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The Clarkston girls basketball team is preparing for their upcoming game against the host of the state championship, the Clarkston girls basketball team, on March 4. See how the team is getting up for the season run on page 18A. Photo by Matt Parnell

Township Ok's raises

BY JENNY MATTESON
Clarkston News Editor

With little discussion and only one dissenting voice, the Independence Township Board of Trustees voted 5-1 on Feb. 21 to increase the elected officials salaries by three percent, or a combined total of \$4,697.42, for 2006.

The percentage increase came by recommendation from Supervisor Dave Wagner. In addition to his recommendation, Wagner also provided information from the Social Security website (www.ssa.gov) showing the cost of living to increase by 4.1 percent this past January.

Trustee Larry Rosso made the motion, seconded by Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen. Trustee Dan Travis was the nay vote. Trustee Charles Dunn was absent from the meeting.

"My only objection to this motion is including the trustees with the full-time officials. They should not be grouped together," said Travis.

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Meeting for recent bank robberies

BY JAMES MARTINEZ
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Police, Independence township officials and local banks are planning to meet in the near future to share ideas and express concerns following two bank robberies January bank robberies in the area.

"The purpose is to get all the banking professionals, law enforcement officers and township people in the same room," said Sergeant Matt Baldes of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Independence Township substation. "We're not trying to reinvent the wheel. The banks have internal security procedures to handle such issues. We just want an open forum between all three partners in direct response to the recent robberies we've had."

Baldes credited Independence Township Supervisor Dave Wagner with suggesting the idea.

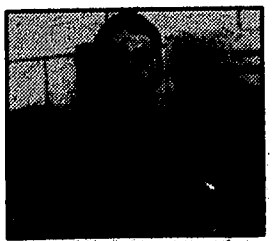
"It's one of the things I asked the sheriff's department if they'd be interested in doing with the perception out there of the recent bank robberies in the township," said Wagner, who acknowledged he received several phone calls from concerned members of the community following the incidents.

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Extra, extra...



Read all about it!

Reading up on their local current events were Cub Scout Pack 341 who visited *The Clarkston News* on Feb. 25. During the tour the scouts learned about the history of the *News* and Clarkston. The scouts (from left) are Aidan Schmeling, Aaron Foley, Henry Grunst, Brock Schultz and Jacob Cooper. Photo by James Martinez

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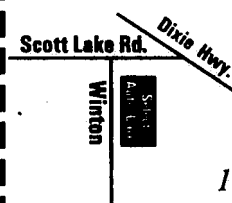
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Briefly

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 from 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 1.

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.

This year's event co-chairmen are Roger Diederich and Mel Vaara. For more information, please contact the Clarkston School Administration offices.

A Taste of Spring

The Clarkston Rotary Club invites everyone to enjoy the "Taste of Spring" Wine Tasting Gala on March 28 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Oakhurst Golf and Country Club.

The event features award winning Michigan wines and appetizers presented by Oakhurst Golf and Country Club.

The cost is \$40 per person with pre-sale and \$50 at the door. All proceeds benefit the Clarkston Rotary's community projects.

To order tickets, contact your local Rotarian or call Jeff Lichty at 248-625-4244 or Joel DeLong at 248-625-9741. Tickets are also available at the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, please call 248-625-8055.

Corrections

• Residents in a rush to strap on their walking shoes need not hurry as the Clarkston Lighthouse Hunger Walk at Canterbury Village is scheduled for May 6 not March 6 as reported in the Feb. 22 edition of *The Clarkston News*.

• The story "Meet the Candidates" in the Feb. 15 edition of *The Clarkston News* should have listed Joseph Armstrong as having 34 years experience teaching at West Bloomfield High School.

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Clarkston High welcomes Japanese exchange students

BY ANDREW DUPONT
Clarkston News Staff Writer

They traveled halfway around the world to be here – and for the next two weeks, 11 Japanese exchange students will be learning about American life here in Clarkston.

As part of a cultural exchange program between CHS and Chiba Higashi High School in Chiba, Japan, the Japanese students flew into Michigan early on Feb. 25 to start their two week visit to America.

When the students arrived at CHS, they were greeted by their host families.

All CHS students who are part of host families have studied Japanese and are participating in the exchange as the first part of two exchange trips. Later this year, the CHS students will reverse roles and travel to Japan to stay with the families of the students they are currently assisting.

The Japanese visitors will attend school along with their hosts during the day, and in the evening they will socialize and play games like whirley ball, bowling and laser tag.

"We're going to take them around to different places and give them a taste of American life," said Robyn Bernard, a junior at CHS.

Bernard, 16, said she started talking with Marie Nishiyama, the student she was partnered with, through e-mail prior to her arrival.

"She's really into music, so I'm going to take her to a few concerts," Bernard said.

For some students, the program is a rare chance to learn more about a culture they really enjoy.

"It's been my dream to go to Japan and live there," said sophomore Catherine Fick. "I'm an art student, so I really got interested in Manga and Anime... and then I just discovered that I loved the culture, so I plan to live there when I'm older."

Fick, 15, said her older sister participated in the program last year and their visitor became an adoptive older sister to her. Fick said Yayaka Nukumi, the student that is staying with her, contacted her through e-mail before the trip and said she really wanted to visit the mall.

"They love to shop and American malls are so



Despite a long flight and bus ride, Yayaka Nukumi, 16, was all smiles as she arrived at CHS.

much different," Fick said.

The program happens annually at CHS through Japanese teacher Barbara Rice's class. Rice said participating students learn a lot more about Japanese culture and language through direct contact.

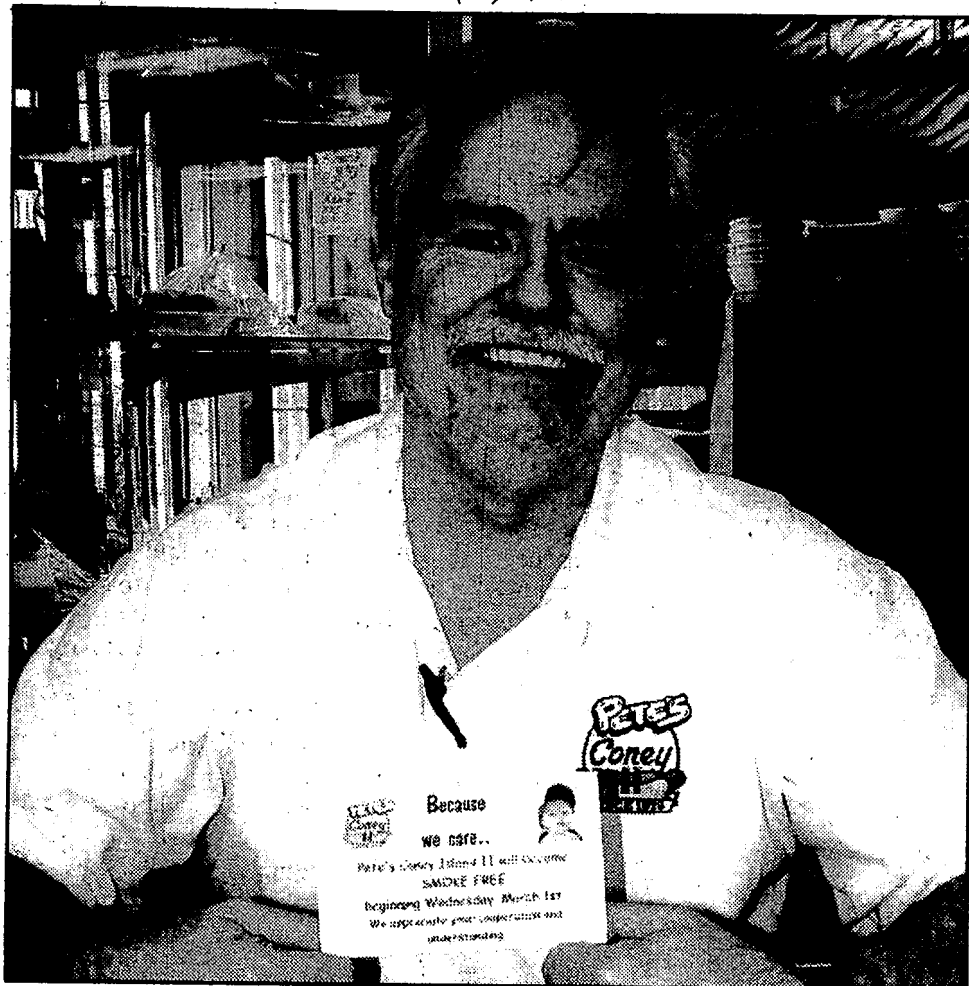
Rice said there's always a little culture shock for the Japanese students when they arrive, but the American students experience the same thing when their turn to travel comes.

However, both Rice and her students indicate the exchange was something they anxiously looked forward to.

"It's probably the highlight of the whole school year," Rice said.



CHS Students waited eagerly in the cold to welcome their guests to America. Photos by Martinez



Ed Zull, owner of Pete's Coney Island II on Dixie Highway, displays one of the table tents he placed out to notify patrons of the new no smoking policy. Photo by Jenny Matteson

Pete's Coney takes a stand

BY JENNY MATTESON
Clarkston News Editor

"The decisions been made and I'm going to stick to it - and I hope that we don't offend too many people," said Ed Zull, owner of Pete's Coney Island II on Dixie Highway.

Exactly what decision could be so powerful to concern the longtime Independence business owner and area resident? Making the choice to be a completely smoke free establishment.

On March 1, Pete's Coney Island II will officially become a smoke free eating environment.

"I think its been in the works a period of time," said Zull. "I think its inevitable that it's going to happen in the restaurant business."

"This was a very hard decision to make. I wanted to be as open as possible. I wanted to make sure I researched all the facts well enough to say I'm confident."

Pete's Coney Island II has featured smoke free events for some time - such as a Toys for Tots wrapping party, Muscular Dystrophy fund-raisers, Clarkston Police Server Nights and Independence Township Fire Department Server Night - and smoke free Sundays for over a year.

So what triggered the switch? A small comment in the Sound Off column of the Feb. 14 edition of the *Oakland Press*. The Clarkston resident complained of a great eating establishment, connected to other businesses, that was filled with smoke from the nearby company's employees.

'The decisions been made and I'm going to stick to it - and I hope that we don't offend too many people.'

- Ed Zull
Pete's Coney Island II

"It was like, 'Wow, that could be us,'" said Zull. "After reading a little comment like that, seeing the moms and dads come in with here with their little kids, customers making comments while they're here - it was time."

To research his decision, Zull went on-line to a Web site on smoke free restaurants, looked into views from the Michigan Restaurant Association and reviewed smoking legislation and viewpoints on the State of Michigan Web site.

Adding to his research is Zull's own background as a previous smoker. He became personally smoke free on Aug. 29, 1981.

"I've always heard reformed smokers are the worst, maybe some are, but I feel I can see both sides of the issue," said Zull. "I've tried to be very objective and ask both my smoking and nonsmoking customers their opinions. I've had some say they don't like the idea, and I respect that."

In addition, Zull did not feel his separation of the smoking and nonsmoking sections was adequate, especially with the size of his restaurant.

Zull said he hopes the move does not affect business, but realizes their will be a drop, at least initially.

"I think business is going to be fine... we'll have our low, but it will even out," he said.

Penny Shanks, director of the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, of which Pete's Coney is a member, spoke positively on Zull's decision. She believes the restaurant's new no smoking policy combines well with the chamber's 'Wellness in the Work Place' theme.

"I'm very excited about it. Making the transition will be hard... but this is something that needs to be done to create a healthy work environment," said Shanks.

"What's difficult about this is when you have loyal customers who are used to smoking while eating, but I think he's going to pick up a lot of business with this as well," continued Shanks. "Now customers can stop in for a quick breakfast

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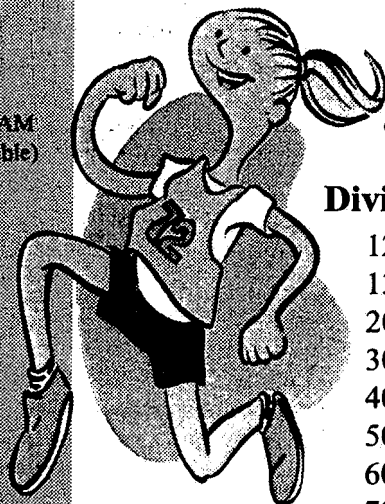
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Independence twp. welcomes new library director

BY JENNY MATTESON
Clarkston News Editor

Julie Meredith first began working in the Independence Township Library as a volunteer at the age of 12.

Now, 18 years later, and she is returning to her old stomping grounds as Independence Township's new library director.

"I want residents to know how passionate I am about Independence Township Library," said Meredith. "Independence Township Library is the reason I am a librarian."

Meredith was born and raised in Clarkston. She attended Bowling Green State University in Ohio for her bachelor of science in psychology and Kent State, also in Ohio, for her master's in library science.

Her first job out of college was as youth services coordinator for the Putnam County District Library from 1994-1998. She returned home to Independence in 1998 and worked as the township's teen librarian until 2004.

"I came back home at that point,"



Julie Meredith

explained Meredith. "I came back to Clarkston because I wanted to be closer to my family."

In 2004, Meredith decided to expand her career and became the youth services specialist at the Library of Michigan in Lansing.

"I needed to expand and do some larger administration projects," Meredith said. "I was interested in a new challenge. That's how I ended up at the Library of Michigan."

Meredith's career as a librarian be-

gan well before her college education. When she was 12 years old, the Independence native began volunteering at the library - and continued working for the department all through high school and during her college summers.

Meredith said she was always impressed with the library's dedicated staff, Friends of the Library and Library Board.

"This is my hometown library," said Meredith. "When the position came open, people contacted me and asked 'Are you going to apply?' I thought about it for a bit and decided I certainly wanted to."

When looking into the future, Meredith said the first challenge on her radar is the library millage renewal set for the August election.

Other future projects for the new director include creating an advisory board for the library and participating in the government recognition program Quality Services Audit Checklist.

"This checklist provides the benchmarks needed to guarantee our residents are receiving the quality of services they need and deserve," said Meredith.

"I really want people at the end of my first year to point at the library and say 'That's why we live in Independence.' I'm really looking forward to being here, learning my new position and facing the challenges ahead."

The Independence Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously at their February 21 regular meeting to hire Meredith at a salary of \$60,000 a year. Her start date is set for March 20.

According to Assistant Supervisor Charles Herring, the hiring committee received 12 resumes.

"I feel that this would be an ideal person to lead us forward in this library," said Herring during the meeting. "She definitely has the vision we were looking for."

"She did a great job serving here as our youth librarian," said Trustee Larry Rosso. "Little did I know that she would be coming back here where her roots are."

"We're definitely pleased she is back and will be bringing her experience with her," concurred Trustee Dan Travis.

Gunman arraigned

BY JAMES MARTINEZ
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A Warren man faces charges after he barricaded himself in a Rattalee Lake Road residence on Feb. 20 and threatened to commit suicide - all while an 86-year-old Independence Township woman was still in the residence.

The man willingly left the house around 9 p.m. and was arrested and taken to Oakland County Jail without incident after a three-hour standoff.

Todd Matthew Gardner, 32, was arraigned on one count of aggravated stalking and one felony firearm charge on Feb. 22 before Judge Kelley Kostin in 52-2 District Court. His court exam is set for March 3 at 8:30 a.m. Kostin set a \$75,000 bond, according to Sergeant Matt Baldes of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Independence Township substation.

As stated in reports, police

were dispatched to Rattalee Lake Road in Independence Township around 5:21 p.m. when Gardner's wife, Laura, came home to find he broke into the house and was sitting in a bedroom closet with a gun under his chin.

Reports state the Gardners are going through a divorce and Todd Gardner had established another residence in Warren on Jan. 15.

Upon seeing her husband in the closet, the wife fled the house with her son. Her 86-year-old grandmother was sleeping in the house at the time, stated reports.

When Independence Township police arrived, they set up a perimeter covering the house. Baldes estimated 30 law enforcement officers were on the scene including the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Special Response Team and a helicopter air unit.

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Cub Scout Mitchell McClelland, 9, collects a donation from White Lake's Tim Strolecky at a benefit spaghetti dinner held for the Swindlehurst family at Clarkston Elementary on Feb. 21. Photo by James Martinez

Get well Duane!

Proceeds from a Feb. 21 spaghetti dinner went to help the Swindlehurst family of Clarkston whose son and brother Duane II was hospitalized with Arteriovenous Malformation since Jan. 16.

AVM is a congenital disorder of blood vessels in the brain, present at birth, which is charac-

terized by a tangle of abnormal veins and arteries.

Family friend Beth Van Horn helped organize the dinner. According to Duane's cousin Jaclyn Stork, the 20-year-old is improving and was recently moved from Providence Hospital in Southfield.

Duane is at the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan in Detroit to

work on regaining his motor skills. Stork anticipated Duane would need another surgery in the second week of March.

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I'm looking for some information. Well, some guidance at least...

See, ever since Feb. 21 I've had a question burning inside my head, and I'm just not sure where find the answer.

I've tried Google, the forsaken Wikipedia and even my local library. I've asked my reporters, my husband and even my four-year-old son. Still, no one seems to know where the answer lie.

The answer to what you may ask... simple. Where did Independence Township officials get the gall to give themselves raises - especially when they are asking for millages and a bond issue?

On Feb. 21, the Independence Township Board of Trustees voted 5-1 (Trustee Charles Dunn was absent and Trustee Dan Travis voted no) to approve a three percent raise for themselves.

That's right - a simple yes vote and they all get three percent more. They don't have to ask voters. There is no committee review. Heck, they don't even have to perform well or have experience as elected officials since every elected official comes in at the salary of their predecessor.

All they have to do is agree on how much more money they want.

Oh, and allow me to point out, this is not a board afraid to give themselves money. As reported by myself on Jan. 26, 2005, the same elected township officials voted unanimously to give themselves almost three percent raises.

Barely two months after the Nov. 2004 general election. Barely two months since Supervisor Dave Wagner and Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen took office. Barely two months to perform any official duty - except give themselves a raise.

Now, one year later, and another set of raises. Where does this kind of power come from? Who gave elected officials this authority? Where is the checks and balance system? Who stops elected officials from raising taxes with one hand while padding their pockets with the other?

Guess what - there's only one answer to all these questions... and I know this one. The voters, a.k.a. Independence Township residents.

Only Independence Township residents can say no to their elected officials. Unfortunately, township residents have been silent for some time on this issue.

No one stepped forward to say, "No raises, you need a senior millage."

No one stepped forward to say, "No raises, you need a senior center bond issue."

No one stepped forward to say, "No raises, you keep complaining about making cutbacks."

No one stepped forward to say, "No raises, we can't pay anymore. Our pocketbooks hurt."

All in all, I would like to send a nod to Trustee Dan Travis for voting against the raises, although I don't completely agree with his reasoning. Mr. Travis did not agree with grouping the full and part-time elected officials together. He said publicly he wanted the raises for each addressed separately.

He makes a point, but does not go far enough. Simply put, elected officials do not need raises, whether full or part-time.

An elected position's salary does not guarantee better people will be elected. Higher salaries have no effect on a board's fiscal responsibility. More money does not mean better government.

I'd like to hear from anyone who can direct me to the answer to my question. Better yet, I would like to see the people demand elected officials receive merit raises decided by a committee of voting residents.

Drop me a line at shermanpub@aol.com, attn: Jenny. Curious reporter-types want to know.

The News to Me



Jenny Matteson

Opinion



Volunteers (right to left) Sally Mason, Gina Daniels and Ben Purcell pick peppers at the Plant-A-Row garden. Photo by Noah Purcell

How will the garden grow?

BY NOAH PURCELL
Clarkston News Staff Writer

After a year of lurking in the shadows, Independence Township Parks and Recreation is stepping to the forefront in an attempt to bring some much needed visibility and organization to the Clarkston Community Garden located at the McCord-Stickney property.

"We're definitely providing more of a backbone and structure this year," Recreation Supervisor for ITP&R Kelly Hyer said.

Master gardener Elizabeth Egan was simply stretched too thin while managing the operation as a whole last year and during the half season the plant a row for the hungry project existed in 2004. One person alone was and is not enough to manage both the public relation side and the actual gardening side of the project.

Many crops rotted unharvested because of a lack of volunteers last year, untold amounts were eaten by deer, but despite the negative factors, Egan and the handful of volunteers were able to coax 1,200 pounds of food for the Oakland County food bank. But that number also represents about 1/20th of what Egan estimated for the garden's potential last year.

The garden picked up steam as it went along last summer though.

Some locals stepped up to help Egan last year like Joy Kunkler Morrison, who dedicated a portion of her Web site, www.joy-therealestateatlady.com, to the project. A stroke of genius to sell items from the garden at the Clarkston Farmer's Market Egan raised enough money to buy deer fencing for this year's go around.

The important thing to remember is as a master gardener Egan is to plants as a pediatrician is to children or a pediatricist is to feet. She is thrilled to have ITP&R step into a larger role this year.

"The parks and recreation department will add real structure to the project, administrative structure. Just having that structure will be a huge help. I can really stick to the hands on work," Egan said.

While the community garden fell under the ITP&R umbrella last year, the project did not receive even a tenth of the support being shown this year.

Perhaps the most significant change is the simplest - people who want to volunteer this year can just call the parks and recreation offices at 248-625-8223 for information on how to contribute.

The focus for obtaining volunteers has been tweaked a little this year as well. At the start, organizers focused on businesses in the community, asking them to "adopt" the garden for a weekend. Even with members of *The Clarkston News* working the fields during the summer, ... well, twice during the summer, there

were far too many "orphaned" weekends for the community garden.

Realizing businesses were not going to be the prop sticks the garden needed, Egan shifted the focus to individuals. While she pieced together a small band of dedicated volunteers in the end, much of the early recruitment time was wasted.

The approach to finding the volunteers necessary to tap into the garden's potential this year is a variation of last year's ending theme.

A personal ad for the community garden would read: "Lonely and fertile plot of land seeks 12 caring individuals with moderate amount of gardening knowledge to spend time with over spring and summer."

Egan and ITP&R are looking for people to become garden managers. Their hope is that with a group of leaders in place, groups like the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Rotary, Optimists, Lion's club and so on will lend a hand.

On Feb. 25, Hyer and Egan hosted people interested in the garden's future in a planning meeting at the Independence Township Library.

Karen Koenigbauer, services coordinator for the Independence Township senior center was in attendance and left quite smitten with the initial planning for the garden this year.

"My thoughts were as a senior group we could go twice a month. We are definitely a group that would like to be a part of the garden this year," Koenigbauer said.

Koenigbauer also praised the organizer's overall vision.

"It seems to be very well organized. Elizabeth (Egan) and Kelly (Hyer) seemed to have learned a lot from last year. I was impressed," Koenigbauer said.

The meeting of the minds between Egan and Hyer and others closely tied to the project brought forth some interesting tweaks this year.

Rentable plots of land at the garden are being discussed for people who do not have a suitable area to garden in at home. The garden will also sell cut flowers at the farmer's market this year. Some extra cash might be handy should the garden organizers want to install the deer fence purchased last year.

Additionally, ITP&R is currently asking the Clarkston schools to have their third grade classes start pre-growing plants.

The organizers are also asking for donations of seeds and bulbs.

Egan is optimistic that with Parks and Recreation publically behind the project, the community garden can double its yield this year.

Opening day for the garden is scheduled for May 13.

A Look Back

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

15 YEARS AGO (1991)

• Crash kills little girl: Icy road conditions are being blamed for a March 3 traffic accident that killed an 11-year-old Springfield Township girl in Orion Township.

The incident occurred at 1:44 p.m., and Wendy Upton of Carriage Trail was pronounced dead shortly after 3 p.m. at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac. She was buried at Ottawa Park Cemetery, Independence Township, March 6.

• Progress '91 this week: This week's Clarkston News marks the 20th year of our annual Progress advertising edition.

25 YEARS AGO (1981)

• School millage to hit June 8 ballot, Talks about where to cut district budget continue: A millage request for Clarkston schools will appear on the June 8 ballot, but the amount the schools will ask voters to

approve has yet to be set.

The school board voted unanimously to place a millage request on the ballot at the Feb. 24 special meeting.

• March for Loyalty Day: The Clarkston VFW Post is looking for persons interested in participating in the Loyalty Day Parade planned in downtown Clarkston on Saturday, May 2.

The parade is sponsored by the Oakland Veterans of Foreign Wars and its theme is "Loyalty to Our Country."

50 YEARS AGO (1956)

• Rotarians Hold Annual Farmers' Night: Once a year the Clarkston Rotary Club entertains the farmers and former farmers of the surrounding territory at one of its weekly meetings. The meeting this year was held last Monday at the Community Center.

President Ronald A. Walter called the group to dinner and Al Lee gave the invocation.

• School Bond Issue Approved Monday: The electors of the Clarkston Community School District approved the bond issue at the special election held February 27, 1956, by an overwhelming majority of 80 percent.

• Clarkston's History Now In Library: If you are interested in the early history of Clarkston and the surrounding townships, you will be happy to learn that the Independence Township Library has recently purchased the "History of Oakland County" form 1817 to 1877.

Detroit Zoo closure gets the kids in gear

Once in a while as a parent -- okay, as a dad -- your kids do something that really makes you puff out your chest and brim with sin -- I mean pride. (Pride is still a sin, isn't it, even if you are of Irish lineage?)

A couple of Sundays ago Clan Rush watched an evening newscast. Before the news even started, the station teased the lead story with something like this: "Mayor says Detroit Zoo will have to close. Pink slips to be mailed out Monday."

I shook my head. Jennie put her head in her hands and eight-year-old son Shamus got emotional. Five-year-old Sean, still oblivious to the world that revolves around him, had a bad gas attack and laughed. No, this column isn't centered, like the universe, around Sean. My sinful ways were not based on Sean's status as a very large Stinkasaurus -- but I digress.

It was before dinner and after the completed TV news segment, the emotional Shamus went to his bedroom. "Why would they want to close the zoo?" he said over and over.

God bless Shamus' mother. Jennie comforted her eldest son with words of wisdom only mothers can impart. Dad's say stuff like, "Get over it kid. It's a hard world out there, get used to it, and if you don't stop crying and get out of bed, your brother's gonna' eat your dinner."

As the male parental unit I don't know what was uttered in Shamus' room. It was all kind of "hush-hush" and secretive. I do know this much, when Shamus came out his eyes were still red-rimmed, but the boy had a plan.

He called his third grade teacher, Ms. Kelly Alford, at home and asked if he could speak to class about the impending zoo closure. It was okay and Shamus got to work.

He and his mother made up a flyer. I worked with him on organizing his thoughts. We made note cards with *The Problem, The Solution* and *Shamus' Plan* spelled out.

So passionate he was, he didn't even use his note cards. He spoke from his heart and won over his class. With the help of Ms. Alford they e-mailed all the other teachers in the school, enlisting their help in a letter writing campaign. They drew up posters and after lunch, while other students were at recess, Shamus and a couple

of his chums plastered the hallways with their posters -- the message clear, *Help Save The Detroit Zoo, Write a Letter!*

Within a week over 100 students wrote their thoughts, in letter form, to Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick. Some drew pictures and some added hearts. Jennie, Shamus and Sean hand delivered them to city hall earlier this week. And, well, what can I say. I am proud of them and of Shamus.

He saw something wrong, sucked it up and worked to make that something right. (I am smiling as I type). Our boy Shamus is a leader, not a follower. Jennie sure has done well by our boys.

Lest I bore you with more gooey father's pride stuff, here are some of the thoughts for the Mayor.

"Please keep the zoo open or I'll cry, PLEASE!!!"

-- Alix G.

"Please don't close the zoo because if you do when they tear it down they can put a factory up and it can cause a lot of pollution." -- Philip Parker

"It would cost a lot of money to make it into a new business. You would have to kill all the animals. That is the only reason that people go to Detroit is to see the zoo. You will destroy their habitat and they will have to hunt for their own food and they might get caught and then get shot and that will not be good."

-- Kyle Viers

"Dear Mayor, please don't close the Detroit Zoo. Everybody in this school loves the zoo." -- Madison

"Hearts will be broken if the zoo closes."

-- Miss Kelsey Neuman

"... Me and my brother and sister loved it, so please keep the Detroit Zoo open!!! Our school will raise money if we have to. Love, Jennifer A."

"I am a real animal lover and I will be devastated if it closes." -- Morgan

"I strongly disagree on closing the zoo. That is my favorite zoo and it has been around for as long as I have."

-- Jack W.

"Dear Mayor, why are you closing the zoo? When the children love it and it has so many memories, we love to go to the zoo. We also love all the animals there that you can only see in the wild. PS: oh, and thanks for ruining the 3rd graders' field trip. Your friend, Taylor."

And this from Ree -- "Yo Mayor, I really like your name and I would really like it if you didn't destroy the zoo!"

Comments for Mr. Rush, or for Shamus or for Kwame, can be e-mailed to: dontrushmedon@charter.net



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me

A potpourri of good stuff for this column

• I've had a picture in my file for several months that stirs me, but hasn't caused me to comment. In the background is a color guard leading a parade. There are people sitting on the curb watching, and one man standing in the foreground. The caption is, "The only person standing is the man in a wheelchair." People have the right to sit as the flag is paraded, and I suppose one doesn't have to stand to show their respect, but I'd feel more comfortable if they did.

Jim's Jottings



Jim Sherman

• Ketchup was sold in the 1830s as medicine.

• Every time you lick a stamp you are consuming one-tenth of a calorie.

• Americans on average, eat 18 acres of pizza every single day.

• The first bar code was on Wrigley's gum.

• Grocery shopping is not my forte. I'm inclined to shop from habit, not be very observant and rarely even read the large print. As a result I make a lot of buying mistakes. For instance: I like crunchy cereal, preferably with

almonds and cinnamon. I get it in General Mills Oatmeal Crisp, with slanted printing on the box. Some shelf stacker put slanted printing Weight Watchers Cinnamon Cluster Crunch in the general area of the Oatmeal Crisp. I never buy anything intended for weight watchers, and didn't even read the box when I opened it for breakfast. What a revolting development and awful taste. It would make people lose weight, 'cause I can't eat it. I put some in Shayna's dish, like I do the Oatmeal Crisp, she took a sniff and headed for the door. She refused to give it a testimonial.

• What a lot we lost when we stopped writing letters. And, no, e-mail is not a good substitute.

• You may forget with whom you laughed, but you will never forget with whom you wept.

• Time may be a great healer, but she's a lousy beautician.

• See where the state is going to raise hunting and fishing fees. More and more often the word 'fee' is being substituted for 'tax.' The number of licenses for these sports is on the decline, so the state needs more money to provide for fewer users. Wanna read that sentence again? Why, like when population is declining, is the same amount, or more, money needed to provide for fewer people? I dunno! Must be Gumperson's Law.

• Now comes somebody from the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* to tell me how to cook bacon. At least the sender, Sue Hodge, recognizes me for what I am, addressing it to "The Bacon King." The *Post-Gazette* writer says, "Cook bacon at low temperatures." Balderdash. Cook it fast, feel the splatter and get it stomach-ready as soon as possible.

"Good bacon comes from the belly of the hog and will vary from hog to hog." Duh! Of course, all hogs can't be pamper-reared by 4-H'ers.

"Expect to find a huge difference between standard commercial brands and bacon prepared by artisans and specialists around the country." The only artist involved in my bacon is the one who created the wrapper. The biggest difference is in the thickness, next comes the fat presentation and then the taste, which is always great.

"When bacon is done to your preference, place it on paper to drain." Drain? Sop, maybe.

I agree with the writer about the use of bacon grease, which I have plenty of. "Bacon dressing on German potato salad is classic, add a dab to the skillet when making fried eggs and bacon grease added to the fat for fried chicken is wonderful."

Bacon grease is also great on asparagus, on the pancake griddle, with green beans, on baked potatoes, in the fish-frying pan, for frying bread, over hard boiled eggs, etc. You get the idea, use bacon grease liberally and often.

• Marriages are made in heaven. But, again, so are thunder, lightning, tornadoes and hail.

• Red Skelton had these recipes for the perfect marriage: Two times a week, we go to a nice restaurant, have a little beverage, good food and companionship. She goes on Tuesdays, I go on Fridays.

And, "We also sleep in separate beds. Hers is in California, mine is in Texas."



Responders receive simulation training

Event funded by Homeland Security grant

During training on Feb. 15 at the Independence Township Fire Station at 6500 Citation Drive, area first responders received fire simulation training. The two-days of training, funded by a 2005 Department of Homeland Security Grant to Oakland County, was conducted by Digital Combustion Inc. (DCI), who presented a program called Fire Studio. According to Chip Dill of DCI, the responders were given real life disaster and fire situations requiring them to quickly analyze the problem and instruct arriving emergency units.

Captain Mathew J. Weil of the North Oakland County Fire Authority (left) and Assistant Fire Chief Paul Strelchuk of the Oakland Township Fire Department work on computer fire simulations. Photo by James Martinez

Independence Township approves fire agreement

BY JENNY MATTESON
Clarkston News Editor

Trustees on the Independence Township Board had little to say about the Intergovernmental Fire Agreement presented at the Feb. 21 meeting.

In fact, trustees voted unanimously without hesitation to pass the three-year fire service agreement. Trustee Dan Travis made the motion, which was supported by Treasurer Jim Wenger.

The Clarkston City Council approved the fire agreement at their Jan. 9 meeting; however, several council members were unhappy with the 10 percent administration charges. The council discussed a total payment of \$216,084.97 for fire, library, police and spring clean up fees, as well as approximately \$19,621.36 in administration fees. The council approved paying the amount for 2005, but is currently still discussing the cost for library usage. A new library contract has yet to be approved.

Clarkston City Mayor Sharron Catallo was on hand during the Independence Township board meeting.

"We would like to have discussions about the escalating cost of the 10 percent administration charge," said Catallo during the meeting. "We would like to look at a flat rate. I think three years will be enough time for us to look at the issue."

Supervisor Dave Wagner agreed with holding discussions; however, no Independence Township board members expressed an opinion on the subject.

In other township business, the board approved the purchase of a 1991 Ford boom/crane truck from Northstar Automotive for the Department of Public Works at a cost of \$11,600.

According to DPW Director Linda Richardson, the vehicle will be used to help reset township street lights and lift sewer pumps.

Robert Barnes D.O.

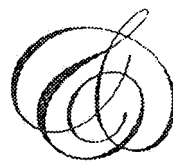
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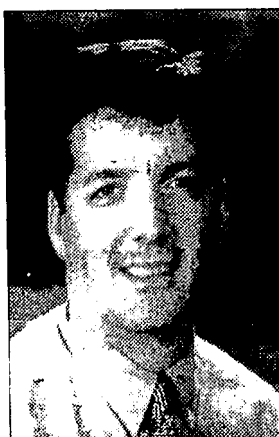
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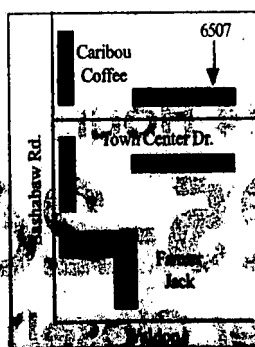
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February 10: A middle school student on Taylor Lane thought she saw a white male drive by in a pickup truck and take her picture around 3:30 p.m. The girl stated the vehicle's window was rolled up and the man did not slow down.

February 17: A refrigerator, microwave and washing machine (\$1,114.90) stolen from apartment on Fox Creek Road during the night.

February 20: 65-year-old Whipple Lake Road resident admitted he fired a .22 caliber gun to scare a neighbor's dog off his property at approximately 10:50 a.m. The man claimed the dog's presence is an ongoing problem and that he did not fire in the direction of the dog. The report was forwarded to animal control.

February 21: 34-year-old Flint woman arrested for operating her vehicle while intoxicated on Dixie Highway north of White Lake Road. The woman was resistant while being handcuffed, but stopped once she was advised by police she could be tasered and arrested for resisting arrest if she continued.

Laptop computer stolen from a business on Dixie Highway near Andersonville Road. Employees at the business alleged a recently fired employee took the computer. According to reports, the man returned the computer, but took

it back after the business told him he would not receive his last paycheck until a projector last seen in his possession was returned.

Suicidal subject at a group home on Sunny Side Street. The woman was transported to St. Joe's Hospital in Pontiac.

19-year-old Ortonville man arrested for prescription fraud at a pharmacy at the intersection of Main Street and Dixie Highway. The man attempted to fill a forged prescription stolen from a medical facility on Dixie Highway. The man admitted to stealing the prescription pad from a doctor's office.

February 22: 17-year-old Clarkston male arrested for operating his motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol on Clement Road. A petition was filed regarding a 15-year-old passenger from Waterford who allegedly possessed alcohol, marijuana and refused a preliminary breath test.

Arrest warrants issued for an 18-year-old Springfield Township man and 17-year-old Clarkston male following an alleged assault of two Clarkston teenagers on Mann Road. According to the report, the two males were riding in a car with two other passengers when they passed two pedestrians around 3:24 p.m. The two teens, one of them wearing a bandana, then jumped from the car asking the walkers for money. After receiving no money, the two teens allegedly punched the walkers. One victim needed

12 stitches for a cut in his mouth. Both victims were treated by the Independence Fire Department and released.

Clarkston resident claims he arranged to purchase a 2003 Harley Davidson online for \$8,000 on Feb. 3, but has yet to see the bike. Through an arrangement with the seller, the man wired \$8,000 to an account for the motorcycle.

February 23: Hummingbird Lane resident reported \$373.19 in fraudulent charges made on her debit card on Feb. 22.

38-year-old Burton man arrested for operating his vehicle while intoxicated, having an open intoxicant in a motor vehicle and a cracked windshield on Dixie Highway south of I-75. The man also had an outstanding warrant with the 6th District Court. Three bottles of vodka with an inch or less in them were discovered in the vehicle. Blood alcohol test results were .21 and .20.

February 24: Resident on Timberwood Court reported someone smashed dog feces on his vehicle windshield overnight.

February 25: 17-year-old Pontiac man arrested for possession of marijuana with intent to deliver after police found the van on Parkwood Court while responding to a possible vehicle larceny call. A 22-year-old Clarkston man and 16-year-old Pontiac youth also in the van were released pending an investigation.

February 26: 37-year-old Clarkston man arrested for domestic assault fol-

lowing a dispute with his wife on Lochmoor Court. Both admittedly drank prior to the altercation.

See Police on page 10A

Police await autopsy results

Police at the Oakland County Sheriff's Department Independence Township substation are waiting for autopsy results following the death of a 43-year-old Clarkston man on Feb. 23 at his Maybee Road residence.

According to Detective Lonnie Mullins, nothing appeared suspicious following the man's death, but the results from the autopsy performed on Feb. 24 are needed before the official cause of death is determined.

According to police reports, the man's mother called 911 after she noticed he was not breathing following her return from a hair appointment around 1:20 p.m.

The mother originally tried to wake her son around 8:30 a.m. She thought nothing to be out of the ordinary after he did not wake because he often took sleeping medication.

Shortly after trying to wake him, the woman left the house returning around 10:45 a.m. As stated in reports, she thought he had moved since the last time she saw him.

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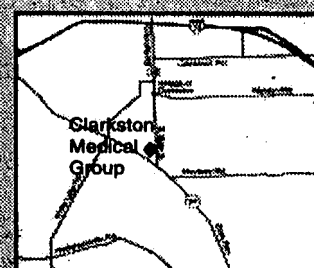
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Police

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Satellite radio stolen from unlocked car parked in driveway on Hunter's Creek Drive. The attached garage was also entered and a small amount of cash stolen from a vehicle.

Springfield Township

February 20: Clarkston resident claims he contracted the remodeling project to his house to a 23-year-old Lapeer man and is not able to reach the him. The resident said he paid the contractor \$1,050 up front at a gas station on Ortonville Road near I-75, but the project has yet to start.

February 21: Mailbox on Shaffer Road destroyed

sometime between Feb. 18-21. The police report indicated the metal mailbox was discovered in a ditch mangled and may have been destroyed by an explosive device.

February 22: 17-year-old Davisburg youth arrested for domestic assault following an altercation with his father on Big Lake Road.

Suicidal subject on Sherwood Road near Rattalee Lake Road.

February 23: 30-year-old Turner man arrested for operating his vehicle while intoxicated, possessing drug paraphernalia, driving with a suspended license on the entrance ramp to northbound I-75. P.B.T. results were .115.

40-year-old Clarkston woman arrested for trying to cash fraudulent checks at a bank on Dixie Highway near Davisburg Road.

February 24: Two Davisburg teenagers ticketed for alcohol possession on Dixie Highway near Hutchinson.

Businesses vandalized

Three businesses in Springfield Township appear to be victims of an overnight "smash and grab" robbery on Feb. 25 and 26.

The cashier's window at the Kroger on Dixie Highway near Davisburg Road was found cracked in an apparent attempt to enter the structure.

Approximately \$60 in cash was stolen from the register of Strands Hair Salon on Dixie Highway. Entry was gained into the business by smashing a glass door.

A cash register containing \$60 was stolen from Bauer Cleaning on Dixie Highway near Oakhill Road.

Sergeant Mark Gardner said he believes these three crimes are linked to each other and a similar crime in the township committed a few months ago. There are suspects at this time.

Pet of the Week



Coty is a 6 year old Golden Retriever. Coty is loved by the Craven family. The horses that live in the back yard are his enemies, because they take some of the attention he thinks should all be given to him. Here, Coty is sun bathing, lying in wait for someone to rub his belly. To see your own "baby" here, please e-mail a photo to shermanpub@aol.com, atten: Clarkston pet of the week.



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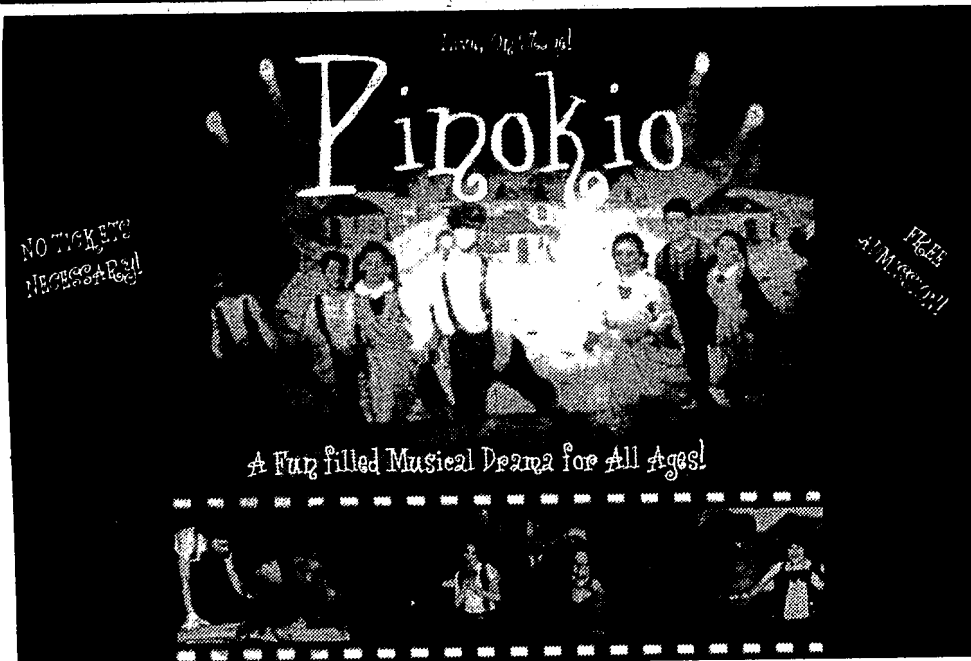


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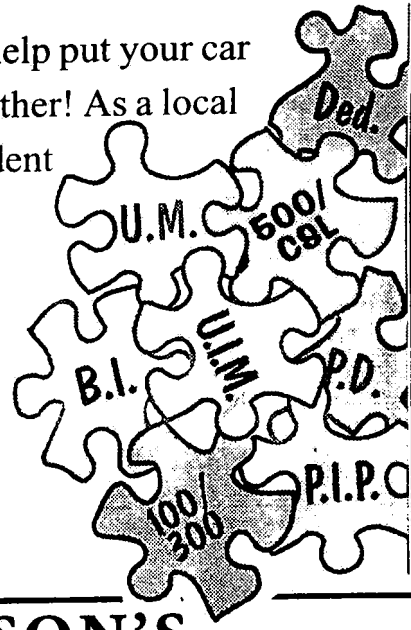
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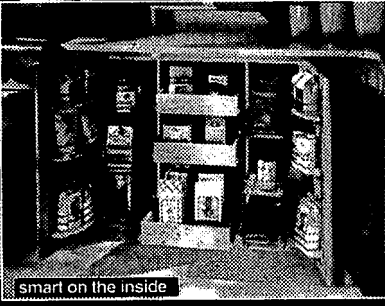
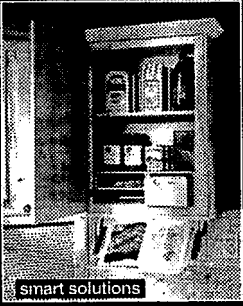
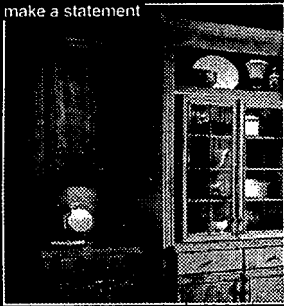
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Local man assaulted with claw hammer

BY JAMES MARTINEZ
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A Springfield Township man was arraigned on three assault charges on Feb. 19 after he allegedly hit a Clarkston man with a hammer several times.

George Michel Nadon, 48, allegedly struck his wife's ex-husband in the shoulder, neck and head with a claw hammer on Feb. 18 when the victim came to the address with questions about his daughter.

Nadon faces counts of assault with intent to do great bodily harm, felonious assault and aggravated assault.

According to police reports, the victim came to his ex-wife's house around 11:30 a.m. to find out where their mutual daughter was and to what doctor she is supposed to go.

The victim tried to call his ex-wife two times and hung up when Nadon answered her cell phone. The victim stated he attempted to leave a voice mail as was normal. Nadon stated in police reports the two men spoke on a third call and the victim allegedly asked Nadon about his anger management classes.

According to reports, the comment angered Nadon, who called the victim back several times as a prank.

The man came to his ex-wife's apartment on Bluewater near Dixie Highway when those efforts to reach her failed.

Reports indicate Nadon claimed to grabbed the hammer because the victim was quite bigger than him.

Nadon answered the door already holding the claw hammer and struck the victim. During the process, Nadon lost control of the hammer. After an unsuccessful attempt to grab the hammer, the victim fled to his van to retrieve his cell phone and call 911, state reports.

After police arrived, Nadon led them to the hammer on a pantry shelf.

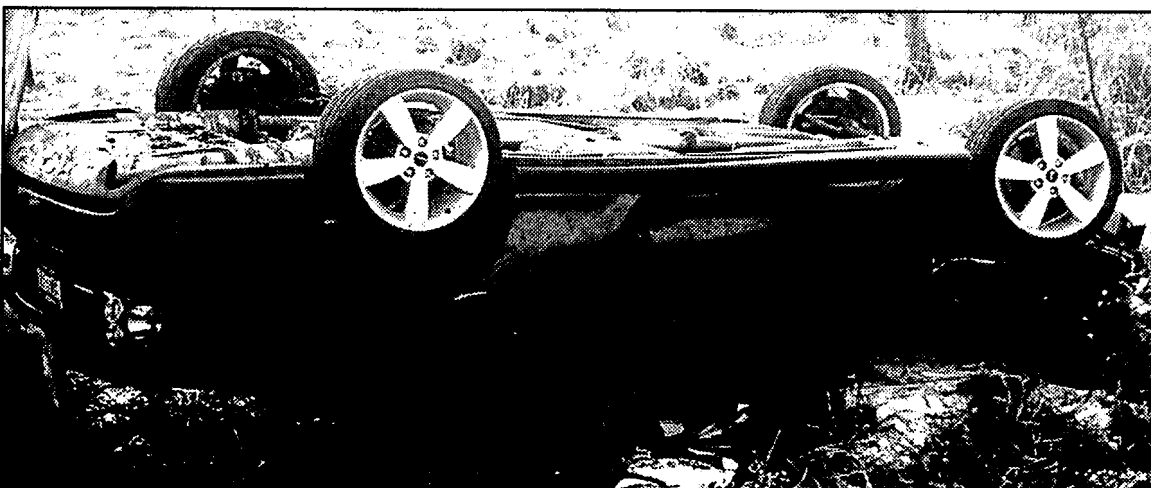
The victim was transported to Genesys Hospital in Grand Blanc and was told he had a closed head injury. Eight staples were needed to close his head wound, stated reports.

Nadon is schedule to appear in 52-2 District Court again on March 2 at 1:30 p.m. before Judge Kostin.



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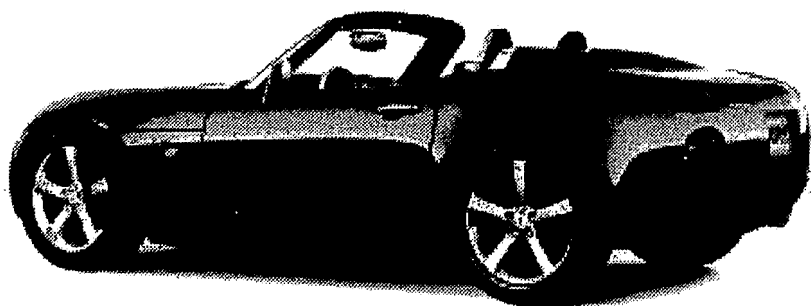
This truck, above, was involved in a two-car accident in Springfield Township on Feb. 22 around 8 a.m. According to police at the scene, this truck and a car (below) were driving eastbound on Davisburg Road when the car attempted to pass the truck causing both vehicles to leave the roadway. The car struck a telephone pole. The driver of the car was cited for reckless driving and no major injuries were reported. Photo by James Martinez



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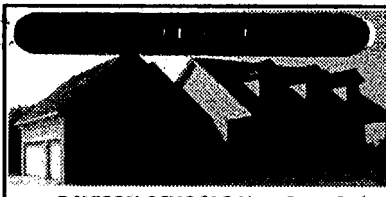
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Possible canine snatcher reported

Independence Township resident concerned about area dogs' safety

BY JAMES MARTINEZ
Clarkston News Staff Writer

One area resident wants all township dog owners to be warned — she thinks there is a professional dog snatcher in the area.

On two occasions last week, a Caberfae Trail resident, who asked not to be identified, reported to the Oakland County Sheriff's Department she believed a suspicious man tried to steal her golden retriever using a trained dog of his own.

"There's people who love their dogs as much as we love ours. I have nightmares about this type of thing. Thankfully, we don't leave our dog unattended," the Caberfae Trail resident said. "People need to know this is going on."

The woman said she saw the same man drive past her residence on Feb. 21 and Feb. 24 in a small silver car. On the first occasion the man parked his car up the road. In both cases the German shepherd appeared in the woman's driveway both times interacting with her dog.

The man then allegedly honked the car horn, in what the woman believes to be a pattern to get his dog to bring the other dog back to his car.

During the Feb. 21 incident, which occurred around 9:30 a.m., the woman grabbed the German shepherd by the collar to keep it away from her dog. Before she was able to read the dog's tags, the man reportedly stepped from the vehicle calling to the woman to release his dog.

"He began walking down the street towards me when I wouldn't let his dog go," said the woman. "I asked myself why would he ask me to let the dog go if (the dog) was running away."

"There was no fighting (between the dogs), that dog is very well trained."

In police reports, the man is described as a tall, thin white male with facial hair and a long winter coat. The woman estimated the man was about six foot tall.

The woman said the incidents fit in with a news broadcast she saw a few weeks ago about professional dog-napping rings in the Detroit area.

According to Sergeant Matt Baldes of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Independence Township substation, the case is being taken seriously, but there was no clear link to any such professional dog-napping ring or conclusive evidence the case was an attempted dog snatching.

"She didn't indicate whether she saw the dog run out of the car. There are many other reasonable explanations," said Baldes.

"Until we find the individual and determine his purpose in the area, we can't know. At this time, we don't think it's a dog napping ring."

On Feb. 9, a black lab leashed in a front yard on Snow Apple Drive was stolen between 2:50 and 3:09 p.m. as reported in the Police and Fire section of *The Clarkston News*' Feb. 15 edition. The male purebred was a former leader dog for the blind with approximately \$35,000 in training. The full cop log entry can be found on-line at www.clarkstonnews.com.

"At this point, there's nothing to put the two (cases) together," said Baldes when asked if he believed the case on Caberfae Trail was linked with the Snow Apple Drive dog-napping. "We will keep the (three reports) together in case a common denominator pops up."



Swap meet Sunday

Clarkston's Patrick Bean aims a 20-gauge shotgun for bird hunting and skeet shooting while shopping at a swap meet held by the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club on Feb. 26 from 10 a.m. — 4 p.m. Visitors could purchase, sell or trade guns, knives and other sports-related items during the event. According to OCSC member Art Miracle, who was in charge of the meet, the turnout was good with about 200 people perusing the 60 tables between 10 and 12 a.m. Miracle said this was the sixth time the club's held such a meet, which was originally started because members wanted a venue where they could buy and trade sports items. Photo by James Martinez

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"Our number one concern was the grandma's safety. At the time, we didn't know if she was in danger," said Baldes. "From there, we wanted to make sure he didn't hurt himself. That's part of our job sometimes, to protect people from themselves."

Reports indicated Undersheriff Mike McCabe began a dialogue with the suspect on his wife's cell phone. The suspect indicated he would exit the home if a friend of his from the Madison Heights Police Department came to the scene.

Baldes said the dialogue started with McCabe around 6:30 p.m. From around 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The Madison Heights police officer and an OCSO negotiator talked with Gardner until he agreed to leave the house. No major injuries were reported.

"It was a collaborative effort between Undersheriff McCabe, the sheriff's department negotiator and that personal friend of his. They were able to talk him into unloading and disassembling the rifle and come out peacefully," said Baldes. "The situation ended in a really good way."

When asked, Baldes explained the incident was not determined to be a hostage situation following an investigation. He also stated the grandma, who was in poor health, was unharmed and not aware of the situation.

According to reports, there were three other firearms in the house prior to the incident.

Leading up to the Feb. 20 incident, Laura had several problems with Gardner and the following suspicious circumstances:

- On Jan. 29, Gardner's wife filed a police report alleging Todd used her grandma's credit card to pay for a trip to North Carolina.

- As stated in reports, Gardner's wife found him on Feb. 2 going through the bedroom clothes drawers after using a coat hanger to allegedly break into the home. Gardner claimed to be looking for his own clothes on that instance.

- The Feb. 20 report also stated that sometime between Feb. 2 and Feb. 10, someone damaged the front door locks to the point they would not lock. She discovered the damage to the lock while having a locksmith out to change the locks because Gardner allegedly continued to call and harass her.

The reports indicate the wife obtained a personal protection order (P.P.O.) against Gardner on Feb. 15, but he was officially served the P.P.O.

Sergeant Baldes indicated the P.P.O. was served to Gardner, but he never appeared at the subsequent court date.

The wife also filed a police report on Feb. 17 after she discovered someone broke a window on a back door of the garage. Nothing was reported disturbed following the incident.

Raises

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The following is a listing of elected officials salaries before and after the three percent raises:

- Supervisor Wagner: from \$73,027 to \$75,217.81
- Treasurer Jim Wenger and Clerk VanderVeen: from \$65,199 to \$67,154.97
- Trustees (Dan Travis, Dan Kelly, Larry Rosso and Charles Dunn): to \$4,726.31 from \$4,588.65 annually.

The approving vote on elected officials salaries comes a month after the board voted to increase non-elected, non-union salaried employees pay. The amount of increase varied by employee, but most received four percent. For the full story, please go online to www.clarkstonnews.com and type in "salary."

Pete's

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or lunch and not have to worry about going into work or back to work smelling like smoke."

Shanks said there are other chamber member restaurants who are nonsmoking, but said the chamber does not encourage the companies to become so.

"Each restaurant needs to evaluate their own business and clientele, but we really do think this is where restaurants are going," said Shanks.

Pete's Coney Island II placed "Because we care..." signs on the tables notifying the customers of the change for the past month. The restaurant's new policy takes effect today, March 1.

Unicameral Michigan: eliminate state senate, save taxpayer money

BY ANDREW DUPONT
Clarkston News Staff Writer

If given the chance, would Michigan voters look at the state senate and say "you're fired?" Some people would like to know and are pushing to give voters that chance this November.

Unicameral Michigan, a grass-roots lobbying group based in Hastings, started a petition drive to place an initiative on the Nov. 2006 ballot that would, if approved by voters, eliminate the 38-member state senate.

The group has until July 4 to gather 317,000 signatures to place the initiative on the ballot.

Unicameral Michigan's Web site says the move to a unicameral (single-house) system would "save about \$50 million the first year, over current costs, and \$1 billion over 10 years."

The Web site also states that abolishing the senate would eliminate the current duplicity in Michigan, where the same areas are represented twice.

The third benefit touted by the group is an increase in government accountability, an idea that has some local residents throwing their support behind the petition drive.

Attorney Neil Wallace and Henry Woloson of Security Financial Management, Inc. both support the motion. Woloson actually pushed for a similar piece of legislation several years ago and has long researched the idea.

Woloson said supporting the change is not an anti-

government movement, but a push to make the state government more efficient. Wallace contacted Woloson about supporting the movement after he began collecting signatures a few weeks ago.

"I'm just a guy that believes in this," Wallace said, adding that as he continues to discuss the matter with more people, he is finding many who believe in the movement too. Wallace said nearly every person he has asked to sign the petition is enthusiastic and supportive of the motion and one person asked if he could help gather more signatures.

"Many of them are saying 'It's about time!'" he said.

Wallace supports the motion for several reasons, including the elimination of the conference committee, which works behind closed doors to resolve matters between the two houses. Wallace said he believes making these changes will prevent special interest groups from having significant influence over the legislature and create a more efficient state government.

Even though the changes may sound radical to some, Wallace said the issue will not drastically effect everyone the way some fear.

"I don't think people in their day-to-day lives would notice anything," Wallace said.

For more information on this continuing process, visit the Unicameral Michigan website at www.fire-the-senate.com

Meeting

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"I thought it was an ideal time to reach out to the banks and ask them if there was anything else we could do. We wanted to let them know we were concerned."

Assistant Vice President and Branch Manager Debbie Hansen of Oxford Bank on M-15 in Clarkston, welcomes the chance to share ideas.

"I think it's a good idea with the rash of robberies that have happened. It can't hurt to explore ways we can be more aware and reduce the number of robberies that have been happening," said Hansen.

Hansen thought one helpful outcome of the meeting could be a communication system set up between all area banks alerting them when a robbery has occurred in close proximity.

"We have about 19 banks in Independence Township located near major freeways. With the economy, people are desperate. We want law enforcement and banks to work closely for pre and post robbery situations," said Baldes, explaining about 90 percent of the banks were positive about the meeting.

Neither Baldes nor Wagner could provide a specific date for the meeting. Wagner said the FBI is invited to participate and the township and police are waiting for the FBI to get back with them about dates that may work.

According to Baldes, the meeting is a preventative measure meant to look into any security topic or concern the banks may want to discuss or share.

The forum was prompted by the robberies of Chase One Bank on Jan. 26 and of TCF Bank on Jan. 29, both of which are on Dixie Highway in Independence Township.

Antoine Desean Walker of Pontiac, 31, was arraigned on Jan. 27 on charges stemming from the Chase One Bank robbery. He was caught in Waterford following a cash that left two Oakland County Sheriff's patrol car damaged. Walker next appears at an exam in 52-2 District Court on March 3 at 10 a.m. continued from Feb. 24.

The suspect in the Jan. 29 robbery, seen on bank video surveillance in a disguise, is still at large.

Both men handed notes over to bank tellers instructing them to turn over money. Each man threatened the tellers suggesting he had a gun, but no evidence of a gun being involved in either instance were reported.



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Clarkston News Sports

Girls ski team sets new benchmark *Second place finish at state finals best in school history*



Hannah Wolf returns from the state finals with some hardware having finished second overall in the giant slalom and third in the slalom. Photos by Purcell

BY NOAH PURCELL
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Clarkston girls ski team blazed a new trail for "flatland" schools across the southern portion of the mitten as they skied their way to second place at the MHSAA state finals at Boyne Highlands on Feb. 27.

"We've done something that has never been done before," Clarkston Coach Mike Foyteck said.

Dating back to 1975, no girls team from below the thumb has ever finished higher than third place at the state meet. The Wolves finished third at the 2005 state finals.

Traverse City West won the 2006 Class A state championship with a combined score of 46. Clarkston followed with 85. Marquette took third place with 147, followed by Lake Orion (151) and Rockford (178).

"Traverse City West skied phenomenal, but they didn't run away from the field," Foyteck said.

On the day, Clarkston's best runs came in the giant slalom as Hannah Wolf took second overall. Wolf was followed by Maddy Dunn (eighth) Alyssa Vermeulen (ninth), Erica Halsey (16th) and Heather Baron (17th).

"They had a great day ... we skied as a team,"

Foyteck said.

In the slalom, Wolf led the way for Clarkston in the slalom as well, finishing in third place overall. Vermeulen took ninth in the slalom, followed by Halsey (20th), Dunn (30th) and Baron (36th).

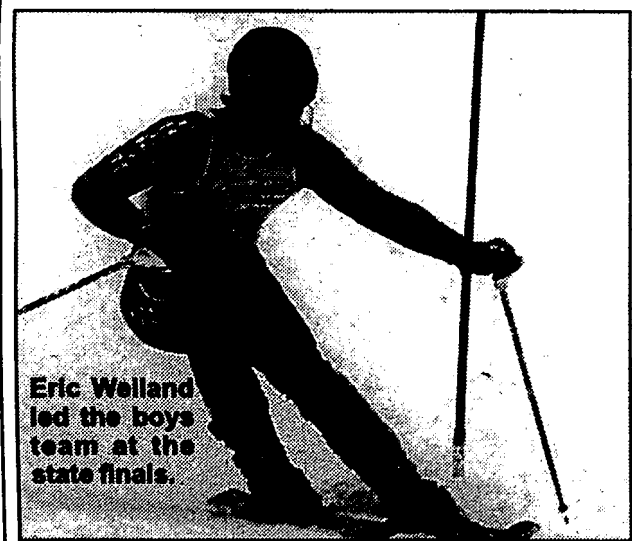
For Foyteck and the girls ski team, being state runner-up means there is some unfinished business to take care of next year.

"It was a sour but sweet finish," Foyteck said.

The Wolves should be well positioned to make a run next year as only Alyssa Vermeulen graduates this year.

"We're going to miss her (Vermeulen) alot, but we have six girls that would have pointed on another varsity team all year long competing for her spot," Foyteck said. "The girls haven't even touched what their potential is."

Lost in the hubbub surrounding their lofty finish at the state finals was the Clarkston's girls 10th straight regional championship on Feb. 22. The girls ski team also won the SEMSL meet on Feb. 23 before heading up to Traverse City to practice before the state finals.



Eric Weiland led the boys team at the state finals.

Boys peak at right time, 4th at states

After slumping to third place finishes at divisionals and the OAA championships, the Clarkston boys ski team pulled themselves together to win their fifth straight regional championship on Feb. 22. The regional title punched the Wolves ticket to the state finals on Feb. 27 at Boyne Highlands where they took fourth overall.

"They hadn't skied to their potential at times this season. But they focused in for the regional. They did what they should have been doing all along," Clarkston Coach Mike Foyteck said.

At the state finals Clarkston finished with 126 points overall. Marquette won the state championship with 61 points, followed by Traverse City West in second with

89 and Brother Rice with 121.5.

Eric Weiland led the way for the Wolves on the day, finishing in fourth place overall in the slalom and eighth in the giant slalom.

Additional scoring in the slalom was provided by Chris Bland who finished 16th, Cobie Bland (24th) and Brad Gale (39th). Following Weiland in the Giant Slalom were Cobie Bland (20th) Chris Bland (28th) and Scott Huber (31).

Like their counterparts on the girls team, Clarkston's boys team also won the SEMSL championship on Feb. 23.

— NOAH PURCELL



Athletes of the Week U.S.A. Eagles

On Feb. 12 at Lakeland Ice Arena four Clarkston youngsters helped their team, the U.S.A. Eagles win the District 4 Pee Wee Travel Hockey Championship, defeating Livonia 2-1. They are (left to right) defenseman Brian Ziola, right wing Brad Pizzey, left wing Luke Rodgers and defenseman Adam Johns. Ziola, Pizzey and Rodgers are sixth graders at Sashabaw Middle School. Johns is in the fifth grade at Andersonville Elementary. The Eagles are one of eight teams to qualify for the state championships held in Livonia, March 9-12. Photo provided



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Tough guys: Eight Clarkston wrestlers headed to states

BY NOAH PURCELL
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Though the name of the game is the individual state wrestling finals, Clarkston is sending a pack of Wolves to compete at the Palace of Auburn Hills, March 9-11.

Clarkston qualified eight wrestlers for the state finals on Feb. 25 at the Davison regional.

"Eight wrestlers making it to states, that's a good year," Clarkston Coach Joe DeGain said.

Senior Josh McAllister (171 pounds), junior Tommy Ellsworth (160) and junior Mike Maguire (119) are all making their second trips in a row to the state finals. Clarkston's other qualifiers are senior Mitch Miller (135), sophomore Bryant Craft (152), junior Colton Tweed (140), sophomore Adam Lauzen (160) and senior Steve Herron (275).

Eight qualifiers for the state finals is the highest total for Clarkston since 2003, when the Wolves sent 11 wrestlers. Last year four grapplers made the state finals. In 2004, five wrestlers reached states.

With a little over a week and a half to train, DeGain is focusing on preparing the qualifiers for the enormity of the state finals.

"I'm trying to get them mentally prepared. Wrestling at the Palace is a lot different than wrestling in a gym; the ceiling is so high and the lights are so bright," DeGain said.

Barring any mental blocks, DeGain is confident in his charges abilities.

"I think all eight guys have a chance to get on the podium. At this point of the

year a lot of the ability is the same. The only thing that makes a difference is the desire," DeGain said.

With three wrestlers returning to the state finals, DeGain hopes they can also help spread the word on what to expect at the big dance.

"It helps that they hear it from their teammates as well as from me," DeGain said.

Josh McAllister has already begun to draw on his experience as a state finalist last year.

"I don't think I will be as nervous. It's overwhelming being in that atmosphere," said McAllister, who along with Craft was crowned a regional champion over the weekend.

McAllister defeated Mike Billings of Waterford Kettering 7-6 to win the 171-

pound regional title.

Craft's impressive postseason continued at regionals as he added the 152-pound regional crown to individual titles won at districts and the OAA I meet. Craft defeated Waterford Kettering's Aron Bland at both regionals and districts.

Other top finishers for the Wolves included Maguire and Ellsworth who both took second place.



Steve Herron, Bryant Craft, Mitch Miller, Mike Maguire, Josh McAllister, Tommy Ellsworth, Colton Tweed and Adam Lauzen will take on the best the state has to offer at the wrestling finals at the Palace of Auburn Hills, March 9-11.
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Lyons and Rademacher help Wolves drain Lakers

BY NOAH PURCELL

Clarkston News Sports Writer

After Clarkston schooled West Bloomfield on the finer points of basketball in an 83-40 home win on Feb. 7, Clarkston Coach Dan Fife knew the Lakers would be looking forward to his team's visit on Feb. 24.

The Lakers and their fans might still have some residual bitterness though, as Clarkston escaped with a 65-56 win.

"It was a big win to beat West Bloomfield, especially with them beating Pontiac Northern and

(Southfield) Lathrup recently," junior center Bren Bergquist said.

In the teams' first matchup Bergquist staged himself a little coming out party, scoring a career high 26 points. The Lakers were bound and determined to not let the Clarkston big man burn them again.

"They really placed an emphasis on stopping Bergquist. He did an outstanding job of getting the ball to people for open shots," Fife said.

The Lakers also focused on shutting down senior Joe Moran, the Wolves leading scorer.

While Moran and Bergquist finished with four and six points respectively, their teammates took advantage of the open looks.

Off the bench Anrew Lyons scored 13 points, nailing three 3-pointers along the way.

"He's (Lyons) is getting more and more confident in what he's doing," Fife said.

With the ongoing injury problems of starting point guard John Kast, who was able to play sparingly against the Lakers, the emergence of Lyons and starter Rob Ronk have been invaluable to the Wolves this season.

Another player who stepped up his offensive game against West Bloomfield, and has done so in key stretches for the Wolves all season, was senior Joe Rademacher who registered a team high 16 points in the contest.

Last year, Rademacher's boundless energy and hustle earned him a role off the bench as a defensive stopper for the Wolves. Fife has been happy to see the lithe guards enthusiasm carry over to the offensive end of the floor.

"We need (Rademacher's scoring) because he uses his quickness to get shots that you don't have to draw up. He can create his own shot," Fife said.

Earlier in the week the usual suspects were filling up the scoring column as Clarkston beat Troy High on the road 75-52 on Feb. 22.

Moran had a game high 18 points in the win. Bergquist added 11.

Clarkston's last league game of the year at home against Avondale finished too late for this edition of *The Clarkston News*. Prior to the contest, the Wolves record

stood at 14-4 (7-3).

Clarkston host Southfield in their final regular season game of the year on March 3 before districts start on March 6.

"We just keep getting better going into districts," Bergquist said.

Clarkston has drawn Waterford Kettering in the first round of districts in a game to be played at 5:30 p.m. at Lake Orion. Should they advance the Wolves meet Lapeer East on March 8.

Though the overall talent in Clarkston's district is nowhere near what the Wolves have faced in the cuthroat OAA I this year, Fife wants his team to stay humble.

"When you play competitive sports you have to respect anyone you play and if you don't do that you deserve to lose," Fife said.

A possible district final on March 10 could pair Clarkston against Lake Orion and super sophomore Drew Maynard.



Andrew Lyons, seen here in action earlier in the year, was a force off the bench for the Wolves, scoring 13 points. Photo by Noah Purcell

What happened What's next

- **Basketball:** 2/21 Clarkston 75 Troy High 52; 2/24 Clarkston 65 West Bloomfield 56; 2/28 vs. Avondale Inc. Up next: 3/3 vs. Southfield; 3/6 Districts at Lake Orion vs. Waterford Kettering
- **Skating:** Girls: 2/22 first place at Regionals; 2/23 first place at SEMSL; 2/27 second place at State Finals. Boys: 2/22 first place at Regionals; 2/23 first place at SEMSL; 2/27 fourth place at State Finals.
- **Wrestling:** 2/25 Individual regionals: eight wrestlers advance to state finals. Up next: State Finals at Palace of Auburn Hills, 3/9-11
- **Volleyball:** 2/25 Andover Invitational, 2-2, 1 overall. Up next: 3/3 Districts at Stoney Creek.
- **Hockey:** 2/22 Brother Rice 3 Clarkston 2; 2/27 Pre-regional, St. Mary's 4 Clarkston 3.
- **Swimming:** 2/24 OAA DII finals, fifth place overall.

Kelly Ray Firby meet a chance for reflection

BY NOAH PURCELL

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The third annual CHS Power Lifting Meet in memory of Kelly Ray Firby is a time to cherish the memory of a young man who touched many people's lives.

Firby, a Clarkston High School student who died in a traffic crash on Nov. 28, 2003, is honored at the meet set for March 4 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the weight room of CHS.

"We would hope people remember the happy memories instead of remembering the sadness of his loss," said Kristen Bradish, mother of Kelly's son Jacob, who is almost two-years-old now.

The event was originally conceived to cherish Firby's memory, now, nearly three years from his death, the meet also serves to pass on his legacy.

"Kelly was one of those kids who would bust his

butt in the weight room. I looked up to him as a young kid," said junior Steve McIsaac, who holds two state weight lifting records and lifted with Firby. "It brings back good memories of him."

The event is also a fundraiser for the team. "Out of anything Kelly had ever done, he loved lifting weights and competing," said Bradish, "Knowing how much he loved (Powerlifting), it's important to me to see that it stays alive."

Usually a solitary sport, the meet will feature three-man teams of CHS students. The squads will compete for the best cumulative score in the dead lift, squat and bench press.

Donations 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 mfirmby@hotmail.com.



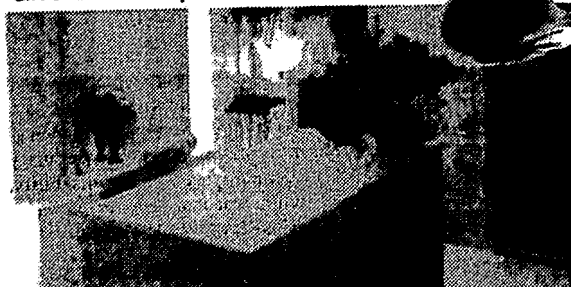
Steve McIsaac during last year's Kelly Ray Firby Memorial meet. Photo by Noah Purcell

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Icers Cinderella bid carried away by Eaglets in third period

BY NOAH PURCELL

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The sands of time do not flow evenly, an entire dune may not hold the same significance as a few grains in the grand scheme of things.

Over the course of two 15-minute periods and 10 minutes into the third period, Clarkston pushed the No.2 team in the state, Orchard Lake St. Mary's to the brink of elimination as the two teams met in a pre-regional qualifier on Feb. 27.

In the span of 25 seconds, St. Mary's wrested control of the game from the Wolves with two quick goals, giving the host team their eventual 4-3 margin of victory some four minutes later.

"We should of won the game. We gave it away," Clarkston Coach Bryan Krygier said.

With 6:47 remaining in the game and a 3-2 lead, Clarkston seemed to be in the catbird seat as the Eaglets' Shane Dwyer was sent to the penalty box for holding. But after a power play in which Clarkston failed to control the puck or spend any significant time in their opponent's zone, Dwyer's return to the ice was dramatic.

"That was my second penalty of the game and that one was a real stupid one. I just wanted to get out there and finish the game," Dwyer said.

On his first shift out of penalty box, Dwyer feathered a drop pass to Kristian Dziubinski who unleashed a one-timer from the left circle to knot the game 3-3 with 4:25 remaining in the third period.

Dwyer's work was not done however, as he scored a goal of his own 25 seconds later, tucking a wrap around into the net for the eventual game winner.

"It was a game of who made the least amount of mistakes. I thought we made the least going into the third period, but we made too many in the third period and when you do that against a good team they will score on you," Krygier said.

After a spirited, yet scoreless first period, the Wolves were the team capitalizing on their opponents mistakes in a

fruitful second period.

"They came out and played a well-disciplined style and put us on our heels," St. Mary's Coach Brian Klanow said.

At 3:57 of the second period senior Kyle Chartrand intercepted a puck while forechecking, bullied around a defender and slid a back hand shot along the ice and through the five-hole of St. Mary's goalie to make the score 1-0 in Clarkston's favor.

Less than a minute later another stern forecheck, this time by senior Maverick Erickson caused the puck to trickle onto senior Kyle Cummings' stick, who promptly deposited the rubber disc into the net high on the stick side. Erickson was given an assist on the goal.

St. Mary's rallied late in the second period as Billy Balent scored a power play goal after a wild carom in front of the net following a shot by James Watts. The Eaglets' Dan Stanisiz also assisted on Balent's goal.

St. Mary's then tied the score with 3:23 remaining in the game as Brandon Kozlowski subtly deflected a shot from the point by Clinton Bourbonais. Stanisiz also earned a secondary assist on Kozlowski's goal.

Not to be outdone, Clarkston ended the second period on an uptick as senior Shane O'Toole crashed the net and bullied the puck past the goal line to give the Wolves a 3-2 lead with 1:23 remaining before the break. Junior Taylor Turner and Cummings assisted on O'Toole's goal.

"We played with good effort and heart. We were proud of them," Krygier said.

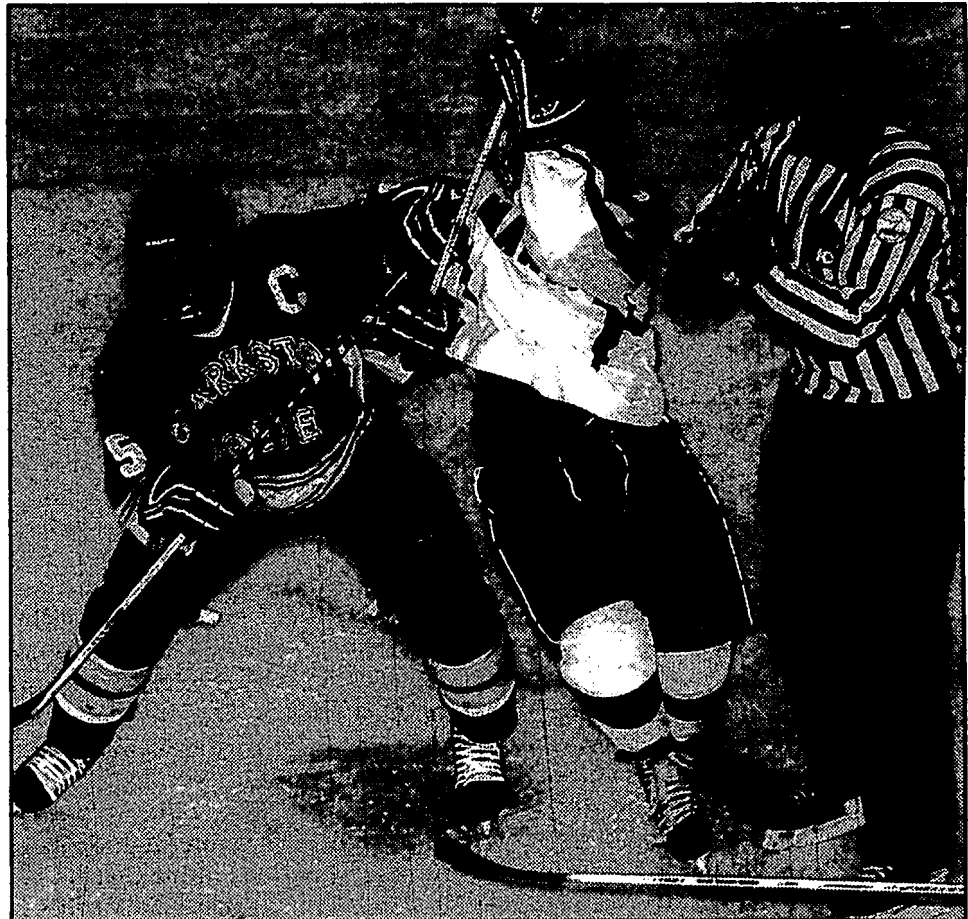
Clarkston finishes the season with a 12-12-1 (9-4-1) record.

Much like last year when the Wolves graduated 11 seniors, Clarkston will have to fill the gap left by 12 departing players this year.

Unlike last year, in which Clarkston's entire roster was junior and seniors, Clarkston could return four sophomores, two freshman and six juniors from this year's team.



Matt Prasil puts a shot on net near the end of Clarkston's 4-3 loss to Orchard Lake St. Mary's. Photo by Noah Purcell



(Right) Kyle Cummings had a goal and an assist against No. 2 St. Mary's. Photo by Noah Purcell

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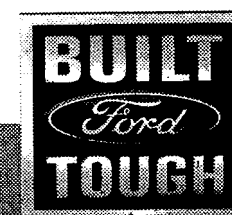
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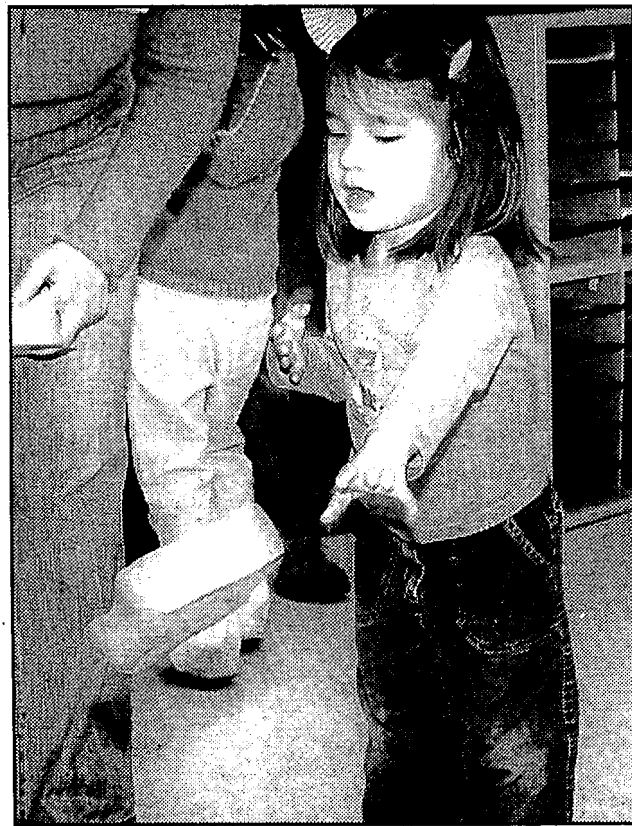
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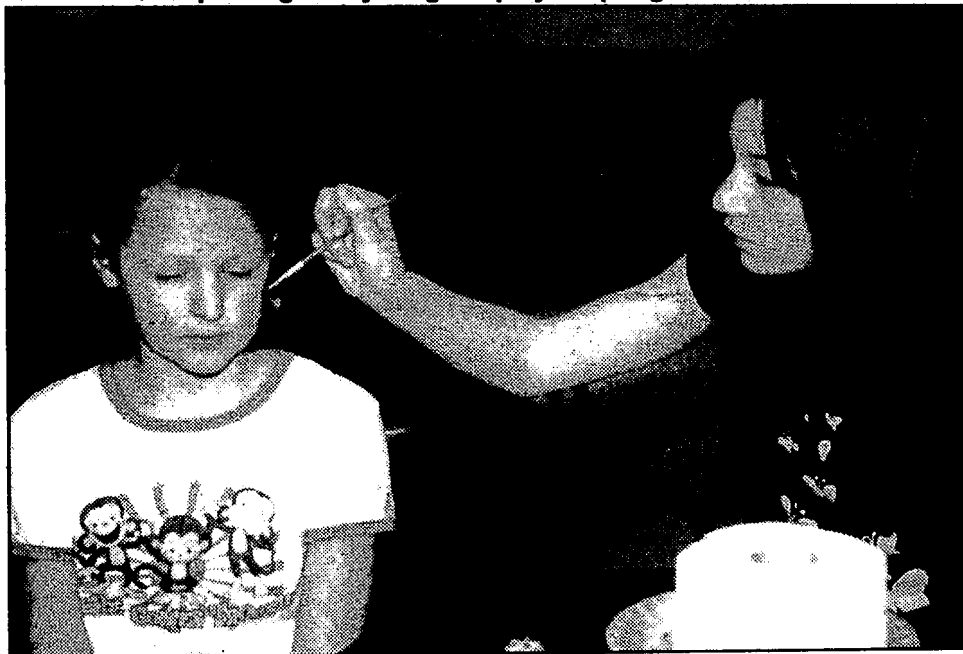
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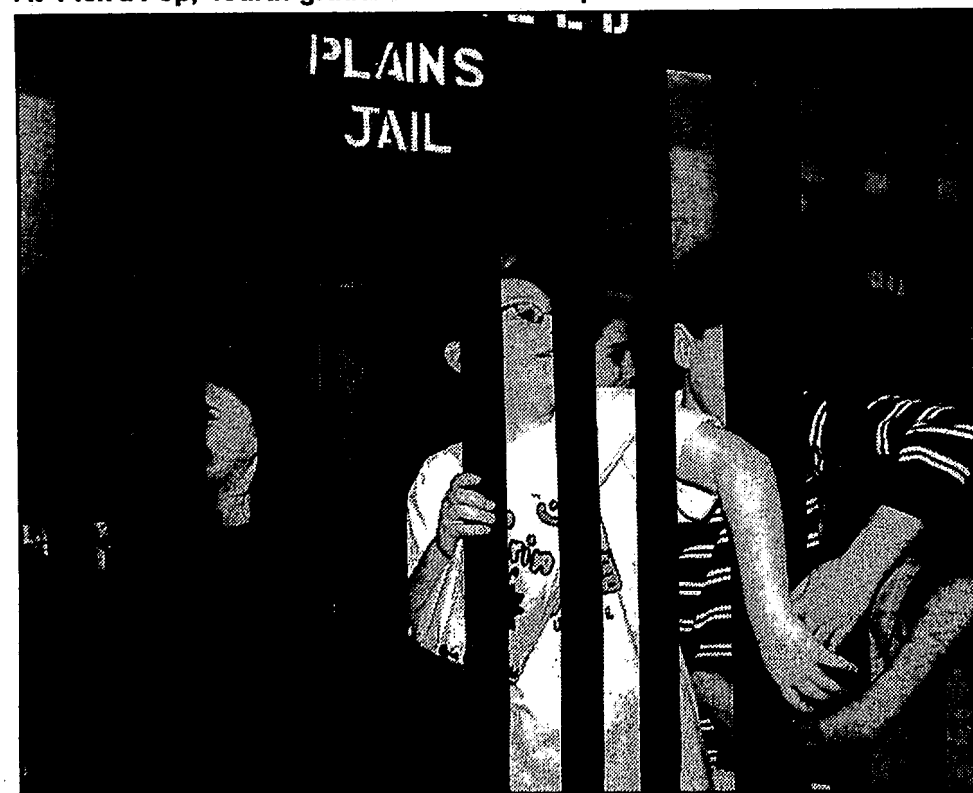
A youngster plays "Sponge Toss."



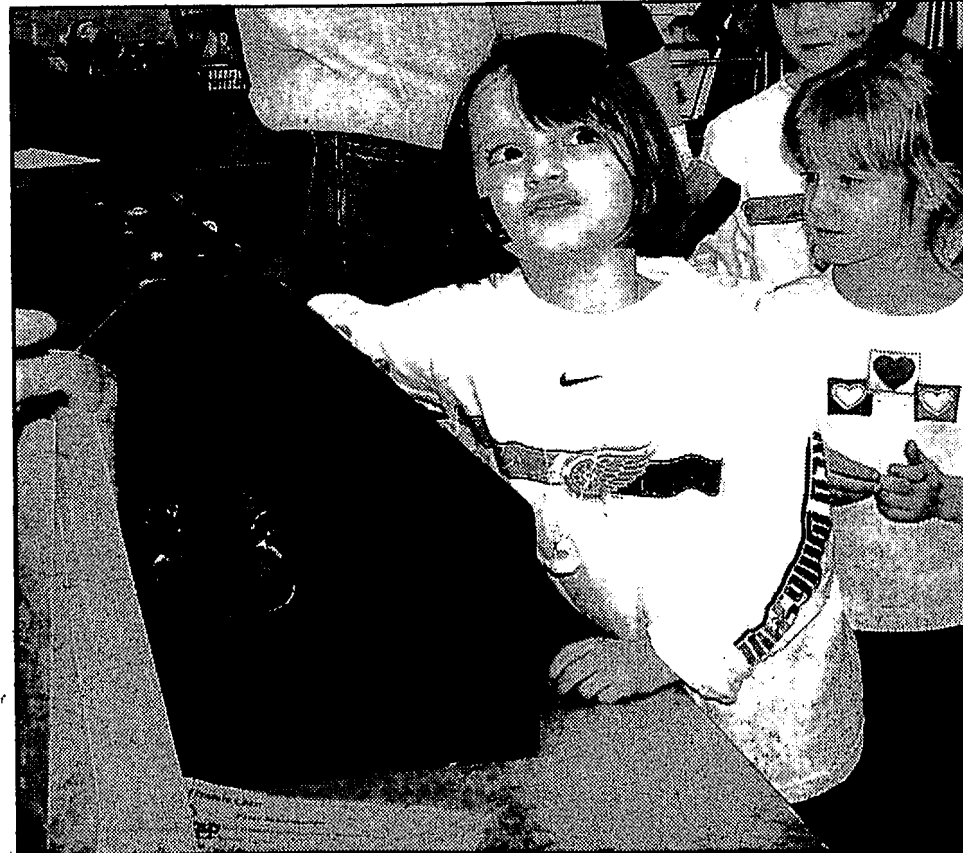
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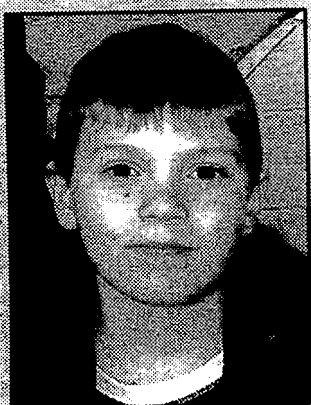
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BY ANDREW DUPONT
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Chris Turner would tell you not to credit him with the amazing results of Independence Elementary's Serving Our Community Kids Style (SOCKS) program.

Instead, he would tell you about how much work the parents and teachers do to make SOCKS day a success each year.

Others would say he is being modest, that the principal's role is vital to the program and that he keeps everything running smoothly.

The Michigan Community Service Commission agrees with those who think Turner's work made a large impact. They recently awarded him the 2006 Outstanding Service-Learning Administrator Award.

SOCKS started two years ago at Independence as a way to incorporate community service into the student's curriculum. One day a year, every class in the school works on various projects to benefit the community.

"The nice thing about that program is that we tie what the children are doing for service to the curriculum benchmarks for their subject area," Turner said. "For example... our fourth graders make blankets and donate them to Beaumont Hospital to give to patients in the intensive care unit and they tie that to their math."

Whether they're making fleece blankets to donate to local hospitals or visiting senior citizens, every student takes an active role in helping those around them. The program worked so well, that the MCSC took notice quickly.

"When the people from the Michigan Community Service Commission came to visit the SOCKS program, they were very impressed with the whole attitude of the school in terms of its relationships with the community and community service," said Dave Reschke, deputy superintendent for Clarkston Schools. "I felt that Chris had done a lot as principal to set that environment up at the school, so I nominated him."

The MCSC agreed that Turner's work



Chris Turner, principal of Independence Elementary, was recently awarded the 2006 Outstanding Service-Learning Administrator Award by the Michigan Community Service Commission. Photo by Andrew DuPont

meant a lot, and awarded him on Feb. 16 at a ceremony in Flint.

"The SOCKS program is outstanding and it wouldn't have happened in that school without Chris's support... so we're proud of Chris," Reschke said.

Though he started as a teacher in Ferndale, Turner has been a principal for the last 15 years, and 12 of them are in the Clarkston School district. He started as principal of Bailey Lake Elementary, but moved after Independence Elementary opened seven years ago.

Turner liked the idea of the SOCKS program because it allowed students to see how much of a difference they could make by

experiencing the impact first hand.

"It's taking that service project and taking it to the next step of seeing the results, not just putting money in a jar and not knowing what happened," Turner said.

Turner likes to give credit for the SOCKS program to parent Kim Viazamko, who became the chairperson for SOCKS.

"Frankly, Kim is the one who makes SOCKS day happen. I'm the one who says go for it," Turner said. "It's really a group effort, and it's spearheaded by Kim and a number of parent volunteers who do all the work."

"Chris is a little modest about his involvement in this," said Viazamko. "Truly, he is in charge of everybody and everything that transpires in this school and he holds a great deal of respectability. We have, on average, 750 people all working at the same time on the same day, so it was a leap of faith a little bit to put that in the hands of parents and he's involved with every step."

Viazamko said she was not surprised when Turner won because she sees how

'If we can provide that environment for them to be involved in the service projects that are tied to curriculum that does makes a difference and they know that because they see it... then we've really fulfilled a very important need.'

— Chris Turner

Principal, Independence Elementary

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

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

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The deadline to sign up is March 2

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Church ministry focuses on including special need kids

BY JAMES MARTINEZ
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Several years ago, Terri Miller watched a young girl stop coming to nursery at Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church (CELC) because she needed a level of supervision the church's children's ministry could not provide.

In the fall of 2004, Miller received a phone call from the father of an autistic boy who wanted to know if the church had a program during services to accommodate his son.

"My heart and whole body was shaking because I had no experience (or program) for that type of thing, but I knew God was pushing me to do it," said Miller, who said yes to the phone call.

In response to those incidents, Miller, the Director of Children's Ministry at CELC, teamed up with several other volunteers from the congregation to form a ministry for those exceptional children and their family in Dec. 2004.

Currently, the Special Friends Inclusion Ministry (SFIM) provides one-on-one companionship for three to five special needs children age fifth grade and lower. Older children will be accommodated if they sign up. The volunteers work to include the children in the normal Sunday school activities enjoyed by about 80 other children while their parents are at service.

Prior to the Sunday lesson, the special needs children can participate at ac-

tivity centers featuring a variety of games and activities. The program often includes skits and other large group instruction.

"We knew there are a lot of people unchurched who have a special needs person in their family and that may prevent them from coming," said Miller.

This past summer, the group of approximately seven volunteers tested SFIM at Calvary's Vacation Bible School, learning what issues needed to be addressed before starting the program on Sundays.

The SFIM program starts at 9:32.5 a.m., prior to CELC's 9:45 a.m. Sunday service. The start time allows parents to drop off their children and avoid missing any part of worship. Parents are provided pagers so they can be reached if a problem arises while at service.

The unique start time has special significance to the volunteers. The number refers to an AM radio station WLUke at 932.5 and the Bible's Luke 9:32.5. Miller explained the scripture passage discusses when the disciples awoke to "Jesus in all His glory."

"We want people to wake up on a Sunday and feel that desire to get here and not have any excuse," said Miller.

"The last thing we want is a parent staying home because (his or her) child has a handicap," said SFIM volunteer Lyn Grose.

According to Miller, the program is funded by items donated from the com-



Jayne Bannister, Terri Miller and Lyn Gross, three of the key volunteers to Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church's "Special Friends Inclusion Ministry," sit in an area set up for skits. The program is designed to include special needs children in Sunday programs at the church while their parents attend service. Photo by James Martinez

munity (the pagers) and congregation, as well as a grant received in 2005 from the Mt. Zion Church Foundation of Troy. Dedicated volunteers and their time are the most valuable commodity needed to run the program, said Miller, who pointed out the group is still looking for more volunteers.

In the future, the SFIM volunteers hope to add children with special needs grades 6-12 to the Sunday program. They also want to offer SFIM services at the 7 p.m. program on Wednesdays, but have not had children sign up for those services.

"Part of the future goal is to connect with parents and siblings to provide emo-

tional support," said Jayne Bannister, a volunteer, church member and special education teacher at Springfield Plains Elementary School. "Special needs children require sacrifices, but within those sacrifices are the blessings."

Those interested in volunteering or enrolling their special needs child should call CELC at 248-625-3288 ext. 216. or goodnews@calvary-lutheran.org.

(Note: There is a process to setting up a child with a volunteer, parents are to call ahead and complete that process before dropping off their children. CELC is located at 6805 Bluegrass Drive in Independence Township.)

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Milestones

Meet Brendan Andrew



Announcing the birth of Brendan Andrew Berry.

Brendan was born on December 12, 2005 to Kim and Ted Berry, new residents of Clarkston. Brendan weighed four pounds, two ounces and measured 18 inches long.

He was welcomed home by big sister Ellie and big brother Jack, grandparents Dave and Paula Berry of Birmingham, grandparents Charlene and Dennis Cook of Erie, Pennsylvania and many aunts uncles and cousins!

Welcome Samantha Geohegan

Paul and Kerry Carpentier, of Clarkston, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Samantha Geohegan.

Samantha was born in Grosse Pointe on September 25, 2005. She weighed eight pounds, nine ounces and measured 20 inches.

Samantha was welcomed home by two-year-old big sister Madison.

Proud grandparents are Carol and Tom Carpentier of Holly, John and Linda Bruce of St. Clair Shores, and Maureen and Richard Vreeland of Freeport, Florida. Samantha's great-grandmother is Bernadette Carpentier of Cadyville, New York; and her godparents are Kent Walker of Corona, California and Sylvia Popouski of Clinton Township.

Stiles-Dasuqi to wed

On December 25, 2005 on the Mainer of the Seas Royal Caribbean Cruise Line, Ahdi knelt down on the grand staircase and asked his girlfriend of a year and nine months to marry him.

Current residents of Clarkston, Ahdi Najib Dasuqi II, son of Ahdi N. Dasuqi and Jean C. Dasuqi of Clarkston, and Carrie Leigh-Ann Stiles, daughter of Peggy L. Stiles of White Lake, are looking to marry in September of 2007.

Carrie was born in Kaufman, Texas

and graduated from Walled Lake Western High School in 2000.

Ahdi was born in Lansing and graduated from Clarkston High School in 1998.

Ahdi and Carrie met attending Oakland Community College and later realized they were working for the same company.

Currently, they are both acting assistant directors at Lil' Peoples' Place one and two.

Students achieve success

Jessica Schmansky of Clarkston and Barbara Despina of Springfield were named to the 2005 fall semester Dean's List for Olivet College.

The following students from Clarkston earned a spot on the Dean's List for the fall semester from Schoolcraft College: Yolande Arnold, Matt Paul Mathiak, and Jessica J. Whetstone.

Brian Bigger, of Clarkston, was named to the fall 2005 Dean's List at Spring Arbor University.

Bigger is a sophomore studying Worship Arts. He is the son of John and Diana Bigger.

Michael Danbert Claus, a junior at DePauw University, was named to the Dean's List for the 2005 fall semester.

Claus is a resident of Clarkston.

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Religion

What am I doing for Lent?

Did you notice the birds singing a little more lately? The snow is melting and the sun comes out just a bit more often. The days are getting longer and a little brighter. Nature is preparing for renewal.

Fittingly, it is also time for our spiritual renewal. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday (March 1). That is the day when some Christians walk around with black blotches on their foreheads. In many churches, ministers (priest or lay person) apply ashes on the foreheads of those who approach them, with the words "Repent, and turn to the Gospel." It's enrollment time for the 40-day Lenten renewal.

Just as Jesus fasted and prayed for 40 days in the desert and rejected temptations, we also try discarding the sinful tendencies that took hold in our lives. The ashes we put on are from the palms of the previous year. Back then, we entered the church on Palm Sunday with fresh, green palms. Now those palms are dry and shriveled up, like many of the good intentions we had. It is time for a house cleaning. The ashes from the last year's palms symbolize our need for renewal.

Psychologists say that in order to change behavior, we need to replace negative habits with new positive actions for at least 21 days. It takes time to change habits. We need to establish a new routine. Lent gives us 40 days to do so. The word "repent" means "turn." Lent challenges us to turn from selfish and unloving ways to loving, caring actions that image God's love.

After all, we all are created in God's image. We just keep missing the mark when it comes to imaging God's love to others.

One such positive action could be to just do with less during Lent. The Gospel call is to use only what we need and to share the rest. We all need food, clothing and shelter. But do we need three course meals, the newest style in clothing and luxuries? Lent is a time to reorder our priorities.

The purpose of giving something up for Lent is to find out what we can "move out of" in order to move closer into God's way. For example, fasting from excessive television will free up time for prayer. Saying no to a fancy meal will free up money for a charity. Sharing our excess with the poor may give us a greater appreciation for what we have.

The 40 days of Lent do not include Sundays. If you gave up chocolate for Lent, you can eat it on Sunday. Sundays are "little Easters." We do not fast on Easter. All the Lenten sacrifices are supposed to prepare us to fully enjoy (and not just take for granted) the Easter feast, which is the celebration of Christ's resurrection and his presence with us.

"Can the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as the bridegroom is with them they cannot fast. But the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them and then they will fast on that day." (Mark 2:19-20)

During Lent, we recall Jesus' suffering and death. We remember that he was taken away. When Easter comes, however, we celebrate that Jesus is still with us. Doing with less during Lent can help us appreciate the gift of Easter. (Frieda Arpoika is Director of Faith Formation at St. Daniel Catholic Church.)

Spiritual Matters



Frieda Arpoika

In our churches...

St. Daniel Catholic Church is hosting "Spiritual Direction Retreat" starting now until a closing meeting on April 2. 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.

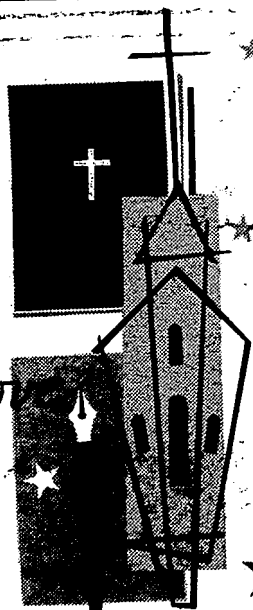
St. Daniel Catholic Church's Ash Wednesday services on March 1 are as follows: Mass with ashes at 8:30 a.m., service with ashes at 12:15 p.m. and Mass with ashes at 7:30 p.m. Bring your old palms to be burned at the door before the evening service. St. Daniel Catholic Church is located at 7010 Valley Park.

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

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Church Directory



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6805 Bluegrass Drive, Clarkston
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625-3288

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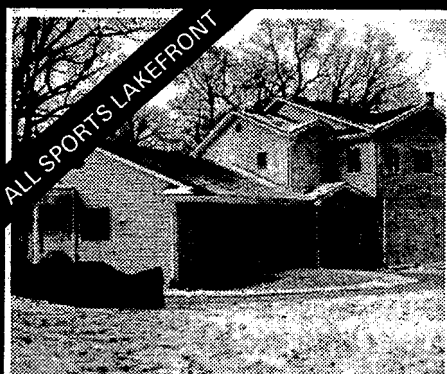
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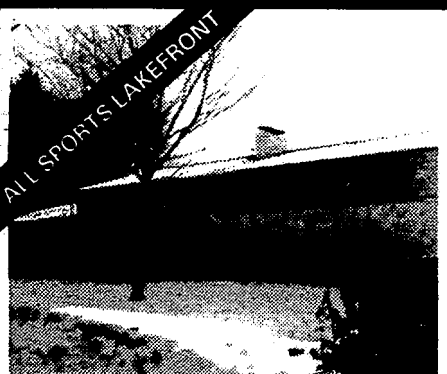
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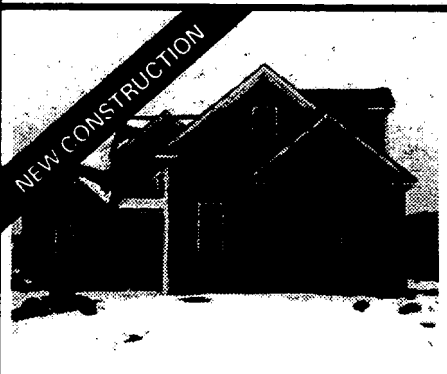
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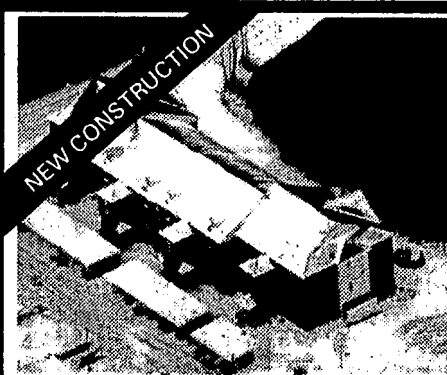
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John L. Zimmerman

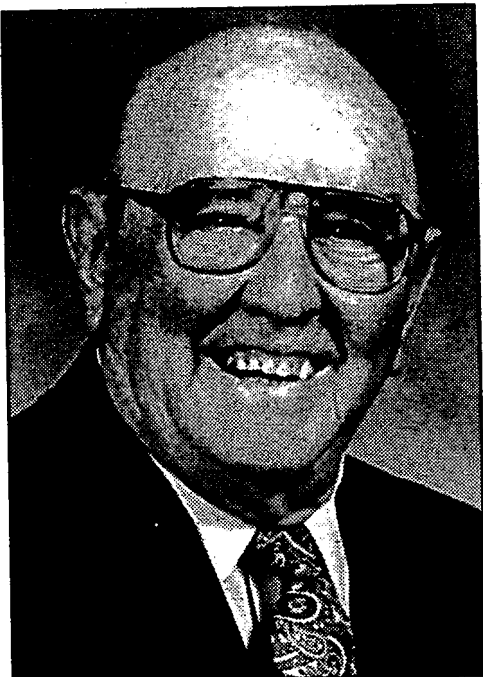
John L. Zimmerman, of Waterford, formerly of Clarkston and Detroit, passed away on February 20, 2006. He was 95 years old.

Mr. Zimmerman was the husband of Myrtice for 64 years; father of Kathryn (Dr. Bruce) Harlton of Clarkston; and devoted grandfather of Matthew (Marita Mincy) Harlton, Stephen Harlton, Elizabeth (Christopher) Pesola.

Mr. Zimmerman served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He volunteered with the Shriners and was a loyal employee for Sunoco as a sales representative.

A funeral service was held on February 26, 2006 at Canterbury on the Lake St. Luke's Chapel in Waterford. Private burial ceremonies in Lakeview Cemetery. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Shriner's Hospital. Online guestbook available at www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Patricia Anne Rehfus

Patricia Anne Rehfus, of Clarkston, formerly of Walled Lake, passed away on February 23, 2006.

Mrs. Rehfus was the wife of Joe; mother of Janet (Mark) Pelfresne of Nunica, Barbara (Tim) Haskell of Lapeer, Brian Ellico of Pontiac and Bob (Laura) Ellico of L'Ance; step-mother of Tammy (Tim) Taylor of Dryden and Shari (Brian) Hanna of Lake Orion; grandmother of Alexandra, Joey, Nickolas, Andrew, Megan, Brooke and Shane; and sister of Norman (Judy) Schmanski, Beatrice (Larry) Peyser, John (Norma) Schmanski.

She was preceded in death by her parents Eugene and

Beatrice, and her sister Margaret Pfahlert.

Mrs. Rehfus worked for Chrysler years ago. She previously worked for Oakland Office Machines and more recently as a secretary for Michael Sherwood Computer Sales and Service.

A Funeral Mass was held at St. Daniel Catholic Church. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation or the American Heart Association.

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Christina A. Moore



Christina A. "Chris" Moore, of Waterford, formerly of Clarkston, passed away on February 19, 2006 at the age of 45.

Mrs. Moore was the mother of Jeremy, Jessica and Jonathan; grandmother of Jordyn and Jeran; daughter of Jack and Josephine Tingler; niece of Ruth Sadoway; and former wife of John Moore. She is also survived by two sisters and two brothers.

A funeral service was held on February 23, 2006 at 10 a.m. at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home. Burial ceremonies took place in Davisburg Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the family. An online guestbook is available at www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Erik C. Engelhard

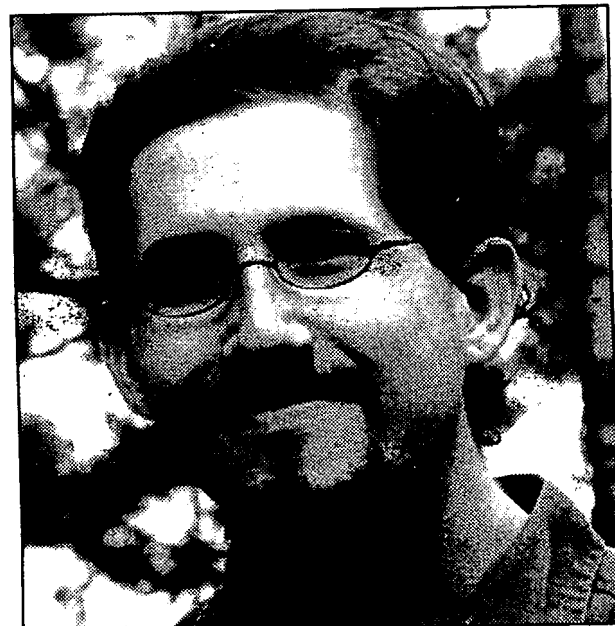
Erik C. Engelhard, of Clarkston, passed away on February 18, 2006. He was 26.

Mr. Engelhard was preceded in death by his father Richard. He was the son of Carol Engelhard of Florida; and brother of Brian and Kira, both of Clarkston.

Mr. Engelhard worked with autistic children at Clarkston Schools and was a member of Genesis The Church in Royal Oak.

A funeral service was held on February 25, 2006 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home. Burial ceremonies in Island View Cemetery, Goodhart. Memorials may be made to Unlocking Autism.

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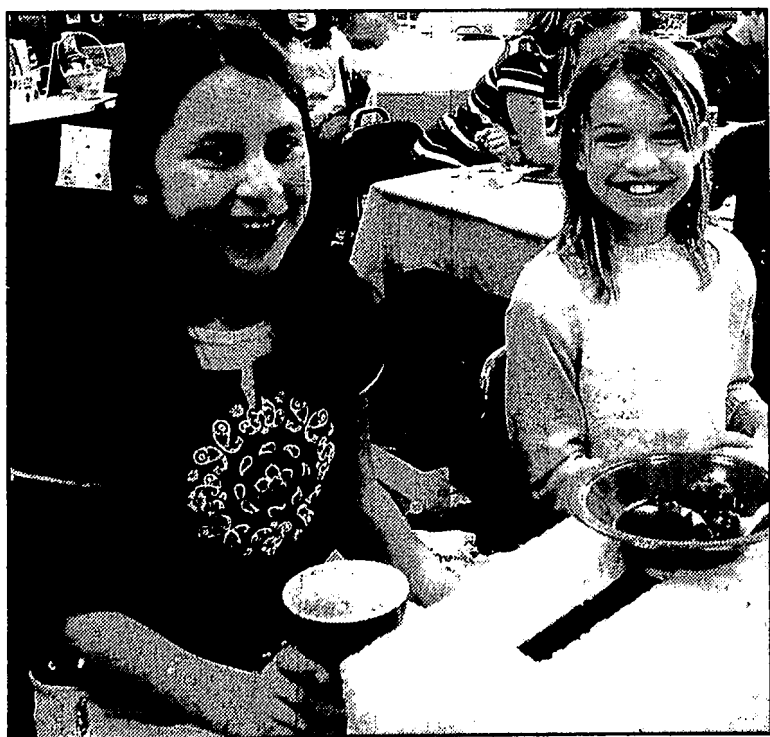
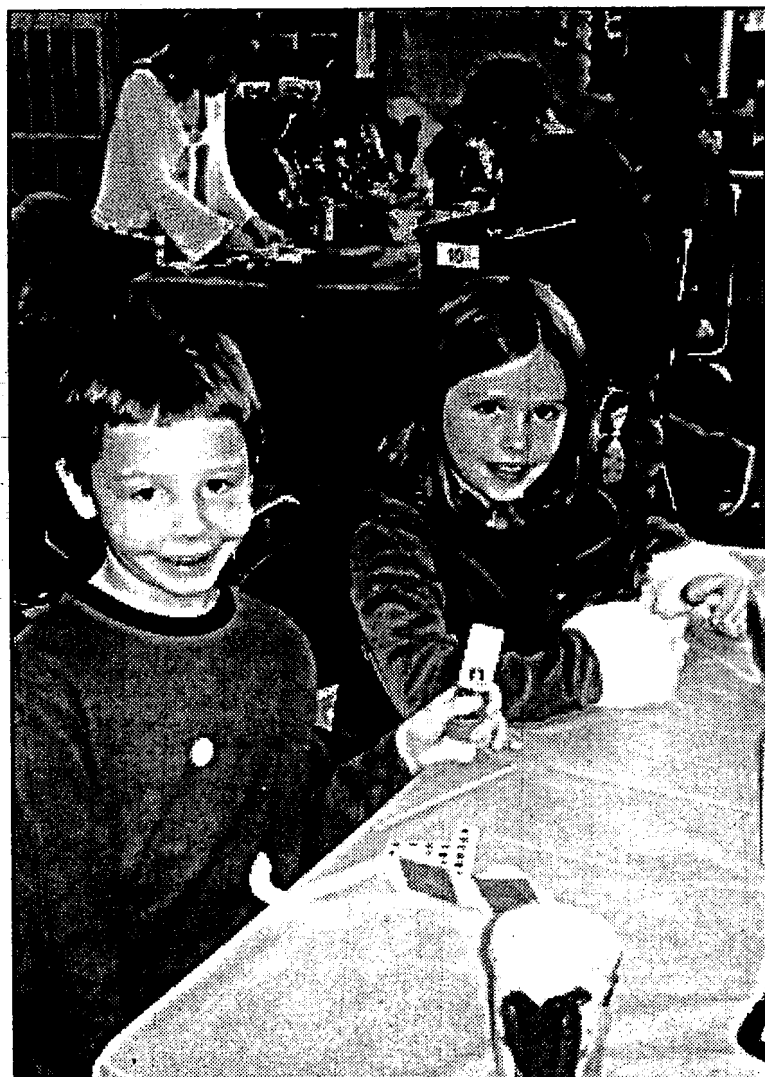
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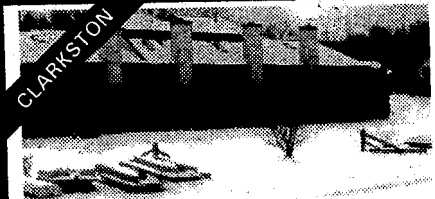


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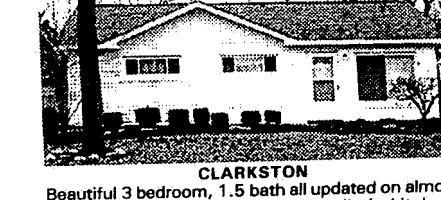
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Deposit is \$400 per person with \$600 due by April 10 and the balance due on June 15.

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

There's so much happening at Independence 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 specially designed for children ages three to five and feature crafts, games and pictures.

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

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

- 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.

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.

The deadline for applications is March 31.

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

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signment. 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.

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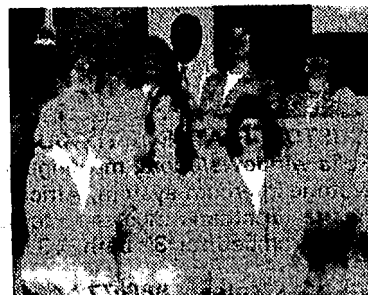
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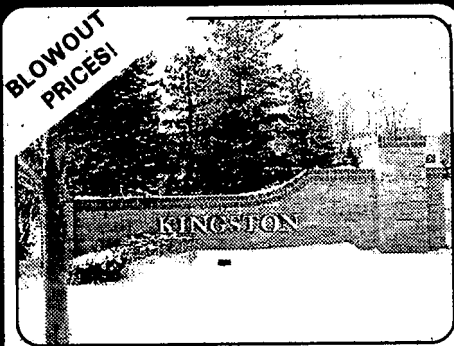
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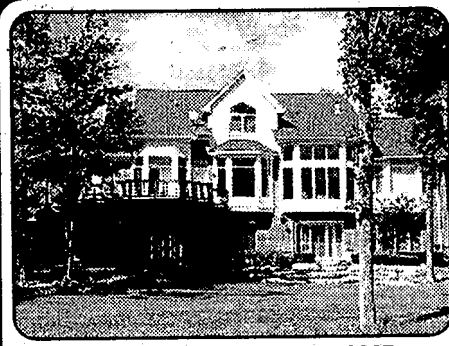
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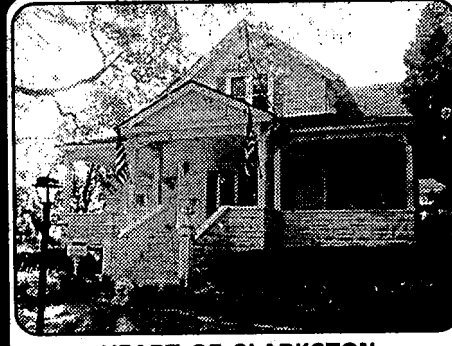
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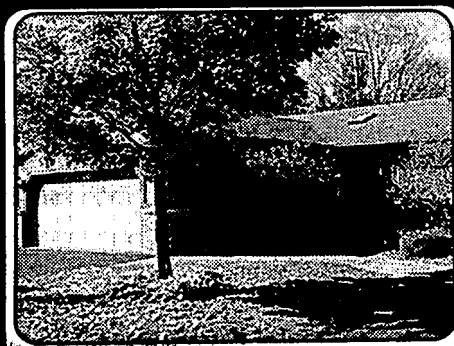
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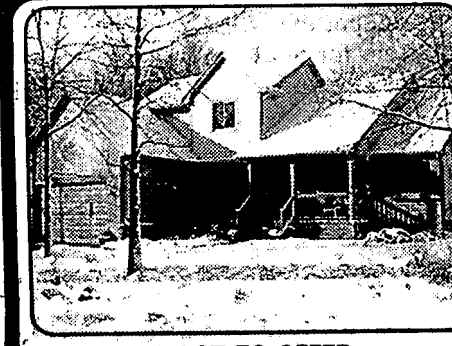
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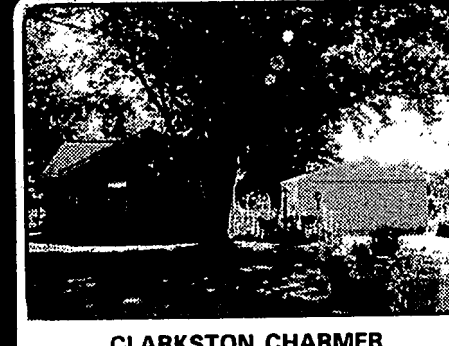
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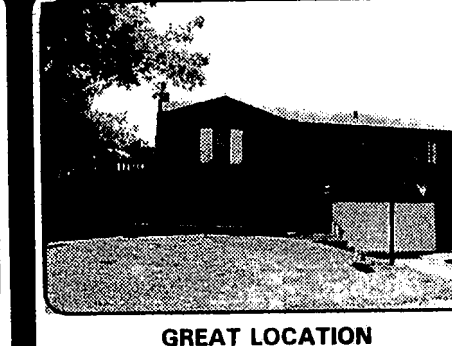
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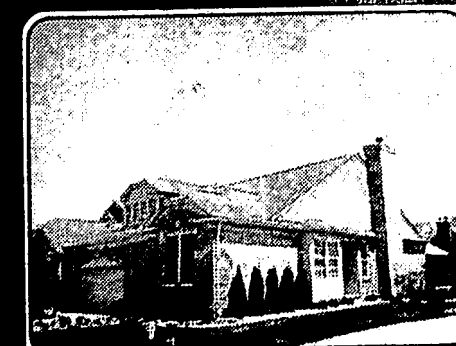
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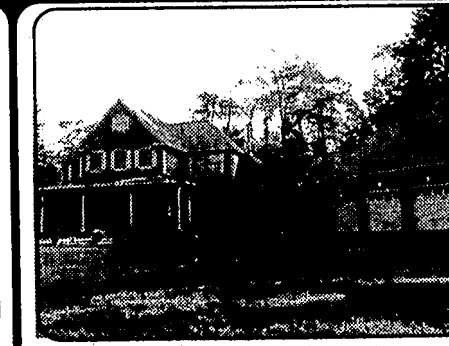
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Obituaries

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Richard Urbain

Richard Allen Urbain, of Clarkston, formerly of Saginaw, passed away after a battle with cancer on February 24, 2006. He was 51 years old.

Mr. Urbain was the husband of Linda; father of Molly; stepfather of Michelle (Chris) White of Brighton and Meagen Schroeder of California; grandfather of Aiden White; son of Darlene (the late Henry) Saginaw; brother of Cindy (Ed) Swinton of Saginaw; son-in-law of Robert and Lois Graham of Saginaw; and brother-in-law of Lori (Terry) Schroeder of Bloomfield Hills, the late Robert (Vicki) Graham of Swartz Creek and Scott (Nicole) Graham of Clarkston.

Mr. Urbain was employed at General Motors, most recently at the Proving Grounds, Milford, then Powertrain Headquarters, Pontiac for 28 years.

He was an avid collector, car enthusiast, sports fan and volunteered with many community organizations in Clarkston.

A prayer service is scheduled for



March 1, 2006 at 4:30 p.m. at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home. Friends may visit that day from 3-9 p.m.

A Funeral Mass is scheduled for 10 a.m. on March 2, 2006 at St. Daniel Catholic Church. A graveside service will follow at 2:30 p.m. in Roselawn Cemetery, Saginaw.

Any donations to the family will be used for Molly's future education. An online guestbook is available at www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Russell L. Simonson, Sr.

Russell L. Simonson, Sr., of Clarkston, passed away on February 25, 2006 at the age of 88.

Mr. Simonson was preceded in death by his wife Edith and son Daniel. He was the father of Jeanne (the late Bob) Whaley of Oscoda, Mary (Keith) Makowske of Florida and Russ Jr. (Jeanne) of Clarkston.

He is also survived by nine grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Mr. Simonson was the brother of Margie (Ora) Rostad of Colorado and Fred (Annette) Simonson of Oregon.

Mr. Simonson owned and operated Simonson Machine Co. He formerly was head of sales at Superior Machine, Detroit. Mr. Simonson was a local wood craftsman and enjoyed golfing.

A memorial service was held on February 28, 2006 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association. Online guestbook at www.wintfuneralhome.com.



In Our Churches

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held at Davisburg Elementary School on 12003 Davisburg Road.

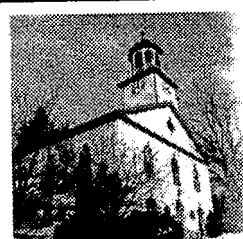
St. Daniel Catholic Church hosts several events in March. Scripture study is on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and evening prayer at 7 p.m., followed by brief presentations on the passion stories of the four Gospels. On Wednesdays, dinner at 6 p.m. followed by presentations/discussions for adults and learning activities on same theme for children. Presentation topics are as follows: *Sin and Grace* (March 8), *Prayer* (March 15), *What is Church?* (March 22) and *Teens present* (March 29). On March 25, there is a **Spaghetti Dinner** at 6 p.m. following mass. Ms. Barbara Lubinski, the Director of Precious Children Respite Home in Davisburg, is guest speaker. St. Daniel Catholic Church is located at 7010 Valley Park. For more info call 248-625-4580.

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 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 248-625-1323.

Keith Cooper, virtuoso guitarist and composer, in concert at Clarkston Community Church on April 30 at 6 p.m. A love offering will be taken at the concert. Clarkston Community Church is located at 6300 Clarkston Road. For more info call 148-625-1323.

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.



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Turner

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much work he does to make SOCKS day work and how Turner's relationship with parents and teachers makes everything work well together.

"I believe that inherently, children want to help. They want to make a difference... and they don't know how and then they start to think they can't because they're just children," said Turner. "So in a school setting, if we can provide that environment for them to be involved in the service projects that are tied to curriculum that does make a difference and they know that because they see it... then we've really fulfilled a very important need. We're teaching children to be lifelong involved in citizenship and in service, not just isolated incidents and I think that's extremely important."

Turner said he sees the difference these programs make in his students; noting that they now come to him with ideas for fund-raisers and the desire to run collection drives. Turner said distilling this kind of attitude was easy in the Clarkston area, which he said is ripe for the giving mentality.

"We're in a very fortunate area here. We have children that want to give. We have parents that are very generous, not just with their money but with their time, their talent and their energy," Turner said. "Our children know that we're fortunate to have a lot of what we have and they want to give as well."

Turner himself has lived in the Clarkston area for nearly 20 years with his wife Sandy. The couple has three children - Jeffrey, 13, Rebecca, 12 and Meredith, 8 (soon to be 9).

"I love Clarkston," Turner said. "I have no intention of going anywhere... I think it's a wonderful community. I love the community feel to our schools, our neighborhood, the parks. I think it's a wonderful area to raise a family."

CAYA looking for area's outstanding youth

Clarkston Area Youth Assistance is seeking nominations for its annual Youth Recognition Event scheduled for May 16.

The purpose of the event is to recognize youth who made an outstanding contribution to an individual or an organization without compensation for their time. Nominees are selected based on voluntary services; paid services are ineligible.

Community members can nominate youth who volunteered in an extraordinary way such as personal acts of heroism or community services performed in hospitals, nursing homes, schools, churches or parks.

All deserving youth nominated from the community will be recognized in some way for their contributions. All those nominated receive certificates and the top recipients receive medallions.

The nominees, their parents and those who nomi-

nate are invited to a dessert reception on May 16.

Here is a list of guidelines for nominating a youth:

- The nominee must reside within the Clarkston School District.

- Those nominating must be of adult age.

- Nominations must be submitted on an official nomination form available by calling the Youth Assistance office at 248-625-9007.

- Nominees are judged based on their voluntary services performed. The judgement of the selection committee is final.

- Forms must be returned by April 1.

Please mail all nomination forms to Youth Recognition Committee, Clarkston Area Youth Assistance, 5980 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI 48348-4710.

For more information, please call CAYA at 248-625-9007.

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Elk anyone?



Jay Valls of Ortonville serves up elk steak and deer venison steaks during the "Wild Game Dinner" at American Legion Post 63 on Ortonville Road on Feb. 25. Nearly 200 tickets (\$15) were sold for the dinner which featured elk, catfish, walleye, lake trout and other wild game. According to Post Commander Jack Pierce proceeds from the dinner went to the post's general fund. Photo by James Martinez



A gift for the library

The Clarkston Area Lions club recently donated \$500 to the Springfield Township Library. Pictured during the check presentation are Lions Board Member Robert Murdock and Library Director Cathy P. Forst. The money was earmarked to purchase items for sight impaired residents. Examples include large print books and books on tape. Photo provided



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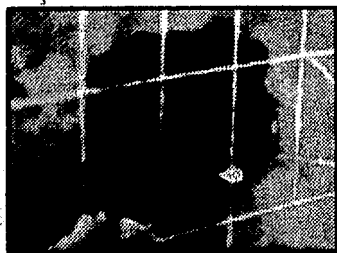
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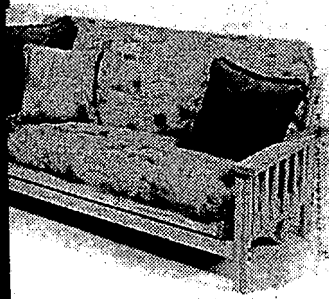
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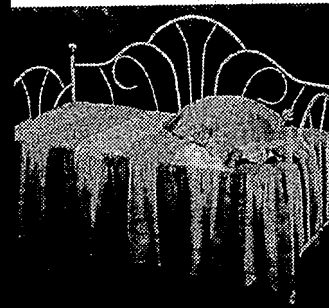
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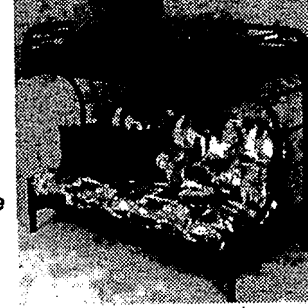
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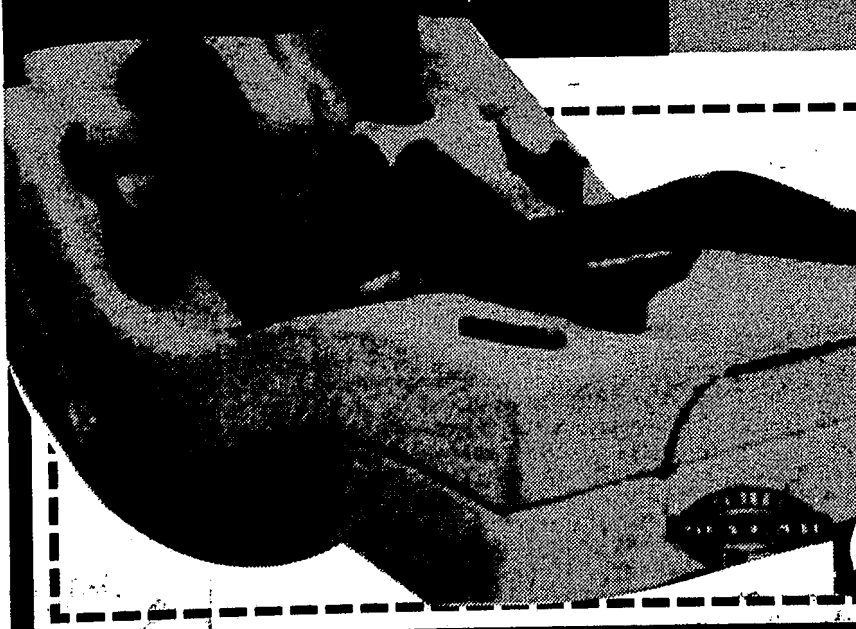


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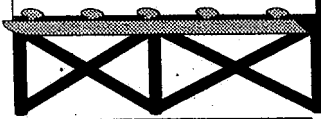
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FILE NO: 2006-302,542-DE

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TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, MICHAEL ANDREW MCCARTHY, Deceased, who lived at 2676 Bender, Waterford, Michigan died January 11, 2006.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Katie McCarthy, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac, Michigan 48341 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

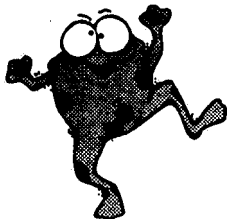
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TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Ernest Warren Ragan, who lived at 361 Hamata, Hazel Park, Michigan died 1/29/06.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Douglas Hawkins, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac, Michigan 48341 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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The staff of IGD Solutions was pleased to welcome visitors to their new offices on Dixie Highway. Pictured at the company's open house are (left-right) Gary Hintz, Steve Hyer, Jeff Schreiber, Jonah Fejedelem and William Evans. Photo by Jenny Matteson

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Vehicles are sold As Is. All Sales are Final.

Independence Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

PUBLIC NOTICE



Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE REQUEST FOR VARIANCES ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a meeting on Thursday, March 16, 2006, beginning at 8:00 p.m. at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, Michigan to hear the following appeals:

OLD BUSINESS: none
NEW BUSINESS:

- Johathan Penvose, 10318 King Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350, to allow a fifteen (15) foot front yard setback rather than the fifty (50) foot setback required per Section 25 of Zoning Ordinance 26. P.I. #07-10-402-038.
- Howard Friedlaender, HEFCO Forest Hills, LLC, 5138 Village Commons Dr., West Bloomfield, MI 48322, for relief from site plan review of a new public road to access land divisions per Section 18.07 of Zoning Ordinance 26. Subject parcel is vacant land located on the south side of Rattalee Lake Rd., west of Tindall and east of Eaton roads. P.I. 07-07-200-010.
- Chad Scott, 40361 14 Mile Rd, Novi, MI 48377, to allow a fifty (50) foot front yard setback rather than the required seventy-five (75) foot front setback, and to allow a fifteen (15) foot side yard setback rather than the required twenty-five (25) foot side setback, as required per Section 25 of Zoning Ordinance 26, to construct a home. Subject parcel is vacant land located on the west side of Ormond Rd., south of Neal and north of White Lake Rd. P.I. 07-31-451-008.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the maps and variance requests may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350 during regular office hours Monday through Friday. Written comments may be submitted to the Clerk's Office until the date of the meeting. Anyone needing a special accommodation at the meeting should contact the Township Clerk at least two (2) business days in advance. 248-846-8510.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

Published: March 1, 2006

PUBLIC NOTICE

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INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD

AGENDA

7:30 P.M.

TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

DATE: MARCH 7, 2006

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Opening Statements and Correspondence
- Approval of Agenda
- Public Forum - Individuals in the audience have the opportunity to address the Township Board on an issue that is not on the agenda, limiting their comments to not more than three minutes.
- Consent Agenda:
 - Approval of Minutes of February 21, 2006, meeting
 - Approval of Purchase Orders
 - Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run

Old Business

- Update from Parks and Recreation Commission - Lohmeier

New Business

- Presentation on the C.I.A.
- Approval of fireworks at Clintonwood Park
- Heavy rescues

Items removed from Consent Agenda for action or discussion will be moved to the last item under Unfinished Business.

Only those matters that are listed on the Agenda are to be considered for action. A majority vote of the Board members may add or delete an agenda item.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know
INDEPENDENCE TWP.
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet Wednesday, March 15, 2006 at 7:30 pm at the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI 48346 to hear the following cases:

- Case #06-0005 Naz Cramer, Candace, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS SIDE YARD VARIANCE OF 2 1/2' TO CONSTRUCT DECK Wellesley Terrace, Lot 17, R-1A Waterford Hill Manor 08-32-476-001
- Case #06-0006 Fender, Robert and Kathy, Petitioners
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE TO EFFECTUATE SPLITTING OF PROPERTY PLUS REAR YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 41' FOR EXISTING HOME (DUE TO CONSTRUCTION OF CUL-DE-SAC AND RECONFIGURATION OF PARCEL) Townview, 2.73 Acres, R-1A 08-20-304-007
- Case #06-0007 Dishon, Christopher, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE TO EFFECTUATE SPLITTING OF PROPERTY (1ST PARCEL LACKS WIDTH AT SETBACK LINE AND SIZE PLUS VARIANCE FOR 2ND FRONT YARD SETBACK OF 25'. 2ND PARCEL LACKS SIZE) Meyers Rd., Lots 51-54, R-1A Lake Oakland Knolls 08-34-476-061

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT THE ABOVE REQUEST MAY BE EXAMINED at the Independence Township Building Department during regular hours each day, Monday through Friday until the date of the Public Hearing. For further information call (248) 625-8111.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelagh VanderVeën
Township Clerk
Nedra L. Lambert
Secretary

PUBLIC NOTICE

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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 session, MCL 211.29(1), at the Township Hall's Office of the Assessor on Tuesday, March 7, 2006 at 1:00 PM.

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 Assessor's Office at (248) 625-8114 between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm. If none of the posted hours are convenient for you please call the Assessor's Office for an alternative date and time. Please use your parcel identification number when referring to your property so that your records can be quickly accessed.

Please note that taxes are levied against the TAXABLE VALUE.

Sincerely,
David J. Kramer, ASA, CMAE3, Assessor

PUBLIC NOTICE

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SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

Mr. Wagner called the February 21, 2006, meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., at the Independence Township Library.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present: Rosso, VanderVeën, Wenger, Wagner, Kelly, Travis
Absent: Dunn

There was a quorum.

- Approval of the Agenda, as amended
- Approval of the Consent Agenda
 - Approval of Minutes of February 7, 2005, meeting
 - Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run in the amount of \$774,325.45
 - Approval of Purchase Orders in the amount of \$751,630.49
- Approved motion to increase elected officials salary three percent
- Approved motion to approve Independence-Clarkston Intergovernmental Fire Agreement
- Approved motion to reclassify employee from Custodian to Laborer - Facilities and Maintenance
- Approved motion for purchase of Boom/Crane Truck - DPW
- Approved motion to retain Munder Capital as portfolio managers
- Approved motion to affirm Investment Policy
- Approved motion to ratify Grant Agreement - HAVA
- Approved motion to hire Karen DeLorge for accounts payable position in Clerk's office.
- Approved motion to hire Jennifer Yingling as Clerk in Parks and Recreation
- Approved motion to hire Julia Meredith as Library Director
- Approved motion to enter closed session at 8:42 p.m. to discuss legal opinion
- Approved motion to enter into open session at 10:05 p.m.
- Approved motion to adjourn meeting at 10:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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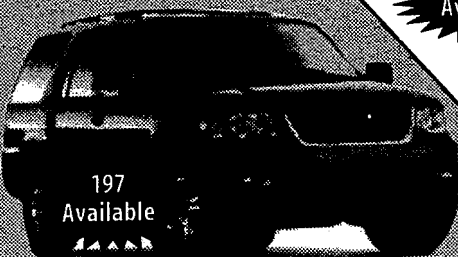
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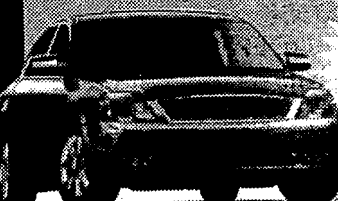
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•Space Number K 13, Kathleen Lupin- 6 household furnishings, 8 misc. household goods, 35 misc. boxes/ bags, 1 hand tools, 10 other misc. items.

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•Space Number G 26, Steven Wong- 4 other misc. items.

•Space Number I 33, Larisa Zhornitsky- 2 misc. small appliances, 2 TV, 2 household furnishings, 9 misc. household goods, 25 misc. boxes/ bags, 10 other misc. items.

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LX12-1

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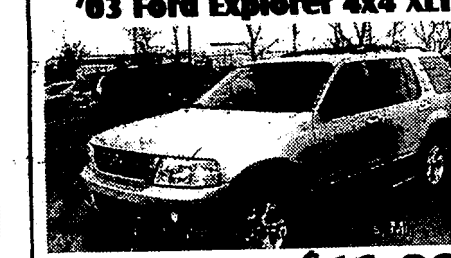
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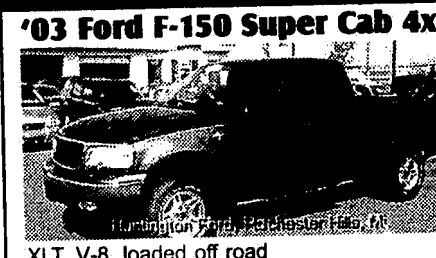


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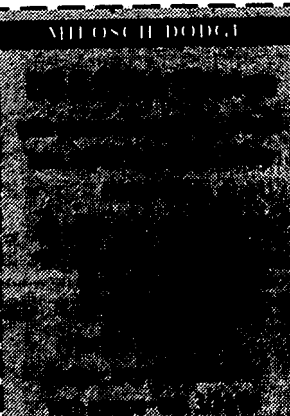
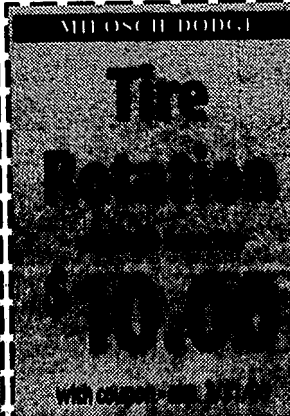
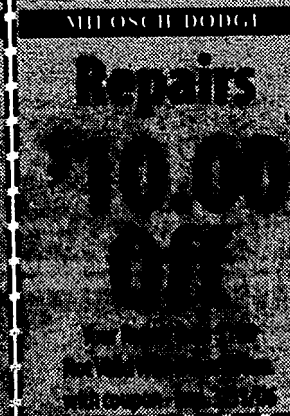
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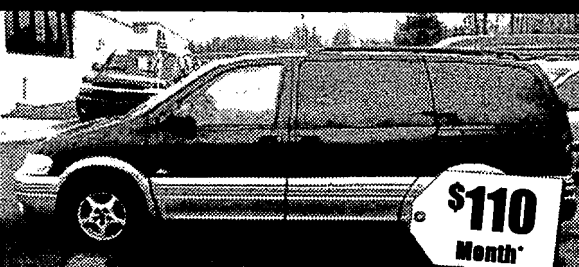
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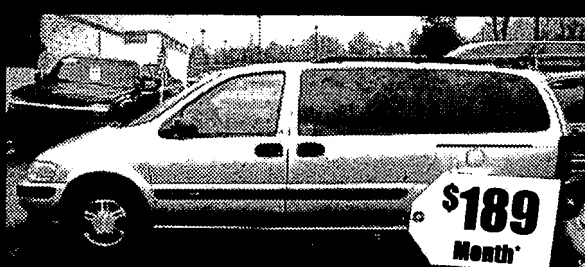
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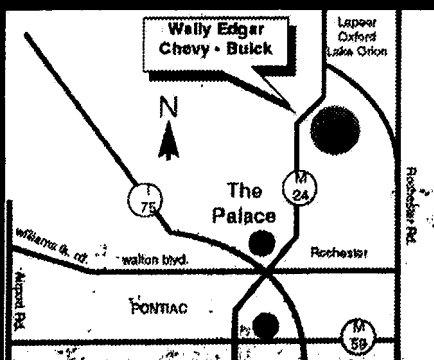


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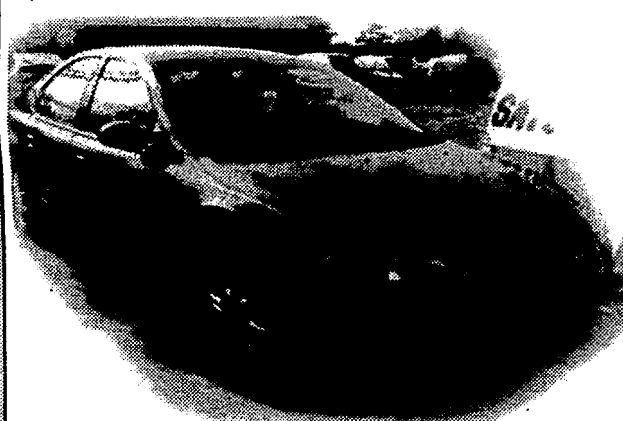
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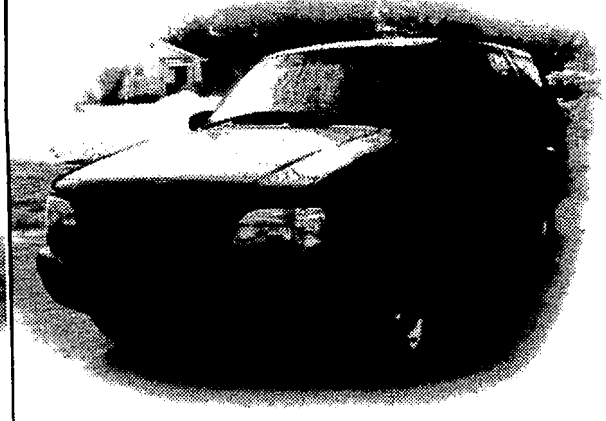
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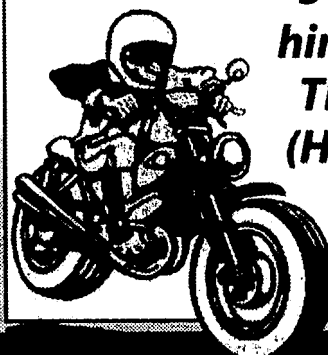
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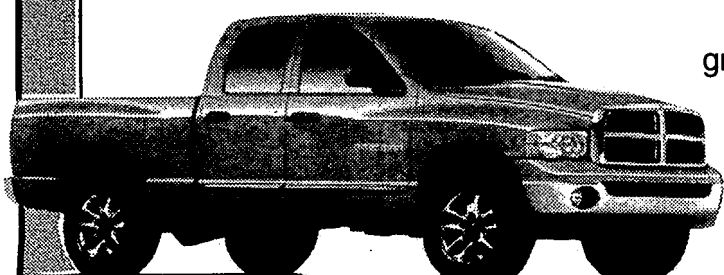


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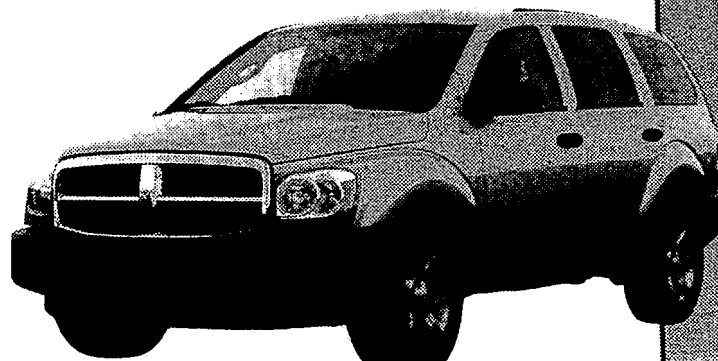
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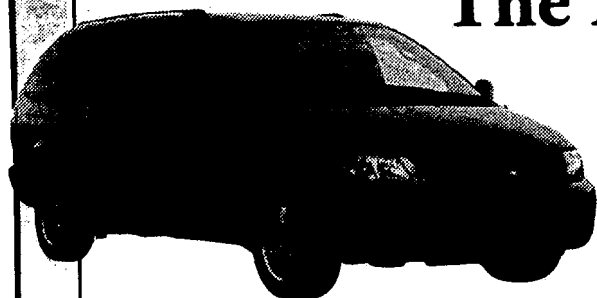
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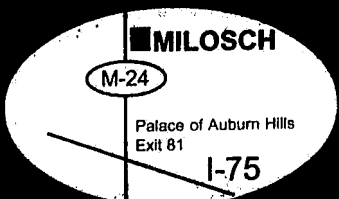
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