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Council looks into library agreement

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Do Clarkston residents use the Independence Township Library?

That question was posed at the Feb. 13 Clarkston City Council meeting, as council members debated whether or not to renew their intergovernmental agreement with the township. The agreement that expired Dec. 31 makes library services available to Clarkston residents.

By the end of the night, the board appointed council members Steve Wylie, Kristy Ottman and Cory Johnston to explore funding alternatives to the current agreement.

The meeting lasted nearly three hours and contained some heated exchanges as the council discussed the library and broader financial issues.

"I don't tend to use the library much, but obviously a lot of people do. I don't want to take that away, but based on the figures I've seen, we have a tight budget and we have to decide if we can afford it," said Johnston.

"I think more (Clarkston) people use the library than they (the board) realize," said Mayor Sharron Catallo.

"I think the library is a good thing, but that's me personally. People expect to get something for their money," she added. "People don't want you to save their money, they want services."

"I'm in favor of doing research and investigating alternatives before signing the contract because we don't know all the facts and options," said council member

While some audience members spoke in favor of looking at different options, the council members expressed a desire to hear from library users as well.

"As a governing body, you're making a decision for everyone and sometime's there's more to it. I wish we could get a better barometer. I'd certainly welcome more opinions (from the public)," said council member Dan Colombo.

According to numbers provided by City Manager Art Pappas, Clarkston paid the township \$37,109.70 for library services in 2005. He said the total to be paid in 2006 is not yet available.

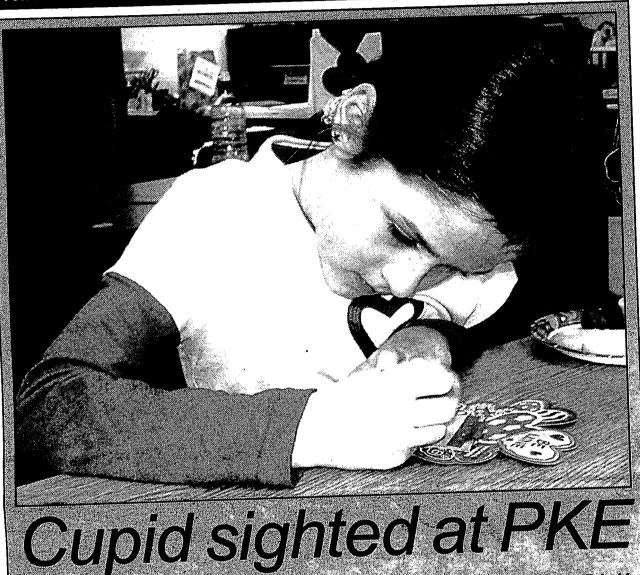
The meeting marked the second time in the year's first two months that service fees paid to Independence Township were discussed by the council.

In a previous Jan. 9 meeting, the council renewed the intergovernmental agreement with the township for fire services. The agreement was renewed for three years rather than seven, as the council expressed a desire to discuss what they believe to be a more equitable rate with the township.

"It's a delicate dance. I know we'll be able to come to an amicable agreement with the township. We have to look at everything right now or we'll be spending more on services than what's coming in," said Ottman.

Wylie agreed, saying he's very happy with relations with the township, but thinks the two bodies need to sit down and discuss the administration surcharge.

Catallo admitted the 10 percent administration fee Please see Library, page 19A



Pictured here is second-grader Delaney Brown making a valentine. To see more fun pictures from the school's celebration, please go to page 6B. Photo by James Martinez Land preservation discussed

Students at Pine Knob Elementary were struck for just a brief moment by Cupid's arrow on Feb. 14.

Pytel seeks tax to save open space in Independence Twp.

BY JENNY MATTESON

Clarkston News Editor

There are several area organizations concerned with land preservation and organized development but none hoping to address the problem as directly as Independence Township resident Thomas Pytel.

Pytel - along with residents Jerry Fisher, Dr. Fred Roeser and Mary Beth Huntinlocker - is looking to place a ballot initiative on the August 2006 election specifically for the preservation of open space. He presented his idea at the February 7 Independence Township Board meeting.

Pytel's proposal seeks a 10-year, 0.5 mill tax, which would raise around \$750,000 per year for open space preservation (approximately \$67 per residence). The money go to purchase land, conservation easements and the stewardship of the properties. Funds could also be used as seed money to leverage Michigan Natural Resources Trust Funds or private funds to acquire land. "My job as I see it is just to get the idea out there,"

said Pytel. "I've been thinking about this and working on the idea for a year. I just felt moved one day to go forward with the plan.

"Right now, we're simply putting the idea out there to see what kind of a response we get."

According to Pytel, the millage would be administered through the Parks and Recreation Department by a "special preservation board set up with input form local conservancies or ecological experts." He reached the idea of a 0.5 mill after researching and comparing other township's preservation millages.

"I have spoken to individuals responsible for getting conservation easements passed," said Pytel. "In March 2005, I talked to John Allison after I heard him speak at Holly Township about the work done in Ann Arbor Township."

Other municipalities Pytel gathered information from included the City of Ann Arbor, Meridian Township, Oakland Township, Scio Township and Rochester

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Millstream

Tink Ronk talks about 'the good old days.'

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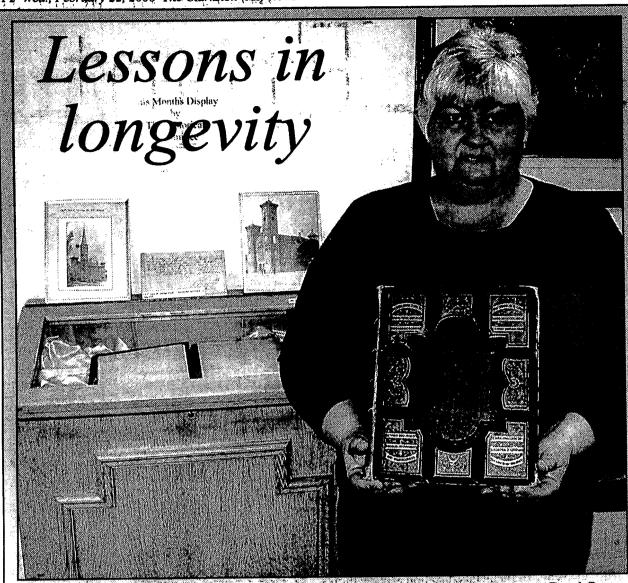
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Sports Nine wrestlers move

on to regionals.

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Feb. 6, marked the 175th Anniversary for the First Congregational Church on Clarkston Road. Preparations continue as the church prepares to celebrate in May. Nancy Hill (above) holds a Bible from 1873, which contains the Aprocrypha, and is on display with other historical items in the church. The anniversary and historical committees of the church, both chaired by Hill, are jointly working to display the church's historical artifacts, photos and memorabilia. Some of the artifacts include a list of original church members believed to be compiled in 1892 and a journal of early church meetings from 1832-1879. Photo by James Martinez

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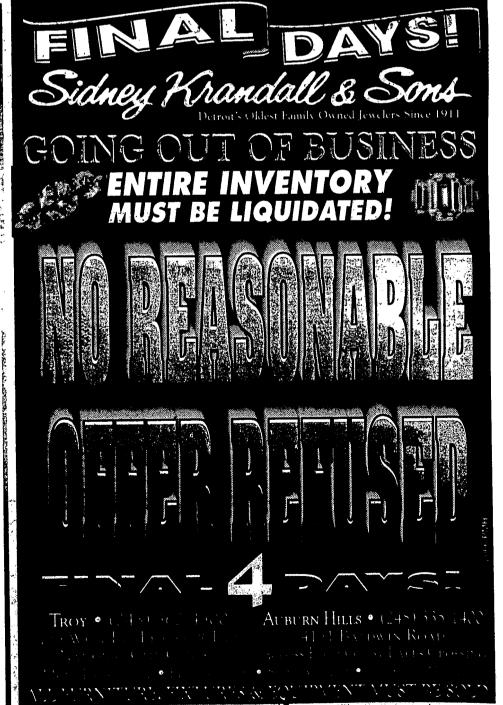
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Briefly

OSMTech opens enrollment in 2006

At the Feb 13 Clarkston School Board meeting, the board voted 7-0 to open the Oakland, Science, Math and Technology (OSMTech) program to open enrollment starting in the 2006-07 school year. According to estimates presented by Deputy Superintendent Dave Reschke, the action will open space for an additional 30 students – 15 in ninth grade, and five for each grade 10-12.

The program now operates out of Clarkston High School and brings in students from Clarkston, Holly, Brandon and Lake Orion. Students from additional districts can apply for the fall semester as part of the open enrollment program.

Public hearing set

The City of the Village of Clarkston Planning Commission is holding a public hearing at 7 p.m. on March 6 at City Hall. The purpose of the hearing is to consider the request for the rezoning of 5-7 South Holcomb from single family residential to multiple family residential. The hearing is open to the public to voice their views or submit written comments for the commission to consider. For more information, call City Clerk Art Pappas at 248-625-1559. City Hall is located at 375 Depot Road.

Oratorical contest set

The Clarkston Area Optimist Club is holding its annual Oratorical Contest for area students on March 16 at 7 p.m. in the Clarkston High School LGI Room.

This year's subject is "My future is bright because..." Students are asked to present a 4-5 minute speech on the topic for competition. All interested students must be 16 years of age as of December 31, 2005. There is no minimum age requirement.

To enter, please pick up an entry form and rules sheet at the Clarkston Schools Administration offices. Forms are also available at the School Board Office form Becky Kelly. The deadline for entry is March 10. All forms must be returned to either the School Board Office or the student's school office.

Prizes are awarded to the top boy and girls finalists. The top boy and girl then move on to compete in the Optimist Regional contest in Clinton Twp. on April

The one girl and one boy finalist at the Regional Contest will then continue on to compete for a \$1,500 college scholarship on May 20 at the State Contest in Holland.

For more information, please contact the Clarkston School Administration offices.

SPE school fair

Springfield Plains Elementary will host their annual school fair on Feb. 25 from 11 a.m. 2 p.m. and a live auction is scheduled to start immediately afterwards.

There is plenty for the kids to do at the fair with an inflatable slide, moonwalk, games, candy, clown and local police officers placing friends (or teachers) in the fair's very own jail.

Parents can bring their kids for the fair and stick around for the auction. This year's featured item is a Detroit Piston's prize pack that includes 12 tickets for a suite at the Palace of Auburn Hills, food and parking passes for an upcoming Pistons' game. Anyone can win, so bring the family for plenty of fun and the chance to win amazing prizes.

Cable show helps viewers' finances

BY JAMES MARTINEZ

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Area residents struggling with debt and plagued by horrendous financial decisions have a new place to look for help.

Every Monday and Tuesday at 6 p.m. a new show called "Get My Drift" airs on public access channels 10 and 20 for Independence Township residents.

The show, filmed at Comcast Cable TV at 5255 Maybee Road since November, is designed to help consumers understand the financial tools they need to succeed and is hosted by Beth McCoy, a Springfield Township resident and mortgage consultant.

"I just want people to live a great life and poor finances get in the way of that," said McCoy.

McCoy said the show is designed to help those in her community avoid the fiscal troubles she witnesses as a professional in the mortgage world since 1983.

"We were looking for a way to provide client information on a larger scale," said McCoy. "We want people to have a healthy financial picture. (The show) takes the fear away because some people are intimidated by the title financial planner."

The show aims to promote money awareness and create an avenue of financial education McCoy thinks is needed for people of all ages.

"I see lots of adults who aren't financially prepared for retirement. I look at people in their thirties and forties with bad financial habits who are overwhelmed," said McCoy. "They lack direction."

Guests of the half-hour show are local professionals whose business demonstrates good character and moral values, said McCoy.

"We do a lot of research about the business person before they are on the show to make sure they are in good standing in the community," said McCoy.

The show is produced by volunteers, many of whom are Clarkston Schools students, who usually tape three shows a month. According to McCoy, a show is usually ready about two weeks following taping.

For each show, a free workbook and DVD related to the topic and guest are produced to distribute to viewers. McCoy estimates about eight to ten people come to watch each taping and welcomes more to come in the future.



Beth McCoy, host of "Get My Drift."

McCoy said a show on homestaging, filmed on Feb. 13 is one of her favorites. She decided to discuss the topic after realizing how many of her friends struggled to sell their homes.

"Homestaging helps people view their homes with an objective eye so as to attract buyers. You have to take yourself out the house. Others will not appreciate those things of personal importance to you," said McCoy.

Show ideas often come from McCoy's conversations with past clients and trends she sees in the field. Future shows will include topics such as how to choose a builder, home improvements that add value, and landscaping.

See 'Get My Drift', page 20A



The crew of "Get My Drift" films their show at the Comcast Cable TV Public Access on Maybee Road. The show promotes financial responsibility. The crew (back, left-right) Andrew McCoy, 16; Lori Kock; producer Jennifer Cook; Conor McCoy, 14; (front) Miranda Kock, 14; host Beth McCoy; and Emily Sorise, 14. Photo by James Martinez

Things to change in your lives to see more green!

By Bill Langdon, Jr.

RFC CFS BCM RFP, Plans Specialist - Board, Certified Funds Specialist - Wealth, Management Specialist

Review - Reassess - Reorganize

St. Patrick's Day is fast approaching and it's time to think GREEN!

I am referring to financial "green," not just St. Patrick's green clover, green beer, and green party favors. What better time to refocus on your financial objectives?

Are your goals still appropriate for current conditions, life-style, long term needs? Are your goals achievable based on current earnings, market and financial conditions? Do you need to start over?

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Things change, now is the time to review your financial arrangements - from bank accounts to retirement accounts to see if they need to change as well.

Bank Accounts

A checking account may seem mundane, with balancing it monthly the most complex thing about it. What about the bank it

resides in? Are they state of the art offering on-line banking with access to your balance, making payments, balancing your account? Do they offer overdraft protection? Are their fees competitive? Do they offer free checking that is really free, without having high minimum balances? Are you moving and do they have branches near your new location? Do they offer competitive interest rates on your savings?

Some online accounts are offering rates up to four times greater than traditional banks. Check out ING-Direct.com (owned by ING Groep NV of the Netherlands) and HSBCusa.com (London-based HSBC Holdings) which both offer rates greater than 3.5% and more.

College Savings

If you are a parent, you most likely have established some sort of savings plan for your children's education. Is your child nearing college age? Is your plan sufficient? Did you know that you could save for education with tax-free income? One of these options is the 529 plan which is state sponsored.

Monies are most commonly invested in mutual funds, although other options are available such as certificates of deposits. An account can be opened with as little as \$25 with no annual contribution limit. There is a limit total of \$200,000 to \$300,000 on total savings. These plans can be switched every 12 months to make changes to investment options.

One key point here is that if funds are used for anything but education, income tax will be due along with a 10% penalty. Taxes and penalties do not apply if the student receives a scholarship, becomes disabled or dies. Orangekids.com and

SavingForCollege.com are good places to find additional information.

(529 Disclosure: Investors home state may only offer favorable tax treatment for investing in a plan offered by such state. Investors should consult with a tax advisor for details. Before investing, please read the Plan Offering Statement for details including fees, expenses and risks.)

Financial Portfolio

Investment portfolios should regularly be reassessed to reflect both changing economic as well as changing personal needs. Companies hot today may not be a good investment 30 days from now. Is money better placed in cash at this point? Is the portfolio balanced without too high a percentage in one industry? Real estate is normally considered a good investment, but are we coming to the end of the current boom?

These are all considerations when reviewing your portfolio. There are two highly recommended sources that can provide you with unbiased opinions on your individual stocks and mutual funds; they are Morningstar.com and Personalfund.com.



These are considered to be long-term investments. However, that does not mean you should not review them periodically, at least once per year. Does your current strategy make sense based on your future needs? Should you consider a Roth IRA? The difference is that with a regular IRA savings are based on pretax income; a Roth IRA comes out of regular income. The advantage to consider is that you do not pay taxes on the money invested nor the future earnings when you make withdrawals in retirement.

Most financial advisors say the majority of people offered the Roth option should take it. Only those who have absolute certainty that their tax bracket will be lower in retirement should not take this option. A good independent site to visit that will provide you with unbiased information on your fund's management, statistics, etc. is Fundalarm.com.

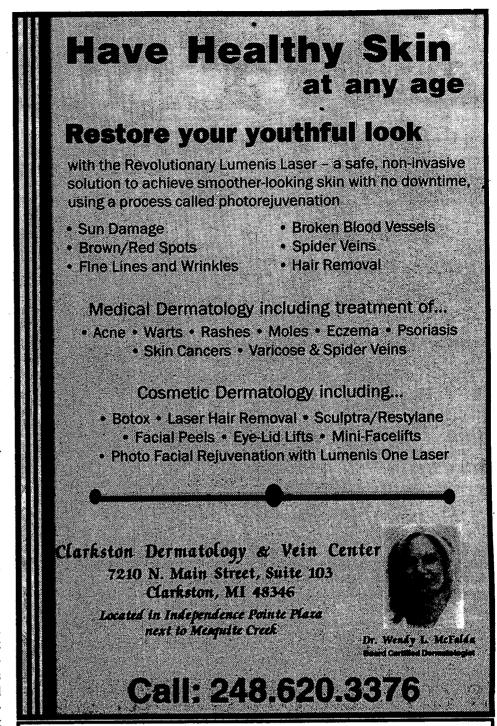
You should also consult with your financial advisor and a tax professional to see what your best options are at this

In summary, I know this a lotto digest and think about, but as you can understand GREEN is an important part of your life and future. Take care of the GREEN in your "wallet" now; then you can enjoy the St. Patrick's Day green clover, green beer and green party favors with a clear and worry-free mind.

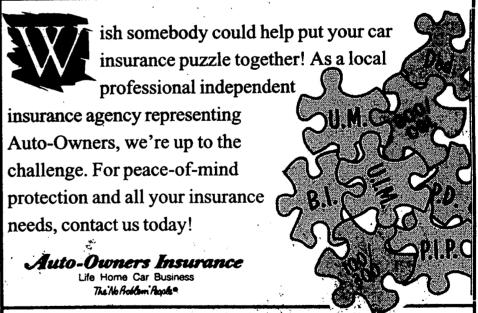
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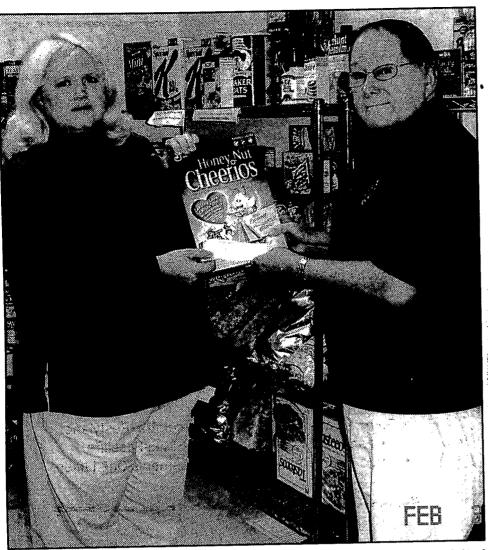
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Brace Kase, right, Charter President of the Clarkston Lions Club, visited Clarkston Lighthouse on Feb. 3 to drop off a \$400 donation, which manager Connie Stapleton (left) graciously received. The two are shown here in the Lighthouse storeroom. Photo provided

Lions Club donation is a beacon of caring

Lions Club is looking for causes within was a nice big check, so that will do a lot the community to champion - recently, they found one in the Clarkston Lighthouse.

check for \$400 dollars to Lighthouse.

"We heard a lot of good things about them," Lions Club President Brace Kase said. "Hopefully as time goes by we'll be able to help more and more."

The donation will be poured into Lighthouse's Good Neighbor Fund.

"(The Good Neighbor Fund) lets us help people who might not qualify for funding to help someone," Lighthouse lions.clarkston@sbcglobal.net.

As a fledgling group, the Clarkston Manager Connie Stapleton said. "This of good."

According to Stapleton, Lighthouse is currently gearing up for their biggest On Feb. 3, the Lions Club donated a fund-raiser of the year - the Hunger Walk held March 6 at Canterbury Village.

"It seems like attendance has been dwindling, so hopefully a new location will help," said Stapleton.

For more information on the hunger walk, call Clarkston Lighthouse at 248-620-6116.

For more information on the Clarkston Lions Club, call 248-625-2584 grant funding or lets us go over grant or contact them via email at

Women in Business luncheon scheduled for Feb. 28

the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce's Women in Business series continues on Feb. 28. The focus of the session is to learn more about "Building Productive Relationships."

The luncheon begins with a 10:45 a.m. check-in at Oakhurst Country Club, 7000 Oakhurst Lane, located off Clintonville Road between Waldon and Clarkston roads.

tional, will lead attendees through a Strength Deployment Inventory (a \$50 value), designed to focus and align individual strengths to help you achieve your goals and objectives. Relationships with co-workers, customers, clients,

February's theme is "strength" as family, friends and community are a big part of personal success; and this workshop is designed to help members reach higher levels of relationship success.

The workshop is followed by a buffet luncheon and a short presentation by Deb Hansen, Chamber Ambassador of the Month for January, with tips on balancing home, work, and family – and still have time for yourself.

February Women in Business is Patrick Banks, of Banks Interna- made possible by the generous support of sponsor Oxford Bank.

The cost is \$25 per person. Members pay only \$15 per person with prepaid reservations. Contact the Chamber at 248-625-8055 for more on this

Township gives thumbs up to new fire apparel

BY JENNY MATTESON

Clarkston News Editor

So much to do in so little time... The Independence Township Board of Trustees worked quickly through their new business at the February 7 regular meeting. The following items are some of the decisions made:

 The Independence Township Fire Department received permission to purchase 30 sets of new firefighting apparel - including coats and pants from Apollo Fire Equipment Company at a cost of \$48,660. This purchase was anticipated in the department's 2006 budget.

The township received three bids for the purchase: West Shore Fire Equipment Supply (\$1705 per set), Apollo Fire Equipment (\$1622 per set) and Douglas Safety Equipment (\$1434.55 per set). In addition to receiving the bids, the fire department did product evaluation testing, finding Apollo to be the best equipment for the

According to a memo from Fire Chief Steve Ronk, a majority of the department's present turnout gear will

be downgraded to secondary use, as well as replenishing the stock of spare gear kept on hand for personnel who experience damage to their primary set.

 Board members approved the purchase of a 2006 Chevrolet Silverado pickup from Simms Chevrolet Motors, Inc. of Ortonville at a cost of \$25,100 for the Parks and Recreation Depart-

it.
The township also received a bid for a GMC Sierra from Red Holman Pontiac/GMC for \$25,211. Both vehicles include a snow plow; extended 5 year/ 50,000 mile, zero deductible warranty and fees for the titles.

The new vehicle will replace the Park and Recreation Department's 1998 GMC truck, which has over

 Kimberly Duberg was reclassified to the position of Accounts Payable at the Independence Township

The Independence Township Board of Trustees meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Independence Township Library





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Take notes now

Lesson from this weekend, learned while stopping in the White Lake Inn Saturday night: everyone looks tall in a room with short ceilings.

Lesson learned at recent meetings by the Springfield Township Board and Clarkston City Council: pay attention to what elected officials do now, it'll tell you more than what's learned during campaigns.

Tough times make now an accurate gage of what politicians are thinking and their reactions when times are tough. Handling issues when there's enough money to go around is not as hard as when there is shortages.

Recent discussions by both governing bodies tell me the voter can get the best measure of your politicians right now, so you don't have to scramble at election time. I'd advise taking a notebook putting elected leaders names in it and record plus and minuses with notes important to you.

At the Clarkston City Council meeting on Feb. 13, some council members discussed the possibility of looking outside of Independence Township for library services. The board cited climbing costs and

administration fees as making it tough to pay the township for services. While no action was taken and most council members hinted that the topic needed discussion of all options, with leaving the library being somewhat of a financial last resort, library usage will be a topic of future discussions.

Throughout the meeting it became evident that the council was unsure how much the community uses the library; a situation that could be remedied by more people showing up to meetings. (Note: there were several

very vocal audience members who seemed to demand the council look at other options and represented their side very well). No audience members showed up to say 'we like the library.'

The council also looked to be going through some growing pains with four new members in the last two years. The dialogue between the older and new members was something prospective voters may have wanted to see. Tempers rose a bit and I saw the type of strain that might be felt by council members if tough times continue.

You need to know where your board members priorities are now when they affect you and how they function when the heat is turned up.

On the other side of town, the Springfield Township board has discussed salaries; at this point choosing to freeze them.

I sat at the Springfield Township special budget meeting in January which lasted almost three hours. The board spent time talking about things as large as millage increases and as small as having an employee pick up mail to save a \$200 gas allowance. Yeah, \$200 doesn't sound like much, but trying to run an efficient budget comes down to the small things.

With money being tight, watch the services. Those of you who live on a gravel road like I do, monitor how many times your head hits the ceiling while driving. The Springfield Township Board allocated funding at the Feb. 9 meeting for road graveling. One idea the board appeared to like was the idea of costsharing, which would encourage homeowner's associations and residents to front some money to decide expand the amount of gravel dispersed.

So keep an eye out who votes for what and decide if you like what they do. Then jot the result down in a notebook. Hell, put a smiley face next to the politicians' name if you like. Put the politician's picture on a dart board and throw a dart every time they do something that urks you. By election time, if that person's covered with darts, don't vote for them.

Clarkston, like Michigan, is going through a crucial time bound to shape and redefine the face of the community. Watch now before those political election machines fire up the campaignese.

The Springfield Township Board meets next on March 9 at 7:30 p.m. Clarkston City Council meets at 7 p.m. every second and fourth Monday of the month.

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Keep doing what you are doing...

Letters

to the

Editor

Dear Editor.

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Martinez

I read with interest Andrew DuPont's column on how *The Clarkston News* covers the school board, and my response is: **Keep doing what you are do**ing.

Keep asking questions. Lots of them. Don't settle for the sound bite response, the dismissive attitude and the controlling

tactics of our administration.

As a reader, a parent, a taxpayer and an interested citizen, I depend on my local newspaper to be the watchdog of local government. We live in a world where those who we elect, and

those who are appointed positions of public interest, often engage in an attitude of "we know what's best" for the public, and don't want to be bothered with explanations and the burden of proving the wisdom of choices and decisions they make. They depend on a general apathy from the public to proceed in the direction they deem appropriate.

This cannot be allowed to happen. It is the role of our journalists, our newspaper's reporters, editors and publishers to hold our public officials accountable and to present all angles of a story.

As readers, we understand the difference between a reporter's story that should be balanced and free of editorial comments; a columnist's opinion which should present a single viewpoint; and a newspaper's editorial which should take a strong position on public issues. These elements are vital, and are often times missing, because of economic and political pressures applied by those who only want their side of the story reported.

I often times fear today's journalists lack the con-

viction to challenge our public officials. So, I implore the entire staff of *The Clarkston News* to continue to sit in the front row. Continue to ask questions of the board, the administration and the residents of this community. We must have open dialogue, free flow of communication and all sides of issues explored so that the community can be well informed.

I ask the administration to be firm in your convictions, but confident enough in what you believe to present pros and cons of issues. Don't be defensive when questions are asked, just answer the question. Please provide your school board with all the information they need, give the members we have elected time to study issues, and ask questions in the open forum of public meetings.

I ask the school board to live up to your obligations and represent the voters. Ask questions from the administration, and don't accept the first response on issues you don't understand. We depend on you to ask these questions on our behalf. We don't want, or expect, everyone to agree. That's why there are seven of you. You are supposed to represent the community. A community which is diverse in opinion and thought. Play the devil's advocate sometimes, and ask a question for the sake of the question.

And finally, I ask my fellow parents and voters to stay in tune with what is going on in our schools. You don't have to attend every board meeting, PTA meeting or extra curricular event to stay involved. Read the paper, become informed on the issues, then make your voice heard. And finally, don't ignore your right to vote.

If we all play our part, we will have better decisions and our kids will be the benefactors of this process

Tim Smith, Clarkston

Putting various issues into perspective

Dear Editor,

Taxes and assessments are not simple. In fact, the process is extremely convoluted. However, keeping it as simple as possible, some basic information seems appropriate at this point in time.

The Headlee Amendment provides that any taxing authority will have the same income it had in the previous year, plus the rate of inflation, plus any taxes created by new construction. (Headlee has lots of other features, but that is another discussion.)

Proposal A provides that an individual property owner will pay no more in taxes than they did in the previous year, plus the rate of inflation, plus any new value they create on their property through new construction. (Ditto on features.)

The Headlee Amendment to the State Constitution, in the simplest of terms, prevents taxing authorities from receiving windfall income due to rising property values. That was the intent of Headlee. Millage rates are "rolled back" to prevent the windfall income.

This did not, however, prevent individual property owners from receiving large assessment increases that translated to higher property taxes. Proposal A, passed by referendum vote in 1994, eventually put into place the artificial term "taxable value" which can only rise by the rate of inflation unless a property owner adds new value to their property. Prop. A also established "homestead" status for homeowners who occupy a residential property as their principal residence to be exempt from the 18 mills "non-homestead" tax millage that supports the operation of local schools.

Of course, the electors who vote on the decision to override the Headlee rollback are in large part not the folks who pay the tax. Largely, the people who pay the 18 mills do not have a vote on the imposition of the tax. The 18 mills is paid by the non-homestead property owners, i.e. commercial, industrial, and non-owner oc-

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cupied property owners.

Hospitals are exempt from property taxation.

Independence Township has at present two large tracts owned by hospitals, but not yet occupied for the reasons they were incorporated, and a third one on the way. They are Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital's ownership at the corner of White Lake Road and Dixie Highway, Beaumont Hospital's ownership at the corner of M-15 and I-75, and the third is the proposed McLaren facility on the east side of Sashabaw Road.

Property must be owned and occupied by the exemption claimant for the purposes for which it was incorporated

Most of what McLaren Hospital is proposing (a \$600 million facility) will be exempt from taxation. This fact never seems to get mentioned. Some of what they are proposing will be taxable, but it will be a fraction of the fotal value. Keep in mind that hospitals, although exempt from property taxation, use the same essential services as any other property owner with the possible exception of the schools.

The 2005 assessment roll for Independence Township is 85.5 percent residential, 12.8 percent commercial, and 1.7 percent industrial. Independence Township is what is commonly referred to as a "bedroom community" in that it is largely homeowners who pay taxes to support various taxing authornies.

Taxing authorities are the township itself (7.1489 mills), Clarkston K-12 schools, at 7 mills (debt retirement) for homesteads, 25 mills (debt and operating) for non-homesteads, State Education Tax (6 mills), Intermediate Schools (3.369 mills), OCC (1.5844 mills), County services (4.19 mills), OC Parks and Rec (0.2415 mills), and Huron-Clinton Metro Authority (0.2146 mills).

Whether or not you are in favor of any proposed Please see Letters, page 20A

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15 YEARS AGO (1991)

• Barn fire, Firefighters battle blaze seven hours: Authorities are still investigating the cause of a fire that destroyed a Springfield Township barn last week-

About 4:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 23, the Springfield Township Fire Department rushed to a Scott Road homestead to combat a reported blaze. Upon arrival, they discovered a large barn fire on the property of Lloyd Vergin.

· Residential assessments up 8 percent in township: If you own property in Independence Township, you probably have already received your assessment change notice.

And if you're like most residents in the township, your property probably increased in assessed value on average by 8 percent, according to township assessor David Kramer.

25 YEARS AGO (1981)

• Economy, law change mean more civil suits: A March 12.

doctor, unable to collect payment from an uninsured patient, looks to the district court on procedure for filing suit in small claims court.

When a fuel bill goes unpaid, the company's owner steers himself to the courthouse and goes after payment before a judge.

The list of recent court actions goes on with landlord/tenant suits, gas companies, seeking payment from credit card holders and those collecting on auto acci-

· Judge allows adult foster care home to fill to capacity: Independence Township is sitting high on an observation platform with telescope in hand when it comes to the adult foster care home in Lake Oakland Woods subdivision.

Last Friday, Oakland County Circuit Court Judge James S. Thorburn lifted the temporary restraining order and in doing so allowed two additional developmentally disabled adults to move into the home at 5127 Timber Ridge Trail.

50 YEARS AGO (1956)

•Vote on School Bond Monday, Feb. 27: Monday, February 27, 1956 is the date of the Special Election, at which time the voters of this school district will vote on a bond issue of \$1,200,000.

 Slate Named At Citizens Caucus: The following nominations were made at the Citizens Caucus held at the Village Hall on February 20: president, Russell Coltson; clerk Ralph Thayer; treasurer, Mary Baldwin; assessor, Lloyd Sibley; trustees for 2-year terms, A.E. Butters, Edward Thomson, Herbert Beach. Election for the above named offices is on

Gov. Jen missed the boat, and the point

It's been a little over a week since I shook my head in absolute whizzed-offedness (don't bother looking that bit of editorial licensing up, you won't find it). What can I say? I was miffed.

Angry I was at our long-legged governor, Jennifer M. Granholm. I know I should not be angry with her, having never met the woman. But, upset I still am -not that she cares that I'm sore.

Why, you're asking, has she gotten my ire?

Am I cantankerous 'cuz Gov. Jen kicked my dog? Nope, I do that all the time myself.

Am I aggravated because Gov. Jen let all them mean old, gun-totin' Neanderthals blast poor little cooing morning doves just so the state can make a few extra pennies off hunting licenses? Nah, though I do rather enjoy listening to them and given the opportunity, I wouldn't kill a morning dove.

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don't rush me

Am I sulking about because Gov. Jen hasn't made it easy for small business to help turn around the state's

poor economy? Negatory pigpen. Am I cross because Gov. Jen is a Democrat import from Canada? Of course not, our friends (the Canucks) have trucked over lots of good stuff from their side of the river to ours -- not to mention, mounds of their own refuse.

Nope. I got grumpy when Lapeer's Gayle Garcia phoned me at home, early on the evening of Feb. 13. Gayle has been busting her butt to get her brother, former Lake Orion-ite Larry Drum, released from prison. The family put their hopes and dreams squarely in the lap of Governor Granholm. They prayed that with knowledge of Larry's case she would wave her magic pen and sign his release. They wanted a commute on his life-sentence. Gayle called to tell me the governor's office put the kabosch on his release.

A sentence imposed upon him under a law that has since been stricken from the books. A law so draconian that the governor who signed it, Gov. William Milliken, called it the worst mistake of his years in office. A governor so moved by Larry's case that he personally contacted Gov. Jen twice to plead his case. A case that has garnered the attention of report-

ers, columnists and editors across the state. These reporters, columnists and editors reviewed the information, saw the merits and opined, Larry should be set free for letting a friend sell cocaine out of his apartment. By the way, the friend who was trying to sell the cocaine to a narcotics toady, was set free by the state 13 months ago.

I guess I am ticked off at Gov. Jen because I read today in The Detroit News of a man who turned himself over to police for a 1975 triple homicide he confessed to . . . the thing is, this man was out on the streets, paroled by the state, even though he was convicted of three armed robberies in 1989 and 2000. Why would the state parole a three-time loser while sticking its head in the sand for an individual who all agree should be free. Excuse me, not all. The state only lets idiots out and keeps others locked up for at a cost of \$30,000-\$50,000 a year because the state coffers are over-flowing with extra cash. Yeah . . .

So, as you can tell, I am a little bitter.

Larry, 68, was imprisoned under the old 650-lifer law. He's been behind bars for 15 years, and it looks like he'll spend more time there.

Gayle says she isn't done fighting for her brother. "As far as I'm concerned, the letter Larry got was signed by somebody other than the Governor. She has the final say and until I hear from her personally, I will fight to have my brother freed while Mom is still liv-

ing."
"Mom" is lifelong Lake Orion resident Ione Drum, who'll be 93 this year.

You know . . . as I type here, I reckon I am not really fuming at Gov. Jen. Nope. My tantrum is directed squarely at the man who looks at me in the mirror each morning when I shave. Yes, I am angered at myself because I actually believed in Jennifer Granholm. I truly thought with the facts before her own eyes, she would see the merits in Larry's case and for his release.

I really thought she would . . . guess I won't make that mistake twice.

Folks can read about Larry on-line. Go to this newspapers website and in the editorial "search" box to the right type in "Larry Drum."

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

Michelle gets a pull, Jennifer gets a push

Groin pulls are for men. Big, ol' football-playing, track-running, rebounding and sliding into bases men get groin injuries.

Girls should get something else. It just ain't ladylike to read about a female pulling her groin. When Michelle Kwan had to remove herself from Olympic skating competition couldn't her doctors or pub-

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licist have just said she had a muscle sprain, pulled ligament or ate too much Italian pasta?

Guys have groins. Girls have lower stomach pains. Guys get kicked in 'em. I've never seen a girl grab herself like guys do. And, I never want to. There's got to be a less image-producing word for what girls get. - - - 0 - - -

Seriously, if our governor injured her lower abdominal region do you think anyone would say she had a groin injury?

The headline might be "Jenny hurt," but never "Jenny quits race due to groin in-

Her publicist would down play the sore area, just as they have her Michigan job loss record. Though Michigan has the third highest unemployment (Mississippi and Louisiana are higher) figures our Teflon coated (didn't our government decide recently Teflon is now poisonous?) governor says it isn't her fault, it's because George Bush isn't doing enough for our

Damn George Bush for doing so much for 49 states and nothing for Michigan.

Which brings me to a windup of anything political this week. George Weeks writes: "Granholm has a recognizably liberal recovery plan: The state has borrowed \$2 billion to be invested by people her administration calls "independent job-creation experts." Translation: The \$2 billion is a politically useful fund to be distributed to favored business executives."

More Weeks: "Granholm's expected GOP rival in November, Richard DeVos, is for free trade, which Democrats say has devastated Michigan's economy.'

Wonder if I can rent my yard art manure spreader to either of them through November? ---0---

Think about it: Who do you get mad at most often? With me it's me. Not only do I get maddest at me, but it lasts longer than any of my other madnesses. ---0---

I have a "personal" folder. Doesn't everybody? I've shoved stuff in it for years. Recently I went all the way through it and found my first letter to the editor. It was written March 18, 1946 to LIFE

I was a sailor in Virginia. Not far away is William and Mary College. I and some fellow gobs thought "co-eds" and went seeking. We were rejected our right.

I wrote, "In order to speak to a cood of William and Mary College it is necessary to present to the Dean two character references from prominent citizens of the man's home town, approval of his commanding officer and an interview with the dean After that he might get a Social Card which gives him the privilege to talk to an American girl.

And, "When an American girl is old enough to enroll in a college, she surely is old enough to choose her own company. It seems impossible that a group of students could tolerate such an arrogant, sophisticated attitude, because we aren't all "Blue Bloods."

LIFE was apparently being edited by a bunch of blue bloods, who took offense because my letter was never published.

Or, was my letter censored by one of those bins blood officers on our ship?

Optimist Club receives honors

The Clarkston Area Optimist Club received honors at the Feb. 11 Optimist International Michigan District Meeting at Oakland Community College in Auburn Hills.

The honors were based on activities during the 2004-2005 year. Gold Honor Club, Honor Club and Star Honor Club awards were presented to Clarkston Optimists Mike Page, past president; Nancy Knitter, secretary; and Joe Barger, treasurer.

Nancy Knitter was awarded a Master Secretary Pin for fulfilling all the requirements of that office the past three years.

The club's involvement with the Clarkston Jr. High Pride Day last September was honored with the best Community Projects Award for the entire Michigan District of over 100 clubs. This project will now be judged nationally and the winner announced at the International Convention in Nashville in July of this year.

The Clarkston Area Optimist Club meets every Wednesday morning at 7:30 a.m. at Liberty Golf and Banquet Center. Anyone interested in supporting projects benefiting Clarkston kids are welcome.

Rotary collects books

The Clarkston Rotary Club is asking for book donations, suitable for a beginning readers, to their book collection drive.

As part of their literacy goal, the club is collecting books for "Reading Seeds," an Oakland Literacy Council parent workshop for families at risk for literacy. The workshop teaches parents how to develop early reading skills in their children.

At the end of the workshop, the parent is given a book to use to practice the new skills with their children.

The Clarkston Rotary is currently collecting books for this program. The books should be for ages birth to third grade. Picture and cardboard books are especially helpful.

They may be dropped off with any Clarkston Rotarian, at the office of Jeff Lichty, 5854 S. Main St., or at The Clarkston News office, 5. S. Main St. right in downtown Clarkston.

For more information or a suggested book list, please call Mary Sloan at 248-625-8837 or e-mail Mary at marymsloan@comcast.net.

American Legion hosts 'Wild Game Dinner'

American Legion Post 63 of Clarkston is hosting a Wild Game Dinner on Feb. 25. Doors open at 5 p.m. with dinner following at 6 p.m. Planned menu items include: elk, white tail and fallow deer, catfish, walleye, lake trout, domestic deep fried turkey and samples of assorted game. The event is all you can eat. Tickets cost \$15 per person. For tickets or more information call 248-625-9912. AML Post 63 is located at 8047 Ortonville Road.

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February 9: Cement mixer (\$3,895), stone cutter (\$1,060) and scaffolding (\$500) were reported missing from a work site on Blackberry Road.

February 13: Seven windows smashed on a vacant house on Majestic Boulevard. The windows were smashed between 6 p.m. on Feb. 11 and 8 p.m. on Feb. 12. The damage is estimated at \$9,000.

Independence Township resident reported an unknown person drove away with his pickup truck pulling a 27-foot trailer containing three snowmobiles and other equipment. The resident claimed the car was locked at 10 p.m. and was discovered missing at 6:30 a.m. on Feb.

Berwick Drive resident reported receiving four obscene phone calls between 1 a.m. and 1:30 a.m.

Clarkston man came to the Independence Township substation to report being a collection agency contacted him for a \$244 DTE Energy bill he does not owe.

February 14: Unlocked jeep stolen from driveway of Mann Road residence was found 200 feet away from the owner's address. The steering column was smashed, wiring torn out, dash smashed and the stereo was missing from the vehicle.

Brandon Township resident claimed

a Springfield Township woman threatened him in a parking lot on Ortonville Road around 10 a.m., warning him to stay off her lake with his snowmobile.

A large quantity of power tools valued at approximately \$1,720 stolen from a vehicle on Fox Creek Drive. Entry was gained by smashing out a vent window.

30-year-old Troy man arrested for domestic assault after police were called to a bar at M-15 and Dixie Highway at around 2 a.m. The man was pulled over heading north on M-15 after an employee in the bar called police alleging the man assaulted his girlfriend in the parking lot.

February 15: Independence Township resident claims she received a letter from a collections agency informing her she owed \$604.76 for an unpaid bill for the installation of an alarm system. The woman stated she was told by the alarm system company that the alarm was installed in a house in Detroit. The woman obtained a copy of the contract (dated April 4, 2003) and found it contained her social security number. The woman also stated the collection agency said they found her current address "through avenues in the computer."

Ranch Estates resident reported threats from a meat salesman who knocked on his door around 7 p.m. Allegedly, after he turned the salesman down, the salesman muttered obscenities and returned to a truck with another person in the vehicle. After exchanging words, the salesman yelled a threat about

returning before they drove away.

47-year-old Clarkston woman arrested for operating her vehicle while intoxicated on Dixie Highway near Big Lake Road. P.B.T. results were .14 and .13 respectively.

February 16: 18-year-old Ortonville man admitted to police he attempted to cash a \$12,000 check for an account he knew was closed. The man said his friend asked him to cash the check in return for some of the money.

North Oakland Family Counseling Center on Dixie reported a possible suicidal subject after a patient called around 10:31 a.m.

62-year-old Clarkston man suffered unspecified injuries following a dispute with a 39-year-old Fenton man on Oakhill Road near M-15. The Clarkston man allegedly started yelling at the Fenton man claiming the other man's car struck his van as they both drove east on Oakhill Road. The altercation took place after both men stepped from their cars. No arrests were made.

February 17: A resident in Chalet Villa Apartments near Tuson Road saw a vehicle on fire outside the apartment complex and put it out with a fire extinguisher as police and fire personnel arrived.

February 18: Two purses stolen from vehicle parked at restaurant on Sashabaw Road after unknown suspect/s

See Police, page 20A

Assault suspect found in a closet

On Feb. 14, Oakland County Sheriff's deputies arrested a 21-yearold Clarkston man for the alleged assault of a Clarkston woman after finding the suspect hiding in a closet at his Mann Road residence.

The suspect allegedly assaulted the 18-year-old woman at his residence during an argument resulting in injuries to her left eye and lip.

Police were called when the girl returned to her parents house on Pinecroft around 1 a.m. She refused medical treatment for her injuries.

On their way to locate the suspect, police learned the man had a parole violation warrant for his arrest for criminal sexual conduct third degree with his the alleged victim of that crime being the assault victim.

While finding the man, police discovered marijuana on a coffee table at the man's residence. The suspect was lodged in Oakland County Jail while warrants for domestic assault and marijuana possession were filed.

After being jailed, the man's phone privileges were taken away after he reportedly made numerous collect calls to the assault victim.



hase ends at guardrail

Oakland County Sheriff's Deputies from the Independence Township substation and a suspect driving a Chevy Blazer ended when officers pinned the fleeing vehicle against a guardrail near Baldwin Road on Feb. 17.

Deputies became involved in the chase at approximately 8:43 p.m. after being alerted by Grand Blanc Township police that they had terminated the chase of the Blazer for a broken taillight on southbound I-75 near East Holly Road.

The suspect, a 20-year-old from Traverse City, was arrested for felonious assault with a motor vehicle and fleeing and eluding.

The Independence Township deputies drove in front of the man who was driving erratically and attempted to slow him down. They forced him off the road when he appeared to be heading straight at another citizen's car.

As stated in reports, after the Blazer reentered the roadway, a patrol car again moved in front of him and attempted to stop the vehicle. This time, the man rammed the patrol car, which stayed in front of him as there was no traffic. The suspect hit the patrol car again at about 70 miles per hour then careened into the

After striking the guardrail near

A high speed chase on I-75 between Baldwin Road, the suspect attempted to pull away, but was boxed in by another deputy. The suspect's vehicle struck the second patrol car, but was unable to break

With the doors inoperable due to the crash, deputies busted the suspect's driverside window to arrest him. The suspect swore and spit at police who treated his injuries.

According to reports, the man's deep cuts to his left forearm appeared to be self-inflicted and a bloody knife was found in the vehicle.

The Independence Township Fire Department transported the man to Genesys Hospital in Grand Blanc. After increased bleeding, the man was transported to the University of Michigan Hospital for surgery.

A subsequent investigation revealed the man had taken the vehicle without permission from his ex-girlfriend in Mount Pleasant.

Police recovered a single pill of Oxycodone from the suspect. As stated in reports, blood tests taken at the hospital revealed no alcohol or Oxycodone in the man's system.

Reports also stated the man had an outstanding warrant for a probation violation. No further information was available at press time.

An early-morning collision

This vehicle was involved in a two-car accident driving south on Dixie Highway near the I-75 entrance ramp in Springfield Township around 9 a.m on Feb. 15. According to Det. Houck of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, the driver was cited in the accident after his vehicle rearended the other car. No major injuries were reported. Photo by Martinez

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Independence Twp. Library welcomes new leaders

BY ANDREW DUPONT

Clarkston News Staff Writer

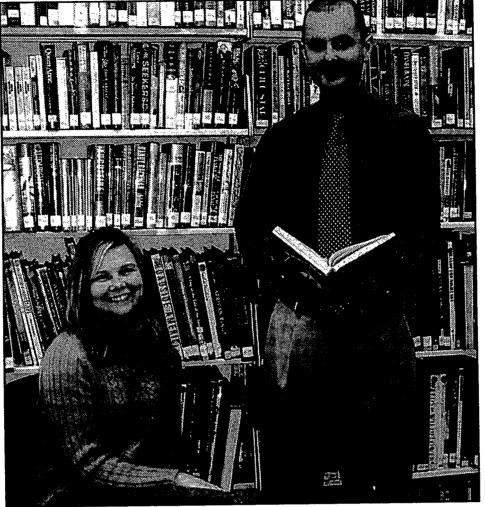
Visitors to the Independence Township Public Library will see two new faces.

Rhett Grant and Andrea Spano were recently appointed as department heads, and took up their new positions starting

Grant, 34, took over as head of Adult Services, a position that was left open since October when Patience Beer was appointed as acting director for the library. Grant is responsible for developing all the programs for adults run through the library including reading programs and special guest speakers. Grant is also responsible for purchasing new materials for the library and training all part-time employees.

Prior to his new position in Independence Township, Grant worked for three years as an adult and teen services librarian at Highland Township Public Library, He had worked as a part-time librarian in Independence Township before. He has a master's degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Southern Mississippi. Grant said his decision to come to Michigan was largely due to his wife, Hilary, whom he met in graduate school.

"I knew I wasn't going to stay in Mississippi. I was looking at moving somewhere else like New Orleans or Atlanta, but my wife was a native of Michigan when we met in graduate school. She was already teaching, so it made my decision of where to go a lot easier," Grant said.



Andrea Spano, the new head of Young Adult and Children's Services and Rhett Grant, the new head of Adult Services at the Independence Township Library. Photo by Andrew DuPont

For Grant, working in a library seemed to come naturally from his own

through being a life-long library user," Grant said, also attributing his interest in library use to collegiate studies. "I de-"I got into the libraries basically cided to go into libraries originally look-

ing at going into archives, but I prefer the interaction with the public that you get at a public library."

Grant said he had to play catch up at first in his new position, but is now looking to the future. He is working with the library is new downloadable audiobook program and is already making plans for summer reading groups.

Spano, 29, is head of Young Adult and Children Services. She obtained her master's degree in Library Science from Wayne State University. Before coming to the area, Spano worked as head of teen services Genesee District Library for a year and a half. She decided to apply with Independence Township after seeong a posting for a children's librar-

"I wanted to become a children's librarian... and it sounded like an opportunity that I couldn't pass up," Spano said. "The position just sounded like it had a lot of potential for me to grow."

Spano said she is very busy with her new responsibilities, which include planning new programs for children ages 0-11, purchasing books, operating reading groups and any other established programs.

Spano said she enjoys her work so far and is already looking forward to summer reading programs.

"I love it so far. It's definitly the change I was looking for and the people of Clarkston have been phenomenal and the staff as been great. It's been a very positive experience, so I'm enjoying it a lot."

Clarkston Village Players Open additions announced for 'An Eveni d for 'An Evening of One-A The Clarkston Village Players will hold auditions him immediately. Unfortunately, George has no idea as two professors and a dean interrogate the student

for "An Evening of One-Act Plays." The group is seeking men and women ages 20-50 to appear in two oneact comedies: "The Actor's Nightmare" and "The Whole Shebang."

In "The Actor's Nightmare," George, having casually wandered onstage, is informed that one of the actors was in an auto accident and he must replace

what play he is in and desperately tries to keep the play going and keep up with fellow actors

'The Whole Shebang" asks the question, "What if the entire universe was just some nerd's science project?" The story follows a student striving for a "Master of the Universe" degree on this unusual thesis

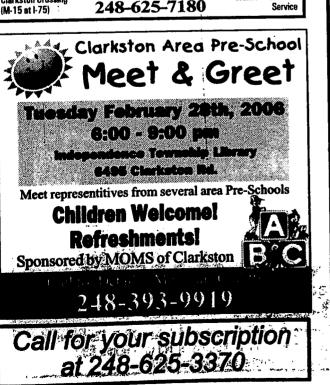
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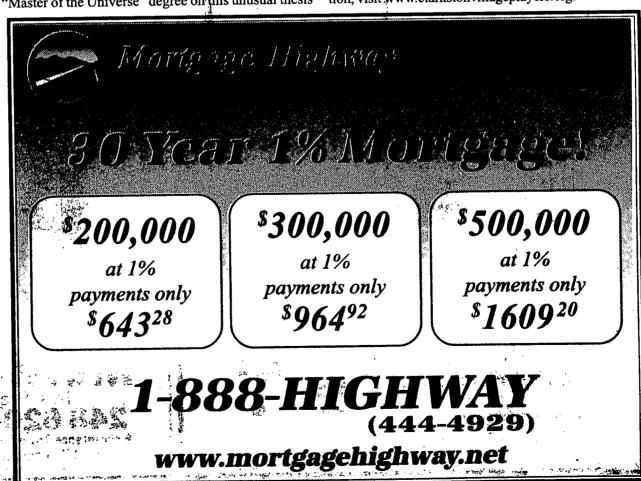
Auditions for both plays take place on Feb 26 from 2-4 and Feb. 27 from 7-9. Production dates are May 5-7, 11-13, 18-20. Ages are flexible. Auditions are had at Depot Theater, 4861 Lake Road. For more information, visit www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org.



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Dry and stylish with at home diaper making company

BY ANDREW DUPONT

Clarkston News Staff Writer

With all the possible new parent concerns, diapers seems like a no-brainer. However, parents and child-care providers no longer have to settle for whatever box is on the shelf.

Julie Imirowicz of Clarkston discovered this out after unexpectedly becoming pregnant with her daughter, Morgan. The pregnancy came as surprise for Imirowicz and her husband Konrad, who were told they could not have children naturally and so adopted two children Austin, 3 and Megan, 2.

At the time, Imirowicz used standard disposable diapers, but began to wonder about the cost in comparison to cloth diapers. According to her own math, Imirowicz figured the average baby uses \$3000 worth of disposable diapers, where \$600 worth of cloth diapers could be reused for the same period.

Then, to make matters more complicated, Morgan had an allergy to a common substance in disposable diapers. Imirowicz decided to make cloth diapers for her daughter to wear instead.

"A lot of people are very concerned about Earth... that wasn't my reason. My reason was mostly money and I really got into it because (Morgan) is allergic to disposables," Imirowicz said.

That was roughly two years ago. Since then, Imirowicz works from her home making cloth diapers ready to order across the country. Imirowicz named her company KJAMM (Konrad, Julie, Austin, Megan and Morgan) Diapers.

Christine Fazlija, a friend of Imirowicz, first tried some KJAMM diapers on her son Andrian. Eventually, she joined Imirowicz in business in October 2005 and the two are currently working to build a large inventory.

Creating the diapers takes time though, and Imirowicz said, save for common materials like tape, she has to order specialty cloth and materials from all over the country.

KJAMM diapers are not the cliche white cloth held together with a clothespin. Imirowics used vibrant colors and patterns on all her diapers, which are made from hemp fleece, terry, and microfleece.

One design Imirowicz prefers is the "pocket diaper," which has an opening to insert pads made of hemp fleece and terry to act as an absorbent. Designs for pocket diapers are trademarked, so



Julie Imirowicz and Christine Fazlija sit with their children (left-right) Adrian, Morgan and Megan wearing KJAMM cloth diapers. Photo by Andrew DuPont

Imirowicz had to obtain a license to make and sell them.

"The good thing about these is they're made out of microfleece. I'm also a skier and the first things you learn about skiing is how to dress. You want to have something that lifts the moisture away from you cause you're sweating and you freeze on the chairlift. So with this is lifts the moisture right away... and with mircofleese, it doesn't stick," Imirowicz said.

Fazlija said the material washes like regular laundry and that switching her own son to cloth diapers helped him be

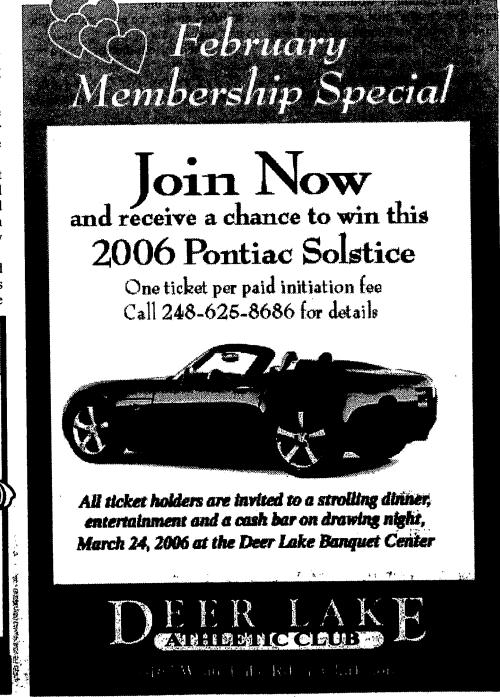
"My son's 18 months old and he just started telling me when he's wet and when he poops," Fazlija said. "I've heard other people say that they potty train faster. To this point, I would have to say it looks like it."

Imirowicz also recently completed work on an "all-in-one" diaper that works like a pocket diaper, but does not require

adding additional materials.

Diapers are just the beginning for both women. Already there are plans to start making cloth menstrual pads, nursing and maternity clothes.

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Local art choosen for display



Kill and Thole display their work with teacher Orahood. Upon arriving at the exhibition on Feb. 2, Kill and Thole discovered their work had also been selected to be featured at the state level in Lansing. Orahood also said the students work should be on display at www.miarted.org in the near future as well. Photos provided.

Ten local students created art chosen for display at the Southfield Public Library as part of the Youth@Art Exhibition sponsored by the Michigan Art Education Association. Amy Orahood, art teacher for Independence and North Sashabaw Elementary School, choose five students from each school for the

From Independence Elementary, Jenna Kill, Keaton Mitchell, Alina Syros, Reagan Thole and Dane Wilson were selected. From North Sashabaw Elementary, Catelyn Booher, Katlyn Collias, Eric Lyons, Alex Keener and Vickie Ramirex were selected.

uperintendent's perspective on the changes in education

In my 36 years as an educator, I have seen many changes. The pendulum has swung back and forth altering the way parents bring up their children, the manner in which teachers instruct their pupils and the way society adjusts to a rapidly changing world.

It isn't surprising that each generation sees the world a bit differently than the previous one. After all, who we are is shaped by many things, including the influential events that occur during our childhood. For example, the generation that experienced the Vietnamese War had a very different view of military conflicts than did those who lived through World War II.

Despite the changes that have taken place over the years; I believe there are a number of "truths" that have stood the test of time relative to education and the development of our youth.

In this column, I would like to address five "truths" that are on my list. Frankly, I wish that I could say that these are universally accepted, but they are not.

• My Timeless Truth #1: Parents can give their children a real advantage when it comes to preparing for school and for life, or they can contribute to youngsters being "left behind."

You have probably heard the axiom, "the apples don't fall far from the trees." Frankly, teachers and administrators see evidence of this every day. Students who

to books and given an opportunity to enjoy learning at home usually become good students at school.

Conversely, youngsters who have little encouragement to read, who have much less interaction with their parents or observe attitudes that do not support education generally start off on a very rocky road. The big-

gest differential in the early years is due to language acquisition, so something as simple as helping children develop a vocabulary can have profound effects.

 My Timeless Truth # 2: All youngsters do not learn at the same rate or on the same timeline!

The term, "developmentally appropriate" is not a code word for "expecting less." It is, however, a reality that is not always understood or practiced. Whether in the home or classroom, it is important to know when the child is ready.

Yes, there is a normal age range at which one can expect a youngster to master a task or concept, but asking a baby to tie his/her shoes won't work regardless of the intelligence level of the child. So it is important to maintain balance by holding high expectations, while allowing for individual differences.

• My Timeless Truth # 3: Maintaining a "united front" in front of the kids is always the best option. Young people can test us adults.

When the parents aren't on the same page, their youngster(s) have an opportunity to play one against the other. Likewise, if a student is aware of differences relative to the home-school bond, this can be exploited.

Just as it is in the life of the family, it is best to stand together in front of the kids and work out the differences "behind the scenes." It is critical that mutual respect be modeled by the adults that our students emulate.

• My Timeless Truth #4: Parents and teachers must hold high expectations for their youngsters and not let them "take the easy way out."

Developing the skills and abilities it will take to thrive in this century will require our youngsters to push themselves. The global economy will create real competition among students who will via for a job in the international marketplace.

We do our children a real disservice

by permitting them to take classes that are beneath their ability level or by allowing them to "take it easy" in their senior year.

• My Timeless Truth # 5: There are some "disconnects" between parent perception and school practices.

One disconnect involves the transitional society in which we live. Today youngsters are on the move, yet the curriculum they receive in one district can be drastically different from the next.

Yes, we have made progress within the state by having common benchmarks and grade level objectives, but we have a long way to go before we can honestly say there is absolute consistency among schools across the state/nation.

Another common disconnect involves the school calendar. At one time, summer vacation was a practical solution to the needs of a farming nation. We have gone through the industrial revolution and are now engaged in the "information age," yet summer vacation continues to be a staple of schooling.

Finally the disconnect that presents us with a real challenge here in Clarkston involves a better understanding of what the basics of this new world are. It is essential that students have the ability to think and communicate and the capacity to use technology.

While there is still a need for mental concentration and memorization, spelling lists and recalling dates will not be nearly as important as being able to use higher order thinking skills.

The world is definitely changing; and the educational program we offer must be top-notch in order for our students to be successful.

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arkston native recalls movie making experience

BY ANDREW DUPONT

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Anyone who sees "The New World," the historical drama about the founding of Jamestown, may catch a glimpse of a former Clarkston resident on the big screen.

Margaret Mabe, the daughter of Mary Carol Ridgeway and the late Wayne A. Ridgeway, grew up in the Clarkston area. A 1971 gradute of Clarkston High School and mother of three, Mabe eventually moved to Williamsburg, Virginia, where she worked as part of historical reanactments at Colonial Williamsburg.

One day, Mabe heard about a casting call for parts in "The New World," which was filmed on location in Virigina. Mabe said she performed in high school plays and her job required acting in many aspects, but she was never in a movie before.

Mabe decided to try out. After spending what she described as a "very long and grueling day" in line with thousands of other applicants, Mabe auditioned for one of six open roles for female extras.

Not long after, Mabe recieved a callback, and landed a role as an English lady who comes to America on one of the first ships to make the journey. Mabe said she is visible in six scenes in the film. She said the other two English ladies wore very tall hats in their scenes while she wore a short, flat-top hat.

donned a 15-pound costume for her role. She was on leased on DVD. the set for eight days of production where she had a chance to witness the movie-making process and interact with real movie stars.

Mabe said she spoke with the movie's stars Colin Farrel and Christian Bale on several occassions.

'Colin was an absolute gentleman," Mabe said, recalling a particularly hot day when Farrell brought her bottled water during downtime.

Mabe said she kept the bottle and joked that she was considering selling the memorabilia on eBay.

Likewise, Mabe said she enjoyed working with Bale. Mabe said Bale's wife was expecting a child at anytime during production and to her, he was visibly concerned at times.

"He was able to focus on his part, but you could tell he was distracted," Mabe said.

When work was done, Mabe was invited to celebrate with the stars as well, attending several parties and one of the film's premiers.

"They party-hardy, but they work hard," Mabe said about the cast and crew.

After seeing the finished version of the film on the silver screen, Mabe said she was disappointed that many scenes involving Native Americans were cut.

"I felt bad because stuff I felt was extraordinary was not put in there," she said, remarking that she hopes Mabe said she died her blonde hair brown and the extra scenes will be included when the film is re-

Overall, the expereience left a lasting impression on Mabe. Since her big sceen debut, she has already stared in a television commerical and customer service training video for local companies in Virginia.

As for the big screen, Mabe hopes to appear again, and has attended a casting call for a future project about John Adams that is expected to star Tom Hanks.



Margaret Mabe, a former Clarkston resident, can be seen in several scenes of the movie "The New World." Photo provided

Sisters a-choired taste is sweet music without instruments

BY NOAH PURCELL

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Amid the academic rigors of Michigan State University, two singing sisters from Clarkston have found solace making sweet melodies, harmonies and everything else comprising the pop music standards of the day with the Capital Green A Capella

"I use it as a time to relax. With the stresses of class, it's nice to go to rehearsal and sing," said Kristi Lewandowski, the older of the two sisters.

A junior communication major focus-

ing on public relations, Kristi's sentiments are echoed by her younger sister Karin.

"(Singing) keeps me on track. It allows me to use the other side of my brain," said Karin, a freshman, who is majoring in human biology.

Both girls performed in school musicals at Notre Dame Prep while growing up in Clarkston, but the world of a capella was foreign territory until Kristi touched down on MSU's campus.

"I didn't know the whole a capella scene existed until the second semester of my freshman year," Kristi said.

Having spent nearly three years with Capital Green, Kristi sings first soprano and has several solos.

Karin, who sings mezzo, was introduced to the world of a capella singing by her sister. Both siblings value the time spent with one another during the rehearsals and competitions the group attends.

Along with the 12 other singers of Capital Green, the sisters recreate the pop charts without need for instruments.

"With a capella the goal is to make the group put our voices together and sound as close as possible to the background of the pop songs chosen," Krisi said.

Currently in the group's repertoire is Michelle Branch's "Are You Happy Now?", Gavin DeGraw's "Chariot," and "Over My Head (Cable Car)" by The Fray.

"You are replicating instruments rather than voices," Karin said.

The songs are chosen by a committee and from there are arranged for the a capella format. Kristi estimates half of the group's arrangements are done in-house, while the rest are purchased from profes-

"At the beginning of each semester we tell members to think about what songs they would like to sing. Then we vote on the songs," Kristi said.

Capital Green's execution of those arrangements have earned them high regard. On Jan. 14, the group placed second in the ICCA Midwest Divisional, securing a berth in the Midwest Regional Finals on March 25 in Madison, Wisc.

Last year, Capital Green finished second in the divisionals as well and managed a fifth place finish at regionals. Kristi hopes that with her sister in tow and another year of experience for the group as a whole, Capital Green will continue singing right into nationals.

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Clarkston's Kristi (left) and Karin Lewandowski sing together at MSU with Captial Green A Capella. Photo provided



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Wolves on their own from here on out

BY NOAH PURCELL

Clarkston News Sports Writer As a team Clarkston's wrestling season ended Feb. 15,

as eventual district champion and No.3 ranked team in the state, Davison, beat the Wolves 41-24 at Holly High School.

"I'm proud of the way the guys wrestled against Davison. They didn't lost to them because they were scared of them," Clarkston Coach Joe DeGain (171-pounds) senior Tommy said.

The wrestling season continues though, as nine ronin Clarkston warriors, stripped from their pack, qualified for individual regionals with top four finishes at the individual districts on Feb. 18 at Walled Lake Western.

The top four in each weight class at individual districts move on to the regionals at Davison Middle School on Feb. 25 to face wrestlers from the Saginaw Heritage district.

Amidst the regional qualifiers from Clarkston, seniors Steve Herron and Bryant Craft shimmer, having won their respective weight classes during individual districts.

Craft won an 8-2 decision over Aron Bland of Waterford Kettering to take the district title in the 152-pound weight class. Herron obtained a parcel of

revenge and the district 275pound title, as he won an 8-6 overtime decision over Lake Orion's Shane Tobin. Tobin defeated Herron on Feb. 10 for the OAA I championship in the same weight class.

"Herron beat a guy he lost to last week. He handled him pretty good (at individual districts)," DeGain said.

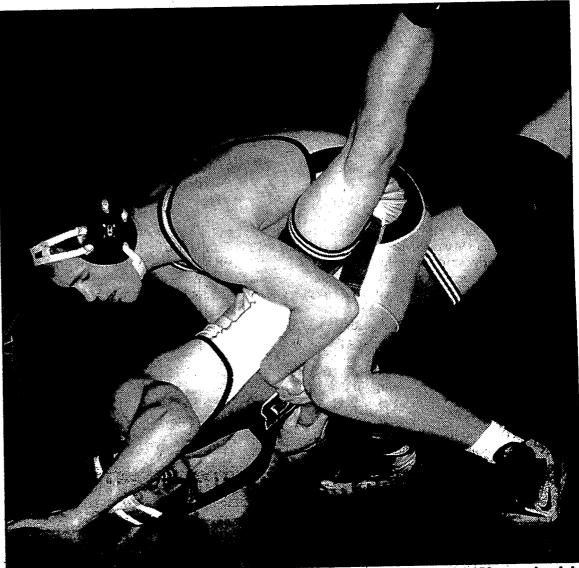
Senior Josh McAllister Ellsworth (160), junior Colton Tweed (140) and junior Mike Maguire (119) all earned berths to individual regionals with second place finishes in their respective weight classes.

Clarkston senior Mitch Miller (135), junior Tyler Schneider (125) and sophomore Adam Lauzen (160) all qualified for individual regionals with fourth place finishes.

"On paper (Miller, Schneider and Lauzen) weren't supposed to make it through, but they upset a lot of kids to get there," DeGain said.

Davison was the only other school besides Clarkston at the individual districts to qualify nine wrestlers for the next round. Lake Orion qualified eight wres-

With each of the 14 weight classes qualifying four wrestlers See Wrestlers, page 18A



Bryant Craft, seen here wrestling at the OAA I meet, took first place in the 152-pound weight class at Individual districts and is one of nine Clarkston wrestlers to advance to individual regionals. Photo by Nosh Purcell

Athletes of the Week—Trisha Peters and Eric Weiland





Douplie having both the regionals on Feb. 16 and the SEMSL championship on Feb. 21 resolutioned be-cause of the winter which thought like spring. Charleson skiers Trisha Peters and Eric Weiland are the Athlete's of the Week

The pair and the rest of the Wolves' ski team will be back on the slopes for regionals at Mount Holly on Feb. 22 and the SEMSL meet in now scheduled for Feb. 23 at Alpine Valley

Both Peters and Weiland are juniors in their third year of competition for the Clarkston ski teams. They ted as captains this year by Clarkston Coach Mike Foyteck along with Alyssa Vermeulen and Cobie

Peters has been skiing since the age of four and has raced competitively since the seventh grade.

Recently Peters' season long consistency helped the Wolves' girls team finish first in their divisional and win the OAA charactership. Peters was Claration's second scorer in Land division and plant alatom at

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She, like the rest of the girls team, aspires to great things in the regional round of the state tournament

"This year we've had a really atrong team overall. Our whole team including our fourth, fifth and sixth skiers have been strong." Peters said.

In response to her team's state championship chances Peters said "We're just going to go for it."

The boys team hit a rough stretch recently, finishing in third place at divisionals and the OAA championship, but without Weiland's performances the skid may have been a fall.

Weiland, who began skiing competitively at the age of 14, took fourth overall in the giant slalom at divisionals and finished second overall in the OAA statom.

"We've had to work a lot harder this year," Weiland said. "We're coming together really good now. The most important thing is consistency."



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Chiefs close door on Clarkston's league title hopes

BY NOAH PURCELL

Clarkston News Sports Writer

After nearly two seasons of home victories, the Clarkston basketball faithful stood shocked as Pontiac Central gutted out a 62-54 win over the Wolves on Feb.

'It was a matter of being focused. We haven't beat (Clarkston) on their home court in quite a while, but that's in the past. This is 2006," said Central junior Dameon Abram, who scored a game high 23 points.

The Wolves did not go down without a fight however. With 3:58 remaining in the fourth quarter, Clarkston trailed 53-42; and if not for hustle plays and steady shooting from Clarkston, the game would have lacked a thrilling finish.

During the final minutes of the game, both junior Andrew Lyons and senior Joe Rademacher were seen diving out of bounds for loose balls, scavenging extra possessions for the Wolves. Rademacher's save led directly to a jumper by senior Joe Moran which made the score 57-54 with less than two minutes remaining in the game. Moran scored 12 of his team high 21 in the fourth quarter.

After drawing within three points though, the Wolves could not whittle away anymore of Central's lead as the Chiefs found a hearty vein of accuracy from the free throw line and cashed in for the win, shooting 9/12 from the charity stripe in the fourth quarter.

"I can't remember the last time Central beat us two times, but they sure earned it," Clarkston Coach Dan Fife said.

In a first half featuring nine lead changes, Central led 32-28 at halftime thanks in large part to an 18-13 rebounding advantage and eight turnovers by the

The Wolves battled valiantly in the third quarter, cutting the deficit to two points before Abram hit a deep 3-pointer at the buzzer ended to give Central a 42-37 lead entering the fourth. Abrams' long range dagger was a rarity as the Chief's did the bulk of their scoring,

in the second half especially, in the paint.

"(Their dribble penetration) killed us," Fife said.

Central shot 9/14 in the second half while the Wolves struggled, converting 9/30 shots from the field.

Our goal was to make them earn every shot they took. We wanted to stay up on their 3-point shooters and keep them out of the bonus," Central Coach Albrey Tipton said.

The loss to the Chiefs was the second game for the Wolves in three days. Clarkston repelled Pontiac Northern's best effort, beating the Huskies 57-54 on

Everybody wanted to be Bren Bergquist's valentine as he scored eight of the Wolves' 12 points and was the only Clarkston player to attempt a field goal in the fourth quarter of the victory over Northern

'Fife said to start looking inside and get me to the free throw line," Bergquist said. "I've really found a groove and my teammates trust me."

After a second half featuring eight lead changes and seven tie scores, Bergquist put the Wolves up for good with a flourish of post finesse, making the score 55-53 with 38 seconds remaining in the game.

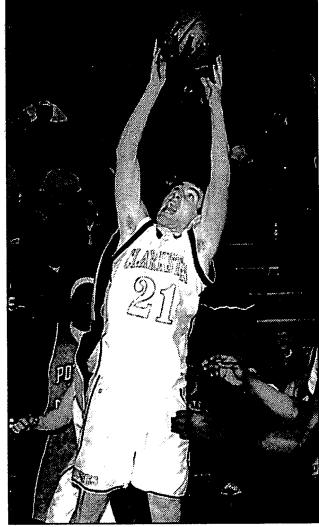
On the ensuing possession, the Huskies' Timothy Williams had a chance to tie the game, but only made one of two free throws. Moran made both of his free throws after a quick Northern foul with 7.5 seconds left to give the Wolves their final margin of victory.

'We needed to see we could win down the stretch when it's bumper to bumper ... Getting the ball inside was big for us," said Fife, who credited Moran's touch on post entry passes to Bergquist.

Bergquist led all scorers with 17 points to go with eight rebounds.

With last week's action, Clarkston's league record stands at 5-4, leaving them on the outside looking in on the race for the OAA I title. Central is in first place at 6-2. Northern and Southfield Lathrup each stand at 6-

Clarkston's game at Troy High on Feb. 21 finished



Senior Kevin Badgley fights for a rebound during Clarkston's 62-54 loss to Pontiac Central on Feb. 16. Photo by Noah Purcell

too late for this edition of The Clarkston News. The Wolves play next at West Bloomfield on Feb. 24 and host Avondale on Feb. 28.

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Try to cut down on unnecessary medication

By Ernie Harwell

There's no question about it. Everywhere you turn the days there's another advertisement for this or that new pill or over-thecountermedicine; And the medicine aisle in the local drug store contains ic is of dozens of medicines just wanting to overwhelm the next unsuspecting snopper. Everyone needs to take over-the-

counter medications once in awhile. But I think the average person could probably cut down on the need for these things with a little effort.

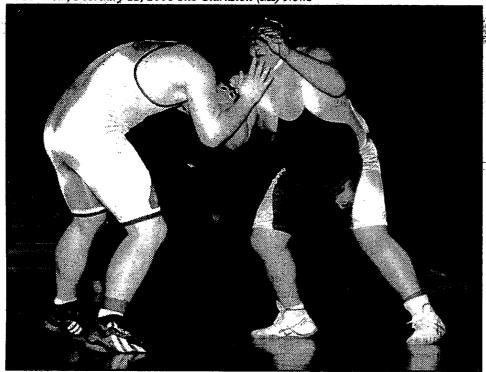
For example, if you tend to get heartburn, you can take a good look at the foods you're putting into your body. It's possible that a better diet can help you reduce your reliance on those antacids. Also, if you have allergies, you might want to talk to your doctor about lifestyle changes you can make. Who knows? You might be able to avoid taking another allergy pill.

We all want to feel good all the time. To me, it just makes sense to try to do it "au natural" whenever we

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

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Steve Herron lost to Lake Orion's Shane Tobin (left) at the OAA I meet but beat him during districts to win the heavyweight class. Photo by Noah Purcell

Wrestlers

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for individual regionals a total of 56 slots were up for grabs. Clarkston, Davison and Lake Orion filled 26 of those slots.

"I think the qualifiers from our (individual) district should take the lion's share of places for states," DeGain said.

To prepare them for the pacing of state finals at the the individual regionals, DeGain is drill-held March 9-11.

ing the Wolves' qualifiers with concentrated bursts of activity in practice.

"There's a lot of breaks in between matches at regionals," said DeGain, adding the flurries of activity at practice not only train the wrestlers minds, but also helps avoid injury.

The Wrestlers who finish in the top four at regionals advance to the individual state finals at the Palace of Auburn Hills held March 9-11.

Sun breaks through for netters before districts

After beating Lahser 3-2 on Feb. 15 for their second win in a row Clarkston's volleyball team knows what being on a roll feels like.

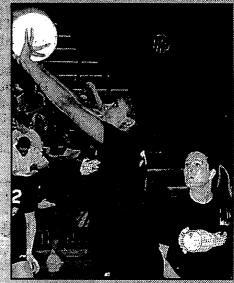
The turning point of what was to be Clarkston's second straight win in the league came in the third set. With the match tied 1-1, the Wolves rallied from a 24-16 deficit to win the third set 27-25.

Clarkston lost the fourth set 25-19, but won the fifth 15-13 to clinch the match.

Laura Kupe led Clarkston with 11 kills and Julliann Gillespie stood out on defense with seven blocks.

Coupled with their 3-2 win over Groves on Feb. 13, the Wolves have now won back to back league games for the first time this year. While they are far out of contention for the OAA I title with a 3-7 record, Clarkston Coach Kelly Avenall hopes her team can build on their recent success with districts right around the corner.

The Wolves have one final tournament at Andover on Feb. 25, before heading to Stoney Creek on March 3 for districts.



Laura Kupe and the Wolves volleyball team hope to build on a twogame win streak heading into districts on March 3. Photo by Noah Purcell

Clarkston faces host school Stoney Creek at 7 p.m. on March 3. Should they advance the Wolves face Eisenhower in the district semifinals on March 4 at noon. The district final is set to go at 2:30 p.m. on March 4.

- NOAH PURCELL

Icers frozen out of OAA race by Farmington, No.2 OLSM up next

BY NOAH PURCELL

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Though the bitter taste of a 2-1 loss to Farmington United on Feb. 15 may still linger for Clarkston's hockey team there is no time to ruminate now for the MHSAA playoffs are upon the Wolves and their regional draw is brutal.

Clarkston has drawn the No. 2 ranked team in the state, Orchard Lake St. Mary's, in the first round of the pre-regional tournament, which kicks off on Feb. 27 on OLSM's home ice at 6 p.m.

The Wolves lost to OLSM 4-2 at home on Feb. 4. The game was tied with less than four minutes remaining in the third period before the Eaglets tallied two goals late.

"The guys in the back of their heads know we can give St. Mary's a good run ... We need to play better in our defensive zone and not give up odd man rushes," Clarkston Coach Bryan Krygier said.

The talent found in the Wolves regional this year is enough to make a college scout gush.

OLSM won the DIII title last year before moving up

to DI this year. Clarkston has advanced to the division I state quarterfinals in each of the past three years, last year losing in the semifinals.

On the other side of the regional bracket lurks defending DI state champions and No.1 ranked Detroit Catholic Central, the team who eliminated the Wolves last year. Farmington has drawn DCC in the pre-regional tournament this year after losing to the Shamrocks in last year's regional finals.

The winner of the OLSM-Clarkston game will face Rochester Adams in the pre-regional finals on March 1 at 6 p.m. at OLSM. The regional final is scheduled for March 4 at the Detroit Skate Club at 6 p.m.

The Wolves have a final tuneup game at Brother Rice on Feb. 22 at 6:30 p.m. before entering the regional gauntlet.

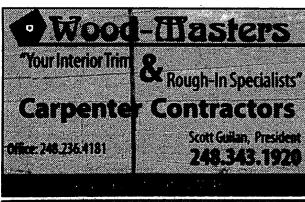
"I just want to see good consistent play throughout. Not up during the first period and then down in the second period and up again in the third," said Krygier, speaking to both Clarkston's final regular season game and their playoff matchup with OLSM.

Another disturbing trend Krygier hopes the Wolves can put behind them soon is the lack of production on offense with players not named Kyle Chartrand or Mike Medonis.

"When they don't show up nobody else wants to put the puck in the net," said Krygier, referring to the senior linemates.

Chartrand scored Clarkston's lone goal against Farmington after the Wolves trailed 2-0 in the third period. In a 3-2 win against Walled Lake Northern on

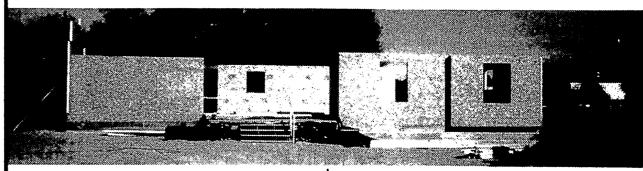
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Power lifter memorial meet set for March 4

The third annual CHS Power Lifting Meet in memory of Kelly Ray Firby is set for March 4 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Firby, a power lifter, track and varsity football player at Clarkston High School, died in an automobile accident at the age of 17 on Nov. 28, 2003. The event was conceived in his memory and helps support the power lifting team.

Dotations in memory of Firby can be sent to the Clarkston High School Athletic Department care of power lifting Coach Chad Looper. The address is 6093 Flemings Lake Road, Clarkston MI, 48346.

For more information, call event organizer Michelle Firby at 248-343-4558 or contact her via email at mfirby@hotmail.com.

What happened? What's next?

• Basketball: 2/14 Clarkston 57 Pontiac Northern 54; 2/16 Pontiac Central 62 Clarkston 54; 2/21 at Troy inc. Up next: 2/24 at West Bloomfield; 2/28 vs. Avondale; 3/3 vs. Southfield.

• Wrestling: 2/15 Team districts: Davison 41 Clarkston 24; 2/18 Individual districts: nine Wolves advance. Up next: 2/25 Individual regionals at Davison Middle School.

• Volleyball: 2/13 Clarkston 3 Groves 2; 2/15 Clarkston 3 Lahser 2. Up next: 2/25 Andover Invitational; 3/3 Districts at Stoney Creek.

• Hockey: 2/15 Farmington 2 Clarkston 1; 2/18 Clarkston 3 Walled Lake Northern 2. Up next: 2/22 at Brother Rice; 2/27 Pre-regional at St. Mary's.

• Swimming: 2/21 OAA DII meet preliminaries inc. Up next 2/24 at West Bloomfield OAA DII finals.

• Skiing: (girls and boys) Up next: 2/22 Regionals at Mt. Holly; 2/23 SEMSL at Alpine Valley.

Give the kids a leg up

Young children and parents rejoice, Start Smart is back. Independence Township Parks and Recreation is now accepting registrations for Start Smart, a six-week program in which parents work one on one with their child, ages three to five, in a supportive environment to learn basic sporting skills. Sign up for Start Smart basketball, soccer, baseball, sports development or the new golf class. Classes begin in February on specific weekday evenings, depending on the class.

The next Start Smart soccer program is Feb. 23 from 5:45-6:35 p.m. at Independence Elementary Cost for is \$35 for residents and \$40 for non-residents.

The next Start Smart basketball program is Feb. 23 from 6:55-7:45 p.m. at Everest Academy. Cost is \$30 for residents and \$40 for non-residents.

Please note that every child must be accompanied by a parent or adult.

Please visit the Parks and Recreation office to register or call 248-625-8223 for more details.

Hockey

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The same

Feb. 18, Chartrand tallied two goals while Medonis added one.

On the scale Chartrand leads the Wolves with 37 points (20 goals, 17 assists) while Medonis is second in scoring with 22 points (9 goals, 13 assists).

Clarkston's record going into their game at Brother Rice stands at 12/10-1 (9-4-1). If Farmington, 13-7-3 (9-3-1), can defeat Waterford Mott on Feb. 22 they will win the OAA I title. Should Farmington lose or tie, Stoney Creek, 14-7/2 (10-4-0), would win the league title in their first year in the OAA I.

The Wolves can finish no worse than third place in the league and as high as second place.

Library

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passed by the township in the early 90's has always bothered her.

"I think there needs to be a cap of some sort. They (the township) have to know we can't continually ante up," said Catallo.

Throughout the meeting, council members disagreed about the status of the budget.

Wylie presented his interpretation of the 2005 audit and expressed concern over what he believes was significant deterioration of the budget, which showed the 2005 fiscal year concluding June 30 with a surplus of \$28. His proposal to form committees to review the DPW, police and city hall functions was not adopted.

"I'm convinced we need to start cutting spending drastically. We're basically at the point where there's no money left," said Wylie.

Johnston also presented a letter to the council stressing that he believes the library agreement, like the fire agreement, is one that can increase in cost every year at a higher rate than the village's tax revenues.

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"I just wanted to show the council our revenues are increasing slower than payments we're making to the township," said Johnston.

"I think we need more money in reserves," said Johnston. "I don't think we can wait until the budget comes up in June when considering these long-term contracts."

"I don't think we have an option. Every single service that our departments provide have to be looked at," said Ottman.

Colombo and Catallo who served on the budget committee with council member Scott Meyland took offense to the budget criticism.

"The budget is not easy, especially after what we've done (in the recent) past," said Catallo. "Five of those people on the board voted for the budget and didn't have the questions at the vote, so I don't know why it's becoming a pressing issue."

"We knew this was going to happen and got more bang for our buck," said Colombo referring to several community projects completed over the last few years.

"If you're new on the job I'm not so sure it's your job to come in and question everything," added Colombo during the meeting.

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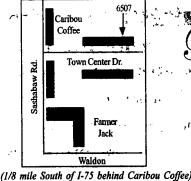
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development just a stone's throw northwest of the intersection of Waldon and Sashabaw Roads, whatever is developed on that property will ultimately contribute to support of taxing authorities through the payment of taxes. Whether or not you are in favor of hospital development, those entities will be for the most part exempt from property taxation

I do not claim to fully understand the school's Foundation Grant system, but I do know that without fully levying the 18 mills on non-homestead properties, the local schools do indeed put their respective districts in a position to lose funding dollars from the state.

The decision to levy those 18 mills is up to the electors; however, it seems that philosophically those electors that make the decision ought to be the same taxpayers that actually pay the tax, i.e. non-homestead properties owners of commercial, industrial and other nonowner occupied properties.

The purpose of this letter is to put into perspective the various issues facing property owners, electors and citizens as they face the difficult decisions within Independence Township in the months ahead.

> Sincerely, David J. Kramer, ASA Independence Twp. Assessor

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smashed out the passenger window.

Front door of business on Sashabaw near Woodhull Road smashed, nothing reported miss-

February 19: 38-year-old Clarkston woman arrested for felonious assault following a dispute with her boyfriend on Fay Street. According to reports, the woman threw a bottle at her boyfriend and bit him.

31-year-old Clarkston man arrested for operating his motor vehicle while intoxicated, marijuana possession and speeding on Sashabaw Road near Clinton Drive, P.B.T. results were

Springfield Township

January 31: White Lake resident claims his ex-wife forged fake receipts of mortgage payments leading to foreclosure of his Norman Road house on June 18, 2004. The man claims the woman then faked attorney documents that showed she was fighting the foreclosure. Ac-

cording to reports, his ex-wife was convicted of embezzlement in federal court in West Virginia (no date listed).

February 10: 26-year-old Holly man arrested for operating his vehicle while intoxicated on Dixie Highway near I-75. P.B.T. results were

February 13: 32-year-old Holly man arrested for operating his vehicle while intoxicated, having no license and speeding on Dixie Highway near Oakhill Road. The man stated he had no driver's license and was an illegal alien from Mexico, P.B.T. results were .16.

Spring Crest Court resident received a call around 9 a.m. from a male subject claiming to be with Consumer's Power. The caller claimed the resident did not paid his bill and he wanted to confirm the resident's last four numbers in his social security number. The numbers the caller gave were not correct, so the resident hung up. Following the call, the resident received several other recorded calls.

February 17: Office manager of car dealership on Dixie Highway near I-75 reported a 52-year-old suspect from Detroit purchased tires valued at \$565.29 using a check from a closed account. The manager renoried to police the suspect had tried a similar purchase at another store and was in the custody of Pontiac Police.

Proposal

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Hills. He also mentioned that Lapeer County will be voting on a similar measure this Au-

When considering land available for preservation in Independence Township, Pytel said finding parcels will not be difficult.

"I have a 2004 detailed map showing conservation natural areas printed by the county Planning and Economic Development Service," said Pytel. "I also have a list of properties identified in these areas with owners willing to sell with conservation in mind."

The map shows three levels of land preservation, with priority one being the most savable. Examples of two priority one areas include Sashabaw Creek and Upper Paint Creek.

'My suggestion is that we utilize this work that has already been done," Pytel told the board on February 7.

"In the end, this may not happen this year, but I would like to see it happen by 2007," said Pytel. "We're supposed to be stewards of the land. Who else is going to do this?"

'Get My Drift'

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In the future, McCoy hopes to gain more volunteers to help produce the shwo while developing an afterschool program to promote financial education for youth.

"Get My Drift" is also seen in several other nearby communities including Rochester, Rochester Hills, Ferndale, Royal Oak, Lake Orion and Oxford.

To learn more about "Get My Drift" call 248-

673-9581 or 248-334-9400 (asking for McCoy). available also clarkstonpublicaccess.com. Show ideas can be sent to bethm@goldenmc.com.

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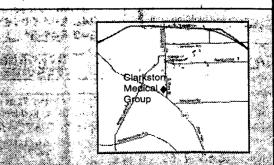
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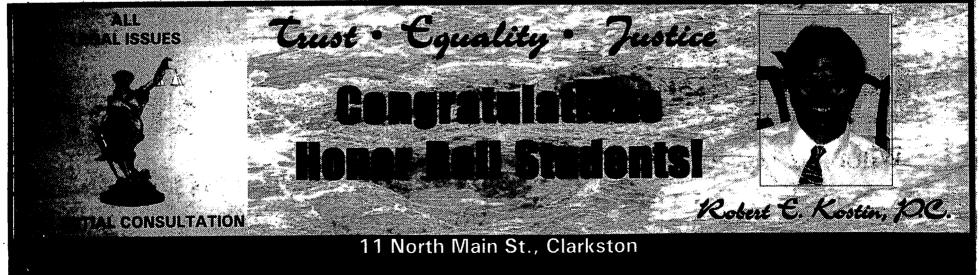
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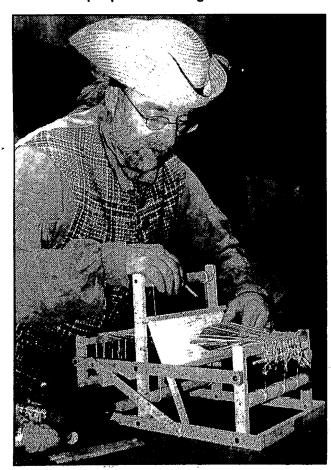
The Chief Pontiac Trial Boy Scouts sponsored their 10th annual "Early American History Show." The event is one of the scouts largest fund-raisers and helps to raise awareness for the program.

The weekend featured a wide variety of events including demonstrations, reenactments and craft sales.

Photos by Jenny Matteson



Springfield Township residents Patti and Bill Blanchard, owners of Flaming Paw Traders, have attended the show for the past six years. "We enjoy this show because it is close to home," said Bill. "We use it as a kick off show for our season, we encounter lots of nice people and we get a flavor of what people are looking for this season."



Show founder Lloyd Baker prepares a demonstration on weaving. Baker first started reenacting in 1975 during the Bicentennial in Pennsylvania. He helped to begin the "Early American History Show" in 1996 after seeing a need in the area.



Enjoying the weekend is "His Majesty's Surgeon" James Schultz, also known as one of the proprietors of Clarkston's Country Store.



Members of the Massachusetts Provincial Battalion, based in Houghton Lake, prepare for inspection.



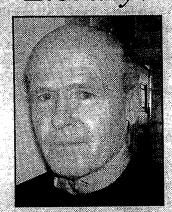
Looking over their troops are Massachusetts Provincial Battalion Commander Major Brenton C. Kemmer and Tim Dickinson, of Northville.



Russ Ellis and Andrew Cox, both from Ipsilanti, prepare to participate in a drill session.

People Poll

Do you use the township Library?



"I used to use it a couple times a week. It's handy and enjoyable. The historical museum has a lot of interesting stuff."

- George Denton



"I haven't been there in quite a while, but I used to walk up there quite a lot."

- Roberta Mann



"All the time. It's a good source for kids, for adults. We enjoy the online computer service and the Epson machine. And it's a good bike ride."

- Elizabeth Sheill



"Yes. I have my own library card."

- Madison Echlia

By Andrew DuPont

The Clarkston News' STEAM

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



Members of the fire department in Independence Township pull in front of Ronk's Barbershop in the new firetruck purchased in 1940. Pictured on the left coming out of the shop is Tink Ronk. Photo provided by the Independence Twp. Fire Department

In simpler days

Looking back at Tink Ronk's Barbershop

BY JAMES MARTINEZ

Clarkston News Staff Writer

In the streets of downtown Clarkston, young Frank "Tink" Ronk and his friends could play baseball all day and only move

That was a simpler time for Clarkston - and for the boy who'd play in those streets.

He'd one day end up running Ronk's Barbershop, where everyone in town went to find out community news.

He'd become the first full-time firefighter in the township. He'd help start what evolved into today's sophisticated Independence Fire Department, now led by his son Fire Chief Steve Ronk.

while early developments paralleling

today's growth flowed to the area.

Through all that, Ronk would develop a passion for the area while contributing much to the township.

Tink Ronk joined the volunteer firefighting force at the age of 13 in the early 1940's. He became familiar with the firefighters as a paperboy and liked being a part of the firefighting program. While many of the men were occupied with World War II, someone needed to step up and fight fires.

"You were a firefighter and there wasn't all the training then, so you learned it as you went on the job," said Ronk, who is now 76. "There were times you got in positions you weren't sure if you could get back out, but fire back then was just like it is now, except He'd serve as township supervisor there's more sophisticated extinguishment and so forth today.'

Being there were no full-time firefighters, like the other volunteer firefighters, Ronk had his own career. He spent his workdays cutting hair at Ronk's Barbershop at 25 S. Main Street which shared a building with the fire trucks manned by the volunteer force.

From the barbershop Ronk and the firefighters would cover Independence Township and Clarkston, occasionally trekking into surrounding townships.

'I had the barbershop downtown for 20 years (from 1952-72) and during that 20 years we ran the fire department out of the barbershop during the daytime Monday through Friday. We had the phone and the radio in there," said Ronk.

Working alone in the first few years of the shop in the early 50's, Ronk sometimes got a call forcing him to leave the customer sitting in the chair whether the haircut or shave was finished.

"Whenever there was a fire in the daytime, I just went," said Ronk. "It was amazing, there were very few times where anyone was upset about it. The guy would either wait, go home or back to work or whatever it was. When I got back I'd call him and say 'I'm back' and he'd come down and I'd finish his haircut."

Please see Ronk, page 9B

Former Independence Twp. Supervisor and Fire Chief

- Frank "Tink" Ronk



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years and during that 20 years we ran the fire

department out of the barbershop during the

daytime Monday through Friday.

Around Town

The Oakland County Sportsmen's Club is hosting a Sportsman Swap Meet on Feb. 26 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Indoor Range Building, located at 4770 Waterford Road.

Tables for this event are still available. For more information, call Dan or Salli at 248-623-0444 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

The Independence Township

Senior Center has several upcoming

 AARP trained volunteers will prepare federal and state returns in the Carriage House for seniors during the Income Tax Preparation Assistance Program running on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to noon, Feb. 22 through April 11.

Please call 248-625-8231 for an appointment. A donation to the senior center is appreciated.

side with Jeanne Vogt during "The Cut Ups."

Beginners, intermediates and skilled seamstresses are welcome to this friendly group of women who love quilt-

Participants can use the sewing machine, cutting mat, thread and ruler at the center. Vogt will teach new techniques and offer a variety of patterns. Have you heard of "no sew quilts?" Stop in to discover the secret.

on Feb. 22 to enjoy the Michigan premiere of "Syncopation."

This romantic comedy is set in 1911 on New York's Lower East side and revolves around Henry, a meat packer in a kosher butcher shop, who dreams of becoming a championship ballroom dancer. When he places an ad for a dance partner, he finds much more.

The cost is \$35 for residents and \$38 for non-residents which includes lunch at Macaroni Grill (menu options to be announced) and senior bus transportation. The trip runs form 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

• The opportunity of a lifetime! A four-night tour of Alaska's spectacular interior and a seven-night cruise of its stunning inside passage aboard the luxurious Island Princess from Sept. 7-

The tour/cruise double per person prices range from \$2,969 to \$3,389 according to stateroom chosen. Prices include: round trip air transportation from Detroit, four nights in first-class hotel, music of Denali Dinner Theater, Wildlife tour of Denali National Park, Discovery riverboat cruise and City of Gold tour, Midnight Sun Express in Denali and to Whittier, and inside Passage Cruise for seven days with all meals and entertainment included.

Deposit is \$400 per person with \$600 due by April 10 and the balance due on June 15.

For more information on all these fabulous events, please call the senior center at 248-625-8231.

There's so much happening at Inde-

pendence Township Parks and Recreation:

 Independence Township Parks and Recreation knows how to present a pajama party on a grand scale.

The Cartoon PJ parties are spe-• On Feb. 27, take a step on the wild cially designed for children ages three to five and feature crafts, games and pictures.

> Two dates are scheduled for the Clintonwood Park Carriage house Feb. 27 and March 24. The fun runs 6:30-8:15 p.m. All who attend are encouraged to dress in their favorite pis or cartoon attire.

> Cost is \$15 for residents and \$20 for non-residents and includes a hot dog dinner and juice.

· Young, aspiring musicians can in-• Travel to Meadow Brook Theatre teract with other musicians, learn the ins and outs of rock music, and experience the rush of performing in concert at the Born to Jam rock clinic on

> Individuals as well as existing bands are encouraged to sign up. Participants will recieve hands-on instruction from local professional musicians for part of the two-hour seminar. Drums, guitar (electric/acoustic/bass) and keyboard will be the focus. For the remaining time, participants will get to jam with their existing band or form one with other lone musicians.

> Participants must have their own instruments; music and instructional material will be provided. All skills are welcome. The clinic is intended for ages 10-16. Cost is \$35 for residents and \$45 for non-residents. A concert will be held on March 25.

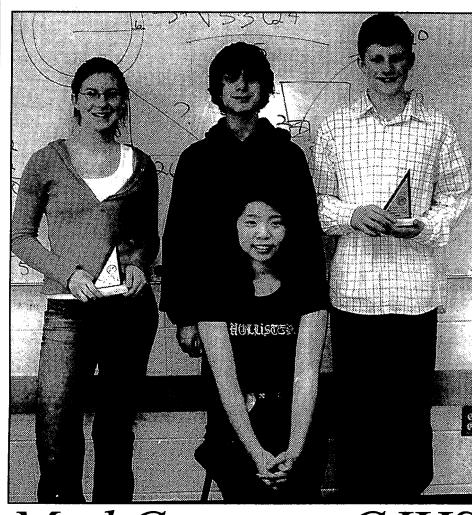
> · Young children and parents rejoice, Start Smart is back.

> Independence Township Parks and Recreation is now accepting registrations for Start Smart, a six-week program in which parents work one on one with their child, ages three to five, in a supportive environment to learn basic sporting skills.

> Sign up for Start Smart basketball, soccer, baseball, sports development or the new golf class. Classes begin in February on specific weekday evenings, depending on the class.

> To discover more about Independence Township Parks and Recreation, call 248-625-8223.

> > See Around Town, page 14B



MathCounts at CJI

Eight members of the Clarkston Junior High School Math Team competed in the MathCounts Regional Competition Feb. 11. The team successfully scored higher than every team from Bloomfield Hill and Rochester and half of their old rival teams from Troy. Overall, the team placed sixth of approximately 30 teams from various schools in the area, securing them a trophy to bring back to their school. Pictured are Katie Chasins, Chris Melekian, David Cannons and Michelle Lee. Not pictured are Annie Castilla, Olivia Nordquist, Mara Marsac and Amanda Choi. Photo by Andrew DuPont

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Cannons spends a year helping PAWS with a Cause

BY ANDREW DUPONT

Clarkston News Staff Writer

While many junior high students keep busy just by juggling school work with a social life, Amy Cannons decided to do even more by adopting and training a leader dog for PAWS with a Cause.

Cannons, 15, is the daughter of Dave and Janet Cannons of Clarkston and has two brothers, David and Matt. She is a ninth-grader at Clarkston Junior High School and a member of the 4-H Veterinary Science Club.

While watching television one day, Cannona said she saw a presentation about the PAWS Foster Puppy Program. The program places a young puppy in the care of individuals who take the responsibility to raise and train the dog for approximately a year. At the end of the basic training year, the dog returns to PAWS and completes advanced training to become a helper dog to those with disabilities.

"It's a big commitment," said Janet. "You have the dog with you all the time. They sleep by you, they eat next to you, they're with you like they would be with person with special needs."

After working as a pet and babysitter, teaching piano and saving for nearly a year, Amy raised enough money to participate in the program, something she wanted to do on her own.

In January 2005, Cannons went through interviews and screenings with PAWS and was approved to adopt Nanook, a Golden/Black Labrador mix who was only seven weeks old at the time.

For the next year, Amy and Nanook were practically inseperable. As he grew, Amy trained Nanook in basic obediance and socialization. This meant many long hours training and attending obedience classes. Cannons also brought Nanook along to the mall, stores, restaurants, school functions and her brothers' hockey games to help him get used to being around people.

"One of the more important parts is socializing the dog because if you don't socialize them they won't be good in public," said Cannons. "That's mostly what



Amy Cannons poses with Nanook, a foster puppy she raised for PAWS with a Cause. Photo provided they're needs are is in public and where people are

Socializing with other animals is equally important for a PAWS dog, so fortuantely Cannons was able to train Nanook with help from the family's Black Labrador Corky, even if Corky was not keen on the idea.

laughed, "They're not good friends."

Despite Corky's aprehension about another dog stealing some attention, Cannon said she did intrude on Nanook's training because he was very diciplined and easy to train.

"He's a really fast learner and he's really, really smart. Basically, you only have to tell him to do it three times and it's engrained on his brain. Four or five and it was perfect," Cannons said.

Despite all the extra work, Janet said her daughter took full responsibility for Nanook upon herself.

"It's been wonderful," said Janet. "She's done everything. It hasn't effected any of us other than having a fun dog around. She's been very responsible and even in the first few months when dogs always have to go out in the middle of the night, she did that even when she was sick, she had exams. She just really took it all and has run with it the whole time, so it's been a joy."

Going in, Cannons new the fun would not last though. On Feb. 20, the Cannons had to say goodbye to Nanook, at least for for now.

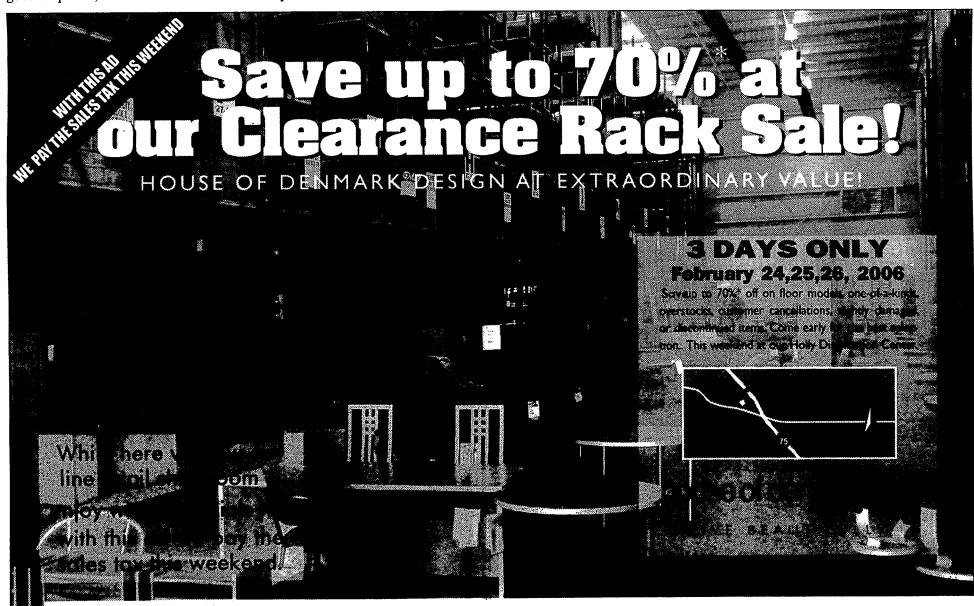
If the person Nanook ends up agrees to visitation, the Cannons family can still spend time with him. But going in, Cannons knew Nanook had an important job to do, and so visiting might not be possible.

"I've been preparing for it because I know he's not really my dog. It's just like I'm borrwing him," said Cannons. "But it's still going to be really hard because he's pretty much around me all the time, so it's like giving up a limb or something. But it makes it really worthwhile to know that someone else is going to get him and it will really change their life so that will pretty much be a comfort to me.'

"During the advanced training, they'll see what special skills he has." said Janet. "They'll match him up with a client who has those needs and then they will give the person either a special memento book that you make for them and her name and address so they can initiate contact."

Even if she cannot see Nanook, Cannons said she 'She doesn't like him very much," Cannons hopes to participate in the program again and would enjoy training another puppy.

> PAWS with a Cause is always looking for volunteers like Cannons for the Foster Puppy program. For more information on how to participate, call 248-844-5656 or visit www.pawswithacause.org.



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Welcome Grant Matthew



Matt and Sherry Dobbie, of Birmingham, are happy to announce the birth of their son, Grant Matthew.

Grant was born on December 12, 2005 at 1:27 p.m. at St. Joseph Hospital. He weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces and Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania; Jeff, was 19½ inches long.

Nancy Cook of Clarkston and Suzanne Kristin and Benjamin West of Orton-Medvidovich of Mechanicsburg, Penn-ville.

sylvania.

Great-grandmother is Mamie Cook of Nichols, South Carolina.

Welcoming Grant into the family also are Suzy Dobbie of Missy, Connor and Morgan White of Proud grandparents are Carl and Rockford, Illinois; and Dale, Vicki,

Students achieve success

Several students were named to the Albion College Dean's List for the fall 2005 semester:

Colby Albarkat is a junior majoring in English and minoring in philosophy and journalism. She is the daughter of Muwaffaq Albarkat and Rhonda Albarkat of Clarkston and a graduate of Clarkston High School.

Jennifer Cusumano is a senior majoring in speech education and completing the elementary education program. She is the daughter of Cosimo Clarkston and a graduate of CHS.

Michael Frenchi is a sophomore. He is the son of Mark Frenchi and Kathleen Frenchi of Clarkston.

Janine Golden is a junior majoring in psychology education and minoring in English education and completing the secondary education program. She is the daughter of John Golden and Lori Golden of Clarkston and a graduate of in English education and physical edu-Clarkston High School.

majoring in geology and minoring in anthropology and sociology and Geographic Information Systems. She is the daughter of Theodore Gozdzialski of Waterford and Pamela Gozdzialski of Clarkston and a graduate of CHS.

Allyson Kowalk is a first-year student and is a member of the Gerstacker Liberal Arts Program in Professional Management. She is the daughter of Stephen Kowalk and Cindy Kowalk of Clarkston and a graduate of CHS.

Lauren Kurowski is a first-year student and is a member of the Gerstacker Liberal Arts Program in Professional Management. She is the daughter of Donald Kurowski and Camille Kurowski of Clarkston and a graduate of Clarkston High School.

Caitlin McLean is a sophomore majoring in economics and management and Spanish and is a member of the Gerstacker Liberal Arts Program in Professional Management. She is the daughter of Mary Ellen McLean of Clarkston and a graduate of CHS.

Bryan Yestrepsky is a junior at Albion College. He is the son of Daniel Yestrepsky and Diane Yestrepsky of Clarkston and a graduate of Notre Dame Prep.

Emily Aldrich is a first-year stu-Cusumano and Josephine Cusumano of dent. She is the daughter of Steven Aldrich and Mary Aldrich of Davisburg and a graduate of CHS.

Megan Anderson is a junior majoring in psychology and minoring in cell and molecular biology. She is the daughter of Bill Anderson of Pontiac and DeLvnn Anderson of Clarkston and a graduate of Clarkston High School.

Jamie Gove is a junior majoring cation and completing the secondary Bethany Gozdzialski is a senior education program and K-12 Education Program. She is the daughter of Michael Gove and Kathy Gove, both of Clarkston and a graduate of Clarkston High School.

Lyndsey Kitson is a first-year student. She is the daughter of Donald Kitson and Victoria Kitson of Clarkston and a graduate of CHS.

Brandon Reiss is a junior majoring in chemistry. He is the son of William Reiss and Karen Reiss of Clark-

Jonathan Reynolds is a firstyear student. He is the son of Mike Reynolds and Julie Reynolds of Clarkston.

Alexandra Snook is a first-year student. She is the daughter of Earl and Barbara Snook of Clarkston.

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son of man that you visit him?"

This question was posed by the biblical writer of Psalms and people have continued to ask it from the very beginning of time. The psalmist was questioning God, while those who do not believe in God ask the

question of themselves.

Mankind is unique in creation, and because of our senses, we have a capacity to reason and reflect upon events from a personal and historical perspective. This has given mankind the ability to ascend to the highest levels of the natural order and have a great impact on the earth.

As a creationist, the psalmist saw this as God's choice. Those who are not creationists would assume this to be a coincidence of the natural order. The psalmist goes on to say, "you have made him to have

dominion over all the works of your hand, you have put all things under his feet."

Was mankind created by God to exercise dominion over the creation? Or is mankind only fooling himself to see himself as something special when he is An undefined life and an undefined purpose will ultisimply a well-developed animal that is perhaps only a blip on the evolutionary scale that may disappear in the scope of earth's history.

History has taught us that it is easy to think of ourselves and our world as unique and the center of everything. Before the discovery of the New World,

"What is man that you are mindful of him or the the conventional wisdom was that the world was flat. The thinking was if you set sail on the ocean you would sooner or later drop off the earth. This assumption kept the people ignorant and secluded. When brave people finally set sail to break the myth, it opened a new world.

This lesson has provoked the scientific community to assume that same thing will happen as we explore the universe. Certainly, with all the planets and solar systems out there, the earth would not be the only unique place able to sustain life.

Scientific knowledge has emboldened us to reach for the stars believing the pursuit of knowledge will bring solutions we so desperately need. The bigger our telescopes and the more far reaching our space probes, the smaller we become in the world of knowledge we possess. The problem with this pursuit is that without a sense of who we are, we will be on a journey not understanding what we are supposed to accomplish or be responsible for along the way.

Are we on a journey with no given purpose? Are our experiences supposed to go undefined to only be understood with the accumulation of more knowledge and more experience?

Many people go through life with this attitude. mately be an empty one. It will also be an unproductive one. I have officiated at many funerals for both believers and unbelievers. One thing in common for all these gatherings is everyone is searching for the purpose or reason for both life and death.

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In our churches..

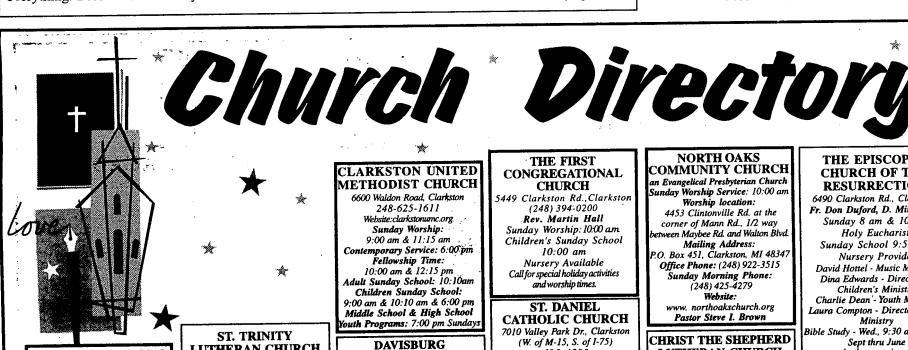
Bridgewood Church is hosting an "Extreme Home Makeover Series" that helps families succeed against life's obstacles. On Feb. 26 at the 10 a.m. service is "Family Vacation," a special family night service with "Kidtricity" performing illusions at 5 p.m. There is no cost for this events, except for the evening event, which have a small food charge. Bridgewood Church is located at 6765 Rattalee Lake Road. For more info call 248-625-1344.

St. Daniel Catholic Church is hosting "Spiritual Direction Retreat" starting Feb. 5 from 1 - 4 p.m. Weekly 30-minute, one-on-one meetings follow until a closing meeting on April 2. A team of spiritual directors will lead the eight-week, individual retreats meant to deepen your life of prayer. Space is limited. There is no charge. For more info, contact the St. Daniel Faith Formation Office or Mary Schulte at 248-625-8366. St. Daniel Catholic Church is located at 7010 Valley Park.

St. Daniel Catholic Church's Ash Wednesday services on March 1 are as follows: Mass with ashes at 8:30 a.m., service with ashes at 12:15 p.m. and Mass with ashes at 7:30 p.m. Bring your old palms to be burned at the door before the evening service. St. Daniel Catholic Church is located at $701\bar{0}$ Valley Park.

The FEAST at Calvary Lutheran Church is on Wednesday evenings through Feb. 22. All are invited to this fun, casual, family evening for a catered dinner at 6 p.m., praise and worship at 6:50 p.m., and classes for all ages from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. Childcare provided

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CALVARY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 6805 Bluegrass Drive, Clarkston (W. of M-15, just S. of 1-75)

625-3288 Sunday Worship: 9:45 am (blended worship) 11:15 am (contemporary praise) Nursery available Sunday School (all ages) 9:45 (Seasonal) Staff Pastor - Senior Pastor Jonathan Heierman Wed. evening - Dinner &

DIXIE BAPTIST CHURCH

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8585 Dixie Highwy. Clarkston, MI (248) 625-2311 website: www.dixiebaptist.org Home of Springfield Christian Academy & Children's Ark Preschool Pastor: J. Todd Vanaman Sun: 10:00 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship 11:00 am Morning Worship Service 6:00 pm Evening Worship Service Wed: 6:45 pm AWANA 7:00 pm Teen Meetings & Adult Bible Study

LUTHERAN CHURCH Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

7925 Sashabaw Road (1/4 mile N. of DTE Music Theater) (248) 625-4644 Worship: Sun. 8:15 am & 11:00 am

Sat. 6:00 pm Sunday School 9:45 am Preschool: 3-4 years old Preschool: 620-6154

BRIDGEWOOD CHURCH

6765 Rattalee Lake Road Clarkston, 48348 (248)625-1344 Services: Sunday 10:00am Morning Worship Service Exploration Station - Children's Ministry 5pm Evening Worship Service Studio 7/S.C.O.R.E.-Children Ministry Wed, 6:45pm Fit For Life Adult Life Ministry c.r.a.v.e.-Student Life Ministry Ozone - Children's Life Ministry *Nurture Center/Wonderland available for all services A Church For Life www.bridgewoodchurch.com

CLARKSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

6600 Waldon Road, Clarkston 248-625-1611 Website:clarkstonumc.org Sunday Worship: 9:00 am & 11:15 am Contemporary Service: 6:00 pm Fellowship Time: 10:00 am & 12:15 pm Adult Sunday School: 10:10am Children Sunday School: 9:00 am & 10:10 am & 6:00 pm Middle School & High School outh Programs: 7:00 pm Sunday:

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207 E. Maple Street 248-634-9494 website: http://www.hollypc.org Rev. Dr. Herb Swanson Sunday Worship Schedule No Sunday School until after Labor Day Worship: 10:00-11:00 am Childcare Provided Phone (248) 673-3101

SASHABAW

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 5300 Maybee Road, Clarkston Worship 10:30 am Nursery Provided Phone (248) 673-3101

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ST. DANIEL CATHOLIC CHURCH 7010 Valley Park Dr., Clarkston (W. of M-15, S. of I-75)

625-4580 Rev. Christopher Maus Saturday Mass: 5:00 pm Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am Nursery Available: 9:00 & 11:00 am Religious Education: 625-1750 Mother's Group, RCIA Scripture Study, Youth Group

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ww. northoakschurch.org Pastor Steve I. Brown

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Clintwood Park Senior Center at 9:15 am 248-256-1084 email:

kjzeile@christtheshepherdlc.org

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5972 Paramus, Clarkston, MI (248) 625-3380 Located 2 blks. N. of Dixie Hwy. (E.of M-15)Pastor: Russ Reetsma Sun:9:15 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship 10:30 am Worship Service 5:00 pm Choir Practice 6:00 pm Evening Service Mon: 6:30 pm Awana Wed: 10:00 am Morning Prayer

Partners 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study

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6490 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston Fr. Don Duford, D. Min., LPC Sunday 8 am & 10 am Holy Eucharist Sunday School 9:55 am Nursery Provided David Hottel - Music Minister Dina Edwards - Director of Children's Ministry Charlie Dean' - Youth Ministry Laura Compton - Director of Lay Ministry Bible Study - Wed., 9:30 am & 7 pm Sept thru June www.clarkstonepiscopal.org

CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CHURCH

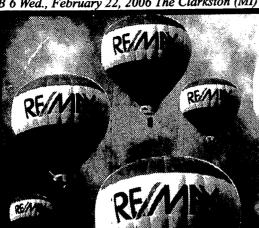
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Clarkston (248) 625-1323 Home of Clarkston Christian School Pastors: Greg Henneman, Bonita Laudeman Kevin Kuehne, Michael Anderson, Dan Whiting Sunday: Worship 9:30 & 11:00 am School of Discipleship 11:00 am Nursery Care at all services Wednesday: Children's Ministries 5:30-8:00 pm Sunday: Youth Ministries 5:00-7:00 pm

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www.clarkstonchurch.com

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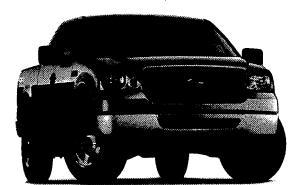
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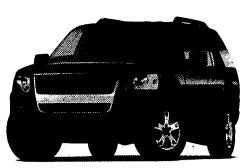


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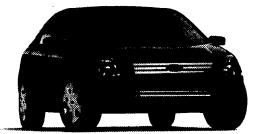


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OPEN SATURDAYS

A heart-filled day at Pine Knob Elementary

Photos by James Martinez



Who wants to be my valentine? First-grader Isabela Miller opens a card at the party.



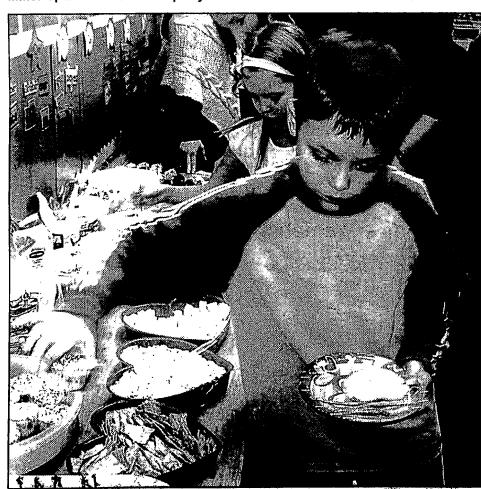
First-graders in Ms. Birkett's enjoy Tiddlywinks.



Tiddly who? First-grader Alex Clifford of Ms. Birkett's class works at a game of Tiddlywinks.



Gloria Mendez and Alex Westmoreland react to bingo in Mrs. Aisthrope's first grade class.



Valentine treats are delicious, just ask second-grader Luke Rekuta.



During their Valentine's Day party, third-graders Matthew Dargay (left) and Nathan Swinson of Mr. Brazier's class are in deep strategic thought during a friendly game of Star Wars.

Obituaries

Brian M. Mulvehill

Brian M. Mulvehill, of Anchorage, Alaska, formerly of Clarkston, died in an avalanche on Febru-

ary 8, 2006 doing what he loved to do – snow shoeing. He was 32 years old.

Mr. Mulvehill was
the son of Jim and Peggy
of Clarkston; brother of
Lisa (Carol Szemiot)
Mulvehill of Massachusetts and Kristin (Neil)
Schloss of New Jersey;
uncle of Parker; and
nephew of Larry (Shirley)
Clock of Monroe, Ed Jr.
(Sharon) Clock of Reed
City, Joan Mulvehill of
Newport and Doris
Howard of Arizona. He is
also survived by many



Mr. Mulvehill graduated from Marine Academy in Sandy Hook, New Jersey. He loved the outdoors, especially hunting and fishing. He was proud to have become a journeyman as an electrician.

A prayer service was held on February 15, 2006 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home. A Funeral Mass was held on February 16, 2006 at St. Daniel Catholic Church. Burial ceremonies at Roselawn Memorial Park, LaSalle.

Memorials may be made to the National Wildlife Federation or the Alaska Zoo. An online guestbook is available at www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Chester Armstrong

Chester I. Armstrong, of Davisburg, formerly of Walled Lake, went to be with the Lord on February 14, 2006 at the age of

90.



Mr. Armstrong was the husband of Esther for 68 years and father of James (the late Kathy) of Cohoctah, Kay (Gray) Counts of Davisburg, Joe (Linda) of Davisburg and Debbie (Russ) Townley of Holly. He is also survived by 14 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held on February 17, 2006 at the Lewis E. Wint

& Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home. Burial ceremonies took place in Wixom Cemetery.

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Ronk

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Ronk recalls times when he'd return to the barbershop, shed any gear he wore to fight a fire, and hop behind the chair picking up scissors and starting where he left off in the haircut.

Besides a haircut, customers received an update about area events, as everyone from mothers with children to businessman sat in the chair sharing information and chatter.

"The barbershop gave you a feel (for community). It was a friendly atmosphere where people offered their bit on topics," said Ronk.

"There's the people who come just to sit around the barbershop. There's always been those people that just go to the barbershop to sit and listen. Today, I don't know if they do that or not," said Ronk. "But at that time, that particular spot (they did). We were involved in the community. If a decoration fell off the light pole from Christmas, we got the ladder...if someone dropped their groceries in the street, you went out and picked them up."

As the community would grow, so did the fire department and so did Ronk—one of the men important to the department's early history. The department bridged the gap between dosing fires with buckets along waterlines and the modern fire department with state of the art technology and professional training.

"Back in those days, we had a lot of barns and when you put hay in and there was combustion in the barn there was a fire. We had to go to those and those were usually a tough program because we didn't have adequate water to put the hay out," said Ronk.

Looking back at the role of the fire department, Ronk remembered the excitement when the department purchased a new 1940 Ford American LaFrance truck which could hold approximately 350 gallons of water, dwarfing the previous outputs of the Model A and T trucks the department had.

"It was a big deal for the community because the ones we had were secondhand when we got them. It was just a change completely in our whole operation. You had more equipment. You had more water that you took with you," said Ronk who noted the truck was displayed for people to come and look at. "It was a giant step forward for the community."

In 1953, the township purchased the building where the Clarkston DPW and police operate now on Church Street, said Ronk. Coincidentally that building on Church where Tink Ronk helped build the fire department was the same building in which his father was accidentally shot months before his birth.

"There was a lot of conversation in the barbershop that really helped me grow," said Ronk acknowledging

Wed., February 22, 2006 The Clarkston (MI) News 9 B the importance of some community men to his personal growth.

Even with the new buildling the calls still came to the barbershop during days and the fire chief received the calls at his house on weekends and at night.

"The community was growing enough that if I was still in the barbershop, I could not have responded as often because instead of one fire a week or every four days, we were getting a fire every two days or multiple fires at the same time," said Ronk.

In order to address the changing times, the township started hiring full time firefighters in the 70's.

"I became the first full-time firefighter in Independence Township and was made chief at that time in 1972," said Ronk.

Ronk left the department in 1984 to become township supervisor through 1992. During that time, Independence Township was developing, forcing local officials to make decisions on how to handle an influx of people.

Widening and improving Dixie Highway in the mid 1980's is one project Ronk recalls fondly. The program involved the Downtown Development Authority, a district including Dixie, M-15 and White Lake Road set to handle growth and provide funding for the overall operation of the schools and community, said Ronk.

"We improved that area to the point it developed and became a real resource to the township and the schools," said Ronk. "We knew the community was going to develop and we had it zoned like we'd like it to (grow) without any big explosion of growth."

Today, as the development that Ronk saw from the barbershop window and on a fire truck continues, he knows the leaders face tough decisions.

"Growth is a tough thing in a community where people move to the community for a slower life and not so much traffic and burdens of the taxes. When that happens, you provide nice schools, nice communities and organizations and people want to live in those areas," said Ronk, who acknowledged he's been away from the supervisor's position too long to know the intricate details needed to comment on anything specific.

"It's between a rock and a hard spot. They're going to come and the thing you need to do is be aware they are coming and try to make it as balanced and easy flow as it can be," said Ronk.

"Today the problems are much greater than they were then. Growth isn't all wrong but you have to be sure it doesn't over power you."

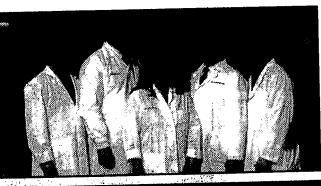
Now years removed from serving as fire chief and supervisor, Tink lives with his wife Mary, who he married in Clarkston in 1950. They raised three children: Kathryn Vachon, Steve and Robert. Steve and his wife Anne have three kids Andrea, Rob, and Tom. Robert and his wife Melissa have three kids also. Drew, Emma and Maryn.

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All brick ranch, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath new carpet & paint, finished basement glass block windows. Great location. \$95,000 11FOR



Beautiful bungalow Finished basement 4 bedrooms, poss 5th bedroom, 2 baths, newer roof quiet street. \$88,000 32EDI



All the work is done 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, loads of updates, al appliances stay, deck, large yard, pole barn, new \$128,900 56ELD



Mixed use zoning, good investment. Double lot, comer lot, access to Hazel Park Race Track. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. \$190,000 17WOO



3 bedrooms, new furnace, new siding & windows, new arpet & paint, new 6 panel doors, appliances stay, backvard fenced. \$92,500 38THI



4 hedrooms, 2 baths, 2+car extra tall garage, all appliances, efinished hw floors natural fireplace, unfinished basement. \$199,000 27CAM



Upper level apartment. 2167 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, 2 car garage. Value is in the land. \$189,000 30JOS



Great starter home, charming ranch. 1170 sq. ft., 3 edrooms, cathedral ceilings, Florida room, nicely landscaped. \$149,900 29CAM



Auburn Hills ranch. completely updated. Maple kitchen, all appliances, nicely treed yard, well maintained, oversized garage \$158,400 27GEN



2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, hot tub, 600+ sq. ft., natural fireplace, cathedral ceilings, riverview, 2 car garage. \$1250/per mo. (lease) 60ELI



2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, great curb appeal, new partial roof, new carpet & paint, new bathroom 757 sq. ft. \$75,000 19FID



3 acres on Deer Lake. Fireplace & central air. Georgian colonial, 4 bedrooms 3.5 baths, huge rec room, 6 car garage, hardwood floors. \$1,195,000 79DIX



3 bed, 2 full baths, full basement, 1 car garage, large come lot, lake access, 1490 sq. ft., new \$98,900 63DET



3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, new carpet, Jacuzzi, Eliz Lake priv. (optional), large yard, firepalce in LR. \$152,900 40ELM



Comer acre lot, 3 beds, 1.5 baths, 1547 sq.ft., basement, 2.5 car garage, parklike setting, Holly Schools, paved rd. \$194,900 65TRI



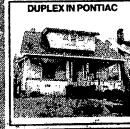
Gorgeous kitchen, beautiful tiled baths huge master suite, master bath, walk to parades, close to parks, quality & care thru-out. \$163,900 20GRA



Beautiful coloniai, many upgrades, basement, fenced yard, fireplace in LR A must see!!! \$88,000 28FRA



Remodeled in 2005, 2-2bed units, 1 bath each, East Side of Detroit, excellent cash flow, approx 1996 sq. ft. Bring all offers!!! \$79.900 14ALM



2-2bedroom units. 1 bath each, poss. convert to sing. family. Newer roof, fridge & stoves in each, basement for storage, separate entrances. \$100,000 **53CES**



Duplex with tenants! Full size apartments. Stoves & fridge included, water oftener lawn mowe included! Remodeled baths, new storm doors & more. \$108,300 32BAL



Move right in! 2 bed, 2 full baths, central air, appliances stav, fresh paint thruout, doorwall to patio carport. \$129,900 86SAY



CONDO IN OXFORD

2 bedrooms, 1 bath, 760 sq. ft., appliances stay, common basement k priv. & deck, totally updated, ceramic bath/shower spa. \$85,000 28SEY



Great location. Pool, clubhouse, tennis & golf. 3 bed, 2 bath, brick paver patio, 2 doorwalls, master ste w/full bath, end



2 bed, 2 bath, naster w/wic, neutre décor thru-out, open floor plan, private entrance & balcom and unit w/loft. Clos



Spacious cóndo, well maintained, finished walkout bŝmt, 3.5 baths, 3 beds, large red large deck setting, mas

WARWICK HILLS CONDO

On the 18th fairway, franquil pond frontage. 3 bed, 2 bath, 3000+ sq. ft., custom oak kitchen caramic lieus, 248-625-1010 25 South Main Street in Downtown Clarkston Morgan & Milzow

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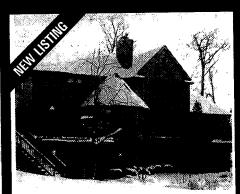
Fairest of Them All

All-sports Tull lakefront w/maximum appeal: entry level master suite, designer granite kitchen, custom builder's touches, widespread hardwood floors, and a finished walkout. \$684,900 92-TWI



Dazzle 'Em

Entirely reconstructed Watkins Lake stunner featuring 3 bedrooms, 3 full and 1 half baths, endless hardwood floors, a plethora of picture windows, and vaulted ceilings t/o. \$674,000 36-COV



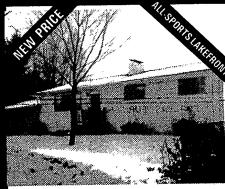
Simply Sumptuous

5,300 graceful sq. ft. w/4 bedrooms, 2 full and 2 half baths, cherry kitchen w/ octagonal breakfast bay, and 9-ft. ceilings throughout. Prominently situated on a rolling, wooded parcel. \$589,000 84-DEE



Fancy This

Look at these amenities: entry level master suite + 3 additional bedrooms + a bonus room/5th bedroom, eat-in granite kitchen, and a 3-car garage. Walk to blue ribbon elementary. **\$349,900** 68-HUB



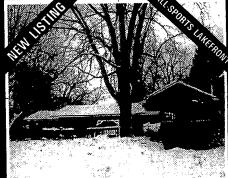
Splish Splash

Southern-exposed Pontiac Lake views galore from this classical ranch with a finished walkout nestled on a peninsula setting w/plenty of room for expansion. \$349,000 26-TAC



Chock-full of Flavor

Nearly complete custom new build w/magnificent millwork, vaulted ceilings, and open living areas t/o all 2,400 sq. ft. Ultra-bright daylight level plus a 3-car garage. \$319,900 16-HOR



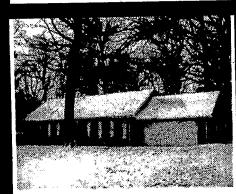
Vivacious

Completely revamped, private allsports lakefront getaway featuring 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, cheerful maple kitchen, and a comfy family room warmed by a wood stove. **\$299,900** 19-



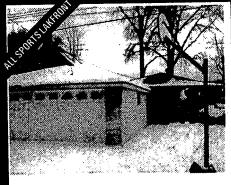
Icing on the Cake

Fashion forward contemporary packed w/upgrades: high ceilings, plant ledges, granite accented kitchen, vaulted master suite w/dreamy bath, and a soft color palette t/o. \$275,000 67-BER



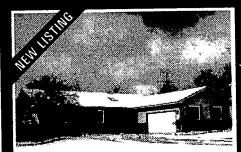
Fit for a Queen

Magical abode near downtown Clarkston. 2,200 sq. ft. showcases a fire lit kitchen/family hub, plentiful hardwood floors, entry level master suite, and a sunny Florida room. \$262,000 59-PRI



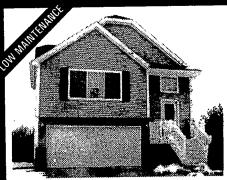
Lake Front & Back

All-sports water views from every angle! Pristine 3-bedroom ranch w/ extra-wide hallways, first floor laundry, family room w/doorwall to deck, and a 2+ car garage. \$249,900 21-DUN



Single Level Lifestyle

Brilliantly maintained 1,500+ sq. ft. ranch w/3 bedrooms, 2 full and 1 half baths, vaulted living room w/door walls to deck, formal dining room, and a partially finished basement. \$235,000 57-CHE



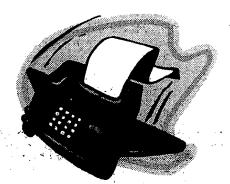
A Breath of Fresh Air

Blond hardwood floors, diverse ceiling heights, modern fixtures, stainless steel appliances, soft Frieze carpeting, and plenty of sunlight flow t/o. Neat as a new pin! \$225,000 46-TIG





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PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAS IOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate FILE NO: 2006-302,203-DE Estate of GRACE RASEL

Estate of GRACE RASEL
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, GRACE RASEL, who lived at 402 E.
Maplehurst St., Fernadate, Mided 1-18-2006.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever berred unless presented to VIRGINIA KIRTLAND. presentative or propose al representative, or to both the probat Counties. Michiga court at 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac, Michigan 4B341 and the named/s nd the named/proposed personal repre-within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Virginia Kirtland

PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know

INDEPENDENCE TWP. CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE IS ACCEPTING BIDS FOR THE SALE OF:

Item	Miles	Condition	Minimum Bid
930 Chev Astro Van	93,604	Good	No
92 Chev S-10 Extended	104,300	Good	\$350.00
93 Ford Club Wagon Van		Good	\$400.00
93 Pontiac Sunbird	45,506	Poor	No
94 Jeep Cherokee 4x4	74,950	Fair	\$500.00
96 Pontiac Grand Prix	66,300	Good	\$750.00
14' Trailer, Single Axle		Good	\$400.00
21' Trailer Double Axle		Good	\$400.00

These vehicles may be inspected the Department of Public Norks, 6050 Flemings Lake Road, Monday through Friday beween 8 am and 5 pm.

All Bids must have a check, money order or cashier's check ∍nclosed

Sealed bids will be opened at the Clerk's Office, 90 N Main, Clarkston, at 10:00 am Tuesday, March 14th, 2006. Bids will be awarded at the regular Township Board Meeting March 21, 2006.

Vehicles are sold As is. All Sales are Final. Independence Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

OFFICIAL NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE PUBLIC NOTICE

The Charter Township of Independence Board of Review will meet for its organizational cession, MCL 211.29(1), at the Township Hall's Office of the Assessor on Tuesday, March 7, 2006 at

The Board of Review will meet at the Township Fire Station # 1 Training Room, 6500 Citation Drive, Clarkston, Michigan to hear year 2006 assessment appeals of value, classification and poverty on March 13, and 14, 2006 from 9:00am to 5:00 pm, and on March 15, 2006 from 1:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

The year 2006 tentative equalization ratio is 50%, and the estimated multiplier is 1.0000 for all property classifications.

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

Please note that taxes are levied against the TAXABLE.

VALUE.

David J. Kramer, ASA, CMAE3, Assessor

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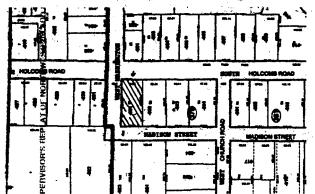
CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON, 375 DEPOT ROAD CLARKSTON, MI 48346 **PUBLIC HEARING** PLANNING COMMISSION

MARCH 6, 2006 Notice is given that the City of Clarkston Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 6, 2006, at the City Hall, 375 Depot Road, Clarkston, MI 48346.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider the requ for the rezoning of 3 - 5 South Holcomb, Parcel I.D. No. 08-20-376-001, from R-2 Single Family Residential to RM Multiple Family Resi-

The City of Claricaton Planning Commission will consider any public comments to this matter at this time. The hearing is open to the public to voice their views or submit written comments. Contact City Clerk Art Pappas at (248) 625-1559 for further information or special services.

Derek Werner Chairman, Planning Commission



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CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON 375 DEPOT ROAD CLARKSTON MI 48346 SUMMARY CITY COUNCIL MEETING **FEBRUARY 13, 2006**

Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Mayor Catallo. Roll. Present: Catallo, Brueck, Colombo, Johnston, Meyland, Ottman, Wylie.

Absent: None.

Minutes of January 23, 2006, accepted as presented. Agenda accepted as presented.

Bills in the amount of \$224,230.31 approved for payment.

Meyland requested that in the future the leased police motorcycles are to be inspected before returning to lessor

Ottman distributed information regarding Leadership Clarkston. Johnston reported on the Depot Park stream bank project. A grant application has been submitted to fund this project.

Colombo reported that the Clarkston Optimist Club has asked if there was any park equipment needed that the Optimist Club might consider for a donation. Colombo and Meyland discussed the Triathlon, and the possibility

of changing locations or times to accommodate church schedules. Chief Combs reported on the January police statistics. Combs

further reported that radar training has been completed for Officer Kyriakides and Officer Moran is to be certified also.

The request by the Clarkston Area Lions Club to hold its annual 'White Cane Week' solicitations for donations on Friday, April 28, through Saturday, April 29, with alternate dates of Friday, May 5, through Saturday May 6, in case of a rain out, was

Pappas announced that there will be a Planning Basics Workshop on March 25 at Oakland County, details were included in the Council packets.

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ness kStrategic Planning Conference scheduled for June 7, appas announced the details were included in the Council packets.

Council was advised that the Planning Commission will be holding a Public Hearing on the rezoning request for 5 - 7 South Holcomb. Wylie, Ottman, and Johnston were appointed to comprise a team for the purpose of exploring funding alternatives for the Independence Township/City of Clarkston Intergovernmental Agree

ment for Library services. Road closings with proper deteurs for the following events were authorized by the City Council:

Memorial Day Parade, May 29, 2006, 9:30 a.m. to Noon Fourth of July Parade, July 4, 2006, 930 a.m. to Noon Labor Day Parade, September 4, 2006, 9:30 a.m. to Noon Taste of Clarkston, September 24, 2006, 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Christmas Light Parade, December 9, 2006, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Wylie asked that the City Council work on cut backs and budget restrictions. He was concerned with the present budget and the FY2005 audit report status of City funds. Johnston asked for more reporting from the Finance Committee regarding budget issues

Meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted. Artemus M. Pappas

PUBLIC NOTICE



NOTICE BOARD OF REVIEW CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

The Charter Township of Springfield Board of Review will meet at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg Michigan for the purpose of hearing appeals for the year 2006 assessments.

Any questions regarding the value or classification placed on properties may be reviewed with the assessing staff prior to on properties may be reviewed with the assessing stail prior to this meeting. Anyone wishing to appeal the assessment or classi-fication before the Board of Review must make an appointment in advance. Appointments may be made from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily by phoning the Assessing office at 248-848-8530. The Board of Review steelings are scheduled as follows:

19:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, 2006:

2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. *Organizational meeting ONLY)

Wednesday, March 8, 2006 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday, March 13, 2006: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. 研讨性

3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. **Tuesday, March 14, 2096: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. tole on this day - letters and review ONLY)

"No appointments avail ive Equalization Ratio: **Tentative Equalization Factor:** Real: 50% Real: 1.00000 Personal: 1.00000

Personal: 50% You may appeal by letter to the Board of Review, Springfield Charter Township, 12000 Davisburg Road, P.O. Box 1038, Davisburg, Michigan 48350-1038. All letters must be received before 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 14th, 2006. Anyone needing a special accommodation at a Board of Review meeting should contact the Assessor's Office at least two (2) business days prior to the meeting at 248-846-6530.

Vicki L. Sievers, CMAE III Chief Assessor, Springfield Township

PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE OF SECOND READING **AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 63** AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE COMMUNITY SEWER SYSTEMS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a Second Reading at its regularly-scheduled meeting on Thursday, March 9, 2006 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI to consider the following proposed amendments to Ordinance No. 63, An Ordinance To Regulate Community Sewer Systems:

SECTION ONE - ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS:

1. The definition of "MDNR" in Article III is deleted; and in its place added the following definition:

"MDEQ" shall mean the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality or its successors.

2. The definitions of "Act 98" and "Act 98 Permit" in Article III are deleted; and in their place the following definitions added: "Part 41" shall mean Part 41 of the Natural Resources

and Environmental Protection Act. "Part 41 Permit" shall mean a permit issued in accor-

dance with the provision of Part 41 3. All references in the Ordinance to "MDNR" shall be revised to

"MDEQ" 4. All references in the Ordinance to "Act 98" shall be revised to

"Part 41". All references in the Community Sewer System Ordinance to 'Oakland Health Department" shall be amended to "Oakland

County Department of Human Services, Health Division". In Article II, the reference to "Act 98 Public Acts of 1913" shall be revised to "Part 41 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act".

7. Section 4.3 is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows: 4.3 Any development proposed to be serviced by a Community Sewer System shall also be required to secure special land use approval, pursuant to applicable provisions of the Township Zoning Ordinance, if required by that Ordinance

SECTION TWO - SEVERABILITY

of this Ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the same shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the balance of this Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and

SECTION THREE - REPEALER

All other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION FOUR - EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance Amendment shall be effective seven (7) days after publication of Notice of Adoption. This Orginance Amend-

ment shall be published in the manner provided by law.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the complete text of Ordinance No. 63 and documents related to the proposed amendments, may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI during regular office hours. Written comments may be submitted to the Springfield Township Clerk, P.O. Box 1038, Davisburg, MI 48350 up until the time of the Second Reading. Those persons needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance. 248-846-6510.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk Charter Township of Springfield

T PRODUCTION AT TAIL

Publish date: Feb 22, 2006



Richard Urbain pictured with his wife Linda and 14-year-old daugther Molly. Photo provided. See as the

Benefit concert planned

Urbain family have rallied to host a benefit concert to help as father and husband Richard fights stage-four pancreatic cancer following his July 2005 di-

The concert is on March 4 from: In addition to the music, local res-4:30p.m.-11 p.m. at Clarkston High: taurants including the Clarkston Union, School atrium and cafeteria.

According to concert organizer and friend Beth McCoy, the Urbain family has lived in Clarkston for over 15 years. Richard has volunteered throughout the community working for Crime Stoppers fund-raising events, Mamon Riders to raise over \$350,000 for children with illnesses and St. Dan's Parish Men's Club.

Urbain has held several jobs with General Motors since 1977 with his most recent position being Senior Administrator at the Proving Grounds.

The Bible tells the story of a great

king who went on a pursuit of knowl-

edge and in the end surmised that knowl-

edge was empty and meaningless. Un-

fortunately, rather than turn to God, he

said we would pursue pleasure. This seems to be the condition of our present

time. Pleasure seeking is everywhere we

turn, but where will it take us?

Pursuit

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Friends of Independence Township . Urbain is now on disability according to McCoy.

The concert features three bands: Mannafest (classic and soft rock), Superfakers (rock) and Flashback Duo (oldies).

O'Malley's Galley (Ortonville), Nickelodeon, Red Knapps and Mr. B's will serve food in a strolling taste-fest.

Advanced tickets are available for a suggested \$15 donation. Tickets at the door have a \$20 suggested donation. Food tickets will be sold separately for \$1 each like at the Taste of Clarkston. All proceeds go to the Urbain fam-

To order tickets, call 248-334-9400 ext. 154 or 248-408-5141.

-by James Martinez, Clarkston News Writer

For the king, it took him to ruin and to a life filled with emptiness and hopelessness. Today, we need to set our direction to a purpose. We need purpose and meaning to our lives. This can only come when we humble ourselves to acknowledge our need for the guidance of God. We need to recognize a pursuit without purpose and meaning, although exciting, in the end will only bring empti-

(Loren Covarrubias is pastor at Mt. Zion Church)

In Our

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beginning at 6:30 p.m. Calvary is located at 6805 Bluegrass Drive in Clarkston. For more info call 248-625-3288.

The United Methodist Men of Davisburg United Methodist Church are hosting their Annual Fish Dinner on March 4 from 5 –7 p.m. Tickets cost \$8 for adults, \$5 for kids five - 12 and \$2 for kids under five. Proceeds from the all you can eat event go to church and community projects. Davisburg United Methodist Church is located at 803 Broadway in Davisburg. For more info call 248-634-3373.

The Davisburg Mass Station hosts "Couple Prayer Series" on six consecutive days in Lent from March 4 to April 8 from 6-8 p.m. Mass is beforehand at 5 p.m. The series costs \$55 per couple. Info and registration form available at www.coupleprayer.org. The event is held at Davisburg Elementary School on 12003 Davisburg Road.

Join in the "Fool's Day Run 5K Run/ Walk" on April 1 at 9 a.m. The event is sponsored by Clarkston Community Church. Early registration entry fees are \$18 (with t-shirt) or \$15 (without) and

Wed., February 22, 2006 The Clarkston (MI) News 13 B must be postmarked by March 20. Registration fees the day of the race are \$20 (with t-shirt) and \$17 (without). Registration starts at 7 a.m. the day of the race. Make checks payable to Clarkston Community Church Youth. Clarkston Community Church is located at 6300 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI 48346. For more info call Dale Decker at 248-625-

> Every Friday evening at 6 p.m., Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church is offering "Celebrate Recovery." This is a Christ-centered recovery program to help people overcome life's hurts, bad habits and hang ups. The evening includes a simple meal, praise and worship, and group discussion. Calvary Evangelical is located at 6805 Bluegrass Drive. For more information call 248-625-3288.

> St. Daniel Catholic Church hosts "A Seminary extension class, on Tues. days from 7-9 p.m. The class will explore various types of prayer and provide an overview of major themes of spirituality, both traditional and modern. Audit \$350 (plus \$50 registration fee); two undergraduate credits \$450 (plus registration fee). The instructor is Mrs. Janis Fletcher, Ph.D., SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary, Orchard Lake. Register through the seminary at 248-683-0312 or call St. Daniel at 248-625-1750. St. Daniel is located at 7010 Valley Park.

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The **Widowed Support Group** meets on March 2 at 7 p.m. in the Independence Township Senior Center.

This month's topic is "Sharing and Caring Support.

All area men and women recently widowed are invited to attend the free session. No registration necessary and walk-ins are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, please call 248-625-5231.

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

• Come to the library on March 2 at 7 p.m. and learn about downloadable audiobooks now available.

Phil Raglin of Recorded Books will demonstrate how to create an account, download audiobooks to your computer and transfer audiobooks to an MP3 player.

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

The Clarkston Health Center will host a "Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage" seminar on March 7 from 1-2:30 p.m. and March 20 from 7-8:30 p.m. in the office's main conference room.

The purpose of the seminar is to learn about the changes in Medicare and to obtain information about the Prescription Drug Plan. Representatives will be on hand to provide information and answer questions.

For more information, contact Tracey Zambeck at 248-628-3000, ext. 232.

The Oakland County Sportsmen's Club will host a St. Patrick's Day Warm-Up Party on March 15 featuring a corned beef dinner and live Irish music by Inis-Ceol, a traditional pub style Irish band.

Advance dinner tickets are \$10 per adult and \$7 for children 7-10 years of age. Tickets available at the door for \$12 and \$9. Show only tickets are \$5.

For further information, contact Dan or Salli at 248-623-0444 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

Springfield Township and Comcast Cable will award college scholarships in the amounts of \$500 and \$1,000.

Recipients must be high school seniors who are residents of Springfield Township. Preference is given to students who have volunteered time and talent in the high school or the community.

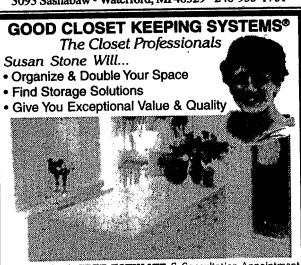
For applications, see the Clarkston High School counseling office or stop by the Springfield Township Library on Davisburg Road.

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

Hospice volunteers provide companionship and emotional support to patients on an average of 2-3 hours per week. Volunteers must be 18 or older and have reliable transportation. Two mandatory five-hour training classes are provided prior to your first patient assignment. Training classes are now forming.

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

The Clarkston Lions Club holds meetings on the second and fourth Thursday 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: 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.

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.

The Springfield Township Library is now hosting **Knitting Nights** every fourth Tuesday of the month from now until November from 6:30-8 p.m.

For more information on the program, please call 248-846-6550.

The Clarkston High School Class of 1966 will hold their 40 year class reunion on June 24 at the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club. For more information, please contact Elaine Keeley Schultz at 248 673-6542.

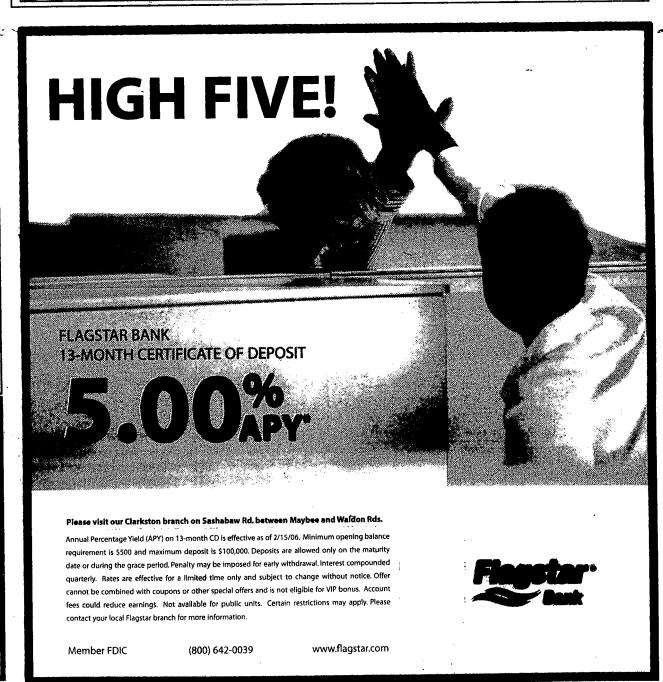
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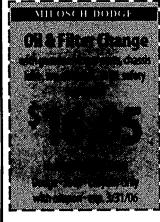
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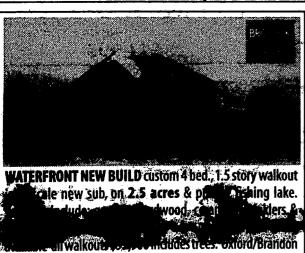
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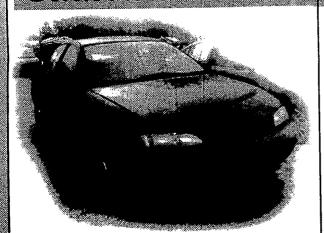
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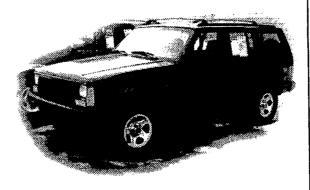
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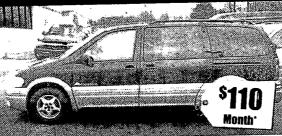
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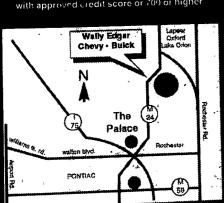
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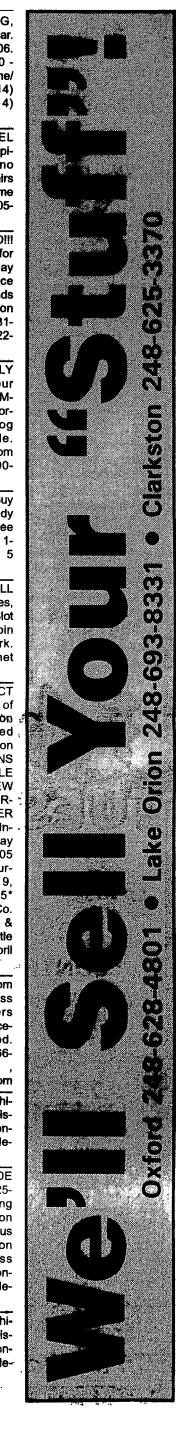
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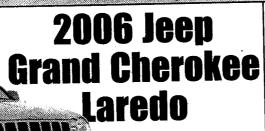
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