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Racing fans cheer on their favorite reindeer at the Reindeer Races this past Saturday. The races at the Knights of Columbus Hall raised funds for Christmas in Action's work day for seniors in need, set for April. See page 8A for more pictures. Photo by Laura Colvin

## Making the grade MEAP scores well above average

BY ANDREW DUPONT  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

As MEAP scores across the state show improvement, Clarkston students continue to make the honor roll.

In grades 3-9, more students statewide met state requirements in 2006 than 2005, but across the board, the Clarkston School District rated better (see side-bar on page A4 for breakdown by grade and subject).

"This is definitely something we are proud of," said Staci Puzio, testing supervisor for the district.

Under the No Child Left Behind Act, all school districts in Michigan must have 100 percent of their students passing MEAP exams by the 2013-14 school. The state is incrementally raising requirements in the years leading up to that deadline, but Clarkston is ahead of the game.

"We're at the point where we're meeting the requirements they have for 2012," said Puzio.

Within the district, a majority of scores remained within five percent of

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## Planners need more info on Beaumont

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

Township planners need more information from Beaumont before even committing to a full site-plan evaluation.

Beaumont needs to complete impact studies on the community, traffic, tax revenues, and qualifications for a Planned Unit Development before investing in a complete site plan, said Sam Moraco, Independence Township Planning Commission member at Thursday's regular meeting.

"This is a courtesy to you," Moraco said.

If those items check out, then the township can move forward by setting a public hearing, he said.

A crowd filled the meeting room at the Independence Township Library and spilled into the hallway, as Beaumont pre-

sented its plan for a Life Care Campus and William Beaumont Hospital, a multi-phase project, to the commission.

The first stage, which would begin as soon as it is approved, includes a medical office building, ambulatory service center, laboratory, radiology department, imaging center, physical and occupational therapy, nursing home, assisted living facility and an urgent-care, basic life support emergency room.

A hospital would be developed in future phases, subject to state regulations.

Facilities on the 63-acre site on the northwest corner of M-15 and I-75 would include a \$13-million, 120-employee office building for primary-care and specialist physicians. The \$17 million ambulatory care center would employ 60 people, and offer outpatient testing and surgical procedures, and a 10-bed, basic

life-support emergency room. The \$18-million rehabilitation and nursing center would employ 220 people and have 175 beds.

The development would use the "big dip" in the landscape, dug out when I-75 when constructed, to mask as much of the multi-story buildings as possible, said Eric Hunt, vice president of operations for Beaumont.

"We'll put the more dense development on the valley floor," he said.

Discussion by commission members and members of the public, who were allowed 20 minutes of comment, focused on the impact of the development on the area.

"The issue here is not the reputation of Beaumont - it's a fine and reputable hospital," said Larry Rosso, commission member. "It's the appropriate use of the

land."

The area in question was listed in the township Master Plan as mostly residential, Rosso said.

"The people there moved in with the idea that it would remain residential," he said.

Traffic is a major concern - it would lead to congestion on M-15 and its interchange with I-75, and/or spill over into the neighborhood to the west and north, he said.

Beaumont will adjust its plan based on the input from the planning commission and residents, said John Krolicki, Beaumont director of facilities development.

"We're a good neighbor - we'll work out these issues with the neighbors," Krolicki said.

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Jim Territo brings energy to his music

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## Seeing double

Twins Jaden, left, and Mackenzie Joseph, 22 months, were having a ball as they watched their cousin play in the Clarkston High School Freshman Volleyball invitational tournament Saturday. For volleyball photos, see page 14A. Photo by Laura Colvin

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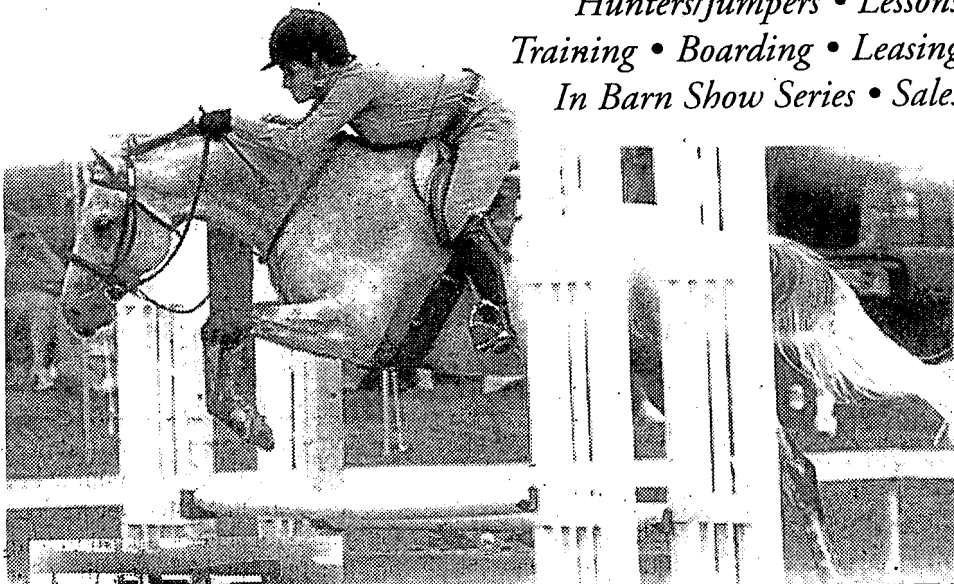
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# The Second Front

## Briefly

### Cafe celebrates grand reopening

Clarkston Cafe will celebrate its grand reopening with the jazz music of Ursula Walker and Buddy Budson on Friday night, Feb. 2, starting at 7:30 p.m.

The public is invited to the celebration, for which the kitchen is preparing some "surprises for the guests," said Curt Catallo, owner of the Cafe along with Erich Lines.

The Pizza Coco section of Clarkston Cafe opens for lunch at 11 a.m., and the main dining room opens at 5 p.m.

For more information, call 248-625-6160.

### School fair this weekend

The annual Springfield Plains Elementary fair is scheduled for Feb. 3 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Visitors can get out of the cold and enjoy games in every classroom. Other activities include a giant slide, moonwalk, bungee run and silent basket auction. Students can win prizes by using a punch card they can earn points on by playing games. Punch cards are available in denominations of \$5, \$10, \$15 or \$20.

Food and refreshments will also be provided.

### Budget meeting set for Feb. 13

When the Independence Township Board met for a special budget workshop on Jan. 9, trustees hoped to reschedule their next workshop for Jan. 30.

Yesterday morning, however, the township said the meeting could not be moved up, and would remain at its previously scheduled date of Tuesday, Feb. 13.

The meeting is set for 6 p.m. at Fire Station 1, on Citation Drive off M-15.

Call the township at 2418-625-5111 for more information.

### Watershed group to meet Feb. 14

The Clarkston Watershed Group will hold a meeting at the City of Clarkston Office at 375 Depot Road on Wednesday, Feb. 14, at 7 p.m.

All are welcome to attend.

Contact Jim Brueck at [mdbrueck@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mdbrueck@sbcglobal.net) for more information.



An overflowing crowd of residents at the Independence Township Library came for the Planning Commission's keyholing discussion, and stayed for the Beaumont presentation. Photo by Phil Custodio

## Keyholing kicked back to trustees

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

The Independence Township Planning Commission was not impressed with the anti-keyholing ordinance referred to it by the Township Board.

The commission voted unanimously Thursday to send it back with a recommendation for denial.

The Township Board will take the recommendation under advisement and make the final decision about it at a future regular meeting.

The zoning ordinance as proposed would prohibit developers from building a marina - offering use of a lake to several non-lakefront residences, such as condominiums, by "keyholing" it through a single lakefront property. It would affect new development as it comes before the Planning Commission.

"This issue is obviously very important to a lot of people," said Commis-

sioner Curt Carlson. "The more I've looked into this, the more I realized that what we have here would not affect the lake in the manner that we want."

The ordinance is too weak to significantly reduce boat usage on the lakes, Carlson said.

"We have to have an ordinance that makes sense - this one isn't it, unfortunately," he said.

Water-quality problems in the township's lakes are caused by overuse and abuse, much by residents who live around them, said Planning Commission member Sam Moraco.

"This ordinance would not affect water quality - it has no means of enforcement," Moraco said.

A general ordinance, which could place limits on lake use that would apply to all, would be more effective at cleaning up the lakes, said Commissioner Cheryl Karrick.

Another option for lakefront residents would be to form their own lake boards, said Commission member Joan McCrary.

Lake boards are funded by local assessments and set rules for use of the water. They already exist on several lakes in the area, McCrary said.

"I think that's a very good suggestion," said Commission member Larry Rosso, who serves on a lake board. "They're very effective."

Keyholing has been an issue in Independence Township for about 19 years, especially around Deer Lake. The township began work on an ordinance about four years ago, when it was referred to committee and tabled several times by the Township Board and Planning Commission.

Check our website [www.ClarkstonNews.com](http://www.ClarkstonNews.com) for a history and updates on this issue.

## Big budget cuts coming for schools

BY ANDREW DUPONT  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The grim vision of Clarkston School's financial future is beginning to come into focus. As the school board gets close to making budget cuts, the jobs of 20 teachers are on the line.

During a Jan. 22 workshop meeting, the board heard recommendations for 30 cuts to the 2007-08 budget which could reduce expenditures by \$4.2 million.

The cuts are part of a plan to get the district back to a balanced budget by the end of the 2008-09 school year.

As reported in the Dec. 20 issue of *The Clarkston News* Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts said the district's current budget is trying to weather "the perfect storm" of budget-busting factors.

Even with the \$4.2 million cuts, the district is expected to post a \$5.5 million deficit for the 2007-08 school year. The district entered the school year with more than \$13 million in fund equity. Back in December, Roberts indicated that staff cuts were extremely likely given the current situation, but now specific numbers are projected.

Starting in October, administrative teams began looking over the district's financial reports to find areas where cuts could be made.

"We just went through every little thing," said Director of Communications and Marketing Anita Banach, who was a member of the administrative teams examining the budget.

Deputy Superintendent David Reschke said the groups knew staff layoffs would likely come into play because enrollment decreased slightly this year.

"We have predicted this for a couple years. We've been pink-slipping for three years," Reschke said, adding that retirements and increases in enrollment have allowed the district to bring laid-off employees back every year.

Also, on June 12, the school board approved a one-year contract with a two-percent raise for 196 central office administrators and support staff.

"But this year the enrollment was flat. It even went down a little bit. It made it pretty clear we were going to have reductions in staffing levels," Reschke said.

Roberts said he knew staff layoffs were imminent after the "fourth Friday count," the annual student head count held on the fourth Friday in September to determine population for state per-pupil funding. For the first time in 16 years, the Clarkston school district lost students between Sept. 2005 and Sept. 2006, dropping from 8,169 to 8,143.

"I'm concerned this might not be a 'blip,'" Roberts said.

The housing situation in the district is leading him to believe there will not be an increase in students anytime soon.

"If we continued to grow, we'd still have a problem, but it might have offset it."

Of the 30 recommendations made to the school board by administrators, four areas related to the reduction of 19.7 full time employees on the teaching staff including:

- Reducing teaching staff by nine, to cut approximately \$472,000.
- Reducing K-5 special teachers by 2.7, to cut about \$131,000.
- Reducing talent development teaching staff by two, to cut about \$105,000.

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## Students exceed state mandate

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the previous year's, with the exception of seventh-grade math, showing a nine percent increase; third-grade writing, showing a 10.7 increase, and fourth-grade writing, showing a six percent decrease.

The drop in fourth-grade writing scores is not a major concern, however, as the drop was also mirrored across Oakland County and the state, according to Puzio.

"Sometimes, especially with writing, it could be the prompt (topic)," Puzio said, indicating that students in general sometimes have a more difficult time writing about specific topics. This year's topic related to being a leader, to which Puzio said fourth graders may have a hard time relating.

Puzio attributed the large increase in third-grade writing skills to a better understanding of what third graders are expected to know. The 2005-06 school year was the first time third-grade students took the MEAP exam.

"The jump that Clarkston had was more significant than what Oakland County and the state had," Puzio said, indicating that third-grade writing scores rose state-wide. "The teachers were really focused on what they were looking for."

Puzio said part of her job now that the tests are over is to look for trends and see if there are any areas or students who could use extra help. Students who have not met requirements consistently will be monitored to see how they can be helped to increase their grades. In addition, Puzio said the district uses common assessments throughout the year to monitor students' progress rather than

### Percentage of students who met or exceeded state requirements:

	State	Clarkston
<b>Writing</b>		
Grade 3	52	69.9
Grade 4	45	65.2
Grade 5	57	82.2
Grade 6	74	84
Grade 7	65	81.6
Grade 8	67	79.6
<b>Mathematics</b>		
Grade 3	88	96.4
Grade 4	85	95.3
Grade 5	76	93.2
Grade 6	69	86.1
Grade 7	64	83.9
Grade 8	68	81.3
<b>Reading</b>		
Grade 3	87	95.5
Grade 4	85	95.9
Grade 5	84	96.2
Grade 6	83	92.4
Grade 7	80	93.8
Grade 8	76	88.8
<b>English Language Arts</b>		
Grade 3	79	91.6
Grade 4	78	93.5
Grade 5	78	94.8
Grade 6	78	88.5
Grade 7	76	91.5
Grade 8	71	85.5
<b>Science</b>		
Grade 5	83	95.3
Grade 8	75	87.1
<b>Social Studies</b>		
Grade 6	74	91.1
Grade 9	74	90.5

wait for next year's MEAP.

"We're not just looking at the MEAP," she said. "We have many teachers using common assessments more."

## Groups offer joint scholarships

Five area service organizations are working together to offer local scholarships.

The Joint Scholarship cooperative undertaking is chaired by Heidi Wood, Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce.

It includes representatives from the Clarkston Area Optimists Club, Clarkston Farm and Garden Club, Clarkston Foundation, and the Clarkston Rotary.

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

The joint application form represents a pool of more than \$17,000 available through 17-19 individual scholarships, one scholarship award per student from each organization. They include:

- Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce - four scholarships, \$1,000 each;
- Clarkston Area Optimist

Club - six scholarships, \$1,000 each;

- Clarkston Farm and Garden Club - four scholarships, \$500 each, or two scholarships at \$1,000 each;

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

- Clarkston Foundation - two scholarships, \$1,000 each, and a \$1,500 scholarship.

The scholarship form is available online at [www.clarkston.org](http://www.clarkston.org). Scholarship applications will also be available at the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, 5856 S. Main St.; Clarkston High School Counseling office, 6093 Flemings Lake Rd.; and the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Rd.

Application deadline is Friday, March 1.

Students do not have to be a 4.0 student to receive a scholarship. Each community organization has its own criteria. Details are available on the application form.

Applications should be turned in at the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce. No faxes or email applications will be accepted.

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# Family was her priority

BY LAURA COLVIN  
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Paul Sadows sat surrounded by photographs—hundreds and hundreds of photographs—as he talked about the first time he set eyes on Carolyn 32 years earlier.

It was love at first sight.

"I walked in the door, looked at her and it was over," he said, explaining that he'd gone into the printing house where Carolyn worked back then for a quote. "I knew right then. She was a special girl, I'll tell you. Wow."

The photographs in the Sadows' living room were brought back from Clarkston Community Church, where funeral services were held recently. Carolyn Lou Sadows died suddenly from a brain aneurysm Jan. 6 while on vacation with her family in Cape Coral, Florida. She was 63.

Paul and Carolyn were co-founders and co-owners of Sadows Auction Gallery in downtown Clarkston, a successful and prosperous business the couple built together over the course of 27 years.

"We complemented each other," said Paul. "Where I was weak she was strong. I wasn't that good at the books, but she taught herself, and she excelled."

Carolyn's family knew her as a perfectionist — a meticulous, hardworking woman with an eye for details large and small. She made certain everything looked beautiful before an auction, made sure the clients were pleased, the bills were paid and the books were in order.

Although she was fastidious around the gallery and worked 17-hour days alongside Paul in the beginning, the couple later agreed not to talk about work when they weren't working.

There was, after all, a much more important purpose in the Sadows family.

Carolyn, said those who knew her, was the backbone of family. She made sure the family stuck together and remembered the important things in life.

"We work so we can go out later and have fun," said Ron Chamberlain, the couple's oldest son. "That's the only reason we work. We work hard and we play

hard. This family plays harder than any family I know."

The Do-Duck-Inn, the family's home on Big Platte Lake, south of Traverse City, was often where the pulse of the family was beating. Paul and Carolyn spent years remodeling the house so it could accommodate the growing family every Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and the week between Christmas and New Year.

More than anything, Carolyn loved being with her family, and over the years traditions were established and expanded.

In the winter there was poker, euchre, and Texas hold 'em tournaments. In the warmer months, there were beanbag tournaments, jet ski races, volleyball and botchy ball.

And then there was the Great River Adventure, a trip down Platte River into lake Michigan on anything that would float.

"Everyone went on the Great River Adventure if they were 85-years-old or 3-years-old," said Ron. "We had the big mats, and the small ones. Guys would be playing football down the river, there would be dogs running around, and little kids floating along."

Carolyn always knew exactly what needed to be done to keep the huge events running according to plan, said Paul, and she's do things like get up to start the potato salad at 4 a.m.

But she wasn't one to do all the work and miss out on the fun, so Carolyn made lists so everyone had a job. Or two.

"Everything was completely organized," said Paul. "We'd have the beanbag tournament at one o'clock, the Great River Adventure at three — everything was all planned. It was like going to Disneyland or something."

Often, the couple would have as many as 40 people at the house for a long weekend friends, family—everyone was welcome.

"Instantly you were part of the family," said daughter-in-law Gwen, remembering the time she first met the family some 20 years ago. "That's the way it



Carolyn Sadows sits with her granddaughter Ashley, in a favorite family photo. Ashley is now 18 years old. Photo provided

was, no questions."

The holidays, she said, were very important to Carolyn and the rest of the family.

"Ron and I got married in August, and the first Christmas I walked down the stairs and I went 'holy cow!'" she said. It was just insane."

Gifts were stacked high around the room, she said, all wrapped—with homemade bows—by Carolyn.

The unwrapping process took forever, said granddaughter Ashley, 18, because Carolyn wanted to see everyone open their gifts.

As the oldest of seven grandchildren, Ashley enjoyed a special relationship with Carolyn, and remembers trips to Florida when her Grandma would get up early to have tea and hot cocoa ready for the others, or trips up north where other special memories were created.

"I used to sleep in bed with my grandma and grandpa every night up north, right in the middle," said Ashley with a giggle.

"We'd lay in bed and eat chocolates

and not brush our teeth. She'd say 'don't tell your mom and dad.'"

Eating fine chocolates in bed with her granddaughter loved to do. She was a woman with the luxury of enjoying her favorite things in life — she had a penchant for fine jewelry and beautiful clothes, fine dining, good wine, shopping, dancing, and trips to Las Vegas.

"We were both middle class kids," said Paul.

"Nobody handed us anything. When we got married we had nothing, not a cent. We were just getting to the point of retirement, had all the money we needed to live our lives and have some real fun."

Paul was going to buy a Ferrari. He could just see his wife driving around in that fancy car.

"She was the ultimate provider," said the couple's son Jeff Chamberlain. "When the kids were grown and gone she was still doing it because they weren't grown and gone to her, really. She was always there for us."

She will be missed, agreed all.



Carolyn Lou Sadow and her grandchildren celebrate Memorial Day at a family trip. Photo submitted

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## iPods don't make parenting any easier

*I take you to the candy shop  
I'll let you lick the lollypop  
Go 'head girl, don't you stop  
Keep goin' 'til you hit the spot*

Those were the words—the cleanest of them, anyway—that brought Danielle Toth into the *Clarkston News*. She was hoping to send a message to other parents.

"Be aware of the music your kids are downloading," she said. "When they've got their headphones on they look happy as a clam, but a lot of the stuff they listen to is not appropriate."

Toth learned the hard way. Her 10-year-old daughter, a fifth-grader at Independence Elementary, found an iPod for Christmas, and downloaded the songs "Smack That" and "Candy Shop."

Unfamiliar with the titles, and fearing that the content of the songs was in line with the innuendo, Toth went to iTunes to check out the music that was funneling into her daughter's head.

The lyrics were worse than she feared, both songs dripping with both explicit and implicit sexual references unfit for print here, and certainly unfit for the ears of a 10-year-old.

The artists—"Smack That" by Akon and Eminem and "Candy Shop" by 50 Cent—portray themselves as superior, self-important—and insatiable—consumers of women. Lots and lots of women.

I was torn. I absolutely believe in the right to free speech, the right we as Americans have to express ourselves (although I do maintain that our founding fathers weren't considering the hip-hop culture of 2007 when they drafted the First Amendment, but that's neither here nor there).

Do I want censorship? No, of course not. If mature adults like this music for its artistic value, great. "Candy Shop," after all, did hit the no. 1 spot on the hip-hop charts, and it was, after all, nominated for a Grammy Award in 2006.

But that doesn't make it OK for kids.

These artists are filling young minds with unhealthy ideas about sex, ideas about what they're supposed to give, and what they're supposed to take—unhealthy ideas about what the opposite gender expects from them.

In fact, a study published in the August 2006 issue of *Pediatrics*, the peer-reviewed, scientific journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics, found that teens who listen to music with degrading sexual lyrics are more likely to initiate and engage in more advanced sexual activity than those who do not.

What I would like to see, but don't expect, is some personal responsibility from artists like 50 Cent and the others, who make millions and millions of dollars by fishing around in the pockets of 13-year-old kids—boys and girls both—who are embracing ideas they don't yet understand.

I'd like to see personal responsibility from artists like the has-been Britney Spears, who lamented that she didn't want to be a role model for young girls.

Both examples, to me, are reminiscent of the schoolyard bully—they snatch away our children's money, their innocence, then kick dirt in their faces.

Problem is, our kids have been made to believe that the dirt tastes good, and they're eating it up.

Other parents can learn from Danielle Toth, who was willing to take the time to listen to the music her daughter was absorbing, willing to risk her daughter's anger by saying no. Willing to be a parent.

Out Loud



Laura Colvin

## 'Dear Editor' (letters from our readers)

### Get involved in hospital decisions

Dear Editor:

The introductory Planning Commission meeting for Beaumont Hospital was overflowing and down the hall with concerned citizens.

In an orderly but assertive fashion, they one by one expressed their skepticism and concern about jamming this massive development into a predominately residential part of the township.

Still, we understand that others in the community stayed away because they feel that with McLaren's proposal now moving to the Township Board, the Beaumont proposal will come up dead in the water if McLaren is approved.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

Both of these proposals will be judged by the Township and both could potentially be approved. We could wake up one day with two complexes under construction both including many multiple story buildings, multiple story parking garages, and with the Beaumont proposal more than 2600 parking spaces less than a mile from downtown Clarkston.

Not to mention the around-the-clock ambulance runs, helicopter noise and the parking lot lights running all night long as with Genesys and Great Lakes Crossing.

Beaumont may be discouraged, but they are certainly not persuaded.

To make certain that any development in this area fits within our community, our Master Plan and zoning, we will all have to learn more and be vigilant for many months through many meetings.

This meeting was just the beginning.

We, along with many others, are already working together to provide organized citizen input to the Planning Commission and Township Board.

We urge all of you who read this and share our concerns to get involved.

For more information on what you can do as a concerned citizen, contact us by sending an email to [yourclarkston@yahoo.com](mailto:yourclarkston@yahoo.com).

Susan and Randy Golab  
Independence Township

### Planners copped out on Keyholing

Dear Editor:

At their meeting on Jan. 25, the Independence Township Planning Commission opened the floodgates to keyhole development on the lakes within the Township.

They voted to deny the proposed zoning ordinance revisions intended to restrict keyholing. Their basis for denial was that the proposed changes alone would not clean up water quality.

This was not the purpose of the proposed changes.

It is not mentioned in the proposed revisions to the zoning ordinance, it was never discussed during prior meetings, and it was not discussed in materials presented to the Commission prior to their meeting. The Planning Commission conveniently used it as a cop out.

The Planning Commission's action completely ignored the benefits to the Township inherent in the proposed ordinance changes.

They include improved safety for boaters and swimmers, property value maintenance for all lake residents,

less noise, and improved water quality.

Many Townships in Michigan and Oakland County (Springfield, Highland, Bloomfield, West Bloomfield, Orchard Lake Village) have recognized these benefits in their anti-keyholing provisions.

The Planning Commission failed to respond in a similar manner.

In retrospect, their decision was not unexpected. What would you expect from a Commission that has four members either currently or formerly involved with real estate and development?

The issue next comes to the Independence Township Board of Trustees.

Hopefully, unlike the Planning Commission, they will represent the entire population of the Township, override the Planning Commission, and enact an anti keyholing ordinance.

Joseph M. Colucci  
Independence Township

### Voters would support community center

Dear Editor:

I am responding to the editorial in *The Clarkston News* "Be careful with the people's money" (page 6A, Jan. 24 edition) which deals with the ongoing problem with the Independence Township budget.

In the article it alluded to the fact that there is a short fall of about \$262,000 in the Parks and Rec portion of the budget.

With McLaren building its new hospital and Independence Township receiving a windfall of about \$38 million in future tax revenue (according to McLaren's tax-revenue analysis - ed. note), there should be no short fall in the budget and the township can now focus on building a new senior center.

I am glad to see the senior advisory committee has found a possible new home, and with the new tax rev-

enue coming into the community it would now be possible to redo the South Sashabaw Elementary school into the new senior community center.

However, I would rather see a completely new building built because there will be expansion needed in the near future after the center opens. Do not expect the tax revenues to keep the center operating all the time and this is where donations would be needed.

Also, I would rename the building as the Independence Township Community Center so that all would be welcomed and that would take care of all those who opposed the ballot issue in 2006 because in had "senior programs" written in the language instead of Community Center.

Joe Wauldron  
Clarkston

## Got something to say?

Write a letter to the editor!

[shermapub@aol.com](mailto:shermapub@aol.com), attn: Clarkston News

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## A Look Back

A peek back at those thrilling days of yester-year as reported in the pages of *The Clarkston News*

### 15 years ago - 1992

**"Wolves win battle of champions"** The Clarkston High School wrestling team defeated defending state champions Lake Orion. Clarkston's Nathan Smith, 171 pounds, beat the Dragon's Dusty Miller in a key match.

**"On his 50th birthday: Lunch with 50 women"** Charlie Weaver's wife Karen arranged a surprise birthday party for him, inviting 50 women from his work, church, neighborhood, and friends. He said he thought the 50-to-1 ratio was "just about right."

**"Charter vote on Tuesday"** The vote was set for Feb. 4, 1992, for Clarkston voters to decide whether the village should become a city. If successful, the transition would happen by July 1.

**"Makes sense for the future"** Village President Sharron Catalo made the case for cityhood, arguing that the change would protect Clarkston's boundaries and financial interests, increase government efficiency, and provide autonomy for residents.

**"Cityhood costly, destructive"** Independence Township Supervisor Frank Ronk presented the opposing view. If passed, Clarkston residents would have no more input or vote in township affairs, increase costs for services, and create a great division in the entire area.

### 25 years ago - 1982

**"Pluses for scores in reading, math"** Fourth-grade MEAP scores at least at the "acceptable" level (75 percent correct or better) were 81.5 percent in math and 85.4 percent in reading. For seventh graders, 69.6 percent of math and 90.7 percent of reading scores were "acceptable." For 10th-graders, 90.2 percent of math and 69.4 percent of reading scores were "acceptable."

**"Cinema to show R films"** Citing a shortage of family movies, the Clarkston Cinema on Dixie Highway decided to start showing R-rated films, the first of which was to be "Ghost Story." Tickets would remain \$1.50.

**"Ballet troupe points toward stage"** Cindy Carroll and Hope Waller, 14-year-old Clarkston girls, were part of the new Michigan Youth Ballet. They practiced 10-12 hours a week for their June production of "Graduation Ball."

### 50 years ago - 1957

**"G.O. post opens Monday"** The Ground Observer Post in Clarkston was set to open Feb. 4, 1957. Supervisor Merle Bennett was pleased with the efforts setting up the post, but was still signing up volunteers.

**"Rotarians hear Trooper G. Tafel"** Michigan State Police Trooper Gerald Tafel spoke to the Rotary Club and showed a film about his experiences during the Michigan State Prison Riot of 1955.

**"Churches start attendance crusade"** First Methodist Church joined with others throughout the nation to ask people to go to church.

## Governor, to fix the budget, think smaller

I'm one of the last kids thought to be of "Boomer" status -- I was made in Detroit, circa 1962 and born in January 1963. Like many kids of that time, I was brought up believing in a golden vision. That shiny, albeit trite ideal can be summed up in six words: Truth, Justice and the American Way. (Yes, I was brought up reading comic books.)

Another year older (and deeper in debt) I am easy to lose my train of thought, to ponder stuff; lots of stuff, stuff that I have no way of knowing the answer, but stuff to ponder none the less.

In one of my ponderous states, the idea of justice versus vengeance rode over the fast becoming flat recesses of my brain. As that thought careened back and forth, ping-pong the insides of my head like a bullet in hollow metal drum, it smacked into another thought. This thought dealt with Michigan's billion dollar black whole of a budget Governor Granholm is in charge of.

These two thoughts collided at a junction in my brain called Larry Drum. Drum is state prisoner No. 222000. Drum, born and raised in Lake Orion will turn 70 this June. I wrote about Larry a few years ago, after a movement was made to free him from the shackles of state imprisonment. Larry and his friend John Martin were sentenced to life in prison under Michigan's old, now repealed, 650-lifer law, signed into effect by then Gov. Wm. Milliken.

Of the 280 people in Michigan sentenced under that law, about 120 like Larry remain incarcerated.

Court documents show Larry let Martin use his Birmingham apartment for a cocaine transaction. Which just happened to be between Martin and a snitch for an Oakland County sting. For the record, Martin the dealer was paroled in January 2005.

Gov. Granholm refused to commute Larry's sentence in 2006, despite a strongly penned letter of endorsement from former Michigan governor, Milliken. Since then, you and me (tax payers) have paid for Larry to have cataract surgery on one eye, medicine for high cholesterol oh, and there's a growing concern over his prostrate.

I went sniffing around to find the cost to house a prisoner. A January 20, *Detroit Free Press* article, reported

that cost to be about \$32,000 a year. I am not sure what cataract surgery costs, but I am sure it's a bunch.

So, here is where I am going. Larry has served his time for being stupid and hanging with drug-dealing friends. Justice has been served. Keeping him in prison is merely an exercise in vengeance by the state of Michigan and Governor Granholm.

Because she has not grown a backbone, the governor is costing the state millions. If she is serious about trying to fix the state's budget problems, she (not a committee) needs to get involved. She needs to look at the big picture and see it is made of lots of little pictures.

Freeing Larry would save the state at least \$32,000 a year. That's 32 big ones saved that can be used to pay for one of the state's 17,000 Department of Corrections employees.

The same Jan. 20 *Freep* article reported the state has 51,000 people locked up -- an all-time high. The Department of Corrections budget is \$1.9 billion, roughly one-fifth of the state's general budget. Michigan's incarceration rate is 40 percent higher than our neighboring states. The article reported the state's parole board is "gun shy" on paroling, after they botched one last year. So now justice can never be served?

The governor needs to look at these cases herself and decide who merits a commutation. Currently she has a staff of attorneys and the like who make recommendations to her -- which means they tell her which things would be politically good or bad; versus whether or not justice will be served. If she commutes only 100 people, that is \$3.2 million saved.

Governor Milliken has been picked by Gov. Granholm to join another former state governor, Jim Blanchard, to figure out ways to fix the state budget problem. I've called Milliken's office and suggested he suggest to Granholm what I just wrote. That was last week, and I have yet to hear from him or his anyone on his staff.

Now that I am on the short side of 50, I would have hoped to be more optimistic, less cranky. I would like to believe truth, justice and the American way is more than political jockeying.

To read more about Larry's case, go to [www.oxfordleader.com](http://www.oxfordleader.com) and in the search engine part of our webpage type in his name. If you want to write the governor, her address is:

Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm  
PO Box 30013, Lansing, MI 48909.



## The Gov. has charisma, but we need leadership

Maybe it's an aging thing, but I find myself getting upset more easily and more often lately.

I can't blame the winter, 'cause we haven't had any. It isn't envy of my friends who have sought warmer climes, 'cause I'd rather believe they have chosen to abandon me.

It could be the ridiculously long political campaigning for the November 2006 elections, plus the already begun campaigning for the 2008 election.

I suppose it could also be Iraq, Iran, the domestic auto industry, China's coming to the USA, Michigan's economy, crime, space, poverty, Greenies and my weakness in forbidding Shayna to get in the car whenever I start it up.

The first thing that got me today was a quote from Governor Jennifer Granholm's press secretary, Liz Boyd, "The governor is not afraid to offer a solution."

This came in response to solving the increasing state deficit, that she didn't acknowledge as happening during her run for reelection.

Let's admit it, Ms. Granholm won with charisma. She has an abundance, Richard DeVos had zilch.

So, how's she offering HER solution to the shortfall? She's outsourced it by naming a dozen people to a committee to tell her what to do. That's fearless? Two of the committee are tax-hiking past governors, Milliken and Blanchard.

The question for us is twofold: How many tax increases will they suggest and how high?

Of course, Michigan's income will be enhanced by Washington's minimum wage boost -- more money to spend, more taxes collected. That will not be mentioned in our governor's solution.

Then comes the story out of Sweden, or some such country, that the feminists are insisting that men be required to sit while urinating.

They spout two reasons: Men standing to do this chore give women the impression of male dominance, and the splash factor can spread germs.

I don't know how many of these feminists have ever watched a man doing his releasing, but it isn't without danger and labor, especially when it's urgent.

Many men's pants, especially denims, have short rises. Thus it is necessary to release the belt, unbutton, unzip and untangle our shirt tail to accomplish our mission.

These also have to be considered on the return trip. Few, if any of us feel any dominance in front of the porcelain.

The zipper is frightening by itself. Everyone of us has had extremely painful, long lasting nips from the jaws of our Talons.

That's not funny, feminists, it hurts. Bad! If feminists want to make a case for men sitting for all causes, they might better concentrate on laziness. Men are always looking for reasons and places to sit down.

That's where the first auto strikes in Flint got their name, the sit-down strike.

It would have gone nowhere if union leaders called it a stand-up and walk around strike.

I'm not sure I can defend the splashing.

One thing that might be tried is lowering bathroom sinks. They could also insist that every building lot be required to plant four 8-foot high bushes so-as to leave an opening in the center to conceal the activity.

Requiring a catheter should never be considered. I tried it and didn't like it.

### Jim's Jottings



Jim Sherman



Michele Bondy and Matt Cchambo got very creative in their roles as celebrity dice throwers.



Lucky! Mike McGovern, lower right, hardly sat down after collecting his prize bottle of Harbor Red when his name was called as the winner of a \$25 Mr. B's gift certificate.



Woo-hool Reindeer Race winners didn't waste any time cashing in.



The Troublemakers, who play tennis together, had fun living up to their name Saturday. From left are Colleen Truesdell, Kim Huttonlocher, Terri Dodge and Jennifer Arkwright.

## Running of the reindeer

Hundreds gathered Saturday night at the Knights of Columbus Hall to enjoy a Night at the Reindeer Races and raise money for Clarkston Christmas in Action.

The reindeer were decorated by their sponsors and, with the help of two oversize dice, raced down the track to the cheers of their fans.

John Prosser II emceed the event.

**Photos by  
Laura Colvin**



It is the many Christmas in Action volunteers, who do everything from serving food to cashing in bets and carrying the reindeer in, who make the whole event possible.



# Police and Fire

## Independence Township

**Mon., Jan 22** A 25-year-old Independence Township woman called police to report that she'd loaned her car to a neighbor, who was then to purchase the vehicle, but hadn't seen the man or the car in several days. She later called back to say the man had contacted her and would return the car the next day.

A 17-year-old employee at a restaurant on Dixie Highway called police to report that a male in a white pickup truck slowly drove by the restaurant window while wearing a ski mask. The employee was concerned it was the same individual who had followed her home previously.

A resident in the 9000 block of Eagle Hill was issued a host ordinance citation after repeatedly allowing minors to consume alcohol at her home.

**Tues. Jan. 23** Deputies were dispatched to a group home in the 1600 block of Wealthy to investigate possible neglect and/or abuse of a 44-year-old developmentally disabled resident after a physician discovered the man had multiple broken ribs. The doctor was not able to discern when the injury occurred. A copy of the police report was sent to the FIA and an Oakland County Community Mental Health form was filed.

**Wed., Jan. 24** an employee at a church near Clintonville and Maybee called police to report that a generator – which was secured to a tree with a chain and lock – had been stolen from a construction site where it was being used to run a water pump.

The account supervisor at an Independence Township company reported that a payroll department employee embezzled \$3,500 by falsifying documents and direct-depositing company funds into her own bank account.

An Independence Township salon owner reported that a client wrote fraudulent checks from two closed accounts for a total of \$432.79. The client was contacted by sheriff's deputies and repaid the debt.

A resident called police after discovering that two speakers and 50 CDs had been stolen from his unlocked vehicle overnight.

**Thurs., Jan. 25** A 52-year-old man who was checking to see if the lake was frozen dropped into water up to his chest when he fell through the ice 6 feet from shore on Crooked Lake. After drying off and warming, the man told police and fire personnel he was fine, and refused further medical treatment.

**Fri. Jan. 26** A woman called police after engaging in an altercation with her 22-year-old son, who she claims is a heroin addict. The woman told police that her son shoved her, and she later shoved him in order to grab the drugs, which she

then flushed down the toilet.

A 40-year-old female reported discovering that three fraudulent checks had been written at stores in the Bay City area from her checking account for a total of \$1,243.25.

**Sun., Jan 28** A 37-year-old Rochester man was issued two citations after hitting an Oakland County Sheriff's patrol car in the process of clearing a traffic stop on I-75 north of Clintonville Road. The man violated special license restrictions stating that he is only allowed to drive during daytime hours and must wear special glasses. No one was seriously injured in the accident.

Deputies were dispatched to assist when a 21-year-old Clinton Township man was injured when he fell from his snowboard and lost consciousness.

**Mon., Jan. 29** A 27-year-old Independence Township man was arrested and jailed on charges of domestic assault after threatening and throwing objects at his 22-year-old girlfriend.

## Springfield Township

**Sat., Jan 13** Deputies dispatched to check on a complaint of loud music issued an appearance citation to a 19-year-old female who was intoxicated. Her friend was found passed out in the bath-

room.

A woman reported that her wedding ring and engagement set had been stolen from her home. She told deputies she believed her former husband may have been responsible.

**Sun., Jan 14** Someone took a bag of carpentry and plumbing tools from the back of a pickup truck overnight.

A 43-year-old Davisburg woman called to report that her mailbox had been stolen while she was away.

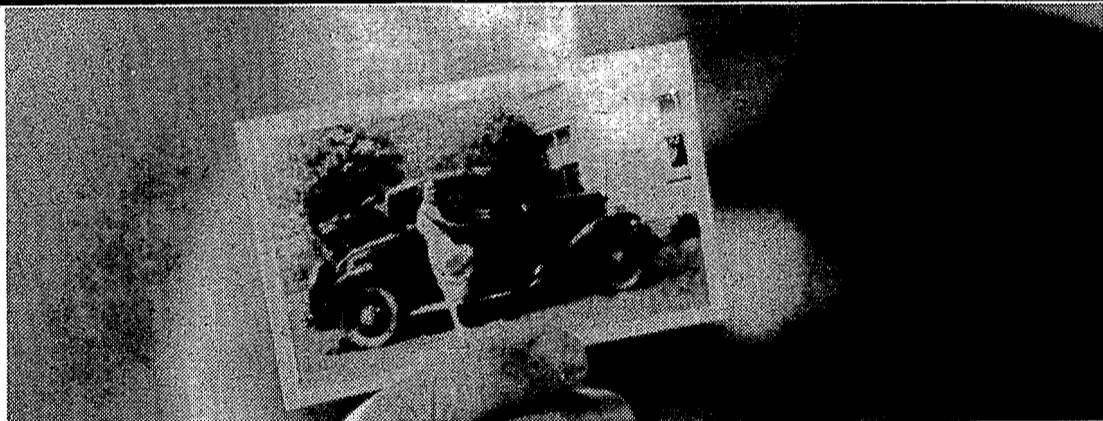
A woman who went out for the evening returned home to find that the window of her car had been smashed. A coat and MP3 player were missing. The vehicle belonging to a friend had been broken into as well. Missing were CDs, DVDs and a pair of diamond earrings.

**Sun., Jan 21** A deputy on patrol found a mailbox and post on fire in the 9000 block of Ratalee Lake Road. He informed the homeowner, who said he hadn't seen or heard anything during the night.

A deputy patrolling the 8400 block of Ratalee Lake road met a resident who reported that someone had placed his rolling garbage box in the road and started it on fire.

**Thurs., Jan. 25** A man called to report that the home he'd been watching for a vacationing neighbor had been broken into, with damage to three entry doors. All the rooms in the home appeared ransacked, and a 12-gauge shotgun was missing.

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The family that exercises together stays fit together

By Ernie Harwell



Health officials agree that overweight children are the most likely to become tomorrow's fat adults, which places them at risk for a variety of health problems, including high blood pressure, heart attacks and diabetes.

Unfortunately, the National Center for Health Statistics says that nearly 15 million youngsters in this country between the ages of 6 and 18 are overweight. The number has nearly tripled since 1980.

But how do you get a young couch potato off the couch? Experts at the American Heart Association say it takes commitment. Parents need to make time in their busy schedules for long walks, bicycle riding and physical activity that the whole family can enjoy. One of the best things parents can do is teach children life-long exercise habits.

How to begin? Don't tell your kids to, "Go Play." Say, "Let's go play." Make after-dinner walks, or morning jogs and playing soccer or touch football a family habit. When the snow flies, take the team approach to mall walking, working out at a local gym, even snow shoveling and building snowmen.

Winters are always more fun when enjoyed with family, and I'm a firm believer that the family that exercises together stays fit together.

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

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

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## Beaumont to meet with neighbors

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When Beaumont proposed its Troy project in 1977, neighbors expressed similar concerns, he said.

The Troy center now includes a 296-bed hospital, which offers a full line of inpatient and outpatient services, and a Professional Office Building with physicians' private practices and other hospital services.

In Troy, Beaumont representatives met with neighbors and made adjustments, he said.

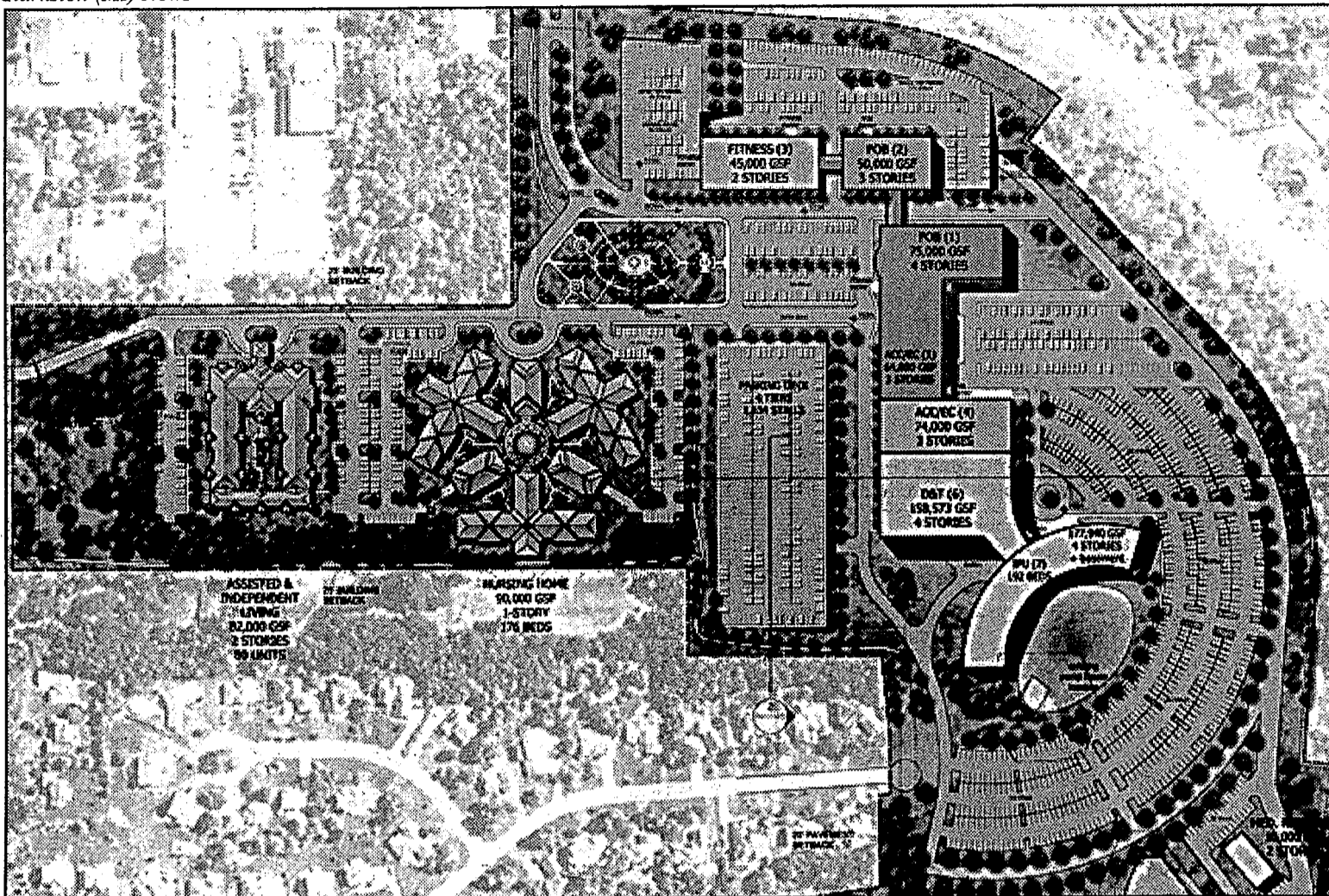
"By the final meeting, they were there to support us," Krolicki said.

In Independence Township, Beaumont will meet with residents in mid February, he said.

Thursday's meeting was the first of many steps, said Richard Carlisle, planning consultant.

After a public hearing, the planning commission would have to grant preliminary then final site plan approval. Then, the plan would go before the township board for two readings.

"It's a rigorous process," Carlisle said.



According to this preliminary site plan by Edmund London and Associates, the complete Beaumont project on M-15 and I-75 would include a nursing home, office buildings, fitness center and a hospital. Image provided

## Schools look to state for budget plans

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• Reducing instructional support specialists by six, to cut about \$315,000.

"We never like to lose anyone. It's really bothering the principals that they might lose staff," Reschke said.

Even if the cuts are approved by the board, Reschke said administrators will not know who will lose their jobs until contract negotiations are finished, which he speculated would be by April.

The largest budget reduction plan also depends on staff contract negotiations.

Banach said if employees agree to adjustments with insurance carriers district-wide, the district could cut expenses by approximately \$900,000.

Even with the district's financial problems, Roberts would not rule out the possibility that pay raises will be included in new employee contracts, saying that is what is being negotiated at this time.

"(District teachers) have made changes in their insurance coverage, accepted pay increases that were less than the industry standard and changed the way they do things to save dollars in utility costs, etc.," Roberts said. "That be-

ing said, we are in the 'perfect storm' and more is required of all of us if we are to maintain the system of excellence we have all worked so hard to build."

Roberts said the next step is to get firmer numbers for the recommended cuts and present them to the school board for a vote.

In addition, Banach said the district is hoping to reduce energy costs by approximately \$600,000 over the next year as a result of energy studies done during the previous school year.

"We've already seen the savings this year and we're expecting to see more next year," Banach said.

Another cut is the elimination of \$90,000 in administrative performance incentives, which were also included in the one-year contract this past June. Additional cuts include the re-

duction of contributions to community education and athletics, reduction of legal and communication budgets, and a 40 percent reduction in curriculum adoptions.

Reschke said these large cuts will hopefully be the only ones the district has to make this year, but things could change if adjustments are made on the state level.

"Our plan is dependant on the state planning," he said.

Though the recommendations were specific, none have been adapted at this time. Before any cuts become official, the board must vote on the matter, which Banach said will likely happen in the next month.

The next school board meeting is scheduled for Feb. 12. Look in future issues of *The Clarkston News* for more on these cuts and what effects they will have on the district.

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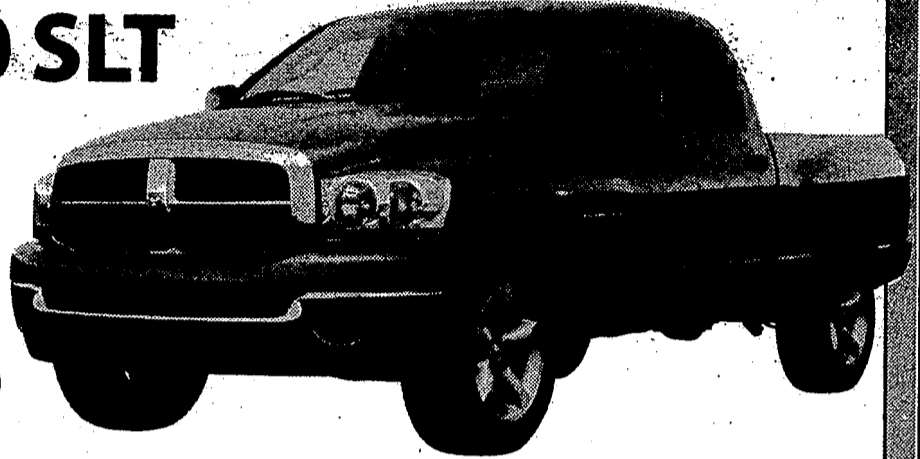


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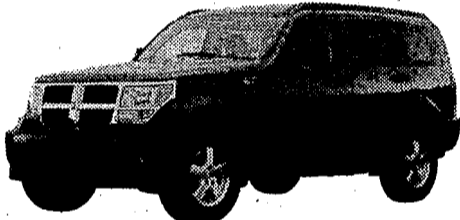
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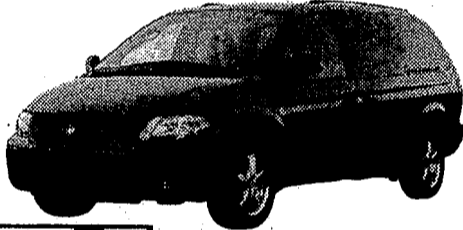


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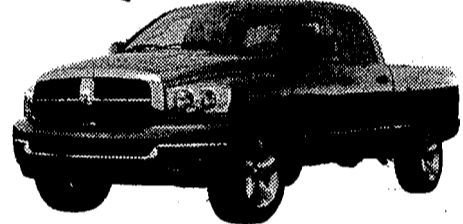
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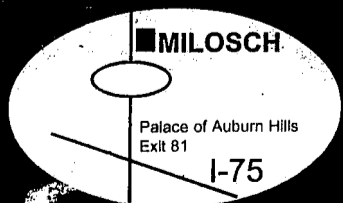
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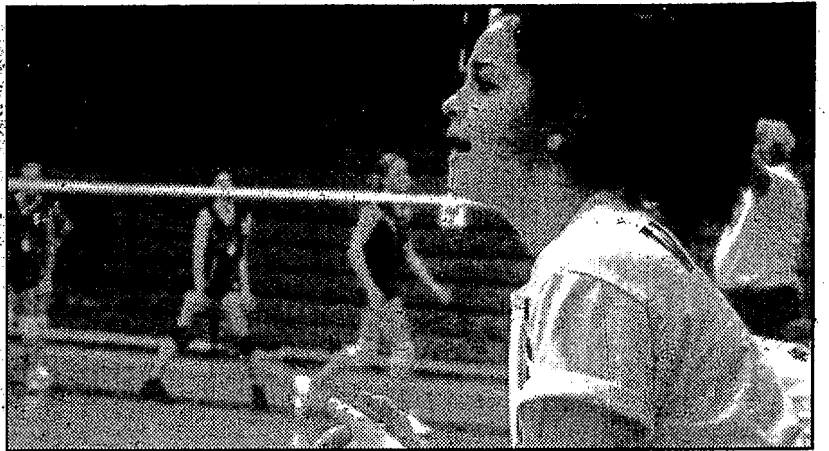
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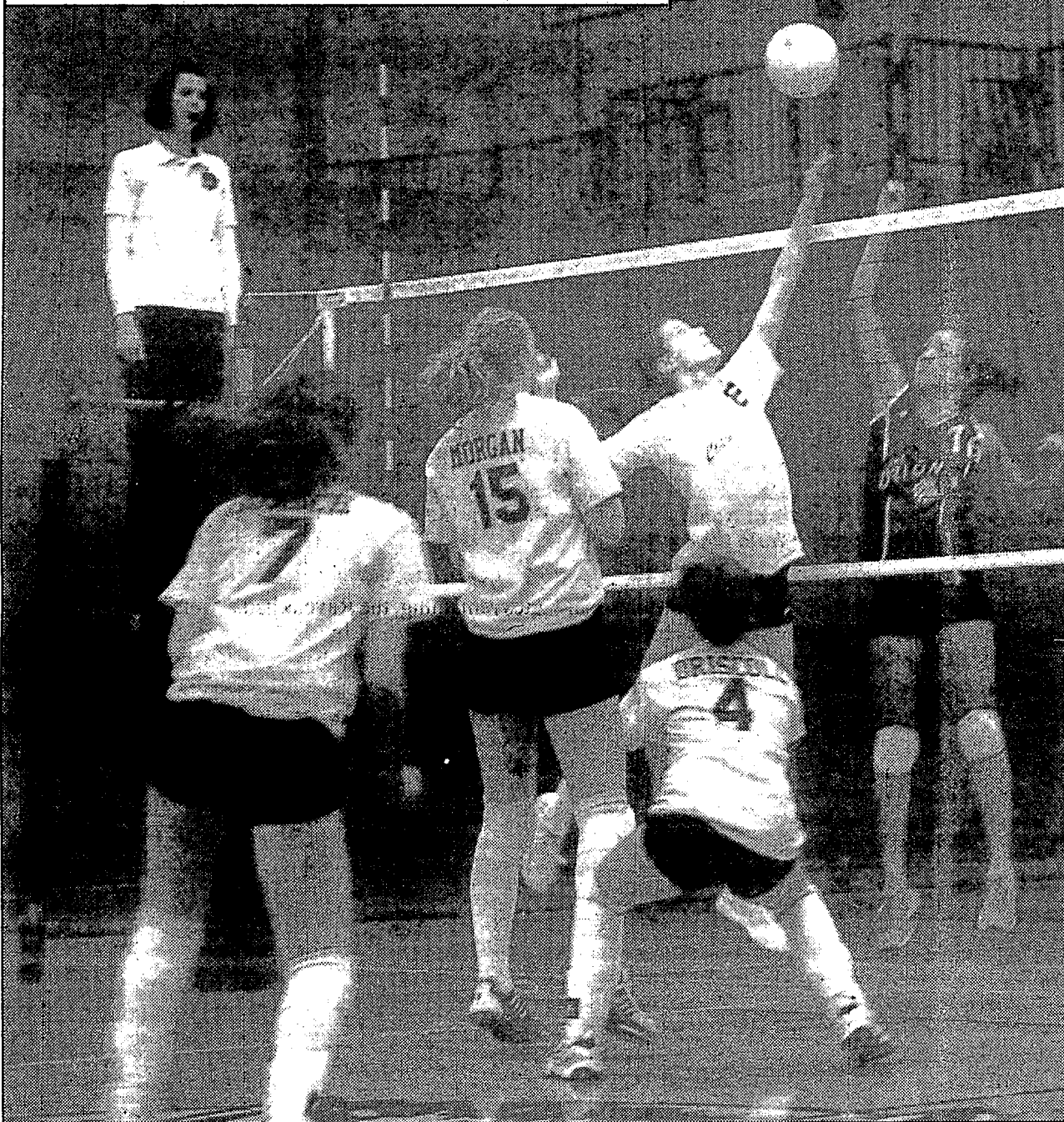
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Julia Vela focuses on the next play.



Makenzie Williams cheers on her team.



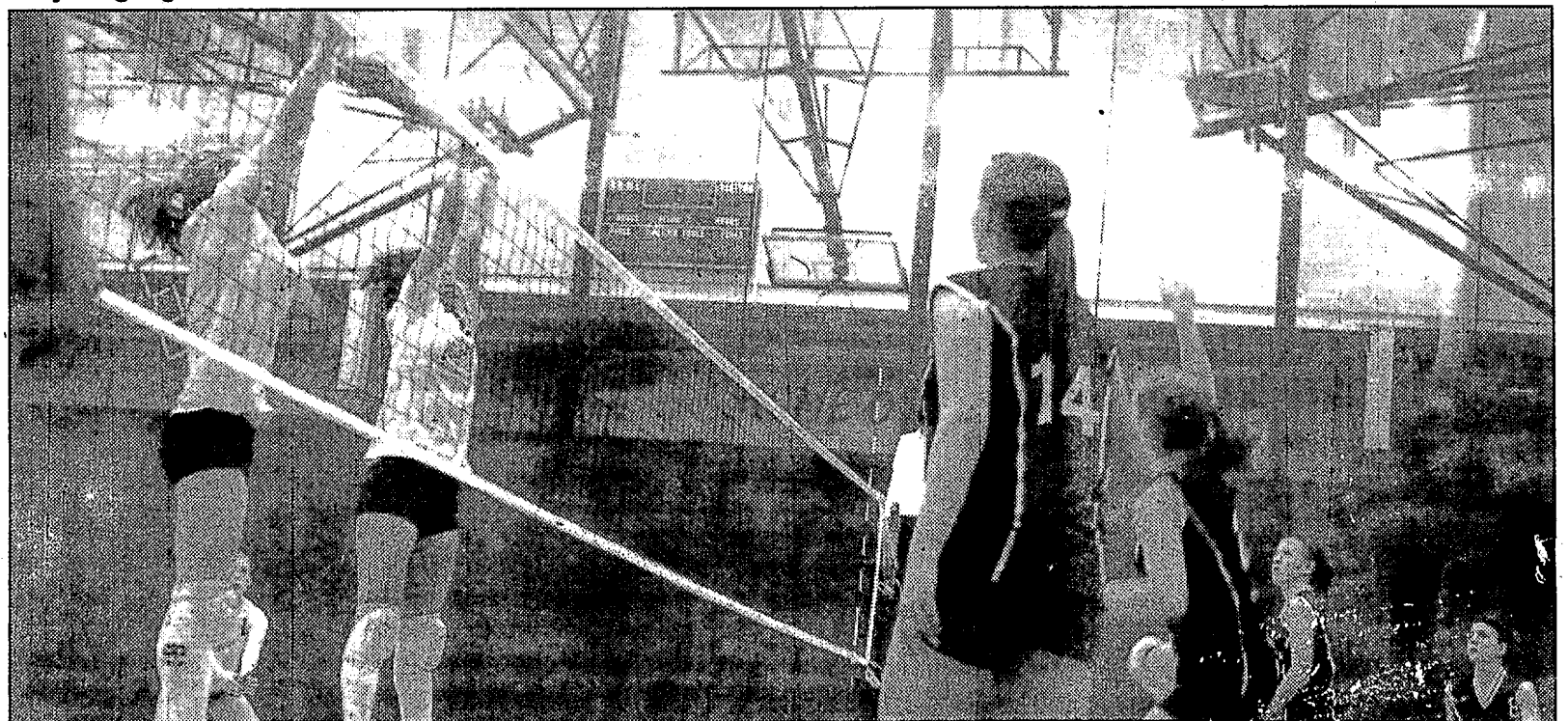
Evey Wright goes to the net.

# Going to the net

The Clarkston High School freshman volleyball team went up against Lake Orion this past Saturday at Clarkston High School.

They also competed with Royal Oak and other teams at the Clarkston High School Freshman Volleyball Invitational.

Photos by Laura Colvin



The Clarkston team jumps to block a shot.

# Clarkston News Sports

## Back in the game

### Wolves get second straight league win

BY PAUL KAMPE  
Staff Writer

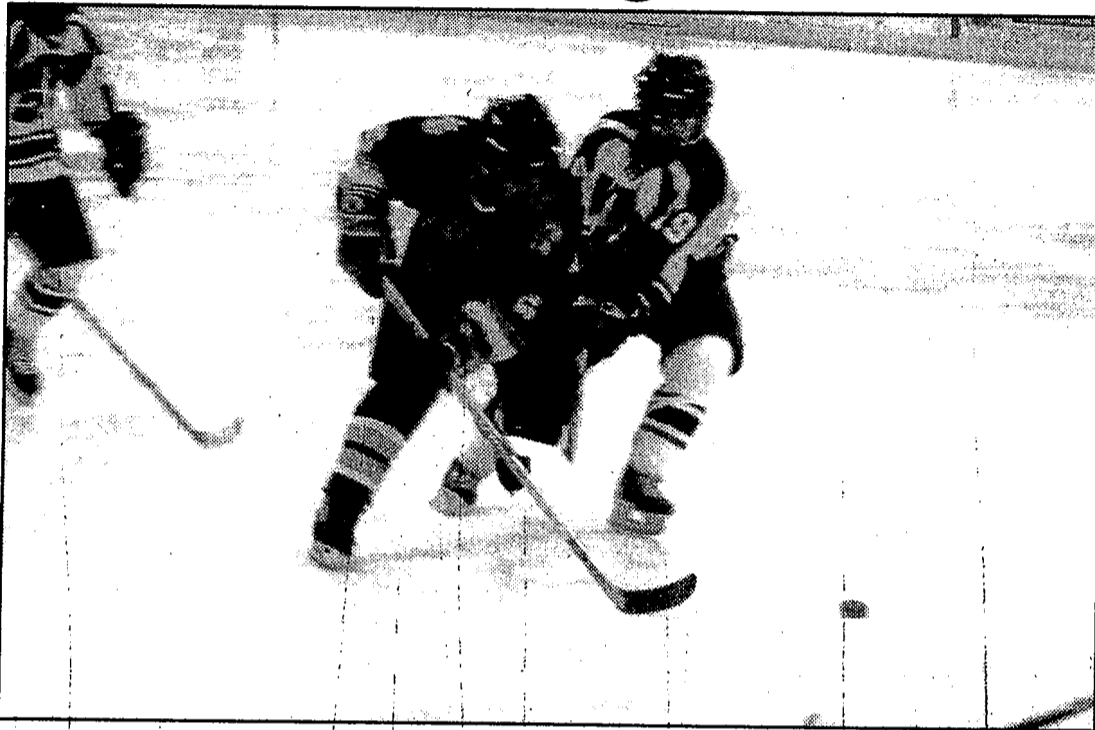
For the second week in a row, Clarkston faced must-win league games. And for the second Saturday in a row, Garrett Knappe and the Wolves stepped up and got the win, this time a 3-0 smothering of Royal Oak at John Lindell Ice Arena.

Knappe only had to stop 13 Ravens' shots in the shut-out victory, his third win of the season for the Wolves (4-9-3). Clarkston picked up its second win in the Oakland Activities Association, moving to 2-5-2 in conference, while the Ravens (2-9-2) fell back to 1-4-2 in the OAA.

"The power-play is starting to click for us, we're moving the puck better and we're getting some shots on net," Clarkston Coach Bryan Krygier said.

The progress report is no understatement as Clarkston out-shot the Ravens 33-13 and scored a power-play goal for the second straight game.

The game belonged to the Wolves



Steve Wyman, who tallied two goals against the Ravens, led Clarkston to its second consecutive OAA victory. Photo by Paul Kampe

from the onset, but the Ravens had their fair share of power-play opportunities in a game where Clarkston was hit with 12 penalties.

"I'm glad we weathered the storm and we came up big on our penalty kill," Krygier said.

In a 3-0 hole with less than 10 minutes remaining, the Ravens had a 5-on-3 while Dan Smith and Steve Wyman were away in the penalty box, but Knappe came up big with five of his 13 saves in that 1:33 of play to keep Clarkston well in command.

Rick Hennard was again forced to make many saves to keep the Ravens in the game, logging 30 saves in this meeting. When the teams met in December on Clarkston's home ice at Detroit Skating Club, they finished deadlocked 1-1. Hennard single-handedly kept the Ravens afloat, making 35 saves in the tie.

"When he plays well he holds us in there like he did at DSC," Plaskey said.

"We're small in numbers and stature and we have a lot of young kids. If we can scratch and claw to keep it a one or two-goal game, we have a chance, but when we get into a shootout, we have problems."

If the Wolves win-out the final part of their league schedule against Waterford Mott, North Farmington and Farmington next month and the cards fall in their favor, Clarkston could finish as high as second place in the OAA, after a slow start.

Krygier likes his team's odds going into the home stretch of the league matchups.

"We're not out of it yet," he said.

Steve Wyman scored Clarkston's first two goals, pushing his point total to five this season, in only his fourth game since joining the Wolves.

Taylor Turner, ever-present assist leader on the team, led Clarkston with three points on Saturday, all on helpers, giving him 11 assists on the year.

The first came early in the first period when he skated around the net past

Please read hockey on A17

## Athlete of the week

### Kimball leads pinners back to promised land

BY PAUL KAMPE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The winter sports season has treated Clarkston fans to a wrestling team worthy of the attention they get from other state powers. But other pin-seekers don't compete on the mats, but rather down at the lanes.

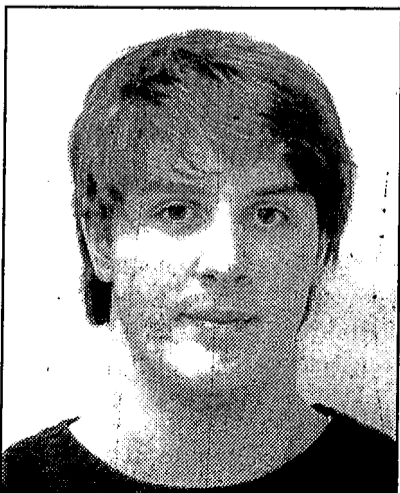
Those other "pinners" are off to a hot start in the Greater Oakland Northern Lakes division, and senior Jackson Kimball's contributions are not to be taken lightly.

Kimball, in his fourth season on the boys team has helped the team to a 4-1 record.

Against Walled Lake Western, Kimball bowled a 438 series to help the Wolves topple the Warriors, 16-14.

Kimball's high this season is a 268 game, which he reached in the second week of the season against Walled Lake Northern. That game came on the heels of a 496 series in the season opener versus Lake Orion.

"That was my best two-game outing ever," Kimball said.



Jackson Kimball

Jackson holds the highest average on the team at 224.29, which is second in the league by less than half of a pin.

Kimball has improved his personal average every season, making his biggest jump from 179 per game to 209 per game average as a junior.

"There was a big maturation (factor) those years. Then, I just threw the ball and let it work instead of working with its potential," Kimball said.

He has since learned how to understand the finer points of the game and the keys to success.

"I understand how different balls work, different oil patterns and different lane surfaces. I understood that and that's what gave me that jump and I became more aggressive in my shooting," he said.

"Now I've adjusted as well as anyone can really," he added.

"I've seen it happen throughout the past three years and understanding what I need to do to throw my ball the easiest and how to get the highest score possible."

Kimball has been bowling since he began compet-

ing in youth leagues. As a high school freshman, he saw an flyer for Clarkston High School bowling try-outs.

"I knew a few other kids that were older than me and they said I could make it and I just tried out," Kimball remembers.

Kimball likes the relaxed nature of the sport and finds the game to be focused more on mental power than on physical strength.

"It doesn't take much strength to roll the ball down the lane, so it's 90 percent mental," he said.

"When I'm up there, it's just 10 or 15 seconds of me being serious while I'm on the approach...then I just go back and talk casually to my teammates before my next frame."

Outside the bowling alley, Kimball likes to combine two more interests of his, snowboarding and media class at CHS. In the class, he is learning to use video cameras and digital editing equipment.

Kimball is in production of a snowboarding highlight video as a project for his independent study, a part of the course.

Jackson would like to attend Oakland University or Kettering University in Flint and major in applied mathematics or statistics.

"It would be more fun than work," Kimball said.

"I would rather work with a problem than writing an essay on a research topic."



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# Quite a charge

## Cagers pull out close win

BY PAUL KAMPE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Playing before their first Friday home crowd since opening night, Clarkston looked to take what was a gimme game. That, as coaches say, is why they play the game in the gym, rendering the paper trail proceeding the game inconsequential.

The record had Southfield Lathrup entering Clarkston High School at 0-3, whereas the Wolves (9-2) were 2-1 after a loss to league-leader Pontiac Northern. Clarkston pulled out

a 54-47 win, but the Chargers (4-7) did not go away quietly, despite an 11-point halftime deficit.

Clarkston coach Dan Fife was disappointed with the Wolves' effort.

"We're not going to just out-talent people. I thought we just thought we would show up and win tonight," Fife said.

"We practiced well all week and we were just flat tonight," he added.

Julius Porter, starting at point guard, left a good impression be-

fore the midway point, nailing a three-point shot beating the buzzer before teams left for the lockerroom, putting Clarkston up 30-19.

The Chargers surged, outscoring Clarkston 17-14 in the third quarter as they got as close as seven.

"We were up by 12 at one point and they just got comfortable and settled back in," Fife said.

"We were making silly plays all through the game and letting them hang around, when I thought, especially in your home gym, you've got to take care of that stuff."

The Wolves were as cold as the cars in the parking lot to start the fourth quarter, netting its first points nearly five minutes into the period. By that point, the Chargers had scored six points on back-to-back three pointers by Carlos Daniels.

Brandon Beard converted a three-point play and with 1:50 remaining and Drew Gilchrist's bucket pulled Lathrup within two points, 49-47.

The run came to a close as the Chargers were forced to foul the Wolves to stop the game clock and put Clarkston on the free-throw line.

Oliver Kupe and Porter closed the game out from the charity stripe.

Chargers coach Michael Avery was proud of his "dynamic duo" of junior varsity players, Gilchrist and Beard, after pulling them to the varsity ranks.

Gilchrist had an important basket late in the game and Beard finished with 11 points.

"We saw good promise from those guys. Those are our future guards and those guys played real well for us," Avery said.

Dan Owens was the leading scorer of the game with 16 points. Bren Bergquist finished with 11 points and seven rebounds.

West Bloomfield (9-2, 4-0) visits Clarkston on Friday.



Bobby Nelson, above, set the pool record in the 200-yard individual medley on Jan. 19. Photo by Paul Kampe

# Still making waves

BY PAUL KAMPE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Winning isn't everything. Clarkston's swim team is making waves despite an as yet winless season in dual meet competition.

The Wolves fell to Royal Oak 94-92 at Clarkston on Jan. 19 to go 0-4 for the season, but Greg Dedow qualified for the Oakland County meet on Feb. 3 and Bobby Nelson set a pool record.

Dedow made county times in both the 500-yard freestyle (5:08.7) and 200-yard freestyle (1:56.45), in which he finished first and second respectively.

During the third event of the night, Nelson broke Dan Reed's four-year-old mark of 2:08.9, finishing in 2:08.39 in the 200-yard individual medley. Nelson also won the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:08.53, nearly three seconds ahead of the Ravens' Tom Mack (1:11.06).

"Those two swimmers have really carried the team and they have trained very hard," Clarkston coach Kenwyn Chock. "They're my best two swimmers, hands down."

Clarkston's 200-yard freestyle relay of Nelson, Phil Voorheis, Dedow and Adam Curry (1:38.97) downed the Ravens' next closest finisher by more than four seconds.

Jacob Rush has qualified for the 100-yard backstroke and Voorheis is qualified in the 100-yard butterfly.

Chock said the team is still very exciting to watch and cheer as the season goes on because of their dedication.

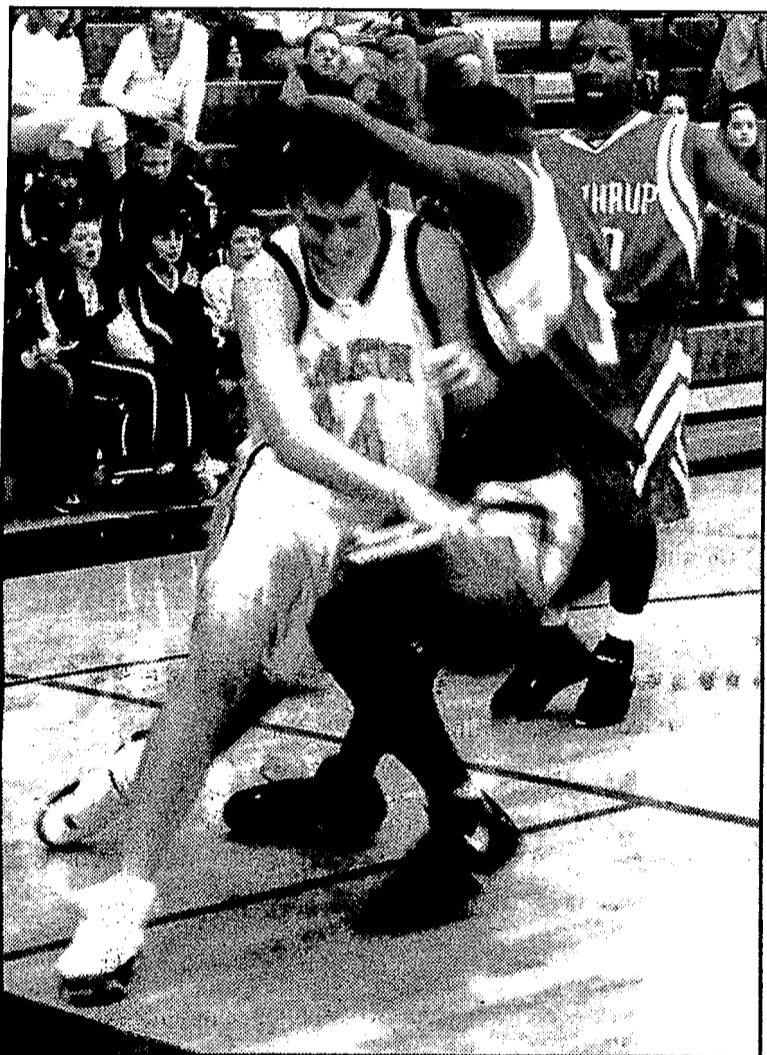
"They train so hard," she said.

"Every single swimmer has improved in every one of their races. What team can say that," she added.

All of the team's 14 swimmers swam their personal bests against the Ravens, Chock said.

After the county meet, Clarkston plays host to Lake Orion on Feb. 8 in their last dual meet of the season.

The boys get another chance against their season dual meet opponents at the Oakland Activities Association meet at Lake Orion on Feb. 22.



Dan Owens tries to turn the corner on the Lathrup defense. Owens would finish with 16 points in Clarkston's victory. Photo by Paul Kampe

# It feels good to be home v'ballers even league record

BY PAUL KAMPE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Playing in front of a home crowd for the first time in more than a month, Clarkston was able to take a league match from Farmington Hills Harrison on Jan. 25.

After shaking off the rust from having not played in nearly two weeks, which resulted in a game one loss, the Wolves (13-10-2) rallied and dropped the Hawks (6-12-2) 27-29, 25-19, 25-17, 25-19 in four games to even their Oakland Activities Association record at 3-3.

The loss puts the Hawks at 2-4 in the OAA.

"We had a twelve day layoff and I wasn't exactly sure what was going to happen out there. I think that showed in the first game," Clarkston coach Kelly Avenall said.

"I told them that we're a bit higher caliber in terms of our speed and in the first game they played down to their opponents' speed and I think we're a lot scrappier and a lot quicker defensive team than we showed in that first game."

Clarkston battled back from a 9-4 deficit in the first game, to tie the game at 10. The teams stayed tied after several side-outs on game-point serves. The

Hawks eventually put the game away at 29-27 on a Clarkston boundary fault.

The Wolves sprang to life in the second, going up 12-8 and later Juliann Gillespie closed the game with a kill set up by Emily Parkin.

Clarkston rushed to a 8-1 lead in game three, and the Hawks were unable to get any closer than seven points. Marilyn Porritt finished the game with a kill that Harrison was unable to return over the net.

The Wolves commanded the fourth game which ended when Jenny Douglas' attempt did not clear the net, giving Clarkston a 3-1 win.

"The first game, I was pretty satisfied. We stuck to our game plan pretty tough and fought back at the end. After that, I was a little disappointed in the effort," Harrison coach Chuck Chessor said.

Gillespie spent a decent amount of time above the net for the Wolves, recording 11 kills in the game. Parkin logged 30 assists and Amanda Byrd had 20 digs for Clarkston.

Gillespie is the guiding light for the Wolves, Avenall said of the five-foot-eleven-inch junior middle-hitter.

"She's the kind of kid where if she plays well, we play well and she's emerged as an excellent player this year and last year she was one of our best players,"

Avenall said. "She's really shone through this year."

Millicent Thompson had 11 kills and Douglas made 9 kills and 27 digs for the Hawks.

The Hawks are still making the adjustment to division I volleyball, Chessor said.

"Seeing everyone the first time is feeling everyone out. When the league tournament comes around, hopefully we'll have a better idea how to beat some of these teams we lost to the first time around," Chessor said.

"We've been overmatched a couple times...but the rest of the matches were fairly close," he added.

Hometown fans were excited for the Wolves as Avenall rotated the entire bench into the game at one point or another.

"Playing at home makes it a lot different when you put in some of those kids and you don't see that happening at tournaments. It helps the whole team too, because the kids that are always in there...they get fired up for them," Avenall said.

The Wolves travel to Rochester Adams on Thursday for their next game, a league match against the Highlanders.

Clarkston only has three more OAA contests before the Feb. 10 league meet at Farmington High School.



# Playoffs inch closer

## Grapplers finish undefeated in OAA play

BY PAUL KAMPE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Speeding through to the upcoming Oakland Activities Association meet on Feb. 3, Clarkston did not overlook its final two league opponents of the regular season on Jan. 24.

The Wolves (21-3) defeated Rochester and West Bloomfield in the final double-dual meet of the season at Rochester Adams to maintain their undefeated league mark, 7-0.

After jumping out to a 22-0 lead in the first match behind pins from Mike Maguire (125 pounds), Alex Popp (130) and Tyler Schneider (135), Clarkston nearly let the Falcons (16-12, 2-2 OAA) back into the contest.

Nick Kaczanowski (140) scored a 7-4 decision over Erik Butterfield and Tim Pettit (145) pinned Evan King, cutting Clarkston's lead to 22-9.

A pin from Colton Tweed (152) and a major decision won by Bryant Craft (160) stopped the run and pushed the Wolves up to a 32-9 lead.

At 189 pounds, Adam Lauzun wrestled up a weight

class and pinned Tom Hart in 1:33.

Later, Layne Upcott pinned Kory Milmine in 1:03 at 215 pounds.

Clarkston assistant coach Derek Moscovic said the Wolves moved Lauzun up in weight to balance the competition the Falcons brought at the higher weight classes.

"We bumped him up to try and get some of their tougher guys who wrestle 189 (pounds)," Moscovic said.

"He wrestles well at any weight class."

The Falcons picked up points down the stretch with decisions at 171 pounds and 112 pounds and Dave Sexton pinned Steve Cooper (275) at 1:27, but Clarkston held on for a 47-21 victory.

"Our guys never gave up, they fought hard and they were always in the matches," Rochester coach Frank Lafferty said.

"They know they can't stop wrestling until the end of the match or the end of the period."

The experience against a highly regarded Clarkston team will help his relatively young team, Lafferty said.

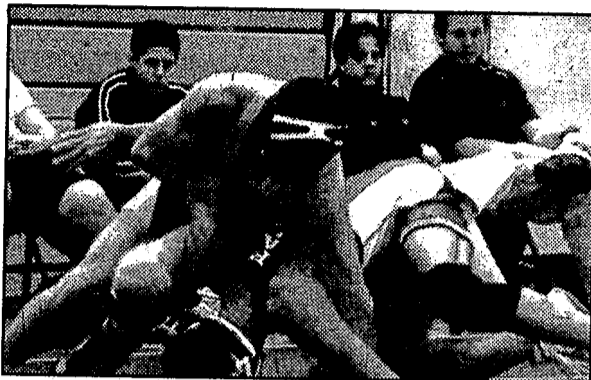
"They learned they can wrestle with anybody tonight."

The Wolves defeated West Bloomfield handily in the second match of the night, 57-3. Clarkston opened with a 17-0 lead behind decisions from Maguire, Popp, Schneider and Butterfield's pin of Devin Odabachian.

The Lakers' only points came when Sam Davenport (145) took a 7-3 decision over King.

Craft pinned Shane O'Neill at 2:49 and Cooper bounced back to pin Jeremy Zickerman at 1:26.

Lauzun, county champion at



Tom Clark wrestles Ryan Montelibann in the 119-pound match against Rochester. Clark would take a major decision, Photo by Paul Kampe

171 pounds, pulled out a close 4-2 decision against Zoran Lazar, who was second only to Wayne Sanders of Rochester Adams at 189 pounds at the Oakland County meet in December.

"That was an exciting win for Adam, he's never beaten that guy before and Adam's won a couple good, big matches for himself this year...the past couple times he's lost a couple one-point decisions and it was nice for him to get that monkey

off his back in a close decision," Clarkston coach Joe DeGain said.

Kevin Judd (171), wrestling in Lauzun's usual weight class, earned his second victory of the season, a 6-5 decision over Chris Heald.

"He's doing a good job of stepping in for us helping out where we need him," DeGain said.

On Feb. 3, Clarkston travels to the county dual tournament in Roseville. One week later, the Wolves go to the OAA league meet at Lake Orion High School. Their closest competition should come from the Dragons themselves, a team Clarkston defeated 36-23 earlier in the season.

"We should be in good shape, we've won all the league (dual) meets. The next two-and-a-half weeks, we're going to spend a lot of time (with) really hard conditioning and tough practices and we'll run that up until the league meet," DeGain said.

"Leagues are important, it's fun, but the real thing to prepare for is districts, regionals and states," DeGain said.

DeGain sees room for growth before the playoffs.

"We're wrestling well and it was good because we won, but we're still seeing some areas we can improve on," he said.

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# Wolves icers recover after falling to Norsemen

Hennard and fed Wyman for an easy slap-shot.

The duo repeated the formula in the second period on the power-play, where Wyman added his second of the night at 10:15 of the period.

Ryan Kenerson, playing in his first game since December due to a wrist injury, scored a goal at 3:51 of the third period, slamming home Turner's rebound during four-on-four play. The goal was Kenerson's 9th of the season.

Krygier has seen the team's outlook change since employing a different defensive schematic, a 1-2-2 zone, two weeks ago.

"I really think that's helping a lot," Krygier said.

"It allows us a little bit more flexibility defensively. It creates more opportunities in the neutral zone with passes coming across. We've been pretty good about

getting goals off of it," he added.

Clarkston visits Orchard Lake St. Mary's this Saturday at 8 p.m. and they get another crack at the Corsairs on Feb. 7 at Lakeland Ice Arena in Waterford Township at 7:20 p.m.

The Wolves looked to start their first winning streak started against Grosse Pointe North on Jan. 24 at Mt. Clemens Ice Arena, but came up short in a 4-3 overtime loss to the Norsemen.

On the heels of their first win since mid-December, Clarkston (3-9-3, 1-5-2 OAA) was hoping to get the snowball rolling on the perfect winter evening. Clarkston's power play was also firing and the Wolves got plenty of practice with the extra man against the Norsemen (7-8, 1-3 MIHL), who racked up 12 penalties.

The Wolves' most crucial power kill was artificial, as they trailed 3-2 with less than two minutes remaining in the game. Coach Bryan Krygier decided to pull net-

minder Garrett Knappe in favor of an extra skater. The move paid off when Matt Campbell pounded home the rebound from Steve Wyman's slap-shot less than a minute later, with only 52 seconds remaining.

The game went to sudden-death and after out-shooting Clarkston 50-16 in the contest, the Norsemen found the net with less than two minutes remaining in overtime.

Doug Rahaim hit Stephen Coates at mid-ice with a stylish between-the-legs backhanded pass. Coates raced into the Clarkston zone and beat Knappe backhand for the win.

"We had some opportunities to win it and I'm glad we fought back to tie the game, that was very important that we didn't give up," Krygier said.

"We played well, we out-played them a bit here and there. We should have put them away in overtime, we made a mistake and they came down and put the puck in the net."



Scott Cameron tries to poke the puck away from Jeff Rohrkemper of Grosse Pointe North. Photo by Paul Kampe

# Bowlers heating up lanes during winter cold

Clarkston's bowling team is quietly continuing the season with the boys maintaining a near perfect record of 5-1 and the girls team picking up the pace after a 0-4 start.

The girls pulled their record to 2-4 with an 18-12 victory over Waterford Mott on Sunday at Cherry Hill Lanes in Independence Township.

Sam Stolnicki bowled games of 247 and 205, giving her a 452-pin series. Kelly Anderson (335) and Casey Merte (333)

were the next highest series for the girls.

The boys won 17-13 behind games of 236 pins by both Jackson Kimball and Paul Anderson, and a 230-pin game from Jon Setter. Anderson finished with a 412-pin series and Kimball had a 407 series.

The junior varsity boys took first place out of 23 teams at the Ladywood Tournament and the JV girls team took ninth place.

On Jan. 21 at Airway Lanes in Waterford Township, the boys beat

Walled Lake Western 16-14 and the girls dominated the Warriors, 24-6, for their first win of the season. Barzin Aghamoali bowled a 489 series with games of 222 and 267 pins. Kimball bowled a 438 series after games of 226 and 212 pins.

Stolnicki led the way for the girls with a 433-pin series after bowling 223 and 210-point games. Colleen Gemborys bowled 201 and 154-pin games for a 355 series.

On Jan. 7 at 300 Bowl in Waterford

Township, the boys dropped Waterford Kettering 16-14 and the girls fell to the Captains 29-1.

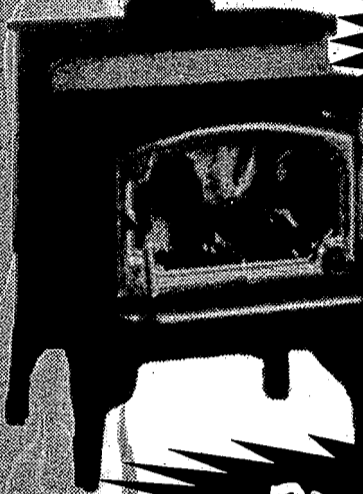
Travis Nesbitt shot a 373-pin series after games of 178 and 195 pins. Jon Setter bowled a 237-point game and Kimball and Jim Stapleton both bowled 193 games.

Lyndsay Breckenridge led the girls with a 395-pin series. Kelly Anderson (359) and Stolnicki (350) also had high series for the girls.

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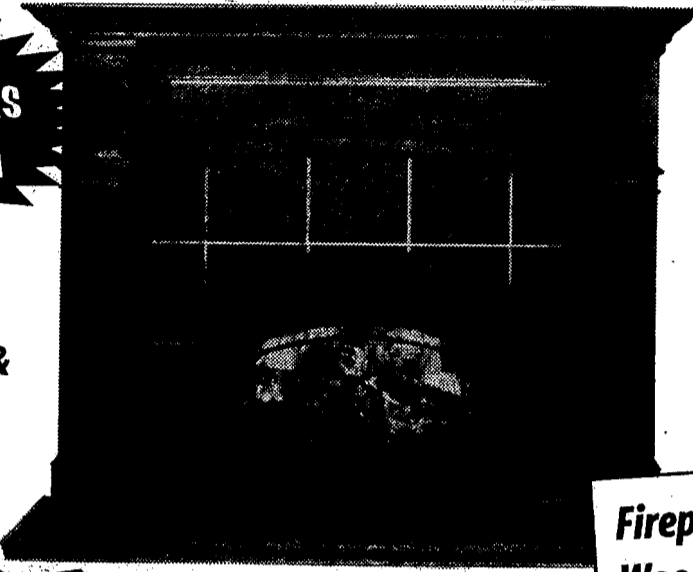
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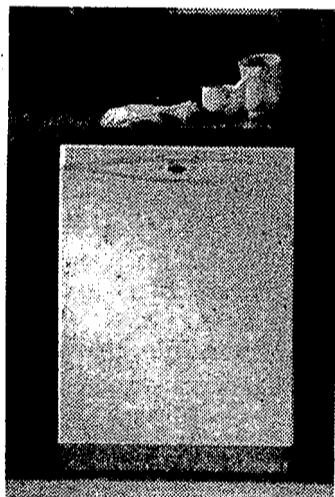
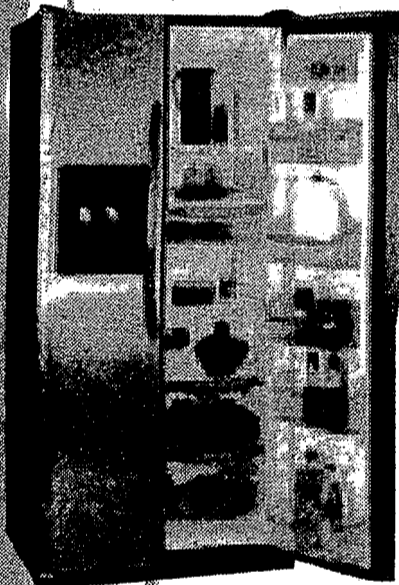
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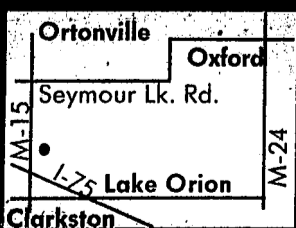
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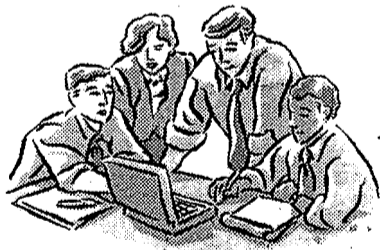
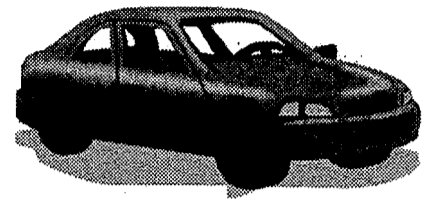
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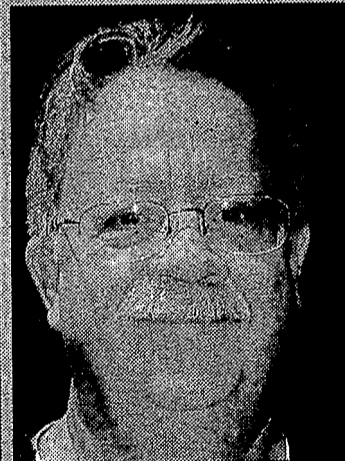
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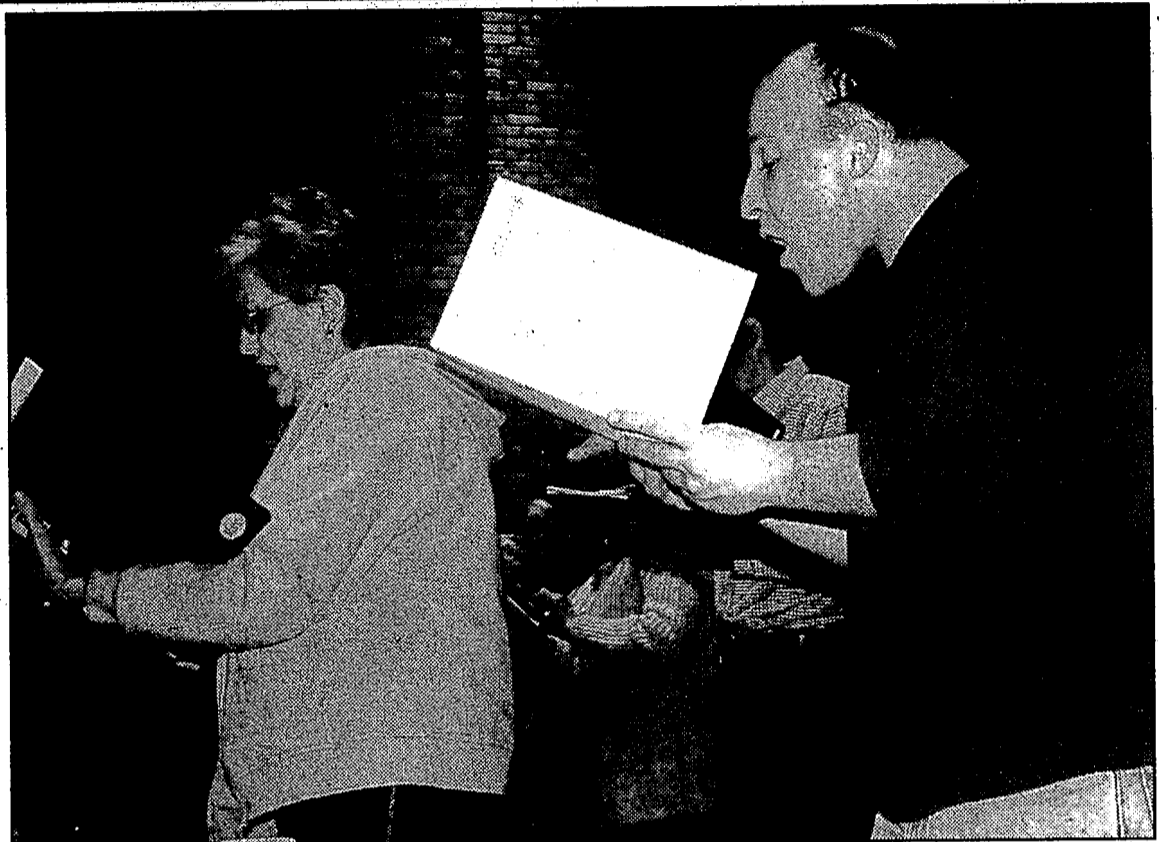
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**Flip of the switch**

*Music all about finding the 'on'*



Jim Territo leads the choir at St. Dan's Catholic Church. Photo by Laura Colvin

**BY LAURA COLVIN**  
 Clarkston News Staff Writer

Jim Territo considered a career in medicine for a brief time before deciding it wasn't the best career choice he could make.

But his motives were noble.

"I aspire to be like my dad," he said. "My dad's a doctor. My dad's a really, really good doctor, and I used to think I wanted to practice medicine because I wanted to be like him."

Territo laughs his infectious laugh, and explains why he decided to steer clear of medicine.

"I'm no good with anything but music," he said. "I can't drive a car, I can't remember names, I can't dress myself, I can't iron a shirt."

Just for proof, he throws in a witness. "Ask my mother."

But those who know Territo, a 1997 Clarkston High School grad, say the music he teaches and the music he writes, writes more than makes up for any of his alleged shortcomings.

While earning degrees in both music composition and music education from the University of Michigan, Territo began to make a name for himself by writing compositions for friends' recitals.

"What really inspires me is the idea that somebody else is going to be turned on by the music," he said, explaining his conviction that the magic of music comes from its social aspect. "Like I'm going to find the on switch with someone."

When conducting the choir at St. Dan's, he said, or the band at Country Day, the musicians can get to a point where they sound good. But, he continues, there's

sounding good and then there's feeling good about the music. And then there's turned on.

"You see the light come on, and that's what I like," he said. "That's what I think about when I write."

During his college years, Territo's work attracted the attention of well-known conductor H. Robert Reynolds, who in his 26 years at the university served as the Henry F. Thurnau Professor of Music, Director of University Bands and Director of the Division of Instrumental Studies.

Although Territo laughs about the way he always ended up as the last chair French horn, Reynolds remembers him as a student with a great talent for teaching and for composition.

"His music has been played all over the place," said Reynolds, who has since retired from the university. "I've conducted a number of his pieces myself, and when other musicians hear it they are attracted and want to play it as well."

Reynolds recalled conducting a piece of Territo's music on at least three occasions—in Hawaii, at Boston's Tanglewood, and at Carnegie Hall, where he conducted the National Wind Ensemble in a Memorial Day 2006 concert.

"That was so exciting, it was one of the coolest things I've ever been part of," said Territo. "I got to shake hands with brilliant composers, meet brilliant directors, and just to be part of the history of that hall was great."

On the occasions Territo was present to see his piece performed, Reynolds asked him to say a word or two to his musicians before the performance.

"He's got an infectious energy," Reynolds said. "He's a power-packed person with all the right ingredients, and he

doesn't think a lot about giving credit to himself."

Reynolds, who also served over 20 years as the conductor of the Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings, which consists primarily of members of the Detroit Symphony, said he likes energy, harmonic structure, and the pacing of the fanfare.

"Hopefully he'll always teach in the schools," Reynolds said. "He has such talent and ability as a teacher, and that's where people learn to love music for their whole lives."

Territo likes to describe his music by saying it is more traditional sounding than the work other modern composers are doing.

In the 20<sup>th</sup> century, he said, music took a "really strange turn" and became more complex, and more difficult to listen to.

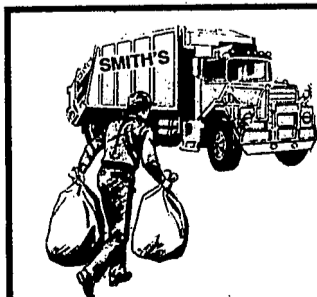
"Composers started working more with the Crayola 128-pack," he said, referring to the trademarked crayons known to children everywhere. "I still tend to work with what I would call the Crayola 8-pack, I like to use more simple musical ideas."

But although he most times prefers the uncomplicated sounds, Territo still likes the challenge of writing a more complex piece.

In fact, when Territo's music was played at Carnegie Hall, a man named Ramiro Barrera, who conducts the James Logan High School Wind Ensemble in California, was on hand with his group. He took notice, and commissioned Territo to write a piece of music for him.

"He was going to pay me quite a bit of money," said Territo, "So I knew I better put in some good work and make sure it's worthy of a 21<sup>st</sup> century ensemble and so I

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**Springfield Plains School Fair**, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Feb. 3. Games, prizes, food, clown, inflatable slide and moonwalk. Also, a "jail" where students can purchase an arrest warrant for someone and have the Oakland County Sheriff's Department take them to jail. Silent and live auction in the media center. 8650 Holcomb Road. 248-623-3800.

**Pajama party**, 6-7 p.m., Monday, Feb. 5, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, for children of all ages and their caregivers. Entertainment by Strumdiggitty. 248-625-2212.

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**Tot Lot**, 5:30-7:30 p.m.,



from left are Four Wheel Drive singers Al Monroe, Jeff Doig, Zaven Melkonian, and John Cowlshaw. The will perform "Singing Valentines" as a fund-raiser for the Big Chief Barbershop Chorus.

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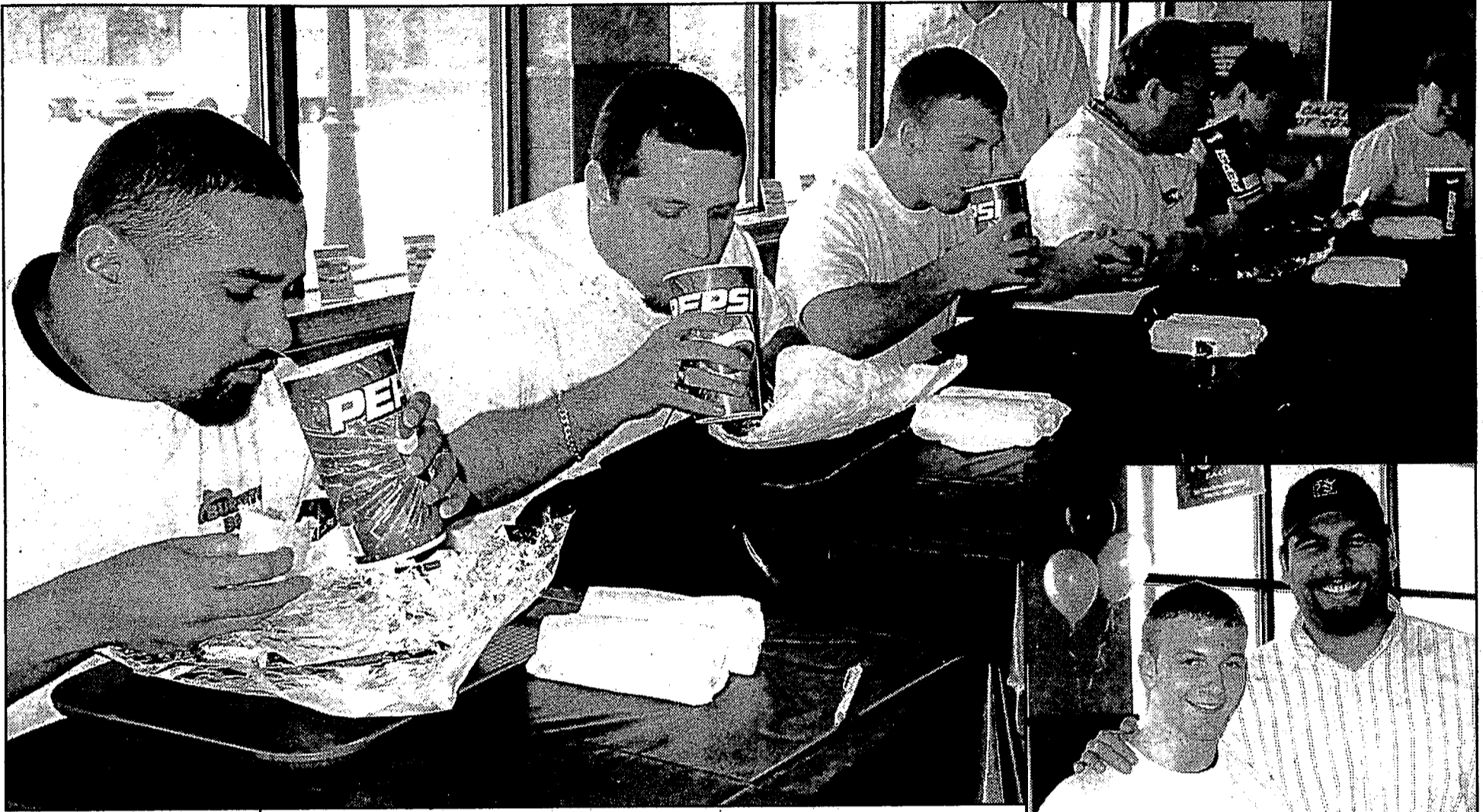
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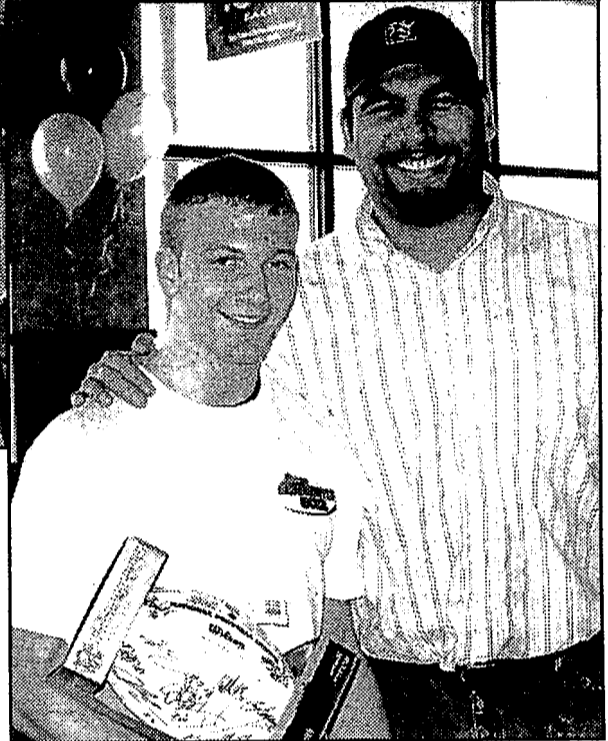
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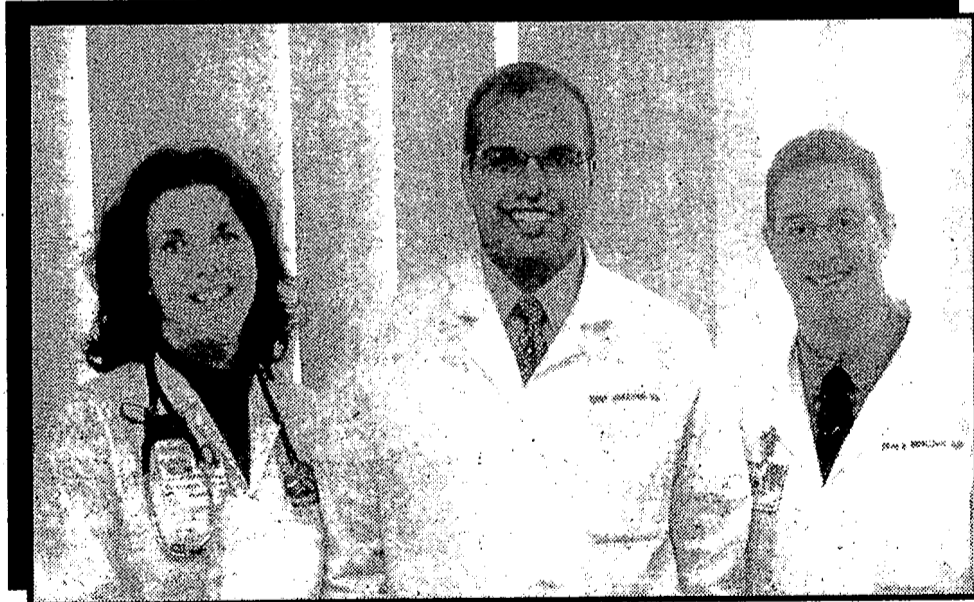
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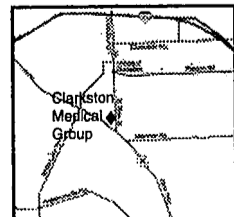
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Lindsey Prudhomme and Patrick Gill

## Clarkston grad to wed

Dr. Michael and Joanne Prudhomme of Clarkston announce the engagement of their daughter, Lindsey Anne Prudhomme, to Patrick Douglas Gill, son of Douglas and Kathleen Gill of Grandville.

The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Clarkston High School and a 2004 graduate of Michigan State University.

She is employed as a marketing manager for Prentice Hall Publishing in Upper Saddle River, N.J.

The future groom is a 2003 graduate of Michigan State University, where he was a member of the Spartan baseball team. He is employed by Chase Bank in Paramus, N.J.

A summer 2007 wedding is planned.

## Business achievements

**Dave Belcher**, Independence Township director of building, planning, and zoning, and three other local planning officials received special certificates from Lou Anna K. Simon, president of Michigan State University, on Jan. 25.

They were the first to complete the Citizen Planner Online course. Citizen Planner, an Extension program within MSU's Land Policy Institute, developed an online program that would educate local planning officials about land use planning and options.

The online version of the course became available in December. Forty-one self-paced, independent study units packaged into seven modules allow participants to achieve mastery. Seven of the units are designed to improve decision-making through analysis, synthesis, and evaluation skills.

"I found it very interesting," said Belcher, who completed the course in two weeks. "There were different scenarios all the way through. It was easy to retain information."

Belcher and his staff now use that information to answer questions and anticipate issues the community may face, and avoid costly mistakes.

Belcher said he expects to save \$25,000 a year in consulting fees with the new knowledge and training.

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**Tim Smith** of Clarkston was recently promoted to president of

Skidmore, Inc., a creative services studio in Royal Oak.

Smith, 43, has been a Clarkston resident since 1999. He is active in the community,

coaching several sports teams, serving as Cubmaster for Pack 499, and is a member of St. Daniels Parish. He lives with his wife, Colleen, and two sons, Hayden and Harrison, who attend Clarkston Jr. High and Sashabaw Middle School.

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Clarkston resident **Jennifer Arkwright** has taken a therapist position with Catholic Social Services (CSS) of Oakland County, a family counseling agency.

Arkwright, facilitator of the Clarkston Youth Assistance parenting education series, *No More Whining! Develop Positive Behavior in Children*, will work with children, adults and families in the CSS Waterford location.

She holds a Masters degree in Counseling; a Specialty in Marriage and Family Counseling; is a certified S.T.E.P. Parent Educator and licensed professional counselor (LLPC).



Tim Smith

## Got a Milestone to share?

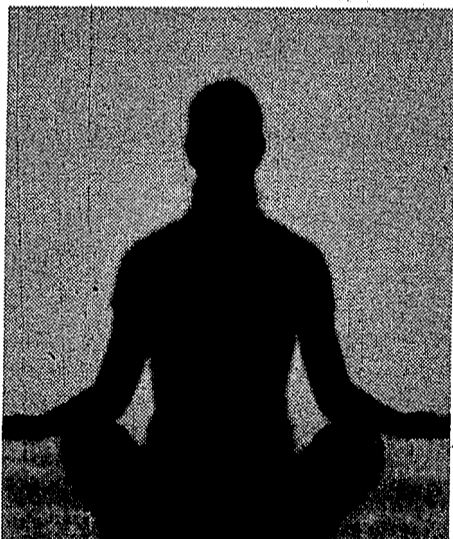
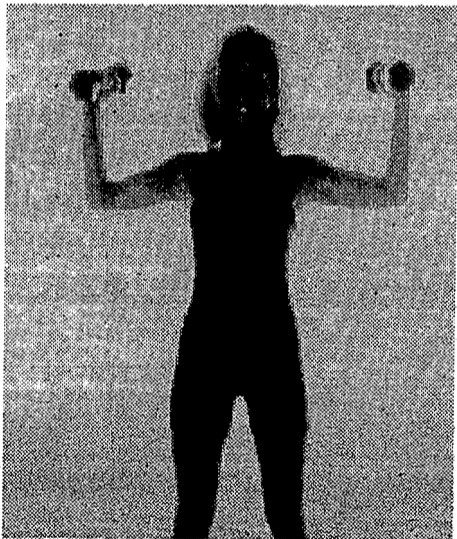
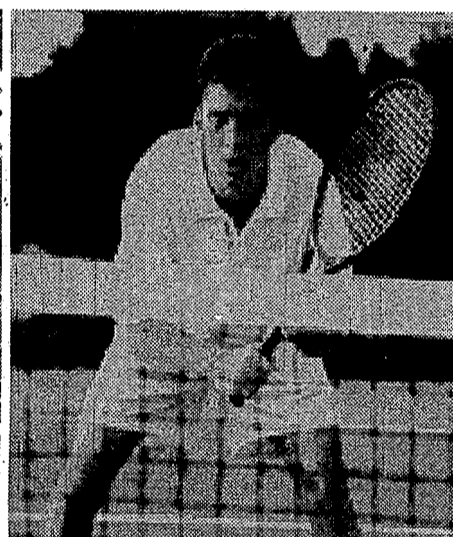
Drop them off at our downtown office at 5 S. Main St. or e-mail them to [shermanpub@aol.com](mailto:shermanpub@aol.com), attn: Clarkston News Milestones.

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# Religion

## Where is God when it hurts?

I'm a happy man right now. My daughter recently became engaged to a wonderful young man, and they plan to marry this July. My wife and I smile as we watch the love flow in their young relationship. I'm not saying that life is easy. My daughter also has two major diseases. She has rheumatoid arthritis, which is a disease that destroys your joints. She also has lymphedema, where her left foot and left hand swell due to deficiencies in her lymph system.

These diseases will likely be life-long battles.

My point is this: We live in an awesome world of love and laughter and sunsets and joy. We also live in a world of hatred and sadness and pain.

How do we make sense out of it?

I recently did a four-week sermon series on "Why I Am A Christian." We studied atheism, Islam, and Hinduism. We also addressed topics such as evil and pluralism and tolerance.

I am more convinced than ever that the Christian faith is the most reasonable and the most satisfying worldview on the planet!

For example, take my daughter. How do we make sense out of her love AND her pain?

Atheism (in its popular form) says, "Your love is simply chemical reactions snapping around in your body that have evolved randomly in order to ensure the sur-

### Spiritual Matters



Pastor Greg Henneman

vival of the species. Your pain is just bad luck with no meaning or purpose to it."

Hinduism (in its traditional form) says, "Your love is an illusion (as is this whole world). Your pain is payback for the bad karma you had in your prior life."

Islam says, "Everything that happens is due to God's decree, so submit to God's will."

The Christian worldview says, "Your love is a gift from God and your pain is the result of living in a good world that's been corrupted by sin. God offers you His Presence and comfort, and he gives you the hope of eternal life with pure love and no pain."

Please don't be offended by me breaking things out this way.

I don't intend to be intolerant at all. In fact, I affirm that everyone should have the freedom to follow their convictions on these matters.

However, tolerance does not mean that we pretend we all believe the same things. Neither does it mean that all ideas are equally reasonable and good.

Tolerance *should* mean that we treat each other kindly and respectfully as we honestly discuss the issues.

Back to my daughter. I am touched by her faith. She seldom complains. Where is God when she hurts? She knows.

He is *right there with her*, pouring his comfort, love, and hope into her heart. And he will do the same for you.

Greg Henneman is pastor of Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road, 248-625-1323.

## In our churches...

**Adult Enrichment Evening**, Wednesday, Jan. 31, 6-8 p.m. - "A Pilgrim: The Early Church and Those We met Along the Way." Dinner at 6 pm, followed by presentation and discussion on how the Church began and the Gospels developed; also our relationship to other religions "of the book", Judaism and Islam. Child care available. St Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park. \*\*\*

**Our Shepherd Women's Retreat**, Feb. 2-4, Columbiere Conference Center, 9075 Big Lake Rd. Speaker: Jan Struck of "Struck with Laughter." \$135. 248-646-6100. \*\*\*

Peace Unity Church of Clarkston will offer "Teach Us To Pray," the first in a series of classes for 2007. Tuesday evenings, 7 p.m., at the McLoskeys home, 590 Crestmoor Circle, Oxford. Reverend Mathew E. Long will facilitate the class. Who, What, When, Where, Why and How of Prayer and Meditation, including: Silent Unity Prayer Method, Prayer Treatments for Healing Harmony and Abundance, Treasure Mapping, and the Master Mind Principle. All are welcome. Call 248-891-4365 or e-mail peace.unity@sbcglobal.net. \*\*\*

**Moms in Touch**, community group, meeting and prayers for local schools, Fridays, 9-10 a.m., Clarkston Community Church. 248-625-1323. \*\*\*

**Winter FEAST**, Wednesdays through Feb. 14. Catered dinner at 6 p.m., then Praise and Worship, and classes and small groups for all ages, ending at 8:30 p.m. Childcare begins at 6:30. Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805

Please see In Our Churches, page 8B

# CHURCH DIRECTORY



### CLARKSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

6600 Waldon Road, Clarkston  
248-625-1611  
Website: clarkstonumc.org  
Sunday Worship:  
9:00 am & 11:15 am  
Sunday Connection Service:  
6:00 pm  
Fellowship Time:  
10:00 am & 12:15 pm  
Nursery available for both services  
Children's Sunday School:  
9:00 am, 10:10 am, 11:15 am  
& 6:00 pm service  
Adult Sunday School: 10:10 am

### ST. TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

"Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod"  
7925 Sashabaw Road  
(1/4 mile N. of DTE Music Theater)  
Clarkston, MI 48348  
(248) 625-4644  
Worship:  
Sun. 8:15 am & 11:00 am  
Sat. 6:00 pm  
Sunday School 9:45 am  
Preschool: 3-4 years old  
Preschool: 620-6154

### BRIDGEWOOD CHURCH

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

### DIXIE BAPTIST CHURCH

8585 Dixie Highway,  
Clarkston, MI  
(248) 625-2311  
website: www.dixiebaptist.org  
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Pastor: J. Todd Vanaman  
Sun: 10:00 am Sunday School  
& Adult Bible Fellowship  
11:00 am Worship Service  
6:00 pm Worship Service  
Wed: 6:45 pm AWANA  
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Rev. Matthew E. Long,  
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Peace Unity Church  
P.O. Box 837  
Clarkston, MI 48347

### HOLLY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

207 E. Maple Street  
Holly, MI. 48442  
248-634-9494  
website: http://www.hollypc.org  
Rev. Dr. Herb Swanson  
Summer Hours for  
Sunday School 9:00am  
Worship Service 10:30am  
Childcare Provided

### CALVARY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

6805 Bluegrass Drive, Clarkston  
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625-3288  
Sunday Worship:  
8:15 am (traditional worship)  
9:30 am (blended worship)  
11:00 am (contemporary praise)  
Nursery available  
Sunday School (all ages)  
9:30 (Seasonal)  
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Fridays, 6pm  
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Wed. evening - Dinner &  
Bible Study 6 pm (Seasonal)  
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### NORTHOAKS COMMUNITY CHURCH

Evangelical Presbyterian Church  
Sunday Worship 10:30 am  
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9600 Ortonville Rd. (M-15)  
Clarkston, MI 48348  
(2 miles north of I-75; church  
entrance is on Hadley Rd.)  
(248) 922-3515  
www.northoakschurch.org  
Pastor Steve I. Brown

### DAVISBURG CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Wednesday 6:30 pm

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CLARKSTON

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(E. of M-15)  
Pastor: Russ Reetsma  
Sun: 9:15 am Sunday School  
& Adult Bible Fellowship  
10:30 am Worship Service  
5:00 pm Choir Practice  
6:00 pm Evening Service  
Mon: 6:30 pm Awana  
Wed: 10:00 am  
Morning Prayer Partners  
7:00 pm Prayer Meeting &  
Bible Study

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Dina Edwards - Director of  
Children's Ministry  
Charlie Dean - Youth Ministry  
Laura Compton -  
Director of Lay Ministry  
Bible Study -  
Wed., 9:30 am & 7 pm  
Sept thru June  
www.clarkstonepiscopal.org  
248-625-2325

### ST. DANIEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

7010 Valley Park Dr., Clarkston  
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Saturday Mass: 5:00 pm  
Sunday Masses:  
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Religious Education: 625-1750  
Mother's Group, RCIA,  
Scripture Study, Youth Group

### SASHABAW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

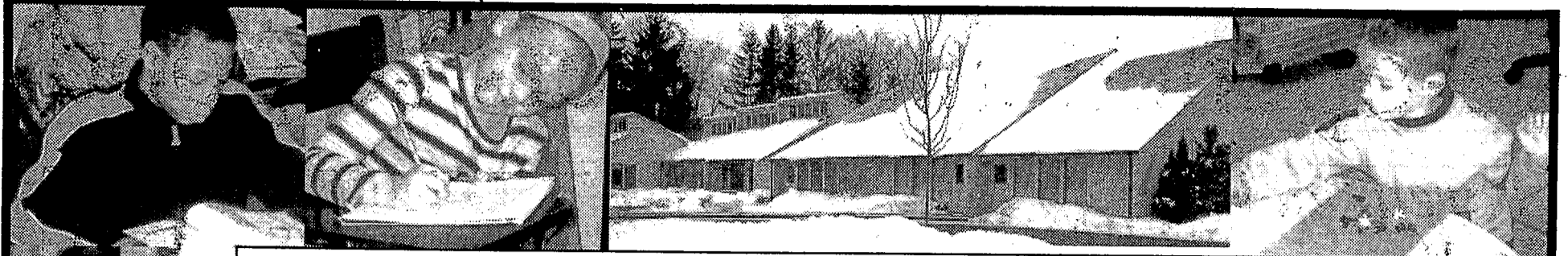
5300 Maybee Road, Clarkston  
Worship 10:30 am  
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### CLARKSTON FREE METHODIST CHURCH

5482 Winell-Clarkston  
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Wednesday  
7 pm Youth & Adult Ministry

### CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Kevin Kuehne, Michael  
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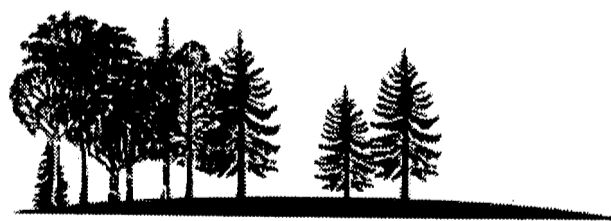
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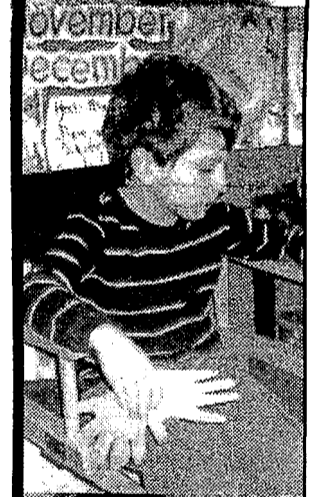
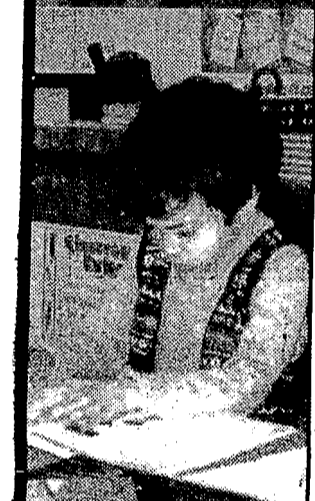
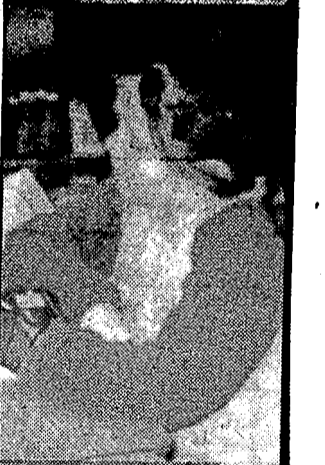
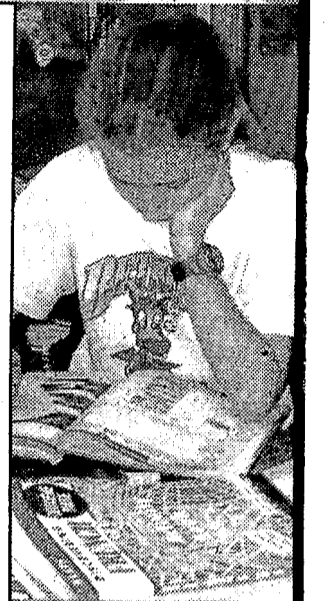
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# Re-opened and it feels so good

## Ski area back at full speed

BY PAUL KAMPE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Although it should go without saying this time of the year, Pine Knob Ski Resort is open for business.

The renowned ski hill suffered through a mild December and early January, finally re-opening to skiers on Jan. 10. Ski runs were available at the beginning of December, but the resort had to be closed in the days leading up to the Christmas holiday and around the new year because the weather conditions were unfavorable for artificial snow-making.

Pine Knob General Manager Rob Shick said a temperature of 28 degrees Fahrenheit or lower facilitate the resort's more than 60 snow machines to produce artificial snow.

"We don't have to have Mother Nature's but we need the cold temperatures," he said.

Shick said the conditions of the winter season this year have been the most unfavorable he has seen in his 10-year tenure at Pine Knob.

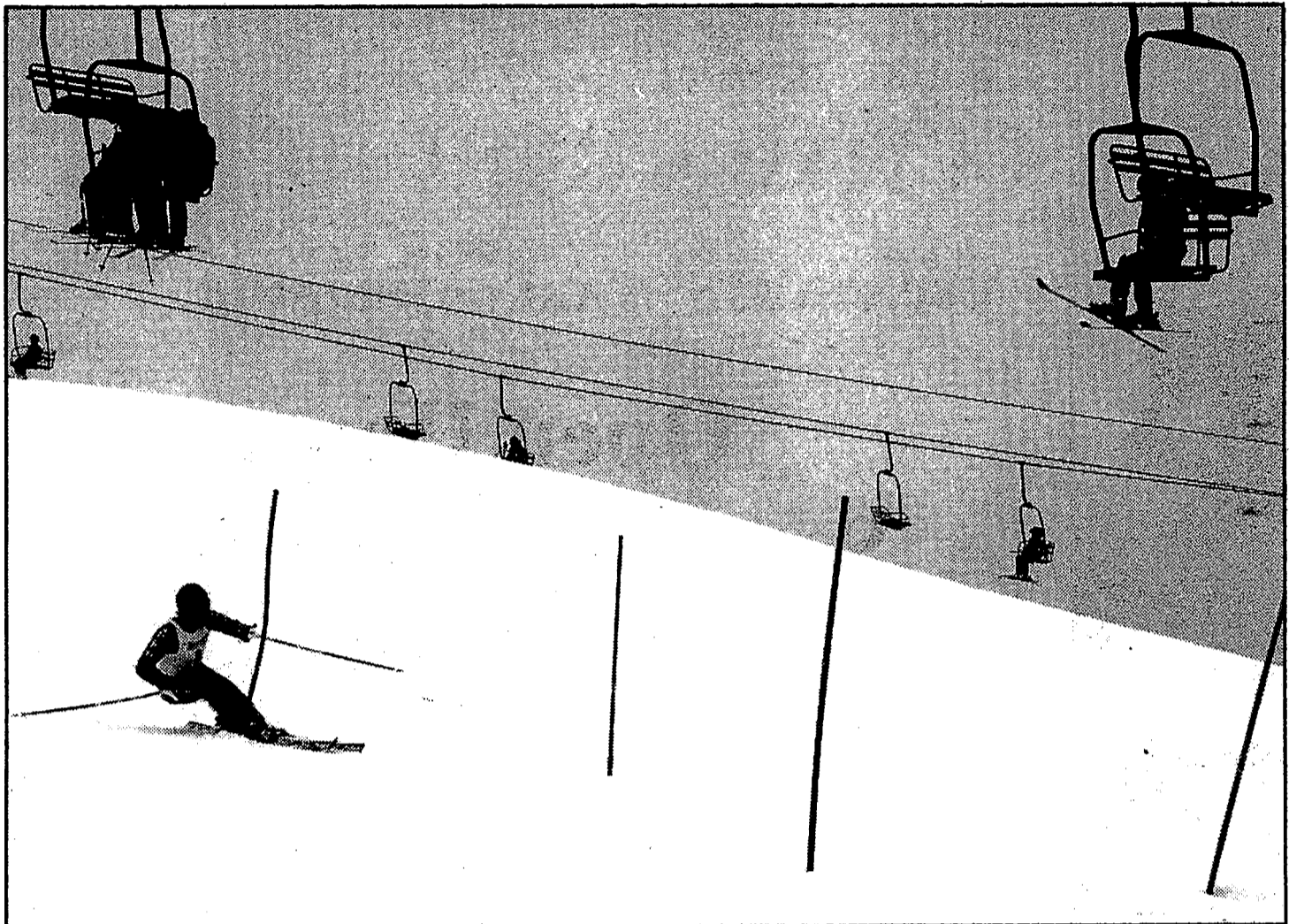
"Since I've been here, it hasn't been this warm for this long," he said.

"It was rough."

Shick hopes to be able to make up the missed business in the coming months.

"The hardest thing to convince people is, if there's no snow in their backyard, there can be snow on the hill," Shick said.

With the winter recovery over the past



After some warm winter weather, Pine Knob is open for business. File photo

weeks, traffic has begun to get back on track, Shick said.

"You can make a lot of snow at nine degrees," he said.

"There's that pent up demand for skiing," he added.

Skiers and snowboarders should stay tuned to [www.skipineknob.com](http://www.skipineknob.com) for conditions at the ski resort.

Pine Knob is hosting the Destroy it all Midwest Contest snowboarding event on Feb. 3 at noon. Registration is from 9:30-

11:30 a.m. prior to the event and the cost is \$15, plus a lift ticket.

The event is divided into divisions: boys, 14 and under, ages 15-17, and 18 and older. Girls of all ages will compete in the same division.

## Parks and Rec classes set for Feb.

Independence Township Parks and Recreation is offering "Snap it and scrap it" class at Maggie's Scrapbooking, 6325 Sashabaw, from 5-7:30 p.m. for six weeks starting Feb. 21.

Scrapppers will complete an entire 8x8 album that holds up to 20 themed pages. Bring 8-16 photos for each week's theme:

- My Family;
- All About Me;
- My Friends;
- Vacations;
- Holidays; and
- Finishing touches.

Parks and Rec is also hosting a class by Donna Nowak, nationally published face and body artist and instructor, at Bay Court Park.

Nowak will teach the basic mechanics of sponge and brush techniques. She will also cover topics such as shape patterns identities, color theories and application. Classes begin with simple nothings to full face concepts. Check [www.showoffsbodysart.com](http://www.showoffsbodysart.com) for more information about Face Painting and Body Art.

Ages 14 and up. Classes are Mondays at 6:30 starting Feb. 5. Register by calling 248-625-8223.

## Pajama party at library set Feb. 5

Independence Township Library is hosting a pajama party for children of all ages and their caregivers from 6-7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 5.

Entertainment will be by "the world's greatest kid's cover band" - Strumdiggitty. Two stay-at-home moms and one dad formed the group when they couldn't find any quality entertain-

ment for their classroom parties. Strumdiggitty has played numerous area classrooms, parties, parks and street fairs and are currently working on their first CD.

Independence Township Library is located at 6495 Clarkston Road.

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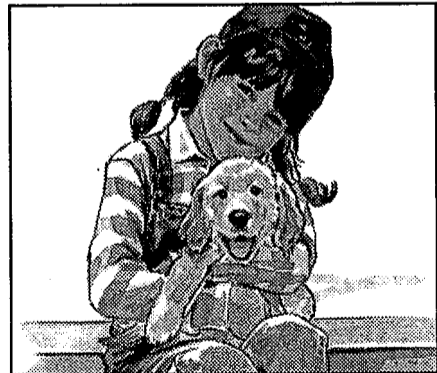
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## CVP bring Merlin's magic to the stage

The Clarkston Village Players will present "Merlin's Magic Show," a special one-day event for the whole family.

Merlin (Baffling Bill Schuler) mixes comedy into his bag of tricks for show that is guaranteed to entertain.

Two shows are scheduled on Feb. 3 at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Tickets are \$8 and are available for pur-

chase through [www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org](http://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 cannot be assured.

Special events? Let us know at [www.Shermanpub@aol.com](mailto:www.Shermanpub@aol.com), attn: Clarkston News

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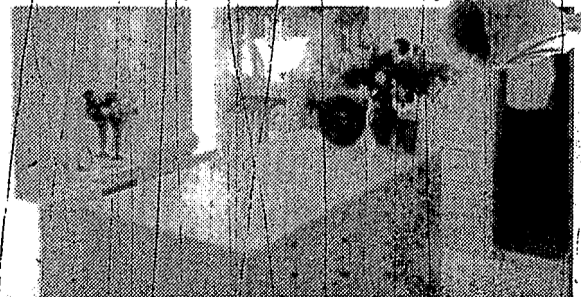
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## In Our Churches

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Bluegrass Drive, at M-15 and I-75. Call 248-625-3288.

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

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Calvary Lutheran Church has a weekly Wednesday Evening FEAST. Dinner is served at 6 p.m., worship at 6:50 p.m. and classes for all ages from 7:15- 8:30 p.m. The church offers a free nursery. Calvary Lutheran Church at 6805 Bluegrass Drive in Clarkston at the southwest corner of M-15 and I-75. Call the church for more information at 248-625-3288.

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Scripture Study, Mondays starting Jan. 29, 7 p.m. study of Book of Isaiah. 248-625-1750. \$10 for materials. St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park Drive.

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Church of the Resurrection has bible study every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. Study is currently on "Paul's letter to the Romans." Church of the Resurrection is located at 6490 Clarkston Road. Call 248-625-2325 for more information.

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St. Daniel Catholic Church holds Rainbows meetings on Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. in the Cushing Center. Rainbows is an outreach program for children and adults dealing with change in their lives due to death, divorce or other significant loss. St. Daniel Catholic Church is located at 7010 Valley Park Drive. Call 248-625-1750.

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The following Albion College students were named to the Dean's List. To make the list, they must achieve a 3.5 or higher GPA:

• **Michael Frenchi** is a junior majoring in biology. **Richard Frenchi** is a first-year student at Albion College. Their parents are Mark and Kathleen Frenchi of Clarkston, and they are both graduates of Univ. of Detroit Jesuit High School.

• **Lauren Fuller** is a sophomore at Albion College. She is the daughter of Bruce Fuller and Gayle Fuller of Clarkston and a graduate of Clarkston High School.

• **Jamie Gove** is a senior majoring in English education and physical education, and is completing the K-12 education program. She is the daughter of Michael Gove of Clarkston and Kathy Gove of Clarkston and a graduate of Clarkston High School.

• **Sarah Julian** is a sophomore at Albion College. She is the daughter of William Julian and Cynthia Julian of Clarkston and a graduate of Clarkston High School.

• **Colin Madole** is a sophomore at Albion College. He is the son of John Madole of Clarkston and Delores A'Hearn of Waterford a graduate of Clarkston High School.

• **Zachary McDonald** is a first-year at Albion College. He is the son of Robert McDonald and Donna McDonald of Clarkston and a graduate of Clarkston High School.

• **Caitlin McLean** is a junior majoring in economics and management and Spanish, with a concentration in the Gerstacker Liberal Arts Program in Professional Management. She is the daughter of Mary Ellen McLean of Clarkston and a graduate of Clarkston High School.

• **Ian Sabbag** is a first-year majoring in economics and management. He is the son of Paul Sabbag and Kim Voog-Sabbag of Clarkston and a graduate of Clarkston High School.

• **Brian Shepanek** is a first-year at Albion College. He is the son of Lawrence Shepanek and Patricia Shepanek of Clarkston and a graduate of Clarkston High School.

• **Alexandra Snook** is a sophomore majoring in psychology. She is the daughter of Earl Snook and Barbara Snook of Clarkston and a graduate of Marian High School.

• **Hannah Trager** is a sophomore at Albion College. She is the daughter of Aaron Trager and Victoria Trager of Clarkston and a graduate of Clarkston High School.

• **Danielle Wendland** is a first-year at Albion College. She is the daughter of Russell Wendland and Victoria Wendland of Clarkston and a graduate of Clarkston High School.

• **Bryan Yestrepky** is a senior majoring in chemistry. He is the son of Daniel Yestrepky and Diane Yestrepky of Clarkston and a graduate of Notre Dame Prep.

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**Brandon Kandt, Charles Reppuhn, Sara Tilley, and Kristen Boike**, all of Clarkston, received academic honors for the fall, 2006, semester at Ferris State University. They earned at least a 3.5 GPA.

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**Kathryn Patricia Osterhage** of Clarkston was named to the DePauw University Dean's List for the 2006 fall semester. Osterhage is a senior at DePauw. To be eligible, a student must earn at least a 3.5 grade point average.

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**Chris Valmassoi**, a sophomore at Oakland University, made the Dean's List for the fall semester.

Valmassoi of Independence Township is a 2005 graduate of Clarkston High School.

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**Amber Blair**, a student at Clarkston Junior High School, and Clarkston High School students **Elizabeth Hawthorne, Saran Kim, and Stephanie McLaughlin** were inducted into the National Honor Roll.

Induction is based on academic performance and extracurricular activities.

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**David J. Gardiner** of Clarkston, a sophomore at Northwood University, has been named a United States Achievement Academy (USAA) Collegiate All-American Scholar.



David Gardiner

Gardiner, the son of Jay and Julia Gardiner of Clarkston, is a banking and finance and economics major at Northwood. He has been on the President's or Dean's list every term since his first year. He serves with the Student Government Association as treasurer, Collegiate Finance Association, orientation leader, and bipartisan political group delegate. After graduation from Northwood, he plans to attend law school and hopes to become an IPO attorney. His ultimate goal is to become a politician.

The USAA has established the Collegiate All-American Scholar Award Program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. Scholars must earn a 3.3 or higher grade point average. Only scholars selected by a school official or other qualified sponsor are accepted.

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**Alex Delisi** of Clarkston, a senior at Orchard Lake St. Mary's, has earned Preseason Top 40 State of Michigan, Oakland Press Super 75 player, First Team All League, First Team All Catholic, First Team All Metro North, First Team All North, Honorable Mention Dream Team, First Team All County, First Team Division 2 All State, Post season State of Michigan Top 55, and 2006 Michigan Football Guide Tremendous 26.

He has committed to the Cincinnati Bearcats for the fall.

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# Obituary

## Elizabeth M. Walker

Elizabeth M. Walker of Clarkston passed away on Jan. 24 at the age of 86.

She was preceded in death by her husband Lawrence.

She was the loving mother of Larry (Kathleen) Walker of F. Hills and Jim (Katy) Walker of Ortonville; grandmother of Brian (Judy) Walker, Eric (Danielle) Walker and Mitchell Walker; great grandmother of McCoy, Ethan and Zachary; sister of Ilene (Ed) Accord and Joe (Joy) Amon.



Funeral Service was Saturday, Jan. 27, at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the discretion of the donor. Online guest book [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## Doris H. Karnes

Doris H. Karnes of West Frankfort, Ill., departed this life Monday, Jan. 22, at her home. She was 78 years old.

She was born Dec. 4, 1928, in Pontiac, daughter of Arthur and Florence (VanDusen) Wagner. She married Harold (Gene) Karnes on Jan. 28, 1950, in Pontiac. Mr. Karnes died Oct. 30, 2001.

Mrs. Karnes taught at the Oakland Institute of Cosmetology in Michigan for 20 years. She was also an avid reader and enjoyed crocheting.

She is survived by nephews Danny Wagner, Donald Smith, Randall Post, Dennis Post, Jeff Karnes, and Stanley Q. Karnes; nieces Janis

Cosens, Marsha Mason, Brenda Karnes, Candace Dutcher, and Lori Karnes; several great nieces and nephews including Samantha Lyles and Rusty Cosens; and sisters-in-law Marjorie Freer of Utica and Marie Wagner of Clarkston.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brother Norman Wagner, and sisters-in-law Muriel Karnes and Carolyn Teston.

Funeral services were Jan. 25 at Varis-Stone Funeral Home, with interment in Tower Heights Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Southern Illinois, and can be accepted at Varis-Stone Funeral Home, 1201 E. Poplar St., West Frankfort, Ill., 62896. 618-932-7161.

## Norma P. McNeive

Norma P. McNeive of Briny Breezes, Fla., formerly of Clarkston, passed away on Jan. 22 at the age of 97.

She was preceded in death by her husband Clement and son Thomas.

She was the loving mother-in-law of Georgia McNeive of Calif., grandmother of Todd McNeive and Kelly (Jeff) Guns, all of Calif., great grandmother of Audrey and Jack Guns, and

sister of Max Eldred and Vernon Eldred, all of Cedar Springs.

Funeral Mass was Jan. 27 in Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford. Visitation was at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Rite of Committal Lakeside Cemetery, Holly.

Memorials may be made to Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church. On line guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

Obituaries are updated as we get them on our website, [www.ClarkstonNews.com](http://www.ClarkstonNews.com)

## Hospice training set for February

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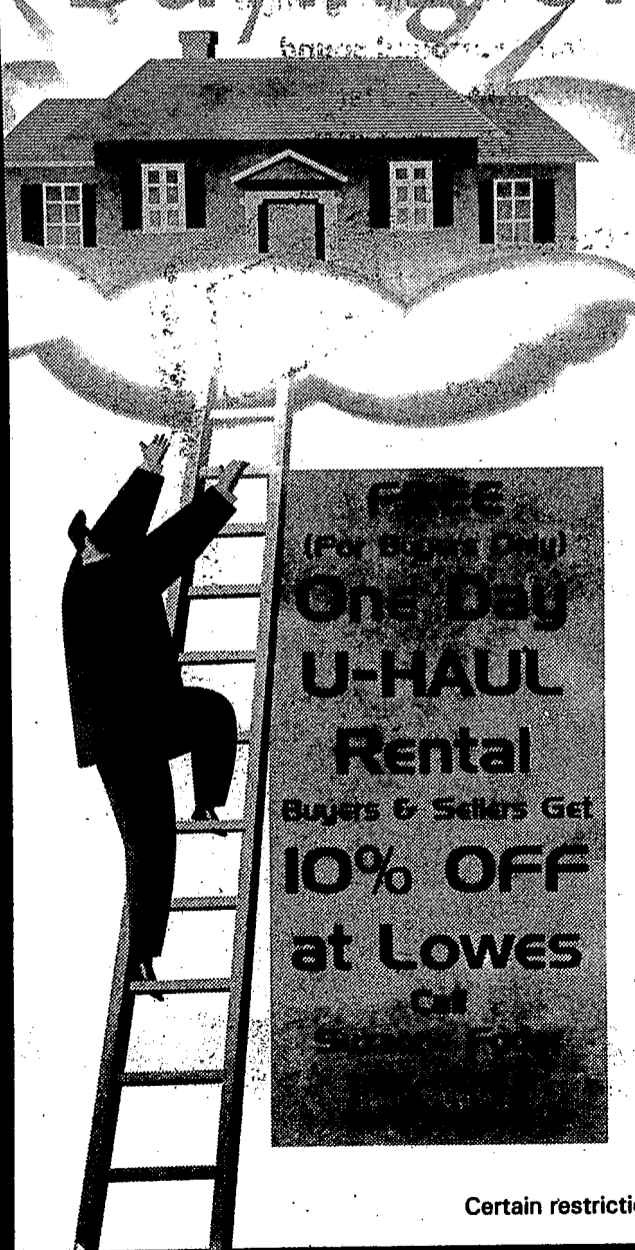
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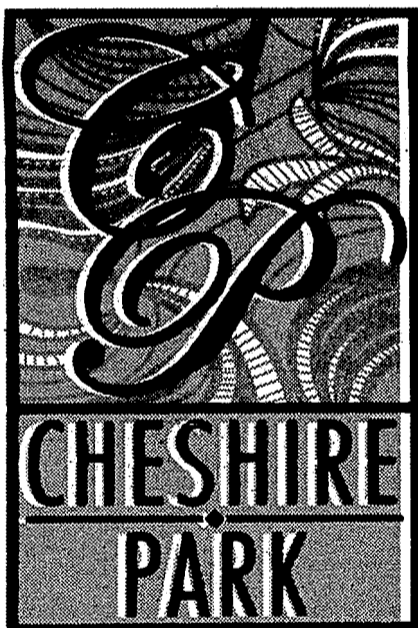
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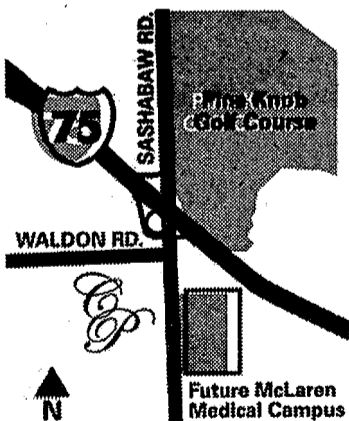
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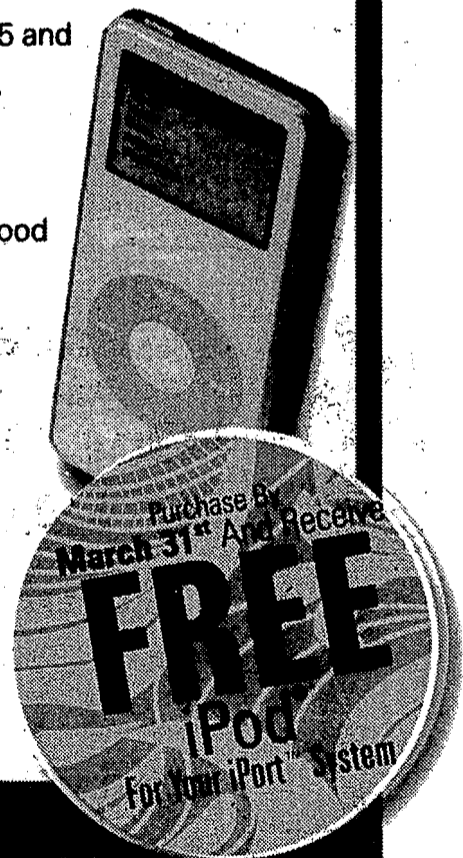
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 BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING  
 AGENDA

Date and Time: February 6, 2007, at 7:30 p.m.  
 Place: Independence Township Library  
 6495 Clarkston Rd, Clarkston, MI 48346

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Opening Statements and Correspondence
5. Approval of Agenda
6. Public Forum – *Individuals in the audience have the opportunity to address the Township Board on an issue that is not on the agenda, limiting their comments to not more than three minutes.*
7. Consent Agenda:
  - a. Approval of Minutes of January 16, 2007
  - b. Approval of Purchase Orders
  - c. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run

### New Business

1. Emergency hiring for Engineer/Paramedic for Fire Department
  2. Appointments to Board of Review
  3. Purchase of Breathing Air Compressor for Fire Department
  4. Discussion regarding cell phone and internet policy
- Closed Session – Labor Negotiations

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

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**SUMMARY**  
 CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
 JANUARY 22, 2007

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor.  
 Roll. Present: Catallo, Brueck, Colombo, Gawronski, Johnston, Ottman, Rausch.

Absent: None.

Minutes of January 8, 2007, approved as presented.  
 Agenda approved as presented with the addition of Police Committee Report under Unfinished Business.

Johnston reported that the City's website now operational. Johnston further reported that several grants have been applied for with regards to a children's rain garden and riparian buffers on Parke Lake and the Clarkston Mill Pond as well as others dealing with pollution control in public parks and sedimentation control.

Brueck reported that students from OCC, Lawrence Institute of Technology, and other schools have been contacted for assistance in preparing a program for a Park Master Plan AND presentations to the Council will be made.

Chief Combs reported that the white police vehicle is to be striped on Tuesday per the request of the Police Committee. Combs reported that officer Swatowski was hospitalized recently and it is unknown when he will be able to return to duty. Combs asked for permission to hire a part-time female officer. Council directed Combs and Pappas to make a decision on the hiring of this individual.

Resolved That the City Engineer be authorized to study the contours on the FEMA maps to be compared with the Engineering data to determine if these areas are in fact in a flood plain and further be authorized to draft correspondence to be sent to mortgage companies to inform them that this review is taking place. This is to be at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.

Resolved that the following appointments be made:

**Zoning Board of Appeals for terms ending 2009:**  
 Robyn Johnston James Brueck (Council Rep)  
 William Basinger

**Planning Commission for terms ending 2009:**  
 Derek Werner Steve Wylie  
 Geraldine Hunter Mike Gawronski (Council Rep)

**Historic District Commission for terms ending 2009:**  
 Joel Hoffman Amy Wilson  
 Kay Robertson Donald Wayne  
 Alma Goldner

**Board of Review for term ending 2009**  
 Bonnie Valuet

Resolved That the City of the Village of Clarkston create a Building Committee to assess the future needs and costs of the buildings used or potentially used by the City of Clarkston for the normal operations of the City. The Committee shall consist of not more than five persons and be comprised of not more than three members of the City Council and not more than three members of the Planning Commission. When applicable, the Committee shall provide an annual report to the City Council submitted on or before the first Council meeting in March in accordance with the City Charter, Section 7.3, and prepared in conjunction with the City Manager/Treasurer to summarize the current and potential costs of owning and operating these buildings.

Moved That the Policy and Procedures Manual be tabled until the next regular Council meeting.

Scott Meyland presented a report on the Police Committee. A public forum is to be held at the end of February at Fire Station. No 1 and answers to frequently asked questions will be presented.

Pappas reported that the annual Lions Club White Can Week fund drive will be held on either April 27 or 28 or on May 4 and 5 if necessary due to weather.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Artemus M. Pappas, Clerk

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Treasurer John Koval and Vice President Barry Bomier's terms end this year. Koval has previously stated he is not seeking reelection, leaving one seat uncontested.

In order to file, applicants must be registered residents within the school district boundaries, submit a petition with 40-100 signatures, or pay a \$100 fee.

The election is scheduled for May 8. For more information call 248-858-0564.

## Nature activities set in February

February activities at Indian Springs Metropark in Springfield Township include:

- Groundhog Sees a Full Moon, nature hike, 7 p.m., Feb. 2. First-graders or older. \$2.
  - Travels with a Naturalist: Discover the Galapagos, 1 p.m., Feb. 3. \$1.
  - Valentines and Vines, 1 p.m., Feb. 10. Make a grapevine wreath. \$5.
- Register at 800-477-3175.

## Springfield Parks and Rec programs at Hart Center

**Spaghetti Dinner and Bake Sale Fund-raiser,** Mon., Feb. 5 from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at the Hart Center, 495 Broadway in downtown Davisburg. All-you-can-eat spaghetti \$6 for adults and children over 4. Children under 4 eat free. Proceeds benefit Springfield Township Parks and Recreation and the Young at Heart Senior Citizens Group. Call 248-634-0412 for information.

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**Babysitting and Home Alone Workshop,** Thurs., Feb. 22 7:00 p.m.-8:45 p.m. Hart Community Center, 495 Broadway in downtown Davisburg. Hands-on activities and discussions about child care, growth and development, emergency situations, and safety precautions. Children ages 8-14. Springfield Township residents \$22. Non-residents \$27. Register by Wed. Feb. 14. Call Springfield Township Parks and Recreation at 248-634-0412 for information.

**Youth T-Ball,** registration required through Springfield Township Parks and Recreation office at 12000 Davisburg Road. Registration forms also available at [www.springfield-twp.us](http://www.springfield-twp.us). Call Springfield Township Parks and Recreation for requirements or more information at 248-634-0412.

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## Music plays to many emotions

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wrote a good solid 21 century piece."

He doesn't take any pains to give the illusion it was easy.

"I swear to god I thought it was going to kill me," he said. "It was so much work."

Finished just a few weeks ago, the piece is called "The Stormy Present," and is a lift, explains Territo, out of a speech given by Abraham Lincoln during a December 1, 1862 message to congress:

"The dogmas of the quiet past, are inadequate to the stormy present. The occasion is piled high with difficulty, and we must rise — with the occasion. As our case is new, so we must think anew, and act anew. We must disenthrall ourselves, and then we shall save our country."

For Territo, the act of writing music is an emotional process. There is a time, he said, for writing happy music, and a time for writing angry, sad music.

"Historically, this is a time to write songs of sadness and songs of anger, and that's what the complex 128-pack of 21<sup>st</sup> century music is good for," he said. "It's

good for expressing things like bitterness, sorrow, fear and anger and some of those emotions that don't come through as clearly with the more traditional sounds."

This, he said, takes a lot of searching for that often elusive button.

"When I'm writing I look for the on switch in myself," he said. "What would make me happy or sad or stirred or angry, or whatever I want it to be? What would tell this story best or paint this picture the best for me? What do I want to say?"

For now, he's happy composing music, teaching band to the kids at Detroit County Day and directing the choir at St. Daniel's Catholic Church in Clarkston.

But Territo knows someday his dreams and his talent will take him where he's meant to be.

Writing high school band music would be a great niche, he said, or conducting in a professional capacity, perhaps even composing film scores.

"That's a one in a million shot," he said. "It would take a lot of work, but that's one of my big dreams."

Whatever the outcome, he said, the ultimate goal is just to be a to be a working musician his whole life — and to help others find that passion for music along the way.

"I want to help people, that's the kind of educator I want to be," he said. "I hope that I can help people find the on button it in a way they didn't know was there before."

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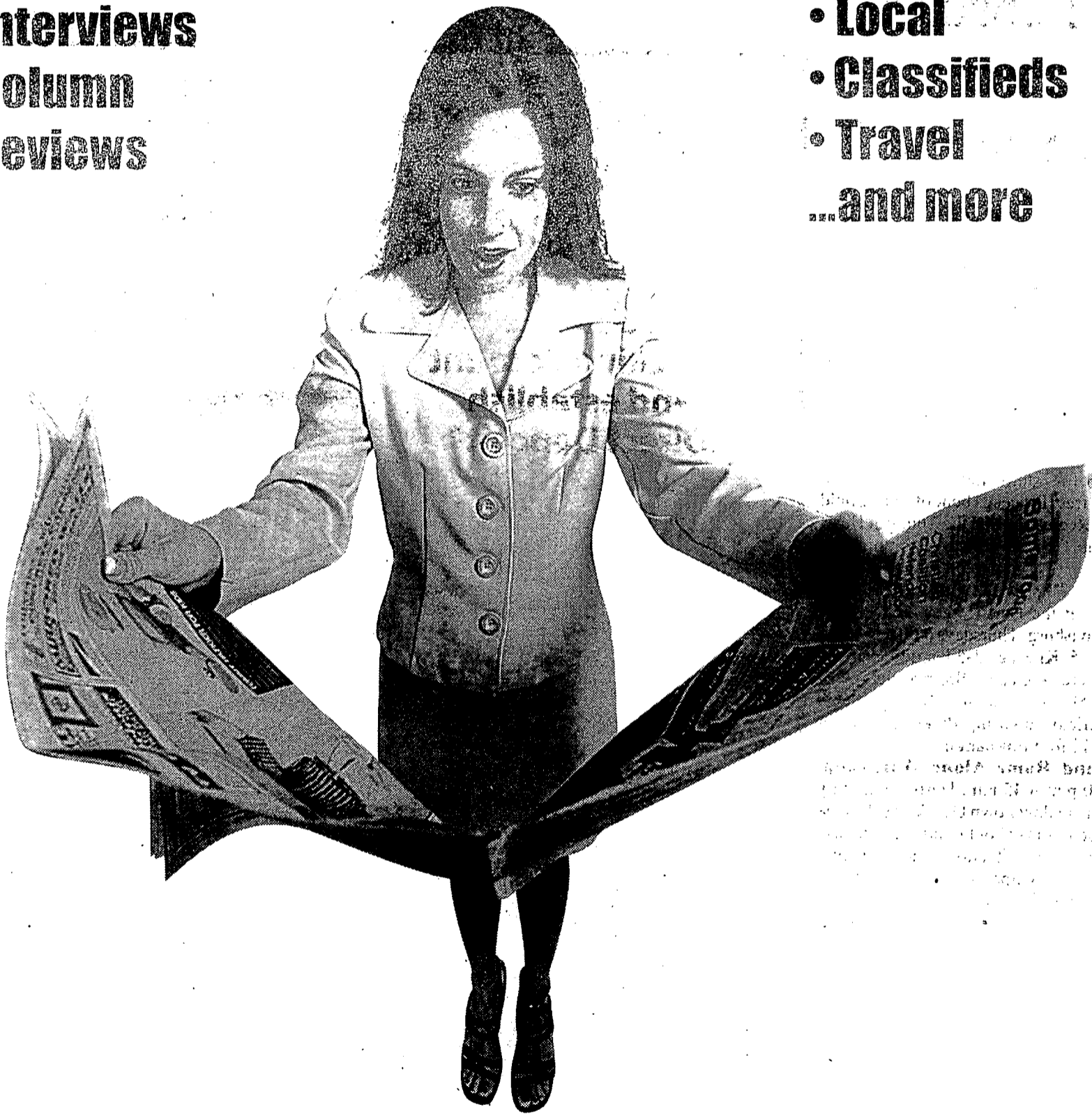
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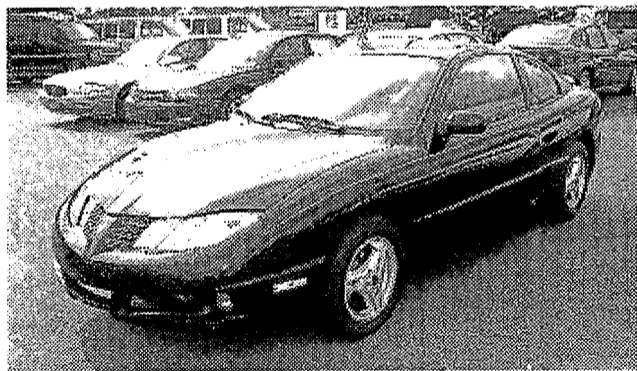
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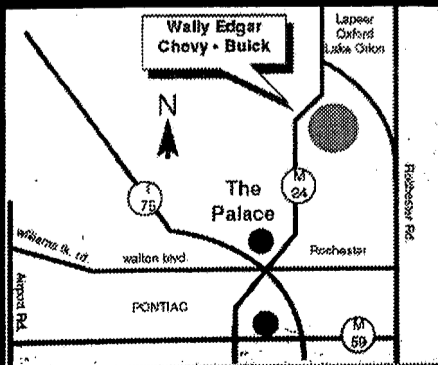
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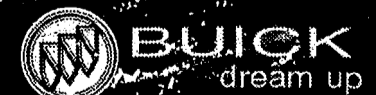
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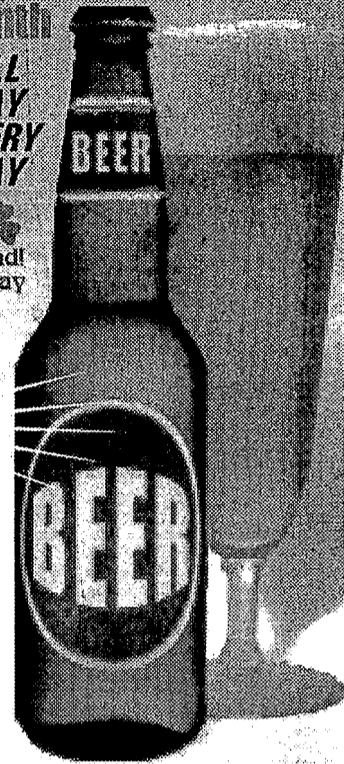
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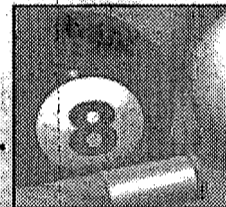
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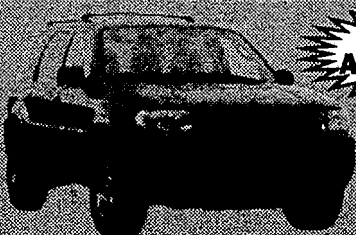
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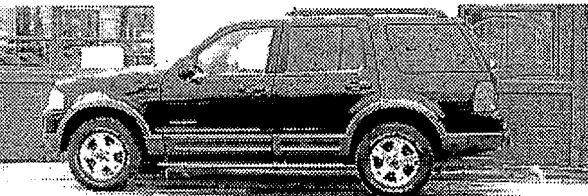
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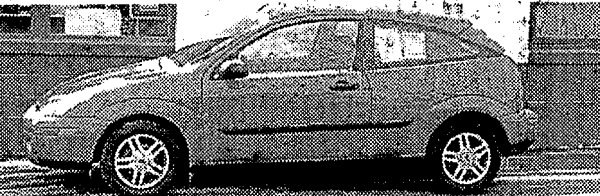
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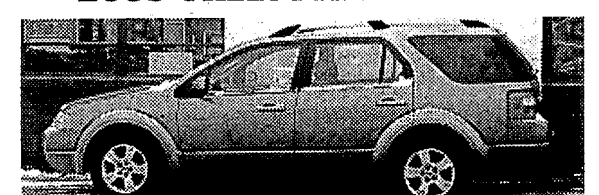
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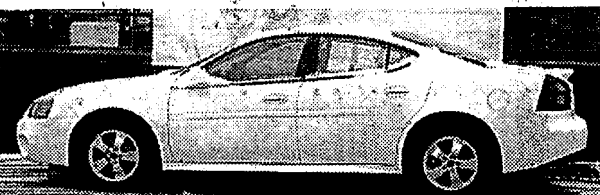
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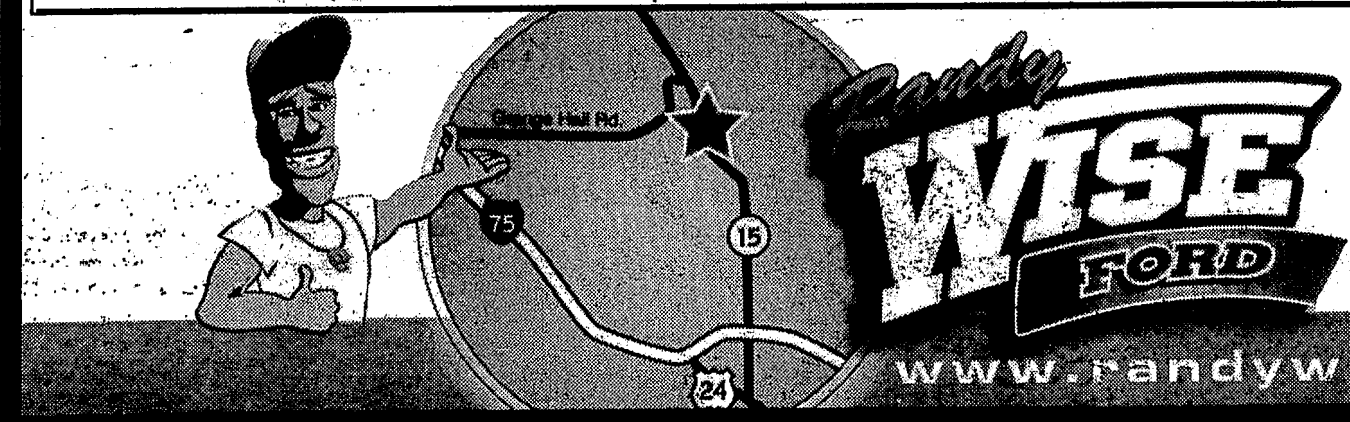
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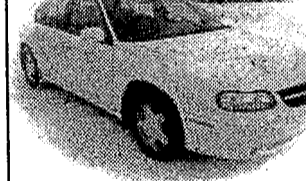
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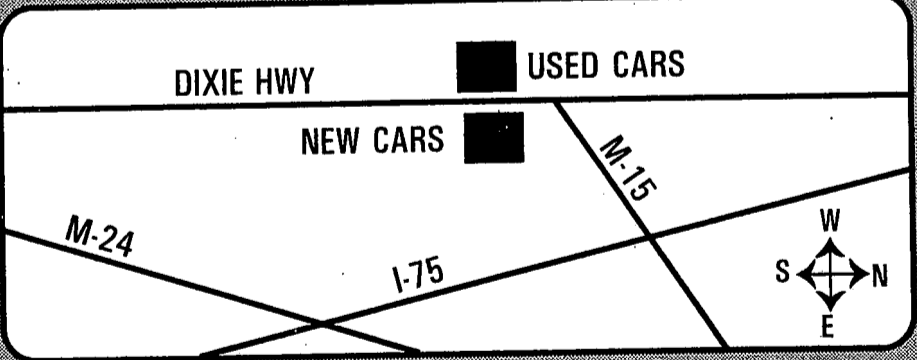
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