobbs, 73

Shirley J. Mobbs of Clarkston passed away May 3, 2012, at age 73.

He was preceded in death by her husband Jake and siblings Bertha Davis and Lester "Jr." Marsh; mother of David Howe, Connie Whitlock, Alison Howe and Sheila Mobbs; also survived by several other family members; sister of Doug (Pat) Marsh. Mrs. Mobbs retired from St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac.

Visitation was May 6 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral service was May 7 at Mt Zion Church. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



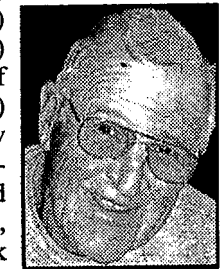
Janic L. Hirn

Janic L. Hirn, "Jan," of Clarkston went to be with the Lord May 2, 2012.

He was the loving husband of Patricia; father of Don (Judy) Hirn, Brent (Lauren) Hirn and Jeff (Stacey) Hirn; step-father of Chris (Shelley) Schrubba and Cathy (Kevin) Drake; grandfather of David (Stephanie) Schrubba, Kylie (Sam) Meints, Erik Hirn, Christine (Justin) Smith, Daniel Drake, Kelsey Hirn, Patricia "PJ" Drake, Juliana Hirn, Elliot Hirn, Mallory Hirn and Angus Hirn; great grandfather of Layla Smith, Jakob Smith and one expected great grandchild; brother of Dean (Kathy) Hirn and the late Dennis (Joyce) Hirn.

Mr. Hirn retired from Pontiac Schools and enjoyed traveling, golfing, fishing, cars and many hobbies.

Funeral service was May 8 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society. Jan will be greatly missed by his loving family and friends. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Barbara Wherry, 62

Barbara Ann Wherry of Clarkston passed suddenly May 6, 2012, at 62 years of age.

She was the loving wife of William for 39 years; devoted mother of Charlyn (Ben) Gress, Benjamin (Stephanie LeMarbe) Wherry, Danielle Wherry and Jacqueline (Zach) Prater; cherished daughter of Charles and the late Rose Henry Sr.; dear sister of Cheryl Urban-Nonnenmacher, Charles Henry, Jr. and Kim Kiefer.

Mrs. Wherry was loved by all who met her. Memorial visitation, Thursday, 3-p.m. at **Coats Funeral Home**—Clarkston, 8909 Dixie Highway. Memorial donations may be made to Purple Heart Foundation www.mophsf.org. Go to www.CoatsFuneralHome.com/obituaries.

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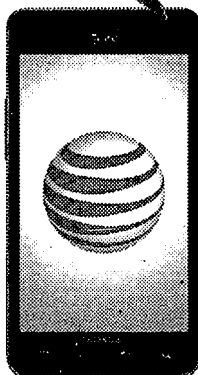
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Clarkston grad lives Broadway dream

BY MARY KECK
 Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston native Nic Thompson is living his dream. His Broadway debut began on Feb. 28 in Disney's *Mary Poppins*, which has entertained over 8 million people and grossed over \$600 million.

While growing up in Clarkston, Thompson knew he would end up in New York City, but his journey wasn't easy.

"It's taken 10 years of pounding the pavement to get here. TV shows like *American Idol* make it seem instantaneous, and that's not the case."

At times Thompson would do three or more auditions a day.

"After a while, you don't think 'did I get it?' You just go on to the next one. There's a large amount of rejection you have to face," Thompson explained.

His former drama instructor, Jeff Tice, who teaches at Clarkston high school and taught Nic for four years, attributes Nic's success to his "tremendous drive and commitment to his art."

Before joining the cast of *Mary Poppins*, Nic attended the American Musical and Dramatic Academy where he currently teaches tumbling. He also traveled to Europe as a part of *The Who's Tommy*, a rock musical.

For now, Thompson loves living in New York and still finds many of the songs fun to sing and exhilarating to perform.

"'Step in Time' builds so wonderfully. It is impossible not to feel excited," Thompson said.

Broadway's version of *Mary Poppins* blends elements of the novel written by Pamela Lyndon Travers with the popular 1960s film based off the book.

Popular songs from the movie like "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" and "A Spoonful of Sugar" are featured in the Broadway show along with new tunes like "Anything Can Happen," which is one of Thompson's favorites.

The lyrics of "Anything Can Happen" state, "Go and chase your dreams you won't regret it. Life is out there waiting so go and get it. Once you've started living life you just can't get enough. Anything can happen."

It is the last song of the show, and Thompson finds it inspiring.

"To be living my dream and singing that song is really awesome," Thompson said.

Playing a statue that comes to life, a giant toy soldier, and a chimney sweep tap dancing on the rooftops of London may sound like fun, but Thompson admits that it is hard work too.

"It takes a lot of stamina. 'Step in Time' is 12 minutes of tap dancing and singing, and there are no recorded vocals on Broadway. It's all live."

Thompson performs in eight shows a week, and one day a week he performs two shows in a day.

"On top of doing the shows, we go to the gym and take dance and vocal classes to stay in shape," he said. "It's a full time job and then some."



Nic Thompson performs in *Mary Poppins*. Photo provided

Nic Thompson's advice for others who dream of making it to Broadway is "study as much as humanly possible in all three disciplines: singing, dancing, and acting."

He added, "be kind and nice to every single person you meet along the way because people get wrapped up in competition, and you don't want to burn any bridges."

Although Thompson is far away from Clarkston, he feels very positive about the town where he grew up.

"I received astronomical support from people in Clarkston. They always gave me encouragement and kind words, and I knew they weren't just saying it to be nice," he said. "People were also very giving of their knowledge."

From the perspective of those who know him best, it wasn't a matter of sharing knowledge because Nic "came out of the womb saying he wanted to be on Broadway," Kathy Thompson, Nic's mother, said. "He always was singing and dancing around the house."

Tice agreed. "It was easy to see that he was very special. In musical theater, we go for a triple threat (acting, singing, and dancing), and Nic had that as a ninth grader."

In fact, he was one of the few freshmen who had lead roles in the school's productions. As a senior who graduated in 2002, Thompson was the only male cheerleader on the team, which helped him develop his talent for tumbling and flipping.

His mother remembers that he "took some razzing" for being the sole man on the team, but she thinks his experience gave him strength.

Nic's mom is a teacher at Clarkston High, but she admitted that her son has taught her a few things. His talents have "brought an enrichment to our lives" and given her family, who she described as "sports people," a "new appreciation for the arts."

Kathy has watched her son perform in *Mary Poppins* three times, and each time she tears up. It isn't only because she's proud of Nic, but also because of the production's message expressed in "Anything Can Happen." Hearing the song, "keeps me motivated to tell kids, don't give up!" Kathy said.

Nic Thompson certainly didn't give up on his desire to make it Broadway, and he plans to continue living his dream of dancing, singing, and acting in *Mary Poppins* until 2016.

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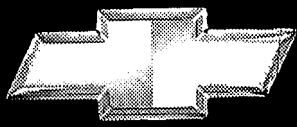
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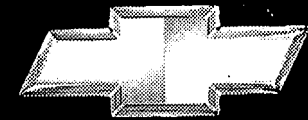
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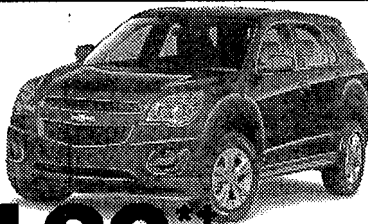
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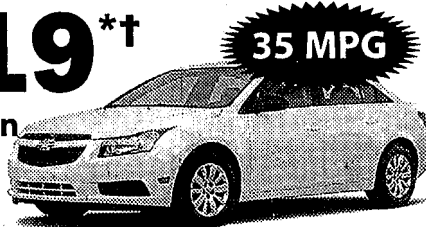


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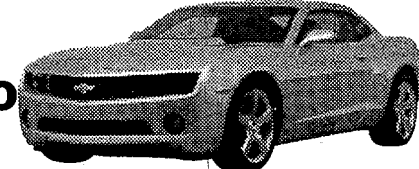
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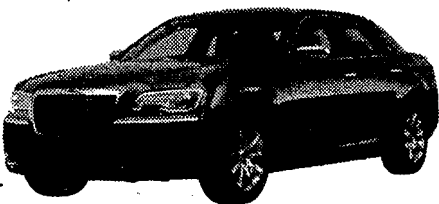


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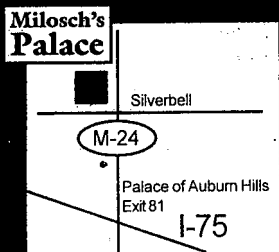


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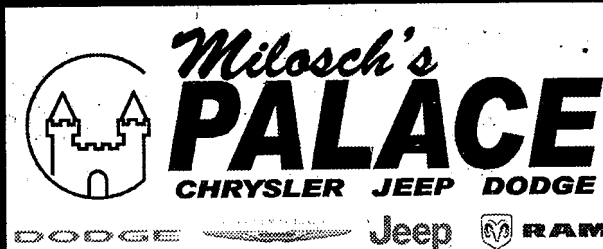
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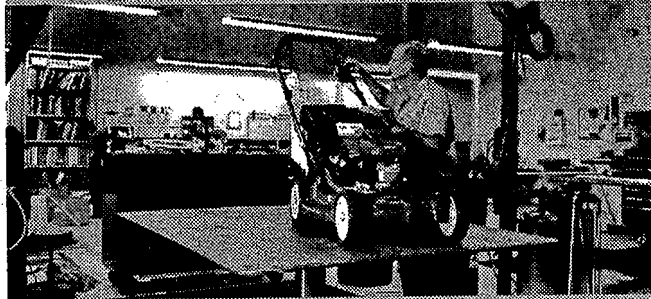


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