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## \$1 million more! School board calls for more cuts, 'just in case'

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

More than \$4 million in cuts to the Clarkston Community Schools budget may not be enough.

The Board of Education called on Dr. Al Roberts, Superintendent, to come up with two additional plans for more cuts, one with \$500,000 more, and the other with another \$500,000, for \$1 million total.

"We need to move the bar up even more," said Vice President Barry Bomier at the Feb. 26 board meeting. "It could get even more difficult if we don't."

If the state comes through with funding, the district could recall employees who were laid off and reinstate cancelled programs, Bomier said.

"There's much about this I don't like - it's a difficult decision to make," he said.

The board should be cautious not to cut essential programs too deeply, said Trustee Joan Patterson.

"It would kill the programs," said Patterson.

Math specialists who are helping to update the program are at risk of being cut, she said.

"My concern is that we'd be pulling them out at an early stage before teachers have all the support they need for the program," she said.

The board voted unanimously to table the current budget recommendations, which were introduced Jan. 22. The \$4.2 million in cuts include staffing reductions of about \$1.4 million, including nine classroom teachers, eight special-education teachers and staff, and 13 support staff members.

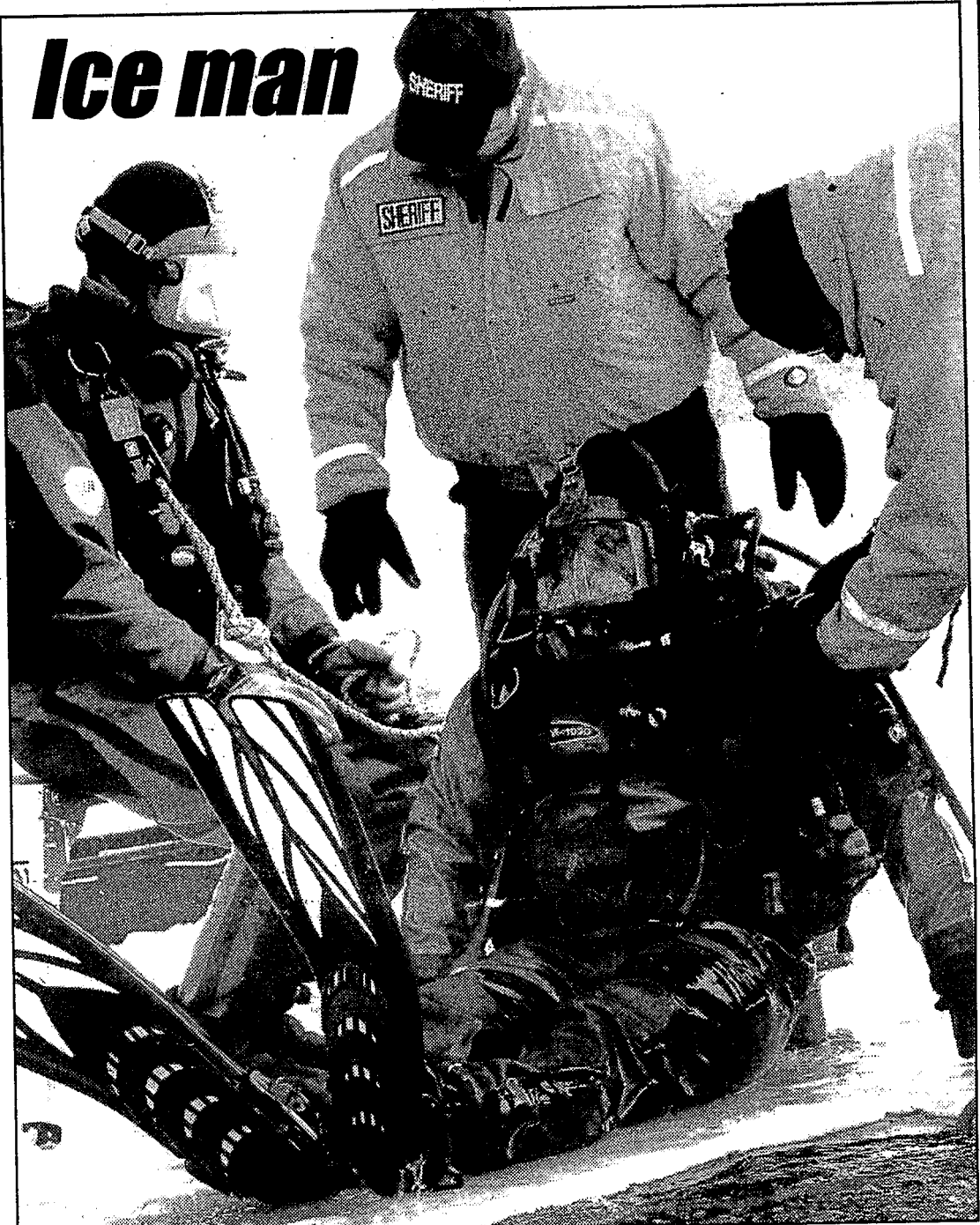
Cuts would also be made to special education, technology, field-trip transportation, library books, cell phone service, office supplies, extracurriculars, communications, curriculum, administration, busing, and energy.

The biggest single cut, \$900,000, would be in insurance costs. Because these and teacher lay-offs would be subject to union contract negotiations, they are considered "soft numbers," said Trustee Karen Foyteck.

"We don't really know what they'll be until the end of contract negotiations," Foyteck said.

The administration will go  
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## Ice man



As spring approaches, ice-rescue practice becomes more important. The Oakland County Sheriff's Department employs a highly skilled rescue and support team in case of emergency. See story on page 4A and more pics on page 20A. Photo by Laura Colvin

## Clarkston council ready to fire police chief

BY LAURA COLVIN  
Clarkston Staff Writer

If all goes according to plan, the Clarkston City Council will hand Police Chief Ernie Combs his walking papers at a special meeting scheduled for Monday at 6:30 p.m.

The council intended to fire Combs at the regular meeting Feb. 25, but postponed on advice from city attorney Tom Ryan, who said proper protocol was ignored.

"I'm a little in the dark here, myself," Ryan said, noting he was unaware of plans for the termination until Friday. Combs'

attorney had called to request postponement of the meeting due to short notice.

Members of council declined to give specific reasons for relieving the chief of his duties, except to say it was in the city's best interest.

Combs joined the Clarkston police department in 1998 and served as a patrol officer until 2000, when he left for about a year to accept a position as police chief in Capac. He returned in September 2001, and was named to fill the shoes of retiring Clarkston Police Chief Paul Ormiston in 2003.

Ryan, who is present at most council meetings, urged Clarkston council members to open discussion at a public meeting, and offer Combs an evaluation, which he could accept or decline.

"There's been nothing on the record indicating where there's an issue, except for the comments of Councilman Rausch," Ryan said. "(The council) needs to have dialogue at this table relative to whether or not you agree on this."

The council, however, appeared ready to act.

"There won't be an evaluation," Rausch

said. "It is in the best interest to terminate him. There will not be an evaluation."

According to information produced at Monday's meeting, Rausch ran and won one of two write-in seats on the council this past November. He began asking Combs to resign shortly after the election.

Although he declined to give specific reasons for his desire to remove the chief from his position, Rausch said the decision has been long in coming, and that neither Combs or his job performance are in alignment with the city's vision of its police chief.

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Clarkston grad Eric Ryan utilizes gift in new career path

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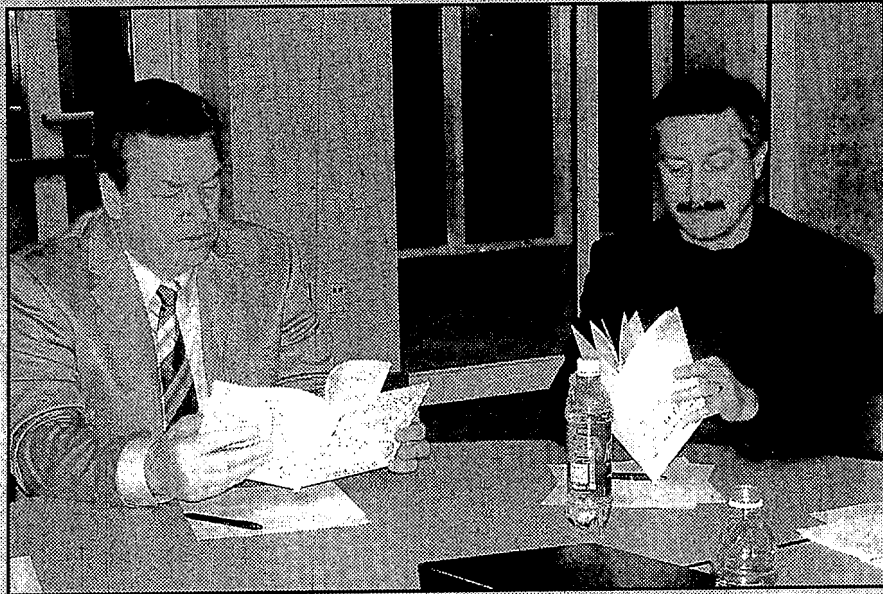
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### Sports

Wrestlers headed to state finals

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### Check it out

Lisa Crawford, above, a member of the Social Studies subject area committee, shows off a new text book to Clarkston Schools Trustee Karen Foyteck and other board members at the Feb. 26 meeting. At left, Trustee Joe Armstrong, left, and Secretary Barry Bomler check a couple World Languages books, presented by Vicki Potter. Photos by Phil Custodio

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# The Second Front

## One step left for McLaren project

### Briefly

#### Parks and Rec needs camp counselors

Independence Township Parks and Recreation is looking for camp-counselor applicants.

Potential counselors should be at least 18 years old and must be available Monday-Friday for eight weeks from June 18-Aug. 17, and for orientation the week of June 11.

Counselors are responsible and plan activities for a group of children from pre-school to middle-school ages.

Group interviews are set for March 31 at Independence Township Fire Hall on Citation Drive. For more information, call Parks and Rec at 248-625-8223.

#### Nominations needed for annual awards

Nominations are being accepted for the 22nd Annual Clarkston Community Awards.

Categories are:

- Citizen of the Year,
- Young Person of the Year,
- Business Person of the Year,
- Adult-Youth Volunteer,
- Community Preservation,
- Community Beautification,
- Community Enhancement and
- Community Collaboration.

"We're looking for the unsung heroes, the dedicated workers, the innovative and collaborative efforts that make our community a great place to live and work in," said Kelly Hyer, one of the event co-chairs.

Nominations forms are available at the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce office, 5856 S. Main St. Nominations must be received by March 30. Forms are also available at [www.clarkston.org](http://www.clarkston.org).

The 22nd Annual Community Awards Breakfast will be Thursday, May 24, at Deer Lake Banquet Center. Tickets for the event are \$15 per person.

The Community Awards are coordinated by the Clarkston Chamber. Event co-chairs include Johnna Goodwin, representing the chamber; Anita Banach, representing Clarkston Community Schools; and Kelly Hyer, representing Independence Township.

**Got a story?**

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BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

Almost two years, two months after its first presentation to Independence Township, McLaren Health Care Village may be a week away from final government approval.

An abbreviated Township Board voted unanimously to approve first reading of the \$600 million project. Trustees Daniel Kelly and Charles Dunn, both lawyers with firms that work with McLaren, had recused themselves from the board during discussion of the McLaren plan.

Over the past year and a half, the project has been thoroughly reviewed by township department heads and the Planning Commission, said Richard Carlisle, planning consultant.

"We've gone into quite a bit of excruciating detail, I think," Carlisle said.

McLaren has worked with the township to make their plan a better fit with the area, he said.

Changes included shifting the hospital building from the center of the property to the north, closer to I-75. The five-story height of the 300-bed structures blends into the incline up to the highway and is less visible from Sashabaw, he said.

Independence Township needs a hospital, said Trustee Larry Rosso.

"It wouldn't hurt at all to have a hospital here," said Rosso, the Township Board's liaison to the Planning Commission. "It would save lives."

Though not a public hearing, Su-

### McLaren Health Care Village

About 74.4 acres, southeast corner of Sashabaw Road and I-75

#### Phase I

Medical office building, including new Clarkston Medical Group, three stories, 132,000 square feet

Cancer Center, two story, 32,000 square feet

Retail, professional office building, two story, 41,000 square feet

Parking, 836 spaces

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Medical office building expansion, two story, 50,000 square feet

Heart Center, two story, 50,000 square feet

Outdoor plaza and village green

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#### Phase III

Hospital expansion, 100 beds, five story, 216,000 square feet

Two medical office buildings, two story, total of 110,000 square feet

Parking garage expansion, four story, 92,400 square feet

Parking, 285 spaces

pervisor David Wagner permitted comment from several residents.

Their concerns included the precedent set by permitting a variance from the township height ordinance. It could be used by other developers when making their cases.

Both Beaumont hospital and ORCO have proposed projects requiring exceptions to township height ordinances.

"So far, we've kept the genie in the bottle," said Neil Wallace of Independence Township. "The Master Plan should be the key consideration in this."

Township planners have performed their due diligence, said township resident Mike Clark.

"All of this has been addressed by the Planning Commission," Clark said.

The McLaren project requires a second reading before the township board. If approved, it would break ground as soon as possible, probably in May, McLaren representatives said.

The next meeting of the township board is set for March 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Library. Call 248-625-5111 for more information.

## Township uses savings to rescue parks

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

Dipping into savings, the Independence Township Board rescued Deer Lake Beach for the summer.

Board members stayed until past midnight Feb. 20 to hammer out budget issues plaguing the township for months. In a series of discussions and votes, the board reinstated Deer Lake Beach programs, set fund-balance limits, and amended the 2007 budget.

Mike Turk, Parks and Recreation Department director, presented a range of proposals for reviving the beach program, ranging from Option 1, "swim at your own risk," costing \$6,300, to Option 4, a continuation of most of 2006's schedule, for \$35,466.

The board chose Option 4. User fees will increase from \$1 to \$1.25. Beach hours will be from 12-7 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 10 a.m.-7 p.m. on the weekends. Opening day is set for June 9, with a Sept. 3 closer.

The board also agreed to set limit to the fund balance from 20-40 percent. The limit is not legally enforceable, but would let planners know if they are saving too much or too little, said Steve Joppich, township attorney.

"It's a management tool," Joppich said.

The limit was discussed at a Special Workshop Meeting Feb. 13. Wagner cancelled the meeting that morning, but Clerk Shelagh Vanderveen, Treasurer Jim Wenger, and Trustees Daniel Travis and Larry Rosse voted to have the meeting anyway.

At the meeting, the four members of the board, who formed a quorum, approved immediate advertising for life guards for the Parks and Rec.

At the Feb. 20 meeting, board members were split on proposed budget adjustment, voting 4-3 to approve nine amendments:

- Elimination of an office support position in the Building Department, saving \$30,000. The employee will be transferred to the Department of Public Works;

- Decrease full-time salaries in all General Fund departments by \$35,000, \$10,000 of which in Parks and Rec;

- Six amendments to increase funding for Parks and Rec - \$10,000 for Minor Sports, \$11,000 for special events, \$23,500 for Deer Lake Beach, \$21,400 for overtime, \$8,410 for conferences, and \$6,900 for phone service; and

- Transfer \$61,200 from the General Fund to Parks and Rec.

One proposed budget amendment, elimination of a part-time support position in the Treasurer's Office to cut \$11,200, was deleted from the list at the Wenger's request.

"I run an efficient department," Wenger said. "Next year, tell me how much I can have to run the department."

Approving the 2007 budget this past December, which needed so many budget adjustments, was a mistake, said Trustee Dan Kelly.

"We let the supervisor and the administration off the hook," said Kelly, who voted against the budget in December.

Kelly, Wenger and Trustee Dan Travis voted against the budget amendments. Wagner, Vanderveen, and Trustee Charles Dunn voted in favor.

The township should make budget cuts equally in all departments, Travis said.

"What's wrong with freezing the budget across the board," he said. "It's totally inappropriate for Parks and Recreation to have to shoulder this."

To balance the budget, Wagner said the township can raise fees, ask for a millage-increase vote, or make more cuts.



Rescue divers train at Crooked Lake, Springfield Oaks County Park. Photo by Laura Colvin

# On thin ice

## Divers prepare for rescue as lakes thaw

BY LAURA COLVIN  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Oakland County divers climbed into cold water gear, strapped on high-tech equipment and plunged into the Crooked Lake at Independence Oaks County Park. Water temperature measured an icy 37 degrees Wednesday in a training exercise to prepare for the March thaw.

Although ice is expected on area lakes for several weeks yet, above normal temperatures and forecasted rain may cause unsafe ice in certain locations, said Sheriff Michael J. Bouchard's office.

To prepare for thin-ice emergencies and other water related rescue operations throughout the year, the Sheriff's Marine Patrol and Water Rescue Unit conducts training exercises on a monthly basis.

"I've seen kids pick up a big rock and throw it onto the ice to see if it's safe," said Deputy John Graham of the sheriff's marine division. "Or they're out playing hockey, and it might be safe in that spot, but then they go chasing the puck and a few feet away the ice may be much thinner."

Cutting a hole with an ice spud and measuring thickness, Graham said, is imperative to reducing danger.

"We don't say any ice is safe," said Graham, explaining that clear ice—without air bubbles to indicate repeated thawing and refreezing—is generally best. "Obviously, the thicker the better."

Graham, a diver with the sheriff's 12-member dive and rescue team, compared the exercise to the practice of sending firefighters into a training blaze.

"When you're in a rescue situation you want to be as familiar with the environment as possible," he said. "You don't want to be worried about your gear or anything else."

The 12-member Oakland County dive team, along with the Macomb County Sheriff's diver and Midwest Technical Recovery Team of Detroit, made several three-sided openings into the ice and took turns dropping into the frigid water in two-man teams.

After only five minutes or so under water, divers emerged with an altered physical presence—they look exhausted.

"It's a lot of work for the body to stay warm," explains diver PJ Reynolds upon exiting the wintry lake. "It's very cold. So, while I have my gear and don't feel threatened, it's still very limiting."

Reynolds, who works as a Rochester Community Schools liaison, said when kids—or adults—fall through the ice without the benefit of his professional suit and other gear, the results are often tragic.

"The first thing they do is take a sharp breath because of the shock of the cold water," he said. "The throat seizes, there's no way to get air. They literally begin the drowning process as soon as they hit the water."

Shock causes the brain to begin racing, he continued, preventing the focus or clarity necessary to get out of the water, and the body shuts down as well.

"Adults need to heed the warning," Reynolds said, "and never allow kids to play on the ice without direct supervision 100 percent of the time."

The Sheriff's Marine Patrol and Water Rescue Unit patrols the 450-plus lakes of Oakland County and maintains a 12-member team who are on call at all times and ready to dive in any weather or water condition.

The unit employs 27 boats, two jump boats, a hovercraft, four all-terrain vehicles and four snowmobiles, as well as the latest advanced technology.

# Health scholarships available

Four local health-care businesses will award four \$1,000 scholarships to Clarkston area high school students pursuing a career in the Health Sciences field.

The Clarkston Health Care Professional Joint Scholarship is facilitated through the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce.

Scholarships include: Devin Werner O'Neill Memorial Scholarship, Clarkston Medical Group; Roeser Dental Associates; Munk & Associates Orthodontic Special-

ists; and Michigan Center for Orthopedic Surgery, Shivajee Nallamothe, D.O., and Edward J. Lis, Jr., D.O.

Scholarship applications are available at the Chamber of Commerce, 5856 S. Main St., Clarkston High School Counseling office, Independence Township Library, and online at [www.Clarkston.org](http://www.Clarkston.org).

Applications should be turned in at the chamber office. Deadline is March 1.

For information, call 248-625-8055.



# Wild game for dinner

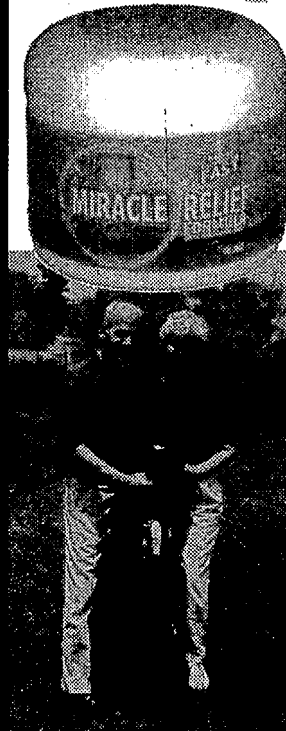
Frank Urban of Sterling Heights, left, gets a helping of wild game from Jay Vass and Debby Pierce, Post 63 Auxiliary member. Guests at Clarkston American Legion Post 63's annual Wild Game Dinner this past Saturday dined on elk, deer, wild boar and other assorted game and fish. Photo provided

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# Kids in nature

## Funshine field trip to Independence Oaks county park



Naturalist Karen Anneberg lets the Funshine children check out some pine needles during their nature walk.

Clarkston High School Child Development Intern teachers took Funshine preschoolers to Independence Oaks Nature Center this past Thursday.

They toured the facility, walked the trails to look for animal tracks, and completed art projects.

Each year, high-school students, teachers and parents take pre-schoolers

on two field trips.

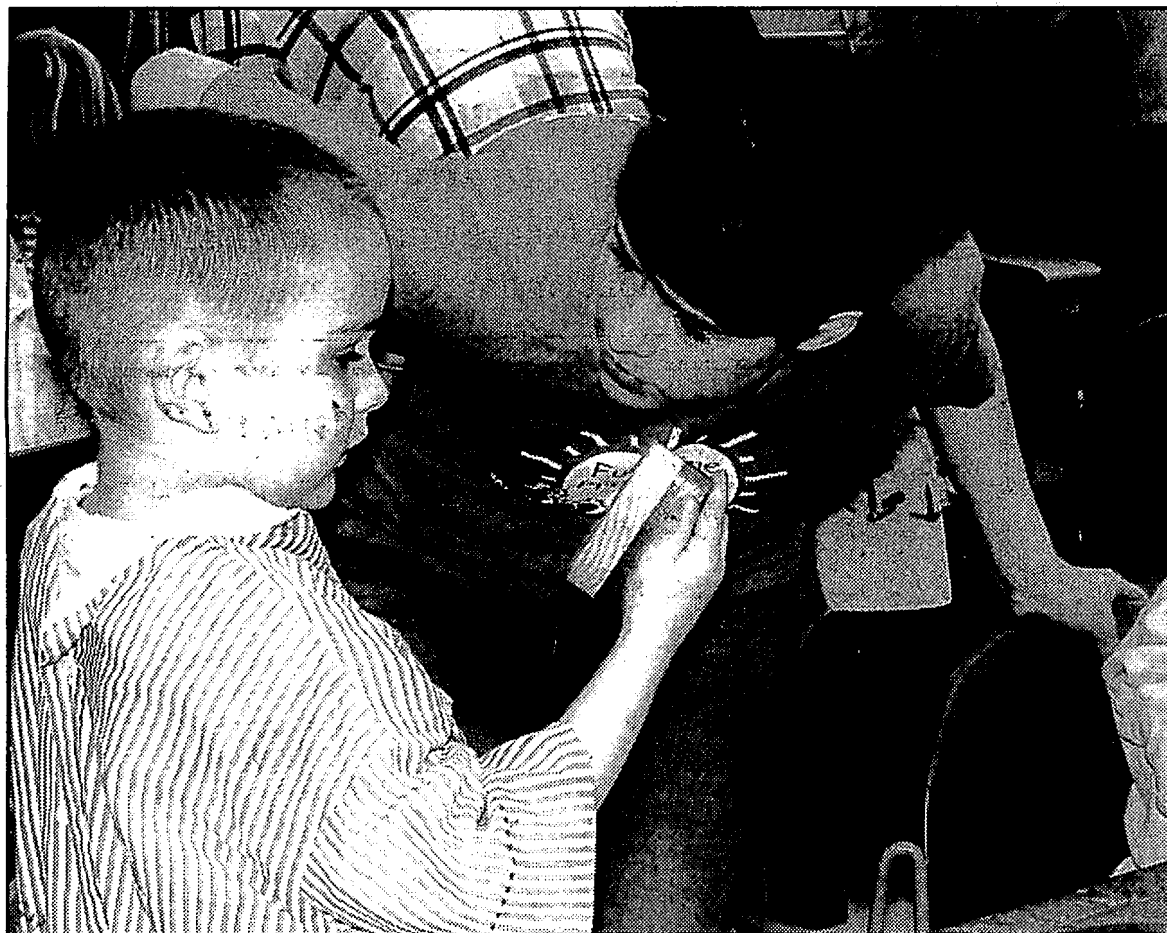
"Most of the students are studying to become teachers or go into a field like family law or child psychology," said Linda Olechowski, Funshine headstaff member.

The Funshine preschool program is located at the Early Childhood Center, 6397 Clarkston Road. For more information, call 248-623-4350.

Photo story by Phil Custodio



Carigan Price gets a charge out of the lightning display. Actually, the plasma globe is colorful but safe.



Hayley Albright, Clarkston High School student and Funshine teacher intern, assists Joey Jarrard with his art project.



Beth Arnold and her son Hayden Arnold choose a animal track to paint onto a T-shirt.

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## Playoff fever caught

Sooner or later it was going to come and it's finally here. High school March Madness is upon us with all the sports headed into their respective district play-offs. The sporting stars have lined up to give some Clarkston teams legitimate shots at state championships. The excitement is building, and here is a quick recap as to where each team stands.

At deadline time, I'm still awaiting the results of the skiing team at the state finals in Marquette, the first sport to finish the winter season.

The Clarkston girls skiers, led by Hannah Wolf and Trisha Peters, have the best chance to win the state championship this year after playing the runners-up last season (I don't have to worry about jinxing them because the state finals will be over by the time this runs). Eric Weiland also has a chance to take home some hardware individually on the boys' side.



Going Home

Paul Kampe

The 32-3 wrestling team is headed to Kellogg's country after winning its first regional championship in three years. After dropping the five-time defending state champions twice in the same season, I like their chances.

Several grapplers are going to the state finals individually as well. Among them Adam Lauzun, who defeated one of the state's best two weeks in a row to earn his bid. Don't count out Mike Maguire, who along with Bryant Craft, Layne Upcott, and Colton Tweed, provided pin after pin this season in the heart of the Wolves' lineup.

The basketballers earned a bye in the first round of the districts. They face the winner between Lapeer East and Waterford Mott March 7 at Lake Orion.

The Wolves were on a nine-game roll dating back to mid-January prior to their loss at Southfield Lathrup last Friday. The host Dragons, who handed the Wolves their first loss this season, loom on the other side of the bracket and Clarkston would likely play them in the finals if each team should make the district finals. Expect sharpshooter Dan Owens to recapture his touch behind the arc in time for the Wolves to win the district for the well, who's counting. A tough three-game stand to finish off the regular season against Pontiac Northern, Macomb Dakota and West Bloomfield will be good challenges for the Wolves heading into the playoffs.

The girls' volleyball team will cross the county line when they travel to Romeo Friday to take on Rochester in the first round of the district playoffs. The girls may face cross-town rival Lake Orion from OAA II, who the Wolves beat 3-0 last week.

Boys' hockey has had a tough year, but managed to stay out of the cellar in OAA Division I. The Wolves were scheduled to face off against Bloomfield in the opening round of the district playoffs on Tuesday. The winner moves on to play the winner between Rochester Adams and Orchard Lake St. Mary's Thursday.

Clarkston's bowlers took part in the regional play-offs at Wonderland Lanes this weekend, hoping to earn their spots in the state finals this weekend at Sunnybrook Lanes in Sterling Heights.

At the Oakland Activities Association Division II meet at Lake Orion last weekend, the Wolves swimmers were looking to qualify individuals to go to the state meet March 9-10 at Eastern Michigan University.

Good luck to all the teams and stay posted to our Web site, [www.clarkstonnews.com](http://www.clarkstonnews.com), for the latest results of your Clarkston Wolves.

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

### Thanks for help with school fair

Dear Editor,

Times are tough, but tough times didn't stop folks from pitching in for us at the Springfield Plains Elementary School Fair.

I would like to thank the National Honor Society at the High School, Student Leadership at the Middle and Junior High School, and all the parents at SPE for running the fair games.

The Oakland County Sheriff's Department came and ran our jail, and Johnny Joe's pizza supplied our fabulous pizza! "Oodles Doodles" came from Clowns

Around to make all kinds of things out of balloons for the children. We had many contributors to our basket/silent auction.

I wish I could list everyone, but there are just too many to mention. Your contributions are very much appreciated. I'd also like to thank all the folks who braved the cold and came out to the fair!

Our fair is always a fun family event and from all the smiling faces I saw, mission accomplished!

Kelly Finazzo  
Chairperson, SPE Fair

### Take the long view and reject McLaren

Dear Editor,

As plans for the McLaren Project solidify and move forward, I am reminded of perhaps the wisest tenet spoken by one of my planning professors, "sometimes you must plan NOT to develop."

There are certain realities that will result from the construction of this development, as well as Beaumont and other short-sighted projects moving into our neighborhood.

These are not "ifs" or "mights," these are "wills." Reading about all of the positive impacts without the address of the negatives is a misrepresentation of the project(s) as a whole, and as such, is a negation of the responsibility of our community leaders.

Honesty and integrity prevail only when the picture is painted in its entirety.

The shadow side will evolve in this fashion: Increased impervious surface contributes to both atmospheric warming on a local and regional scale.

Additionally, there will be measurable and statistically significant increases in heavy metals, and sediment in all of our surface waters due to increased runoff.

There will be increase in streambank erosion and flooding, decrease in infiltration of precipitation leading to depletion of groundwater sources which feed the local lake and river levels.

There will be subsequent increase in the concentration of all pollutants of which in this area includes high levels of fecal coliform. Disease incidence is increased from exposure to pathogenic bacteria and viruses, and developmental disorders are enhanced through exposure to heavy metals and other carcinogens.

Secondary impacts will result from the increase in traffic flow locally that will degrade the local pristine air shed to one that contributes to increases in respira-

tory illness, most notably to the young and elderly populations. Increased traffic flow additionally will increase those heavy metals and sediment already degrading our watershed exponentially.

You personally may escape such impacts, but your children most certainly will not.

The increase in jobs that will spur additional development in the area will contribute to each and every aforementioned impact dramatically and with ever expanding concentrations.

In addition to the environmental and health impacts, this will shift responsibilities of the township to include compliance with federal programs based on population density.

These programs are not such that they can be opted out of and carry with them requirements to develop pollution prevention plans and extensive programs that include specifically designated personnel and associated budgets that will by their very nature, increase continually over time.

This will impact the tax base of every single resident and will continue to do so in an unending cycle that once initiated, cannot be undone. None of this can be mitigated. It must simply be dealt with.

A budget requires that both deposits and withdrawals are included to arrive at the correct balance. Exclusion of all the associated facts in this or any proposed development demonstrates either ignorance or lack of wisdom, neither of which are qualities to boast of.

Smart growth is inclusive and has foresight.

Those supporting and approving of McLaren and the frivolous sprawl along Sashabaw and elsewhere in our community are shortsighted and foolish and we will all pay for it.

Tammie J. Heazlit  
Environmental Scientist and Planner  
Clarkston

### Learn from Florida's water-way mistakes

Dear Editor,

I recently returned from a vacation on the southern Florida Gulf coast, where the beaches are seriously spoiled by piles of "red algae."

It is a nightmare, apparently resulting from the flow of man-made nutrients carried by the Caloosahatchee River from Lake Okeechobee.

Now, upon my return, I read that our lakes may be threatened by Hydrilla, a dreaded water weed, which is aggressive, fast-growing, and chokes out fish and plant life while providing stagnant water that breeds mosquitoes.

When will we learn to protect our precious waters for drinking and recreation?

We need to be much more cautious about what we allow to be deposited in our waterways, whether the source is what we put on our lawns and gardens, what we carry from lake to lake by not cleaning our boats, or allowing our streams and lakes to be used as storm sewers.

Clean water is not a renewable resource! What kind of legacy are we leaving for our grandchildren?

Tom Stone  
Clarkston

Got something to say?

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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

**"Springfield, Independence permits down only slightly"** Township planners were expecting a good year for development, especially in Independence Township. Springfield Township had a total of 91 permits in 1991, versus 102 in 1990. Independence Township had 448 in 1991, versus 280 in 1990. Most of the growth was in manufactured housing.

**"Fire station starting to take shape"** A public service center for Independence Township was close to final approval. The 3,000-square-foot building would be located on Ortonville Road. The DDA was also considering expand the fire station on Citation Road.

**"Council OKs M-15, Clarkston Road traffic light"** The Clarkston Village Council approved a new signal at the intersection. The project would also include widening Clarkston Road. Council member Douglas Roeser voted against the proposal, concerned about a resident living at the intersection.

**"Lucky' boys safe after plunge in ice Lake Oakland"** Three Independence Township boys escaped serious injury despite two of them falling through the ice.

Fire officials said usually warm weather made the ice thinner than usual.

### 25 years ago - 1982

**"PTO holds out to keep Sashabaw EI"** The proposed closing of the nine-room South Sashabaw Elementary School caused quite a stir among the community and the school's PTO. The school administration claimed the closing would save the district around \$45,000 annually amid declining enrollment and state funding. The PTO read a statement of concern at a meeting with the superintendent and more than 100 attendees. About 260 first- through third-graders attended the elementary school at the time. If South Sashabaw were to close, administrators said, North Sashabaw Elementary school would change from a kindergarten and fourth through sixth grade school to a K-6 building.

**"Clarkston mourns death of student"** A junior at Clarkston High School, was shot and killed by her father, before he turned the .25 caliber pistol on his wife and himself. The wife was listed in serious condition at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac. The White Lake Township Police Department theorized the murder/suicide stemmed from the recent divorce.

### 50 years ago - 1957

**"Parents re-enact their school days"** Clarkston High School held its "back to school" night. More than 450 parents were taken through their children's school day.

**"Mailers advised by postmaster"** Clarkston residents were advised to use postal zone numbers as much as possible.

## Decoding the inherent goodness of Twinkies

Eating has been a part of my life well, since I was first a life form. I like eating. I like cooking. I like eating. I like going to restaurants. I like eating. I like all sorts of stuff. Ummm -- I don't like beets.

Let me say, I am also an individual who likes to stay happily -- nay, blissfully -- clueless when it comes to food. The things I like to know before digging in are:

- A. Does it taste good?
- B. Are there beets in it?
- C. Does it taste good?

I am a simple guy.

Whether or not the plate of food served looks good usually isn't a big deal. As a matter of fact, it is okay for all the stuff on my plate to touch all the other stuff on my plate. It's my opinion, that my culinary experience is only enhanced when all the flavors on my plate collide on my tongue.

What can I say, I like to mix. I mix leftovers together for lunch. When I go to the restaurant -- no disrespect to the chef -- I mix whatever is put in front of me. So, it's not so much of what's in there, it's more of it's there, so why not mix? It's gonna' get all mixed sooner or later, might as well get it over with and make it sooner.

It is unassailable logic, so don't try to argue.

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A few years ago when Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC for the hip cats) introduced their "Famous Bowls," I was agog. I remember thinking to myself, "That looks like some g-o-o-o-d eatin' there." Then I thought, "Damn, why didn't I market that first!"

I still recall when KFC started airing commercials for their wondrous concoction with "layers of flavors," smashed 'taters, corn, fried chicken, gravy and cheese all served together. Dear wife Jen had to turn away in disgust. I'll say it, she was grossed out and said as much to me.

I, being the polite husband, nodded and smiled in agreement (all the while keeping my cravings for that bowl of goodness secret).

What I am getting at is, basically, as long as the food on my plate is not looking back at me, and does not contain beets, I'm gonna' eat it. I don't look at the labels to see what's in there. It tastes good. I eat it. For the record, I will not be watching any episode of



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the cable TV show, Bizarre Foods with Andrew Zimmern. Current commercials for this show, show plates full of brains, a huge green frog, cut in half with his head and front legs setting upright and Zimmern eating some slimy, longish, wormlike critters.

I never said I was a refined, world-wise individual. I will sleep good at night knowing I am a spoiled American, who lets the butcher butch and buys meat prepackaged. There is a reason I don't think about certain things and it's same reason I don't read labels. I do not want to know.

So, it was with dismay I read the following on-line article, headlined:

#### Decoding the 39 ingredients in Twinkies

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That ain't right! Twinkies were never intended to be analyzed. They were made to be consumed, period. Now, I could have clicked away from the story, but that would be too coward-like. So, with trepidation, I read on ... sadness ensued.

And, I quote, "As Steve Ettlinger dropped down a Wyoming mine shaft, plummeting 1,600 feet in an open-mesh cage, he wondered how many other food writers had ever donned hard hats and emergency breathing equipment in pursuit of a story. But it was too late to turn back. He'd promised his editor a book tracing the ingredients in a Hostess Twinkie to their origins—and one of them was down this shaft. At the bottom, he and his hosts climbed into an open Jeep and hurtled for 30 terrifying minutes through pitch-black tunnels. Their destination: the site where a mineral called trona—the raw ingredient of baking soda—was being clawed out of a rock face by giant machines. "To say that this does not suggest Twinkies or any other food product would be an understatement," observes Ettlinger. "There you are at an open rock face, wondering why they do all this for the sake of a little snack cake."

It didn't get any better later in the story -- so I won't share the gory details with you. If you must know, I am sure you can figure out how to find the article.

My point is, is nothing sacred anymore?

Soon we'll find out there really isn't a Santa Claus and that Democrats really don't care about people, only about being reelected just like Republicans.

One more thing: curiosity killed the cat and the joy of eating Twinkies.

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## The weatherman: love and dislike in same day

We're gonna' have weather, whether or not.

We're gonna' have weather predictors, whether or not. And, it is our right according to the First Amendment, the Book of James and restroom regulars to criticize and condemn said predictors.

Besides that, weather's a conversation starter, air filler and tension reliever.

My father was an avid weather watcher, probably because he had an outside job walking railroad tracks, and I credit him for making me a daily weather report listener/reader.

### Jim's Jottings



Jim Sherman

I especially like getting *The Old Farmer's Almanac* and checking to see if they are right 80 percent of the time, as they boast.

Frankly, I find that a little high. Like February, *TOFA* said for the first of that short month, "Groundhog peeks and freaks! Six more weeks."

That woodchuck didn't see her shadow, and the weather continued unseasonably warm. Then the *TOFA* said, "Where are the snows of winters past?" They got that right. It snowed.

Then from the 19th on they wrote, "Don't forget your furies," to which I rhyme, "the temperature went into the thirties."

So, I call it a 50-percent call. One way *The Almanac* can account for its boasting is the way they make up (gerrymander, comes to mind) regions. Michigan is lumped with Syracuse, N.Y. to the east, Milwaukee to the west and Indianapolis to the south. Whatever is predicted will occur somewhere in there.

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I couldn't get ma'dog Shayna to watch the Westminster Dog Show, though I tried to convince her mixed-breeds would be allowed next year.

There's a book that tells you where to go on your vacation. It's your checkbook.

Hear about the new drug, Damnitol. Take two and the world becomes bearable.

Do you have a feeling of inadequacy?

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There are side effects, however: dizziness, vomiting, incarceration, loss of motor control, loss of money, delusions of grandeur, headache, dehydration and desire to sing Karaoke.

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My resistance to stupid studies, such as the rise in procrastination, grows stronger with each result, which is nearly everyday.

Professors, with so little classroom time and so much time allowance for research, beard trimming (they all seem to have facial hair) and searching for that ruffled look, are especially known for research papers.

And they always, like this one on procrastination, take years, in this case 10. This study was supposed to take 5 years, but it took a Canadian industrial psychologist 10 years to find what makes people poorer, fatter and unhappier. Talk about procrastination.

Professor Piers Steel says in 1978 only about 5 percent of the Americans (why didn't he study his own countrymen?) thought themselves chronic procrastinators. Now it's 26 percent.

And it took him 10 years to pin the blame on our having a tv in every room, on-line video, web-surfing, cell phones, video games, iPods and Blackberries.

Throw in e-mails, the Internet (why is that capitalized?) and games and we have "people who are less healthy, less wealthy and less happy," Steel said.

Cited is one man who spent 40 hours of delay time to avoid five minutes of work.

How about a professor who spent 10 years coming up with a 30-page report that concludes what could have been learned from any of the aforementioned restroom regulars.

## Chief facing job troubles with city

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Combs refused to resign, however, and an already strained relationship between the chief and council deteriorated rapidly.

In fact, Rausch claimed he was "thrown under the bus" after council gave Combs the go-ahead to hire a new officer—a move Rausch expressly prohibited in an earlier meeting with Combs.

The council—most assertively Councilman Dan Colombo, a generally quiet member of the group—reminded Combs the police chief heads the department and therefore has authority to make hiring decisions and should not bring such issues to council.

Shortly after the new officer was hired, Rausch asked council for supervisory authority over the chief, which was denied when Attorney Ryan pointed to the city charter and reminded council that supervisory duties belong to the city manager, not a self-appointed member of council.

"I went home and felt bad and looked at it and I thought, yeah, he's right," said Rausch at Monday's meeting. "So I said 'what is our responsibility and what should we be doing?' and I guess I believe our responsibility is to have someone that... doesn't take much management by (City Manager Art Pappas)."

Rausch then made a formal motion to terminate Combs' employment the following day, Tues., Feb. 27, at 6 p.m.

Rausch informed council that he wanted to be fair, and had offered Combs several options.

He could: resign and serve as a patrol officer; seek employment elsewhere; or run the chance of getting terminated.

"I also did go try to find him a job and had someone at least interested in interviewing him," said Rausch. "Not as a police officer but in the car business, and he didn't even go see about that, so it's not that I don't have empathy."

Although the council was not in favor of postponing the decision, a motion made by Councilman Cory Johnston to do so passed unanimously. Reasons included frequently expressed concerns over litigation, as well as unease over the possibility of a violation of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, Public Act No. 267 of 1976.

The Open Meetings Act protects the public's right to know what happens in government by opening to full public view the processes by which elected and non-elected officials make decisions on behalf of citizens they serve and represent.

"The public has no idea," said Combs. "The public has a right under the Open Meetings Act to know what the council does, (but) the only people who know about this (are members of council) and that's a violation of the Open Meetings Act."

The chief contended the item on the agenda, listed as "Police chief position" was too vague and didn't give proper notice to residents that council planned to fire him.

The council will reconvene in a special session Monday, March 5, to vote on the motion, but members left little doubt it will pass.

"Nothing much is going to change (in that time)," said Mayor Sharron Catallo, who later added that she personally likes Combs, but does not see him as a good fit in the city. "Something doesn't have to be wrong—there's always a way to make the city better."

## 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.

## Food drive at Curves fitness center

Curves of Davisburg is collecting non-perishable food items Monday through Saturday through the month of March.

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# Police and Fire

## Independence Township

**Fri., Feb. 16** Deputies were called to assist the fire department after a couple who fell asleep while smoking in bed woke to discover the bed on fire. The man threw the bedding on the back porch and used a fire extinguisher to put out the flames, but after the couple went inside and fell back asleep the woman woke again to find the back porch in flames.

A number of tools with a total value of approximately \$1,100 were stolen from several different contractors at a work site in the 7100 block of Oakhurst after someone used a lockbox in the garage to gain entry to the home.

**Sat., Feb 17** A 44-year-old White Lake man was arrested for possession of crack cocaine after deputies discovered the substance in his shoe during a traffic stop in Independence Township.

**Sun., Feb 18** A 33-year-old man arrived at his father's Independence Township home to discover the 58-year-old man, who had liver cancer, deceased on the couch.

An employee at an Independence Township business near Dixie Highway and Maybee Road called to report that someone forced open a steel cage and made off with six 20-pound propane tanks.

A 45-year-old Independence Township woman called police to report that an unknown person took four credit cards and a check card from the purse in her car.

A 59-year-old Independence Township man was found deceased on the floor of his home when two siblings arrived to check on his welfare. The home, in the 6500 block of Maple Drive, had no electric, heat or running water, and nearly all the windows on the main floor were broken and covered with plastic. Autopsy results concluded the man died accidentally by cause of hypothermia, but was also in the final stages of liver disease.

**Tues. Feb. 20** An employee at an Independence Township grocery store near Sashabaw and Maybee called police to report that she'd gone out for a cigarette and saw a man tossing propane tanks from the outside storage cage into his car. After the man sped away, it was discovered that the padlock was cut from the cage.

A 58-year-old man was found deceased on the Independence Oaks County Park Camp Wilderness Trail by a local couple who called 911 after the man's dog refused to let the man and woman get close enough to check on the man. Preliminary autopsy results indicated the man died from a pulmonary embolism.

**Wed., Feb. 21** Several people in the 6300-6500 blocks of Wellesley Ter-

race called to report that during the night an unknown person switched license plates on cars in the neighborhood. Police believe prank-playing adolescents were responsible.

A 28-year-old Independence Township woman was arrested and jailed on charges of domestic abuse after she threatened a male companion with a baseball bat. The woman told police she was angry because the man "never does what she tells him." The man said she told him to put away some dishes, then threatened to break out his car windows and knife his tires when he wouldn't leave the home. The woman's 6-year-old son and 1-year-old daughter witnessed the altercation, and police filed abuse/neglect papers with the FIA.

**Thurs. Feb 22** Deputies dispatched to investigate the source of several prank 911 calls from two different pay phones in Independence Township came in contact with a 32-year-old Lake Orion man who claimed he'd been released recently from a Pontiac Hospital and made the calls because he wanted to go someplace warm. The man appeared to be suffering from mental health issues, and was transported to Common Ground Sanctuary for possible committal.

A 69-year-old Independence Township woman called police after her 23-year-old grandson became agitated and threatened to harm himself when his grandparents did not immediately grant \$5,000 he said he needed to begin flying lessons.

## Springfield Township

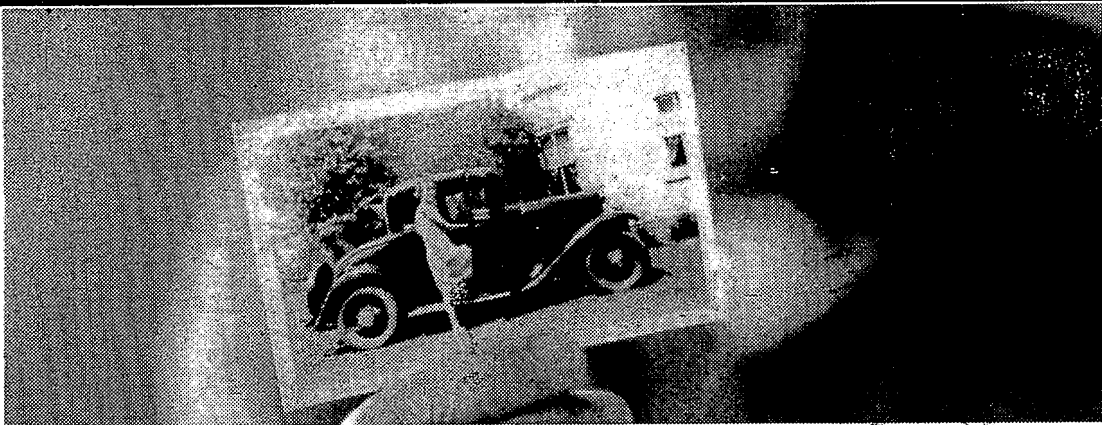
**Tues., Feb. 20** deputies sent a report of probation violation to 52-2 District Court after a 32-year-old man was pulled over and produced a PBT result of .142. The legal limit is .080. The car was impounded and the man was transported to the home he shares with his mother and grandmother.

**Wed., Feb. 21** Large quantities of frozen foods were stolen from a locked delivery truck during the night after thieves used a crowbar to gain access to the vehicle. The business owner said she believed the responsible person used a truck or a van, given the quantity of food missing, but value of the loss could not be determined until an inventory was complete.

**Sun. Feb. 25** Deputies responding to a call discovered a Springfield Township mother carrying her 3-year-old son down the street after an argument in which her husband began throwing things about the home and accused her of being unfaithful.

A 37-year-old Springfield Township woman was involuntarily committed to Common Ground Sanctuary after attempting to help herself and threatening to harm anyone who prevented her from doing so.

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*For those who want to be healthier 'in the worst way'*

By Ernie Harwell

I'm often asked whether I dreamed of being a major league broadcaster as a child. My answer is always the same: I became a broadcaster because I grew up wanting to play baseball in the worst way - and that's exactly how I played it.

Though this tongue-in-cheek reply gets a chuckle or two, it also reminds me that there's often a best way, and a worst way, to do things.

So if you have decided to exercise to improve your health, here are three important things to remember about the best way to begin:

First, consult your doctor. Next, start slow and increase your level of exercise gradually. Even a little exercise is better than none. Just walking three to four times each week for 30 to 40 minutes will deliver many benefits. In fact, the U.S. Surgeon General says 30 minutes of moderate exercise cumulative each day is enough to keep us in shape.

Finally, remember that pain during exercise is a sign that something is wrong. If you experience unusual pain while exercising, slow down or stop until you have again talked to a doctor.

These three simple tips are your keys to improving your health "in the best way."

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

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

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## More cuts possible for school district

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"back to the drawing board" to find the cuts without eliminating programs, Roberts said.

Possible additional cuts could come from salaries, extracurriculars, class size, and supplies, he said.

"(But) we want to provide the system with a chance of success with what's left," he said.

"If we cut a program to the point of ineffectiveness, why have it?"

Roberts will provide information on additional cuts as soon as they are available, he said.

"I hope we won't have to implement them all," said board President Stephen Hyer. "But we need to have the option."

The board will discuss and could approve them at its next meeting, set for March 12 at 7 p.m. at the school Administration Building, 6389 Clarkston Road.

For more information, call Clarkston schools at 248-623-5400.

## Senior Center Fundraiser set for March 12

The Senior Center Extreme Makeover at the New Mesquite Creek is set for Monday, March 12, 6-9 p.m.

Tickets are \$35. At least \$15 will be donated to the senior-center project to convert the former South Sashabaw Elementary School into a senior center.

Ticket holders will be greeted with a complimentary glass of champagne upon arrival. Food stations will be located throughout the restaurant. Displays of photos of the current Senior

Center and the proposed alternative site, which may become the "interim" home of the Center after renovation.

Checks for the tickets should be made payable to "Charter Township of Independence Senior Center," and the funds will be deposited into a special account for the Center at the Clarkston State Bank.

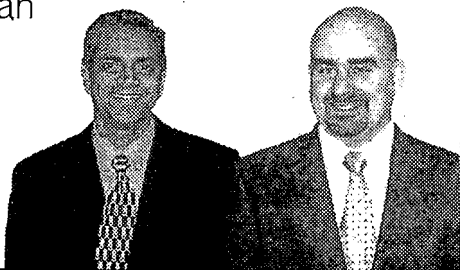
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# Vballers hope to stay focused in playoffs

BY PAUL KAMPE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

After turning around their 13-25-1 record from 2006, Clarkston's volleyball team has a chance to make a mark this season. The Wolves embark on the state playoffs, playing Rochester in the district

quarterfinals Friday at Romeo High School.

The Wolves, 18-13-2, finished tied for fifth place at the Oakland Activities Association division I tournament on Feb. 10. Coach Kelly Avenall respects the Falcons as a tough match-up despite the

fact they come from the OAA's second league.

"They're a strong OAA II team," Avenall said.

Clarkston lost to Rochester last season, she added.

The Wolves fell in the district quarter-finals last season to Rochester Hills Stoney Creek, who the Wolves may see again this weekend in the district finals if both teams advance that far.

The winner between the Falcons and Wolves move on to face Utica Eisenhower in the semifinals. The Eagles have drawn a bye in the first round along with the host Bulldogs from the opposite side of the bracket.

Avenall had a hard time looking past Clarkston's final three dual meets and its participation in an invitational tournament at Bloomfield Hills Andover.

"We take one match at a time," Avenall said.

With back-to-back non-conference wins against Holly and Lake Orion, the Wolves traveled to Brandon to take on the Blackhawks Monday. Look to [www.clarkstonnews.com](http://www.clarkstonnews.com) for the results.

Avenall said they will have to control the ball better and get middle-hitter Juliann Gillespie involved to ensure the Wolves' success.

"If we can get the ball to Julie, we can pretty much get a kill every time," she said.

Lindsay Sawyer, another middle hitter for the Wolves is another key to success.

"Those two have to play well for us to do well," Avenall said.

At the Andover Invitational Feb. 24, the girls went 1-1-2 beating Grand Blanc and tying both Bloomfield Hills Andover and Adrian Lenawee Christian in pool play.

The Wolves finish the season 19-14-4.

Visiting rival Lake Orion Feb. 22, Clarkston won its second straight game 3-0, dusting off the Dragons 25-19, 25-22, 25-23.

Prior to the game, Avenall would not allow her players to underestimate the Dragons of OAA II.

"Any division two team can beat a division one team any day. I told the girls to watch out for an upset," Avenall said.

"Lake Orion always plays up on Clarkston. They have ever since I was a kid."

Julie Gillespie had seven kills and three blocks, Emily Parkin had 21 assists and Amanda Byrd picked up 20 digs.

"I was very happy with the way they played. We went out and played hard," Avenall said.

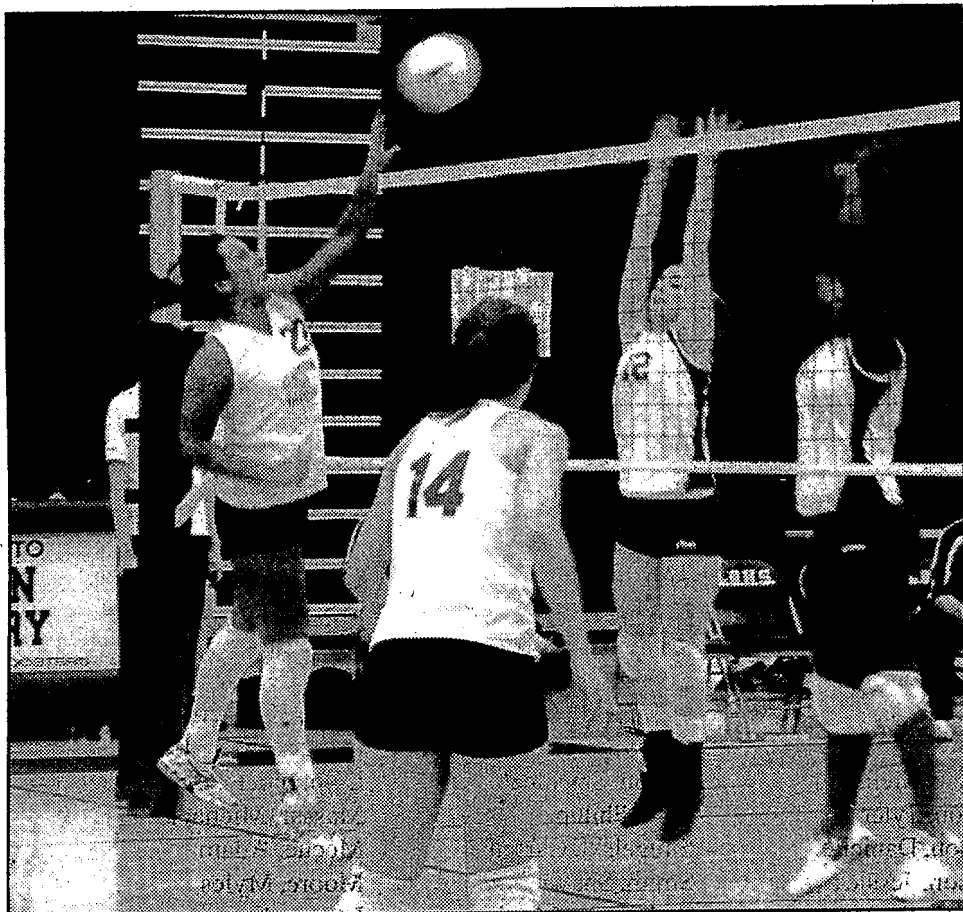
"Our ball control was so much better. (We had) better passing and communication."

The two teams might meet again this weekend if they can both make their way to the district finals.

"It's a likelihood, but there are so many other factors," Avenall said.

"If we play them again, it will be a different match because they got a good look at us... and we got a good look at them," she said.

At home against Holly Feb. 19, Clarkston won 3-0, 25-21, 25-18, 25-21. Gillespie recorded eight kills, Sawyer had six kills and three blocks and libero Amanda Byrd made 15 digs.



Lindsay Sawyer throws down a spike on the rival Dragons last week. Clarkston swept Lake Orion 3-0 in the match and they could meet again later this week in the district finals. Photo by Paul Kampe

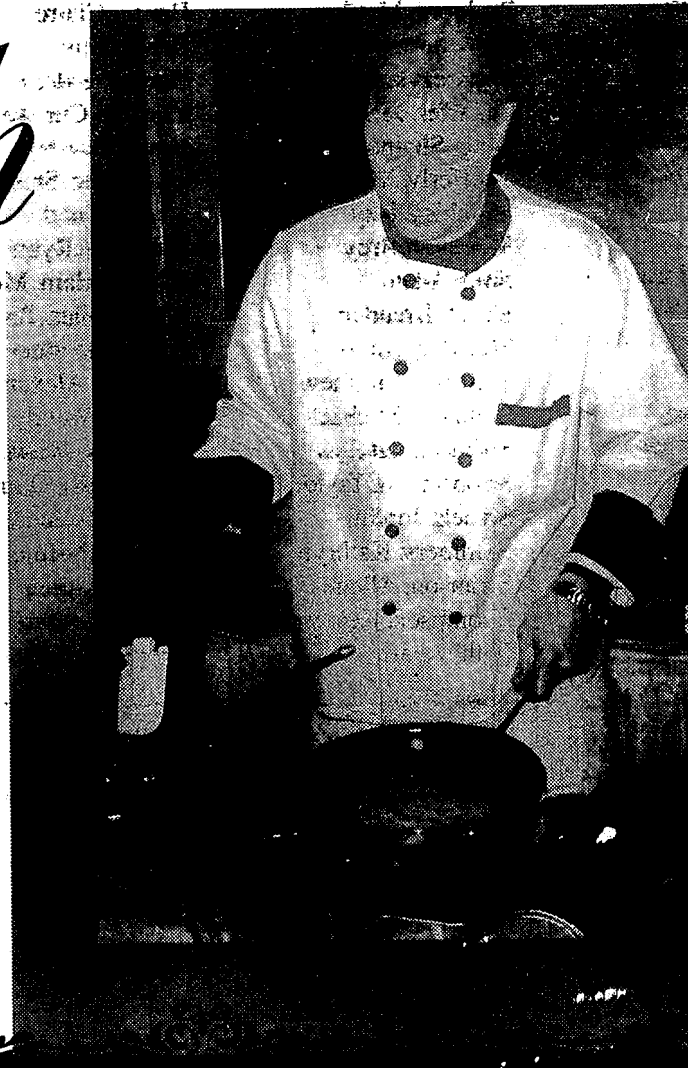
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# Clarkston News Sports



## Skiers fourth at state meet

BY PAUL KAMPE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

After a slow start Monday in the the state finals at Marquette Mountain, Clarkston's girls' ski team rebounded to finish in fourth place in the meet.

Clarkston (115) finished behind Traverse City West (46), Marquette (74) and Traverse City Central (88).

"They had a tough morning in slalom," Wolves Coach Mike Foyteck said. "We knew there was too much ground to make up."

The girls finished fourth in slalom with 75 points, behind West (24), Marquette (32) and Central (38).

Hannah Wolf (1:06.20) earned an in-

dividual state championship finishing in first place in the giant slalom. Wolf was fourth in the slalom earlier in the day at 1:25.45.

Trisha Peters, typically the runner up to Wolf, finished seventh in the giant slalom at 1:07.71. Peters was 15th in the slalom, finishing at 1:33.48.

The girls were runners-up in 2006, when Wolf finished third in slalom and second in the GS. Peters made a significant jump from 32nd in the GS in 2006.

Representing the boys' team, Eric Weiland took fourth in the slalom for the second consecutive season with a time of 1:22.02.

Trisha Peters and the Clarkston girls skiers took fourth place at the state meet in Marquette on Monday. Peters finished seventh in the giant slalom.  
Photo by Paul Kampe

## Girls take tune-up SEMSL race prior to state competition

BY PAUL KAMPE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Taking their competition to another level, the Clarkston skiers made a strong showing at the Southeast Michigan Ski League races held at Mt. Holly on Feb. 20.

The girls finished in first place with 27 points, far ahead of next finisher Milford (79). Rochester Adams (122),

Flushing (170) and Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (186) rounded out the top five.

"That's a great race because of the competition," Coach Mike Foyteck said.

Hannah Wolf and Trisha Peters were first and second in both the slalom and giant slalom.

"It's a great situation to have No. 1's one and two because of the points,"

Foyteck said.

Wolf winning many events this season has spurred Peters to train more, with success Foyteck said.

"It helps because she's pushing herself.

"The time Hannah wins by is diminishing."

Foyteck said the pair's ability to work together as the regular first and second

place finishers helps the team, whereas the opposite might occur and be harmful to the team.

"As coaches, if you don't take care of it, it can become self-defeating because they're more worried about racing each other and lost the team concept," Foyteck said.

"It's worked well and the girls' attitudes are great."

## Athletes of the week Grapplers go all-in for states

BY PAUL KAMPE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston wrestlers have had their way with many opponents this season, in which they have compiled a 32-3 record. The Wolves won their sixth consecutive Oakland County championship and Oakland Activities Division I championship this year.

Last week Clarkston secured its first regional championship since 2004 with a 59-9 win over five-time state champion Davison before an enthusiastic home audience.

"They're definitely peaking right now. I hope they can turn that notch three more times," Coach Joe DeGain said after the Wolves secured a berth in the state finals.

DeGain said the win is beneficial for the future of the program.

"It's good for Clarkston wrestling. Hopefully the ninth-graders just saw what happened and they see they can do anything," he said.

Nearby at Holly High School last Saturday, Clarkston qualified eight individual wrestlers for the state meet at The Palace next weekend.

The addition of Frank Sade from Norway, Mich. has given the Wolves another tour-de-force at the lower weights to go with Mike Maguire.

"We've definitely done a lot of moving around with Frank and putting him where we think we need him," DeGain said.

"He's got a very threatening arsenal to use. Even if he's losing in the match, he can always win, he can always put somebody on their back at any time."

The Wolves have been consistently dominant from 152 pounds up to 215 all season with Colton Tweed,

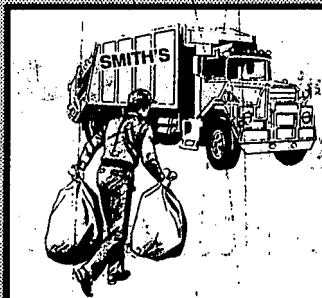
Bryant Craft, Adam Lauzun, Tommy Ellsworth and Layne Upcott anchoring the upper weights.

The team goes to Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek for the team state finals this weekend and the final eight individuals go to The Palace of Auburn Hills March 8-10.

Clarkston hopes to have its first individual state champion since that 2004 team. Tony Lajore, a 130-pounder, was the last Wolves wrestler to take home the crown. The team last won the state championship in 1991 and 171-pounder Damon Michelsen won an individual championship that season.



Clarkston celebrates after a 59-9 win over Davison on their home mats last week. Clarkston also sends eight individual wrestlers to the state finals next weekend. Photo by Paul Kampe



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# Back for seconds

## Clarkston looks for first team championship since 1991

BY PAUL KAMPE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Although Clarkston wrestler Mike Maguire, a county and league champion this season, needs to watch his weight for the next week to stay eligible for 119 pounds, he might be encouraged to try a bowl of Corn Flakes.

He and the rest of the Wolves earned a spot in the state's grand finale in Battle Creek this weekend, with a 59-9 thumping of Davison in the regional finals and Walled Lake Northern in the qualifier 60-18. The appearance will be the team's first since 2004 when many of its wrestlers were freshmen.

After dropping Davison in the regular dual-meet season, Clarkston knew the real test would come from the Cardinals in the state playoffs.

Clarkston took command of a 9-9 tie when 135-pounder Frank Sade won an 8-2 decision over Zach LaBelle. Clarkston never looked back, taking the next nine matches.

"Tying it up felt good because I wanted to give our team a chance to get back in it," Sade said.

"(Coach Joe DeGain) has given us the head of steam we need to go into states. We sure delivered with our performance tonight, all of our guys stepped up."

"It almost seemed like a college dual meet because the score was so low. We were six weights into it and neither of us had 15 points yet. All those matches could have gone either way. A lot of them were key matches," DeGain said.

Cardinals Coach Roy Hall said his team lost critical matches in the lower weights that could have turned things around for the five-time defending state champions.

"The only way it could have gotten more interesting at all is if we had won at 125 and 119 and that was our only shot and we lost those matches," Hall said.

"It's a good lesson for us to watch. If we want to get back, that's how we've got to (be)."

For 119-pounder Maguire, his 4-1 decision over Zach Davis was the 150th of his career.

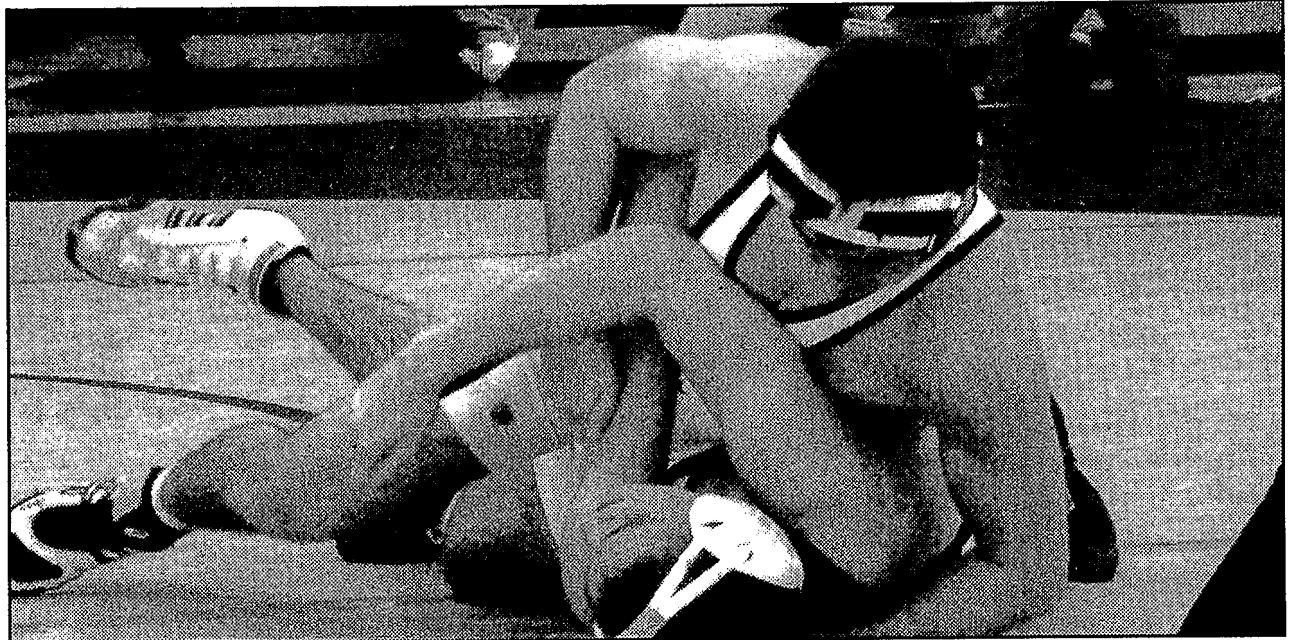
"For it to be at the dual meet where we finally beat Davison and get another chance at the state championship...it's just unexplainable to have the chance to go back and win it as a senior," Maguire said.

Maguire moved his record to 47-3 this season with the win.

"The hard work is finally paying off and it's just exhilarating and I'm excited," he said.

Tyler Schneider (140 pounds) put the Wolves on top for good with a major decision over James Hyatt for a 13-9 lead. In the next match, 145 pounds, Erik Butterfield pinned Austin Wilson at 4:44 and began the Wolves' barrage.

Colton Tweed (152) scored a major decision, Bryant Craft (160) won by disqualification, Adam Lauzun (171) pinned Josh Connel at 0:47, Tommy Ellsworth (189) pinned Booker Fritz at 0:49, Layne Upcott pinned Nathan Hayden at 0:40 and Zac Roberson (103) pinned Brandon Shuart at 3:13. The Cardinals voided at 275 pounds, giving Steve Co-



Frank Sade, above, helped the Wolves earn a bid in the state finals this weekend. Photo by Paul Kampe

per the victory.

"They got beat by a better team. All I can ask for is their best effort and in some cases we didn't get that," Hall said.

DeGain said the team did not overlook its opponents in the regional playoffs and he will now begin to look into the other teams Clarkston might face in Kellogg's country.

"We're excited, and to be honest, we never looked past Davison and Lake Orion. For the first time, we'll take a look at teams from across the state and evaluate," DeGain said.

"They're definitely peaking right now. I hope they can turn up that notch three more times.

"That's where everything gets written down for good is at the individual and dual state meets. That's where we really want them at the top of their games."

In the regional semifinal, the Wolves pulled away after the Knights made the match its closest at 18-12. Clarkston got pins from Roberson, Matt Dietz (112), Tyler Schneider (135), Erik Butterfield (145), Lauzun, Upcott and Cooper.

The Cardinals knocked off Lake Orion 35-34 in their first match, although the contest was much more lopsided than the score shows.

The Dragons fell behind 29-0 to Davison and couldn't stem the flow until A.J. Pratt secured a pin at 3:34 over Hyatt. In the Lake Orion wins to follow, they needed to get the points given for a pin, but instead won decisions by Jake Varilek (152), Allen Sigler (160) and Morgan Maciejewski (171). After they had been mathematically eliminated, the Dragons got pins from Evan Gros (189) and Garrett Roberts (215).

"We knew we were going to fall behind early, I told the kids to not let that bring them down because we're going to make hay at the upper weights and it almost worked," Dragons coach Doug Kline said.

Kline said he was forced to shuffle his lineup from 130 pounds all the way up to match up with the Cardinals.

"We didn't think we were going to get pinned and we can't give up the sixes like that," Kline said.

### Eight Clarkston wrestlers again find their way to individual state finals

Individually, the Wolves will send eight wrestlers once again to The Palace of Auburn Hills March 8-10 to compete for personal state titles.

Five grapplers will make their second consecutive appearance at the state's grand stage: Mike Maguire (119 pounds), Bryant Craft (160), Colton Tweed (152), Adam Lauzun (171) and Tommy Ellsworth (189).

Newcomer Frank Sade (135), Alex Popp (125) and Layne Upcott (215) will also head to Auburn Hills with championship hopes.

Clarkston had four wrestlers place at the 2006 state championships.

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# Ballers hit bump in the road

BY PAUL KAMPE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

When you're on top, there are always teams looking to take a shot at you. Entering this season, Clarkston basketball coach Dan Fife said the team had a bulls-eye because of their presence on other's radar across the region.

Visiting Southfield Lathrup on Friday, the Wolves (14-3, 6-2 OAA) became the prey of the host Chargers (8-10, 2-5 OAA) who are looking to be spoilers heading into the opening round of the state playoffs.

The Chargers used their size and agility to out-rebound and outscore the Wolves, mostly in the paint in their 56-49 win.

"They had 23 baskets and 21 of them were made at point blank range," Fife said.

"They're bigger than us and they're long and athletic...even long and athletic can be blocked out, that's basic basketball."

"They (Lathrup) didn't come with that type of fire the first time we played them. That

was the difference tonight, their fire."

In an unusual turn of events, Clarkston's leading scorer Dan Owens scored only two points shooting 1/13 from the floor after a four-game streak of nearly 30 points per game.

Justin Johnson led the Chargers through the second half, finishing with 22 points after scoring only four points in the first half.

"I'm supposed to be the leader of the team scoringwise and I hadn't really taken on that role," Johnson said.

The 6-foot-5-inch forward said he just started feeling his shooting touch in the third quarter when he and Clarkston center Bren Bergquist began to lead their teams.

Bergquist scored Clarkston's first 11 points in a 14-point third quarter and finished with 19 points and 10 rebounds.

Julius Porter scored 15 points for the Wolves shooting 6/10 for Clarkston. Oliver Kupe had seven points and Kevin

Badgley had six points and four rebounds.

Brandon Slater had 14 points and Anthony Collier had eight for Lathrup.

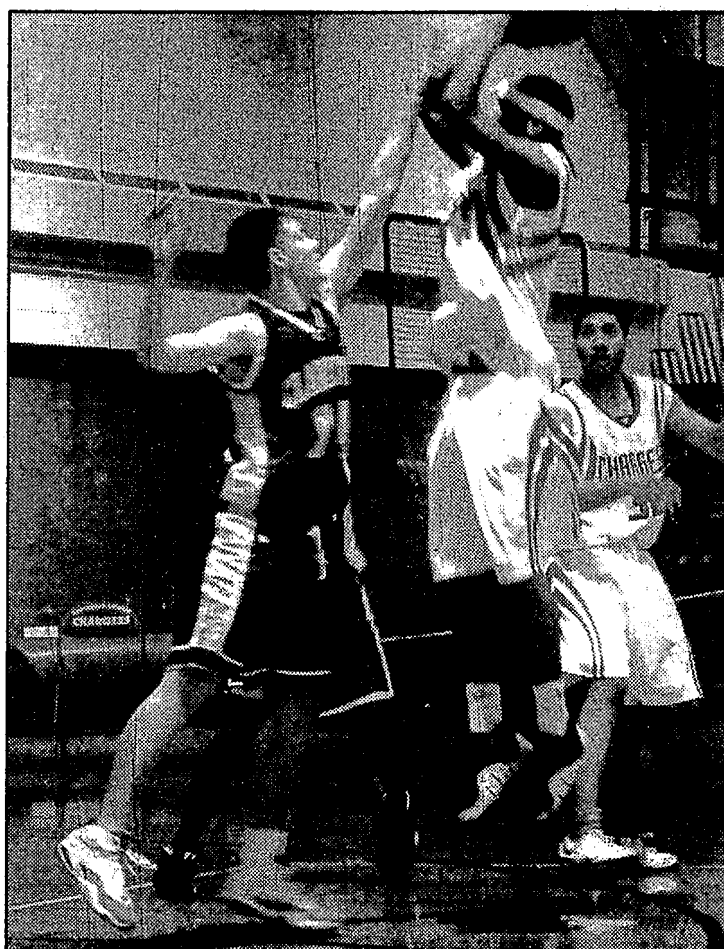
Chargers coach Michael Avery said Collier kept Owens' offensive threat under control.

"The first time we played them, we didn't have (him), so we put a bigger and longer kid on him and we told him just to put a hand up on him," Avery said.

"Before the game we talked about not allowing him (Owens) open jump shots."

Daryl Foster's shot from his knees at the free throw line just seconds before the buzzer at the end of the third quarter, tied the game at 38. Lathrup opened the fourth quarter with a 6-2 run and out-scored Clarkston 18-11. The Wolves began trapping the Chargers defensively with less than two minutes remaining, but the Chargers were 8/8 from the free-throw line to seal the game.

The Wolves face a tough three-game stretch to close the season.



Dan Owens and the Wolves were upset by Southfield Lathrup 56-49 on the road. Photo by Paul Kampe

Clarkston's next game is Wednesday at home versus Macomb Dakota. Friday at West Bloomfield, the Wolves have a rematch with the Lakers at 7 p.m. Look for the results of Tuesday's game against Pontiac Northern at [www.clarkstonnews.com](http://www.clarkstonnews.com).

"If we beat Northern, we

still have a chance to at least tie for the league and that's our goal every season, to win (it)," Fife said.

"I know that's not going to be easy. That's the way it's supposed to be.

"You don't want to go into the tournament with everything having been easy for you."

## Wolves eke out overtime win against Troy

BY PAUL KAMPE  
Staff Writer

Clarkston beat Troy of OAA III 62-57 on Feb. 20

in overtime at Clarkston.

Dan Owens sent the game to overtime with a three-point shot with only 0:10 left in regulation.

The Wolves took the game from there, outscoring the Colts 9-4 in the extra session for the win.

"We weren't situated in the game. Troy played very well. I'm not sure our kids were ready to play. Give credit to Troy, they took it to us for 90 percent of the game and we were fortunate enough to win," Clark-

ston coach Dan Fife said.

"They did a good job on our team."

Troy coach Gary Fralick said the Colts did all they could to contain Owens who scored 29 points.

"We made it very hard for him to get good looks," Fralick said.

"Unfortunately, we couldn't pull off the upset. We were there and we had our opportunities. We just couldn't get it done," Fralick said.

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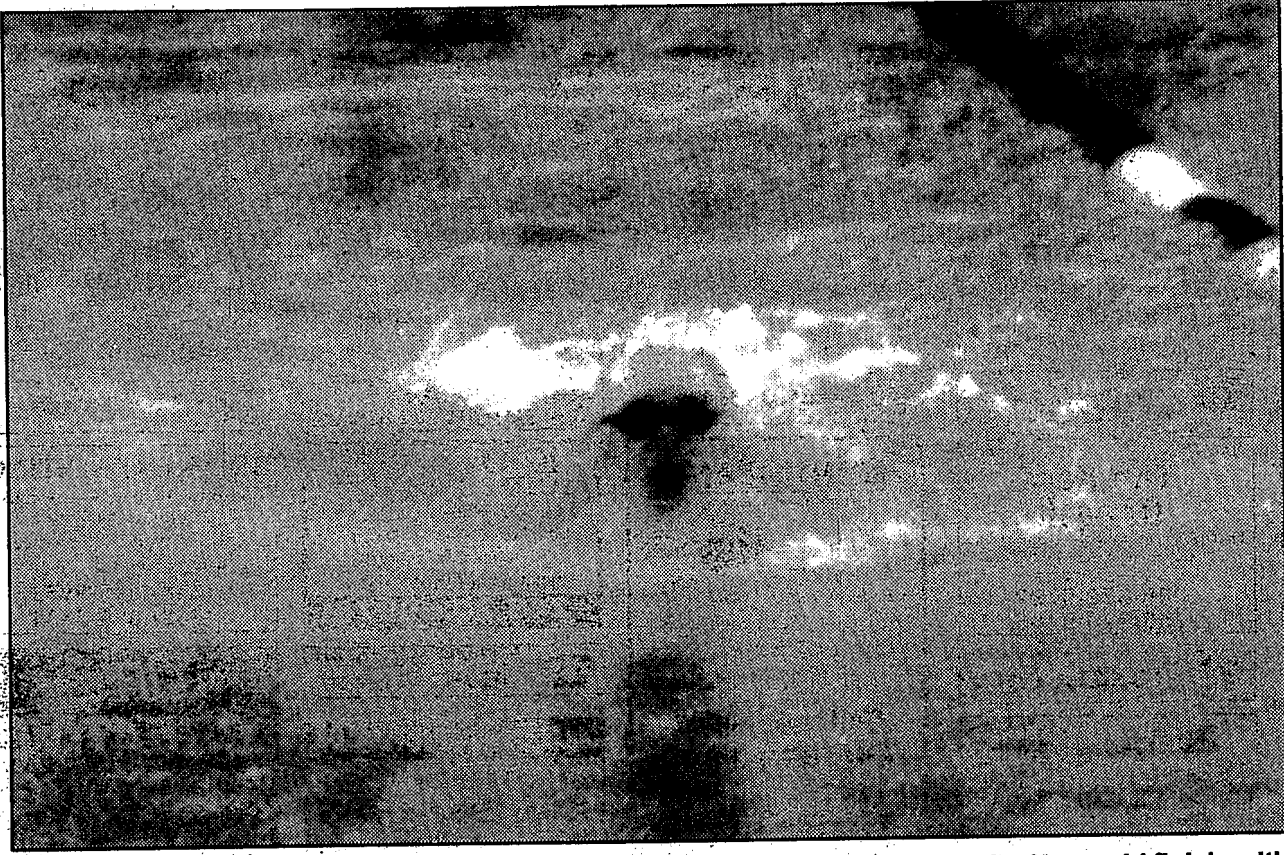
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Phil Voorheis swims in the preliminary races to qualify for the 100-yard butterfly. He would finish with a time of 58.34 in the prelims and a 57.86 two days later at the OAA II meet. Photo by Paul Kampe

## Swimmers finish fifth at OAA meet

BY PAUL KAMPE  
Staff Writer

The Clarkston swimmers were hoping to see how many Wolves they could get into medal contention heading into the Oakland Activities Association Division II meet at Lake Orion this past weekend.

The Wolves finished well in several events and parlayed their overall team score of 233 points into a tie with their hosts for fifth place. Farmington Hills Harrison (343), North Farmington (322), Berkley (310) and Troy Athens (239) finished in the top four spots Saturday.

"We did better than we have all season, because we kept improving and that showed in the league meet," Coach Kenwyn Chock said.

"We made improvements, that's all we can ask for."

The 200-yard medley relay team of Jacob Rush, Robert Nelson, Phil Voorheis and Adam Curry finished in second place at 1:46.77.

Chock said the group dropped four seconds off its season average to reach that finish.

"That was a big highlight because we didn't expect that at all," she said.

Greg Dedow placed fifth (1:52.51) in the 200-yard freestyle.

Nelson was fifth (2:07.86) and Voorheis came in ninth place (2:09.61) in the 200-yard individual medley.

Adam Curry (23.98) was seventh in the 50-yard freestyle and Wogtek Gryc finished 15th at 25.20.

Divers Jordan Zendejas (269.20) and Ryan Welch (258.15) gave the Wolves a strong showing, finishing fifth and eighth.

"They've both struggled this season. For both of them to medal was fantastic," Chock said.

Voorheis shaved more than a half second off his qualifying time in the 100-yard butterfly to finish at 57.86, a third-place finish. Eric Leady (1:03.87) took 15th.

Curry (54.18) finished 16th in the 100-yard freestyle.

Dedow (5:00.99) missed the qualifying time for the state meet by only three seconds, but still took fifth place in the 500-yard freestyle.

The Wolves' 200-yard freestyle relay team of Curry, Gryc, Tony Perrino and Dedow (1:36.78) finished in fifth-place.

In the 100-yard back-

stroke, Rush missed the state cut by nearly one second. His 58.73 finish was good enough for third place. Leady was 14th at 1:04.50.

Nelson was second in the 100-yard breaststroke, finishing at 1:06.08.

To qualify for the event last week, Nelson broke his older brother Mike's team record set in 2005 with a 1:05.28.

Nelson realized an early-season goal of setting a team record in the 200-yard individual medley in January, breaking Dan Reed's four-year-old mark at 2:08.39.

Nelson needed to regroup after the final dual meet of the season where Lake Orion finished first and second ahead of him, Chock said.

"It was a matter of him getting the confidence back," she said.

In the final event, the 400-yard freestyle relay, Clarkston took seventh at 3:33.48 with Voorheis, Dedow, Rush and Nelson at the helm.

In all, Clarkston had four team bests in all at the preliminaries. Greg Dedow (5:00.02) set the mark in the 500-yard freestyle and the 400-yard freestyle relay (3:30.76) team set the bar higher.

Nelson (2:07.76) also made a record in the 200-yard individual medley.

The team's performance at the OAA meet should be a motivator going into next season, Chock said.

"We'll definitely have some state swimmers."

## Clarkston hockey hits playoffs on two-game losing streak

BY PAUL KAMPE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Wolves wrapped up their regular season at Oak Park against Birmingham Brother Rice Feb. 22 with a 6-1 loss to the Warriors. Clarkston finishes the regular season 7-14-3.

After a much-closer 3-2 loss last season, and victories over the Warriors for the three years prior, the Wolves have a better track record against Brother Rice.

"We did okay, it was 3-0 going into the third period after a scoreless first period," Clarkston Coach Bryan Krygier said.

"We played them well, then we got in penalty trouble again.

"We didn't clear the puck well and we gave up a lot of turnovers in our defensive zone."

Zack Lewy recorded 32 saves in net for the Wolves.

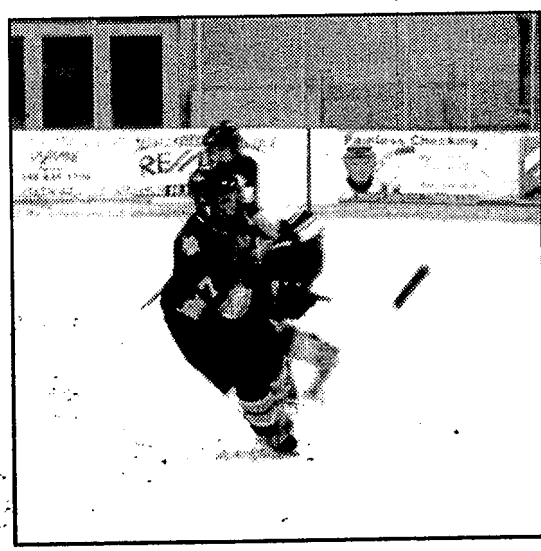
The Warriors (15-5-3) held a strong shooting advantage, 38-15.

"(Clarkston goalies) have gotten their shots-worth this season," Krygier said.

"I would like those shots down. Given the circumstances, they've done well for us."

Clarkston penalties allowed the Warriors to score three power-play goals on the Wolves.

"We can do better. We have to force them. We didn't force them or put any pressure on them. That's something we need to



Ryan Kenerson and the Wolves begin the playoffs this week. Photo by Paul Kampe

work on," Krygier said. The Warriors were the last in a handful of state power wielders the Wolves have faced this season.

The experience against the finest teams there are in the area should help the Wolves improve over time, Krygier said.

"We get to see how hard those good teams work all year-round. Hopefully that gives us a little bit of experience in what we do," he said.

On Feb. 21 at Farmington, Clarkston lost to the Falcons (11-9-3) 4-3. The Wolves led 2-0 after the first period, getting a power-play goal from Chris Salo and a shorthanded goal from Ryan Kenerson.

The Falcons battled back with three unanswered goals in the second period. Jeremy Voelker made the game 4-3 with 2:30 remaining in the contest and Clarkston pulled netminder Garrett Knappe with 0:50 left to try and secure the tying score to no avail.

Knappe had 30 saves for Clarkston and the Wolves were out-shot 34-24.

"We had a couple of lapses. We applied lots of pressure and we had an opportunity to win or tie," Krygier said.

His team's power-play unit encouraged Krygier.

"We moved the puck well, we're focusing more on special teams here at the end of the season."

Look for Clarkston's results in the Wolves' pre-district match against Bloomfield United Tuesday at [www.clarkstonnews.com](http://www.clarkstonnews.com).



PJ Reynolds is a highly skilled diver, and also serves as a sheriff's liaison in the Rochester Community Schools.

## Think twice on the ice

Oakland County first responders practiced their ice-rescue techniques and equipment last week at Independence Oaks County Park.

Despite their advanced gear, the 12 divers on the team experienced

near hypothermia after a short time in the frigid water.

An accidental swimmer without the gear would begin to almost immediately experience hypothermia, officers said.

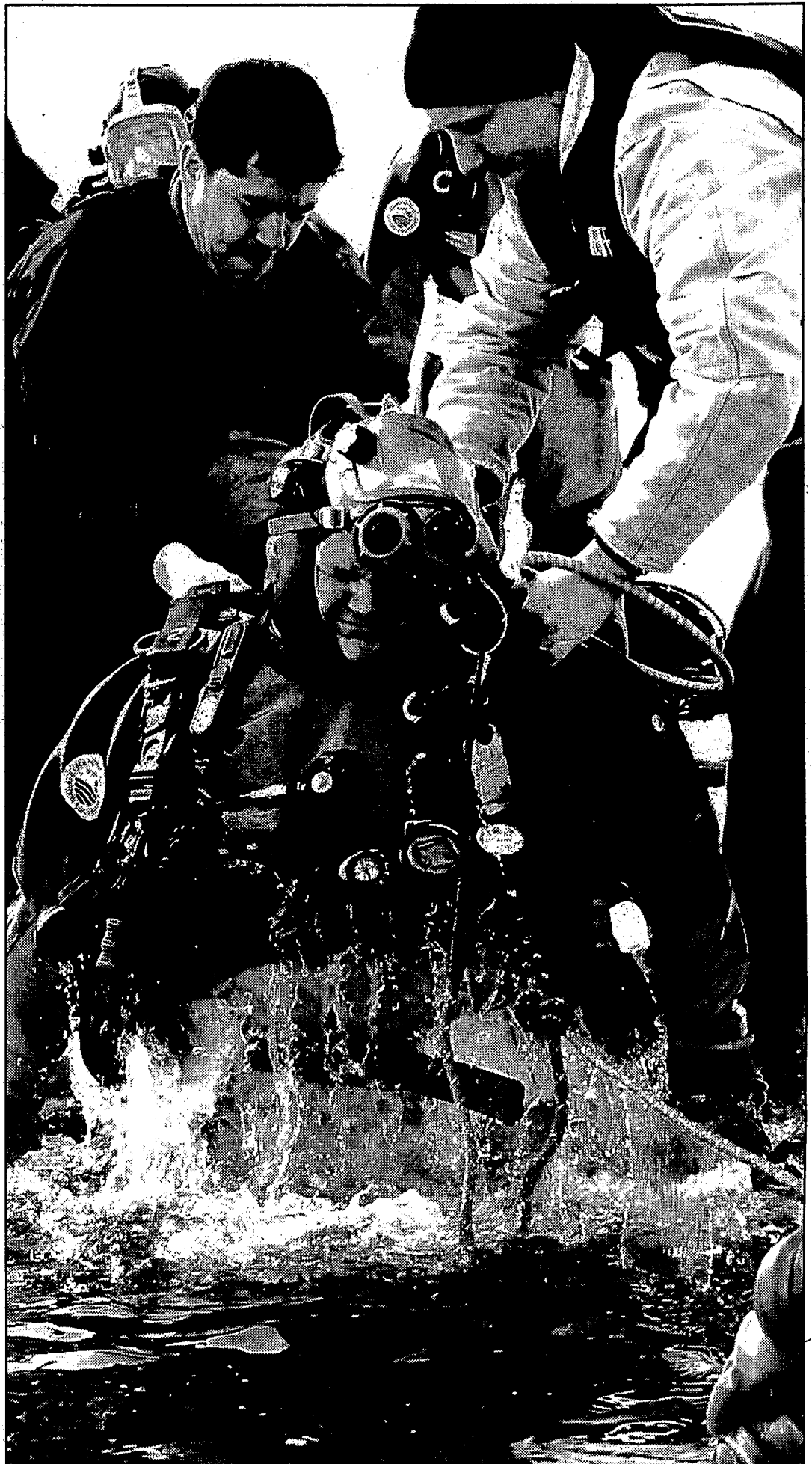
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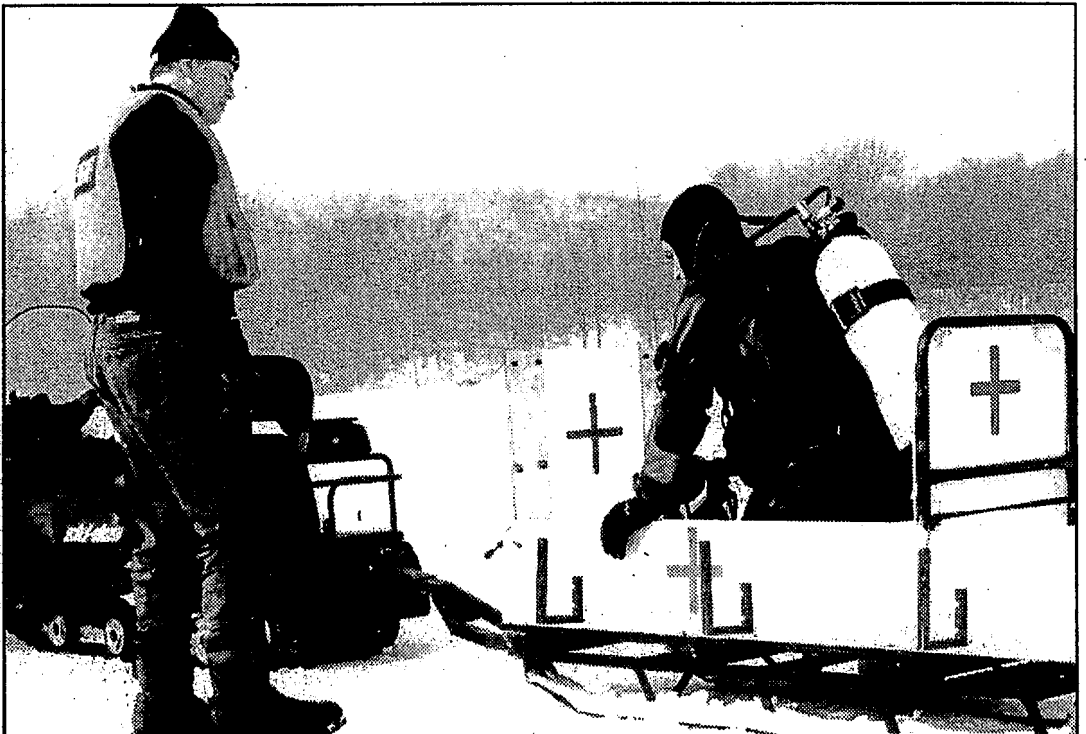
Deputy Charles Ligget, left, and Deputy PJ Reynolds emerge cold and tired after a dive.



The support team keeps close watch on divers.



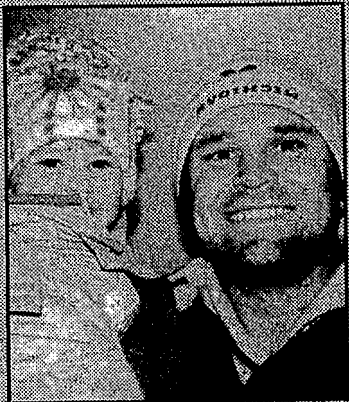
Deputy Keith Devlaminick of the Macomb County Sheriff's dive team emerges from the cold water.



After just a short time in the cold water, divers are exhausted and most opt for a ride back to the warming tent.



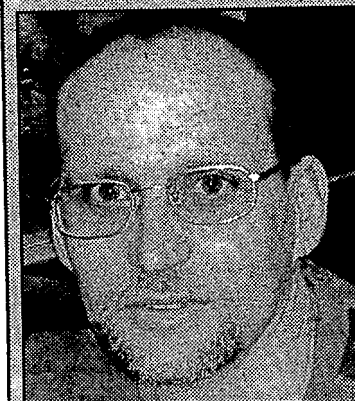
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# The Clarkston News' Millstream

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

## Ready for a change

Clarkston grad  
moves into  
graphic design

BY PAUL KAMPE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Life brings many shapes and colors, and they all fit into some design. Clarkston High School and Michigan State University graduate Eric Ryan has made that his life's work.

Ryan, 32, was inspired by his wife, Jen, to form his own company after he felt like he was neglecting his talent for artistry he cultivated as a child.

"A lot of times I would always draw during class. At a young age I found it was something I really enjoyed doing," Ryan said.

After graduating from MSU in 1998 with his degree in advertising, Ryan tested the advertising world. After seven years, he was ready to jump out on his own.

"I took a leap of faith. I was at that job for seven years and I got the strength and courage from my wife, my best friend. She told me to just go ahead and do it.

"Now I'm using my talents and I felt like I wasn't before. I'm perusing something that fulfills me and makes use of those talents."

Designing is not quite as simple as it was in his youth, but Ryan has mastered the computer-aided programs he now uses for his out-of-home business in Waterford.

Ryan spent much of his time early last year establishing a client base and he said nowadays he's starting to get repeat business.

"It's starting to build, a lot of room for improvement, but it's going good," he said.

Despite the different type of atmosphere surrounding his new business, his proximity to the projects keeps him invigorated with his work.

"I really get satisfaction from doing something that I'm passionate about...and I feel like I'm really hands on from stage one until completion," he said.



Eric Ryan recently opened his own graphic design shop, which includes caricature work. Character portrait above shows his wife, Jen Ryan. Photos by Paul Kampe

"I didn't want to work at a job where I felt like I was just there to collect a paycheck."

Before, he couldn't work with people as much as he wanted to because of the nature of the business.

"Now I feel like I'm doing what I want to do and I get to work close with the end user."

A very memorable moment for Ryan was delivering apparel to the family of a fallen Marine in Iraq. The soldier, Raymond J. Plouhar, had written a poem before his death that Ryan included on the back of the apparel.

"It was an honor to deliver these items to his family."

Eric and Jen Ryan were married in 2003 after she finished graduate school. Jen is now a speech and language pathologist in the Waterford school district and the couple has an 8-month-old son, Elijah. Eric said one of the best things about his new career path is being able to spend time at home with his little one.

Eric plans to incorporate his son into his work. A mural in Eli's room and caricature drawing of the baby are on his to-do list.

As a Clarkston Wolf in the early 1990's, Eric played football, baseball and basketball for three years. While in high school, his father, Dale, became "the voice of the Wolves." During the homecoming football game in 1991, Eric scored three touchdowns and can recall his father belting out a marching band tune over the loudspeaker after one of the scores.

"He knew the mic was on, but he got a little excited," he said.

He still enjoys working out and exercising when he can. He also enjoys writing poetry and listening to several

different types of music in his free time.

Eric and Jen met after being set up by friends in 2000 while she was earning her master's degree at Western Michigan University.

The Ryans enjoy traveling together. On a July 2005 trip to Alaska, Eric recalled seeing moose, sea otters, humpback whales and a glacier falling into the ocean.

"The scenery was amazing and we saw a lot of wildlife."

The couple also went fishing where they caught ling cod and halibut.

On their honeymoon in July 2003, the couple ventured to Aruba and in 2001 they visited Europe with stops in Ireland, England, and Paris, France.

Ryan Design L.L.C., opened in 2006, handling promotional products and graphic design. Eric Ryan can make banners and signs, wearables, as well as magnetic and writing utensil designs. Ryan Design is capable of designing logos, brochures and flyers as well.

Ryan offers screen-printing and embroidery through connections with other area businesses.

Ryan also likes to draw caricatures and portraits of friends and family members, a service available for special events too. Ryan can even paint murals to liven up buildings.

Ryan Designs can be reached at 248-683-5382 and e-mail at [eryandesign@sbcglobal.net](mailto:eryandesign@sbcglobal.net).



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**Greektown motorcoach trip**, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Feb. 28. \$21 for residents. From Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

**Widowed Support Group**, sponsored and facilitated by Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Thursday, March 1, 7 p.m., in the Independence Township Senior Center. Topic: "Caring & Sharing Support." Facilitated by Bereavement Counselor Alicia Brown. Free. Walk-ins welcome. 248-625-5231.

**Sportsman's Swap Meet**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., March 4. 4770 Waterford Road. Free and open to the public. Buy, sell, trade all types of sporting goods. 248-623-0444.

Second Annual Clarkston High School **Poetry Slam**, 6-8 p.m., March 6. Students grades 10-12 will be reading and performing their poetry on stage in the LGI Room at the High School. Everyone is welcome. Call Clarkston High School at 248-623-5400.

**Emergency Food Assistance**, Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., March 7, at Independence Township Senior Center. Register at 248-209-2686.

**Australia trip** information at Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Deposit due March 9. 248-625-8231.

**Benefit dinner**, Muscular Dystrophy Association, 4-9 p.m., March 13, Pete's Coney II of Dixie Highway, 6160 Dixie Hwy.

**St. Patrick's Day Warm-Up**

# Around Town



**Cinderella story**  
Caylin Waller of Clarkston, right, and Elizabeth Troy of Beverly Hills in a scene from the Oakland Theatre Guild production of Disney's Cinderella. Starlight Youth Theater will perform the show March 1-4, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, and 2 and 4:30 p.m. on Sunday. \$12 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors. Starlight Theater, 315 N. Telegraph. Call 248-335-1788.

**Party**, 5-9 p.m., March 14. Corned beef and cabbage dinner. Entertainment by Irish band Inis-Ceol. 4770 Waterford Road. In advance, \$10 for adults, \$7 for children 7-10. \$12 and \$9 at the door. 248-623-0444.

**Pizza & Pages Book Club**, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., March 17. "Body of Christopher Creed," by Carol Plum-Ucci. Springfield Twp. Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 734-281-3830.

Clarkston High School Class of 1987 is planning its 20-year

reunion on Sept. 1, 2007, at the Paint Creek Country Club. We are looking for all graduates. Please contact Melissa Ronk at Bogey9@comcast.net for more information.

**Avalon Hospice**, a nonprofit Medicare certified hospice program in Oakland County, needs volunteers. Training is available evening and daytime. Each of five training sessions lasts 2-3 hours. They can be conducted one-on-one with a trainer, to meet your schedule. Call Mara at 248-722-1474.

**"Cut Ups" Quilting Club**, Mondays at 9:30 a.m. Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Call 248-625-8231.

**Volleyball Practices**, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Mondays at Colomiere on Big Lake Road, and 9-11 a.m., Thursdays at St. Trinity Lutheran Church on Sashabaw Road. **League games** Tuesdays at the Warren Community Center. Call 248-625-8231 and leave name and phone number.

**BNI, Clarkston-Waterford**

**Chapter**, 7 a.m., Tuesdays, Oakland County Board of Realtors office. For more information, call Cheryl Bean at 248-625-7550.

**Income Tax Preparation Assistance Program for Seniors**, 9 a.m.-noon, Tuesdays, through April 10. Carriage House, 6000 Clarkston Road. Call 248-625-8231 to make appointment.

**Strength and Stretch**, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Tuesdays/Thursdays, through March 1, Carriage House in Clintonwood Park. Nancy Boch, certified senior instructor. Wear comfortable clothes and supportive shoes and bring water. Sixteen classes for \$72.

**Tot Lot**, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Wednesdays, through March 28, North Sashabaw Elementary School gym, 5290 Maybee Road. For second graders and younger. Parent supervision required. \$2 for Clarkston students, \$3 for non-residents. For all events, \$16 for residents, \$24 for non-residents. 248-625-8223.

**Clarkston Area Lions Club** meets on the second and fourth Thursday of every month, 6:30-8 p.m. The Lions meet in the Carriage House, next to the Senior Center, in Clintonwood Park. Visitors welcome. For more information, call 248-802-8603 or visit www.ClarkstonLions.com.

**Samaritan Care Hospice** seeks volunteers to spend time with terminally ill patients and their families. Hospice volunteers provide companionship and emotional support to patients on an average of 2-3 hours per week. Volunteers 18 or older with reliable transportation. Two mandatory five-hour training classes are provided prior to first assignment. Training classes are now forming. Call Chris Kokenos at 800-397-9360.

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## Correction

As many in the community know, the lifelong volunteer honored on Feb. 17 is Marian Emery. Unfortunately, her name was misspelled in the Feb. 21 edition of *The Clarkston News*.

About 150 friends and family gathered at Clarkston United Methodist Church for a surprise birthday party for

Emery, a longtime community activist and a key member of Clarkston Farm and Garden Club, CAYA, Clarkston United Methodist, and the local P.E.O. club.

Pictured, Anita Demster and Jack Emery celebrate Marian's birthday and her years of service to the community.

## Nature activities at Metro park

March activities at Indian Springs Metropark in Springfield Township include:

- **Maple sugaring**, weekends March 3-31, by appointment only. Tapping trees, boiling sap, hearing the history of maple sugaring. \$2; **Funky Skunks**,

1 p.m., March 3. The life, eating habits, and parenting of skunks. \$1.50; and **Wolves in the Lower Peninsula? You Don't Say**, 1 p.m., March 4. Evidence, information about the natural recovery of wolves and the controversy about it. \$1. For information, call 800-47-PARKS.

## Andersonville school earns state Blue Ribbon award

Andersonville Elementary School has been awarded a Michigan Blue Ribbon.

"The Blue Ribbon program's selection committee chose these schools as meeting some very tough criteria in delivering quality education to their students," said State Board of Education President Kathleen N. Straus. "All these schools, their teachers, students, parents, and communities should be very proud of their accomplishment."

Established in 1982, the Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School Program recognizes schools that demonstrate a strong commitment to educational excellence and significant academic improvement over five years.

Schools must complete a comprehensive report of key criteria for school effectiveness that serves as a basis for an extensive assessment of their building and programs.

The program identifies and recognizes outstanding schools across the state; makes research-based effectiveness criteria available to schools so they can assess themselves and plan improvements; and encourages schools to share their best practices for education success

with other schools.

"Michigan Blue Ribbon Schools are models of both excellence and equity," Straus said.

"To be recognized, a school must demonstrate a strong commitment to education excellence for all students."

The State Board of Education stipulates that awarded schools must have made Adequate Yearly Progress as required by the federal No Child Left Behind law; have a Michigan EducationYES! School Report Card grade of A or B; and not have a Native-American mascot or logo.

Review committees and site visit teams are composed of teachers and administrators from previously recognized Blue Ribbon Schools.

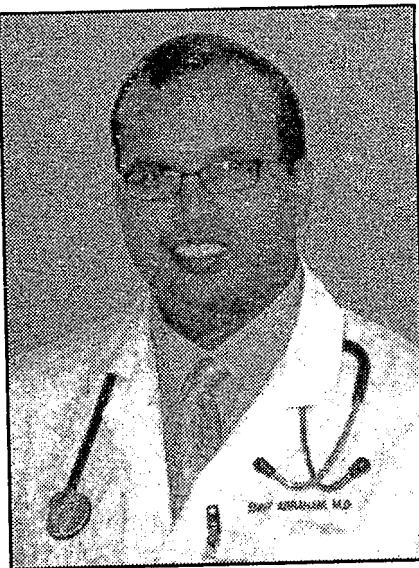
Reports from the site visits, along with the extensive research and data provided by the schools, are considered by the selection committee.

To ensure a fair and equal selection system, elementary and secondary schools compete separately on alternate years.

Elementary schools were eligible to apply for the Blue Ribbon award this year.

## Community Health News - RSV

### Dr. Renny Abraham



Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is a virus that causes a lung infection called bronchiolitis. Babies commonly get RSV. Two out of three infants are infected with RSV during

their first year of life. RSV is highly contagious. It is spread by contact with infected fluids from the nose or mouth and through droplets in the air from coughing. RSV usually occurs in the wintertime. Some children with RSV may have pneumonia or they need oxygen. Children born prematurely or who get RSV during the first months of life are more likely to have these complications. Toddlers and older children with

RSV usually do not have serious problems. For these children, RSV is usually no worse than a bad cold. The virus is found in nasal secretions of infected people. It is spread by an infected person who sneezes or coughs less than six feet away from someone else or by his or her hands after touching the nose or eyes. People do not develop permanent immunity to the virus, which means that they can be infected by it many times. Bronchiolitis is a lung infection caused by many types of viruses including RSV. The average age of children who get bronchiolitis is six months. It is rare in a child older than 2 years. In the long run, approximately 30% of the children who develop bronchiolitis later develop asthma.

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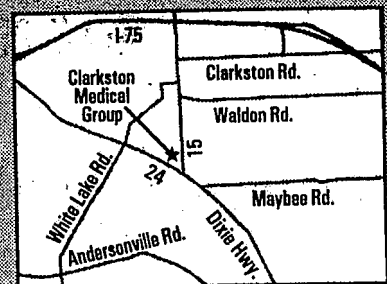
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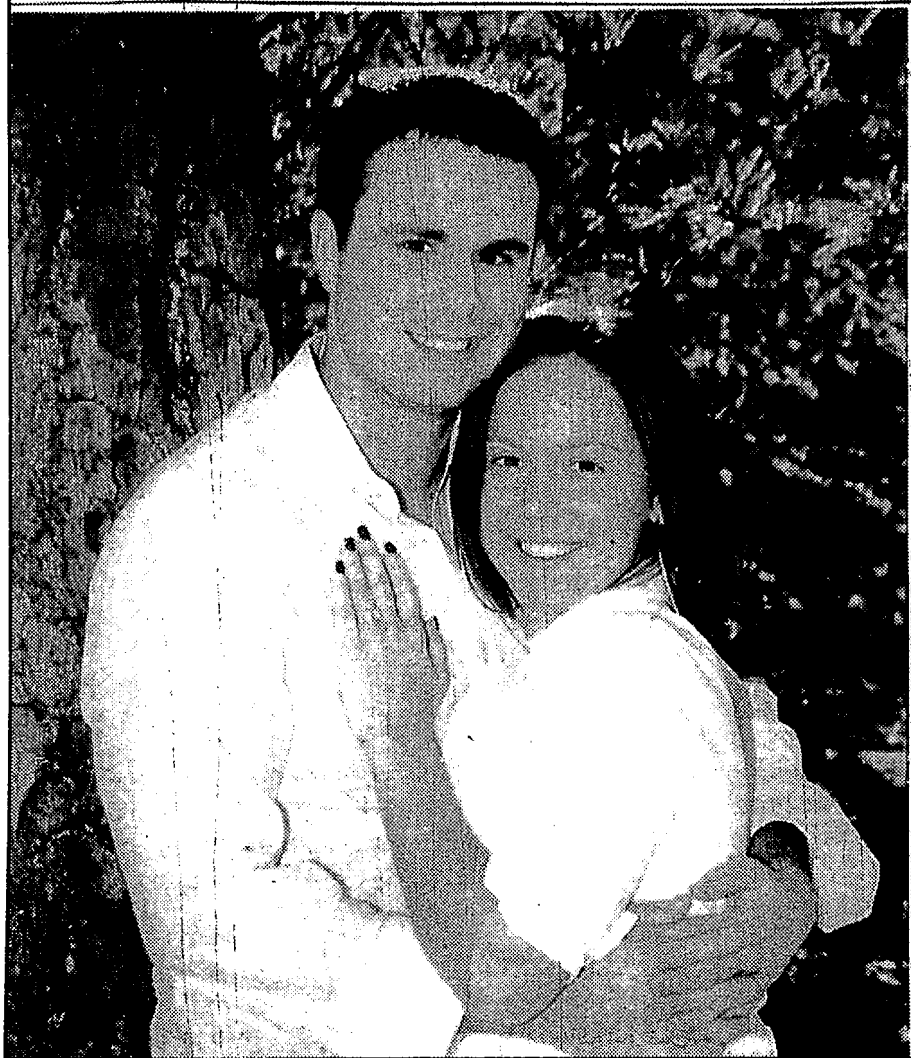
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# Milestones



**Derk Seibold and Jeanine Post**

## Clarkston grad to marry

JoAnn And Rick Martello, formerly of Clarkston, and Dennis Post of Ortonville are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter Jeanine Post to Derk Seibold.

The bride-to-be, a 1999 graduate of Clarkston High School, received a degree in Fashion Merchandising from Western Michigan. She is currently working for Lucky Brand Jeans, a divi-

sion of Liz Clairbourne in New York City. The future groom, formerly of Kalamazoo, graduated from Western Michigan in 2002 with a degree in finance. He is currently working as a research analyst for a Hedge Fund in New York City.

The couple met in college and were engaged on Christmas, 2005. A June wedding is planned.

## Students achieve success

**Leasha Caverly** of Clarkston was named to the Dean's List at Bethel College in Indiana.

She earned at least a 3.5 GPA.

**Jay Martello**, a Hope College senior from Clarkston, is studying off-campus in the Washington Honors Program in the District of Columbia.

He is the son of Emily Martello of Clarkston and Richard Martello. He is a 2003 graduate of Clarkston High School.

**David J. Gardiner** and **Tara J. Roth**, both of Clarkston, were named to the fall term Dean's List at Northwood University.

Gardiner, a sophomore, is the son of Jay and Julia Gardiner of Clarkston.

Roth, also a sophomore, is the daughter of Robert and Peggy Roth of

Clarkston.

**Jennifer Kilgore**, a senior at Northwood University, recently competed in the Delta Epsilon/DECA International Career and State Career and Development Conference in Lansing.

Kilgore won first place in Human Resources Management Decision Making, third place in Executive Job Interview, and was a finalist in Hospitality Marketing Management.

She is the daughter of Cathi Williams of Lake Orion and Douglas Kilgore of Clarkston.

**Matthew J. Snyder** recently earned his Bachelor of Business Administration Degree at Northwood University.

Snyder is the son of Kent Snyder of Clarkston.

## Got a Milestone to share?

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# Religion

## Weather teaches importance of endurance

I am not a fan of cold weather. Over the years people have told me that I should develop a winter interest in order to enjoy the winter season better. People have suggested taking up skiing or ice skating. I decided at a young age what winter activity suits me best—that is taking a winter trip to Florida with my family.

As the years passed I added a second winter trip to Mexico with my wife. I must say I do enjoy these "winter" pursuits!

As the years have passed I have found myself better able to deal with Michigan winters. As I get older I have also noticed that time seems to speed up.

When I was a child I remember my parents talking about how fast time went. I remember thinking just the opposite since I was usually looking towards something in the future and time seemed to pass slowly.

Now that a lot of life's milestones are behind me, at least the pleasant ones, I find myself thinking that time is passing at a breakneck speed. Interestingly enough I find the young people today telling me how it seems that time is flying by.

I attribute that to the fast paced lifestyle of today that is making time fly by.

For me time goes so fast whatever season it is, it seems that in only a moment it will be gone. This summer I was walking down my driveway and thought it seemed like only a week ago I was shoveling snow.

### Spiritual Matters



Pastor Loren Covarrubias

The only thing we really need to get through winter is endurance, just a little while and it will be over.

It may seem like a simple analogy but I have taken note that endurance seems to have fallen in such disfavor.

It seems as if nobody wants to wait for anything anymore especially if there is discomfort associated with the wait. Endurance means not only must one commit themselves to the time necessary for the fulfillment of the desire but to also accept the fact that life is not always pleasant.

When we have endurance time will usually bring us something much better.

When it comes to the seasons of life another important component is doing the right things and making proper choices.

In 2003 the United States committed itself to war in Iraq. At the time it had the support of the majority of Americans and was given approval by vote by most of the politicians in office.

Now that the unpleasantness of the commitment is hitting us, people are screaming that it is time to get out. Whether we made the right decision or not, the important point to know now is how do we follow through on our commitment?

If we just leave the consequences could be very dire.

In a world so interconnected as ours we cannot just escape from our choices but we must commit to a plan of action that will lead to a long-term benefit and not simply just short-term relief. We do need lead

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## In our churches...

Betty King, speaker and retreat leader for Winning Women, Moody Bible Institute and Camp Barakel, will speak on March 3 at Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. Vicki Pate will lead praise and worship music. \$15 for seminar and lunch. 248-625-1323.

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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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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.

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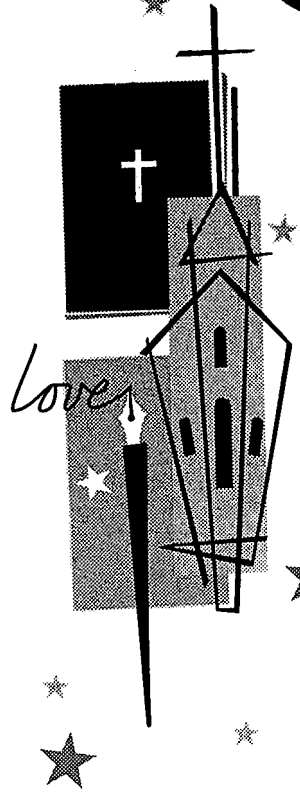
Moms in Touch, community group, meeting and prayers for local schools, Fridays, 9-10 a.m., Clarkston Community Church. 248-625-1323.

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Calvary Lutheran Church has a weekly Wednesday

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# 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

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8585 Dixie Highway,  
Clarkston, MI  
(248) 625-2311  
website: www.dixiebaptist.org  
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Springfield Christian Academy  
& Children's Ark Preschool  
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  
7:00 pm Teen Meetings  
& Adult Bible Study

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Peace Unity Church  
P.O. Box 837  
Clarkston, MI 48347  
peace.unity@sbcglobal.net  
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spiritual path we welcome you!

### 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  
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### CALVARY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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625-3288  
Sunday Worship:  
8:15 am (traditional worship)  
9:30 am (blended worship)  
11:00 am (contemporary praise)  
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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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Sunday Worship 10:30 am  
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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

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Dir. of Music: Carolyn Thibideau  
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Wednesday 6:30 pm

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5972 Paramus, Clarkston, MI  
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(E. of M-15)  
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& Adult Bible Fellowship  
10:30 am Worship Service  
5:00 pm Choir Practice  
6:00 pm Evening Service  
Mon: 6:30 pm Awana  
Wed: 10:00 am  
Morning Prayer Partners  
7:00 pm Prayer Meeting &  
Bible Study

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6490 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston  
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Sunday School 9:55 am  
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David Hottel - Music Minister  
Dina Edwards - Director of  
Children's Ministry  
Charlie Dean - Youth Ministry  
Laura Compton -  
Director of Lay Ministry  
Bible Study -  
Wed., 9:30 am & 7 pm  
Sept thru June  
www.clarkstonepiscopal.org  
248-625-2325

### ST. DANIEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

7010 Valley Park Dr., Clarkston  
(W. of M-15, S. of I-75)  
625-4580  
Rev. Christopher Maus  
Saturday Mass: 5:00 pm  
Sunday Masses:  
7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am  
Nursery Available: 9:00 & 11:00  
am  
Religious Education: 625-1750  
Mother's Group, RCIA,  
Scripture Study, Youth Group

### SASHABAW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

### CLARKSTON FREE METHODIST CHURCH

5482 Winell-Clarkston  
(corner of Maybee & Winell)  
248-623-1224  
Service 9:00 - 10:30  
www.ClarkstonFMC.org  
Wednesday  
7 pm Youth & Adult Ministry

### CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CHURCH

6300 Clarkston Road  
Clarkston (248) 625-1323  
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Greg Henneman, Bonita  
Laudeman  
Kevin Kuehne, Michael  
Anderson, Dan Whiting  
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School of Discipleship 11:00 am  
Nursery Care at all services  
Wednesday: Children's Ministries  
5:30-8:00 pm  
Sunday: Youth Ministries  
5:00-7:00 pm  
www.clarkstonchurch.com

### BRIDGEWOOD CHURCH

6765 Rattalee Lake Road  
Clarkston, 48348  
(248) 625-1344  
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Exploration Station -  
Children's Ministry  
5pm Evening Worship Service  
Studio 7/S.C.O.R.E.-  
Children's Ministry  
Wed. 6:45pm Fit For Life -  
Adult Life Ministry  
c.r.a.v.e.-Student Life Ministry  
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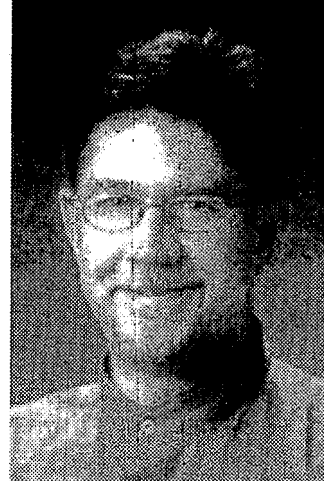
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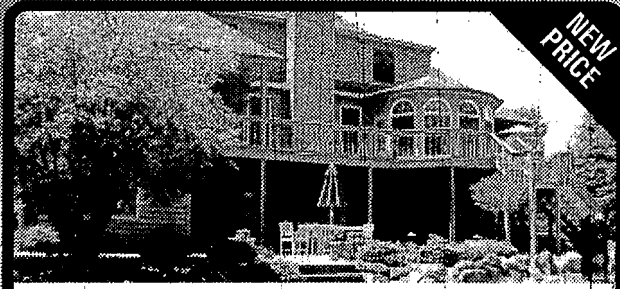
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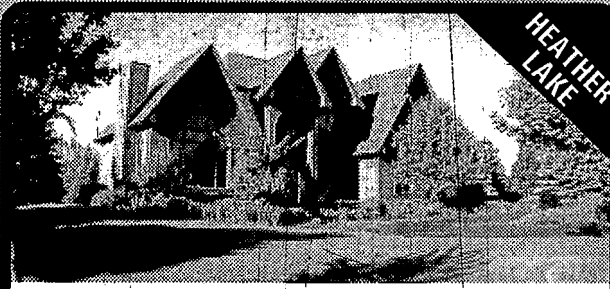
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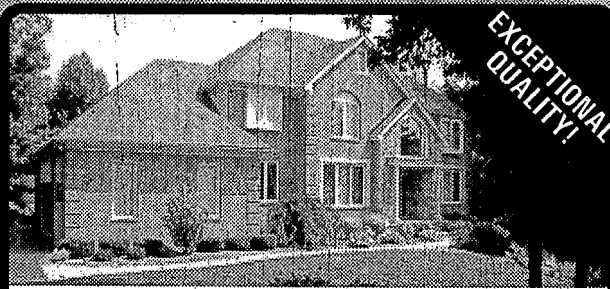
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## Health classes set for March 10, 17

Houston Fitness Consultants are offering free weight management classes at Cedar Crest Academy, 8970 Dixie Hwy:

**Exercise as "Medicine,"** 1 p.m., March 10. The goal is to help understand the role exercise plays in reducing health risks and the cost of being unhealthy.

A recovery-based exercise program can help people of all ages and nearly all chronic conditions, including high blood pressure, high cholesterol, obesity, diabetes, arthritis, fibromyalgia, and more.

As one of five certified clinical exercise specialists in Michigan, Houston Fitness has begun programs to help people with chronic conditions lead a healthier and higher quality of life through proper exercise prescription.

The tips presented at this seminar can help prevent some of the most common health problems, and also help people gain control these conditions.

**Healthy Kids - Happy Kids,** 1 p.m., March 17. This class will be looking at the issues facing children, finding practical solutions, developing constructive family fitness programs, educating parents and kids on eating and what food choices can do, helping children discover their abilities and looking forward to fitness and exercise.

Call 248-676-2882 or 248-882-2484 to reserve a seat. There will be an open house at Houston Fitness Consultants' one-on-one training studio following the seminars.

## Meeting on new school programs set March 5

Clarkston Community Schools will host a "Kindergarten Information Night" Monday, March 5, at 7 p.m. at the Administration Office, 6389 Clarkston Road.

Two new programs will be offered during the 2007-2008 school year.

The new "All-day Program" for kindergarten students will offer curriculum usually offered in the half-day program, with enrichment provided by a certified teacher. This program will be in a full-day setting and fee-based.

Another program, "Young Fives," will be for those children turning 5 years old between June 1 - Dec. 1, 2007, who will benefit from a growth year. This will be a half-day program at the Early Childhood Center.

The traditional half-day kindergarten program will continue to be offered. Families in this program can also choose a fee-based, extended care program at the Early Childhood Center.

Clarkston has a central registration process. Registration materials can be downloaded from [www.clarkston.k12.mi.us](http://www.clarkston.k12.mi.us). For more information on registration, contact Connie Baumann at 248-623-5401.

## Spiritual Matters

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 ers in this city that will lead us in a way that teaches us the character of success.

Our choices and plans must be built upon proper character or the end result will take us on an ever descending journey down the abyss of failure.

The Bible says we have need of endurance. The whole counsel of the Christian experience teaches us that the promise of something better will always come over time and making the right choices.

This national debate is systematic of pervading cultural attitudes.

We are becoming a nation looking for relief and pleasure rather than responsibility and accomplishments. We must remember what has made our nation great and recognize we need these same principles in order to remain great!

Loren Covarrubias is pastor of Mt. Zion Temple, 4900 Mayfield Road, 248-391-6166.

## In Our Churches

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**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.

**Scripture Study,** Mondays, 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 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.

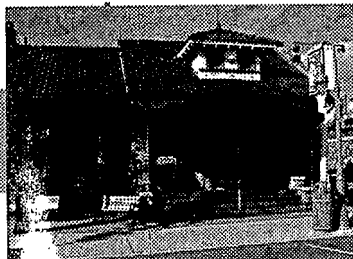
Let us know what's happening at your church at [ShermanPub.com](http://ShermanPub.com) attn: Clarkston News



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# Obituary

## Gregory Allen Avery

Gregory Allen Avery of Clarkston, formerly of Pontiac, passed away on Feb. 18th at the age of 57.

He was the father of Jason Avery of Clarkston, Joseph Avery of Georgia and Bambi (Martin) Pescasio of Virginia; son of Marjorie (the late Jack) Avery of Pontiac; grandpa of Dylan, Dominick, Ethan and Merrick; brother of Thomas (the late Caroline) Avery of Davisburg and Jacquelin (Sam) Johnson of Pontiac.

Mr. Avery was a member of American Legion Post 377 and served in the Army during the Vietnam War. He retired from General Motors in 2004.

Funeral service was Feb. 22 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Online guest book [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com)



## Linda I. Humphreys

Linda I. Humphreys, formerly of Walled Lake, passed away on Feb. 19 at the age of 56.

She was the mother of Annette (Thomas) Raftery of Walled Lake and Raymond "Scott" Humphreys of Clarkston; grandma of Jessica, Kristin, Katie, Thomas and Brendan; life partner of 26 years to Dave Karinen; also survived by family friend Rick Finley; sister of Joseph and Carl DeRosa.

Memorial service was Feb. 24 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Memorial donations may be made to U of M Cancer Center, 301 E. Liberty, Ste. 400, Ann Arbor, MI 48104. Online donations may be made to [www.mccancer.org](http://www.mccancer.org).



Online guest book [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com)

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

## Remembrance of times past

### My Hero

Have you ever loved anyone? You never truly know how much you love someone until they are gone.

My hero is someone that will always be very close to me; my great grandfather, Donald Spencer Erkfritz. If it was not for him I would have never wanted to be involved in music.

My great grandfather, or as I called him, "Boppy", was the greatest musician I have ever met. He was an inventor and also worked at Evola Music, tuning, repairing, and playing pianos.

I remember once when I was about seven or eight he was down in the basement playing our piano. I came downstairs and sat down on the bench next to him.

I said to him, "Boppy, when I get married I want you to play the piano for me," and to this day it still stands.

My grandma, Boppy's daughter, told me that when I was a baby, Boppy would lie on the floor and feed me saying, "Dear Lord, I don't know what I ever did to deserve this wonderful gift from above. Thank you dear Lord."

Boppy was also one of the adults that you could actually get on a roller coaster.

He took my friend and I to Disney World or Cedar Point just about every year since I was little. Then there were also the family reunions in Canada.

On the car rides to places he would always encourage my friend and I to sing along to our CD players no matter how bad we sounded. Also, we always towed a travel trailer behind us.

Many good times happened in that trailer.

Boppy would also just randomly strike up a conversation with a complete stranger.

He was never really one to say,

"Tina, don't talk to strangers," he actually encouraged me to talk to them. Every time he would go to Kmart or some place with one of those toy machines with the claw, he would *always* win a toy from it.

I can only recall a couple of times he walked out of the store empty handed.

Gosh! There are so many things that I could, and want, to say about my great grandfather but if I even tried to write them all down I would simply run out of paper.

The first three words that come to mind when I think about him are No. 1. happy, No. 2. friendly, and No 3. funny.

Boppy was always smiling. If I could ask for one thing in the whole wide world I would ask to spend just one more year with him.

Every night I pray that this is all just a bad dream and that when I wake up in the morning he will be asleep in his bed. He is never there.

He made the first fifteen years of my life worth while.

One day he goes to the hospital, not home for Thanksgiving, and two weeks later he comes home with a pacemaker.

He made it through the night and was a really strong man but the next morning he got one of his wishes. He wanted to be in his own bed when this sad day came.

If I would just have one day to tell him anything that I wanted to tell him I would tell him how much he means to me.

I guess I never thought he would leave us. That he would live forever and I wish that he could live forever.

He touched so many people's lives and the thing that touched me the most was the last thing he said to me. "I love you too, honey."

## Joan Lucille Bowker

Joan Lucille Bowker of Clarkston passed away on Feb. 19 at the age of 80.

She was the wife of Ward for 60 years; mother of Jill (Keith) Hagen of Cedar Springs and Pamela Hancock of Lake Orion; also survived by 6 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren; sister of Stewart Jenkinson, Dale Jenkinson, Ewlyn (Judy) Jenkinson, Grace (Larry) Koontz and Sharon (Bill) Becker.

Mrs. Bowker deeply loved her



family and her many friends. Visitation was Feb. 22-23 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral service was Feb. 24 at the Clarkston Free Methodist Church. Interment White Chapel Cemetery, Troy.

Online guest book [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com)

## Joan Lorraine Stoltenberg

Joan Lorraine Stoltenberg of Atlanta, formerly of Waterford, passed away on Feb. 23 at the age of 77.

She was preceded in death by her husband Wellington "Wimpy." She was the mother of Richard (Debra) of Clarkston; grandmother of Michael (Jacqueline) of Ferndale and Ricky of Clarkston; sister of Steiner Clark of Waterford, James (Mary) Clark of N.M., Louise (Angus) McKellar of

Garden City, Betty (Kenneth) Squires of Lincoln, Alice Dean of Fla., Maureen Gooding of Atlanta, William (Judy) Clark of White Lake, Ed (Susie) Clark of N.C. and Pauline (Robert) Moran of Atlanta; and stepmother of Harold (Cindy) of British Columbia.

Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Online guest book [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).



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Any questions regarding the value or classification placed on properties may be reviewed with the assessing staff prior to this meeting. Anyone wishing to appeal the assessment or classification before the Board of Review must make an appointment in advance. Appointments may be made Monday - Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. by phoning the Assessing office at 248-846-6530.

The Board of Review meetings are scheduled as follows:  
 Tuesday, March 6, 2007: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday, March 7, 2007: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
 Monday, March 12, 2007: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday, March 13, 2007: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Tentative Equalization Ratio: Tentative Equalization Factor:  
 Real: 50% Real: 1.00000  
 Personal: 50% Personal: 1.00000

You may appeal by sending a letter to the Board of Review at Charter Township of Springfield, 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, Michigan 48350. All letters must be received before 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

Anyone needing a special accommodation at a Board of Review meeting should contact the Assessor's Office at least two (2) business days prior to the meeting at 248-846-6530.

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

Publish 2/14, 2/21, 2/28

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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### INDEPENDENCE TWP. BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

#### AGENDA

Date and Time: March 6, 2007, at 7:30 p.m.  
 Place: Independence Township Library  
 6495 Clarkston Road, 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, February 6, 2007, February 13, 2007, and February 20, 2007
  - b. Approval of Purchase Orders
  - c. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run

#### New Business:

1. Cell Phone and Internet Use Policies
2. Annual Spring Clean-up and Household Hazardous Waste
3. Reorganization

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.

The Charter Township of Independence will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at a public hearing/meeting upon advance notice in writing or by calling the Township Clerk's Office at (248) 625-5111.

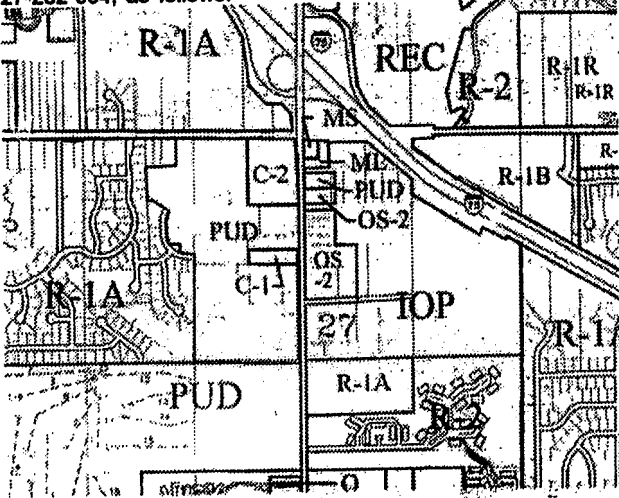
## PUBLIC NOTICE

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### INDEPENDENCE TWP.

#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

At a regular meeting of the Independence Township Board held on February 20, 2007, the Township Board authorized a First Reading of a rezoning request from IOP (Industrial Office Park) and OS-2 (Office Service Two) to PUD (Planned Unit Development), McLaren Health Care Corporation, Greg Lane, Petitioner, Bow Pointe Drive, East of Sashabaw Road, 78 Acres, 08-27-251-003, 08-27-276-002, 08-27-276-004, 08-27-251-004, 08-27-251-009, 08-27-251-008, 08-27-251-005, 08-27-252-001, 08-27-252-003, and 08-27-252-004, as follows:



Published: February 28, 2007

Shelagh VanderVeen  
 Township Clerk

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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### INDEPENDENCE TWP.

#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE PUBLIC NOTICE

The Charter Township of Independence Board of Review will meet for its organizational session, MCL 211.29(1), at Township Hall's Office of the Assessor on Tuesday, March 6, 2007 at 1:00 PM.

The Board of Review will meet at the Township Fire Station #1 Training Room, 6500 Citation Drive, Clarkston, Michigan to hear year 2007 assessment appeals of value, classification and poverty on March 12, and 13, 2007 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, and on March 14, 2007 from 1:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

The year 2007 tentative equalization ratio is 50%, and the estimated multiplier is 1.0000 for all property classifications.

If you wish to appeal your assessment, it is required that you have an appointment with the Board of Review. An appointment can be made through the Assessor's Office at (248) 625-8114 between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm. Please use your parcel identification number when referring to your property so that your record can be quickly assessed.

Please note that taxes are levied against the TAXABLE VALUE.

Sincerely

Beverly Shaver, CMAE3 acting assessor

Publish: Feb. 14, 21, 28

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### CLARKSTON

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON

375 DEPOT ROAD  
 CLARKSTON, MI 48346

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### BOARD OF REVIEW MEETINGS

CITY OFFICE, 375 DEPOT ROAD

MONDAY, MARCH 12

MONDAY, MARCH 19

The City of Clarkston Board of Review will meet at the City Office on Monday, March 12, from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., and Monday, March 19, from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

You must call Oakland County Equalization Division, Toll Free 1-888-350-0900, Extension 81862 for an appointment. Those without an appointment will be served on a first-come, first-served basis.

Publish: Feb. 28, March 7

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#### STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate  
 FILE NO: 2007-309, 002-DE  
 Estate of Thomas Michael Howard, Date of birth: 5/23/45  
 TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Thomas Michael Howard, who lived at 6315 Waldon Road, Clarkston, Michigan died 1/9/07.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Karen Petrie, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Michigan 48341-0449 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

2/20/07  
 Karen Petrie  
 6315 Waldon Road  
 Clarkston, MI 48346

#### STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate  
 FILE NO: 2006-304, 711-DE  
 Estate of Elva M. Sandusky, Date of birth: 05/31/1922  
 TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Elva M. Sandusky, who lived at 2650 Sunhill Drive, Waterford, Michigan died 05/04/2006.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to David Sandusky, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Michigan 48341-0449 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

02/28/2007  
 David Sandusky  
 2762 Glengridge Ct.  
 Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
 (734) 904-4092

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### INDEPENDENCE TWP.

#### SYNOPSIS

#### TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

#### THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

Supervisor Wagner called the February 20, 2007, meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., at the Independence Township Library.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present: Rosso, VanderVeen, Wenger, Travis, Kelly, Wagner, Dunn

Absent: None

There was a quorum.

1. Opening Statements and Correspondence
2. Approval of the Agenda, as amended
3. Public Forum opened at 7:32 p.m.
4. Approval of the Consent Agenda:
  - a. Accounts Payable Check Run
  - b. Purchase Orders
5. Approved motion to recuse Mr. Kelly from deliberating on issue of McLaren Hospital.
6. Approved motion to recuse Mr. Dunn from deliberating on issue of McLaren Hospital.
7. Approved First Reading, Planned Unit Development, McLaren Health Care Corporation, Greg Lane, Petitioner, McLaren Health Care Village at Clarkston, Bow Point Drive, East of Sashabaw Road, 78 acres, IOP and OS-2 Zone, 08-27-251-003, 08-27-276-002, 08-27-276-004, 08-27-251-004, 08-27-251-009, 08-27-251-008, 08-27-251-005, 08-27-252-001, 08-27-252-003, and 08-27-252-004
8. Approved motion to reaffirm Investment Policy.
9. Approved motion to have language included in McLaren PUD stating the height allowance is a one time exemption.
10. Approved motion to immediately advertise for lifeguards and to make a budget adjustment allowing for opening of Deer Lake Beach.
11. Approved motion to set a minimum of 20% and a maximum of 40% for Fund Balance.
12. Approved motion to accept recommendations of Finance Director for 2007 Budget Amendments in her memo dated 2/20/07, with the exception of the decrease in the Treasurer's office.
13. Approved motion to table minutes of 1/16/07, 2/6/07 and 2/13/07.
14. Approved motion to enter into executive session at 12:00 a.m. to discuss AFSCME Contract negotiations.
15. Approved motion to adjourn regular meeting at 12:02 p.m.

Shelagh VanderVeen  
 Township Clerk

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 Mortgage Services, L.L.C., Lapeer  
 County Abstract & Title Company,  
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 Mortgage Services, L.L.C., Phillip R.  
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#### DATES & LOCATIONS

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2007**  
 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
 Goodrich Country Club  
 10080 Hegel Road  
 Goodrich, MI 48438

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2007**  
 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
 VFW Hall, Lawrence W. Smith Post 4139  
 128 Daley Road  
 Lapeer, MI 48446

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2007**  
 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
 Kalloway's Restaurant  
 595 N. Lapeer Rd.  
 Oxford, MI 48371

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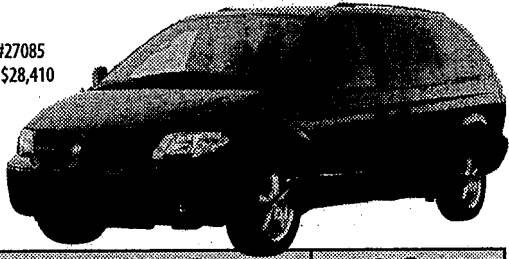
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# February End-Of-The-Month Programs

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February 26, 27 & 28  
9 am-9 pm

## 2007 Dodge Grand Caravan SXT

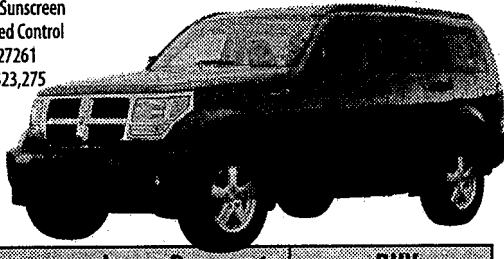
Stk. #27085  
MSRP \$28,410



	Lease Payments	1 - Pay
Employee Lease Loyalty	\$149*	\$3,973*
Employee Choice	\$179*	\$4,997*
Everyone Qualifies	\$279*	\$6,997*

## 2007 Dodge Nitro SXT 4x4 LHD

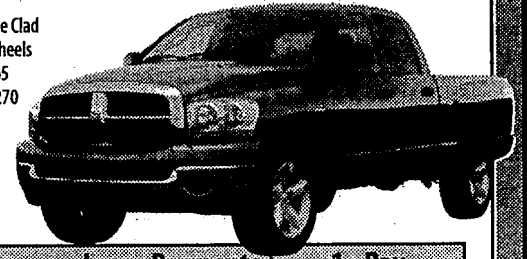
Deep Tint Sunscreen  
Glass, Speed Control  
Stk. #27261  
MSRP \$23,275



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Employee Lease Loyalty	\$179*	\$17,995*
Employee Choice	\$209*	\$19,495*
Everyone Qualifies	\$269*	\$20,847*

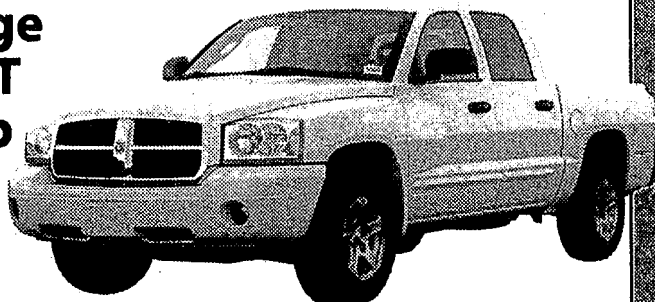
## 2007 Dodge Ram 1500 SLT Quad Cab 4x4

20" x 9" Chrome Clad  
Aluminum Wheels  
Stk. #27165  
MSRP \$34,270



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Employee Lease Loyalty	\$119*	\$3,921*
Employee Choice	\$159*	\$4,981*
Everyone Qualifies	\$239*	\$5,997*

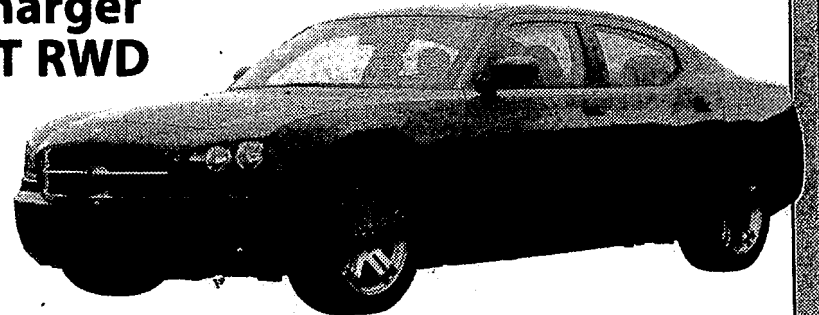
## 2007 Dodge Dakota ST Quad Cab 4x4



Stk. #27296  
MSRP \$26,570

	LEASE	1 - Pay	BUY
DCX Employee w/ Lease Loyalty	\$119*	\$3,417*	\$17,151*
Employee Choice	\$159*	\$4,477*	\$18,651*
Everyone Qualifies	\$219*	\$5,895*	\$20,187*

## 2007 Dodge Charger R/T RWD



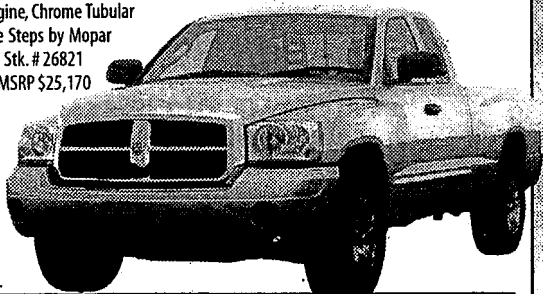
Power Sunroof  
Stk. #27304  
MSRP \$32,845

	Lease Payments	BUY
DCX Employee	\$256*	\$24,394*
Employee Choice	\$346*	\$26,089*

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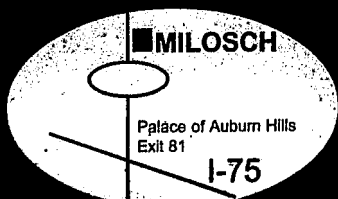
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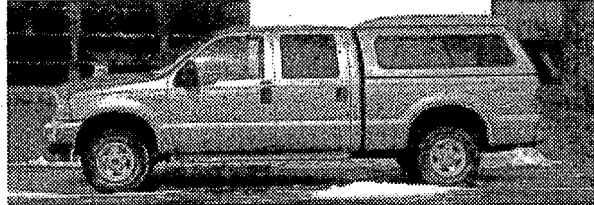
**2005 DODGE DAKOTA SLT**



24K Miles

**\$17,900**

**2004 F250 SUPER DUTY FX4**



69K Miles, Diesel

**\$27,888**

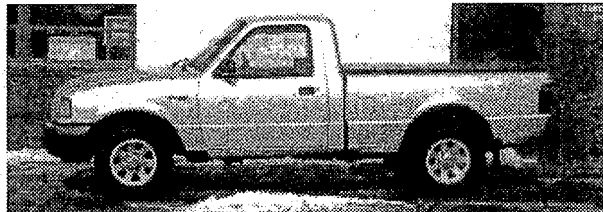
**2005 ESCAPE XLT**



41K Miles

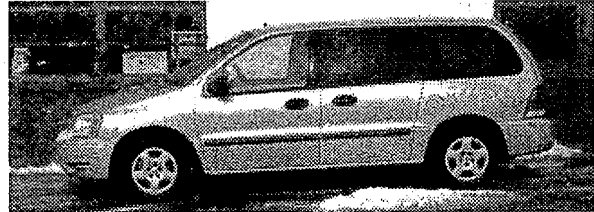
**\$14,888**

**2003 FORD RANGER XLT**



**\$7,988**

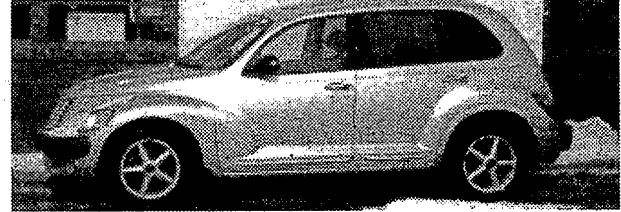
**2005 FORD FREESTAR**



31K Miles

**\$13,855**

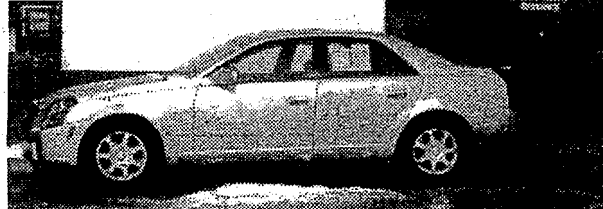
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52K Miles

**\$9,988**

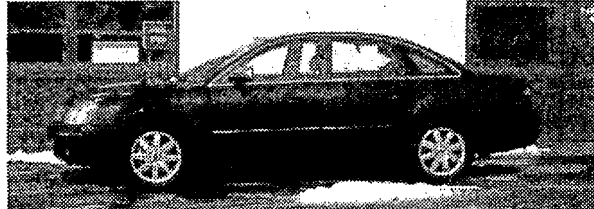
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37K Miles

**\$19,777**

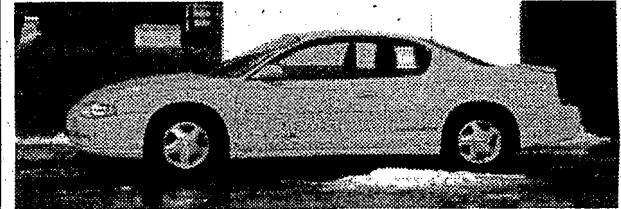
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49K Miles, AWD

**\$15,872**

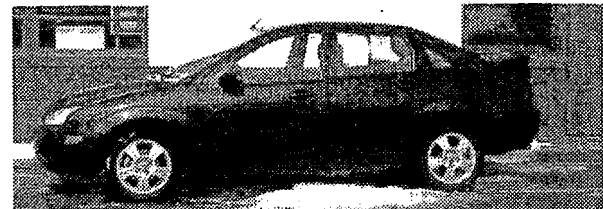
**2002 CHEVY MONTE CARLO SS**



73K Miles

**\$11,272**

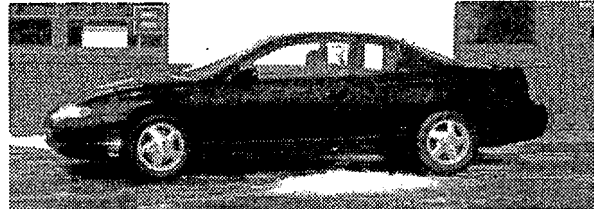
**2006 FORD FOCUS SES**



74K Miles

**\$13,912**

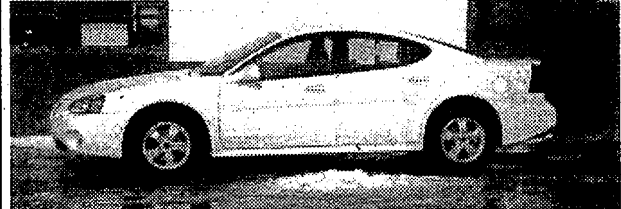
**2002 CHEVY MONTE CARLO SS**



102K Miles, Leather Roof

**\$7,993**

**2005 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX**



64K Miles

**\$13,126**

**2004 CHEVY MONTE CARLO**



40K Miles

**\$13,869**

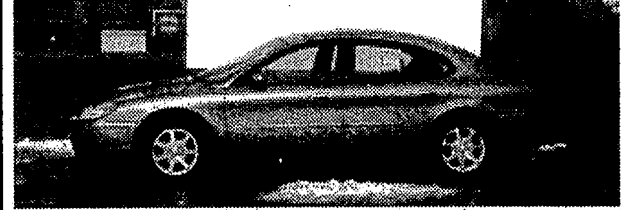
**2005 EXPLORER XLT**



6K Miles

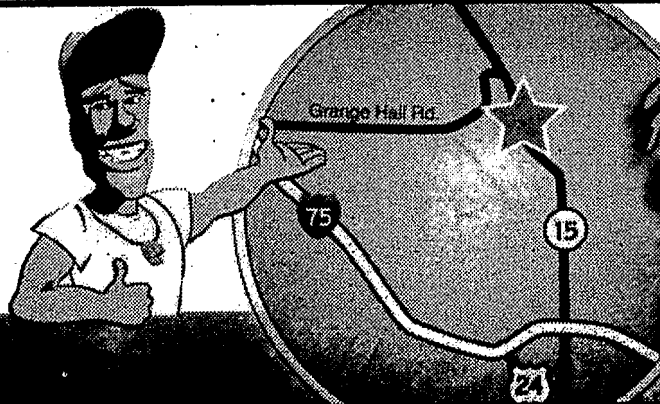
**\$17,852**

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Cars	250	Notices	390
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Computers	140	Pets	200
Craft Shows	120	Produce	040
Farm Equipment	230	Real Estate	310
Firewood	050	Rec. Equipment	180
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Garage Sales	110	Rentals	290
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Greetings	020	Trucks	270
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UNIT# F2B26 DALE LITTEN, TV/ Electronics, Boxes/Bags, Office Equipment, Other Misc. Items. UNIT# G34 DAWN BENJAMIN, Household Furnishings, Boxes/Bags, Toys, Office Equipment, Other Misc. Items. UNIT# G26 SUSAN M. MARSH, Misc. Small Appliances, Household Goods, Boxes/Bags, Recreation Equipment, Lawn Care Equipment, Other Misc. Items. UNIT# 15 JOSEPH ONDRACEK, Other Misc. Items. UNIT# A13 CHRIS FARNSWORTH, TV/electronics, Boxes/Bags, Clothing, Hand Tools, Recreation Equipment, Other Misc. Items, Dirt Bikes. UNIT# F1T15 PETER ANTHONY SCHMIDT, Misc. Small Appliances, TV/Electronics, Household Furnishings, Boxes/ Bags, Power Tools, Recreation Equipment, Lawn Care Equipment, Snow Removal Equipment, Other Misc. Items. UNIT# F2T25 MICHAEL KALUGAR, Household Appliances, Household Furnishings, Boxes/Bags, Toys, Hand Tools, Power Tools, Recreation Equipment, Lawn Care Equipment, Snow Removal Equipment, Other Misc. Items. UNIT# D15 TOMMY GOMEZ, TV/Electronics, Boxes/Bags, Hand Tools, Recreation Equipment, Other Misc. Items, Vintage Scooter, Vehicle. LX12-2

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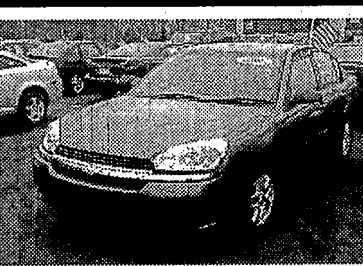
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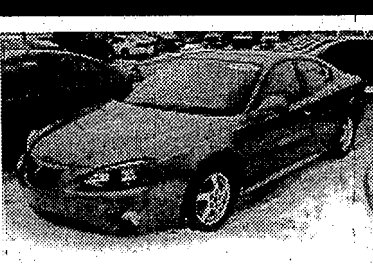
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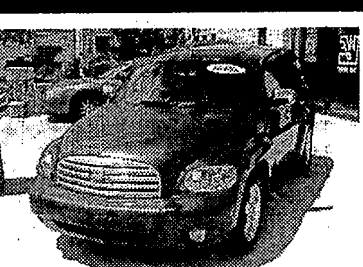
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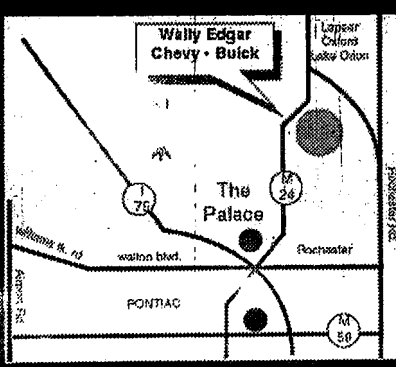
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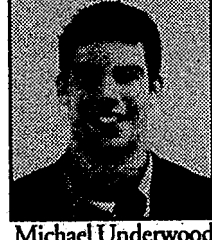
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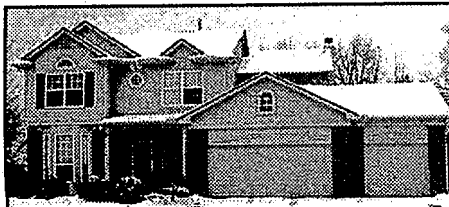
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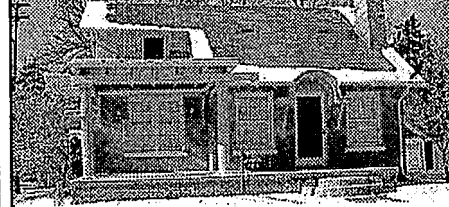
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DI794 \$748,000



New construction, 5 bedroom, 2.5 bath. 1st floor master suite. 3+ car garage.  
BI558 \$229,900



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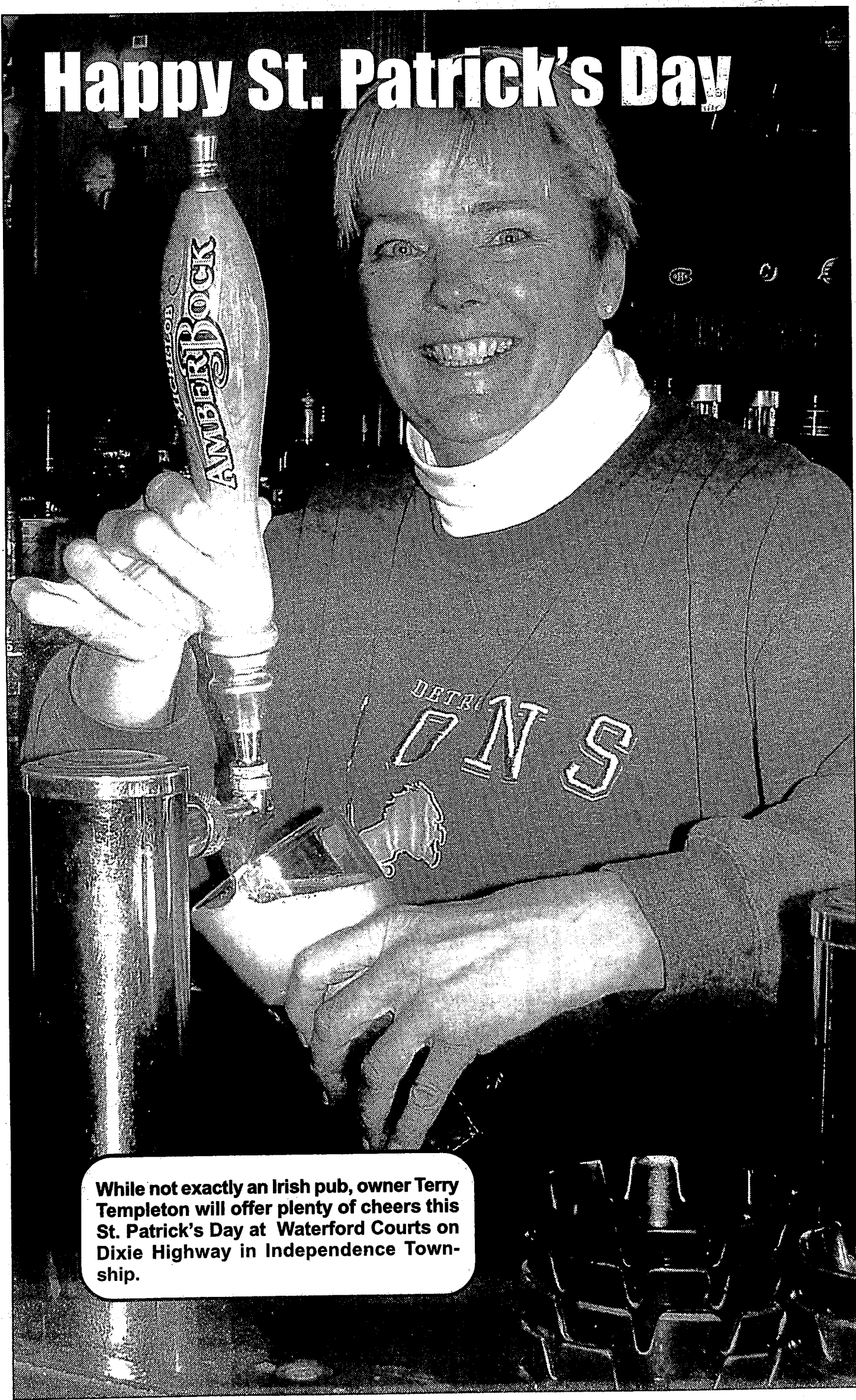
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Clarkston Area's  
Monthly Business  
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## Happy St. Patrick's Day



While not exactly an Irish pub, owner Terry Templeton will offer plenty of cheers this St. Patrick's Day at Waterford Courts on Dixie Highway in Independence Township.

### Taking Care of Business

#### Local executive accredited

White Lake businessman, Grayling Kittel, has been accredited by the Institute for Independent Business (IIB). Grayling Kittel's recent accreditation will expand access to the Institute's network of Associates in Oakland and Macomb counties.



Kittel said, "the Institute's accreditation means a lot to my clients." "Besides the prestige, my relationship with the IIB enables me to provide my clients with a depth of resources that other business advisors simply cannot offer. I am now part of a worldwide network of senior executives from every type of business imaginable. With resources like that I can assist my clients with any issue or challenge they may be facing."

The Institute has set up the Business Support Program to assist small businessfolk who may need guidance, mentoring or advice. The program requires senior Business Executives who carry the accreditation, to give a certain amount of time each month to businesses, to chat over future plans, concerns or problems the small business owner may be facing.

"After the chat I should be able to throw in my thoughts and ideas, and point the owner in the direction of any solution or advice which may be suitable for my client."

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#### Munk appointed

The Board of Trustees at Mott Community College has appointed Dr. Charles F. Munk to serve on the Dental Auxiliary Programs Citizen/Lay Advisory Committee. Dr. Munk brings over 35 years of experience to this position from his private orthodontic practice, which has offices in Clarkston, Oxford, and Davison.



During his two-year term on the Advisory Committee, Dr. Munk will be representing the local dental community as regards the educational requirements necessary to excel in the growing and ever-changing field of dentistry. The time, effort, and dedication given by Dr. Munk to serve on the Advisory Committee will enable Mott Community College to continue to provide enhanced educational opportunities to the students it serves.

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March 2, 2007 Read Across America Day	March 15, 2007 Absolutely Incredible Kid Day	www.nationalpuppyday.com
March 4, 2007 March 5, 2007	Ides of March	March 25, 2007 National Cleaning Week (25-31)
National School Breakfast Week	March 17, 2007 National Quilting Day	www.caldrea.com
Newspaper in Education Week	www.nqaquilts.org	Pecan Day
March 8, 2007 Universal Women's Week (8-14)	St. Patrick's Day	March 26, 2007 Legal Assistants Day
March 10, 2007 Great American Meatout (10-25)	March 18, 2007 National Animal Poison Prevention Week (18-24)	paralegalcaevart@earthlink.net
March 11, 2007 Daylight Saving Time Begins	www.aspca.org	March 27, 2007 American Diabetes Association Alert Day
USA Girl Scout Week (11-17)	*National Poison Prevention Week (18-24)	www.diabetes.org
March 12, 2007 Girl Scouts Founding Anniversary	www.poisonprevention.org	Kite Flying Day
Camp Fire USA Week (12-16)	March 20, 2007 *Spring (3/20-6/21)	winniontoe@msn.com
March 13, 2007 Organize Your Home Office Day	March 21, 2007 National Agriculture Day	March 29, 2007 National Mom and Pop Business Owners Day
March 14, 2007 National Children's Craft Day	www.agday.org	March 30, 2007 Doctors' Day

## Quote of the month:

'A positive attitude may not solve all your problems, but it will annoy enough people to make it worth the effort.'

-- Herm Albright (1876 - 1944)

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## Happy 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary to MakeOver Place Salon

Maria Rotondo Mark, owner  
MakeOver Place

Fifteen years ago, March 1992, MakeOver Place opened.

I had a passion that lived in my heart for having a business where I could be me making a difference to you. After much soul searching and fear conquering, my prayers were answered. The how to, turned to action and here it is today. It has been for me a continuous makeover as it has for countless others in search of self-expression. One cannot make a difference in another and not reap the benefits of a win/win attitude.



Maria Rotondo Mark

The intention is always preceded with a listening, not only for words spoken, but also to the unspoken. It's in that in-between the silent voice within, the photos of other models to the realization of truth in the moment. From this space of respect, know how, confidence of the stylist, a plan of action is implemented and a new opportunity to express self-confidence. Having been born into this world is only a starting point. The rest of the journey of life is to be on a quest of discovery.

Not only for a career, but also for the toughest of them all discovery of "Who Am I." I can see how much better all those folks look and how much happier they appear. Could I look and feel like that?

Each of us peek at the world from an inside view, the mirror object does not reflect the deep emotion hidden in the self. This may, or may not have any meaning to many, for me it is a starting point. Each and every creation brings a validation for the moment, one at a time, time and again to be re-produced, re-thought and re-created time after time. One affirmed client at a time, time and again for as long as the connection remains.

I stand today as I did 15 years ago a new view of my life, the test of how can I do this and make a living has been answered. It's not what we do that one regrets; it's what we've done. Many clients who believed in my keen insight are still with me today. I celebrate our lasting relationship. Congratulations to each and everyone who has worked at MakeOver Place salon, you have left your mark in my heart.

To those who continue to work with MakeOver Place to this day, I'm honored and humbled. Thank you Clarkston, thank you Oakland County and surrounding communities for your trust, loyalty and recognition.

March is my birthday and the celebration of 15 years in your service.

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## Improving Business Performance

(A series of articles designed to help you improve employee and business performance)

By Ron DeLorme, of  
Manage Max Performance Improvement

This month we focus on one of my favorite topics, a topic that is very important to every business - customer service.



Ronald DeLorme, president of Manage Max

Customer service has been a big part of the jobs I've held ever since I began working at the age of 13. Like many customer service veterans, I've come to believe that I've seen and heard it all. Customers have cursed me, threatened me, ignored me, praised me, and offered me jobs. Though I was very good at solving customers' problems and saving the company money, many of the managers and companies I worked for did little (or nothing) to recognize and reward the contributions of their customer service staff.

I vowed that I would not treat my employees that way when I became a manager and I've kept that promise. Employees who offer great customer service are corporate heroes - they save us money and they make us money! Any employee who can turn an angry customer into a happy customer (and convince that once-angry customer to do business with the company again in the future) deserves recognition and

rewards for the value they add to the bottom line.

We have many customer service heroes working in our community and here is how I am going to show my appreciation for the great job these employees do on a daily basis: When I receive great customer service at a local business, I'm going to present that employee with a Manage Max Great Customer Service Award certificate on-the-spot!

The Great Customer Service Award is intended to 1) recognize those valuable employees who put the customer first and deliver great service; 2) focus a spotlight on those bosses and businesses that support employees in delivering great service; and 3) encourage local businesses to get involved in a friendly competition that will improve customer service levels throughout our community.

And, to make sure that these employees get the recognition they deserve, I will list the names of award winners and the name of their companies in this space every month.

What are you doing to recognize and reward your customer service heroes?

Reminder: Last month's edition of Improving Business Performance introduced a "Tool You Can Use" on the job. It is called an Individual Development Plan (IDP). An IDP is a very powerful tool that managers and employees can use to build business skills. See the February, 2007, column for details or contact me.

Ron DeLorme, Manage Max Performance Improvement. Partnering with you to achieve your employee and business growth goals. Contact me at training\_pro@hotmail.com or at 248.396.5031.

## Turning your passion into a business

By Sandy Folwer and Judy Davis,  
partners Reclaim U

How many times in your life have you had an idea for a new business and quickly dismissed it? Have you ever seen a new product and thought, "I had that idea" or "Why didn't I make that?" Have you ever gotten excited or passionate about something and then talked yourself out of doing anything about it? Have you let someone else talk you out of it? Were you afraid it wouldn't work? Did you think it wouldn't pay the bills? Don't feel bad, you are in good company. Every day we hear people talk about the idea that never panned out, or the business they never started.



Sandy Fowler, president/founder of Reclaim U

What if you could find a way to live your passion, and what if that passion could generate enough income to pay the bills? So often the single biggest obstacle that keeps people from realizing their dream is that they let "what if" and "I can't" have too much power. What if you could turn the corner and not allow your fears to keep you from living your dream? The key to success in any new business venture is believing that you have the ability to make it happen, and then doing something about it. It may not be easy, but there is a plan you can follow.

1. Identify and understand your passion. Your passion is something that gives you energy. It makes you want to get out of bed in the morning. When you talk about it your eyes light up. So what do you love to do? What do other people say you are good at? Now write that down. Don't judge it or try to figure out how it will create income, just write it down.

2. Be open minded. When you keep an open mind ideas will flow to you. You will start to see things you never saw before and you will open up to new possibilities.

3. Find a business coach. It's time to get some advice from an expert. A business coach can give your ideas life. They help you streamline your ideas, identify methods for turning your passion into a business, and create an action plan.

4. Join a networking group. A networking group is a great place to start making contacts and building relationships. You will find people who can help you, and people who you can help. It is also a great place to get support. We all have dream stealers in our lives - people who will try to protect us by telling us this isn't a good idea. A supportive group of business people can strengthen you when you are scared or when things get tough.

5. Take action. Taking action is the "make it or break it" step that every successful business owner does consistently. If you stop in the idea or planning phase, you will never achieve your dream. You must take action!

6. Don't give up. Creating change in your life is not easy, and it is not always fun. It involves a lot of learning which will come through trial and error. Watch a baby learning to walk. There is a lot of trial and error, and a lot of time spent falling down. The key is that they grab onto something, pull themselves up and do it again. If they just sit on the floor they will never experience the wonder of that first step, or the thrill of walking across the room for the first time. So when you fall down, don't just sit there - pull yourself up and do it again!

Go ahead, let yourself dream, then make it happen!

You may contact Sandy or Judy thru their website, www.ReclaimU.com

## A Biz plan, continued

By Patrick J. Allsteadt, owner,  
Accurate Bookkeeping L.L.C.

The next topic in the business plan is the Products/Services section. This part of the Business Plan gives you the opportunity to describe in detail the products/services that you are going to make revenue from. What gives you the competitive edge? Is it exceptional in quality or unique? Any technological information belongs in the Appendix.

What will be your pricing structure? A few examples include: Cost plus a percentage of the cost, Breakeven, Perceived value, Target profit, Competitive related, two part pricing, Bundled pricing that combines multiple products and/or services under one price, Discounts for cash payment, Quantity discounts, Trade-in price, and Psychological pricing.



Patrick Allsteadt is owner of Accurate Bookkeeping, LLC

There are many factors in determining what you will charge. The main factors are: Your Objectives, Competition, Type of Market, The Environment, Product/Service, and Other Factors.

What are your objectives for charging a set amount? Do you need to maximize cash flow at the cost of limiting market share? Do you want to build market share based on loss leaders? Do you want to price at some point relative to competition to create an image? Do you want price to attract distributors and are you willing to accept significantly lower profit margins to establish relationships with one or more distributors who will likely carry future offerings? Do you want to establish an image of high value, thus high price?

There are many characteristics of your product/service that will influence the price.

Does your product/service provide tangible versus intangible benefits/differences? Products/services with immediate and tangible benefits will usually support higher prices. Uniqueness usually supports a higher price if the offering has credibility. Pricing must be consistent with the rest of the line. Products or services with complementing lines usually reduce marketing costs, thus giving greater pricing flexibility.

A variety of factors within your company will influence the pricing decision. Some examples are: cost to produce, ability to meet demand, cost to deliver, the quality and speed of your product/service delivery, your cost to promote, and financial resources.

Environmental factors that can influence your pricing are availability, quality and cost of channels of distribution, condition of the economy, potential for government intervention, and Elasticity of Demand.

There are many other factors that can influence pricing. Some factors include: method of payment you want to extend to the customer, the cost for the prospect to switch to your offering from their current solution, what impression is most appropriate for your offering to achieve maximum market penetration?



# Good Eats: *the biz from local restaurants*

## WTB What's For Lunch

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From left are Ginger Helm with an Italian stromboli, Chef Tim Render with a 13-inch Italian submarine sandwich, and Chef Scott Rader with a Chicago-style stuffed deep-dish pizza. Photo by Phil Custodio

## Hot Lunch Menu Item of the Month

*Stromboli, Italian sub, and Chicago-style stuffed pizza*

Award-winning Renderoni's Pizza is expanding its repertoire into lunch fare, offering a full line of deli sandwiches and soup.

"We offer the best pizza in the area - now we want to build up our lunchtime trade," said owner Tim Render.

Lunch items include an open-

faced sandwich stacked with a pound of corned beef and cheese, finished in Renderoni's brick oven. Sandwich meats also include roast beef, pastrami, ham, salami, sausage, and chicken breast.

Lighter fare includes stuffed tomatoes and salads, which can be served in an edible bowl made of Parmesan cheese.

"We use only top shelf ingredients put together by professionals," said Render.

"We want to give our customers an exceptional product at a great value."

Specials include two 13-inch submarine sandwiches, loaded with fresh ingredients and their own roasted meats, and a two-liter bottle of pop for \$10.99.

Lunch specials include a slice of pizza, salad or breadsticks, and pop for \$4.99. Family specials include two pizzas, one with five toppings and the other with one, at \$15.99 for mediums, \$18.48 for larges, and \$20.49 for extra-larges.

Renderoni's is at 6215 Sashabaw Road between I-75 and Maybee. Call 248-620-5555.

## WTB Recipes . . . Corned beef & more

Known for their buoyant jigs and heavenly feasts, the Irish certainly understand the importance of entertaining. In honor of the day when everyone is Irish, welcome your family and friends to a traditional St. Patrick's spread, with flavors they won't



forget.

A timeless companion to savory cabbage and red potatoes, this Dijon-Glazed Corned Beef will satisfy your guests with each mouthwatering bite. Save some tasty leftovers for scrumptious classic Reuben Sandwiches, or use the corned beef and potatoes for a deliciously casual country-style dish, Rustic Corned Beef & Potato Bake.

Throw on your best green garb and may the luck of the Irish be upon you! Cheers!

### Rustic Corned Beef & Potato Bake

Total preparation and cooking time: 50 to 55 minutes

- 12 ounces reserved corned beef brisket, coarsely chopped\*
- 3 teaspoons butter, divided
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh thyme

2 tablespoons reserved horseradish-butter mixture\*

- 2 cups reserved potato halves\*
- 1 cup shredded Swiss cheese
- 1/4 cup shredded Parmesan cheese

1. Heat oven to 375°F. Melt 2 teaspoons butter in large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add onion and thyme; cook and stir 3 to 4 minutes or until onion is tender. Remove from heat; stir in corned beef and horseradish-butter mixture. Meanwhile coat bottom and sides of 9-inch glass pie plate with remaining 1 teaspoon butter; set aside.

2. Cut each potato half into 4 wedges. Arrange potato wedges in single layer over bottom and up sides of pie plate. Combine cheeses in small bowl. Sprinkle 1/2 of cheese mixture over potatoes on bottom of

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## Corned beef & more

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pie plate. Top with corned beef mixture and remaining cheese mixture. Press firmly with spatula to compact layers; cover with aluminum foil.

3. Bake in 375°F oven 25 to 30 minutes or until heated through. Uncover; continue baking 3 to 5 minutes or until cheese is melted and edges begin to brown. Let stand 5 minutes. Cut into wedges.

Makes 4 servings

\*Reserve from Dijon-Glazed Corned Beef With Savory Cabbage & Red Potatoes recipe.

### Reuben Sandwiches

Total preparation and cooking time: 25 to 30 minutes

12 ounces thinly sliced cooked corned beef or deli corned beef

2 tablespoons butter, softened

8 slices rye or pumpernickel bread

8 slices Swiss cheese

1-1/2 cups sauerkraut, well drained

1/4 cup Thousand Island dressing

1. Lightly spread butter on one side of each bread slice.

2. Heat large nonstick skillet over medium heat until hot. Place 2 bread slices, butter side down, in skillet. Top each bread slice with 2 slices cheese, 1 tablespoon dressing, 3 ounces corned beef and 1/4 of the sauerkraut. Top sandwich with bread slice, butter side up.

3. Cook sandwiches 4 to 6 minutes or until bread is golden brown and cheese is melted, turning once. Repeat with remaining sandwiches. Serve with additional Thousand Island dressing, if desired.

Makes 4 sandwiches

### Dijon-Glazed Corned Beef With Savory Cabbage & Red Potatoes

Total preparation and cooking time: 3-1/2 to 4 hours

1 boneless corned beef brisket with seasoning packet (3-1/2 to 4 pounds)

6 cloves garlic, peeled

2 teaspoons whole black peppercorns

2 cups water

6 tablespoons butter

1 cup thinly sliced green onions, including white and green parts

1/2 cup prepared horseradish

1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper

1/4 teaspoon salt

1 head green cabbage, cored, cut into 6 wedges (1 to 1-1/2 pounds)

1-1/2 pounds small red-skinned potatoes, cut in half

### Glaze

2 tablespoons orange marmalade

2 teaspoons Dijon-style mustard

1. Position oven racks in upper and lower thirds of oven. Heat oven to 350°F. Place corned beef brisket in roasting pan; sprinkle garlic, contents of seasoning packet and peppercorns around and over brisket. Add water; cover tightly with aluminum foil. Braise in upper third of 350°F oven 3 to 3-1/2 hours or until brisket is fork-tender.

2. Meanwhile place butter, green onions, horseradish, ground pepper and salt in glass measuring cup. Microwave on HIGH 1 to 2 minutes or until butter melts; mix well. Cover and refrigerate 2 tablespoons for Rustic Corned Beef & Potato Bake. Place cabbage wedges on half of baking sheet and potatoes on other half. Drizzle remaining horseradish-butter mixture over vegetables, turning cabbage and tossing potatoes to coat. Cover with aluminum foil. Roast in lower third of 350°F oven with brisket 55 minutes. Uncover vegetables; continue roasting 15 to 20 minutes or until vegetables are tender and begin to brown.

3. Combine glaze ingredients in small bowl. Remove cooked brisket from roast-



ing pan; place on rack in broiler pan so surface of brisket is 3 to 4 inches from heat. Brush glaze over brisket; broil 2 to 3 minutes or until glaze is bubbly and beginning to brown.

4. Carve brisket diagonally across the grain into thin slices. Cover and refrigerate 1/2 of brisket (about 12 ounces) and 2 cups

potatoes for Rustic Corned Beef & Potato Bake. Serve remaining brisket and potatoes with cabbage.

Makes 4 servings

Cook's Tip: If seasoning packet is not included with corned beef brisket, substitute 1-1/4 teaspoons pickling spice.

### It's not about luck ... Secrets to great corned beef

The secret is simple: cook it long and slow, tightly covered.

■ Corned beef brisket needs to gently simmer. High temperatures can toughen the meat. The steam created during simmering ensures fork-tender, moist and flavorful beef.

■ Do not boil. Boiling does not speed up the cooking process; it only toughens the beef.

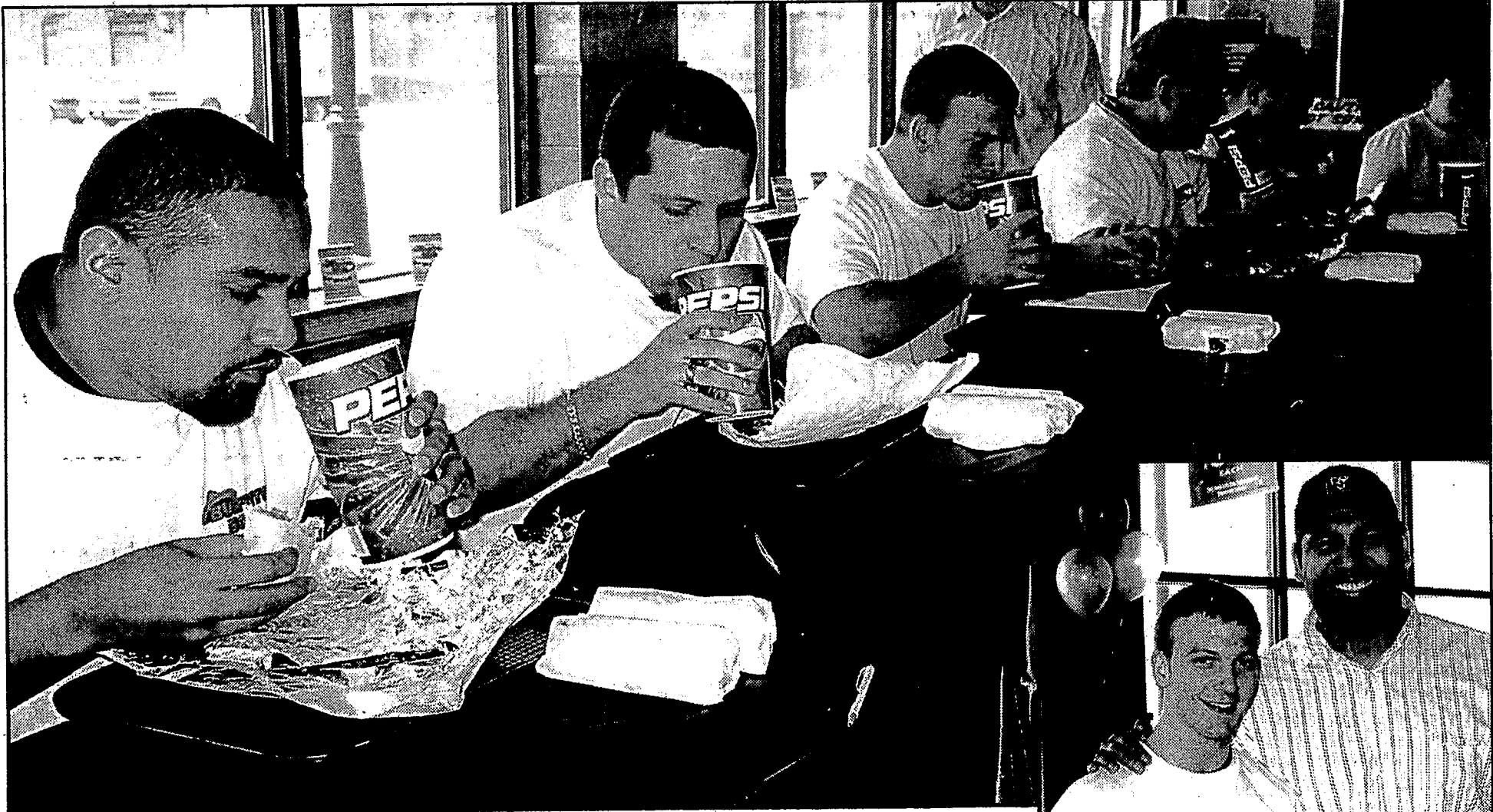
■ No peeking! Be patient — it cooks unattended. Just check the meat at the end of the suggested cook-

ing time. ■ It's not necessary to turn a brisket during cooking. Each time the cover is lifted, steam escapes and the tenderizing process is interrupted.

■ To determine doneness, insert a utility fork into the brisket; the beef is fork-tender when fork inserts without resistance and releases easily.

■ Carve brisket across the grain into thin slices for the most tender eating experience.

For additional beef recipes and cooking tips, visit [www.BeeftsWhatsForDinner.com](http://www.BeeftsWhatsForDinner.com).



## Bolting burritos to benefit society

On Jan. 26, Rio Wraps on Sashawbaw Road hosted a preliminary round for the first annual "Burrito Bowl" eating competition, which is a benefit fund-raiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Participants had to eat three mini-burritos as fast as possible to qualify for the final round, which took places

on Feb. 2 in Dearborn.

Pictured above, contestants stuff their faces during the competition. Right, Chad Lee of Waterford won with a time of 3:10 and was awarded an autographed Lion's football by former Detroit Lion Luther Ellis. Photos provided.



## Helping realtors grow



Realtor Michael Wang

In a move to foster new real estate agents, Realtor Michael Wang opened Mico's Real Estate from the basement office of his Goodrich home in August.

The business moved to its location at 7183 Main Street inside the Winship building one month later after Wang secured a broker's license. The company now employs five agents and Wang's goal is to keep the realtor associated fees at a minimum for agents looking to gain a foothold in the industry.

"To work for a major realtor is expensive for an agent," Wang said. "Everything is fees, fees, fees."

The agents maintain office, computer and facilities access while learning their craft. The agency is also flexible enough to work from home, Wang said.

"It's not the company that sells the houses, it's the agents," Wang said.

"We don't have a lot of high-overhead people in here. The agents are expected to do their own work," Wang said.

"The cost is down and the work is up."

Wang said the agents are members of the North Oakland County board of realtors and Mico's is looking to add more of them.

"We're here to stay. We're not looking to become national. We're good, knowledgeable realtors looking to help agents get in the business and stay in."

Mico's is located at 7183 North Main Street, Suite D, in Clarkston. Mico's can be reached at 810-338-1700.



Bonnie Solden and Stacey Hunt

## All Glam finishes transformation

Owning Wee-Sale Resale Shop for 17 years, owners Bonnie Solden and Stacey Hunt decided it was time for a change.

The approximately 2,000-square-foot store has undergone a makeover and is now ready for the public. All Glam "Special Occasion Wear" will sell baptismal and communion gowns, tuxedos and suits, prom wear, wedding attire, and accessories (shoes, purses, veils, jewelry).

"We see there's a need out here for it," Hunt said.

The duo plans to offer the friendly, personalized service that got Wee Sale nominated as the county's best. The connections the pair have established in the past helps them order and stock formal wear quickly, in a week if a special size and/or color is needed.

"Chances are we can have it in their size and color within 7-10 days. That's something that is going to set us apart from everyone because that's a hard thing to come by," Hunt said.

"A store in the mall won't go through that," Solden said.

"They don't hold the dresses for the girls and help them try it on like we do," Solden said. "(For example) when you go to a hardware store, you like a little bit of a personal feel, you like someone to wait on you and make you feel important."

All Glam "Special Occasion Wear," at 5880 Dixie Highway, can be reached at 623-2037.

## Keeping families in style

Debbie Wright and Judy Roberts had a choice: find someplace new to work or open their own place.

Their decision was to open Styles on Dixie Highway.

"This is our time," Roberts said.

"We have a wonderful client base - we wanted to make a nice place for them to go and feel comfortable."

The hair and nails salon serves the whole family, Roberts said.

"Mom, dad, the kids, grandma and grandpa," she said.

Roberts and Wright, both Clarkston High School graduates, and several of their stylists have worked together for the past 16 years.

"We have a good group - we work well together,"

Wright said.

"Clarkston is a great place," Roberts said. "We didn't want to move too far."

Styles, 5886 Dixie Highway Suite 4, offers complete hair and nails services. Call 248-623-0033 for more information.



In front, from left are Styles owners Debbie Wright and Judy Roberts. Just behind are stylists and clients Nikki Spurlock and Carol Checkowsky, sitting, and, standing from left, Laura Boatright, Cheryl Miller, Donna Duncon, Jessica Wright, Betty Teufel, Marylan Alexander, Kym Ottman, Sandy Lanson, Terra Durnem, Vinnie Giordano, and Tyler Kintz. Photo by Phil Custodio



From left, Chris Hatton, and owners Darlene Hendrick and Mary Green admire one of their wedding dresses. Photo by Phil Custodio

## Designer dresses made affordable

Bridal Boutique and Formal Wear has a new location - 5992 Dixie Highway.

Owners Darlene Hendrick and Mary Green offer one-of-a-kind dresses, brand new and on consignment.

"They're fantastic looking dresses," Green said. "They're absolutely gorgeous, designer dresses at a third of the cost."

"We take care of the bride from beginning to end," said Chris Hatton, shop employee.

Call 248-623-0202 for more information.

## Daniel Krug & Associates to launch new website

Clarkston-based retirement planning and asset preservation firm, Daniel Krug & Associates is set to launch a new website, [www.mydkna.com](http://www.mydkna.com)

As specialists in tax reduction strategies, asset protection, estate planning, probate avoidance, retirement planning, wealth strategies, cash flow protection, and nursing home protection, this new, user friendly website is designed to be an informational source devoted entirely to the financial needs, questions and specific challenges pertinent to retirees and those nearing retirement.

"Our newly redesigned website will have timely and credible information for the large segment of the "baby boomer" generation - and beyond - who are incredibly web savvy and using the computer as an informational source in all aspects of their lives, including their financial futures," said Daniel Krug, the founder and president of Daniel Krug & Associates.

"It is my hope that this web site meets the high stan-

dards that today's retirees have set as an "information hungry" generation," Krug said. "We hope it provides valuable information about the specialty services of Daniel Krug & Associates and evolves as a trusted information source for the aging baby boomers, current retirees as well as their children who may assist their parents in the retirement planning process."

Since 2004, Daniel Krug & Associates has delivered full-service, personalized results to meet the needs of their clients. Through a network of committed certified public accountants, financial advisors and legal professionals, Daniel Krug & Associates has been able to provide clients with the counsel necessary to secure their financial futures.

Daniel Krug & Associates solely serves the distinctive financial needs of those nearing retirement and those already retired. Daniel Krug is a member of the Society of Certified Senior Advisors.

## 22<sup>nd</sup> annual community awards deadline for nominations March 30

Nominations are being sought for the 22nd Annual Clarkston Community Awards. This event, which corresponds with Michigan Week celebrations each year, is sponsored by Oxford Bank.

To recognize the important contributions others are making to our community nominations are being sought in the following categories: Citizen of the Year, Young Person of the Year, Business Person of the Year, Adult-Youth Volunteer, Community Preservation, Community Beautification, Community Enhancement and Community Collaboration.

Nominations forms are available at the Chamber office located at 5856 S. Main St. Clarkston, MI 48346. Nominations must be received by March 30, 2007. Nomination forms are also available on the Chamber's website: [www.clarkston.org](http://www.clarkston.org).

The 22nd Annual Community Awards Breakfast will be Thursday, May 24, at Deer Lake Banquet Center. Tickets for the event are \$15 per person.

The Community Awards are coordinated by the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce.



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## Reducing your printing costs – without losing marketing pizzazz

By Dan Gauthier

Competition is increasing for your customer's attention and business. This means it is essential that marketing materials stand out and set your company apart. Printed marketing materials do not have to be costly to be effective. At the same time, planning your printing and following some simple guidelines can significantly reduce costs and maximize the impact of your marketing investment.

According to a recent nationwide telephone survey conducted by Impulse Research Corp., 91 percent of small businesses use printed materials to market themselves. In addition, 78 percent of small businesses use printed materials more than any other method to promote their businesses.

Even companies that use minimal amounts of printed material can cut their printing budgets by as much as half. For example, many small companies use flyers to promote special programs and services. A trick is, instead of using two colors to jazz it up, ask the printer to use one color along with a screen of the same color in select areas. This produces a lighter version of the same color, which adds interest like a second color. The cost, for example, for 500 flyers would be about \$65 instead of \$115. (Note: all prices are estimates and may vary by printer.)

Anticipating and planning for printing needs may also save money. One client, a local law firm, used to order 500 custom-printed envelopes every three months for a cost of about \$110, or \$440 a year. Instead, the print consultant recommended the law firm place an annual order for 2,000 envelopes, reducing the annual cost to \$290, a 34 percent savings.

Today, it is even more important to save on printing for a number of reasons:

Increasing paper prices. Paper costs fluctuate constantly with certain paper grades increasing as much as 40 percent in the last two years.

Decreasing shelf life of printed materials. Due to constant changes in technology and customer demand, companies are revising marketing materials at a rapid pace. The printing industry estimates that each year, up to 30 percent of all company literature becomes obsolete and is thrown away.

The ability to test different versions of marketing materials with different target markets. Studies show that the more effective marketing efforts are those directed to the specific wants and needs of particular market segments versus a mass market approach.

Many companies are saving money by designing their own marketing materials on desk-top systems. During this phase, it is essential that you consider the impact that design decisions will have on production and printing costs. Whether you are designing the piece yourself or working with a graphic designer, you should include your printer early on in the process to help you make these decisions. In this way, you can make sure the design is not cost prohibitive, as well as build cost-saving measures into the design. (Keep in mind that many printing companies offer graphic design services, too.)

Follow these rules to minimize printing costs, but, at the same time, not give up marketing pizzazz.

Try to use standard paper sizes 8 1/2 inches by 11 inches or 11 inches by 17 inches. In addition, ask your printer if he or she has any in-stock specialty papers to use up or if any specials are being offered by paper suppliers. Often, specialty papers are left over from previous jobs or paper supply companies are trying to reduce excess inventory and sell it at substantial discounts.

Use "bleed-through," which is when the ink goes off the edge of the paper without leaving a border. This can add 5 to 10 percent to the cost of your printing.

Turn multi-page documents into booklets with printing on both sides, which reduces paper costs and



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# Just say 'no' to sunburn

By Chris Meny, R.Ph.

You may be wondering why I am writing about preventing sunburn. As I am thinking about this article, it is 9° F outside and there is about 7 inches of snow on the ground. I'm starting to wonder the same thing at this point. It seems like warm weather is very far away. We know better though, don't we? Soon the sun will be shining more often, the snow will melt and in time, we will be able to wear shorts again. This will be approaching even more quickly for those of us who will be traveling to warmer climates for spring break or another fun vacation that will result in a large amount of sun exposure. For this reason, I decided to talk about protecting yourself from sunburn and the resulting skin damage and pain.

Sunburn is caused by overexposure of the skin to ultraviolet light from the sun. This can occur from direct exposure or indirect exposure. Indirect exposure can occur when the sun's rays reflect off of snow, sand, water, or any other reflective material. The intensity of exposure can be affected by your proximity to the sun and the time of day (exposure is usually most hazardous between 10 am and 3 pm). No matter where you are, protection from sun exposure should always be considered. Nobody is immune to the damaging effects of ultraviolet light. Whether you're light or dark complected, even if you never burn, you are still susceptible to skin damage.

There are many options when it comes to protecting yourself from the sun. Avoidance is the best option, but is not always possible. Therefore blocking the sun's rays is the key. Whether it is clothing or sunblock/sunscreen, both will help to decrease your risk of sunburn. Sunscreens are made to absorb some of the ultraviolet light that comes in contact with your skin while sunblocks form a layer of protection over the skin that prevents ultraviolet light from penetrating to the skin.

Sun Protection Factor, or SPF, is the term used to describe a product's ability to screen or block the ultraviolet rays that cause sunburn. The more effective products are made to decrease exposure to both UVA (which damages skin causing more long term problems) and UVB (which causes sunburn). Most of the products found in stores will be available in an SPF range of between 2 and 60. A product's SPF is an indication of

the amount of additional time, when the product is applied properly, your skin can be exposed to the sun before it starts to become damaged or red. For example, let's say your exposed skin normally would take 10 minutes to burn if you didn't apply anything. If you apply a product with an SPF of 4, it would take 40 minutes for your skin to burn (SPF of 4 times 10 minutes of normal time to burn = 40). An SPF of 15 would protect you for 150 minutes (2 1/2 hours). Like I said before, these numbers only apply if the product is applied appropriately.

Most products will recommend that you apply a sunscreen/sunblock approximately 15 to 30 minutes before exposure to the sun. They will also recommend that you re-apply as needed or every 2 to 3 hours. You must also take into consideration your skin type and the SPF rating of your product. Lighter complected people may need to reapply sooner. You must also reapply sooner if you rub the product off of your skin or you are swimming or sweating. Even waterproof sunblocks will eventually be removed from your skin by water or sweat.

Another thing to consider is the medications that you are taking. Some medications photosensitize the skin, meaning that they can increase your skin's ability to burn. You may not only burn more rapidly, but the sun's effects could also be more severe. Also, don't forget to protect your eyes. Wear good sunglasses that block ultraviolet light. This will help prevent the tissues in your eyes from being damaged. Chronic ultraviolet light exposure can lead to the development of cataracts and possibly blindness.

Many of the products such as Coppertone®, Banana Boat®, and Neutrogena® are available in a variety of different formulations and SPFs to choose from. Many have also have baby formulas that are a higher SPF and may last a little longer on the skin, and store brands that are less expensive. One brand that is interesting is Blue Lizard™. It is packaged in a bottle that is sensitive to ultraviolet light. When it is exposed to ultraviolet light the bottle turns from white to blue. A good tool if you're not sure whether you are being exposed to damaging rays.

If you have any further questions about medications that may increase your risk of sunburn or you have questions about the differences between sunscreen/sunblock products, don't hesitate to ask your doctor or pharmacist. You may also find good tips on protecting your eyes from your optometrist or ophthalmologist.



Chris Meny, Walgreen pharmacist

## Local bizness 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.

"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.

**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. Daniel's Parish. He lives with his wife, Colleen, and two sons, Hayden and Harrison, who attend Clarkston Jr. High and Sashabaw Middle School.



Tim Smith

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).

**Kenneth Rogers** is the new chairman of Clarkston Financial Corporation, the holding company for Clarkston State Bank.

Rogers, 67, has been a director of with the Bank Board, but remains chairman and CEO of the holding company, a title he has held since the bank's founding.

Rogers is executive director of Automation Alley and the deputy county executive for Oakland County, where he oversees strategic planning and ongoing activities.

He was director of Oakland County's community and economic development, where he was responsible for the planning and development division and the community development division. He was also one of the founders of Oakland County's Economic Development Corporation, served as a member of the governor's conference on small business, and was president of the Oakland County Chamber of Commerce. He also served as a director of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital of Pontiac and the United Way of Oakland County.

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## Thoughtful employee rewards for small businesses

(NewsUSA) - In the late '90s, companies both large and small boasted generous employee perks ranging from massages to nap rooms to fully paid health club fees. With the burst of the dot-com bubble, however, many were forced to rethink their benefit plans as the economy took a turn south.

Fast forward eight years, and employers are again looking for ways to boost their benefits. While large corporations can handle substantial bonuses, doling out lavish perks may still be unthinkable for some small-business owners.

With some creativity, however, business owners can offer a compelling benefits plan that won't break the bank.

"Small-business owners know the importance of retaining dedicated and hard-working employees," says Alice Bredin, small business adviser to OPEN from American Express. "Low-cost perks, like tickets to a popu-

lar show or discounts on memberships, can elicit immense satisfaction from employees."

The following tips can show your employees how much you care, while keeping the impact to your bottom line at a minimum:

■ **Negotiate rates at a local health club.**

Gym memberships are often expensive and for some, can be an unaffordable luxury. While you may not be able to pick up the full tab, many facilities will offer a discount if you can promise them a certain number of members.

■ **Offer flex time.**

What you may not be able to provide in compensation, you may be able to give in flexibility. Many small-business owners have discovered that employees cherish the ability to vary hours in order to accommodate personal commitments.

■ **Pass on the points.**

Some charge cards like the Business Gold Rewards Card from American Express allow business owners to accrue points for every dollar they spend. The points can then be redeemed for airline tickets, travel, entertainment events, American Express gift cards or cheques, gift cards to hundreds of leading retailers, or high-end merchandise, which can be given to employees as rewards or incentives.

■ **Make equipment available.**

As your business upgrades and outgrows its computers, printers and other office supplies, you may want to donate or sell the used items at a low cost to employees. Equipment that may not be powerful enough to meet the demands of daily business activity are often more than sufficient for use in the home.

For more ideas on how to run your business, log on to [www.open.com](http://www.open.com).

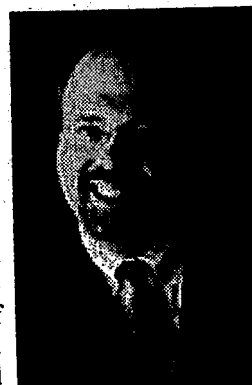
## Be sure to stock up in your IRA

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Retirement statistics show that today's Americans are enjoying longer lives and cite inflation as retirees' greatest economic worry. For that reason a fixed monthly income stream

may no longer be sufficient to fund a satisfactory lifestyle during retirement years. To protect against inflation, the ability to grow assets and retain the purchasing power of money is essential. Based on historical performance,



that's where stocks may offer an advantage. By offering a combination of capital growth and dividend income, stocks offer the ability to potentially offset the eroding effects of inflation. However, there can be no assurance that past performance will guarantee future results.

Few investment vehicles are of a longer-term nature than an Individual Retirement Account (IRA), and no other financial asset has historically offered a higher return over the longer term than common stocks. Ibbotson Associates, an oft-cited research firm, reports that for the 10 year period from 1995 through 2005, stocks offered an annual total return of 9.1 percent compared to 7.6 percent for long-term government bonds, and 3.6 percent for Treasury bills.

If you reinvest dividends within your IRA, returns can be considerably greater. Using Ibbotson's figures, \$1 invested in a broad index of U.S. common stocks on Jan. 1, 1995 through Dec. 31, 2005 with all dividends reinvested would have grown to over \$3.59. Remember, dividends and capital gains accumulate in your IRA on a tax-deferred basis. If you sell stock in your IRA for a gain, no tax is due on that gain until you retire and begin distributions, provided the gain is reinvested back into your IRA.

Diversification—widely accepted as the best way to minimize the risk of investing and achieve reasonable returns—is easy to achieve with the vast array of stocks available among hundreds of industries. Moreover, stocks can be easily liquidated to take profits or reduce losses, unlike many other investments that may lock-in investors for a particular period of time.

A diversified high-quality portfolio of stocks can offer the IRA investor both capital appreciation and dividend income. Of course, investment decisions should be made only upon a full consideration of the particular financial situation. Consult with an investment professional about the possibilities of equities within your portfolio.

Past performance does not guarantee future results. There is no assurance this trend will continue. The market value of securities fluctuates and you may incur a profit or loss. This analysis does not include transaction costs and tax considerations.

The S&P 500 is an unmanaged index of 500 widely held stocks. US Government Bonds are issued and guaranteed as to the timely payment of principal and interest by the federal government. Treasury Bills are certificates reflecting short term (under one year) obligations of the US Government.

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press time. Also, avoid complicated binding that printers often outsource, sometimes even across the country.

**If you want to print in a color besides black,** call your printer to find out when he or she has scheduled upcoming color printing jobs. Ask for your job to be printed at the same time, which will save a minimum of \$25 to \$40 per job. In addition, minimize use of florescent or metallic-colored inks that can add up to \$50 or more to your printing costs. Lighter color inks also can increase costs.

**On larger quantities that are printed on two sides,** lay out both sides on one larger sheet. This is called printing "two-up" and can reduce costs by about 25 percent since press time is cut in half.

**Watch close registration of logos or illustrations** that may require the production of metal plates, adding about \$30 per color, plus \$120 per color photo. This does not include additional artwork preparation charges and final printing costs.

**Avoid large areas of solid ink,** which may also require production of metal plates or longer press runs.

**Instead of printing photos in full color (four color),** ask for "duotones" which use two colors instead of four. The results are often striking and can save about \$200 per photo.

**If you are designing your materials on computer disk and/or providing a digital file,** make sure your printer outputs a sample to check accuracy of the layout and any color separations. In addition, make any revisions before you turn your layout or digital files over to the printer. Revisions are costly once a job is in production.

**Print a supply of two-color "shells" for three-color marketing materials** that are produced in the same format on a recurring basis, such as newsletters. When a newsletter issue is ready for press the printer can simply imprint the text on the "shells" in a third color and you'll save money over the life of the project.

**Consider color copies.** Though printing small quantities (under 400) of a full-color brochure is usually cost prohibitive for many organizations, consider color copies instead. If set up correctly, color copies can be output directly from your digital files.

**Avoid rush charges.** Find out what length of time is required from your printer for production, printing and added processes

like folding and die-cutting. Stay on deadline to avoid rush charges, which can be as high as 50 to 100 percent above the normal quote.

In choosing a printer, find someone who is knowledgeable about cost reduction options and who is willing to work with you to make sure you are getting the most for your money. In addition, if you are producing your own layouts, consult with your

printer in the initial design stages. This may save extra steps, as well as reduce printing costs.

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## How changing times affect you

By Tabetia Tiseo-Shell,  
The Benefits Coach

The "Big Three" announced changes that affect the Michigan Market Place by offering buyouts, early retirements, closing of plants and layoffs. Let us not forget the trickle effect this has on the suppliers. Are you prepared for "the pink slip?"

Many of us are NOT prepared for "the pink slip", scary isn't it! Those of us who have been affected by employment changes are left to figure out, on our own, how to make the transition from being employed and having health insurance to being unemployed and having no health insurance and not really knowing where to get help. If you had health insurance thru an employer sponsored group plan you will have the option of Cobra. Cobra is a continuation of your employer sponsored health insurance that has 20 or more employees. Here are some numbers to remember 30/14/60/45. Here is a breakdown of what these numbers mean.



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## The upsides of Windows Vista

By Dan Izydorek,  
President & founder of PC Miracles, Inc.

I'd like to introduce myself to the readers of *The Biz* in Clarkston. I'm Dan Izydorek, President and founder of PC Miracles, Inc. I, and my technicians, have been serving business and residential customers in Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties since 1994.



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We specialize in small to medium sized business as well as residential computing needs.

In my first article, I thought I'd address a topic that seems to be getting a lot of press lately: Microsoft Windows Vista. Here, in a nutshell is what you'll love about Windows Vista. Next month we'll cover some of the potential problems.

The decision for home and small-business users to upgrade to Microsoft Windows Vista will depend largely on what the new operating system can do for you and what hardware you have.

But, based on what I've seen and heard, here are five things I think you'll like about Vista. Next month I'll cover five things that may convince you to stick with Windows XP for a few more years.

Windows Vista pros: What I love about Windows Vista

1. Search or create virtual files: Forget directories, forget directory trees. Microsoft has integrated search throughout its new operating system, and you'll quickly come to wonder how you lived without it. You can search for all documents authored by John Doe, then save the search as a virtual file folder for later reference.

2. Gadgets: In Vista, Microsoft allows you to drag and drop Gadgets to tell time, calculate currency, or tackle any trivial task you perform regularly that would be handier if it were always on top of your current screen

3. Built-in diagnostics: Programs won't run, the operating system crashes — Microsoft says these will be in the past with Vista. Vista will listen to your hard drive and report pending problems, giving you ample warning to back up your data.

4. Need more oomph? Vista will find it for you. Need more RAM? You can "borrow" some from a 256MB or greater USB thumb drive!

5. Enhanced help: Help used to be limited to a few sentences about the task you want to perform. Windows Vista changes all that. There are more options available within Help inside Vista.

**Check back next month for some possible reasons to hold off rushing out and buying Vista.**

## How site maps can improve engine rankings

By Ross Dunn,  
CEO, StepForth Search Engine Placement, Inc., Victoria, BC

The structure of your website plays a key role in obtaining search engine rankings. If your website structure is too complex, the search engines may not be able to find the pages you want ranked. Fortunately, there exists a sitemap strategy that will provide an open door to search engines for just about any website, ultimately increasing your odds for ranking success. The strategy is to provide a standard sitemap web page as well as a search engine sitemap to glean the benefits of both applications.

### Step 1: Create a Sitemap Web Page

The purpose of a sitemap is to provide visitors with an alternative and perhaps faster method of finding a specific page or section within your website. The secondary purpose is to provide a single page where a search engine can reach every page within your website. Here are some considerations when creating or optimizing your website's sitemap for best results:

Begin creating the sitemap with a link to the home page and then work your way down listing the links to each of the main sections of your website.

Next, under each main section create another tier to list the links from that page to further pages deeper within the section. Ultimately, the sitemap will end up looking like a book's table of contents.

Once you have created this link-based table of contents, go back to the top of the page and then convert each link into text links using the title of the linked page (or good page-descriptive text). For example, on the home page you would add the title tag and then make those words into a link to the home page. Do this for all links on

the page.

Once the sitemap is complete, add a link to it from the footer of every page within your website.

Congratulations, now you have an effective sitemap which will allow visitors and search engines alike to find pages deep within your website.

### Step 2: Create a Sitemap Specifically for Search Engines

A search engine sitemap (meant only for search engines to see) is a tool provided by Google, Yahoo!, and MSN to allow webmasters to suggest how often, and in what order, a search engine should spider each page within their websites.

Creating a search engine sitemap is quite simple thanks to a free online tool at [XML-Sitemaps.com](http://XML-Sitemaps.com) that will automatically spider your website and create the sitemap for you. They offer up to 500 webpages maximum spidered for free. More than 500 webpages is \$14.95 for the standalone version. The site even provides step-by-step instructions on how to add the sitemap to your website. I am not going to cover the specifics of creating a search engine sitemap here because it may be technical enough that you should have your webmaster handle it for you. If, however, you want to handle this yourself, it is explained well at the above URL. Once the sitemap is complete, there are further instructions on the website on how to submit the sitemap to the search engines for spidering.

The search engine sitemap provides you with the knowledge that the search engines know, without a doubt, which pages you want them to add to their databases, how often, and in what order — a most comforting fact.

Once you have created this link-based table of contents, go back to the top of the page and then convert each link into text links using the title of the linked page

## Three ways your competitors will beat you in 2007

By Ali Swerdlow,  
The Email Insider

I am going to deliver some critical information to you: the top three ways your competitors are going to beat you in 2007.

Part of the Email Experience Council's mission is to help marketers more effectively utilize email as a valuable marketing channel. For example, a study recently released by EEC sponsor DatranMedia offered some critical insights that help to pinpoint what your competition is going to be doing with email in 2007.

The 2007 Email Marketing Survey: Looking Forward asked marketers to share their 2007 email marketing plans. The answers, while in line with other industry surveys and research materials, verified the "comeback" that email has made as an effective and efficient marketing channel. In this survey, we identified seven specific ways marketers intend to leverage the power of email. Here's a sampling of three.

**A WARNING: If you are not planning on using email strategically in 2007, you'd better watch out — or your competitors may just pass you up at the finish line.**

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This seminar is presented by Your Website Coach.

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Due to space limitations pre-registration is required for information call Nancy at 248-858-0783

## Three ways your competitors will beat you

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Based on the Datran report, our top picks for competitive email usage insights include:

1. It's time to revisit email as an acquisition tool. You may have tried it in the past, with little success, or you may have been scared away by horror stories you have heard. But in 2007 over 89% of survey respondents claim that they will be focusing on email as an acquisition vehicle. It's fast and cost-effective when done correctly, and can cut down your sales cycle by as much as 40%.
2. Use your vendor. No... not for sending emails, but to steal their intelligence. Over 55% of respondents use a third-party email vendor. These vendors live and die

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for effective email. They are a great resource for innovative ideas, or ways to maximize their technology and investment in their services. Now is the time to check that you are reaping the benefits of working with these professionals.

3. Email and search belong together. Harley Davidson did it, so why wouldn't you? The Datran survey indicates that over 83% of respondents feel email is the most important online medium ("search" is in second place with 63%). Imagine the power you will have over your competitors if you can leverage your media spending and make email and search work in unison. An email activation campaign tied to a search drive can only increase performance.

In 2007 and 2008, email's responsiveness and power is only going to grow. As it does, it will open doors for more effective digital dialogues. We at the EEC are very excited to be a part of this new movement and look forward to reporting on more survey results like these in the future.

*Ali Swerdlow is the director of the Email Experience Council.*

## Color in a print world

Have you ever had something printed and the color was not quite what you expected? This is a very common occurrence with online printers, but happens even with good, local printers. It's really about expectations, and understanding a little bit about the printing process. Here's a few things to think about that hopefully will help when you are in the process of having something printed:



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**Monitor Versus Press.** The first pitfall is that what you see on a computer monitor is NOT an indication of what you'll get in the printed piece. Computer monitors use the "RGB" (Red, Green, Blue) color scheme of displaying colors and printing presses use "CMYK" (Cyan, Magenta, Yellow, and Black) or Pantone colors. So, there are many colors that presses cannot duplicate, and vice-versa. Computers and presses are also two entirely different animals. Graphic designers and printers rely on printed color guides to choose colors, and disregard what the computer monitor shows!

**The Printing Device.** The way colors print also depends on the type of printing device used. Printing presses using CMYK combine the colors cyan, magenta, yellow, and black to generate a very wide array of colors, including full-color photographs. Other presses utilize Pantone inks - specially formulated inks that are pre-mixed and used on a press - the best way to get very close to a color you want. Some presses are able to utilize both CMYK and Pantone, but these tend to be expensive jobs. The quality of presses varies greatly, too.

**What It's Printed On.** The type of material being printed on is a huge factor in how colors appear. Many of the color guides that printers and designers use come in sets of three that show how colors will look printed on coated (glossy), uncoated, and matte (a type of paper in between coated and uncoated). Ink printed on a coated sheet does not "sink in" to the paper as much as on an uncoated sheet, and the color can look much different on each sheet. Colors also may appear different on colored paper - even a simple ivory color can add yellowing to the ink printed on it.

**The Effects of Lighting.** Where you are when you are looking at your printed piece can make a big difference in how it looks, too. Colors look quite different in natural sunlight versus under fluorescent lights. So, think about where and how your piece will be used and get some advice on how to accommodate for that.

If you are working with a professional designer or printer, there are a lot of things he or she can show you before the design process even begins, so your expectations match the outcome. There are also a variety of printed proofs that can be generated before the entire job is printed, and your designer can explain all your options. However, I'll end on a note of caution - the printing process is not a perfect science! There can be variations even on presses from day-to-day after a printed proof has been reviewed, so be sure you get some good consulting on what to expect from any job you have printed.

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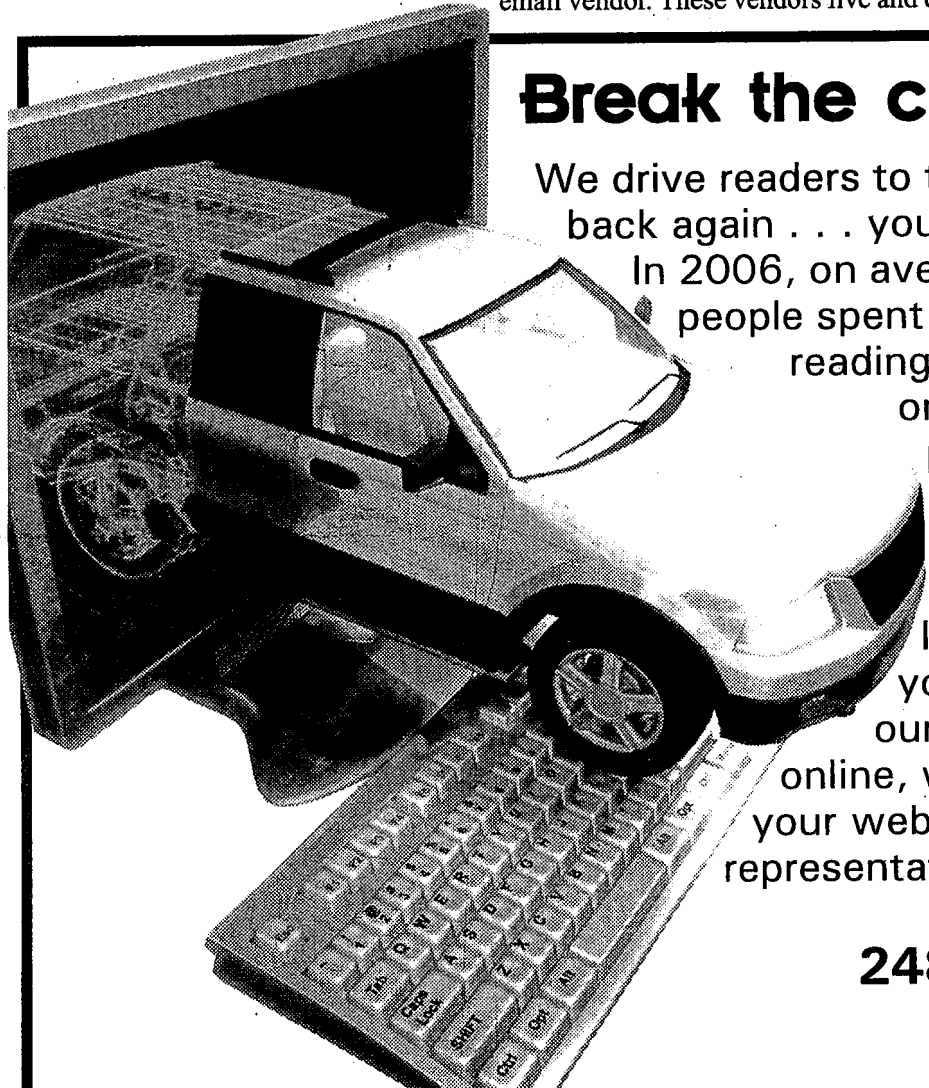






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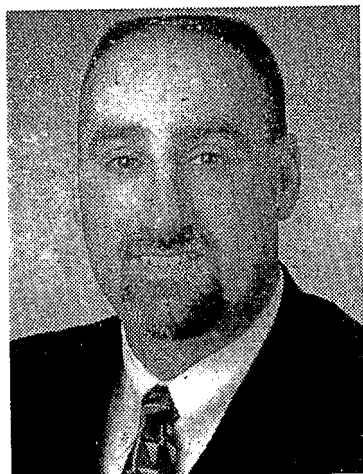
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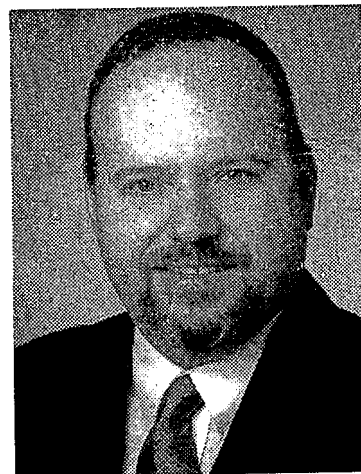
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