

## Jumpin' ahead: Clarkston competes at Palace



Richard St. Peter takes to the air as the Clarkston High School pom pom team enjoys competing at the Palace of Auburn Hills on Jan. 22. The team succeeded in defeating rival Henry Ford II. See page 24A for more action shots from the competition. Photo by Noah Purcell

## Businessman charged with assaulting officer

BY DON SCHELSKE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

An Independence Township businessman allegedly assaulted both a police officer and his own wife in the same evening, and now faces charges from two communities.

Thomas M. Wilhelm, 45, of Lake Angelus, was arrested by the Clarkston Police Department on Jan. 15 after an incident at the Clarkston Union. After being released that evening, he later was arrested by the Lake Angelus Police Department.

Wilhelm is scheduled for a pretrial conference at 8:30 a.m. on Jan. 28 before 52-2 District Judge Kelley Kostin on charges of assaulting a police officer (a two-year felony), assault and battery



Thomas Wilhelm

(a 93-day misdemeanor), and creating a disturbance (a 90-day misdemeanor).

During arraignment on Jan. 20, Kostin allowed Wilhelm to go free on a \$100,000 personal bond (which does not require any payment in advance).

According to Clarkston Police Chief Ernest Combs, Wilhelm and his wife came to the Clarkston Union after having dinner elsewhere. When they were about to leave, the restaurant management believed they should not be allowed to drive because of the amount of alcohol they had consumed during the evening.

"He was very loud, very boisterous, insulting people, and making hand ges-

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## Township increases fees for building, planning, zoning

BY JENNY MATTESON  
Clarkston News Editor

After allowing the schedule to sit dormant since 1994, the Independence Township Building Department took time to review the residential building, planning and zoning fees - with rate increases approved for both residential and commercial at the Jan. 10 board meeting.

According to Building Department Director Dave Belcher, officials checked with nearby townships to ensure numbers remain within reason.

"This will help offset some of the expenses in the general fund," Belcher told the board. He elaborated that even though the township can not make a profit on the fees, bringing the rates up will help to bring the department closer to the edge of the red zone.

Some of the changes include:

- Rezoning from \$495 plus \$10 per acre to \$600 plus \$25 per acre.
- Preliminary PUD/PRD Review increased from \$300 to \$450.
- Conceptual site plan reviews: for any project from \$200 plus \$10 per acre to \$350 plus \$25 per acre; commercial or industrial the same; and multiple/single family homes from \$300 plus \$10 to \$450 plus \$25 per acre.
- Zoning Board of Appeals: residential from \$65 and \$90 to \$125 and \$200, and third party to \$400; commercial from \$135 to \$500; and special ZBA meeting from \$350 to \$500.

The new fee schedule will take effect on March 1. Residents should stop by the building department to review the complete fee schedule. Please contact the building department at 248-625-8111 with any questions or for more information.

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# Snow causes havok on roadways...



The heavy snowfall on Jan. 22 must have accounted for the driver of this jeep losing control and ending up facing the wrong way on Northbound I-75 just before Sashabaw Rd. Several drivers experienced difficulties thanks to the foot of snow provided by mother nature. Photo by Noah Purcell

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## Briefly

### Register for kindergarten

Clarkston Community Schools is excited to meet all new kindergarten students.

To register for kindergarten, children must be five years old before Dec. 1, 2005. Parents who plan to send their child to kindergarten next fall 2005 need to call their school to receive a registration packet.

The schedule is as follows:

- Andersonville Elementary – March 10, 248-623-5200
- Bailey Lake Elementary – March 2, 248-623-5300
- Clarkston Elementary – March 9, 248-623-5100
- Independence Elementary – March 3, 248-623-5500
- North Sashabaw Elementary – March 1, 248-623-4100
- Pine Knob Elementary – March 8, 248-623-3900
- Springfield Plains Elementary – March 4, 248-623-3800

Completed registration packets must be returned to elementary school offices by Feb. 18. Elementary school office hours are 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

In addition, completed forms can be turned in to the central enrollment office located at the administrative building on Clarkston Road on Feb. 8, 10 and 14 between 4 – 7 p.m.

Parents should note that the district calendar has published incorrect kindergarten orientation dates during April and March. All kindergarten orientation dates will be held in March.

### Preschool has openings

Crosshill Community Preschool is accepting enrollment for the 2005-06 school year. The preschool is located in the Davisburg United Methodist Church, located at 803 Broadway in Davisburg.

Classes are available for threes, fours and young fives.

Crosshill provides a development program with free play, directed activities, art, music, gym and snack. For more information, please call Susan at 248-634-2673 or Vivian Olive at 248-634-1064.

### Optimists plan contest

The Clarkston Area Optimist Club is once again sponsoring an essay contest. Students have an opportunity to win up to \$5,000 in scholarships by writing an essay on the topic "The Power of One."

Applicants have to be a high school student under age 19 as of Dec. 31, 2004. The deadline for submission (to be received) is noon on Feb. 11, 2005.

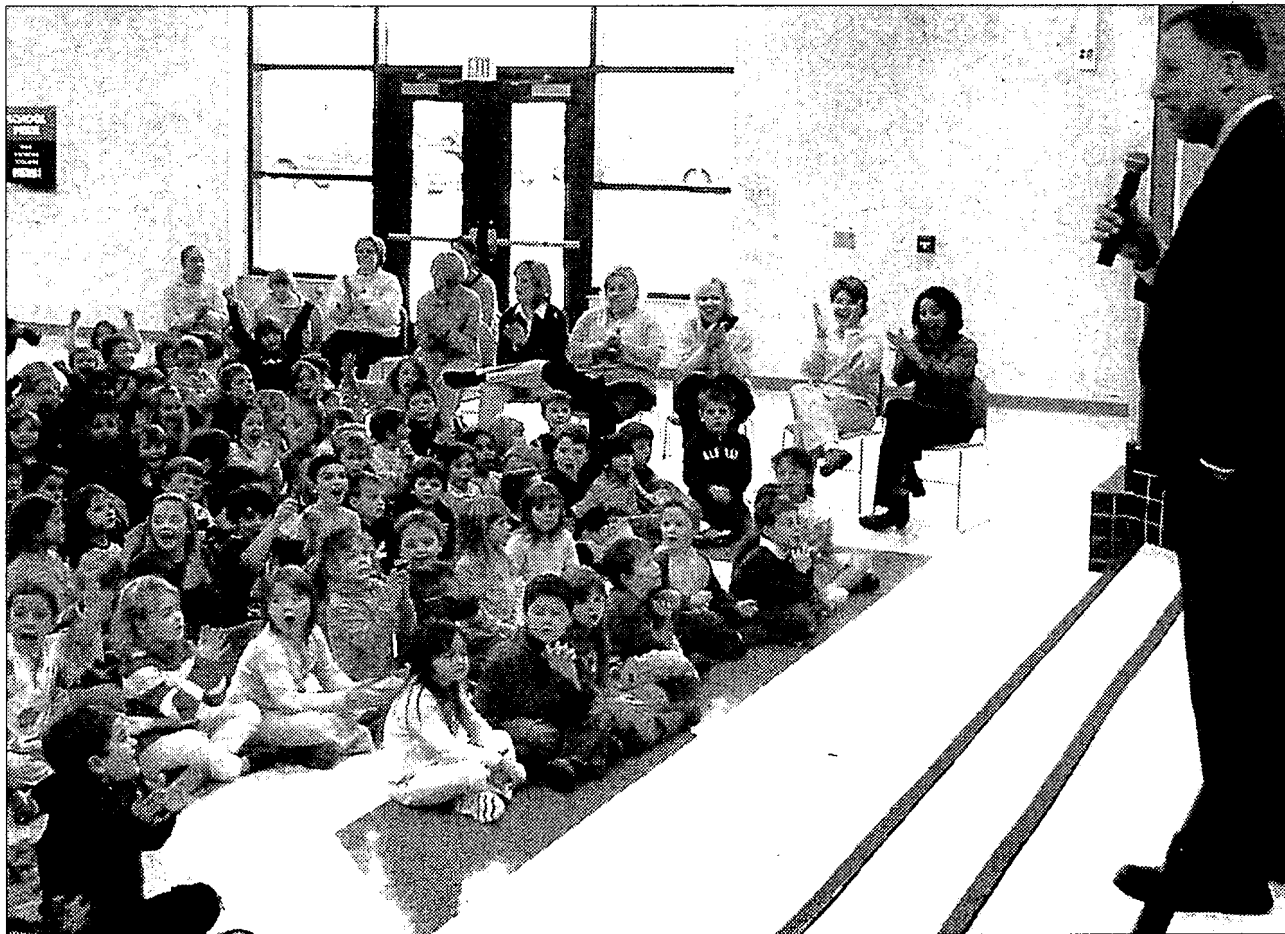
For complete details, pick up the official rules and application form from the Clarkston High School counseling office or call Essay Chairman Sherry Regiani at 248-625-5222 to have one mailed or faxed.

### TCF Bank opens branch

On Jan. 19, TCF Bank opened a new branch in Independence Township at 5750 Baypointe Blvd near the intersection of Waldon and Sashabaw.

"We look forward to offering Clarkston area residents even more banking convenience and flexibility," said Tom Wagner, president of TCF Bank Michigan.

TCF currently operates 61 branches in Michigan. During 2005, TCF plans to open nine new branches in southeast Michigan.



Students and staff at North Sashabaw Elementary School cheer on Jan. 20 after hearing Superintendent Al Roberts announce their selection as a Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School. Photo by Don Schelske

## School earns state Blue Ribbon

BY DON SCHELSKE

Staff Writer, The Clarkston News

Students and teachers at North Sashabaw Elementary School did not know why they had been summoned for a special assembly on Jan. 20.

The surprise guest was Superintendent Al Roberts, who announced that the Michigan Department of Education had named North Sashabaw one of 32 Blue Ribbon Exemplary Schools for 2005.

The annual awards (alternating between elementary and secondary schools) are given to schools which apply for and meet criteria based on academic achievement, accreditation, school organization and culture, student focus and support, curriculum, quality teaching, and family and community partnerships with the school.

"I am so proud of you, boys and girls, and so proud of our teachers and our aides and all the people who work in our school," Roberts said after the cheers and applause died down. "One of the things that makes this a Blue Ribbon School in my mind is that this is a real

school family."

According to a press release from the Michigan Board of Education, a series of peer review committees make a preliminary selection of schools they believe warrant a site verification visit. The review committees and site visit teams are composed of teachers and administrators from previously recognized Blue Ribbon Schools.

Geri Moore, executive director of pre-K and elementary education for Clarkston Community Schools, said the work by school staff with parents was especially noted by the committee.

"It's a great staff. So many of the teachers have worked so hard for the boys and girls here, and have worked with the parents in really developing community," Moore said during the assembly. "It is that community and caring about all the boys and girls here and their families that really made you stand out."

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## State AYP report causes confusion

BY CHRISTINA ULAJ

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The recent Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) results for Clarkston High School began with a misunderstanding that has led to both good news and bad.

First, the good news. According to the Michigan Department of Education website, Clarkston High School did meet AYP requirements, passing with a grade B.

The bad news, combining the results of Renaissance High School, located in the Clarkston Community Education Center, brought the scores down.

Over the last week, the issue was debated whether or not Clarkston High School met AYP requirements. In one link on the Michigan Department of Education Web site, CHS did meet requirements, and in another they did not.

When reporting results, the state requires each school to form subgroups amongst the students. Subgroups can include categories such as those with dis-

abilities, those in special education and those who are a minority. One subgroup containing special education students was believed to have been the reason Clarkston High School did not meet AYP standards.

Due to Education Yes! and the federal No Child Left Behind law, groups are graded and scores are tallied, then combined to form a final grade. With this uncertainty, Director of Marketing and Communications Anita Banach went to work. Banach contacted the proper sources and when a response finally arrived, the answer was one she didn't quite expect.

"Apparently, the reason we did not meet AYP is because Renaissance High School did not meet the requirements," said Banach.

As stated on the Michigan Department of Education Web site, Clarkston Community Education Center received a grade D with an alert warning.

Although questions were answered, Clarkston Community Schools is staying on top of this and hopes to rid this extreme confusion in the future.

## CHS Senior Spotlight

**Name:** Renée M. Flores  
**Parent's Names:** Barbara and Henry Flores  
**Favorite Subject:** AP Economics  
**School Activities:** Varsity Pom Poms, Media, Interact Club and School Play  
**Outside Interests:** Politics; volunteering at the Grace Center of Hope in Pontiac, Michigan; church youth activities; traveling and spending time with my family and friends.



**What are your plans after graduation?** I am planning on attending Boston University to earn an undergraduate degree in international business, graduating with a minor in Spanish and political science, and then pursuing my master's of business administration.

**Where do you see yourself in 25 years?** I see myself as an ambassador of a South American country, working with nations to build strong international relationships.

**Best friends are people who:** Webster says that "friends" are people whom you know, like and trust, but through my life experiences I have found that friends are people that are still there for you after being gone for a year, respect you, are honest with you and listen to you.

**What worries me most about the world is:** that there is a presidential candidate with moral values so inconsistent and far fetched from my own personal views and from what the nations once were.

**I will make a contribution to my community by:** continuing to participate in my church youth group's activities, volunteering at Pontiac and helping Rotary/Interact clubs have a season with their annual newspaper and shoe project.

## Kicks for Kids

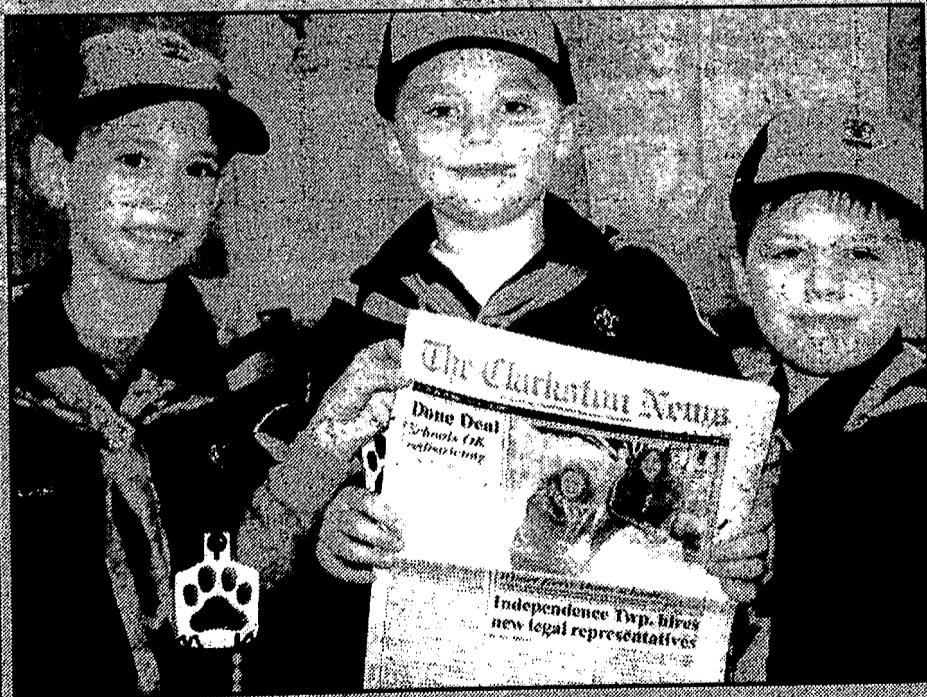
Independence Township Parks and Recreation is throwing in their support for the Kicks for Kids program, an initiative started by Lisa Armentrout to collect soccer equipment to send to children in Iraq.

Armentrout's goal is to collect 10,000 soccer balls in addition to used cleats, socks, shin guards, pums, needles, nets,

whistles and mesh bags.

In helping with Kicks for Kids, Independence Township Parks and Rec. will be a collection point through May 2005. To donate soccer equipment go to 90 N. Main Street. Office hours are from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Please call 248-625-8223 for any additional information.

## Tiger Cubs at *The News*



Connor McClaughlin, Mark Stout and Brandon Graham, of Tiger Cub Pack 133, visited *The Clarkston News* on Jan. 22. The boys earned their communications achievement honor by taking in the history and daily operations of the newspaper. Photo by Noah Purcell

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# Independence Township approves 3 percent raises

BY JENNY MATTESON  
Clarkston News Editor

The Independence Township board of trustees voted unanimously for just shy of three percent raises for non-union salary employees.

"I find these are within range with others," said Treasurer Dave Wenger. "I don't vote for this lightly, but we've planned for it and expect it."

"All of these have been budgeted for."

With the increases, the supervisor's salary goes from \$70,900 to \$73,027; and both the treasurer and clerk's salaries go from \$63,300 to \$65,199. There are 20 non-union employees total within the township receiving the almost three percent raise.

In addition, township trustees' yearly salary increased from \$4,455 to \$4,588, and they will now receive \$100 for each special meeting.

Supervisor Dave Wagner also recommended to increase the pay for the zoning board of appeals and the planning commission.

"At this time I would also like to increase the pay for the zoning board of appeals and planning commission as it has been years since the last increase," wrote Wagner in a memo to board members.

Both boards pay would increase from \$50 per meeting to \$75 with the

chairperson going to \$95.

In other business:

- The township board reappointed Hank Hogan and Terry Haran to the township board of review and Susan Angular was appointed for a two-year term ending Dec. 31, 2006.

- The parks and recreation department received permission to purchase a new passenger van to replace a 1993 van.

The van is currently "parked" according to Parks and Recreation Director Mike Turk since it "has become a maintenance burden and is a safety concern."

The van has 94,000 miles, a rusted body and driver's door with two bad hinges. In addition, the exhaust system needs replacing and the vehicle has no heat or air conditioning.

The board approved the purchase of a van from Simms Chevrolet for \$23,540.

- The Independence Township Senior Center received approval to apply for its annual specialized services grant, which supports transportation services to elderly persons and persons with disabilities.

The senior center is scheduled to receive \$23,851.

Also, the center received the go ahead to apply for a new vehicle under Section 5310 of the grant.



## Police investigate graffiti...

A wall at The Clarkston News building on S. Main Street displays graffiti discovered on Jan. 15. Similar unwanted writing was found in the alley behind S. Main Street buildings and on sign boards at the shopping center at Main Street and Dixie Highway. The Clarkston Police Department and the Oakland County Sheriff's Department are investigating the vandalism, but as of Monday had no firm leads. Photo by Don Schelske

## Springfield applies for siren grant

BY DON SCHELSE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Springfield Township officials have applied for a grant from the state of Michigan to add an additional tornado warning siren.

Supervisor Collin Walls brought the proposal to the township board on Jan. 13, after learning of the grant program only the day before. The program provides successful applicants with 75 percent of the cost to install the siren, with Oakland County apparently ready to match the remaining 25 percent.

"The end result is we could end up with a tornado siren at no cost to the

Springfield Township taxpayer," Walls said.

The township is currently served by four tornado warning sirens, but the extreme southeast corner of the township has none. Officials previously proposed to place a fifth on the site of the future fire station #3 at Farley and Andersonville roads, but Walls convinced the board to go with a site near Farley and Foster roads.

That site would cover almost all of Shepherd's Hollow, Columbiere Center and all of the Robert Bruce subdivision.

The half-mile "overflow" zone (where the

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# Opinion

## Stick with us

Over the past two months *The Clarkston News* has covered the Clarkston Community Schools plan for elementary school redistricting with a fine tooth comb and a magnifying glass.

At the final board meeting, on Jan. 10, several people appeared before the school board overcome with emotion, complete with cracking voices, and tear streaked cheeks. In the end, the school boards mission of providing equally good elementary schools district-wide was somewhat lost in the hubbub which ensued.

Now the issue is, for the most part, finished. The redistricting lines have been redrawn and some will be unhappy for a time, but at least every elementary school child in Clarkston will be able to enjoy a specialty room for art, music and science.

There would have been a great disservice done to the community if we had not taken a look at what was causing such a furor among some parents. We, as a newspaper, would have lost the respect and trust that this community has placed in us.

What if instead of airing the parents concerns, we had not only turned away from them, but trumpeted the schools' rhetoric as gospel?

What if the school district had gone so far as to pay us to stomp for their plan? Even I, a fledgling journalist, knows taking such money would be a serious ethical mistake.

The list of blunders of the national news media has been getting longer and longer, but I feel the worst one yet has begun to unfold.

Armstrong Williams, whose columns have appeared in the *Detroit Free Press* as well as numerous other papers across the country, was recently shown to have accepted \$240,000 of taxpayers money to basically shill for the No Child Left Behind Act.

The money flowed from the Department of Education to a private public relations company and Mr. Williams went from extolling the virtues of No Child Left Behind, to a one on one exclusive with Dick Cheney, to praising the war in Iraq and on.

I understand that Mr. Williams is a conservative commentator, and all the things I just mentioned are not out of line for someone in his line of work, but the fact remains that he was probably paid to say nice things about the current Whitehouse administration policies and programs, and that money came out of our pockets.

What I question is the role of the government in this.

Many people in the current administration have been critical of the media over the past four years.

Cheney has gone on record, to Mr. Williams, in December 2003 stating "the press portray themselves as objective observers of the passing scene when they obviously are not objective."

Recently, Laura Bush sniped at the media in the *New York Times*, questioning their objectiveness as well.

And yet now it seems that members of this administration have been contributing to the crisis of ethics in the news media today.

How do we know that Mr. Williams is the only person out there who took payola? Regardless of what political party or issue they support, paying a journalist to write an opinion is wrong and it frays our democracy.

The plot thickens I'm afraid as The Department of Health and Human Services, the Census Bureau and the Office of National Drug Control Policy have all, during the past four years, produced news pieces that were aired without any warning that they originated from the government. What else do you call this except for propaganda?

These days the space between the lines is getting harder and harder to read between, at least the people of Clarkston can still get the straight dope on what is happening in their community.

### Started Out Dumb



Noah Purcell

## Community Calendar offers solution

Community groups and non-profit organizations who struggle to find ways to communicate information about upcoming events should not despair if the banner over Main Street isn't always available.

Thanks to the partnership of Independence Township, Clarkston Community Schools and the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, an online community calendar is available at [www.clarkstoncalendar.org](http://www.clarkstoncalendar.org).

This award winning site, unique to the Clarkston area, is free of advertising and pop ups. Non-profit groups and service clubs' event information can be posted for free on the site. Visitors can sign up for email reminders, notifying them of upcoming dates and events

for the groups they are interested in hearing from.

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Visit [www.clarkstoncalendar.org](http://www.clarkstoncalendar.org) to learn more about what's happening in the community.

It's the perfect place to "Get Connected and Stay Connected."

Sincerely,  
Penny Shanks  
Executive Director  
Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce

## Creating a recipe for success

I just wanted to share this new year thought for success with the Clarkston community. A community will thrive when the individuals thrive:

- To give life to a dream
- To give birth to a vision
- To be awake with your dreams
- To be present in the moment
- To see what is and imagine
- What could be?
- This is the land of possibility
- Grab a thought another will follow
- There's no turning back
- That's called history
- What are the lessons of yesterday?
- Grab the tools that will work today
- Hold on to your values and beliefs
- Conquer your fears through faith
- Hope and do it for love

Love of self-love of others...  
 If necessity drives one to start anew  
 What is necessary for success>  
 What is an intention?  
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 Can success be realized from necessity?  
 There's no desire you say?  
 What holds you back?  
 Necessity + intention + desire + passion + action = success  
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 It's all about choice and intention  
 Let a little passion spark your actions  
 Let the new year birth the new you  
 Just waiting to emerge through you...

From,  
Maria Rotondo Mark

## Smiles of the Week



Wow, some people really do enjoy the recent frigid temperatures and frosty snow poured upon the land by Mother Nature! Pictured ice fishing on Whipple Lake earlier this month is Michael Justus. Michael caught a five pound, 28-inch pike during his trip into the Michigan arctic. Enjoying his own expedition is 3-year-old Nolan Justus. Nolan traveled all the way to the sled hill near Kids Kingdom in Oxford to enjoy the wintery weather. Photos provided





# Some things are just plain wrong

Something must be terribly wrong with me. My thermostat must be out of whack; my sense of reality askew.

Like many folks this past weekend, I spent quite a lot of time out of doors, shoveling some of the foot of snow we received. I shoveled the driveway not once, not twice, but three times. I helped the boys build a snow fort. I let the dogs out numerous times. I was outside a lot, and the thing that bothers me is: It didn't seem that cold.

Even though I was fully aware temperatures hovered between zero degrees and a down right balmy 14, I didn't feel that cold. And that is just not right, because it was that cold.



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What is wrong with me?  
Has my blood "thickened?"  
Has my protective layer of flub increased?

What?  
How in the heck am I 'supposed to hate winter, cold and ice if it doesn't feel that bad?

I guess I'm complaining because I'm not complaining enough about feeling cold.

I attended the Oxford Area Chamber of Commerce luncheon the other week. In the basement of Kalloway's Restaurant and Pub, the membership listened to guest speaker Bob Stempel -- yes, that Bob Stempel

The Bob Stempel who chaired Generous Motors Corp. until 1992. Yep, the same Stempel who, with a team of engineers, brought the world catalytic converters. The 70-ish Stempel doesn't just enjoy the good life on his North Oakland horse farm -- nope, he's chairman/CEO of Energy Conversion Devices (ECD), a company he's been with for almost 10 years.

Stempel was in town to talk about the emerging hydrogen economy, about the future of converting fuel to energy. Impressive.

ECD is banking on the future, a future of less fossil fuel usage and more neato-keen alternative fuels.

What kind of cool stuff was the Stemp-meister touting . . . things like shingles for the roof of your home that also convert solar power into usable energy. He had one of these bad boys and it looked like a regular old shingle, except it has solar sensor thingy-ma-bobs. You nail 'em up to your home, and presto, life's a little better. They actually make these things and sell 'em.

There are also roll-on, industrial-strength roofs (for flat roof-tops) with the solar gizmos, too.

He also preached the gospel of hybrid electric vehicles (with up to a 60 percent increase in fuel economy) and vehicles powered by hydrogen (which creates clean water).

In the future you could drive up to the filling station and in between the regular and diesel fuel pumps would be a hydrogen pump.

The future is exciting!  
Check out ECD's website for more on Rockin' Robert Stempel and the future: [www.ovonic.com](http://www.ovonic.com)

As Stempel, the engineer has short, short hair and nice looking attire, the following folks have lots of hair and interesting getup.

At [www.improbable.com](http://www.improbable.com) I found a new club, both men and women can join. And, as an added bonus it comes complete a with photos.

The *Luxuriant Flowing Hair Club for Scientists* (a trade marked name) is exactly what it sounds like -- an organization containing a bunch of scientists with lots of hair to cover their pointy heads.

I was looking at the Improbable website because it's fun. Each year they give out IgNobel Awards to folks who do things that make people laugh and then think.

Last year, for example, Jillian Clarke, a Harvard freshman won for her research titled, "If you drop it should you eat it? Weigh in on the five second rule."

The IgNobel Peace award was given to Daisuke Inoue, the Japanese guy who invented Karaoke; for inventing an entirely new way for people to learn to tolerate each other.

Comments for the ignoble Donald P. Rush can be e-mailed to: [donrushmedon@charter.net](mailto:donrushmedon@charter.net)

## A Look Back

At our community's history through the pages of *The Clarkston News*

### 15 YEARS AGO (1990)

•Stoplight in place by month's end: The long-awaited stoplight at M-15 and the north ramp of I-75 will be in place by Jan. 29, state highway officials confirmed.

The light pole and power lines are already installed. The light will be a regular stop-and-go light; no turns or phasing will be used.

•Pulphus to spend life in prison: In a lengthy sentencing proceeding, a circuit court judge ordered Hezekiah Pulphus, Jr. to spend the rest of his life in prison, without parole, for the murder of 19-year-old Patrick Walsh.

•Informational sessions on Clarkston millage: If you want to know more about the Feb. 12 Clarkston millage election, you've got two good chances! Monday, Jan. 29 and Thursday, Feb. 1.

•Clarkston Wolves: Varsity wrestler Joe Webb takes on Waterford Mott's Max Baker, winning by decision Thursday, Jan 18. The Wolves, ranked eighth in the state, are having a strong season and wrestling better than ever.

### 25 YEARS AGO (1980)

•Sheriff protection now full-time: Emergency calls for police assistance in Independence Township should now be directed to the Oakland County Sheriff's Department 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The number to call is 858-4911.

The two local police officers resigned from their positions Monday to join the OCS and the contract increasing the township's OCS coverage from four to six deputies was signed last week, said Supervisor Whitey Tower.

•... But politics linger on: Political pressures continue to surround the dissolution of Independence Township's police department.

The latest turmoil involves changing the location of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department substation from Colobiere Center, Big Lake Road, Springfield Township, to the police services building adjacent to Independence Township Hall on Main St., Clarkston.

•Hockey Hockey: To Jeffrey Galley's delight, his father Ronald pulls him around the ice on Clarkston's Mill Pond at the end of a large hockey stick. After a long ride, the elder Galley dropped to the ice, laughing, and said, "Daddy's going to have a heart attack."

### 50 YEARS AGO (1955)

•Adult Classes Offered at High School: Adult classes will be offered at the Clarkston High School during the winter term.

Classes will convene at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 9. At the first meeting a date and time schedule will be arranged that will most nearly meet the wishes of the group.

Classes will be offered in typing, shorthand, art and driver training provided there are enough enrollees to warrant having the class.

•Night football for C.H.S.: 1954 Wayne-Oakland Champs, Football under lights will be played next fall at Clarkston High School. This announcement was made Wednesday evening at a meeting of the local committee in charge of Football Field Lighting.

Five home games are scheduled for evening play during the coming season.

•Mill Pond to be lighted: The Firefighters Association is seeing that the Mill Pond is lighted for skaters. The Detroit Edison has installed the meter and it is expected that all will be in readiness by the end of this week.

However, just because the pond is lighted does not mean that the Firefighters, the Township, or the Village is responsible for the safety of your children.

## Just jotting...

We're going to ramble all over the map this week.

We all have friends and/or relatives who think Florida is the place to be sometime in winters, if not all the time. The sun alters some of their thinking. Like my friend Nick. He's going to play golf this morning (Jan 19) starting at 8:30. The temperature is 52F. He wouldn't think of playing golf in Michigan if it was that cold.

Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, but when they lit a fire in the craft, it sank, proving once and for all that you can't have you kayak and heat it, too.

**Rejected nursery rhyme:**  
*Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall.  
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.  
All the king's horses and all the king's men  
Had scrambled eggs for breakfast again.  
And,  
Hey diddle, diddle, the cat did piddle, all over the electric clock.  
The little dog laughed to see such fun when it died of electric shock.*

**Christian humor #1.**  
A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him.

Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump. "Reverend," said the young man, "I'm so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip."

The minister, chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."

I've had this note to myself since the presidential campaign of 1990. Candidates were crisscrossing America in buses and planes.

It reminded me of our grade school class being taken to Durand's depot in 1936 to see President Franklin D. Roosevelt wave from the back end of the train as it slowed on its trip from Lansing to Port Huron. Our parents took us -- no school busses for Garrison's 1-room school.

By the way, when did they start calling grade schools elementaries?



Jim Sherman

- Wanna use some putdowns?
- He's so tight, when he winks his kneecaps move.
  - She could add years to her life by simply telling the truth.
  - He's dark and handsome. When it's dark he's handsome.
  - She brought her cosmetics for a make-up exam.
  - He got into the gene pool when the lifeguard wasn't watching.

**Christian humor #2.**  
The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation for more money because cost for repairs to the church building were higher than expected. Therefore, he was annoyed to find the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute.

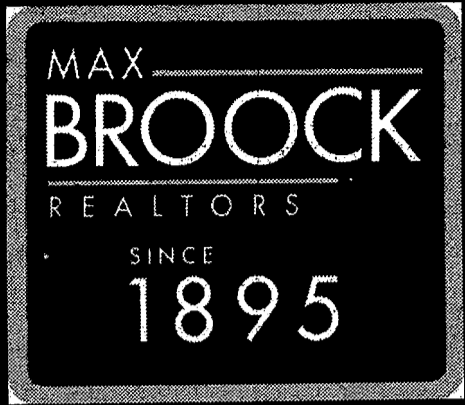
The substitute wanted to know what to play. "Here's a copy of the service," the minister said impatiently. "But, you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about finances."

During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up."

At that moment, the substitute organist played *The Star Spangled Banner*. And that, my friends, is how the substitute became the regular organist!



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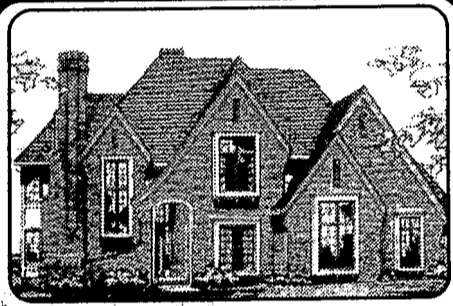
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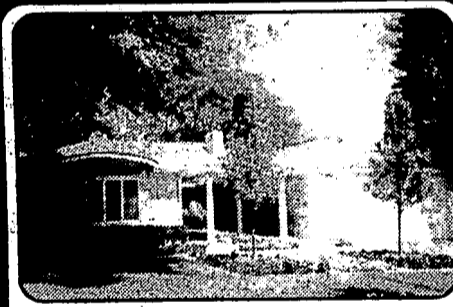
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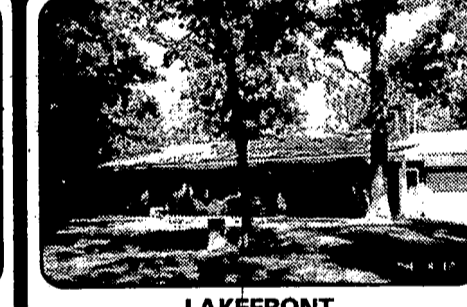
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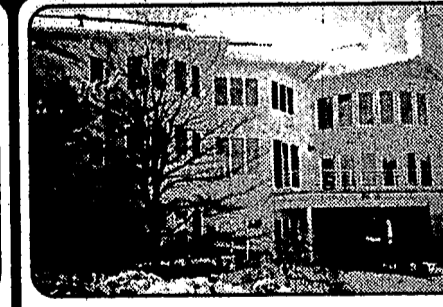
**LAKEFRONT**  
3 bedroom ranch with large country kitchen with fireplace, combined living room and dining area, all appliances stay, lots of storage space. On all-sports Bush Lake with large lot and swimmable beach. \$299,900 (16RIY)



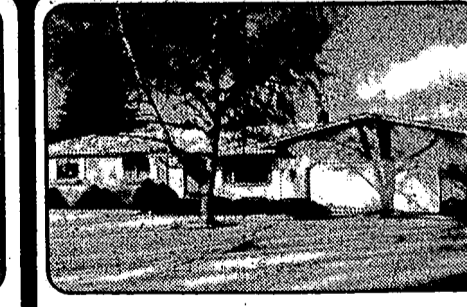
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# Police and Fire

## Independence Township

**January 17:** Damage by vehicle report at S&L Auto Body and Frame on Sashabaw Road. Damage was reported to a landscaped area after a van ran off the road into a ditch.

Report of possible real estate fraud on Oakhurst Ridge.

**January 18:** Operating while intoxicated arrest at Sashabaw and Clarkston roads. A 50-year-old Independence Township woman registered a blood alcohol level of 0.205 percent on a preliminary breath test.

**January 19:** Larceny from vehicle on Woodcreek Trail. Someone took 20 CDs, speakers, an amplifier, a portable DVD player and a CD player.

Larceny of license plate from vehicle at Wint Funeral Home on S. Main Street.

**January 20:** Lost cell phone report at the Farmer Jack store on Dixie Highway.

**January 21:** Harassing telephone call report at Clarkston High School.

Larceny of snowboard from the Pine Knob Ski Resort.

Larceny report on Villario. Someone took between \$600 and \$1,000 from a home office. Suspects include employees at the office.

**January 22:** Operating while intoxicated arrest on Maybee Road near Milane. A 25-year-old Clarkston man registered a blood alcohol level of 0.131 percent.

Retail fraud report at the Kroger store on Dixie Highway. A greeter saw a man leave the store with a leaf bag with unknown contents. The suspect was described as a white male, 6 feet tall, thin build, blue eyes

and short brown hair. The greeter also gave a description of the vehicle with a license plate, but deputies later learned the car was reported stolen out of Mt. Morris.

Domestic assault report on Autumn Wood Court. A 25-year-old man allegedly kicked his girlfriend, then fled from the home.

Assault report on Willow Park. A 27-year-old woman was accused of assaulting a sister's friend.

**January 23:** Disorderly conduct arrest at the Clarkston Tap on S. Main Street. A 27-year-old Grand Blanc man was cited for fighting.

Domestic assault arrest on Waterford Road near Maybee Road. A 36-year-old man was arrested for allegedly assaulting his girlfriend, with whom he shares a child.

## Springfield Township

**January 17:** Larceny of all-terrain vehicle from unlocked shed on Sherwood Drive.

**January 20:** Fraud report on Birch Drive. A resident reported an unauthorized account deduction of \$459.88.

Open door at Andersonville Elementary School.

**January 23:** Disorderly conduct arrest at Insight Outpatient Services on Big Lake Road. A 36-year-old Newport man was allegedly causing problems and yelling at a duty nurse.

## City of Clarkston

**January 15:** Vandalism report on S. Main Street.

Arrest for assaulting a police officer, assault and battery and causing a disturbance at the Clarkston Union on S. Main Street.

### Local man dies after shoveling snow

An Independence Township resident with a history of heart problems died on Jan. 22 after he went out to shovel snow from the weekend's winter storm.

Frederick Puskas, 69, was pronounced dead at POH-Clarkston Medical Center at 10:28 a.m. despite rescue efforts by Independence Township Fire Department paramedics.

According to Oakland County Sheriff reports, Puskas went out to shovel snow at his Wedgewood home sometime after 9 a.m. A short time later, his wife discovered him lying unconscious on the garage floor.

In addition to heart problems, the victim also previously suffered a stroke, reports said.

### Teen nominated for citation for honesty

He could have kept the money, but he didn't.

A 13-year-old Springfield Township boy has been nominated for a citizen's citation from the Oakland County Sheriff's Department for turning in a wallet found near a local business on Jan. 17.

The wallet contained \$117 ("which the victim could really use," reports said) and identification which could have been used in identity theft.

After finding the wallet, the teen gave it to his father, a police officer in another community.

Reports said the owner of the wallet, a Holly woman, was happy to have it returned.

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Know your limits when it comes to snow shoveling

### By Ernie Harwell

It's said that there are only two certainties in life: death and taxes. Well, I'd argue that here in Michigan, we have a third: snow.

Now there's no doubt snow can be beautiful. However, it can also pose some risk to our health.

If you have a personal or family history of heart disease or high blood pressure, if you smoke, or if you're generally an inactive person, you can be in a danger zone if you run out there to shovel the walk.

Even generally healthy people need to be careful. Here are some tips:

- Freshly fallen snow is easier to shovel, so try to remove snow right after a storm.
- Dress warmly and in layers.
- Drink water to avoid dehydration.
- Bend from the knees and tighten your stomach muscles as you lift the snow.
- If the snow is too heavy to lift, push it like a snowplow.

Most importantly, take it slow and stop if you feel pain or discomfort. The bottom line is that it's important to do what's right for your health. Your best options might be paying a youngster in the neighborhood to shovel your walk or asking someone for a helping hand.

Take care of your health before it's lonnnnggg gone.

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns titled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.

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# Clarkston News Sports

## Halfway point means new beginning for volleyball

By NOAH PURCELL  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Clarkston volleyball did not run smoothly at the start of the week.

A 3-0 loss to Groves on Jan. 20 had the team thinking there might be a major overhaul needed. But a 3-0 victory over Rochester Adams shows that the Wolves just needed a tune up.

"Our passing was a lot better (against Adams) and we did a better job of keeping our heads up," said Clarkston Coach Kelly Avenall.

Clarkston came out hot against Adams, going up 9-0 in the first game. The early lead allowed Avenall to get some of her bench players game experience.

"The (margin of victory) in the first game really gave the team a boost of confidence," said Avenall. "My first string definitely dominated (Adams)."

Individual game scores were 25-11, 25-21 and 25-23.

Senior Stephanie Parkin was extremely effective for the Wolves recording 18 kills in 22 attempts against Adams. Senior Kim Vincent also stood out statistically recording five aces.

The Adams win, which brought Clarkston's record to 9-13 (3-4) was especially sweet as Groves was the low point of the season for the Wolves. Clarkston lost 25-22, 25-14 and 26-24.

"We'll learn to stop getting down on ourselves," said junior Laura Kupe, speaking to one of the problems the Wolves had against Groves.

Clarkston jumped out to an 8-4 lead in the first game, but could not maintain their pace as Groves battled back. The Wolves held the Knights off until at the end Groves scored four straight on their serve to take the game.

"Clarkston is a very scrappy team. The last game was really close," said Groves Coach Jen Wind.

After starting so well in the first game of the Groves match, Clarkston struggled to get side outs in the second game and errant passes gave Groves a quick victory.

"When we make a couple of passing errors in a row, (the team) starts getting down on themselves," said Avenall. "I told the team in one of the timeouts 'I really don't think that team beat us, I think we beat ourselves.' We just made too many unforced errors."

The Wolves showed more life in the third game, but a Groves victory was a foregone conclusion.



Cori Pinkos (left) and Kim Vincent get together to dig a Groves serve on Jan. 20. Photo by Noah Purcell

Fortunately for Clarkston, Groves is a blip in the rear view mirror and the team has a win to build upon going into competition this week.

"We're starting over in the league, we've seen all of the teams once," said Avenall.

On Jan. 27, Clarkston will visit a talented Troy

team followed by a matchup at home against Farmington on Jan. 31.

On Feb. 3 Clarkston will host Lahser. The game against Lahser is parents night. All parents of freshmen, junior varsity or varsity players will be recognized before the varsity plays.

### What's next

■ **Basketball:** 1/18 Southfield Lathrup 43 Clarkston 41, 1/21 Clarkston 53 Troy High 49, See story on p. 11A. 1/25 Clarkston at Avondale inc. Next games: 1/28 at Ferndale, 2/1 at West Bloomfield.

■ **Volleyball:** 1/20 Groves 3 Clarkston 0, 1/24 Clarkston 3 Rochester Adams 0. See story this page. Next games: 1/27 at Troy, 1/31 vs. Farmington.

■ **Hockey:** No games over past week. Upcoming games: 1/26 at Grosse Pointe North, 1/27 at Royal Oak.

■ **Wrestling:** 1/19 Lake Orion 36 Clarkston 27; Troy 39 Clarkston 27, 1/22 Fourth place finish at Western Brown Tournament. See coverage on page 11A. Next meet: 1/26 at Troy Athens.

■ **Skating:** 1/19 Boys and girls def. Lahser, Notre Dame and Rochester High, 1/24 boys and girls def. Andover and Rochester Adams. See coverage on page 11A.

■ **Swimming:** 1/20 Rochester Adams 97 Clarkston 86. See coverage on page 13A. Next meet: 1/27 at Hazel Park.

### Athlete of the Week – Jeff Haladik



Jeff Haladik is the athlete of the week for his performance on the Clarkston ski team. Jeff helped the team jump out to a 2-0 record on the year in events on Jan. 19/20 and Jan. 24.

"Team work is what makes our team so successful," said modest Haladik.

Jeff moved to Clarkston with his parents Jeff and Sherie when he was four years old. His sister Jenny graduated from CHS in 2002.

Haladik started skiing competitively when he met current Clarkston Coach Bruce Rosengren at the age of 11. At the time, he raced with Team Thunderbolt.

Haladik, 18, is a senior this year and captain of the boy's ski team, a role he has reprised from last season.

After this school year, Jeff will pursue engineering at either U of M, Purdue, or Georgia Tech. Although he would like to ski in college, the sport is not a determining factor in regard to his education.

Aside from skiing, Jeff plays soccer. He also enjoys watching football and attending basketball games as well as the time honored and teenager approved activity of hanging out with his friends.

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## Clarkston Wolves still coming to grips with season

BY NOAH PURCELL  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

While the Clarkston wrestling team was not having the best season up until this past week, the earlier losses were not stinging worrisome defeats.

Losing in league competition to Lake Orion (36-27) and Troy (39-27) on Jan. 19. had the Wolves licking their wounds.

"The (double dual) was a let down. Hats off to (Troy and Lake Orion)," said Clarkston Coach Joe DeGain. "Our guys were not prepared and they paid the price for it."

After the double dual meet, which was held at Avondale, brought Clarkston's record to 3-9 (0-2) for the season, the Western Brown Tournament in Ohio on Jan. 22 beckoned.

"We wrestled better (in Ohio). The guys got to bond as well," said DeGain. Out of a ten team field, which in-

cluded the state runner-up from Ohio and Kentucky's state champion, the Wolves placed fourth.

Clarkston's Bryan Webb was crowned the champion of the 135-pound division in Ohio.

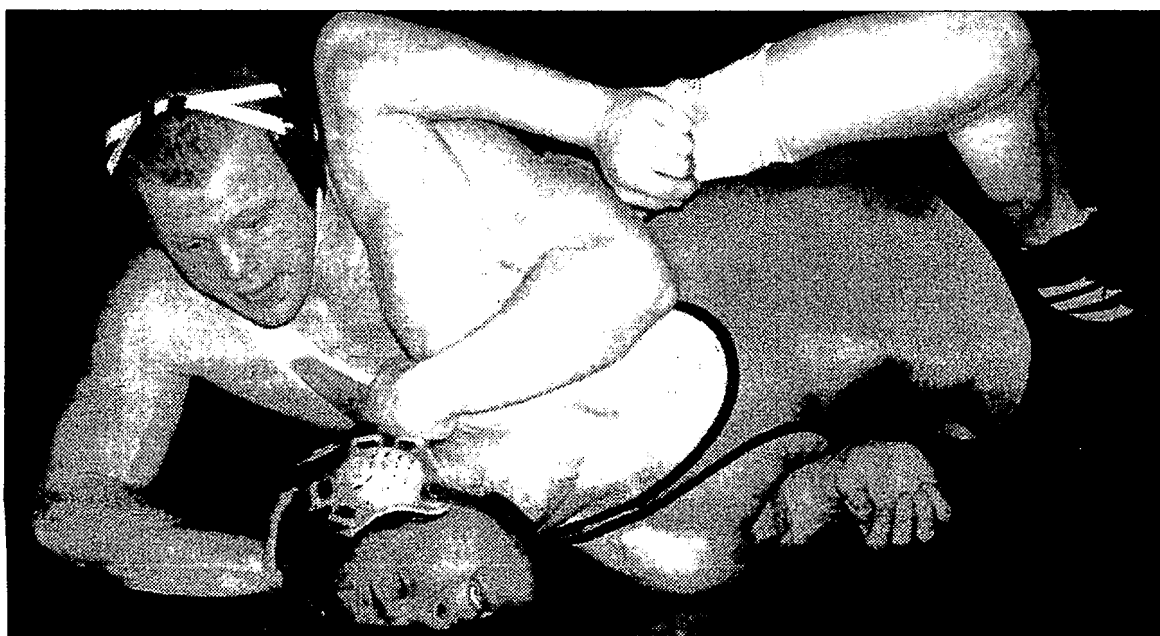
Also faring well at the Western Brown tournament was Steve Smiley (189), Tommy Ellsworth (152) and Braden L'Amoreaux (145) who all finished in second place. Wolves Heavyweight Steve Herron finished fourth in his division.

The inclement weather over the weekend extended the Wolves stay in Ohio, but the team is back in Michigan safe and sound.

The coming week brings more league competition for Clarkston. On Jan. 26 the Wolves travel to Troy Athens in hopes of attaining their first league win.



Braden L'Amoreaux dominates his counterpart from Lake Orion on Jan. 19.



Steve Smiley won both of his matches on Jan. 19 versus Lake Orion and Troy, and finished second at the Western Brown Tournament.



Bryan Webb was the champion of the 135 pound division at the Western Brown Tournament.

Photos by Noah Purcell

## Cagers avoid collapse Return to their winning ways on the court

BY NOAH PURCELL  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Everything being equal, the Clarkston Wolves were supposed to run the Troy High Colts out of the gym on Jan. 21.

Clarkston, the fourth ranked team in the State, had suffered their first loss of the season, 43-41, to Southfield Lathrup and needed to right the ship against a Troy High team which did not return any starters from last year. But a funny thing happened to the Wolves on the way to a blowout win against 3-7 (0-3) Troy High.

The Wolves blinked, the Colts bucked and an 11 point lead went up in flames. When the smoke cleared, Clarkston clung to a two point lead with under a minute remaining in the game.

"These games make our team tougher. (Troy) is a tough place to play. Games like this will help us later in the year," said senior guard Brad Goodman, who scored a game high 22 points, to go with five assists and four rebounds.

Goodman was especially nice in the closing moments of the fourth quarter as he calmly stroked four straight free

throws to seal the victory for Clarkston, even as the raucous Troy High student section screamed for dear life.

"We played (Clarkston) as tough as we possibly could and we just came up on the short end," said Troy Coach Gary Fralick.

Troy led in the first quarter 6-2 before junior Joe Moran helped spark a 13-4 Clarkston run. Moran had seven of his

12 points in the first.

The Wolves led at the end of the first quarter 23-19, but began the second shooting 0-3 from the field and allowed Troy to tie the score.

Goodman took control for the Wolves however, canning a three from the top of the circle, breaking the tie and igniting an 11-0 Clarkston run to close the half.

As the second half opened, The Wolves held a 34-23 advantage. The two teams traded buckets throughout the third quarter, but when the fourth quarter ar-

rived, Clarkston stopped trading and Troy kept hitting.

"(Troy) played really hard. What they lack in size they make up for with (their effort)," said Goodman. Senior Guard Jonah Coulter nearly singlehandedly pulled the Colts ahead of the Wolves. When he poured in 10 of his 19 points in the fourth quarter.

"Kids make shots against us that they don't make against other teams," said Clarkston Coach Dan Fife alluding to the bulls-eye placed on Clarkston's backside by their lofty ranking. The win against Troy got the Wolves back to their winning ways' after losing to Southfield Lathrup on Jan. 18, 43-41.

In the game against Lathrup, the Wolves were victimized by poor shooting early and an inability to close the game out when it mattered. Goodman led all scorers against Lathrup with 21 points. The Wolves game against Avondale team finished too late for this edition of *The Clarkston News*. Clarkston will travel to Ferndale for a late 7:30 p.m. start on Jan. 28.

'Kids make shots against us that they don't make against other teams.'

Dan Fife, Coach  
Clarkston Varsity Basketball

## Ski team tears up the slopes

Clarkston skiing is carrying on a yearly tradition with both the boys and girls teams dominating the slopes. The Wolves ski teams both improved to 5-0 as they kicked snow in the face of Rochester Adams and Andover on Jan. 24.

"There's always things to improve on," said Coach Bruce Rosengren. "I'd like to see us get just a bit cleaner."

The meet was a make-up from a rained out Jan. 12/13 event. Due to problems with scheduling the teams only participated in the Giant Slalom.

The girls team beat Andover 12-30 and Adams 10-34.

Mo Weiland (first, 36.92), Trisha Parker (second, 38.32), Jen Stanton (fourth, 39.19) and Alyssa Vermeulen (fifth, 39.28) scored points.

The boys bested Andover 11-31 and Adams 10-35.

Scoring points for the boys were: Alex Rosengren (first, 35.99), Jeff Haladik (second, 36.58), Eric Weiland (third, 36.63) and Kevin Vahlbusch (fifth, 36.8).

By Noah Purcell,  
Clarkston News Writer

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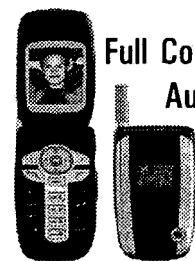
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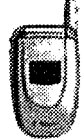
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# Swimmers stay afloat, build towards county meet



Keith Voorheis churns through the water in the 200 IM. Photo by Noah Purcell



John Wilson finished first in the diving competition against Adams. Photo by Noah Purcell

## BY NOAH PURCELL

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Clarkston swim team is not quite treading water, but their progression so far has been slow. On Jan. 20, the Wolves dropped to 1-4 for the season, losing to Rochester Adams 97-86.

"We are getting better, we've been swimming faster as the year has gone on," said Clarkston Coach Kenwyn Chock.

There have been positives for the Wolves: Junior Mike Nelson qualified for the county meet in the 100 breaststroke (1:09.3), as has Sophomore Josh Badgerow in the 100 butterfly (:59.01).

"We have about six more weeks until the county meet. We'll be there," said Chock.

Nelson and Badgerow, who both won

their respective events, also helped the 200 medley relay take first place against Adams. Senior Andrew Riegel and junior Ryan Kurrle swam legs on the relay.

In addition, Nelson teamed with freshman Phil Voorheis and juniors John Wilson and Billy Petrusa to win the 200 freestyle relay.

Junior divers John Wilson and Blake Tereau finished one, two in the one meter diving competition.

The weather has made things a little tougher on the Wolves. Chock cancelled practice on Jan. 22 due to the massive amount of snow being dumped on Oakland County.

The Wolves meet against Lake Orion finished too late for this edition of *The Clarkston News*. Clarkston swims next on Jan. 27 at Hazel Park.

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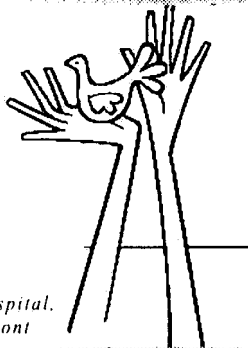
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# Schools, road commission squabble on improvements

BY NOAH PURCELL  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Road Commission for Oakland County and Clarkston Schools are at an impasse.

The road commission has strongly encouraged that the schools undertake two construction projects:

- Build a deceleration lane for the entrance to the Clarkston Community Schools administration building.

- Build a turn lane in between Clarkston Middle School and Renaissance Alternative High School/Community Education building which sit adjacent to one another on Waldon Road.

The problem is neither Clarkston Community Schools nor the RCOC have wiggle room in their respective budgets to finance the projects.

"This bond does not include road infrastructure work. From our standpoint, we passed the bond, it was approved by the state, it was approved by our voters, it says we can do X, Y or Z with the bond. It does not say we should be building roads," said Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts. "There is no money in the bond for road improvements."

"This is a perfect case of neither side being wrong," said Craig Bryson, public information officer with the RCOC. "I know that our traffic safety department has studied this and it is their professional opinion that there is an

issue of safety at these locations."

The RCOC first became aware of possible safety risks at the two locations when the schools requested permits for work being done as part of the

pay for what may be necessary to ensure safety and ease of use.

"When we go for our next bond issue, not only because its right, but because it is the new law as well, there will need to be a look at what the needs of

schools would also have to move utility lines in the area, which would increase the estimate significantly.

An estimate of the money required to conform to the RCOC recommendation on

Currently the parking area at Renaissance is being increased along with other improvements to the grounds of CMS.

School officials feel that the RCOC's engineers' assessment of increased usage on both Waldon and Clarkston roads looks at the construction too broadly.

"The use (on Waldon) is not going to change. We have about 35 kids who drive to Renaissance High School now... we are not putting a whole bunch of new students over there. The parking lot is more an accommodation to the evening activities that Community Ed has," said Roberts. "Since the usage hasn't changed, (the parking lots) shouldn't really be a factor. I think it is a flaw to see a school as developer, because we can't pass the charges on to our clients."

Roberts also added that he felt the RCOC factored in a future elementary school, behind the administration building on Clarkston Road, that in all probability will not be built until the next bond.

The two sides have exchanged phone calls on this matter as recently as Jan. 20, and two RCOC engineers met with officials from Clarkston schools face to face on Jan. 7.

The RCOC engineers were not available for immediate comment on this issue.



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**Dr. Al Roberts  
Superintendent  
Clarkston Community Schools**

2003 bond.

"I think it would be beneficial to all parties involved if there were more information sharing early on," said Bryson. "We are unable to keep up with every school district in the county."

Since the 2003 bond, the rules have changed concerning what a school district needs to consider before planning a construction project. Under the old set of rules, which the 2003 bond was drafted under, the schools did not have to factor in a sphere of influence on the roads surrounding construction projects.

Now districts must factor in how a school or any other construction project will affect road usage and make provisions to

that road are, and we will look to work with the road commission as partners in that project," said Roberts. "But for folks to come in at this stage of the game and tell us 'Well gee, now you need to find X amount of dollars' sets off a series of chain events that will not permit us to live up to our promises that we made to people."

The work on Clarkston Road has been looked at by Clarkston Schools and has been estimated to cost \$84,000 for the road work alone.

That being said, Bruce Beamer, executive director of business and financial services for Clarkston Community Schools, is unsure of whether the

Waldon Rd. has not yet been attained by the schools.

"I don't think that it is fair to say that the source of increased traffic should be exempt from fixing the problem," said Bryson. "In both cases (the schools) are creating what our traffic safety people believe to be problem areas."

Originally, the 2003 bond called for the entrances to Renaissance and CMS on Waldon Rd. to be placed across from one another. School officials have been forced to reconsider this move as doing so would bring the intersection into the right of way, thereby giving the RCOC jurisdiction and allowing them to mandate a change in the road.

# Springfield board OKs settlement with developer

BY DON SCHELSKE  
Staff Writer, The Clarkston News

If attorneys can work out details, a condominium development proposed more than a year ago in Springfield Township can get out of the courts and back on the planning board.

After a closed session on Jan. 13, the Springfield Township Board gave "conditional approval" to a proposal from Pine Valley Development Inc.

"We believe it addressed virtually all the concerns that prompted the denial," said Clerk Nancy Strole, referring to the October 2003 denial of a special land use permit for 23 single-family condominiums on about 41 acres off Davisburg Road

between I-75 and Bigelow Road.

Developer Bruce Burksey challenged that denial in Oakland County Circuit Court, but late last year approached Supervisor Collin Walls to explore the possibility of a settlement. After speaking with other township officials and consultants, Walls submitted a list of "suggestions" to Burksey.

That led to a revised concept plan, submitted by Burksey and discussed by the board at the Jan. 13 meeting. Among the compromises were:

- An increase in open space from 19 acres to 25 acres.
- Open recreational space from more than five acres to 7.89 acres.

- A reduction in the number of units from 23 to 22.

- The addition of a conservation easement over the wetland, wetland buffer and hardwood forest open space areas.

- An eight-foot high masonry sound wall along I-75 rather than a previously-proposed berm.

"He has accommodated almost every one of our suggestions and plan modifications," Walls said in his memo to the board.

The "almost" was evident in a list of

eight conditions added by the board's vote to approve. Conditions include a requirement for protection of existing evergreen trees and several details concerning road and drainage issues.

Such areas were debated by both township officials and residents during the October 2003 public hearing which preceded the board denial.

The special land use will allow the development to be planned according to the "cluster" concept, which allows for units to be closer in exchange for larger contiguous open space.





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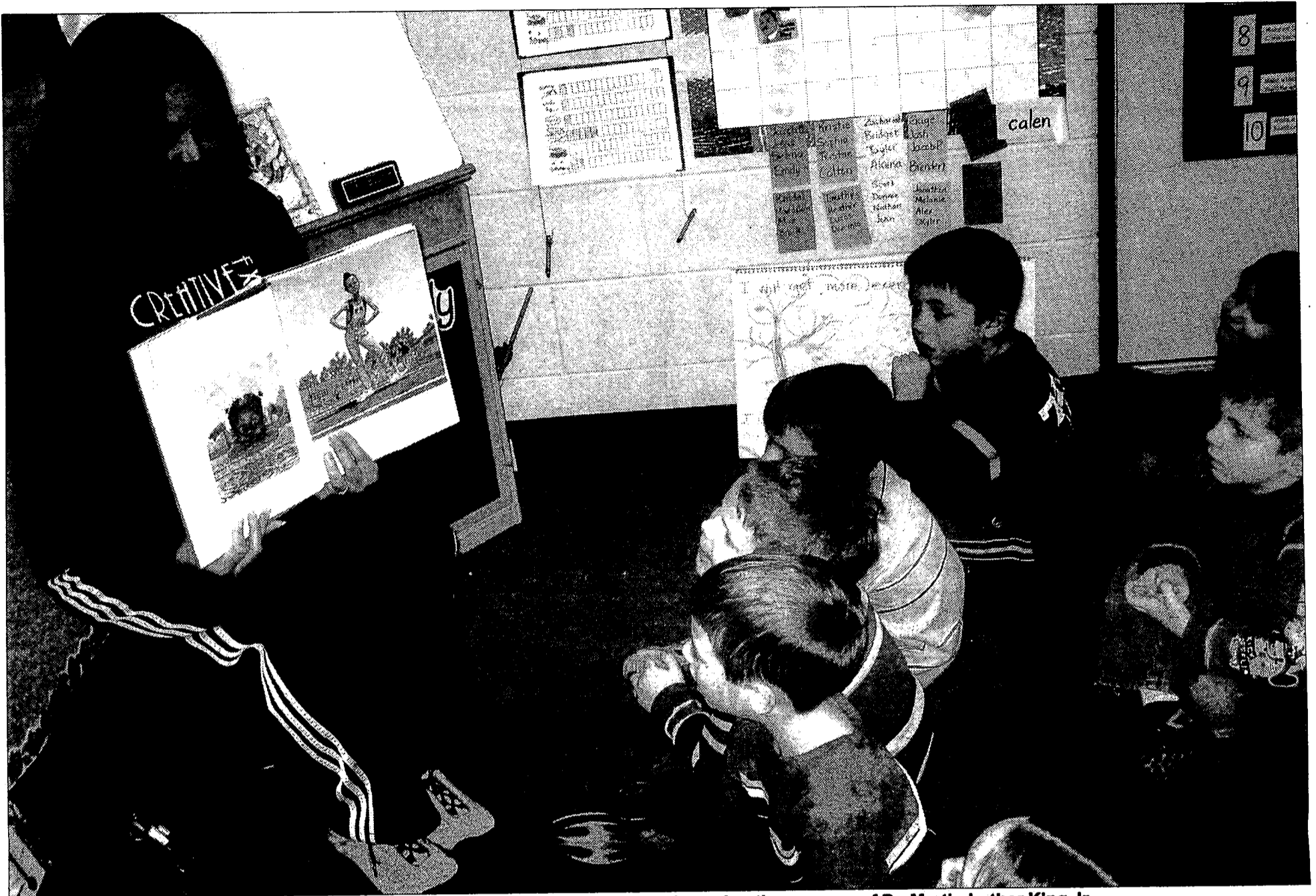
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# Springfield Plains El. celebrates MLK day



Debbie Williams shares a story with a group of students during a special focus honoring the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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Morgan Miller and Rachel Eckhout listen attentively.



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## Clarkston community schools 'Have a Dream'

BY CHRISTINA ULAJ  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Martin Luther King had a dream.

Clarkston Community schools continue to carry that dream by participating in remembrance of Martin Luther King Day every year.

As part of that remembrance, Clarkston students mark the special day by producing a district-wide video to honor the great historical figure and his message.

This year the video is about looking at Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech and adapting the famous words to Clarkston. The focus is to talk directly to Clarkston on how each resident can make a difference and bring King's dream alive.

Clarkston High School's TV Production students produced and directed the movie, with students from each Clarkston school participating. The movie was produced and directed by Chris Kato, Renee Flores, Carla Nico and Scott Banks. The script idea came from the district-wide diversity committee and was written by Anita Banach and Scott Banks.

The movie discusses the history and passion of MLK. Clarkston Community students voice their own dreams and relate each one to Clarkston. The kids speak of equality, fairness, worthiness, rights, acceptance and safety.

The video is played at every school and discussed in classrooms throughout the district. The project can also be seen running on Comcast Cable Channel 22.

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- **If you don't take your RMDs on time,** you may have to pay the IRS a 50 percent penalty tax on the taxable portion of your uncollected distribution—so make sure you know your dates.
- **You can take more than the minimum.** You can withdraw more than the RMD, but, as the word "required" suggests, you can't withdraw less.
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- **Joint Life Table.** You can use this table if you have a spouse who is the sole beneficiary and who is more than ten years younger than you are. When you use this table, you take your retirement plan balance from the previous year and divide it by a joint life expectancy factor. Since this number will be higher than your individual life expectancy factor, your RMDs will be lower than if they were calculated on the Uniform Lifetime Table.

Before you start taking RMDs, see your tax advisor. You'll want to get the numbers right—right from the start.

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# 'I have a DREAM...'

Clarkston Community Schools Director of Marketing and Communications Anita Banach rewrote the "I Have a Dream" speech to incorporate Clarkston. The speech is part of the district-wide celebration of Martin Luther King Day.

I have a dream that the Clarkston Community will rise above society's standard behaviors and model the true meaning of our nation's creed: In Clarkston, we will show the world that All Men Are Created Equal.

I have a dream that from our downtown streets, to our rural subdivisions, mobile home communities and apartment complexes, that we will come together for the betterment of our community and focus on our likenesses rather than our differences.

I have a dream that every aspect of our Clarkston community — our government offices, our business and recreational facilities, our churches and most importantly our schools — will share the conviction to make our world better for every man, woman and child regardless of the color of their skin, the clothes that they wear or the faith that they hold.

I have a dream that every Clarkston child will learn and model these essential beliefs in order to share

with the world that every person is worthy and every person is a human being with ideas, thoughts and feelings. The fabric of our community will spread — I dream this today!

I have a dream that in every community there will be children and adults who join hands, share a meal and learn together for the betterment of all people. That every community will erase the lines that divide us by race, religious views and socioeconomic status to join together and hold true to our nation's creed. I have a dream that Clarkston will be a leader in this movement. I dream this today!

I have a dream that every member of the Clarkston Community will step up to this challenge and remove any attitudes, prejudice or beliefs that will hinder our collective ability to move forward and capture this vision.

This is our hope. As students who will be responsible for the future, this is our sincere hope. With our faith, and strong commitment from our community, we know we can lead this charge. We look forward to challenging every member of our community to work together, and bring forth positive changes.

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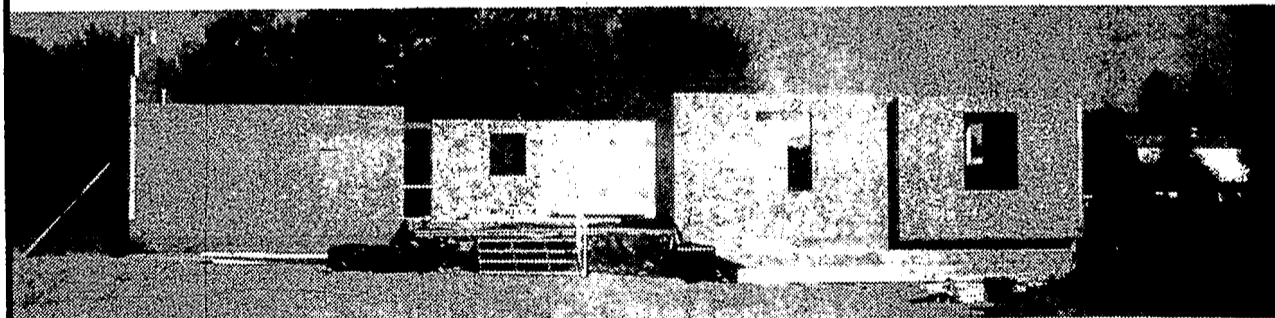
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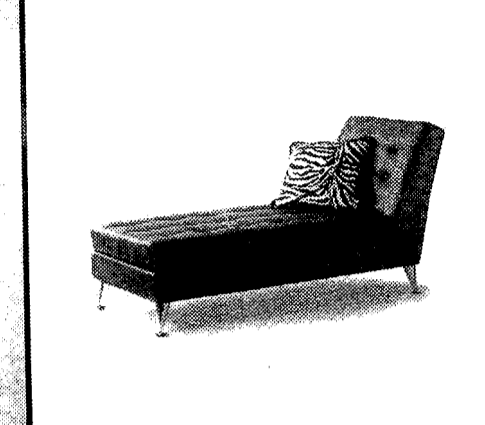
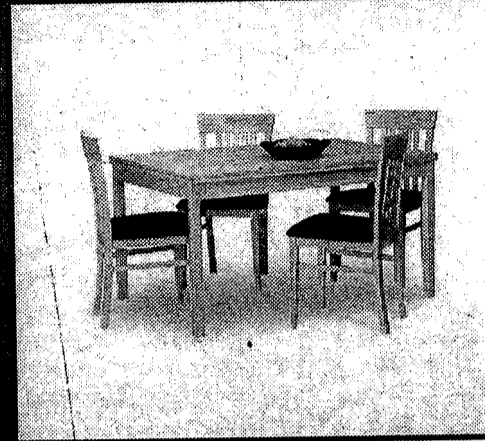
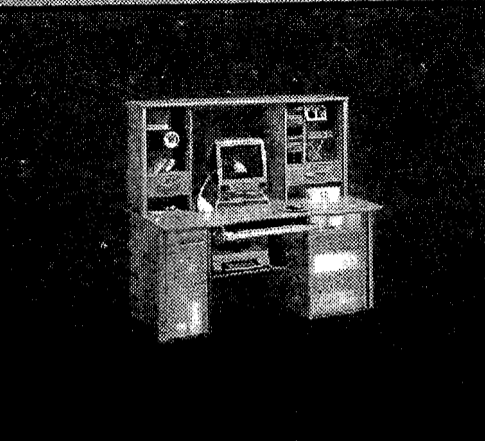
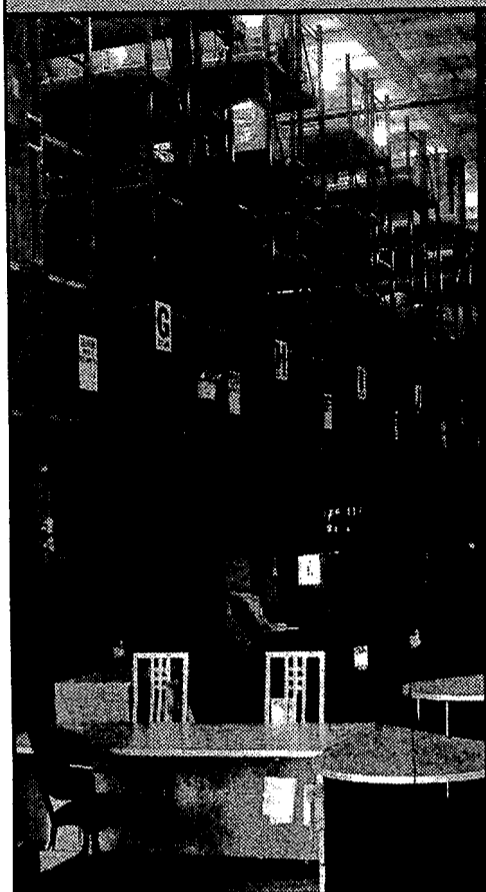
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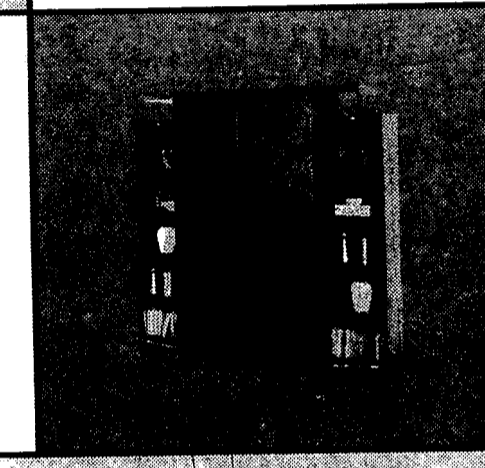
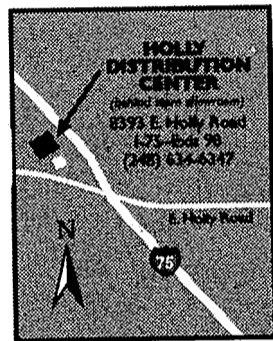
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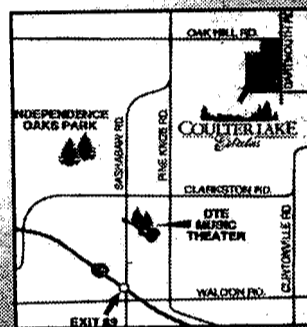
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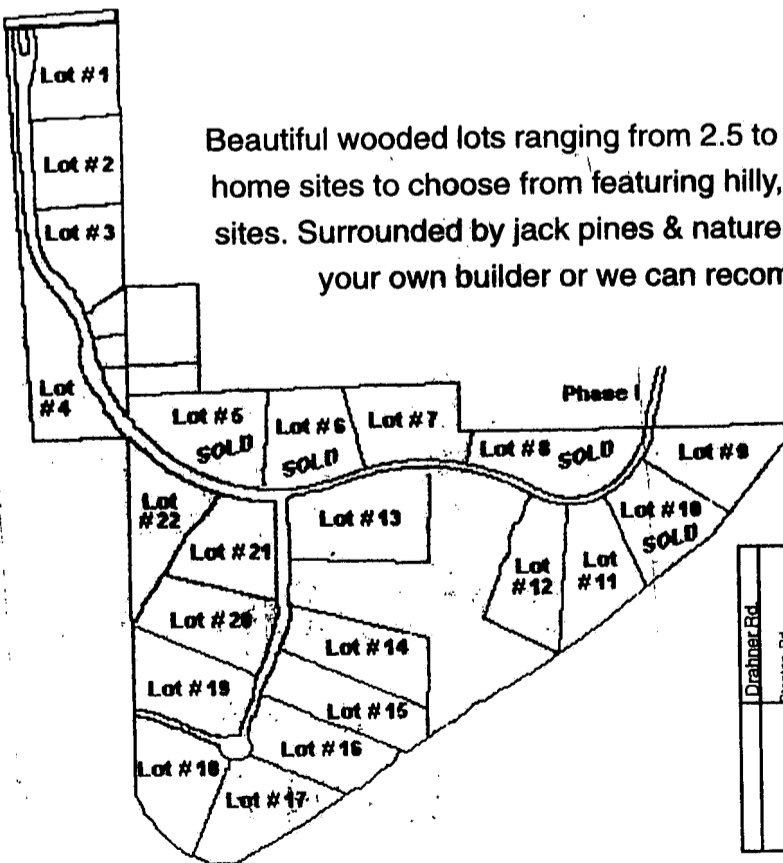
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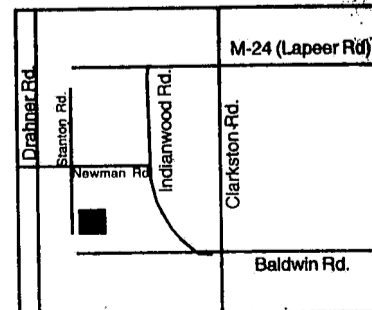
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## Assault

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tures," Combs said.

While trying to work out alternative transportation, Combs said, Wilhelm (who is confined to a wheelchair) grabbed the manager's clothing and pulled him down with an apparent attempt to hit him. That motivated the staff to call police.

When the Clarkston police officer arrived and engaged Wilhelm in conversation, Wilhelm grabbed the officer's coat, pulled him down and hit him in the face, Combs said.

Combs said the officer, "using great restraint," backed away and used pepper spray to subdue the suspect.

Wilhelm was taken to POH Medical Center-Clarkston for treatment and detoxification, Combs said, and was allowed to return to his home pending a formal arrest warrant.

Lake Angelus police confirmed the arrest of Wilhelm later that evening for allegedly assaulting his wife, but declined to discuss details of the case.

Wilhelm was arraigned in weekend court on a charge of domestic violence, a misdemeanor carrying a potential sentence of 93 days in jail. Oakland County Assistant Prosecutor Gina Schmidt said bond was set at \$50,000 cash, which Wilhelm later paid.

The domestic violence case will be prosecuted in 52-3 District Court in Rochester. Details on the court schedule were not immediately available.

In connection with the Clarkston Union incident, Wilhelm is scheduled for a pretrial conference at 8:30 a.m. on Jan. 28 before 52-2 District Judge Kelley

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Kostin on charges of assaulting a police officer (a two-year felony), assault and battery (a 93-day misdemeanor) and creating a disturbance (a 90-day misdemeanor).

During arraignment on Jan. 20, Kostin allowed Wilhelm to go free on a \$100,000 personal bond (which does not require any payment in advance).

Combs was distressed at the difference in how bond was handled in the two arrests.

During arraignment, everyone agreed with defense attorney Neil Wallace's argument that Wilhelm, of Wilhelm and Associates Realtors Inc., was not a flight risk. Combs, however, suggested bond of a full \$100,000 (no 10 percent) on the basis of "danger to society."

"My way of thinking is, if he'll assault a uniformed police officer, he'll assault anybody," Combs said. "He's a danger to society."

Schmidt said the circumstances were such that Kostin did not want to appear "punitive," given the cash bond ordered from the Lake Angelus arrest.

"It is a high personal bond," Schmidt said.

Kostin also declined a prosecutor's motion to order a restriction on Wilhelm's consumption of alcohol, which also frustrated Combs.

"Our contention was obvious," Combs said. "When he drinks, he assaults people."

Neither the restaurant manager nor the police officer suffered serious injury, Combs said.

"It was an unfortunate and regrettable incident," Wallace said. "Mr. Wilhelm regrets that the incident occurred."

Wallace is not representing Wilhelm in the domestic violence case, but said he believes that arrest stemmed from a "mistake" because of words exchanged which led neighbors to call Lake Angelus police.

## Blue Ribbon

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As was the case with Clarkston High School and Clarkston Middle School last year, state education officials will make the formal presentation at a yet-to-be-scheduled date.

"We'll be having some really fun parties and some recognition when the state comes here," Moore said.

Principal Debbie Latozas was out of town at the time of the announcement, but upon returning expressed excitement at the news.

"We were thrilled," she said. "We've been working so hard to make this a good school. This is an affirmation of our hard work."

The "family" approach cited by other officials did not come by accident, Latozas said. School staff worked closely with the student council and the parent-teacher organization to organize at least one "family" activity each month.

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## Grant

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siren may be heard under proper conditions) includes Andersonville Elementary School and the Oakland Technical Center-Northwest Campus.

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all the populated areas that the other site wouldn't pick up," Walls said.

The proposed location would be a public utility pole in the road right-of-way, but officials said that situation exists with the current siren on Hillsboro.

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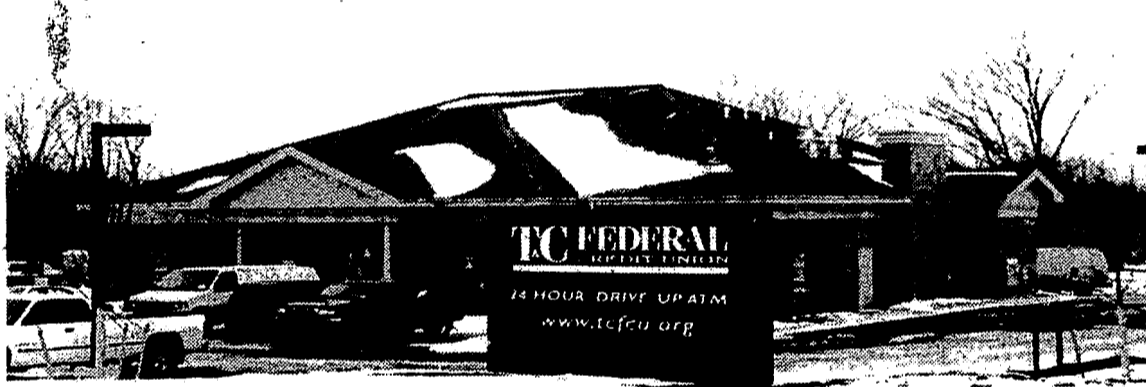
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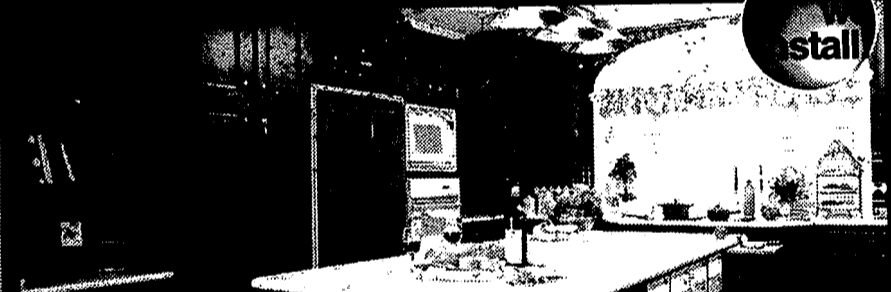
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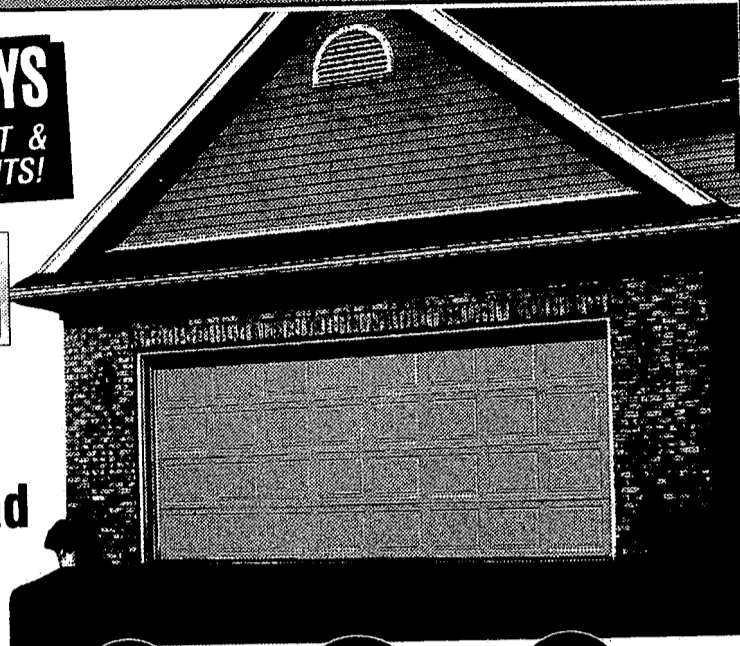
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# Poms parade at Palace

On Jan. 22, even as close to a foot of snow covered the metro area, the Clarkston pom pon team competed in the 14th annual Pom/Dance Championships held at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

The Wolves took 10th out of 21 large squad varsity teams.

"Overall (the girls) had fun. We were hoping to place higher than last year (10th place)," said Clarkston Coach Erin Przybylski. "At least one of our

biggest rivals, Henry Ford II, finished lower than us."

The pom pon team is comprised of: Tracy Churay, Marina Dabrowski, Natalee McGinnis, Alayna Skipton, Racheal St. Peter, Renee Flores, Megan Robinson, Mandy Suddeth, Katie Houston, Katie Morse, Kathryn Emerick, Meredith Clark, Chelsea Conley, Chloe Ronk, Brittany Ward, Andrea Wingett, Allison Wright, Betsy Varnau and Allison Facciolla.

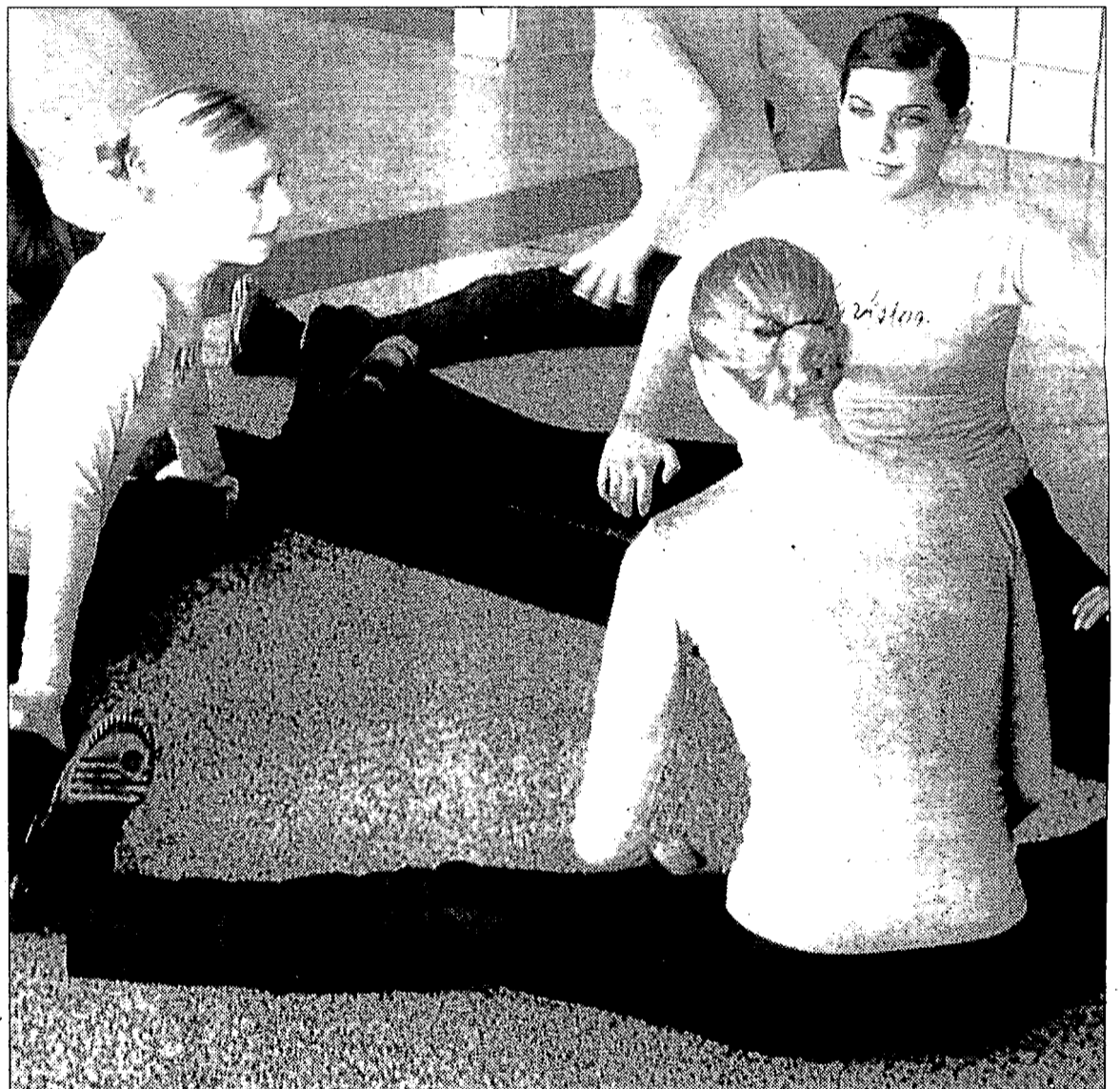
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There were over 50 teams spread across seven divisions at the 14th annual Pom/Dance Championships at the Palace of Auburn Hills.



Erin Przybylski helps Allison Facciolla with some last minute touch ups.



The girls stretch out before taking the floor.



Coach Erin Przybylski practices with the girls before the competition.



The next time Clarkston will get a chance to see the poms perform will be at the Feb. 4 pep rally and again that night at halftime of the basketball game against Southfield Lathrup.



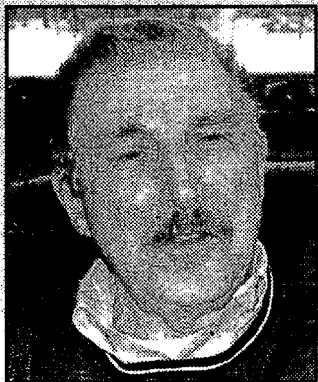
**People Poll**

*What do you do when the temperature dips near zero?*



"We go sledding. We want to try snowboarding, but we have not got the guts up for it yet."

-Kathy McCarty



"The winter conditions don't bother me at all. I walk three miles everyday, unless temp is at zero or it is pouring rain."

-John Nicholson



"I complain a lot, I knit, take hot baths, watch a lot of TV and go to the mall and walk."

-Denyse Couture



"Go outside and sled and try to stay warm at the same time. I make sure to wear lots of coats."

-Ryan Smith

By Noah Purcell

# The Clarkston News' Millstream

*A section dedicated to showcasing all the reasons this is a great area to live and work!*

## Where are more people now?

When The Clarkston News ran features on Clarkston High School graduates and their current careers, we received great feedback. It motivated our staff to seek out even more.

So, here's a bonus edition of "Where Are They Now?"

### Dan Fife

Dan Fife's life would be easy to turn into a board game. His numerous achievements would be easily transformed into colorful spaces dotting a 55-year journey. Most important, as all good board games do, Fife's journey has come full circle and placed him where all his exploits began.

"Even though the traffic has gotten worse (in Clarkston) the roots are the same. As big as we have gotten, the community support has always been here," said Fife.

Fife moved to Clarkston with his family in 1957 at the age of eight. His athletic excellence earned him a full scholarship to the University of Michigan where he played basketball and baseball.

In 1971, having almost completed a degree in physical education and social science, Dan was drafted by the Detroit Tigers. That same year he married his high school sweetheart, Jan. The two had been dating since Fife was 15.

Fife played in the Tigers farm system until 1973 when he was traded to the Minnesota Twins.

"I was a thrower, some people call them pitchers," said Fife.

He made the big leagues with the Twins in 1974 but spent 1975, on the disabled list.

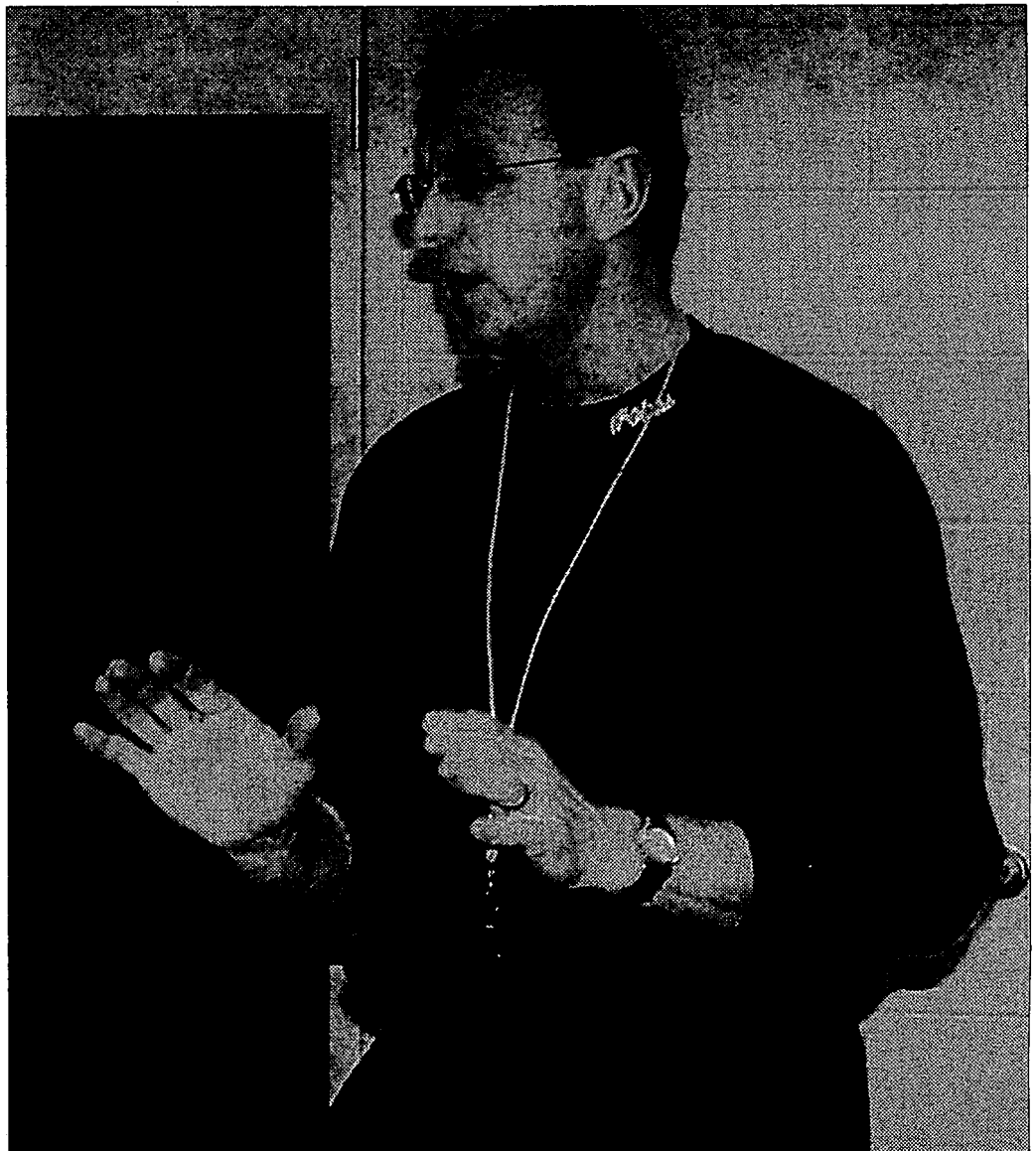
After his stint with the Twins, Fife became an assistant basketball coach for U of M, a position he held for three and a half years. In the end, the non-stop travel of being a baseball player and coaching a major college program started to catch up to him. For his family, he came back home.

"I had been traveling for five years. My oldest son had just been born and it seemed like I was never home to see him," said Fife.

Having moved back to Michigan, Fife partnered in a golf business venture and took on the role of ninth grade basketball coach in 1981. He was named Clarkston's head basketball coach for the 1982-83 season, a role he has held ever since.

"I always felt when I was at U of M that I had the strong support of Clarkston. That closeness of the community is what made me want to come back," said Fife.

In 1994, the school district made him



Dan Fife, who serves as both varsity basketball coach and athletic director, gives direction to some of his charges. In addition to having his own distinguished career, Fife's family has added to Clarkston's sports history. Photo by Noah Purcell

the athletic director of CHS.

His three sons, Dugan, Jeremy and Dane are all grown. Dugan and Jeremy work in the financial world, while Dane is finishing graduate school at Indiana as a graduate assistant coach.

### Mark Reene

When Mark Reene attended Clarkston High School, he did not envision a career as a county prosecutor, but he believes he received good preparation just the same.

A 1981 Clarkston graduate, Reene earned a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Michigan in 1986, then worked for a manufacturing firm in Chicago for three years.

Reene decided to go a different direction, earning a law degree from George Washington University in 1992. He deliberately aimed for a job as a criminal prosecutor.

"I refused to do the defense stuff because I knew it would be a waste of my time," he said.

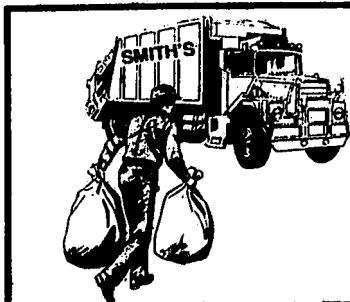
After some time with the U.S. Department of Justice, he passed the Michigan bar exam and became an assistant prosecutor in Tuscola County in 1993. He won election as prosecutor in 2000, and just won reelection to a second term.

"I was always interested in public service," Reene said, and he now considers himself "one of the few and fortunate. I get to do something I love."

Clarkston High School "gave me a leg up on a lot of other individuals," he said, noting how he gained entrance to the honors program at U of M. "I was very well prepared to handle the college curriculum."

Reene ran track and cross country at Clarkston, and has great memories of sup-

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# Around Town

## Current happens at the Independence Township Senior Center:

• "Menopause the Musical" on Feb. 13. Motorcoach transportation is provided to and from the Gem Theatre. A group dinner will follow after the performance at the new Canterbury Grill in Olde World Canterbury Village. The cost is \$74 for residents and \$77 for non-residents.

• Take part in **Independence Elementary's Intergenerational Program for Seniors** program on Feb. 16 from 9-11 a.m. Area seniors are invited to join the school's fifth graders for a morning filled with musical performance, time for individual interviews and a snack served by the students. The experience is part of the Independence Elementary SOCKS program, Serving Our Community Kids' Style.

• Looking for somewhere to take that special someone on Valentine's Day? Then register to bring your spouse, lover, friend or even just your own sweet self to the senior center Valentine's Day

party. Lunch will include chicken parmesan, baked potatoes, vegetables, rolls and cherry pie a la mode. (Fish will be available for those celebrating the Lent season.)

Top that off with top-notch entertainment by "The Singing Waiter" from the Heart of the Hills Players, and every sweetheart out there will have an afternoon to remember. The cost is \$5. Please sign up by Feb. 1 to save your seat. For more information on any of these events, please call the senior center at 248-325-8231.

**The Clarkston Village Players** announced auditions for "Bat Boy: The Musical." Auditions are at 2 p.m. on Feb. 6 and 7 p.m. on Feb. 7 at the Depot Theater.

A musical comedy/horror show, based on a story from *The Weekly World News*, about a half boy/half bat creature discovered by some townsfolk in a cave. The townspeople take the creature to the local veterinarian to be put to sleep, but

the lad is saved by the vet's wife and daughter. The question remains though, can "bat boy" tame his blood lust?

There are 18 roles available for adult men and women. Due to the content of the play, no one under the age of 18 is permitted to audition unless they have a signed note from a parent. Auditions will include readings from the script, singing a prepared song and a dance audition.

Performance dates are April 29-30, and May 6-8 and 12-14. For more information, please contact Director Steve Cunningham at 248-620-2866 or Merwynel@aol.com

Come enjoy a one night only performance at the Depot Theater by the **Jeremy Kittel Trio**.

Jeremy Kittel is the 2004 Detroit Music Awards Best Acoustic/Folk Instrumentalist award winner and has won numerous Celtic and Jazz fiddling awards. Kittel will present an amazing evening of music variety.

The Jeremy Kittel Trio will perform on Feb. 5 at 8 p.m. Opening set will be by Bob Gerics. Tickets are \$12 per person. Please call 248-625-8811 for more information or to reserve tickets.

The **Clarkston Area Optimist Club** is hosting the annual **Night on the Towne dinner-dance and auction** at the Liberty Grille and Golf Club on March 19. Tickets are now on-sale for the event at \$75 each or \$150 per couple.

For more information, to purchase tickets or contribute an auction item, please contact any Optimist member or Event Chairman Jill Popour, through Clarkston State Bank, at 248-922-2700.

A free one-hour satellite broadcast titled "**The Future of Social Security**" is being hosted by Edward Jones Investment Representative James Wilhelm at 6:45 p.m. on Feb. 8. The presentation will discuss the factors driving social security reform, possible solutions to reforming social security and how these solutions may affect investors.

The satellite broadcast is held at 7183

N. Main St. in Clarkston. For more information or to reserve a seat, please call 248-625-1232.

Oakland County's Parenting Awareness Coalition requests nominations for the "**Family Friendly Employer of the Year**" awards.

Any employer in Oakland County is eligible. Three awards based on company size will be given: 49 or fewer employees, 50-299 employees and 300+ employees.

To nominate a company, please retrieve a nomination form via the internet from [Oaklandhelpink.com](http://Oaklandhelpink.com) or [Unitedwayoakland.org](http://Unitedwayoakland.org). The contest deadline is March 31 and winners will be announced mid-April.

For more information, please contact Erin Cayce at 248-452-8673.

Applications are now being evaluated for the **Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp**.

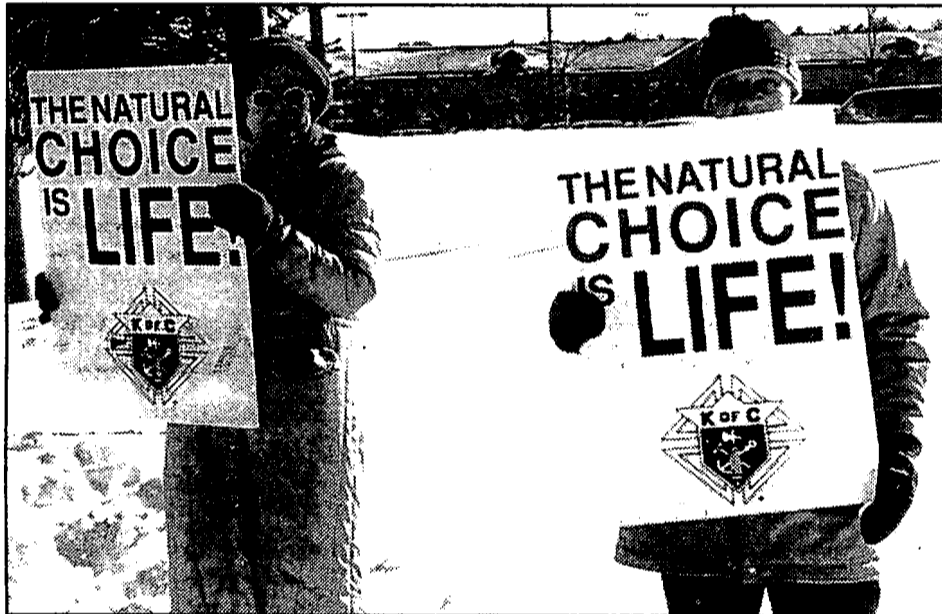
The camp is by invitation only. Boys and girls ages 10-19 are eligible to apply. Players from 50 states and 17 foreign countries attended the 2004 camp. College basketball scholarships are possible for players selected to the All-American Team. A camp is located in Ypsilanti, Mich.

For more information, please call 704-373-0873.

The Greater Oakland Chapter of the American Business Women's Association is funding a scholarship through the Stephen Bufton Memorial Education Fund. The field of study is not specified, and the scholarship is in the amount of \$1,000.

Candidates must be women who are citizens of the United States; residents of Oakland County; will be in college at the first or second year level in Aug. 2005; will be or are attending an accredited vocational, technical or community college authorized to confer associate level degrees; and have achieved a cumulative grade point average of 2.7 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

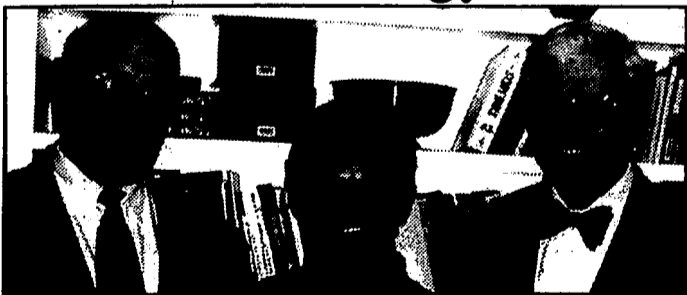
To receive an application, please send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Greater Oakland Charter Chapter, Loraine Hoxie, 1413 Grant Court, Lapeer, MI 48446.



## Voicing their views...

The North Oakland County Right to Life demonstrated on Dixie Hwy. near White Lake Rd. on Jan. 23. "We've had a smaller turnout that we'd hoped for, because of the weather. Otherwise (the demonstration) has been good," said Clarkston resident Kathleen Pierz. Some 30 people did turn out to the event, held on the 32nd anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. Photo by Noah Purcell

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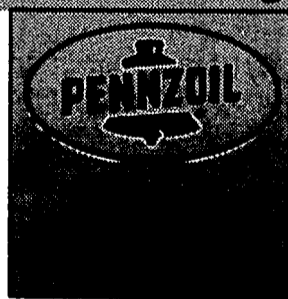
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# Service group to help needy seniors with home repairs



Diane Midgely explains the Christmas in Action program at the Jan. 20 Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce luncheon. The service group is seeking volunteers and donations for a one-day project in April to help senior citizens with home repairs. Photo by Don Schelske

**BY DON SCHELSKE**  
Staff Writer, The Clarkston News

One day can make a difference. A group of Clarkston area residents is organizing a local branch of Christmas in Action, which coordinates an annual work day to provide free home repairs to low income senior citizens and disabled homeowners. Diane Midgely is the driving force behind the effort, which is new in Clarkston, but has been active in Oakland County for eight years after being founded 32 years ago. "We really are trying to spread the word," Midgely said at the Jan. 20 Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce luncheon. "One day a year. That's it." The fledgling local group has already made presentations and received endorsement from other service clubs and local governments. Originally known as Christmas in April, the non-profit organization has organized work days in Waterford and Brandon Township, among others. Midgely helped with the Waterford project last year as a member of another service group. When she learned there was no similar project in the Clarkston area (even though there are needy seniors here), she vowed to help organize Christmas in Action in this community. April 30 is this year's work date, but there's a lot of

work to be done before then. Midgely said there is now a local 12-member board coordinating the campaign, but there is need for volunteers, donations of materials, and information on needy seniors.

"Many seniors have lots of pride, and they don't necessarily want to tell you what they need on an application," she said, but most welcome the help when it is offered.

As for volunteers, Midgely said skilled labor is always welcome, but the focus is on "people who can handle a paint brush or a broom." The number of people is the key to success.

"There's a lot that can be done when you work together, and you feel so good about doing it," she said.

Money is also welcome to purchase supplies. The Oakland County group has scheduled a couple fund-raisers, including a Jan 29 ice sculpture and wine tasting affair at Canterbury Village in Orion Township. Tickets are \$20, and Midgely said placing a "C" on the ticket will ensure that funds will be earmarked for the Clarkston project.

The group also has an annual golf outing with sponsorship opportunities for donations ranging from \$200 to \$3,000.

For more information on the campaign, or to volunteer or make donations, call 248-618-7433.

## Clarkston Optimists host fund-raiser

The Clarkston Area Optimist Club is hosting its annual Night on the Towne Optimist dinner-dance and auction on March 19 at the Liberty Grille and Golf Club.

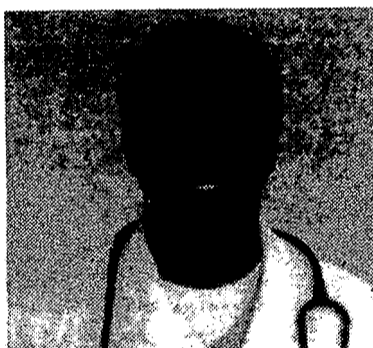
The evening's program will include an elegant sit down dinner, live music, dancing and both live and silent auctions. A reception and cash bar will precede the dinner.

Tickets are now on sale for the event at \$75 per person.

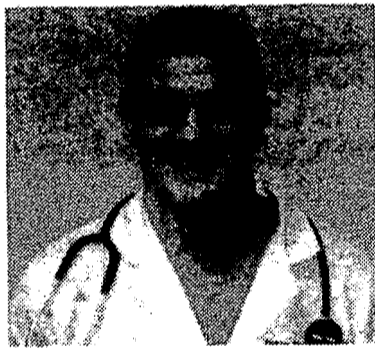
Currently, the Optimist Club is looking for individuals to contribute to the auctions. Last year dinners, free car washes, resort-time-shares and tickets to sporting events were offered. Once again this year, the "Cavana Boys" evening dinner will be sold.

To find out more about the event, purchase tickets or contribute prizes, please contact any Optimist Club member or call event chairman Jill Popour at Clarkston State Bank at 248-922-2700.

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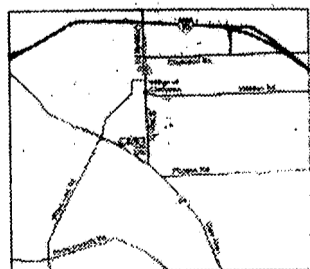
Dr. Abraham is a Clarkston High School graduate and attended the University of Michigan Medical School. Dr. Moscovic, also a Clarkston native, attended Michigan State University - College of Osteopathic Medicine. Both are William Beaumont Hospital trained and specialize in internal medicine and pediatrics.

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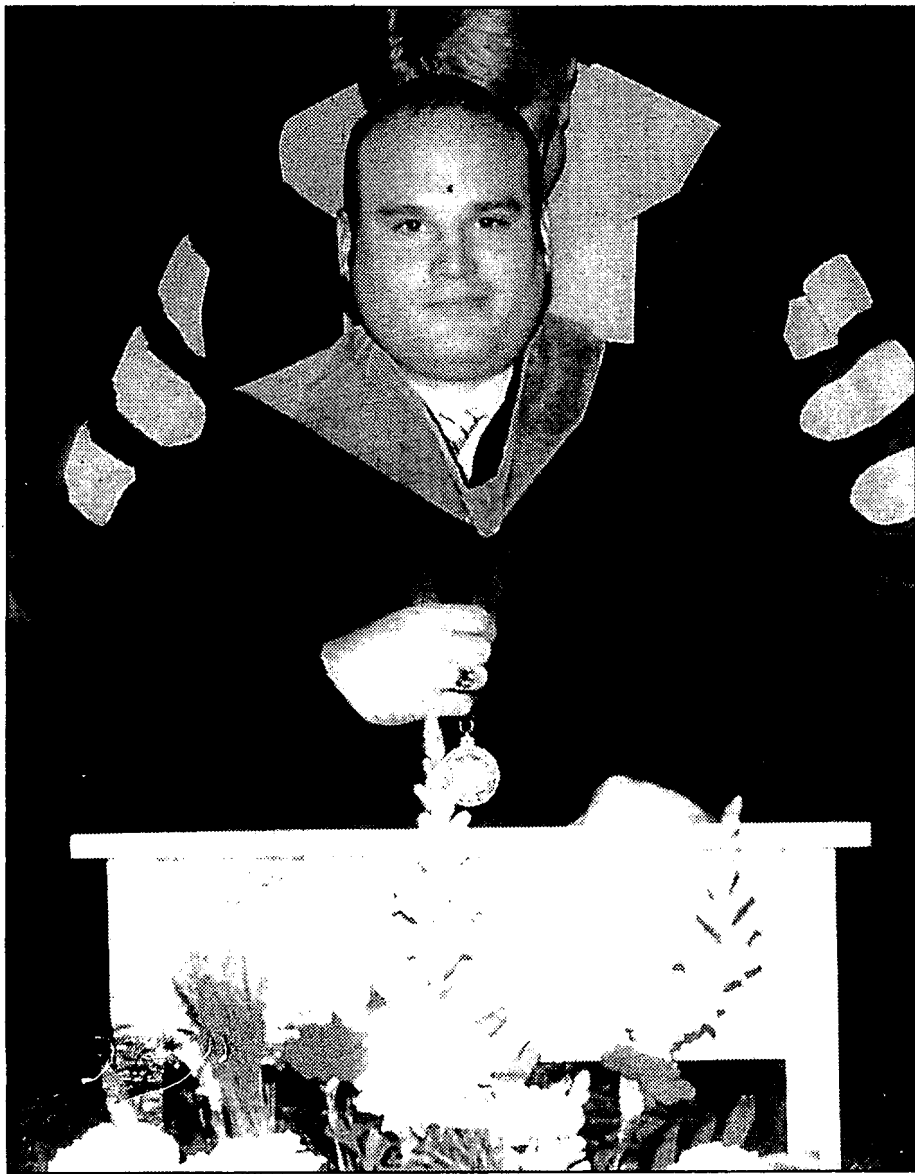
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# Milestones

## Blundy receives doctorate



Former 1998 Clarkston High School Graduate, Eric Paul Blundy received his doctorate in chiropractic from Logan College of Chiropractic in St. Louis, Mont. on Dec. 18, 2004.

Dr. Blundy also has a bachelor's of science degree in life sciences. He

is an alumnus of Sigma Phi Epsilon at Western Michigan University.

In addition, Dr. Blundy is currently studying for his master's in chiropractic neurology through The Carrick Institute.

## Local students make dean's list

Academic Dean Dr. Eugene C. Beckham announced that three Clarkston students were named to the Dean's List for the fall term at Northwood University.

Jade Jackson, senior, daughter of Lanny M. Jackson of Waterford and Tina Easley; Morgan F. Keil, senior, daughter of Francis and Cynthia Keil;

and Leslie L. Swetch, sophomore, daughter of Daniel and Cathy Swetch each received the honor.

Northwood University is a private, accredited university specializing in managerial and entrepreneurial education offering two and four year degrees in a variety of enterprise fields.

## Nowakowski makes dean's list

Congratulations to Jessica R. Nowakowski for being placed on the 2004 fall semester dean's list at Grand Valley State University. Nowakowski is a junior majoring in marketing.

Each semester, those undergraduates who complete twelve or more grade point credits at an average of 3.5 or higher receive the honor from Dean H. James Williams of the Seidman College of Business.

## Do you have a Milestone to share?

Then send us your weddings, anniversaries, births, special occasions and important moments to share with the community! You can mail your Milestones to *The Clarkston News*, 5 S. Main St., Clarkston, Mich. 48346 or e-mail them to [shermanpub@aol.com](mailto:shermanpub@aol.com). (Please put in all e-mail subjects Attn: Clarkston News Milestone.)

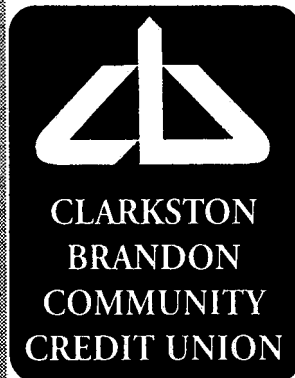
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# Religion

## Procrastinate? Let's wait on that one

Happy New Year! Now that we are a few weeks into the new year, how are you doing on fulfilling all those resolutions you made? For many, that sounds like a pretty heartless question.

We seem to start out well, but after a period of time our resolve seems to wane. One survey found that 55 percent of Americans keep their resolutions after one month. Forty percent continue to keep theirs after six months and 19 percent keep theirs after two years.

Whether we make resolutions or resolve not to make resolutions, most of us have goals that we want to attain. Why is it that we don't finish strong? And why is it that we often don't even start when we mean so well? One of the biggest culprits is procrastination.

Most all of us tend to procrastinate at something. It could be as simple as taking out the garbage, to as complex as making major life decisions. Time management experts and psychologists have thoroughly debated the pros and cons of this fine art of putting things off.

There are many reasons that we put things off. One reason is fear. It could be the fear of just about anything; success, failure, change—you name it. A parable Jesus told was of a servant who was given investment money from his master. Instead of investing his master's fortune, he was afraid and hid it in the ground. Needless to say, his master was very angry with him.

Fear keeps a lot of people from even starting what is good and often necessary. Many put off building significant relationships because of being previously burned. What a tragedy.

God's remedy for fear is trust. If we know God and trust Him, we may work through those imposing fears by realizing that He will see us through. King

David said, "Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in you" (Psalm 55:23). The best way to learn to trust Him is to get to know Him. We don't trust people we don't know. It is no different with God.

Another reason for procrastination is perfectionism. Let's face it—we will never be perfect. We won't write the perfect article, we won't make the perfect presentations. We won't forge that perfect relationship.

Only God is perfect. Sometimes we think more of ourselves than we ought. We would like the recognition or self-satisfaction that good work brings, or we fear looking bad, so we put off the inevitable. Yet those deadlines come...and go, sometimes. The bottom line is that the work must be done and we must not wait for the perfect opportunity or the perfect feeling to start and finish what we should do. Having high standards is a great thing, but they shouldn't be so high that they keep us from starting.

The hardest procrastination reason to admit to is laziness. Not all procrastinators are lazy; yet, if we were honest, we would have to say that there may be areas where we play the part of the sloth.

The American Heritage dictionary defines laziness as "...resistant to work or exertion; disposed to idleness." It's much easier to sit on the couch and eat chips than to get on that torture machine called the treadmill. Once we try to get back on it, that experience of ease we had while in our couch potato state is quickly diminished after running two minutes while carrying 20 extra pounds.

We can have a plethora of excuses when facing an unpleasant task. King Solomon noted that, "The lazy man is wiser in his own eyes than seven men who can answer sensibly" (Proverbs 26:16). We tend to be the only ones who believe our own excuses.

Procrastination can be a great problem. It robs people of achieving their potential. It robs society as well. How many people had great ideas that could

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### Spiritual Matters



Pastor Russ Reemtsma

## In our churches...

Clarkston United Methodist Church will offer "Beginnings: An Introduction to the Christian Faith" from 6:45-8:45 p.m. on Wednesdays beginning Jan. 26.

The 12-week small group study about basic Christian beliefs is intended for adults who want to explore their faith. In each session, participants will share a meal, watch a video, develop disciplines of Christian conversation and Scripture study, engage in meaningful discussions and explore faith and teachings.

Topics include "Who is Jesus?", "Sin and the Cross," "Death and Resurrection," "Can I Trust God?", "The Bible," "Forgiveness and Wholeness," "Prayer" and "The Good Life."

Cost is \$18. For more information, call 248-625-1611, extension 226.

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The St. Daniel Catholic Community will offer the following activities in February:

- Tuesday, Feb. 8 from 6-8 p.m. will be a **Mardi Gras party** — a family dance party to celebrate the end of Ordinary Time and the start of Lent. No cost.

- **Ash Wednesday Mass** will be celebrated with ashes at 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Service with ashes will be at 12:15 p.m. Ashes will also be available in the church during the day for families to stop in.

- **Study the Book of Exodus** will be Mondays from 7:30-9 p.m.; the 10-week study starts February 14 (no class Feb. 21).

For more information, call 248-625-1750.

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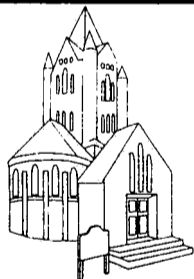
A brunch to help **kids in Afghanistan** is being planned for noon on Sunday, March 6 in the St. Daniel Cushing Center social hall.

Enjoy a family style brunch and, at the same time, support and learn more on how to help the kids in Afghanistan.

Keynote speaker will be Kris Nedam.

Officials estimate that infant mortality in Afghanistan is 165 per 1,000 live births, while under-five mortality is as high as 257 per 1,000 live births.

For more information on the March 6 brunch, call 248-625-4583.



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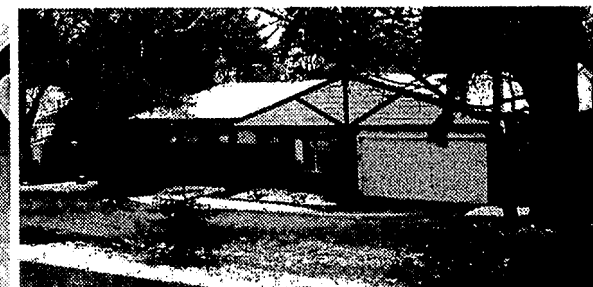
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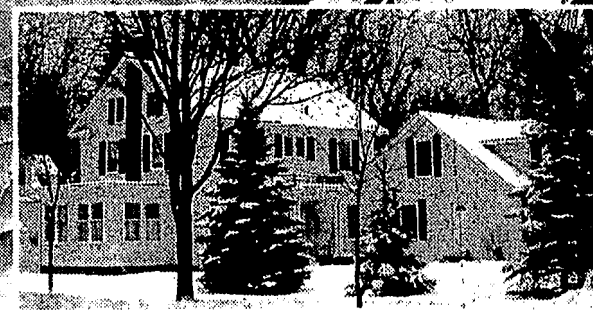
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# Obituaries

## Mable Aleen Rondo

Mable Aleene Rondo, of Clarkston, passed away on January 21, 2005 at the age of 88.

Mrs. Rondo was preceded in death by her husband John and her sons William, Edward and Frank. She was the mother of Robert of Clarkston, James of Clarkston, Thomas of Au Gres, Mable Anspaugh of Lupton, Kathryn (Jerry) Jenkins of Ortonville, Helen (John) Schell of Florida, Patrick (Nancy) of Goodrich and Mary Sloas of Pontiac.

She is also survived by 41 grandchildren, 45 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was also the mother-in-law of Esther of Holly.

Mrs. Rondo retired from Oakland County as a cook at Work Ed. in Oxford. She enjoyed crosswords and crocheting.

A funeral service was held on January 24, 2005 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home. Burial in Lakeview Cemetery.

## Alexander T. Stewart

Rev. Alexander T. Stewart, 82, of Auburn, Ala., formerly of Clarkston, passed away January 15, 2005.

He was founder and rector for 27 years of the Church of the Resurrection. Rev. Stewart was also founder of the Clarkston Public Library and very active in many civic activities. He retired to Alabama 18 years ago.

Rev. Stewart is survived by his wife of 56 years, Edith and two daughters, Phyllis (Steven) Frankoff of Houston, Texas, and Joan (James Nudo) Stewart of Chicago, Illinois; two sons, David of Albuquerque and Bruce (Cyndy) of Shelby Twp.; and eight grandchildren, J. and Alexandra Bullard, Claire Stewart, Eric and Jordyn Mico, Reese Stewart, and William and Oriana Nudo.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005 at the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, Clarkston. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to the Church of the Resurrection.

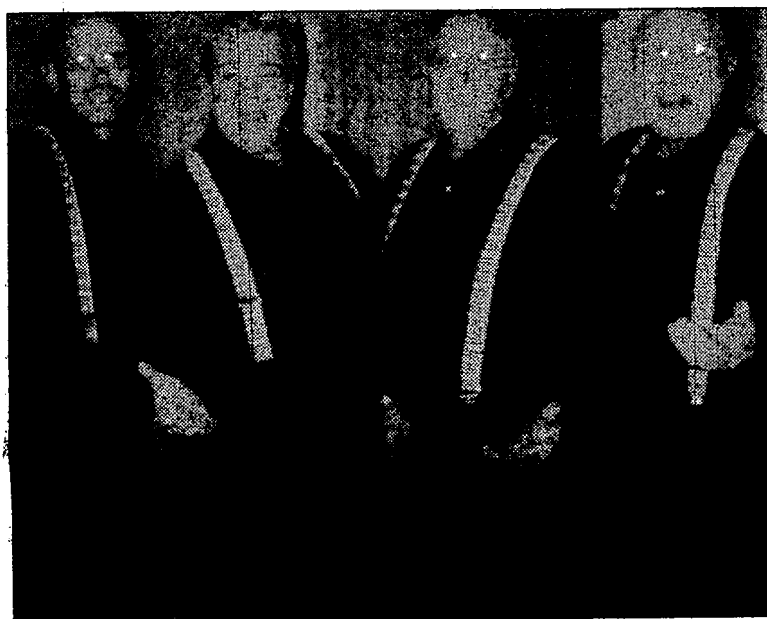
Please see next week's edition of *The Clarkston News* to learn more about Rev. Stewart and his many good works within the Clarkston community.

## Melissa D. Machesney

Melissa D. Machesney, of Waterford, passed away unexpectedly on January 23, 2005 after a courageous battle with lupus. She was 31 years old.

Ms. Machesney was the daughter of Valerie (Dick) Dionne and Mike (Vicky) Machesney; granddaughter of Byron and Belinda Machesney; stepsister of Carrie Dionne and Rick (Pam) Dionne; and niece of Rick and Sherry Caldwell, Diana Adair, Chris and Lloyd Gearhart, and Gary and Laurie Caldwell. She is also survived by many cousins and special cousin Ricky.

A memorial service was held on January 25, 2005 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home. Any donations to the family will be used for a grave marker.



Quartets from the Pontiac-Waterford Big Chief Chorus are available to deliver a singing valentine for and to anyone in the Clarkston area. Pictured left-right in their quartet are tenor Tom Ford, of Clarkston; lead Irwin "Doc" Mann, of Oxford; bass Fred DeVis, of Lake Orion; and baritone Walt Denio, of Clarkston. Photo provided

## Local residents help barbershop choir harmonize throughout Oakland County

BY CHRISTINA ULAJ  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Pontiac-Waterford Big Chief Chorus will be spreading harmony this Valentine's Day.

The chorus will offer singing valentines from Feb. 11-14. The valentines will be delivered by male quartets throughout Oakland County. The package includes two love songs, a rose for the honoree and a photo to remember the moment. The singing will be done at the location of choice for \$45.

"It's a fun thing to do," said Bill Auquier of Independence Township. "It's a great way to improve your singing and learn

new techniques."

The 56 member male barbershop chorus was started in Pontiac 62 years ago. The chorus is a chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, which is for preservation and encouragement of barbershop quartet singing in America.

In the last year, the Big Chief Chorus has modernized and includes members throughout Oakland County - Auburn Hills, Clarkston, Commerce, Farmington, Lake Orion, Orchard Lake, Ortonville, Oxford, Pontiac, Rochester Hills, Southfield, South Lyon, Walled Lake, Waterford, West

Bloomfield and White Lake.

There are nine members from Independence Township and Clarkston; some participating for over 15 years.

I have been with the chorus for 16 years," said music chairman Roger Holm. "I love the barbershop harmony. It's very appealing."

The chorus spends a lot of time rehearsing to perfect their sound. Also, the group offers their lyrics to charity including: Oakland County Medical Care Facility and visiting senior centers around the holidays.

For more information, call 248-698-4052.

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## Recipe Corner

I do not remember who gave me this recipe, but while cleaning out my recipe file, I came across this Cabbage Soup recipe and decided to make a pot.

- 2 c. chopped celery
- 1 1/2 T dry onions
- 2 qt. water
- 4 c. chopped cabbage
- 2 T lemon juice
- 2 c. tomato juice
- 2 env. chicken broth
- salt and pepper

The longer you cook the soup or reheat it the better it tastes. When I made the soup, I used one extra cup tomato juice and one can chicken broth and reduced the water.

By Lorna Bickerstaff

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# Comedian urges students to 'Reach for the Stars'

BY CHRISTINA ULAJ  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Students at Clarkston Elementary School experienced a day of understanding when they participated in the "Reach for the Stars" program.

"Reach for the Stars" educates kids about overcoming obstacles to achieve goals.

By using public figures such as Abraham Lincoln, Walt Disney and Jim Abbott, the program draws the students' attention to the celebrity's accomplishments and instills an understanding that anything can be achieved.

As a special treat, third graders were invited to an assembly on Jan. 19 with guest speaker physical comedian O.J. Anderson, who personally has overcome a major obstacle.

Anderson was in a terrible car accident which left him in the hospital for months. Now, he is on his way in recovery and with the help of therapy can once

again perform.

Anderson has performed professionally for over 30 years throughout the world. He worked with SADD for the past 13 years.

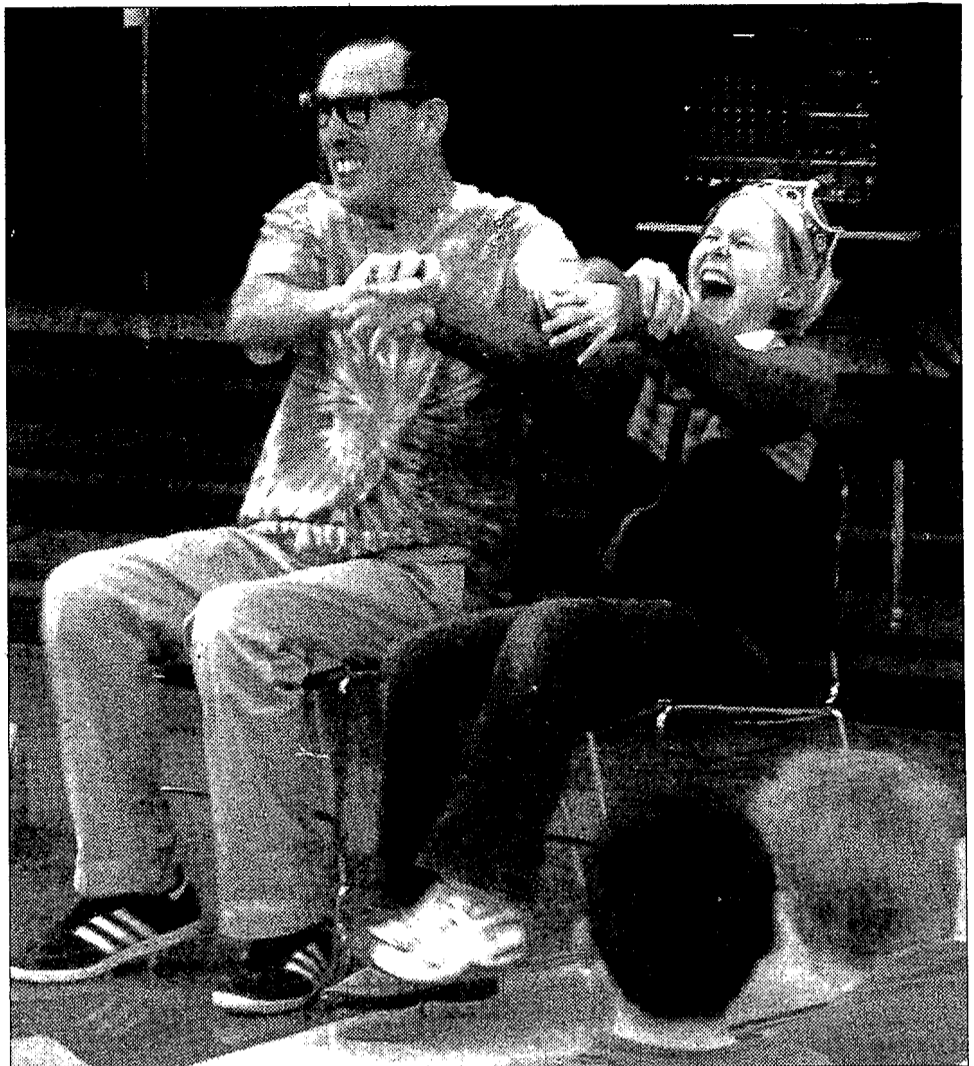
He also has some of the most interesting jobs: Anderson coaches clowns with Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus and has toured with Weird Al Yankovich and B.B. King.

"I get the kids wild and then exhausted so we can discuss the importance of 'Reach for the Stars,'" said Anderson.

"O.J. is an inspirational speaker," said Co-Chair Kim Werner. "He really relates to the kids."

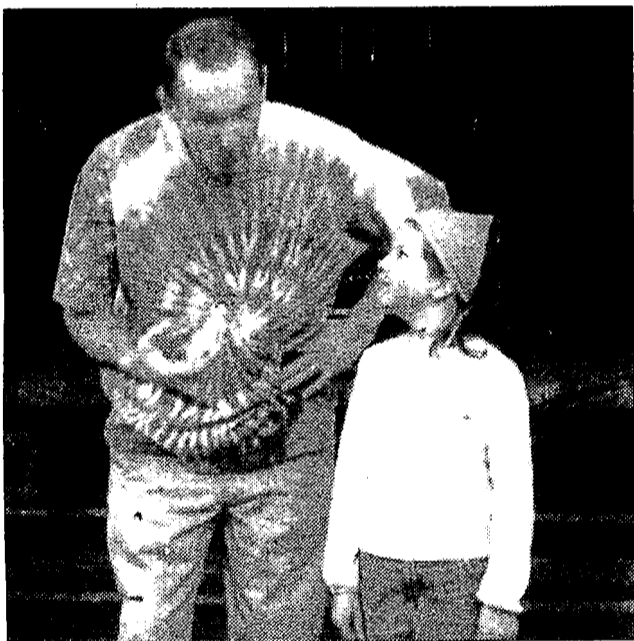
Anderson's comedy had everyone laughing and his message was clear: you can achieve anything you want to.

At the end of the assembly, the students learned a song and sign language. "Reach for the Stars" is a program Clarkston Elementary supports and coordinates every year.



Comedian O.J. Anderson teaches third grader Jessica Vedrody to drive.

## Photos by Christina Ulaj



Anderson clowns around with third grader Maria Magidsohn.



Anderson dances with one of the Clarkston Elementary parent volunteers.



Anderson with third grader Thomas Fenton.



Clarkston Elementary third graders participate in a special activity during Anderson's assembly.



Third graders enjoy the show.



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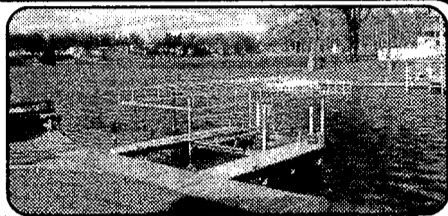
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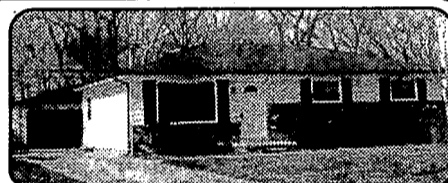
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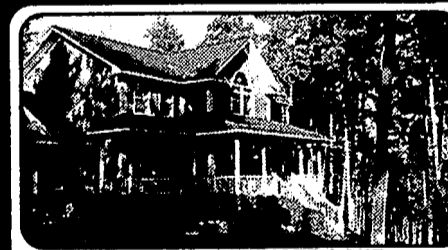
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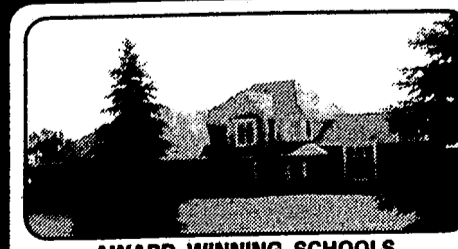
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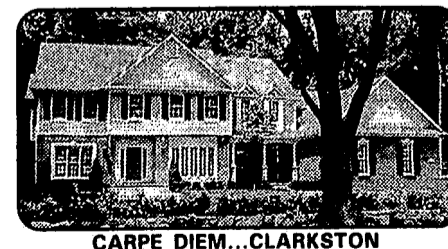
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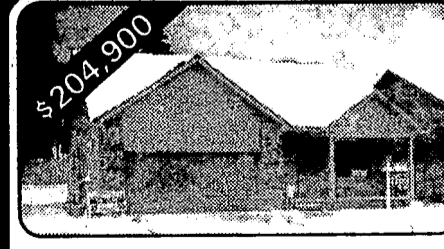
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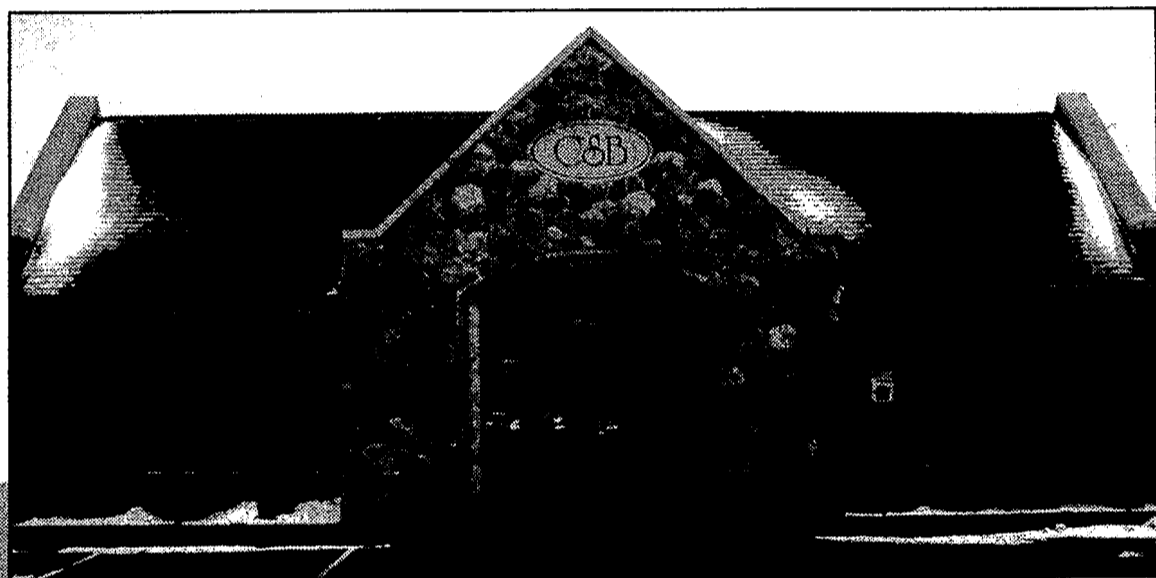
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## Where are they?

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port received from the faculty. "A lot of the teachers went the extra mile to help students."

Reene is coming through another "major event" in his life: recovery from testicular cancer. Having been diagnosed last August, he has come through chemotherapy and surgery and enjoys a good prognosis.

A great admirer of Lance Armstrong (who had the same type of cancer), Reene said he took great encouragement from the cyclist's example and now tackles his job with even more commitment.

"A person's perspective changes," he said. "It becomes magnified when you go through an experience like this."

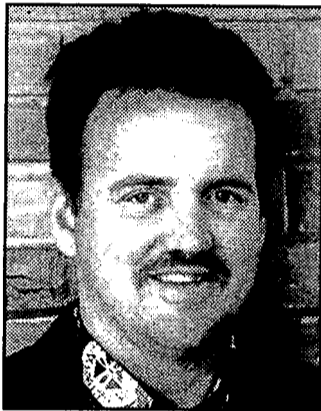
## Marc Molzon

Marc Molzon moved to Florida after graduation from Clarkston High School in 1981.

He quickly moved back to Clarkston.

"I really didn't like it there too much," said Molzon, who has also traveled around the country in his job as a glazier. "I really enjoyed California and Hawaii, but I haven't moved there yet."

Part of the reason he enjoys staying in the northern climb may come from his fond memories of being on the Clarkston High School ski team.



"We had a lot of fun doing that," he said, especially noting the team's district championship.

Now he enjoys annual ski trips to Colorado to ski there. In the meantime, he really enjoys his job with Plymouth-based American Glass and Metals Corporation. As an installation foreman, Molzon has worked on high rise buildings such as Ford Field, the Detroit One building, Guardian World Headquarters and Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

"The work changes every day," he said.

With two children now attending Clarkston High School, Molzon sees first hand some of the differences from when he was in high school.

"It's amazing how many kids are there," he said.

## Elizabeth Stalker

Elizabeth Stalker, a 1997 graduate of Clarkston High School, has been singing since the young age of three. She recorded her first album at age five and has been singing ever since.

Shortly after graduation, Stalker put all her focus into her singing. She performed in coffee shops and any other place that would showcase her talent. She and her husband Noel even formed a band called "Lady and the Tramps," which played jazz.

Stalker said she enjoyed her time with "Lady and the Tramps," but she wanted to further her career.

She eventually began writing with lyricist Allan Goetz and realized she had a natural way of writing music. In the one year Stalker and Goetz knew each other, they



had written 11 songs.

Now, Stalker has a full-length album, a music video and sings every Thursday at the Clarkston Cafe. Most recently she auditioned for "Nashville Star." Stalker was the only Michigan candidate to go on to regional, placing her with 74 other finalists out of 15,000. She is back home in Auburn Hills, but will never forget Clarkston.

"I miss the community and my family," said Stalker. "It's a beautiful town with a lot of memories."

Look for updated performance schedules by visiting [www.bethstalker.com](http://www.bethstalker.com).

## Spiritual Matters

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have helped mankind, yet good intentions were bereft a simple start. Detroit Lions Coach Steve Mariucci said, "I never wear a watch, because I always know it's now — and now is when you should do it."

Lastly, there is nothing more tragic than putting off God. How can you "put off" God? He knows everything about us. He is everywhere present and He is the One Who controls all things.

We often put off having a real relationship with God because we don't want to start with the major problem: sin. Yet God didn't put off the answer to our sin. He sent Christ at the perfect time, to die and to rise again so that we could have hope.

God didn't procrastinate loving us. God didn't put off providing a way for us to escape the separation caused by sin. Don't put off trusting Christ as your Savior. Don't procrastinate receiving the deepest joy a human can have by knowing God through His Son.

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(Russ Reemtsma is pastor of First Baptist Church of Clarkston.)

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### SYNOPSIS

### TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

Supervisor Wagner called the December 21, 2004 meeting to order at 7:30 at the Independence Township Library.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Dunn, Rosso, Travis, VanderVeen, Wagner, Wenger

Absent: Kelly arrived at 8:00 pm

There is a quorum

1. Remove Item #5 from the Agenda and approved as amended
2. Approved the Consent Agenda
  - Approval of Minutes
  - Approval of A.P. Purchase Orders
  - Approval of Check run
3. Approved motion for non-union salaries
4. Approved motion for one day liquor license at Everest Academy
5. Approved motion for Bay Court Sanitary Sewer Assessment Charge
6. Approved motion for Building Department Fee Schedule
7. Approved motion for reclassification of park employee
8. Approved motion for permission to purchase van
9. Approved motion for Board of Review appointments
10. Approved motion to participate with SMART for Specialized Services Grant
11. Approved motion to adjourn at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Shelagh VanderVeen  
Township Clerk

Published: 1/26/05

### STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 2004-296,732-DE

Estate of I.L.B. NOSKEY, a/k/a I.L.A. BELLE

NOSKEY, Deceased Date of Birth: March 5,

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TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

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Decedent's Estate

FILE NO.

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### INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD AGENDA

7:30 P.M.

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DATE: February 1, 2005

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Opening Statements and Correspondence
5. Approval of Agenda
6. Public Forum - Individuals in the audience have the opportunity to address the Township Board on an issue that is not on the agenda
7. limiting their comments to not more than three minutes.
8. Consent Agenda
  - a. Minutes of January 18, 2005 meeting
  - b. Approval of Purchase Orders
  - c. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run
  - d. Addition to Blanket Purchase Order
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
  1. First Reading of Patti Rezoning Request (tabled May 16, 2000)
  2. Update telephone system for Township Hall (90 North Main Street)
  3. 2005 Flemings Lake Road SAD Agreement
- Closed session - Legal opinion
- Items removed from Consent Agenda for action or discussion will be moved to the last item under Unfinished Business.
- Only those matters that are listed on the agenda are to be considered for action.
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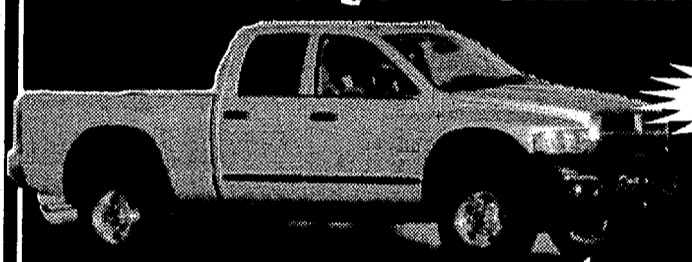
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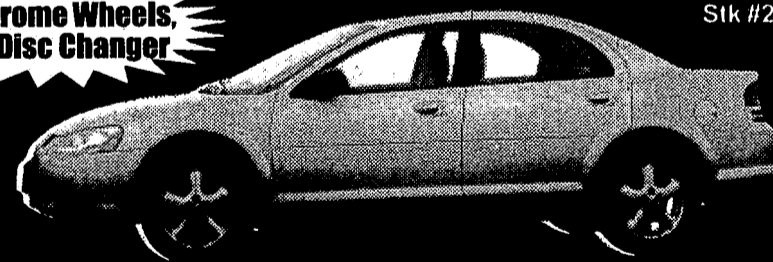


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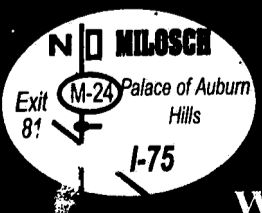
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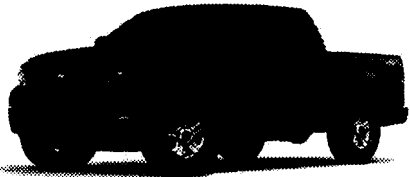
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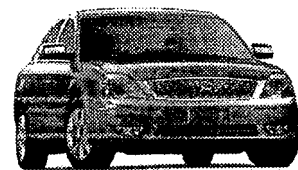


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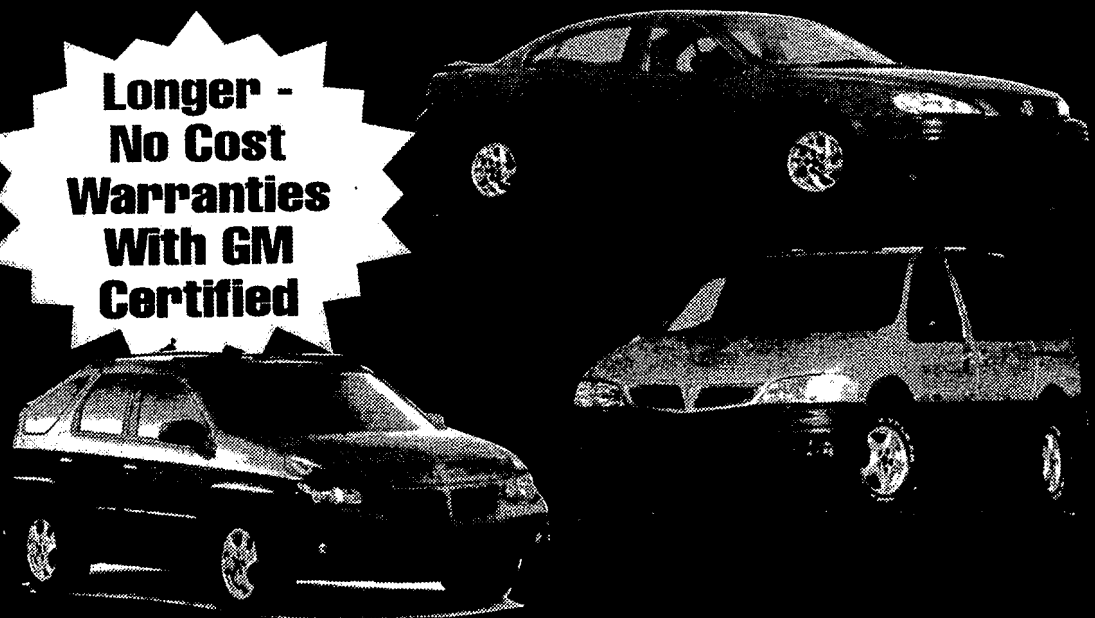
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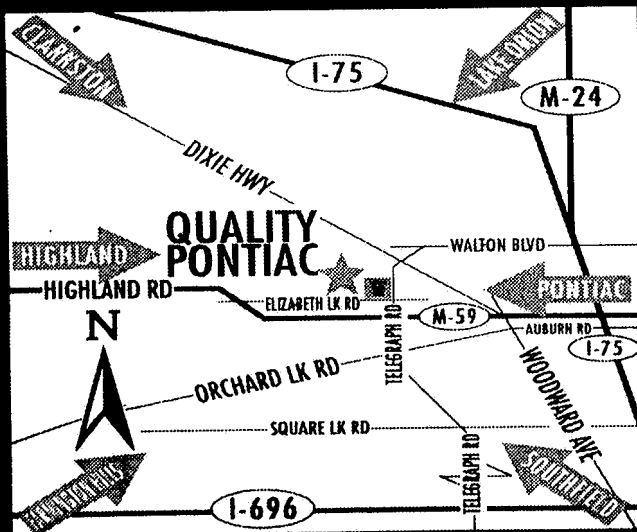
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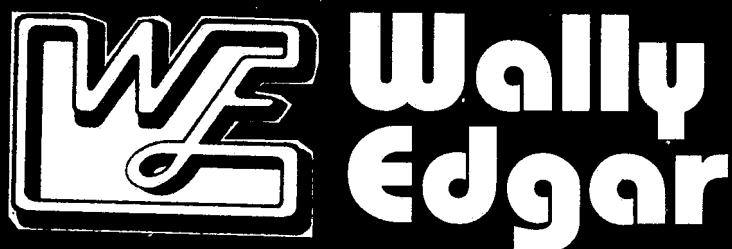
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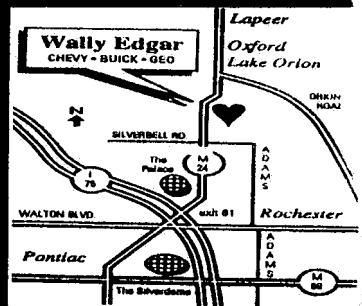




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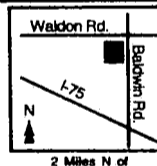
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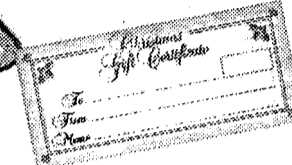


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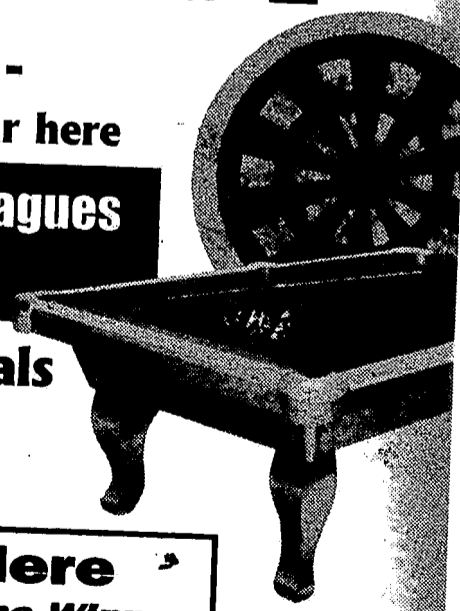
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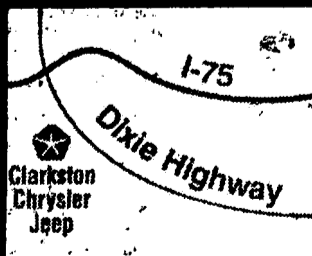
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