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Neighbor in need

Clarkston man comes home for lung transplant

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

David Carpenter, 1983 graduate of Clarkston High School, left Michigan for Florida in 1995.

After 12 years, he is returning to Michigan. The homecoming isn't as happy as it should be.

A serious medical condition is destroying his lungs – the 42-year-old man needs a double lung transplant.

Michigan's cold weather is a good thing for him, allowing him to breathe easier.

"The cold weather actually does wonders for me – the colder, the better," he said.

In December, 2000, he felt sick with flu-like symptoms. By the end of January, he was in the hospital.

"I'd never been sick before, never been to the hospital," he said.

"Even taking a shower, I would get winded. They X-rayed my lungs – they looked like a snowstorm."

Doctors initially suspected HIV, but Carpenter knew that was impossible. His brother, Dr. Randall Carpenter, sent him to the Mayo Clinic in Florida.

In April, doctors performed an opening biopsy. He was diagnosed with non-specific interstitial pneumonitis, a tissue disease attacking the immune system, causing it to attack the lungs.

Cause is yet to be determined conclusively. "I've never smoked, not a day in my life," David Carpenter said.

He owned a pest control business in Florida, but those chemicals have not been linked to his disease.

Likely suspects include toxic Black Mold, three types of which was found in the home in Florida, shared by Carpenter and his wife, Vicki.

Treatments include Prednizone, a synthetic steroid, to suppress the immune system. His longterm use of the drug has led to high blood pressure, diabetes, low bone density, and deterioration of his muscles.



David Carpenter of Clarkston needs an oxygen tank to breathe. Photo by Phil Custodio

A fund raiser is planned to help with David Carpenter's medical expenses:
Where
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5640 Maybee Road
When
June 9
What
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Who to call
Steve Carpenter, 248-673-3282

He needs oxygen tanks to breathe. At home, he uses a long tube connected to central tanks. To go out, he has a liquid oxygen tank good for 7-8 hours.

On airplanes, where liquid oxygen isn't allowed, he uses a four-hour carry-on-type tank.

He has a house in Clarkston, but he and Vicki are moving to Ann Arbor to be closer to the University of Michigan. He needs a lung transplant, and if one becomes available, time would be of the essence.

"The University of Michigan is the best place for that," he said.

Carpenter's family and friends are planning a fund raiser to help with expenses. They are still working out the details. Slated is a June 9 spaghetti dinner with live music and auction at the Clarkston Eagles Club.

They are seeking donations of items for the auction. The Eagles already agreed to donate use of their hall on Maybee Road.

"We're always will to lend a helping hand," said Janice Karrick, officer with the Eagles Aerie 3373.

Former DPW worker jailed

BY KELLY L. REYNOLDS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Joshua Babe of Independence Township has a lengthy criminal record.

According to Oakland County circuit court, Babe served probation for several offenses dating back to July 1998, including receiving and concealing weapons, delivery and manufacturing of marijuana, uttering and publishing, breaking and entering with intent, and receiving of stolen property more than \$100.

He is serving time at Lakeland Correctional Facility on a home-invasion conviction, until at least 2010.

Until his incarceration, he worked for Independence Township, with the Department of Public Works.

The Clarkston News first learned of this in a letter to the editor written by an Independence Township resident, who asked not to be identified.

As someone with an extensive criminal record, he would not have been hired and put on township payroll if the department had first done a criminal background check, said Township Supervisor David Wagner.

"We had many difficulties with Mr. Babe," Wagner said. "He wasn't showing up for work, and we had many problems with him. It was a problem I inherited when I came here. He had been an employee with us several years prior to me being supervisor."

Linda Richardson, DPW director, said Babe was a good worker, but also noted his problem with work attendance.

"This charge had nothing to do with his work here," she said. "We did have disciplinary problems with him, yes. He was showing up to work late many times, but he was a good worker."

Babe is not the only worker who has had disciplinary problems at the DPW.

According to Richardson, there is another worker currently in the department who has had consistent disciplinary problems.

The name and position of the worker was not released, but Richardson promised necessary actions were taken and changes were made to ensure nothing happens again. Now, every employee going through the hiring process at the DPW must go through an extensive background check, drug testing and physical examination, said Richardson.

Wagner agrees the new system was a needed step in ensuring quality work is being done within the township.

"We have a lot of good employees and you'll always have a few bad apples," he said. "That's why we're tightening our hiring process. We're working very hard to make these changes."

Check www.ClarkstonNews.com for updates, and next week's edition for more details.

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Millstream

Eric Chambers turns court lessons to classroom lessons.

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Clarkston basketball ready to start playoffs

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Teens fast, help the hungry

Forty teenagers from Clarkson's St. Daniel Catholic Church, St. Anne's in Ortonville, and Ortonville United Methodist recently went without food for 24 hours to raise awareness for those who go hungry.

During the 24-hour fast, they fed the hungry at Grace Center of Hope, PBJ Ministries and Center Stage in Pontiac and Detroit. They fed youth at risk at Promise Village and Children's Village and sorted food

at Baldwin Food Bank in Pontiac. They also made 75 blankets for Haven and Crisis Pregnancy Centers in Oxford and Pontiac.

They then went door to door in Ortonville to collect non-perishable items for the Ortonville Community Emergency Fund at St. Anne for local residents in need. Prior to the actual fast, they raised \$3,400 for World Vision through sponsors.

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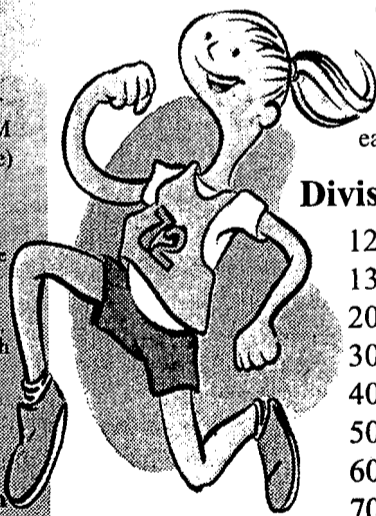
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The Second Front

Briefly

Township served with lawsuit

Independence Township is facing a discrimination lawsuit. An employee of the Department of Public Works is charging discrimination because of his age and disability, creating a hostile work environment.

The suit was filed on Jan. 31 by the law firm of Roumell, Lange & Cholack, through the Michigan Department of Civil Rights. The township was formally served Feb. 8, and has until March 14 to respond.

Check our Website, www.ClarkstonNews.com, for more details as they are available, and next week's edition for the full story.

Correction

The story "One step left for McLaren project," Feb. 28 edition, incorrectly reported the vote of the Independence Township Board.

The correct vote was 3-1. Supervisor David Wagner, Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen, and Trustee Larry Rosso voted in favor.

Trustee Daniel Travis voted against.

Set clocks ahead

Daylight savings time starts early this year, at 2 a.m. Sunday, March 11. Set your clocks ahead one hour or you'll be late for church!



Chief fired

Clarkston Police Chief Ernest Combs, left, faces the City Council alongside two of his officers. The council voted unanimously to remove Combs from duty. Photo by Laura Colvin

BY LAURA COLVIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The city's entire police force showed up in uniform to stand together in staunch support as their leader was dismissed by a unanimous vote of the Clarkston City Council Monday.

Police Chief Ernie Combs was fired, effective immediately, in a special session called by the council in a move they claimed was in the city's best interest.

"I think (the council) made a big mistake tonight," said Officer Ron Fanone. "They made a comment that they had good officers—the reason they have good officers is because they have a good chief. I don't know what they want, but they're not going to find anyone better than Ernie Combs to do it."

Councilman Bill Rausch made a

motion to fire the chief at council's last regular meeting Feb. 26, but the motion was postponed on advice of city attorney Thomas Ryan, who cautioned the council to refer back to the city charter and follow proper protocol in the matter.

Combs' attorney, Arnold J. Shifman, from the Royal Oak firm of Cooper, Shifman, Gabe, Quinn and Seymore, cautioned council that ramifications from the action were probable.

"I think you're making a terrible mistake," Shifman warned the council. "You'll be buying yourselves expensive litigation in spite of all the comments made at previous meetings that he's an employee at will and you can get rid of him whenever you want."

Shifman expressed his opinion that council ignored city charter guidelines

both about the management, and the termination process of the police chief.

"I have memos and tapes from a certain council individual who pays no attention to the provisions of the charter," he said, "and decides that no matter what the charter says, he is going to determine how this police department... is going to be run."

Reaction from residents, whose presence in the small city office created a rare standing-room only situation, was mixed.

"The chief seems more interested in criminalizing community behavior, rather than managing or stopping it," said Clarkston resident Tom Stone, who supported the chief's termination. "For example, he wanted to limit the number of

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'Hats off' to talented students at high school Project Runway

BY LAURA COLVIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Music played, cameras flashed and video rolled at Clarkston High School last week as seven young women basked in limelight brought on by recognition of talent not usually showcased in the high school arena — sewing.

Project Runway—based on the popular Bravo show by the same name—gave the girls an opportunity to model garments they designed and created especially for the show.

"The event went really well," said Linda Jambro, Clarkston Community Schools communications and marketing coordinator, who served as the program's hostess. "I enjoyed seeing these girls focused on their abilities, and it was nice to see a different kind of crowd—the artistic and creative kids—recognized and showcased for their talents."

Project Runway began as an idea for decorating a media center window in the usual "theme of the month."

"I had all the other months planned out, and I was trying to come up with an idea for February" said CHS Media

paraeducator Paul Jacques, who produced the event. "Then someone said 'February is fashion month.'"

Jacques immediately began asking questions of junior Kristin Mallison, who happened to be in the library at the time.

Mallison, he found, hand-makes many of the garments in her unique wardrobe, and was building a portfolio in hopes of attending a prestigious Chicago design school.

So Jacques continued with the questions.

Do any other students sew? Do you think they'd be interested in submitting their designs? sewing something we could display?

Mallison's enthusiasm for the idea provided the inspiration he needed, and Jacques took off running with plans.

But there was a problem—it quickly became obvious the garments were not going to fit in the display case.

And so it was decided.

"My wife and I are both big fans of Project Runway," he said. "So I thought, 'why can't we do something like that?'"

News spread across the campus like wildfire, he said, and by the time all the

entries were in, 37 girls had applied.

"I was hoping for one male," laughed Jacques. "Even if his mom helped him knit something, I was hoping for even one male."

No such luck. After the field was narrowed to seven finalists, the girls began work on their garments, each of which was to be inspired from a book in the media center library. The garment had meet the CHS dress code, and the student had to create at least 80 percent of her entry.

"The whole design just randomly popped into my head, so I drew it on graph paper in math class," said Jezi Magnuson, who based her gown on the book "Peace Like a River" by Jeff Enger.

The seven contestants modeled their garments on the "runway" before a panel of judges—CHS Principal Janice Meagher, Superintendent Al Roberts, School Board President Steve Hyer, award-winning fashion designer Kate Bennett, Julie Ann Patterson, fashion chair at the International Academy of Design and Technology, and Rebecca Weber, stylist for Douglas J. Cosmetology-Lifetime Fitness.

Derry Mahy, general manager for

JoAnn Fabrics, who sponsored the event, was slated to sit on the panel, as well, but had to cancel due to an injury the previous day.

Before the competition, the girls had ideas about who would ultimately win, but speculated it would depend on different factors.

"It depends on what the judges like," said Kristin Mallison, noting that some of the girls chose more conservative styles, while others went with trendier pieces.

A \$100 JoAnn gift card was awarded to the winner, a \$50 card to the second place contestant and a \$25 card to each of the five runners up.

"These are really talented kids," said Bennett, of Kate Bennett Designs. "I've been sewing for a long time, but nothing I made in high school was as good as these. If they stick with it, they can really go a long way in the fashion world."

When the moment of truth arrived, senior Sarah Chasins was chosen as the Project Runway winner.

Chasins, however, was attending a Global Trade Mission at Oakland Community

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From left, Donna McDonald of ReMax, and Steve Pawlak and Susan Madole of Oakhurst are planning an informational meeting with local Realtors about the proposed McLaren project on Sashabaw. Photo by Phil Custodio

Oakhurst hopes to attract future McLaren employees

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

If all goes as planned and the McLaren Health Care Village on Sashabaw Road is built, thousands of employees would go there to work.

One neighborhood association wants them to avoid the commute and move here to stay.

"We want them to move here - this is a great place," said Donna McDonald, sales associate with ReMax Encore.

"We're the perfect place for them," said Steve Pawlak, general manager of Oakhurst Golf & Country Club.

The Oakhurst gated community off Clintonville Road offers homes in a wide range of prices. Residents can also become members of the Oakhurst Golf & Country club, and participate in several family-oriented recreation programs, McDonald said.

"It's a beautiful club," she said. "We have something for everyone."

McLaren is planning a 76-acre Health Care Village at Sashabaw Road and I-75. If fully developed, it would include medical offices, research facilities, and a 300-bed hospital.

"It can't get here soon enough," Pawlak said.

"Local business, real estate, and con-

struction would benefit from this project."

Awaiting final approval by Independence Township, it could break ground in May. McLaren estimates employment at more than 3,000.

"This area needs those jobs," said Susan Madole, director of membership sales for Oakhurst.

Oakhurst is inviting Clarkston area realtors to a breakfast meeting with Kevin Tompkins, vice president of marketing for McLaren Health Care Corporation.

Tompkins will give a presentation and answer questions about what the project would mean for the area's real estate market.

The idea for the meeting came when Madole met Tompkins at a Lighthouse fund raiser.

"I invited him to come speak, to introduce him to the area," she said.

Communication between McLaren and the community is an important part of the project's development, Tompkins said.

"It's a big part - building understanding of what we want to do," he said. "Education is very important."

The meeting of up to 150 realtors is planned for 7:30 a.m., March 21, at the Oakhurst clubhouse. RSVP by March 15 by calling Oakhurst at 248-391-3300.

Fashion drama at high school

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College with about 20 other CHS students, so her sister Katie stood in to model the gown.

"I was really surprised at how elegant it was," Bennett said of the winning design. "The layering, the color, the fabric is all very sophisticated for a high school girl. It's a lot of work, she really had to have an eye for design."

Chasins' mom and sister, however, couldn't help but giggle a bit.

"She doesn't actually have much fashion sense," laughed mom after the winners were announced. "But she's very artistic, and she had definite ideas about what she wanted the dress to look like."

Katie didn't waste any time getting back into her jeans and t-shirt after the program, but she beamed with happiness over her big sister's accomplishment.

"It was slightly nerve racking," said Katie. "I didn't feel like I belonged out there, but I'm very proud of Sarah."

The second place runner up winner was deadlocked in a tie between junior Kristin Malison and senior Becca Shay.

"Last night I was thinking 'ok, what can go wrong,'" said Jacques. "A snowstorm, my car breaks down, then I thought, oh no, what would we do in the event of a tie?"

Sure enough.

But Principal Janice Meagher acted quickly, and threw in money for the extra prize so both girls could get the recognition they deserved.

All the garments will be on display at the Great Lakes Crossing location of JoAnn Fabrics during March. Jacques plans to make Project Runway an annual event, and is hoping for more support and sponsorship to make next year bigger and better.

"For now, I'm glad it's over," he said, appearing less rattled and more relaxed as the crowd finally thinned. "But it was great - for me it was a rekindling of my youth."

See page 24A for pictures from Clarkston High School's Project Runway.

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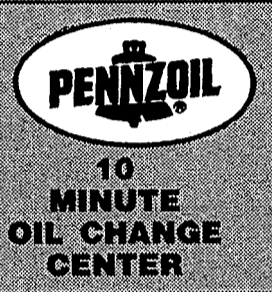
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Dana Olsen, Independence Elementary, and Truman Nolan, Bailey Lake Elementary, explore static electricity with help from Scott Wanagat, civil engineer with Spaulding Dedecker.

Hundreds of Clarkston elementary students gather at Sashabaw Middle School to explore engineering.

Volunteers from the community demonstrated engineering science with hands-on activities.

"We do this to address the

Creating the future

needs of children with talent and interest in engineering type activities," said Susan Banworth, talent development teacher, along with Nancy Battinshill, Holly Kornas, and Heather

Smith.

"We want to reach out to younger students to promote engineering," said volunteer Steve Sorensen.

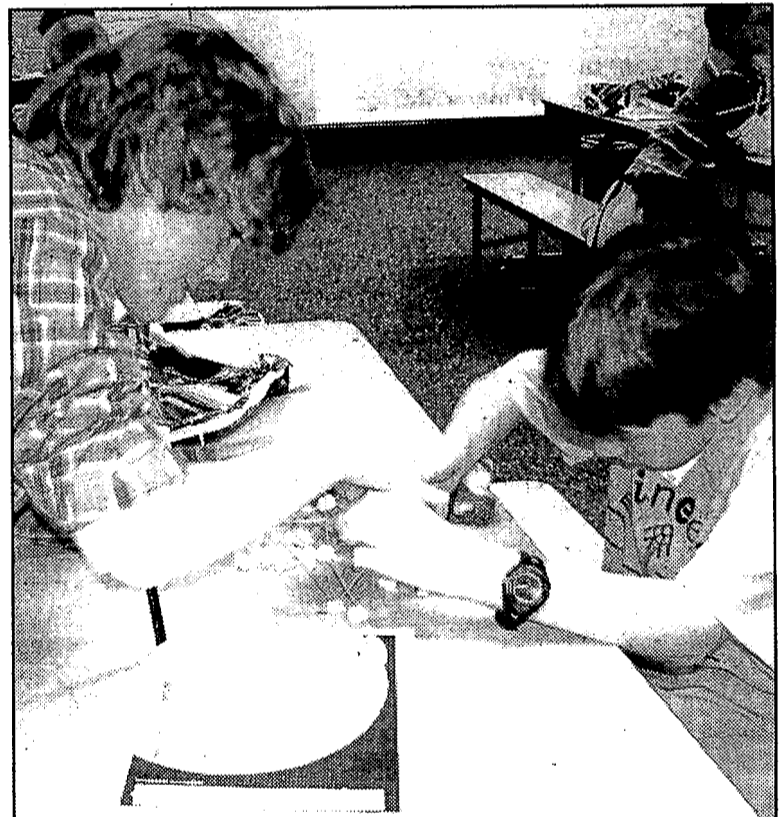
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Emily Ross, Pine Knob Elementary student, waits in vain for her rocket to launch.



Emily Ridge, of Independence Elementary, prepares her soda rockets with the help of Steve Sorensen.



Springfield Plains Elementary students Connor Eckhout, left, and Zack McCallum work on their tower.

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Opinion

Greetings to Clarkston readers

Even though I grew up in this area, I've never spent much time in Clarkston until this week — my first week as a reporter for *The Clarkston News*.

This week couldn't have been better. I've gotten to meet many nice people and get to know the gorgeous town of Clarkston and its surrounding communities.

I hail from Lake Orion — I know Clarkston's rival — and will graduate from Oakland University with a degree in journalism in May.

At Oakland University, I worked for the student newspaper, *The Oakland Post*, where I was the editor in chief.

I've also interned at *The Oakland Press* and *ClickOnDetroit.com*. I hope to bring my experience and knowledge of journalism and the area to *The Clarkston News*.

When I'm not working or attending classes, and when the weather is nice, I love heading down to Comerica Park to watch my favorite team, the Detroit Tigers.

I've been a Tigers fan since birth. Last season was the happiest time of my life and I hope to continue the chemistry of the team and winning ballgames into this season.

To me, nothing beats the smell of the freshly cut grass, the roar of the crowd and watching our boys play America's game. It's my passion in life, and if for some reason you can't find me around town in the summer, check the CoPa!

I also enjoy reading anything about politics, current events or mysteries. My favorite author is Vince Flynn and I also enjoy reading several newspapers daily. I'm currently reading Bob Woodward's, "State of Denial."

As you may have guessed from my reading selections, I enjoy anything to do with political and governmental systems. I would love to see a society where everyone cared about the politics of the United States and actively participated in democracy.

Although, I do think tremendous strides have been made in the past year, as far as participation in democracy, with the gubernatorial election and diversity in the U.S. House and Senate.

It was refreshing to see when issues came up that would really impact people in Michigan, we turned out in records during a non-presidential election.

It brought a tear to my eye to see Nancy Pelosi stand behind President Bush during his State of the Union Address and seeing Keith Ellison being sworn in on the Quran as the first Muslim congressman.

I guess you would say I have high-hopes for democracy and for our nation.

As far as my personal goals, I would love to move to Washington D.C. one day to cover Capitol Hill and raise a large family.

If you ever have any questions or comments directed toward me, please don't hesitate to call or come by the office. — I love meeting and talking to new people. See you around town!

Reynolds' Rap



Kelly Reynolds

'Dear Editor' (letters from our readers)

McLaren vote report was wrong

Dear Editor,

It is unlikely that any readers of *The Clarkston News* issue of Feb. 28 and the article you authored on the McLaren Health Care Village will reconsider their opinion of, nor understand, my position and vote regarding this First Reading and Approval of their requested PUD.

Why? Because you erroneously reported a unanimous Township Board vote to approve their request. I must have you and *the News* retract and restate my opposition clearly and factually.

Independence Township has considered and paid for publishing our legal documents in *The Clarkston News* as the publication of record for many years. Readers expect accuracy and to publish the truth.

From my perspective of 40 plus years reading your paper, I have seen good and frankly less than adequate reporting as well as errors in language, spelling, grammar, and syntax. Your challenge as editor is obvious.

The McLaren vote was 3-1. Mr. Dunn and Mr. Kelly were excused. When *The Clarkston News* failed to accurately report the vote and the reasons for the positions taken, the readers were denied the opportunity to learn of differing opinions.

The News erred in reporting the vote. You also omitted my comments, albeit in the minority, at the board meeting.

The board has spoken. My hope is that Independence Township will not be let down. McLaren has promised many things. Among those, we will gain jobs. They say we will have more medical services, a cancer center, a trauma center, and ultimately a hospital. The hospital is the principle jobs generator.

Here is the "fly-in-the-ointment." They do not have

a Certificate Of Need. A legislative committee may grant the permit to build a hospital. We have learned that in our region we presently have a surplus of 1,300-1,500 beds. This is the base criteria for giving a CON. Pontiac-St. Joe Mercy, Genesys in Grand Blanc, Crittenton in Rochester, P.O.H., and Beaumont-Royal Oak are all competing in this same market.

Our current economic indicators show that we are not in a residential or population growth mode. How will all of these medical facilities prosper? Much of this property will be tax exempt and yet demand many services that we, as residents and tax payers, will fund. Their project will generate additional traffic congestion 24/7 on Sashabaw Road.

The hospital plan is for a five-story structure. This will be three stories above our allowable zoning. Allowing the "height barrier" to be broken is telling and marks an "urbanization" of Independence Township.

In the proposed cluster of their project plan are retail commercial buildings of substantial square footage. We have considerable retail commercial buildings existing that are vacant along Dixie Highway. The Clarkston Medical Group plans to build there and vacate their present offices. More existing medical office space will become vacant. I expressed my concerns about these as well.

In other than these economic times, in the "idealistic rural residential community" we have all loved, tried to maintain, and to protect, we seem poised to embark on a planning course that will erode the essence of "this place."

The very nature of this community is at risk.

Daniel F. Travis, trustee
Independence Township Board

City was wrong to terminate police chief

Dear Editor,

Monday, the Clarkston City Council terminated Police Chief Ernest Combs.

Through a very bad experience, I met the chief before he became chief. In the nine years I have known him, he has never been unfair to anyone.

He has attended funerals of local families killed in accidents, kept the city out of expensive lawsuits, lobbied to have Mr. Morgan Sr. lead the 4th of July parade the year before he died, helped parents of drug addicted children find answers, and many other behind-the-scenes things for people he never brags about.

In this nine-year period, there have been bank robberies on both sides of the city, one the chief apprehended on his lunch break.

He wasn't honored for that by the city.

I sat next to Bill Rausche a couple of years ago as he berated the council, and the mayor in particular, for the treatment of an officer. All I could think was, "Wow what a bully. His personal attacks and behavior was way out of line."

Apparently, no one paid attention or thought it unusual; he won in the last election by 10 votes.

The police department is, and has been, a family for all the time chief has been there. They work within a very limited budget, they donate from their own pockets for their uniforms, and everything else a cop needs to do his job.

They have paid for motorcycles, emergency lights

for cars, office supplies, refrigerators, microwaves, ammunition, and anything else the city refuses to pay for.

Right now they desperately need new computers just to do their jobs. The chief started the PBT program with the promise of some of the funds coming back to the department; over \$65,000 of extra revenue in four years.

Instead they bought a front-end loader and a lift truck and cut the police budget. The chief even went out of his way to procure donations of a radar trailer from California, used patrol car, which the Council turned down, and various other expensive items.

It is unfair and ridiculously rude to expect so much and be given so much and then not acknowledge and honor their efforts.

The point is, with the current chief being terminated, things will not change.

They are not and never have been treated as a value to the community.

All the city residents need to think about it.

If you want to keep your police department that gives far more than it receives, then insist the officers be paid better and the department be funded as a valued part of your community.

Otherwise, go back to the Sheriff's department, get spotty service and pay more for less.

Kristen Nelson
Clarkston

Please see page A12 for more Letters to the Editor

Got something to say?

Write a letter to the editor at shermanpub@aol.com, attn: Clarkston News

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

"Ministers from Clarkston area die" A pair of pioneering ministers from the Clarkston area died in separate incidents the last week of February, 1992. The Rev. Paul Vanaman founded Dixie Baptist Church in 1954. The Rev. Philip W. Somers Sr. founded Maranatha Church in 1967.

"Merchants say they won't drop 'village' from business names" Clarkston may have earned the right to cityhood, but three Main Street merchants said they had the right to retain their "village" status: Village Bookstore, Village Bakeshop, and Village Muffler and Brake Specialist. Merchants favored retained "village" in the name of the city, as in "City of the Village of Clarkston."

"New Deer Lake sewer causes muddy mess" Construction of a sewer line closed Deer Lake Road, caused transportation problems for students. A student was dropped off on Dixie Highway before the parent could get there. Officials said it wouldn't happen again.

25 years ago - 1982

"Doors to shut" The Clarkston Board of Education asked for public comments on the proposed closing of South Sashabaw Elementary School, but no one had any. The board voted unanimously to close it. Superintendent Milford Mason listed possible future uses of the building, including pre-school special education and adult education programs.

"Quik-Sav targets Clarkston for new store local" Quik-Save Inc., a convenience food store and gasoline service chain, targeted Clarkston's Union 76 Service Station on Main Street as the site for their next store. The company planned to make use of existing gas pumps while renovating the front office area and restoring the bay-area of the garage to make room for the store, which would operate similarly to a 7-11.

50 years ago - 1957

"Pioneers hear special speaker" The Rev. W.F. Suedkamp of Detroit spoke to the Clarkston Pioneers about charity programs for seniors.

"Girls observe scout week" Local Girl Scouts celebrated the organization's 45th anniversary with a dinner at Pine Knob Elementary School.

"Fire departments answer call" Independence Township firefighters responded to a call to help fight a fire in Oxford. Fire gutted the Masonic Temple, but the cooperative effort saved surrounding buildings.

Our vintage fridges are cool and well, dead

Plain and simple, we are murderers.

Good intentions aside, we kill refrigerators. We, Jen and I, should not be allowed to have a refrigerator. Well, we can have refrigerators as long as they are new and boring, easy to maintain and to find replacement parts for. We just can't have cool vintage fridges.

It is not that we are bad people. It is just that we are curious -- no that's not right. It's just that we are confident enough in ourselves to attempt stuff we probably shouldn't attempt. Naturally curious, Jenny is not afraid to take anything apart in attempts to repair. She usually researches the project, and therefore makes the repair the correct way. She is pretty smart, too, which helps.

Me, I am just cheap. Why pay top dollar to have an expert fix something the right way, when you can pay only a few bucks for a part, get a few electrical shocks and fix it, satisfactorily, yourself? The advent of the World Wide Web information boom has only emboldened us. Before this electronic revolution, my resources were hardcover books. I still have the books, some from the 1950s, but I only open them to look at the cool, dated pictures of people and projects and not to read the straightforward writing.

With the help of on-line "groups" like Applianceology and Fix It Yourself, I have had success in diagnosing and fixing a number of problems with our 14-year-old clothes dryer. Austin Jowers from antiqueappliances.com is walking me through how to figure out why the oven of our vintage 1940s-50s Coolerator Electric Range isn't working. So, we've had luck on doing it ourselves.

Not so with real cool, vintage refrigerators. A few years ago, Jen killed the first one we had. It was big and black, with lots of chrome and worked like a champ. But, as it was older (excuse me, vintage) ice used to build up inside. As she had done on a number of occasions, Jen manually de-iced it.

One evening, she was chip, chip, chipping away at the ice with a screwdriver and hammer and . . . well, after a few cuss words, all we could do is watch as our fridge died. We watched as its life-force slowly hissed away from a teeny-weenie pinhole. Jen tried to have the hole in the freon coil fixed, but it just wouldn't work. Rest in peace, Cool Vintage Refrigerator #1.

A few weeks ago we bid on and won a 1954-55 Frigidaire Imperial Cyclamatic refrigerator. It's big and white, with lots of chrome. The insides are a cool, sea-green color with gold trim. Complete with a series of chutes, it even has an automatic egg dispenser on the door. The only problem with Cool Vintage Refrigerator



don
rush
don't rush
me

#2 was the handle was broken -- it worked, but it was cracked.

Mr. Do It Yourself (alias Cheap Skate Rush) consulted with his friend (we'll call him Tom), and it was determined we could fix that handle. "Tom" is a metal working kind-of-guy. He goes to blacksmithing seminars and classes and makes all sorts of metal things. He has lots of hammers, metal files, a forge and not one, but two anvils. He's the man!

This past Sunday was the day of the big fix. I took the chrome handle, now in two pieces, over to "Tom's" for the repair. "Make sure you stop by the hardware and pickup a brazing rod," "Tom" told me. I complied, not really knowing what I was purchasing -- after all I am a word smith, not a blacksmith.

With the aid of different files, "Tom" meticulously cleaned the break areas. "There, that looks good," "Tom" said. He wired the two pieces together and proclaimed, "Let's fire up the forge."

We stoked the black coal and coke, got the fire good and hot and placed the handle in the heat. "Tom" placed said brazing rod on the first part of the handle we were to fix. That's when a yellowish smoke started to rise from Cool Vintage Refrigerator #2's handle. "You don't want to breathe that," "Tom" explained. By the time we backed away, there was a flash and a good two inches off both pieces of the handle were gone. Poof! Vanished.

In a voice a few octaves higher than normal "Tom" nervously said, "I guess that wasn't iron."

"No, I guess not."

We fished out the now useless handle pieces and looked at them. Somewhere, it occurred to me that I remembered dear wife Jen telling me the handle was probably made of "pot metal." Pot metal, for those who don't know, is an alloy of inexpensive, low-melting point metals used to make fast, inexpensive castings for toys, tool parts, automotive parts and accessories. Key words there: low-melting point.

Oops.

I guess "technically" Cool Vintage Refrigerator #2 isn't dead. It still works fine. It's only been days since the unfortunate accident, and while a screwdriver is a handy tool to open the fridge, it's getting old quick.

Parts for this fridge are not easily found. So, unless I can find, or fabricate some sort of handle, I have for all practical purposes, killed Cool Vintage Refrigerator #2. Strike one, Jen. Strike two, Don. I don't know if we can bear a strike three.

I guess I can go on-line and try to figure out how to fabricate a replacement part . . . unless somebody out there has a better idea. If you don't call me, I don't blame you. I wouldn't want to be associated with a fridge killer, either.

E-mail Don, dontrushmedon@charter.net

Open heart surgery off Gov's tax list, for now

A recent Sunday newspaper featured a cartoon of a man burdened down with levels of tax hikes on his back.

Standing behind him, erect and with shoulders thrown back, is Governor Jennifer Granholm.

The caption reads, "Quit whining and show some backbone!"

Jim's Jottings



Jim Sherman

Elsewhere in the same paper is a list of 98 services that could fall under the governor's "service tax" proposal.

They range from amusements to well drilling, and include such things as debt counseling, which is likely to be sought by those living on their current income when hit with a 2 percent increase in their cost of living.

Jennifer would have us believe all schools would have to close and all children go uneducated if the legislature doesn't pass her budget, which was put into deficit because the state didn't live within its income.

She is trying to make us believe that the cutting of 30 state police will make every highway the equivalent of the Indy 500 and make rioting even more expected.

Of course, the poor and needy people (who would also have two percent added to their cost of nonliving) will have only churches, charities and "high income" people to support them.

But, because church and charity givers will also have their income cut by two percent, the poor's future is even bleaker. Even the "rich" have limits on their support.

Enthusiasts and casual users of Michigan's waters, lands and air will also pay more . . . above the 2 percent hike. Licenses, permits and fees for catching a bluegill, having a rowboat, riding a sled, flying a kite . . . excuse me, that wasn't in the initial list . . . also have to pony up extra cash.

The state JUST HAS TO HAVE more money.

There is no other answer.

Well, the state might do what its citizens have to do when outgo exceeds income.

It might CUT SPENDING!

Now there's a novel idea. One practically unheard of in government.

I hadn't driven around our capitol in Lansing in several years, until I took a wrong turn trying to find a golf course a couple years ago. I remembered the street running north and south on the west side of the capitol being lined with houses.

"Taint that way today.

Today the capitol's buildings are spread in all directions. And they are huge.

Why is it, and this applies locally as well, that our governments need so much more space (and so many more assistants) now, since the advent of the computer? Weren't computers 'sposed to make all activity speedier and more accurate?

I might make one more snide suggestion. Get rid of all the computers and go back to simpler times, you know, like when we considered the voter.

If raising taxes by two percent (backers like to call it two cents because it sounds smaller) is not a large amount, then cutting spending two percent should be considered likewise.

Right now the automotive people (as well as newspapers, recreational people, the employed, etc.) are having financial problems. Are they raising rates?

No! They're cutting back.

And, please, Jennifer, don't tell us you've made deep cuts. Unless, of course, you tell us all the places you have increased expenditures.

Back to the 2 cents miss-lead. If you take home \$10,000 a year and spend it all, your take home will drop \$200.

That could buy a pair of socks, a quart of milk, loaf of bread, roll of tp, and some aspirin.

Let's talk the worst here, just like Jennifer.

Learning some skills

The 25th year of the McGrath youth basketball league wrapped up on Feb. 24 at Clarkston Junior High School.

Enrollment has grown tenfold from its beginning from 30 to

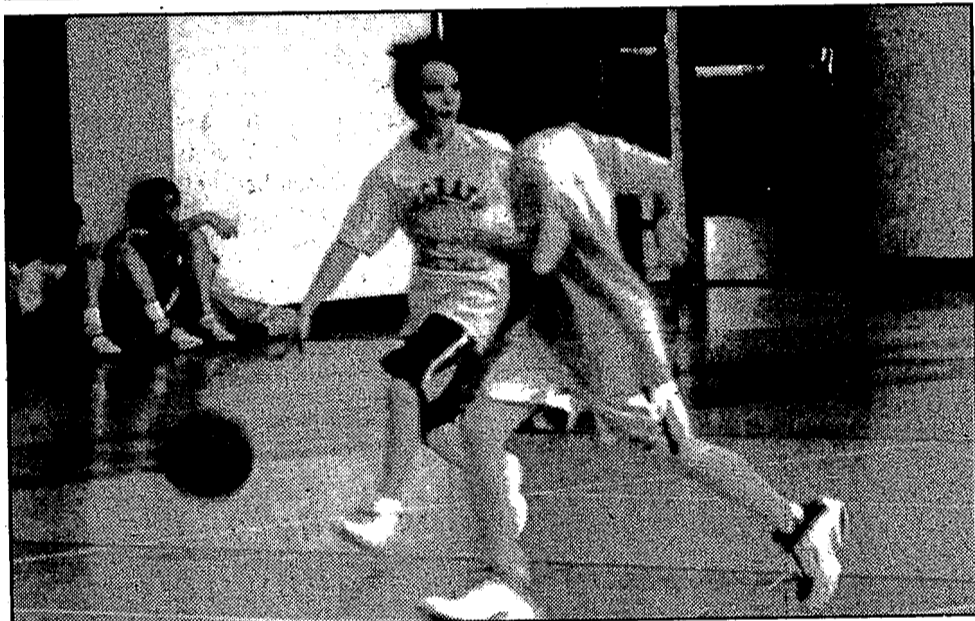
nearly 300 this season.

The camp for 3rd-8th grade players is coached and officiated by Clarkston High School basketball coaching staff and its players.

Photo story by Paul Kampe



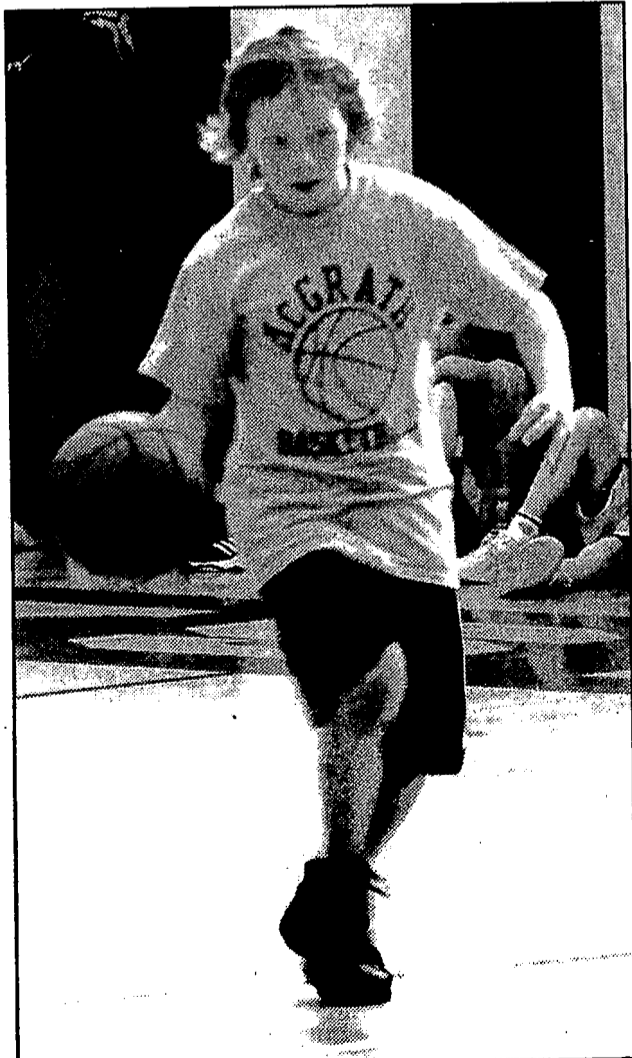
Eager to pull the trigger on a jump shot, this player looks to put the green team up for good with his pull-up jumper.



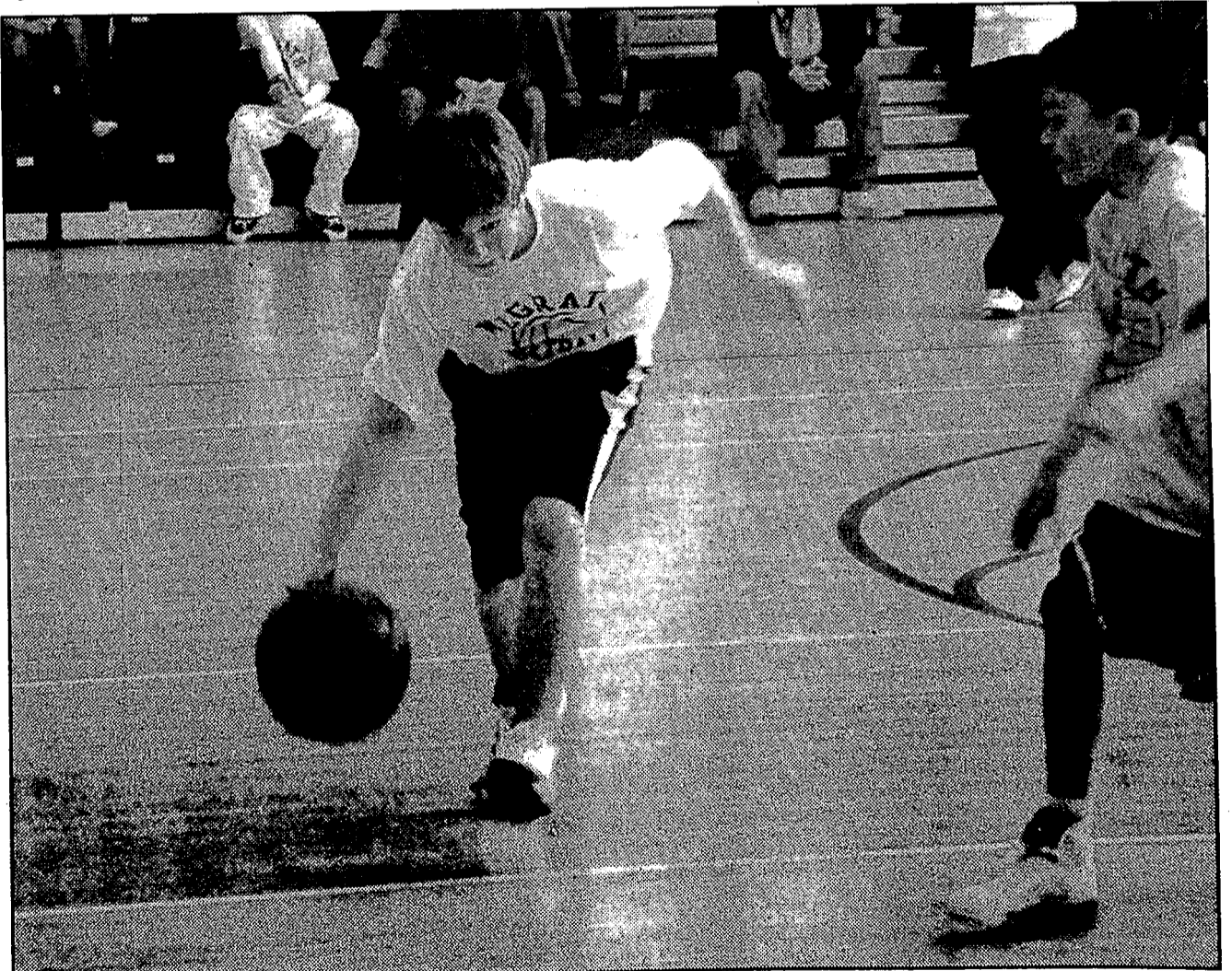
A young Steve Nash heads out on the break for the yellow team.



Who says you can't teach hustle as these youngsters scrap for the ball?



Fast breaks aplenty on this weekend.



Cutting wind speed as he heads in for an easy deuce, this player takes his man off the dribble.

Police and Fire

Independence Township

Sun., Feb. 25 A 50-year-old female was arrested and jailed on charges of operating while intoxicated and causing an accident. The woman caused extensive damage to a guardrail near Maybee and Waterford Road when she lost control of her vehicle and rolled it over during what she claimed was showing off to a friend after two beers. The vehicle landed upright.

A 41-year-old Independence Township man was arrested and jailed on charges of domestic violence after becoming intoxicated and physically attacking his wife when she refused to surrender the car keys. The man, who was unlicensed, engaged in the act in the presence of his 13-year-old son. Deputies sent a report to child protective services.

Mon., Feb. 26 A 17-year-old Independence Township female who was driving while intoxicated ran her vehicle off the road and into the woods near Clarkston Road and Delhi. She was taken to the hospital for medical treatment, and police informed her parents they would be seeking a warrant pending blood alcohol test results.

A 37-year-old male was arrested

and jailed on a valid Friend of the Court warrant, and deputies were also seeking a warrant for possession and use of cocaine, which was discovered in the man's clothing.

A 49-year-old man was issued a citation for retail fraud after he was caught stealing burn cream, which he claimed he needed for burns on his face and hands, from an Independence Township grocery store. The store's loss prevention officer remembered the man from an incident where he was caught stealing steaks from another store recently.

A gas powered saw was stolen from a locked toolbox at a construction site near Maybee and Clintonville Road in Independence Township, but several other tools were left untouched. A construction trailer at the same site was also invaded.

A 30-year-old Independence Township man woke to discover a combined \$600 in cash missing from his computer bag and his wife's purse. The man also reported that someone marked a black X over his face in a photograph taken with his wife.

Tues., Feb. 27 A 77-year-old Independence Township man called police to report receiving notification in the mail stating he'd won \$250,000 in a lottery drawing. The letter, he said, required him to send a check for \$3,500 to cover insurance and taxes on the winnings, but the man said he was almost certain the letter was a scam since he never plays

the lottery.

The front glass was smashed out of an Independence Township party store overnight, and police discovered that a cash register had been broken into, but all the money was still inside. A lottery dispenser door was open, with tickets scattered about the store.

Independence Township parents called police when their 15-year-old son ran away from home wearing only one shoe after he was forbidden to go snowboarding until he brought his grades up.

Wed., Feb. 28 A 32-year-old Independence Township woman filed a com-

plaint against a Waterford woman of the same age, claiming the woman had been calling her between 10 and 20 times a day demanding money that allegedly was not owed. The Waterford woman threatened the other woman with physical harm and removal of her children from the home.

Police discovered a broken-out front door and missing cash register when they responded to an alarm at an Independence Township carry-out restaurant near Andersonville and Gateway overnight. The cash register, which contained about \$80, was the only thing missing from the store.

Optimists fundraiser set March 24

The Clarkston area Optimist Club will sponsor an evening of elegant dining and dancing to the Dan Rafferty Band during its annual fundraiser Sat., March 24.

"Optimist Gala Royale '07" guests will have the opportunity to take part in silent and live auctions to win vacation packages, restaurant packages, sports memorabilia, gift packages and more as they support the club.

Tickets for the event, which takes place at the Deer Lake Banquet Center in Clarkston, are \$100 each, with proceeds going to support Optimist youth groups from elementary to high school level.

The Optimist motto is "Bringing Out The Best In Kids," and over the last 21

years, the club has helped build leadership skills and a sense of community spirit in children, and makes donations to causes such as the Independence Township Spray Park and Soccer Fields.

The group also sponsors high school and music scholarships. Tickets are available by calling Mike Page at 248-330-2632. Doors open at 6 p.m., with dinner served at 7:30 p.m.

Donations for the auction are still needed to help the club continue its projects, and members of the community are invited to make a donation and receive recognition in the evening program.

For meeting and membership information, call Roger Diederich at 248-625-5915.

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Take steps to help kids maintain healthy weight

By Ernie Harwell

It disturbs me to hear about the growing obesity problems among children. Today, one out of every five children in our country is overweight and the number keeps getting bigger.

That's bad news, not just because of the effect on kids' health today, but because overweight kids tend to become overweight adults with increased chances of heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes and the like.

Here are some things you parents can try to help prevent their kids from becoming overweight:

- *Don't insist that your child clean his or her plate all the time.
- *Get active with your children by walking or going for a bike ride with them.
- *Try to keep TV watching and video game playing to a minimum.

*Avoid rewarding kids with sweet desserts like candy and cookies.

It turns out that the best way to help your kids is to set a good example. This way, you develop healthy habits to benefit you, and your kids see a good role model for healthy living.

Like a double play at the old ballpark, it's two for the price of one! And remember, take care of your health before it's longgg 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.

A Partnership Between Genesys Health System and POH Medical Center

New Mesquite Creek benefit for Senior Center makeover

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Diners will have the opportunity to sample the newly renovated Mesquite Creek restaurant and help local seniors get a new place.

The Senior Center Extreme Makeover Fundraiser is set for 6-9 p.m. on March 12 at the restaurant, 7228 N. Main Street in Clarkston.

It will also serve as the restaurant's grand re-opening.

When new owners Tony Vitale, his father Jerry Vitale, and Joe Vicari, bought the restaurant, they shut it down for a month.

In the project, coincidentally also titled Extreme Makeover, local photographer and designer David Savage re-designed the interior.

The project took 22 days to complete.

"This type of project would normally

take 60-90 days," Savage said, saying crews were working night and day to get the job done so quickly.

Gone are the wooden columns and high-backed booths. The decorative theme is granite and flagstone, and photo diaramas and paintings of mountain ranges decorate the walls. Savage said he was looking to give the place a more elegant look but keep the western feel.

"I was inspired by a painting I own of wild mustangs running in the desert," he said. "We think this was appropriate for the people in the community."

Savage said he intended the changes to be dramatic, removing the low ceiling and the rough looking wooden furniture. Savage expanded the windows and designed the new entrance way with a fireplace.

"It's like night and day," said Tony Vitale. "It's very exciting. It's a thrill coming here every day."



New Mesquite Creek owners Tony Vitale, Joe Vicari, and Jerry Vitale at the newly renovated restaurant. It will serve as the setting for a fundraiser March 12 for the Senior Center Extreme Makeover project. Photo by Phil Custodio

"It's a whole different place. We're very pleased," Jerry said. "Dave did a great job."

Even with the new look, the atmosphere is still intended to be relaxed. There is no need to dress formal, people are still welcome in jeans and t-shirts, Vicari said.

"We wanted to make it approachable for people," he said. "Not too formal or just for special occasions."

"It's finally what Clarkston needs," said Katie Olsen, who has worked at Mesquite Creek for more than two years. "We bring a little bit of Birmingham and Royal Oak hipness to the area."

Mesquite Creek has also introduced

Andiamo menu items, with the price averaging around \$15, while keeping popular items from the old menu. Items include pasta dishes, fish, chicken pot pie, and meatloaf.

"We added some fun things, comfort foods," Vicari said.

An express takeout counter will offer the entire Mesquite Creek as well as Andiamo menu items, including a wide assortment of pasta, sauce, and bread.

"Customers can place an order and wait in the bar while it is prepared," Tony said.

The renovated, Red Dragon granite bar offers 12 beers on tap and a new wine list, he said.

Senior Center Extreme Makeover Fundraiser

New Mesquite Creek
Monday, March 12, 6-9 p.m.

Tickets are \$35 -
at least \$15 will be donated
to the Senior Center project
Call 248-620-9300 for tickets

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.

Call Maralee Cook, 248-623-7370, or Tom Stone, 248-625-8193.

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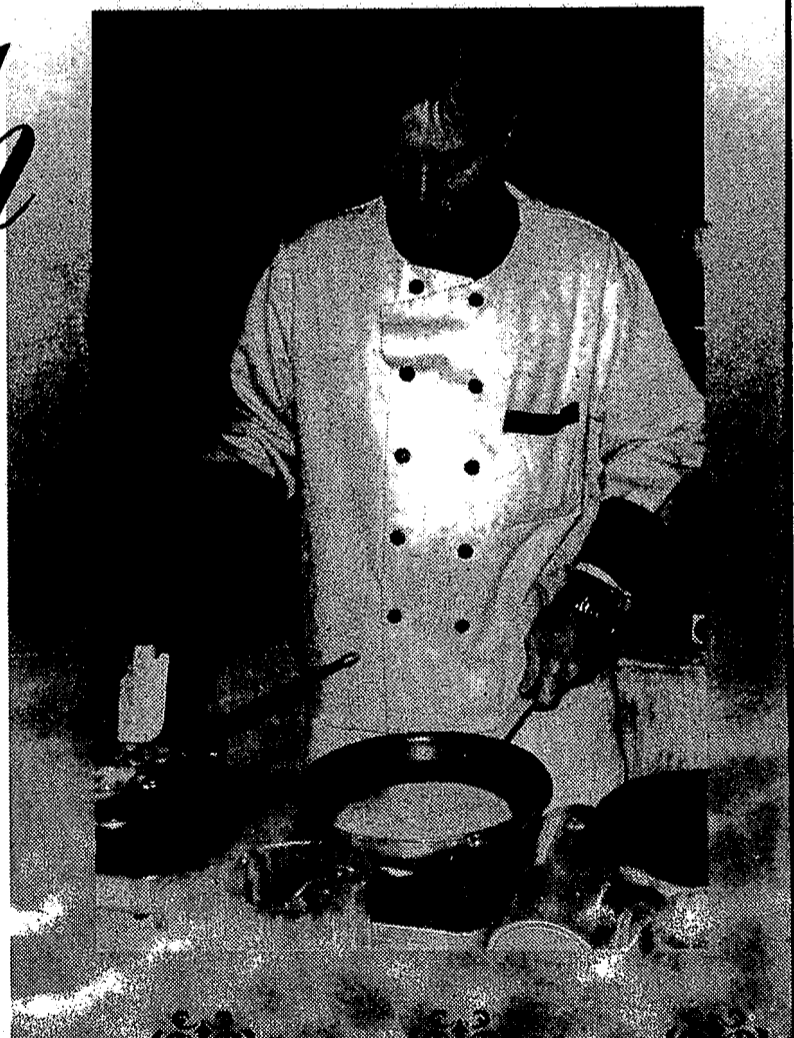
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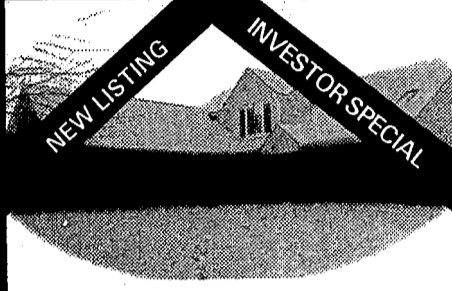
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Savory French Country abode facing Pine Knob Golf Course. 4 bedrooms consist of an entry level master retreat, 3 full and 1 half baths, and grounds maintenance included. **\$446,500 69-ROY**



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NEW LISTING INVESTOR SPECIAL
1.5 rolling, wooded acres encircle this 2,800 sq. ft. Cape Cod. 4 bedrooms include a master suite w/nursery, 2 full and 1 half baths, extra-large living spaces, and a 4-car garage. **\$319,900 19-RIS**



NEW PRICE GATED SUB
Gracious Euro ambiance t/o this 4-bedroom, 2-and-1-half bath contemporary sited within a gated sub. Volume ceilings, hardwood floors, finished basement, and a 3-car garage. **\$299,999 99-CRE**



NEW PRICE
Spotless 3-bedroom contemporary sited on 1.1 manicured acres w/a shed. Granite kitchen w/island, master w/soaking tub, and a professionally finished basement. **\$299,500 56-JEA**



FREESTANDING CONDO
3-bedroom detached condo w/2 full and 2 half baths, kitchen w/breakfast bar, vaulted great room w/a multitude of windows, and a fin. walkout leading to woods & water. **\$259,900 56-NOR**



NEW PRICE
Sprawling 3.6-acre spread w/a horse barn surrounds this likable 4-bedroom, 2 bath ranch w/a finished walkout, oodles of hardwood floors, vaulted ceilings, and wraparound deck. **\$250,000 28-GRA**



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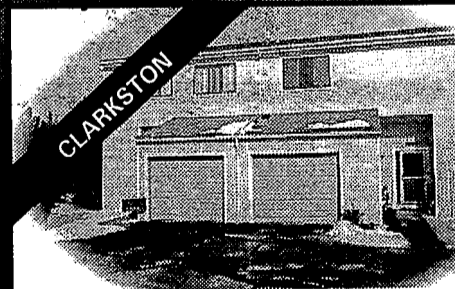
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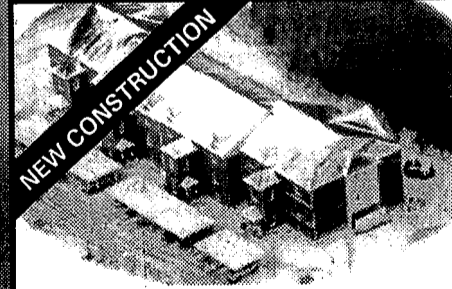
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Combs may seek legal recourse, lawyer says

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ample, he wanted to limit the number of teenagers who could meet in the park at any time, and limit what he considered noisy kinds of behavior."

Stone claimed both examples were infringements on constitutional rights, and pointed out that Combs, on more than one occasion, asked the council to prohibit such behavior.

But others had more positive remarks.

"I've known Chief Combs for a few years," said resident Don Ingle. "The publicity was that he doesn't make himself visible, but he does that very much. He...helped me the past four years on the Toys for Tots drive, he does a safe job at protecting residents during parades, he brought in a DOT officer, which cut down truck traffic, made the roads safer, made the village quieter and safer. He's done a good job."

Several of Combs' officers also stepped up to make comments.

"Ernie Combs is above board on all items," said patrol officer Brian York. "Its improper for you to fire him without giving him a reason for why he's being fired."

The council, however, maintained the position that removing the chief from his position was in the best interest of

the community.

"We are a bedroom community and that requires a different kind of enforcement than I think your 20-plus years required in the City of Ferndale," said Councilwoman Kristy Ottman, addressing the chief directly. "I feel your experience in that type of environment precludes you from giving this community what we really desire, which is more of a hands-on approach to the people."

Mayor Sharron Catallo agreed, stating that while the problem has not been previously publicized, it is not a new issue.

"It isn't a six-month problem," she said. "It's gone on for a number of years."

Catallo went on to explain that while former Police Liaison Scott Meyland and current liaison Bill Rausch approach the situation in different ways, they are nevertheless in agreement that Combs needs to be replaced.

"The message to the chief has been pretty much the same," Catallo said. "And that message has come to the liaison though the council."

It was a difficult moment for the city's longtime mayor.

"You seem to not understand what we want in community policing," she said, reminding the chief of a number of

conversations the two shared on the matter. "This has been very difficult and I think we've given you as many chances as we can."

Meanwhile, other members of council expressed frustration over trying to do the job they were elected to do with an ongoing threat of legal repercussions.

"If we don't have the right to hire and fire as we see fit, then we can't do our job," said Councilman Cory Johnston. "Our whole role is to do what we think is best for the city, that's why we were elected. We can be unelected at the next term, but while we're serving, that's our job."

Johnston went on to acknowledge the possibility council did not follow correct procedure, but the issue was not approached in a careless or clandestine manner, he said.

"We don't dismiss people too often," Johnston said. "So maybe we didn't follow procedure too close. But we don't do it to malign anyone or hide anything. I think we're pretty open and above board about how we do things, more so than a lot of communities."

The meeting adjourned after less than 40 minutes, and Combs attorney stood firm in his conviction that city officials acted erroneously.

"I'll have to get my client's OK, but as far as I'm concerned, everything was done improperly," said Shifman.

"As long as I've been practicing law, this is the first time I've heard a council say 'we want a PR guy, not someone who's going to go out and enforce the law.' I hope my client gives me the authority to proceed."

'Dear Editor' (more letters from our readers)

Law constrains school budget

Dear Editor,

Our public schools (such as the Clarkston Community Schools) are getting a bad rap concerning financing, which stems from two misconceptions.

Firstly, while we are all encouraged to manage our family finances so that we have money put away for emergencies, we criticize school systems for having and maintaining reserves, or "rainy day funds," for their emergencies.

This doesn't make sense, for families or for schools, especially in these challenging economic times in Michigan.

Secondly, it is a fact the most of us do not understand the difference between "capital funds" and "operating funds."

Capital funds are those monies specifically allocated for "physical" projects, such as building, equipping, and repairing or renovating schools.

Operating funds are allocated for such things as personnel, fringe benefits, utilities, and maintenance.

What is little known is that, by law, these funds must be kept separate.

Funds received by schools for capital purposes cannot be used for operat-

ing purposes, and funds received for operating purposes cannot be used for capital purposes, with some exceptions.

So, when our schools are forced by a lack of sufficient operating funds to curtail some school activities and eliminate some teachers, they cannot use capital funds, though they may exist, to pay for these services!

It is a matter of law!

And, when the schools are forced to make cutbacks, they must undertake the painful task of balancing cuts in their operating budgets while maintaining fiscal responsibility by retaining a reasonable reserve.

Just as we make painful decisions at home to go without certain things, but hold onto some of our savings, in those difficult times in our lives.

Let us be more understanding of the difficult tasks our volunteer elected school board members have in trying to provide the best educational services possible, while being fiscally responsible with our money.

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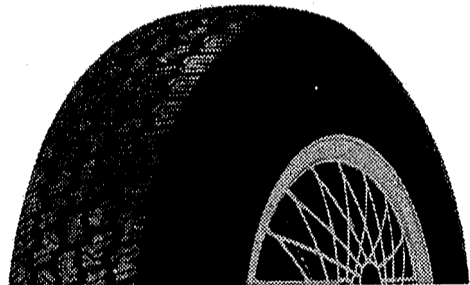


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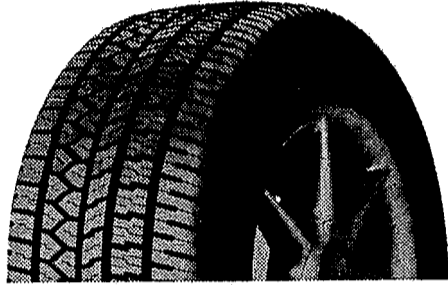
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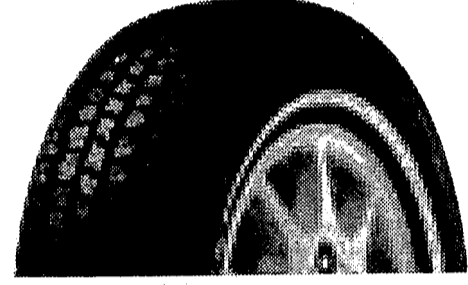
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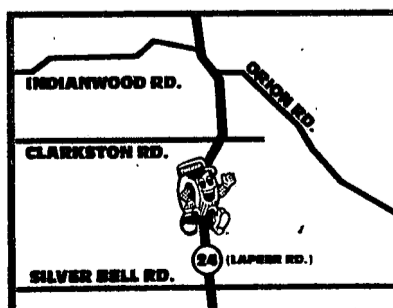
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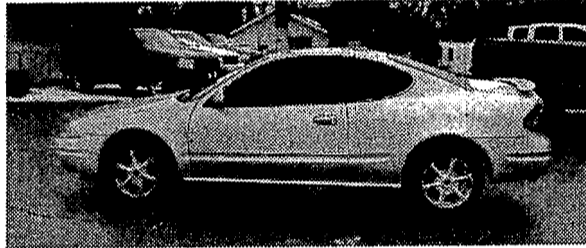
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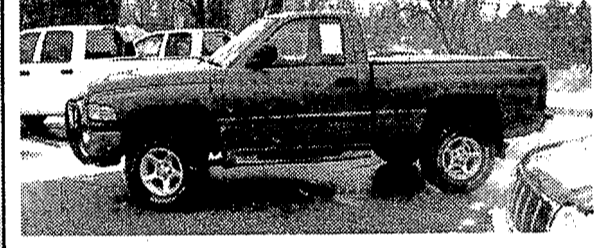
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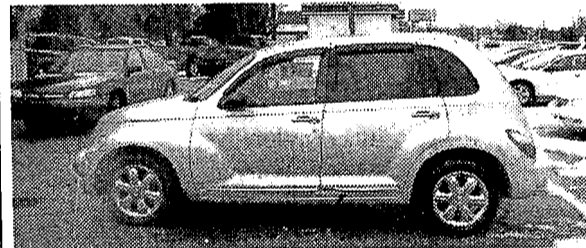
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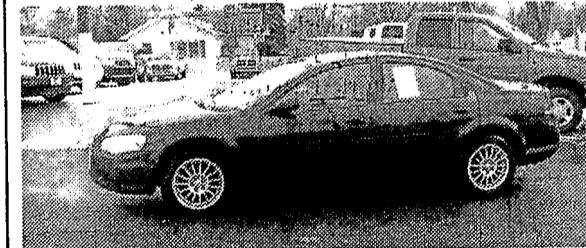
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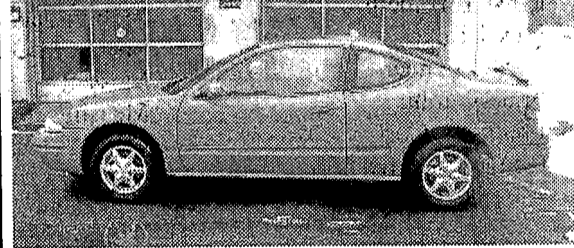
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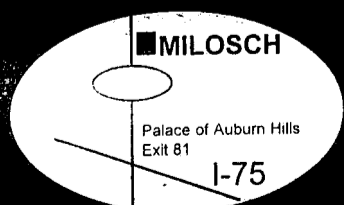
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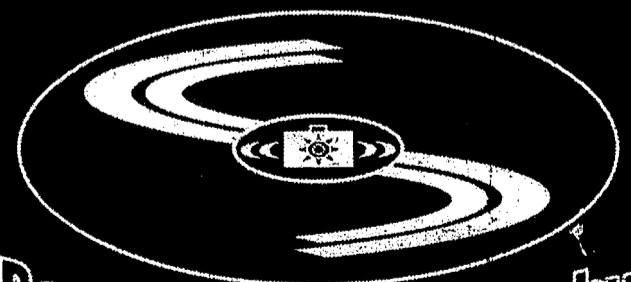
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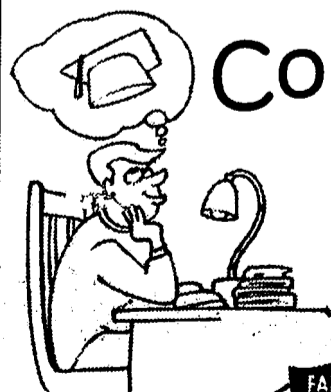
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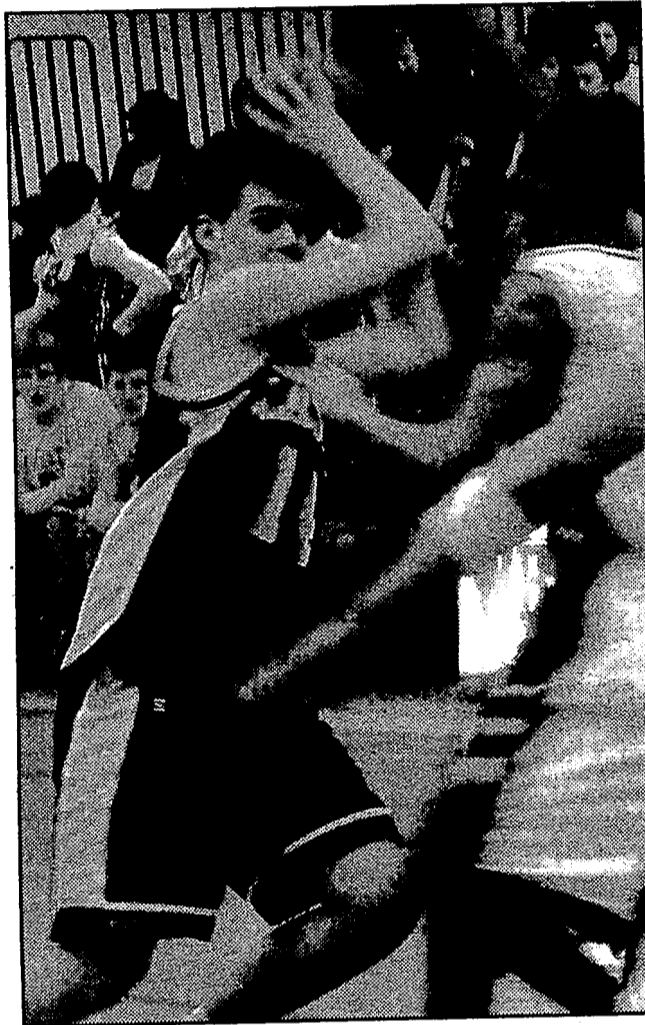
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Wolves earn share of OAA title



Clarkston sharp-shooter Dan Owens led the Wolves over West Bloomfield Friday. The win secures Clarkston's second share of the OAA championship in three years. The Wolves open up the district play-offs Wednesday at 5:30 at Lake Orion against the winner of the game between Lapeer East and Waterford Mott. Photo by Paul Kampe

BY PAUL KAMPE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Sharing can be a tough lesson for kids to learn, but the Clarkston Wolves are getting another shot at it. For the second time in the past three seasons, the Wolves will share the Oakland Activities Association Division I crown with Pontiac Northern. Clarkston earned their share with a 60-53 win at West Bloomfield Friday.

"It's good to be back and that's always one of our goals. Whether we tie or not, I'll take a tie," Clarkston coach Dan Fife said.

The win pushed Clarkston to 8-2 in the conference and 17-3 overall. The Lakers (12-8), early-season contenders for the title, fell to 5-5 in the OAA with the loss.

"There's a lot of pressure and I thought West Bloomfield played extremely hard, harder than they played at Clarkston. I was extremely proud of our kids not to get caught up with the pressure and competing and to keep pushing the ball," Fife said.

"We made good decisions at good times and we defended really well. We kept them shooting from outside, when you keep forcing those, you have a good chance to win."

The game was a more hotly contested outing as the Lakers had the services of Mike Przydzial. In the team's first meeting last month at Clarkston, he went down with an ankle injury early in the second quarter. Przydzial helped the Lakers on offense and gave them a presence against Clarkston's Bren Bergquist, but the game was decided beyond the three-point arc.

Back-to-back three-pointers from Dan Owens with nearly 4:00 left in the game put the Wolves ahead 49-42. The seven-point advantage was the largest for either team at that point of the contest.

Clarkston's Andy Lyons and Przydzial traded threes near the 2:30 mark.

The 6-foot-7-inch Przydzial scored eight in the quar-

ter and began pulling the trigger on three-pointers after not getting the ball early on.

"It was little bit of frustration, I wasn't getting a lot of touches early in the fourth quarter," Przydzial said.

"I was feeling it, so once I got the ball, I knew it was time to go for it."

As the game drew to a close, West Bloomfield's Josh Eichelberger missed two consecutive three-pointers and Clarkston protected its eight-point lead from the free throw line.

West Bloomfield guard Rod Hurst, who chipped in 11 points in the first meeting, was held to only four points and fouled out midway through the fourth quarter. Przydzial and Eichelberger carried the offensive load, each finishing with 20 points for the Lakers.

Owens would finish with a game-high 28 points, seemingly back to normal after a two-point outing one week earlier at Southfield Lathrup while fighting food poisoning.

"It's one of those things where you feel like you have to step up and that's what I did and helped my team pull it out," Owens said.

Owens credited Fife's play calling and screen setting for helping him become the league's top scorers.

"It's always frustrating when (defenders) are all over you the whole game," he said.

"The way we run our offense makes it easier to score as much I have been the whole year."

Bergquist finished with seven points, two rebounds and two blocks for Clarkston. Oliver Kupe, a viable second scoring option for the Wolves, had nine points, two steals, and six rebounds. Lyons scored nine points also.

Julius Porter, who has found a home as the team's starting point guard as of late, impressed Fife with his court leadership.

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Athletes of the week



Lakeland Hawks '95 take Pew Wee A crown

In late January, the Lakeland Hawks Pee Wee A hockey team won the International Silversticks hockey tournament in New Market, Ontario, Canada. The victory earned the boys the North American Pee Wee A title.

The team, comprised of mostly 11 year olds, was the first team based out of Lakeland Ice Arena to win the tournament.

The core of the travel team has been together for the past four years.

"These kids are very talented, and if they can stay together, moving forward, they'll be phenomenal," said Theresa LaPorte, mother of team member Jacob LaPorte.

"They're really gelling and learning how to win, and it's been fun to watch as a parent."

LaPorte is one of a handful of kids on the travel team who reside in the Clarkston area.

Front row: (goalie) Ryan Gasporovich. Second row: Arron Roehm, Dylan Larkin, Trevor Tearney, Austin Sereno, Jessie McIntyre and Alex Lurz. Third row: Adam Larkin, Jacob LaPorte, Tyler Dorantes, Alex Carroll, Jack Paulson and Brendan O'Malley. Fourth row: assistant coach Chuck Dorantes, manager Diane Dorantes, head coach Paul Larkin, assistant coaches, Tim O'Malley, Bob Sereno and Kevin Larkin. Photo provided



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Cagers geared up for playoffs

BY PAUL KAMPE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

An air of uncertainty surrounds Clarkston's first-round match in the district playoffs. Not through any fault of the team, but the Wolves drew a first-round bye and is set to take on the winner of Monday's Lapeer East and Waterford Mott game at Lake Orion. The Wolves get the victor Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

Coach Dan Fife said the Wolves are going to be much the same team that walked off the floor at West Bloomfield Friday.

"There's not a lot to change when you're going into your 20th game of the year, you are who you are," he said.

"We can make some adjustments, but not big changes, because kids need time to work on things."

After observing Monday's

first round, Fife said Clarkston will have a satisfactory scouting report on its playoff-opening opponent.

Clarkston enters the playoffs with a 17-3 regular-season record. The Wolves are on a three-game winning streak after falling to Southfield Lathrup in conference play last week. Clarkston rebounded for a tie with Pontiac Northern for the Oakland Activities Association

title with wins over the Huskies and the Lakers last week.

On the opposite side of the bracket in the district playoffs are the hosting Dragons. Lake Orion plays Waterford Kettering on Monday and the winner advances to play Oxford in the late game on Wednesday.

Clarkston and Lake Orion met in the district finals last year and the Wolves came away with a 56-50 win. The result was dif-

ferent early this season, when the Dragons handed Clarkston its first loss of the season, 51-43, in mid-December.

"(We got) a butt-kicking and a bruised ego. They took it to us, there's no question they were the aggressor and controlled the game. That game was lost in the first minute, not in 32. Right from the start, they put it on us. I just hope we can answer the bell," Fife said.

Season stopped by Rams in state semifinals

BY PAUL KAMPE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston's team wrestling season came to an end Saturday in Battle Creek when the Wolves lost to eventual champion Rockford 32-19 in MHSAA semifinals. Rockford beat Hartland to win the state finals, 37-20.

After falling behind 12-0, Colton Tweed (152 pounds) got the Wolves going with a 6-4 overtime win against Alex Murray. The Rams' Ben Bennet's (160) temporarily stopped any moment with a pin of Bryant Craft to put the Rams up 18-3.

Clarkston looked to start another run at 171 pounds, where Adam Lauzun scored a major decision, 16-6, over Bran Twiest. Then at 189 pounds, Tommy Ellsworth won a 5-3 decision over Joe

Stefanski and the Wolves pulled as close as they would get at 18-10.

"They knew we could come back (at 12-0), but against such a strong team, it's not as easy, we were definitely wrestling the best of the best. We were trying to get those bonus points and Rockford did a good job of keeping those from us," Clarkston assistant coach Derek Moscovic said.

"It was one of those dual meets that could go either way," Moscovic said. "The guys gave it all they had and it was just the Rams' day."

"We had a lot of positives, those guys are great wrestlers."

"Hopefully everyone of them can

come back individually and be a state champ," Moscovic said.

In the quarterfinals Friday, the Wolves disposed of Clinton Township Chippewa Valley handily, 58-3, for their second win over the Big Reds in the past month.

Zac Roberson (103), Erik Butterfield (145), Craft, Lauzun and Steve Cooper (275) pinned for the Wolves.

Matt Dietz (112), Mike Maguire (119), Alex Popp (125), Evan King (130), Tyler Schneider (135), Frank Sade (140), Butterfield, Tweed and Ellsworth won decisions for the Wolves.

Eight Clarkston wrestlers will again carry the program's state championship hopes when they hit the mats at The

Palace of Auburn Hills Thurs.-Sat.

Last season, four of those eight individuals placed at the state tournament. This team's hopes rest on the shoulders of Maguire, Alex Popp, Sade, Tweed, Craft, Lauzun, Ellsworth and Layne Upcott (215) this season.



WOLVES

What: MHSAA individual wrestling state championships
Where: The Palace of Auburn Hills
When: Thursday-Saturday
Who: Eight Clarkston wrestlers qualified at regionals two weeks ago. The Wolves look for their first state champs since Tony Lajole and Braden L'Amoreaux in 2004.

Clarkston takes non-conference win against Dakota

BY PAUL KAMPE
Staff Writer

One night after a hard-fought two-point win against conference rival Pontiac Northern, Clarkston basketball head coach Dan Fife was worried how his team would play against Macomb Dakota (9-10) last Wednesday.

"It's Senior Night and a lot of emotions get going in your mind and my thought was to make sure we focus on the game and know that this team is coming here to play and we've got to compete," Fife said.

The Wolves (16-3) recovered from a mediocre first half to turn on the jets

in the third quarter, pulling away with a 17-9 advantage in the quarter. Heading into the final period with a 14-point lead, Clarkston held on for a 62-46 non-conference win.

"I thought we were much better in the second half, our moving and our cutting was much harder," Fife said.

Clarkston's Dan Owens led all scorers with 21 points. Bren Bergquist had nine points and six rebounds, Oliver Kupe had 13 points, and Kevin

Badgley had 10 points for Clarkston.

Owens scored more than 20 points for the second consecutive game after being held to two points against Southfield Lathrup less than a week earlier.

"It was important for him to re-establish himself mentally. He had to get that one bad night out of his system," Fife said.

Cougars coach Bill Snyder felt his team came unglued during the game.

"We had some good individual looks tonight and

unfortunately we didn't have a good team look. We had some players who lost their composure a little bit. We had a couple of kids we were counting on get in foul trouble early through poor play and positioning and that put us in a hole," Snyder said.

"Our younger kids played well late, but you have to play a little more than hard to come out with a win against Clarkston."

The Cougars got an inside presence on defense in the form of team lead-

ing scorer Glenn Bryant. The 6-foot-6-inch sophomore picked up six blocks to go with his team-high 15 points.

"He's got long arms and he's a good jumper with good timing," Snyder said.

"We're still trying to convince him to keep moving toward the ball. He's still playing like a third scoring option rather than a first option. He's a great kid and we're really pleased with the way he's coming through."

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Clarkston hockey falls to OLSM again 4-3

BY PAUL KAMPE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Given the same assignment as last season, Clarkston's hockey team responded in nearly the same manner.

The Wolves (8-15-3) were charged with taking on state-power Orchard Lake St. Mary's in the pre-regional final at Detroit Skating Club last Thursday. And like last season, the Wolves kept it close, but left with a season-ending 4-3 loss.

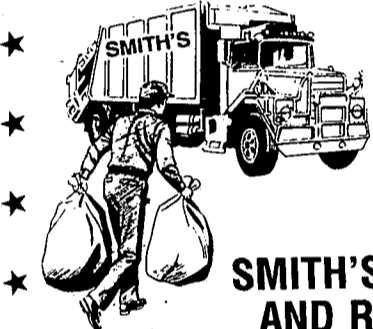
St. Mary's (12-9-5) failed to clear the puck out of their zone late in the first period and Clarkston's Jeremy Voelker made them pay for it. He slammed home a rebound off a shot by Eric Salo.

Eaglets coach Brian Klanow preached patience to his team during the first intermission, with St. Mary's trailing 1-0.

"I told them to settle down. Their goalie made some good saves and sometimes you run into that. It was just going to be a matter of time, we were just shelling them," Klanow said.



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The eighth-ranked Eaglets scored three goals in the second period. Less than two minutes into the period, Jon Falvo's wrist shot from the blue line went through a host of players in front of Clarkston netminder Garrett Knappe, for a goal. Less than a minute-and-a-half later, Charlie Semaan added the go-ahead goal.

Blake Schmidt caught Eaglets' goalie Joseph Savona out of position with 7:54 left in the second, tying the game at 2-2. Matt Campbell gave Clarkston another quality chance two minutes later, intercepting a St. Mary's pass at mid-ice and just missed Adam Frank in front of the net for a one-timer.

Kasper Bryniczka put the Eaglets up 3-2, taking a quick pass from Brandon Kozlowski for a goal with 4:13 left in the period.

Steve Tallman scored the eventual game-winner, beating Knappe from the left-faceoff circle. The shot ricocheted off Knappe's right leg pad, off his back and in the net with 13:21 left in the third period.

After the Wolves pulled Knappe out of net with less than two minutes remaining, Ryan Kenerson pulled Clarkston again within one goal with 1:34 left in the game.

Klanow noted the drastic difference between the playoff game and the early-February meeting at OLSM, where the Eaglets invoked the mercy rule in an 8-0 drubbing.

"Clarkston came in with a game-plan. They played well. It's a weird game when you're down there and all of a sudden the puck turns over, you don't know what to do because we were so offensive," Klanow said.

"We knew they were going to be a different team and they came out and played with a lot of emotion." Clarkston coach Bryan Krygier said the Wolves played up to the competition of the top-10 state-ranked Eaglets.

"They played up and we didn't have anything to lose and they left everything on the ice. We gave it all we had and we made sure we worked exceptionally hard. We got good goaltending and we put the puck in the net. We got shots and we capitalized on a couple of our shots," he said.

Clarkston employed a containment strategy against St. Mary's with decent success.

"We slowed down their momentum and forced them to dump the puck in on us. We capitalized on a couple opportunities and we made a run of it, we did the best we could. They're a good team and it's hard



Taylor Turner and the Wolves fell to Orchard Lake St. Mary's in the second round of the pre-regional playoffs Thursday. Photo by Paul Kampe

to play against them." For much of the game, Clarkston dumped the puck from its zone to stave off the Eaglets' attack.

"The way I looked at it was, if the puck's not in our zone, they're not going to score on us. Whatever it takes to get the puck out of our zone, do it."

Last Tuesday, Clarkston dropped Bloomfield Unified 6-5 in overtime in the opening round of the pre-regional hockey playoffs at Detroit Skating Club. The Wolves, trailing 4-2 after two periods, came back to take a 5-4 lead before the Chargers tied with 5:00 remaining.

Eric Salo, coming off a 10-minute misconduct penalty, scored the game-winner with 3:00 left in the extra session, scoring off his own rebound.

"He was the only one with fresh legs, everyone else was dead tired," Clarkston coach Bryan Krygier said.

"We played down to their level. Things were not going well the whole game," Krygier said.

"We fought back and didn't let them beat us. We worked hard and finally the breaks went our way." Krygier said.



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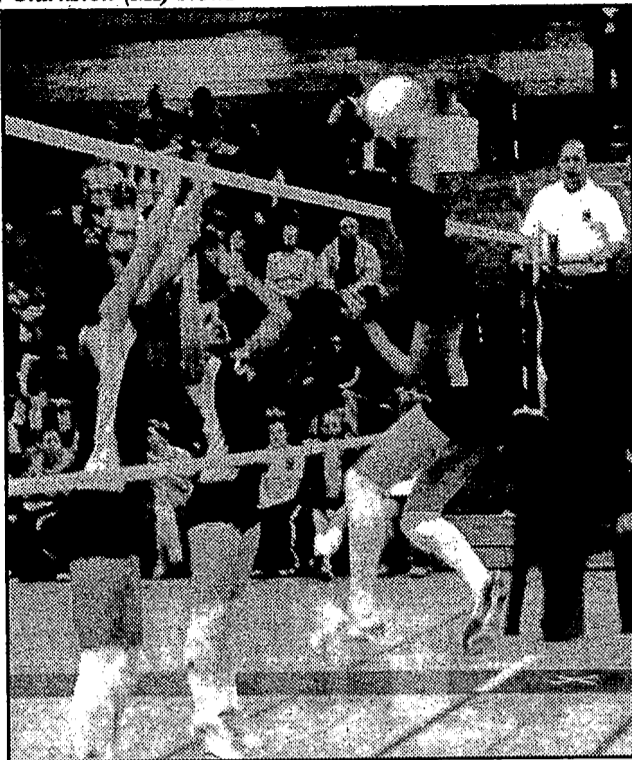
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Julie Gillespie drops a kill on the Blackhawks in the Wolves' 3-2. Photo by Paul Kampe

Volleyballers ousted in first round of district

BY PAUL KAMPE
Staff Writer

Déjà vu is not always a good thing. Clarkston volleyball got a second dose of an early exit from the district playoffs Friday, losing to eventual district champion Rochester 3-2 in five games. This is the second consecutive season the Wolves have taken an early bow, after falling to Rochester Hills Stoney Creek last season 3-2, also in the open-

ing round. After a 25-21 game one loss, Clarkston came back for a 25-15 win in game two. The Falcons took another 25-21 win in the third and again the Wolves countered with a 25-18 win. Rochester won the fifth and final set, 15-12.

"It was back and forth all night and could have gone either way," Clarkston coach Kelly Avenall said.

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Wolves complete perfect week

"Tonight was the best (he) has played this season," Fife said.

"He played totally under control and ran the show out there and he did a great job of conducting the offense."

The teams traded the lead back and forth until the final stanza, finishing

each of the first three quarters one point apart. Clarkston out-scored the Lakers 23-17 in the fourth quarter.

Fife said the Wolves are getting good play from their bench, which is making a considerable mark on the outcome.

"It's important that

The Wolves beat themselves with unforced errors and lackluster play from multiple players.

"In volleyball, you can't win with three or four kids being off," she said.

Avenall hoped the team would shake itself from their funk. "They would get frustrated and keep doing the same things," she said. "I thought they would play through it, but they didn't."

Amanda Byrd logged 37 digs, and sophomore Lauren Gardner made 13 kills and went perfect serving and in serve reception.

Clarkston finished the 2006-'07 campaign with a 20-15-4 record, seven more wins and ten fewer losses than a season ago.

"It's a tough way to end the season, but I don't think we have anything to be ashamed of," Avenall said.

"Overall, they had a successful season."

Days before starting the playoffs, Clarkston had one more regular-season match

The Wolves beat Brandon in a close five-game series, 22-25, 25-17, 25-23, 24-26, 15-9 last Monday

Lindsay Sawyer had eight kills and six blocks and Amanda Byrd had 21 digs.

Wolves beat Northern in rematch, 55-53

BY PAUL KAMPE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston's basketball team had the toughest game to begin its three-game, four-night stand last Tuesday. The Wolves, after suffering an upset loss at Southfield Lathrup Feb. 23, had to muster their energy for their biggest intra-conference competition, Pontiac Northern.

The Wolves rose to the occasion, holding on for a 55-53 win in front of a home crowd. While visiting the Huskies (15-4) in January, Clarkston fell 75-67 for their first loss in the conference. That matchup was seen as another legendary chapter in their rivalry.

Tuesday's game was no different, holding league championship implications. Clarkston (15-3) moved into a tie at 7-2 in the Oakland Activities Association with the win. Both teams were set to decide the league three days later on the last day of the season.

The Huskies took a 30-28 lead into halftime, but the Wolves stormed out in the third quarter, outscoring Northern 15-6, to take a seven-point lead into the fourth.

"We had a two-point lead at halftime, we had the third quarter to lose," Huskies coach Robert Rogers said.

"We had to turn it up to get within reach. We had a chance to tie or win and it just didn't happen for us.

"You can never count a Clarkston team out until it's over and I hope they say the same thing about us."

Clarkston looked to pull away on multiple occasions, but they couldn't shake the Huskies.

"Northern is never going to go away when they play us, that's something our kids know because our kids have watched these games forever," Clarkston coach Dan Fife said.

"There was a lot of pressure on both teams and it seemed like it was a heavyweight boxing match, two people wearing each other out," Fife said.

"We were fortunate to win. I was happy with our kids responding after the loss at Lathrup."

The Wolves' six-foot-plus trio of Kevin Badgley, Bren Bergquist and Oliver Kupe put in more work on the glass, picking up significantly more rebounds than they had against Lathrup.

"That was the difference, our activity on the boards," Fife said.

Dan Owens scored 26 points and Bergquist added 10 for Clarkston.

Tim Williams also had 26 points for the Huskies and Martell Webb had 14.

Rogers played down the likelihood of another Clarkston/Northern co-championship like the one they shared in 2005.

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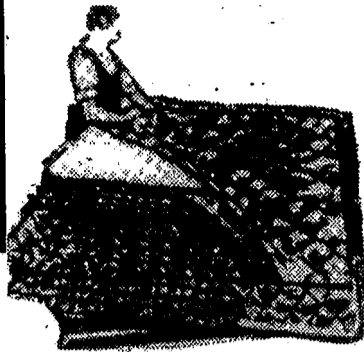
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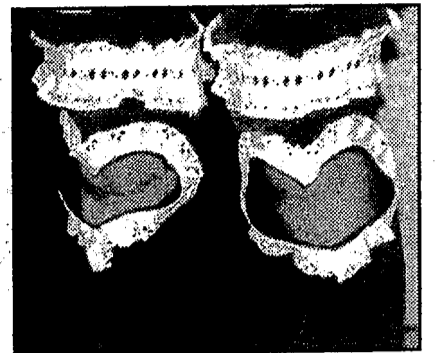
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Cat Flick, left, and Jezi Magnuson, talk up a storm in their attempt to remain calm before the show.



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Jill Leske's garments were inspired by "Little Women."



Kristin Mallison talks to a friend and fellow Project Runway model before the show.

A passion for fashion

Clarkston High School students displayed their fashion designing skills at Project Runway, March 1. Seven finalists competed for prizes. Sarah Chasins won first place. See page 3A for complete story.

Picture story by Laura Colvin



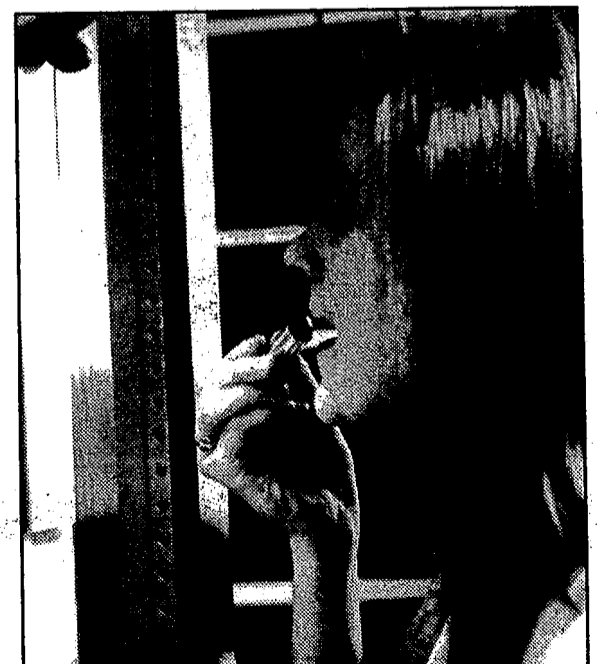
The girls answered questions about their designs from a panel of judges.



Cassandra Vernier, left, and Katie Chasins walk while the judges vote.



Tom Alty, senior, was part of a media crew documenting the project. Here, he interviews participant Cat Flick.



Katie Chasins, freshman, modeled a dress designed and created by her sister Sarah.

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Teaching for life

Clarkston's Chambers coaches on, off court

BY PAUL KAMPE
 Clarkston News Staff Writer

Behind every great coach, there is a great assistant coach. Clarkston's Eric Chambers has been along the sidelines with head basketball coach Dan Fife for the past 12 years, utilizing his patience and personality to make as large a contribution to the team as he can.

Chambers, who turned 36 this week, grew up in Clarkston and graduated from Clarkston High School in 1989.

He moved to the area from Ohio while he was in junior high school, and actually had a much shorter stay in mind.

He began attending Clarkston basketball games as a student. In Ohio, football was much more of a popular sport. He recalled attending a basketball game in 1986 that changed his perspective on roundball.

Chambers returned to Clarkston as a student teacher while attending Eastern Michigan University. The teaching stint was originally destined for another locale, but Chambers had a friend with connections.

"I was going to have to student teach in Belleville because they thought I was going to live in Ypsilanti," he said.

After talking with former CHS Principal Brent Cooley, Chambers landed a spot student teaching at Clarkston.

He earned his bachelor's degree from EMU in 1994 and always planned on using his psychological background to be a teacher of sorts.

"I got into psychology, I really like talking to people about their feelings and behaviors and why you act a certain way in a certain situation," Chambers said.

"There's not too many jobs in psychology as a teacher, so I thought I was going to be a guidance counselor.

"But when I was subbing here with the autistic program here, I really enjoyed working with the kids."

Chambers had a love of basketball and attended many Clarkston basketball practices, similar to his days as a student. In 1994, Coach Dan Fife asked the Clarkston



Eric Chambers, right, an assistant coach for the Clarkston High School basketball team, discusses strategy with Matt Kamieniecki. Photo by Paul Kampe

alum to join the team, but Chambers was initially hesitant.

"I was worried because I didn't play here, they wouldn't embrace me."

However, the new assistant fit right in and bonded with the players.

"That first-year group of kids taught me what basketball was all about.

"Those guys took me under their wing," Chambers said.

Soon thereafter, he began what is now one of his favorite parts of coaching, the off-season condition.

"Jeremy (Fife) really wanted to go to a Division I college and he asked me to work out with him. We probably spent six days a week together doing something with basketball.

"That's how I really came to enjoy the summer and working with the kids, because that's what I really like to do."

Chambers said coach Fife has a very similar personality to his father and he's happy to be a part of the team.

"I think Dan (Fife) took a chance on me. To walk into a varsity position, I'm thankful every day. Other than my parents, he's always been the biggest influence in my life," Chambers said.

In 1999, after earning his master's degree from Oakland University in special education, Chambers took a position as a special education teacher at Holly High School.

"I worked a lot with the autistic program (while substitute teaching at CHS). In basketball, a lot of our managers are autistic or cognitively impaired and I really enjoyed that setting," Chambers said.

"I'm pretty patient and I celebrate small successes and I really don't get too stressful about situations. It could be difficult working with a student and the steps are very small in progress, but at least we're moving forward and that's the exciting part for me as a teacher."

"I take a lot of basketball into the classroom. I talk about taking steps forward, not backward and moving on from a situation and handling adversity when it strikes.

"I challenge my kids...if you come with a great work ethic, people can't challenge that."

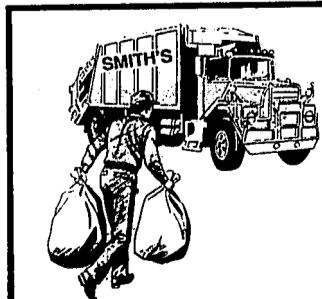
In his interview with Holly principal David Nuss, the two quickly saw eye to eye.

"In my interview, he didn't ask me about teaching as much as he asked me how I take my coaching philosophy into the classroom," Chambers said.

"That question sold me on Holly."

Chambers and Nuss came to an agreement that Chambers could continue to coach with Clarkston while teaching as a Broncho.

"I want you to coach in Holly one day, but I understand you care about those kids and you're passionate and you shouldn't stop," he told him.



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Open house, Clarkston Community Schools Funshine Preschool, 9 a.m.-noon, March 15. Early Childhood Center, 6397 Clarkston Road. 248-623-4350.

Spaghetti Dinner, 5-7 p.m., March 16. All you can eat, spaghetti and meat sauce, salad, and Italian garlic bread. \$5. Carry-out available. Meatless sauce available during Lent. Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.



Chris Stout, left, and Verne Nackaro of the Clarkston Village Players perform a scene in the drama, "Seven Rabbits on a Pole." Showtimes are 8 p.m., March 9-10, 16-17, and 23-24; 2 p.m. March 18; and 7:30 p.m. March 22, at the Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road. For tickets and information, call 248-625-8811 or 248-575-4104.

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. 248-846-6550.

AARP Driver Safety Program, 1-5:30 p.m., March 21-22 or April 25-26. For drivers aged 50+. \$10. Check or money order payable to AARP, at Independence Twp Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Rd. 248-625-8231.

Club Bookworm, 10-11 a.m., March 22. Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. March book: "Here's Your Hat,

What's Your Hurry" by Elizabeth McCracken. Call Mary at 248-625-8231. \$1 drop-in fee.

A Taste of Spring, Wine Tasting Gala, Clarkston Rotary Club, 6:30-8:30 p.m., March 27, Oakhurst Country Club. \$40 in advance, \$50 at the door. Tickets available at the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, 5856 S. Main Street, or call 248-649-5560 or 248-625-9741.

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 con-

tact 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 Colombiere 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. Formore 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. Call Chris Kokenos at 800-397-9360.



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Clarkston Community Band to perform in Canada concert

The Clarkston Community Band will be traveling internationally to perform with the Greater Windsor Concert Band in the annual "Spectacle of Winds" concert.

The concert will be at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 25, in the Historic Capital Theatre, 121 University Ave W, in Windsor, Ontario.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students, seniors, and groups.

For ticket information call the Capital Theatre Box Office 519-253-7729.

Spectacle of Winds 2007 will be an afternoon of symphonic band music. Each band will perform a number of selections finishing up with a mass band concert.

Musical selections will range from 'Holst's Suite in E flat for Military Band to the "Theme

from the Muppet Show" in this historic theatre. Also included will be "The Magnificent Seven," "Malaguena," and "Shenandoah."

The Clarkston Community Band, directed by Vince Chrisman, is one of the areas fastest growing and most respected wind bands.

Its 52 volunteer musicians perform free concerts for the greater Clarkston area and presenting various educational and family entertaining themed concerts.

The band program is sponsored by Independence Township Parks and Recreation and Clarkston Community Schools.

For more information, contact Independence Township Parks and Recreation at 248-625-8223, email clarkstonband@hotmail.com, or visit www.clarkstonband.org.

Sale to help restore forests

Global ReLeaf of Michigan is offering bare-root trees for sale. Funds raised through the annual safe support community tree plantings throughout Michigan.

About 20 species of trees and shrubs are available. Orders

must be prepaid by April 6. Trees are \$28 each, \$50 for specialty trees. Shrubs and evergreens are \$20 each. Pickup is set for April 21 at nine locations, locally Springfield Oaks Park, 12450 Andersonville Road in Davisburg. Call 800-642-7353.



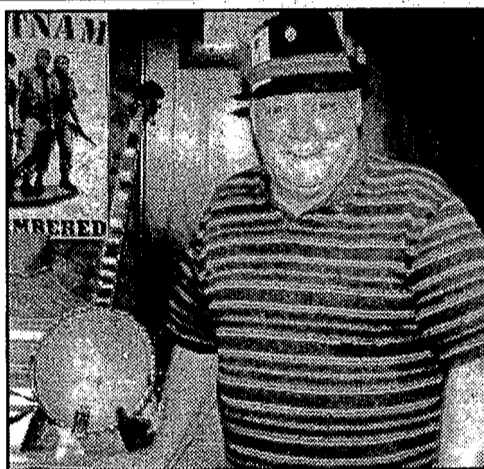
From left, Ken Combs, Bob Dodge, Kelly White, Ernie May, Orville Marlo, and Gene Vale perform at the American Legion Post 63 on Ortonville Road.

Banjo jamming

Local banjo player Ken Combs gets together with his band about once a month and performs at local venues, including the American Legion and the Independence Township Senior Center Carriage House.

Band members also include Kelly White, Ernie May, Orville Marlo, Gene Vale, and Dan Stucky on banjo, Bob Dodge on trombone, and Orville Marlo on drums.

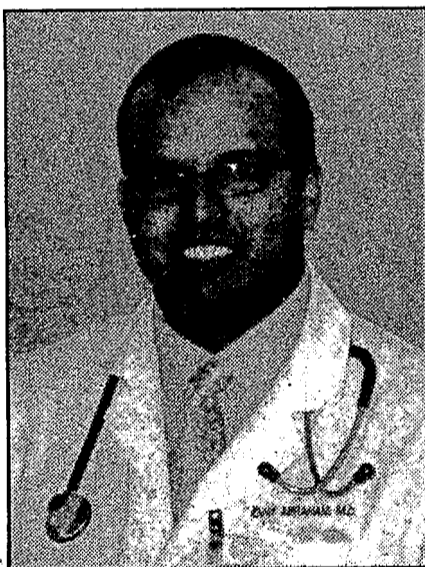
Photos by Phil Custodio



Dan Stucky with his prized, jewel encrusted banjo.

Community Health News - RSV

Dr. Renny Abraham



Respiratory syncytial virus (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.

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

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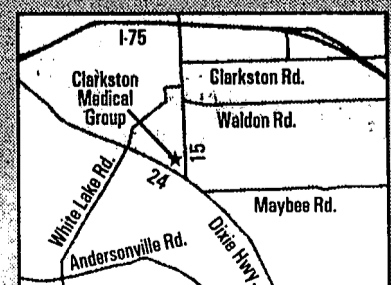
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Milestones

Business news

Michael J. Damone of Clarkston was appointed chairman of Lighthouse of Oakland County Board of Trustees.



Michael J. Damone

Damone is the president of The Damone Group located in Troy. He has 20 years experience in real estate development/construction, including more than nine years in the assisted living industry.

He is a registered CPA in Arizona and Michigan, and holds a B.A. in accounting from Michigan State University.

His relationship with Lighthouse of Oakland County began in 1990. Since then, Damone has served on both the

Lighthouse PATH board of directors and the Lighthouse of Oakland County board of trustees.

Damone and other executives will represent Lighthouse to the community, support the organization's mission and vision to improve the lives of people in need, oversee strategic, financial and budget planning, and monitor agency-wide achievements and goals.

Douglas K. Brown of Clarkston was recently named a member of the Detroit District Council of the Urban Land Institute Steering Committee and chair of the Membership Committee.

Brown is director of development for ASTI Environmental, a company that provides environmental and training services to industry and government. He holds both undergraduate and graduate degrees from Central Michigan University.

Students achieve success

The Clarkston High School Forensics Speech Team won first place honors in the Small Teams division at the Frankenmuth tournament Feb. 24.

This is the 2nd year in a row that Clarkston has earned first place.

Senior **Heidi Bretz** earned a trophy with her second-place finish overall in Poetry - her highest placing yet.

Also, junior **Marissa Ortiz** finished ninth overall in Prose out of 30 other contestants.

Junior **Rob Miller** competed in his first Forensics tournament for Oratory and even earned a third place in one of his rounds.

Lisa Sickman was named to the President's List at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, SC.

Sickman is majoring in Psychology and attained a 4.0 for the fall semester. She is also a member of the Cross Country and Track teams.

She was a member of the championship Clarkston High School Cross Country teams. She is the daughter of Bill and Colleen Sickman of Clarkston.

Jamie Gove, Clarkston High School graduate, made the 2007 Albion College softball team.

Gove is the daughter of Michael and Kathy Gove of Clarkston.

Chelsea Hasset of Clarkston has made the dean's list for the fall semester of her sophomore year at the United States Naval Academy.

Tara Roth of Clarkston was named to the Dean's List at Northwood University for the fall term 2006.

Danielle R. Newman of Clarkston was named to the Dean's List at Boston University for the fall semester.

Got a Milestone to share?

Drop them off at 5 S. Main St. or e-mail them to shermanpub@aol.com, attn: Clarkston News Milestones.

Exercise, health classes set March 10

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 our One on One training studio following the seminars.

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Religion

Forty days? So what?

At least in church we make a BIG DEAL about "the 40 Days."

Forty days and nights of rain with Noah, the ark, and the animals.

Forty days and nights for Moses on Mt. Sinai receiving the 10 Commandments.

Forty Days and Nights for the Prophet Elijah listening for the Voice of God.

Forty days and nights Jesus spent in the Wilderness fasting and praying before being tempted by the Devil with food, power, and position.

Forty days and nights Jesus spent with his disciples following His resurrection, teaching and explaining (still again) what He had taught for 3 years.

Yes, it comes around every year. Yes, we count all the days except Sundays when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus each week. Yes, there is always the question about sacrificing something for Lent.

So the popular question becomes: "What did you give up for Lent?" And just as seriously we respond: "Pumpkin Pie," or "Watermelon," or "Banana splits!" Or perhaps we say: "I need to go on a diet anyway!" All this has nothing to do with "the 40 days" or with preparing ourselves for the gift of God's Resurrection Power!

So are 40 days and nights is a BIG THING in the life of the Christian disciple? The annual routine may only seem an exercise in futility. It may just be a gimmick of the Church

to bring more people into worship on Sundays. It may be a strategy to get people to eat more fish or fewer desserts.

For me - I've been through all these responses during my childhood and my career as student, pastor, administrator, husband, parent, and grandfather (Papa) AND each as a follower of Jesus. What do I do NOW? Now I do a routine of wandering with Jesus through the wilderness.

I look at the Passion Week lessons in each of the Gospels at the end of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. This year I'm devouring all I can from books in my own library, the church and community libraries, wikipedia, and other websites studying the people around Jesus in his final days on earth. This search is already leading me to new insights into John, Mary - Jesus' mother, Pilot, Thomas, Caiaphas - the high priest, and Peter.

Perhaps taking on a search/research project on these or other Disciples or companions of Jesus will lead to a closer "walk with God" for you, too. Perhaps you will arrive at the Upper Room on Thursday, or at the Cross on Good Friday, or at Sunrise Services on Easter Sunday and you will be different - different because you have walked in a more familiar set of shoes belonging to one of the members of the Jesus gang.

Maybe these 40 days and nights are just what we ALL need to "come to the garden" and to answer the question "were you there?" and then affirm "up from the grave He arose." This is part (only a part) of my prayer for you these 40 days of Lent, 2007.

Karl L. Zeigler is lead pastor at Goodrich United Methodist Church.



Spiritual Matters

Pastor Karl L. Zeigler

In our churches...

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.

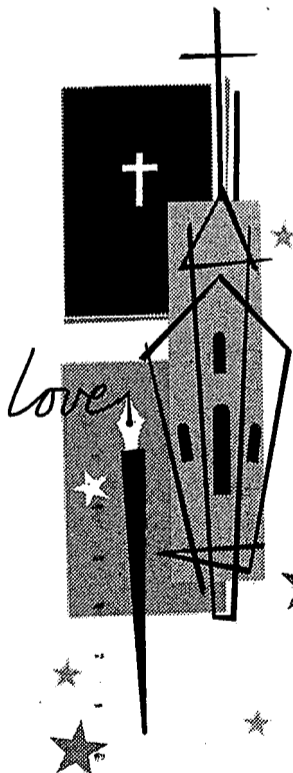
Peace Unity Church of Clarkston will offer "Teach Us To Pray," the first in a series of classes for 2007. Tuesday evenings, 7 p.m., at the McLoskeys home, 590 Crestmoor Circle, Oxford. Reverend Mathew E. Long will facilitate the class. Who, What, When, Where, Why and How of Prayer and Meditation, including: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

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

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

Please see In Our Churches, page 11B

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Sunday Connection Service:
6:00 pm
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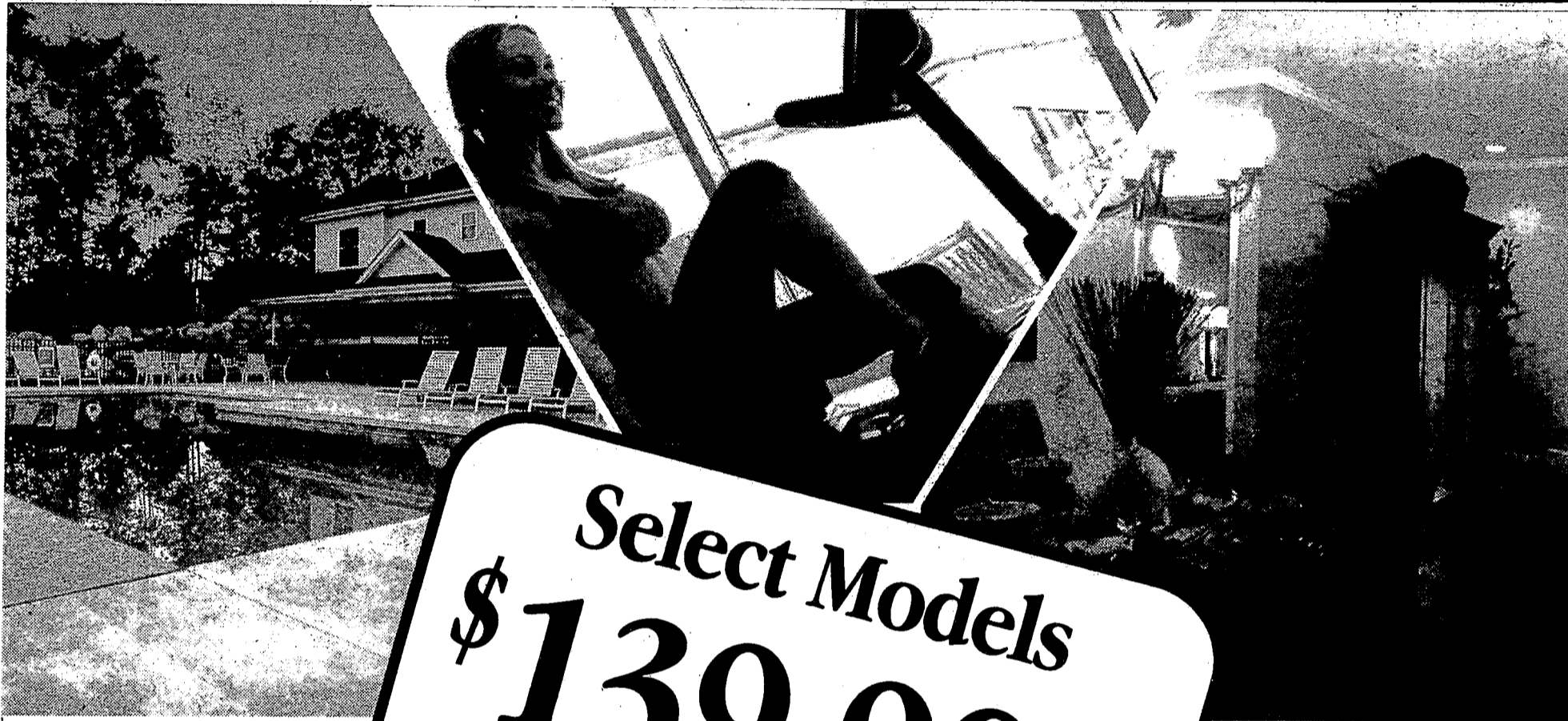
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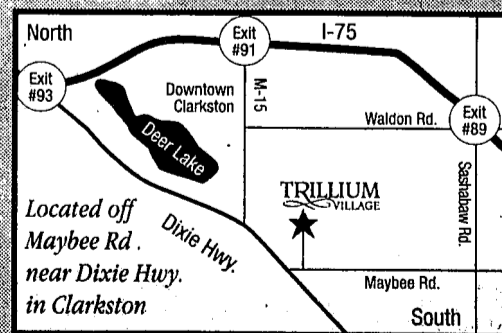


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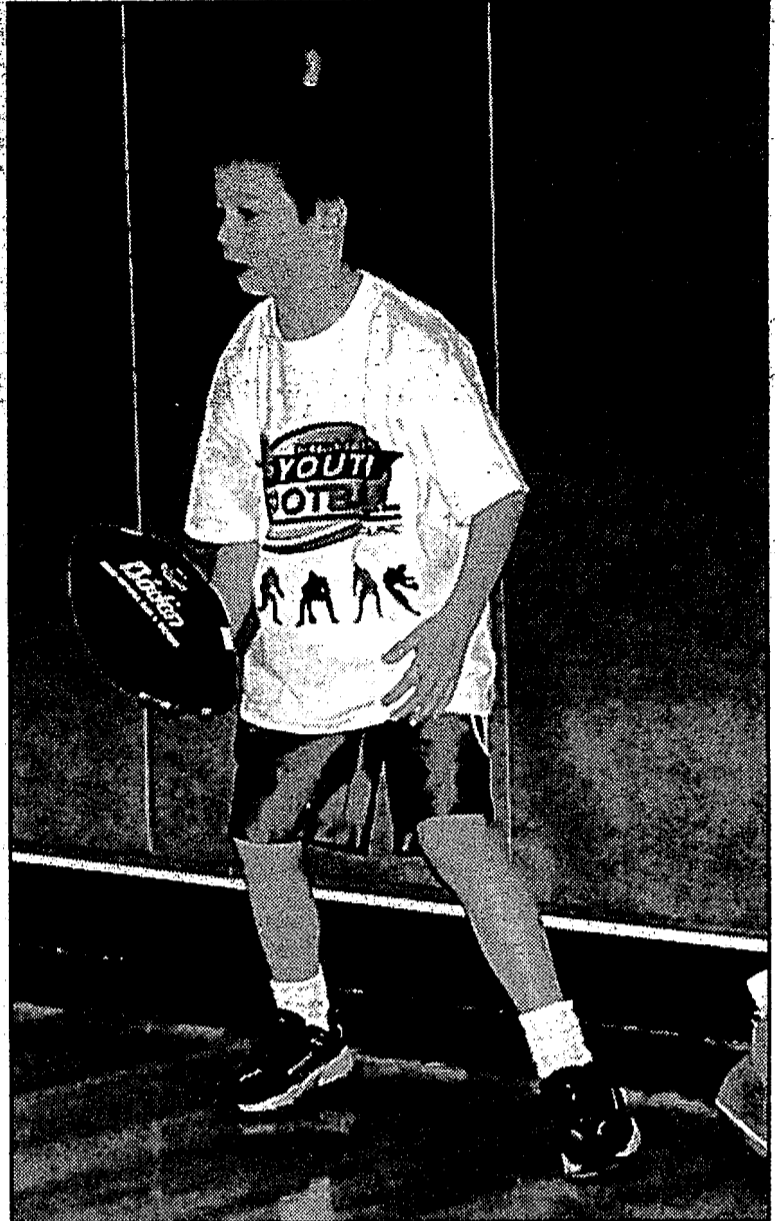
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Youth Football Coach Neal Mozdierz leads students in drills back and forth across the gym.



Lucas Dishon, Springfield Plains student, practices passing and receiving.



Ready for some football

Clarkston Community Education hosted the third-annual Detroit Lions Youth Football Clinic this past Friday at Sashabaw Middle School.

More than 100 Clarkston elementary students participated. So many responded, the program was split into two clinics this year.

Community Education will be offering an NFL Flag Football program in the fall.

Call 248-623-4321 for more information.

Photo story by Phil Custodio



Mozdierz teaches students how to keep their eyes on the ball.

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Thank you,
Peggy and Stephanie Strutz

Check mate

Students learn to love chess

BY KELLY L. REYNOLDS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Every Monday students from every grade at Springfield Plains Elementary gather to share their love of chess.

In its second season, the chess club was started by Cathy Schlaff, a mother of four, after thinking about what the game of chess could bring elementary students.

"I wanted something that challenged them intellectually. I wanted to give them an opportunity to use their brains," she said. "All of my kids and my family play, so I wanted to share that."

When Schlaff brought up the idea to Springfield Plains administration, she said she was greeted with nothing but support for the program. Parents of students in the club have donated the chess sets and the school lets the club use a room every Monday after school.

Students of all ages are welcome to join the club, though there is a waiting list because of the club's popularity. Of the 20 or so members, there six 5th graders, seven 4th graders, one in 3rd grade, five in second grade and two in kindergarten.

"I try to match them up equally so that we don't end up with a 5th grader playing a kindergartner," said Schlaff.

"I wanted to join last year, but couldn't because there

were too many people," said fourth-grader James Blazeovic. "I wanted to try my talents in chess, and now it seems that I'm not too good. But it's fun and we get to learn something new all the time."

Every week there is a new schedule of players so that each member gets a chance to play a variety of other players.

All four of Schlaff's children take part in one way or another with the club. All three of her children who attend Springfield Plains play in the club and her older son, A.J., is her assistant coach.

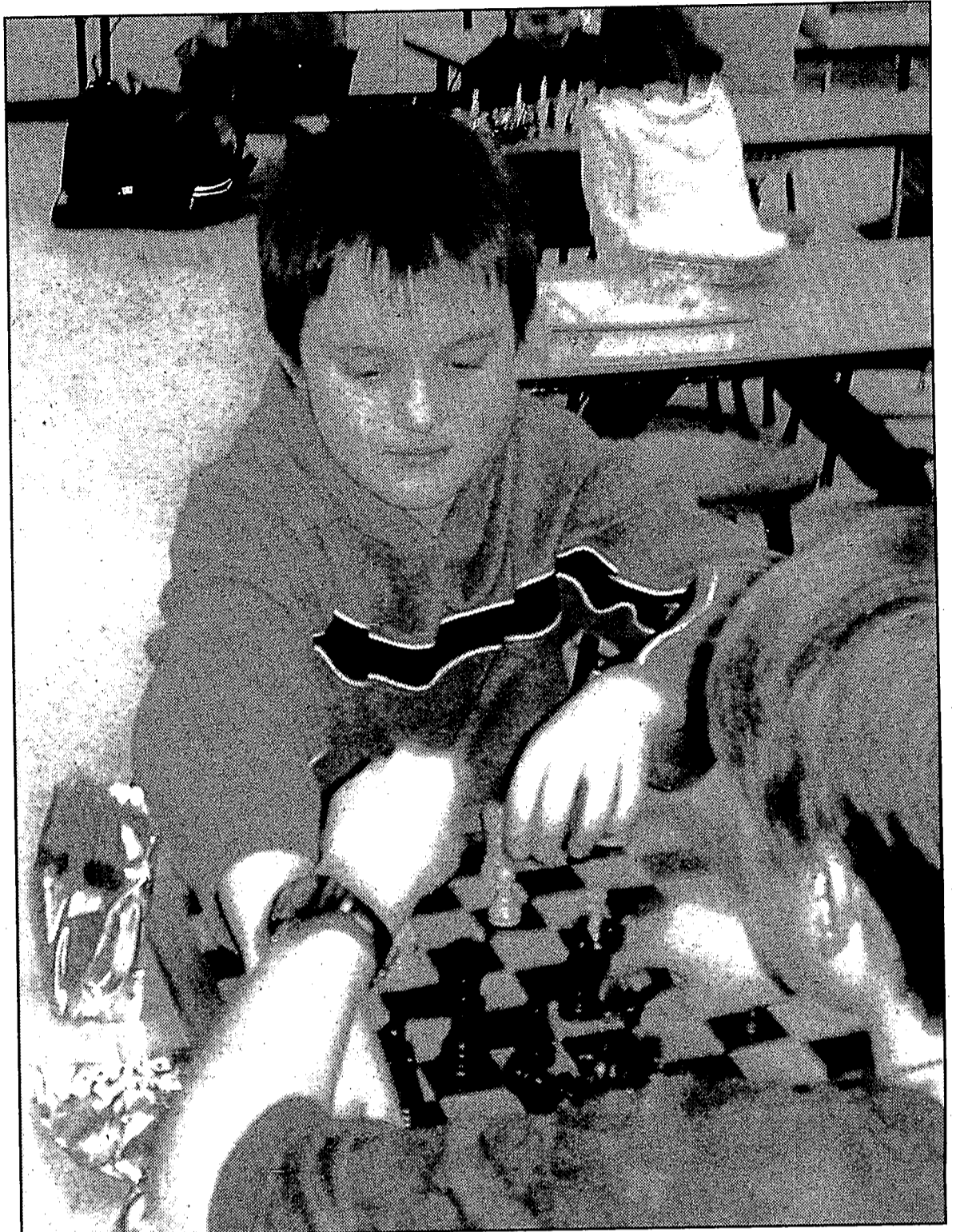
"My mom's the coach, and it makes it fun," said Jonathon Schlaff, a second-grader. "It's fun because I get to play it a lot at home and here."

Max Caine, who is in second grade, shares Jonathon Schlaff's sentiments.

"I like to play chess because instead of doing computer stuff all day long, we can play with family and friends."

Because of the success of the club and the support of the school and parents, the chess club will host its second tournament on March 19 at 4:30 p.m. at Springfield Pines. Both Pine Knob Elementary and St. Joseph of Lake Orion will come to play.

For more information about the chess club, or for information about starting your own chess club, call Cathy Schlaff at 248-620-2321.



Both starting the day undefeated, Wyatt Jones and Zack McCallum played each other for the first time Monday. By the end of the day, Jones remained undefeated.



The two kindergartners of the group, Wyatt Jones and Catherine Schlaff, are in the midst of their second game of the day.

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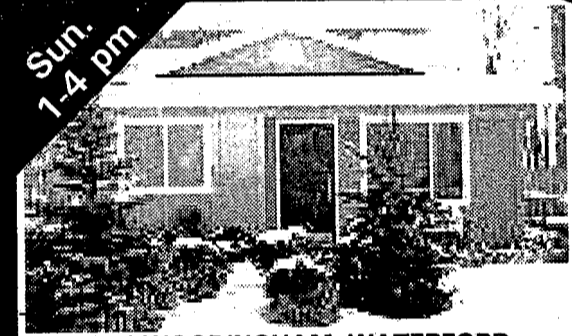
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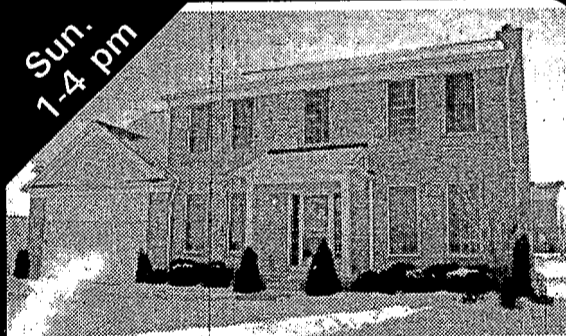
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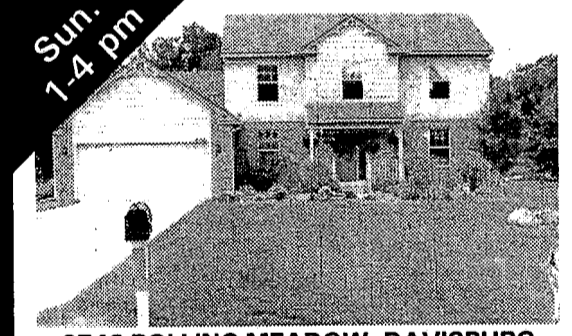
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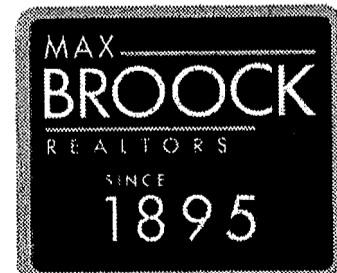
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Parks & Rec survey yields community comments

Information continues to flow to Independence Township Parks & Recreation, through a survey conducted with Survey Monkey Website.

"Because of the recent millage proposal failure, I thought it was necessary to get a good understanding what role Parks and Recreation should play in the future with our residents," said Director Mike Turk in his February survey report.

"If you take a look at the survey, I believe you'll find that the residents of the Township do find value in our services, our Parks, and the opportunities we provide for families and their children."

According to results as of February, 75 percent of respondents rated Parks & Recreation programs as good to excellent. About 78 percent said P&R was important to very important to their quality of life in the township.

The Website's service, which costs about \$20 a month, offered a section for public comments, some of which are:

- This survey is a stupid waste of tax dollars. Why are my tax dollars being spent on this B.S?

- It would be a great loss to the community if you close Deer Lake Beach. It offers so many young people excellent opportunities as lifeguards. All my children took swim lessons, and we always use the beach. It is an essential part of Clarkston.

- Our neighborhood is unique due to its "private" status-dirt road no one from the city maintains it. We're responsible-well/septic/garbage pick-up/no street lights/and my taxes are to Waterford schools. My address is Clarkston-snow removal on our roads are our responsibility also-we are kind of forgotten, I feel. Anyway, take care, thanks for the ear!

- My taxes are too high now, and you want more? Sorry not interested.

- It's the economy, stupid.

- My friends and family do not wish to support your programs via higher tax Millage proposals.

- Why are you wasting my tax dollars on a survey to raise my taxes? You people really are as stupid as I've heard.

- As a concerned resident with the state of budget constraints with the Parks and Rec. Dept. I want it known that I would have voted yes this past fall for the dept. if it had not been for the Senior Center. I do not believe that any single group should have expected taxpayers to give more. I think there could have been greater success if the vote

were for an entire community center as opposed to a senior center. I think the activities the dept. has for senior citizens are great and would hope they continue, but my personal budget is less than what it used to be and I did not see spending my money on a senior center as a wise money management move. I find it shocking that the money parks and Rec receives would be tied to a yes vote for a senior center. I think this was very poor planning. I do believe that a strong Parks and Rec Dept. is extremely important to a community and hope that we have continued services. Thank you for your time.

- Independence Township Parks and Recreation has been a awesome resource for my kids when they were young. We all have found memories swimming at Deer Lake, Haunted Forest, Easter Egg Hunts etc. We feel Parks and Recreation is essential part of the community and the reason why we have such excellent kids in the community!! An overall family environment!!

- We relocated here from New York in 1990 without children and have had many opportunities to move out of Clarkston. Once we started to have our family grow, Clarkston amazed us year after year with it's hospitality. The community has provided so many positive experiences-one of them being the Parks and Rec program. It would be a great loss if this program was to be cut.

- Clintonwood Park is usually in good shape; sports fields for the kids activities. Other parks/fields are in worse shape...sometimes uneven and bare spots on fields are verging on dangerous play on. Spring Soccer and Baseball seasons are too short. 6 weeks is not enough time to form and coach a team in either sport. Kids should be given the option to play either sport for a full 12 weeks (perhaps only allow them to play one or the other but not both...that should alleviate any issue with resources/number of fields to play on.)

- Refuse to pay more taxes for parks.
- I would hate to see the beach and parks closed in Clarkston. Many families look forward to it.

- How many times do we have to vote down your stupid tax proposals? I'll bet you were stupid enough to waste my tax dollars on this stupid survey, right?

- You can't close down the beach or the Parks and Rec facilities. We use them all the time; my kids are between 9 and 14. We did babysitting club, camps, and have been to the beach quite fre-

quently. What will it take to keep the Parks and Rec alive??

- I was devastated to find out that there is a chance Deer Lake and some of the other activities will be closing. We moved out here to Clarkston for the area, the recreation they have for kids, especially for the summer. We love Deer Lake. You cannot find such a cozy, friendly community anyplace with such great programs. Please if there is any way don't disappoint this community. Keep Deer Lake open.

- These are programs that the private sector should be doing not the taxpayers.

- I am not interested in supporting any parks and recreation or senior proposal in the future. If it cannot support itself then close it. Thank you.

- The Senior Center does not have the support of taxpayers. Why not close it down, get rid of all the jobs, and legacy costs associated with it and then we will see if you need the money. I've had enough of my tax dollars being wasted on these types of programs.

- Strongly believe that Parks and Recreation programs and rental facilities should be available to all if necessary...HOWEVER.....anyone living outside the Township should pay considerable more....value is obvious and gain from increase could make up the losses you are burdened with. We are required to pay more everywhere else we go since we we're not residents. This area should be carefully examined. Thanks for your attention.

- Couldn't the money that is being squirreled away for a new township hall be used for Parks and Rec? The public is paying attention and Township officials that refuse to abide by the wishes of voters may soon find themselves unemployed.

- No more tax hikes.

- We will not support higher taxes.

- I believe the services provided by Parks and Recreation should be done by private enterprises and should not be funded by taxpayers. Even though some programs are beneficial to public health, I do not support government programs that take job opportunities away from the private sector.

- We would vote no if a park tax increase was proposed.

- I voted for a new Senior Center which I believe is needed in this com-

munity.

- Not interested in funding these programs.

- We moved to the Clarkston Area because of the Parks and Rec programs. It is disappointing that every year the offerings within the Parks and Rec program appear to be diminishing. The Senior Center issue should be a pay as you use the facility like the rest of the parks and Rec programming is for individuals to participate. I don't think that the majority of the budget should be focused on Senior Center issues. Nor do I think that the younger families that have decided to move to this area should have the programs eliminated that brought us here in the first place. I hope that there will be a reasonable and sustainable solution to this problem. Data and demographics are the best way to determine and asses the needs of our community. This should drive the decisions that need to be made.

- Add programs and reduce staff. Not sure how you and even walk through your area in the Township Offices given how many people you have.

- Do not bring a Senior Citizens Center for a third vote.

- I pay for my family's recreation and do not want to have to pay you for someone else's recreation too.

- Bond issue for activities center and Millage proposal need to be back on the ballot. Publicity needs to include poor condition of facility at Clintonwood and lack of barrier free capability.

- If you hadn't tied the Parks and Rec renewal/approval to the Senior Center it most likely would have passed. I believe we need to fund the Parks and Rec Department that all and use, but I do not agree with building a Senior Center. The Millage appeared that we were voting for the center and then the money to run it, so both we defeated.

- My husband and I are tired of the Townships tax proposals and do not want to support a senior center, parks, or schools. We have supported them for too many years now. Where are the safety paths we have been paying for, for over 30 years??

- I would hope this survey does not raise my taxes.


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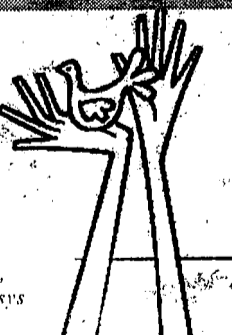
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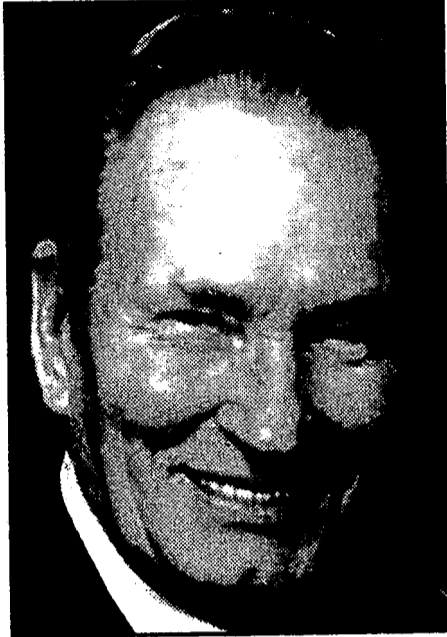
Charles William Walters

Charles William Walters of Waterford passed away on March 2 at the age of 84

He was the husband of Arlene for 61 years; father of Sandy (Jerry) Hawthorne of Waterford, Jane (the late Bill) Powell of Clarkston and Teresa Pawley of Caro; also survived by 16 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren.

Mr. Walters served in the Pacific as a Marine during WWII. He was an Eagle Scout, Boy Scout leader and found much joy in being a ballroom dance instructor in the Waterford Clarkston area for many years. He was a member of Waterford Community Church since 1958.

Visitation was Monday at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral service was Tuesday at Waterford Community Church. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery.



Memorials may be made to Hospice of Michigan. On line guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Obituaries are updated as we get them on our website, www.ClarkstonNews.com

Cynthia Susanna Fennel

Cynthia Susanna Fennel of Davisburg passed away on March 2 at the age of 50.

She was the loving wife of Larry; daughter of Robert and Margaret Ells of Anaheim, Calif.; sister of Glenn Ells of Long Beach, Calif.; daughter in law of Larry and Mary Fennell; sister in law of Judy (Bob) Duffney, Diane (George) Richards, Denise Fennell.

Mrs. Fennel was employed as an administrator for General Motors.

Memorial service Tuesday 1p.m. at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit from noon until time of service.

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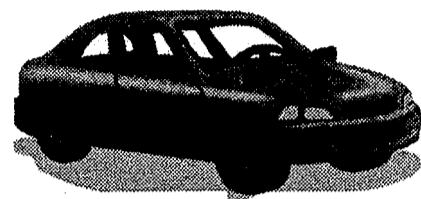
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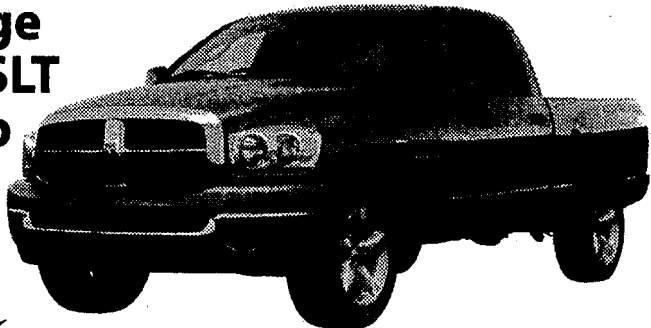
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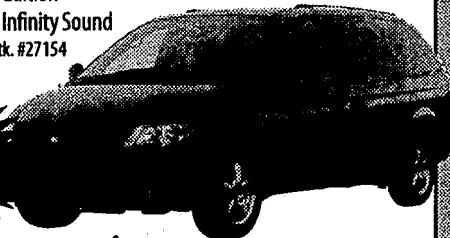
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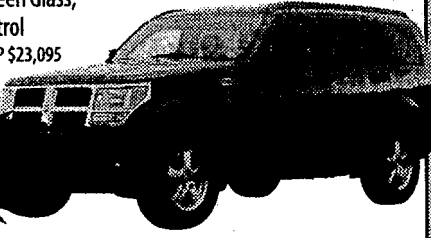


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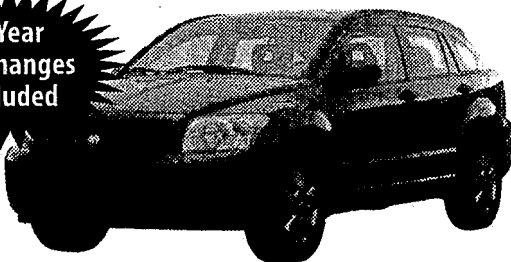
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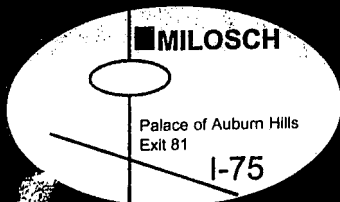
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Nominations needed for annual awards

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

- Citizen of the Year,
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- 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. 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.

St. Patty's Day party at St. Dan's

St. Daniel Catholic Community is sponsoring a St. Patrick's Day Party for couples on Saturday, March 17. The event will feature an Irish dinner of corned beef and cabbage by Chef Dennis O'Malley of O'Malley's Galley in Ortonville, dessert by Pastry Chef Michele O'Malley, beer and wine. Music and dancing will be provided by Rick and Dana Lieder, who have appeared at outdoor festivals, private and corporate events throughout Michigan, including the Ritz-Carleton, Gem and State Theatres, Meadowbrook Music Festival and Fox &

Hounds' Woodward Dream Cruise. "We sponsored this event for the first time last year and we were thrilled by the huge response," said Stewardship Coordinator Rose Mary Smith. "It's a fun evening with great food and music and, once you have your ticket, it's a no-hassle way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day." Tickets are \$20 per person and advance purchase is requested by March 10. For tickets, visit the Parish Office, 7010 Valley Park Drive, corner of Holcomb and Miller Roads. Call 248-625-4580.

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.
SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE
OF THE
INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD
Wednesday, March 14, 2007
7:00 p.m. at the
Independence Township Fire Station #1
6500 Citation Drive
Clarkston, MI
AGENDA
• Capital Improvement Authority
• Capital Improvement Plan

Tournament to raise funds for cancer research

The Fourth Annual Staff vs. Student Volleyball Tournament and Cancer Memorial, hosted by Clarkston High School, will be held March 28 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. in the CHS gymnasium. The event, sponsored by Blue & Gold and the CHS LEAD Program, was created for school spirit, but has evolved into a major fund-raiser and memorial project. Each year, proceeds from the tournament and surrounding fund-raising efforts go to the Jimmy V Foundation for Cancer Research. In this event, eight staff and eight student teams compete. In 2006, approximately \$4000 was raised district-wide. Admission is \$3 per person and will be donated to the Jimmy V Foundation for Cancer Research. Entry fee per person to play in the event is \$10, which includes a free shirt and a guarantee to play at least three games. The staff teams will include staff from all levels of the district and the student teams will consist of Clarkston Junior High and Clarkston High School students. For more information, contact Aaron Dobson at 248-623-3600 at extension 3040 or Nick Hagewood at 248-623-3600, extension 3101.

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CHANGE OF MEETING DATE
CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 13, 2007
The City Council will hold its first March meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 2007, due to the Board of Review meeting on March 12. The meeting will be held at the City Hall, 375 Depot Road, Clarkston, on Tuesday, March 13, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.
Art Pappas
City Manager

Nature activities at Indian Springs park

March activities at Indian Springs Metropark in Springfield Township include:
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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.
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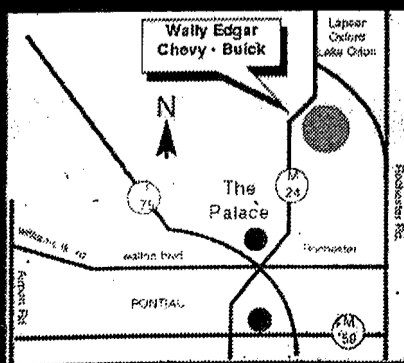
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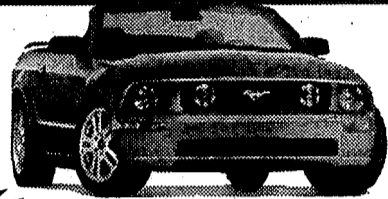
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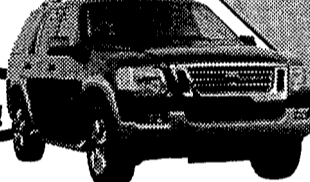


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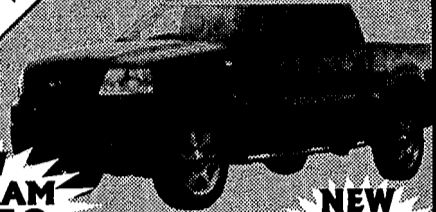
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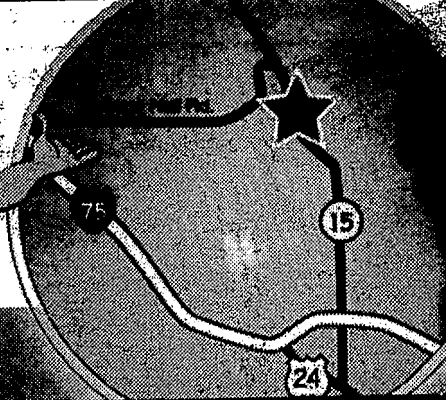
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From left, Rachel Eckhout, Emily Moore, Cassie Winkler, Callie Keller, and Riley Klootra, Troop 3050, Springfield Plains, represents Ireland in the international parade around Springfield Oaks activities center.



Troop 1945 Leader Laura Pangori touches up costuming for Scout Jordyn Morey, Bailey Lake Elementary student representing Nepal.

Gathering of nations

Hundreds of Clarkston Girl Scouts gathered this past week to learn about the nations of the world.

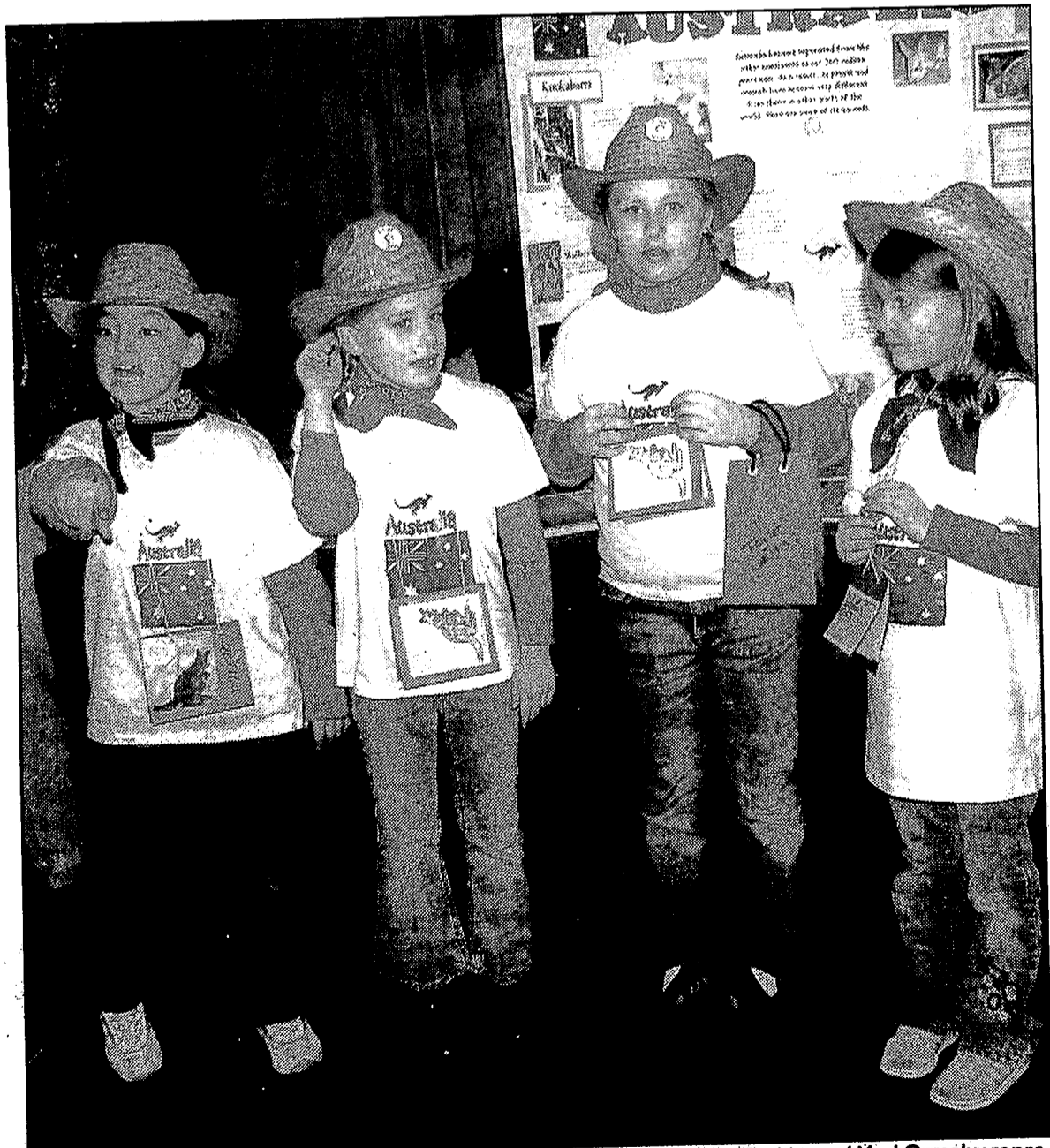
Troops spent weeks researching a country, and creating their often elaborate costumes, displays, passports, and flags.

On International Night Feb. 27, they paraded around the Springfield Oaks Activities Center, collected stamps for their passports, and sampled snacks representing the various cultures.

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Parker Menard, representing China with Troop 1547 of Pine Knob Elementary, gets some help from her mom, Dena Menard.



From left, Troop 1913 Girl Scouts Jessica Moore, Nicole Brisse, Taylor Smith, and Kari Ormsby represent Australia. They are students at Independence Elementary School.



Alena Siemen, Troop 1878, Independence Elementary Troop 1878, leads the Japanese contingent in the parade.