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OSMTech blooms in Clarkston

Talks underway for expanding program that was nearly eliminated

BY ANDREW DUPONT

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The future of the Oakland Science, Mathematics and Technology program (OSMTech) is looking bright after being brought back to life in the Clarkston School district.

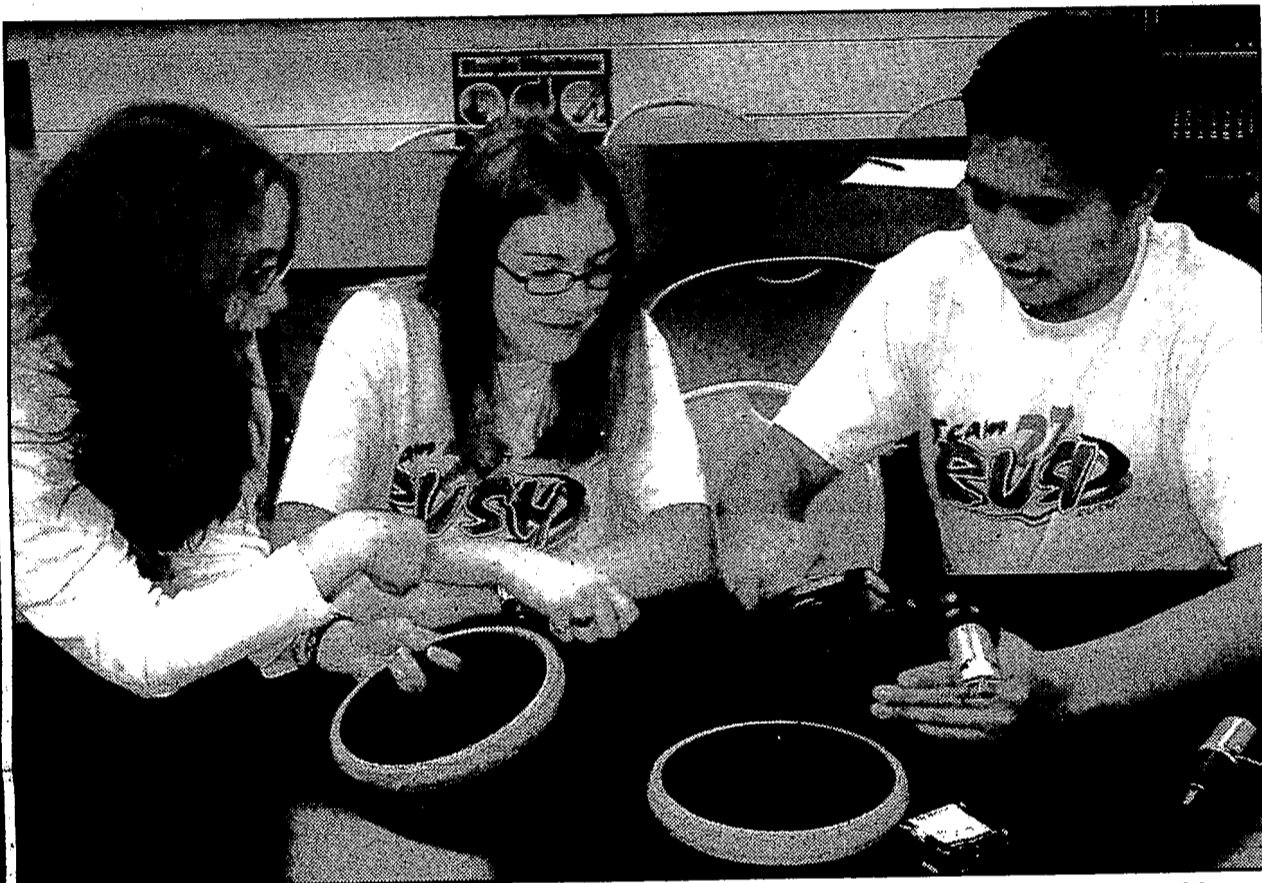
Originally operated by the Oakland Intermediate School district, OSMTech brought students from seven districts throughout Oakland County, including Clarkston, together to further their studies. According to Deputy Superintendent Dave Reschke, the program ran as a teaching lab for nearly a decade until the program's future became uncertain.

"Three or four years ago, Oakland Schools started to question whether or not (OSMTech) was working well as a teaching lab," Reschke said. "Also around that time, some of the districts started to peel off. As they gained more technology in their own districts, they saw less of a need to send their kids out."

The program nearly came to an end before being adopted by Clarkston Schools. Reschke said nearly three years ago he and Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts took a brief look at the program and decided it was worth saving.

"It's a good program, it's great for our kids and we have very strong parent support for it," Reschke said.

Clarkston stayed on as a partner but got mixed
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Pictured (left-right) Shannon Schnepf, an OSMTech alumni, examines robot components with current students Kelly Schenck and James Slemmons. Photo by Andrew DuPont

Keyholing discussion returns to Independence Twp.

BY JENNY MATTESON

Clarkston News Editor

Residents looking to develop a parcel of land with lake access will soon have new regulations to follow if Independence Township Supervisor Dave Wagner gets his way.

According to Wagner, the township board of trustees will vote on a new zoning ordinance pertaining to keyholing at one of the February regular meetings.

"Right now we are doing the final research points and making some last

corrections," said Wagner. "Our attorney (Stuart Cooney) is making some minor changes based on board and public questions.

"This is 18 years coming. It's about time we get on with it."

Keyholing refers to the use of one dock by more than one property owner on a parcel of land. For example, residents of an apartment complex or condo association using the same dock or access point.

The township began creating a

keyholing ordinance about three years ago, but tabled the project when the regulations became too large and the ordinance cumbersome.

In June 2005, trustees formed a committee comprised of board members and lake residents to draft an amendment to Article III of the township ordinances. The first draft was heard at a July 2005 meeting, and sent back for further revisions.

At the Jan. 3 meeting, trustees heard the latest incarnation of the document – in the form of a five section zoning ordinance.

The purpose of the ordinance is to "provide regulations to facilitate local lake and water resource preservation, in relation to boat access and reasonably expected usage. To support the integrity of the lakes and bodies of water within the township in reasonable comparison to general recreational uses, and recognize and promote the ecological balance of

township waters by limiting incompatible land use and to limit artificial alteration to established shorelines."

Section 2.1 lists the following regulations:

- The land should have at least 100 lineal feet of water frontage and a lot depth of at least 100 feet for each current and proposed dwelling.
- The frontage of such a parcel will not consist of swamp, marsh, bog or wetland.
- The parcel will not abut a man-made canal or channel, and no such structures can be created to meet these regulations.

• The access property, meeting all these conditions, cannot be used as a residential property.

According to Cooney, the document started as a docking ordinance, something for traffic control. However, comments and questions from lake residents

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'This is 18 years coming. It's about time we get on with it.'

Dave Wagner
Independence Township Supervisor

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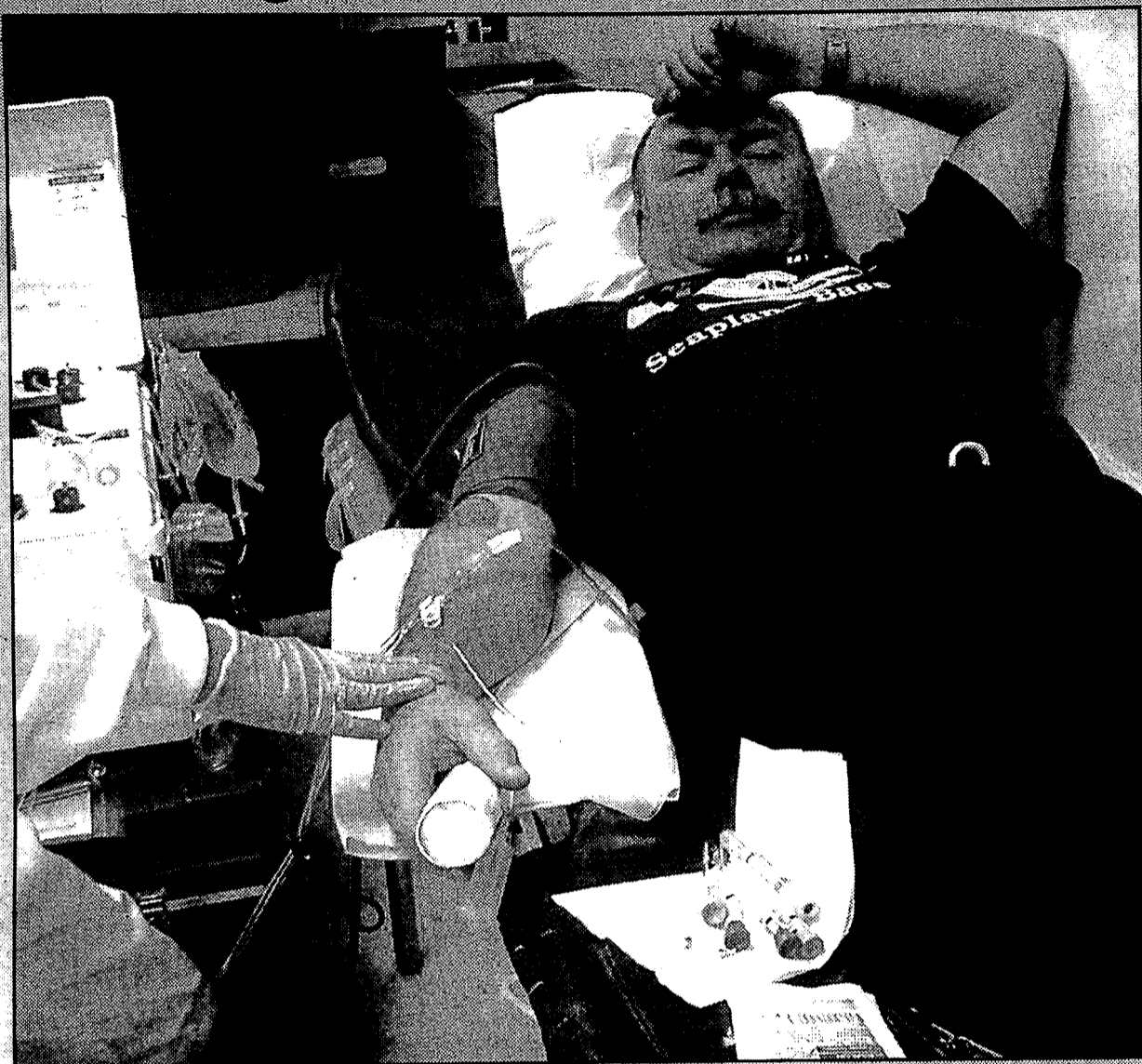
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Wolves in Pontiac.

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Showing some Hart in Davisburg



Davisburg resident Bob Apple donates blood at the American Red Cross Blood Drive held at the Hart Community Center on Jan. 4. The event was sponsored by the Davisburg Rotary. Photo by James Martinez

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Briefly

Orco rescheduled for Jan. 19 PC meeting

The holidays are over, the snow has melted and Orco Investments is returning to the Clarkston High School auditorium on Jan. 19 for a special meeting of the Independence Township Planning Commission.

Orco's request to rezone approximately 70 acres from single family residential to planned shopping center and highway commercial is the topic of a 7:30 p.m. public hearing. The parcel of land being considered is located in the southwest corner of the intersection of I-75 and Sashabaw Road, north of Waldon Road.

Orco was originally scheduled for the public hearing on Dec. 15; however, the session was cancelled due to weather.

Also on the agenda is a public hearing for a rezoning of the same parcel initiated by the planning commission itself. After reviewing Township Planner Dick Carlisle's recommendations in the Sashabaw Corridor Study, the commission began the process to rezone the property from single family residential to local commercial, planned shopping center, office service one, office service two and multiple family.

For background information on Orco's rezoning request, please go online to www.clarkstonnews.com. Use the search engine to browse *The Clarkston News* archives.

Optimists hold annual essay contest

The Clarkston Area Optimist Club is again sponsoring an Essay Contest. Students can win up to \$5,000 in scholarships by writing an essay on the topic, "I'm Unique Because..."

Applicants have to be a high school student under the age of 19 as of Dec. 31, 2005. The deadline for submission is noon on Feb. 10, 2006.

For complete details, please 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.

Tour the McCord homestead Jan. 14

With so much discussion surrounding the McCord homestead on Pine Knob Road, many residents may be curious about the well-known property. Well wonder no longer.

New owner Sam Moraco, an Independence Township resident and planning commissioner, is opening the home's doors for tours on Jan. 14 from 1-3 p.m.

"I wanted to invite any residents of the township who are interested in seeing the property and structures prior to the start of renovations," said Moraco.

"I know there's been talk about what is out here and this will be the only chance for residents to see the condition of the home before we start. Any residents who come visit the site on Saturday will be invited back to see the finished product later if they like."

Moraco advises anyone visiting the property to please dress appropriately. Boots and warm clothing are recommended.

The McCord homestead is located on Pine Knob Road at the corner of Stickney Road. Take Sashabaw Road north. Approximately two miles past I-75, take a right onto Stickney Road, follow that to Pine Knob Road and turn left. The homestead is the first drive on the left and has a small gate.

First light shone on new millage

BY ANDREW DUPONT
Clarkston News Staff Writer

At the Jan. 9 Clarkston School Board meeting, the board moved one step closer to finalizing their proposal for a non-homestead tax.

After lengthy discussion, the school board agreed to pursue approval for a non-homestead millage renewal in the district, estimated to be 19.2491 mills combined, for a period of 10 years. However, the district is only allowed to collect 18 mills annually by law. If approved, the millage would be in effect until 2015, but due to Headlee rollback, the board could possibly seek additional renewals in the next 2-4 years in order to keep the millage rate at or above 18 mills.

The board opted not to include a second proposal asking for an additional 4.5 "restoration" mills for a period of ten years. Vice President Stephen Hyer and Trustee John Koval supported adding the second pro-

posal, but several board members raised concerns over the length of the proposal. President Karen Foyteck voiced her concern over the potential confusion caused by adding the second proposal to the ballot.

(Please see page 6A for *The Clarkston News'* opinion on the topic.)

Other business from the Jan. 9 meeting includes:

- The addition of two new classes into the health and sexuality curriculum regarding adoption and safe delivery.

- A single, four-year term seat on the Clarkston School Board is open for the May 2 election. Secretary Sheila Hughes' term is set to expire at that time.

Candidates who wish to seek office at the election must file an Affidavit of Identity and a nominating petition with Oakland County by 4 p.m. on Feb. 7. A \$100 nonrefundable fee may be filed in lieu of the nominating petition. Withdrawal deadline is 4 p.m. on Feb 10.

School Board Appreciation Month



January is School Board Appreciation Month; and to commemorate, several administrators from the Clarkston School district congratulated the board for all their hard work at the Jan 9 meeting. The board was also presented with gifts, including books donated to district school libraries in their honor. Pictured (l-r) are Trustee Joan Patterson, Treasurer Ron Sullivan, President Karen Foyteck, Vice President Stephen Hyer, Secretary Sheila Hughes, Trustee Barry Bomier and Trustee John Koval. Photo by Andrew DuPont

'Spring into Reading' in need of volunteers

Do you enjoy listening to real authors and illustrators speak of how they do the amazing things they do? Do you collect autographed copies of books? Do you think it is important that our children are given the opportunity to be inspired by authors and illustrators?

If so, please consider joining the Clarkston Schools *Spring Into Reading* Committee!

Spring Into Reading (SIR) is a community committee made up of parents, teachers, media specialists, public librarians and other community members. It is affiliated with Clarkston PTA's and PTO's as well as the Clarkston Foundation.

The goal of the committee is to bring quality authors and illustrators to Clarkston students at their school as well as the public library.

This year, *Spring Into Reading* is bringing Jim Aylesworth, Deborah Morris and Neal Shusterman to

the community. There is a lot of work involved in bringing these authors to Clarkston. Much needs to be done before the guests arrive, and while they are here.

Spring Into Reading also needs to begin looking at authors and illustrators for the 2006-2007 school year. Many of them book their calendars up to two years in advance!

The committee meets once a month, after school, for the majority of the school year. Meetings may become more frequent as the author visit becomes imminent; however, all attempts are made to make the meetings productive and as brief as possible.

If you think you can contribute your time and efforts to this meaningful committee, please contact Sandy Gallivan at Clarkston Elementary at 248-623-5146 or Sharon Crain at Springfield Plains Elementary at 248-623-3809 to volunteer.

Community scholarships announced

Five area service organizations are joining forces to offer up to 16 local scholarships valued at \$500 to \$1000 each. The Joint Scholarship undertaking is chaired by Heidi Wood, Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, and includes representatives from the Clarkston Area Optimists Club, Clarkston Farm and Garden Club, Clarkston Foundation and the Clarkston Rotary.

"We hope that a single application form, a coordinated deadline date and joint publicity efforts will increase the number of students applying for these local funds," Wood said.

The joint application form represents a pool of over \$14,000 available through 16 individual scholarships. Limit of one scholarship award per student from each organization:

- Clarkston Area Chamber of Com-

merce - five scholarships \$1,000 each

- Clarkston Area Optimist Club - three scholarships \$1,000 each

- Clarkston Farm and Garden Club - four scholarships \$500 each

- Clarkston Rotary Club - two scholarships \$1,000 each

- Clarkston Foundation - two scholarships \$1,000 each

The Scholarship form is available online at www.clarkston.org. Scholarship applications are also available at the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, Clarkston High School Counseling office and the Independence Township Library.

The deadline for applications is March 17. Scholarship applications should be returned to the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, 5856 S. Main St., Clarkston MI 48346. Please note no faxes or email applications accepted.

OSMTech

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signals from Oakland Schools, so Roberts offered to take over operations of the program after the changes from redistricting were in place.

The program now operates out of Clarkston High School, and brings in 90 students from grades 9-12 from four school districts: Clarkston, Holly, Brandon and Lake Orion. As part of the transfer process, Clarkston Schools brought over two of the founding teachers, Kyle Hughes and Mike Olsen, and added a third instructor, Amy Voyles.

Hughes has been with the program for all 12 years and already observed tremendous change in the program since the move to Clarkston.

"It is as if there's an entirely new growth span because we're allowed to, we're encouraged to," Hughes said.

Hughes said operating the program in past years was hard because they were under the threat of being shut down, and that led to a fearful environment which was not conducive to the learning process.

"Here, this is home. Not only have we been adopted into this new home, but we're being fed and cared for and kept warm and there's no fear. There's no fear because for the first time in years we know that the only place that anyone wants us to go is to grow," Hughes said.

Hughes expressed a new excitement when coming to work, one that is reflected in her students, who she says enjoy working with other students without the negative stigma attached to enjoying subjects like math and science.

"They're comfortable with being excited about it because their friends are excited about it and there's not somebody in the class who is going to make fun of them," said Voyles, who is still new to the program.

Voyles, a Clarkston resident, worked the previous year as a physical science and physics instructor in Algenac before coming back to work in Clarkston. Voyles admitted jumping into the program has been overwhelming for her at times, but pointed out the reward of seeing students get excited about what they are studying.

"I'm not talking to a bunch of students that just want to go to sleep," Voyles said.

Hughes sang the praises of OSMTech alumni, many of whom she said return to mentor current students.

"I think that says a ton," Hughes said. "When you see the alumni... coming back and you know that they're here out of respect to you, that's huge."

Now firmly grounded in the Clarkston School district, the seed of OSMTech was given the chance to blossom. Looking to the future, growth is the key word. Reschke said the district looks to expand the program internally and add another grade level. Currently, Reschke said he is happy the way the program is working, which brings ninth grade students over to the high school building for their classes. In the future, though, there is the possibility of having classes in the junior high.

"I think eventually we'll have some electives at the junior high, in eighth grade, that will be feeder electives to that program that will prepare the kids for that," Reschke said. "I would anticipate us developing some of that next year for the following year. We still need to decide what kind of space commitment we can make

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**- Kyle Hughes
OSMTech Founding Teacher**

at Clarkston Junior High for that."

Reschke said the district is always looking to expand internally by finding more ways to integrate the curriculum using technology. Currently, students are starting work on the "Aim High" robotic competition that will span months.

Perhaps the biggest sign the program is ready to grow again is the possibility of opening up for "School of Choice." Nothing is confirmed at this time, but Reschke mentioned the administration is considering participating in "School of Choice," which would allow students from outside the district to enroll in the OSMTech program.

"A lot of people who are financial supporters of the program outside of the school district are industries that have their businesses in Auburn Hills," Reschke said. "If we have kids that represent a wider base of Oakland County, it's more likely that they're going to donate money to our robotics program, to the technologies that we need. So there's some real practical reasons for wanting to have a broader base of students."

Business owner charged by Attorney General's Office

A Commerce Township woman and co-owner of a business in Springfield Township was arraigned on Jan. 3 on two counts of violating the Youth Employment Standard Act following an incident where a minor working at the business had four fingers severed.

The charges stem from an incident in April where a 17-year-old high school student suffered the injury while operating a power press at Century Tool & Die.

Century Tool & Die co-owner Nanette Esker, 47, surrendered to the court and was charged in 52-2 District Court. She was released on a \$1,000 personal recognizance bond according to a press release from Attorney General Mike Cox's office.

The charges of employing a minor in connection with an occupation that is hazardous or injurious to the minor's health or personal well being and failing to procure and keep a copy of the work permit for the minor are both misdemeanors punishable by up to one year in jail and a \$500 fine.

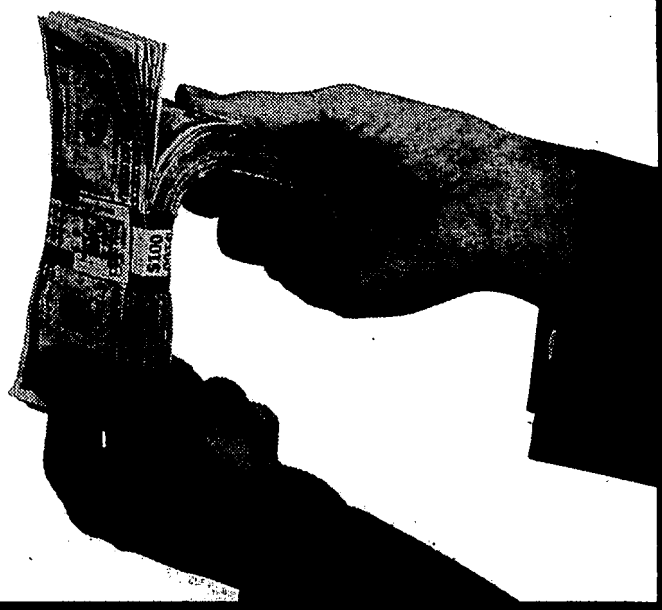
"Protection of employees is a high priority of the Attorney General's office. Especially the enforcement of the Youth Employment Standards Act. We will make it our responsibility to remind employers of their special obligation towards hiring and employing minors," said Spokesperson for the Attorney General's office Melissa Christianson.

A pretrial conference has been scheduled for Jan. 27 at 8:30 a.m.

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Slippery weekend roads wreak havoc

BY JAMES MARTINEZ
Clarkston News Staff Writer

With a mix of ice and precipitation Clarkston area roads were more like ice rinks this weekend leading to a rash of accidents.

Fortunately for drivers, no major injuries were reported from accidents caused by the slick roads.

"We were fortunate because they came driving around I-75 like a pinball machine," said Deputy Wayne Cobb, who was on duty on Jan. 7.

Based on numbers pulled from both the Oakland County Sheriff substation in Independence Township and the Michigan State Police post in Groveland Township, there were approximately 42 accidents on Jan. 7 alone.

From just after 7:30 a.m. until noon on Jan. 7, the Independence substation reported nearly 20 accidents as motorists struggled to stay on the roads. Deputies at the substation said the numbers would have been much higher if incidents where vehicles slipped from the roadway without causing damage were tallied.

From Jan. 6 to 8, the two police posts reported an approximate total of 57 accidents. The Independence Township substation had about 24 accidents during the weekend in comparison to only about four the entire previous holiday weekend.

At least seven motorists were cited for various traffic violations including driving too fast, failure to use due care and caution, disregard for traffic control and being unable to stop in an assured clear distance.

"People were going way too fast for the conditions. We had collisions, runoffs and rollovers," Cobb added. "The new guard rail (on I-75) probably saved a very serious accident. Had the rail not been there, they would have probably crossed over into the oncoming lanes. It could have been a whole lot worse."

"It was chaos," said Oakland County Sheriff Deputy Robert Osborne who echoed Cobb's appreciation for the guardrail.

"It was amazing no one got hurt or slid into, with the amount of cars sliding," said Captain Mike Fahrner of the Independence Township Fire Department. "Some were going too fast, but if you were touching your brakes or accelerating at all, you were sliding all over."

In at least one such incident, the new guardrail which begins just north of M-15 and continues to Joslyn Road prevented a car from potentially crossing over into oncoming traffic.

According to the accident report, at around 7:45 a.m. a vehicle attempting to merge onto southbound I-75 from the northbound Sashabaw Road entrance ramp lost control and spun into the path of another vehicle. After impact, both vehicles bounced off the guardrail the slid back across southbound I-75.

Despite drivers and emergency responders escaping relatively unharmed, both deputies on duty expressed concern about some drivers' lack of regard for the conditions, particularly when law enforcement and emergency personnel were attempting to deal with accidents.

"Some cars passed us at 70 mile per hour on that ice," said Cobb.

"People are not obeying the law when they're supposed to give up the closest lane or slow down when they see emergency vehicles. If there is an available patrol car in the future, drivers who disobey the law will be ticketed," said Osborne.

Cobb encouraged drivers to test the roads before driving at high speeds and in high traffic areas.

"Use extreme caution and slow down. That would eliminate 99 percent of the accidents," said Cobb. "If the road is icy, slow down and don't try to make any sudden increase or decrease in speed and leave plenty of space between vehicles."

As stated in a pamphlet for the Office of Highway Safety Planning on Michigan's Emergency Vehicle Caution Law, motorists driving on a highway designed for two or more lanes of travel in the same direction must move into the open lane upon approaching a stationary emergency vehicle with its emergency lights activated. If weather does not permit such movement, the vehicle driver must slow down and pass with caution allowing as much space as possible.

Motorists on roads with one lane for each direction must slow down upon approaching stationary emergency vehicles with lights activated and pass with caution.

The penalty for a person found responsible for violating this law is guilty of a misdemeanor and is subject to enhanced penalties of up to 15 years in prison and/or a \$7,500 fine if the violation causes the injury or death of a police officer, firefighter or other emergency responder.

Wreckers are considered emergency vehicles for the purpose of this law only.

"We were fortunate because they came driving around I-75 like a pinball machine."

**- Dep. Wayne Cobb
OCSO**

Keyholing

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and board members led to a change in concept.

Cooney said one point was the need to grandfather in existing conditions, something dealt with in a zoning ordinance, not a regulatory ordinance.

In addition, he said a true keyholing provision is simply more appropriate as a zoning issue. During the board meeting, Cooney expressed that the current draft is based off similar zoning ordinances already upheld in appellate court.

Trustee Dan Travis felt keyholing was "a much cleaner issue as a zoning issue." He believes the zoning ordinance has "more teeth" than a regulatory ordinance.

One concern mentioned during the January meeting was the lack of participation from lake residents other than those on Deer Lake, who helped to initiate and spearhead the creation of the ordinance.

Tim Birtsas questioned how trustees are going to justify restricted lake use and worried the ordinance was geared only towards Deer Lake.

Wagner himself emphasized the board's difficult position and expressed concern about lack of input from other lake residents. He said he would like the other lake boards contacted one more time before the February meetings.

"I suppose the lack of participation could be a good sign," Wagner later stated, "because it means that they're okay with this."

Shake off the winter doldrums with ITP&R

Families Always Moving, Independence Township Parks and Recreation's initiative promoting health throughout the Clarkston area, kicks off with the Cabin Fever Cure on Jan. 13 from 6-9 p.m. at Clarkston High School. A \$5 fee is charged per family of four for the Cabin Fever Cure, with each additional member costing \$1.

Some of the activities available will be: parachute games, tumbling, a Xbox dance off, jazzercise, swimming, jump rope, basketball, volleyball and start smart stations for young children.

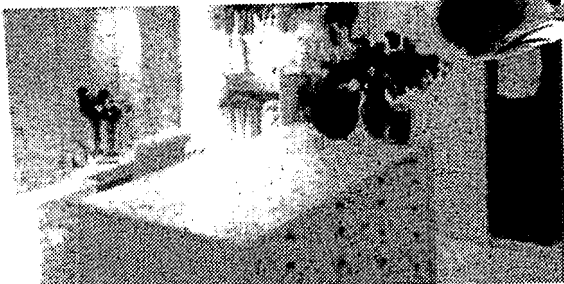
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Opinion

Schools should ask for 18 mills, but no more

Clarkston school officials have a right to ask voters to approve millages, but those proposals should not include tax levies lasting a decade or plans to circumvent the state constitution.

The Clarkston Board of Education is currently discussing language for a millage proposal for the May 2 ballot and we have reservations about both parts.

The Original 18 Mills

Part of the request is to renew the 18-mill tax levy on non-homestead properties (commercial and industrial properties, rental properties, second homes, vacation homes) for the next 10 years.

By law, school districts can levy up to 18 mills on non-homestead properties to fund their operating budgets. That's a *maximum* levy of 18 mills, no more.

Clarkston's original non-homestead millage expired last year. Given this, asking voters to renew the 18-mill property tax is acceptable and within the bounds of the law.

However, we believe 10 years is too long for any millage. Keeping anything out of voters' hands for an entire decade diminishes the public's capacity to hold officials accountable and responsible for their actions.

We would like to see the school board reduce that proposed 10 years to five years or less. How about four years? Why should a tax last longer than a school board member's term in office?

An Additional 1,2491 Mills

The second topic Clarkston school officials are discussing is adding 1,2491 mills on non-homestead properties to the original 18 mills. This is the part that's flat out wrong.

You see, if voters approve this one 10-year millage, the total non-homestead millage rate would start out at 19,2491 mills.

Even though the school district can only legally levy the maximum 18 mills, officials could use the other 1,2491 mills, which cannot be levied, to offset the impact of the Headlee Amendment, a state constitutional amendment enacted by voters in 1978.

The Headlee Amendment mandates local governments and school districts reduce their maximum voter-authorized millage rates whenever assessed property values rise faster than the rate of inflation. This is what's commonly referred to as a "Headlee rollback."

It's important to note that governments and school districts do not lose tax revenue due to Headlee rollbacks because even though the millage rate is lower, it's being applied to a higher property value, yielding the same gross revenue, plus an adjustment for inflation.

Even though Clarkston officials cannot legally levy anything above 18 mills on non-homestead properties, they could use the extra 1,2491 mills to provide a "buffer" or "cushion" to absorb and neutralize future Headlee rollbacks, thus allowing the district to levy the maximum 18 mills every year — something they could never do otherwise because of Headlee.

Unfortunately, Headlee rollbacks apply to the total voter-authorized millage rate, not the actual amount levied. As a result, officials can pad a property tax with extra mills they have no intention of levying in order to offset Headlee rollbacks, and allow them to levy the tax rate they wish year after year with no reduction.

By asking voters to approve mills that cannot be legally levied (i.e. fake, make-believe, nonexistent mills) so as to avoid the impact of Headlee rollbacks, Clarkston school officials would be asking local voters to negate the Headlee Amendment approved by voters statewide.

Granted, other school districts in Michigan and Oakland County have done this, but it doesn't make it right no matter what school officials and their fancy lawyers say.

In a May 8, 2002 interview with our sister newspaper *The Oxford Leader*, the late Richard Headlee, architect of the amendment bearing his name, told Editor C.J. Carnacchio asking voters to approve more than the maximum 18 mills "violates both the spirit and the letter of the law."

"They can't do that. I would challenge it," Headlee said. "In my view, it would be contrary to the law to ask

voters for anything over the 18 (mills)."

"If they're entitled to 18 (mills), that's all they should ask for," said Headlee, explaining that by asking for more mills to use as a cushion to offset annual rollbacks, school officials are attempting to "prospectively neutralize" his amendment and "any tax savings for the property owners."

"The people would be foolish to do that," Headlee said. "In essence, they're asking voters to vote 'no' on the Headlee Amendment. It's subterfuge."

We couldn't have said it better Mr. Headlee.

The Real Problem

Finally, let us say, Clarkston school officials are right that they do lose money by not levying the full 18 mills every year, but it's not because of the Headlee Amendment or because local tax revenues are diminishing. It's because of the state government.

When the state allots its foundation grants to school districts, it assumes districts are levying the full 18 mills every year. The state bases how much per-pupil funding a district receives on the assumption that 18 mills are constantly being levied on non-homestead properties.

This foolish and false assumption on the state's part leads to a funding gap between what's actually collected in non-homestead property taxes and what the state assumes the district is receiving locally.

The Headlee Amendment annually rolls back all millages in growing communities like Clarkston. The only millage exempt is the 6-mill State Education Tax, which remains constant on all properties.

There's no way school districts can legally levy 18 mills every year without resorting to the aforementioned circumventing of the Headlee Amendment.

Although this funding Catch-22 is primarily the state's fault and should be corrected at that level, it doesn't excuse local school districts who attempt to violate the spirit and letter of the Headlee Amendment. Two wrongs don't make a right.

Clarkston School should ask voters for the 18 mills they're legally entitled to, but no more.

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Best Image Possible

SMS: Keep up the great work

Dear Editor,

On Jan. 3, my son Michael, who is a student in the sixth grade at Sashabaw Middle School, came home and told me, "Mom, the principal got me a sandwich for lunch today!"

I asked him if his hot lunch fund was low and he said no. He had lost three pages of information and was spending his lunch hour recopying it because there was a big test the next day. He said Principal Linda Foran was in the lunch room, noticed that he was working and not eating, so she went and got him a sandwich.

As small as this might be, to a mom it's a great act of kindness. Thank you for taking the time to notice one little boy and thinking only of him.

Our oldest daughter graduated from Clarkston High School in 2002. Our second daughter graduates from CHS in 2006 and Michael graduates in 2012 and still our schools continue to impress me.

For all the bus drivers, teachers, helpers and those who choose these "wonderful people," I say thank you.

Joy Vander Weel
Springfield Township

Letters
to the
Editor

Resident discovers way to be fit

Dear Editor,

I would like to share an excellent cardiovascular workout program for the winter months. I participate in soft puck floor hockey.

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Happy New Year to all.

Lou Nanni
Clarkston

An act of kindness reflects the season

Dear Editor,

While we reflect on the recent holidays, sprinkled with many depressing stories and broadcasts of atrocities, I'd like to pass on a little story of my own reflecting the true holiday spirit of at least one of our township residents.

During a recent visit to Beaumont Hospital, I managed to lose my business cell phone. After frantically searching and eventually placing a hold on my service, I received a call from a gentleman who took the trouble to figure out my home phone and contact me.

It seems he found the phone in the parking lot and insisted on meeting me in Clarkston, saving me a trip back to Troy. The caller said he was returning to his

home on Reese Road, coincidentally also in Independence Township, and would meet me in a Farmer Jack Parking lot.

We met, the phone was returned, and in spite of my offer of a "more formal thank you," the gentleman and his wife simply refused, saying they were just glad to offer assistance.

While I don't even remember his name, his act of kindness amidst the holiday hustle and bustle will remain with me through this and many other holiday seasons.

Happy New Year!

Ed Osterman
Clarkston

A Look Back

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

15 YEARS AGO (1991)

• Main Street ribbons show support: It took Marla McKee about 48 hours to assemble volunteers, ribbons and the necessary hydraulic equipment at a 25-foot tree on Main Street, Clarkston.

Marla, who has a brother stationed in the Persian Gulf, hoped to decorate the tree to remind Clarkston residents of soldiers stationed there.

• Woman falls victim to leukemia: A young woman with a crop of red hair and an incredible will to live lost that battle on the morning of Jan. 14.

Joette Kovacic, leukemia victim, died at the age of 21.

Though she was the first diagnosed with leukemia at the age of seven, Joette beat the odds of her original diagnosis. Doctors had told her she would only live to about age 14. Her indomitable spirit gave her an extra seven years.

25 YEARS AGO (1981)

• Bangkok flu strikes, Hundreds of Clarkston

school district pupils call in sick: The Bangkok flu that's sweeping across the United States is blamed for the high number of students calling in sick to Clarkston's high school and two junior highs.

Before noon Monday morning, Sashabaw Junior High reported 250 absent students, or 26 percent of the school's population.

Clarkston Junior High reported 25 percent of the school's pupils absent. A total of 132 students called in sick and 15 were sent home after arriving.

The high school was hardest hit with 253 students homesick on Monday, said Dom Mauti, principal.

50 YEARS AGO (1956)

•Rotarians Hear Special Speaker: On Monday, at the regular meeting of the Clarkston Rotary Club held in the Independence Community Center, Program Chairman Fred P. Warrick, introduced a representative of the Petroleum Institute, by name Bill Taylor, sent by the Shell Oil Company.

• Twenty-One Club Meets Saturday: Attention: All sixth, seventh and eighth graders in the Clarkston Community Schools: The January meeting of the Twenty-One Club will be this Saturday, January 14, in the High School Gym.

• Jack W. Haupt New Pontiac Dealer: It was announced this week that the Edw. D. Whipple Pontiac Sales has been sold to Jack W. Haupt. Edw. D. Whipple started this agency in 1934, when he purchased the assets of the Leonard & Miller Sales which was operated by Ben Miller and Frank Leonard in the building now occupied by Rudy's Super Market.

The 'most extreme' killing machine

When I first heard it, I was confused. Of course I had been sleeping so that explained it. It's kinda freaky to be wakened in the wee hours of the morning -- somewhere between the beginning of Rapid Eye Movement and dawn -- by strange sounds emanating from the hallway.

I guess if I have to explain descriptively, the sound was guttural and from a small mammal.

To further the sound's description, imagine a house cat not saying meow, but rather with a rolling tongue something like "b-l-e-e-t, b-l-e-et" over and over. It was dark and it was late. Since Jennie The Protector was sleeping and I am a scaredy-cat, I did the only thing I could -- I slunk deep under the covers and forced myself back to sleep, only to rise again with the safety of the rising sun. (Nah, I haven't watched too many scary movies...)

Bathed in the warm glow of the morning sun shining through the window, I hopped out of bed and went into the hallway to check things out. Out in the yard, songbirds happily sang.

But in the hallway I saw the carnage that had obviously taken place during the hours of darkness. Beanie Babies were everywhere -- a little brown monkey was on its back in an unnatural position; a little green bear laid face down on the floor, up against the wall. Up and down the hallway little multicolored stuffed animals were left in death throes.

In a pile of dirty clothes I noticed Thomas, our grey striped cat curled up and sleeping soundly. I knew then, at that moment, something wasn't right with that cat. He was about a year old and on that night had gone on an orgy of stalking and killing our children's Beanie Babies.

Tom was an orphan raised by human hands, ours, after he was found stumbling down some lonely dirt road. He had a larva (some call 'em botflies) living just beneath the skin between his left ear and cheek. He had some sort of viral infection and, well, that's why we called him *Thomas*, because we doubted he would live to see the next day. Live he did and grow he did.

Thomas is a good pet (as far as cats go) to our fam-

ily. Everybody else he hates. I guess he must hate Beanie Babies, too. And, while I understand his feelings towards the little stuffed critters, I am not about to grab 'em by the neck with my teeth, shake the stuffing out of 'em and then drop their carcasses around the house. People would think I was nuts, which is what I think Thomas is.

The carnage is daily. When we come home in the afternoon we know Tom has continued his quest to kill all Beanie Babies. We even made it Sean's chore to pick up all the stuffed animals and put them back in the Beanie Babe Basket, located in the play room. Tom has never been out since in our care. He has never hunted live prey, but to watch him, you'd never know that. I admit to be in awe of Thomas' instinct to kill.

Until recently, I didn't know why that instinct was so strong. I didn't know until I saw an episode of Animal Planet's "Most Extreme" television show. If you've never seen the show, they pick a subject like "Most Extreme Flirter" and then count down from 10 the most flirtatious critters in the natural world. The kids love it, it is interesting and funny. In the episode of "Most Extreme Killers," I discovered that the common house cat is the world's Most Extreme Killer, more extreme than even the great white shark.

I went on-line and found out this is true. In 1998, the Minnesota DNR posted info from a University of Wisconsin study into "free-ranging domestic cats." Get a load of the following information and you'll understand Thomas.

"The most recent UW research suggests that the estimated 1 million to 2 million free-ranging rural cats in Wisconsin kill roughly 40 million birds each year."

These cats don't kill for food, they kill for the sport of it. Because they can.

It makes me feel warm and fuzzy that an insane serial killer is living in the same dwelling my wife, children and self call home. Our cuddly widdle pwoodytat is a psycho freak of domesticated nature. Our only hope for survival lies with the geriatric trifecta of canines also sharing our home. Booker, the 100-pound black lab is the youngster at 11 years. Mickey the Wonderdog is 13 and Porkchop is 16 going on 17.

On second thought, we have no hope.

Comments for Rush can be e-mailed to: dontrushmedon@charter.net



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Taboo topic tests turbulent tributaries

I'm sure you have noticed how words we have always known to be off-color have made their way into prime time television. While this has been happening more and more in the electronic media, it has been kept out of the newspaper end of the media, for the most part.

A viewer no longer has to wait until after 9 p.m. to hear in direct terms words describing bodily functions. One needs only to wait for former after-prime-time programs to appear on reruns any time of day.

One four-letter word is very prevalent in preteen, and above, age ranges. I believe most seniors find the public use of these words disgusting, even gross.

However, in some cases the practice of using this function can be a tension reliever, prompt smiles, snickers, even laughter and create a bonding of mutual lovers of the indiscreet.

Actually, there are two of these relievers that when allowed to become audible are, or have always been, totally antisocial, disruptive, offensive and a reputation negative.

That is until now. The youths have brought burping and flatulence into everyday, public exposure.

Jim's
Jottings



Jim Sherman

It's hunting camp humor brought to the classroom, family room and dinner table.

To most of us, I think, it's a totally wrong trend. Keep bedroom talk in the bedroom, and toilet talk and noises away from classrooms, etc.

Well, I am't going to stop it. So, we might as well get into it. I remember walking by the radio room of our ship while crossing the Pacific in '44 and observing the crew leaning back in their chairs with their feet resting on the radio table.

Believe me, they were not sending signals to Tokyo Rose, though that might have been what they would have told their commanding officer had he asked.

They were laughing and betting on loudness, odor and time lapse.

Then there is the "pull my finger" trick practiced for generations by grandfathers and uncles the world over. That phrase has been used on television since the pre-Archie Bunker days.

And, so the steps began. We've gone from the finger pull to open flatulence.

When a friend of ours heard an air burst from his daughter he reminded her, "In all our 50 years of marriage neither of us have heard the other so expound!"

Then came my talk with a high schooler and teacher. "You should hear the others," came the defensive response from the teen.

Doesn't that prompt a question like, "If they tried dope, would you?" No, I'm not going to ask somebody else's children that.

A middle-school teacher acknowledged the flatulence in the classroom as inopportune disruption, but that after a laugh and her interminable, her students went back to work.

Seems to me that's not the way it is in a competitive America. Why wouldn't some classmate try to go for the blue ribbon? Go for louder laughs? Try to exceed the teacher's current boundaries?

I regularly feed several columnists. The Detroit News started one some years ago (I won't say her name, but...) to her credit she said she learned in college that vegetarian flatulence is different from non-vegetarian. I've read her no more.

So, I understand if you stop reading me.

Back to our ship's radio room. As I watched the leaning communicators, I noticed they almost took turns lighting matches to their releases.

So, recalling this, I asked the middle school teacher if her students lit their gases.

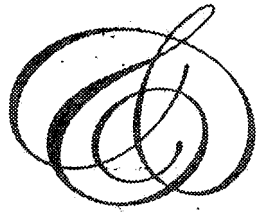
"No," she said in defense of her youths, "They don't do that until high school."

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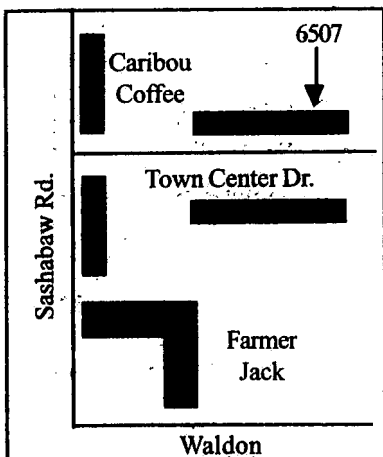
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December 29: Two DVD's stolen from mailbox on Glenwood Creek.

December 30: Domestic assault on Forest Valley.

30-year-old Clarkston man arrested for domestic assault after a dispute with his wife at a residence on Ortonville Road.

December 31: Oxford resident reported an unknown person making fraudulent purchases with her checking account at an Independence Township bank. According to the report, five total purchases were made via electronic fund transfers.

Runaway on Snow Apple Drive.

Suicidal subject found near Valley Park Road. The Independence Township resident was believed to be intoxicated and transported to St. Joseph Hospital in Pontiac.

January 1: 56-year-old township resident found dead at 7:30 p.m. at his residence. CPR was initiated by his son and the fire department until the man was transported to Genesys in Grand Blanc where he was pronounced dead.

A suspect fled a business on Dixie Highway carrying a basket filled with several bottles of liquor. The suspect, described as a black male wearing a large black jacket, left the store in a red Sundance automobile heading northbound on Dixie Highway.

53-year-old Independence Township man arrested for domestic assault on Crestview.

January 2: In a report to the Oakland County Sheriff's Office substation on Citation Drive, a township woman alleges her newlywed husband is verbally abusive and keeps her under surveillance. The woman claimed on one occasion he pinned her to the floor and threatened to kill her and then himself.

Police assisted the fire department at approximately 4:15 a.m. for a small fire around the base of a township owned light pole on Sashabaw Road.

License plate stolen from vehicle parked at business on Dixie Highway on Jan. 1.

Independence Township woman on Heron Parkway alleges her ex-boyfriend is making phone threats for over a year.

January 3: Stereo, amplifier and speaker stolen from car on Michigamme while the vehicle was parked outside a residence. Someone punched out the lock of the trunk and made away with the items.

Greenview Drive resident noticed her car stereo stolen from her vehicle was parked in the driveway since Jan. 1.

Police firearm discharged twice on Warbler Drive at around 5 p.m. to destroy raccoon laying on the ground foaming at the mouth and making barking noises.

Valve caps and air removed from all four tires of a vehicle parked at an apart-

ment complex on Briarwood.

January 4: Waterford resident alleges her ex-husband's current wife exposed herself to her two children on Dec. 24, but claims she just learned about the incident to make the report. The incident took place in the township as the woman was allegedly trying to stop the man and his children from leaving in their car. The woman's bathrobe reportedly fell open as she was trying to stop them from leaving.

January 6: Runaway on Parkwood.

Warrants requested in larceny case involving three Oxford teens at Pine Knob Ski Resort following the theft of a snowboard. One of the teens was also found possessing a 30 pack of beer.

January 7: 17-year-old Waterford youth cited for being under 21 and consuming alcohol, and possessing open intoxicants in a motor vehicle on Clintonville Road. An 18-year-old Clarkston female cited for being under 21 and consuming intoxicants.

January 8: Son of a resident on Whipple Shore Drive checking on his father's house claims to find signs that unknown suspects entered the home, had a party and slept at the residence. Two bookcases and some jars were found broken, but there was nothing reported missing and no signs of forced entry. Several empty cans of beer and wine bottles were also found.

January 9: 34-year-old Waterford man ticketed for possession of marijuana,

drug paraphernalia and speeding following a traffic stop on Andersonville Road.

Springfield Township

December 24: Dawn Court resident reported sending a \$258.98 money order for an Ipod over the internet to a person. Please see Police, page 13A

Suicidal man on Clintonville

A 29-year-old White Lake Township man cut himself in the stomach with a knife in front of Oakland County Sheriff's deputies as he stood on Clintonville Road on Jan. 1.

The man was found by police around 10:26 a.m. without a shirt or coat with blood flowing from his left wrist and forearm and was believed to be intoxicated.

After police arrived, the man cut himself across the stomach while standing in the street. The man cooperated after police told him to drop the knife and kneel to the ground.

Independence Township Fire Department treated the man and then transported him to St. Joseph's Hospital in Pontiac.

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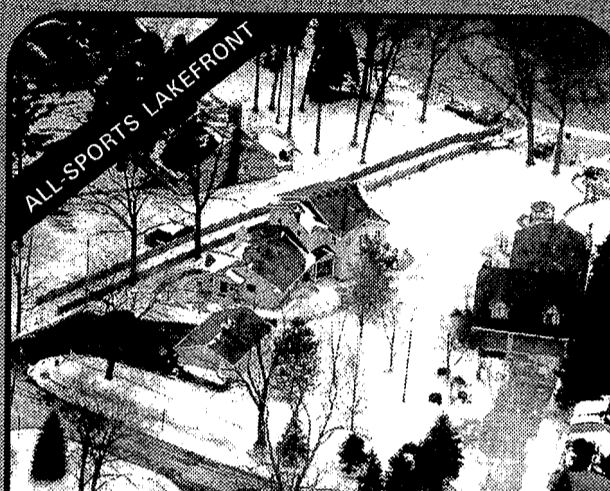
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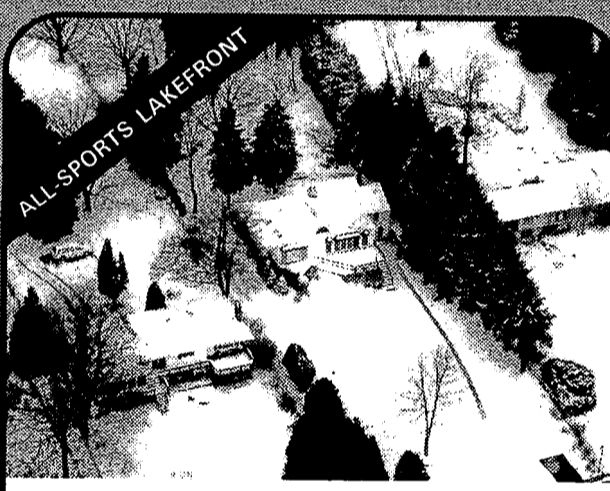
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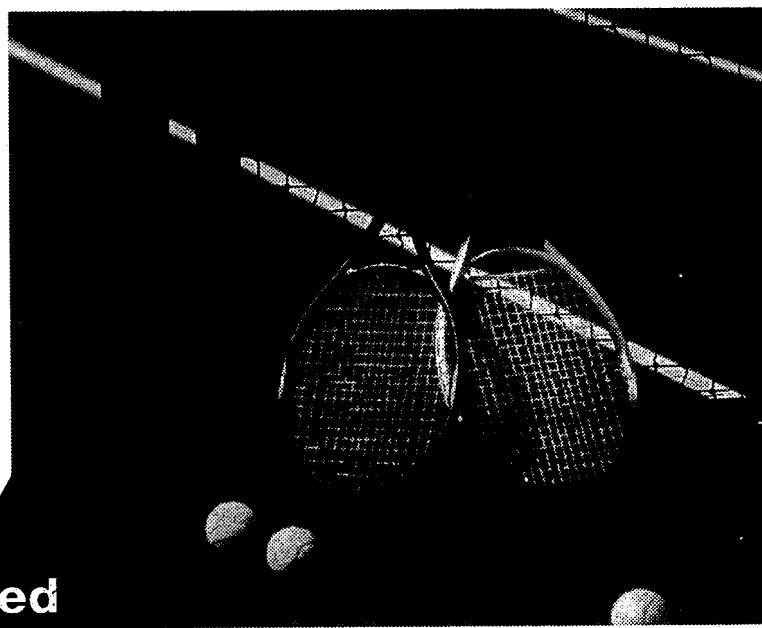


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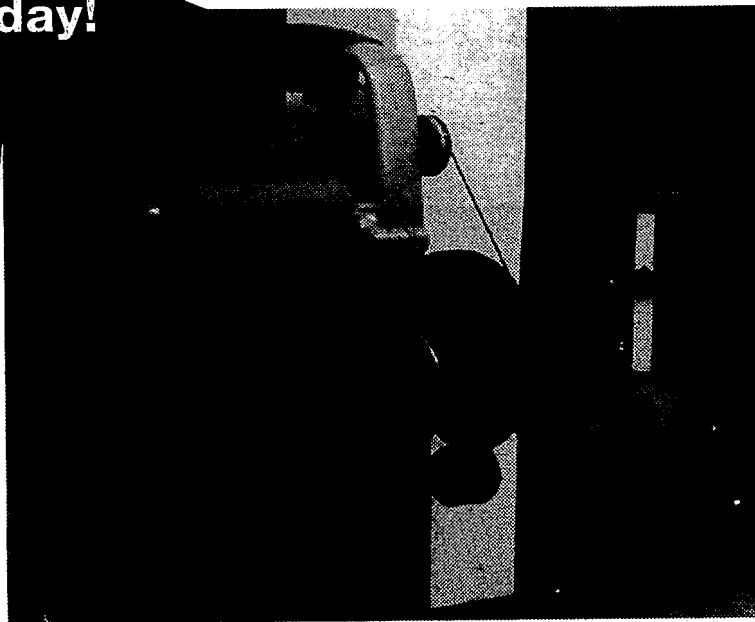
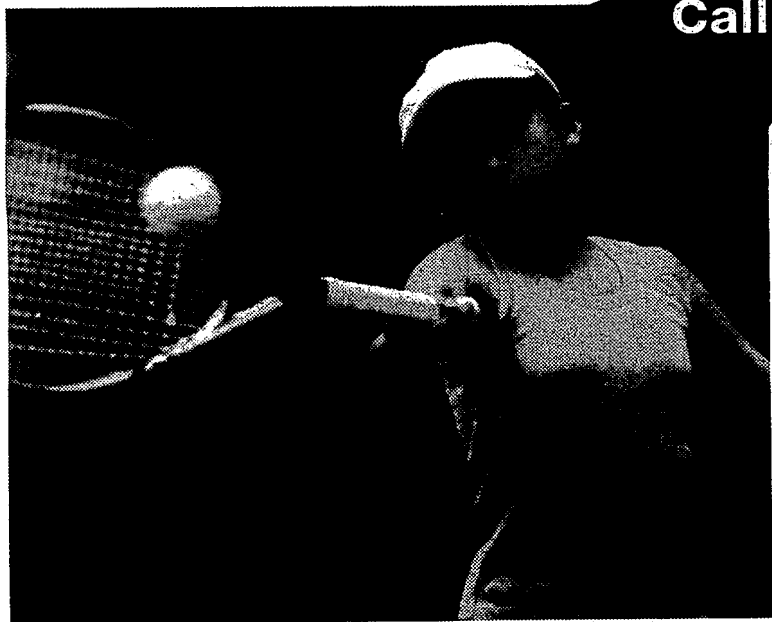
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Are you S.A.D.? S.A.D. Stands for "Seasonal Affective Disorder." Millions of people living in the northern states suffer this medical condition. The lack of sunshine. The signs: depression, irritability, loss of energy, poor sleeping habits, lack of motivation, mood swings, and many more. Until the breakthrough several years ago, S.A.D. was simply diagnosed as depression. However, further research concluded Season Affective Disorder was prominent in the winter and geographically located in states with shorter amounts of visible sunshine. Doctors treating this condition often prescribed and continue to suggest treatment of S.A.D. by exposure to real or artificial sunlight.

For years psoriasis sufferers have used ultraviolet exposure as part of their therapy to combat and cure this skin disease. Researchers, found the link for treating S.A.D. by the development of vitamin D in human studies obtained by real or artificial sun exposure. I have been advocating to many throughout the years, the exposure to sunlight by way of artificial or direct means as a way to treat both Seasonal Affective Disorder and psoriasis. So you see, sunlight in moderation can be healthy. Of course, as you may have assumed, I am in the artificial sunlight business.

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Independence Town Square in Clarkston

Police

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in Idaho and never receiving the Ipod.

January 2: A family on Ridgewood Road received a response to an ad they placed in *The Chicago Tribune* selling standard poodle puppies for \$800 each. The family selling the pups received three money orders from the interested party totaling \$2,550 for only one pup with a request for the excess money to be returned to the sender.

January 4: Police firearm discharged to destroy injured deer near I-75 and Davisburg Road at around 6:30 p.m.

January 8: An unknown woman scratched a pickup truck after the owner of the truck asked her to move her car at a business on Dixie Highway. The woman was reportedly involved in a dispute with another group of girls when the truck owner asked her to move. The two groups of people both left shortly after the incident.

Suicidal subject on E. Holly Road;

Illegal alien faces CSC charges

An illegal immigrant faces up to 60 years in jail if convicted on criminal sexual conduct charges involving a 14-year-old Waterford girl.

Jose Espinoza-Merino, 24, was found in a parked vehicle at Independence Oaks with the girl. According to officials with the Oakland County Sheriff's Office, the two were discovered on Jan. 5 at 2:40 p.m. and both were in varying states of dress. Espinoza-Merino was arrested the next day following an investigation.

"Deputies on routine patrol came across them in the park and something didn't look right," said Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard.

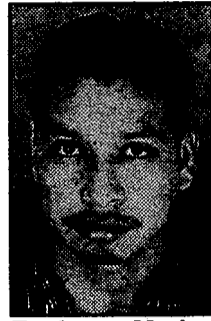
"Cooperation between multiple agencies, including the victim's school and all other involved individuals, resulted in the swift apprehension of a sexual

predator being taken off the street. The fact that he is in our country illegally makes this case that much more offensive."

According to a press release, Espinoza-Merino denied any wrong doing. A follow up investigation by the OCSO with the girl and her parents revealed that Espinoza-Merino and the minor had sex 6-7 times throughout the year. The investigation also revealed that Espinoza-Merino was an illegal alien. Immigration and customs officials were advised.

All four CSC counts stem from previous acts in Waterford Township.

Espinoza-Merino was arraigned Jan. 8 in 51st District Court on four counts of criminal sexual conduct, all 15-year felonies, according to officials with the sheriff's office. He is being held on \$100,000 cash bond.



Espinoza-Merino

Sexual predator case awaiting sentence

BY JAMES MARTINEZ

Clarkston News Staff Writer

A Clarkston man faces up to 20 years in prison after pleading guilty to charges following his arrest when he attempted to meet who he thought was a 14-year-old girl for sex.

Roderick Duane Gronlund, 48, pled guilty in Macomb County Circuit Court to one count of illegal use of the internet to commit a child sexually abusive activity, said Chad Davis, chief of the cyber-crime unit with the Macomb County Prosecutor's Office.

According to Davis, four other charges stemming from the same transgression will be dropped. In addition to up to 20 years in prison, Gronlund will enter the sex offender registry, said Davis.

Gronlund was arrested on Sept. 27 by officers of the Macomb Area Computer Enforcement team (M.A.C.E.) after he arrived at a prearranged location for sex with who he believed to be a 14-year-old girl.

The "girl" was actually a Macomb County Sheriff's Office reserve officer on the Internet portraying himself as a minor. According to a press release from the MCSO issued after the arrest, Gronlund initiated the on-line chat with the officer and made the arrangements to meet.

Once Gronlund arrived at the location, officers from the M.A.C.E. unit and uniformed Macomb County Sheriff deputies arrested him.

"The M.A.C.E. unit was created for the enforcement of these type of crimes. I think the unit is keeping people accountable," said Davis.

Gronlund was charged with two counts of child sexually abusive activity, two counts use of a computer communicating with another to commit a crime/felony and one count of accosting a child for immoral purposes, stated the original press release.

According to the Macomb County Circuit Court Web site, Gronlund's sentencing is set for Feb. 7 at 9 a.m. before Judge Richard Caretti.

Crash injures Burton man

A Burton resident was seriously injured after he crashed his vehicle into a tree at approximately 6:48 a.m. on Jan. 1.

Michael Wayne Horne of Burton, 32, was driving his 2002 Chevrolet Venture northbound on Sashabaw Road before apparently losing control of the vehicle.

Police believe Horne was not wearing a seat belt as he was ejected from the vehicle. He was transported to Genesys Regional Medical Center for several injuries.

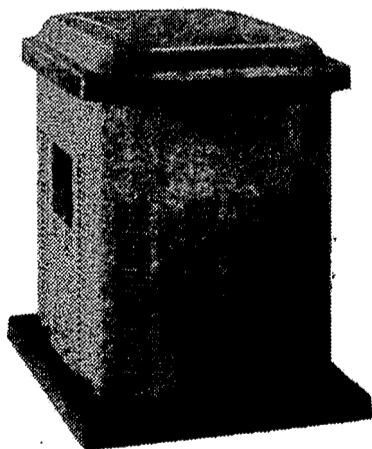
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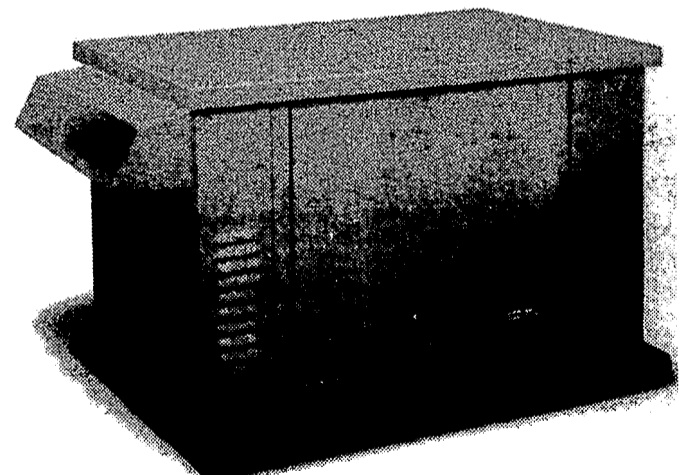


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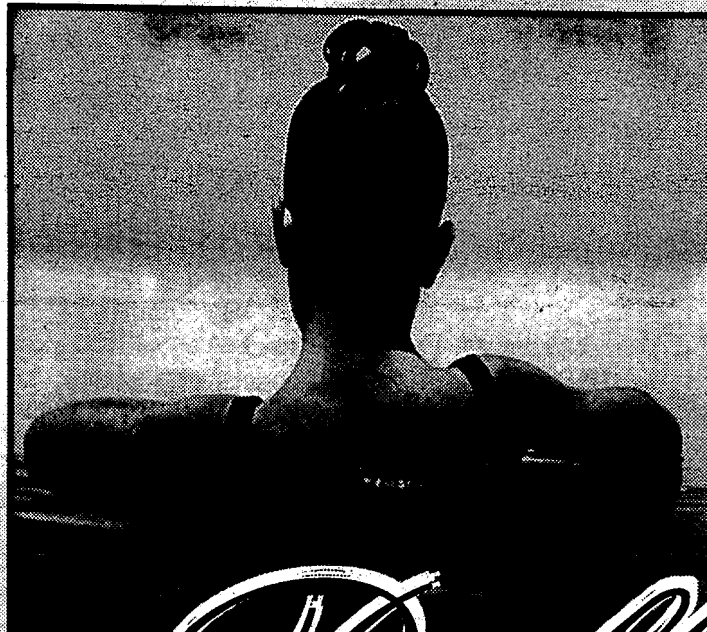


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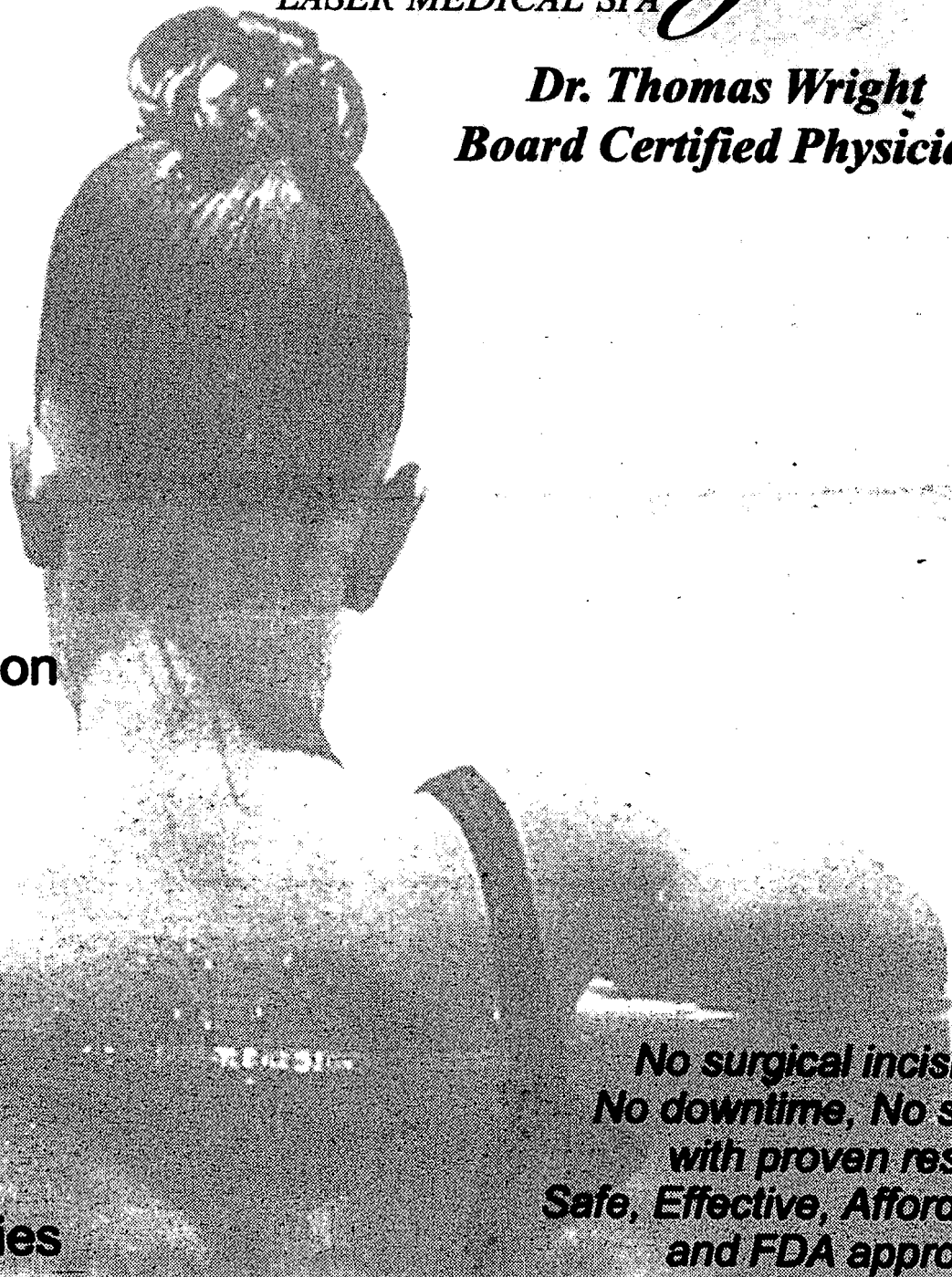
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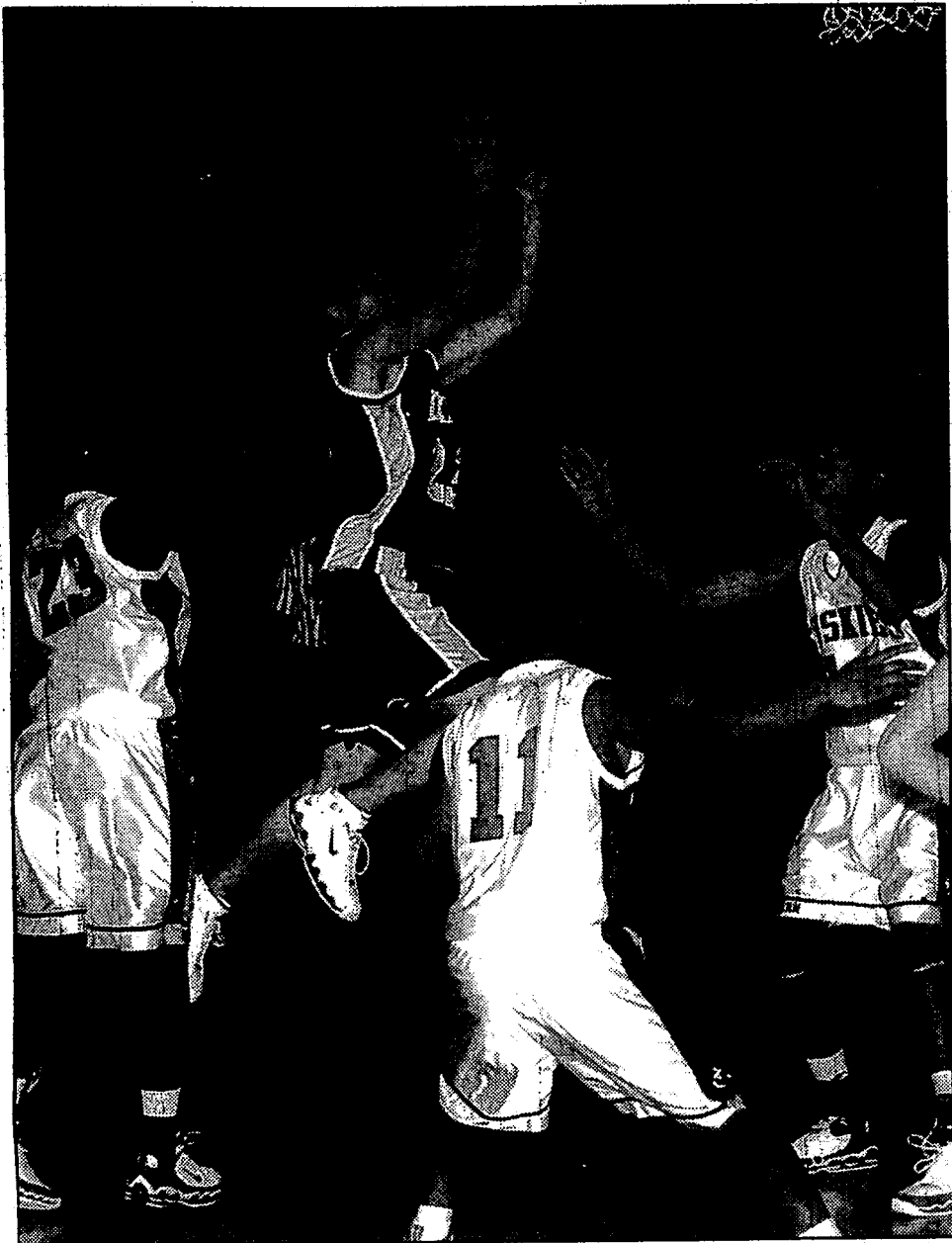
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Senior Joe Moran swoops to the rack for 2 of his 28 points in Clarkston's 64-60 loss at Pontiac Northern on Jan. 6. Photo by Noah Purcell

Northern too much for Clarkston

BY NOAH PURCELL
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Despite holding a 20-9 first quarter advantage, Clarkston's basketball team could not stave off sustained Pontiac Northern pressure on the road throughout the rest of their Jan. 6 meeting, losing 64-60.

"I said before the game we'd find out a lot about our team," Clarkston Coach Dan Fife said. "When they made their run, especially in the second half when they just kept turning it up, I think we just couldn't answer the bell. I just don't think we were good enough, we didn't respond."

Clarkston built their significant first quarter lead, shooting 7/10 from the field as a team. But, in the second quarter Northern stormed back, outscoring the Wolves 17-9. Clarkston led 29-26 at the break thanks to a buzzer-beating bank shot from sophomore Bren Bergquist, who finished with 11 points in the game.

"The thing about our kids is they didn't give up, they kept plugging away and plugging away," Pontiac Northern Coach Robert Rogers said.

The Huskies came out of the locker room with fire in their eyes, especially junior Timothy Williams who poured in 9 of his 18 points in the third to help Northern take the lead. Though the third featured four ties and five lead changes, Clarkston found themselves trailing 48-42 going into the final quarter of play.

"What an exciting game, Clarkston came to play, we came to play. We made runs, they made runs. As I told Dan Fife 'What a chess match this one was,'" Rogers said.

Rogers said.

The Huskies effectively captured the Wolves queen midway through the fourth as they extended the lead to 54-46 with just under three minutes to play in the game.

"Ninety-nine percent of athletics is mental toughness. I felt our psyche was fragile. We missed a couple of shots, things didn't go our way and we panicked," Fife said. "That's the great thing about athletics, everytime you think you are good, the game will humble you," Fife said.

Though Northern missed seven of their 16 free throws in the fourth quarter, Clarkston could not whittle the Huskie lead down completely. The closest the Wolves came was when, after a steal by senior Joe Rademacher, senior Joe Moran drilled a 3-pointer to make the score 57-54 with :57.2 remaining in the game.

Despite the Huskies poor overall fourth quarter percentage from the charity stripe, they made their shots when the game was on the line, icing the game by making seven straight free throws after Clarkston pulled within 3 points.

Both Rademacher and Moran stood out for the Wolves. Moran's sweet stroke netted him a game high 28 points, as he hit on five 3-pointers. Rademacher finished with 10 points, 8 rebounds and 2 steals.

Earlier in the week Clarkston pounded Rochester 58-44 on Jan. 3.

Both Bergquist and junior Dan Owens scored 14 in the win over the Falcons.

Clarkston's contest at Groves on Jan. 10 finished too late for this edition of *The Clarkston News*. The Wolves play next at Pontiac Central on Jan. 17.

Athletes of the Week – Flying Rhino Cycling Club



Todd Frerichs of Clarkston had more than enough mud caked on his face, clothes and bike to commemorate the 17th annual Polar Rhino Ride.



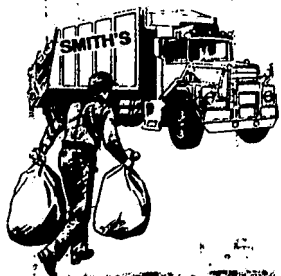
This year 135 people took part in the Polar Rhino Ride. Photos provided

What normally is a chilly hike ride along the icy back roads of Clarkston featured a little more mud this year but the Kinetic Systems Bicycles and The Flying Rhino Cycling Club's 17th annual Polar Rhino Ride still came off with nary a hitch on Jan. 1.

"Most of the people were aware they were going to see some mud," said John Meyland, a long time club member. "At the end of the ride, people were comparing with one another as to who was muddier. They were all in good spirits. We didn't hear any complaints about the conditions."

Departing from Independence Elementary, riders on two courses, of eight miles and 17 miles respectively, left around noon for the New Year's day tradition.

The next Flying Rhino event is scheduled for Mother's Day, May 14. For more information on the group visit www.flyingrhinocc.com or call Kinetic Systems Bicycles at 248-625-7000.



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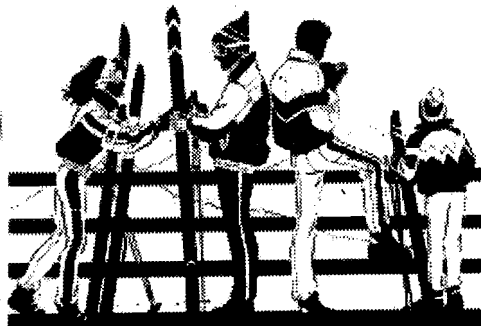
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The 2006 boys varsity ski team: (back row, left to right) Boys and Girls Coach Mike Foyteck, Cobie Bland, Eric Weiland, Brandon Boozer, (front row) Tyler Kenerson, Scott Huber and Bradley Gale.

Varsity Girls Ski Team 2006



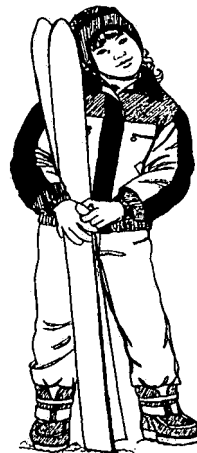
The 2006 girls varsity ski team: (back row, left to right) Wendy Roberts, Heather Baron, Erica Halsey, Trisha Peters, (front row) Maddy Dunn, Alyssa Vermeulen and Hannah Wolf.

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Vball tries to get big

With nary a player broaching six feet or better, Clarkston's volleyball team must maintain increased vigilance in all other facets of the game this season.

"We just have a tough time getting a block up at the net," Clarkston Coach Kelly Avenall said.

The results have been scattered as evidenced by the team's recent performances.

The Wolves lost 25-13, 25-13, 25-22 to Rochester on Jan. 5. Though the matches were closer against Seaholm on Jan. 9, Clarkston was still vanquished, 25-21, 25-20, 25-22.

A nice showing at the Walled Lake Central Tournament on Jan. 7 has some wind in the team's sails. The Wolves won their pool, beating Farmington Hills Harrison and Grand Ledge, and splitting with Walled Lake Northern. Romeo dispatched Clarkston in the first match out of pool play.

On the defensive side of the net, Avenall feels Amanda Byrd's serve reception and passing as of late has been "phenomenal." Offensively, Laura Kupe led the Wolves with 16 kills throughout tournament play.

Clarkston plays their first home game in over a month on Jan. 12 against Troy Athens and plays in the Grand Blanc Classic on Jan. 14.

Little rust on mats for Wolves

BY NOAH PURCELL
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Returning from their holiday layoff in impressive fashion, Clarkston's wrestling team picked up two wins in a dual meet hosted by Auburn Hills Avondale on Jan. 4.

The Wolves defeated West Bloomfield 36-28 and worked over Waterford Mott 68-12.

"It was a pretty important dual for us. We had to depend on some of our younger guys step in for us," said Clarkston Coach Joe DeGain.

Clarkston was without Steve Smiley, Mitch Miller, Josh Booker and Steve Cooper. Four wrestlers who helped the Wolves to their fifth straight Oakland County Tournament championship on Dec. 17.

Against West Bloomfield, Tyler Schneider (125 pounds), Eric Butterfield (140) and Tommy Ellsworth (160) each won by pin. Mike Maguire (119), Colton Tweed (145), Bryant Craft (152), Josh McAllister (171) and Steve Herron (275) all picked up wins against the Lakers as well.

The Wolves picked up 30 of their 68 points due to five voids in Mott lineup. Mike Maguire (119), Alex Popp (130), Spencer Karrick (135), Anthony Herron (140), McAllister and Craft all won by pin. Ellsworth and Schneider were also victorious against Mott.

DeGain was especially pleased with young wrestlers such as Karrick and Popp as they helped plug the holes in the Wolves' lineup.

Next up for Clarkston is a dual meet at home against Lapeer West on Jan. 11 followed by a trip to the Michigan duals at Bay City Western on Jan. 14.

"We are still going to be a little banged up, but it's the time of year where everyone is banged up," DeGain said.

Clarkston is now 3-1 in dual matches this season and opens the league season at 2-0.

Then, now and soon

- **Basketball** 1/3 Clarkston 58 Rochester 44; 1/6 Pontiac Northern 64 Clarkston 60; 1/10 Clarkston vs. Groves Inc. Up next: 1/17 at Pontiac Central
- **Hockey** 1/6 Clarkston 8 West Bloomfield 3; 1/7 Stoney Creek 2 Clarkston 1. Up Next: 1/12 vs. Birmingham; 1/14 vs. Farmington.
- **Volleyball** 1/5 Rochester 3 Clarkston 0; 1/7 Walled Lake Central Inv. 2-1-1 overall; 1/9 Seaholm 3 Clarkston 0. Up Next: 1/12 vs. Troy Athens; 1/14 at Grand Blanc Classic.
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- **Swimming** 1/5 Clarkston 125 Troy Athens 60. Up next: 1/17 at Berkley; 1/19 at Rochester Adams.
- **Wrestling** 1/11 Clarkston 68 Waterford Mott 12; Clarkston 36 West Bloomfield 28. Up next: 1/11 vs. Lapeer West; 1/14 Michigan Duals at Bay City Western.

Soccer sign up kicking off

Registration for indoor and outdoor soccer leagues through Independence Parks and Recreation begins Jan. 5 at 6 p.m. for Independence Township residents or Clarkston School District homeowners. Sign-up continues until the programs are full. Open registration for non-residents begins Jan. 23 for outdoor leagues and Jan. 17 for indoor leagues. Late registration for outdoor leagues starts Feb. 24 - contingent upon availability. Call for indoor registration deadlines.

Detailed registration information regarding leagues was distributed through local schools and is available online at www.twp.independence.mi.us. Parents are reminded to bring their child's birth certificate to registration.

ITP&R is also in the process of setting up adult leagues. For more information, call (248) 625-8223.

On a roll ...

Clarkston's boys bowling team defeated Lake Orion 24-6 on Jan. 8 to improve to 4-0 on the season. Ryan Motto led the way for the Wolves with a 226 single game score and a 427 series. Jeremy Wagner (226 game) and Robert Appel (212) also helped in the win.

The Wolves' girls team triumphed 19-11 over Lake Orion to push their record to 2-2. Jessica Hart rolled a 215 game and had a 376 series. Also making a significant contribution was April Pieknik with a 213 game and 382 series.

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By Ernie Harwell

I'm very anti-smoking, though I did smoke ten to twelve cigarettes a day until quitting in 1954. So I wasn't really fanatic, certainly not a two-pack-a-day guy.



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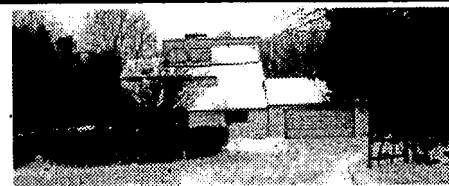


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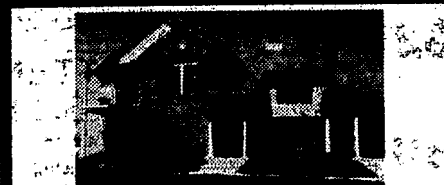
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Wrestling tips from the far east

BY ANDREW DUPONT
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The CHS wrestling team got a taste of international experience last week with a visit from 14 athletes from Japan.

The Japanese National Wrestling Team is visiting Michigan for 12 days and stopping at four different high schools as part of a Japan-USA cultural exchange wrestling program.

The program was coordinated by Masauki Hatta, who said he has been involved with the program officially since 1998. Hatta said Michigan is only one of six states that participate in the program. Restrictions only allow the team to visit two states a year, so trips to Michigan only happen once every three years. Although Hatta remarked restrictions on the program now are nowhere near what they were over 40 years ago.

"It was hard to get out of the country because of government restrictions," Hatta said.

Hatta worked with Rick Detkowski, former wrestling coach at CHS, to coordinate the program with the CHS team.

Detkowski, who remains an active assistant to the wrestling team, says despite cultural differences, the students are able to communicate and are very similar.

"They're all teenagers," Detkowski said. "The Japanese seem to be a little more respectful of their elders when they are around their elders."

The exchange students spent Jan. 5 in school at CHS, partnered with a CHS student whom they would be staying with for their time in the Clarkston area. After school the teams practiced together and held an

exhibition meet on Jan. 6 at 6 p.m.

Most of the exchange students spoke little-to-no English, but that did not matter when time came to practice. Stepping aside from their usual routine, the CHS wrestling coaches let the exchange students run practice in the manner they saw fit.

"It broke the monotony of our practices," said Coach Joe DeGain.

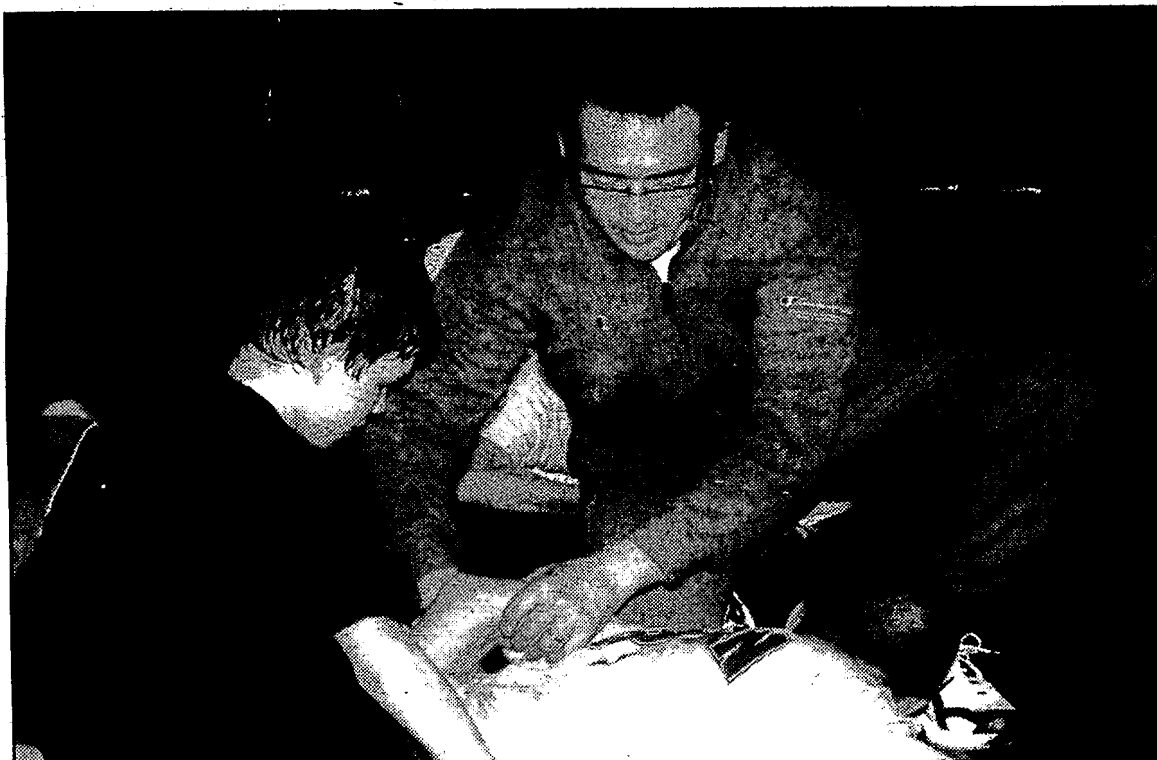
American high schools wrestle folkstyle, while the international standard is freestyle. DeGain said as a compromise between the two styles, the CHS team practiced for a day in freestyle and the Japanese team would wrestle folkstyle in the exhibition matchup.

"They focus a lot more on flexibility," DeGain said comparing the Japanese athletes to Gumby. DeGain noted there was visibly more muscle tension for CHS wrestlers performing the same maneuvers as the Japanese team.

The Jan. 5 joint practice began with subtle awe from CHS team members, as their Japanese counterparts performed handstands and walked on their hands as part of the warm-up. The Wolves followed suit, with limited success in emulating the maneuverability of their guests.

As practice continued, wrestlers broke into pairs and sparred off against one another. The language barrier meant nothing as the students found ways to give and receive advice from one another as they worked on their techniques.

Two tiring hours later, practice came to an end with both teams benefitting from seeing how the other side of the world lives, learns and wrestles.



Team Leader Takao Tokioka helps CHS wrestlers work on their technique. Photos by DuPont



Some found themselves hard-pressed to struggle against the Japanese freestyle wrestling.



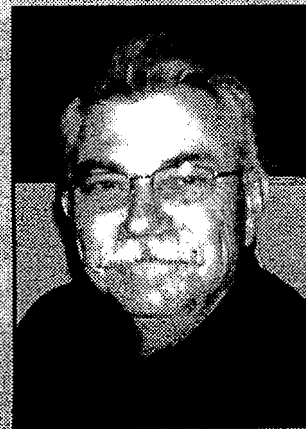
People Poll

What makes a Pillar of Clarkston?



"Someone who cares about the future of the community and takes positive action to ensure the future."

- Dick Uhrick



"Someone to keep the small town atmosphere, keep the strip malls out"

- Harry Hirt



"Somebody that's concerned with preserving the small town environment while accommodating the population expansion"

- Craig Kellstrom



"Someone who supports their local businesses."

- Linda Uhrick

By Andrew DuPont

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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

Who are the Pillars of Clarkston?

What is a pillar of a community? Without seeking praise, someone who works tirelessly to make the town around them a better place to live? A business which is as much a landmark as a store? An event which on a yearly basis brings the community closer together?

In short, a pillar is that which provides support for, promotes togetherness in and allows for growth across a community, all at the same time.

In late October 2005, *The Clarkston News* asked for submissions as to who or what are the *Pillars of Clarkston*. This week, we are happy to kick off the series with three individuals nominated by our readers.

In next week's edition (Jan. 18), the *Pillars of Clarkston* will continue to run, beginning on the front page of the Millstream section.

Rev. Robert Walters

For the better part of three decades, members of Calvary Lutheran Evangelical Church in Independence Township could count on Rev. Bob Walters actively pursuing his mission and helping others chase theirs.

"For me, the significant thing is the trust people put in you at strenuous times in their lives, like dealing with death and sickness, as well as those times of joy, like birth," said Walters, who shared in 540 baptisms, 430 confirmations, 300 weddings and 275 funerals as pastor at Calvary.

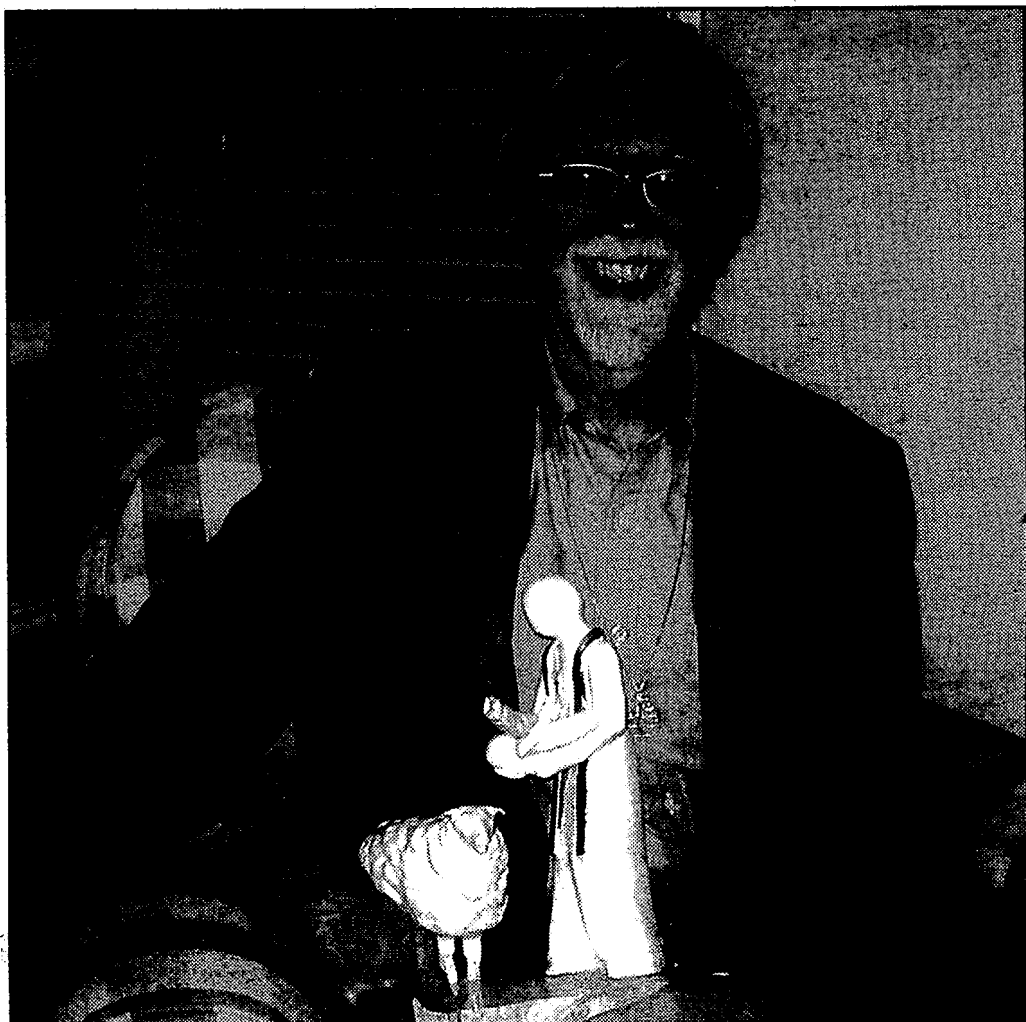
Walters came to Calvary in 1971 when he and his wife Beverly, married since 1961, moved to the area from Illinois. Together, they raised their sons Bob and Mike.

Throughout his service at Calvary and prior to going there, Walters said he took pride in never missing a service due to illness in approximately 39 years as a pastor. He also enjoyed serving as a positive influence in the spiritual lives of young people, like full-time Christian musician Shawn Smith. Two of the young women Walters was able to encourage to become involved in ministry carried his influence with them to Slovakia and Germany.

In reflecting on his experience with youth, Walters recalled how he started to consider his vocation.

"I was a skinny kid with glasses. I wasn't a sports guy, but I liked to study and learn. My confirmation pastor put his hand on my shoulder at a retreat and said 'you should consider ministry,'" said Walters. "He must have seen something I wasn't aware of."

During his nearly 30 years as pastor



Rev. Bob Walters with a statue he received when he retired as pastor from Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church in June of 2000. The piece was done by a former Clarkston resident and symbolizes his pastoral ministry, said Walters. Photo by James Martinez

at Calvary, he watched the church more than triple in size while growing from a very small congregation. Walters is quick to share the credit for the success of the church's transformation and his time as pastor, including people like Karen Zeile and Yvonne Lowe.

"They were the kind of people that didn't have to have a supervisor. They were real self-starters," said Walters.

Walters' career as a pastor started in 1961 prior to coming to Clarkston, when he served at Hope-Epiphany Lutheran in Chicago for seven years and at First Lutheran in Decatur, Illinois for four.

In addition to his work as pastor, Walters said he was elected to the school board twice, serving from 1973-1981, which included time as president.

"This community is blessed with fine teachers," said Walters, who looks back fondly on serving on the board.

Even in retirement, Walters remains active by singing with the Carolyn Mawby Chorale and bike riding. As reported in *The Clarkston News* in July, Walters biked 215 miles from Lake Michigan to Lake Huron in the 24th annual Pedal Across Lower Michi-

gan Tour this summer with Clarkston residents Bob Klemmer and Fred Irish.

While singing in the chorale with Beverly and bike riding are fulfilling and satisfying hobbies for Walters, he keeps his mission work alive substituting for area pastors about once a month and serving on a task force with the Southeast Michigan Synod. His service with the Synod feeds an interest in the Holy Land spurred on during a project for his Doctor of Ministry earned at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago in 1981.

"(The Synod's) meant to encourage Palestinian Christians to continue under those circumstances and to make known to the government, that our government is indirectly supporting their persecution," said Walters, who has traveled to the Holy Land five times as a student, tourist and in support of Palestinian Christians.

Renee Wright

Whether at work or play, Renee Wright of Clarkston has the same idea in mind:

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Around Town

In observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers' 8th District Office Staff has postponed Oakland County Office Hours in Clarkston. Office hours will resume in February.

To contact the 8th District Office Staff, call 1-877-333-MIKE or e-mail through www.house.gov/mikerogers.

Independence Township Parks and Recreation is offering **Horseback Riding for Beginners** starting on Jan. 15 from 5-6:30 p.m. at Times Square Academy, which is located at 4835 Oakwood Road (off M-15). The classes are scheduled to continue each Sunday.

Cost of the sessions is \$155 for residents and \$165 for non-residents. Space per session is limited to six riders.

The class will consist of basic grooming, riding and horse care for beginners. Riders will be required to wear long pants and hard sole shoes. All participants should let the instructors know of any physical limitations or special accommodations prior to the beginning of class.

Call 248-625-8223 for specific session dates and more information.

Join the **Clarkston Community Women's Club** on Jan. 19 at 7:30 p.m. for speaker Rick Weaver, president of Maximpact. His presentation is titled: "Balance: Take Charge of Your Life."

Please call Carolyn Morrison at 248-625-2924 for more information.

The **Independence Township Senior Center** has several upcoming events:

• State Representative John Stakoe will answer questions and listen to concerns at **Meet your Legislator**. Stop in, grab a cup of coffee and see him for an informal chat Jan. 13 starting at 11 a.m.

• Volunteer bakers and salespersons are needed for the **bake sale** scheduled for Jan. 17 starting at 1 p.m. Bring your wrapped goodies to the senior center by the end of the day on Jan. 16 for sale at lunch time at Sashabaw Middle School. The school is now "peanut free" so nothing with peanuts, peanut butter, or peanut oil can be allowed. Profits from the sale go into the senior escrow (savings) account.

• A **spaghetti dinner** is scheduled for Jan. 20 from 5-7 p.m. All are invited for dinner out with your family, friends or out on your own. Enjoy friendly faces and all you can eat spaghetti and meat sauce, salad and Italian garlic bread for \$5 (note the increase in price due to

continually rising costs). Yummy desserts are \$1 extra.

• Warm up at a **Snowball Picnic** on Jan. 25 11:30 a.m.- 1 p.m., complete with outdoor grilled steak, chicken and homemade picnic fare. Russ Beck will sing hot favorites from Cole Porter, Frank Sinatra, Mel Torme and Tony Bennett. Wear summer clothes over or under your "snuggies." Cost is \$6. Deadline is Jan. 20.

• A **Rite Aid pharmacist** will explain the new Medicare prescription program from a pharmacist's point of view on Jan. 30 at 11 a.m. Come hear her remarks and ask questions about this program for older adults. Call the senior center and leave your name and phone number to reserve your place.

There's always something new at the **Independence Township Library**:

• Join in the fun as the library kicks off its first **knitting club for children**. Listen to stories told by Miss Katie while learning to make a pretty scarf.

Please register in person to get your list of supplies. The club is open to children ages 8-12. A class size is limited to 12 students. Class meets every Wednesday beginning Jan. 11 through Feb. 15 from 4-5 p.m.

• Celebrate reading at the **Winter Read-A-Thon** on Jan. 30 from 4:30 - 8 p.m. Children ages 8-12 are invited to attend an evening of fun and reading that is sure to add excitement to a dreary winter night.

The event features plenty of breaks for yummy snacks, pizza, games and activities. Bring pillows, sleeping bags, blankets and anything else to keep you comfy. Grab some library books or bring your own.

Space is limited, so please register soon!

For more information or to register for these great events, please call 248-625-2212 or stop by the library located on Clarkston Road.

Christmas In Action of Clarkston is hosting "**A Night at the Races**" fund-raiser on Jan. 21.

Wooden reindeer sponsored by local businesses, groups and individuals will race to the finish line at Columbiere Center.

CIA is a coalition of volunteers who come together the last Saturday in April to provide free home repairs to qualified low income seniors or handicapped homeowners. The Columbiere Center is located at 9075 Big Lake Road.

For information on sponsoring and tickets, please call 248-618-7433 or write to CIA of Clarkston, P.O. Box 644, Clarkston, MI 48347.

The **Springfield Township Library** announces their newest activities!

• Beginning at 4:15 p.m. Tuesdays on Jan. 24, school-aged children can participate in the **After School Craft Days**.

Jan. 24 is themed "Snack for the Birds." Registration is required and began on Jan. 3.

For information on these and all the other great

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Standout teachers recognized by board

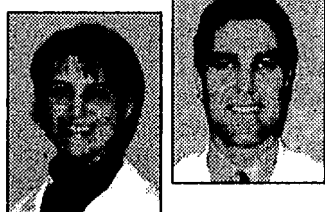
The Clarkston School Board recognized 11 employees who showed excellence in their work at the Jan. 9 meeting. After being introduced by the principals of their respective schools, each employee was congratulated by school board members and given a commemorative clock to mark the occasion. Pictured are Lars Convintree (PKE), Debbie Hillebrand (NSE), Alexis Iveson (BLE), Susan Joseph (NSE), Kylie Krentzin (CE), Tammy Leichtnam (IE), Leslie Miller (SPE), Laura Mahler (CHS), Nancy Nankervis (CHS), Kimberly Prentice, (SMS) and Pam Price (PKE). Photo by Andrew DuPont

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Sylvia the dog (played by Wendy Hedstrom, left) and Kate (played by Hale S. Wells) square off for the affection of Kate's husband Greg (played by Nick Szczerba) in "Sylvia" the latest comedic production by the Clarkston Village Players. Photo by Andrew DuPont

CVP's 'Sylvia' starts Jan. 13

Join the Clarkston Village Players as they present A. R. Gurney's unique comedy "Sylvia," a play about the conflict between marriage and man's best friend. Performances of "Sylvia," are scheduled for Jan. 13-15, 19-21 and 26-28.

Show times are 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$12

for Friday and Saturday performances and \$10 for Thursday and Sunday.

Tickets are available for purchase through www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org or by calling 248-625-2511. They are also available by leaving a message on the Clarkston Village Players ticket line at 248-625-8811. Tickets may be purchased at the door the night of the performance; however, availability can not be assured.

Mountain bike-travaganza

Six-time world and two-time national champion in 24-hour mountain biking Chris Eatough is the centerpiece of the Michigan Mountain Bike Association's annual meeting on Feb. 12 at Springfield Oaks Activity Center.

The event is open to the public. Both entry and parking are free. A Bike Swap Meet runs 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The vendor area, featuring bike clubs, local bike shops and bike manufacturers, is open 11 a.m.-1 p.m. The annual meeting runs from 1-4 p.m.

Additionally, Jef Mallett, a Lansing resident and creator of the Frazz Comic Strip, will speak and autograph his new book *Frazz: Live From Bryson Elementary*.

For information, contact Scott at 248-288-3753 or visit www.mmba.org.

Springfield Oaks County Park is located at 12451 Andersonville Road (near Hall Road) in Davisburg. Visit www.oakgov.com/parksrec for a map or call Springfield Oaks directly at 248-634-7899.

Warm sips under the stars

While the long cold winter months offer much to grouse over, Oakland County Parks and the Lewis E. Wint Nature Center want to show off some of the season's finer points - namely star gazing and hot drinks. The Winter Star Party is set for Feb. 4, from 8-10 p.m. at the nature center within Independence Oaks County Park on Sashabaw Road.

The evening features an indoor Starlab planetarium show and an outdoor telescope viewing session (weather permitting), courtesy of the Oakland Astronomy

Club.

Caribou Coffee, sponsor of the Winter Star Party, will provide free coffee that evening.

The program is suitable for school-aged children and adults. Cost is \$2 per person. Prepay to register.

For information or to register, call the Wint Nature Center at 248-625-6473 or visit www.oakgov.com/parksrec for park maps, discount coupons and more.

Independence Oaks is located at 9501 Sashabaw Road.

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Clarkston's Original



Dr. Nancy Crossley is affiliated with William Beaumont Hospital.

Care Center

The baby who won't stop crying

Article written by: Dr. Nancy Crossley

New babies cry for a lot of different reasons. It's one of the main ways they can let you know they need something. Still, it can be very frustrating, especially at 2 am!

As you and your baby get to know each other, you'll learn to tell their hungry cry from their pain cry. Here are some tips to help you sort out and answer your little one's needs.

CAUSES OF CRYING

Hunger - Newborns need short, feedings - usually 20 minutes about every 2 hours. If it's possible that your baby is hungry, try feeding first. Don't forget to burp frequently during and after feeding.

Clothing - Check baby's clothes to make sure they're not too tight, too cold or too warm. In general, your baby will be comfortable dressed as warmly as you are. Check fingers and toes to make sure there's not a thread or hair cutting off circulation.

Illness - Sickness can make your baby cry more frequently. Call or take him/her to the pediatrician if you think your baby is not feeding well, is very fussy or is much less active than normal.

You should see your pediatrician for any illness in a baby less than 1 month of age, or for fever higher than 100.4 in a baby less than 3 months of age.

Diapers - Most babies won't cry excessively with a wet diaper unless they have a diaper rash. Still, a change is worth a try.

Boredom - If you think your baby might be bored, you can try a car or stroller ride, dancing with them in your arms, or just holding them and walking from room to room.

Overstimulation - Babies can easily become tired and overstimulated because of playing, being handled and being in a very new and exciting world. Although it's important to include your baby in your activities, make sure to include quiet times too, with low lights, a quiet environment and a slower pace. You can also try swaddling your baby by wrapping snugly in a warm blanket with arms bent and held close to the body, or use a pacifier.

Colic - Colic is a general term used to describe the baby who cries for several hours at a time on a daily basis. Colic usually starts by 2 weeks of age; almost all babies outgrow these crying episodes by 3 months. The cause of these episodes is unknown. Vibration (as in a car or vibrating child seat) and white noise (a fan, washing machine, or dishwasher) can be helpful.

If you're getting angry and frustrated with your baby's crying, try to take frequent breaks by letting a spouse, family member or friend take care of your baby for a while. If you're so angry that you're afraid you might hurt your baby, call your doctor or an emergency room for help.

Some books that may help: *Happiest Baby on the Block: The New Way to Calm Crying and Help Your Baby Sleep Longer*, by Harvey Karp; Bantam Books, 2002.

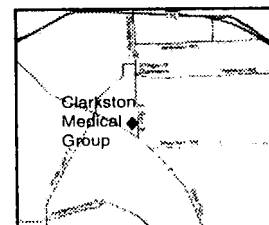
Hush Little Baby: Gentle Methods to Stop Your Baby from Crying, by Barbara Hill; Avery Publishing Group, 1999. *365 ways to Calm Your Crying Baby*; by Julian Orenstein, Adams Media Corp., 1998.

Dr. Nancy Crossley specializes in both Internal Medicine and Pediatrics. She's a Michigan native who is a graduate of Wayne State University School of Medicine; she completed her residency at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Michigan. She looks forward to meeting and caring for all members of your family.



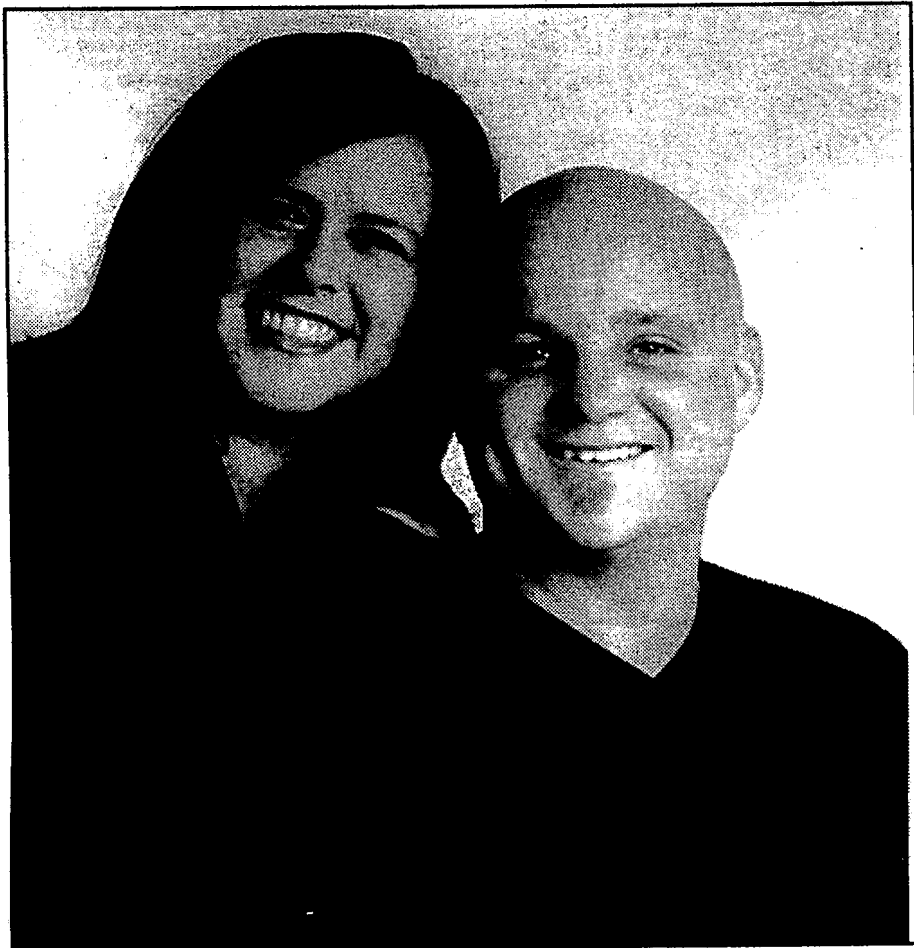
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Milestones

McCallum-Carter to wed



Brian and Molly McCallum are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter Kelly Sue McCallum to Nathan Joel Carter, son of Sandra and the late Joel Carter.

Both Kelly and Nathan are graduates of Clarkston High School.

Kelly is a Michigan State University graduate and employed by Universal McCann.

Nathan is a graduate of Northwestern College and employed by AT&T.

A May 2006 wedding is planned.

Students achieve success

The following students were named to Northwood University's Dean's List for the Fall 2005 term:

Clarkston - Andrew T. Brown, sophomore, parents Thomas Brown and Teresa Brown; David J. Gardiner, freshman, parents Jay and Julia Gardiner; Kelly L. Keil, freshman, parents Francis and Cynthia Keil; and Michael J. Vitale, freshman, parent Nickey Vitale.

Davisburg - Anna S. McManus-Trim, junior, parents Jeffrey and Tracey Trim.

Jessica Rose Robinson was named to the Fall Quarter Dean's List for the 2005-2006 school year at Northwestern University.

Robinson is a freshman who graduated from Clarkston High School in 2005.

Sheriff's Major graduates from FBI National Academy

Oakland County Sheriff Michael J. Bouchard announced today that Major **Damon Shields** of Independence Township graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA.

Major Shields attended the 223rd Session of the academy from Oct. 16 until Dec. 16, 2005. He has been with the sheriff's office for almost 31 years.

"Major Shields has set an example for the entire command staff to follow. This is just another example of his dedication to the sheriff's office and to the citizens of Oakland County," said Bouchard.

The National Academy started in 1935 and to date has trained over 38,000 police officers from around the world. The eleven week academy is designed to enhance the administrative and leadership capabilities of police command-

ers and stresses physical fitness as well. Just to be nominated to the academy is an honor. Less than one percent of the nation's police officers will ever attend the Virginia-based school. The college curriculum is geared for both undergraduate and graduate level students and college credits are awarded through the University of Virginia.

"The men and women in my session were some of the brightest and most capable commanders I have ever met," said Shields about an experience he described as humbling and fantastic. "The networking alone will save hundreds of hours in problem solving and the FBI instructors are absolutely the best in the business."

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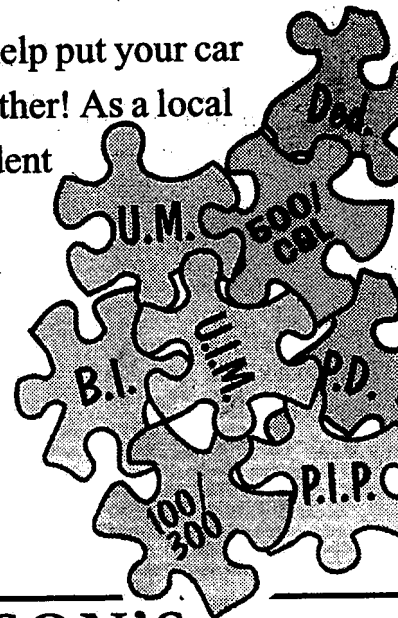
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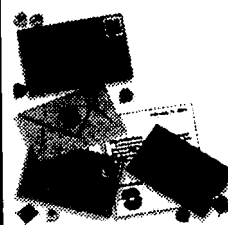
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Religion

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Cancer! Life stops — changes direction. Vacation and family plans go to the side. New worries and concerns fill your life and force new decisions about everything.

While this is a very personal story, all of us have a need to understand, explain or just work out in our minds what went wrong. Estimates of the percentage of Americans who have suffered a life changing event in their life run as high as 92 percent of the population. When the car is stolen, when the house is flooded, when we lose a loved one— these and many more abrupt changes in our lives create a need for comfort. Where will you turn?

When personal disaster strikes, most of us turn to family and friends. Many of us turn to God in prayer. As our thoughts turn to God and we begin to contemplate how He might answer, we may look to

our Bibles for comfort. We want answers. Have you heard a friend or family member ask out loud: Why? They just wanted to know how this could happen to them and then, how to deal with the situation.

I found most comforting a scripture from the apostle Paul's letter to the Philippians: "For all things I have the strength by virtue of him who imparts power to me." Phil. 4:13. Turning to Phil. 4:6, 7 we find wonderful advice for difficult times:

"Do not be anxious over anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication along with thanksgiving, let your petition be made known to God and the peace of God that excels all thought will guard your hearts and mental powers by means of Christ Jesus."

What a wonderful thought! Our creator wants us to bring our problem to Him and finishes this request with a promise.

We find in scripture many promises that can help us see our situation more clearly, help us make critical decisions, even lift up our spirits. As problems come, we can call on our creator, Jehovah, God, to take away our fear and give us the courage to face the future. What has God promised for our future? The Revelation at 21:4, 5 promises us that pain and suffering will be taken away from the earth.

"And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away."

This promise for our earth does lift up our spirit.

By Al
McCarty,
Clarkston
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In our churches...

Join St. Daniel Catholic Church for "Coming Home" with scriptures any Tuesday at 10 a.m. for a small group study of the coming Sunday's scripture readings and get reacquainted with Catholic worship. For more info call Kathy Desrochers at 248-625-7397. St. Daniel Catholic Church is located at 7010 Valley Park.

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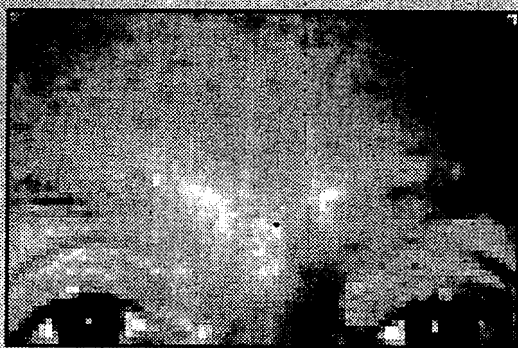
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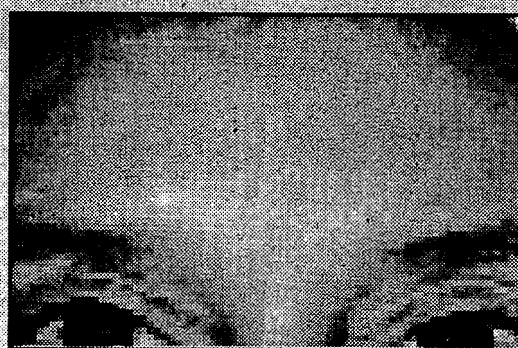
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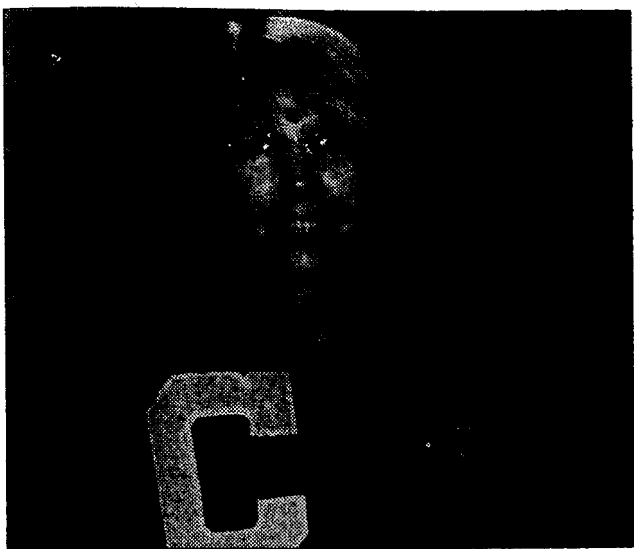
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Renee Wright in her honorary varsity jacket.

Pillars

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helping students.

Wright was president of the PTO at Clarkston Elementary for three years. Her work at Clarkston Elementary was actually a return for Wright, who attended CE when she was young. She started her work with the PTO at a time when all three of her children – Alison, 16; Evey, 14; and Matt, 12 – were students there.

Originally, Wright took the position to help with adjustments made to the school as a result of redistricting in 1999.

"I agreed to stay for a year and ended up there for three," Wright joked.

Prior to her leadership role, Wright worked as a classroom volunteer and chairperson for various programs.

Wright hasn't stopped there, she moved on to become president of the PTA at Clarkston Junior High School. With all the work she does with school programs, Wright said student recognition is what really makes her proud.

"I'm most proud when I go into the buildings and the kids recognize me," Wright said because it shows they appreciate what she's doing.

Wright attributes her ability to make so many contributions to her work with ATS Project Success, an educational consulting firm that supplies supplemental education services to at-risk students.

"I've been really lucky with my job in that I've had a lot of flexibility with it," Wright said, noting that until very recently she was able to work completely from home. "So I could run up to the school and spend an hour there and then come back and get caught up on whatever I have work-wise, and not many people have that luxury as I did.

"It's really been a blessing that really allowed me to be involved with a lot of different things," Wright said.

Wright is devoted to helping students reach their potential through her work, which provides computers to families in need so students can have access to online tutoring programs.

"A lot of these homes are so needy. Most times it's the first computer that's been in the home. They're just so excited to get the computer and to get the kids going. We've met a lot of nice people and helped a lot of great kids," Wright said.

The program is growing from demand as a result of the No Child Left Behind Act, which requires a third party tutoring service for failing schools.

"Last year we did probably 150 kids this way, and this year we're probably going to do 1500, maybe 2000," Wright said.

Wright is also involved with Clarkston Methodist

Church, where seven years ago she and neighbor Carola Huttenlocher started a program called "Angels in Training," which takes students in grades K-5 out on Sundays to work on community projects.

"I think the kids in our community are so fortunate and have been given so much that I think it's really important to teach them to give back to others and I don't think you can start that young enough with the kids," Wright said.

Wright's projects are all connected by a common goal of helping others.

"It fits in with my mission for life: to help make the world a little bit better place wherever and however I can," Wright said, who said she gets her inspiration from other people in the community.

"I look at the people that are in leadership now in the schools and how hard they work and the sacrifices they make and the tough decisions they make. They don't have an easy job and they're constantly working to make the community a better place.

"There's so many people in this town willing to do whatever it takes," said Wright. The different things I've done where I've needed to get people to help me do them... I don't hardly ever get a no. People always make time to do something else when they're asked."

Wright was surprised by her nomination as a Clarkston Pillar, because she sees what she is doing as normal.

"I really don't feel as though it's anything out of the ordinary," Wright said.

Mike Spillum

Barbara Swan, a Waterford resident, formerly of Clarkston, could think of only one person when deciding on a Pillar of Clarkston – Rotary Club President Mike Spillum.

"Other towns and cities should be so lucky as Clarkston to have a man who is so concerned about the community and believes in making it stronger for future generations," said Swan in her nomination letter. "He may not be the mayor or the fire chief, but that's not as important as him just being a resident who cares."

Spillum moved to Clarkston with his family from Wausau, Wisconsin in 1977. Today, he and his wife Lynne have three children who graduated from Clarkston High School – John and Sara, who both also reside in Clarkston, and Debra, who lives in Florida – and a granddaughter in the district, 14-year-old Madeline. The couple also has two grandchildren in Florida, Jake, 6, and Grace, 2.

"Clarkston is a neat, small town, a friendly place," said Spillum. "We've enjoyed living here and made a lot of friends."

Spillum not only lives in the Clarkston community, he also works here as a registered representative for Axa Advisors, LLC and an agent for Axa Equitable.

What led Swan to nominate Spillum though was not where he lives and works, but his participation in the Clarkston community.

"Mike is currently the president of the Clarkston Rotary and he is a fine example of a man who cares about his community and takes the time and effort to make it a better place to live," said Swan.

"These days it is rare to read a copy of *The Clarkston News* and not see a picture of Mike and his wife Lynne at one of the many functions around town he attends or contributes to."

Spillum joined the Rotary in 1979. He said he was a member of Kiwanis for 15 years before moving to Clarkston and learning there are no local chapters for the group. He made some friends in Rotary and decided he liked the group's many service functions, both locally and on a national level.

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"My favorite service project is the Goodfellow drive," said Spillum. "This year we provided boots, mittens and such to 448 kids. I really enjoy that."

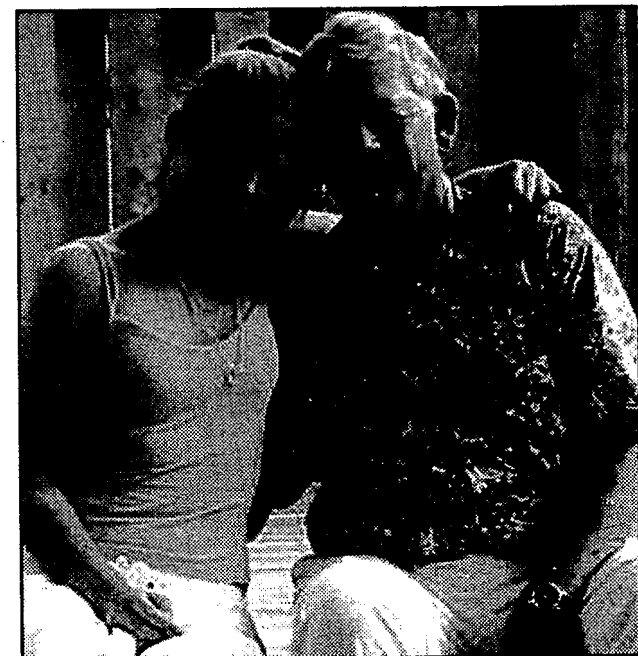
In addition to Rotary, Spillum is also active in the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce where he is a chamber ambassador and golf outing organizer. He is also a SCAMP golf outing volunteer and a member of the Independence Township Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission.

"I like to meet people and get to know them, and have a good time," said Spillum about himself.

Spillum also attends The Episcopal Church of the Resurrection. In his spare time, he enjoys reading, playing golf and being in Florida when the weather is cold.

"I think a pillar of the community should be sensitive to the community and participate in community affairs," said Spillum when asked what he thinks a Pillar of Clarkston should be.

"I'm very impressed and honored I was selected as one."



Mike Spillum and his granddaughter Madeline. Photo provided

The Clarkston News is interested in continuing to feature the pillars of this community in the future. Those compelled to nominate a Pillar of Clarkston should do so by sending correspondence to *The Clarkston News* attn: Pillars of Clarkston, 5 South Main, Clarkston, MI 48346 or via email to shermanpub@aol.com (subject line: Pillars).

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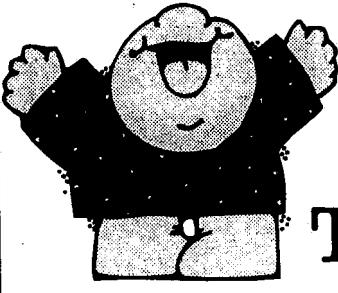
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THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
Supervisor Wagner called the January 3, 2006, meeting to order at 7:34 p.m., at the Independence Township Library.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call: Present: Rosso, VanderVeen, Wagner, Travis Wenger,
Absent: Dunn, Kelly
There was a quorum.
Mr. Kelly arrived at 7:39 p.m.
1. Approval of the Agenda, as amended
2. Approval of the Consent Agenda
Approval of Minutes of December 20th Regular Meeting
Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run in the amount of \$665,619.44
Approval of Purchase Orders in the amount of \$637,817.02
3. Approved First Reading, Amended Final PUD Site Plan, American House (Independent and Assisted Living for the elderly), Sashabaw Orchard Acres, Northwest corner at Sashabaw Road and Bow Pointe Drive, 6.7 acres, PUD Zoning, 08-27-100-030 and 031
4. Approved contract with Advance Floors for Carpeting at Senior Center and Carriage House
5. Approved motion for reappointment of Cheryl Karrick to Zoning Board of Appeals
6. Approved motion for replacement of Daniel Kelly by Larry Rosso to the Planning Commission.
7. Approved motion to enter into closed session to discuss Collective Bargaining Agreement at 8:32 p.m.
8. Approved motion to enter open session at 9:10 p.m.
9. Approved motion to adjourn meeting at 9:10 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted,
Shelagh VanderVeen
Township Clerk

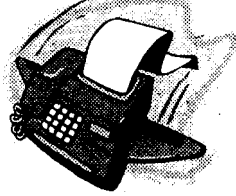
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
SPECIAL MEETING**
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Thursday, January 19, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.
At the Clarkston High School Auditorium, 6093 Flemings Lake Road, Clarkston, Michigan, 48346 to consider the following:
FILE PC #2005-032
REZONINGS INITIATED BY INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
From: R-1A (Single Family Residential)
To: C-1 (Local Commercial)
C-2 (Planned Shopping Center)
OS-1 (Office Service One)
OS-2 (Office Service Two)
R-2 (Multiple Family)
Parcel Identification Numbers: 08-22-351-021, 08-22-351-025 (5955 Flemings Lake RD.), 08-22-351-007 (5961 Flemings Lake RD.), 08-22-351-006 (6750 Walters), 08-22-351-018(5870 Waldon), 08-22-351-017 (5890 Waldon), 08-22-351-057 (6660 Walters), 08-22-351-016 (5860 Waldon), 08-22-351-009, 08-22-351-010, 08-22-351-011 (6730 Walters), 08-22-351-056, 08-22-351-058 (5920 Waldon), 08-22-351-024 (5951 Flemings Lake RD.), 08-22-351-022 (5800 Waldon); 08-22-351-023
Common Description: Approximately 70 Acres of land situated in the southwest quadrant of the intersection of I-75 and Sashabaw Road (north of Waldon Road).
From: R-1A (Single Family Residential)
To: OS-1 (Office Service One)
Parcel Identification Numbers: 08-27-100-032 (5925 Waldon), 08-27-100-033 (5915 Waldon), and 08-27-100-034 (5905 Waldon).
Common Description: Approximately three acres of land situated on the south side of Waldon Road, approximately 1500 feet west of Sashabaw Road.
Any further information regarding the above Public Hearing may be obtained at the Township Planning Office during regular Office hours 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday or by phone at (248) 625-8111.
Shelagh VanderVeen, CLERK

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INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD

AGENDA
7:30 P.M.
TOWNSHIP LIBRARY
Date: January 17, 2006

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, limiting their comments to not more than three minutes.*
7. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approval of Minutes of January 3, 2006, meeting
 - b. Approval of Purchase Orders
 - c. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run
 - d. Resolution - Christmas in Action

New Business

1. Approval of engagement letter with Plante & Moran
2. Bid award for Township vehicle
3. Reclassification of employees - DPW
4. Reclassification of employee - Building Department
5. Reclassification of employee - Parks and Recreation
6. Presentation by Parks and Recreation Commission for millage
7. Approval to participate with SMART for Specialized Services Grant for 2006
8. Non-Union Salaries

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. A majority vote of the Board members may add or delete an agenda item.

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FILE PC #2005-033
ZONING MAP AMENDMENTS INITIATED BY INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL AREA IN THE SASHABAW ROAD TOWN CENTER OVERLAY DISTRICT
Parcel Identification Numbers: 08-22-351-001 (5981 Flemings Lake RD.), 08-22-351-002 (6960 Walters), 08-22-351-003 (5971 Flemings Lake RD.), 08-22-351-031 (6940 Walters), 08-22-351-053 (6928 Walters), 08-22-351-054 (6910 Walters), 08-22-351-055 (6860 Walters), 08-22-351-026 (6820 Walters), 08-22-351-027 (6784 Walters), 08-22-351-028 (6770 Walters), 08-22-351-006 (6750 Walters), 08-22-351-011 (6730 Walters), 08-22-351-058 (5920 Waldon), 08-22-351-017 (5890 Waldon), 08-22-351-018 (5870 Waldon)
Common Description: Approximately 12 Acres of land situated in the southwest quadrant of the intersection of I-75 and Sashabaw Road (north of Waldon Road).
and Parcel Identification Numbers: 08-27-100-032 (5925 Waldon), 08-27-100-033 (5915 Waldon), 08-27-100-034 (5905 Waldon).
Common Description: Approximately 3 acres of land situated on the south side of Waldon Road, approximately 1500 feet west of Sashabaw Road.
The 'Sashabaw Road Town Center Overlay District' (sometimes referred to in the Zoning Ordinance as the 'Town Center' or 'area') encompasses the area as illustrated in the Sashabaw Town Center District Map which is attached as an amendment to and made part of the official Zoning Map of Independence Township.
Any further information regarding the above Public Hearing may be obtained at the Township Planning Office during regular Office hours 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday or by phone at (248) 625-8111.

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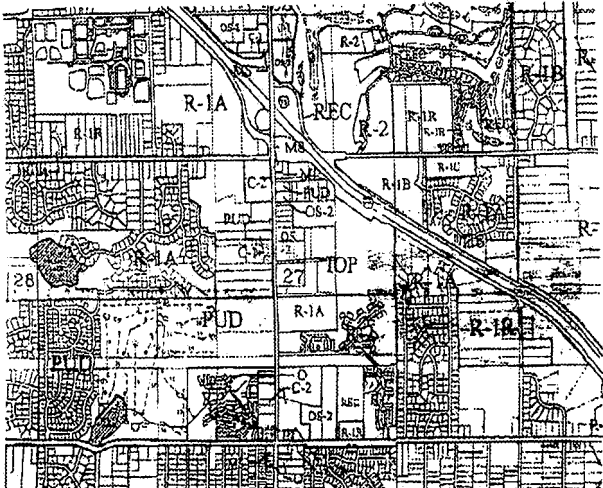
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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF OAKLAND
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO: 2006-301,915-DE**
Estate of Betty Jane Hukka. Deceased. Date of Birth: August 7, 1928
TO ALL CREDITORS: Including Roy Steven Hukka whose whereabouts are unknown.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Betty Jane Hukka, who lived at 786 First Ave., Pontiac, Michigan died December 7th, 2005.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Cynthia L. Nader, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac, Michigan 48341 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
Cynthia L. Nader
50 Lyford
Waterford, MI 48328
(248) 931-2930
Schmidt, Isgrigg, Anderson & Miller P24924
Robert G. Isgrigg, Jr.
2745 Pontiac Lake road
Waterford, Michigan 48328
(248) 682-8800

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At a regular meeting of the Independence Township Board held on January 3, 2006, the Township Board authorized a First Reading Amendment Final PUD Site Plan Approval, American House (Independent & Assisted Living for the Elderly), Sashabaw Orchard Acres, Northwest corner at Sashabaw Road and Bow Pointe Drive, 6.7 Acres, PUD Zoning, 08-27-100-030, and 031, as follows.


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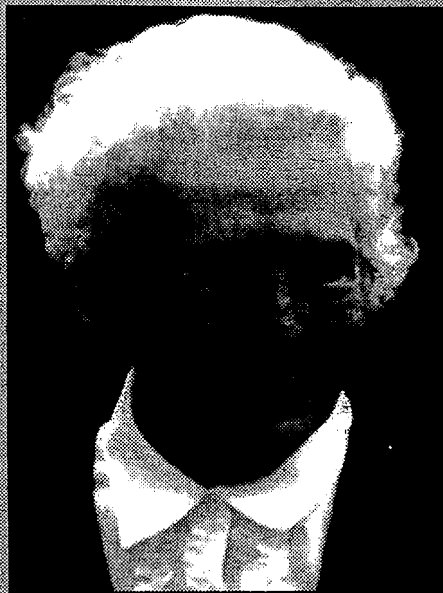
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FILE PC#2005-007
Orco Investments, Inc., Petitioners
REZONING REQUEST
FROM: R-1A (Single Family Residential)
TO: C-2 (Planned Shopping Center) and C-3 (Highway Commercial)
Parcel Identification Numbers: 08-22-351-021, 08-22-351-025 (5955 Flemings Lake RD.), 08-22-351-007 (5961 Flemings Lake RD.), 08-22-351-006 (6750 Walters RD.), 08-22-351-018 (5870 Waldon RD.), 08-22-351-017 (5890 Waldon RD.), 08-22-351-057 (6660 Walters RD.), 08-22-351-016 (5860 Waldon RD.), 08-22-351-009, 08-22-351-010, 08-22-351-011 (6730 Walters RD.), 08-22-351-056, 08-22-351-058 (5920 Waldon RD).
Common Description: Approximately 70 Acres of land situated in the southwest quadrant of the intersection of I-75 and Sashabaw Road (north of Waldon Road).
Intended Use: Mixed Use Development
Any further information regarding the above Public Hearing may be obtained at the Township Planning Office during regular Office hours 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday or by phone at (248) 625-8111.

Obituaries

Evelyn A. Hess



Evelyn A. Hess (nee Stanley), 92, of Ortonville, formerly of Clarkston for 18 years, passed away on December 24, 2005.

Mrs. Hess was the wife of the late Cletus; beloved mother of Jackie (Norm) Nowicki of Ortonville, Patti (Bill) Massey of Seattle and the late Richard and Ralph Hess; also survived by five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass took place December 28, 2005 from St. Anne Catholic Church with the Rev. Fr. John Sullivan officiating. Memorial donations may be given to either Genesys Hospice or the Brandon Fire Department.

Arrangements provided by Sherman Wilk Funeral Home.

Conrad Burlison Jr.

Conrad Burlison Jr., of Clarkston, passed away on January 2, 2006 at 71 years of age.

Mr. Burlison was the loving husband of Marlene for 48 years; dear father of Iris (Gary) Isham of Clarkston, William "Bill" Burlison of Waterford, Wayne Burlison of Pontiac, Brenda (Jon) Kirken of Clarkston and the late Victor and the late Vincent Burlison; cherished Papa of Amanda and Aimee Isham and Brett and Bruce Kirken; and brother of Bette (Elmer) Anderson of Grand Blanc, Ralph Burlison of Arizona, John Burlison of Pontiac, Mike (Donna) Burlison of Waterford, Linda (Kenneth) Anderson of Goodrich and the late Rudolph

Burlison.

He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Mr. Burlison retired from the Pontiac Post Office after 42 years as a window clerk. He was working as a park ranger for Independence Township at Bay Court. He was a member of Silvercrest Baptist Church for many years.

A funeral service was held on Friday, January 6, 2006 at 10 a.m. at Coats Funeral Home in Waterford. Burial ceremonies took place in Christian Memorial Cemetery in Rochester Hills.

To send a private condolence to the family, please select guestbook at www.coatsfuneralhome.com.

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Walter Srogi

Walter "Mark" Srogi, of Berkley, passed away unexpectedly on January 7, 2006 while enjoying his passion of hiking in Otsego. He was 57 years old.

Mr. Srogi was the son of Mary (the late G.) Srogi of Pennsylvania, formerly of Berkley; and brother of Win (Shirley) Srogi of Indiana, Dean (Connie) Srogi of Clarkston and LeeAnn (Tim Lutz) Srogi of Pennsylvania.

He is also survived by several other family members; and his best friend Rick (Theresa) Beum and their son Tyler.

Mr. Srogi was an avid hiker and enjoyed backpacking the Manistee National Forest trails.

A funeral service is scheduled for Friday, January 13, 2006 at 12:30 p.m. at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home.

Friends may visit on Thursday, January 12, 2006 from 6-8 p.m.

Memorials may be made to North Country Trail Association, 229 E. Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331.

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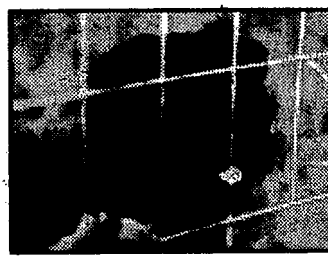
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Around Town

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library activities, please call 248-846-6550.

Here's something great to do this season with **Springfield Township Parks and Recreation**:

• A **Snowmobile Safety workshop** is scheduled for Jan. 10 and 12 from 6-9 p.m. on both days at the Hart Community Center.

The Oakland County Sheriff's Department will teach the laws of safe snowmobiling and how to properly handle snowmobiles.

Participants must attend both days and successfully pass the test to receive the Snowmobile Safety Certificate. A minimum and maximum number of participants are required to hold the class, so please call ahead to register.

To register for an event or get more information, please call Springfield Township Parks and Recreation at 248-634-0412.

Samaritan Care Hospice seeks volunteers to spend time with terminally ill patients and their families.

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For more information, call Chris Kokenos at (800) 397-9360.

The **Clarkston Lions Club** holds meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays of every month beginning at 6:30 p.m.

with a social hour. The official meeting takes place at 7 p.m.

Beginning in October, the Lions will meet in the Carriage House, next to the senior center, in Clintonwood Park. For more information, please call 248-484-7130.

The Clarkston Schools Early Childhood Center and the Clarkston Area Youth Assistance are co-sponsoring six parenting workshops titled "No More Whining!! Develop Positive Behavior in Young Children."

The workshops are facilitated by counselor and parent educator Jennifer Arkwright.

Workshops are held on the following dates: Feb. 7, March 7 and April 11 from 6:15-8 p.m. at the new Clarkston Early Childhood Center.

Participants can register for any number of workshops by calling 248-623-4350. The cost is \$10 each, or attend all six for \$50. Childcare is available on a limited basis and at a minimal cost.

Crosshill Community Preschool, a non-profit organization, has several openings in the four-year-old and young 5's classes. A possible three-year-old afternoon class may begin in January on Tuesday and Thursday.

Classes are available for three-, four- and young five-year-olds. The preschool is located in the Davisburg United Methodist Church at 803 Broadway, Davisburg.

For more information, please call Susan at 248-634-2673 or the preschool director at 248-634-1064.

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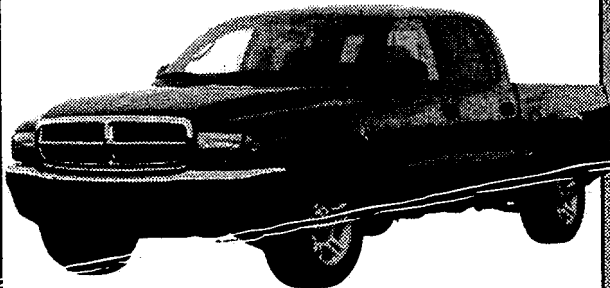


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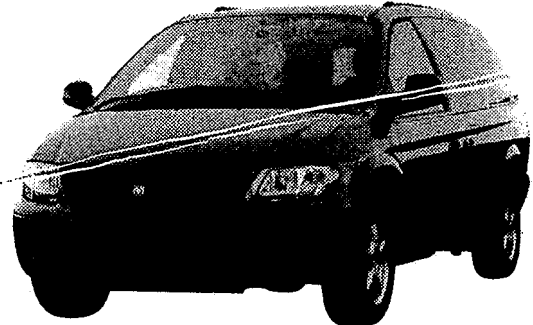


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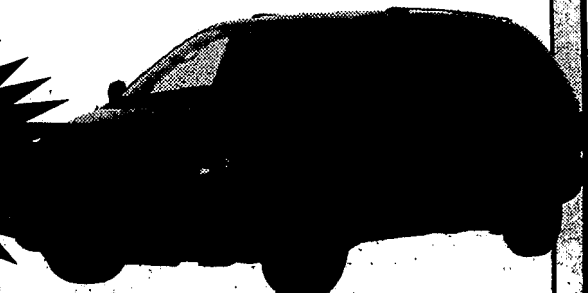


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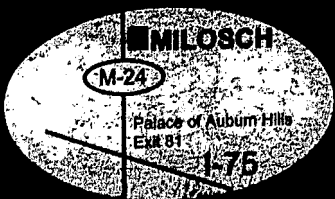
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- Unit 126 Clifton Barrick- saw, ice auger, rake, bed frame & misc.
- Unit 219 Todd Waltz- 2 TVs, couch, 3 chairs & misc. boxes.
- Unit 226 Michael Mrozinski- 5 folding chairs, table cabinet, tools & misc.
- Unit 416 Kelli Lebourdais- microwave, stereo, TV, air compressor, golf clubs, & etc.
- Unit 522 Scott Wheeler- baseball cards, bike, bed frame & misc.
- Unit 711 Shaun Sharp- loveseat, chair, small desk, bed frame & misc.
- Unit 714 Vicky Christopher- chair, 2 end tables, grill & misc.

Sale will take place at Savoie Self Service Storage, 9650 Dixie Hwy., Clarkston, MI at 11 a.m. February 17, 2006. Time & date may be subject to change or cancellation in the event of settlement between Landlord and obligated party.

SALE OF DEFAULT UNITS:
Wednesday, January 25, 2006, 10 A.M. Lake Orion Self Storage Center, Inc., 180 W. Church St., Lake Orion, MI 48362. 100 yards East of Lapeer Rd. (M-24).

Unit #50028: Salsa Korany- Dressers, Golf clubs, Kitchen chairs, Kid's chopper bicycle and more!

Unit #10017: David O'Malley- Golf clubs, TV, Asst boxes, bow and case, Weights and more!

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UNIT #69, SUE MCGINNIS, Twelve foot camping trailer.

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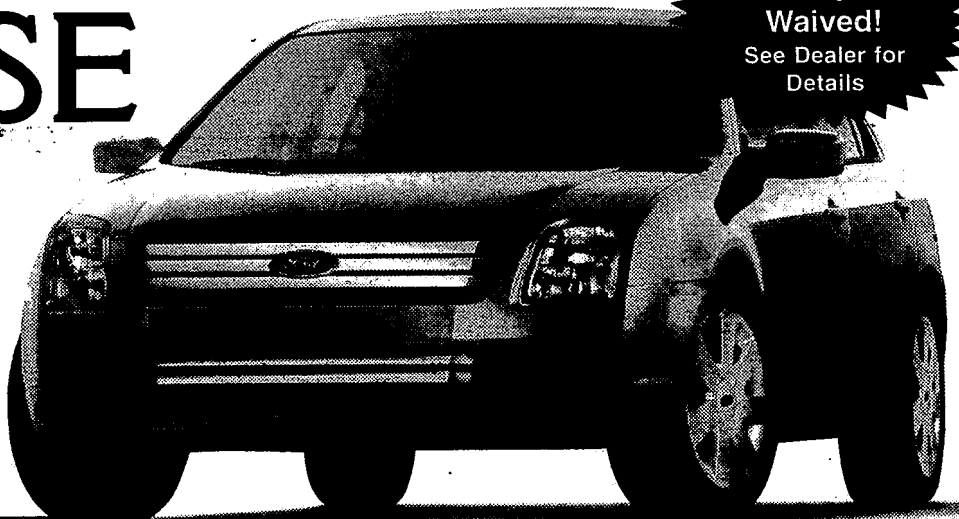
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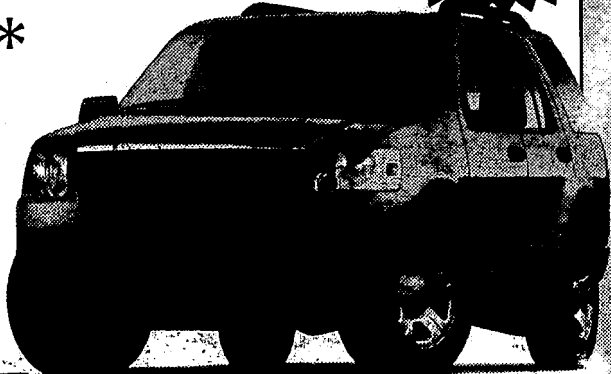
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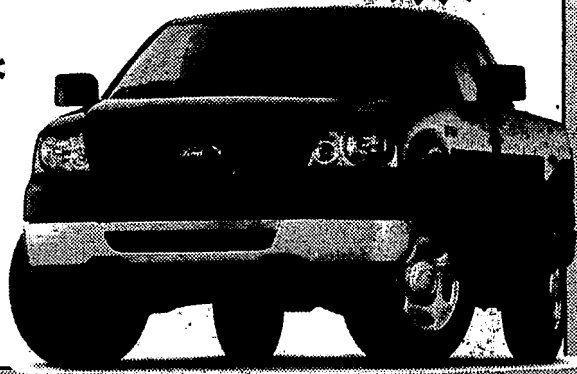
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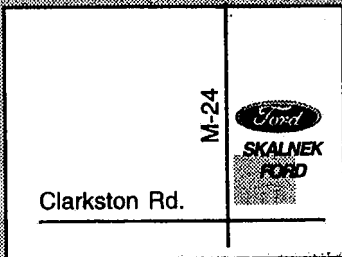
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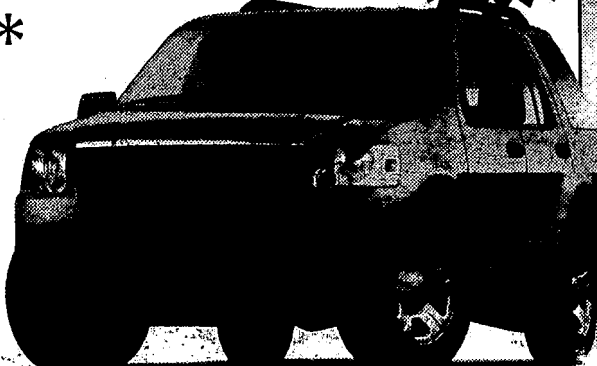
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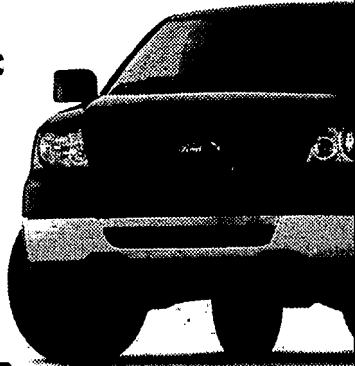
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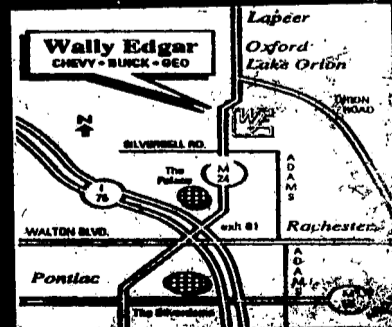
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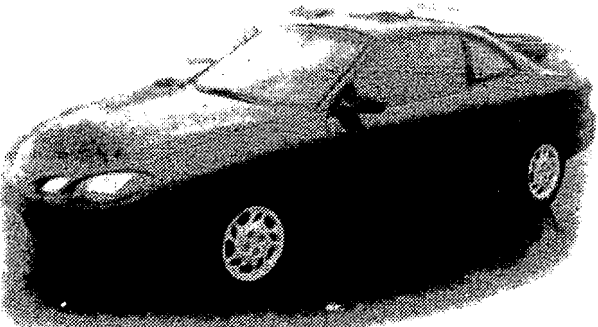
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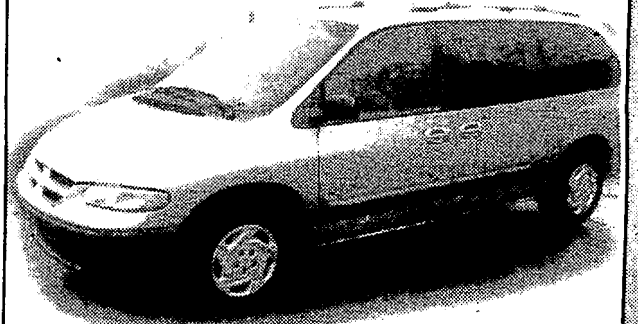


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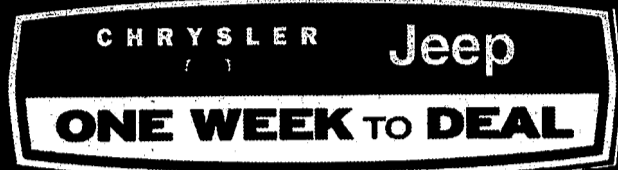
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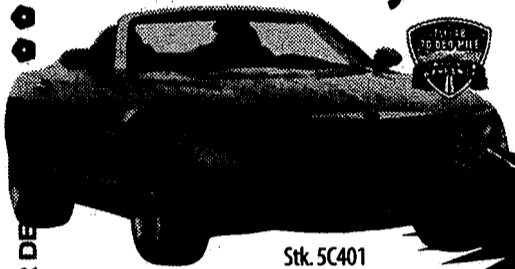
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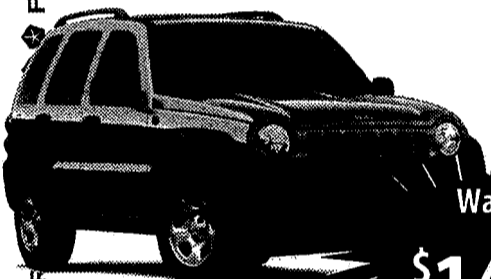


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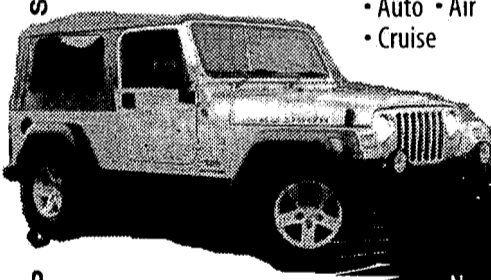


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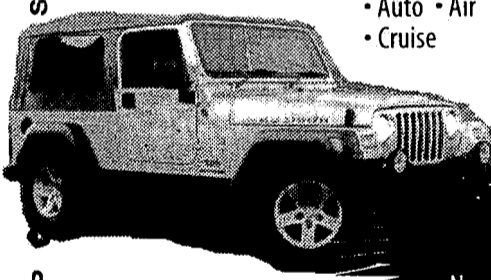
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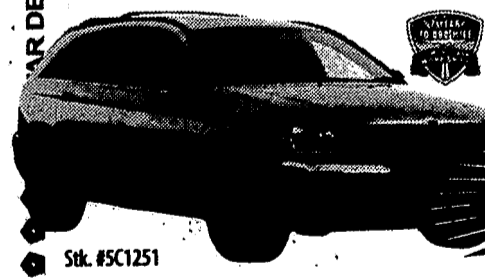
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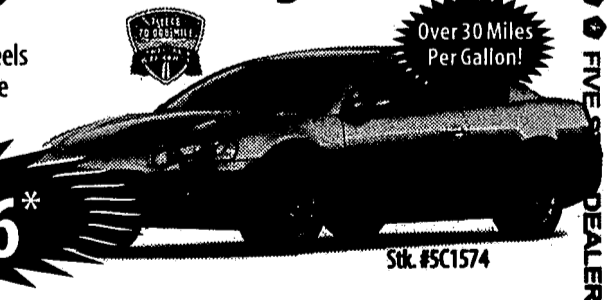


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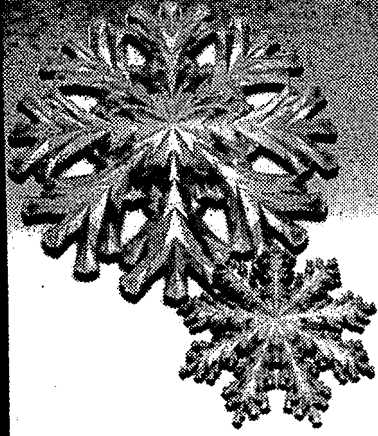
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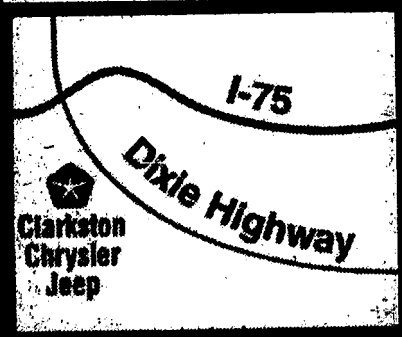
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