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## 'In God We Trust'... Township adopts national motto

By KYLE GARGARO  
*Clarkston News Editor*

The national motto, "In God We Trust" might soon be placed on public buildings in Independence Township. After a short yet divisive debate, the Independence Township Board of Trustees decided to adopt a resolution in support of House Bill No. 5091.

The bill from the State of Michigan strongly encourages each state agency and local unit of government to exercise their constitutional ability to place the national motto in or on public buildings, land owned or occupied by that state agency or unit of local government.

The Board voted 4-3 to adopt this measure. Voting in favor of the resolution were Supervisor Dale Stuart, Joan McCrary, Daniel Kelly and David Wagner. Voting against were Larry Rosso, James Wenger and Daniel Travis.

"I have some concerns regarding this," Travis said. "Religion is a private thing and should be celebrated on a personal basis."

The resolution was passed after Stuart raised some issues with the wording including a more specific timetable. The resolution originally stated "as soon as reasonably possible" which might mean different things to different people.

"I think it is appropriate to display the national motto in a dignified way," Stuart said.

The resolution says "since the tragic events of 2001 have brought the need to demonstrate a return to our heritage set forth by our founding fathers a belief in God."

Clerk Joan McCrary brought this topic to the board's attention after having discussions with other public officials on the subject.

"I believe it provides leadership in the community and is an example to the youth of our continued belief," McCrary said.

"I didn't expect that we would vote on it tonight but I am happy with the result."

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Other action taken by the Board at the meeting included:

- Approved the transfer of the liquor license at Liberty Banquet and Golf.

- Approved the Independence Township senior center to participate with SMART for specialized services, operating funds to continue the ongoing grant for the transportation program.

- Approved the Clarkston Area Youth Assistance bylaws and proposed 2002 budget. The 2002 budget is \$57,250.

- Approved the request from the Parks and Recreation Department to purchase a 2002 3/4 ton Chevrolet pickup truck with a snowplow from Simms Chevrolet.

The cost of the truck is \$26,300. The department currently has one truck with a snowplow in their fleet which is a 1998 GMC with a rebuilt transmission.

- Approved the request from the Building Department to purchase a 2002 S-10 extended cab four wheel drive pickup for \$19,364.87. The vehicle will replace the 1994 G.M.C. pickup that is currently used as an inspector's vehicle.

## Is that Huey Lewis?



Gettin' their groove on—Clarkston High School student Adam Rath, dressed in 80s garb, has fun as he performs to all the greatest 80s tunes for fellow students. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.



Dana Fortinberry

## Fortinberry announces candidacy for court

BY JENNIFER NEMER  
*Clarkston News Staff Writer*

With promises to run an efficient courtroom, implement educational and crime prevention programs and assure justice is served, Clarkston resident Dana Fortinberry enters the race for the Clarkston 52/2 District Court seat, to be vacated by the retiring Judge Gerald McNally.

Fortinberry announced Feb. 7 her intention to run, backed by endorsements from the Oakland County Deputy Sheriffs and Command Officers Associations, the Police Officers Association of Michigan, Michigan Secretary of State Candace Miller, State Representative

Mike Bishop and Brandon Township Supervisor Ron Lapp.

The 46-year-old served as magistrate at the 52/2 District Court in Clarkston from 1992 to 1995 and, since 2001, presently serves as magistrate at the 52/3 District Court in Rochester Hills.

For the past 10 years, Fortinberry has worked as a criminal trial attorney in private practice with an office in Clarkston, and for eight years was an assistant prosecuting attorney specializing in crimes involving the sexual assault of children.

In 1990, she received the Achievement Award from the National Association of Counties in recognition of her in-

novative work in the preparation and trial of cases involving young witnesses.

"Dana's dedication to and compassion for the youngest victims of crime gave them a voice in our criminal justice system," said Macomb County Prosecutor Carl Marlinga, Fortinberry's former boss. "Her idea to implement the Child Sexual Assault Task Force was a tremendous success and created a model for other jurisdictions to follow."

And as a district court judge, Fortinberry also has innovative plans and changes.

"I will institute programs such as

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## Briefly

### Independence Township agenda set

The Independence Township Board of Trustees are set to meet Tuesday, Feb. 19 at the Independence Township Library.

Agenda items to be discussed by the Board include

- Second reading of the rezoning request on Clintonville Road.
  - Permission to hire 14 full-time fire engineer/paramedics.
  - Sashabaw Road update.
  - Proposed Apostolic Church/Deerhill Dr. realignment.
  - 2001 Financial Report
  - Permission to seek bids for repainting of water storage tank.
  - Liquor license transfer at 7071 Dixie Highway.
  - Second reading of ordinance amendment to cross connection/water systems.
  - Clarkston/Independence Intergovernmental Law Enforcement Services agreement.
  - Permission to hire laborer.
  - Facilities management.
- The meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

### Sheriff's web site recognizes black history month

In recognition of Black History Month, Sheriff Michael Bouchard announced citizens can learn more about the first black deputy hired by the Sheriff's Office by logging onto the website at [www.oaklandsheriff.com](http://www.oaklandsheriff.com). The information comes from the Department historian, Deputy Jim Lehtola.

"I hope the community will take the time to check out the main page of our website and read about the life of Deputy Claude Wilson," Bouchard said. "His remarkable service is noted and appreciated by the entire department. We salute his character, spirit and the fact that he gave his life for the protection and safety of our community."

Deputy Claude Wilson was sworn into office on Jan. 1, 1925. Before being appointed as the Oakland County Sheriff's Office first black deputy, Claude worked as an electrician for the Detroit interurban railroad. Claude faithfully carried out the responsibilities of his position and was considered by Sheriff Frank Schram to be "one of the best persons on his staff." His days of public service tragically ended when he was killed in the line of duty in 1935.

Bouchard concluded by encouraging the community to join the Oakland County Sheriff's Office in honoring the memory of Deputy Claude Wilson as we celebrate Black History Month throughout the State.

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# The Second Front

## Lifelong Springfield resident reflects on changes in area

BY JEFF PATRUS  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Shirley Walls remembers a day when Springfield Township was comprised primarily of farms and dirt roads.

"Going back over the years, I've seen it grow from farmland and with lots of farmers," said the 92-year-old Springfield resident. "There's not really one full-time farmer anymore. Many years ago, we were off the beaten path. We were a non-entity, because no one seemed to know where we were. Finally, some developers found us. Now, we have half-million dollar homes, and many of them."

Walls said it is remarkable to see the changes that have developed in Springfield, but also said the area still has retained its natural features that make it so appealing.

"It's sort of amazing to me to see all the homes that have been out here," he said. "Years ago, we had a Methodist minister. He came from Connecticut, and said the countryside reminded him of Connecticut. The township has a lot of beauty off of the beaten path that people don't see. There's a lot of people that don't live far from here that come out here and they like it."

Walls himself used to own a farm in the area, among other properties in the township.

"Personally, I have owned a lot of property in Springfield Township over the years," he said. "I owned a lot of property on Dixie Lake. I had a 100-acre farm, and I sold 53 acres of that to the Archdiocese of Detroit three or four years ago. I don't know what they're going to do with it. Nothing has been done yet."

Walls said his family has a long and proud tradition in the township. "My whole family — my mother and father, my grandmother and grandfather — they were more or less pioneers of the township. My grandfather was a cattle buyer. He did that for many years."

One of the homes built by Walls' mother and father is still going strong today. Walls' grandson, Kurk Nowery, and his wife live in a farmhouse on Davisburg near his residence.

Walls attended Albion College and graduated in 1932 with a bachelor's degree. He then went to work in the advertising and sales fields, and said he still goes back and forth to Detroit about four days a week for business.

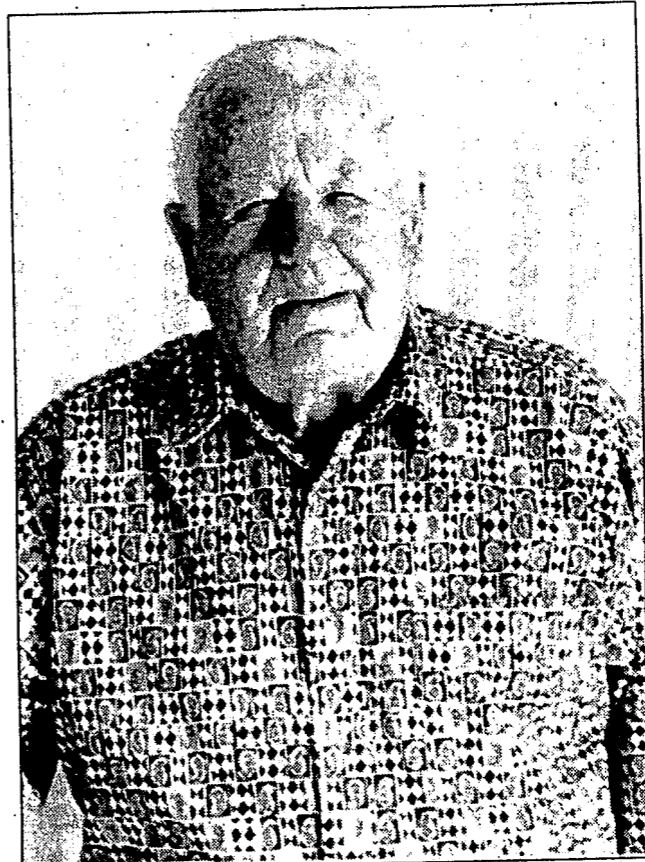
At a talk to the Davisburg Rotary Club Wednesday, Feb. 6, Walls recalled a time where there were all gravel roads in Springfield Township, particularly on Davisburg and Andersonville Roads. He said the roads were paved at least 30 years ago, possibly more.

Walls will be privy to another change in the township later this year, when the new Springfield Township Civic Center will open for business.

"We are supposed to be occupying the new township offices in March," he said. "They seem to be very nice. I've had a tour through the place."

He is still very much active in community life, and is a member of the Davisburg United Methodist Church, which he has attended for the past 75 years.

"I have a great love for the town and for the community," he said. "I've had a very good life. The Lord has been very good to me to allow me to live these 92 years with very little sickness."

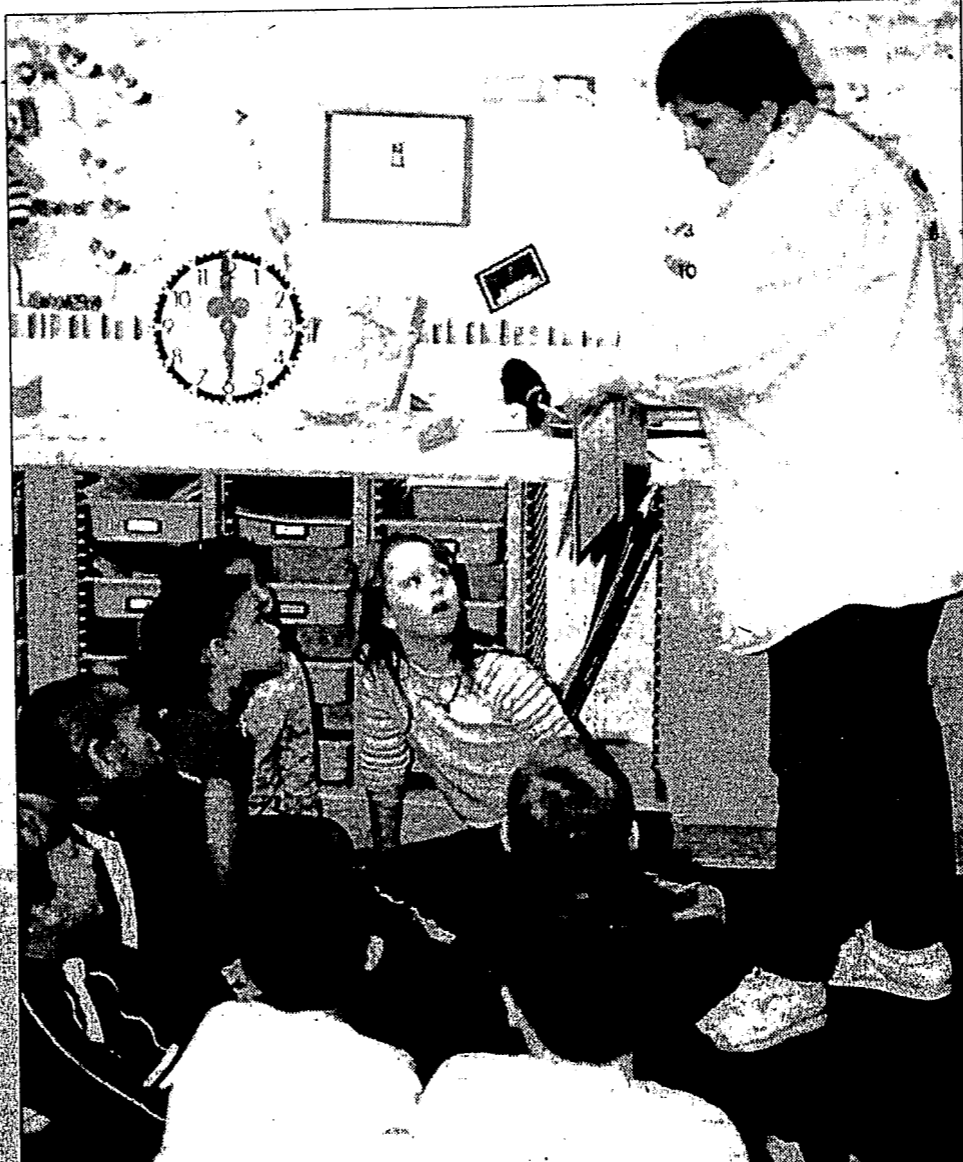


Witness to change — Shirley Walls, 92, recalls a time when his native Springfield Township consisted primarily of dirt roads and farms. Now, he said he is looking forward to the opening of the township's new civic center. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

## Pine Knob El. celebrates its diversity



A world of difference — Students, like fifth-grader Cody Siteriet, paraded the cafeteria with flags from various countries.



Diversity celebrated — Mrs. Hermes tells students about the Democratic Republic of the Congo (formerly Zaire).

Diversity is the norm at Pine Knob Elementary.

The 469 students and 59 staff members represent a variety of cultures. Both children and adults speak several different languages. Children with special needs work alongside children who are academically talented. Staff members range from just-out-of-college "rookies" to seasoned veterans.

Pine Knobbers feel they truly depict their year's school theme: "A World of Difference" and want to celebrate it.

Friday, Feb. 8, the school held their first Diversity Hour in which students studied various cultures and participated in activities from a country of their interest.

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# They're 'good citizens'

## Clarkston residents awarded the Good Citizens Award by NSDAR

BY JENNIFER NEMER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Their selfless good deeds haven't gone unnoticed.

And in reward, Clarkston residents Brian Flynn and Michael Prunte Jr. were recently honored by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR), Sashabaw Plains Chapter.

The young men were presented with the Good Citizens Award at a special ceremony at Mesquite Creek, Feb. 6, in recognition of holding attributes worthy of a good citizen.

Recipients must possess qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. Recipients must also write essays on "Our American Heritage and Our Responsibility for Preserving It." Essays are timed at a two-hour limit and writers are supervised by a school counselor. Written work is now going on to district competition and could go on to state and national awards.

"This really is an honor to be recognized by such a prestigious group," Flynn, a senior at Our Lady of the Lakes in Waterford, said. "I consider myself lucky to be able to write for the cause and hope to continue to live by the ways (NSDAR) tries to live by: serving others, expressing leadership and dependability."

Flynn, a member of the National Honor Society and captain of both the golf and baseball school teams, said he has participated in more than 100 hours

of community service.

The most rewarding was assisting in a Sept. 11 drive held in the Drayton Plains K-mart parking lot. Approximately \$20,000 was raised for the American Red Cross as well as a semi-truck of goods for the relief workers in New York and Washington D.C.

Flynn plans on attending James Madison College, a small liberal arts school within Michigan State University, in the fall and will study political science.

For Clarkston High School senior Prunte, the fall means Michigan State University as well, and studies in business or law.

Right now, Prunte is active as president of the Octagon Club, a community service organization; vice president of the Interact Club, also a community service organization and as a mentor at Pine Knob Elementary.

In the past, he has also helped various organizations including Lighthouse North, which helps low-and no-income families with food, clothing and personal items, the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life and more.

"This is surprising," Prunte said of his award. "I'm honored to receive it."

Founded in 1890, NSDAR is a women's organization seeking to preserve American heritage through education as well as preserve the memory and tradition of Revolutionary ancestors in a permanent genealogical record for the sake of future generations. NSDAR



Good deeds—National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution Sashabaw Plains Chapter Vice Regent Faye Williams congratulates Clarkston residents Michael Prunte Jr., left, and Brian Flynn for being "good citizens." Photo by Jennifer Nemer

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# Council hears concerns regarding sign on Main Street

BY JEFF PATRUS  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Two Clarkston residents who want a sign to be installed on a piece of property on Main Street took their case before the Clarkston City Council Feb. 11.

Mike Block, owner of the building on 20 North Main, and Mark Lamphier, who is leasing the property, wanted to put a temporary sign out front so they could operate a real estate business from the basement of their building.

However, members of the council told the two that they had no authority to grant permission for a sign, and said Block and Lamphier have to go to the state to obtain the necessary licenses.

According to City Manager Art Pappas, the two men have to do one of two things: make the business barrier-free (or handicap accessible) in accordance with state laws, or apply for an exception from the state's barrier-free board.

The building is currently zoned commercial, but is used for residential purposes, according to Mayor Sharron Cattalo.

City attorney Tom Ryan said since the business is not yet in operation, it would make no sense for the two men to put a sign out front. "I don't know why you'd want a sign if you can't open for business," he said.

Lamphier expressed his frustration at what he said are the obstacles he is facing in trying to open his business. "It's been nothing but problems," he said.

However, City Councilwoman Anne Clifton said the council could not give the authority for the sign to be built. "I am afraid that by granting the sign, it would be construed as permission for the business to occur," he said.

In other business, the council:

■ Approved a police dispatch contract with the Oakland County Sheriff's Department and an Independence Township Police Agreement. The contract with the Sheriff's Department is for a five-year period, according to Ryan. The police agreement is for the Sheriff's Department to cover the village for police services between the hours of 11 p.m.-7 a.m.

■ Approved a resolution giving Bank One the authority to act as the transfer agent for the city's general obligation tax bonds.

## CHS awarded for design excellence

Clarkston Community Schools Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts accepted, at the Feb. 11 Board of Education meeting, from Sandy Stevenson of URS, formerly URS Greiner, an Architectural Award of "Educational Design Excellence" through the American School and University Magazine—Architectural Portfolio for 2001 for Clarkston High School.

Over 230 schools were nominated, and CHS was one of only three high schools to receive this prestigious designation.

Roberts later presented the award to CHS principal John DiIeghmo to "display it with pride."

## Public hearing on construction set

After much debate by the Independence Township Board, it is the public's turn to be heard.

Residents will have that chance on Wednesday, Feb. 13 and 20 as the Independence Township Board of Trustees will hold public hearings about proposed construction.

Among the topic to be discussed at the meetings will include construction of a new township hall, the building of a community center and the renovation of Bay Court Park.

The Citizens for a Senior/Community Center are circulating a fact and community input sheet around the community. Interested residents can pick up the sheets at the Senior Center, Parks and Recreation office or go to the website [www.Clarkstonyouth.org](http://www.Clarkstonyouth.org). The group also have been approaching area clubs and churches to get the word out.

The fact sheet contains information to show why the community of Clarkston could benefit from a Community Activity Center with senior facilities. It covers the possible benefits for seniors, youth and adults.

"We have been careful not to target any one group so we can have an accurate survey," Senior Center coordinator Margaret Bartos said. "We want a wide sampling so we can see if we are on the right track."

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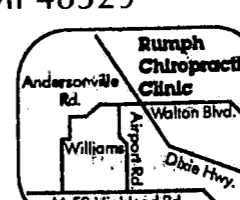
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# Opinion

## Let Board hear your voice

It is not always in life that your opinion matters. That is especially true when it comes to the government spending your money. (It also covers any argument a man has with his wife/girlfriend but that is another battle for another day.)

However, Wednesday Feb. 13 and 20 is one of those occasions when your opinions will not only be heard, but they are also sought out.

The Independence Township Board of Trustees is seeking residents input regarding construction in the township. Among the items the Board wants to hear from you about is the construction of a new township hall, the building of a new community center and possible renovations of Bay Court Park.

The Board wants to measure the pulse of the community on these issues and decide whether they want to go forward with a bond proposal. If the response on the items is negative, it would be a giant waste of money to go any further. However if the reaction is positive, the Board will have a lot of work to do as the project moves forward.

I urge everyone with an opinion or interest in the topic to take some time out of their busy schedule and attend at least one meeting to share your thoughts. Whichever side of the issue you are on you have no place to complain after the fact if you did not voice your position when you had a chance. If you do voice your opinion and the decision goes the other way you have my okay to complain as much as possible.

I would be remiss if I did not take a second to mention the hard work the Citizens for a Senior/Community Center have put into this project. They have circulated a community input and fact sheet to help get reaction from the residents. The group has distributed more than 3,000 copies already and is beginning to get the sheets back.

And while it is fairly obvious what side of the issue they are on, they have taken measures to secure the input sheets will be given to everybody and not slanted to just those with their opinions. They should be commended on this fact.

The Township Board should also be commended for putting the residents and their opinions first. All too often a government body will try to jam their opinions down the citizens throats. It is refreshing to have a Board which schedules time for residents to voice their opinions and then takes those opinions under consideration.

Both meetings begin at 7 p.m. and will take place at Clarkston High School in room 200. I hope to see you there. Your voice could help determine the future of the project.

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### Gargaro's World



Kyle Gargaro

## Superintendent faces many challenges

The challenges I face, as Superintendent of Schools, are very similar to those faced by our municipal leaders. The community continues to grow, putting stress on the existing infrastructure and increasing the workload for employees. The post September 11<sup>th</sup> economy hasn't helped, and incidents like the Enron scandal have done nothing to build trust and confidence in these troubled times.

The way schools are funded and state and federal mandates are ever-changing and confusing to most people, which in turn makes it difficult for districts to keep residents informed and confident. This week I would like to take the opportunity to discuss two challenges that I believe must be met to move our school district forward:

### 1. Existing Infrastructure

Our community deserves a great deal of credit. Over the past several years, we have:

- Built Springfield Plains and Independence Elementary Schools
- Renovated Sashabaw and Clarkston Middle Schools
- Built the new Clarkston High School
- Refurbished all of our school buildings and upgraded technology

Given our successes, it must be difficult to understand why the district is experiencing overcrowding or why we have additional capital needs. The simple explanation is that, as additional pupils join our family, the infrastructure is stretched beyond its limit. It is easy to understand that new subdivisions result in more traffic, increased stress upon water and sewage systems, etc. For schools, more students translate into the need for additional space, equipment, furniture, technology and so forth. These are capital needs that can be funded through the general fund, bond dollars or a sinking fund. Of course, operational expenses (primarily faculty/staff) also rise with the enrollment numbers. These expenses are funded through our general fund, which is primarily money from

the state's per pupil foundation allowance. It is important to note that new homes do not provide more funding, unless new students reside in them and attend our schools. Our budget is overwhelming dependent upon the per pupil amount that is promised to us by the state.

### 2. Increasing Workload

More students, state and federal mandates and the changing structure of the American family have also increased the workload for our staff. It may be easy to understand that more time, effort and energy are expended when the class load rises. After all, the ratio of students to staff is a factor that makes a difference in the degree of service that an organization is able to provide. State and federal mandates are more difficult to figure out. Suffice to say, there are an ever-increasing number of demands that come without funding. This is especially so with regard to special education, but the problem goes far beyond any sub-set of students. One example is the new single record database mandate. This task requires an enormous amount of time and money and it does not help us provide a better education.

In addition, the changing structure of the American family and the impact of such changes upon schools are something that is often overlooked. The fact is there are significantly more duties as a result of these changes. Disputes between feuding parents/partners is an increasingly time consuming problem for district personnel, and the old expression, "time is money" has certainly caught our attention in this regard.

The bottom line is that our resources cannot be taken for granted. We must find ways to continue to provide our boys and girls with the facilities they need to learn effectively; and give our staff the tools they need to do an exceptional job. The "infrastructure" must function well and be maintained. After all, the community has invested in its schools and we have an obligation to protect that investment. More importantly, we must realize that the success of our community's children is dependent upon the joint efforts of our entire community. Positive attitudes and a genuine sense of trust are critical to our ability to move the district forward! I have every confidence in the Clarkston family - together we can accomplish anything!

### Clarkston Schools



Dr. Al Roberts

## Little words have big meaning to writer

"In God We Trust."

It's such a little phrase, but it seems to cause such an enormous amount of controversy.

Just last week the Independence Township Board argued, but approved 4-3 a resolution in support of a House Bill to allow each state agency and local unit of government to "exercise their constitutional ability" to place the national motto, in plaque form, in or on their public buildings and land owned or occupied.

I understand the separation of church and state thing could be argued here, for sure.

Some consider "religion" a private act, not to be mixed in with a public life.

It could also definitely create issues for those who hold other beliefs, not centered around God and Christianity.

I respect these arguments and differences of opinions, and as no surprise to readers, plan to inject my own next.

• First off, I'm glad to see our government has made a move that recognizes God as a supreme being and overseer of our country and our lives, (as He is and should be).

• Interestingly enough, the resolution begins by mentioning "the tragic events of 2001 have brought the need to demonstrate a return to our heritage set forth

by our founding fathers a belief in God."

This proves there can be good found in a tragedy--we're finding our way back to God.

Sometimes allowing the bad is His way of getting us to veer back on the right track.

• Hopefully, this resolution passing isn't just a trend.

That trusting in God, praying and so on isn't just "the thing to do" right now because our world stopped on Sept. 11.

Hopefully, our government will continue in a godly direction.

• I think it's sad our nation has had to return to our faith-filled heritage. We should've never left it.

Often, though, our busy lives, advances in the world and more make us forget God; forget this isn't our nation, it's His nation.

• On the separation note, I don't agree belief in God is something meant to be kept private--"But if our gospel be hid it is hid to them that are lost," it says in 2 Corinthians 4:3--or something to be ignored in our public lives. "I can of mine own self do nothing," John says in chapter 5-verse 30. Luke 18:27 says, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

Life, decisions and the mundane details of our public and private selves are often easier and better when they're led by God. "...no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly," Psalm 84:11.

Let's learn from this recent governmental move, and let's not forget Sept. 11 and our pledge that we as a nation live "In God We Trust."

### Just Jen



Jennifer Nemer

### Write a Letter To The Editor . . .

Keep 'em short and to the point. We'll edit them for spelling, grammar, punctuation, clarity and length. We take the liberty of publishing (or not) all letters we receive. Please sign your letter (no photo copies!) and include a daytime phone for verifications. Deadline is noon, Monday, 5 S. Main Street, Clarkston, MI

## February's been a busy month

Who would have thought that our shortest month could be packed tighter than a Paczki with things to do. Certainly not I, comrades.

With only half the month over, we've watched one-eyed groundhogs tell they saw their shadows (there are now four weeks a few days, hours and minutes left to winter, I and for one am counting them down), ate super stuffed jelly donuts and will have had ashes smudged on our foreheads, and given out flowers, presents, cards and sweets to the ones we're sweet on . . . Yikes, so many functions, so little time.

Ah yes it is mid-February, a time lovers everywhere get all googly-eyed. Nothing gets the juices of romance stirring like gray days and below freezing temperatures. The howling winter wind, the ice covered roads, dirty snow, sniffing noses and deep-down sentiments that say, "Honey, I have a really, really bad cold today. Can I stay home from work? And, could you bring me some hot tea with lemon and honey, fluff my pillow and rub my neck?"

I reckon if your sweetie says 'yes' to those questions, she (he) really does love you and really is your Valentine.

Then again maybe all that googly-eyed stuff is really just gooey-eyed, please pass me the antibiotics stuff. But, who am I to dampen the hearts and moods of lovers?

I am sure there are lots of folks (those in Hawaii) who actually like February. It's not that I don't like February -- I love Valentine's Day because I'm the luckiest guy in town, thanks to dear wife Jen -- it's just that February is such a bla-a-ch time of the year 'round these parts.

I know it sounds bad, but, I look forward to February only to get it over with. With February behind us, sunny days and spring are not far away.



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don't rush  
me

Gosh, I really sound like the Grinch Who Stole February Fun. I don't mean to . . . Here, I'll prove it. Following is an e-mail I received. It should help the tender of heart, those in the heat of love, better understand their significant others better, thereby increasing the likelihood of parallel thoughts, harmonious planes of coexistence -- heck, maybe you'll just get lucky.

For Valentine's Day please remember these simple things:

### How to impress a woman:

Wine her,  
Dine her,  
Call her,  
Hug her,  
Support her,  
Hold her,  
Surprise her,  
Compliment her,  
Smile at her,  
Listen to her,  
Laugh with her,  
Cry with her,  
Romance her,  
Believe in her,  
Cuddle with her,  
Shop with her,  
Give her jewelry,  
Buy her flowers,  
Hold her hand,  
Write love letters to her,  
Go to the end of the Earth  
and back again for her.

### How to impress a man:

Show up naked.  
Bring food.  
\* \* \*

I think that about sums it up, not just for Valentines Day; but for all days of the year.

Comments, critiques, complaints and criticisms can be e-mailed to your hero at: dontrushmedon@aol.com

## A Salute to the Flag

Clarkston resident Violet Waid recently came across a book of patriotic poems and wanted to share them with the community.

Waid was shown the poetry book "Over Here" by Edgar A. Guest by a friend of her daughter-in-law in Flint. The book was published in 1918.

"I was so thrilled with the work I wanted to share it," Waid said.

The Clarkston News was also impressed with the work and thought it would be appropriate to share with our readers due to the time in our country's history. We began last week and will be sharing some of these poems over a few weeks.

### A Patriotic Wish

*I'd like to be the sort of man the flag could boast about;*

*I'd like to be the sort of man it cannot live without;*

*I'd like to be the type of man That really is American*

*The head-erect and shoulder square,  
Clean-minded fellow, just and fair,  
That all men picture when they see  
The glorious banner of the free.*

*I'd like to be the sort of man the flag now typifies,  
The kind of man we really want the flag to symbolize;*

*The loyal brother to a trust,  
The big, unselfish soul and just,  
The friend of every man oppressed,  
The strong support of all that's best*

### A Patriotic Creed

*To serve my country day by day  
At any humble post I may;  
To honor and respect the Flag,  
To live the traits of which I brag;  
To be American in deed  
As well as in my printed creed.*

*To stand for truth and honest toil,  
To till my little patch of soil  
And keep in mind the debt I owe  
To them who died that I might know  
My country, prosperous and free,  
And passed this heritage to me.*

*I must always in trouble's hour  
Be guided by the men in power;  
For God and country I must live,  
My best for God and country give;  
No act of mine that men may scan  
Must shame the name American.*

*To do my best and play my part,  
American in mind and heart;  
To serve the flag and bravely stand  
To guard the glory of my land;  
To be American in deed,  
God grant me strength to keep this creed.*

## Please continue standing with our troops

Seven thousand miles away from home, the men and women from Michigan fighting the war against the al Qaeda terrorists are benefitting from the most powerful weapon in the U.S. arsenal - the support of their families and friends and the American people back home.

Much has been made of the hardware of this war - the aircraft flying round-trip missions from the United States, the unmanned drones serving as our eyes in the skies of Afghanistan, and the bombs that hit their targets with incredible accuracy and with good reason.

But it is the appreciation and gratitude of the American people that gives our forces an emotional high and a confidence that no high-tech weapon could ever match. I have seen this with my own eyes.

Over Thanksgiving, I traveled to Central Asia to visit our soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines leading the war against those who killed so many innocent Americans on Sept. 11. I visited our forces at forward operating locations in Uzbekistan, Pakistan and Oman and on the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson in the Arabian Sea. At a base in Pakistan, I joined soldiers and airmen from Michigan for Thanksgiving dinner.

On the way home, I visited National Guardsmen and women from Michigan serving in Bosnia and Hungary.

Whether they serve in Central Asia or the Balkans, our forces know they are the very best in the world. They know that no military even comes close to matching their training, their professionalism or their ability to deploy virtually anywhere in the world and meet virtually any mission. Yet nothing lifts their spirits more than to know that the American people are totally behind them and are grateful for their service.

In Michigan and across the country, Americans

are giving our forces the morale boost they need to stay focused and succeed in their mission. I have personally been to rallies around the state. There are literally hundreds of kinds of supportive actions.

In Macomb County, the Roseville City Council passed a resolution maintaining salary and benefits for city employees who are reservists called to active duty.

Dozens of Rogers City residents came together and raised the money that raised 30 flags along that community's "avenue of flags."

Especially moving is the story of several Michigan families who helped lift holiday spirits of the crew aboard the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt in the Arabian Sea.

Just before Thanksgiving, a mother in Louisiana decided to send a simple holiday card to her son serving on the carrier. When other families and friends on the crew heard about her effort through the Internet and e-mail, they wrote in with wishes to their own husbands, wives, sons, brothers, sisters and friends.

Hundreds of sailors gathered to see it unveiled to the sounds of a military band. They displayed it in one of their hangar bays for the holidays. Sailor after sailor came to find the star with his or her name and a message from a loved one. They now keep their stars as a reminder of home and a daily inspiration.

Showing our troops we support them is more than just a nice thing to do. It boosts morale, which boosts readiness and effectiveness. As one sailor recently told a reporter, "It shows Americans know that we have put our lives on the line for them, that they have an idea what we are doing and they have made the effort to show us they know."

Keep it up Michigan. Our forces need you.  
(Carl Levin is the senior U.S. Senator from Michigan and is the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee.)

Guest  
Commentary  
Senator  
Levin

Jim's Jottings will return next week

Faded Ink

# Obituary

## Kenneth L. White

Kenneth L. White of Gladwin, formerly of Waterford and of Hunter Creek Mobile Park, Lapeer, died Saturday, Feb. 9 at the age of 76.

He was the husband of Bernice (Hancock), the father of Claudia (Richard) Goldsworth of Gladwin, Roger of Clarkston, Paula (David) Temerowski of Utica and Annette (Christopher) Dant of Brandon Township; the grandfather of Shawna Gregory-Bielicki, Shelli (Richard) Gregory-Emerit, Nicholle, Jennifer and Christopher Jr. Dant; great-grandfather of Shantel, Shelby and Samantha; step-grandfather of Robert and Matthew Woodworth. He was preceded in death by his brothers Donald and Harry and stepson Timothy Woodworth.

He was a truck driver for U.S. Truck, Detroit for 35 years. He served in the USS Coast Guard and was a member of Eagles, Pontiac Country Club and Teamsters 299. He was a former member at Faith Baptist, Waterford.

A funeral service will be held Thursday, Feb. 14 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit Tuesday, Feb. 12 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Wednesday, Feb. 13 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Interment followed at Ottawa Park Cemetery, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Mid-MI Nurse Hospice, 3007 N. Saginaw Road, Midland, MI 48640.

## Dolly M. Dawson

Dolly M. "Dootsie" Dawson of Clarkston, formerly of Pontiac, died Sunday, Feb. 10 at the age of 95.

She was preceded in death by her husband Richard and daughter Shirley Valli. She was the mother of Nadine Thompson of Clarkston; grandmother of Pinky (Gary) Groesbeck of Lake City, Holly (Mark) Wagner of Howell and Scott Vallie of Texas; the great grandmother of Brady (Shelly) Groesbeck and Sara Vallie; and the great-great grandmother of Tyler and Emily.

She was a member of the Women of the Pontiac Moose Lodge.

A funeral service will be held Wednesday, Feb. 13 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment followed at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery.

## Marie C. Ferguson

Marie C. Ferguson of Davisburg died Feb. 9 at the age of 80.

She was the wife of Douglas for 60 years; the mother of Douglas (Deneen) of Warren, Susan (Robert) Rabe of California and Christine (John) VanKleek of Davisburg. She was also survived by 10 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. She was the sister of Christine Schiller, James Tinning and Dr. Fred Tinning.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, Feb. 12 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment followed at White Chapel Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Genesys Hospice.

## Phyllis M. Meredith

Phyllis M. Meredith of Clarkston died Feb. 11 after a courageous battle with cancer. She was 62 years old.

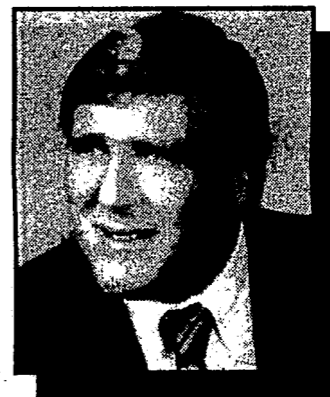
She was the wife of Bill for 41 years; the mother of W. Todd and his wife Diane of Troy, Julie Meredith and her husband Brent Eging of Pontiac; grandmother of Nathan and Ryan; sister of R. David (Dottie) Siefker of Detroit, Mike (Debbie) Siefker of Indiana and Judy (John) Pallatin of Indiana. "Phyl" was a registered nurse at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, Feb. 16 at 10 a.m. at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit Friday, Feb. 15 from 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Interment will follow at Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Independence Township Library.

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## Three Clarkston residents/real estate professionals honored

The National Association of Real Estate Consultants (NAREC), headquartered in Indianapolis, Ind., has announced Clarkston residents Barbara Wood, sale manager/associate broker; Carl A. Cyrowski, broker/president and Michelle Childers, office manager, for Century 21 Executives of Lake Orion, are one of the first 100 international recipients of the Consumer-Certified Real Es-

tate Consultant (C-CREC) designation. This honor is awarded to real estate professionals who exemplify excellence in real estate consulting. Recipients must complete course work, meet experience requirements and demonstrate their ability to successfully analyze and address the needs of customers in a variety of real estate applications.

According to Julie

Garton-Good, founder of the association, "Consumer-Certified Real Estate Consultants are the new breed of real estate professionals. They perform an in-depth analysis of the consumer's needs using an unbiased approach that's devoid of 'selling' anything. The C-CREC can then assist the consumer in reaching desired results. We're honored that Barbara Wood, Carl A. Cyrowski and

Michelle Childers are change masters in offering cutting-edge consulting services to consumers." Cyrowski said, "In the changing face of the real estate business, it's necessary for professionals to re-tool to offer consumers unbundled, a la carte ser-

vices via a consulting approach. The C-CREC designation training is focused on a "Consumer-centered; Results-focused" approach that will be invaluable for assisting today's savvy real estate consumer."

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Rick Brewer of Skalnnek Ford said, "The reason for the \$59 SuperSale is that a record number of bank repo, lease return and rental return vehicles have flooded the Michigan market in 2001. Plus, the recent 0.0% financing offers have brought in a flood of trade-ins. We're absolutely swamped with quality pre-owned vehicles and have retained Fleet Liquidators to drastically reduce this inventory immediately."

Management at Skalnnek Ford has decided to sell their used vehicle inventory direct to the public by means of a \$59 SuperSale. During this four-day event, every used car, truck, van and SUV will be available for just a \$59 down payment then start making payments.

According to Mr.

Brewer, customers pay the \$59 down payment and then start making the payments on one of over \$2 million worth of lease returns, rental returns and other used vehicles that will be on the Skalnnek Ford lot.

Skalnnek Ford will have finance representatives on hand to answer questions and help customers obtain the best terms, including financing as low as 4.9% APR. Trade-ins will be accepted. Customers should bring their title and/or payment books to expedite delivery.

"This really is a win-win situation for everyone involved," Mr. Brewer said. "Customers get a great deal on a quality used vehicle, and we're able to drastically reduce our inventory."

After the \$59 SuperSale ends at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 16th, the dealership will return to normal operations. Any questions can be directed to (248) 693-6241. Skalnnek Ford is located at 941 S. Lapeer in Lake Orion.

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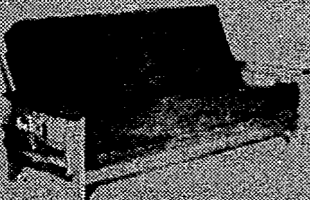
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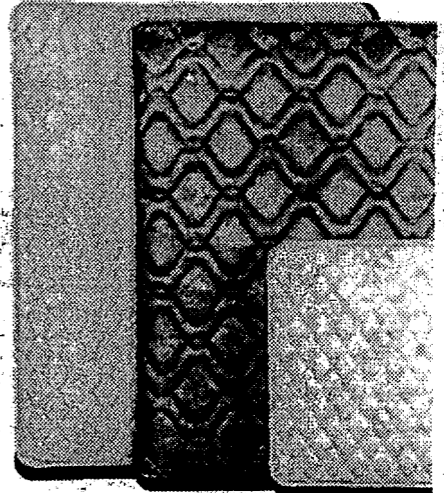


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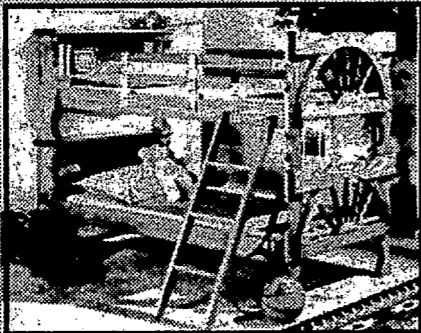
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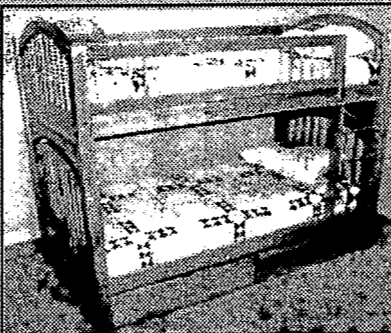
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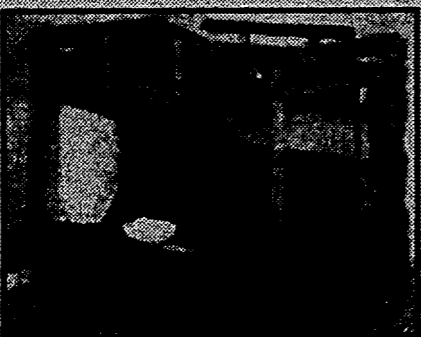
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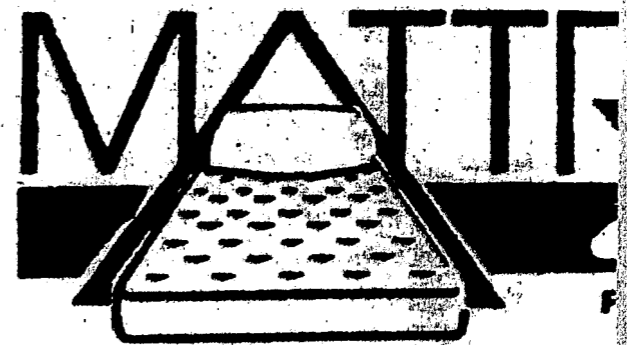
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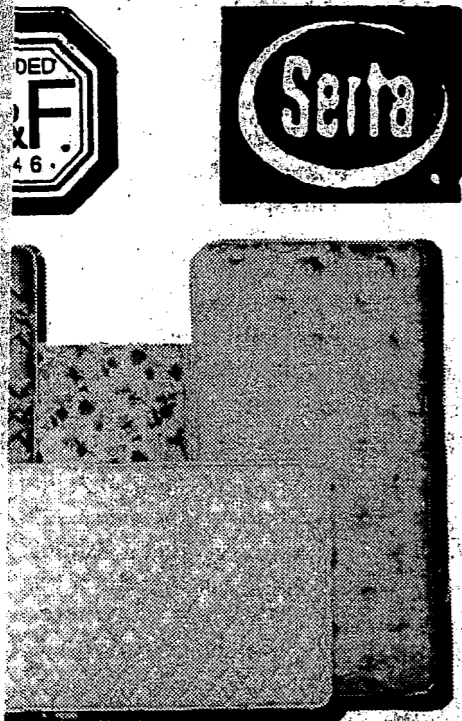
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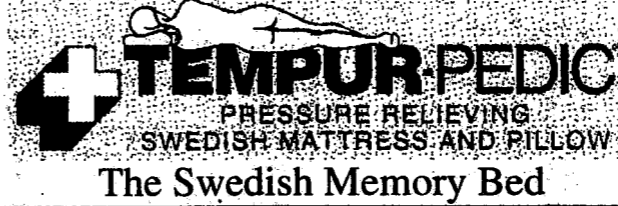
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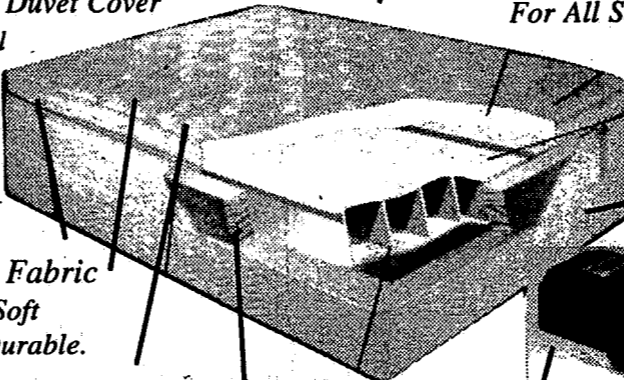
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# Police and Fire

## Independence Township

**Sunday, Feb. 10,** an unknown person made an attempt to get inside a vehicle parked in the owner's driveway on Edgewood. The right rear window was broken out and the right front window was cracked. There are no suspects.

Two larceny from vehicles, no force, were reported on Mann and Maybee.

Medicals on Parview and Sashabaw.

Personal injury accident on Sashabaw at Clinton.

**Saturday, Feb. 9,** a 24-year-old man was arrested for operating a vehicle on N. Main Street under the influence of liquor. The driver apparently was traveling northbound in the southbound lane, speeding, running two red lights and nearly hitting a vehicle head-on. He lost control and hit a tree.

An employee at a gas

station on Sashabaw reported a man, in his 30s, driving a red Ford Ranger pickup truck, drove away without paying for \$23 worth of gas.

A larceny from a vehicle, with force, was reported on Edgewood.

Medicals on Mann and Durham.

Personal injury accident on Main north of Washington.

**Friday, Feb. 8,** an assault with hands/fist/feet was reported from a group home on Maybee. A 66-year-old male resident received a 3" laceration to the back of his head after being tackled by an 81-year-old woman resident.

Two larceny from vehicles, one with force, one without force, were reported on Willow Park and Hillcrest.

A 47-year-old intoxicated man was cited for disorderly conduct after an incident at a Dixie restaurant where he threatened to shoot workers and customers.

Medicals on Chestnut Hill, Flemings lake, Middle lake, Maybee and Owasco Court.

**Thursday, Feb. 7,** a malicious destruction of property occurred on Pine Knob Road. A back window was broken out of a vehicle.

Medicals on Sheffield, Parview and Snowapple.

Vehicle fire on Oakpark.

**Wednesday, Feb. 6,** a 21-year-old man was arrested for operating a vehicle on Maybee under the influence of liquor, a first offense.

A woman on Lancaster Hill Drive reported fraud after she found an \$11,600 charge on her credit card.

Automatic alarm on Pineport.

Medicals on Sashabaw at Maybee, Oak Vista, Rockoff and Edgewood.

Personal injury accident on Sashabaw north of Maybee.

**Tuesday, Feb. 5,** a 46-year-old male driver failed to yield as he turned left

at the Sashabaw and Maybee intersection causing a 17-year-old female driver to strike the car on the passenger side. Both vehicles left the roadway. Both drivers were transported to area hospitals for injuries.

A larceny from an auto attempt was made on Wagoner Circle. A resident heard his dog barking, opened his garage door and saw suspects run.

A 43-year-old man was cited for driving on Sashabaw with no proof of insurance, with an unregistered vehicle and improper plates.

A 20-year-old man was cited for driving an unregistered vehicle on Sashabaw, with improper plates and suspended license.

Automatic alarm on Dixie.

Medicals on Middle Lake and Timberidge Trail.

Personal injury accident on I-75 north of

Sashabaw.

Public service on Sashabaw.

**Monday, Feb. 4,** a larceny of snow skis, valued at \$500, occurred from an open garage on Deer Ridge.

A 28-year-old man was cited for driving on Sashabaw with a suspended license and defective equipment.

Carbon monoxide investigation on Waldon.

Medicals on I-75 at Sashabaw, Old Cove, Upland and Mann.

## Springfield Township

**Sunday, Feb. 10,** a 54-year-old man and resident of a group home on Walnut Hill injured himself in an attempt to stand up from the counter during a fight on I-75 north of Dixie.

Medicals on Middle Lake and Timberidge Trail.

Personal injury accident on I-75 north of

ported on Sleepy Hollow. The complainant stated he was struck on the head with a beer bottle by the suspect who admitted to doing so. The victim is filing charges.

**Thursday, Feb. 7,** an unknown person removed numerous items from inside a vehicle parked unlocked on Big Lake.

**Tuesday, Feb. 5,** the owner of an unoccupied mobile home on Kropf reported neighborhood kids had entered the home without permission.

An apartment on Dixie was broken into and a cell phone was found missing. Nothing else appeared to be disturbed and there was no damage to the front entry door.

**Monday, Feb. 4,** tools and supplies were stolen from a construction trailer parked at a new-built home site on Oak Valley. The padlocks to the trailer had been cut.

A snowmobile complaint was reported on Bigelow north of King Street.

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# Community drive for families of fallen heroes ends

Oakland County Sheriff Michael J. Bouchard thanked members of the community who made donations to the Oakland County Fallen Heroes Fund. The fund raised nearly half a million dollars (\$498,800), which was given to the benevo-

lent funds of New York's Police, Fire and Port Authority. "Money was raised throughout the country to aid the families and victims of the Sept. 11 attacks. The outpouring of financial support from our local community of nearly

a half million dollars for the families of emergency personnel is a stunning reminder of the character and heart of the people right here in Michigan," Bouchard said.

Bouchard gave particular thanks to WJR who organized an all-day event

on Sept. 19 which helped highlight the mission of the Oakland County Fallen Heroes Fund and gave numerous people in the community an opportunity to contribute. The Detroit Tigers were also thanked for hosting men and women in uniform at the

gates of Comerica Park this past fall giving fans an easy opportunity to contribute, as well as giving substantially as an organization.


Donations were accepted from various areas and from a variety of sources: young, old, profes-

sionals, students, retirees, corporations, small businesses and classrooms.


The Oakland County Fallen Heroes Fund has officially closed. Anyone still wishing to make a donation are encouraged to contact the organizations directly.

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tion and that no side can spring a surprise on the other.

We hope our columns about the intricacies of the legal system provide you with educational and interesting information. If you need to speak to a legal professional, contact our office at 620-1030. Located at 11 North Main Street, we would be happy to help you understand your rights in a variety of legal matters involving personal injury, auto accidents, slip & fall injuries, criminal defense, business law, real estate, family law, and civil litigation in both State and Federal courts.

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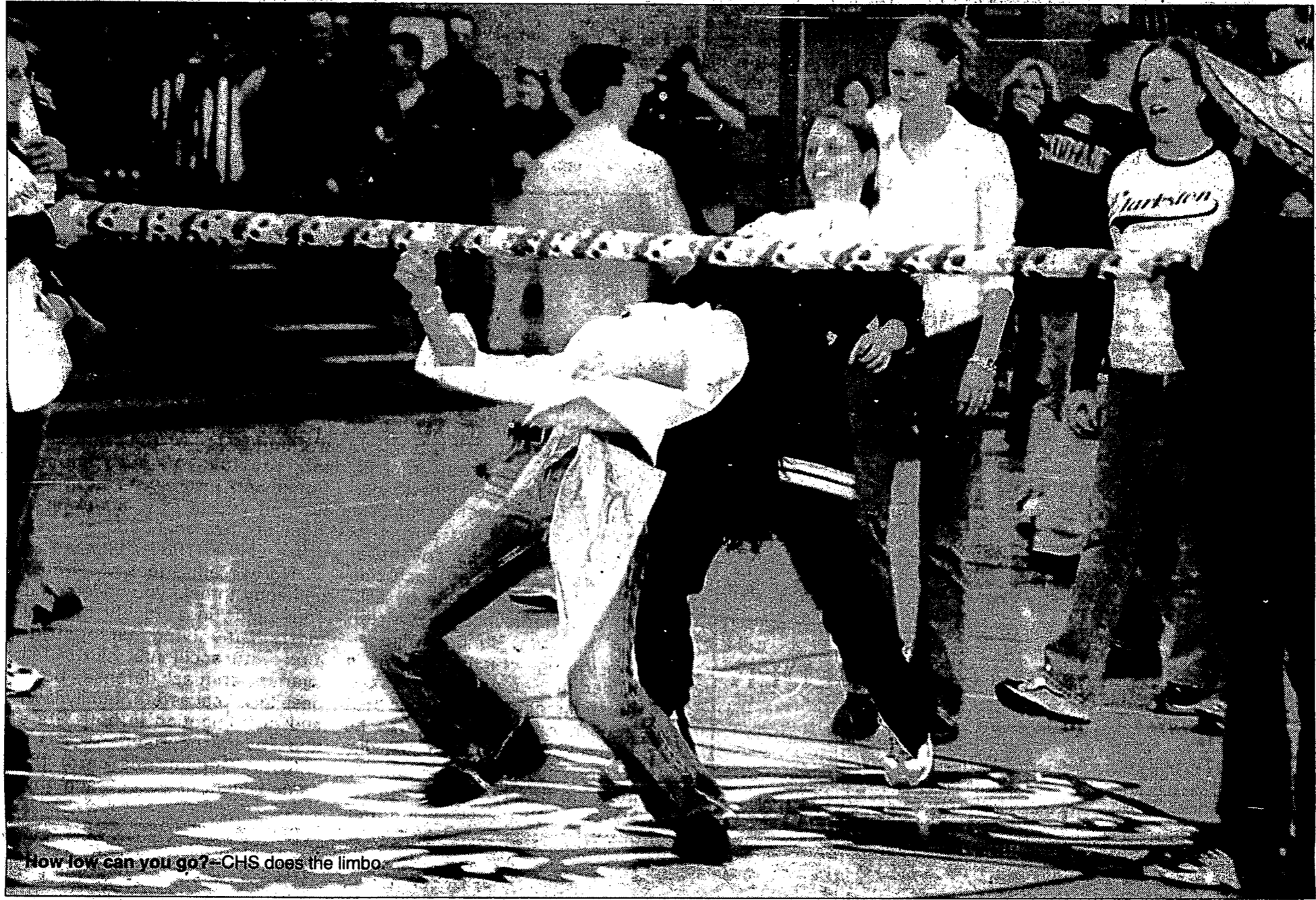
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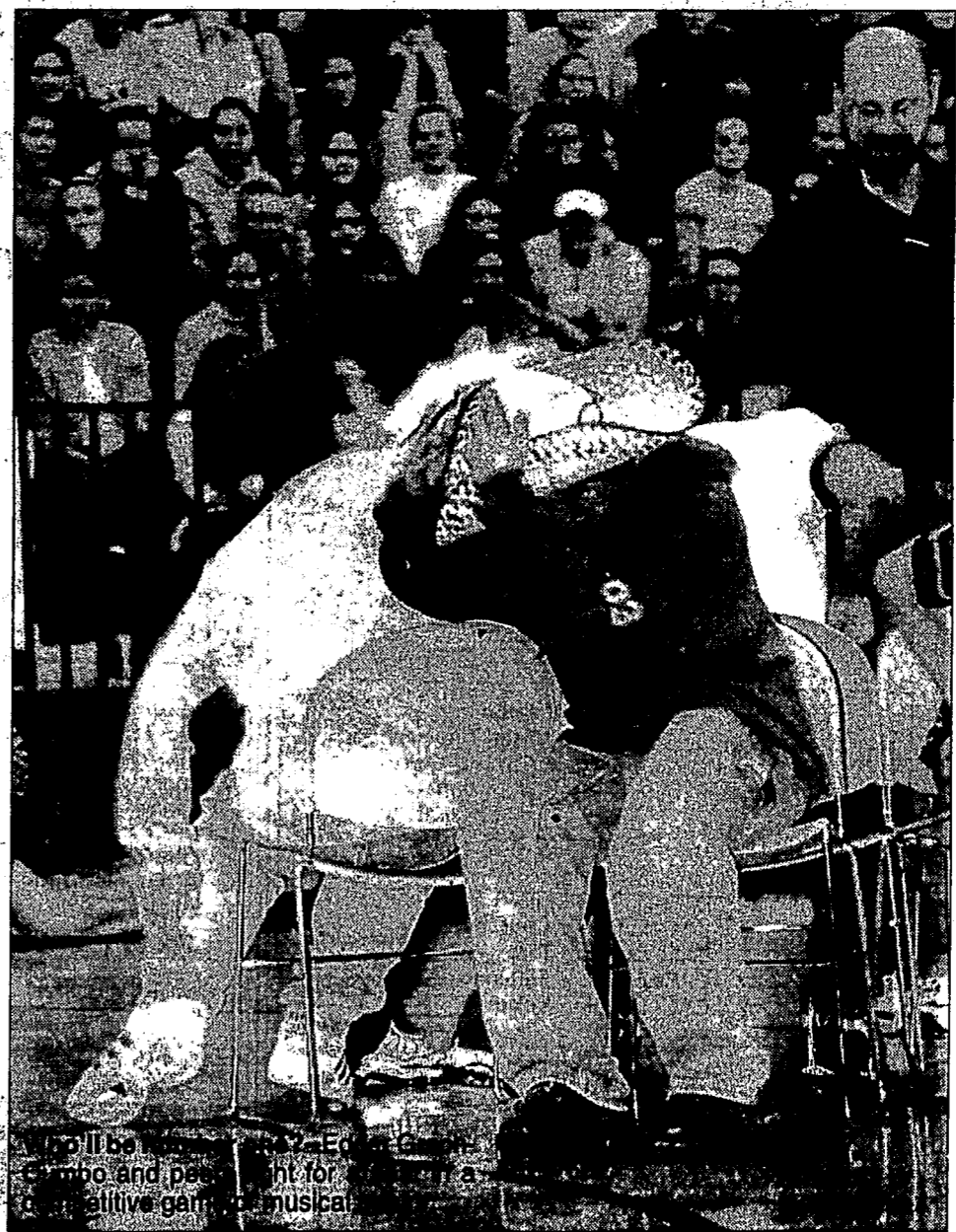
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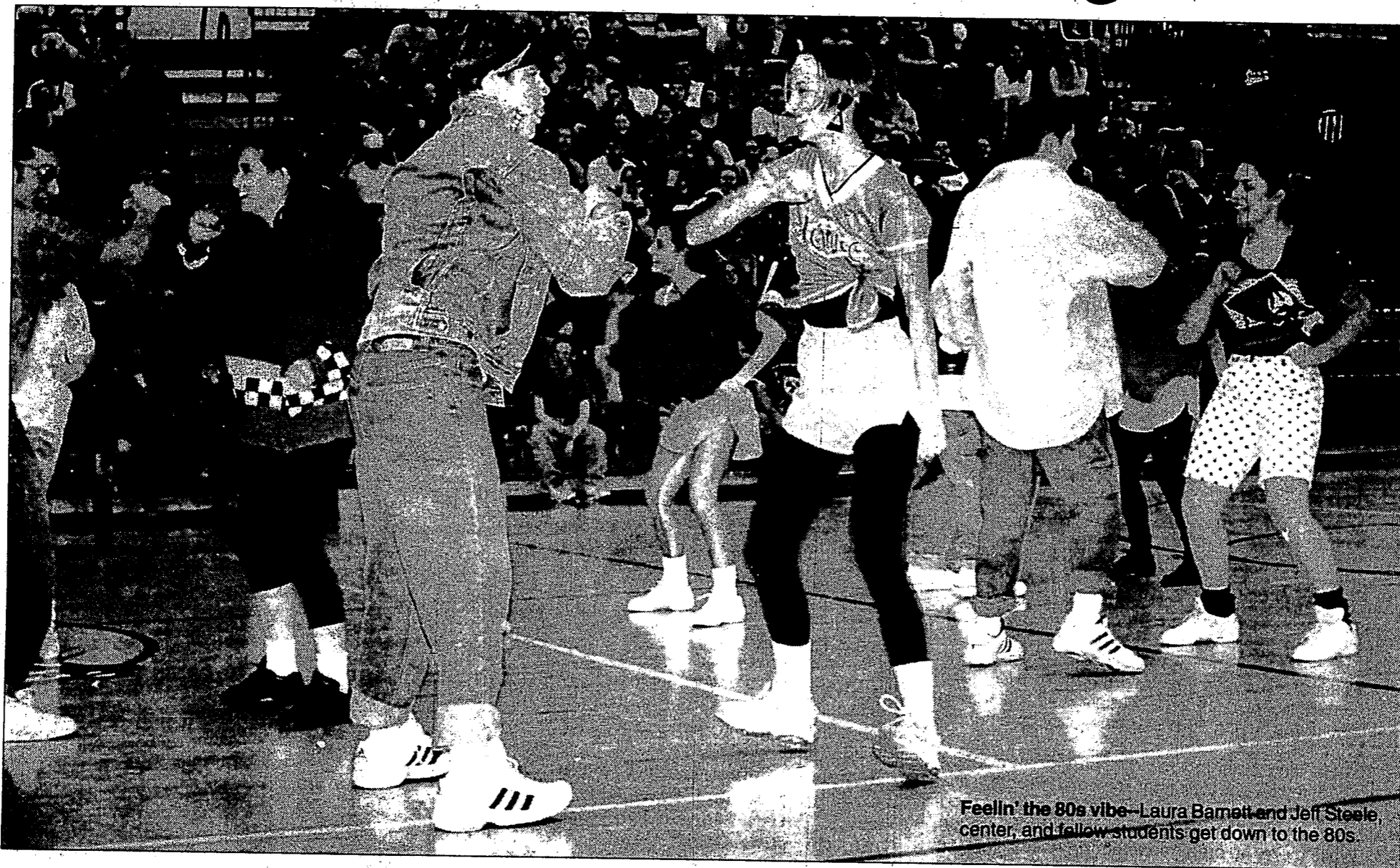
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# Clarkston Milestones

## Accomplished cadet



**Dean's List and more**—United States Air Force Academy Cadet David P. Trollman, a 1998 Clarkston High School graduate, was placed on the Dean's List for the Spring 2001 semester, among other accomplishments.

He was selected for and participated in the academy's Cadet Summer Research Program as a consultant for financial management, cost and economics at Air Force headquarters in the Pentagon. While there, he prepared a report, "Accessing Cost Database Information: The Incorporation of Knowledge Management via Portal Technology," that was presented to Air Force Cost Chiefs throughout the United States.

Trollman was also named as a Basic Cadet Training Flight Commander and oversaw the training and care of 35 basic cadets and their seven upperclass cadre during the three-week First Basic Cadet Training. Following this, Trollman was named Support Officer for Logistics, Evasion Squadron, Combat Survival Training.

Trollman is the son of Bruce and Maria of Clarkston. He will graduate from the academy May 29.

## At School

Clarkston's Abby E. Marsden, Heather Lee Montagano, Margaret Ann Montney, Candace M. Morgan and Mary E. Warchuck were named to the Dean's List in recognition of superior academic achievement during the past term at Madonna University in Livonia.

Jeremy Parrott, of Clarkston, was accepted to dental school at the University of Michigan while still in his junior year of pre-dental at the same school.

Twin brother, Russell, received a 4.0 GPA for the fall semester at Michigan Tech University.

Jeremy and Russell are 1999 Clarkston High School graduates, and are the sons of Janice and Thomas Parrott.

Clarkston's Daryl L. Fougne, Robert E. Koch, Aaron R. Moehlig and Nicole D. Villiere have been named to the Dean's List at Albion College for the Fall 2001 semester.

Students named to the Dean's List must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above at the completion of the semester.

Ohio Wesleyan University announced Jonathan Edward Robinson, a Clarkston High School graduate, was named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2001 semester. Jonathan is the son of Michael Charles and Michele F. Robinson.

Jennifer Z. Bauer, Karen C. Baxter, Johnna Bell, Jennifer Sheehan Claus, Courtney Cooley, Mary E. Forbes, Morgan R. Fraser, Laura M. Ginn, Christine Grech-Cumbo, Christopher Groscurth, Kelly Jean Hanna, Jessica L. Hendren, Hilary Hernandez, Megan R. Hester, Lisa Ann Lacasse, Tara L. Matkosky, Allison K. Moss, Matthew D. O'Neill, Shannon Saddler, Eric J. Steckling, Stacey L. Steiner, Sara M. Tarzwell, Takouhy K. Teberian, Steven Zehnder and Ingrid M. Zimmerman, all of Clarkston, were named to the Dean's List for the Fall semester of the 2001-02 academic year at Western Michigan University.

To be eligible, students must have completed at least a 3.5 grade point average on a scale of 4.0 in at least 12 hours of graded class work.

## Davis-Brown



**Engaged**—Heidi Davis of Lake Orion and Steven Brown of Waterford announce their plans of marriage.

Heidi, the daughter of James and Deborah Davis, is a 1994 Traverse City High School graduate and is currently the director of marketing for GameWorks in Auburn Hills.

Steven is the son of Scott and Marcia Brown of Clarkston and is a 1990 graduate of Clarkston High School.

A March wedding is planned.

### AREA CHURCHES AND THEIR WORSHIP HOURS

To Be Included In This Directory Please Call 625-3370

<p><b>CLARKSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> 6600 Waldon Road, Clarkston 625-1611 (2 blocks S. of M-15) Website: <a href="http://gbgm-umc.org/clarkstonumc">gbgm-umc.org/clarkstonumc</a> Sunday: Blended Worship/Nursery/Sunday School: 9am &amp; 11am Fellowship Times 10am &amp; 12 noon Confirmation/Adult Study 10am Prayer Team 8:30am &amp; 5:30pm Contemporary Worship 6pm Sunday Night Live 7pm Tuesday: Stephen Ministry 7pm Wednesday: Youth Choirs/Youth Group Thursday: Church Band/Adult Choir</p> <p><b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CLARKSTON</b> 5977 Paramus, Clarkston, MI (248) 625-3380 Located 2 blks. north of Dixie Hwy. East of M-15 Pastor: Russ Reemtsma Sunday School: 9:45 am Sunday Worship: 11:00 am and 6:00 pm Monday: AWANA 6:30 pm Wednesday: 7:00 pm Bible study &amp; Prayer Nursery, Youth &amp; Young at Heart Ministries</p> <p><b>NORTH OAKS COMMUNITY CHURCH, an Evangelical Presbyterian Church</b> Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 am Family Bible Hour: 6:30 PM, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays Worship location: 4453 Clintonville Rd. at the corner of Mann Rd., 1/2 way between Maybee Rd. and Walton Blvd. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 451 Clarkston, MI 48347 Office Phone: (248) 922-3515 Sunday Morning Phone: (248) 425-4279 Website: <a href="http://www.northoakschurch.org">www.northoakschurch.org</a> Pastor: Steve J. Brown</p> <p><b>SASHABAW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b> 5300 Maybee Road, Clarkston Worship: 11:00 am Nursery Provided Phone: 679-3101</p>	<p><b>THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH</b> 5449 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston 394-0200 Dr. James G. Keough, Jr. Minister Sunday Worship 10:00 am Children's Sunday School 10:00 am Nursery Available Call for special holiday activities and worship times.</p> <p><b>CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> 6300 Clarkston Road Clarkston (248) 625-1323 <i>Home of Clarkston Christian School</i> Pastors: Greg Henneman, Bonita Laudeman Kevin Kuehne, Michael Anderson Sunday: Worship 9:30 &amp; 11:00 am School of Discipleship 11:00 am Nursery Care at all services Wednesday: Children's Ministries 5:30-8:00 pm Sunday: Youth Ministries 5:00-7:00 pm <a href="http://www.clarkstonchurch.com">www.clarkstonchurch.com</a></p> <p><b>THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION</b> 6490 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston Sunday 8:00 am Service &amp; 10:00 am Service &amp; Church School Nursery Provided William McDonald, Priest 625-2325</p> <p><b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DAVISBURG</b> <i>"A progressive, independent, Bible-centered church"</i> 12881 Andersonville Rd., Davisburg, MI (248) 634-9225 1/2 mile south of Davisburg Rd. on Andersonville Rd. Pastor: Marc Burnett Sunday school and Adult Bible Study at 9:45 a.m. Sunday worship at 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Wednesday: AWANA @ 6:30 p.m. (grades K-5) Soul Revolution @ 6:30 p.m. (grades 6-12) Adult Bible Study &amp; Prayer @ 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>ST. 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DANIEL CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> 7010 Valley Park Dr., Clarkston (W. of M-15, S. of I-75) 625-4580 Pastor: Magr. Robert Humitz Saturday Mass: 5:00 pm Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:00 &amp; 11:00 am Nursery Available: 9:00 &amp; 11:00 am Religious Education: 625-1750 Mother's Group, RCIA, Scripture Study, Youth Group</p>	<p><b>CALVARY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 6805 Bluegrass Drive, Clarkston (W. of M-15, just S. of I-75) 625-3288 Pastor: Jonathan Heierman Relevant messages, inspiring music, caring people Service Schedule: 8:15 am (traditional worship), 9:45 (blended praise) 11:15 am (contemporary praise) Sunday Church School 9:45 am (3 years to adult) Nursery available all services (infant-5 yrs.) Web site - <a href="http://www.calvary-lutheran.org">www.calvary-lutheran.org</a></p> <p><b>COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DRAYTON PLAINS</b> 1 block north of Dixie Hwy. on Sashabaw Rd. Pastor: Dr. Thomas Hartley Phone: (248) 673-7805 Minister of Music: Barbara Nolin Sunday School &amp; Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. (Classes for all ages) Coffee, Cookies &amp; Conversation: 10:30 am Worship Service: 10:00 am (Jr. Church &amp; Nursery, Available)</p> <p><b>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PONTIAC</b> Corner of Wayne and West Huron St., (M-59) (Next to Oakland Press) 248-335-6866 <i>"Join us Downtown: a Historic Church with a Future Focus"</i> Services: 10 am Sunday Traditional worship &amp; music Bible Study, 8:30 and 11:30 Sunday School during Worship Nursery provided Coffee Hour: 11 am - 5:30 pm Saturday Contemporary worship and music Coffee Time Christian Education Opportunities for all and Special Youth Activities Co-Pastors: Rev's Janice and Roy Langwig Dir. of Music: Carolyn Thibideau Parish Visitor: Rev. Richard Hanna C.E. Dir. Julie Smith Sat. Worship Music Leader: Steve Keith <b>"EXPECT A WARM WELCOME!"</b></p>
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# Around Town

The Clarkston Community Women's Club will hold a "Taking Superstition out of Alternative Healing" program Thursday, Feb. 21 which will focus on Reiki, a form of hands-on healing. The speaker for the evening will be Chuck Kostrzeway, a third-degree Reiki healer. Business meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Library, program follows. For more information, call Gail at 623-9462.

The Independence Township Senior Center in cooperation with First Congregational Church presents **Heart Awareness Day**

Saturday, Feb. 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the church located at 5449 Clarkston Rd. Free blood pressures, total cholesterol for the first 30 participants, information from American Heart Association, cardiovascular disease risk assessment by State of Michigan certified and trained personnel and a host of low cost, high technology screens for the heart and vascular system including carotid artery, abdominal aorta, leg circulation, heart, blood cholesterol and osteoporosis. Preregistration is requested for these screens. Call (800)541-8110.

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The Michigan Department of Transportation is holding public hearings on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the M-15 corridor from I-69 to I-75. Stop by anytime during the scheduled hours at the location of your choice: Tuesday, Feb. 26 from 4-9 p.m. at the Goodrich High School cafeteria, 8029 Gale Rd., enter off Hegel Road or Wednesday, Feb. 27 from 4-9 p.m. at the Brandon Middle School cafeteria, 609 S. Ortonville Rd (M-15).

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K.I.D.S (Keep Improving and Developing Skills) program is offering

a free parent education and parent/child interaction workshop Thursday, Feb. 28 from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Sherman Lifelong Learning Center, 330 Sherman Court in Ortonville. Topic is "Discipline." Parents meet with a qualified group leader for discussion, then parents and children are brought back together to interact in a fun group activity. A light, nutritious snack will also be served. Call Darlene (248)681-9192 to reserve a spot.

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The Widowed Support Group will meet Thursday, March 7 at 7 p.m. at the Independence Township Senior Center in Clintonwood Park on Clarkston Road. For men and women of all ages who have recently

been widowed, the topic for the evening is "Turning guilt into good and feel good about yourself." The meeting will be facilitated by Alicia Brown, bereavement counselor at Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home. There is no cost to attend and registration is not necessary. Refreshments will be served. Any questions, call the Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home at 625-5231.

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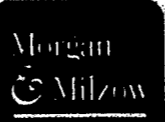
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## Springfield residents discuss master plan at public hearing

BY JEFF PATRUS  
Clarkston News Staff  
Writer

Springfield Township residents had their chance to voice their opinions on the updated township master plan at a public hearing Feb. 7 at the Hart Community Center in Davisburg.

About 45 people were on hand to listen to the proposal and make comments, according to Springfield Township Clerk Nancy Strole. Township planners Dick

Carlisle and Sally Elmiger from Carlisle, Wortman & Associates gave a 40-minute presentation on the proposal.

The issue was tabled by the Springfield Township Planning Commission, and will be revisited at the board's Mar. 7 meeting at the Springfield Township Hall.

Strole said the revision have been in the works for more than two years, and represents a lot of studying and hard work on the part of the

commission. "It really is not a radical departure from the existing master plan," she said. "It's a document that provides a road map to the future, both short term and long term."

She also said the crowd seemed to be in favor of the proposal.

"In general, they seemed to be supportive of the master plan as a whole. There were questions, concerns about particular parcels related to plans along Dixie Highway."

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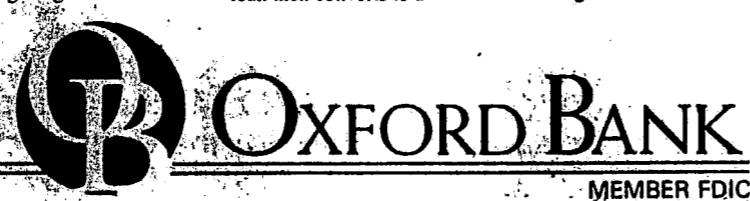
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# Fortinberry

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Court-In-School and accelerated docketing for domestic violence cases, making the court an active participant in education and crime prevention," she said.

The community can expect from Fortinberry a judge who will run an efficient courtroom as well, she said. With her experience in the courtroom over the years, Fortinberry said she has seen the best and worst of judges, helping her have a good handle on what needs to be done in the courts.

"The citizens have the right to expect their district court judge to act fairly and deal with dangerous criminals in order to protect the community. I'm adamant about that. I have a strong dedication to the court, seeing it meets the specific needs of the community," Fortinberry said. "When I operate in court, I try to do justice. It doesn't change if you're a prosecutor, magistrate, or judge. My job is to see justice is done."

Fortinberry—who holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Michigan State University and a Juris Doctorate from Wayne State University Law School, where she was an editor for the Wayne Law Review—believes strongly in giving back to the community in which she lives and works.

"Everyone has the responsibility to give back no matter their resources. Everyone has the resource of time," she said. "Every human being has an obligation to help a fellow human being."

Her "rewarding" charitable work includes acting as the immediate past president of the Children's

Leukemia Foundation of Michigan.

As a benefit for this organization, each year, Fortinberry and her husband, Chuck, co-chair the Glen W. Fortinberry Memorial Golf Classic and the Ride for CLF.

"Looking into the face of a child suffering with a life threatening disease and knowing that you are helping, even if it's only a little, is the most wonderful feeling in the world," she said. "We've taught our children to give back and hope they'll do so as they grow older." Fortinberry and her husband, owner of Clarkston Chrysler-Jeep and president of the Detroit Automobile Dealers Association and the North American International Auto Show, have three sons aged 16, 14 and 11.

Fortinberry's dedication to her community doesn't stop there.

She has also served on the boards of North Oakland SCAMP, Statewide Services for the Hearing Impaired and the Macomb County Child Abuse and Neglect Council.

The 12-year Independence Township resident and 31-year Oakland County resident is a member of the Independence Township Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission.

Until this year, she was secretary of the Oakland County Republican Party and the 46<sup>th</sup> District representative to the Oakland County Lincoln Republican Club. Fortinberry and husband Chuck served as North Oakland County co-chairs for the Bush-Cheney 2000 campaign.

They are active members of the Clarkston United Methodist Church. Right now,

Fortinberry's eyes are on the November election.

She urges voters to look at the experience of the candidates. "You'll find by far, I'm the most qualified."

"I am eager to put my 20 years of legal experience to work in making the 52/2 District Court efficient, cost-effective and accessible to the people it serves," Fortinberry said. "As a prosecuting attorney and magistrate, I have earned a reputation for being tough on crime. As judge of our district court, the citizens of this fast-growing northern part of Oakland County can count on me to hold criminals fully accountable for their actions. I have the experience and determination it will take to make these exciting and innovative changes work at the 52<sup>nd</sup> District Court."

The 52/2 District Court in Clarkston serves most of northern Oakland County. The court's jurisdiction currently includes the villages of Holly, Ortonville and Clarkston in addition to the townships of Holly, Brandon, Groveland, Springfield and Independence. New legislation has mandated that Rose Township and White Lake become part of the 52/2 District, Jan. 1, 2003.

For more information on the Magistrate Dana Fortinberry for District Court Judge campaign, call 620-9599, or send an E-mail to D4tinberry@aol.com.

## A Look Back

### 15 YEARS AGO (1987)

■ Signs of growth are evident in Springfield Township. The Springfield Township Board unanimously approved final plans for two subdivisions and site plans for new businesses in the township at the Feb. 11 board meeting, and tabled a third site plan until a future board meeting.

■ SEARCH, a program designed to deal with drug and alcohol abuse by Clarkston High School students, is now permanent. In July 1985, the Clarkston board of education agreed to support the program for a two-year trial period. SEARCH is an acronym for Support Education Awareness Resources for Chemical-free Health. On Feb. 9, the board unanimously agreed to make the program permanent.

■ The eastern half of a new zoning map for Springfield Township, except for two small portions, was unanimously approved by the township board Feb. 11. The western half of the map was approved at the January meeting.

### 25 YEARS AGO (1977)

■ The Independence Land Conservancy has been honored by the Michigan State Senate for its work in preserving the natural areas of the township. In a special presentation prior to the township board meeting, Senator Kerry Kammer presented the Senate resolution to Nelson Kimball, conservancy president, citing the group for its four years in promoting developers to preserve open space and to return land back to its natural state.

■ The Clarkston Board of Education is expected to finalize a request for additional millage that will be placed before the voters in June. The board discussed a ballot proposal that would seek voter approval of six additional mills (\$6 per \$1,000 assessed valuation) over the next 10 years.

■ The Springfield Township Library has grown. In the last six months the book collection has grown from an estimated 80 volumes to the present 2,500.

### 50 YEARS AGO (1952)

■ The Sashabaw P.T.A. celebrated their fourth anniversary and observed Founder's Night Feb. 7. Vice-president Earl Frick presided. During the program a movie entitled "Adventure in Telezonia" was shown. A group of songs were sung by Alice Antilla, Ruthann Carmean, Charlene Wilson, Betty Brewer and Mary Ellen Hogan. Alice Antilla played a piano solo, "Innocence."

■ The Clarkston Community Birthday Calendar went into the mail at 12:59 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 30. The kit, including an air-photo of Clarkston, was sent to the Gordon Bernard Co., Inc. of Cincinnati, Ohio. The gross proceeds from the project amounted to \$802.63. The amount of profit realized by the P.T.A. and the High School bands amounted to \$539.25.


■ Clarkston High School will receive a plaque for excellence in debating for the 1951-52 season.

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# Sports

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**Boys' basketball:**  
2/19 OAA Tournament vs. Oak Park, 7 p.m.

**Hockey:**  
2/16 vs. Grosse Pointe North, 5 p.m.

2/20 at Birmingham Brother Rice, TBA

**Wrestling:**  
2/14 Team Districts at CHS, 6 p.m.

2/16 Individual Districts at Sterling Heights Stevenson, TBA

**Volleyball:**  
2/11 at Kiwanis/Coldwater Invitational, 9 a.m.

**Skiing:**  
2/14 Regionals at Mt. Holly, 9 a.m.  
2/19 SEMSC League Meet, 9 a.m.

For more information, call the CHS Athletic Office at 623-4003.

## Cagers survive against Rochester

*Wolves edged by Northern in OT thriller three days earlier*

BY JEFF PATRUS  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

After two straight conference losses last week, the Clarkston basketball team was anxious to get a win under their belts.

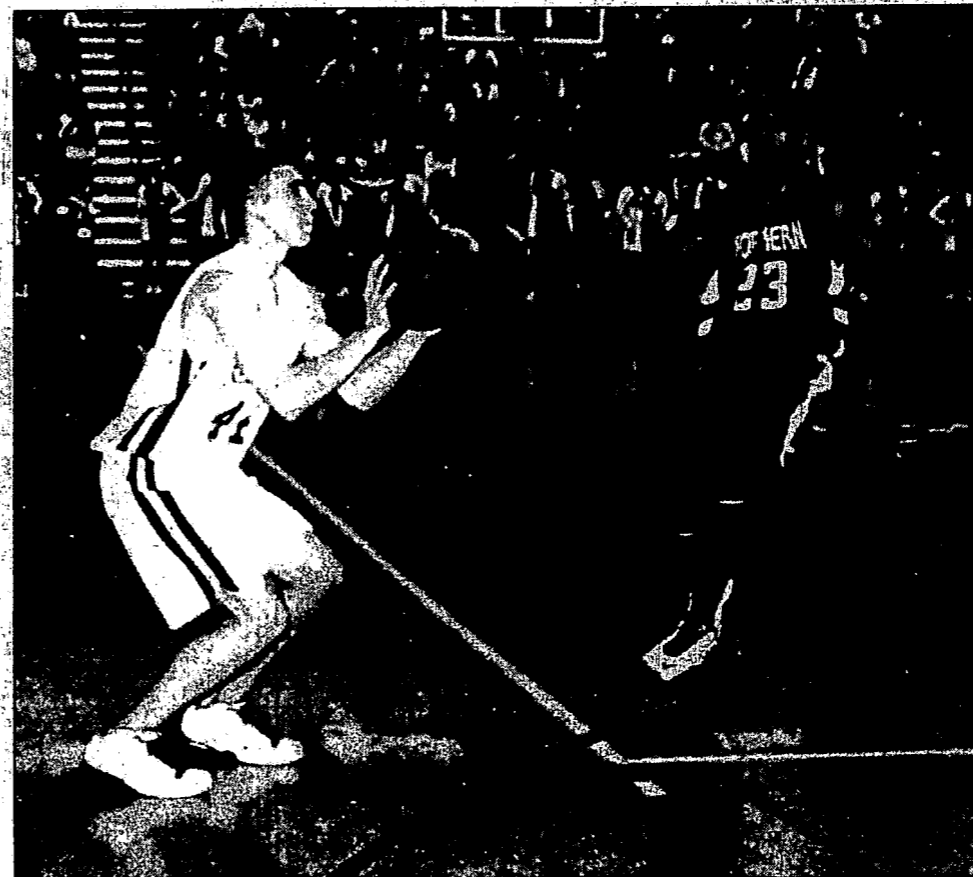
It came down to the very end, but the Wolves survived a last-minute push from Rochester to defeat the visiting Falcons, 43-40, on Feb. 11. The game was originally scheduled for Feb. 1, but was cancelled due to the winter storms in the Detroit area that day.

The Wolves ran into a cold streak in the third quarter, but managed to survive that drought with a little help from senior Matt Mahrle, who hit three of his four three-pointers in the fourth quarter to help push Clarkston to the win.

Mahrle scored 14 points, while Mike Blicher added 12 and Eric Kieras 11 for the Wolves, who are now 11-4 overall and 10-3 in Oakland Activities Association Division I. Senior center Paul Davis led Rochester with 21 points.

"It was just a tough game to play," said Clarkston coach Dan Fife. "It was a constant struggle. We had six points in the third quarter — they outscored us, 14-6. Mahrle hit those three three-pointers and bailed us out."

The Wolves have been hampered by an injury to senior center Dave



**Taking aim** — Clarkston's Adam Kretz (44) fires a shot as Pontiac Northern's John Cantrell (23) gives chase during the Clarkston-Northern game Feb. 8 at a sold-out Clarkston High School. The Wolves battled back from a nine-point halftime deficit, but lost in overtime to the Huskies 62-60. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

Ritzema, who has been bothered by a bad leg, according to Fife. He said the team's margin for error is "very small," but also said their effort has been consistent.

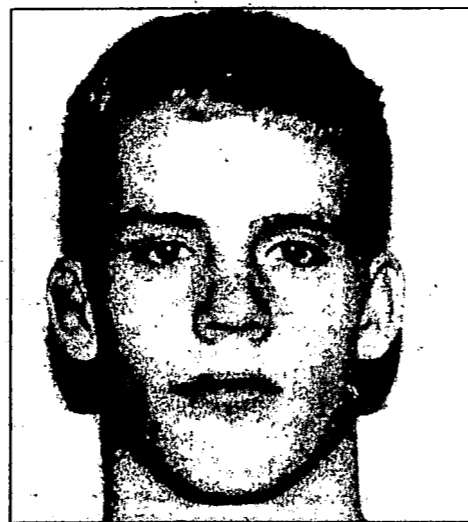
"This was a character game when it came down to it," Fife said. "It never is for a lack of effort (with the team). Our

kids are trying as best they can."

The win was a welcome sight for the Wolves, who had lost two straight last week.

For the second time this season, **Please see Boys' Basketball on page 5B**

## Grapplers capture league tournament



**League champions** — Clarkston's Kyle Hester, competing in the 171-pound division, was one of five Wolves to take first place in the OAA league wrestling meet Feb. 8 at Rochester High School. Clarkston won the league title with a total of 197-1/2 points. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

BY JEFF PATRUS  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston's wrestling team proved to be the cream of the crop in the Oakland Activities Association Division I tournament Feb. 8 at Rochester High School.

The Wolves, who went 5-0 in league action this season, earned the league title with a win in the tournament. Clarkston outdistanced Rochester Adams, 197-1/2 to 177, to win the tourney. Lake Orion finished third with 137-1/2 points.

Clarkston coach Mike DeGain said the team's depth played a key role in the win. "I guess it (the key) was having 13-14 guys placing in the top four," he said.

The Wolves had top four finishers in all weight classes except the 135-pound division, and five Clarkston competitors took first place in their divisions.

Matt Herron (103) defeated Sean Tadday of Adams, 8-2; Elliott May (112) defeated Jerry Delia of Rochester, 8-3;

Braden L'Amoreaux (125) defeated Robert Salazar of Troy, 11-1; Clint DeGain (160) defeated Drew Michelotti of Adams, 10-5; and Kyle Hester (171) defeated Nic Bauman of Rochester, 8-6.

In addition, four Wolves earned runner-up honors at the meet: Tony LaJoie (130), who was defeated by Nick Best of Troy, 5-2; Sean Turner (140), who was defeated by Rick Kallis of Lake Orion, 6-1; John Langdon (145), who was defeated by Craig Fraser of Adams, 6-3; and Joe Wood (275), who was defeated by Joel Miner of Adams, 9-3.

Other Clarkston wrestlers competing in the meet were Bryan Webb (112), who lost to Jake Foltz of Lake Orion in the third-place match; Brenton

**Please see Wrestling on page 3B**

# Swimmers fall to Rochester in last home meet

BY JEFF PATRUS  
 Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston's boys' swimming team dropped its final matchup of the regular season Feb. 7, losing to visiting Rochester, 106-77.

The Falcons started off quickly, winning the first three events of the meet before Clarkston's Dan Reed won the 50 yard freestyle with a time of 24.10. Rochester won the next two events before Reed again triumphed for the Wolves in the 100 yard freestyle with a time of 53.72.

Those would be the only two event victories for the Wolves in the meet. However, Andrew Riegel set a school record for the Wolves in the 500 yard freestyle, finishing second in that event with a time of 5:39.33.

The Wolves started out the week with a loss to visiting Troy Athens, 106-79, on Feb. 5.

The Wolves set school records in three different events at the meet. Two of those records were set by Dan Reed: in the 200 yard IM, where he finished first

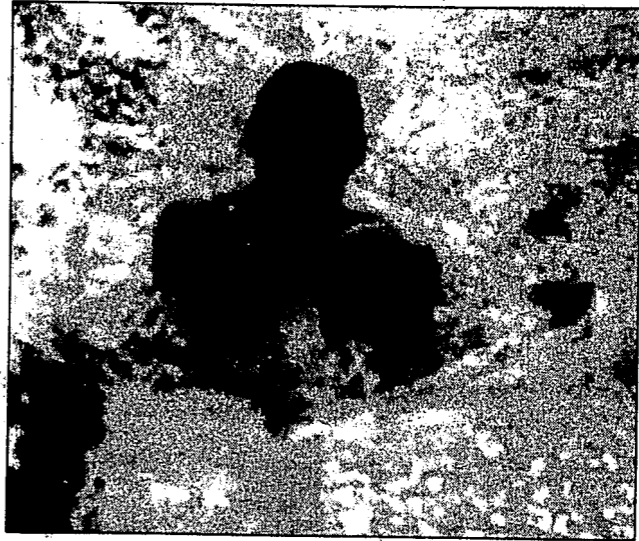
with a time of 2:14.48, and the 100 yard butterfly, where he finished first with a time of 58.65.

The other Clarkston record was set by Jeff Driscoll in the 500 yard freestyle, where he finished second with a time of 5:48.31.

The Wolves started out the meet with a win in the 200 yard medley relay, as the team of Troy Quantz, Driscoll, Reed and Louis Seaman finished with a time of 1:53.22.

After an Athens win in the 200 yard freestyle, the Wolves came back with Reed's victory in the 200 yard IM. Athens took the next two events, the 50 yard freestyle and platform diving, before Reed came through in the 100 yard butterfly.

Athens emerged victorious in four of the remaining six events. Nick Riegel took first for the Wolves in the 100 yard backstroke with a time of 1:02.89, and the team of Derek LaHousse, Quantz, Driscoll and Nick Riegel won the 400 yard freestyle relay with a time of 3:53.66.



Last hurrah — Clarkston senior Adam Kasper competed in his last home meet Thursday, Feb. 7 against Rochester. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

# Icers notch win over Cranbrook

BY JEFF PATRUS  
 Clarkston News Staff Writer

The student earned a hard-fought win over the teacher.

Clarkston's hockey team earned a 2-1 win against host Cranbrook-Kingswood Saturday, Feb. 9 to improve their record to 17-3-1 overall. The win was the first for the Wolves against Cranbrook in four years.

For Clarkston coach Bryan Krygier, it was his first win against the program with which he started out his high school coaching career. Krygier was a junior varsity coach at Cranbrook before taking the head coaching job at Clarkston.

"They're always a well-coached team," said Krygier of Cranbrook. "I have the utmost respect for (Cranbrook coach) Andy Weidenbach. They're in the finals or in the running each year. He was the one that gave me the opportunity to coach high school hockey."

The Wolves struck first in the first period, as senior forward Alan Marchio scored off an assist from junior defenseman Jim Lattanzi. After a Cranbrook goal halfway into the second tied things up, senior forward Nick Turner scored on an unassisted goal late in the second to seal the win for the Wolves.

Krygier said the win was a chance for the Wolves to show they can compete with the elite programs in the state. "I think we're developing as a program," he said. "We're starting to get some confidence that we can beat the teams that are ranked in the top ten."

The Wolves took on West Bloomfield Tuesday, Feb. 12 at Cranbrook, then return home for senior night on Saturday, Feb. 16 against Grosse Pointe North at 5 p.m.

■ An article in last week's edition of The Clarkston News should have stated that the Wolves' game-tying goal against Troy, which was scored by junior forward Jacob Gibson, was assisted by sophomore forward Adam Peters and junior defenseman Jim Lattanzi, instead of senior forward Nick Turner.

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# Boys and girls ski teams triumph in league meet

BY JEFF PATRUS  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Clarkston boys and girls ski teams went to the head of the class in Oakland Activities Association Division I Feb. 11.

The two teams won the OAA league meet, held at Pine Knob Ski Course.

The girls' team finished with 20 points, edging rival Lake Orion, which finished with 28 points. Rochester Adams was third with 48 points.

Mo Weiland led the way for the Wolves, finishing third in the giant slalom with a time of 36.76. Pam Wylie finished fourth with a time of 37.37, while Jamie Collier finished sixth with a time of 37.40 and Jody Piechura seventh with a time of 37.75.

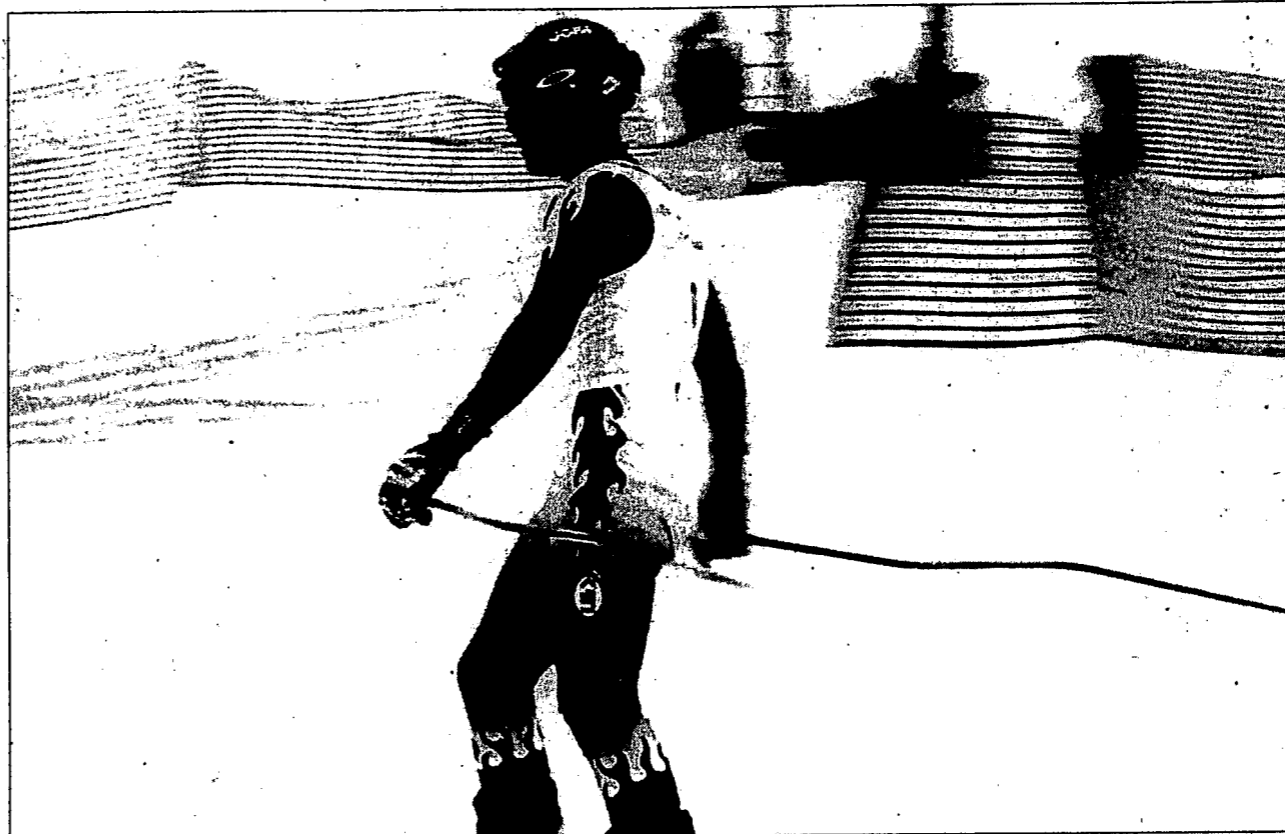
Meanwhile, the boys' team captured the title with a total of 15 points. Like their counterparts on the girls' team, the boys outdistanced their rivals from Lake Orion, which had 31 points. Adams was third with 36 points.

The Wolves dominated the top of the standings, finishing first through third in the grand slalom. John McNew finished first with a time of 33.95, while Brandon Rosengren finished second with a time of 34.00 and Ryan Parrott third with a time of 34.18. Carl Schulte finished ninth with a time of 35.78.

The teams also captured the Pine Knob Divisional Meet on their home turf Feb. 6-7.

The boys' team triumphed with 74.5 points, gaining a measure of revenge by defeating Lake Orion, who had defeated them in a previous meet, to capture the division meet. The Dragons finished with 92 points, while Waterford United finished with 113 points.

"It's a little bit of redemption for us," said Clarkston coach Bruce Rosengren. "They got us last time. They're definitely our rivals, and we're pretty happy with how we're skiing."



**Time out** — Clarkston's Ryan Parrott unwinds after he takes his turn at the Pine Knob Divisional Meet Feb. 7. The Wolves' boys and girls teams took first place at the meet. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

Brandon Rosengren led the charge for the team, finishing third in the slalom with a time of 39.99, and third in the giant slalom with a time of 33.29. John McNew finished fourth in the slalom with a time of 40.85, and Ryan Parrott tied for 10th with a time of 42.91. Parrott also finished fourth in the giant slalom with a time of 33.49.

On the girls' side, the Wolves outdistanced Cranbrook-Kingswood to win the title, finishing with 48 points to Cranbrook's 66. Lake Orion finished third with 111 points. Allison Spinweber took first in both the

slalom and giant slalom, finishing with times of 45.06 and 35.24, respectively.

"She's definitely on top of her game," Rosengren said.

Mo Weiland finished third in both events, with times of 45.68 for the slalom and 35.62 for the giant slalom. Pam Wylie placed sixth in the giant slalom with a time of 36.34, while Jody Piechura placed ninth with a time of 36.45.

The teams travel to Mt. Holly Thursday, Feb. 14 for the regional meet, beginning at 9 a.m.

## Clarkston's Senkyr in senior year with Northwood hoops

Georgia Senkyr, a 1998 graduate of Clarkston High School, is in her senior year as a member of the Northwood University women's basketball team.

Last year, she started 20 games while playing in 23 contests. She averaged 7.4 points per game, and scored a career-high 19 points in a win over Northwest Missouri State. She also tallied a career-high 10 rebounds against Mercyhurst College.

Senkyr holds the school record for three-point percentage with a .452 mark. She was named the team's most improved player after her sophomore year.

An Honor Roll and Dean's List student, Senkyr is majoring in business management with a minor in marketing.

## Wrestling

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Place (152), who earned third place by defeating Mike Mizeli of Troy, 5-4; Derek George (189), who earned third place with a win against Chris Milliron of Troy Athens; and Jason Talbot (215), who defeated Jesse Osborne of Lake Orion for third place.

In action earlier in the week, the Wolves earned a dual-meet win against Detroit Catholic Central and Redford Union Feb. 6 at Catholic Central. The Wolves defeated Redford Union, 69-0, and earned a close 30-24 win against the Shamrocks of Catholic Central.

Clarkston moves into district action this week, as they host team districts Thursday, Feb. 14, beginning at 6 p.m. They will then travel to Sterling Heights Stevenson High School for the individual districts on Saturday, Feb. 16.

## Athlete of the Week — Bonnie Edgar

BY JEFF PATRUS  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Since first discovering volleyball in the sixth grade at Sashabaw Middle School, Clarkston senior Bonnie Edgar has developed a greater appreciation for the game.

Edgar is one of the leaders of the CHS varsity volleyball team, which is currently in the home stretch of its season. She said she received her first taste of the game during intramurals at Sashabaw.

"Since then, I've wanted to play in every clinic and at camps," she said. "I've had more respect for the game and I've developed my skills a lot. I try to get better every day."

Edgar said Clarkston coach Gordie Richardson is constantly pushing her to become better, and she's come to appreciate that.

"I've grown to have a lot of respect for him this season," she said. "He'll push me as far as I can go."

She said some goals for the team for the remainder of the season are to communicate with one another, and go as far as they can into the playoffs. She said the team hopes to repeat last year's run to the district championship.

Individually, Edgar said she will focus on trying to get better every day in practice.

Edgar, who plays for a traveling volleyball team, said there is a chance she may play volleyball at Oakland Community College next year. She hopes to transfer to Central Michigan University to study communications.



**Home stretch** — Clarkston senior volleyball player Bonnie Edgar said the team hopes to repeat as district champions. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

She said parents Vance and Laurie and older brother Ben, 21, have been in her corner and make sure to come to all the games to root her on.

"They support me all the way," she said. "They look forward to seeing me every day."

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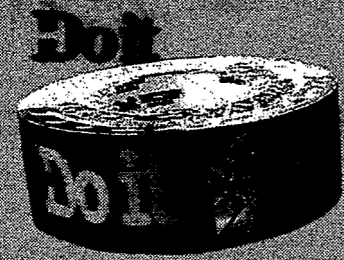
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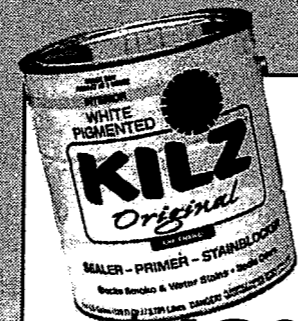
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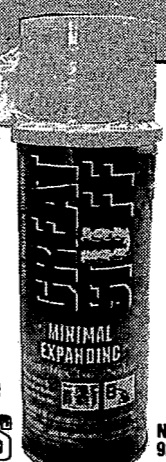
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## Boys' basketball

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Clarkston and Pontiac Northern engaged in a hard-fought basketball game when they locked horns Feb. 8.

The host Wolves rallied from a nine-point halftime deficit to force overtime against the Pontiac Northern Huskies, but came up on the losing end to sixth-ranked Northern 62-60, before a standing-room only crowd at Clarkston High School.

Northern clinched the OAA Division I title with the win. The Wolves are now 10-4 overall and 9-3 in league play, following a loss earlier in the week against Ferndale.

Fife said while the comeback "was something really positive for our kids," the disappointment felt by the team was still evident after the loss. He said that is to be expected after they made a furious effort to come back, only to fall two points short in the end.

"We wouldn't have gotten this far if our kids hadn't been competitive," he said.

Senior Matt Mahrle led the Wolves with 16 points, while senior guard Mike Blicher added 13 points, senior center Dave Ritzema 12, and senior Eric Kieras 10. Lester Abram and Derrick Ponder led the Huskies with 16 points each.

Abram, who has committed to the University of Michigan for next season, showed his athleticism from the onset, opening the game with a dunk off of a steal. The Wolves would rally back to tie the game at 12 off of an Adam Kretz basket with 56 seconds left in the first quarter, but Northern would take a 14-12 lead at the end of the frame.

Northern took command of the game in the second quarter, increasing

their lead to as many as 16 points. However, the Wolves would chip away at the lead, and Kieras hit a three-pointer to cut Northern's lead to 33-24 at the end of the first half.

Fife said slow starts have hampered the Wolves in all of their losses this season.

"The four games we've lost, we've got into a funk in the first half," he said. "I don't know if that's nerves, but it takes a lot of energy to come back. The reasons why we're starting out slowly, I don't know. All I know is our kids' efforts are there. We just have to keep plugging away."

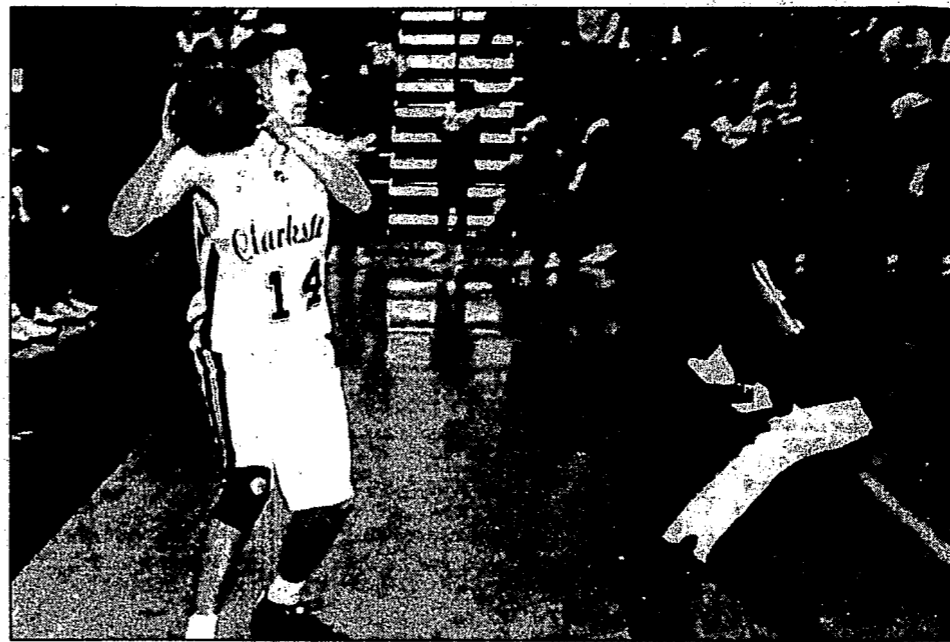
In the third quarter, Clarkston continued to fight their way back into the game, and a Mahrle three-pointer cut the Huskies' lead to 39-36 with 1:14 left in the period. However, the Huskies countered with a basket of their own, and took a 42-36 lead at the end of the third.

The Wolves would not go away as Ritzema connected with seven minutes left in the fourth quarter to cut the lead to 42-40. With 5:50 left in the period, Kieras hit a three-pointer to give the Wolves a 43-42 lead, as the crowd and Clarkston bench erupted into a frenzy.

Northern would briefly reclaim the lead before Mahrle hit another three-pointer to give the Wolves a 46-45 lead. Mahrle hit yet another triple with 4:40 left to increase the Wolves' lead to 49-45, as the Huskies called time out.

Northern would battle back to tie the game at 49, but an unsportsmanlike foul call on Ponder sent the Wolves to the line, and they converted the free throws to go up 51-49 with 3:46 remaining. Northern would answer back to tie

Please see Boys' Basketball on page 6B



Feeding his teammates — Clarkston's Matt Mahrle (14) tries to find the open man during Clarkston's showdown with Pontiac Northern Feb. 8. Mahrle scored 16 points to lead the Wolves. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

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AGENDA  
7:30 p.m.  
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DATE: February 19, 2002

Call To Order  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call  
Opening Statements and Correspondence  
Minutes of Previous Meeting  
Approval of Purchase Orders  
Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run  
Approval of Agenda  
Public Forum  
Unfinished Business  
1. Second Reading and Adoption of a Rezoning Request from R1A to R2 & R2 to R1A, Clintonville Road, 4.43 acres, parcel 08-35-476-002.  
2. Permission to Hire 14 Full-Time Fire Engineer/ Paramedics.  
3. Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance Amendment to Cross Connection/Water Systems.  
4. Sashabaw Road Update  
New Business  
1. Proposed Apostolic Church/Deerhill Dr. Re-alignment  
2. Clarkston/Independence Intergovernmental Law Enforcement Services Agreement  
3. Liquor License Transfer - 7071 Dixie Highway  
4. Permission to Hire Laborer  
5. Permission to Seek Bids for Repainting of Water Storage Tank  
6. Facilities Management  
7. 2001 Financial Report  
8. Permission to Hire Appraiser - Assessing  
Only those matters that are listed on the agenda are to be considered for action. A majority vote of the Board members may add or delete an agenda item.

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SYNOPSIS  
TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD  
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF  
INDEPENDENCE

Supervisor Stuart called the February 6, 2002 meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Library.  
Pledge of Allegiance.  
Roll Call: Present: Kelly, McCrary, Rosso, Stuart, Travis, Wagner, Wenger.  
Absent: None.  
There is a quorum.  
1. Approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 22, 2002 as submitted.  
2. Approved the payment of the revised list of distributions in the amount of \$35,808.87.  
3. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run in the amount of \$469,026.17.  
4. Approval of agenda as amended.  
5. Approved motion of Liquor License Transfer and to waive Fee for Liberty Golf & Banquet, Inc.  
6. Approved motion to authorize request to file for SMART Specialized Services Operating Fund.  
7. Approved motion to hire Appraiser Aide,  
8. Approved motion of CAYA Bylaws and Proposed 2002 Budget.  
9. Approved motion of Resolution in Support of HB 5091 with amendments.  
10. Approved motion to purchase truck for Parks and Recreation.  
11. Approved motion to purchase truck for Building Department.  
12. Approved motion to enter into Closed Session at 8:03 p.m.  
13. Approved motion to reopen the Regular Meeting at 8:20.  
14. Approved motion to cancel the current Election Agreement with Board of Education of Clarkston Community School District.  
15. Approved motion to approve and present/sign new Election Agreement once Appendix A Precinct List is completed.  
16. Approved motion to enter into Election Agreement with surrounding School Districts.  
17. Approved motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Published 2/13/02  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Joan E. McCrary  
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Group ticket sales are now underway for the 2002 Michigan High School Athletic Association Girls Volleyball Finals at University Arena in Kalamazoo on March 16.

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**Boys' basketball**  
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the game at 51, setting the stage for the last moments of regulation.

With 5.6 seconds left in regulation, Fife called a timeout to set up the potential game-winning shot. However, Blicher missed the shot, and the Huskies called timeout with one second left.

The Wolves nearly stole the game at that point — literally. Northern's inbounds pass was intercepted by Blicher, and his last-second shot hit the iron as time expired, as the hometown crowd moaned in disappointment.

Blicher scored the opening basket of the overtime session, but Northern answered with four points of their own to take a 55-53 lead. Loveless then connected to tie the game at 55, then Northern answered right back to take a 57-55 lead. Mahrie connected on yet another three-pointer to put the Wolves up 58-57 with about 1-1/2 minutes left in overtime. Northern's Bates Gay answered to put the Huskies back on top, 59-58.

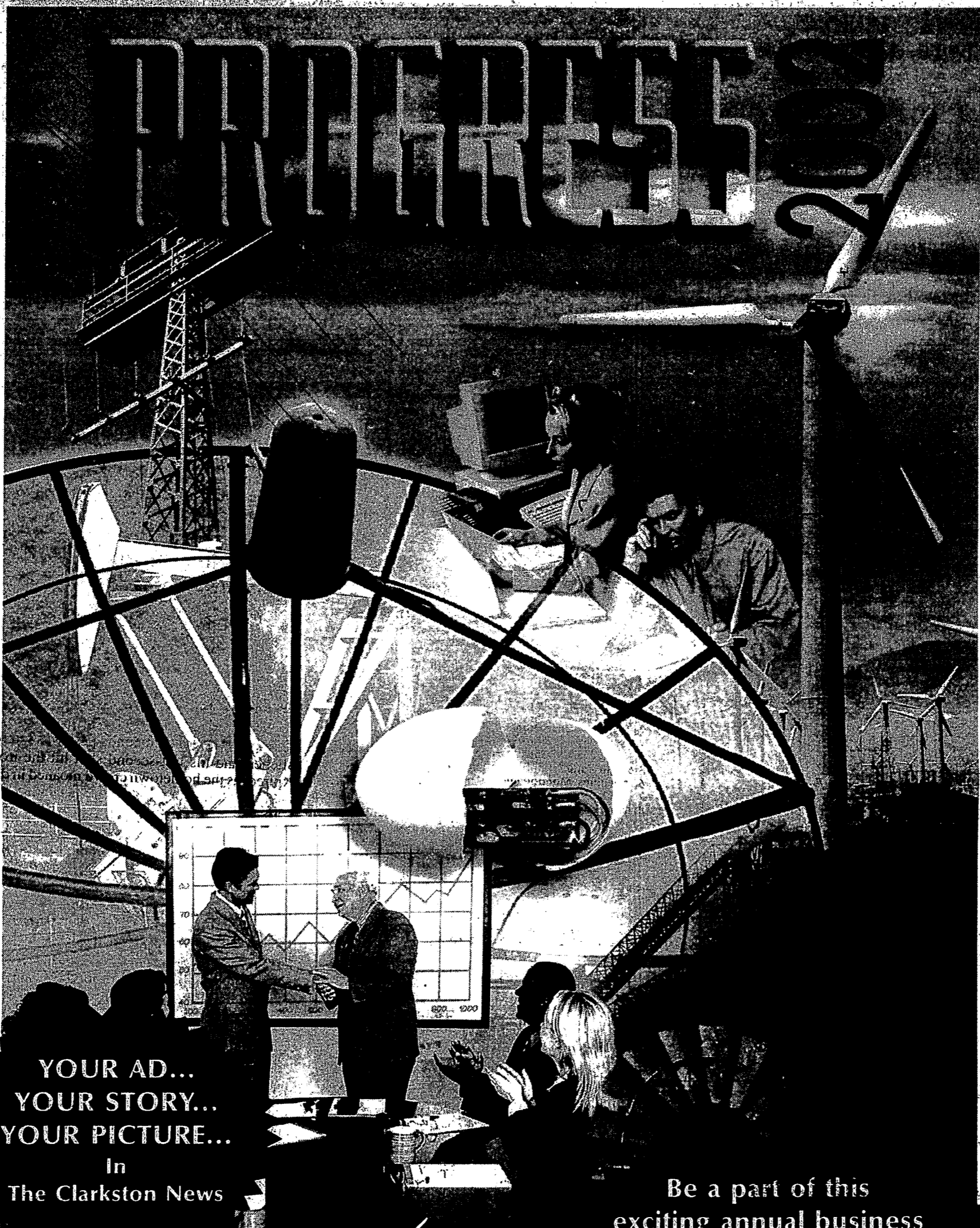
With 40.3 seconds left in OT, Clarkston's Mike Loveless was called for a foul, but Northern missed their two free throws. Almost immediately after, Kieras was called for a foul, and the Huskies connected from the charity stripe to take a 60-58 lead.

The Wolves called a timeout with 29.8 seconds left to set up the next play. However, Ritzema's shot missed the mark, and he fouled Abram on the rebound, fouling out of the game. The Huskies would make two of four free throws in the closing seconds, and although Blicher scored on a layup, it was not enough to overtake the Huskies.

On Feb. 5, the Wolves fell to host Ferndale, 58-57, to fall out of a first-place tie with Northern in OAA I. Ritzema scored 16 points and Loveless added 10.

Clarkston traveled to Flint Northern Tuesday, Feb. 12 for a showdown with the Vikings. After that, the Wolves begin play in the OAA tournament Feb. 19, when they host Oak Park beginning at 7 p.m.

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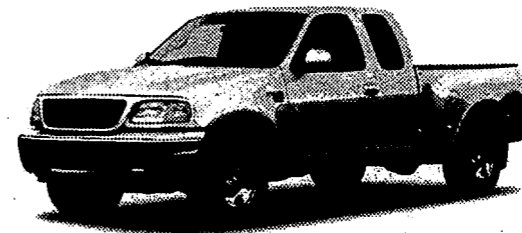
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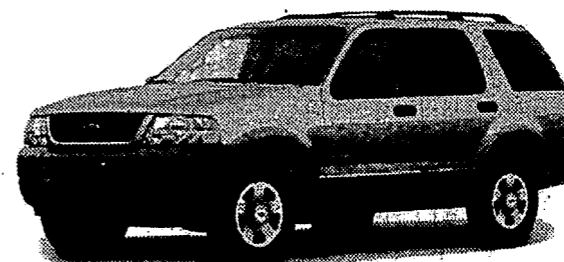
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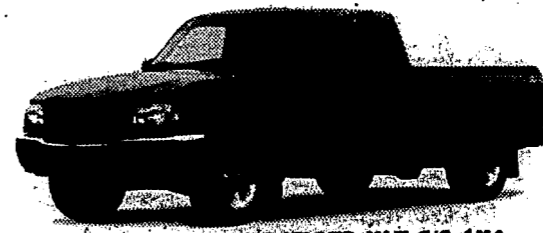
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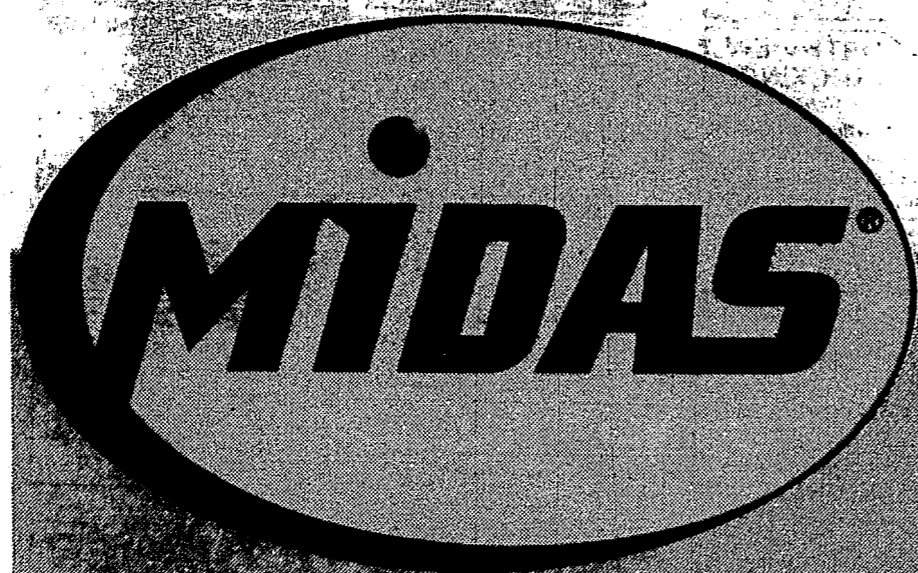
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