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Honor goes to high-tech teach

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

When this year's Clarkston Teacher of the Year award recipient was announced, video camera operator Jeff Peariso didn't get the reaction shot.



Peariso

That's because Peariso, also math teacher at Clarkston Junior High School, was the winner.

"I'm very surprised," he said, explaining he hadn't prepared an acceptance speech. "I've been nominated before, but this one has always eluded me. This is nice, it's exciting."

"I'm really proud of him," said Eileen Peariso, Jeff's mother, who was there with the rest of his family. Jeff was nominated for his innovative work in the classroom, said junior high Principal Adam Kern.

"He's constantly reinventing himself to find new ways to reach students," Kern said.

His ideas include flipping the classroom – preparing an online video lesson for students to watch at home, then come in to class to do the "homework" – as well as incorporating notebook computers, smartboards, livestreaming instruction over the Internet, blogs, texting, and other technology into his classes.

Peariso credits Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock's leadership with making his success possible.

"He opened a huge door for me," the teacher said. "I'm able to come up with an idea and run with it."

Please see *Teachers* on page 8A



In memory of vets' sacrifices

American Legion Post 63 veterans raise the flag in observance of Memorial Day at Lakeview Cemetery, May 28. Please see page 4A for more pictures from the May 28 event. Photo by Phil Custodio

Community remembers Ryan Kennedy

Students of North Sashabaw Elementary School will join family and friends in saying goodbye to their classmate Ryan Kennedy, Friday, June 1.

The 10-year-old passed away peacefully at his home Saturday afternoon after a five-year battle with cancer, which included seven surgeries, four rounds of chemotherapy, and two courses of radiation for his Ependymoma, an uncommon but virulent form of brain cancer.

"He's been brave and strong for almost five years battling cancer – your love and support for the Kennedy family has been very much appreciated and will not be forgotten," said North Sashabaw Principal Tara Ouellette in a

letter to students.

Clarkston schools, joined by the community and friends from around the world, have been helping the Kennedy family with fund raisers and other support.



Kennedy

Visitation is Wednesday, May 30, 5-9 p.m., and Thursday, May 31, 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at Wint Funeral Home, 5929 S. Main Street. The funeral will be at Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road, at 11 a.m. on June 1.

Please see page 3B for Ryan's obituary.

New places to cast votes

BY MARY KECK
Clarkston News Staff Writer

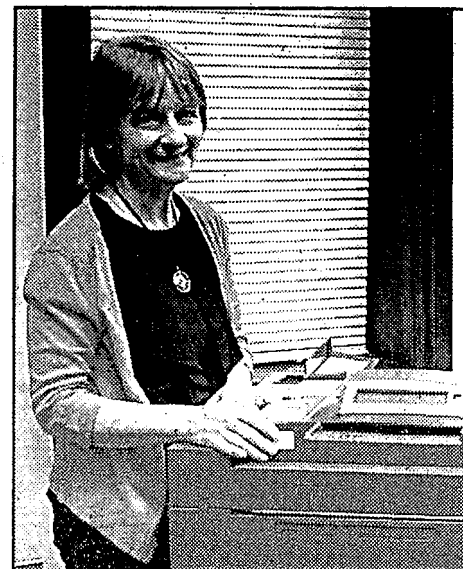
When you vote Aug. 7 primary, you may be headed to a new polling place. Instead of an elementary school as you've probably done in the past, you'll likely cast your ballot at a church or library.

Township Clerk Barb Pallotta has renumbered the precincts, a plan she's hoped to implement for some time because using elementary schools isn't quite as safe these days. Some Clarkston area schools have closed on election day to help students, parents, and voters avoid vying for parking spaces. Schools have also struggled to keep track of who enters their building.

In contrast, "Churches are ideal," Pallotta said. "They're empty during the day, and they have adequate parking." Using the library as a polling place has similar advantages, and it allows the township to "bring voters back to our own facilities," Pallotta noted.

Besides increased safety, renumbering the precincts allowed Independence Township to go from 15 to 14 precincts, which offers a cost savings. Each polling place needs inspectors, heavy equipment, signage, and clean up. With fewer precincts, the township can curb costs and make better use of their volunteers.

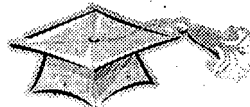
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Clerk Pallotta is ready for the vote. Photo by Mary Keck

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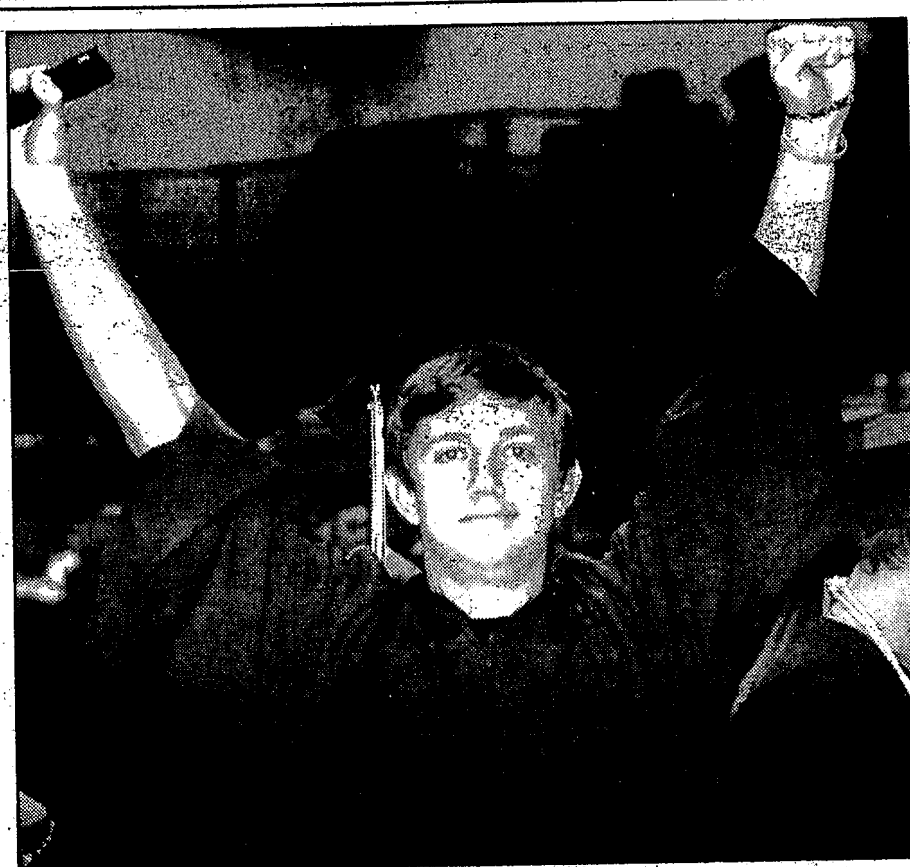
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MADE IT! Trevor Smith celebrates ending his senior year on May 22 in the Clarkston High School gymnasium. The seniors took their last walk through the high school after exams. Graduation is June 4 for Clarkston at DTE Music Theatre. See more photos from the walk and graduation in our special graduation section, on stands June 13. Photo by Wendi Reardon

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New polling places

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The last time the polling places were relocated was in 2009. Clerk Pallotta chose to change the precincts at this time because she has a more accurate assessment of the population since the 2010 census.

Each precinct can have a maximum of 2,999 voters. Precinct 1, which encompasses the northeast corner of Independence Township, has the largest number of registered voters at 2,477. Precinct 13 in the southwest has the fewest with 1,187. While the previous precinct map shows the numbers scattered all over the township, the precincts

now take on a more orderly 'S' shape. Lower numbers (1-4) are located in the northern part of Independence Township whereas higher numbers (10-14) are located in the southern section.

Every voter will receive his or her voter identification card including an updated precinct and voting location along with an informational card in the mail before the next election. If you'd like to know where to cast your ballot before then, check on www.twp.independence.mi.us or contact the clerk's office.

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Community garden ready for planting

BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The first planting day for the Clarkston Community Garden is set for June 2, and according to Garden Manager Jim Tesnar "it will be a good year."

In 2010, local gardeners grew 10,500 lbs of produce and donated it to Lighthouse North and Gleaners Food Bank in Pontiac. Now that the soil is ready for sowing, area volunteers will help kick off the Community Garden's fifth year this upcoming Saturday.

To make sure this season yields the most produce, Tesnar and other volunteers have been hard at work tilling the soil, fertilizing with manure from a local horse farm, and building a "barrier fence to keep out the critters," Tesnar said.

All of this preparation is in part to ensure a large donation of produce to local food banks, but the township Parks and Recreation department also wants to enrich the community Jim Tesnar explained.

From Tesnar's perspective, getting involved in the growing process at Clarkston Community Garden offers participants a variety of educational experiences.

For instance, they can learn about planting and caring for a variety of foods such as eggplant, basil, garlic, cucumbers, radishes, beans, sweet corn, and more.

Those who get involved can also gain experience with composting, mulching, beekeeping, and putting up trellises for climbing



Garden Manager Jim Tesnar does "preventative maintenance" by killing some potato beetles. Photo by Mary Keck

plants.

There are also options for the flower lover. Plots for irises, bee balm, and other blooms will yield flowers for cutting into "bouquets for hospitals, hospices, and other people

whose lives will be enriched," Tesnar said.

Clarkston Community Garden off of Pine Knob Road will hold its first planting day on June 2. To find out about other planting days see www.itpr.org.

Doors open in fourth school program

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Project Lead the Way joins three other unlimited enrollment School of Choice programs in Clarkston.

Open enrollment programs also include CSMTech, International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, and Advanced Studies Program.

The Clarkston Board of Education approved open enrollment for the programs, May 21.

Project Lead the Way is a Career Pathway Program for pre-engineering students.

Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock said the program hasn't changed since it was approved last year, except now enrollment is open to non-Clarkston residents.

"Project Lead the Way is a national engineering program," Rock explained. "It allows students to explore a variety of engineering careers. Teachers must go through specific training in order to qualify to teach within the Project Lead the Way curricula."

Spaces in the program are open to Clarkston students first. For the rest, students from other districts go through the application

process and committee review, and must maintain a 3.0 GPA once in the program. When approved last year, up to 10 out-of-district students could be accepted. Now it is unlimited.

Rock noted Project Lead the Way has no School of Choice students currently enrolled, while the other programs include a total of 31 students from other districts.

He added there are additionally 63 students in the program not included in the School of Choice numbers. They are children of employees working for Clarkston Community Schools who do not live in the district and are designated differently by Michigan.

"These 94 students bring into the district at least \$658,000," Rock said. "As the district receives less revenue from the state, these extra dollars benefit all of our students as they allow us to maintain programs and class sizes for kids."

Trustees Rosalie Lieblang and Joan Patterson asked to move the action to a discussion item.

When the motion failed, they asked to table the motion with questions they wanted answered before they voted on it.

Lieblang wanted to know limitations in the labs if it is made unlimited and if there are additional costs.

Rock answered the cost would be nothing for the district.

"When the board of education decided a few years ago to bring Project Lead the Way into Clarkston, it did so with the stipulation that the program would be at zero cost to the district," Rock told *The Clarkston News* after the meeting. "This is still the case. The program is completely grant funded. Generous community donors allow this program to exist in Clarkston."

Patterson wanted to know the process if the district receives too many students as well as updates on the programs.

"Every year the programs change and the funding changes," she added. "I am concerned about increasing the numbers and making sure it is available."

The motion to table the action failed, 5-2. "Without Schools of Choice students, it would be much more difficult for the district to sustain these programs," Rock added.

Patterson and Lieblang voted against making the programs unlimited.

Briefly

July 4 parade

Clarkston Area Lions Club invites community organizations, businesses, politicians and other groups to march in this year's Independence Day Parade.

The "American Made Parade" starts at St. Daniel Church at 10 a.m., July 4, through downtown Clarkston to Renaissance High School, 6300 Church Street. Call 248-462-0268.

'Chair'-ity auction

Renaissance High School's fourth annual "Chair"-ity Auction is May 29-June 4. Chairs painted by students and staff are auctioned off in a silent auction fund raiser. The chairs feature whimsical, floral sports, and other designs.

They can be viewed and bid on at Clarkston Community Education Building, 6558 Waldon Road, as well as online at www.clarkston.k12.mi.us.

Proceeds go to Clarkston Schools' Academic Service Learning and Renaissance High. Call Jessica Hall at 248-623-8064 or email jlhall@clarkston.k12.mi.us.

Open burn ordinance

Independence Township Board of Trustees will vote on the final draft of the Open Burn Ordinance at its next meeting, Tuesday, June 5, 7:30 p.m., in Township Hall.

The ordinance, which regulates citizens' use of fire outside their home, includes new fees and burn schedules. The final draft will be finalized during the board's next meeting.

Sewer audit

Department of Environmental Quality inspectors checked Clarkston's storm water drainage system, May 23, as part of the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) program.

The audit "went very well," said City Manager Dennis Ritter.

The DEQ checked City Hall, 3 East Church, and other city property. One issue, however, is proper disposal of waste from its street sweeper, which has "potential to pick up toxins," Ritter explained.

The system includes roads, storm sewers, pipes, and ditches. The state will send a formal letter outlining MS4-compliance steps in 45-60 days, Ritter said.

The city will post its watershed plan on its website, train DPW personnel on pollution prevention, and develop public education and outreach activities. Check www.michigan.gov/deq.



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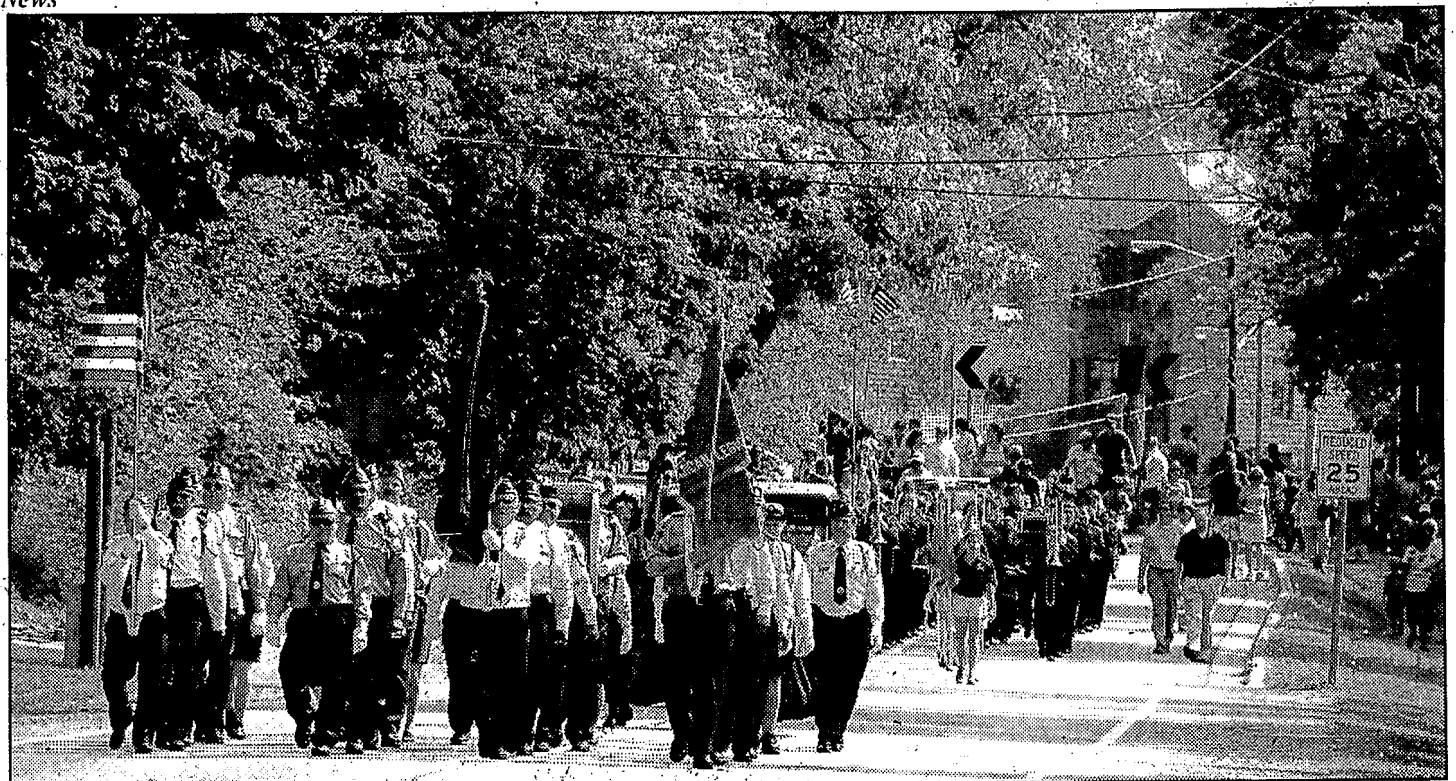
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American Legion Post 63 leads the Memorial Day parade to Lakeview Cemetery.

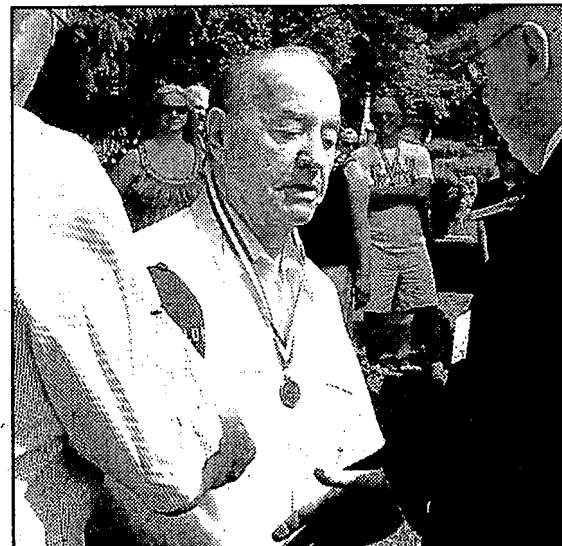
Veterans keep memories alive

American Legion Post 63 led the community in Memorial Day remembrances, May 28 in Lakeview Cemetery.

The day's events kicked off with a parade through downtown Clarkston, featuring the Legion honor guard, Clarkston High School marching band, and local military vehicles.



The legion Honor Guard fires a salute.



World War II veteran Charles J. Smalley receives a veteran's medal at the ceremony. Smalley fought on D-Day through France, and was wounded in the Hurtgen Forest in Germany. He earned the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, and other medals. He was also Clarkston police marshal until 1993.



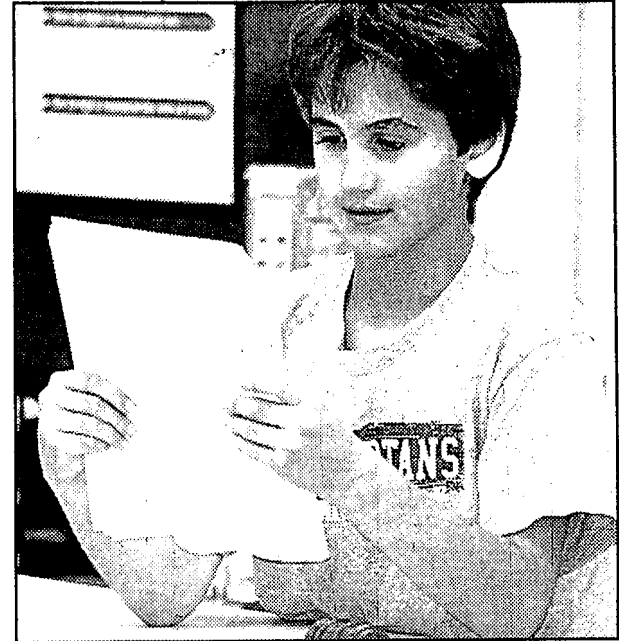
The American Legion honors Clarkston Junior High School students Malcolm Hill, Madeleine Declercq, Simone Hamilton, and Madeline Maday for taking part in the ceremony. Hill, Declercq, and Maday read essays they wrote about the meaning of Memorial Day. Hamilton recited the Gettysburg Address. *Photos by Phil Custodio*



Not Slytherin, not Slytherin. Abigail Line eagerly waits for the Sorting Hat to put her into a house at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Photos by Wendi Reardon



Hanna Shewchuck swears in before she tells her story during the Three Little Pigs' mock trial.



Jack Risi acts as judge during a mock trial of the Three Little Pigs led by SPE mom and attorney, Melanie Rohr.

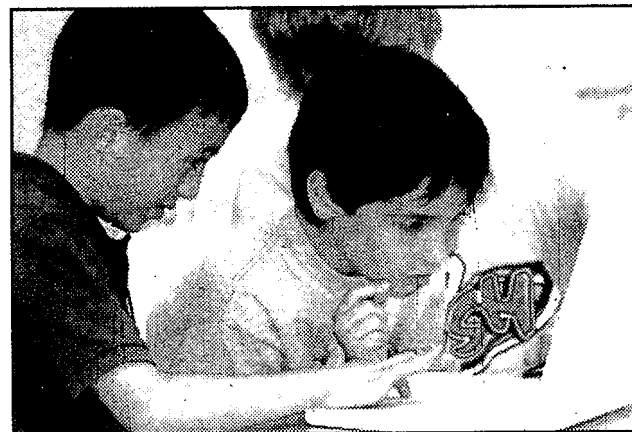
Inspired by books

Springfield Plains Elementary students excitedly passed through the halls on Festival Day, May 18.

All workshops were inspired by books. Students had a variety of workshops

from health to travel to using their creative side to choose from.

A popular choice was visiting Willy Wonka's Chocolate factory - where they made a chocolate treat.



Chase VanVallis and Jon Risi pay attention to detail as they work on a robot with TEAM Rush.



Jack Bean learns how to wrap a cast.

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Wild Ideas

A column by Mary Keck

Symbiosis

I've heard you should keep your friends close and your enemies closer, but in the case of gardens, I'm not so sure this saying holds true.

Vegetables like to form cliques. So when we planned our garden, we kept companion planting in mind. Our tomatoes grow right next door to garlic while our pole beans share space with carrots. As the upward growing veggies rise, their rooty buddies will have plenty of room to ripen below ground.

With our neighbors' help, we filled our raised beds with their composted manure, which has a fluffy texture and a rich, dark chocolaty color. Our tomatoes, cucumbers, and carrots took to it right away. Usually when you think of gifts that keep on giving, dirt isn't the first idea to pop into your mind; however, our friends' dirt offers the essential ingredients our veggies will need all summer.

As thanks for helping us, I baked our neighbors a cobbler made from fresh rhubarb sprouting up in our backyard. Just one plant provided enough for two batches. Since it's one of my husband's favorites, I couldn't give it all away.

Some garden pals can't be rewarded with sweet treats, though. For example, our unexpected neighbor, a light brown snake we call Woody, has graciously offered to pick off pesty invaders.

On occasion, Woody rests in the sun on a log near our garden, and we're hoping he'll snatch unwanted insects. Although our cat, Snickers, had Woody shaking in his scales for a while, he's since returned to observe our garden on sunny afternoons. If he can slither clear of felines, he'll likely catch snacks as they come scurrying by.

Unfortunately for us, Woody's got his work cut out for him because our enemies are neighborly too. Our spinach, basil, and cauliflower have already had visitors who've left behind holey mementos. To counter their social calls, we've sprinkled our leafy greens with biological insecticide.

Next time caterpillars come hankering for veggies, they'll get a fatal case of indigestion when they drop in.

I think I'll keep my friends close and my enemies as far away as possible, for now. Otherwise, I may not have much to harvest: at summer's end.



Letters To The Editor . . .

Spring cleanup help

Dear Editor,

The residents of the Clarkston Mills Ponds would like to express their appreciation to the City of the Village of Clarkston DPW for removing our collected debris from the annual spring shoreline cleanup of the ponds.

Frank H. Schoebel
Chair, Clarkston Mills Ponds Association

sort and box food, and stack the heavy boxes in our storage areas.

Our agency depends on community support and has yet to be disappointed in the response when the call goes out for help. And last but not least, thank you to all of the donors for this tremendous amount of food! The caring spirit in this community runs strong and continues to amaze. Thank you for helping.

Connie Stapleton
Lighthouse North manager

White Cane Week

Dear Editor,

The Clarkston Area Lions wish to thank everyone for their support during our recent "White Cane Week". Through your generosity, we collected over \$9,400.

All (100%) of the funds collected will be used to support many sight and hearing projects, including Leader Dogs for the Blind, Michigan Eye Bank and Transplant Center, Lions Bear Lake Camp for Physically Challenged Youth, Penrickton Center for Blind Children, Beaumont Silent Children Fund, and the District 11A2 Lions Hearing Program in Macomb and Oakland Counties, just to mention a few. Additionally, we support Clarkston Lighthouse, Offering Alternative Therapy with Smiles, Inc. (O.A.T.S), the Independence Township Library (resources for the sight impaired), and SCAMP. Money raised during White Cane Week also allows the Lions to provide eyeglass and hearing aid support to those in need, as well as free vision screening for pre-school children.

Whether from a car window or at the grocery, it is the generosity of donors that allows the Clarkston Area Lions to help serve others. You are truly helping the Lions make a difference in our community.

Visit www.lionsclubs.org and www.clarkstonlions.org.

Bob Murdock
President, Clarkston Area Lions

Postal food drive

Dear Editor,

On a very rainy May 12, our community came together to donate an estimated ten tons of food to the local food pantry at Lighthouse of Oakland County, Clarkston office.

This food is expected to feed low income households in our area for the next three to four months.

Many thanks to the Independence Township post office employees who worked hard to promote and execute this very successful food drive to help our neighbors who struggle to put food on the table while also trying to keep the household bills paid.

The Clarkston Lighthouse staff also extends a huge thank you to the many volunteers who showed up at our building that wet Saturday afternoon to unload mail trucks,

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1997

"Outdoor dining approved for Mesquite Creek" On May 22, 1997 the Independence Township Planning Commission unanimously approved to amend the restaurant's original site plan to include outdoor dining.

"Wacko for the Wings" Adrienne and Paul Lynch admitted to be die-hard Detroit Red Wings fans as the team went into Game 1 in the Stanley Cup playoffs against the Philadelphia Flyers. They also admitted going above and beyond the call of duty. They had an ice sculpture in the shape of the infamous "Wing" at their wedding and the theme through their home.

"Evans second in hurdles" Chris Evans broke his own school record as the MHSAA Boys Track & Field State Finals, finishing the 110 hurdles in 14.2 seconds.

25 years ago - 1987

"Thanks on menu" The teachers and staff of Andersonville Elementary School put a twist on the classic lunch to recognize the work of parent volunteers. Parent volunteers were invited to the school where teachers and staff made and served them lunch.

"Books, school plan on hold" The Clarkston Board of Education decided if voters approved the renewal of 3.79 mills plus the additional 4.25 mills they would order new textbooks.

"Road worry" The Independence Township Board of Trustees discussed the possibilities of extending Maybee Road west of Dixie Highway before 1992. They took no action because there were too many unknowns.

50 years ago - 1962

"Cub Pack 126 Receives 'A' Rating" Cub pack 126 received an A rating from the Manitowish district Show-O-Ree. This was an outstanding achievement considering the pack was only in existence for a little over 3 months.

"Davisburg Baptist Stages Crusade" The First Baptist Church welcomed Dr. John Linton, a scholar from Scotland to their annual Christian Life Crusade. Dr. Linton's accent, wit and ability to connect with young people made the experience enjoyable for all.

"Eight-year-old wins trophy" Linda Skarritt, an eight-year-old, won first place in the Juvenile "B" Girls Figures event in the Michigan State Amateur Roller Skating Championship at the State Arena in Flint.

What about rules?

Dear Editor,

In response to the editorial "Work together now to fix schools," May 16, I may want to talk to some of the School Board members about pending or possible school improvements, but they, by school board rules, are not allowed to talk to anybody.

Bill Gregory
Independence Township

Support for Wallace

Dear Editor,

Neil Wallace should be our next Independence Township supervisor.

First, none of the candidates have demonstrated the long term, diverse and genuine involvement and selfless dedication to our community. None.

Second, I watch the board meetings regularly so I see no one comes as prepared as Neil. With his leadership, there has been much accomplished. He spells it all out at www.rTownshipMatters.com so we can all understand where he stands on all the issues we face.

Finally, we had a problem in our neighborhood that I brought to Neil's attention. He jumped in and made something happen.

We cannot do better than Neil Wallace for Independence Township supervisor.

Dennis Ferguson
Independence Township

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One black eye wasn't enough for Jim's wife

Daughter-in-law Linda saw some young lads playing basketball. They were pre-teenager children of friends.

She muscled her way onto their court, lunged for the ball, tripped and fell forehead-first on the concrete.

This was four weeks ago. Her left eye is still a mixture of mostly purple with some yellowish and reddish colors mixed in.

But, the good news is her right eye sort of matches. Two weeks ago Linda was lifting their big ol' setter, Ruger, onto the pontoon boat when the dog suddenly reared its head and hit Linda's second eye real hard.

In between accidents Linda diagnosed her first ground encounter giving her a concussion. She couldn't remember driving home from the basketball game. But she did remember doctor time.

With the physical examination over, the doctor started asking questions about causes.

Dr.: "Was this a domestic dispute?"

Linda: "Did you read my husband's obituary in the paper? No. Then it wasn't a domestic dispute."

Recently, I started reading utility bills more carefully. Why don't they sell their phone or electric service for less instead of having surrogates offer deals to we dependant customers?

This week's AT&T bill announces an increase in directory assistant calls starting July 15 from \$1.79 to \$1.89.

See how easy it is for utilities to raise rates to a captured audience.

Two Mexican detectives were investigating the murder of Juan Gonzalez.

"How was he killed?" asked one detective.

"With a golf gun," the other detective replied.

"A golf gun! What is a golf gun?"

"I don't know, but it sure made a hole

Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

in Juan."

Being exposed (through the media) to crime in Detroit I find myself looking for answers just like that city's

folks.

The attack on the Rev. Marvin Winans brought even more wonderment, more whys and other questions.

My wonderments have been along the line of rearing. Parents and guardians should pay more attention to their kids, I've concluded.

Last Sunday, *Detroit Free Press* columnist, Mitch Albom, who I often read, but seldom agree, wrote, "Either those adults take more responsibility, or this will get only worse."

"Either our communities act like communities, or this will get only worse. Either we citizens watch out for each other -- and don't look the other way -- or this will get only worse."

Winans said, "Our young people have to find their purpose in life. It has to be bigger than sitting in a gas station waiting to rob innocent people."

Albom, "But someone has to teach you that from a young age."

Teaching is often done through repetition.

Parents and guardians should be spending lots of time with the "thou shall not" rules.

Just who's in Flander's Field? Memorial Day leftovers.

Monday was Memorial Day. Now that we are all back to home and work, and since everybody else wrote about Memorial Day before Memorial Day, I thought I'd do it differently. I'll do mine after Memorial Day! I first ran this column in 2003, and since then -- every year around this time -- some folks request I re-run it. I usually oblige.

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

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

In towns across this nation, gray-ing and weathered veterans don their uniforms to stand in roadways and in front of stores to sell paper poppies. Monies raised from these sales and those made by the wives and daughters of veterans help different veteran causes (not to stock the bar with booze

as I have heard some speculate). So, I always feel obligated to pull out some green backs, purchase a poppy and say "thank you." There's been a red paper poppy somewhere in every vehicle I have owned over the years.

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

Legends of poppy fields popping up over battlefields are reported from the time of Genghis Khan, through the Napoleonic wars and up until the first World War. Why, you may be asking? Well, dear reader, because as any Master Gardener

knows, poppy seeds can lay dormant for years, only to germinate when the soil they lay in gets turned up.

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

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

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

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

In 1918, an American woman, Moina

Michael wrote:

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

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

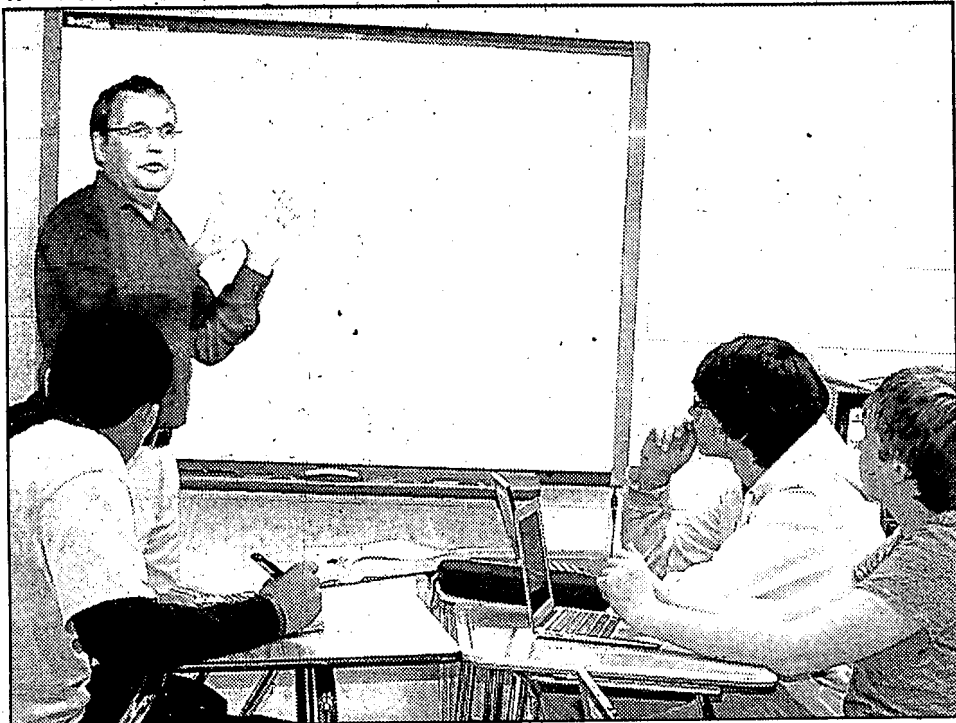
Folks in England, Australia, France, Canada and the good old US of A, still continue this tradition.

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

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

Are there "good" stories out there we're missing?

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Teacher of the Year Jeff Peariso uses a Smartboard to teach math to students at Clarkston Junior High School.

Secondary teachers honored

Continued from page 1A

Teachers make the district successful, Rock said.

"Nothing else matters but good teachers," Rock said. "No one up here is not teacher of the year. They're all awesome. They do incredible things for the kids."

Nominees also included Clarkston Junior High School teachers Karen Czarnecki and Jon Paddock; Sashabaw Middle School teachers Howard Andress, MariAnn Pace-Bleau, and Paul Sabbag; Renaissance High School teacher Sara Mastie; and Clarkston High School teach-

ers Amy Quayle and Amy Hohlbein.

Selecting one for the award was a difficult process, said Mike Page, chairman of the Clarkston Foundation Teacher of the Year Selection Committee.

"The teachers are all exceptional," Page said.

The Foundation's support was also instrumental for teachers - the non-profit group provides grants for purchase of technology such as an Echo smartpen.

"Clarkston Foundation makes so much of a difference for us," Peariso said.



From left are Teacher of the Year nominees Jeff Peariso, Sara Mastie, Jon Paddock, Karen Czarnecki, Howard Andress, MaryAnn Pace-Bleau, Amy Quayle, and Amy Hohlbein. Photos by Phil Custodio



SUMMER START: Eddie Money returned to the DTE Energy Music Theatre on May 25 to launch the venue's 40th summer season. During the concert on Friday, Money lovers heard their favorite hits including "Two Tickets to Paradise" and "Baby, Hold on to Me" as Eddie entertained with his voice, saxophone, and harmonica. DTE has invited four other acts for the summer who played at the theatre in its first year: Neil Diamond, Chicago, Smokey Robinson, and the Beach Boys. To see what's playing next, go to www.palacenet.com. Photo by Mary Keck

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Stolen boat, bow, purse

A purse was taken from an unlocked van in a garage with its door left open in the 6000 block of Park Ridge Court, May 12.

Someone took a paddle boat and damaged property in the 6000 block of Dale Court, May 15.

Someone broke into a building through a window in the 3000 block of Clarkston Road, May 16.

A bow case including bow, arrows, tips and tool kit were reported stolen from an unlocked vehicle in the 5000 block of Heath Avenue, May 16.

More than \$200 was taken from an unlocked car parked in the 5000 block of Dixie Highway, May 21.

Super drunk driver jailed

Citizens reported a van weaving from side to side on Waldon Road, 5:42 p.m., May 6. A deputy located and stopped it as it turned onto Main Street. The driver, a 29-year-old Independence Township man, smelled strongly of alcohol and stumbled around when asked to perform sobriety tests. He had several empty cans of beer under the driver's seat, center console, and passenger seat. With a breath test of .30, he was taken to the hospital for medical clearance, then to jail for super drunk driving, driving with a suspended license, and forged license plate tab.

Public Safety

Reports from Oakland County, Deputies and Independence Township Fire Department

Tobacco sold to minor

A deputy stopped a car because it had an expired registration sticker on its license plate, 5:25 p.m., May 10, on Maybee Road. It turned out the correct tab was there, just hidden by a license plate cover. However, the 17-year-old Independence Township boy driving the car and his passengers, a 17-year-old Independence Township boy and 17-year-old Oxford boy, had cigarettes. Asked where they got them, the Oxford teen said he bought them at a Maybee Road convenience store. The deputy took them to the shop, where the clerk admitted to selling the cigarettes without checking identification. The clerk, a 31-year-old West Bloomfield man, was cited with selling tobacco to a minor.

Prosecuter to review case

A 22-year-old Independence Township man was stopped for loud exhaust and license plate light out at Maybee Road and Heath Avenue, 10:06 p.m., May 23. He had a grinder in the car's center console and glass pipe with marijuana residue in it. The case was sent to the prosecutor for review.

Repeat offender

Drivers called police to report a van weaving back and forth and driving over a curb, 3:54 p.m., May 17, on Maybee Road near Sashabaw Road. Deputies found the van parked at a wine shop. The driver, a 50-year-old Waterford man, had a glass pipe in his hand, and dropped it when questioned. He said he smoked cocaine two hours before. He had a misdemeanor warrant out of 51st District Court for assault and battery, as well as convictions for drugs, shop lifting, burglary, robbery, drunk driving, car theft, fleeing and eluding, theft from vehicles, vandalism, and driving with a suspended license. He was arrested for driving under the influence of drugs.

Domestic violence arrest

A 19-year-old Independence Township man was arrested for felonious assault for beating his girlfriend with a belt, 6 p.m., May 24. She had injuries on her legs, arms, and neck, but refused medical attention. Two belts were logged as evidence.

Urinating in public

Checking on reports of a man driving all over the road, pulling into a parking lot near Clarkston and Pine Knob roads, and urinating on the pavement, a deputy questioned a 22-year-old Waterford man, 8:25 p.m., May 19. The driver, who smelled strongly of alcohol, said he had been dropped off by a friend. Based on evidence found on the pavement and the man's pants, he was ticketed for urinating in public.

Pistol pointer arrested

A 56-year-old Holly man was jailed for felonious assault and felony firearm after reportedly pointing a pistol at another vehicle while driving on I-75 in Independence Township, 3:14 p.m., May 22. The other driver said his passenger flipped off the Holly man for cutting them off on the highway. The Holly driver then followed them off at the Dixie Highway exit and pointed the gun at them. Deputies used the license plate number to track the man to his workplace. He said he was in a road rage incident but didn't point a gun. Deputies found a pistol registered to the man, who had a concealed carry permit, in a work cabinet.

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Lady wolves lacrosse team on fire

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Lady Wolves were on fire as soon as their game against Waterford United in the first round of the MHSAA Regionals last Thursday.

Senior Stephanie Dellinger grabbed possession of the ball and passed it to junior Lauren Sharkey, who scored 13 seconds into the game.

The Clarkston Girls Varsity Lacrosse team won the first round, 18-3.

"It was a good win," said head coach Stephanie Dellinger. "They executed exactly

what we have been practicing."

The girls had an 11-point lead before Waterford United scored with 2:22 left in the first half. They made another attempt with less than a minute to go but goalie Kylie Cohu stopped the ball.

"Cohu really stepped up," Dellinger added. "We have been practicing her really hard the last couple of weeks. She really made the difference."

Freshman Mary Schlaff agreed.

"She has been working really hard," she added.

The Lady Wolves opened the second half

with the same powerful momentum as Sharkey scored two within the first three minutes of play.

Schlaff was next to score as she drove towards Waterford's net. She took a step to the right and made the shot on the goal, putting the Lady Wolves further into the lead, 14-1.

"We always have a strong offense," coach noted. "They pulled through just like they normally do."

Waterford United's trips into Clarkston's turf were short as defense was quick to at

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK:

Sydney Hasselbach makes homeruns happen

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Lady Wolf Sydney Hasselbach knows about hitting.

During the Clarkston Girls Varsity Softball regular season she has sent the ball over the fence for 11 home runs. Four of them were during the University of Michi-

gan Tournament the Lady Wolves won, May 18-19.

"This season has been really great," she smiled. "I have a lot of support from my teammates. I have gotten so far because of my teammates and my coaches. They are awesome. They work with me and are hard on me. My coaches get tough on me when I need it. They get me mentally strong which is a big part of the game."

Hasselbach added she has worked during the off-season on her weaknesses and techniques she wanted to improve.

"I have really been trying to push outside pitching, slowing it down and changeups," she said. "Not going through slopes but trying to be an all the time hitter instead of just going through peaks."

She started playing softball six years ago but admits she has been around it since her older sister, Taylor, was in tee ball.

"My dad wanted me to have fun and go to an open gym with my sister," she said. "I fell in love with it."

Before joining softball, Sydney was active in gymnastics and dance. She noticed the difference right away.

"It's different going from solo to a team. I like it a lot better. I love my team. We work hard every day."

During the off season she has played the last three years with Finesse Fastpitch and continues to work on her hitting and building her skills.

For aspiring players looking to play, Sydney advised to work hard all the time especially when coaches aren't looking.

"Keep doing the extra things and you will go far," she smiled. "My sister and I would be outside for hours with our dad just throwing and hitting."

Sydney plans to continue playing softball in college.



Junior Sydney Hasselbach positions herself for Rochester's pitch during Clarkston's last home game, May 22. Photos by Wendi Reardon



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Junior Brittney Jaynes grabs a loose ball during the first half against Waterford United. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Wolves win

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tack and get the ball back to the other end of the field.

"I told the attack we have to start with defense right off the bat," coach added. "They did. Our attack defense and middies were really solid. Across the board it was a great game."

Sharkey had seven goals during the game and Dellinger added five. Schlaff had three, Anna Gray had two and Madison McGuire added one for the game.

"My team really brings me up," Schlaff added about playing in her first regional game and scoring goals. "They keep me going. Being a freshman I have a lot of people to look up to."

The Lady Wolves take on Grand Blanc on Thursday at 5 p.m.

"We have been practicing hard," Schlaff said. "It will be a tough game."

"I feel like we have had a lot of down time," coach added. "We get into game mode and executing what we do best. If Grand Blanc was scouting us they saw what they saw - that is Clarkston."

The winner moves on to the finals on Saturday at 2 p.m. to play Brighton or Hartland for the regional title. Both games are at Lake Orion High School.

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Ready for districts

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Lady Wolves needed to make a few runs going into the top of the seventh inning if they were going to beat Rochester, May 22.

They were down 3-2 and for the last home game in the regular season - it wouldn't do for the Clarkston Girls Varsity Softball team.

Sophomore Rachel Alli hit the ball and brought in two runs to bring the girls into the lead, 4-2.

"She just kept following the ball over and over," said Don Peters, head coach. "She got on first and stole second."

"Mama Grande" Megan Hastings was next to make a big hit - this time a home run over the fence in the left field. The hit brought in two runs and sealed the win for the girls.

A fifth run from junior Sydney Hasselbach put the game, 7-3.



Rachel Alli swings at the pitch.

"It was a challenge for us," Hasselbach said. "We really came through when we needed to. We worked as a team and cheered each other on. Some of us were having our best games and the other girls turned it up."

She added what helped during the last inning was the players cheering for each other and staying positive.

"That is why we have done so well," Hasselbach explained. "We don't just have good players - we have a good team. Everyone gets along."

Rochester got two runs during the bottom of the first inning of the game and the Lady Wolves scored on two runs in the second inning to tie the game. Then, Rochester pulled into the lead when they scored another run.

The girls won the first game of the double header, 3-0.

"It was good," Peters added. "We got a couple of clutch hits during the game."

The Lady Wolves are spending this week preparing for the MHSAA District playoffs. They have a bye for the first round and will play the winner from the Lake Orion/Waterford game.

Hasselbach and Peters added playing Rochester and an array of teams during the University of Michigan tournament helped to prepare them.

"Rochester is a good team," Peters said. "They put a lot of pressure on us in different situations. They had some nice hitters, good pitchers, and nice runners."

"We saw a lot of good competition and it got us ready," Hasselbach added about the UofM Tournament. "It is one of the best in the state - one of the biggest. We really pushed through it. We played a lot of good teams and good games and competition."

She added for the playoffs the team has to keep going and work really hard.

The Lady Wolves play at 12 p.m. on Friday. The winner moves on to the finals, set for 5 p.m.

Both games are at Lake Orion High School.



AJ Kowal picks up his speed to pass West Bloomfield defense. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Wolves win first round

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

When West Bloomfield scored the first goal against Clarkston in the MHSAA Pre-Regional game last Friday - the Wolves took action.

"They poked the bear a little bit," said Brian Kaminskas, Clarkston Boys Varsity A Lacrosse head coach. "Good for West Bloomfield. They had the shot and they took it. It woke us up."

"It was on defense," added junior Evan Kneisel about his end of the field. "We said we needed to communicate better. We need to get our zone."

Once the Wolves were woken up, they went on a 14-1 run during the first half of the game.

The lead would continue as the boys won the first round, 19-3.

"It was a good first round," said Kaminskas. "We wanted to come out and make a statement so Brighton was well aware we are ready for them. We will bring everything we have and start rolling like we did last year."

Seniors Travis Craft, Kevin Horton and

Jordan Kincaid led the team with three goals a piece. Seniors Sam Moore, Kevin O'Grady and sophomore Reid Kaminski added two goals each.

O'Grady and Horton also assisted on three goals each during the game.

"Our standouts were our goalies, Adam Gohl and Jack Hendricks," Kaminskas added. "Both had a good game with three goals made between the two of them. Both of them played very well. Our offense gets a lot of attention - it's the goal scoring, but defense did a great job. We worked this week on making sure to keep things contained and working from the inside out. They did a really nice job of that."

The boys saw Brighton on Tuesday in the semi-finals and went in with a 19-3 record.

"We are going to give it our all as we come out for playoffs," said Kneisel. "We had a very bad clearing this game. We are going to work on it and communication."

The winner moves on to play the winner of the Brother Rice/Midland Dow game on Friday, 7 p.m. at West Bloomfield High School.

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Lisa Lyons keeps control of the ball.

Wolfpack Update - Sports in a Flash

The Lady Kickers ended their regular season with a tie against their crosstown rivals Lake Orion, 0-0.

The Clarkston Girls Varsity Soccer team made four shots on the net and goalie Katie Miller saved two shots.

The girls played Carman-Ainsworth on Tuesday in the first round of district play-offs. The winner plays Thursday in the semi-finals and in the finals on Saturday. Both games are in Davison. They went in to play-offs with a 8-6-4 record.

Hitters lost both their double header games to Lake Orion on May 22, 8-2 and 4-2.

For the Clarkston Boys Varsity Baseball team, Alex Peck hit a triple and had one RBI. Jake Forsten pitched four innings and threw five strikeouts, putting the boys 19-8 and 10-6 in the OAA Red.

The boys head into MHSAA Districts this Friday. They play the winner of the Waterford Mott/Lake Orion game at 2:30 p.m. The winner moves on to the finals at 5 p.m. Both games are at Lake Orion High School.

Alex Genter finished as one of the top individuals in the fifth OAA Red Jamboree for the Clarkston Boys Varsity Golf team with a par of 37.

Teammates Cam Krausman finished with a par of 39; Nick Badgley, 41; Alex McIntosh, 42; Jack Alli, 43; and Nick Surovec, 44.

The team finished in the jamboree in sixth place with 159. Rochester took first place with 143 after-nine holes at Twin Lakes.

The boys compete in districts this Friday at Bald Mountain Golf Course against Fenton, Grand Blanc, Lake Orion, Oxford,

Pontiac, Rochester, Rochester Adams, Stoney Creek, Romeo, Waterford Kettering and Waterford Mott.

Athletes from the Clarkston track teams finished the Freshman Oakland County Championships on top.

The girls took first place with 56 points and the boys tied for third with Avondale, 38.

For the boys, David Posawatz took first in the 3,200-meter run; Merriek Canada second place, long jump; Daniel Billette, second, 1,600-meter run; and the 3,200-meter relay team in fourth place.

For the girls, Lysie Gram, first, 1,600-meter run, second in 3,200-meter run; Maddie Wilson, second, 100- and 200-meter dash; Jessica Altene, third, long jump; and 800-meter relay team in third.

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FILE PC # 2012-008

Verizon Wireless Petitioner

REQUESTING SPECIAL LAND USE FOR (1) ADDITIONAL WALL SIGN

Per Ordinance Section 50-848

5688 Sashabaw Rd. (Regency Development)

Common Description: Sashabaw Rd. and Maybee Rd. 3.98 acres

Parcel Identification: 08-27-400-033/ C-2 zoning

FILE PC #2012-009

McLaren Health Care, Petitioner

REQUEST AMENDED FINAL PUD AND SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR MCLAREN HEALTH CARE, HEALTH CARE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON

The overall concept and site plan to create a comprehensive health care campus remains unchanged. However, McLaren is requesting a number of changes to the Planned Unit Development Site Plan and Agreement. In summary, the following changes are proposed:

- Total number of general hospital beds will be capped at two hundred (200), with an option of an additional fifty (50) beds for specialty hospital care in the future.
- Height of the hospital will be reduced by one (1) story to four (4) stories.
- Overall building square footage and ground floor footprint will be reduced.
- Rearrangement of site circulation and parking.
- Amount of structured parking will be reduced and surface parking somewhat increased.

Common Description: Sashabaw Road and Bow Pointe Drive, ±76.60 Acres, PUD Zoning

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT THE ABOVE REQUEST MAY BE EXAMINED at the Township Building Department during regular business hours. Written comments may be sent to the Planning Commission c/o the Independence Township Building Department, 6483 Waldon Center Drive, Clarkston, Michigan, 48346, prior to the Public Hearing/Meeting. For further information, call (248)625-8111.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO: PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

Estate of GEORGE D. TOTH, DECEASED. Date of birth: 12/18/1941.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, GEORGE D. TOTH, DECEASED, died April 26, 2012.

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

ROBERT G. ISGRIGG, JR. P-24924 Niesha McGugan
2745 Pontiac Lake Road Waterford, Michigan 48329
(248) 682-8800 (248) 623-5903

NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS

RE: Janet Marion Wilson, Settlor
Janet Marion Wilson revocable Living Trust
Dated May 14, 1992

The Settlor, Janet Marion Wilson, who lived at 6564 Summit Ridge Ct., Clarkston, Michigan 48346, died March 17, 2012. There is no personal representative of the Settlor's estate to whom Letters of Administration have been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Janet Marion Wilson Revocable Living Trust date May 14, 1992, as amended, will be forever barred unless presented to Barbara A. Carnwath, Successor Trustee, within four months after the date of publication.

Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the person entitled to it.

Date: April 26, 2012

Barbara A. Carnwath, Trustee
8242 Pine Lake Drive
Davisburg, MI 48520

Stuart B. Cooney (P25900)
6480 Citation Drive
Clarkston, MI 48346
(248) 625-0600

TO ALL CREDITORS

The Grantor, Grace E. Fiorek (date of birth August 2, 1919), who lived at 3022 Kingsley Drive, Troy, Michigan 48064, died on April 27, 2012. There is no personal representative of the Grantor's estate to whom Letters of Administration have been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Grace E. Fiorek Revocable Living Trust date August 13, 1990, as amended, will be forever barred unless presented to Mary Ann Parks and Patricia Lehr, Co-Trustees, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Notice is further given that the Trust assets will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Date: May 18, 2012

William G. Zqabel (P22671),
Attorney for Trustees
6480 Citation Drive
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(248) 620-3330
Mary Ann Parks and
Patricia Lehr, Co-Trustees
4224 Edmore Rd.
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(248) 673-4170



Michigan Impact U11 Girls team: from left, front row, Molly McCaghy, Payton Price, Jaclyn Marra, Kayla Doslak; middle row, Chelsea Styma, Laura Norrito, Cat Schlaff, Lauren Licari, Kateri Thibodeau; back row: Coach Todd Rajala, Paige Oliverio, Micah Rolling and Bryn Cairns. Photo submitted

Tournament champions

Clarkston kickers helped their Michigan Impact Soccer Club Girls U11 teammates to win the Novi Jaguar Invitational, May 11-13.

Jaclyn Marra, Molly McCaghy, Laura Norrito, Paige Oliverio, Payton Price, Cat Schlaff and Kateri Thibodeau joined by players from Lake Orion, Oxford, Leonard, Highland and Waterford went undefeated going into the championship game.

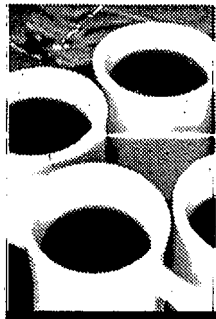
They beat Vardar East, 4-0, Dexter, 4-1, and Pennsylvania Crew, 3-1, before seeing Plymouth Reign.

All they needed was a win against Plymouth to take the Novi Jaguar Invitational.

They succeeded, not only with a win, but with a 6-0 shutout - their second during the tournament.

The tournament includes 410 teams, 103 clubs from Michigan, Ohio, Ontario, Indiana and Pennsylvania.

Tryouts for the next season are June 16 and 17 at Clintonwood Park. For more information, please visit www.michiganimpactsoccer.com.



Clarkston Coffee Club

News about and for local business folk

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



Blaine Tweed, Kroger store manager, cuts the ribbon with the help of store employees and officials with Independence Township, Oakland County, and Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce. Photo by Phil Custodio

Ribbon cutting at Kroger

Kroger in Independence Township, 5990 Sashabaw Road, celebrated its grand re-opening with a ribbon cutting, May 16.

Updates include new bakery and beverage departments and enhanced floral, produce, Natural Foods, meat and seafood, and dairy and frozen food sections.

"We renovated the Independence Town-

ship store to offer a more convenient store layout in an updated, attractive environment," said Blaine Tweed, Independence Township Kroger store manager. "We've added additional check lanes and U-Scans for faster checkout, and upgraded departments to create a more enjoyable shopping experience for our customers."

Local business achievements

Chase Plastic Services, Inc., of Clarkston, celebrates 20 years of business.

Kevin Chase, president of Chase Plastics, and his wife, Carole, started the company in May 1992. Kevin made sales calls during the day, delivering materials from the trunk of his car, and Carole handled administrative tasks into the morning hours so the couple could spend time with their young children in between.

Chase Plastics now includes 85 employees and distributes more than 6,400 specialty, engineering and commodity thermoplastics nationwide. They added 13 new positions in 2011 and 12 new employees so far in 2012.

Timothy J. Martin and Deanna M. Olsen of Clarkston received the Chartered Special Needs Consultant designation. Martin & Olsen are financial services professionals with Detroit Financial Group/Planned Financial Services LLC.

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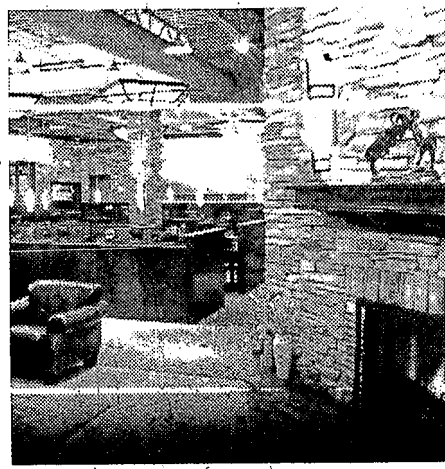
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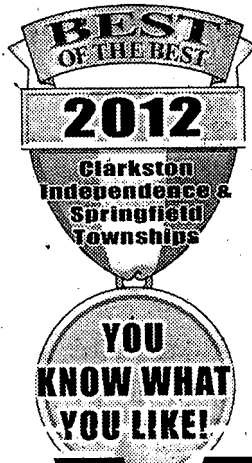


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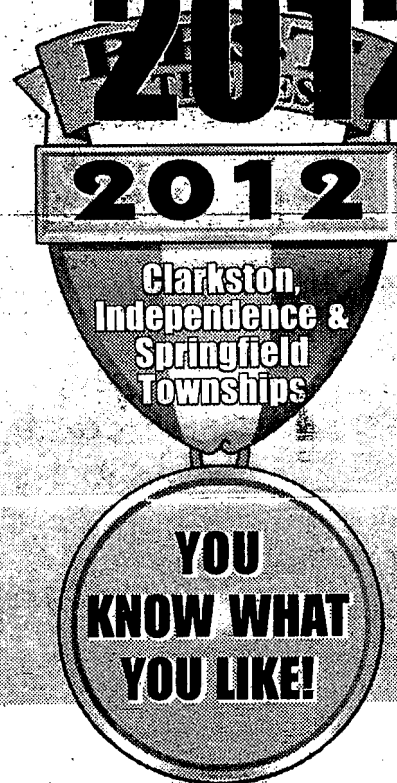

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By Krysten Cooper

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Athletes prepare for college future

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

As the Wolves prepare for their next round in the playoff season - four are ready for college.

Four players from the Clarkston Boys Varsity Lacrosse team signed their letters of intent in front of friends and family, May 16.

Nick Demattia will head to Division I University of Detroit as teammates Travis Craft, Ethan Frick and Kevin O'Grady go to Division III Albion College.

"It is awesome," smiled Demattia's mom, Lisa. "I am so proud of him. I am glad he is staying in Michigan."

"It is exciting," Nick said. "It wasn't just the lacrosse team but the school program."

The academics were also a draw for Craft, Frick, and O'Grady to go to Albion.

"The academics are really good and that was really the big deciding factor," said Craft. "I also like the program. It is a newer program and I like what the coach is doing."

All three are excited to already know a few teammates since they have played lacrosse with each other for years.

"It's cool," said Craft. "It's exciting to be able to continue in college with friends. Kevin and I have been playing since seventh grade. We have amazing chemistry when we get together and play."

"It is going to help a lot," Frick added. "It is going to be a lot of fun. We can build off of our team-

work."

Nick plans to study becoming a physician's assistant since he has always wanted to study something in the medical field.

"I wanted to be a trainer but a physician's assistant would be the best fit for me. I have a feeling I am going to like it."

Craft plans to study marketing and business while O'Grady is also going to study business.

"My dad is an entrepreneur so I might want to be an entrepreneur," he added.

Frick will major in science and math as he focuses on pre-engineering.

"I have always been good in math and science," he said. "It seems like the career choice for me."

Nick, Frick, O'Grady have played lacrosse since seventh grade and also played football.

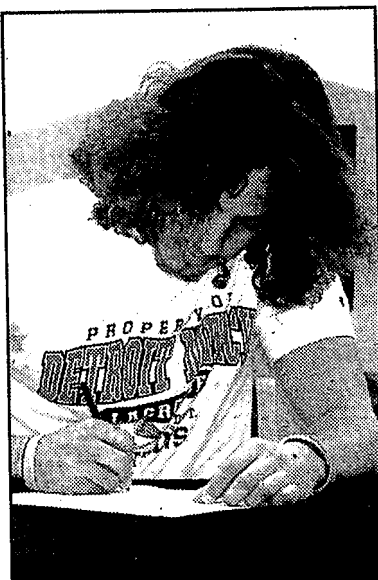
"At first I hated lacrosse," said O'Grady. "But once I had the stick skills it was the most fun I had in a sport."

Frick concentrated competing in football, wrestling and lacrosse.

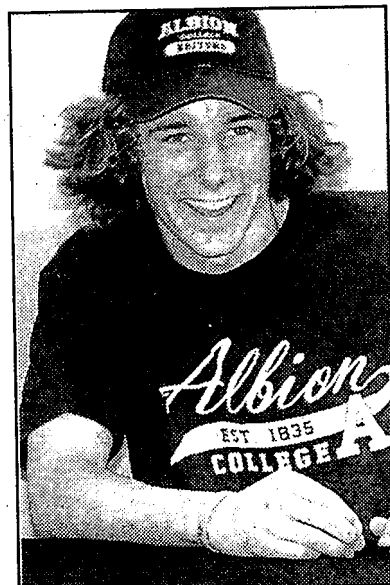
"A lot of times I thought about dropping one," he admitted. "But I loved them all too much so I continued playing all three. I definitely wasn't ready to be done with lacrosse."

Craft began in fourth grade after he saw his brother play.

"It's great," said Brian Kaminkas, head coach. "I am really proud of them. After four years of hard work and dedication their dreams are being realized."



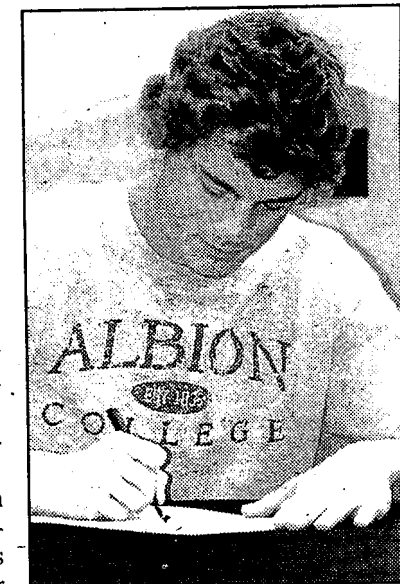
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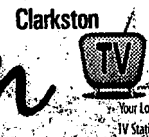


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A calendar of places to go, people to see and things to do

One Day to Change 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 or onedaytochange.com.

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.

Home Tour for Clarkston SCAMP, 5:30 p.m., June 2, with Patron Night banquet, \$100-\$200; 11:30 a.m., June 3, with box lunch, \$30. Check-in, Depot Park. Transportation provided by shuttles. 248-623-8089.

Office hour with state Rep. Eileen Kowall, 12-1 p.m., June 4, Pete's Coney II, 6160 Dixie Highway. 866-334-0010.

Emergency Food Assistance, OLHSA, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., June 5, Independence Township Senior Center, 5980 Clarkston Road. Seniors only. Bring proof of address, family size and ID. Eligibility requirements, call 248-209-2600.

Your Cremation Questions Answered, with Danny Losee, president of Perry Mount Park Cemetery and Crematory, and Jenni Simsack, funeral director at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, 1 p.m., June 6, Independence Township Carriage House, 6000 Clarkston Road. No charge. 248-625-5231.

Flip This Garden presentation by Sandy Wilkins of Jackson, Mich., hosted by Springfield Garden Club, 10 a.m., June 13, Springfield Township Civic Center Meeting Room, 12000 Davisburg Road. \$3. Wilkins is on several hosta societies and her garden will be

featured on the International Conifer Society tour this year.

Health and wellness for your body, mind, and money three-part workshop, Brass Ring Wealth Management and Holistic Harmony, Wednesdays, June 13, 20, 27, 6-7 p.m., Essence on Main, 4 S. Main Street. \$10 donation to Lend A Helping Hand, www.lahh.info.

Golf Outing, Clarkston Area Youth Assistance, 8 a.m., June 15, Fountains Golf, 6060 Maybee Road. \$99. 248-625-3731.

Butterfly count, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., June 30, Independence Oaks County Park. Part of the North American Butterfly Association's annual count. Experts will provide identification and information. Bring net and water. Meet at Camp Wilderness parking lot. 248-858-0704.

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.

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

Slow Flow Yoga with Noreen Daly, Mondays, Wednesdays, 5:45 p.m. Peace Unity Holistic Center, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-310-7878.

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

50+ Line Dancing, Mondays, 1-4 p.m. Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road, Dance to country, salsa, cha-cha and rock and roll rhythms with Rose
Please see Around Town on page 4B

Country time

Fans of country singer Maggie Rose like buying her CDs and T-shirts, but for many, a heart tattoo hits the spot.

"They're not permanent," said Rose, part of the Country Throwdown Tour swinging into DTE Energy Music Theatre, June 1. "We have awesome fans - we've handed out a ton of them. We personally apply them, which they like."



Maggie Rose

This is the first big tour for the 24-year-old singer.

"It's going great, so much fun," she said, riding the tour bus with Gary Allan, Rodney Adkins, Josh Thompson, Eric Paslay, Sunny Sweeney, and other artists. "We're

getting along great, and the crowds have been very receptive."

Rose grew up in Maryland just outside Washington D.C. with her parents, Lizz and Steve Durante.

"My mom says I could sing before I could talk," Maggie said. "Whenever the family would get together, I would sing for them."

She now lives in Nashville, working on her latest tunes with producers James and Laura Stroud on Music Row.

"I feel like this music is unapologetic," she said. "I want women to hear this and be like, 'Yeah! Right on!' It gives women empowerment, definitely, but also I want people to be entertained by it. A lot of the music, for me, is very coming-of-age. It's about finding out who I am, not just as an artist, but as a young woman growing up, being on my own in Nashville."

The music event kicks off at 3 p.m. Check www.countrythrowdown.com.

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Joseph J. Buffa, 83

Joseph James Buffa, age 83, passed away peacefully at Fenton Health Care, Saturday, May 26, 2012.

He was born in Flint, Mich., April 30, 1929, and attended St. Michaels Catholic School, Flint. He married the love of his life, Elaine DeSerres, April 7, 1951.

He served two years with Michigan National Guard, serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, and was also stationed at Fort Warden, Port Townsend, WA.



He retired from General Motors-Buick Motor Division, working several years as machine repairman then as supervisor. Joe was a long time parishioner of St. Mary's, Flint, a devoted parish member deeply involved with the parish family.

After moving to Davisburg, Joe and Elaine became members of St. Daniels, Clarkston. Joe enjoyed many hobbies and activities. His greatest joy was spending time with his family.

He was the father of Joseph, Christine Branch, Denise Maxwell, John, Robert, Tamara Harbin and Dennis; grandpa of Ryan and Joshua Maxwell, Lisa (Erinn) Beckner, Bobby (Lisa) Buffa, Stacey (Adam) McEwen, Rachel, Jacob and Neil Harbin, Joshua and Kyle Buffa; great grandpa of Maria, Avery and Caitlyn; many nieces and nephews; preceded in death by his parents Joseph and Antonia, siblings: Leonard, Marietta Buffa-Tacey, Antonina Whitson, Leona Ross, Frances Bracken, Giacomo "Jack" Aurino and Agnes Branoff, and his grandson Nathan.

Friends may visit at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, Wednesday, 4-9:00 p.m. Funeral Mass, Thursday, 10 a.m., at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston, with visitation directly at the church, Thursday, 9 a.m., until time of mass. Rite of Committal New Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Flint. Memorials may be made to Parkinson Foundation.

Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Obituaries

Kathie L. Olsen, 54

Kathie Lynn Olsen of Waterford passed away May 23, 2012, at age 54.

She was the loving mother of Jasen Hibberd, Nelsen Hibberd and the late Angie Short; beloved daughter of Toni and Ray; dear sister of Cindy (John) Slade, Suzanne (the late Greg) Olsen-Kunze and Elsa (Don) Garnier; also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.



Kathie graduated from Clarkston High School in 1976. She enjoyed fishing, boating, being at the casino and spending time with her family, especially her boys.

Funeral Service was May 26 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment, Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the family. Online guestbook, www.wintfuneralhome.com.

James J. Smith, 71

James J. Smith of Clarkston passed away May 25, 2012, at age 71.

He was the husband of Rose Mary; father of Kim Biggs and Kelly (Steve) DeLadurantaye; "Grumps" of Griffin; brother of Tom and Linda.

Mr. Smith was a graduate of University of Notre Dame and was Vice President of Finance at Creative Foam, Inc. He served as former Grand Knight at Knights of Columbus #5436. He enjoyed golfing and was a former member at Paint Creek Country Club.

Knights of Columbus Rosary was May 29 at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral Mass, Wednesday, 11 a.m., at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to St. Daniel chapel furnishings or Swan for Life Cancer Foundation. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Ryan Kennedy, 10

Ryan Christopher Kennedy of Clarkston passed away May 26, 2012, at age 10.

He was the loving son of Kimberly (Rob) Morris-Karp and Chris (Cheryl) Kennedy; brother of Nathan Morris, McKenzie Morris, Felicia (Josh) Armstrong, Brittany Kennedy, Ashley Kennedy, Lierin Kennedy and Ali Kennedy; grandson of Kathy and Albert Morris, Barb and Steve Kennedy, Terry and Bob Karp and Eva and Keith Lincoln; great grandson of Joan and Roy Cummings; step brother of Emma and Aleisha Dusterhoft.

Ryan was a fourth grade student at North Sashabaw Elementary School. He enjoyed baseball, collecting cars, spending time outdoors and "hanging out" with his friends and family.

Friends may visit at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, Wednesday, 5-9 p.m., and Thursday, 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service, Friday, 11 a.m., at Clarkston Community Church. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Memorials may be made to www.cern-foundation.org or Friends of Jaclyn Foundation www.friendsofjaclyn.net/Default.aspx. Small toys for boys or girls may be donated as well. The family will forward them to the hospitals which have helped Ryan through this journey. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

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for more obituaries

Sally C. Leak, 81

Sally Chappell Leak, 81, of Suttons Bay, passed away Monday, May 21, 2012 at Munson Hospice House.

Mrs. Leak was born in Oil City, Penn. on Sept. 12, 1930 to Donald Moore and Frances Russell (Stickle) Stormer.

Sally graduated from Midland High School and Albion College. On June 21, 1953 she married David K. Leak who preceded her in death on Feb. 21, 2011.

Sally enjoyed reading, cross-stitching, and going to antique shops and shows. She was a great mother, friend and will be greatly missed.

Sally is survived by her two sons, Brian David (Herma) and Scott Howard (Jeannine) Leak; two grandchildren, Nicholas (Jera) Donner, and Anneke Leak; a brother-in-law, Keith (Mary Ann) Leak; a sister-in-law, Carolyn Birtsas; and many other wonderful in-laws.

In addition to her husband and parents, Sally was preceded in death by a son, Jeffrey Keith Leak; and a brother, Donald Howard Stormer.

A private celebration of Sally's life will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be directed to the Suttons Bay/Bingham Library, P.O. Box 340, Suttons Bay, MI 49682. Arrangements are with the **Martinson Funeral Home** of Suttons Bay.



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Phyllis Solmen of Clarkston, with her daughter Susan Watts, received an Angels' award.

Honored for service

Clarkston residents Elizabeth Fante and Phyllis Solmen were honored with Angels Awards at 30th Annual Macomb-Oakland Regional Center (MORC) Caregiver Appreciation Day, May 17.

Fante is a caregiver who provides care for a young man in a local family's home. Solmen is a grandmother who provides care for her grandson.

Over 1,000 caregivers from Macomb, Oakland, Wayne, St. Clair, Genesee and Lapeer counties attended the caregiver appreciation day and fashion show at the Palazzo Grande Banquet Center in Shelby Township.

For more information, call MORC at 586-263-8757.



Elizabeth Fante of Clarkston, with her family, was also honored for her community service. Photos provided

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mary Hall to exercise your body and mind! Ongoing @ \$3.00 pp. drop in fee.

Bingo games, Community Singles, Mondays, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Big Boy, 6440 Dixie Highway. Dinner, dessert prizes. 248-812-0604.

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

Town Hall Quilt Guild, third Tuesday, 7 p.m.,

First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. Guest fee, \$5. 248-705-7310.

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

Women's Cancer Support Group, second Wednesday, 6-7:30 p.m., McLaren Cancer Institute, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. 248-922-6623.

Clarkston Masons/Cedar 60, first Thursdays, 8 p.m., 1 East Washington. 248-625-4610.

Clarkston Area Lions Club, second and fourth Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m., Carriage House, Clintonwood Park. 248-802-8603.

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

Free General Support Group for any type of cancer and caregivers, fourth Thursdays, 2-3 p.m., Great Lakes Cancer Institute, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. Walk-ins welcome. 248-922-6610.

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Challenge of financial crisis is who to follow

Europe's financial crisis is still making news and shaking the world markets. Financial uncertainty reigns because of the inability to deal with financial problems in an immediate way.

The prevailing logic is that they must do something now to give the markets and people a sense of security in the future. However, security in the future can only come if they are willing to deal with some very difficult choices now. The problem is that no one wants to suffer now or in the future.

The people do not want to be held responsible for past choices that have put their financial security in jeopardy. In the midst of this global crisis, governments are falling and the ones left standing are scrambling to hold on to power by giving the people what they want.

Many people say that we should learn from the mistakes of the great depression and spend money to spur economic development. They tell us that the way out of our debt problems is to spend more money.

The problem with the Great Depression was that the governments

were afraid to spend us back to prosperity.

The truth is—government programs didn't pull us out as much as World War 2. There are many different debates as to what pulled us out, but I do know something that sustained 60 years of economic growth.

The generation of the great depression came out of that time with a lesson of financial freedom.

They came out with the understanding of the need to save money and plan for the future, without "assuming" life would always be without a crisis.

That mentality produced a generation of people with the character of sacrifice and responsibility, which my generation benefited from.

I may not know how government economics work enough to have an intelligent argument on world fi-

nance, but I do know the impact of character and proper principles. Macroeconomics may be debatable; but for me, the micro is about personal character and integrity. When we deal with the core issue, we will find that some of the bigger issues will take care of themselves.

This brings me back to the impact of World War 2. For the United States, it certainly is true that the war immediately cured our lack of jobs. Sending millions of people to war, and enlisting the women to replace them, had a great impact on the economy.

The fact that the industrial might of Europe and Asia were destroyed in the war put America in a very good position to become the economic leader of the world. Another amazing contribution was the development of the character of "sacrifice of the individual for the greater cause of democracy and freedom."

The generation that faced the Great Depression was now facing the evils of totalitarianism. The first crisis that they faced concerned economic well-being; now, their very freedom to live as they saw fit

was being challenged. They rallied to the cause.

Again, the challenges they faced formed the character to face the crisis. How did this come about? They were willing to make the sacrifice of the moment in order to secure not only their freedom, but also the generations that would follow.

During this Memorial Day season, we should remind ourselves of the great sacrifices that others have made for us. Their sacrifice laid the foundation for the time of great blessing that we have experience for many years. The greatest honor we can bestow on someone is when we set ourselves to emulate his or her example. We need to rally ourselves in this time of great crisis, to willingly sacrifice for the future generations.

In the 1930's, most of Europe chose to listen to despots. They followed men who promised them easy solutions by blaming their plight on others. The result was people trying to take from others. Is history repeating itself?

The Rev. Loren Covarrubias is pastor of Mt. Zion Church.

Spiritual Matters



Pastor Loren Covarrubias

In our churches...

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

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.

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.

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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Sunday: Youth Ministries 5:00-7:00 pm
www.clarkstoncommunity.com



TIME FOR PLANTING: Clarkston Garden Club member Elizabeth Doyle prepares plants for the Garden Club Plant Exchange, 9 a.m., June 2, at the Village Parking Lot, M-15 and Washington Street. Doyle, who grows over 70 varieties of hostas, will be bringing hostas, bleeding heart and Virginia Blue Bells. The community is invited. Plants should be potted and labeled. Labels can be found on at Clarkstongardenclub.com. Photo provided.

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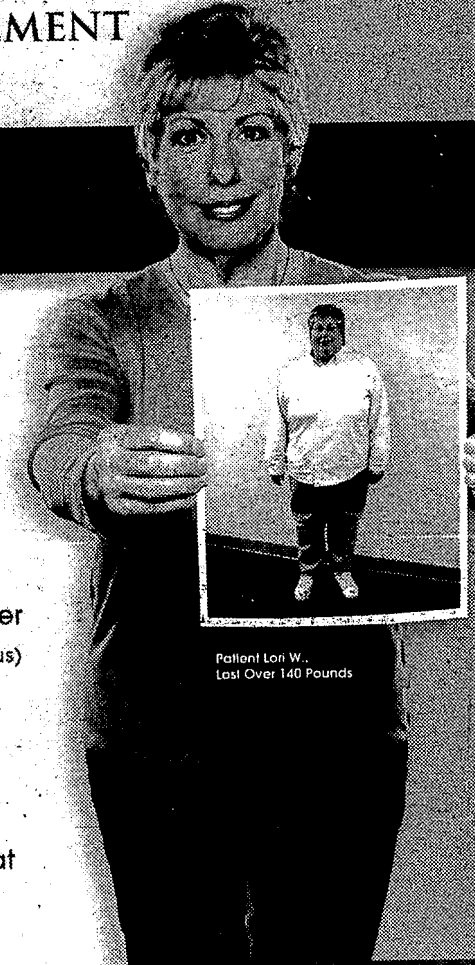
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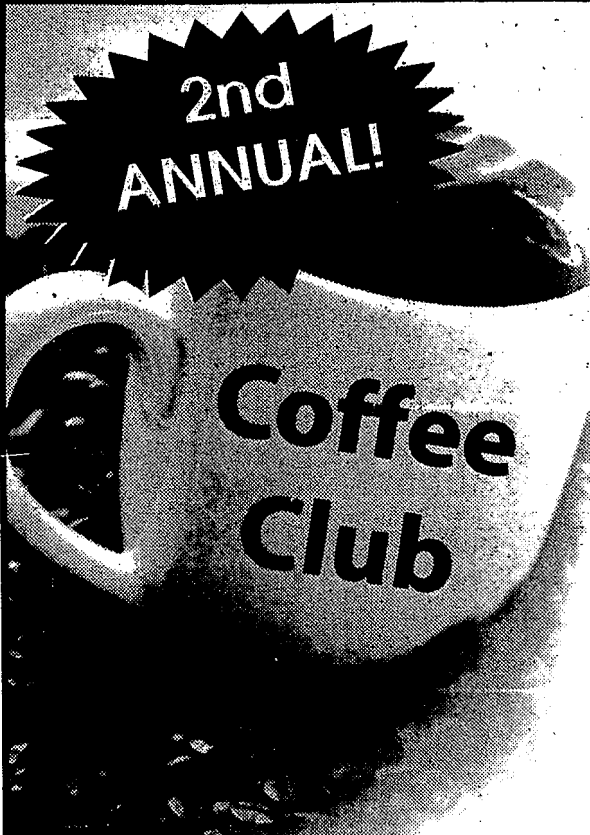
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Britton and Gretchen Diver's eclectic, five-bedroom house is filled with unique and colorful décor. Gretchen loves to reuse materials, and each room houses something that she created. The family's large backyard faces 10 acres of woods, providing a perfect place for three boys to play.

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When Paul and Patti Rumph were house hunting in 1978, they immediately fell in love with the peaceful, country-like setting that Perry Lake Road offered. After participating in SCAMP's ninth Home Tour, the family doubled the size of the house. A new great room, an expanded pool area, and a hallway displaying antiques are just a few of the changes guests can expect to see.

Also on Perry Lake Road, Peter and Julie Piazza's home has been compared to the estate in *Gone with the Wind*. Dating back to the Walters family in 1871, the house and property were originally part of Oak View Farms. With its century-old fireplace, hardwood floors, and original flagstone porch, the home is a creative mix of old and new.

Set back from Waldon Road, the home of Dennis and Sandra Ritter is nestled between trees

and the creek winding through downtown Clarkston. The couple built their house in 2005 after being inspired by a property in upstate New York. By following a similar plan, the Ritters created a timeless, three-bedroom home that fits well in the community.

Tours starts at 5:30 p.m., June 2 - with Patron Night banquet, \$100-\$200; 11:30 a.m., June 3, with box lunch, \$30. Check-in, Depot Park. Transportation provided by shuttles. 248-623-8089.

Frederick J. Hipp, 74

Frederick J. Hipp of Waterford passed away May 22, 2012, at age 74.

He was the husband of Susan for 53 years; father of Debbie (Bill) Mankewicz, Fred Jr. (Tammy) Hipp, Cynthia Block, Rodney (Kelly) and Ryan (Jen Garner); grandpa of Tyler Mankewicz, Tyrus and Ryleigh Hipp, Brandy Warner and Fred Hipp, III; great grandpa of Scottie and Chloe; brother of Linda (Paul) King and Cheryl (Don) Thompson; preceded in death by his brother Bud.



Mr. Hipp retired from G.M., Lake Orion Assembly. He enjoyed restoring cars, hunting, fishing and retirement in Florida.

Funeral service, Wednesday, 1 p.m., at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, with visitation, Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. until time of service. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Ruth E. Purslow, 90

Ruth E. Purslow of Clarkston died May 23, 2012, at 90 years of age.

She was the beloved wife of the late Leslie Purslow, loving aunt of Robert (Jill) Linman, Janice (John) Gasidlo, John (Darlene) Gregory, Marilyn Oskin and Barry Purslow; dearest grandmother of Mark (Mel) Mathur.



Mrs. Purslow was a charter member of the Calvary Lutheran Church of Clarkston. She served in the Women's U.S. Army Air Corp. during World War II and also was a principal in the Clarkston Schools.

Funeral service was May 26 at Calvary Lutheran Church, Clarkston, Pastor Jonathan Heierman officiating. Burial at Greenwood Cemetery, Fowlerville. Visitation was May 25 at **Coats Funeral Home**, Waterford. Memorial donations may be made to Calvary Lutheran Church or Mercy Hospice. To send a private condolence to the family go to www.CoatsFuneralHome.com/Obituaries.

Richard Watson, 85

Richard S. Watson, "Dick," of Clarkston, born May 6, 1927, passed away on May 27, 2012.

The youngest of five children of the late Constance and Chester Watson, he was raised in Pontiac, Mich. As an adult, he worked as a lieutenant in the Waterford Township Fire Department for 25 years before retiring in 1983. He also worked for Montgomery & Sons doing fire repair.



He was preceded in death by his wife of 45 years, Patricia J. (Dennen). He is survived by his wife Mary Lou, brother Robert, sister Marjorie Johnson, children: Richard Watson, Susan Watson and Mary Jo (Tim) Floyd; grandchildren: Scott, Laura and Eric Watson, and Ryan (Rebecca) and Shawn (Kayla) Floyd.

He married Lou Weber in December of 1999 having many happy years traveling to their beloved Arizona and living in Sterling and then Caro, Mich.

Dick served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Memorial service, Wednesday, May 30, at 10 a.m. at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, with visitation, Wednesday, 9 a.m. until time of service. The family wishes to thank the staff of Autumn Ridge, Clarkston, for their compassionate care and support for the final months of his life and also Odyssey Hospice for the loving care during the transition to his eternal life. We will never forget you. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Salvation Army or charity of your choice.

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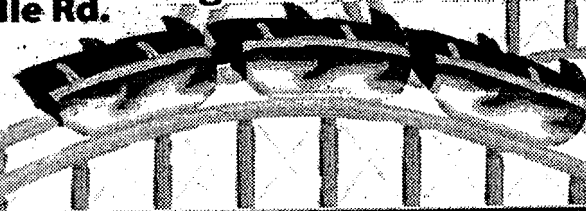
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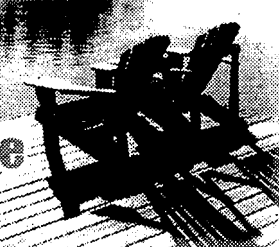
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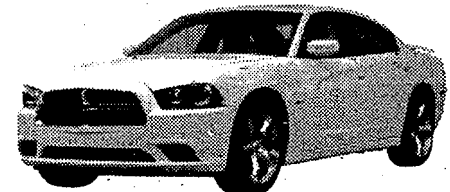
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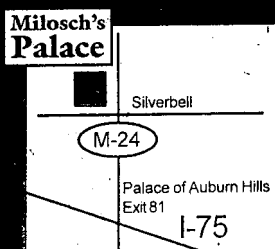
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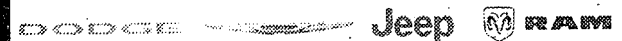
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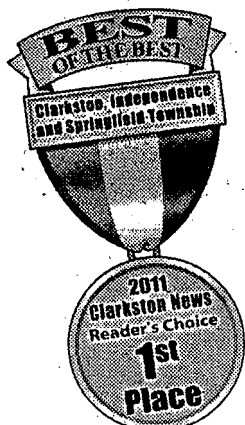
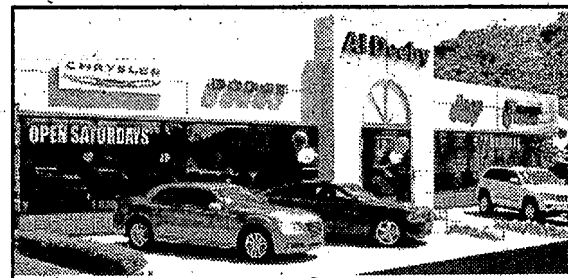



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