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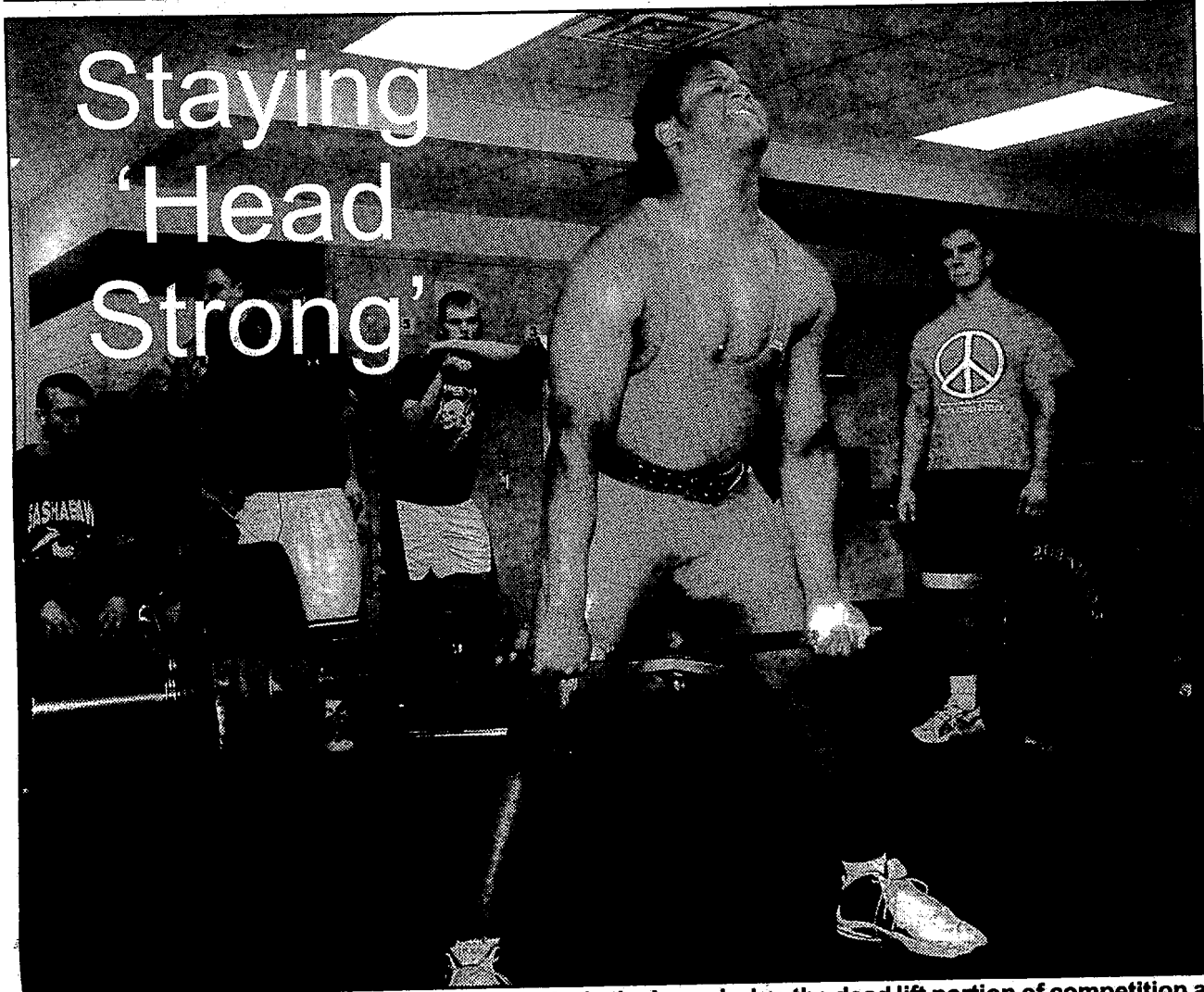
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Staying 'Head Strong'

Clarkston High School student Devere Enoch feels the burn during the dead lift portion of competition at the third annual CHS Powerlifting Meet in memory of Kelly Ray Firby on March 4. For more photos from the event turn to page 24. Photo by Andrew DuPont

No clear vision

Plans for senior center still murky going into Tuesday's board meeting

BY NOAH PURCELL
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Going into the March 7 Independence Township Board meeting, the picture of a new senior center was less muddled. Still, no one close to the project claimed to have a crystal clear view of what the future holds.

The most significant advancement in the proposal came late on Monday as a draft of ballot language was distributed to trustees and township parks and recreation officials.

"We have not had a chance as a full committee to review the ballot language," Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Chair David Lohmeier said.

On Jan. 19, the PRAC asked the board to examine a millage between .25-.5 mills to support the new senior center. At .25 mills, \$408,880 would be generated annually with a \$30.37 average cost per year to residents. At .5 mills, \$817,760 would be generated annually with an average yearly cost of \$60.74 to taxpayers. Those figures are based on households whose taxable value is \$121,471. The PRAC also suggested a \$3 million bond issue be added to the August ballot for construction of a new senior center.

According to Independence Township Parks and Recreation Director Mike Turk, the draft of the ballot language mirrored the PRAC's suggestion of a \$3 million dollar bond issue to pay for the costs of construction of a new senior center.

While the estimate of \$3 million for construction did not change, neither did the picture of what that money would buy.

"At this point, the detailed construction costs are unknown. There is no detailed break down of what the plans should be and we didn't have the language and we want to look at that as a group," said Lohmeier, who corroborated the language of the draft documents.

Though there is a chance the Independence Township Board of Trustees could have voted to put the millage and bond issue on the August ballot during the Tuesday night meeting, some felt the timing was not right.

"If the board decides they want to put it on the ballot, then I will support them, but I think it's the wrong move to make at this time," Independence Township Supervisor Dave Wagner said.

Lohmeier wanted the board to hold off in voting the proposal for a new senior center onto the August ballot so the PRAC had time to review the official lan-

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Two projects get 'go ahead' from Leadership Clarkston

BY JENNY MATTESON
Clarkston News Editor

Two joint projects – one old, one new – are the result of a year of work by the five entities involved with Leadership Clarkston.

Leadership Clarkston is a collaborative effort between the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, Clarkston Schools, the City of the Village of Clarkston, Independence Township and Springfield Township to establish cooperation and partnership across the Clarkston area.

On March 1, those five entities formerly decided by vote exactly what shape their cooperation would take:

- The existing project will focus upon creating a uniform method of scheduling facilities and events between Clarkston Schools, Clarkston Schools Community Education, and Independence and Springfield townships parks and recreation departments.

- The new project is to create unified public access stations through Comcast so that broadcasts are

consistent across the area between townships, the city and the school district.

The origins of Leadership Clarkston's existing project began in some of the first meetings held by the group. Many members of the five participating entities voiced concern over duplication of events and resources between the parks and recreation departments and the school district's community education.

At the March 1 meeting, Independence Township Supervisor Dave Wagner and Clarkston Schools Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts presented where the project currently stands.

"I think we have good programs on both sides, in Independence and at the schools," said Roberts. "What needed to be identified was what we needed to do to be better..."

"We needed a forward thinking plan of our year-long activities that includes fiscal facility planning."

Roberts and township officials are currently working on a scheduling timeline where different

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Millstream

Meet Springfield Twp. trustee and business owner Marc Cooper.

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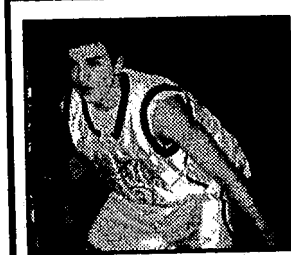
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Ballers advance to district semifinal

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Tennis superstar

The Deer Lake Athletic Club opened its doors to Japanese exchange student Megumi Kawasaki (above, center) and her host sister Kimmi Vander Weel (right) on March 2 to play tennis and enjoy the rest of the facility. Joining the girls was DLAC employee Stephanie Parkison. Kawasaki is one of eleven students visiting Clarkston High School as part of a two-week cultural exchange program. Photo by James Martinez

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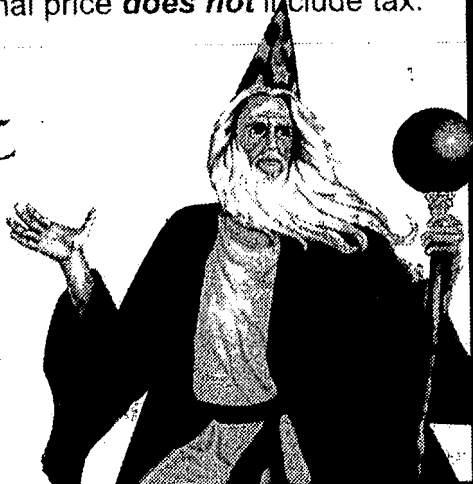
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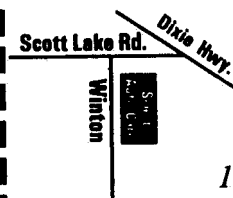
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Briefly

Women in Business luncheon March 23

The next Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce Women in Business luncheon is scheduled for March 23 from 10:45 a.m.-1 p.m. at Oakhurst Country Club.

This meeting's theme is "Knowledge." A business panel of experts will present information on marketing, financial and organizational issues that face businesses of all sizes. A question and answer period is included.

The cost is \$25 per person, \$15 for Chamber members with their prepaid reservation.

For more information, call the chamber office at 248-625-8055.

Community Volunteer Recognition Night

Volunteers are the All Stars of the community. Thanks to volunteers, the Clarkston area is more than just a town to live in, the Clarkston area is a home.

With this thought in mind, the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce and Clarkston Community Schools are joining together for the second annual Community Wide Volunteer Recognition Night.

A special invitation for April 5 is open for any group, organization, church, individual or community who has ever volunteered. The event is from 7-9 p.m. in the Clarkston High School Performing Arts Center and includes humorous and motivational Keynote Speaker LaRon Williams.

A reception will immediately follow the speaker in the CHS cafeteria.

Please RSVP by April 3 at 248-623-3897.

Warning system to be tested March 28

Oakland County's outdoor warning system will be activated and tested on March 28 at 10:30 a.m. in an effort to promote tornado safety preparedness. Governor Jennifer Granholm and County Executive L. Brooks Patterson declared the week of March 26 through April 1 as Severe Weather Awareness Week.

City Council meeting rescheduled

The Clarkston City Council meeting scheduled for March 13 at 7 p.m. is rescheduled for March 14 at 7 p.m. at City Hall due to the yearly scheduled Board of Review meeting.

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Good-bye, gentleman

Long-time Clarkston cager coach steps down

BY JAMES MARTINEZ
Clarkston News Staff Writer

For the last 15 years or so freshman boys basketballers in Clarkston have heard a voice calling out to them in practice.

"Gentlemen," the voice would say, providing players guidance that transcended the basketball court long after the final horn.

Freshman boys coach Neal Sage, coached his last game on Friday March 3, a 59-50 loss in Southfield, leaving behind a storied coaching career dating back to the 1970's as he heads to North Carolina and a new stage in his life.

"I have lots of mixed emotions," said Sage. "Not doing this anymore; it's been a big part of my life and I'm wondering what I'll be doing next basketball season."

When asked about what he brought to his players, Sage explained he tried to show kids how to accept adversity and face challenges while developing a strong work ethic to help them later in life.

"If you don't do well in school, I don't care how good of an athlete they are. They won't go anywhere. They'll be playing park and rec ball on Sundays," said Sage.

Many of those impacted during Sage's career had much to say about their colleague, mentor and friend.

"He's been a good friend ... It won't be the same without him.

"He was very structured, very disciplined, just what we need at that level," Athletic Director and boys varsity coach Dan Fife said.

"He's an awesome guy and an awesome coach," said Joe Rademacher, a senior varsity player who played for Sage as a freshman.

"He's tough but kind too. He'll break you down but he'll build you back up," Rademacher added.

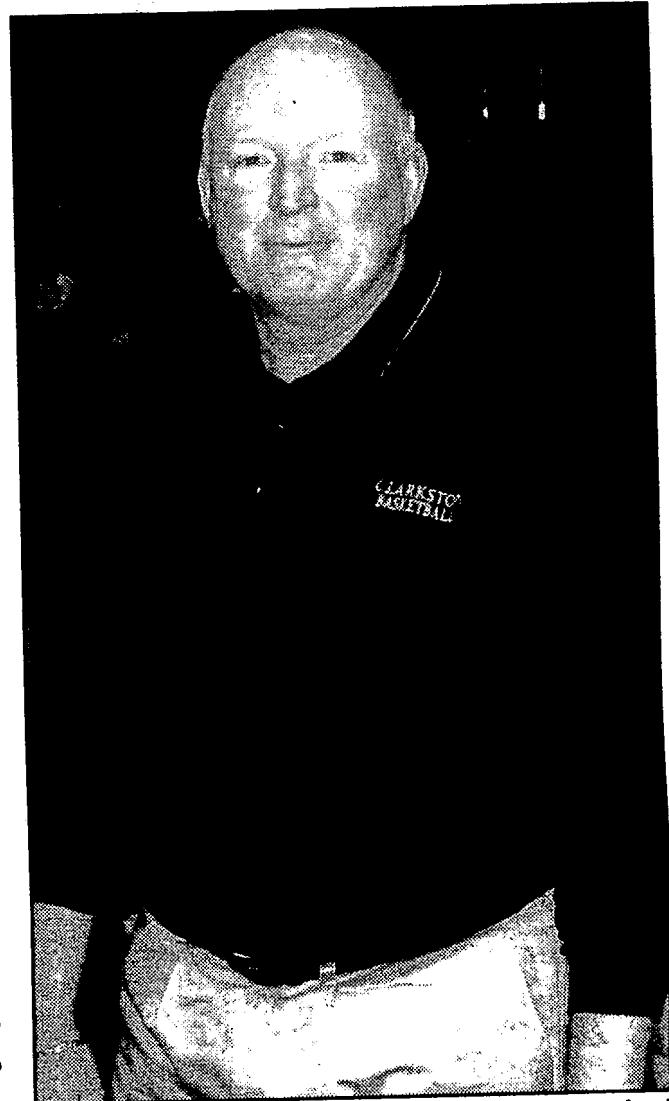
"He's definitely an X's and O's guy. (He's) pretty intense in wanting to be precise and fundamental about basketball being played the right way," said Lars Covintree who coached basketball with Sage for five years.

"He loves the game of basketball, but I think he likes the kids more."

An Independence Township resident since 1969, Sage started coaching in 1970 when he was a social studies teacher at Sashabaw Junior High. Throughout the early to mid-70's, Sage said he helped start the boys track program, which eventually evolved into the girls and boys program across the middle school. He credited Mel Vaara and Gus Birtsas with also helping start the program. Sage also coached football and boys basketball.

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**- Lars Covintree
Coached basketball
for five years with Coach Sage**



Clarkston freshman boys coach Neal Sage coached his last game March 3 in Southfield. Photo by Noah Purcell

After leaving SJH, Sage worked as a counselor and placement director at the Oakland Schools Tech Center on Big Lake Road. He returned to the SJH as a counselor in 1989.

"I missed being with the kids. That's one of those things you miss, that relationship with the kids and talking with them," said Sage.

Sage eventually moved on to the high school as a counselor in 1994. He left the high school in 2000 to become dean of students at Renaissance High. He retired from Clarkston Schools in 2002, but continued to coach into this year.

Over the years, Sage recalls many memorable moments including the revival of "The Jungle," the student cheering section and the overall quality of Clarkston sports and education.

"We have tremendous programs due to administrative support, parents, coaches etcetera," said Sage. "That's Clarkston."

Outside of sports, Sage served in the late 1970's as a Clarkston City Council member and spent over 35 years as an on-call Independence Township firefighter.

While Sage plans to split time between Portsmouth, North Carolina and a cabin in the Upper Peninsula with his wife Karen, he knows Clarkston basketball will not be far from his mind. His old friends, varsity coach Dan Fife, Neil Granlund who runs the clock, and scorekeeper Chris Krueger, can expect long-distance phone calls next season.

"It's a new challenge leaving a lot of friends and your life, but that's also what's exciting too. It's a double-edged sword. There'll be a lot of things I'll miss. I don't want to say one over the other, but basketball and athletics in general will be one thing I miss the most," said Sage.



Tying the right fly makes all the difference. Fred Roeser, DDS, of Independence Township, still fights cavities part-time. When not in the office, he enjoys fly fishing. Photo by James Martinez

Pillar of Clarkston: Dr. Fred Roeser

BY JAMES MARTINEZ
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Dentists can attest that neglect of minute cavities can erode dental conditions and lead to tooth loss.

Conservationists similarly could argue ignoring intrusions into natural habitats can lead to congestion and eradicate natural habitats.

Independence Township's Fred Roeser is instrumental in both areas of care.

While cleaning area patients' teeth for over 30 years from offices in Pontiac, Waterford and most recently Clarkston, Dr. Roeser now finds himself having served as some families' dentist through three generations.

"I recently got a thank you note from a 12-year-old and mother who has been a patient since she was three or four," said Roeser. "It's satisfying. It makes you feel good, like you must have done something right. (The customers) are all friends now."

For Roeser, dentistry is a family affair considering his father was a dentist in Pontiac. He is also partners in the field with his brother Douglas, also of Clarkston, for 35 years.

As a dentist, Roeser enjoys interacting with patients.

"I look forward to seeing the people. Dentistry is nice because you'll see people twice a year for 40 years and you get to be pretty good friends. You watch them grow up, get married and raise their kids. It's very fulfilling," said Roeser.

Dentistry has experienced constant

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Dr. Fred Roeser
Independence Twp. Dentist

change in materials and practices that require a steady hand, sharp eye and continuous education, said Roeser.

"Years ago, 90 percent of the kids who walked in had 10 cavities. Now, many of the kids have none or one," said Roeser.

In addition to helping people preserve teeth, Roeser employs his acumen in geology and the outdoors to conserve the land since moving to the area in 1967.

He served on the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy Board of Directors for approximately 15 years, including a run as vice president.

"I served on one of the first (NOHLC) boards. At the beginning, we protected only one or two properties. Now its grown to something like over 48 properties and 1,000 acres," said Roeser.

Using his degree earned in geology at the University of Michigan in 1960 followed by a Doctor of Dentistry Surgery in 1964, Roeser said he did a lot of land inspections, mapping and aerial photo interpretation.

"I'm a strong conservationist. I believe in caring for the environment," said Roeser. "I think there's enough people on the other side of developing land, so someone has to do the conservation and keep a balance. Looking at the woods and wetlands is more energizing than looking at stores and parking lots."

In addition to working with NOHLC, Roeser was influential in starting the local North Oakland Ducks Unlimited chapter. He also spent much of his time keeping an eye on the lake near his house, monitoring water levels and doing testing. Roeser said he currently works on the Independence Township Parks and Recreation Advisory Board which strives to get the pulse of the community and make recommendations to the township board.

In his spare time, Roeser is an avid outdoorsman who likes to fly fish and play racquetball.

Roeser also participated in various functions ranging from scouting to a member and president of the PTO at

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This simulation shows what the Dandelion Bridge should look like upon completion. Photo provided

Bridge fund-raising in full swing

BY JAMES MARTINEZ
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Soon those long walks around the stream in Depot Park to the gazebo or playground may be a thing of the past.

With a goal of \$150,000, the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club's fund-raising effort for the Dandelion Bridge across that stream in Depot Park is taking shape.

"I see this being a yearlong project to raise the funds. I hope it won't take that long, but I might be naively optimistic," said Clarkston Farm and Garden President Julie Piazza.

Piazza said the bridge, crossing the park's stream behind the gazebo to the playground, will meet a need recognized throughout the community.

"One of the things people always say to us is we need a bridge there," said Piazza. "The Clarkston Farm and Garden Club is appealing to the public to help bridge that gap. People will see it and say 'Man we have been waiting for it.' It's going to make a full circle in the park."

With the moniker "Bridge the Past to the Future" in mind, donors can contribute money under a number of categories named after bridges. The classes include Mackinac, Ambassador, Blue Water and International and come with a variety of honors based on the category ranging from personal inscription to reserved invitations to the dedication ceremony.

"We set it up so organizations and individuals can help in a big way and they get something for the help," said Piazza.

While the categories have specific money donations, Piazza stressed that people can help the project in many ways by volunteering and any donations.

"People want to see where their money goes and I think this is a tangible way to see that come to fruition," said Piazza. "This will be a daily reminder."

Piazza explained that following completion of fund-raising and construction efforts, the club plans to hold a gala event and ribbon-cutting ceremony featuring local

dignitaries, donors and the community. According to Piazza, donors will be invited to the event and receive mention in the program.

The Dandelion Bridge project started in honor of long-time Clarkston resident Daisy Dowling and former club member, honoring her commitment to the community. The club earned approval for the project from the Clarkston City Council in July of 2005.

"I think Daisy's story is rooted in the community, connected with her family and that's what we see today. Her story has springboarded us into honoring not only her, but also the roots of what Clarkston is all about," said Piazza.

Funds already collected in Daisy's honor and existing money raised by the club were used to start the

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- Two reservations on bridge at ribbon-cutting.

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- Distinguished mention in event program.
- Invitation to dedication program/reception.

\$500 International

- Name inscription on donation monument.
- Distinguished mention in event program.
- Invitation to dedication program/reception.

New water filtration coming online

BY JENNY MATTESON
Clarkston News Editor

Residents in the southern portion of Independence Township will soon see a difference in their water quality.

According to a letter released on Feb. 27 by Linda Richardson, director for the Department of Public Works, a new iron filtration system with disinfection will begin going online in the southern loop system on March 13.

The letter states work on the new filtration system is 95 percent complete and the first two disinfecting systems will begin operation that Monday. The first iron removal plant will be in operation the week of March 20, and the remaining treatment plants will follow shortly thereafter.

The new filtration system will remove iron and arsenic from the water, meeting the new drinking water standards established by the EPA and enforced by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

"This will provide the residents with a much improved water supply with less maintenance for iron related problems," the letter states.

However, residents will experience an adjustment period before seeing the benefits of the new system.

Richardson warns that after the new filtration system is running, residents will have "red" water for some time.

According to the letter, "this is due to the introduction of chlorine into the water supply. Once chlorine is added to the system, this will cause the iron deposits from inside the water mains and your homes interior plumbing to release."

Richardson said her department plans to start flushing the southern loop system, weather permitting, by early May. This will minimize the "red" water, but the coloring will remain in the system at varying degrees for quite some time.

"This could ultimately take several years to clean out the whole system," explained Richardson. "This year may be just half the layers and next year the rest. This depends on the buildup - especially since residents will have buildup in their own pipes."

Richardson said those with water softeners will not experience as much of the "reddening" effect. Their home systems should do a good job of cleaning out the iron.

As for the occurrence of coliform bacteria, Richardson said residents should have no concern. "We test for bacteria once a month anyway."

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Pet of the Week



Tigger Elups would like to wish his "Mom", Amanda, a Happy 13th Birthday! Tigger is a three year old orange Tabby who gives his family a ton of love and fun! 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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Side of community growth extra

I have learned a lot in my 26 plus years spent on earth.

I know that singing random words in normal speech is funny to some, while others find it annoying or weird, but rarely does the practice invite violence.

I have not learned how many ways there are to misspell the word "six," but I know there is only one way that can get you fired from your job as a reporter. Unless of course you misspell "six" with four letters, then there are many words that can get you fired from many jobs.

I have learned that on a crisp morning when the snow on your car window is frozen in a brief dusting of sorts so that you can peer out slightly through the crystalline beauty, yet not effectively clear a safe line of sight suitable for driving by slamming the door, you can not improve your view by blowing on the inside of your window as if you were clearing away sawdust.

I have learned that people will never like you no matter how hard you try. I have not learned how far sympathy will take you in life, but I am currently doing research.

I also have not learned why the people of Clarkston are not banding together to save one of the most important cultural landmarks in the area.

The Sandwich Strip is in trouble and with no clear picture of help on the horizon. It is time for the people of Clarkston to unite and help save what in little over a year has quickly become a hub for the vaunted community of the area.

While there may be a wide selection of food establishments to grab a quick bite in the Clarkston area, no cluster rivals the sheer volume and variety of the Sandwich Strip which stretches along the four-lane expanse of Sashabaw Road.

From Maybee to Waldon Road a veritable cornucopia of almost ready to eat delicacies erupts in Clarkston, and I fear residents are taking them for granted.

No less than 12 establishments which can serve lunch in under 30 minutes exist along the Sandwich Strip - and that's not counting the Roly Poly that recently closed its doors.

The closing of the Roly Poly should have sent a clear message to Clarkston area residents as to the overall plight of the strip as a whole. I mean, this is Roly Poly I am talking about here, not some run of the mill submarine or deli wrap outfit that differs from its competition mainly in name alone.

Now if there were a major hospital or even a Wal-Mart in the general vicinity of the sandwich strip, employees on their lunch breaks would flood from those juggernauts and combo meal by combo meal keep the sandwich strip afloat.

Is Clarkston ready to stoop to that level though? Will they really let outsiders do what the Clarkston community signed up for when the decision was made to widen Sashabaw Road?

The solution is simple, Clarkston residents need to roll up their sleeves, open their hearts and start buying all the tacos, pizza, hamburgers, chili cheese fries, triple stacked submarine sandwiches and egg rolls they can possibly afford. Being full is not an excuse, from now on everyone needs to eat like they are two people.

When the concept of the Sashabaw Road widening was originally conceived, do you think the people behind it envisioned a ghost town of forgotten eateries? Nay, they believed their community would band together to preserve and enhance their vision and so far, as pizza goes stale under hot lights and bread is thrown out at the end of a fruitless day, their vision has failed.

The stakes are high, for if the community were to lose a cultural gem such as the Sandwich Strip, who is to say how far reaching the effects would be?

Started Out Dumb



Noah Purcell

Opinion

Area Ducks Unlimited chapter voted top in state of Michigan

The North Oakland County chapter of Ducks Unlimited was recently voted the number one chapter in Michigan at the Michigan Ducks Unlimited state convention.

At the national level, the North Oakland Chapter was ranked 14th in the country of over 3,500 chapters. Over \$88,000 was raised by the North Oakland Chapter, which represents over 350 acres of wetlands conserved and protected forever.

Ducks Unlimited conserves, restores and manages wetlands and associated habitat for North Oakland's waterfowl. These habitats also benefit other wildlife and people.

Ducks Unlimited is the world's largest private wetlands and waterfowl conservation organization, with membership over 600,000. Since 1937, Ducks Unlimited has conserved more than 11 million acres of North American wetlands and associated uplands.

North Oakland County's 24th annual Ducks Unlimited Banquet is scheduled for May 3 at Deer Lake Athletic Club.

For more information, call Chuck Myers at 248-625-4151.



Clarkston artist Terry Tracy poses with her original painting with Ducks Unlimited Area Chairman Chuck Myers. Tracy's painting went at auction for around \$525. Photo by Jenny Matteson

Let's eliminate government duplication

Dear Editor,

Thank you Ms. Matteson for your insightful column. Perhaps the focus should not be on how much we pay individuals, but how many people are on the payroll due to governmental duplication.

It is unfortunate that taxpayers do not take the initiative to reduce governmental expenses. On page 14A of the same issue (March 1) with your column, I am listed as a supporter of the unicameral effort to reduce the number of state legislators and their staffs. While there are some cost savings, the much more important goal of a one body state legislature is greater accountability.

Applied to Independence Township and the Clarkston School District (one of 535 Michigan school districts), could we save very scarce tax revenue by combining governmental bodies and school districts? Could we combine Clarkston schools with the Brandon and Holly districts? Are the residents of the Village of

the City of Clarkston still convinced a separate governmental unit is in their best interest?

While I can appreciate individuals not wanting to give up local control of schools and government, at what point do we concede that given the current and projected job situation in Michigan, we need to take a very critical look at what we can afford versus what we would like to have.

A large part of the problem is when some operating millages are permanent, such as two of those passed in 2001 for the Oakland Intermediate School District. Since there is no expiration date for these two millages, there is no accountability for how the funds are spent.

Independence Township also has a permanent operating millage. A group of us Michigan taxpayers are proposing that all operating millages have a 10 year maximum sunset provision.

If officials are spending the taxpayers' money properly, why should they worry about going back in front of voters to seek a renewal?

Henry S. Woloson, J.D., Clarkston

Letters to the Editor

Thanks to The News' Andrew DuPont

Dear Andrew,

I wanted to thank you for putting our little announcement in the Clarkston paper and also covering it with photos of the fun in the following issue!

Our fair was a great success and I know that folks saw the announcement in the community and came because of it.

Kelly Finazzo, SPE School Fair Chairperson

Dear Mr. DuPont,

Thank you for writing such a fine piece on my stepson, Chris Turner, the principal of Independence Elementary. You captured the special qualities that make Chris such a strong and humble educator.

Kathleen Turner
Miami, Florida

Write a Letter To The Editor . . .

Please keep them short and to the point. We'll edit them for spelling, grammar, punctuation, clarity and length. We take the liberty of publishing (or not) all letters we receive. Please sign your letter (no photo copies!) and include a daytime phone for verifications. Deadline is noon, Monday. You can drop them or mail them to 5 S. Main Street, Clarkston, MI 48346; fax them at (248) 625-0706; or e-mail shermanpub@aol.com, attn: Clarkston News. Any questions call The Clarkston News at (248) 625-3370.

A Look Back

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

15 YEARS AGO (1991)

• Needham resigns key board position: Clarkston Board of Education President John Needham has resigned his position on the school board.

Though the resignation becomes effective March 18 - in time for a new candidate to run in the annual school election in June - Needham will remain on the board for the duration of the current school year.

• Search for outstanding community people: Know an outstanding citizen or volunteer in the Clarkston community?

If so, you may want to nominate him or her for a community award.

• Three re-elected to village seats: Three Clarkston Village Council trustees, running unopposed, were re-elected; but two write-in candidates picked up a large share of the votes in the March 11 general election.

Douglas Roesser received 80 votes, James Schultz 69 and Robert Whitmer 67 to again earn two-year terms.

Write-in candidates Thomas Goldner and Geraldine Hunter received 47 and 46 votes, respectively; and write-in (formerly village council president) Carol Eberhardt had two votes.

25 YEARS AGO (1981)

• School board approves budget cuts: The first cuts of staff and activities planned for the Clarkston school district for the 1981-82 school year are now official.

The school board agreed unanimously Monday night to eliminate all interscholastic sports and extra-curricular activities and to no longer offer driver's education.

The board also unanimously agreed to notify Athletic Director Paul Tungate and Clarkston High School Vocational Education Director Marvin Hess of pending layoffs.

50 YEARS AGO (1956)

• Easter Seal Sale Starts March 10: Volunteers representing groups of all kinds in Oakland County are spending afternoons and evenings in club houses, living rooms and at headquarters of the Oakland County Society for Crippled Children, hard at the task of helping crippled children.

• Proclamation By Village President: A village plea on behalf of crippled children was issued by President Russell H. Colton in a proclamation which officially opened the 1956 Easter Seal campaign in Clarkston.

'Dear Don . . . Good GRIEF!'

In this modern age of high-tech electronic gizmos, I actually get feedback on my wonderful, literate and always grammatically correct columns. Before e-mail got big, I wrote in a vacuum -- only to receive comments if somebody was REALLY mad. And, they must have been upset, because they would have to take the time to verbally assault me on paper, fold said paper and stuff it in an envelope, address the envelope and then spend money on a stamp to have it mailed to the office.

No more . . . lickety-split, folks get whizzed, they turn on their computer and let her rip.

I'll share some of the relatively recent ones.

Dear Don,

I have to share with you the greatest Valentine's Day present I have ever got. I came downstairs in the morning to find 2 beautiful birds & card. I sat with a cup of coffee and was thoroughly enjoying talking to the birds, when I noticed in the bottom of the cage you, with a strategically placed pile of poop on your face. Ahhhhh, the beauty of Valentine's Day. Hope yours was as satisfying.



don
rush
don't rush
me

Lynn.

Unfortunately, I seem to have that effect on women.

Dear Don,

Good Grief! Words cannot express how tired I am of you "professional" writers making the dumbest of mistakes when you write! You actually get PAID to look so ignorant of the English language? When I read your silliness about "Gov. Jen" and the "morning dove" killers, it was like listening to fingernails on a blackboard. Please . . . if in doubt . . . look it up.

mourning dove n. A grayish-brown, swift-flying wild dove of North America, noted for its mournful call.

Doesn't anyone read your copy before it gets published? Eesshh . . . (shaking my head)

Annoyed, yet still lovable, Joyce

Like I said, I have this effect on women. Joyce, you are not alone in your confoundedness when it comes to my being paid to write. You should have seen the look on my high school English teacher's face when she found out I was pursuing a journalism degree. How should I describe it? How about:

Cost of a college education: \$24,000.

The look on Mrs. Meyland's face when I graduated: Priceless!

Oh, and before I forget -- Joyce, stop giving my

boss ideas about not paying me for mistakes. He may one day decide enough is enough -- then me, Jen and the boys will be in the poorhouse. You wouldn't want that on your conscience would you?

Mr. Rush,

I always read your writings with eagerness to discover your latest anecdotal take on life or current issues. I enjoy them largely because I mostly agree with you, except when it comes to Jennifer Granholm: I never believed or supported her. But, the real point of this communication is to tell you of an error that can be looked up. When you mentioned doves, it's mourning doves, not morning doves. They are so named due to the soft, well, mourning coo that is associated with the birds. Just thought I'd let you know.

Sincerely, Hannah

Hmm, there's a lot to do with our fine feathered friends. Is my column going to the birds? Joyce, I told you, you weren't alone!

I do get some nice letters, even if the niceness isn't really meant for me . . .

Dear Don,

Hooray for Shamus -- and, of course, mom and dad!!! I am sure his determined campaign will win the "Zoo War"!!! Great lad!

No, Don, you've got it wrong. If you are Irish, it is a sin not to be proud!! We are God's chosen, and all others commit the sin of envy!! You know don't you, that God created the drink to keep the Irish from conquering the world!!! Keep up all your good works!!

Judy

And once in a while, the guys write . . .

Don,

I really enjoy the paper . . . especially because it's free!

I understand your comments, however I don't know when to take you seriously. John Wayne used to be a hero of mine until I found out that he was a draft dodger during WWII. Some of my more 'notorious' heroes are Ben Franklin, Teddy Roosevelt, Thomas Jefferson and Ronald Reagan. With that information and a dime, you can't buy much!

Best of luck! John

John, I think most folks don't know when to take me seriously . . . that's just the mystique of me.

Thanks for reading every body, and thanks for writing. If anybody else wants to send their thoughts, be they naughty or nice, you can e-mail me at dontrushmedon@charter.net or go to our website and blog me (I said blog, not flog!)

What's in back counts (in automobiles, too)

I've become a lot more interested in cars lately. I suppose it's due partly because mine is four years old, and partly because it's the season.

Starting with the extreme ballyhooing of International Auto Show in Detroit in January, continuing across the nation with other cities' shows, and because that's what we do as spring nears, the new car feeling is growing within.

I haven't gone to a showroom, but I have spent a lot of time looking at cars in parking lots and on the highways.

To me there's a lack of styling to the backs of cars; the trunks of sedans, the tailgates of SUVs and vans.

Grills get all the attention. It's like the front designers, and the ultimate approvers, are caught up in the Oscar night feminine features.

New cars are being brought out with raised headlights and lower grills. Designers are spending too much time in supermarket check-

out lines where all the exposure magazines are displayed.

They get to thinking if this sells magazines, surely it will sell cars.

In reality, drivers spend more time looking at backs of cars than fronts, if you get my drift.

Oncoming cars, like oncoming people, slip by fast, but you can get held up in traffic, behind the same car, for hours. Wouldn't it make time pass a little faster if there was a good looking rear ahead?

The designers caught what I call "Indy-look" fever several years ago, in that they began making cars look like they are going down hill all the time.

Hoods were sloped, and tail ends raised, giving the affect of speed. Steadily these emphases were added to.

Another thing I think the designers were foisting on the driver was a sly hint of fuel economy a car would get if its always going down hill.

Back to backs. Rear ends of many cars are too plain. Too much flat. No style. No design. No appeal.

Seems like in making a trunk lid a stamping machine could put some designer dents in it, or a complementing paint stripe could be added. They do it on the sides.

Some of the 2006 models have no backs. They just slope down to a bumper.

The same lack-of-back-end styling is even more evident in Suburban-urbans, and mini-vans. Wide, flat, unattractive gates quicken the exasperation experienced in highway backups.

Which brings me back to the influence designer magazines have on auto designers. You don't see models' rears in living color on the covers.

These designers have to get back to the basics, basics Henry Ford thought of when he designed the rumble-seat coupe. Now there's a rear end worth staring at.

It ain't plain flat. It's rounded. It's interesting. It's attractive. It's inviting.

And, Henry didn't sacrifice the front end of the Model A either -- he made them large and round, the headlights separated. He made both ends look great, and that's what I think is missing in today's car-maker's design studios.

I've been told other dogs are like my Shayna in that they are always begging for food. She's right there in the kitchen or at the table.

One evening I gave her pickled herring, fried chicken, dog food soaked in pheasant drippings and she looked at me, like begging for more.

I told her I treated her better than I ever did our kids. She looked at me, went for a drink of water and laid down on her pad by the fireplace.

I asked her if she loved me, and I swear she nodded her head, but I scolded her severely for being greedy and selfish.

Further, I limited her to two scoops of cheap vanilla ice cream that night.

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Police and Fire

Independence Township

March 1: Renaissance High Student reported to principal a threat towards the rest of the student body allegedly made by another student on Feb. 18. The student reporting the threats claimed they were made by phone. During the follow-up investigation the student who allegedly made the threats admitted to being intoxicated on the phone and claimed he did not remember the threats specifically.

54-year-old Clarkston man arrested for operating his vehicle while intoxicated on Holcomb Road.

Police arrested a 29-year-old Clarkston man for operating his vehicle while intoxicated and marijuana possession on Caberfae Trail. P.B.T. results were .019.

29-year-old Clarkston man arrested for operating his vehicle while intoxicated and refusing a breathalyzer on Maybee Road.

March 2: Attempted suicide on Drayton Road.

21-year-old Clarkston man arrested for operating his vehicle while intoxicated and having an open intoxicant in the vehicle. P.B.T. results were .22. A 20-year-old passenger from Farmington Hills was cited for underage drinking.

March 3: Two employees were injured at Permarc on White Lake Road during separate incidents. Around 9:30 a.m. a 34-year-old Detroit man was in-

jured when the metal machine press cut off a finger tip on his left hand. He was transported to Genesys in Grand Blanc. At approximately 11:30 a.m., a 54-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man fell from a ladder, from about 8 feet, striking his chin on the ladder and his ribs on the ground. The man was transported to POH in Pontiac.

Police arrested a 60-year-old Pontiac for operating his vehicle while intoxicated, marijuana possession, driving with a suspended license and urinating in public on M-15 near Bluegrass.

March 4: 61-year-old Clarkston woman arrested for operating her vehicle while intoxicated, having an open intoxicant in her vehicle and failure to stop at an assured clear distance after being involved in an accident on Maybee Road.

Following an accident, a 25-year-old Clarkston woman was arrested for operating her vehicle while intoxicated, second offense, on Ennismore Drive. The woman allegedly struck two cars near the intersection of Sashabaw Road and Willow Park Drive after trying to pass through the two vehicles heading south on Sashabaw.

March 5: After striking three vehicles, a 23-year-old Waterford woman was arrested for operating her vehicle while intoxicated at 2:56 a.m. on Lancaster Drive. P.B.T. results were .21.

Following an alleged domestic assault police arrested a 26-year-old Clarkston man on Cobden Lane.

March 6: Police were presented with two different names by 25-year-old Pontiac man they eventually arrested for operating his vehicle while intoxicated, driving with a suspended license and providing false information to police on Sashabaw Road. Police eventually discovered identification in his shoe. The man had three previous warrants for his arrest. A 15-year-old Pontiac girl riding with the man was transported to her home.

Springfield Township

March 2: Suicide on Norman Road.

March 4: Employee at video store on

Dixie Highway near Oakhill Road alleges two men stole over 30 DVD movies from the adult movie section while a female who entered the store with the men kept her busy at the service counter.

March 5: 27-year-old Springfield Township man arrested for domestic assault on Clarridge Road.

Caberfae Trail suspect found

Police were called to Caberfae Trail twice the week of Feb. 27 for continued reports of a suspicious man in the neighborhood with his dog.

On March 3, police were able to locate the man and advised him of a resident's concern he was trying to steal a dog. According to reports, the man stated he was dropping off his child at Bailey Lake Elementary and walked his dog through the neighborhood for exercise. He denied having any intention of stealing any dogs.

As reported in the March 1 edition of *The Clarkston News*, a Caberfae Trail resident, who wished not to be identified, informed police she believed the man was part of a professional dog-napping ring.

The man was advised not to walk his dog through the neighborhood and advised of the leash ordinance in Independence Township.

Deputy involved in accident

An Oakland County Sheriff's Department deputy was involved in a minor injury accident at Dixie Highway near I-75 on March 3.

The accident occurred at 9:05 p.m. while the deputy was stopped at a red light. He was struck from behind by the other vehicle.

The deputy was transported to Waterford Ambulatory Medical Center for treatment and released. According to reports, the driver suffered no injuries. Both vehicles suffered minor damage.

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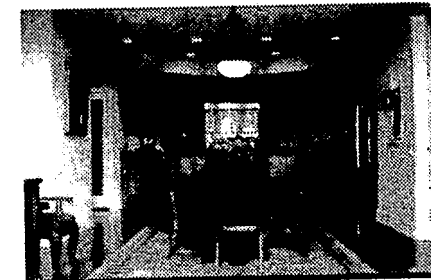
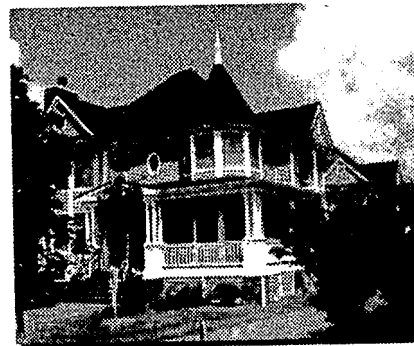
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NICE BRANDON TWP HOME



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BEAUTIFUL HOME!!



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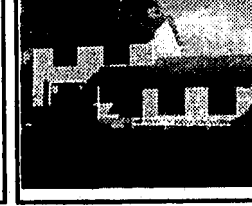
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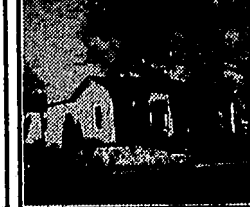
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Orco returns with new residential development

BY JENNY MATTESON
Clarkston News Editor

Troy-based Orco Investments Inc. is still looking for approval to build on 70 acres located at the corner of Waldon and Sashabaw roads near the I-75 interchange — the difficulty is exactly what Independence Township will allow to go there.

On Feb. 27, Orco submitted newly revised plans to the township building department for a residential development. The proposal is currently slated for the April 4 planning commission meeting.

The revised plans are a new version of a residential proposal originally calling for 476-532 single-family homes, townhouses and condos on approximately 65 acres of land, in addition to six acres of commercial development.

According to Supervisor Dave Wagner, the new proposal is greatly scaled down from the original, calling for only around 450 residential units. This averages around 6.8 units per acre, where the maximum previously allowed in the township is 6 units per acre.

"I still think its got a long ways to go," said Wagner. "When you look at the Master Plan, it does look at that area for an increased density that is not the norm for our township, but this is testing that."

"There's still work to be done on it," Wagner said the new proposal calls for less commercial area, only about

four acres compared with six. He feels there is "no way to build anything big there."

"I know this is going to be a real hot potato, there's going to be opposition to it," Wagner said. "I just don't want to talk about Wal-Mart anymore. They can't fit a Wal-Mart on four acres."

Before even considering a residential development, Orco Investments submitted plans in January 2005 calling for a commercial development that included two "big box" retailers, a 100-room hotel and several smaller establishments, such as restaurants and banks. Wal-Mart was one of the "big box" retailers discussed as an option.

"I'm tired of hearing about 'big boxes,'" said Wagner. "I'm ready to focus on this."

"I'm hoping the board will allow the process to go forward, that's all," Wagner added. "I don't want to stall the process, it's already taken long enough. So let it move forward and see what happens. It could all fall apart in six months."

Representatives for Orco Investments stated in previous meetings that commercial development is the preferred route for the parcel. The commercial development plan still remains on the table.

The April 4 planning commission meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Clarkston Schools Administration Building.



Accident wrecks cars

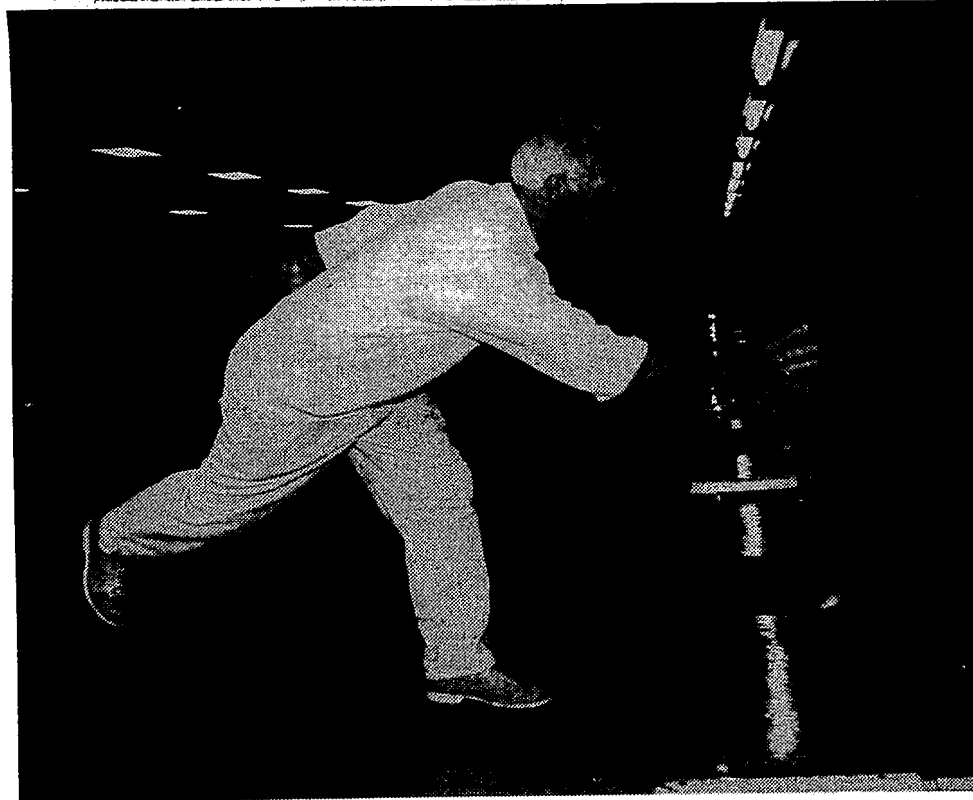
A major accident left two cars totaled but no serious injuries on March 4.

According to police reports, at approximately 1 p.m. on March 4, a black 2006 Buick heading westbound on Walton Road near Pine Valley crossed over the centerline and struck a grey 2003 Saturn headed eastbound. The Buick contin-

ued down the road swerving off into a nearby ditch on the north side of Waldon.

According to police, the driver of the Buick was cited for driving left of center. Both vehicles sustained heavy damage and had to be towed away from the scene. No major injuries were reported.

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CHS students lay down the law in mock trial

BY ANDREW DUPONT
Clarkston News Staff Writer

"Objection! He's leading the witness," is not a common phrase used by high school sophomores. That is, unless they are members of their school's mock trial team.

The goal of mock trial competition is to give students with an interest in law some tactile experience with the subject. Recently, members of the Clarkston High School Mock Trial Team got to practice in as real a setting as possible.

On the morning of March 4, team members met at the Oakland County Probate Court in Waterford for a dress rehearsal. They argued a counterfeiting case in preparation for a regional competition March 11.

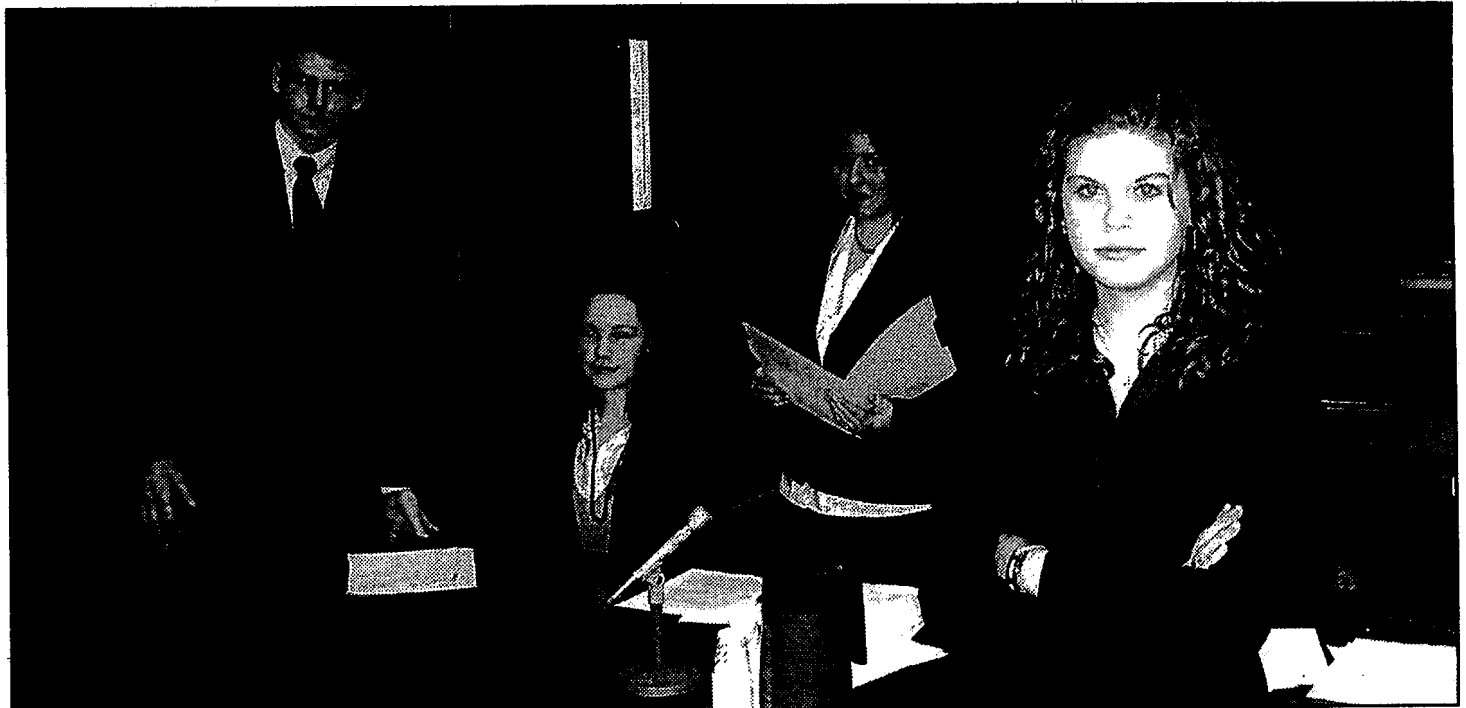
The role-playing exercise was held in a courtroom, with Oakland County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Greg Townsend acting as judge.

In weeks prior, the students rehearsed everything from opening to closing arguments. They were given the facts ahead of time, and the witnesses were there to testify.

So was the suspect guilty? That is what both teams - three prosecutors, three defense lawyers - had to prove or disprove, though the process was much more important than the outcome.

"It makes no difference. They're scored on contact, presentation, demeanor, knowledge of the case, all that stuff," Townsend said.

"It's really competitive, I was shocked," said team coach Peggy Marck, who has been with the team along with



The cast of Law and Order: CHS: Zach Weiss, Jessica Rupright, Sarah Rankin and Kaitlyn Hassett. Photo by DuPont

John Zittel since the beginning three years ago. "I coached softball and this is much worse. It's really nerve-racking."

Tyler Boston, a sophomore, played a witness last year and this year. Boston said he has to learn the facts about the case from his character's perspective so he can stand up to questioning.

"I have statements I've made that I've memorized and my facts, and we go over it with my lawyer; but the opposing lawyer, I don't know what they're going to say," Boston said.

So whether or not the witness gives complete and factual testimony is up to the lawyers who examine them.

Determining who ends up as the six attorneys takes time, and Townsend, who along with fellow Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Rob Novy, said they hold try-outs to determine who works best as the attorneys.

"All these kids have a real interest in it and they've really taken to it. I think they're doing a heck of a job," Townsend said.

At the regional competition, the teams face off against mock lawyers from other high schools, arguing the same case with the same facts.

"Last year we were able to advance to the state... some schools are practicing

everyday," said Novy. "We want to have fun, but keep it a good learning experience with out being overbearing."

In between making corrections and providing stern advice to students, the coaches and attorneys are able to laugh at mishaps and make jokes.

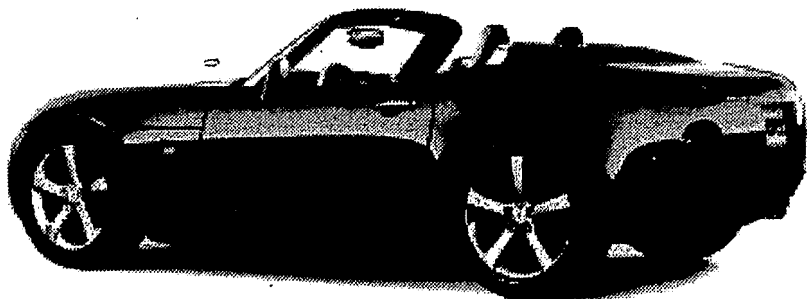
During practice, Townsend remarked that he saw drastic improvement over several areas since the team first came together.

"I think I speak for Rob that we're both very proud of these kids... these kids are terrific," said Townsend. For more pictures from the dress rehearsal, visit www.clarkstonnews.com.

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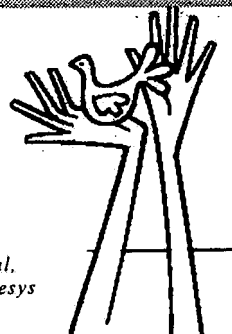
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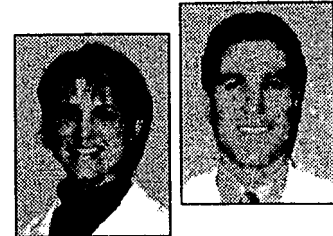
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CHS students perform at annual Solo and Ensemble Festival

Hartland High School and Farmington Harrison High School were the sites for the February 11th District 4 Solo and Ensemble Festival. This annual event sponsored by the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association, involved high school music students from throughout Oakland County. This was an adjudicated event and students earned ratings ranging from a high of "1st Division" to a low of "5th Division". Solo and ensemble participants who earned the "1st Division" rating have earned the honor of performing at the State Level on March 25th.

Students from Clarkston High School earning 1st Division ratings are:

- Jessica Craig – flute solo
- Jessica Daukas – flute solo
- Sean Goebel – flute solo
- Tina Layton – flute solo
- Jessica Daukas, Joëy Everett – flute duet
- Jessica Daukas, Chelsea Gross – flute duet
- Tina Layton, Kaitlyn LeClair – flute duet
- Danielle Wendland, Michelle Pascoe – flute duet
- Ashley Chamberlain, Amy Cannons, Jena Manilla – flute trio
- Katelyn Schermerhorn, Amy Williamson, Katie Morse – flute trio
- Kellie McKay, Katie Jerolamon, Natalie Wozniak, Sarah Butzler – flute quartet
- Michell Pascoe, Kyle Kerby – flute/Horn duet
- Michelle Cardinal – oboe solo
- Kirsten Rogers – oboe solo
- Blake Tereau – bassoon solo
- Morgan Brisse – clarinet solo
- Emma Landgraf – clarinet solo
- Emma Burden, Sarah Kilgore – clarinet duet
- Emily Parker, Gina Choi – clarinet duet
- Morgan Brisse, Melanie Balkany, Kaycee Morra – clarinet trio







- Rachel Napier, Katie Ballough, Sarah Canniff – clarinet/flute trio
- Raquel Reyes, Melissa Fitzpatrick, Stephanie Thorstad – clarinet trio
- Bralely Bullard – saxophone solo
- Michael Sorrentino – saxophone solo
- Michael Sorrentino, Eric Bailey, Brad Kolano and Jeff Chaney – saxophone quartet
- Dan Blue – trumpet solo
- Ryan Reinke – trumpet solo
- Dan Blue, Ryan Reinke, Nate Luibrand, Brittany Walsh – trumpet quartet
- Jon Morawski, Nick Johnson, Maria Mercado, Brian Steele, and Kevin Marheine – brass quintet
- Dan Blue, Justin Benson, Jeremy Wagner, Nate Luibrand, and Jordin Nelson – brass Quintet
- Kyle Kerby, Josh Oliver, Nate Luibrand, Brittany Walsh, Todd Morra – brass quintet
- Evan Brown – trombone solo
- Amanda Bartenbaker – baritone solo
- Erin Kelly – cello solo
- Corrinne Sanger – bass solo
- Raquel Lutz – bass solo
- Jon Brown, Greg Davis – percussion duet
- Alexis Stanczuk, Ashley Brown – percussion duet
- Samantha etters Stephanie Gross, Josh Albee, Stephen Goode, Wally Myers – percussion quintet
- Victoria Kay, Lama Alghanem – string duet
- Cathy Fick, Katie Laskowska – string duet
- Cathy Fick, Kyndra Wojciechowski – string duet
- Sophia Angelis, Crystal Pace – string duet
- Kirsten Rogers, David Hart, Celeste Evans, Sean Goebel, Emma Landgraf – woodwind quintet
- Chelsea Gross, Nick Luibrand, Michelle Cardinal, Blake Tereau, and Jaime Johnson – woodwind quintet
- Lynn Ashby, Lama Alghanem, Sarah DeFrayne, Erin Kelly, Chelsea Antonides, Ryan McWilliams, Ellie Crawford, Lindsey Willyard, Kenwood Hoben, Colette Armes, Robert Frost, Brian Shaw, Nick McFadden


- Keesling, Billy Freed – string chamber ensemble
- Jessica Daukas, Chelsea Gross, Jaime Okopny, Michelle Cardinal, Amy Arpke, Nick Luibrand, Blake Tereau, Nick Rogers, Kyle Kerby, Jordin Nelson, Brandon Warzybok, and Jaime Johnson – woodwind chamber ensemble
- Christina Martus, Nick Luibrand, Amy Arpke, Melanie Balkany, Trevor Harris, Katie Bonnavier, Morgan Brisse, Brittany Fusco, Gina Choi and Emily Parker – clarinet choir
- Rachel Napier, Katie Bonnavier, Nick Luibrand, Heather Haynes, Sabrina Tungol, Kaycee Morra, Amy Arpke, Trevor Harris, Melanie Balkany, Brittany Fusco, Morgan Brisse, Emma Landgraf, Gina Choi, and Emily Parker – clarinet choir

Students receiving 2nd Division ratings are:

- Michelle Pasco – flute solo
- Beth Hoekstra and Jill Hoekstra – flute/clarinet duet
- Laura Kochendorfer and Kelsie Thams – flute duet
- Adam Walker, Katie Bonnavier, Natalie Wozniak, Jon Morawski, and Rebecca Bailey – woodwind quintet
- Heather Haynes and Molly O'Rourke – flute duet
- David Nacy – saxophone solo
- Jaime Shaw, Dan Dobbins, and David Nacy – saxophone trio
- Tim Ginn and Phil Finazzo – trumpet duet
- Billy Thompson and Brian Steele – trombone duet
- Sarah Rankin – piano solo
- Lynn Ashby – violin solo

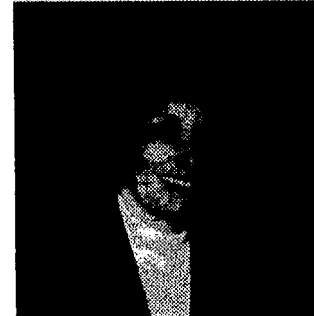
Congratulations to these students who continue to proudly represent the Clarkston Music Department, their families for supporting their musical efforts, the CHS directors and private instructors for helping with preparation of many of the events, and the piano accompanists who made the solo performances possible.

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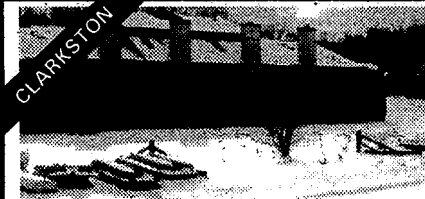


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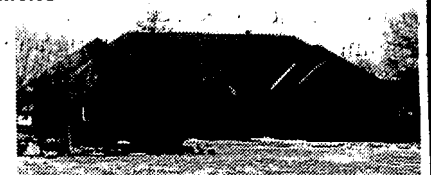


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BY JAMES MARTINEZ
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Watersheds affect entire communities and preserving them takes a group effort.

Area residents looking to do their part to improve and monitor water quality in the Clinton River Watershed can participate in a two-part training program which started on Feb. 18.

The Clinton River Watershed Council (CRWC) kicked off the two-day training programs for its second Adopt-a-Stream program and hosts several training workshops in the area over the next two months for those wishing to take part, including a Part I session in Springfield Township on April 1.

"It's a wonderful program sponsored by the CRWC and a wonderful opportunity for those who love our resources and want to play a role in a very tactile way... in their own backyard," said Springfield Township Clerk Nancy Strole.

As part of the program, once volunteers complete the training, teams visit adopted sites twice a year in the Watershed and collect data about the health of the waterways in that area. According to a CRWC press release, the data collected allows CRWC to develop a long-term record of aquatic organisms, habitat quality and basic chemical conditions used by local municipalities in developing and implementing programs to protect water quality.

The two-part training sessions take place on separate days at different locations.

Part I training has three remaining sessions, with the next one scheduled for April 1 from 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Civic Center.

The session teaches volunteers about the watershed and how everyday actions influence its health. The session, held indoors, also demonstrates how water quality monitoring can help track the health of the watershed as well as reviews monitoring protocols and macroinvertebrate identification.

Part II, held outdoors, takes volunteers streamside to review all the monitoring protocols and the art of capturing bugs in preparation for May monitoring.

"It gives them an opportunity to go out there and make a difference. You're not just reading a book. You're out there doing it," said Strole.

According to CRWC Stewardship Director Tracie Beasley, people wishing to attend can go to any session no matter their residency or location, but are expected to attend both parts of the program to participate.

After completing the two part-program, participants are placed with an experienced group for the spring visit and then placed in a group in fall based on factors including interest and location, said Beasley.

Last year over 100 individuals became Adopt-a-Stream volunteers and adopted 25 river, creek and drain sites across the watershed.

"We had a tremendous response to this program last year. I was thrilled with how enthusiastic so many community members were to take part in this program and with their willingness to learn and commit themselves to something that was very new to most of them," said Beasley in the press release.

As stated in their press release, CRWC aims to train another 100 volunteers this year, enabling the organization to add about 20 more sites to its water quality monitoring program.

Strole emphasized the fact that the program fits in well with what the Upper Clinton Subwatershed Group, consisting of municipalities including the Village of Clarkston, Springfield and Independence townships, is federally mandated to do about controlling and eliminating pollutants that may enter waterways.

Future Part I training sessions are scheduled for April 1 in Springfield Township, May 20 in St. Clair Shores and June 29 in Oxford. Part II workshops are set for April 22 in Waterford, April 23 in Utica, April 29 in Auburn Hills, April 29 in Troy, June 24 in Grosse Point Shores and July 13 in Lake Orion.

CRWC is a non-profit organization that protects, enhances, and celebrates the Clinton River, its watershed and Lake St. Clair.

To register or for specific location and time information, call Beasley at 248-601-0606 or visit www.clintonriver.org.

Benefit Euchre Party

A euchre party held by the Oakland Liver Transplant Fund Benefit for Teresa Tersigni is scheduled on March 24 at American Legion Post 63 on Ortonville Road. There is a \$20 entry-fee which includes a buffet and two drink tickets. Registration and the buffet start from 6-6:30 p.m. with play beginning at 7 p.m. Participants must be 18 years or older to attend. The event features cash prizes and a 50/50 raffle. Reservations are recommended because seating is limited. For tickets or more information call 248-625-1000.

Optimist Oratorical contest set

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

This year's subject is "My future is bright because..." Students are asked to present a 4-5 minute speech on the topic for competition.

All interested students must be 16 years of age as of December 31, 2005. There is no minimum age requirement.

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

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

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Clarkston News Sports

Rademacher's hustle and flow beats back Captains



Senior Joe Rademacher was a man possessed against Kettering, recording 18 points, six rebounds and four steals. Photo by Noah Purcell

District opener still hard on a Wolf

BY NOAH PURCELL

Clarkston News Sports Reporter

Though they defeated Waterford Kettering 65-49 in the opening round of district play on March 6, not many smiles graced the faces of Clarkston's basketball team as they emerged from the locker room.

"If we keep playing like that the season will be over," Clarkston Coach Dan Fife said.

In letting Kettering jump out to a 5-0 lead to start the game and hang around until midway through the third quarter, Fife worries his team is not taking the district field seriously enough.

"We need to be prepared mentally. It's a battle with them; it's a battle with all kids ... I haven't said the right words yet," Fife said.

The sentiments of their coach were echoed by Clarkston players after the victory.

"We're going to get everybody's best shot. They made shots against us tonight they don't make against Mott," senior Joe Rademacher said.

Rademacher's hustle on both ends helped pull the Wolves from their early-game funk. He scored 18 points, shooting 6/7 from the field and 2/3 from 3-point land, grabbed six rebounds and recorded four steals.

"He (Rademacher) does a lot of things for us," Fife said.

The true measure of Rademacher's importance to the Wolves did not show up in his stat line though, as he was at his best when the team was at its worst.

During a first quarter in which the Wolves shot 1/15 from the field, Rademacher was 3/3 for seven points. He also nabbed a steal to start a 6-0 run, which ended with a layup by Rademacher to tie the score 13-13 with

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Athletes of the Week - Notre Dame Prep state champs

Caitlyn Wylie, Alexandra Kosik, Emalilly Hoxie and Natasha Kosik help team to historic victory

Four Clarkston residents played an integral role in Notre Dame Prep's state skiing championship in the girls B-C-D race on Feb. 27 at Harbor Springs.

Senior captain Caitlyn Wylie, sophomore Alexandra Kosik, sophomore Emalilly Hoxie and freshman Natasha Kosik all hail from Clarkston and each contributed to Notre Dame Prep's victory. Their finish is historic as Notre Dame is the first team from Southeast Michigan to win a state skiing championship.

In the final standings Notre Dame tied with Iron Mountain with 119 points. The tie was broken by the totals of the team's first three skiers, with both the presentation and trophies for Notre Dame going to Alexandra Kosik's 29th place.

Also contributing to the Clarkston team's victory were the Clarkston residents (left to right) Alexandra Kosik, Natasha Kosik, Caitlyn Wylie, and Emalilly Hoxie.



Clarkston residents (left to right) Alexandra Kosik, Natasha Kosik, Caitlyn Wylie, and Emalilly Hoxie are all state champions after Notre Dame Prep won the B-C-D girls state skiing championship on Feb. 27. Photo provided

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Best season yet for Bowlers ends at State Finals

While neither the boys nor girls bowling teams made the cut at the state finals, both clubs pulled off their best seasons to date in qualifying for the MHSAA finals on March 5 at Sunnybrook Lanes in Sterling Heights.

At the state finals the girls team finished with 2009 total pins. New Baltimore Anchor Bay was the last team to qualify for the finals with 2134 pins. Taylor Truman was tops in the qualifying block with 2388 pins, however White Lake Lakeland won the girls team title by defeating Grand Blanc.

The boys team finished with 2224 pins in the state finals qualifying block. Port Huron was the last finals qualifier with 2349. Detroit Catholic Central was tops through the qualifying rounds with 2600. At the end of

the day though, Warren DeLaSalle was crowned champion after defeating Grand Haven.

While Clarkston's bowlers did not shine in the state finals the two teams did quite well at regionals on Feb. 25. The boys took first place in their draw and the girls team finished in third place.

For the boys, Jeremy Wagner missed going to states singles competition by 1 pin and finished in eighth place overall. Ryan Motto finished in 10th, eight pins out of placing and Sean Welch came in 22nd. Also representing Clarkston were Robert Appel (51st) and Jackson Kimball (59th).

The Wolves' April Pieknik led all female bowlers at regionals with a six game total of 1257. Her first place finish is Clarkston's highest ever. Pieknik finished

25th overall in the state singles finals on March 3.

Helping the girls team on their way to qualifying to states were: Sam Stolnicki who came in eighth and missed going to states by 8 pins; Kelly Anderson who finished 17th overall and had a high game of 277; Jessica Hart (40th) and Katie Grinis (60th).

On the season the boys team finished with a record of 8-2, finished second in the league and won the Oakland County Championship.

The girls finished 5-5 overall, took second place in the league and finished second at the Oakland County Championships.

- NOAH PURCELL

Riverdaws prepare for 12th Clarkston Classic

The Clarkston Riverdaws are sponsoring an USSSA World Series Qualifier baseball tournament held April 28-30 at Clintonwood Park in Clarkston.

The registration fee is \$350 per team. Age groups will be nine and under, 10 and under, 11 and under, 12 and under, 13 and under, and 14 and under. The age groups are limited to eight teams each.

Each team is guaranteed three games. All teams must be USSSA registered. Team rosters must be submitted to www.ussa.com by the 24th of April.

Deadline to sign up is April 12, or until eight teams have filled an age bracket.

Payment must accompany registration and can be sent to Clarkston Youth Baseball Organization, P.O. Box 1153, Clarkston, MI 48347-1153.

For additional information visit www.riverdaws.org or call Doug Brady at 248-603-5308. For additional information regarding any of the Clarkston Riverdaws baseball teams visit www.clarkstonriverdaws.org or www.nobf.net.

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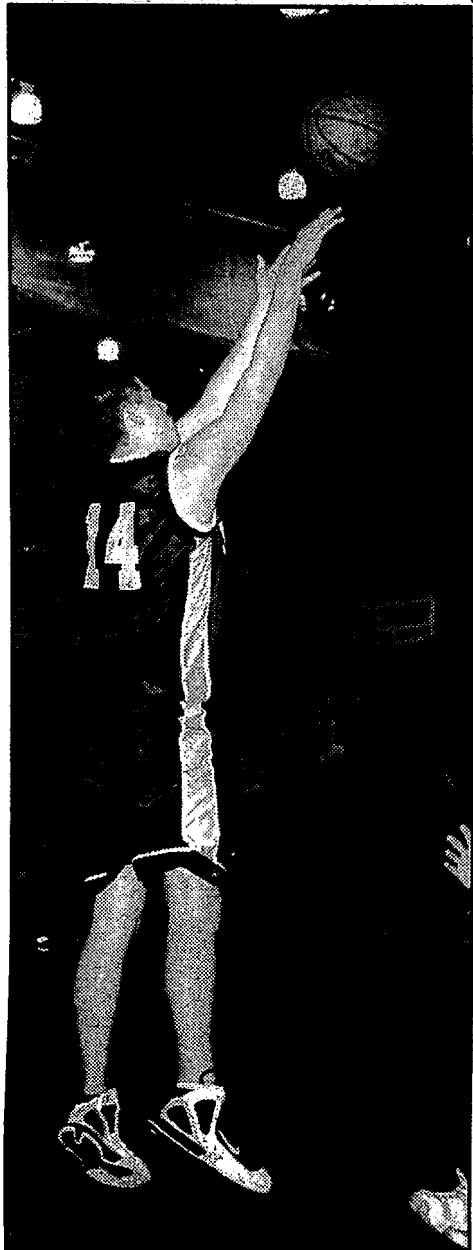
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Junior Dan Owen's sweet shooting stroke accounted for 19 Clarkston points against Kettering. Photo by Noah Purcell

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less than a second left in the first.

Later in the contest, Rademacher emotionally galvanized the Wolves as he absorbed a flagrant foul but calmly stroked the resulting free throws. On the possession directly following the flagrant foul, junior Dan Owens stroked a 3-pointer to give Clarkston a 42-27 lead with 2:43 left in the game.

Coming off the bench early and often for the Wolves, Owens poured in a game-high 19 points, hitting three 3-pointers along the way, including a buzzer-beater to end the third which put Clarkston up 50-34.

"Eventually we got our groove," Rademacher said.

Even as Clarkston's offense clicked in the second half, the Captains' sputtered.

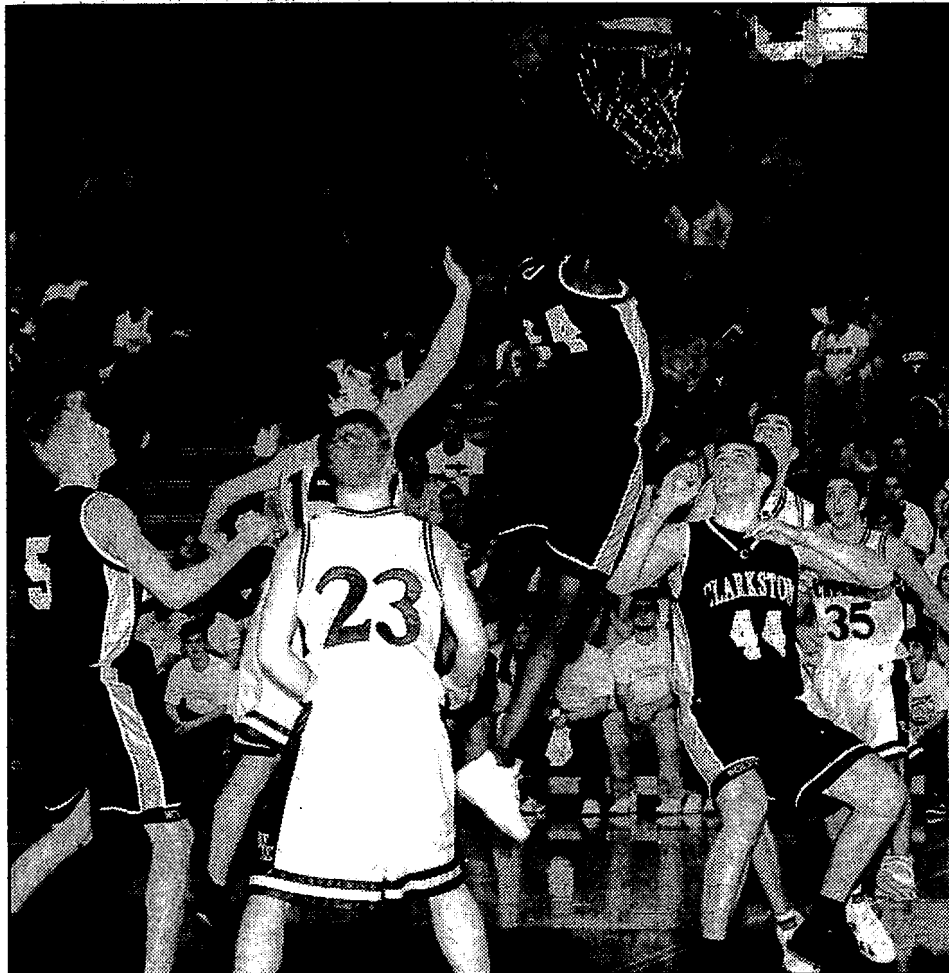
"We just couldn't set anything up on offense. I give credit to their (Clarkston's) defense in the second half," Kettering Coach Brian Tass said.

Clarkston held their ground in the fourth quarter, outscoring Kettering 17-15 to move on to the next round of districts.

As Kettering tried in vain to claw back into the game in the fourth quarter, Clarkston sophomore Oliver Kupe put his mark on the game. The spritely Kupe, scored all but two of his nine points and grabbed three of his four rebounds in the fourth.

"Rademacher and (Kupe) did things out there you just can't coach," Fife said.

Clarkston hopes to have the bugs worked out of their system by the time



Sophomore Oliver Kupe skies for an offensive rebound during Clarkston's 65-49 win over Kettering. Photo by Noah Purcell

they take on Lapeer East on March 8 at 5:30 p.m. in the Lake Orion gym.

Lake Orion, the district host, beat Waterford Mott 71-39 in the other opening round game. The Dragons advance to play Oxford on March 8 at 7:30.

The district final is scheduled for March 10 at 7 p.m. Should Clarkston and Lake Orion face one another in the final, the gym will undoubtedly sell out.

Clarkston did enjoy a pleasant end to the regular season as the Wolves dispatched Avondale 73-42 on Feb. 28 and Southfield 70-54 on March 3.

Senior Joe Moran had the hot hand in both games, scoring 20 against Avondale and 24 against Southfield. Both scoring totals were game highs.

Clarkston finished the regular season with a record of 16-4 (8-4).

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Knowing the score is a must in life's later innings

By Ernie Harwell

One of the first things I learned in broadcasting baseball games was that I had to give out the score every three minutes or the listeners would lose interest. I used an egg timer to develop this "habit."

In the game of baseball, knowing the score in every inning is an absolute must.

The same is true in the game of life—especially in the later innings.

Having said that, I imagine you're wondering what "score" I'm referring to.

Well, I recently read an article about a World Health Organization report recommending that older adults regularly assess how well they can carry out daily activities.

What score would you give yourself today? Do you consider yourself "winning" or "losing" at the challenge of living the healthiest life possible? How easily can you prepare meals, climb stairs, do housework and care for pets? Do you walk regularly, even when it's not necessary?

Paying attention to the quantity and quality of our daily physical activity helps shift our perspective. Rather than desiring to be healthier so that we can be healthier.

And please remember to take care of your health before it's longgggg gone!

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

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CVP brings Miller's "Broken Glass" to life

BY ANDREW DUPONT
Clarkston News Staff
Writer

Drastically changing gears from their previous comedic production "Sylvia," CVP bring the dramatic story of a woman's struggle with her personal disability and the tyrannical rise of Nazi Germany before World War II.

Set in Brooklyn, New York, "Broken Glass" stars Joann Sellers as Sylvia Gellburg.

The year is 1938, and Nazi are smashing the windows of Jewish stores in Germany. Gellburg suddenly and inexplicably become paralyzed from the waste down her doctor Harry Hyman (played by Dale Dobson) cannot figure out why.

Gellburg stays at home and reads newspapers telling her about what is going on over in Germany, and decides something must be done to stop the Nazis. However, neither Gellburg or her husband Philip (played by Mel Case) understand the cause of her illness, and Gellburg does not know how she can stop something across the world when she cannot even control her own legs.

"Broken Glass" is directed by CVP member Jan Cable, who said the group likes to present at least one award winning play every season.



Debbly Shepherd, Mel Case and Dale Dobson star in the CVP production of "Broken Glass." Photo by DuPont

"It's a very powerful play. It really makes people think," Cable said. "Arthur Miller combines historical facts with fiction to tap into the frailty of being human."

Performances of "Broken Glass" are scheduled for Mar. 10-12, 16-18 and 23-25.

Show times are 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$12 for Friday and Saturday performances and \$10 for Thursday and Sunday.

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

Water

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explained Richardson. "I'm not concerned because each component as it goes online is tested. So we test all of it as it starts running.

"Also, the chlorination in the system will help with any future new water mains going in. Chlorine kills the bacteria."

According to the letter, residents will be notified by mail when the flushing is scheduled for their area.

Also, those residents with reverse

osmosis systems (RO systems) should contact their equipment suppliers and representatives and make arrangements for filters to be installed to protect the equipment from the effects of the chlorine in the water supply.

"We apologize for any inconvenience these changes cause, but know that the new system will provide you with a much improved water supply," stated the Feb. 27 letter.

Anyone with questions about the new system can contact the Independence Township Water Department at 248-625-8222.

Pillar

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Clarkston Elementary as his children grew.

Roeser and his wife Gail married in 1962 and raised three sons who gradu-

ated from Clarkston High and now reside in the Metro Detroit area. Son Fred and his wife Ann have two kids; Sarah, 12, and Davis, 10. Mike has three kids; Michael, 10, Emily 7, and Mollee, 5. The Roesers' third son Todd lives in Royal Oak.

Bridge

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building and fund-raising project. According to Piazza, the club is holding off starting construction until the funds for the bridge are raised.

In related news, the Clarkston Watershed Group, made up of city council members, the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club, St. Daniel Catholic Church's River of Life and other segments of the community are continuing their efforts for the Depot Park Envi-

ronmental Project.

City council member Jim Brueck said the group expects to hear back this week on a grant filed in February with the Oakland Native Partnership Initiative. He also said the group is working on a federal grant and plans to discuss formalizing the group in future meetings.

Look to future issues of *The Clarkston News* for more information. To read the previous article about the Clarkston Watershed Group, visit www.clarkstonnews.com and type "Spring may hold more than cleaning for Depot Park."

Center

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guage and the township can acquire detailed estimates of the construction.

"The schools have already set the bar for the level of detail the people expect to see," Lohmeier said.

He felt that providing voters with a clear picture of how the \$3 million becomes a new senior center would go a long way towards approval of the bond in August.

Construction of the new senior center is only one piece of the puzzle. The other is how the building and the programs provided will be paid for on a day to day basis. Turk and Lohmeier both mentioned the township board would see paperwork calling for an increase of \$100,000 in the senior center's operational costs in the new building.

"Those are preliminary costs, I think it will be more than that," said Turk in regard to the operating cost estimate.

Lohmeier felt the operating cost estimate jibed with the original millage proposal in regard to running the senior center. He mentioned the operating costs were estimated to be \$560,000 in total.

"\$560,000 a year is still within the 25-.5 mil range," Lohmeier said.

Should the money be approved for a new senior center, Parks and Recreation would be the first beneficiary as

currently funds to support the senior center come from its budget.

"We really can't build and operate a new senior center and then have Parks and Recreation suffer," Turk said.

Going forward, Lohmeier and the PRAC will tour the Rochester Senior Center as they consider whether or not the proposal for a new senior center in Independence should have a gym included. Speaking as an individual, Lohmeier felt a gym would require a second building to be constructed and could open the senior center building up to use for the whole community.

Also on the PRAC's docket are discussions concerning an appropriate name for the building. Lohmeier felt the question of whether the building would be referred to as a senior center or something more generic was partially tied to whether or not the gym was added to the proposal.

"Naming and the gym are two things we owe the board an opinion on," Lohmeier said.

Provided the Independence board does not vote for the senior center millage and bond issue to appear on the August ballot on March 7, Lohmeier thinks everything should be in order for them to do so by the beginning of April.

The happening in the March 7 meeting occurred too late for this edition of *The Clarkston News*. The March 15 edition of the paper will carry a full review

Projects

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deadlines are established for reserving the facilities.

Although not all the specifics are decided, the scheduling timeline would accommodate groups in the following priority: schools, community education, parks and recreation, and other groups.

Roberts commented the system is currently in use and successful in the Rochester School district.

In a round table discussion led by Chamber Director Penny Shanks, members of the five entities discussed six further actions required to reach this goal:

- make sure to involve Springfield Township within the next two weeks,
- consciously plan when and where duplication may or may not be needed between the departments,
- begin including the township libraries within 10 to 12 months,
- determine fiscal responsibility in use of the facilities within the next six months,
- and gather public feedback on the programs.

A steering committee - comprised of Mike Turk, director of Independence Twp. Parks and Recreation; Kelly Hyer, recreation supervisor of Independence Twp. Parks and Recreation; Marilyn Allen, head of Clarkston Schools Community Education; Dave Reschke, deputy superintendent for Clarkston Schools; and Lisa Molone, head of Springfield Twp. Parks and Recreation - was assigned to complete many of the above actions.

Many of those attending the March 1 meeting felt the group's new project

could be completed quickly.

"We feel that this can not only start, but be completed with contract in four months," said Kristy Ottman, Clarkston City Council member, "barring Comcast does not stop us in our tracks."

Ottman said many of the five entities participating in Leadership Clarkston do not currently have active public access contracts with Comcast, making the time to negotiate prime. She also said the main difficulty at the moment is that no one in Springfield Township receives school event and news broadcasts and no one in Independence knows what is happening in Springfield Township.

After large group discussion, members of Leadership Clarkston decided to not only pursue joint public access channels, but also to expand the project to include utilizing a community-wide method of communication.

Two additional options considered by those present for the new project included sharing resources between the entities and participating in joint purchasing. Sharing resources focused upon available land resources and the many projects possible for land conservation. Joint purchasing focused on joining together to buy in bulk, joining together possible labor forces and finding ways to jointly cut costs for items such as health care or phones.

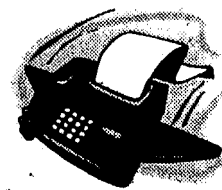
After a small group discussion session, many participants felt the two additional options would be better considered at a future time.

At the conclusion of the March 1 meeting, Leadership Clarkston participants agreed to allow the various steering committees to begin work on the two selected projects.

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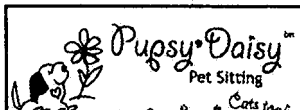
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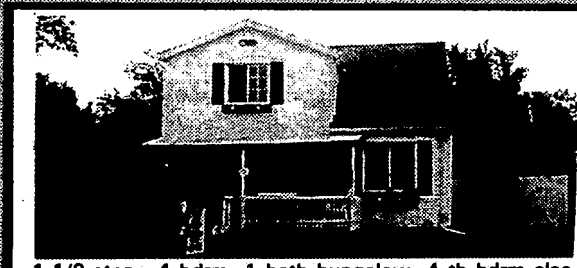
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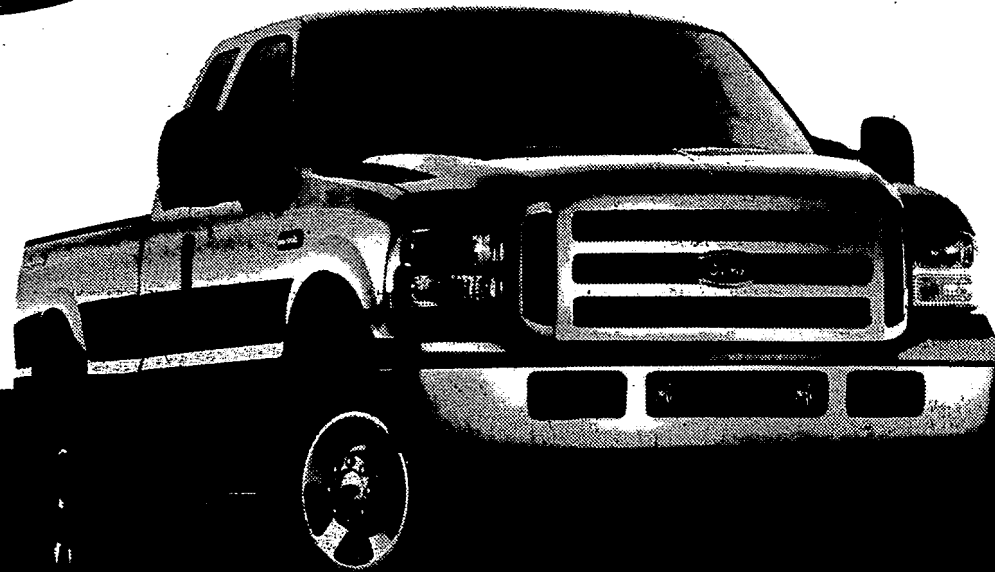


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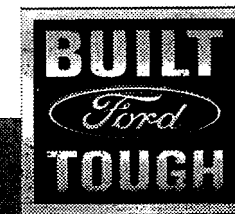
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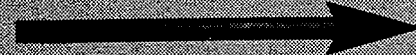
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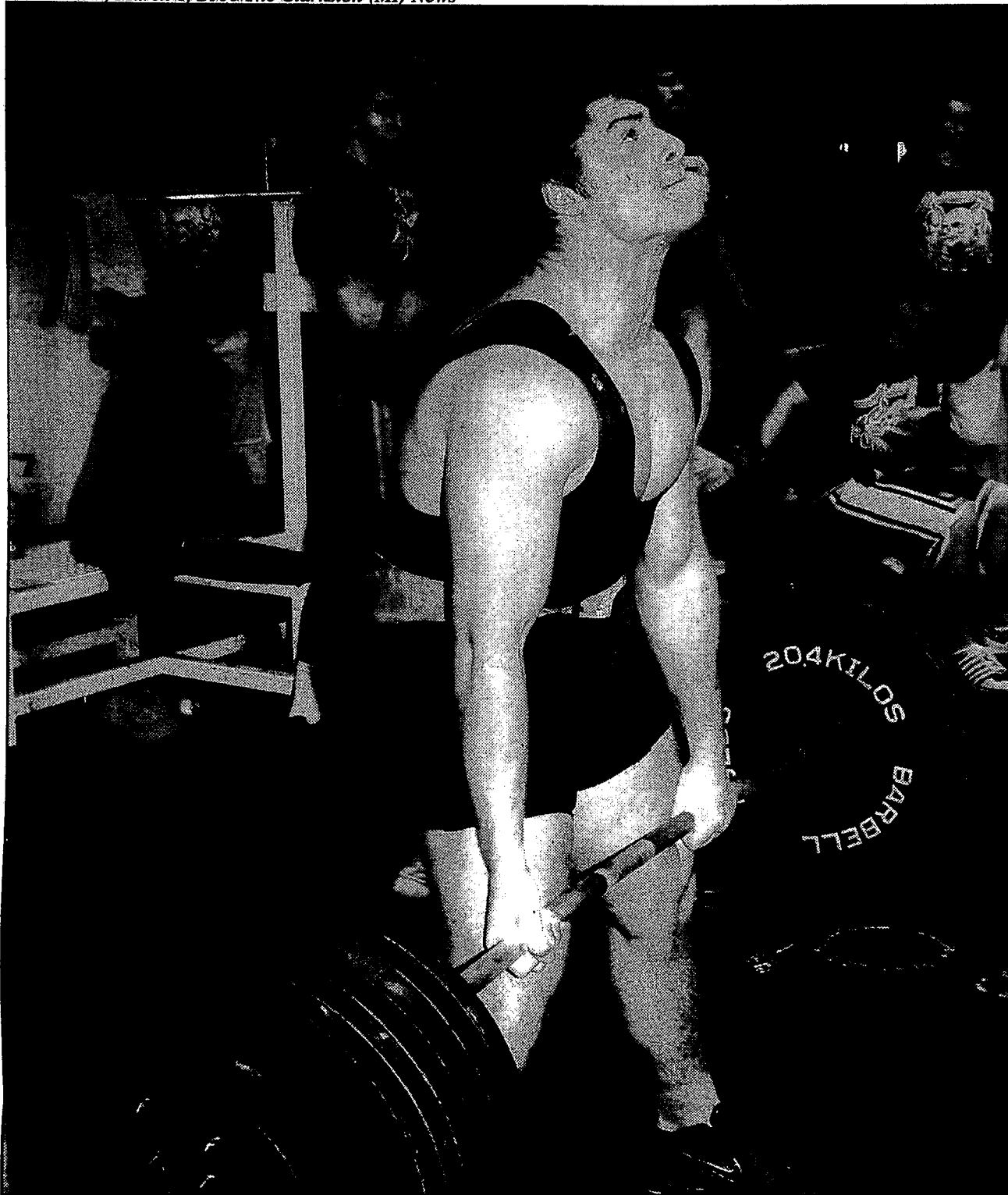
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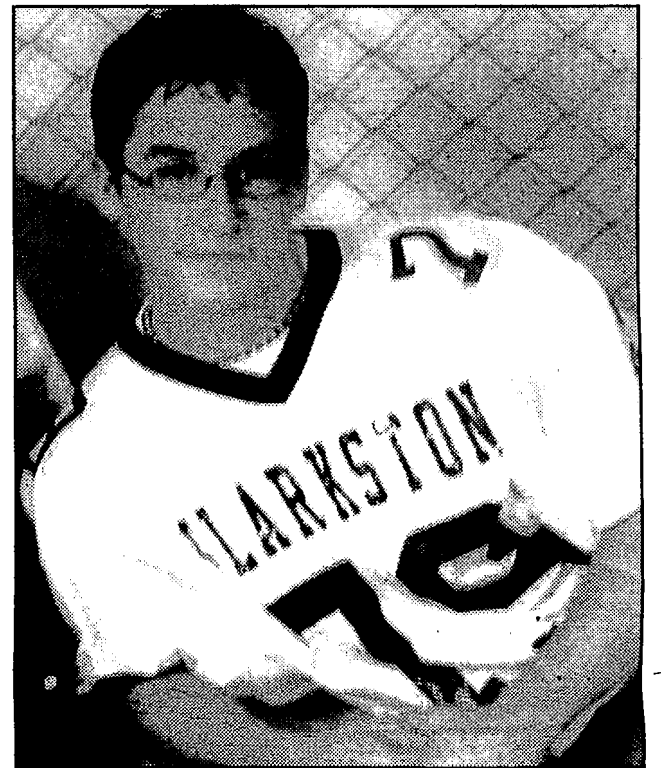
In memory of Kelly Ray Firby, who died in a car accident Nov. 28, 2003, the Clarkston High School powerlifting team gathered for the third annual memorial powerlift meet on March 4. The event was held to cherish the memories of Firby, who loved powerlifting, and raise funds for the powerlifting team. Kristen Bradish, the mother of Kirby's son Jacob, organized the event and was happy to see the large turn-out.

"I think it means a lot to see how many people are here who didn't even know him," Bradish said.

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



Two-time state champion Steven Mclsaac awed onlookers by dead-lifting 620 pounds for his final lift.



Kelly Ray Firby



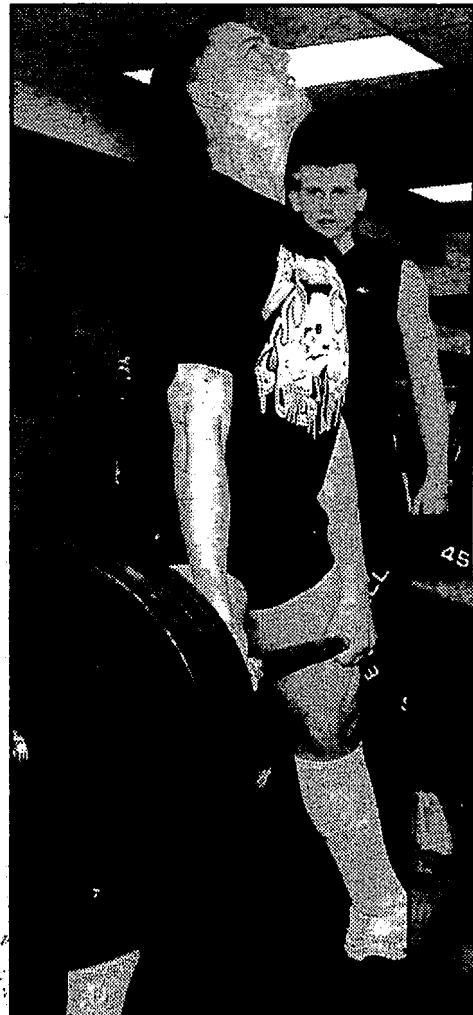
Nick Sorise visibly strains with his lift



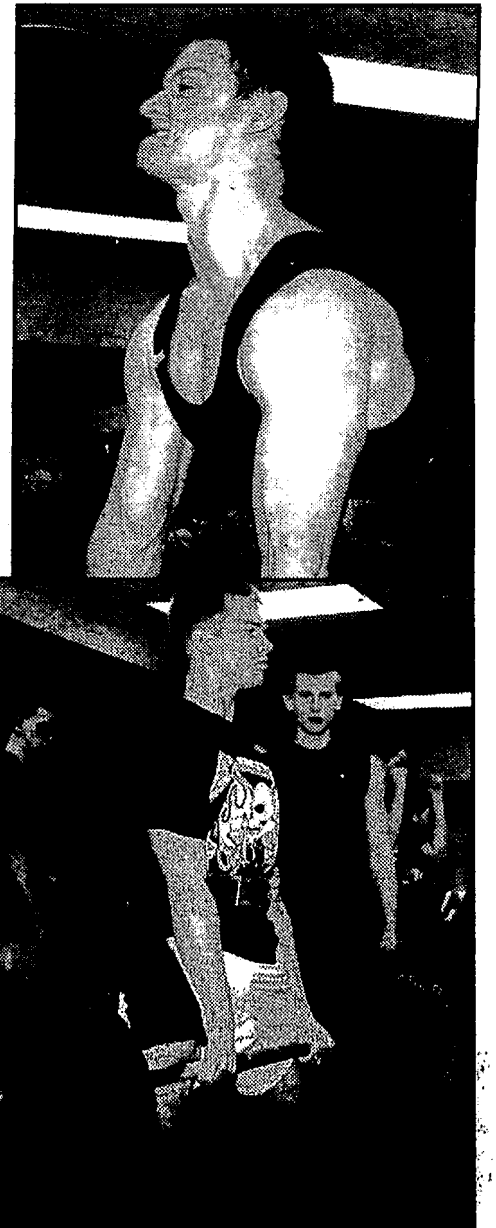
Mclsaac gets pumped up before attempting his final lift.



Awards were presented to the highest scoring teams of powerlifters



Steve Soeder, Brad Nettle and Jason Humphreys display their strength.



Photos by Andrew DuPont

People Poll

What is your favorite sport?



"Basketball because it's fun and it doesn't matter how tall you are."
- David Dombroski



"Basketball because I was able to play it in school."
- Darlene Brokenshaw



"Baseball. It's historic and fun."
- Jacob Brokenshaw

By Andrew DuPont

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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

Driven by faith and family values

BY ANDREW DUPONT
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Some know Marc Cooper as a Springfield Township trustee. Others remember him as the former president of the Clarkston Chamber of Commerce or the owner of The Impressive Type, LLC. Still others know him as dad, grandpa or a man of strong faith. Even more know Cooper for his devotion to friends, family and the community he calls home.

Cooper, 56, was born in Connecticut and moved to the Clarkston area in 1959, and never thought about leaving since.

Clarkston is where Cooper met his wife Martha, and the two have been married for 36 years. The couple has two children, James and Elizabeth, and as of March 1, six grandchildren - Steven, Samuel, Sandra, Keturah, Marc and most recently Stoney.

"I have had the privilege of being in there to help deliver my last three grandchildren," Cooper said. "Grandfathers normally don't get that privilege, that honor, but (Elizabeth) asked me to be in there."

The Cooper family stayed close together all these years and became part of the Clarkston Community.

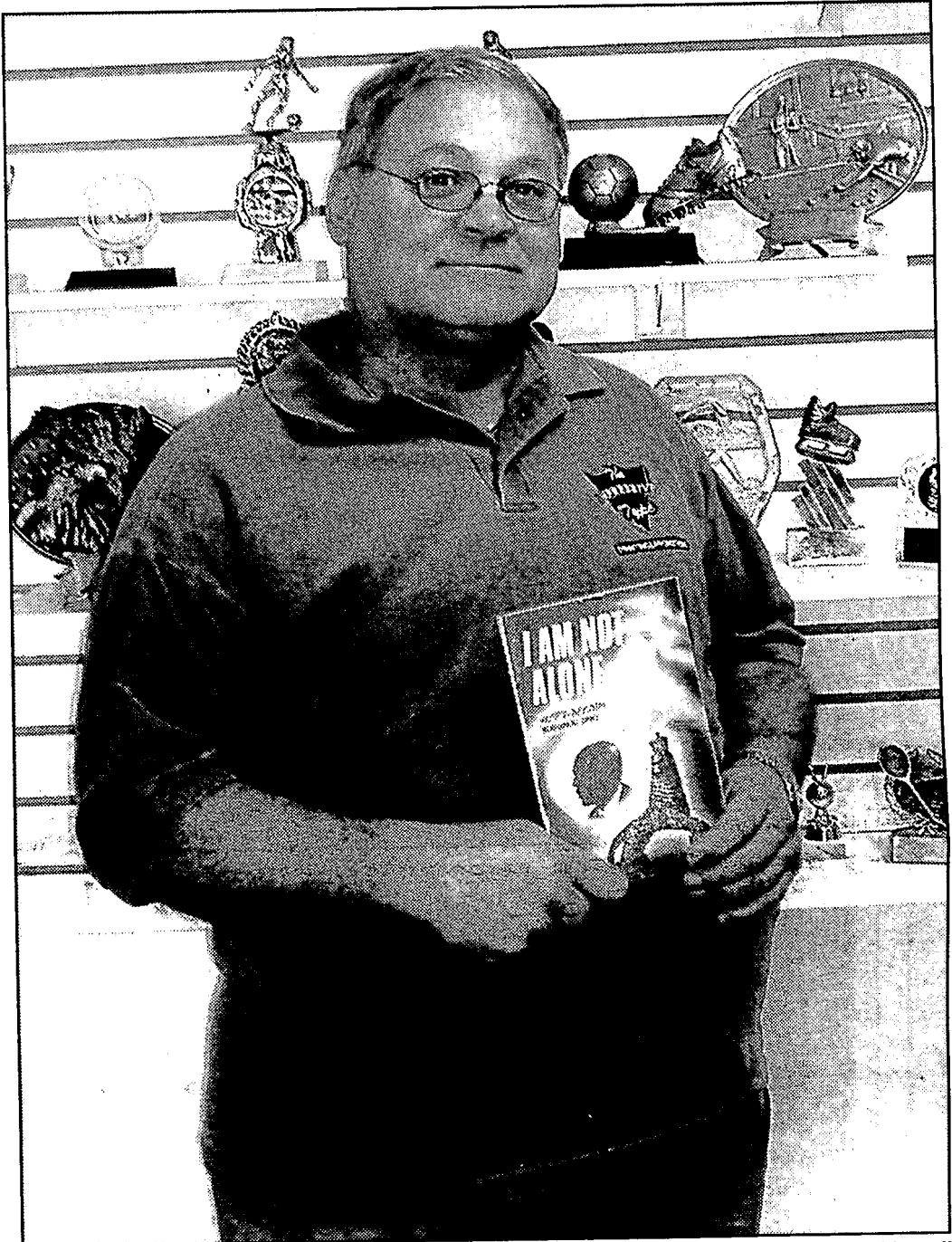
"I graduated from Clarkston schools, my kids graduated from Clarkston schools, my grandkids are going to Clarkston schools," Cooper said.

Cooper decided to stay close with his family, but always felt the need to be an active member in the community.

What started as a small printing service for a community church blossomed into a nationwide business for Cooper and his family. Even though the branches of the family company reach to both ends of the country, the roots are firmly planted in the Clarkston Community.

Work for Cooper started small in 1974, working out of a single office inside Pine Knob Community Church printing materials for the church.

As The Impressive Type, LLC grew, Cooper became more active in the Clarkston Chamber of Commerce. He sat on the board for 13 years and was a two-time chamber president.



Marc Cooper, owner of The Impressive Type, LLC., holds a copy of "I Am Not Alone" by Berhanou Dinke, the first book Cooper ever printed through his company in 1979. Photo by Andrew DuPont

"I built a whole business by networking with people and I found that to be the best way to promote the company," Cooper said. "Givers get, and that's how we built the business, on giving."

Cooper went beyond paper and t-shirt print long ago. Even as his business expanded, and orders started coming in from out of state, Cooper maintained the original spirit of his company and continues to work to support nonprofit organizations.

"Fifty percent of our business is with non-profits and churches," Cooper said.

Family also remains a focal point for Cooper, and three generations of the Cooper family work together. For several year, Elizabeth has helped her father keep the business going. Now her four-year-old daughter Keturah wants to help out.

"Keturah cleans the toilets," Cooper

"I built a whole business by networking with people and I found that to be the best way to promote the company... Givers get, and that's how we built the business, on giving."

- Marc Cooper

Owner, The Impressive Type, LLC.

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Around Town

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.

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.

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

- **Meet your legislature** on March 10 when Representative John Stakoe visits the center to answer questions and listen to concerns.

Stop in, grab a cup of coffee and see him for an informal chat at 11 a.m.

- Enjoy a tasty **all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner** on March 17 from 5-7 p.m.

The menu includes spaghetti and meat sauce (during Lent, meatless sauce is also available), salad and Italian garlic

bread - all for just \$5.

- It's time for the "wearing of the green" and a little hoopla to celebrate the end of winter. Enjoy a **St. Patrick's Pub Party** on March 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Carriage House.

Tim LaBrie will play and sing Irish ballads, popular "oldies", country favorites and sing a longs. Dancers welcome.

Lunch is home-cooking by senior center staff and volunteers: Irish beef stew, cole slaw, potato rolls, and green sherbert with brownie.

The cost is \$6. Please sign up at the senior center by March 10.

- Haven't played **Scabble, cards and games** since you were a kid?

Then reclaim your childhood at 1 p.m. every Wednesday. Get those brain cells going and enjoy some companionship on these cold winter afternoons.

- The **"Optimistics,"** the center's low vision support group, is visiting the Oakland County Library for the Visually Impaired on March 22 at 10 a.m.

Lunch is on your own at Big Boys and the center will provide mini-bus transportation.

For reservations, call Karen at the center at extension 17.

- Celebrate the start of Spring with a little fun and excitement on a one night getaway to **Little River/Soaring Eagle Casinos** on April 5 and 6.

The cost is \$65 for a double and \$95 for a single. Package includes \$15 rebates at Little River Casino and \$10 rebates at Soaring Eagle; a one night stay at a modern hotel with 24-hour shuttle to the casino; and an excellent continental breakfast. Also, deluxe motorcoach.

The deadline to sign up is March 17.

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

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

- The opportunity of a lifetime! A **four-night tour of Alaska's** spectacular interior and a **seven-night cruise** of

its stunning inside passage aboard the luxurious **Island-Princess** from Sept. 7-18.

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

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

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

During Springfield Township Library's 4th Birthday Celebration the week of March 20-25, a **Family Storytime** is scheduled on March 21 at 7 p.m.

The book being discussed is "Bedtime with the Bedhogs."

For more information on the storytime or the library's Birthday Celebration, please call 248-846-6550.

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, See Around Town, page 8B

Timm honored by DAR



Marie Barbara Timm, a senior at Clarkston High School, was recently honored by the Sashabaw Plains chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at their annual good citizens luncheon on Feb 15.

As reported in the Dec. 7, 2005 edition of *The Clarkston News*, Timm was nominated as a Good Citizen for CHS for outstanding service, dependability, leadership and patriotism, the four categories for the DAR award.

Marie Timm, 17, is a member of the National Honor Society and a peer mediator at CHS. She plans to attend West Point Academy after graduating from CHS. Go online to www.clarkstonnews.com and search for "Timm" to see more information in the previous story about Timm. Photo provided.

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Horse hair stitches for that musket ball wound? No problem

BY NOAH PURCELL
Clarkston News Staff Writer

During the week, James Schultz wears a lot of different hats around Clarkston – two are metaphorical, one is tri-cornered.

Most of the week he and wife Virginia run the Clarkston Country Store, which they have done since 1971. Their business is now the second oldest establishment in Clarkston still operating today.

Schultz also serves as chairman for



James Schultz demands authenticity in the field right down to the style points earned for the pewter button arrangement on his wool overcoat. "We try to have the costumes as authentic as possible. All wool or linen because cotton was too expensive," Schultz said.

the City of Clarkston's planning commission.

The tricorn, Schultz's triangle shaped headgear, comes into play in his spare time as he participates in reenactments of the French and Indian Wars with other members of the Massachusetts Provincial Battalion.

"We zero in on 1755. This was the first world war ... the French and the English brought it across to the colonies," Schultz said.

Schultz became a member of the Massachusetts Provincial Battalion approximately seven years ago. He chose the French and Indian War over other popular time frames for a litany of reasons. For one, he sought to avoid looking "scuzzy" as civil war reenactors are compelled by history to embody.

"This group was very sharp looking as far as their outfits and as far as their drills," said Schultz of his first impression of the MPB. "I didn't want to carry a musket and they said 'We need a surgeon.'"

While some in the realm of reenactment pick actual historical figures to model themselves after, Schultz's given name is intact on the battlefield. He has simply attached a new persona.

Schultz's character, apprenticed under Frederick the Great, was lent to that ruler's cousin, King George II of England. During his stay in Great Britain, Schultz studied with James Lind, where he learned how to cure scurvy, prior to being shipped to the colonies to provide support in the battlefield.

Since joining the group, Schultz has embraced his role as field surgeon. He

prides himself on a historically accurate field kit, which includes hand forged iron scalpels with linen handles, fine-wax tailor's thread for officer's stitches, horse hair for grunts' stitches and a biting stick for those painful moments during operations.

"They didn't bite the bullet. That's a legend. Bullets were too expensive. Plus if you swallow it, I'm out a bullet," Schultz said.

Most recently, Clarkston residents may have spied Schultz at Springfield Oaks at the 10th annual Early American

History Show from Feb. 25-26.

In his demos, Schultz strives historical accuracy rather than horrific scenes of simulated gore.

"I want to educate you, not gross you out," Schultz said.

Throughout the spring summer months, Schultz plans to attend more reenactments across the state and nation.

For anyone who would like join up with Schultz and his fellow reenactors, he welcomes those interested to stop by the Clarkston Country Store at 21 N. Main in downtown Clarkston.



James Schultz and another field surgeon simulate removing a musket ball using a halved tennis ball and some fake blood. Photos provided

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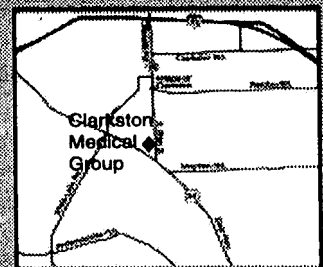
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Milestones

Congratulations to Hammond and Mueller

Michelle Marie Hammond and Matthew David Mueller were united in marriage on July 23, 2005 at St. Daniel Church. A reception was held at Silver Lake Golf Club.

The Maid of Honor was Shelley Fruehan, sister of the groom, and Best Man was Jason Mueller, brother of the groom. The couple went to Toronto for their honeymoon.

Michelle is a 1998 graduate of Clarkston High School. She is the daughter of Mary Jo and Michael Hammond of Clarkston.

Matthew is a 1998 graduate of Oxford High School. He is the son of David and Patricia Mueller of Oxford.

The couple resides in Waterford.



Granlund-Anderson to wed



Neil and Sharron Granlund of Clarkston are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kara Louise Granlund, to Adam James Anderson, son of Brad and Debbie Anderson of White Lake and Dave and Karen Rebigier of Seattle, Washington.

Kara is a graduate of Clarkston High School and is currently attending Eastern Michigan University.

Adam is a graduate of Waterford Mott High School.

A June 2006 wedding is planned.

In our country's service...

Army Reserve Sgt. Michael D. Beadner was honored at a special Welcome Home Warrior-Citizen Award ceremony in recognition of his personal sacrifice, exceptional duty performance and honorable service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq and Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

The reservist is assigned to the 88th Regional Readiness Command headquartered at Fort Snelling, Minneapolis, Minn. He is a member of the 378th Military Intelligence Battalion, Fraser.

At the ceremony, the commanding general of the Army Reserve presented

the soldier the award package. The award consists of a personalized encased American flag, a commander's coin with Reserve logos, a lapel pin set for the soldier and spouse, and a Welcome Home Warrior-Citizen flag.

Beadner, a human intelligence collector, is the son of David L. Beadner of Basket Oak Center, Burke, Va.

His wife, Jennifer, is the daughter of Ronald and Vicky Harsch of Clarkston.

In 1995, he graduated from Robinson Secondary School, Fairfax, Va., and in 2006 from Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.

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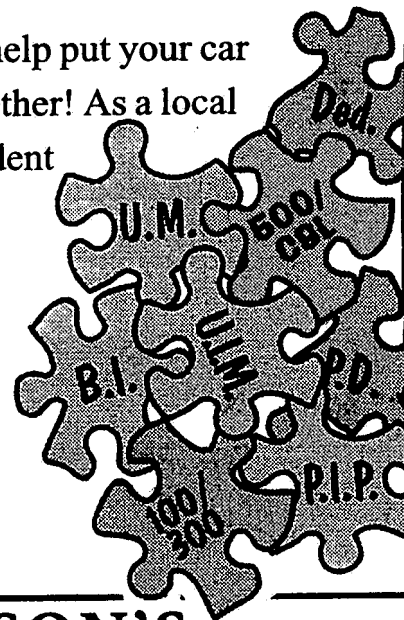
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A favorite Lent joke

One of my favorite jokes about Lent goes something like this:

A pastor is walking to his car late one evening on his way home from church when someone creeps up behind him, pokes a knife against his back and says, "Give me all your money!"

As the pastor opens his jacket and reaches into his inner pocket to get his wallet, his pastor's clerical collar is exposed. Upon seeing it, the would-be robber says, "Oh, I'm sorry pastor; I don't want YOUR money."

Shaken but relieved, the pastor takes a candy bar from his jacket pocket and offers it to the man who replies, "Oh no pastor, I can't have that - I gave up chocolate for Lent."

It seems he missed the point of this season of the church year called Lent, which can mean so much more than just giving something up, helpful as that may be.

I believe Lent can be a time of real growth and transformation in our lives by God's grace, if we are open to it and give our relationship with God some needed attention.

Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday and culminates at Easter, covers a period of 40 days, a count which does not include Sundays, which are always celebrations of Jesus' resurrection. Lent originated centuries ago as a time of intense preparation for Baptism at Easter. For all of us today, it can be a time

Spiritual Matters



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of repentance (turning to God) and renewed spiritual devotion. Some people fast, or "give something up" for Lent, such as a favorite food or TV, as a way of focusing attention on God. The idea is that every time we crave the item given up, that becomes a reminder of our dependence upon God's grace and love for us.

Other spiritual disciplines often practiced during Lent include renewed devotion to Bible study and prayer, generous giving to those in need and, my personal favorite, making a commitment to commit at least one random act of kindness each day. All of these things can draw us closer to God, but they don't make God love us any more than he already does. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16 TNIV)

It is interesting that the word Lent comes from an old Anglo-Saxon word for "springtime." That seems to fit well, as Lent can certainly be an occasion for springtime-like renewal of faith. However, just as winter never seems to give up to spring without a fight, so too our lives of faith can be a struggle. Our good intentions to grow soon collide with the realities of a too-busy world. The sin and brokenness of our lives and world comes out even when we don't want it to. We are not alone, as we learn from Paul who wrote in the Bible, "For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do." (Romans 7:19 NRSV)

The Good News is that everyday we have a fresh
Please see Lent on page 8B

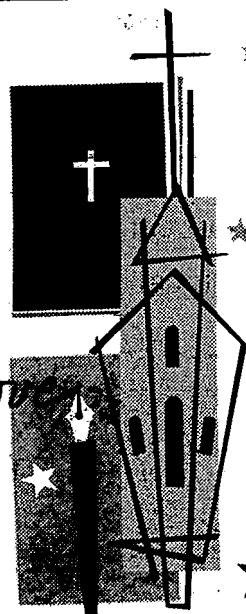
In our churches...

St. Daniel Catholic Church is hosting "Spiritual Direction Retreat" starting now until a closing meeting on April 2. A team of spiritual directors will lead the weekly, 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.

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

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.

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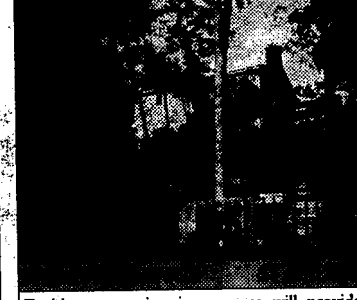
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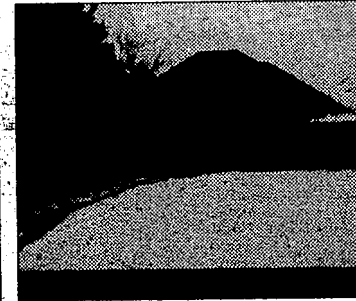
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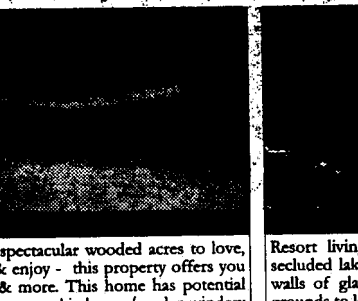
A beautiful, hilly, wooded 39 acre parcel including 10 acre Traux Lake. A development option is available for splits/clusters. Buy for yourself or develop the land for investments.
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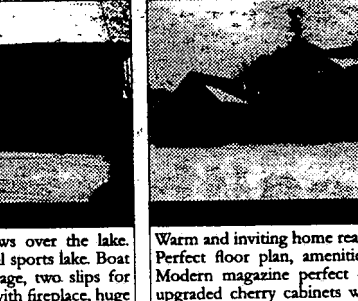
Superior location! Exceptional lot! Terrific pillared Colonial! Add this to your "must see" list! Ideal island kitchen with door wall to deck opens to family room w/gas fireplace. Gracious foyer with hardwood floor. Crown molding.
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6.36 spectacular wooded acres to love, live & enjoy - this property offers you that & more. This home has potential large country kitchen w/garden window over sink. Professionally finished walkout basement.
248-644-6300 CN94RA-25176740



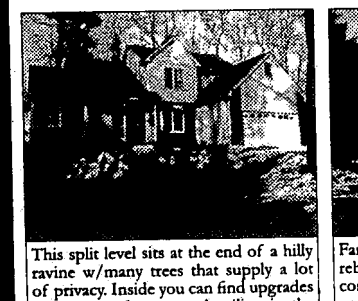
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Warm and inviting home ready for you! Perfect floor plan, amenities abound. Modern magazine perfect decor. Tall upgraded cherry cabinets with granite island. Hardwood floors, master has tray ceiling, garden tub, glassed shower.
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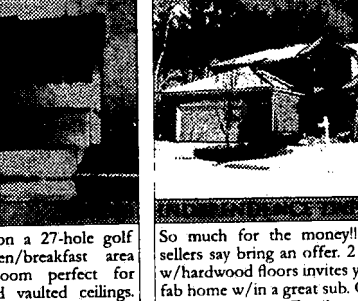
This split level sits at the end of a hilly ravine w/many trees that supply a lot of privacy. Inside you can find upgrades everywhere from trayed ceiling in the master to hardwood in the kitchen and library. Bonus room off 3rd bedroom.
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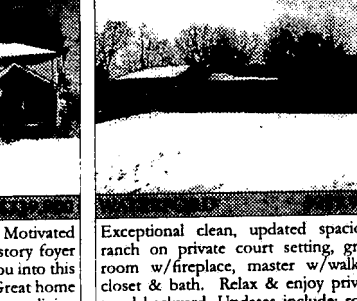
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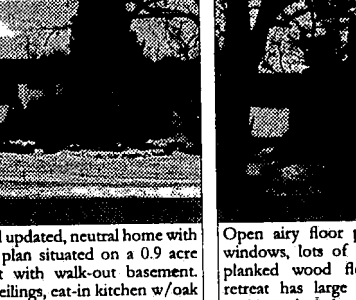
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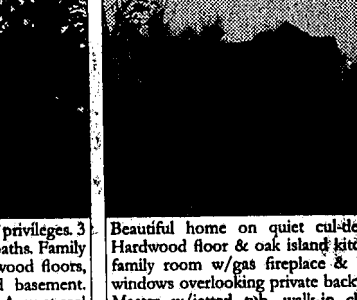
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Obituaries

Ronnie Lee Vines

Ronnie Lee "Ron" Vines, of Clarkston, passed away on March 2, 2006 after a courageous battle against a progressive neurological disease. He was 67.

Mr. Vines was the loving husband of his "bride" Agathe "Aggie" for 38 years; beloved father of David of White Lake, Heidi (Paul) Lang of Haslett and Mike (Laura) of Waterford; wonderful Opa/Papa to Joshua, Taylor, Madeleine, Nicholas and Lucas; son of Rudie (the late Harold) of Clarkston; and brother of Shirley (Connie) McMath of Florida. He is also survived by many additional special friends and relatives.

Mr. Vines graduated from Clarkston High School in 1957. He retired from the U.S. Navy (Seabees) after 24 years of active service and was a Vietnam Veteran. He recently retired after 24 years from Oakland Hills Country Club as Chief Engineer.

A memorial service was held on



March 6, 2006 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home. Burial ceremonies in Great Lakes National Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Shy-Drager Syndrome/MSA Support Group, P.O. Box 279, Coupland, TX 78615. Online guestbook available at www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Robert Betts

Robert L. "Rob" Betts, of Ortonville, passed away on February 27, 2006 due to an auto accident. He was 33 years old.

Mr. Betts was the father of Kaylee and Megan; son of Bill and Barbara; brother of Tammy (Jim) Suder of Ortonville, Billy (Judie) of Imlay City and Tonya (Ryan) Gilbert of Clarkston; and grandson of Beulah Barber of Hale. He was the boyfriend of Jessica Nydam.

Mr. Betts was an avid sportsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing.

A funeral service was held on March 4, 2006 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home. Burial ceremonies in Ortonville Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, any donations to the family will be used



for Kaylee and Megan's future education. Online guestbook available at www.wintfuneralhome.com.

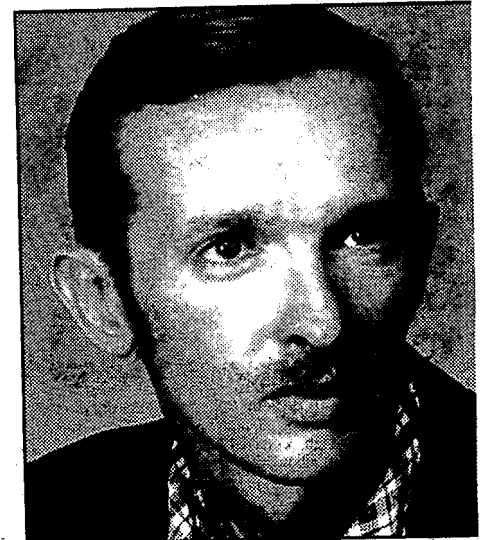
John W. Pitoniak

John W. "Jack" Pitoniak, of Waterford, passed away on March 3, 2006. He was 63.

Mr. Pitoniak was the husband of Fauntell; father of Jeffrey (Maureen McIlrath) of Taylor and James of Montana; preceded in death by his daughter Jennie Yoak; grandfather of Coty, Ian, Berlin and Karlee; brother of Gordon Wilsey; and son-in-law of Darwin "Irish" (Helen) Mulcahy.

Mr. Pitoniak was employed at General Motors as a senior engineer for over 20 years. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1961-1963.

A funeral service is scheduled for Wednesday, March 8, 2006 at 12:30 p.m. at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100



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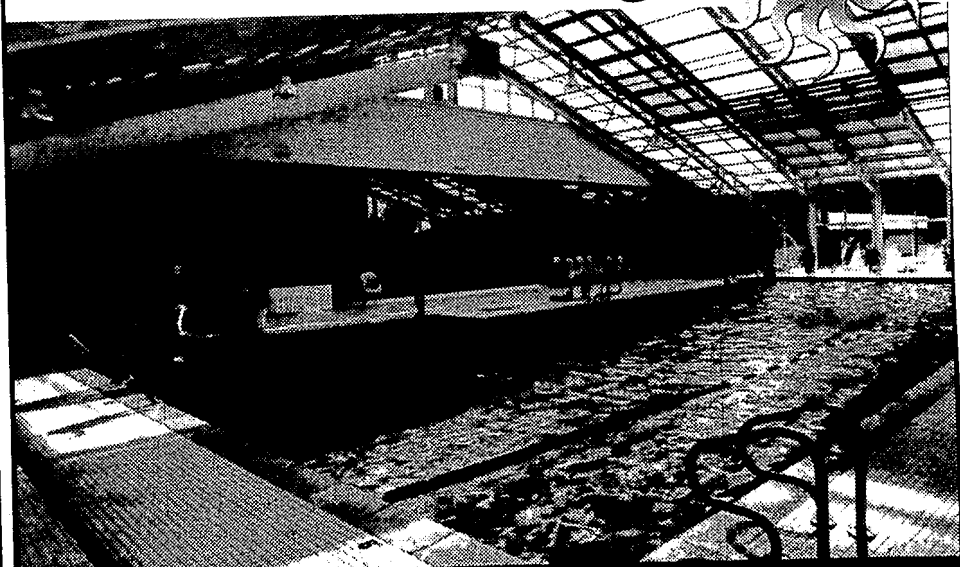
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NSE support of Salvation Army

For the last three years, members of the North Sashabaw Elementary student council helped raise money for the Salvation Army Red and Bread Club by having a penny war between the upper and lower classrooms. Two years ago, the group raised \$500, last year \$600, but this year they far exceeded their goal by raising \$2,400.

On Feb. 24, the 43 members of the student council presented a check from their school at the 19th annual Dick Puritan Salvation Army Radiothon, the largest event in Michigan for the Salvation Army.

House concerts continues

Following the success of their last house concert, Craig Carrick and his family are once again hosting a two-act concert for music lovers on March 12.

Come hear old time string music with a major twist from The Salt Miners. Carrick describes the group as a cross between Earl Scruggs and The Squirrel Nut Zippers. The group is nearing the end of tour throughout the southern United States and will be traveling straight from Georgia to perform

in Clarkston.

The Carrick family is very excited to have Jill Jack perform at their home. Her music can be described as folk, rock and blues mixed together and the Carricks have been fans for years.

Doors open at 3 p.m. and visitors are encouraged to come early to enjoy refreshments and mingle with the artists. Please RSVP at 248-394-0113 or e-mail carrickhome1@netscape.net. Seating is limited so RSVP only if you plan to attend.

Lent

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start – a new opportunity to receive and live in God's grace. God never gives up on us. And the really neat thing is that when we do spend some real time with God, we do grow to become more the way God intended us to be all along.

My favorite description of God's desire for the character of our lives is from Galatians 5 where Paul writes, "...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."

That's the way God made us and wills for our lives to look.

Lent for me is a time to partner with God so that I allow him to grow my character in these ways – and I must admit

I do have growing to do for my life to look that way every day. Lent is a time for me to be open to God's "Extreme Makeover" (the title of our current sermon series at Calvary) and his desire to transform me from the inside out, so that when people look at me they increasingly see "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."

(Jonathan Heierman is pastor of Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church.)

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events at

248-625-3370.

Around Town

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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.

Get the help you need to pass the Michigan state builder's license examination through a comprehensive course offered by Clarkston Community Education.

The seminar is scheduled for April 3, 5, 10 and 12 from 6-10 p.m. at the Community Education Center.

The course is for those who want to subcontract the construction of their own homes, real estate investors and developers, and building trades people who want to work legally in Michigan. The seminar costs \$199 plus \$20 for the course textbooks and sample questions to the instructor.

Pre-registration and payment required no later than March 30. Please call 248-623-4321 to register.

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.

Deadline for applications is March 31.

The 2006 Clarkston Connects Community Expo is scheduled for April 1 from 9 a.m.-noon at the CHS cafeteria.

Enjoy a day of one stop shopping of Clarkston activities for the summer of 2006!

You are invited to participate in this fun-filled morning which showcases the best Clarkston has to offer our youth, teens, young adults, adults and seniors!

For the past three years, over 60 club organizations and businesses have shown the many varied

ways in which to become involved within our community. We warmly thank our past participants and enthusiastically invite them, and those of you who have not yet joined in, to consider coming out on April 1st to share with all of us what you are all about.

If you cannot be an exhibitor, mark your calendars to attend!

For more information, go online to www.clarkstonconnects.org.

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.

The final workshop is scheduled for 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.

The Clarkston branch of Christmas in Action of Oakland County is holding their second annual workday on April 29.

The CIA is seeking volunteers to assist with home repairs for low-income senior citizens or handicapped individuals who live in their own single family home. The CIA is also asking for assistance in locating low-income or handicapped individuals who could use the helping hands of community-minded Clarkston residents.

To volunteer or obtain an application for a senior, call 248-628-7433 or write CIA, P.O. Box 644, Clarkston, MI 48347.

Clarkston SCAMP announces their 24th annual Home Tour for June 3 and 4.

The annual tour, which is SCAMP's largest fundraising event, features tours of the following: four historic homes in the Village of Clarkston, two new mini-mansions just outside the village and one exceptional garden.

Tours on June 3 begin at 5 p.m. and conclude with an elegant Patrons' Showcase Night featuring live si-

lent auctions after hors d'oeuvres. The tours on June 4 start at noon and include discount coupons for dining at one of several Clarkston restaurants.

For more information, contact Donna Clancy at 248-620-1882.

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

The Dog Whisperer returns to Clarkston on Aug. 5 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Clarkston High School Performing Arts Center.

Cesar Millan is a world-renowned dog behavior specialist. Registration is currently being accepted and space is limited. Doors open at 8 a.m. for general admission.

Dogs are not allowed. The cost is \$80 per person. For more information, contact Julie Bennett at 248-626-1429.

The Clarkston High School Class of 1991 is currently planning their 15-year reunion.

The reunion is planned for Sept. 30 at the Deer Lake Athletic Club, and interested persons are asked to contact the Reunion Committee at chs1991reunions@yahoo.com, or call 248-797-5011.

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.

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

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

Call Chris Kokenos at (800) 397-9360.

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5325 Dillon, White Lake
4 Bedroom Beauty on 1.3 acres. Built 1997, 2227 sq ft, professionally landscaped with paver patio and Gazebo. Hardwood floors, tiled baths, agent is seller. \$309,900 MLS#25152565

Call Jenny Egan, 248-396-4814



3092 Bay Front, Waterford
CAREFREE LAKEFRONT LIVING. Stylish condo on Loon Lake with dock and boat slip. 2-3 bedrooms, 2 car garage, 2 fireplaces with a finished walk-out. Take a tour at www.chrisandbernieshoemaker.com. \$379,900 MLS#26017812

Call Chris Shoemaker, 248-882-4914



7490 Ellingrove, White Lake
Home nestled on nearly 2 acres offers stunning view. 14x24 sunroom w/oak floors. Full finished walkout w/fireplace, wet bar & huge cedar closet. 4 bdrms-1.1 baths. Concrete drive & more. \$299,900 MLS#25174309

Call Tanya Mitchell, 248-854-3798



3786 Rolling Hills, Orion Twp
Awesome! 4 Bedroom, 2.5 bath, almost 2300 sq ft of spacious living. Private backyard, great room w/fireplace, large kitchen, first floor laundry. Sidewalk comm/swim/tennis. Conv to I75/Auburn Hills. \$291,500 MLS#26003916

Call Kate Z, 248-933-3473



6652 N. Doyon, Waterford
Custom tilework throughout sets this great Waterford home apart from the others. Mix w/nature in this extra large backyard. Mature trees & a lot of deer. Warm & cozy with the wood stove in the living room off of new kitchen & breakfast room. Quiet neighborhood. Great location. Close to elementary. \$150,000 MLS#26025189

Call Brad, 313-838-4754



8725 Edgar, Clarkston
Completely remodeled home in Clarkston. Nearly 2000 sq ft, 3 BR, 2 full baths, garage, fenced yard. New kitchen, Pergo floors T/O. Nicely landscaped w/deck, hot tub, cement patio and shed. Only \$215,000 MLS#26018681

Call Theresa Richards, 248-736-7834



5730 Clinton River Drive, Waterford
English Tudor. Lot split available. 3 bdrm, 1.5 baths, fireplace, 4 car garage, w/workshop, in-ground pool & huge room sizes. Exudes charm & character. 265' frontage, wooded site. Virtual Tour! \$270,000 MLS#25152144

Call Gary West, 248-343-3800



7706 Parkcrest, Clarkston
Transferee Ready! Spacious four bedroom home with million dollar views. Finished walkout, 3 car garage. Walk to elementary school. Easy 75 access. Immediate occupancy. \$539,900 MLS#26029461

Call Mark Pavlish, 248-705-5941



1145 N. Baldwin, Oxford
SOPHISTICATED COUNTRY. Spacious 3-4 bedroom ranch with finished daylight basement 3 full baths and sun room. End storage problems with the attached 3 car garage plus a 20x40 pole barn with electricity. Just like up north only closer!! \$279,900 MLS#26012902

Call Bernie Shoemaker, 810-459-4637



9748 Kings Valley, Springfield
Top quality new build. Oozing with elegance and quality details. 3 bedrooms, master with spa, walkout, 3 car garage, deck and custom landscaping. \$424,900 MSL#36010530

Call June, 248-877-1950



7760 Kingston Court, Springfield
New build. 4/5 bedrooms, Brazilian cherry floors, granite counters, appliances, daylight basement and landscaped. Loaded with upgrades. \$499,900 MLS#25119077

Call June, 248-877-1950



9304 Oakmont, Independence
Custom, full brick, 4200 sq. ft., 4 bedrooms, 3.2 baths. Fireplaces warm 4 rooms. Walkout. Acre site in small upscale sub with fabulous vistas. \$695,000 MLS#25136141

Call June, 248-877-1950



3255 Auten, Groveland
Bring your horses, pets or those special toys to this outstanding 7 acre property offering nearly 3,000 sq. ft. of comfort. Additional 3+ acres available. Barn, woods, meadow, stocked pond. \$360,000 MLS#25177248

Call Elisabeth, 248-672-6733



5377 Bristol Park Drive, Independence
Elegant 3 bedrooms, 3.1 baths. French country ranch at Pine Knob Golf Course. Spectacular kitchen, luxury master suite, gorgeous finished walkout has kitchen & guest suite. \$699,900 MLS#25116660

Call Rick, 248-330-7701



9313 Oakmont, Independence
New construction, exceptional quality. Crown moldings, granite counters, hardwood & ceramic flooring. 1+ acre wooded lot. Ranches, 1.5 & 2 story. From \$489,000-\$695,000 MLS#24152526

Call June, 248-877-1950



9526 Kingsway Circle, Clarkston
KINGSTON CONDOS. 1800 sq.ft. ranch, 2300 sq. ft. 1.5 story. Light and airy with marvelous kitchen, ceramic baths, master with separate tub & shower. Ranches start at \$220,000 MLS#26029091

Call June, 248-877-1950



Kay Pearson
Manager
248-625-0200



1305 Beth Lane, Brandon
Country setting in Brandon. Updated home on 2.5 acres. New front door and brickpaver entrance. Bright and open. Great Room vaulted ceilings. Soaring FP. MBR WIC, private bath w/jetted tub. LL currently used as rec room, perfect for in-law quarters w/bath and own entrance. 800 sq ft of decking w/pool. 40x30 Pole Barn with wood stove. Only \$279,900 MLS#26031406

Call Roblin, 248-240-5570



Cari Ralph
Manager
248-625-9300

PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know
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



Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION will be holding a PUBLIC HEARING on Monday, March 13, 2006 at 6:30 pm at the Springfield Township Civic Center at 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, Michigan, in the upper level meeting room to receive comments on the Parks Commission's proposed Recreation Master Plan for Springfield Township.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the text of the proposed Recreational Master Plan and other documents related to the proposed Master Plan may be examined at the Parks and Recreation office in the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, MI during regular business hours Monday thru Friday. Written comments may be submitted to Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Department at 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, MI 48350 until the time of the Public Hearing and telephone inquiries regarding the Hearing may be directed to the Director of Parks and Recreation at (248) 634-0412. Those persons needing special accommodations at the Hearing should contact the Director's office at least two business days in advance.

Jennifer Tucker, Director

Published March 8, 2006

PUBLIC NOTICE

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CLARKSTON

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

SUMMARY CITY COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 27, 2006

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Mayor Catalo.

Roll Present: Catalo, Brueck, Colombo, Johnston, Meyland, Ottman.

Absent: Wylie.

Minutes of February 13, 2006, approved as presented.

Agenda approved as presented.

Brueck reported on two grants that are being pursued for storm water runoff improvements and establishing riparian buffers to various bodies of water.

Chief Combs reported that debris behind 3 East Church has been removed. Officer Moran has completed a radar certification program. Officer Kyriakides completed a three-day field sobriety field training course.

Pursley reported that the weather has been such that there have been no major road concerns.

City Council meeting scheduled for March 13, 2006, moved to March 14, 2006, due to the Board of Review meeting.

Meyland reported on the Clarkston Community Garden as he had attended the first project meeting. Council was encouraged to participate in the program.

Brueck, Colombo, Mayor Catalo, Johnston, and Ottman planned to attend the Leadership Clarkston meeting on March 1.

Ginny Schultz reported that the sidewalk on the west side of Main Street at the spillway from the Mill Pond to Parke Lake was low and caused water to build up and freeze. The D.P.W. will be monitoring this situation.

Ginny Schultz and Bonnie Valuet were present to express concern regarding the City's intergovernmental agreement with Independence Township and Library use.

A committee of Council members will be studying the Intergovernmental Library Agreement.

Revised Master Plan schedule referred to Planning Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Artemus M. Pappas, Clerk

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BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2006
MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2006

The Board of Review for the City of the Village of Clarkston will meet at the City Office on Monday, March 13, 2006, AND Monday, March 20, 2006, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

For appointments: Call Oakland County Equalization Division, Toll Free 1-888-350-0900, Extension 59611. Those without an appointment will be served on a first-come, first-served basis.

Artemus M. Pappas
City Manager/Clerk-Treasurer

Publish 3/8 & 3/15

PUBLIC NOTICE

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

IS ACCEPTING BIDS FOR THE SALE OF:

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

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

All Bids must have a check, money order or cashier's check enclosed.

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

Vehicles are sold As Is. All Sales are Final.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE



Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AMENDMENTS TO ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 26

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a PUBLIC HEARING at its regularly-scheduled meeting on Thursday, April 6, 2006, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI to receive comments on the following proposed amendments to Article VI, Section 6.01 and Article VI, Section 6.02, of Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No. 26:

SECTION ONE - AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE

Amend subsection 6 of Section 6.01 (Principal Uses Permitted in the R-1, R-2, R-3 and R-1A One Family Residential Districts) to read as follows:

- Public utility buildings, such as telephone exchange buildings, electronic transformer stations and sub-stations, gas regulator stations, and similar uses, but only to serve the immediate vicinity.

Add a new subsection 19 to Section 6.02 (Principal Uses Permitted Subject to Special Conditions in the R-1, R-2, R-3 and R-1A One Family Residential Districts) as follows:

- Public utility buildings, such as telephone exchange buildings, electronic transformer stations and sub-stations, gas regulator stations, and similar uses, when intended to service customers beyond the immediate vicinity, subject to the applicant demonstrating both of the following:
 - Operating requirements necessitate locating within the district.
 - No property where the use is already permitted as of right can be utilized for such use.

SECTION TWO - SEVERABILITY
Should any provision or part of this Ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the same shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the balance of this Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

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

SECTION FOUR - EFFECTIVE DATE
These Ordinance amendments shall take effect seven (7) days after publication of Notice of Adoption. These ordinance amendments shall be published in the manner provided by law.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the complete text of Zoning Ordinance No. 26 and documents related to the proposed amendments may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI during regular office hours. Written comments may be submitted to the Springfield Township Clerk, P.O. Box 1038, Davisburg, MI 48350 up until the time of the Public Hearing. Those persons needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance. 248-846-6510.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

Published March 8, 2006, March 29, 2006

PUBLIC NOTICE

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CLARKSTON

NOTICE
CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
375 DEPOT ROAD
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CHANGE OF MEETING DATE CITY COUNCIL

MARCH 14, 2005

The City Council will hold its first March meeting on March 14, 2005, due to the Board of Review meeting on March 13.

The meeting will be held at the City Hall, 375 Depot Road, Clarkston, on Tuesday, March 15, 2005, at 7:00 p.m.

Art Pappas
City Manager

PUBLIC NOTICE



Charter Township of Springfield

CORRECTION OF NOTICE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Zoning Board of Appeals Notice that was published on March 1, 2006 contained an incorrect directional description for request #2 - Howard Friedlaender, HEFCO Forest Hills.

The last sentence of Request #2 should read:
Subject parcel is vacant land located on the south side of Rattalee Lake Rd. and west of Eaton Rd.

The P.I. number 07-07-200-010, is correct as originally published on March 1, 2006.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the maps and variance requests can 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 (March 16, 2006). Anyone needing a special accommodation at the meeting should contact the Township Clerk at least two (2) business days in advance. 248-846-6510

NANCY STROLE, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

Published: March 8, 2006

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SECTION ONE - AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE

The definition of "Community Sewer System or System" contained in Section 2.00 of Article II, Definitions, is hereby amended to read as follows:

COMMUNITY SEWER SYSTEM. A facility for the transportation, collection, processing, or treatment of sanitary sewage, which is owned or used by a nongovernmental entity and which is proposed to service more than one (1) structure.

Section 17.09 of Article XVII, Environmental Performance Standards, is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

SECTION 17.09 - Community Sewer Systems:

- Any development in which a Community Sewer System is proposed shall comply with the Charter Township of Springfield Community Sewer System Ordinance and all other applicable county and state laws and regulations.
- Any development in which a Community Sewer System is proposed where said system has a daily maximum discharge in excess of ten thousand (10,000) gallons per day shall be allowed in any zoning district, and require special land use approval pursuant to the other applicable provisions of this Ordinance.
- Any development in which a Community Sewer System is proposed where said system has a daily maximum discharge less than ten thousand (10,000) gallons per day shall be permitted of right in any zoning district.

SECTION TWO - SEVERABILITY

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

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

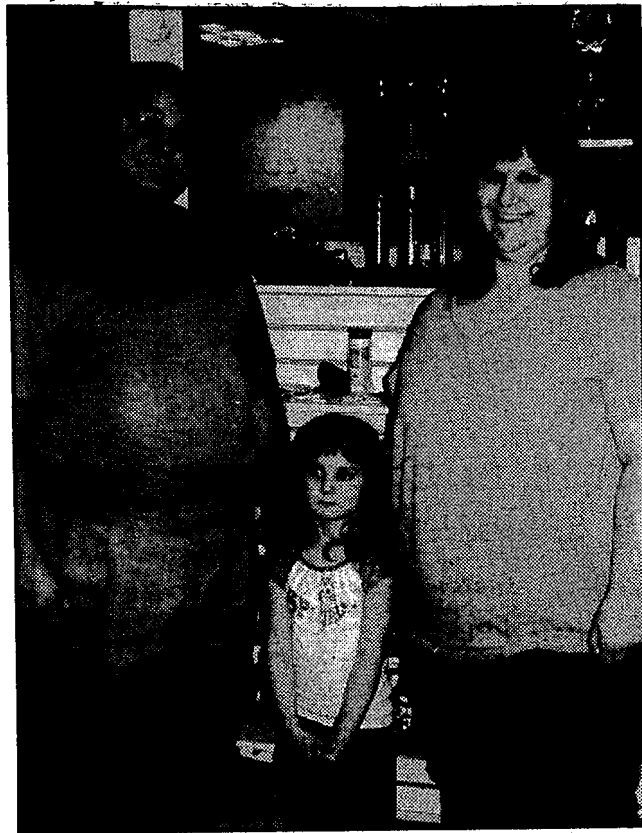
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Charter Township of Springfield

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Marc Cooper with daughter Elizabeth and grand-daughter Ketura. Photo provided

Cooper

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laughed. "After that, she goes around and does all the garbage cans."

"(Elizabeth) has worked with me since she was roughly four years old, she actually learned how to correlate books. At that time, we didn't have a machine, so we put a table and taught her how to take one sheet of paper off of each pile," Cooper said, adding that Elizabeth continued to work for The Impressive Type, LLC part-time as she went through high school and college. She now works full time.

Working for smaller groups means Cooper makes enough money to expand slightly and pay the bills.

"I've never really made money. It's a ministry I've felt," Cooper said.

Cooper has a degree in religious education from the Detroit Bible College and throughout his life made helping others through faith a top priority.

From 1975-85, Cooper worked for the Oakland County Sheriff's department, but he was not your average deputy.

"I had probably one of the most unique positions there that anyone has ever had," Cooper said. "I was hired in as deputy. I was assigned to be the chaplain for the inmates... because I was an ordained minister... then I became MacGruff the Crime Dog, and I traveled the

whole country doing that.

"When I started there, there weren't any religious services there, and we gradually built... when I left there were 14 church services a week."

All the while, The Impressive Type continued to grow, from the church office to half the rooms in Cooper's home. Before leaving the Sheriff's department, Cooper said running the family company was more like a hobby, but he decided to go full time.

As business stabilized, Cooper decided to go another step to be part of his community and ran for an open seat for the Springfield Township board. About a year ago, Cooper won the open trustee seat.

"It's just something I felt would be neat to give back to the community," Cooper said.

"I mean, it's a real high paying job, you're going to get rich at it," he joked.

So far, Cooper said the trustee work is interesting. Along with his own business, the trustee position raises a lot of concerns about the Michigan's economy and looking ahead, Cooper sees several challenges.

"I see some millage issues coming up. Business wise... I always like looking on the bright side of things. I know the economy is going to turn around. You just have to watch what you're spending... Even when it's negative you've got to think positive and that's kind of the philosophy I've always had in life... Hey, you got up, you took a breath, let's keep going."

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF OAKLAND
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO: 2006-302,788-DE**

Estate of Gladys Marie Rachuk, deceased.
Date of birth: 01/27/1930

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Gladys Marie Rachuk, who lived at 3563 Catalpa Dr., Berkley, Michigan died 12/08/2005. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Michael J. Rachuk, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Michigan 48341 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

02/27/2006
Michael J. Rachuk
32877 RedBud Circle
Chesterfield, MI 48047
(586) 725-7514

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF OAKLAND
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO:**

Estate of David Raymond Douglas, Date of birth: 5-31-48

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, David Raymond Douglas, who lived at 48240 Pontiac Trl. apt 104, Wixom, Michigan died 10-14-05. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Tara Dawn Halbert, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Michigan 48341 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

2-01-06
Tara Dawn Halbert
5105 Elmer
Warren, MI 48092
586-576-0106

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF OAKLAND
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO: 2006-302,727-DE**

Estate of JEAN VIRGINIA CULLEN, DECEASED, Date of birth: 3/19/1922.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, JEAN VIRGINIA CULLEN, DECEASED, who lived at 2300 Watkins Lake Road, Waterford, Michigan died January 27, 2006. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to PATRICIA A. TAYLOR, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Michigan 48341 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

PATRICIA A. TAYLOR
3809 Lakewood
Waterford, Michigan 48329
(248) 673-3121

ROBERT G. ISGRIGG, JR. P24924
2745 Pontiac Lake Road
Waterford, Michigan 48328
(248) 682-8800

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF OAKLAND
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO: 2006-302,665-DE**

Estate of Helen A. Tebbets, Deceased, Date of birth: 06-13-1915

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Helen A. Tebbets, who lived at 6832 Hubbard Circle, Clarkston, Michigan died 09-13-2005

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

February 27, 2006
Dean E. Brodberg
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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF OAKLAND
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO: 2006-302,829-DE**

Estate of MARY ELLEN BURNWORTH, Deceased, Date of birth:

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, MARY ELLEN BURNWORTH, Deceased, who lived at 91 S. Avery, Waterford, Michigan died December 29, 2005. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to THOMAS E. BURNWORTH, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Michigan 48341 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

THOMAS E. BURNWORTH
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PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF OAKLAND
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO: 2006-302,728-DE**

Estate of LEE B. SHER, deceased, Date of birth: 10/7/1908.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, LEE B. SHER, Deceased, who lived at 3450 W. 13 Mile Road, Royal Oak, Michigan died November 30, 2005

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

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Susan Winchester

Susan T. (Stefanski) Winchester, of Clarkston, passed away on February 27, 2006 at the age of 37.

Ms. Winchester was the loving mother of Joshua and Justin; beloved daughter of Walter and Dorothy Stefanski; dear sister of David (Linda) Stefanski of California, Janet (Mike) Ward of Pennsylvania and Mike (Kari Jo) Stefanski of Waterford; and special aunt to many nieces and nephews.

Ms. Winchester was a 1986 graduate of Clarkston High School.

A Funeral Mass was held on March 3, 2006 at St. Daniel Catholic Church. Rite of Committal in All Saints Cemetery. A prayer service was held at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST



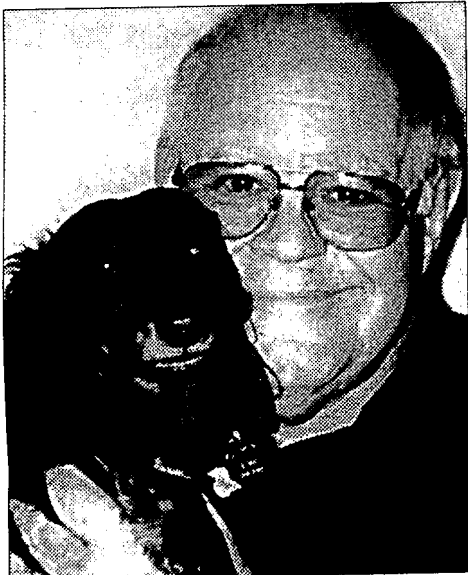
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Memorials may be made to the Susan Stefanski Memorial Athletic Scholarship. Online guestbook available at www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Bart Larive

Bart Dennis Larive, of Waterford, passed away on February 23, 2006 at the age of 65.

Mr. Larive was the loving husband of Jill; wonderful father of Pamela (David)



Balfour of Garden City, Sandra (Scott) Downer of Illinois, Mark, Kevin and Keith, all of Waterford; grandfather of Jonathan and Jarred Balfour and Kendall Downer; brother of Cheryl Larive and the late Donna Wood; and son-in-law of Jim (the late Gerry) McCammon. He was also father to his pet and best bud Spencer.

Mr. Larive retired after a successful 32 years at Prudential Insurance Co. He served in the U.S. Army. He was a church organist and choir director for over 45 years.

Mr. Larive was a larger than life, jovial individual who lit up a room with his humor, grabbed the most out of life and made everyone he met feel special. He was an avid golfer, traveler and Red Wings hockey fan.

A funeral service was held on March 3, 2006 at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church. Burial in Ottawa Park Cemetery. Arrangements provided by Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home.

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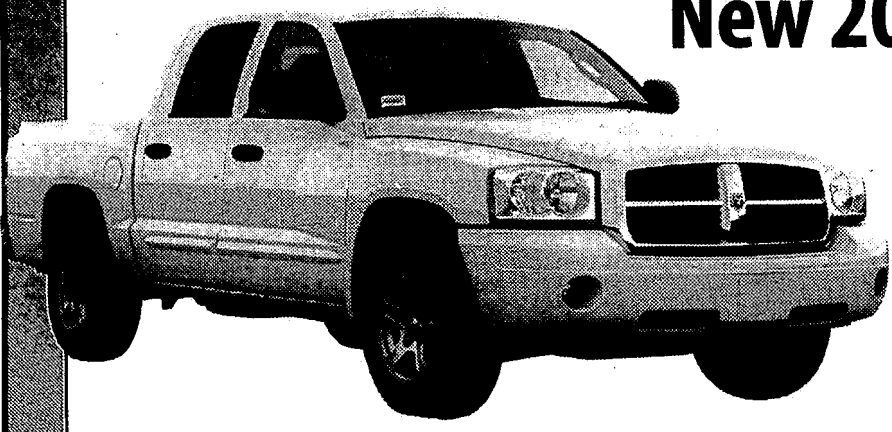
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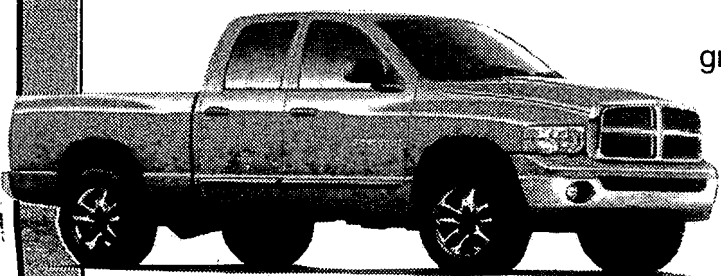


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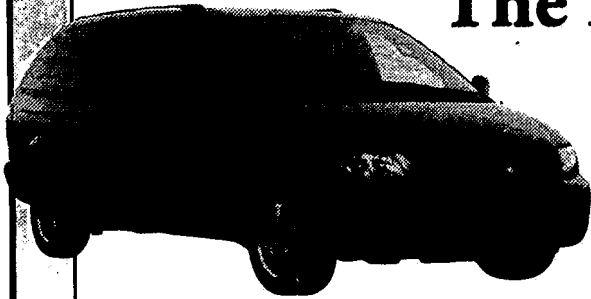
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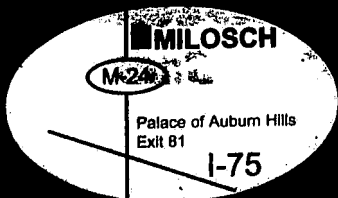
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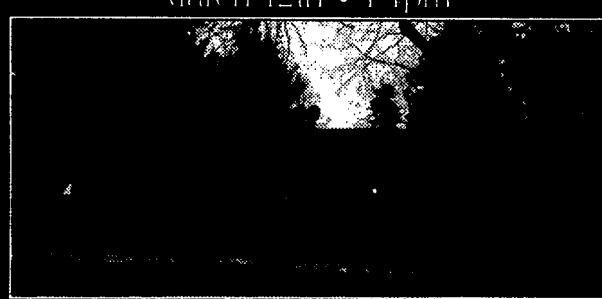
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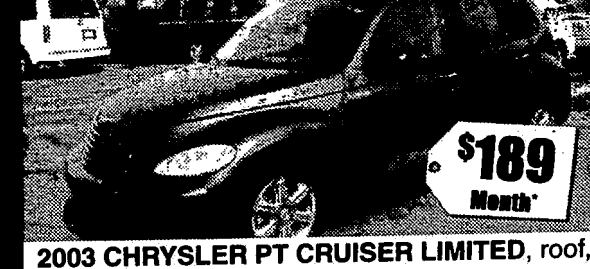
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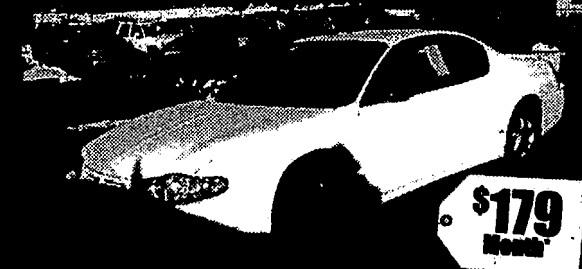
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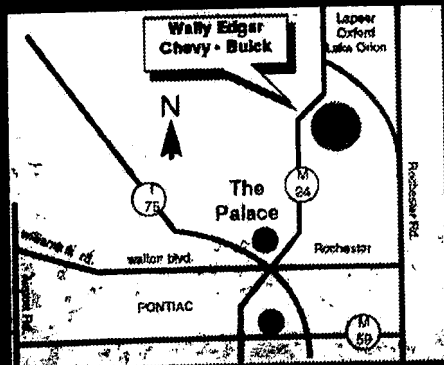
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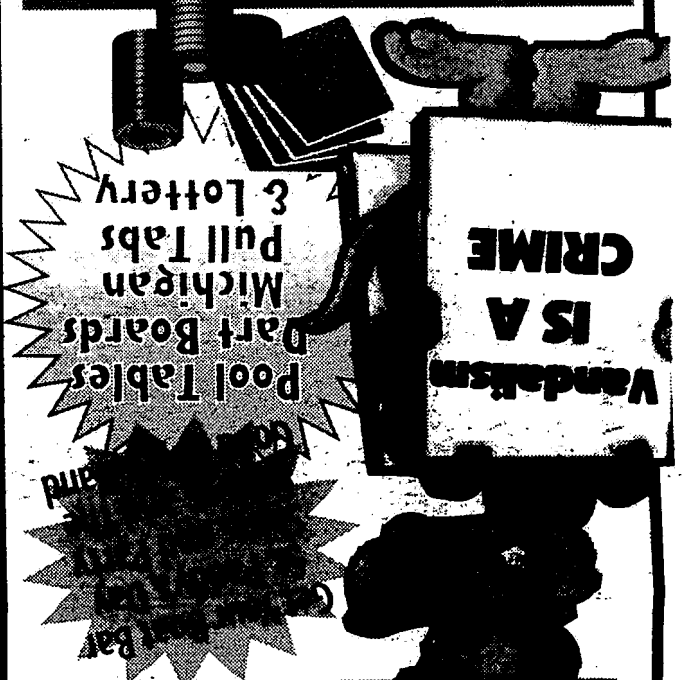
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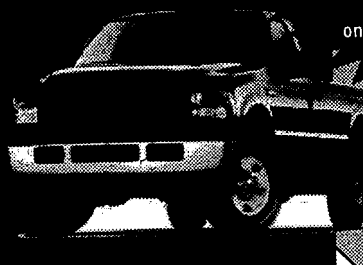
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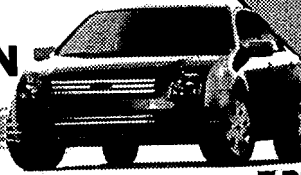
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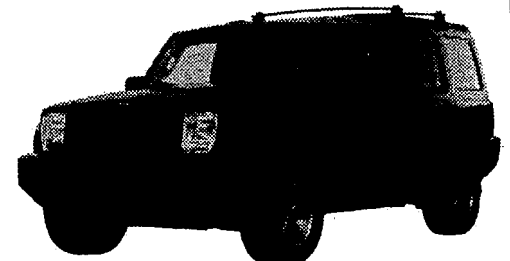


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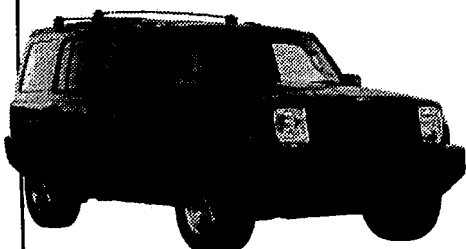
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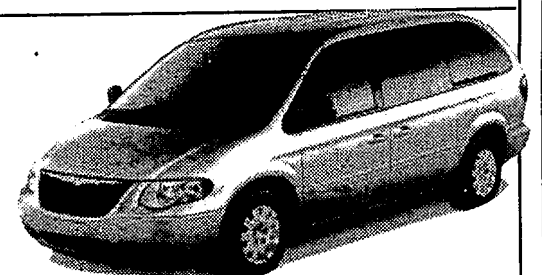


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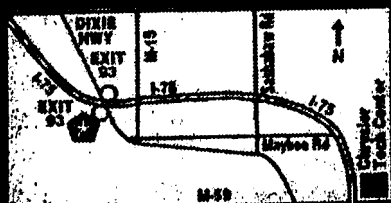
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