Despite Governor Granholm calling for her resignation...

Thomas vows to remain on Oakland Schools board

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Despite multiple calls from state and school officials for her resignation, Clarkston's Janet Thomas vows to remain a member of the Oakland Schools Board of Education.

Many say she must resign to help the intermediate school district move beyond it's financial scandals, but she believes the crisis of credibility is precisely why she should stay.

"I made a commitment when I was elected the first time," Thomas said. "They need someone with historically accurate knowledge. I don't think any board needs five brand new members."

Also a former member of the Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education, Thomas has served on the intermediate district board since 1994, served as president and vice president and currently holds the office of treasurer. Her term is scheduled to expire in June 2006.

Following recent resignations, Thomas is the last of five board members who served during the administration of former intermediate superintendent James Redmond, who left office in the midst of charges of financial mismanagement but is now suing Oakland Schools

Reported calls for resignations have come from sources ranging from Governor Jennifer Granholm to the Oakland County Superintendents Association and the Oakland County School Boards Association.

Despite those reports, some former colleagues are defending Thomas' character.

Clarkston Superintendent Al Roberts did not support the county superintendents association's resolu-



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"I don't think the superintendents association is the responsible party," Roberts said. "The responsibility falls with the folks who elect the [intermediate] board. That action [the resolution] was not within our role."

Concerning Thomas specifically, Roberts said her years with the Clarkston board demonstrated her integrity.

"She's done good things for kids. I think I know where her heart and motivation are," he said. When Thomas chose not to run for reelection last year, "We lost a perspective on our school board that was very helpful."

Karen Foyteck, president of the Clarkston school

Clarkston gets rebate from Oakland Schools

Clarkston Community School's reduction in state aid for the current school year has been compensated by a \$711,716 rebate from Oakland Schools.

The intermediate school district last year announced plans to return \$20.5 million to local districts after controversy ensued over use of designated special education funds for the new Oakland Schools headquarters building.

Bruce Beamer, executive director for business and financial services for Clarkston schools, had previously reported a reduction in \$672,000 because of the \$84 per student reduction in the state "foundation grant." District officials were already planning ways to further cut the current year budget to compensate.

The Oakland Schools rebate "helps balance it out," Beamer said.

The rebate technically is earmarked for special education purposes, but Beamer said it will go into the district general fund.

"We've already used general fund dollars to balance the special education budget," he said.

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board, said the county board association resolution came from the five-member board of directors and not local board members.

"The general membership [which includes all trustees from the county's 28 school districts] had not met, nor have we discussed this," Foyteck said. "I was very disturbed to hear of it."

Foyteck does not want to predict how the Clarkston board might vote, but she said those who have worked with Thomas have no doubt about her integrity.

"We know she is very honest and has the highest

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Local deputies increase action in past year

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There are notable decreases in some crime reports in Independence and Springfield townships in 2003, but Oakland County Sheriff's Department statistics show more overall calls handled by deputies.

The recently released annual report documented the number of reports taken and citations issued to be higher in both townships.

In Independence Township, total calls increased to 14,876 from 2002's 13,457. In Springfield Township, there were 4,711 total incidents in 2003, up from 4,589 in 2002.

While it's impossible to scientifically document what crimes were prevented, there were fewer incidents of criminal sexual conduct, assault, burglary, malicious destruction of property and disorderly conduct in Springfield Township in 2003.

"I'm hoping the patrolmen we added last year helped some," according to Sgt. Frank Schipani, commander of the Springfield Township substation. "We've been making a lot of arrests. Maybe we've run some bad guys out of Springfield Township."

Independence Township also saw a decline in the assault, burglary, larceny and vehicle theft categories. Lt. Dale LaBair, commander of the Independence sub-

station, said he was pleased but cautious.

"We're proud of the work we do, but I'm not ready to say we've fought crime to a standstill," he said. Independence Township had a jump in fatal traffic

crashes in 2003, and the five documented may not include those handled by the Michigan State Police.

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"It's kind of an aberration," LaBair said, noting multiple fatalities on both I-75 and Dixie Highway last year. "There's no kind of common denominator to those incidents."

The increase in total calls is documented in a variety of areas, including vehicle complaints and "Group. C miscellaneous complaints." LaBair said there have been more citations and reports for dog bites, assists to medical emergencies and other service incidents.

"I want the time [spent by deputies] documented,' LaBair said.

Independence Township has also seen an increase in the number of deputies, and LaBair said credit goes to the township government and local residents for their support.

"Independence Township has taken an aggressive stance to protect the quality of life," he said. "I think it's really making a difference."

The sheriff's department issued the annual reports for all communities which have contracts with the

Oakland County Sheriff 2003 Crime Statistics

(Selected Offenses)

Independence			Sprin	gfield
а	2002	2003	2002	2003
Sexual Conduct				
Robbery				
Assault	378.	364 .	l 110	91
Burglary	128 .	91 .	50	37
Larceny	545 .	489 .	107	109
Vehicle Theft	42 .	20 .	10	15
Damage/Property	396.	423 .	1114	82
Weapon Offense	s 3 .	16 .	4	1
Drug Offenses	78 .	99 .	ļ 11	19
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Disorderly	333 .	220 .	145	83
Traffic Deaths	1 .	5 .	 3	0
Traffic Injuries	224.	220	71	71

county for road patrol and local investigations. In 2003, Independence Township contracted 27 people, with a staff of 10 contracted for Springfield Township.

Kozma announces he will run for judge

Larence R. Kozma, a 27-year resident of Clarkston and a practicing attorney for 28 years, has announced that he is a candidate for District Court Judge in the 52-2 Judicial District.

Kozma served for 20 years in the Oakland County Prosecutor's office where he handled thousands of felony and misdemeanor cases. For the past eight years Kozma operated a private practice as an attorney and counselor of law with offices in Clarkston and Lapeer.

Kozma formerly held the elected position of Township Trustee for Independence Township. He also held the position of district court officer, police officer and teacher.

Board approves purchase of Radar Trailer

The Independence Township Board of Trustees approved the purchase of a Speed Monitoring Awareness Radar Trailer (SMART).

This will be the second SMART unit for the Independence Township substation.

"It is an extremely popular item," Lieutenant Dale LaBair said. "Citizens call us up to get it out on their street."

While monitoring the speed of traffic, they system can also be used to post messages for detours or emergencies. The SMART unit costs \$20,919.

Employee wins real estate award

Sharon Frericks, from the Clarkston office of Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate, was recognized as the office's number one sales associate for buyer-controlled sales, gross commission income and listings sold.

Frericks was named a member of the prestigious President's Top 30 Club.

Patti Gilman, Judy Addis and Pam Sawyer were also named members to the President's Top 30 Club.

Correction-

In the Feb. 25 edition of *The Clarkston News*, an article about author Martin Zimmerman should have stated you an purchase his book, "In Their Presence," by visiting www.1stbooks.com. Zimmerman also has autographed copies of the hard copy for \$30 you can purchase by calling (248) 625-3826 or by e-mailing Zimmerman at Martyz17@aol.com.

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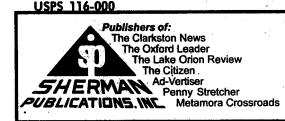
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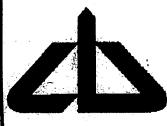
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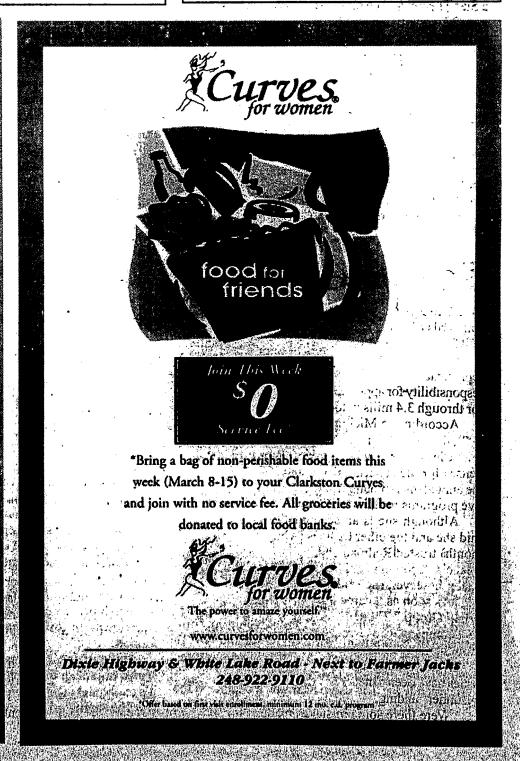


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Members of Boy Scout Troop 199 serve breakfast to Robin McKenzie, parish member at St. Daniel's, during the Kids 4 Afghan Kids fund-raising breakfast. The event received donations that totalled \$1, 275 for the program. Photos by Alicia Dorset.

Parish hosts breakfast fundraiser to benefit Afghan kids

BY ALICIA DORSET

Clarkston News Staff Writer

St. Daniel's Cushing Center social was the host site of a breakfast fundraiser on Feb. 28 to benefit 'Kids 4 Afghan Kids', a campaign the church has been working with for two years. .

Parish members and program supporters enjoyed eggs, sausage and biscuits served by members of Boy Scouts from Troop 199 as keynote speaker Kris Nedam, national chair of the program, spoke about the progress being made overseas thanks to continued local support.

St. Daniel's provided the breakfast, which was purchased and prepared by Carrie Giaier.

"It's a grass roots program with 110% of the money going to help," Nedam said. "Even the board members raise money and donate their time."

Kids 4 Afghan Kids aims to help children in Afghanistan receive necessary medical supplies and tools needed for basic education.

"We wanted to support, it seems like a good cause," Robin McKenzie, parish member, said.

With local donations, such as those from St. Daniel's, renovations have been made to schools and orphanages and health clinics in the war-torn country.

"It just seems like the children are so happy," Sister Barbara Jean Pelak, Christian service coordinator at St. Daniel's, said. "She (Nedam) did a lot of sharing about the children."

The event, which drew an audience of about 50 people, raised \$1,275 for the

"The donations that people gave were really beautiful," Pelak said.

The breakfast for the Afghan program is one of three the church holds each year, according to Ben Treichel, peace and justice coordinator for St. Daniel's. Treichel was responsible for getting the parish involved with Kids 4 Afghan Kids.

'The whole program runs on events like this one," Nedam said.

Last year the church raised about \$1,200 for the program.

Donations are still being accepted for the program. To find out how to contribute, contact Pelak at (248) 625-4583.



Ben Treichel and Kris Nedam enjoy breakfast prepared by the staff at St. Daniel's. Nedam spoke to parish members about the continuing progress the program is making with the children it serves.

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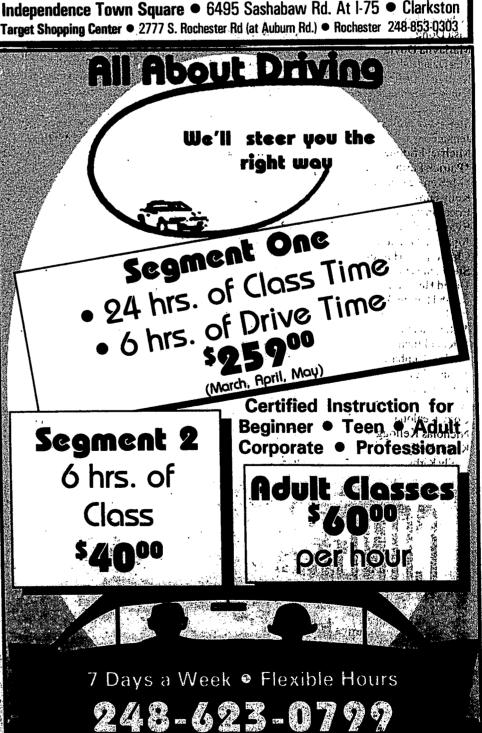
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Stakoe announces coffee hours

Stakoe will sponsor regular coffee hours Monday, March 8 from 3-5 p.m.

Stakoe will be available to meet informally with constituents for the event at Springfield Township Hall. The hall

State Rep. John is located at 12000 Rd. Davisburg Davisburg.

Residents who cannot attend this event may contact Stakoe in Lansing at (866) 334-0010 or johnstakoe@house.mi.gov.

Look for the Clarkston High School honor roll in the coming weeks.



*Lauren Deitz

*Rachel DeRiso

Who is drawing the line?

Can our country please come to their senses and not allow the religious right to highjack our culture?

In case you have not heard, a segment of our country, which I will call "Jesus freaks," have attempted to impose their mor-

alistic beliefs on the entire country ever since Janet Jackson showed her breast during the Super Bowl.

Now to cut down on the nasty e-mails I am sure to receive, let me define Jesus freaks. These are not everyday people who practice their religion and live according to the bible. Instead these are people who feel the need to tell the rest of the country how we should live our lives and what we can watch and not watch.



Gargaro's

The first casualty of the

cause was Howard Stern who was taken off six stations by Clear Channel. However this is not really about Stern. He is obviously a high-profile entertainer they are trying to use as an example.

I am sure other "shock jocks," prime time television shows and other entertainment forms will follow as major companies are feeling pressure from Congress and the Federal Communication Commission.

In this election year the Republicans are jumping on the issue to appease their conservative base. Jackson and 'Nipplegate' was just the opening they needed to advance their agenda.

How about the old theory that conservatives were for less government and individuals have more responsibility? I guess that is the case until your voting block tells you what to do.

The Republicans should have some faith in the American people. Now I am not a Stern listener, but I do believe people have the right to lis-

If the content of his show is so vial, people will not listen, which will scare away advertisers and thus end the show. That is how our country should work.

The Jackson case was a different circumstance because it took place unexpectedly during the Super Bowl when parents thought it was safe for their kids to watch. However, if you are letting your children listen to Stern at a young age then you are probably not going to be earning 'Parent of the Year' honors.

The amount of television and radio stations in our society is truly staggering. Are you telling me people can't find anything for your family to watch or listen to? I find that hard to believe. So why don't people watch what they feel is appropriate and the rest of the country can do the same?

Is this really how we want to our political leaders to spend their time? You don't want them to talk about health care, Social Security or terrorism prevention? Much better for them to talk about Stern right?

How a couple jokes by Stern is more harmful to United States residents than having their presidential candidates bought by special interest groups eludes me.

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Letters to the Editor

Joe works for Farmer Jack to serve others

buy a few groceries and our truck's battery needed a

I went into the store to the service counter. They sent an employee out to help. He pushed the truck to

On Feb. 19, my husband and I were at the store to where he could connect the cables, which started the engine. We thanked him and he said, "That is what I'm here for."

Thank you again, Joe.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Waid

Let the sign committee do it!

neous ramblings from your friendly, neighborhood reporter...

Warning to everyone who is thinking spring: I

never breathe easy about the spring season until the Detroit Tigers have at least two games snowed out. . .

There's a running gag of sorts going on at Springfield Township Board meetings.

Whenever the question arises concerning who will perform a particular research task or special project, one or more trustees will say, "the sign committee."

If you haven't been at township board meetings, the above will probably not seem humorous.

More hypocrisy on the "freedom" front:

Judge Roy Moore lost his job because he defied another court's opinion concerning the display of the Ten Commandments.

San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsome is being hailed as a bold leader, meanwhile, for defying dulyadopted legislation and sanctioning the marriage of homosexuals.

We saw "The Passion of the Christ" last Friday evening, and it's pleasant to report that last week's preview analysis was fairly accurate.

The violence was about the level expected (although there are some biological aspects of crucifix-

Random, arbitrary and otherwise miscella- ion that could have been included and were not). The level of artistic film expression was higher than expected, as was the content of Christ's pre-crucifixion teaching.

Any negative criticism (and there is some) pales in comparison with the overall impact of the film.

Go see it.

Kudos to Cub Scout Pack 126 for staging their "snow snake" race (the photo was in last week's edition of The Clarkston News).

As a former Scout, I was a faithful participant in the Pinewood Derby, but the exercise of carving and painting a snake from a 4-foot long piece of 2 x 3inch wood was (forgive the pun) news to me.

We understand there was a bit of nervousness on the part of the race organizers because of the February thaw, but winter wasn't finished yet. (See the first paragraph.)

Nobody bought one for me for Christmas, so I waited until they were 40 percent off (i.e. late January) and bought my own copy of "The 365 Stupidest Things Ever Said Calendar" for 2004.

Some early favorites are:

"That's not a lie. It's a terminological inexactitude" (Alexander Haig).

"On the second day the knee was better, and on the third day it disappeared" (from a medical chart in a South African hospital).

"A stray bullet killed one bystander slightly" (from a story in the Maryville Forum, Maryville, Mo.).

"Reporter (after the New Orleans Saints had lost): 'What do you think of the refs?' Saints General Manager Jim Finks: 'I'm not allowed to comment on lousy officiating."



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Don's new spring-detector is here!

Stay away, red-breasted robin -- give your little than 53 inches of the cold, wet stuff fell. wings more rest before you leave the sunny and warm climes of the south.

Lay low, crocuses -- keep your colorful little heads buried in the warm earth at least until Easter.

And here's a message to all you furry little marmots out there, which includes all you groundhogs: keep your peepers shut. Don't look for your shadow. Enjoy your winter's snooze for as long as you can -much to my chagrin, you'll be enjoying the bounty of my vegetable

garden soon enough. Don't rush it, for I have found the definitive portent of spring's arrival. My new spring detector is black and white and often red all over. Nothing says, "Warm weather is just around the corner," louder or clearer than the first whiff of



Don't

Rush Me

Don Rush

freshly squashed skunk. As Jimmy Durante used to say, "The nose knows." And I know. I've been smelling it for the last week or two and wouldn't you know it, the sun has come out and the temperatures are getting close to the 50 degree mark. That is scientific proof enough for me. Hot damn and get out the pooper-scooper! There's a whole lotta dog doodoo buried under the snow which needs to be disposed of (or the smell of skunk may be overrun).

Yep, the days of announcing the arrival of spring in Michigan with the first sighting of robins have come to an end. I think from now on we'll report on the first squashed skunk (that issue will be black and white and

read all over). It is time we usher in the era of the skunk. Oh, happy day. It's about time to get out the Raybans and sunblock lotion!

That said, as of last Thursday morning TV weather folks were reporting on seasonal snowfall. Down at the Detroit Metro Airport there was a total snowfall of 19 inches. Further up at the White Lake Weather Station, just west of Clarkston, it was reported that more

What a difference 45 miles can make.

With the warmer weather and sunshine, Old Man Winter's fluffy white stuff is quickly turning gray and yucky looking. As the melting continues, keep us posted on the road conditions. Remember: Pepe LePue not only prognosticates spring arrival, but he also tells us it is about time the springs on our vehicles will be put to the test with bone-jarring rides over potholes.

Did I just write, "oh, happy day" a few lines ago?

By the way, it is almost ice fisherman season. Soon the icy waters of the Great Lakes will be catching ice fishermen by the car load, and floating them away from shore.

"The Passion of The Christ". I want to see Mel Gibson's latest bit of cinematography, but 'thumbs up' movie critic Roger Ebert said it was the most violent film he'd ever seen. He also gave it four stars.

I am not a violent person. I ain't got, nor never possessed, the stomach for blood and guts. I'll admit it, I am weak. I like the Hollywood blood and guts of the 1940s when everything was filmed in glorious black and white.

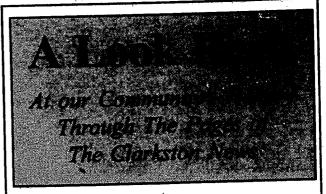
Dear wife Jen and I used to watch NBC's "ER" television show. Well, I should say, Jen used to watch. I used to listen and look at the palm of my hand (which was firmly pressed over my face and eyes). When a scene got too graphic I'd cover up until Jen gave me the 'all's clear' sign. The same is true for when 'we' watch CBS's "CSI."

While a student at Clarkston High School, I was once excused from biology class after teacher Mr. Maxim explained how the bullet that killed Lee Harvey Oswald entered the body and how it traveled once inside. The mere description of the bullet's damage was enough to make my palms sweat and my face turn white.

"Mr. Rush, you may leave the room."

All this said, and I am still compelled to shell out the seven bucks and go, and at least listen, to "The Passion of The Christ". Why is that so?

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15 YEARS AGO (1988)

• By now, Springfield Township residents have received their tax assessment notices, which were mailed out Feb. 24. And by now, most have noticed that their assessment went up. Average increases for 1989 are: agricultural, 3 percent; commercial, 3 percent; industrial, 1 percent; development (property held for future development), 1 percent; and residential, 11 percent. But averaged have no relationship to individual assessments, said township assessor Judy Shirk.

• For all that Dr. James O'Neill has done for Clarkston athletics during the past two decades the Clarkston Athletic Boosters Club decided to honor him with an award. "It's to commemorate that he has given time to sports at the high school for 20plus years. He is very deserving of the award," vice president of the boosters club Dale Ryan said. Besides being on hand at all of the football games, O'Neill also has donated all of the fees he collects for physicals back to the athletic program, Ryan said.

· When Kevin McCormick fouled out of the game with 13 seconds to play and Clarkston's basketball team up by one, somebody had to step forward into the limelight. Senior Jim Huttenlocher canned two pressure tosses from the stripe to clinch a district title for Clarkston. Then the celebration began. The 56-53 victory over tall and talented Grand Blanc Saturday at Clarkston High was hard fought all the way.

25 YEARS AGO (1978)

• Pine Knob developers Joseph Locricchio and Gary Francell are about to unveil plans for a 21story, 550-room, convention center-style hotel, to be built into a major ski slope at the resort complex. A ski slope beginning on the hotel roof is included in the plans. Conceptual plans for the multi-million-dollar development are in the hands of Independence Township Planning Director Timothy Palulian and the developers.

• It may not be necessary to levy a 1-mill property tax increase on Clarkston residents. At the Feb. 26 council meeting, Village President Fontie ApMadoc asked trustees to ponder increasing taxes by 1 mill. But a hefty 18 percent jump in Clarkston's property assessments may cancel the need for the

increase, ApMadoc reported.

• No drains, no widening of M-15. That is the decision of the Michigan State Highway Department regarding the proposed widening of M-15 to five lanes between Dixie Highway and Paramus Drive, said George Anderson, Independence Township water and sewer director. The problem, however, is the drainage system will cost Independence Township taxpayers money. Project expenses for the project, to be overseen by the Oakland County Drain Commission, are \$650,000.

50 YEARS AGO (1953)

· After the votes of this district had approved the necessity of additions to our schools by an overwhelming vote of 4 to 1, the vote on the tax limitation was set aside on a technicality and it is now necessary to vote again.

• The Clarkston Rotary Club was honored at its meeting on Monday by the presence of Honorable Clark Adams, a member of the Supreme Court of Michigan.

Calif. desert oasis Borrego Springs:

Having visited Arizona several times over a 15year period I thought I was familiar with the Southwest's deserts.

Wrong! Tom and Irene Schaible of Oxford, who have wintered in Borrego Springs, Calif. the past few years, talked me into comparing arid to humid --California's desert to Florida's swamps.

Borrego Springs is about 80 miles south of Palm Springs (which is also in the desert), 80 miles north of Mexico, over the Aguanga Mountains from San

Diego and about 1,000 miles from Denver, or at least you get the idea while driving that Denver's the next closest town going east.

Borrego Springs is an unincorporated community under county jurisdiction. It has 2,900 people by census, and over 9,000 in winter. The rainfall average(is six inches a year, It's had less than two this rainy season.

The Anzi-Borrego Desert State Park of 600,000 acres, that boasts 500 miles of primitive roads, many trails and sinuous canyons, to quote their literature, surrounds the com-

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Jim Sherman

munity. That makes it an obvious attraction for bikers, hikers, nature lovers and other non-golfers.

It's also one of those places to which you can't get there from here I was flown into Palm Springs from Phoenix on some skinny, motorized, aluminum cigarsize machine and dropped off a cab ride from the termi-(Q) woned The r

The car rental gal said, "Take two lefts and a right on 10." I didn't need to hear any more. Tom had told me exactly how to get there and I knew the route by heart. An hour later I stopped at the last rest area for 62 miles and called Irene. She said, "For gosh sake, Jim, ask someone where you are!"

I went back 15 miles and got on S22 and encountered two other cars on this very dark 28 miles of unlit and totally uninhabited desolation.

By daylight one can see an occasional camper across the flatness. I write some of this in jest. I actually like the desert. There's a beauty and intrigue to it. Desert flowers seem to have extra radiance, though it may only seem that way because of their rareness.

Though it has to be a major concern, there seems to be no water restrictions in Borrego Springs. Golf courses, especially the one Tom works at, are pretty as any I've played. Geranium entrances. Picturesque palms. Water fountains and cascades.

Seventy percent of available water in California goes for farming, but only five percent for human consumption.

Tom said I had to see the "valley before you go home." Fifteen minutes later we had doubled-back up 2,000 feet to a viewpoint. It was awesome.

The few places where there is moisture there are oases of palms surrounding a homesite: a drop here and a drop there.

As we were finishing a round of golf on my last of three days there, clouds formed and the wind increased considerably. While each other evening we partied outside with neighbors, that night the trees were twisted and a fine rain pelted us.

Tom said I'd seen the best and worst of desert living, two days of sunny, still, 80 degree weather and one of inclement. For the Schaibles the ratio was more like 30 to one.

There's more to the area than I've covered, like a very informative underground visitor scenter, date farms, sunsets, etc., but every so often Bornego Springs' residents have to get to Palm Springs, Indio or Ramano to shop from something besides curios, t-shirts, pottery and beads.

Every once in awhile they need an anchor store, a car dealership, a Costco or just some exposure to non-desert life.

Police and Fire

Independence Township

February 23: Intimidation report on Deerwood Road.

February 24: Suspicious circumstances on Berwick.

Recovered stolen snowboard at Pine Knob Ski Resort.

Home invasion on Paula Avenue. Door was found kicked in, but nothing was discovered missing.

Subject arrested for driving while license suspended on Sashabaw Road. A 22-year-old Pontiac man ran a red light and was discovered to be driving on a suspended license.

Home invasion on Pelton Road. Residents returned home and saw a man leaving the home with her backpack. Front door was kicked in. Missing items included laptop computer, jewelry, \$205 in loose change and \$120 in rolled change.

February 25: Operating-while-intoxicated (second offense) arrest on Sashabaw Road. A Clarkston woman was stopped after being observed driving 62 miles per hour in a 50-mph zone and swerving in and out of the lane. She registered a blood alcohol level of 0.24 percent.

Check/identification fraud report on Reese Road. Resident said someone tried to apply for credit card in her name, and she suspected that her identification was copied while she was visiting Las Vegas.

Family trouble on N. Marshbank.

Suspicious circumstances on Forest Valley.

February 26: Home invasion on Michigamme. Front door was forced open and several rooms were ransacked. Items missing included jewelry, 35mm camera, camcorder and binoculars, with total value of more than \$7,000. Deputies found footprints outside and one latent fingerprint inside.

Runaway return and recovered stolen vehicle on Everest. Deputy found reported runaway at a friend's home.

Suspicious circumstances on Winward.

Larceny of two teachers' purses at Clarkston Elementary School. A 19-year-old Independence Township man, reportedly a former employee, later admitted to taking the purses after he was found at Renaissance High School. Formal charges were pending.

Felony warrant arrest at White Lake P.D.

Unlawful driving away of vehicle on Fay Street. Owner said friend borrowed vehicle and never returned it.

Fraud report on Oakhurst. Resident said he signed construction contract for new home, but later found

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the firm had no permission to sell or build on the site in question.

February 27: Family trouble on Oakstone.

Two 18-year-old Clarkston men arrested for possession of marijuana at house party on Maybee Road.

February 28: Suspicious circumstances on Maybee Road.

Damage to vehicle on Drayton. Victim said an "angry friend" scratched side of vehicle with scissors.

Runaway return on Rioview.

Assault and battery at Mesquite Creek restaurant on Ortonville Road. While talking to a woman, a mansaid he was assaulted by the woman's ex-husband.

February 29: Attempted identity fraud on Tuson Boulevard. Someone attempted to open bank account with resident's Social Security number, with caller asking for the number by telephone.

Firearm discharge (to put down injured deer) on Sashabaw Road.

Customer trouble/threats report at Heather Lake Market on Clarkston Road. A clerk said a customer became angry and threatened violence after he did not have enough money to pay for cigarettes.

Damage to property on Sunnyside Drive, paint on mailboxes.

Assault and battery on Dixie, with two parties fighting in traffic dispute. No charges were filed.

Springfield Township

February 23: Report of larceny of gasoline at Shepherd's Hollow Golf Club. Someone cut the lock on the pump and stole approximately \$20 worth of gasoline.

Parking complaint at Town and Country Market on Broadway. A Rochester Hills woman said she was shopping at the Davisburg Candle Factory and, when she returned to her car outside the market, found it to be covered with cardboard and tape, with a note not to park there. Deputies advised store employees that the parking spaces are public parking.

Larceny of gasoline at the Sunoco station on E. Holly Road. An employee gave a description of the suspect to a passing deputy, and the vehicle was later stopped at Sashabaw and I-75. The driver, a 22-year-old Flint woman, said she had no money. She was cited for driving without a license, and she later paid for the gasoline.

February 24: Warrant arrest on Dixie Highway. Dog search at Oakland County Jail. Springfield Township's K-9 unit, with "Niko," was called to inves-

tigate for marijuana.

Burglary to home under construction on Andersonville Road. Workers found a ladder missing.

February 25: Operating while intoxicated (second offense) on Holcomb. A 24-year-old Goodrich man involved in a crash (into a telephone pole) registered blood alcohol content of 0.12 percent.

Juvenile complaint on Oak Hill. A 10-year-old boy said another boy shot him in the leg with a toy gun which shot plastic pellets while they were walking from the bus stop. The victim's mother asked for an information report only.

February 27: Threats report on Hutchinson.

Assault at Oakland Technical Center Northwest
Campus on Big Lake Road. Fight between two stu-

dents, no charges filed.

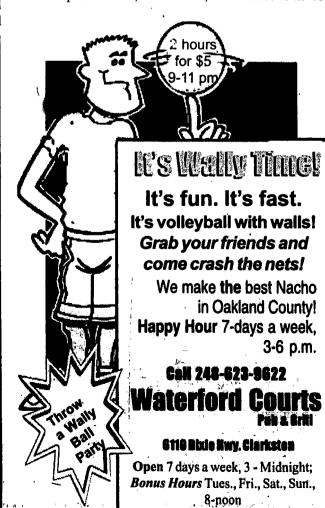
Assault on Roberts. Fight ensued when someone made obscene gesture to another driver, no charges filed.

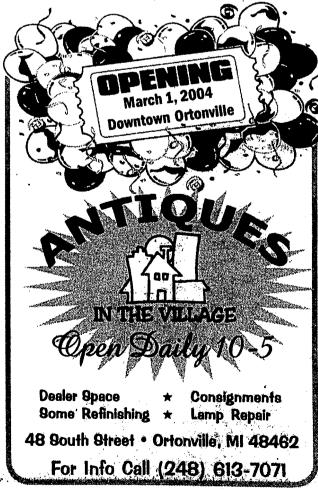
February 28: Assist to Michigan State Police in Holly Township.

February 29: Warrant arrest on Ormond Road for a 21-year-old Pontiac man for failure to appear in court.

Check out what is happening Around Town by checking out page two of the Millstream section.







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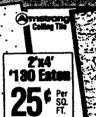
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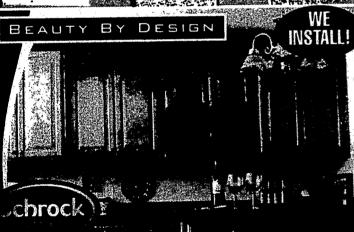
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Sports

DeGain likes team's chance at state finals

Trip to Battle Creek holds special meaning for seniors BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Clarkston varsity coach Joe DeGain knows how close his team is to doing something truly special. For the first time since 1997, only one year removed since DeGain wrestled under his father Mike, the Wolves will compete at the Michigan High School state wrestling finals tournament.

"You guys are only three matches away," DeGain told his team at a recent practice. "You guys have impressed a lot of people that have watched us wrestle."

The Wolves most recently impressed a crowd at Rochester High School when Clarkston was crowned regional champion by beating Troy in the semifinal and then beating West Bloomfield in the final. The wins put the Wolves in the final eight in Division I tournament which kicks off this weekend. One of the teams the Wolves might face is defending state Champion Davidson, who knocked the Wolves out of the regional last year 36-33.

But the Wolves appear stronger this year and put on a solid showing by defeating both the Lakers and Colts by a combined score of 83-43. The Wolves could not have gotten off to a better start in the regional final against the Lakers when they won the first seven matches including wins from Matt Herron, Josh Hensel, Elliot May, Kyle Turner, Tony Lajoie, Braden L'Amoreaux and Josh McCallister. Herron and L'Amoreaux won their matches by pinfall.

DeGain said the Wolves could not have had a better draw with matches starting at the 112 pound weight class.

"They drew right in the heart of our lineup," he said. "Winning the first seven matches really gave us a lot of momentum. The kids were really fired up and I think that was a big help during the course of the meet."

However, before the Wolves could begin dismantling the Lakers they had to get past the Colts of Troy. One of the big reasons the Wolves were able to beat their rival was because of the effort put forth by 189 pounder senior Bryan Klein. He defeated Justin Hundich, who Klien had lost to two times earlier this season.

"For Bryan to win that match was huge for us,"



The Clarkston High School varsity wrestling team is all smiles after capturing their regional title Feb. 25 at Rochester High School. The Wolves head to Battle Creek this weekend to compete in the team state finals. On right, Braden L'Amoreaux sets up his opponent from Troy in the regional semifinal Feb. 25 at Rochester High School. *Photo by Ed Davis*.

DeGain said.

"I think it was a big turnaround from what normally happens. It was something that I think really fired up the rest of the guys, Klein said.

Another standout performer from last week's regional was Tom Ellsworth, who won his opening match against Troy 5-3. DeGain said the freshman has really stepped up a lot this season.

"He's only a ninth grader and he's competing at an upper classman weight class. His matches sure were exciting. I just hope he continues to improve as much as he has."

The Wolves now set their sights on the ultimate prize – a state title. For the seniors, this weekend is something they truly appreciate and have worked for during their last four years, Klein said.

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Clarkston netters carry share of league title into districts competition

Gardner, Parkin strong at weekend tourney

BY ED DAVIS OF THE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Clarkston High School varsity volleyball team isn't coming off the ideal weekend heading into district play, but head coach Kelly Avenall likes her team's changes nonetheless.

buThe Wolves capped off their regular season by going 4-1-1 in a weekend tournament at Andover High School and lost to Anchor Bay in the finals 13-15, 15-5, 11-15. However, the Wolves will head into district play,

which is set to begin Saturday at approximately 2:30 p.m. at Holly High School, with a 23-11-2 overall record. The Wolves also captured a share of the OAA I league title by going 10-2 in league play. Clarkston shares the league title with Bloomfield Hills Lahser. Although the Wolves didn't win the fournament, Avenall said her team is headed in the right direction.

"It (the finals) could ve gone either way," she said.
"Sure, winning it would ve been nice, but Anchor Bay
played well and so did we. The girls played well."

Please see Volleyball continued on page 11A

The Clarkston volleyball team drew's first-round bye in their district tournament, which starts Saturday at Holly High School. Photo by Ed Davis All of her teammates and coach Kelly Avenall know when Ashley Hudson makes a mistake. She doesn't hide it, not in the least. Instead she makes what Avenall calls a strange squeal-like noise every time she suffers a rare misplay. Fortunately for Avenall and the rest of the Clarskton High School varsity volleyball team, they don't hear that noise too often.

Hudson, a third-year varsity player who plays left side hitter, is coming off a stellar junior season when she set the CHS single-season record for serve reception with 96.5 percent. That means that nearly every single time an opposing team served it her way Hudson passed it perfectly to the setter, which is a big part of the reason Avenall spoke so highly of Hudson.

"She's a ball magnet," Avenall said. "She's automatic. She gets it to the setter every time. She's got a great attitude, she's a great kid to coach and she's one of our best all around players. She's a good leader and she definitely has some natural ability."

Avenall credits her first-year varsity coach, who is taking over for retired Gordie Richardson, as a big reason for her success.

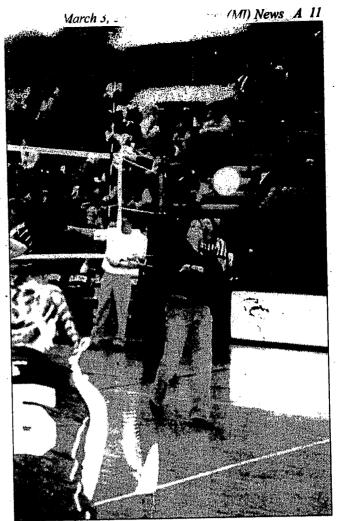
"My hitting and serve reception have become more consistent over time," Hudson said. "I'd say coach (Avenall) is more relaxed that Gordie was. Gordie was more in your face if you make a mistake, but I was okay with that. I consider myself a pressure player. But I think this year I'm not so worried about getting yelled at."

Hudson began playing volleyball at Clarkston Middle School in seventh grade and also will be playing varsity soccer this spring. When she's not studying in efforts to maintain her 3.67 grade point average or putting in time on the volleyball court or soccer field, Hudson enjoys a bit more relaxing sport—bowling. She claimed to average around 160, but recently bowled a 246. She also enjoys reading. Hudson



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will be attending Michigan State University in the fall while majoring in pre-medicine.



The CHS volleyball team warms up. Photo by Ed Davis.

Volleyball

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Two standout performances from the weekend's tournament were from Stephanie Parkin, who had 40 kills and 21 blocks and senior setter Colby Gardner, who had 104 assists.

Avenall said her team is the favorite going into the district tournament. The Wolves drew a bye in the first round and have played only one team from the bracket, Grand Blanc. The Wolves beat the Bobcats in three games earlier this year. The Wolves won their district last year and should the Wolves make it back-to-back titles, Avenall expects the Howell in the regionals.

"The team is playing that a lot of confidence right now," Avenall said. "I have think not winning the tournament will hinder us think not the district. The girls are playing well think they'll be ready.

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Wolves claim share of league title

There were some misty eyes in the stands last Wednesday night as the five senior hockey Wolves played the last regular season game of their high school careers.

The seniors include co-captains Adam Peters and Griffin Cummings, Aaron Catanese, Steve Morin and Kyle Buzzo.

Collectively, this fab five have spent 15 years under the wing of Coach Krygier. And everything they worked for came together on this final night as they led Clarkston to a 6-3 win against Brother Rice and a 16-4-4 record.

It was a seesaw game through two periods, with each team matching goals. But the Wolves dominated in the third period, outshooting Brother Rice 13-5 and carrying most of the plays.

The Wolves scored first, as Morin buried his own rebound after a pass from

While skating four on four, Brother Rice tied it up when Carl Schmidt stickhandled around three Wolves and scored on Catanese.

Late in the first, the Wolves regained the lead as Peters scored on a rebound off a Trevor Johns shot. Adam Stoyek picked up an assist.

Early in the second period, Brother Rice evened it up 2-2 when Stefan Fadel

scored on the power play.

It was then the Wolves' turn to score, as Mike Fogg made it 3-2 on a tip-in from Matt Prasil and Ricky Spano.

After Prasil made a great defensive play to stop Walters on a breakaway, Brother Rice tied the game when a loose puck was picked up and sent past Catanese to the left corner of the net.

With six seconds remaining in the second period, Bryan Morin sent a perfect pass from behind the net to Johns, who banged one in from the top of the crease, to put the Wolves up for good.

Clarkston added two insurance goals in the third. Steve Morin scored his second of the night after Fogg worked to keep the puck in the offensive zone. Prasil also assisted.

Peters then made it 6-3 by wrapping around the net and getting an open shot from the slot. Johns and Stoyek assisted.

"This was like a playoff game,"
Krygier said. "We moved the puck well
and had good goaltending from Catanese.
The seniors finished the season well.
They put it all together for their last game.
It's good to end like this and hopefully
will carry into the playoffs."

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Ever since I've been wrestling for Clarkston each year has been a good, solid group," he said. "This is the furthest we've ever gone. It's great. It's a lot of fun. But we just have to continue one match at a time. I don it think we're really focused strictly on Davison and what happened last year with them.'

However, being a senior, this trip to Battle Creek for the Deal renormament holds a special meaning for

"I think they (the underclassmen) know it's big," he said a But I don't know if they realize how big it is to the seniors." No 57

He added that he figured the Wolves would come out of the regional, but what lies ahead remains to be

"I definitely think we were the favorite going in," Klein said. "I knew we'd come out intense and get the job done, but I wasn't sure how good we'd do.

Nobody knows for sure how the Wolves will fare this weekend in Battle Creek, but Deain said he'll take his team's chances against anyone.

"The kids are real excited, but at the same time they're very mature. These kids have enough experience and the seniors, I know, can lead our underclassmen. It's indescribable (getting to the finals)," DeGain said. "To be with the best wrestlers in the state, it's Sir wrostlars set

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Six wrestler from Clarkston qualified for the a competition at Bay City Western last qualifiers include: Matt Heron (first in 103 los.); Elliot May (second in 125 lbs.); Tony Lajoie (first in 130 lbs.); Branden L'Amoreaux (first in 140 lbs.); Sean Turner (first in 152 lbs.); Steve Smiley (second in 171 lbs.)

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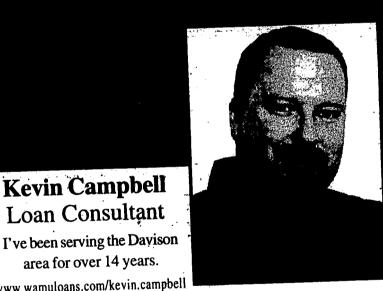
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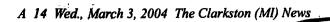
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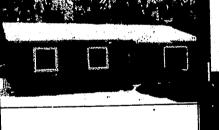
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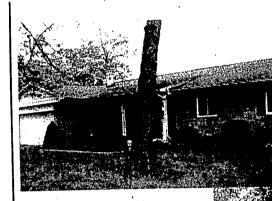
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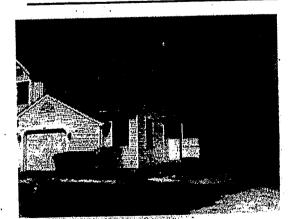
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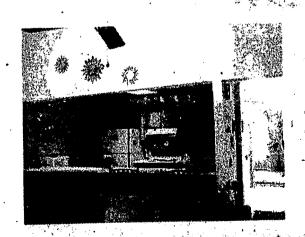




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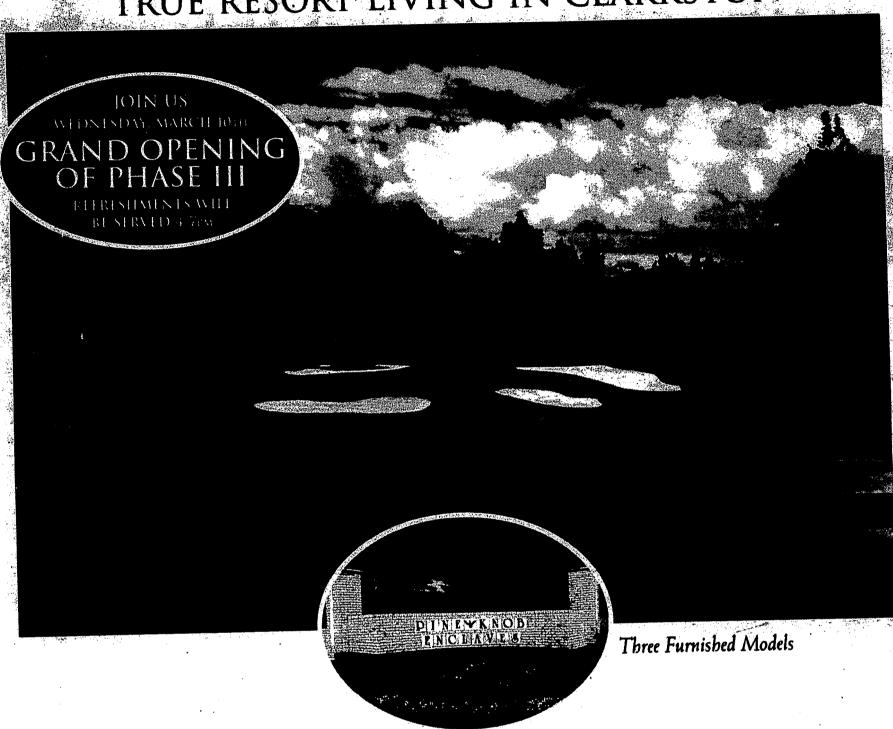
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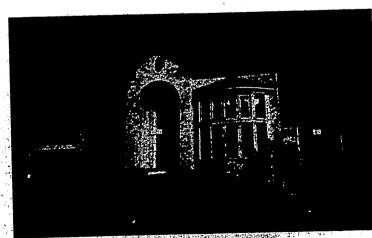
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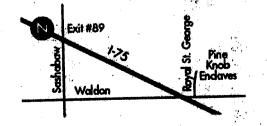






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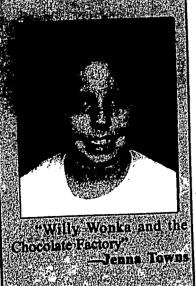


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Priest to retire, but he will still serve

BY DON SCHELSKE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Monsignor Robert Humitz, 70, chuckles when someone says he looks too young to retire.

"Everybody says that, but my bones don't tell me that," he said. "I may look young, but I don't feel young some days."

The man people tend to call "Father Bob" will retire as pastor of St. Daniel's Catholic Church in June, but he will not simply fade away.

Humitz grew up in the Detroit area (except for a brief time in Bay City). He attended Sacred Heart Seminary and St. John Seminary before being ordained to the priesthood in 1960. In addition to several pastorates, he was director of religious education for the Detroit archdiocese for nine years and was a pioneer in local cable television access for Roman Catholic churches.

That work was especially rewarding, as he had developed an interest in "visual communication." His expertise was recognized when then-county executive Daniel Murphy tapped Humitz to head up a county task force for local access cable.

"He didn't want all these communities to reinvent the wheel," he said.

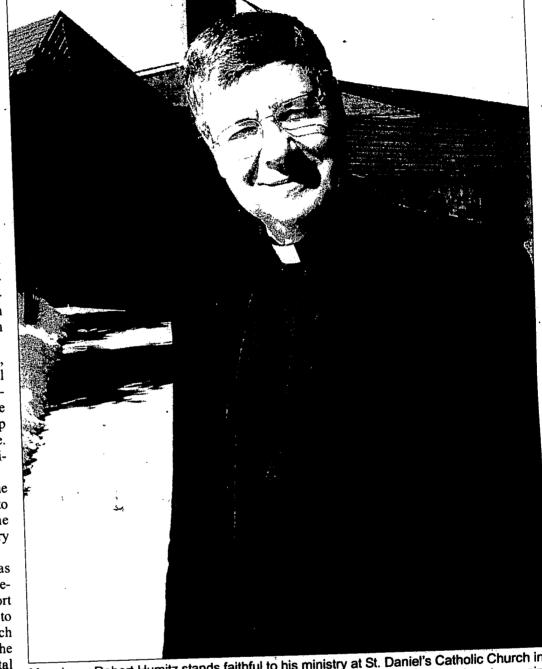
When Adam Cardinal Maida became bishop of Detroit, Humitz was asked to return to the pastorate because of the growing shortage of priests. In February 1991, he came to St. Daniel's.

Since then, the parish family has grown from 1,200 families to 2,100. Because priests have continued to be in short supply, part of his ministry has been to recruit and train laypeople in the church to handle more duties, thus allowing the priest to handle the more sacramental functions.

"There are so many things that were considered to be what the priest had to do and he doesn't really have to do all that," he said.

The church has accomplished some good things in recent years, including spearheading efforts which led to what is now known as the Clarkston Coalition For Youth.

Humitz said that was in response to a



Monsignor Robert Humitz stands faithful to his ministry at St. Daniel's Catholic Church in Clarkston. Although he has announced his retirement from the pastorate, he plans to remain available to help when needed. *Photo by Bob Flath*

report concerning drug and alcohol among young people, including those in Clarkston.

"I brought that to the church and said, 'What should we do about this?" The church elected to start a task force, and now many in the community have joined the effort to promote "developmental assets" among local youth.

"[Clarkston] still has that smalltown village feel to it, where people get to know each other, particularly through the involvement of the church and schools."

Monsignor Robert Humitz, Pastor St. Daniel's Catholic Church

Humitz has enjoyed being part of the local ministerial association, and enjoys the spirit of interaction in the Clarkston area.

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Humitz had a special opportunity for ministry in 2002, becoming a chaplain for the Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City. An avid skiier, he had made regular trips to the area and was friends with the mayor. While he had to qualify for the chaplain's corps, he said it was worth all the effort.

"It was a wonderful experience of working together with chaplains of different faiths in a context of different cultures,"

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Clarkston Village Players presents 'Trophies' by John J. Wooten. A family is forced to come to grips with their failures and differences after a brain injury strikes their youngest son and leaves him unable to fulfill his father's wishes of becoming an athlete. As the remaining children return home for an Easter visit, resentments and disappointments finally come to the surface. Show dates are March 12, 13, 19, 20, 21, 25, 26 & 27. Thursday performance begins at 7:30PM, Sunday performance begins at 2:00PM and Friday and

Saturday performances begin at 8:00PM. Tickets are \$10 for Thursday and Sunday performances and \$12 for Friday and Saturday performances. All performances will be at the Depot Theater, located at 4861 White Lake Rd. in Clarkston. For directions to the theater or to reserve your tickets, please call (248)625-8811. For further information, please visit their website at www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org.

North Oakland Right to Life is sponsoring a high school oratory contest. The contest is scheduled for Saturday, Apr. 3, at 10 a.m. It will be held at the Independence Township Fire Hall in the training room. Applicants choose one of the following topics: euthanasia, abortion, infanticide, cloning or embryonic stem cell research. Deadline for application is March 19. Resource materials can be obtained from your local library, crisis pregnancy center, hospice or Oakland County Educational Resource Center. Students in grade 9-12 have the opportunity to win up to \$100. The winner can go on to state and national competitions to win up to \$1,000. For complete details and

application, call Mary Beth at (248) 625-3933.

Martin Zimmerman will sign copies of his book, In Their Presence, at the Springfield Township library on Monday, March 8. Zimmerman will be available from 7-8 p.m. in the meeting room.

Club 5529 will host an open mic night on Friday, March 12. Doors are at 8:30 p.m. and tickets are \$6.00 at the door. Club 5529 is located at 5529 Sashabaw Rd. in Clarkston. For more information, call (248) 620-4900 or www.5529music.com.

The North Oakland Disaster Relief Team (NODRT) will meet on Monday, March 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Calvary Lutheran Church in Clarkston. All are invited to come and hear about how you can help in this vital effort to assist people in need, either by working at disaster sites, making phone calls or contributing financially. For more information, call Gayle at (248) 635-3288, ext. 219. Calvary is located at 6805 Bluegrass Dr., at the southwest corner of I-75 and M-15.

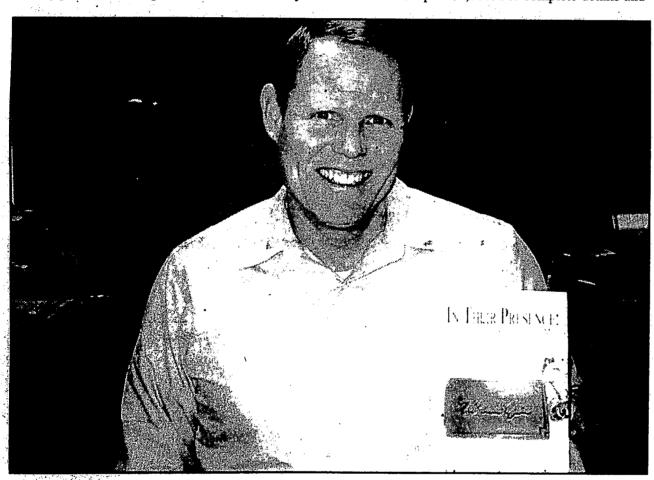
State Rep. John Stakoe will hold coffee hours on Monday, March 8. Stakoe will be available for an informal meeting from 3-5 p.m. at Springfield Township Hall at 12000 Davisburg Rd. in Davisburg. Residents unable to meet Stakoe during the event can contact his Lansing office toll free at (866) 334-0010 or by e-mail at johnstakoe@house.mi.gov.

The Widowed Support Group will hold its March meeting on Thursday, March 4 at 7 p.m. and will feature a discussion led by Alicia Brown. Brown is a bereavement counselor at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home in Clarkston. The discussion's topic is 'The Myth of Closure'. The meeting, held at the Independence Township Senior Center, is free of charge and open to men and women of all ages. No registration is required. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call (248) 625-5231.

Young at Heart Senior Group meets every Thursday for their weekly lunches for individuals 50 years of age and older or individuals with disabilities of any age. Lunch is served at noon at the Hart Community Center for a fee of \$4.

Club 5529 presents Sporadic with special guest Renee Courtney on Friday, March 5. Doors open at

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Martin Zimmerman will sign copies of his book 'In Their Presence' on March 8. File photo





CMS students benefit from interactive character assembly

BY ALICIA DORSET

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Think back to middle school and the countless assemblies that were presented. Any special presentations jump out? Probably not. But for the students at Clarkston Middle School on Feb. 25, one assembly left a lasting impression that drove home an important mes-

Motivational speaker Tim Cusack of Grand Rapids presented ways to build character and stay true to one's self to the students and staff of CMS.

"Overall, he got our attention and made it fun," Lauren Frank, CMS eighth grader, said. "He got us into it. Most assemblies don't."

Using skits, dancing and audience participation, Cusack engaged the crowd with personal stories from his own hardships in life. A former merchant marine, Cusack used his time in the military to motivate himself to go back to school.

Cusack's messages were important to the school. This school year the staff members have been reinforcing the importance of good character and what it means to all grade levels with a theme of 'character

Teacher Chuck Keegan was especially impressed by Cusack's performance before he even presented to the students.

"He talked to us (teachers) at the beginning of the year," Keegan said. "I've been through 32 opening year programs and he almost had me in tears. He really moved me."

With the philosophy 'laughter that matters', Cusack is a comedian and theater teacher. He started the presentation off by asking for the students respect since he would respect them.

To present a story on self humility, Cusack recounted a time where he and a student got into a break-



Motivational speaker Tim Cusack dances with Clarkston Middle School student Kevin Le Roy during the Feb. 25 presentation. The assembly was a favorite with students. Photo provided by Chuck Keegan.

dancing challenge that impressed both performers. Seventh grader Paige McClelland was impressed by Cusack's ability to do impressions. She challenged him to do as many as she could.

"He was funny but meaningful," McClelland said. Cusack also reminded students to ask for help when needed. He pointed out experiences in his life he would

have done differently had he asked for help. Asking about the presentation after Cusack left brought smiles to the faces of CMS students.

"You know when an assembly is good is when 400 kids are on the bleachers and no one is moving," Linda Foran, CMS principal, said.

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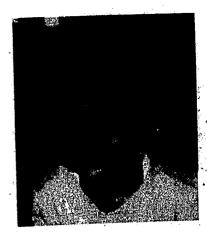
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Milestones



Dr. and Mrs. Steven Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Cox of Augusta, Ga., announce the engagement of their daughter, Ashley Wilson, to Daniel Brazier.

Brazier is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Brazier of Clarkston.
Wilson is a graduate of Georgia

Daniel Brazier and Ashley Wilson

Southern University and is employed by Molson USA. Brazier is a graduate of John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio, and is employed by GE Capital in Chicago.

The couple plan to be married on June 19, 2004 in Augusta, Ga.



Aaron Leigh McClurg and Eric Parker Leigh

Engagement announcement

Brian and Susan Leigh of Clarkston and James and Charlene McClurg of Centerville, Ohio, announce the engagement of Eric Parker Leigh to Aaron Leigh McClurg.

Leigh, a 1996 Clarkston High

School graduate, and McClurg are both graduates of the University of Michigan School of Engineering and are employed at General Motors.

A July 10, 2004, wedding is planned at the Little Stone Church on Mackinac Island.

Wedding announcement

Paul M. Wolven and Aimee Lynn Van Houten were married on Aug. 23, 2003 in Grand Blanc.

The couple resides in
Farmington Hills. Both graduates of
Michigan State University, Van
Houten is an accountant at BartonMarlow in Southfield, and Wolven
works for Consumers Energy.

The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wolven of Clarkston. Grandparents include the late Charles and Reba Keneipp of Silverwood and Kenneth and Lulu Wolven of Marysville.

The bride is the daughter of Mr.



Paul M. Wolven and Almee Lynn Van Houten

Grand Blanc. Grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schneiderhand of Grand Blanc and the late Frank and Katherine Van Houten of Flint.

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Family prepares for Tanzania missionary work

BY KYLE GARGARO

Clarkston News Editor

After 32 years at Maranatha Baptist Church in Independence Township, assistant pastor Steve Sanders is leaving the area but not the church.

Sanders, along with his family, is set to relocate to Tanzania to participate in missionary work.

"We are very excited to be going, but it is very difficult to leave," Sanders said. "We have a lot of deep roots in the church and in the community."

The Sanders family will still be part of the church while they are away, and through the missionary are directly accountable to Maranatha Baptist Church.

The missionary in Tanzania is classified as personal evangelical.

"We will be teaching that Christ is our personal savior and be giving the gospel to folks. We will help individuals establish their own church and train them on how to run it. But they will be running their own show. The purpose is not be build an American church in Tanzania," Sanders said.

Steve will be joined in Tanzania by his wife Robin, sons Ben and Brett, and daughters Katie and Kara. The children vary in ages from 17 to 8.

The children were already being home-schooled, so that will continue in Africa.

"The kids responded positively. All four are excited in their own way," Sanders said.

While Sanders was not planning to participate in a missionary, the first seed was planted in March of 2003 when Maranatha had a missionary conference. The Howell family, whose missionary the church had helped support during the past four years, stated they had a specific need for a family to come and help.

The Howells are from a sister church in Howell.

"I decided right there that I myself was going to go help or that I was going to find some family who would go," Sanders said.

After talking it over with his wife and children, the Sanders family decided this was indeed for them.

The family will begin their journey on March 9. While some may think participating in a missionary in Africa would be dangerous, Sanders says Tanzania is a stable place to go.

"I spent two weeks there in July and got a very



Steve Sanders, left, visited Tanzania in July to visit the country for the first time before relocating.

good reception. It was very positive," Sanders said. 'There is no civil unrest and they are open to our influence. The Howell family has told us the people are very open and love to talk."

The Sandersfamily plans to immerse themselves in the culture in order to learn the language instead of attending a language school.

There is not a scheduled amount of time they will spend in Tanzania. Sanders says it could be two years

Steve says the family always planned on doing a missionary but was not planning on doing one so soon. He said the biggest concern was taking his children

away from everything they know and to a strange

"That was my wife's biggest concern also," Sanders said. "But we know that the children our not our personal possessions but the Lord's. Robin had to learn to give her motherhood to the Lord."

Maranatha Baptist Church is having a special farewell service for the Sanders family on Sunday, March 7. The public is invited to the 10:30 a.m. farewell ser-

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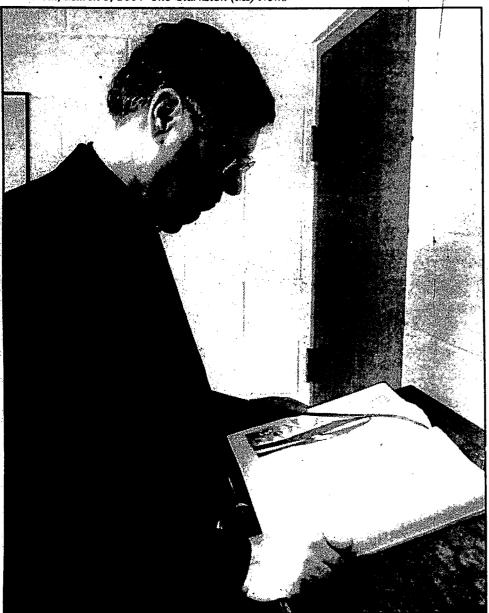
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Monsignor Robert Humitz has served as pastor of St. Daniel's Catholic Church since 1991, but has been in the Catholic priesthood since 1960. Photo by Bob Flath







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Priest

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he said, "It was like a mini-world coming together."

His office displays many pieces of memorabilia from the Olympics, and he compiled many of his photos and experiences into a book, "Reliving the Glory."

He still enjoys skiing, but again cites age as a reality in his experience.

"I used to ski the black, but now I'm back to the blue," he said, noting that health concerns also have him involved in bicycling. Other hobbies include woodworking and building.

"As long as I can keep doing those things, it's healthy for me."

An active congregation and a good parish staff (nine full-time and 14 total) have helped Humitz feel like his ministry has been both effective and enjoyable.

"The community involvement in the parish, the way people have responded, the celebrations of our liturgy are so beautiful," he said. "The staff has worked together as a good pastoral team, and that's

how it has to work when you only have one priest."

Retirement will not mean the end of ministry. The cardinal has asked Humitz to keep active in pastoral planning, for example.

"I'll help out wherever they need help, but I'll be able to pace it out," he said.

There are some concerns for the future of St. Daniel's, especially as the community continues to grow. The current church campus has little room for additional building. There are discussions concerning the establishment of a new parish in Davisburg, but that will depend both on availability of priests and the willingness of laypeople to work.

Therefore, Humitz hopes the parishioners will continue their dedication.

"If they just continue in the same spirit that they're already involved in," they will do fine, he said. While a lot will depend on the new priest (to be chosen sometime in March or April), Humitz said, "The groundwork is all there."

Know someone who would be great to feature in a front page Millstream story? Tell The Clarkston News by calling (248) 625-3370.



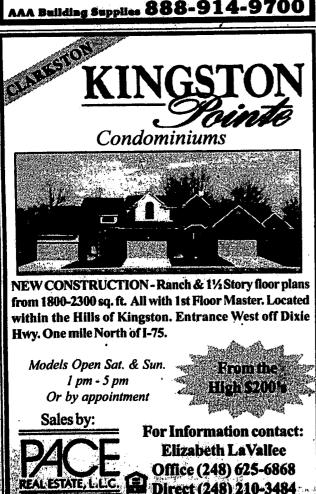
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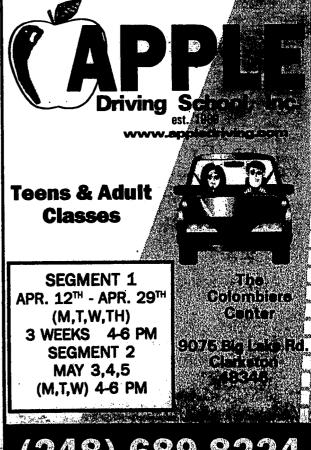
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Family letters from a Civil War soldier continue

In our column last month, the Clarkston Historical Society reprinted two letters written during the Civil War from James B. Stout, a young man who was writing to his sister and her husband, Henrietta and George King. The Kings lived on Holcomb and were active members of the Clarkston community. James was only 17 when he enlisted in the Michigan Cavalry, 6 Regiment, Company I. I promised to let you know what happened to this young man and I am sorry to report that within the year, he was captured and on February 22, 1865 he died of illness as a POW. However, James had an older brother who also enlisted. At the age of 36, Spencer Stout was much more prepared for the hardships of war. Spencer also wrote letters to his sister Henrietta, and we have included two of them in this article. As before, the spelling is as written.

First letter from Spencer Stout to George and Henrietta King

Poolesville March 18, 1863 Bub George and Sis Netty,

About one hour ago I received your letter and I was glad to get it. It did me good all over to here that all was wel at home. George, you may think yourself wel off as you are at home. This soldier's life is all wel enough for a man that has nothing at home to think about. Friends here ar scarce as hens teeth. I am enjoying myself very wel but I should feel better contented if I had nothing to care for at home. This kind of business is pleasant in some respects. Roving about soots me, if we were in among union people it would soot me better but we are having good times.

Yesterday I was out on a scout. Our Captain and the Provo Marshall went along yesterday and 7 privates. We searched one farm top to bottom. The farm had 1100 acres in it and the owner we hav got in the gard house. Since he has ben taken we have found a number of thousand dollars worth of property that he calculated to slip across the river as soon as the river went down. He had got it hid in haystacks near the river. The Potomac River runs along one side of his farm but he failed in that arrangement. Yesterday we got a pair of government horses and a chest of clothing - the chest was hid in a pile of com.

After the Captain was satisfied he sent Hank Kirby and myself to search a house for a rifle that had ben seen in his possession. I went to the house -

found him at home, asked him to get us some dinner and fead the horses. It was did in short notice. After dinner I told him I wanted to search his house and barn. We ransacked the barn and the house. Under one bed I found a lot of government blankets. That was all he had. The gun was gon. He had got spunky at last and would of given us what we could not buy if he dare, but we were prepared for such men and had both eyes open. Here was what was in one of his houses; a flock

of chickens and hens setting near the fireplace, a lot of dogs, and one opossum. The rest was young negrows and only 400 acres of land. That river bottom all cleared, the acres of land and negrows is what the farmers brag of here. The negrows have run away from here - a great many of them, but there are plenty here yet.

The farms here is from 4 to 1100 acres each, and the best horses I ever saw and largest. They use from 4 to 6 on a wagon at a time. The Master when they go to market rides in a buggy or on horseback. It is rather an easy way to live, but we make them hump when they have to furnish us our living and

horse feed and we ransack thare houses from top to bottom. I got among a lot of women, 5 of them. Bishop Garner was with me and the way they did rake us down without caution! We went thare after a horse that was out of White's Cavalry and the man of the house sayed he would not give it up, we told him he should go in the horses place. He gave the horse. We told the women to get us our dinner and started the man to fead our horses. Ate our dinner, and told them to "charge it", took the horse and left. About a half mile from thare we met a man with a government saddle, took it, got a prisoner, put him on the horse and went back to camp.

This from your brother, a soldier shure.

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S. C. Stout

Second letter from Spencer Stout to George and Henrietta King; some paragraphs are omitted due to length.

Whites Ford, Md April 18, 1863

Dear Bub & Sis,

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We are going to have a poultry for dinner. I tell you George we do not starve when we are out on patrol post as long as the farmers keep sheep and such fat ones as we have here. We got a very fat one the other night and the next time we ar out I am going to try to cross the river and get one on reble soil. I think we will not starve while we are here.

You may think this a scanty patron but this is the last scrip (paper) I hav got. It is hard to keep writing utensils as we ar shifting about so much. I have slept on this. Wel now I wil close for shure. You say you cannot think of any news. Yes you can, and suppose you cannot, write something that is old. Give my respects to all yure friends.

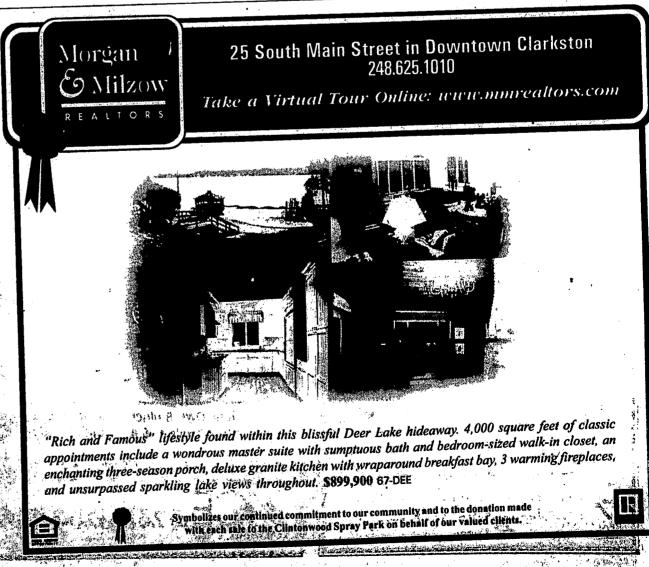
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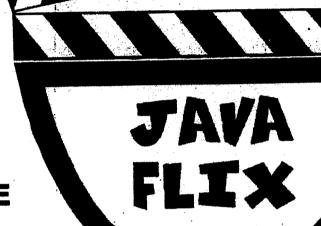


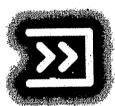


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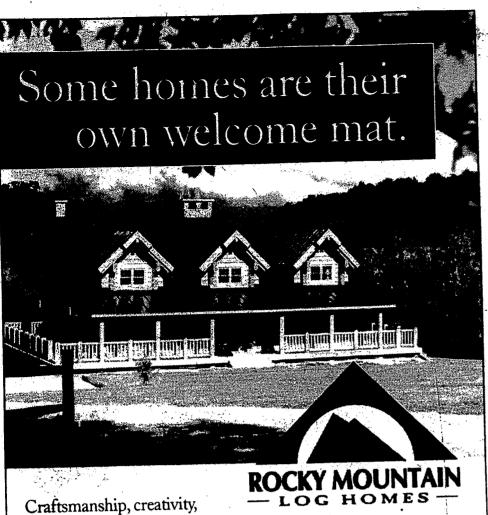
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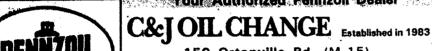
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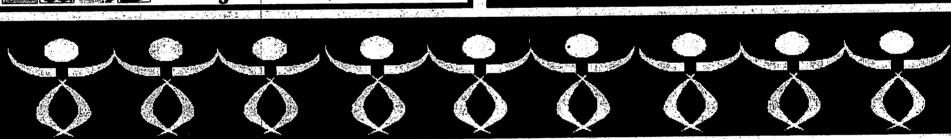
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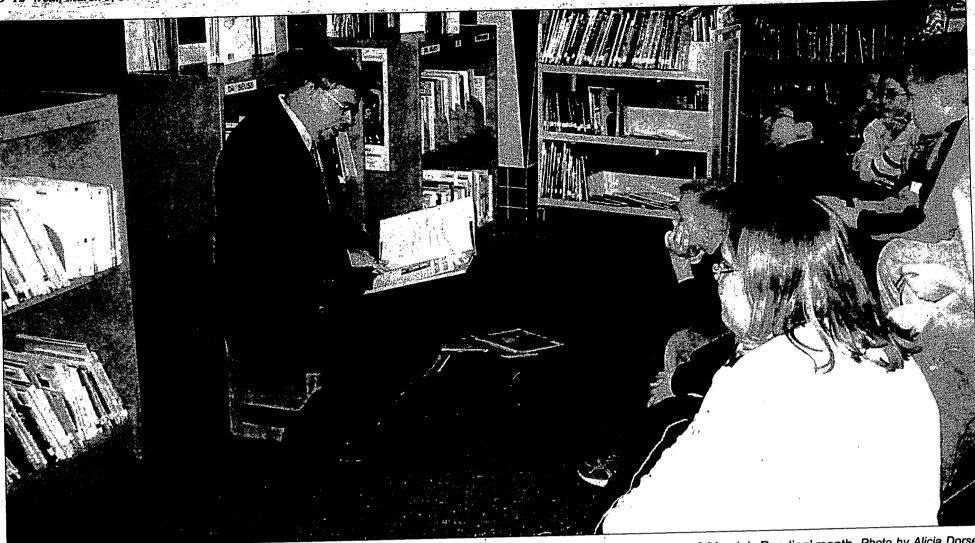
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Rep. John Stakoe reads 'Dear Mrs. La Rue' to fifth graders at Bailey Lake Elementary School on March 1, the first day of 'March is Reading' month. Photo by Alicia Dorset.

Clarkston schools prepare for a month of national reading fun

BY ALICIA DORSET

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The month of March is filled with important events and celebrations such as American Red Cross Month and Women's and Deaf History Month.

For Clarkston Community Schools, March 1 marked the beginning of their own important celebration: March is Reading Month.

With each school celebrating the month in a different way, Clarkston schools prepared to celebrate the theme with individual styles to remind students the benefits of reading.

"It's a foundation of life in the sense of being a productive citizen," Sharon Crain, Springfield Plains Elementary media specialist, said. "There are so many things in life you can't do if you can't read."

Using the theme of 'Dive Into Your Dreams', Crain organized a month filled with different daily activities. Students spent the afternoon of Feb. 27 at a kick off assembly in which staff members dressed up in different career costumes (related to the school's 'dream' theme) and sang their own version of the Village People's 'YMCA' to boost enthusiasm.

Students at Independence Elementary will be introduced to 'Reading is a Sweet Adventure', a theme

developed by staff member Laurie Stevenson, all month as class gumball machine reading meters record how many hours each classroom reads.

Well-known authors and illustrators will visit the school district this month as part of the celebration, targeting various grades. Guest readers will be seen throughout the district, such as Bailey Lake Elementary. Rep. John Stakoe read to a group of fifth graders on March 1 to start the reading month.

Pine Knob Elementary is reminding students that they can 'Count on Books' this month with their theme.

"We tried to tie in a theme to all authors," Tamara Hamilton, PKE media specialist, said in reference to the visiting authors. "All three authors are different and our committee wanted to include them all."

Not only is March a month of national reading, but it's also the 100th anniversary of the birth of Dr. Seuss, a reading favorite.

Students at North Sashabaw Elementary celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2 with singing, cake and candles and Independence Elementary sponsored an 'All Seuss, All the Time' day where someone was reading a Seuss story in the school at all times.

"We have a teacher dressing up like Dr. Seuss and 'Sam I Am' is coming in," Lori Kokones, NSE media

specialist, said. Kokones found it fun to celebrate Seuss' birthday all month and not just one day.

Sashabaw Middle School will be wrapping up a three-month reading incentive, the Cougar Book Club, with a grand prize drawing on the last day of March for student participants.

Even the Clarkston High School media center, as well as other points throughout the building, will feature student reading recommendations.

The strong dedication to reading throughout the district reflects a desire to reinforce one of the basic fundamentals of education.

"We always try to focus on reading," Kokones said.
"You can't use technology if you can't read. The activities and authors send a message of importance."

Working hard to bring quality celebrations to the district is the Spring into Reading Committee, a group that has been coordinating activities for the district in conjunction with PTOs, PTAs and the Clarkston Foundation.

The group will host its first annual banquet on Apr. 6 at the Liberty Golf Conference Center to benefit the four authors and illustrator that will be visiting the district this spring. Not only will the authors visit the schools they will also make appearances at the Sprinfield Township library.

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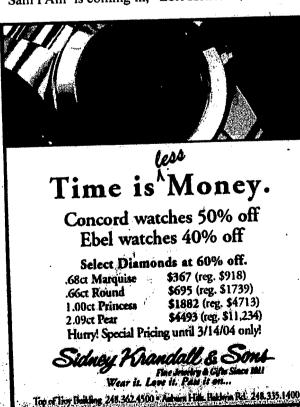
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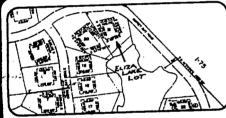
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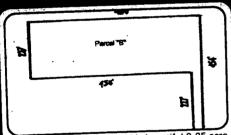
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Clarkston's Weiland makes ski team history

Girls and boys teams cap off another great season on the slopes

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Clarkston High School boys and girls varsity ski teams are as persistent as old man winter himself—they just keep coming back for more. The Wolves capped off yet another stellar season this year, but not before setting some history of their own.

This year marked the first year a Clarkston skier was crowned an individual state champion. Junior captain Mo Weiland took the honor Feb. 24 at Nubs Nob by winning the slalom. She took second place in the giant slalom.

"It was something I was shooting for all year," Weiland said. "I think to have a down-state skier win it was really a big deal. I've just been working really, really hard for it and I think I wanted it more than anyone else did."

Weiland, who has been skiing since she was four and racing since her freshman year, credits a lot of off-season work in helping her reach her greatest skiing achievement. She attended a ski camp in Whistler, Canada near Vancouver in the summer and also put in additional time in Winter Park, Colo., a few hours outside of Denver at another camp around Thanksgiving. This in addition to the hours and hours she and the rest of the Wolves put in during the course of the season.

"Basically every weekend from November to now I've been putting in additional practice outside of all the work we do as a team," Weiland said. "I just love to ski. It's always a beautiful atmosphere, especially at places like Colorado and up in Canada. There's always a lot of great people involved."

Weiland's fellow captain teammates were other Wolf standouts, Lindsay Mozer and Jackie Bland. Mozer was named All-State third team while Bland was named honorable mention. Head coach Bruce Rosengren credited the three for being the backbone of another strong Clarkston team

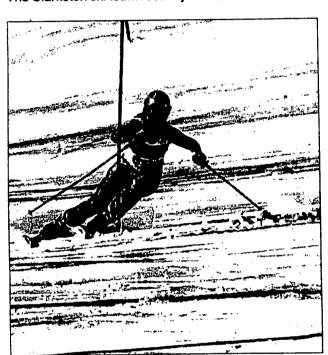
"All year those three girls were very strong for us," he said. "Also, I think Jennifer Stanton did a great job for us. She was consistent, strong and especially considering she was a first-year varsity skier I think she did a great job for us. Same thing with Alyssa Vermeulen. These girls really stepped up for us this year after we lost four starters on the girls team."

The girls had an outstanding season complete with going a perfect 9-0 in the regular season, winning their eighth straight regional title, winning the SEMSL Meet for the third straight year and taking fourth place overall in the state meet.

The girls team loses Bland, Mozer, Nina Jackson and Kaura Kovacic, but Rosengren is already looking forward to next season and has some strong skiers he's



The Clarkston ski team recently concluded another successful season. Photo provided.



Mo Weiland was Clarkston's first state championship skier. Photo provided.

looking forward to joining the team. Among them are eighth graders Erica Halsey and Anna Wolf.

"I don't want to take Michigan's motto of saying we don't rebuild, we reload, but I think that's kind of where we're at. We're definitely ready for those two girls to join our team. They're going to make a strong impact," Rosengren said.

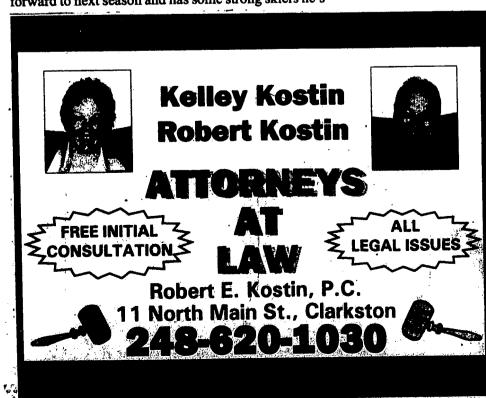
The girls weren't alone in their achievement of going undefeated. The boys team followed suit also going 9-0. Additionally, they won the OAA I, their third straight regional and their fourth straight SEMSL title. Furthermore, the Wolves took second place at the Traverse City Invitational while beating state power-

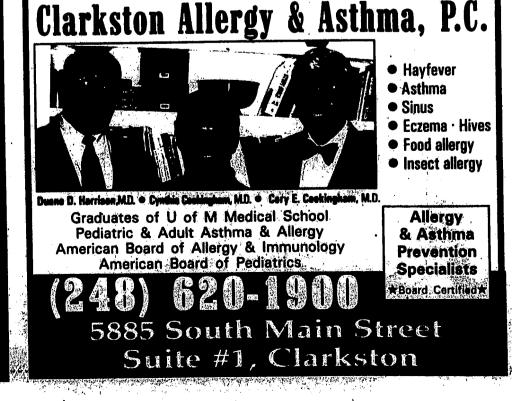
houses Petoskey and Marquette in the slalom. The Wolves capped off the season by placing fifth in the state meet overall. They have finished third the last two seasons, Rosengren said. "We dug ourselves a hole in the giant slalom," he said. "We finished third in the slalom and I don't think the conditions helped us any. There was about eight inches of snow the day of the race and while that affects everybody, I think the kids from up north are probably used to practicing in those conditions a lot more than we are."

Alex Rosengren was a standout skier this year winning every dual meet he competed in at Pine Knob. He was also a divisional, regional and SEMSL winner. There, he was the first Wolf to win the slalom and giant slalom since assistant coach Tami Mitchell did it in 1990. He was one of several Wolves from the boys team to be named to the All-State Team. Fellow captain Kevin Vahlbusch made the second team while the third boys team captain Jeff Haladik made the third team, along with freshman Eric Weiland.

"It's tough to make varsity as a freshman," Rosengren said. "He made top four in just about every race he was in. He was real solid for us this season. Kevin never had a DQ for us this year and he made points in every race he was in. He never hiked. Jeff was solid too. This being his first year on varsity, he was especially tought. All three did slalom and giant slalom. They were all big for us this year."

Sports can be found starting on page 10Å





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Charles Wesley Robinson, of Venice, FL and formerly of Clarkston, died February 23, 2004 at age 93.

Mr. Robinson was a bank officer at the Clarkston State Bank, later the Pontiac State Bank, for more than 30 years. He assisted in running Kings' Insurance Agency in Clarkston, and was a founding member of

the Clarkston Rotary Club, serving as President, Secretary, District Governor and later as a Paul Harris Fellow. "Service above self' was his lifetime motto and living example to his family and friends. He and his wife, Phyllis, were founding members of the Clarkston Dance Club and long-time boosters of Clarkston parades, social and school activities.



He was a member of Clarkston Methodist Church for more than 40 years and Trinity Presbyterian Church, Venice, for almost 30 years. While in Florida, he was actively involved in Rotary, Englewood Golf Club and the Japanese Gardens Retirement Community, where he was a member of their traveling shuffleboard team until his return to Michigan two years ago. Mr. Robinson was born in Bronson, the fourth son of Frank E. and Laura Wiley Robinson, namesake of Robinson Hall at Central Michigan University, where he graduated with a business degree.

Mr. Robinson was predeceased by his wife, Phyllis King, daughters Kay Robinson and Georgia Woolston, and four of his five brothers, Fracis, Roy, Lawrence and Paul. He is survived by a loving extended family, including his son Charles King Robinson (Betty Anderson) of Clarkston, daughter Isabel (Tudi) Harwood (Jack) of Groose Pointe Farms, and son-in-law Graham Woolston of Bradenton, FL.; granchildren Dianne Woolston Marcello (Richard), Thomas Woolston (Tina), Georgia (Ginger) Williams (Nick), Heather O'Donnell (Rich), Benjamin Harwood (Sarah), Christopher Harwood (Julie), Erin, Kristy and Libby Robinson and great-grandchildren, Brandon Patterson, Raquel Marcello, Curtis O'Donnell, Katelynn O'Donnell, Georgia and Isabel Woolston, Seth, Claudia and Brooke Williams, and a 10th great grandchild expected in May. Brother Homer Robinson lives in Helena, MT.

A celebration of life is scheduled for 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 6 at the Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass in Clarkston. Memorial donations for Mr. Robinson may be made to the Past Presidents' Scholarship Fund, Clarkston Rotary Club, P.O. Box 43, Clarkston, 48347. Envelopes will be available at the church.

PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know

INDEPENDENCE TWP.

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP OFFICIAL NOTICE 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 2, 2004 at 9:00 am.

The Board of Review will meet for public hearings at the Township Fire Station # 1 Training Room, 6500 Citation Drive, Clarkston, Michigan to hear year 2004 assessment appeals of value, classification and poverty on March 8, and 10, 2004 from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm, and on March 9, 2004 from 1:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

The year 2004 tentative equalization ratio is 50%, and the estimated multiplier is 1.0000 for all property classifica-

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 parel identification number when referring to your property so hat your records can be quickly accessed. lease note that taxes are levied against the TAXABLE VALUE.

David J. Kramer, ASA, CMAE3, Assessor

Sincerely,

Look for news briefs on page 2A.

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT Oakland COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT - FAMILY DIVISION PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including:

FILE NO.

Andrew G. Carter Living Trust whose address(es) are unknown interest in the matter may be barred or

affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing was held on
al_m. at 1200 N. Telegraph,
Pontiac, MI 48341 before Judge___for the following purpose:
Application to open the Estate of Andrew
G. Carter and appoint Saundra Frye as
Personal Representative.

Creditors of the Deceased are notified that Creditors of the Deceased are notificated that all claims against the Estate will be forever barred unless presented to the (proposed) personal representative or to both the probate court and the (proposed) personal representative within four (4) months of the date of publication of this notice.

Saundra Frye 2810 Orenda Dr. Commerce, MI 48382 (248) 363-9889

Schmidt, Isgrigg, Anderson & Miller Robert G. Isgrigg, Jr. P24924 2745 Pontiac Lk, Rd. terford MI 48328

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF **OAKLAND** FAMILY DIVISION

DOUG FISHER, Plaintiff vs. TAMI SUE FISHER, Defendant Case No: 2004-04-688529-D0 Case No: 2004-04-688529-DO
Honorable JUDGE LINDA HALLMARK
RUSSELL C. ANDERSON P-48728
SCHMIDT, ISGRIGG, ANDERSON &
MILLER
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2745 Pontiac Lk. Rd.
Waterford, Michigan 48328-2653
(248) 682-8800
TAMI SUE FISHER
Defendant, In Pro Per
Last Known Address: 2059 Columbia
Berkley, Michigan 48072
CRDER ALLOWING SURSTITUED

SERVICE
At a session of said Court held at the
Courthouse in the City of Pontiac, County
of Oakland, State of Michigan, on FEB 11

PRESENT: HONORABLE LINDA HALL-

MARK, Circuit Judge
UPON THE READING of the reading and filing of the Petition for Substitute Service with Affidovit of Attempted Service by the process server attached thereto filed by the Plaintiff, and the Court being fully

lvised in the premises: IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Plain IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Plaintiff may serve process on the Defendant by leaving or securely attaching a Summons, a copy of the Complaint for Divorce and a copy of the Petition for Substituted Order and this Order at the Defendant's last known address of 2059 Columbia, Berkley, Michigan 48072, informing that person of the nature of that process served; and/or

cess served; and/or IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the Plaintiff may serve process on the De-fendant by publication in the Clarkston News for three consecutive weeks; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Defendant be sent a copy of the Summons Complaint for Divorce and this Order by certified mail, return receipt requested addressee only, and by plain envelope delivered by first class mail to the above

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the De fendant shall have thirty (30) days from the date of service to file an answer or take such other action as permitted by MCR 2.105(i).

LINDA S. HALLMARK Circuit Judae

PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know

CLARKSTON

NOTICE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON CHANGE OF MEETING DATE CITY COUNCIL.

The City Council will hold its first March meeting on March 9, 2004, due to the Board of Review meeting on March

The meeting will begin at 7:00 and be held at the City Hall, 375 Depot Road, Clarkston, on Tuesday, March 9, 2004, Art Pappas City Manager

PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know

INDEPENDENCE TWP.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet Wednesday, March 17, 2004 at 7:30 pm at the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston,

MI 48346 to hear the following cases. Case #04-0013 Kathryn Caruso, Petitioner APPLICANT REQUESTS FRONT YARD SETBACK VARI-ANCE OF 8' TO CONSTRUCT NEW GARAGE Wellesley Terrace, Lot 24, R-1-A Waterford Hill Manor

08-32-452-008 #04-0014 Lindhout Associates Architects, Petitioner APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE TO ALLOW MOUNTED LIGHTING ON THE BUILDING Clarkston Road, R-1A Clarkston Community Church

08-21-181-004 #04-0015 Clarkston State Bank, Petitioner APPLICANT REQUESTS THE FOLLOWING VARIANCES TO CONSTRUCT BANK WITH DRIVE-THRU SERVICE 1) LOT AREA

2) LOT WIDTH 2ND FRONT YARD SETBACK

SIDE YARD SETBACK 5) PARKING AND DRIVE-THRU LANES IN GREENBELT

AND SETBACK AREAS 6) NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES TO BE CONSID-ERED SEE PLAN FOR DETAILS

Ortonville Road and Citation Drive, Lot 9, C-2 Zone Supervisor's Plat No., 9
Clarkston State Bank 08-29-453-001
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT THE ABOVE REQUESTS MAY BE EXAMINED at the Independence Township Building Developed Hulling Township Building Developed Hulling Township Building ing 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

Recipe Corner

By Lorna Bickerstaff

Dee Boothe brought this very good mold to the Super Bowl party I attended at George and Joan Ruperts' home.

Crab Mold

1 can crab

1 can cream of mushroom soup

1/2 c. chopped onion

1/2 c. chopped celery

1 package Knox gelatin

3 oz. package cream cheese

1 c. Hellmans Mayo

Mix soup and cheese together over low heat until cheese melts. Dissolve gelatin in 1/4 cup cold water. Mix into soup mixture. Drain crab. Mix all together and put into fish mold. Use olives for eyes. Refrigerate four to five hours. Serve with crack-

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INDEPENDENCE TWP. CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Charter Township of Independence Department of Public Works is looking for seasonal help for mowing Township properties and other miscellaneous tasks. Applicants must be 18 years old and have a valid drivers license.

18 years old and have a valid driver's license.
Applications are available at the Department of Public Works office located at 6050 Flemings Lake Road, Clarkston. April 1 is the approximate start date and wages are \$10/hr.
Joan E. McCrary, Clerk
Charter Township of Independence

Because the People Want to Know

CLARKSTON

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON 375 DEPOT ROAD CLARKSTON MI 48346 SUMMARY

CITY COUNCIL MEETING February 23, 2004

Meeting called to order at 7;07 p.m. by Acting Mayor Pro Tem Clifton.

Present: Clifton, Gamble, Savage, Werner. Absent: Catallo, Colombo, Meyland Minutes of February 9, 2004, approved as presented.

Agenda approved as submitted. Clifton reported that the Planning Commission had reviewed the proposed addition to the Clarkston Conservatory which

would add an auditorium and six practice rooms. The City Engineer is to review the plans for Council action. Pappas reported that the Clarkston Conservatory had been granted an easement which allowed for eleven additional spaces when the Depot Road parking lot was improved. Pursley reported that a new gas tank has been ordered to replace a leaking gas tank in the City's truck. A discussion

was held on a proposed alarm system for the City Hall. Pursley was asked to obtain information on a system for 3 Fast Church also. This ing. Pursley reported that Adam Frank was to attend a traffic

control meeting and Pursley would be attending a meeting on the West Nile virus. These meetings will take place on Wednesday, February 25. Pappas reported that City Engineer Tressel will be meeting

with the contractor in mid-March to review final phase of the water/paving project. Chief Combs will review the request to hold a Triathlon and

will report to Council. This was tabled until the next meet-

Resolved that 2003 personal property taxes having unpaid dollar amounts of five dollars or less, totaling \$5.66, be removed from the 2003 tax roll.

Council tabled the matter of light pole replacements until the Finance Committee can determine how this can be bud-

Pappas is to contact the insurance carrier to determine coverage on damaged poles.

Movd That the March 8 meeting be moved to March 9 due to the Board of Review meeting on March 8.

The council tabled the proposed Pontiag Osteopathic Hospi-

tal resolution until more Council members were present. Resolved That the Mayor and City Manager be authorized to sign checks issued by the City of Clarkston, and further that two signatures are required on each check. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Artemus M. Pappas, Clerk

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130 HOUSEHOLD

OAK DINING TABLE and lighted hutch, 4 chairs, 2 leaves, Kincaid, \$400. 248-625-1225 !!!LX12-2 QUEEN SIZE Sofa- mint green with hide-a-bed, \$400. Matching loveseat & 2 recliners, \$300. Like new. 248-628-5974. IIILX12-2

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obo. 248-969-0821 IIILX12-2

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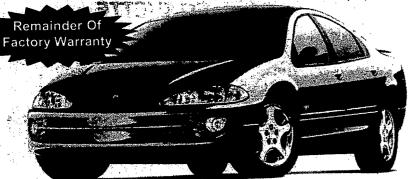


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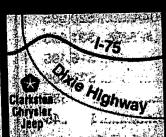


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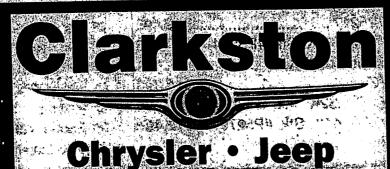
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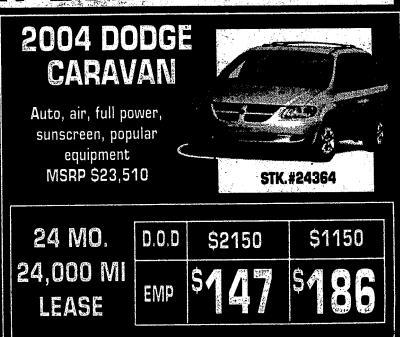
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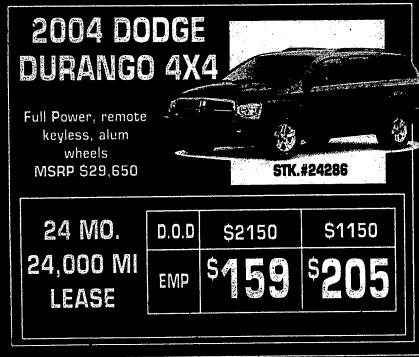
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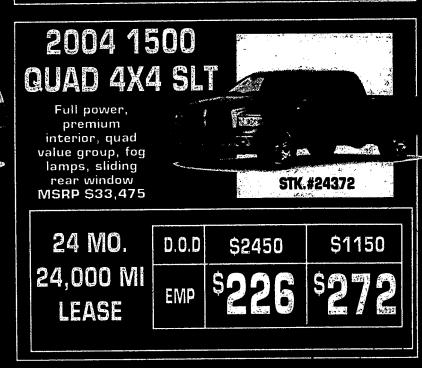
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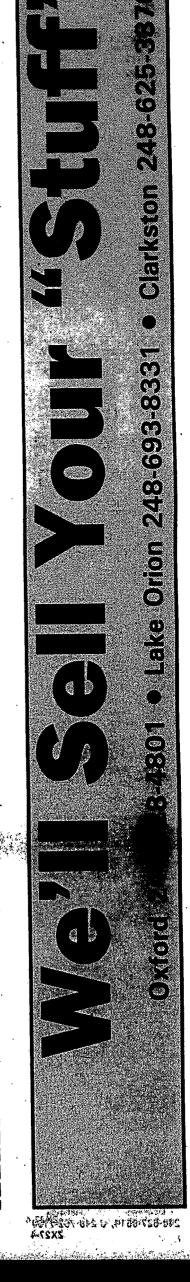
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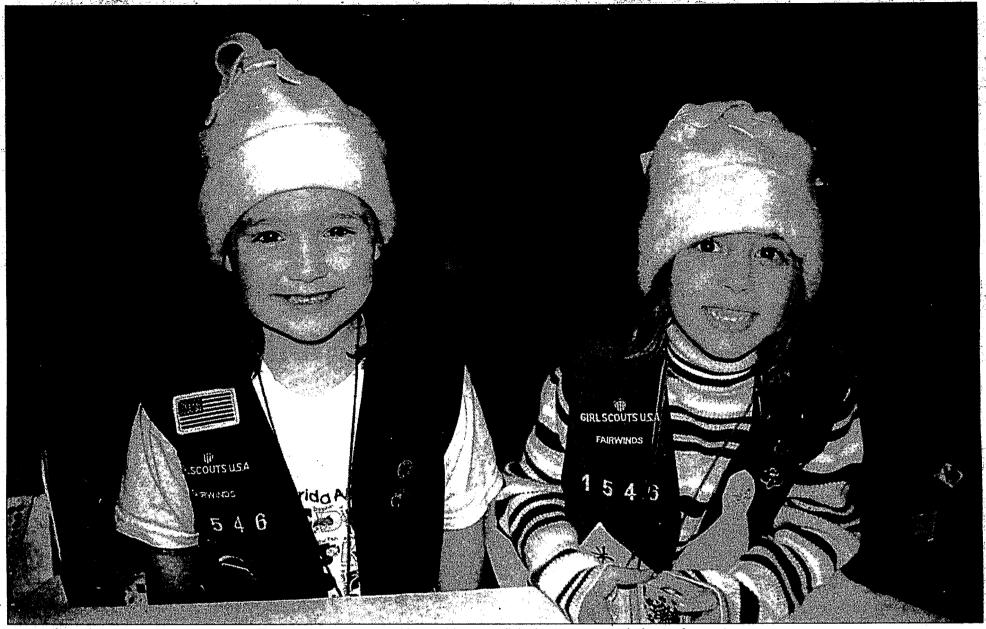
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Kate Winget served as a liberty lady for her troop at the International Night.



Each troop took a different country to learn about and present to other Girl Scouts and families. Facts, and even traditional food dishes, about the country were on display. This Daisy troop presented America, complete with blue and red drinks.



Members of Brownie Troop 1603 donned red berets to represent their country of the evening, France. Troop members were clothing items associated with their country's culture. *Photos by Alicia Dorset.*

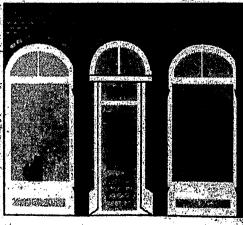


Hannah Zeder of Troop, 1705 hands out a treat to passing guests from her troop's country of St. Kitts.

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