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Clarkston braces for cuts despite more cash

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Michigan is keeping its promise to schools state-wide by assuring a per pupil fund increase, but Clarkston Community Schools are still preparing for financial cutbacks.

Senate Majority Leader Dan L. DeGrow joined Governor John Engler, House Speaker Rick Johnson and education leaders from across the state Feb. 6 to announce schools will receive the planned \$6,700 per pupil foundation allowance in the fiscal year 2003.

"With the shortfall we have experienced in the state budget, every area has been bracing for possible cuts," DeGrow said. "With the proposal the Governor presented, we now have a way to prevent cuts to school funding while keeping our promise to increase per pupil funding."

Public Relations Coordinator for Clarkston schools, Anita Banach, said, "we are still going forward as planned."

Which means as the schools get ready in the next few years for district reconfiguration, building renovations and/or possible additions, even with the extra \$200 per student, there is still going to have to be some time of financial reduction. "We want to be frugal."

The cutback for Clarkston won't be as devastating as originally planned, however.

Banach said a three percent, or \$1.5 million budget reduction, was expected this year as well as next year. That's now changed to a one and a half to two percent budget reduction.

To Banach and the schools this isn't a \$200 increase, it's something they had been planning for.

"It's a help," she admitted, "but we're still uneasy knowing what the budget is at the state level and the economy."

By collecting the entire state education tax in the summer, instead of collecting in July and December each year, the state will be able to see an increase of nearly \$500 million in fiscal year 2003.

The plan will also include a one-mill property tax cut to mitigate any financial burden the earlier collection date may cause taxpayers. The one-time tax cut will result in a \$266 million savings for taxpayers in 2003.

"To have a tax cut while boosting school funding was unthinkable just weeks ago," DeGrow said. "I am extremely pleased that we can help our schools and continue to keep education a priority."

Local State Representative Ruth Johnson said for the sixth consecutive year the state will spend more money on K-12 education than in the entire general fund budget. School aid will amount to nearly \$11.5 billion.

"We made a promise to Michigan schools and Michigan families, and we kept that promise," said Johnson, R-Holly. "As our state experiences revenue shortfalls, we must establish priorities and take every necessary precaution to protect them. This increase gives schools the necessary tools to ensure every child receives a good education in a safe environment."



Public hearing -- Independence Township residents listen to a presentation on proposed township construction.
Photo by Kyle Gargaro

Facilities hearing low in numbers, high in support

BY KYLE GARGARO
Clarkston News Editor

The Independence Township hearing concerning a proposed \$28 million bond for construction included no voiced opposition.

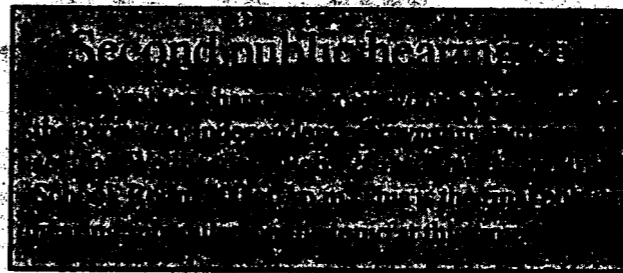
That made some supporters happy while others were leery of the notable silence from the other side of the issue.

Approximately 40 people attended the meeting Feb. 13 at Clarkston High School, which left some in attendance to voice their displeasure.

"I am quite disappointed because we gave out 2,000 to 3,000 sheets on this meeting and only this many people showed up," John Thomas said. "We came out to find out the opposition and find out why they are opposed. I am very disappointed."

Township planner Dick Carlisle gave a brief overview of the items being considered by the Township Board. Included in his topics were:

■ The building of a new township hall. The



existing township hall has been a feature in the Village for more than 90 years but has been outgrown by the township government.

"While the main building is a historic structure of significant quality, office space does not meet current needs, is poorly arranged and is not handicap accessible," Carlisle said.

Carlisle said the new township hall being discussed is 23,000 to 24,000 square feet on at least 4 acres of land, although 5-10 acres is recommended

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Clarkston man accused of sexual assault

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A Clarkston man is in jail today after being accused of sexually molesting young boys.

Michael Bradley Clark, who is being held on an \$800,000 cash bond, was arraigned Feb. 12 before Judge Colleen O'Brien at the Oakland County Circuit Court on 13 counts of first degree and one count of second degree criminal sexual conduct.

He'll face the judge again March 12 at 1 p.m. Michigan State Police Trooper Brian Buddé, investigating the case, said the incidences occurred between May/June of 1997 to around the same time of year in 1998.

The 42-year-old was employed as a youth specialist at the then-Camp Oakland, now called Crossroads for Youth in Oxford, a center for troubled

youths.

Two boys, who visited Camp Oakland during that time, have stepped forward with the charges, stating Clark sexually assaulted them when taken to hotels in Clarkston, Royal Oak and Lapeer.

Buddé said Clark is only being charged with violations on the two boys, but there are at least six victims he knows of.

"He may have more charges coming," he said. "There are still victims out there. We can't really determine how many victims there are. It could be anyone he came in to contact with in that year and a half (before Clark's resignation at Camp Oakland)."

A preliminary exam was held Jan. 24 and concluded Jan. 31 at the Rochester Hills District Court before Judge Julie Nicholson.

Briefly

Carlisle to headline COG meeting

Citizens for Orderly Growth announced their first annual meeting to be held Thursday, Feb. 21 at 6:45 p.m. in the training room at Independence Fire Station #1, 6500 Citation Drive in Clarkston.

The meeting's guest speaker will be Dick Carlisle of Carlisle, Wortman & Associates/Ann Arbor, who will discuss the impact of citizen involvement on the city planning process.

Carlisle has been the planning consultant for Independence Township for the past 20 years and has had tremendous input into shaping the look and feel of this township. His planning expertise combined with his hands-on experience gives him a wealth of knowledge about the past, present and future developments in Independence Township.

Also on the agenda:

- an overview of major Township events of 2001: how they began, how developers and residents addressed them and where they stand today.
- a look forward into the challenges COG anticipates in 2002.
- a discussion with COG directors: how anyone can make a difference and learn new skills by becoming involved in local government.

The public is welcome to attend. There is no charge for the meeting, which will last about 90 minutes. Since no parking is permitted at the Fire Station, attendees are asked to park at First Baptist Church, whose parking lot adjoins the Fire Station. The church lot is accessible from either Paramus or Citation.

COG is a nonprofit organization formalized in 2001 by a group of Independence Township residents who are concerned about the nature and extent of development in our community. They have come together community-wide to monitor development proposals and provide informed commentary on a regular basis via e-mail, flyers, meetings and telephone calls.

Current COG directors are Craig Bennett, Therese Bickford-Laub, Mike Phillips, Frank Rivers and Beth Taylor. COG's e-mail address is Cog48348@aol.com.

Optimist Club plans oratorical contest

The Clarkston Area Optimist Club is sponsoring its annual oratorical contest. The contest is open to any youth under the age of 16.

The topic this year is "If I could change the world." The contest offers contestants the opportunity to earn scholarships of up to \$1,500.

The contest will be held at Clarkston High School on Feb. 26, 2002 at 7 p.m. in the LGI room.

Public information meeting set

Independence Township announced a public information meeting for the 2002 safety path program. The meeting Feb. 26 is for property owners along Waldon, Clarkston Road and Oakhill Road project routes. The meeting Feb. 28 is for property owners along Dixie Highway and Holcomb Road project routes.

Each meeting is schedule from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and will be held at the Township Library.

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The Second Front

Clarkston girl chosen to represent modeling agency

BY KYLE GARGARO
Clarkston News Editor

Clarkston's Alana Goeringer is only 12-years old but she already has plans to be a big star.

Alana recently auditioned for John LaGrone, the internationally renowned talent scout with the International Model and Talent Association Convention, and she liked what she heard.

Despite the fact the audition included more than 400 people, Alana was chosen to represent Barbizon-Aero management at the IMTA Convention in New York City at the New York Hilton. LaGrone also said she has the potential to be "actress of the year" in her age group.

"At first I was kind of nervous and kind of in shock because of the number of people," Alana said. "But once I was in front of the camera I felt comfortable."

Alana has been comfortable performing in front of people for some time. In the summer of 2000, she performed in the Clarkston Village Players production "Flapper."

"It was a lot of fun. It was my first real theatre experience out of school. That was one of the reasons I most wanted to do this," Alana said.

Alana is a student at Our Lady of the Lakes in Waterford. She is a member of the National Junior Honor Society and is on the school's Student Council.

Alana is looking forward to the convention which will take place July 20-27.

"It is pretty exciting. So many people have been discovered this way," Alana said.

Her family is very proud of her.

"We didn't push her into this. This is something she wanted to do," her mother Helen said. "I was shocked when she sang at her first grade talent show and she has not grown out of it. She has gone from one thing to another."

The models who participate in the convention are seen by more than 250 major modeling and talent agencies from the United States, as well as Europe and Japan. The discovery of many new faces will take place at this convention. Many of the models and talent you see in magazines and on television received their starts at the International Modeling and Talent Association Conventions.

In addition there is more than \$300,000 in talent contracts, cash prizes and scholarship awards at the convention. AERO Model Management models and talent have done extremely well at previous conventions in all of the above categories.

"I want to give a special thanks out to Donna Ellis, the director of the youth theatre at CVP and Marlene Sewick, their producer, for believing in me and showing me the way," Alana said.

Strike a pose - Clarkston's Alana Goeringer was chosen to represent Barbizon-Aero management at the IMTA Convention. Photo provided.



Faded Ink

Thirteen years in major league baseball, an All-Star, part of the 1979 World Series... But his 'greatest pleasure in life now is serving God'

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

He says he's "on the greatest team now."

Pat Kelly, a retired major league baseball player, now preacher, is on "God's team."

And the man who once played for the Minnesota Twins, Kansas City Royals, Chicago White Sox, Baltimore Orioles and Cleveland Indians between 1963 and 1982, made a recent visit to Clarkston's Oakland Woods Baptist Church on Maybee Road for a special youth rally Feb. 2.

His sincere, dynamic preaching caused many youngsters to respond to God's call on their lives.

Oakland Woods Baptist Church Pastor Bob Galey said, "We had 19 salvations, double that for those rededicating their lives to the Lord, 160 total in attendance and 10 churches represented. I think that



In God's league now - Trevor Harris, 11, of Oakland Woods Baptist Church in Clarkston gets an autograph from Pat Kelly, former major league baseball player, now full-time evangelist. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

speaks for itself. It was a good event."

Kelly, who averages more than 100 speaking engagements annually across the United States, says he is burdened for young people for the many temptations they face in the world.

But he says Jesus Christ is the answer. It was what changed his own life in 1975.

Once on the verge of a nervous breakdown, Kelly was even suicidal. "I had nothing to hang on to," he said, unable to cope with the many tensions, pressures and responsibilities of life.

"My mind and emotions were like a whirlwind. I was greatly confused, fearful and uncertain as to my future."

"But," Kelly said, "God broke me and knocked me to my knees."

He sought the counsel of a "dedicated Christian and good friend" who told the distraught Kelly, Jesus was the sole solution to his problems and invited him to a Bible study.

It was there that Kelly accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior. "I'll never forget that day God touched me and took my feet out of the miry clay and put them on solid ground."

Kelly admitted this didn't mean he completely changed overnight. "I had wished I could take a pill that would eradicate all my pain, problems and fears. But that was impossible."

He did realize, though, he said, "just as food is necessary to feed and sustain my physical body, so must I provide daily nourishment for the health, growth and development of my spiritual body." Kelly says this is done through constant prayer, Bible study and fellowship with other believers.

Upon retirement from baseball, Kelly felt the call to enter into full-time Christian ministry. He soon

became the executive director for Christian Family Outreach, a ministry founded by his father-in-law, Dr. Howard O. Jones, an associate evangelist with the Billy Graham team. He spent five years with the outreach, before entering into full-time evangelism. In 1986, he was licensed to preach and a year later founded Life Line Ministries.

Though his baseball career encompassed "almost every thrill that a professional athlete can experience," including playing in the 1973 American League All-Star Game and the 1979 American League Playoffs and World Series with Baltimore, Kelly said his "greatest pleasure in life now is serving God."

"He has given me the joy of salvation, peace and a purpose for living. Such happiness and fulfillment in life is indescribable!"

The husband of Phyllis for 23 years and father of 15-year-old April Marie, said, "As professional athletes, we are often admired and idolized by people of all ages and races. Therefore, I always take the opportunity to give a witness for my Lord. I want people to know that beyond my career in baseball, I am first and foremost a child of God who seeks to lead as many people as possible to the Savior."

Kelly continued, "The Bible says: 'if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, though shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.' Romans 10: 9, 10."

For more information, write Pat Kelly, c/o Life Line Ministries, 8730 Town and Country Blvd., Ellicott City, Maryland 21043. Or call (410) 203-9248.

Board says realignment needed before church can move

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Representatives from the Apostolic Church of Christ in Pontiac took their case to the Springfield Township Board meeting for the second consecutive month Feb. 14.

While no official decision was reached, members of the township board were in agreement on one thing: the concept plan as submitted is not feasible.

More specifically, township board members felt the church's intersection poses a safety hazard, and a left-hand turn and traffic light need to be added to the area. Clerk Nancy Strole said the alignment of Big Lake and Deerhill roads continue to be the main sticking point.

"It's the same issue as it was with the first meeting," she said. "We need some written verification from MDOT as far as the likelihood of realignment occurring. We haven't moved from that position."

The church is proposing a move to a piece of land north of Deer Hill Drive, south of I-75 and east of Dixie Highway. The majority of the property will be located in Springfield Township, although a portion will be located in Independence Township.

The church's attorney, Don Tucker, and other representatives from the church presented a revised site plan to the board for the church, which would also house a school for students in grades K-12.

Tucker said the church had already spoken with MDOT about realigning the roads. "Our conclusion to move ahead

with realignment came at a Feb. 4 meeting with MDOT," he said.

However, Supervisor Collin Walls said the board needed written verification from MDOT before moving forward. "You must begin with something from MDOT that is favorable in support of realignment," he said.

Strole said while the plan was an improvement, there were still safety issues that needed to be addressed. "It was not scaled back nearly enough," she said.

She also said a number of issues surrounding the potential move, including the church's height, could be addressed and were not major sticking points.

Other township board members agreed that a realignment of Deer Hill is needed.

"I do think we need a major realignment of Deer Hill Drive and Big Lake," said Springfield Township Treasurer Lois Stiles. "I definitely think we need a left turn lane."

Strole said the board does not have a problem with the church moving to the area, but agreed there needs to be changes made to the concept plan.

"I don't think any of the board is opposed to welcoming the church in the neighborhood," she said. "There are some issues that need to be resolved."

Toward the end of the discussion, Walls said it was apparent that more work was needed. "We're not going to be able to reach a short-term compromise or settlement that you are looking for," he said.

Walls said "the door is open" for future discussions between the church and the township, and said a special meeting to discuss the matter is a possi-

bility.

"There are options that we can continue to discuss," he said.

Springfield Township targets March 19 for civic center opening

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

It's official — the new Springfield Township Civic Center will be open to the public for business Tuesday, Mar. 19.

The Springfield Township Board, at its Feb. 14 meeting, granted permission for township offices to be closed Friday, Mar. 15 to finalize packing. The move will take place Saturday, Mar. 16, and the township offices will reopen for business at the civic center Mar. 19.

The decision to reopen the offices on that date will allow Monday, Mar. 18 as a date to get organized, get computer systems set up, double-check phone systems, and take care of other last-minute details, according to Springfield Township Supervisor Collin Walls.

"I think it's a good idea," said Springfield Township Treasurer Lois Stiles of the decision to close the offices on Mar. 15. The township board meeting on Mar. 14 will be the last one held in the current township hall.

In addition, the board also finalized an agreement with Kirco Management Services, Ltd. of Troy to serve as the management company for the new facility. The agreement is for one year, with a review to take place after six months.

The board granted approval of the agreement contingent on straightening out accounting and auditing provisions to the satisfaction of the township.

The township will pay Kirco \$2,500 per month under the agreement, which includes the following costs: Kirco's corporate staff, accounting personnel, administrative support staff, the property manager assigned to the facility, the building systems manager and the vice president of property management.

Under the agreement, which was signed by Walls after the board meeting, Kirco has the following responsibilities:

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PTA recognizes CMS teachers who've gone above and beyond

BY JENNIFER NEMER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

They not only teach—they deejay, they dance, and to some, they do it all.

Now the Parent Teacher Association at Clarkston Middle School is giving them the props they deserve.

Jim Berman, Chad Mester and Jeff Peariso, according to Cindy Boozer of the PTA's Ways and Means Committee, have far exceeded their roles as teachers.

"They have gone above and beyond just being a teacher," she said. "They're taking a lot of their personal time."

Boozer has worked for three years organizing CMS dances, the PTA's main source of fundraising, and says the events have improved greatly since the three's involvement, particularly as deejays.

"They've made a huge difference in the dances. It's a totally different atmosphere when they are there."

In fact, attendance has really soared this year. On average, with hired deejays, the dances only brought out 300 to 400 students. This year there's been an additional 200 kids.

The kids also seem much more enthusiastic about getting out on the dance floor, Boozer said.

And it probably helps that the teachers have no qualms about getting on that dance floor themselves.

"It's a time to be goofy and get away with it," said Mester, shop and technology teacher at CMS for five years.

The teachers have made appearances at the dances in "funky fluorescent hats," as rappers and much more just to make the kids laugh.

It seems they've really gotten into the spirit of the whole thing.

Berman and Mester have even created their own "BerMester Entertainment" business cards featuring "Mix-Master Mester and DJ B" who claim to be able to provide "hip-hopp'n, house-rock'n, bring the school down good times!"

"We've had a lot of fun with this," science teacher

Berman admitted.

But there's so much more to a CMS dance than just dancing—there's Karaoke, hula hoop and limbo contests; an open gym, board games and a whole array of activities that Berman, Mester and Parasaul have a hand in.

They also let the kids bring in their own music. They pull the deejay equipment in the school's lobby for music in the morning as a promotion on the day of a dance. Plus, they train some of the students to be "guest deejays."

"The kids seem to enjoy it," Berman said. "They get to see us in a different light, too," Mester added. "It makes class more fun because they can relate to you better."

Peariso, who's taught in Clarkston for 11 years, explained, "If you do something like this, you get a different reaction from the students in class. They understand you can have fun, but respect you in class."

"They realize you're a real person," Berman said. "That we're not boring 24 hours a day," Peariso, who works with the Production Learning Center for at-risk middle-schoolers, joked.

Boozer said the teachers involvement doesn't stop there, though. They also bought the deejay system through the selling of more than \$1,300 in Kroger gift certificates.

Berman, who spearheaded the whole project, said he and his colleagues spent countless hours pricing and researching equipment, until getting hooked up at DJ Supplies in Waterford. "This wouldn't have happened without them," he said.

"They're just all around doing a good job," Boozer said.

"I enjoy doing the extra things," Berman said. "It's a real positive to the job. You get to know a bigger sample of the student population."

"You really get so much out of it, putting in the extra hours," Mester said.

"My goal was to get teachers more involved with the kids, and that's what they're doing," Boozer said.



More than teachers—Chad Mester, Jim Berman and Jeff Peariso, Clarkston Middle School teachers, who were having fun scooting around school on the day of the Valentine's Day dance, have been putting in extra hours, deejaying and chaperoning at this year's dances. Photo by Jennifer Nemer

She, who wants to promote further involvement from teachers with students, said, "It's nice to recognize people who do these extra things."



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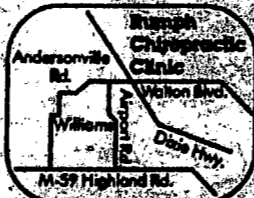
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Opinion

Can I have a gold medal?

Remember when gold medals use to mean something special? You should since it was only a few days.

However that has all changed, since Canadian skaters Jamie Sale and David Pelletier whined their way to Olympic gold.

In case you missed it, although I have no idea how you could have, the duo finished second to Russians Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze in the free-skate program.

Yet most believed the Canadian duo skated well enough for the gold medal. The International Skating Union agreed and gave them the gold medals while allowing the Russians to keep their gold medals. The Union also suspended judge Marie-Reine Le Gougne of France who told the ISU she was put under certain pressure by her federation to vote for the Russians.

Now I am not going to lie and say I know the first thing about figure skating and how it is scored (when I was a kid I focused on real sports) but I do know a great deal about sports since a large portion of my free time is spent watching or playing sports. I realize sports are not always fair and sometimes the most deserving don't win.

There is a long list of individuals who ended up at the mercy of referees, judges or officials. The 1972 USA basketball team against the Russians and the Oakland Raiders against the New England Patriots this last season are the first which come to mind.

Isn't the Olympics suppose to be about competition and good will? If so, the Canadians should have taken the high road. Just say you skated your best but the judges didn't believe you deserved the gold medal. Then go take your annoying dimes, go back to Canada and wait for the phone call inviting you to participate in "Disney on Ice."

While we are at it let's just pull the plug on figure skating altogether. It seems to be corrupt and more fake than professional wrestling. At least professional wrestling admits they are fake.

If they are not clubbing each other in the back of the knee (I am talking about figure skating now, not wrestling) the judges are letting people buy votes. Why don't we just bump it off the Olympics and replace it with another high-risk snowboarding or skiing event. Figure skating had their chance to be viewed as a real sport and it is obvious they were not up for the challenge.

On a side note: While they are giving out Olympic gold medals for those who did not win let's add my name to the list. See, I was discriminated against and it is unfair. I am too overweight to fit on a luge and therefore deserve a gold medal also. It is only fair and hopefully if I whine as much as the Canadians we can get some public support to pressure the Olympic body to cave and give me a medal.

I will be waiting for my medal to be sent from Salt Lake City. Look for it soon on e-bay.

(Kyle Gargaro is the Olympic Hero of The Clarkston News. It's true, it's true. His e-mail address is KyleG44@aol.com.)

Gargaro's World



Kyle Gargaro

Letters To The Editor

Optimist Club invites all to annual gala

The Clarkston Area Optimist Club annual gala fundraiser is set for Saturday, March 9.

This year we will be hosting an evening of entertainment by members of the Oakland-Pontiac Symphony Orchestra, an elegant sit-down dinner and an auction, for a "Night on the Town," at Liberty Golf and Banquet on Maybee Road, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Some of the items to be auctioned include vacation packages at Cabo San Lucas in Mexico, Chesapeake Bay Resort in Islamorada in the Florida Keys, and at Nub's Nob, up north. Sports events include prime tickets for Pistons and Tiger games, and for the first Lions game at Ford Field. There are also gift certificates to restaurants and stores for services, gift baskets and more.

Please consider joining us. Tickets are \$75 each. But act quickly because seating is only 200. We still need donations and would appreciate any help community members could provide.

We have more than 200 members in our club, which includes the Clarkston Area Optimist Club, the Junior Optimist Clubs at the middle schools, the Octagon Club at CHS and the newly formed Alpha Club at Pine Knob Elementary School. The Optimist motto is "Friend of Youth," and we are proud to be the only Optimist Club

in Michigan which sponsors youth clubs in the elementary, middle and high school levels. We focus on teaching leadership skills to youth through sponsorship of these clubs and activities such as the Oratorical Contest, Essay Contest, Respect for Law, Junior Golf Championship and Tri-Star Basketball Competition. We also host elementary and secondary students at two breakfast meetings to celebrate Youth Appreciation Week. We also provide grants requested by students or the schools for special projects or programs.

We are proud of the work we accomplish and feel rewarded by the smiling, energetic faces of the students. But it takes commitment and effort on the part of our members to continue this work.

We hope you will join us March 9 and help out with a donation of items or services. We are also always glad to welcome new members and hope you will consider coming to one of our Wednesday morning meetings at 7:30 a.m. at Liberty Golf and Banquet to meet us.

For more information on how you can be part of "Night on the Town," or join us at a meeting, please contact Jim Evans at 625-5533.

Clarkston Area Optimist Club

Association protects public's interest

As chair of the board of The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants, I am writing today to express our members' heartfelt concern for those who have been directly impacted by the collapse of Enron. As certified public accountants, our responsibility of protecting the public's interest in sacred trust. A trust we take seriously.

The collapse of Enron has left Michigan CPAs as dismayed as anyone. Please know we will take whatever steps are necessary to restore the public's confidence in the audit process and in our nation's capital markets.

With more than 100 years of protecting the public interest, our CPA profession will work with the SEC and others to develop recommendations on changing the regulation of the accounting profession. While our tradition of self-regulation has been effective, we recognize the importance of and need for more current oversight. We realize our profession's regulations need to keep pace with the evolving information age so that what happened with Enron will not happen again.

It is important, however, to remember thousands of audits of public companies are completed successfully

each year without restatement or allegations of impropriety. Hundreds of thousands of privately held companies - like our local auto dealerships, doctors' offices, charities and manufacturing companies - are properly audited and reviewed each year. In addition, our members in industry, government and education must abide by the same standards as our members in public practice.

In Michigan, our Association represents more than 15,000 CPAs. Over the years, we have earned your trust as strategic business advisors, structuring your retirement plans, preparing your income tax returns and helping you through financial challenges both at home and at work.

You expect integrity from CPAs. So do we. We won't tolerate unethical people or actions in our profession related to the companies we audit. And we will discipline those who violate the rules. The accounting profession in Michigan intends to keep the trust you have placed in us.

Walter S. Koziol

The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants

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Political correctness be-damned

I have been nice for so, so long. I reckon a case can be made that being a father has made me a kinder-gentler el Donbo.

That said, the big, fat meanie under the surface has stirred. Both lads, Shamus and Sean, ran away and hid under their blankies when they heard the terrible sounds coming from inside me. The dogs whimpered and covered their ears. Dear wife Jen pushed herself as far into the corner of the couch as the brown leather cushions would allow.

Somebody call the Pope. It's time for him to roll up his sleeves, put his big funny hat aside and for a fourth time go toe-to-toe with the devil. I needed an exorcism. I must of been possessed. The living room grew cold. My head rolled on my neck, my eyes crossed and some guttural, primeval sound rumbled up from my gut, through my throat and out of my mouth.

"Hogwash! #@&*%! Poppycock . . . !" And a tirade of things and spittle spewed and splattered on the wall across from my crimson red face.

Actually it didn't quite happen that way when we heard the news of that child-murdering Texas mom, Andrea Yates pleading innocent to drowning her five kids -- because she was suffering from post-partum depression. (I wish I had acted that way, because sons Shamus and Sean are getting pretty bored and that would have livened things up a little -- besides, it's more interesting to write/read about something dramatic).

When we heard the news, the boys were playing and the dogs were sleeping. Jen and I looked at each other and shook our heads.

"If I was that crazy, would you leave me alone with the kids?" Jen calmly asked.

"I love you honey, but nope. You'd be gone," I yawned and answered, knowing it was just as true

for her as it would be if I was a freak.

But you know what . . . there is a chance she can get out of the death penalty because of this "insanity." There is a chance because the whole smackin' frackin' country is talking about it. Some are debating it. Some are squarely on her side (like her husband who has the yateskids.org website and place for folks to donate to Andrea's defense funds).

My political incorrectness is starting to show but, don't you have to be whacked in the head to kill anybody, anyway? If you kill somebody something is wrong with you. Something is definitely, terribly wrong (and I am not talking about self-defense, in times of war, etc.).

And, another thing. If this was a man who killed his kids (like the killer from Michigan who recently fled to the West Coast, offed his family, dumped their bodies in the ocean and skated down to Mexico to live on the beach until the FBI caught him) there would be no debate about medication or hormones. The thing debated would be how cruelly to execute the guy.

"Hmm. Should we electrocute him, hang him, shoot him, fill his veins with bleach or just beat the living snot out of him and then throw him to the sharks?"

If you murder somebody, you are insane and you shouldn't be able to use insanity as an excuse. If you are insane, kill somebody and the medical community wants to examine you, maybe we as a society can find a way to keep you alive until their testing is complete. Maybe we should harvest your organs to give life to others . . . maybe a lot of things. I'm not much on corporal punishment (talk to my wife about this) so I don't know what we should do on that subject.

I just know insanity should not be used as a justification to murder.

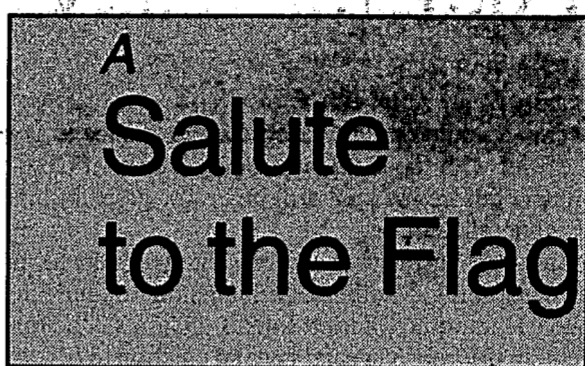
Well, I am glad I got that off my chest. I feel better, how about you?

Headline on the cover of the October 1963 Modern Screen magazine: *How Rock Hudson Handles His Women*. No comment.

E-mail that bad man Don at dontrusmedon@aol.com



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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. This will be the last week of the poems being published.

Follow the Flag

*Aye, we will follow the Flag
Wherever it goes,
Into the tropic sun,
Into the northern snows;
Go where the guns ring out
Scattering steel and lead,
Painting the hills with blood,
Strewing the fields with dead.
But in each heart must be,
And back of each bitter gun,
Love for the best in life
After the fighting's done.*

*Aye, we will follow the Flag
Into benighted lands,
Brave in the faith for which,
Proudly, our banner stands.
Life for her life we'll pay,
Blood for her blood we'll give,
Fighting, but not to kill,
Save that the best shall live.
But, when the cannon's roar
Dies in a hymn of peace,
Justice and truth must reign,
Power of the brute must cease.*

*Aye, we will follow the Flag,
Gladly her work we'll do,
Banishing wrongs of old
Founding the truth anew.
What though our guns must speak,
What though brave men must die,
Ages of truth to come
All this shall justify.
Men in the charms of peace,
Basking in Freedom's sun,
Some day shall bless our Flag
After our work is done.*

*Aye, we will follow the Flag
Wherever she goes,
Into the tropic sun,
Into the northern snows.
Fearlessly, on we'll go
Into the cruel strife,
Gladly the few shall die,
Winning for many, life.
Tyranny's wrongs must cease,
Brutes must no longer brag,
This is our work on earth,
So we will follow the Flag.*

Just jotting

If a cop arrests a mime, do they tell him he has the right to remain silent?

By the time you've reached 21 you have probably read some editor's excuse for mistakes in their newspaper. "We do it to continually show we have something for everybody," is the old standby.

I was reminded of this when I read there are 37 mistakes in "Lord of the Rings." Reading further in Terry Lawson's Free Press column, he told us there are at least 100 sites and subsites devoted to finding movie mistakes. What, no sites for finding newspaper mistakes?

"Titanic" had 417 reported errors. Someone spotted a wrist-watch in "Ben Hur," and all the clocks in the movie "Pulp Fiction" are stuck on 4:20.

Personally, any errors in this column are caused by an uncontrolled mind and its refusal to recognize the possibility of its making a mistake.

"Frankly, Scallop, I don't give a clam!"

Who (what) decided rye bread should be shaped like a semi-deflated football? Maybe it was designed by a committee.

Committee: A group that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

I learned when I renewed my six-months-expired driver's license that it is illegal to trim its edge. I got off with a warning and was told my new license was

made smaller, thus allowing it to fit my years-old wallet. Thank you, Candice Miller.

Rules I wished my employees, and kids, had (will) all lived by: (Remember, I'm retired.)

Think ahead, be ahead.

Never push a deadline.

Anticipate.

It's just as easy to be early as late.

California has issued six driver's licenses to people named "Jesus Christ." He wouldn't be there, would He?

Michigan is, or has, (proof again our state does not need a full-time legislature) eliminated the straight-ticket vote.

Personally, I never want to be accused of always voting for any party, unless it's one where there is free food and beverages.

The ballot gives me the opportunity to make a leadership selection and vent all my feelings. Anger that some jerk actually thinks they're electable. Smiles for someone who has hoodwinked their party leadership.

A wonderance trying to remember how many times that ballot name is still alive, let alone awaiting a mark. Sadness at not having taken the time to learn judicial candidates.

Amazement how this never-take-a-stand candidate is seeking re-election on a platform of continuing to do nothing.

Regret for those who think they don't have time, or their vote won't make a difference, and stay away from the polls.

Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful. -- Ann Landers

Jim's
Jottings



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Faded Ink

Middleton ready to get to work on county commission

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Tom Middleton will barely have a chance to get his feet wet with the Oakland County Board of Commissioners before his spot will be up for grabs in this year's general election.

Still, the former state representative said he is ready to get going. Middleton, a Clarkston Republican, defeated Democrat Charles Inman, also a Clarkston resident, in the Feb. 5 special general election to fill the vacant 4th District seat on the board.

The seat was vacated when former commissioner Frank Millard, a Clarkston resident, resigned to take a position as deputy clerk with Oakland County.

Middleton said he expects to be sworn in at the next meeting of the board of commissioners, scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 21.

The first item on Middleton's agenda is helping to put together the county's budget for the upcoming fiscal year. He said the commission has until October to finalize the budget.

"We're going to be starting into the budget, so I'll have a lot to learn," he said. "It will be a fast learning curve. We have this spring to get a budget together."

Middleton said he will be appointed to two committees, General Government and Planning and Building, once he is sworn into office. "Both will be very interesting and I expect to learn a lot," he said.

He acknowledged that he will have very little time to get acclimated to the commission before his seat is up for grabs once again. The primary election will be

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Tom Middleton
Oakland County Commissioner

held Aug. 6, with the winners facing off in the general election Nov. 5. After that election, the boundaries for District 4 will be redrawn.

"That's a very short span to be able to effect much legislation," he said. "It's going to be difficult to make any major changes. I do plan to put in a resolution to get money back for the townships to offset the costs of the (Feb. 5 special) election. Mainly, I'm going to learn the ropes and try to be instrumental in putting together the budget."

Middleton said he will run for reelection to the county commission seat in the August primary. Independence Township Clerk Joan McCrary, who was edged out by Middleton for the Republican nomination for the commission seat in a Jan. 8 special primary election, has announced that she intends to run again in the August primary.



Getting to work -- Recently elected Oakland County Commissioner Tom Middleton is excited about his new position. File photo.

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INSULT OR INJURY?

Injury cases, of which there are many kinds, are sometimes referred to as tort cases. The word "tort" comes from the French word meaning "wrong." The wrongdoer is known as the "tortfeasor." Sometimes, injury cases are called negligence cases. "Negligence" is defined as the failure to exercise the care for safety of another that a prudent person would ordinarily use. There are more types of injury cases, however, that involve more than mere negligence. For instance, there could be an injury that was caused intentionally, such as an assault. In any case, the common thread in all injury cases is the concept of fault. Fault must be proven before the injured party can obtain a legal remedy or judgment.

If you are involved in a personal injury case, it is important to have a legal professional who is not only experienced, but is also concerned about selecting the options that are right for your future. At our office, we treat each client as an individual. Located at 11 North Main Street, we handle 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. If you would like to make an appointment to see a legal professional, call 620-1030.

Note: Automobile accidents and fall down cases are the most common types of lawsuit for personal injuries.

Independence Township holds public hearing

Continued from page 1

to leave the door open to future expansion. The estimated cost of this building, not including possible site acquisition, would be \$5 million.

■ The renovations of Bay Court. Repair and restoration would cost approximately \$3 million.

Options of use for the renovated building include renting out for wedding receptions, family reunions and other items all year round. Also raised was the possibility of leasing all or a portion of the building to a group or groups needing assembly space such as churches, service organizations and theatrical groups.

■ The building of a community/senior center. This building could include a number of items based on community needs. Among the items talked about were an aquatic center, senior center, athletics area and meeting rooms.

A presentation by Kevin Ashby of Rossetti Associates Architects in Birmingham, the company responsible for the Troy community center opening in late March, focused on the positives of a center for the community.

"It brings people together for a special function. Everything is wide open and it can be customized fitted for Independence Township. It is great for families, friendships and relationships," Ashby said.

A facility with an aquatic and senior center would be approximately 80,000 square feet and cost between \$15 and \$20 million. These numbers can be downsized depending on items included in the building.

The hearing on the property was held in the community center. It can be used for a variety of community center is the item which sparked the most comments and questions from the audience, although all comments were positive.

"A lot of times I have had to leave the community to be active," Sam Antonazzo, who will soon turn 55 and officially become a senior citizen, said. "I go to play basketball in southwest Detroit or Fraser. I look forward to

being able to be active in our community."

There was also discussion on how the senior center would be a part of the community center. Some voiced the opinion that the seniors should be integrated with the rest of the community instead of being closed off to the rest of the building while others like Fern Schultz said total separation is exactly what they want.

"We need our own entrance and to be separate from the community. We don't need to be in with the rambunctious kids," Schultz said.

A number of people also talked about the importance of making sure seniors has designated time in different parts of the building.

While a good portion of the talk revolved around the senior citizen aspect of the building, Susette Hart spoke of a place where her kids can play.

"We need to have a safe place for our kids to go," Hart said. "Hopefully the facility can afford us a section to gather and talk."

Residents who missed this opportunity to have their opinions heard will have another chance on Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. at Clarkston High School Room 200.

"Anytime there is an opportunity for the public to be involved in the decision making process on a hands on basis and hear the residents' reaction to what we are contemplating it is a positive thing," Stuart said. "It is what I have strived to do all the time I have been here. All the remarks from the citizens were helpful in one form or another."

Stuart said that the surveys out there and more people will show up," Thomas said.

Resident Dana Fortinberry agreed and said those in attendance at the meeting were responsible for getting the word out.

"The message needs to go out to the community so they can tell us about it. We need to take the message out there," Fortinberry said.

Springfield plans move

Continued from page 4
costs for the operation, maintenance and repair of the development for the first year of the agreement by Feb. 15.

■ Making repairs and alterations for the center and purchasing the necessary materials and supplies to complete those repairs.

■ Management of all interior and exterior areas of the facility, including the following: septic system and

pumps, fire suppression system, elevators, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, janitorial services, HVAC equipment and controls, repairs and maintenance, landscape maintenance, snow removal and ice control, exterior cleanup and service calls.

■ Keeping the financial books and records of all matters pertaining to the civic center at its main offices in Troy.

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Around Town

The Clarkston Community Women's Club is having a program on Reiki, which is a form of hands on healing on Feb. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Library. The speaker will be Chuck Kostrzewy who is a third degree reiki healer. The program is titled "Taking Superstition out of Alternative Healing." Business meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. and the program follows. For more information contact Gail at 623-9462.

Tierra's Jewelry is having a Mary Kay party on Thursday, Feb. 21. Appetizers are 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. with the program beginning at 7 p.m. Robin Brose and Terry Tracy hosts the program at 64 South Main in downtown Clarkston. R\$VP today with limited space. Please call 625-2511.

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 and more. Preregistration is requested for these screens. Call (800)541-8110.

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).

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.

See for yourself how the sap of a maple tree is transformed into sweet maple syrup, get a history of maple sugaring and watch demonstrations of the boiling down process and tapping of trees at "Maple Sugaring" at the Indian Springs Metropark near White Lake, weekends, March 2 through 31, by appointment only. Preregistration required, call 625-7280 for times.

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.

Clarkston principals recognized

February 10-16 is declared as "Principal's Week" by Governor John Engler, and Clarkston Community School principals received their recognition at the Feb. 11 Board

of Education meeting.

Each principal received a certificate of appreciation and a Learning and Liberty flag for their service and dedica-

tion to the district.

President Karen Foyteck commented on the "extraordinary" principals and staff she feels are in the district.

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Thursday, Feb. 21 at 7:30 p.m., The Clarkston Community Women's Club will host a program on Reiki, a form of hands on healing, at the Independence Township Library.

Thursday, Feb. 21 at 6:30 p.m., Mary Kay party at Tierra's Jewelry in downtown Clarkston

Saturday, Feb. 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., The Independence Township Senior Center hosts Heart Awareness Day at the First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Rd.

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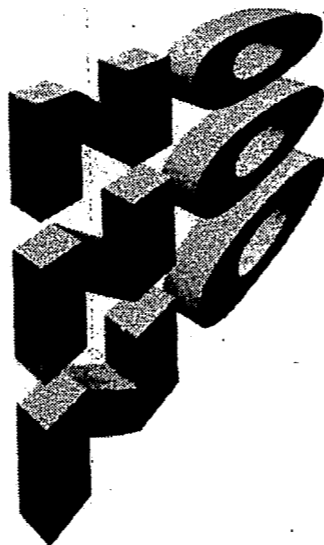
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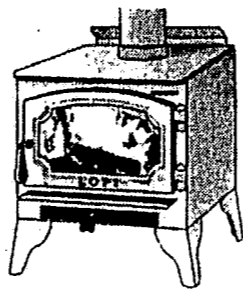
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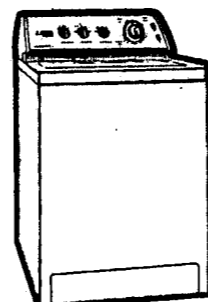
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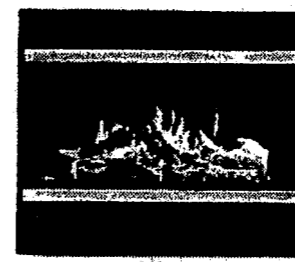
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15 YEARS AGO (1987)

Thirty to 40 people from the community gathered to discuss one major concern — chemical abuse — at the Clarkston Schools Board of Education office Feb. 19. The meeting was an outgrowth of the chemical workshops sponsored last fall by Clarkston Community Schools and The Chemical People. People in attendance were broken down into groups to discuss specific areas, such as intervention and prevention.

A Look Back

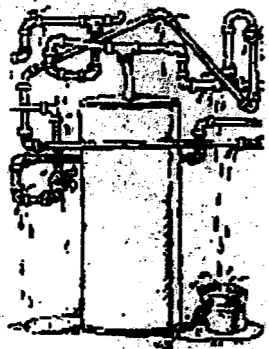
25 YEARS AGO (1977)

School board members are expected to determine March 14 how many mills will be needed to renovate and expand present school facilities. The bond proposal, along with what is expected to be a six mill request for increased operational expenses, will be placed on the June 13 ballot for voter approval.

Wed., February 20, 2002 The Clarkston (MI) News 13
50 YEARS AGO (1952)

A large crowd attended the Clarkston PTA meeting Feb. 14. It was Scout Night and every branch of scouting was represented. The meeting opened with the call to the colors by bugler Larry Ruggles. The Cubs, Brownies, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts presented their troop flags and the Explorers presented the American flag. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the PTA president, Mrs. Walton Robbins, conducted the business meeting.

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Clarkston Milestones



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Golden times



50 years--Ralph and Mary Leitsinger of Clarkston celebrated their 50th golden wedding anniversary, Oct. 27, with a dinner at MacPhee's. Ralph grew up in Tennessee and moved to Michigan as a young man for employment opportunities, and Mary is a native Michigander. The couple met through respective friends and a transportation dilemma. Ralph's friend wanted to visit his girlfriend but didn't have a car. Ralph did. His girlfriend thought if her friend Mary would go out with Ralph they could all double date, and that was the start of their relationship. They married on Oct. 27, 1951. Ralph made a career out of carpentry and general contracting. Mary was a homemaker. They lived in Hazel Park, Ferndale and now Clarkston. They have two children and ten grandchildren. When asked what it is that kept them together all these years, the couple said communicating with each other and not letting the little things become big things.

Graduated



Congratulations--Air Force Airman Derick L. Goltry has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs; performed drill and ceremony marches and received physical training and special training in human relations. Goltry is the son of Norman and Bonnie Goltry of Clarkston. Goltry is a 2001 graduate of Clarkston High School.

At School

David D. Dixon, a junior majoring in Business/Finance at Hillsdale College, was named to the Dean's List for the 2001 Fall semester. David is a 1999 Clarkston High School graduate, and is the son of Dennis and Cindy Dixon of Independence Township. Alma College has named **Megan Karchon**, of Clarkston, to the Dean's List for outstanding academic performance during the 2001 Fall Term. Karchon is a graduate of Notre Dame Preparatory School. Students who achieve a 3.5 or better GPA during a term, while carrying a minimum of 13 credits (at least eight of which are evaluative grades), are named to the list. **Brian C. Witkowski** of Clarkston was named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2001 semester at Loyola University New Orleans. **Amy Licatovich** of Clarkston was named to the Central Michigan University Dean's List for the Fall semester with a 3.86 GPA. She is the daughter of Nancy Licatovich.



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Thursday, Feb. 14, an arrest was made for a first offense of operating under the influence at the corner of I-75 and M-15. The responding officer assisted with a traffic stop. Contact was made with the driver, and a strong odor of intoxicants was coming from that vehicle. The suspect, a 21-year-old Metamora male, was asked to exit the vehicle and perform sobriety tests. A PBT was administered and the suspect arrested and transported to Oakland County Jail.

A larceny from a vehicle with force was reported at Glenalda. The victim said an unknown suspect had entered his vehicle and removed a car stereo. He said the vehicle was unlocked and the incident occurred sometime in the evening.

Monday, Feb. 11, a malicious destruction of a motor vehicle was reported at Dixie Highway and White Lake. The victim said he left the vehicle in the parking lot Friday afternoon. When they returned Sunday evening, they found the vehicle vandalized. He said the driver's window had been smashed out and the upper door dented, apparently with a large rock found at the scene.

A larceny of farm equipment was found at Allen and Oakhill. The victim said between Jan. 30 and Feb. 11 an unknown person stole a tractor equipped with a front loader and backhoe.

A larceny was reported at Fox Creek and Clintonville. The victim said she believes her ex-roommate stole some of her personal checks and purchased unknown items with them.

A malicious destruction of property was reported at Sashabaw. The victim said an unknown person keyed a vehicle he had for sale. There were multiple scratches on the rear of his van and a long scratch which reached around all along the passenger side.

Springfield Township

Thursday, Feb. 14, a malicious destruction of a motor vehicle was reported at French Lane. The victim said an ex-boyfriend of his daughter destroyed his mailbox and pole, and damaged a large wooden address sign at the entrance to his driveway. The suspect confessed and made a written statement.

Tuesday, Feb. 12, an unlawful entry was reported at Andersonville and Big Lake. Upon arrival to the residence, the responding officer spoke with the homeowner, who said someone had been calling her home repeatedly in spite of her request to stop.



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Obituary

Margaret I. Foster

Margaret I. Foster of Clarkston died Tuesday, Feb. 12 at the age of 78.

She was preceded in death by her husband Ora and great grandson Evan Foster Deppner. She was the mother of Gari (Albert) Monroe of Clarkston and Ronald Foster of Southfield; the grandmother of Shelley, Julie, Carrie, Gwyneth and Edward. She was also survived by four great grandchildren, and was the sister of Jean Dixon, Roscoe Dixon and Barbara Perdue, all of Virginia, and Bonnie Foster of Texas.

A family graveside service was held at Ottawa Park Cemetery, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to SIDS Alliance.

Edna E. Harris

Edna E. Harris of Waterford died Wednesday, Feb. 13 at the age of 77.

She was preceded in death by her husband Allan. She was the mother of Bill (Debbie) of Waterford, Roger (Nancy) of Clinton Township, Bob (Pam) of Rochester, Charles (Jan) of Oklahoma, Barbara (Richard) Schneider of Walled Lake and Betty (Michael) Levey of Pontiac. She was also survived by 21 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and two great great granddaughters. She was the sister of Marion (Norman) Shoemaker of Sandusky, Mich. and Russell (Faye) Bowran of Illinois.

She was an active member of Ascension Lutheran Church, Waterford. For over 20 years she was an office manger for Fisher Buick Mazda Subaru, Inc.

A funeral service was held Saturday, Feb. 16 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment followed at Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Southeastern Michigan Hospice of Ascension Lutheran Church.

Barry M. Sullivan

Barry M. Sullivan of Oxford, formerly of Royal Oak, died Thursday, Feb. 7 at the age of 49.

He was the son of Loren of Germfask, Mich. He was preceded in death by his mother Avis and brother Daniel. He was the brother of Vicki (Roger) Miller and Gail (Ron) Lewis, all of Oxford. He was also survived by several nieces, nephews, great nieces and other family members.

A funeral Mass was held Tuesday, Feb. 19 at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston. A rite of committal followed at Lakeview Cemetery. Any donations toward the family will be used toward a marker in Barry's memory.

Edna L. Skalsky

Edna L. Skalsky of Waterford died Friday, Feb. 15 at the age of 95.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Daniel Fitzpatrick and Henry Thyle. She was the wife of David Skalsky for 15 years and had two children, Cindy and Jeff. She was the mother of Mary Louise McNaughton of Auburn Hills and Dan (Ann) Fitzpatrick of Whittemore; the grandmother of Cheryl (Matt) Smith and Daniel (Julie) Fitzpatrick; nana to Nicole, Melissa, DJ, Haley and Matthew; great great grandmother of Nathan; and aunt of Edna Rathka and Ronald McLaughlin. She was also survived by other special family members Jean, Clara and Eunice.

She worked for over 25 years at Pearce Florist. She loved to bowl, dance and garden.

A funeral service was held Monday, Feb. 18 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston with Rev. Combs officiating. Interment followed at White Chapel Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Michigan.

Sylvia V. Wasik

Sylvia V. Wasik of Pontiac died Sunday, Feb. 17 at the age of 81.

She was preceded in death by her husband Ed. She was the mother of Claudia Wasik of Ypsilanti and Ed (Janet) Wasik of Clarkston; the grandmother of Krista (Evan) Rastow and Stacey (Rick) Paulsen. She was also survived by three great grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held Wednesday, Feb. 20 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston with Pastor Don Kevern officiating. Memorials may be made to Gilbert Residence, Ypsilanti.

Wanda J. LaLone

Wanda J. LaLone of Davisburg died Sunday, Feb. 17 at the age of 68.

She was the loving wife of Bob for 51 years. She was the dedicated mother of Jim (Judy) of Waterford, Randy and Robin, both of Davisburg; grandmother of Eric and Katie; great grandmother of Christopher; the daughter of Rosalie "Pinky" Clifton of Pontiac; and the sister of Juanita Melehn of Illinois.

She owned and operated the Deer Lake Inn in Clarkston.

A funeral service will be held Thursday, Feb. 21 at 9:30 a.m. at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston with Rev. John H. West officiating. Interment will follow at Ottawa Park Cemetery.

Jewell F. Spangler

Jewell Francis Spangler of Clarkston died Friday, Feb. 15 at the age of 83.

He was preceded in death by his wife Ermal. He was the father of Linda (the late Lee) Beardslee, Janet (Ed) Glennie, Don (Elizabeth) Spangler, all of Clarkston and Doug (Tina) Spangler of Waterford. He was also survived by nine grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. He was the brother of Cecil Spangler of Florida and Mattie Hall of Pontiac.

He retired from General Motors Truck and Coach in 1967 after completing 48 years of service.

A memorial service was held Wednesday, Feb. 20 at Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.



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Cagers head into tourney with overtime victory

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston's basketball team has made a habit of close finishes in recent games.

They added to that string with a 55-49 overtime win over host Flint Northern Tuesday, Feb. 12. The win improves the Wolves' record to 12-4 overall and 10-3 in Oakland Activities Association Division I play.

The win comes on the heels of an overtime loss to Pontiac Northern Feb. 8 and a three-point win over Rochester Feb. 11.

Clarkston coach Dan Fife said the Wolves have a good history of quality games whenever they've played the Vikings, and the Feb. 12 game was no exception.

"I don't know how we won the thing," he said. "It's always been a great place to play — they have talent. We just hung around and then played well in overtime."

Senior Eric Kieras led the Wolves with 21 points, while seniors Mike Blicher and Matt Mahrle added 14 and 10 points, respectively.

Fife said a number of players did their part to contribute to the win.

"Matt Mahrle hit a big three, and scored 10 points in the fourth quarter and overtime," he said. "Kieras was pretty solid, and Blicher was also solid — we couldn't have won it without his ballhandling. Loveless made a huge play to get us in overtime. Justin Whetstone made some big hustle plays in the third quarter."

The Wolves have played their most recent four games with one of their key players at less than full strength.

Fife confirmed that senior center Dave Ritzema has been playing with a stress fracture since their Feb. 5 game against Ferndale.

Clarkston now heads into the OAA Tournament. The Wolves competed in their first game of the tourney Tuesday, Feb. 19, as they hosted Oak Park.

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Steady netter -- Senior Bonnie Edgar has been one of the most consistent players on the Clarkston volleyball team this season, according to coach Gordie Richardson. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

Netters split at Coldwater Invite

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston's volleyball team had what coach Gordie Richardson called an "okay" showing at the Kiwanis/Coldwater Invitational Feb. 16.

The netters won one of their matches, lost two and split another to finish third in their pool during the tourney. Their record is now 18-16 overall and 5-4 in Oakland Activities Association Division I.

The Wolves started off the invite with a 9-15, 3-15 loss to the host Coldwater Cardinals. Bonnie Edgar was 26-of-32 in setting with six aces and four-of-four in serving, while Diana Doyle was nine-of-10 in serving.

Edgar and Sheena Moran had three digs apiece, while Megan Gaines had two. Jenni McLeod had three blocked shots, while Gaines and Stephanie Parkin added two apiece.

Clarkston then split the next match with Springport, losing the first game 18-16 before winning the second 15-11.

Edgar was 47-of-49 in setting with 22 aces, while Gaines was 19-of-24 with eight aces, and 10-of-11 in serving. Parkin was eight-of-10 in serving.

McLeod led the way in kills with nine, while Gaines added seven and Moran and Doyle five apiece. Rockie Tripi led the Wolves with eight digs, while Moran added seven and Gaines and Jenna Kast five apiece.

Clarkston lost their match against Shepherd, 6-15 and 14-16. Gaines was 45-of-47 in setting with 17 aces, and was six-of-seven in serving. She also added eight kills and nine digs in the match. Rachel Tyler was seven-of-eight in serving for the Wolves.

McLeod contributed six kills for the Wolves, while

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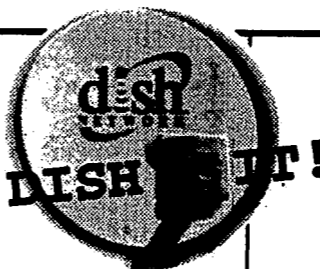


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Eight Clarkston grapplers advance to regionals

Wolves also move on to team regionals by defeating league foe Rochester Adams

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

It was a successful week for the Clarkston wrestling team, both as a team and individually.

Eight Clarkston wrestlers placed in the individual district competition, held Feb. 16 at Sterling Heights Stevenson. Joe Wood (275) and Clint DeGain (160) led the pack for the Wolves, placing first in their respective divisions.

The eight Wolves will now move on to individual regional action Saturday, Feb. 23 at Davison.

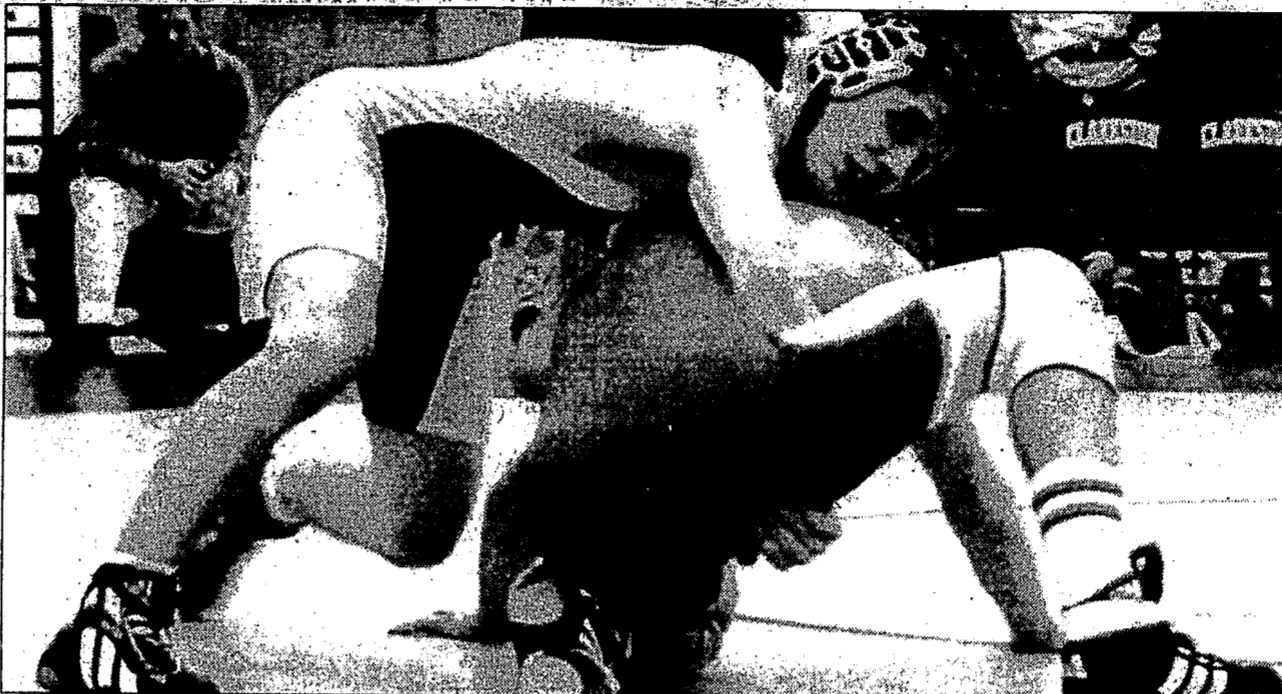
Wood defeated a familiar foe in Lake Orion's Trent Varva to earn first place in his division. Wood pinned Varva in 18 seconds. DeGain defeated Chad Roush of Davison by pinfall in 4:42 to take first in his class.

Four other Clarkston grapplers earned runner-up spots at the meet. Elliot May (103) lost to Paul Donahoe of Davison by a 25-10 decision; Braden L'Amoreaux (119) lost to Cory Rogers of Davison by a 13-7 decision; Tony LaJoie (130) lost to Brent Metcalf of Davison by pinfall in 3:48; and Jason Talbott (215) lost to Jon Farley of Rochester Adams in overtime by a 9-7 decision.

In addition, two Clarkston wrestlers, John Langdon (145) and John Eubanks (275) qualified for the regional meet.

Clarkston's wrestling team has had a recent history of fantastic finishes in dual meet action, and the District 1 team finals Feb. 14 at Clarkston High School was no exception. The Wolves rallied from behind to defeat league rival Rochester Adams 32-26.

Earlier, the Wolves had defeated another league



Moving on — Clarkston wrestler Tony LaJoie, pictured taking down an opponent in a meet earlier this year, was one of eight Clarkston grapplers to qualify for the individual regional competition Saturday, Feb. 23 at Davison High School. The Wolves also qualified for the team regional competition, which will be held Thursday, Feb. 21 at Royal Oak Kimball, by defeating Rochester Adams 32-26 in team district action Thursday, Feb. 14 at Clarkston High School. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

rival, Rochester, by a 52-9 margin in the semifinals. Adams advanced to the finals with a 39-27 win against Lake Orion in the semifinals.

The Wolves advance to face Troy in the District 1 regional semifinals Wednesday, Feb. 20 at Royal Oak Kimball.

Clarkston started off fast in the finals, as Tony LaJoie defeated Brad Bubenzer by a technical fall in 5:42. After Adams' Tom Barkham defeated Dan Settington by a technical fall in 5:45, the Wolves came right back, as Sean

Turner defeated Dave Santoro 7-3 to take an 8-5 lead in the match.

However, Adams would take over from there. The Highlanders took the next three matches to take a 17-8 advantage. Craig Fraser defeated John Langdon by a 5-2 decision in the 145-pound class; Nick Burton defeated Brenton Place by a 6-3 decision in the 152-pound class; and Brian Rank defeated Nate May by injury default in

Please see Wrestling on page 21A

Lakers drop two straight contests heading into finale

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston's hockey team will be looking to get back to basics as they get ready for the state playoffs.

The Wolves dropped a pair of games last week, 4-2 against Grosse Pointe North Feb. 16 and 3-1 against West Bloomfield in their last league game of the season Feb. 12. The Wolves still took first in the league with a 9-1 league record, and are now 17-5-1 overall.

Against the Norsemen, the Wolves answered a first-period goal with one of their own, as senior forward Adam Postal found the net unassisted. The Wolves went up 2-1 in the second period, as junior forward Brent Harris scored on an assist from senior forward Alan Marchio.

However, from there it was all Grosse Pointe North. The Norsemen tied the game at two in the second, and then scored a power play goal halfway into the third period to take a 3-2 lead. They would connect on another power play goal later in the period.

As in their other game of the week, the Wolves spotted West Bloomfield a 1-0 lead in the first period before answering with one of their own, as junior defenseman Jim Lattanzi scored an unassisted goal to tie the game. However, the Lakers answered with two third-period goals to seal the win.

Clarkston coach Bryan Krygier said the Wolves have to get back to playing consistent hockey heading into the playoffs.

"We had a big win against Cranbrook, so that was kind of a boost," he said. "I think we had some let-downs defensively. We have to even things out and concentrate on what's important."

The Wolves have one more regular season game to go, as they take on Birmingham Brother Rice Wednesday, Feb. 20. They start the playoffs Monday, Feb. 25 against Watertown Mott. That game will be held at the Flint IMA Arena beginning at 4 p.m.

Athlete of the Week — Dan Reed

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Dan Reed wasn't planning on making swimming his primary sport when the Clarkston High School junior first tried out for the sport his freshman year.

"Actually, I wanted to stay in shape for football and it ended up taking over," he said. "I don't play football anymore."

Reed has turned out to be one of the steadiest performers for the Wolves' swim team this season. In the team's most recent meet against Rochester Feb. 7, Reed notched the only two event wins for the Wolves, finishing first in the 50 yard freestyle and the 100 yard freestyle.

He said he has improved "tenfold" since his freshman year. According to Reed, his favorite event is the 50 yard freestyle, and he said the 200 yard freestyle is his best event.

"It's amazing — when I started out, I was terrible," he said. "I actually think I'm getting pretty decent."

He said Clarkston coach Kenwyn Chock has pushed him to get better. "She's a great coach," Reed said. "She's very motivational. She likes to coax you into what are your strengths."

With the team's regular season concluded, the Wolves have their sights set on the Oakland Activities Association league meet Feb. 20-22 at Lake Orion High School.

"We want to do the best possible job and we also want to break one of the relay records (which are displayed on the wall in the CHS pool)," he said.



Steady swimmer — Clarkston junior Dan Reed has been one of the most consistent performers on the boys' swim team this season. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

In his spare time, Reed said he enjoys fishing in his backyard and playing video games. He said his favorite video game is Super Smash Brothers.

He said he has received a great deal of encouragement from his three younger brothers: Chris, 11, a sixth grader at Clarkston Middle School; Drew, 7, a third grader at Independence Elementary; and Tommy, 5, a kindergartner at Independence Elementary.

"My brothers are really supportive," he said. "They encourage me all the way."

Reed lives in Clarkston with his brothers and parents' Kathy and Butch Reed.

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Volleyball

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Parkin and Tyler added four apiece. Alex Heinrich paced the team with 13 digs, while Corey Sadowski added 10 and Tripi nine.

The Wolves earned their lone win of the invite against Albion, 15-8 and 15-4. Gaines was 25-of-31 in setting, while Parkin was nine-for-nine in serving and Kast eight-for-eight. Parkin also contributed four kills. Doyle, Gaines and Tripi added three digs apiece.

Although the Wolves had a long lay-off between their Feb. 4 match against Rochester Adams and their appearance at the Coldwater Invite, Richardson said that did not have any bearing on the re-

sults. In fact, he said the break proved to be helpful to the team.

"I think it gave us the chance to work on some things," he said.

He said Edgar played well during the tourney, and also said Tripi excelled on the defensive end. He said McLeod and Parkin have improved their play.

While Richardson said the team has made strides, he also said they still have work to do. "We've improved some," he said. "We can't seem to get past our inconsistencies."

The Wolves face a busy schedule in the week ahead. They traveled to OAA I rival Troy Athens Tuesday, Feb. 19, then return home Thursday, Feb. 21 for another league showdown with Lake Orion.

On Saturday, Feb. 23, they travel to Bloomfield Hills and compete in the OAA Tournament, then they return home Monday, Feb. 25 for a makeup game against Birmingham Seaforth. The latter match was originally scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 31, but was postponed due to inclement weather.

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Wrestling

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the 160-pound class.

Clint DeGain stopped the Adams run with an 8-4 decision against Adams' Drew Michelotti in the 171-pound class, but Adams came right back to triumph in the next two matches, as Lantz McCullen pinned Kyle Hester in 1:19 in the 189-pound class, and Jon Farley defeated Derek George by an 8-4 decision in the 215-pound class. The two wins gave the Highlanders a 26-11 lead with five matches left.

Clarkston's Joe Wood reversed the tide in the 275-pound division, defeating Joel Miner by an 8-5 decision. Clarkston coach Mike DeGain talked about that match.

"Probably a big match was the heavyweight match with Joe Wood

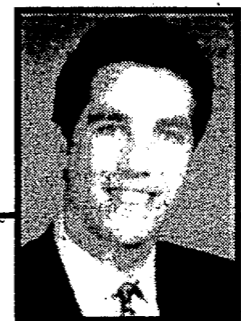
against Joel Miner," he said. "He (Wood) turned it around for us. We won the next four matches after that. Miner was the league champ last week."

Matt Herron followed that up with a 6-3 decision over Sean Taday in the 103-pound class and Elliott May won by default in the 112-pound class.

That set the stage for the match's conclusion. The Wolves' Brian Webb gave Clarkston the lead at the 119-pound division, pinning Brian McCracken in 2:20. Braden L'Amoreaux then clinched the win for Clarkston with a 11-4 decision against Wayne Jacob in the 125-pound class.

The Wolves will take on Troy in their first match of the team regionals Feb. 20. Should they win that match, they will meet the winner of the match between top-ranked Davison and Waterford Mott.

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Wrestling offers twists and turns for its fans

What in the name of Ric Flair is going on here? The boss' daughter tells her husband that she's pregnant, but the husband finds out through a videotape sent by his mother-in-law that the daughter is lying. A new world order is on the horizon that promises destruction and chaos. The champion proclaims himself to be a larger-than-life living legend (aren't they all).

Welcome to the bizarre and crazy world of professional wrestling, which has undergone a change from the say your prayers, eat your vitamins routine of the 1980's to a more adult-oriented style. It has earned its share of criticism, but also attracts a significant number of viewers each week — including this writer.

The WWF's premier event, Wrestlemania, is less than a month away, and will be held in Toronto's SkyDome. Back in 1987, that event made its way to the Pontiac Silverdome, featuring a showdown between two of the biggest names ever in the business, Hulk Hogan against Andre the Giant.

Why the interest? Basically, it's a male-oriented soap opera that allows people to escape the pressures of everyday life for a couple hours each week — just like movies, music, other television programs, and sports. The vast majority of fans know it's an act, but are engrossed anyway.

As a primer for the uninitiated, here is a guide to some of the leading characters in the mat melodrama:

■ "Stone Cold" Steve Austin — Helped propel the WWF to unprecedented heights by feuding with the WWF's real-life owner, Vince McMahon, who in storyline terms portrays the power-driven Mr. McMahon. This proved to be a big hit with fans who could relate with Austin's frustration with his boss.

■ The Rock — Known as the most electrifying man in sports entertainment, this third-generation competitor has perfected the art of the interview, delivering outrageous and verbose speeches. Has branched out into the movie-business, and will star in The Scorpion King, which debuts Apr. 19.

■ Triple-H — Recently returned from an injury and is now involved in a storyline feud with his former wife, who lied to him about her pregnancy. She happens to be the daughter of the aforementioned Mr. McMahon.

■ Kurt Angle — A real-life former Olympic gold medalist who talks about his "three I's" — integrity, intensity and intelligence — and caps off his interviews with the saying, "It's true, it's true." Of course, in the ring he displays the exact opposite qualities and behaves like an obnoxious, arrogant jerk.

■ Chris Jericho — The aforementioned self-described larger-than-life living legend who recently turned heel, or "bad guy", by attacking The Rock and subse-

quently winning the championship. Has turned being obnoxious and egotistical into an art form, and has some of the best interview skills around.

■ New World Order — This pack of outlaws includes Hulk Hogan, who helped wrestling become popular in the mainstream in the 1980's before turning heel about six years ago. Many fans have actually taken to cheering them, despite their "bad-guy" status, and have been seen wearing NWO T-shirts. They recently came to the WWF after several years in the archival WCW, which is now out of business.

Well, there you have it. There are many other

characters that can be seen each week, but there is not enough room to mention them all. Is the WWF for everyone? No. Parents should definitely check it out for themselves before deciding if it's appropriate for their children to watch. There are parts which I find hard to watch and find myself switching channels.

However, there is no denying that for millions of fans each week, wrestling has become a ritual. And, as Stone Cold would say, that's the bottom line.

What's up with that!



Jeff Patrus

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The Independence Township Planning Commission, Oakland County, Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on: **Thursday, February 28, 2002 at 7:30 p.m.** At Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road Clarkston, MI 48346 to consider the following: **FILE #2002-002**

Bill J. Barrett, Harvest Land Ministries, Petitioner REQUEST SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR CHURCH & PARSONAGE R-1A (single Family Residential) ZONE Parcel Identification Number: 08-25-301-004 Common Description: 5 Acres, 5840 Clintonville Road, North of Maybee Intended Use: Church and Parsonage Any further information regarding the above Public Hearing may be obtained at the Township Planning Office during regular Office hours 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by phone at (248) 625-8111. **JOAN E. McCrARY, CLERK**

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The Independence Township Planning Commission, Oakland County, Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on: **Thursday, March 14, 2002 at 7:30 p.m.** At Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road Clarkston, MI 48346 to consider the following: **FILE #2002-004**

Garwood, Kiefer, Muskovitz, & Rath Petitioners REQUEST REZONING FROM: R-1A Single Family To: OS-2 Office Service Two Sashabaw Heights Subdivision Lots 5, 8, 9 & pt of 10 Parcel Identification Number: 08-22-101-016, 019, 020 & 022 Common Description: West side of Sashabaw Road, North of Flemings Lake Rd Intended Use: Any further information regarding the above Public Hearing may be obtained at the Township Planning Office during regular Office hours 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by phone at (248) 625-8111. **JOAN E. McCrARY, CLERK**

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE PUBLIC NOTICE

The Charter Township of Independence Board of Review will meet for its organizational session, MCL 211.29(1), at the Township Hall's Office of the Assessor on Tuesday, March 5, 2002 at 9:00 am.

The Board of Review will meet at the Township Fire Station #1 Training Room, 6500 Citation Drive, Clarkston, Michigan to hear year 2002 assessment appeals of value, classification and poverty on March 11, and 13, 2002 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, and on March 12, 2002 from 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

The year 2002 tentative equalization ratio is 50%, and the estimated multiplier is 1.0000 for all property classifications.

If you wish to appeal your assessment, it is required that you have an appointment with the Board of Review. An appointment can be made through the Assessor's Office at (248) 625-8114 between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm. If none of the posted hours are convenient for you please call the Assessor's Office for an alternative date and time. Please use your parcel identification number when referring to your property so that your records can be quickly accessed.

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Michael J. Rein, Bowers & Rein Assoc., Petitioner REQUEST SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR Additional Wall Signs Farmer Jacks Parcel Identification Number: 08-30-351-020 Common Description: White Lake and Dixie Highway Intended Use: Additional Wall Signs Any further information regarding the above Public Hearing may be obtained at the Township Planning Office during regular Office hours 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by phone at (248) 625-8111. **JOAN E. McCrARY, CLERK**

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The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet Wednesday, March 6, 2002 at 7:30 pm at the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI 48346 to hear the following cases:

- Case #02-0010 Guido Grassi, Petitioner APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE FOR TEMPORARY SALES/CONSTRUCTION TRAILER Forest Valley Dr., Hilltop Estates Park West, R-1 C Hilltop Estates No. 2 08-14-227-001
 - Case #02-0011 Tammy Humphrey, Petitioner APPLICANT REQUESTS SIDE YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 5', PLUS PLACEMENT OF DETACHED GARAGE IN FRONT YARD ON NON CONFORMING LOT OF RECORD Cobden Lane, Lot 48, R-1 A Woodhull Lake Sub 08-34-383-007
 - Case #02-0012 Bowers and Rein Associates, Inc., Petitioners APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE FOR ADDITIONAL SIGNAGE Dixie Highway & White Lake Rd., C-2 & C-3 White Lake Commons (Farmer Jack) 08-29-351-020
 - Case #02-0013 Rite Way Building & Development L.L.C., Petitioner APPLICANT REQUESTS RENEWAL OF VARIANCE GRANTED ON 3/1/00 FOR FRONT YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 20' AND REAR YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 30' TO CONSTRUCT NEW HOME Shiawassee, Lots 1-4, R-1A Thendara Park Country Club 08-12-304-010
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 - Case #02-0015 Rite Way Building & Development L.L.C., Petitioner APPLICANT REQUESTS RENEWAL OF VARIANCE GRANTED ON 3/1/00 FOR FRONT YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 20' AND REAR YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 30' TO CONSTRUCT NEW HOME Shiawassee, Lots 14-16, R-1A Thendara Park Country Club 08-12-303-023
- NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT THE ABOVE REQUESTS MAY BE EXAMINED at the Independence Township Building Department during regular hours each day, Monday through Friday until the date of the Public Hearing. For Further information call (248) 625-8111. Respectfully submitted, **Joan E. McCrary, Township Clerk** **Beverly A. McElmeel, Director**

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