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## Cop cash crunch

### Clarkston police face budget shortfall

BY LAURA COLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Clarkston Police say they need nearly \$23,000 in budget revisions to keep vehicles on the road, pay officers, and replace failing equipment.

A proposal submitted by Police Chief Dale LaCroix at Monday's city council meeting outlined the reasons for a 9.3 percent increase over last year's allocations:

- \$4,330 to cover an increase in base salary and compensation paid to officer Jim Thompson during his tenure as acting chief;
- \$12,400 for allotted vacation time and shifts that need to be covered when officers attend training;
- \$5,000 increase in overtime pay for officers working criminal cases, and court time caused by increased arrests;
- \$1,025 increase to compensate for a recent hike in FICA deductions;
- \$2,300 to cover an increase in gasoline prices and maintain aging

vehicles; and

- \$6,000 to replace an in-car computer.

LaCroix said the computer issue is causing a multitude of problems for the department.

"We only have one car with a working computer, so everyone drives that car," he said, noting gasoline prices alone have soared to about \$900 per month. "The repair costs go up every day."

In addition, a callbox outside the station at 3 East Church is inoperative and will cost about \$550 to replace, the chief said.

The department budget was set at \$243,236.81 for 2007-2008; the requested revisions hike the total to \$265,938.28.

LaCroix said the numbers were flexible, and told the council he could still make cuts and adjustments, if necessary.

The proposal also included an \$8,360 decrease to the budget, accounting for police chief wages that went unpaid until LaCroix signed on in September.

City Manager Art Pappas said he would work the more urgent matters of pay, vehicle upkeep and computer replacement into the budget and present it for review at the next council meeting.

"It's going to run over," he

*Please see Chief on page 12A*

## Warm weather makes trouble with icy roads

Schools were closed Tuesday throughout Oakland County, including Clarkston, despite warmer than usual, 45-degree weather.

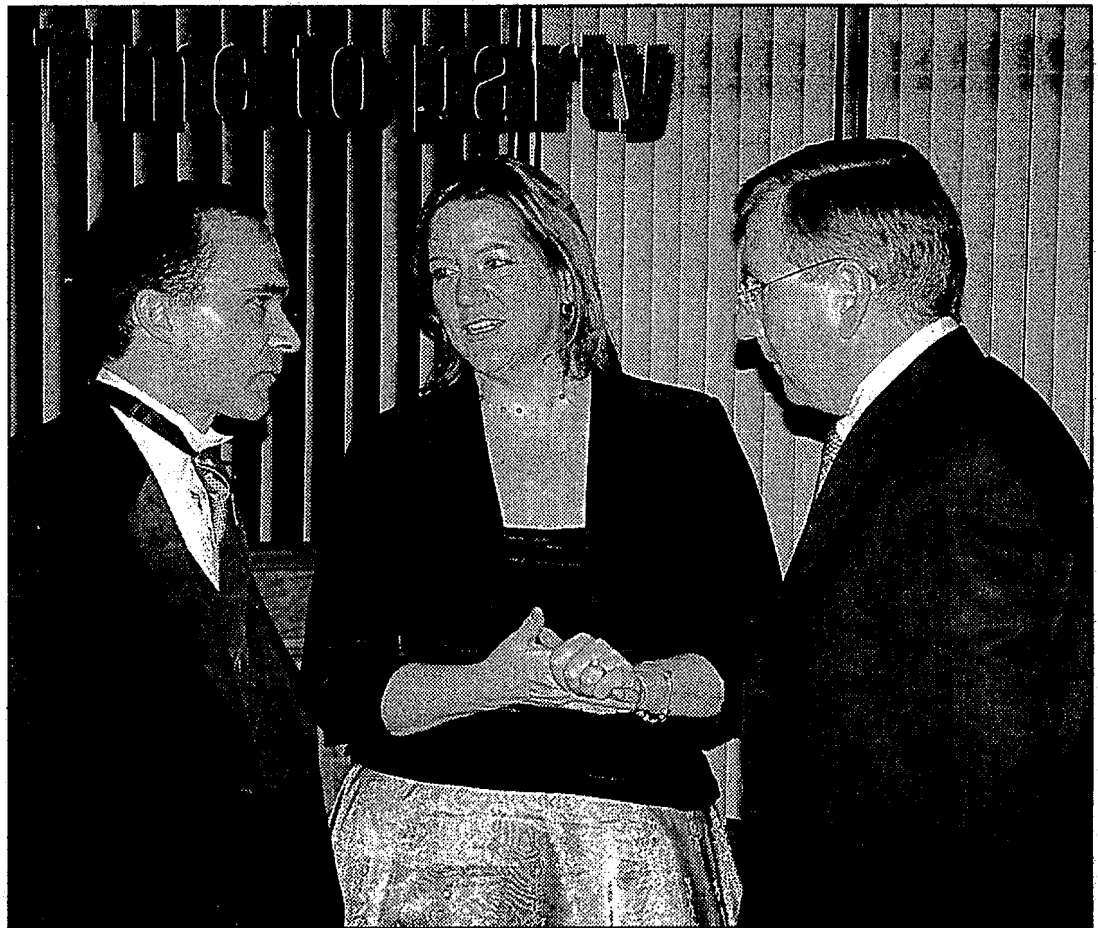
"The back roads were too slippery," said Kevin Bickerstaff, director of transportation. "With the sub zero temperatures last week, the snow got packed in,

and drove the frost into the roads."

The melting ice Tuesday morning made bus transportation on hilly, unpaved roads too dangerous, Bickerstaff said.

"Hopefully, with the warmer temperatures the ice will break up," he said.

*- Phil Custodio*



Chamber President Lou Melone chats with Penny Shanks, chamber executive director, and her husband, Kurt Shanks, after the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce anniversary dinner. Please see page 14 and 15A for more pictures. Photo by Trevor Keiser

## Max Broock can't go home again

### Citing economy, move back into 27 S. Main nixed

BY TREVOR KEISER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Max Broock building at 27 S. Main Street has been empty for months. It may stay that way for awhile - plans to move back in have been put on hold.

"Our not moving back is totally economical," said Regional Vice President Carol Yost. "Our lease was up in that building and it was a hard decision because it was a beautiful building, it truly is."

Max Broock realtors will stay with Real Estate One, which owns Max Broock, at 31 S. Main Street. They moved out of 27 S. Main St. last summer.

"It's an old building - we had an old roof and discovered there was some work that had to be done. With water, there is mold. It wasn't the bad mold, it's just what happens, so we had to clean it all out," said Dan Elsea, president of brokerage services for Real Estate One.

"That was the original reason we moved out, because we had to do a lot of work on the lower level and part of the first level. With the water, the carpet was ruined, and so we pulled everyone out of there.

Then by the time it came to come back in we just decided that it was best to put them all together in one spot."

Yost said they had intended to keep both brands in separate buildings, but found having both in one building works well for Real Estate One and Max Broock.

"It is a business that is a challenge right now and because of that, we've found that it's working reasonably well working together," she said.

Real Estate One, which also owns Johnstone and Johnstone in Gross Pointe, maintains separate brand names because all are "old  
*Please see Realtors on page 3A*

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## Hoping for a bite

Pat Pettegrew of Flushing ice fishes for bluegill and crappie on the frozen Mill Pond in downtown Clarkston. He has been driving down from Genesee County with friends and his sons to fish the pond for the past 30 years. "They're biting good, real good," he said. *Photo by Phil Custodio*

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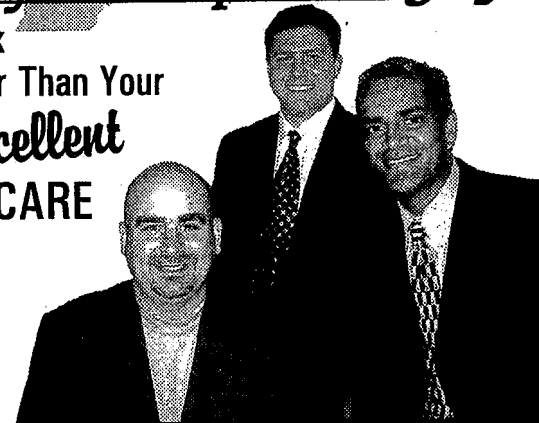
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### School board deadline Feb. 13

Candidates for Clarkston Board of Education have two weeks to register.

Nominating petitions and affidavits of identity are available at the Independence Township Clerk's Office, 900 N. Main St., 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Forms are also available at the Oakland County Clerk's Office, 1200 North Telegraph, Pontiac.

Candidates must be qualified, registered voters of the Clarkston Community School District. Forms must be filed with the Independence Township or Oakland County Clerk by 4 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 13.

The terms of board members Karen Foyteck and Joan Patterson will expire June 30. Newly elected board members will serve four-year terms through June, 2012.

For more information, contact the Independence Township Clerk's office at 248-625-5111, the Oakland County Clerk's Office at 248-858-0564, or Clarkston Community Schools Administrative Services at 248-623-5400.

### Pappas stay on as treasurer during replacement search

Art Pappas will hang up his hat June 30 — his Clarkston city manager and clerk's hat, anyway.

Pappas, who has long served as the hub of operations within the half-square mile city, announced his retirement late last year. Monday, he told the city council he would stay on as treasurer "for a while" while a new manager and clerk get settled in.

Pappas, 75, answered questions from the council regarding his many responsibilities in his tri-fold role as manager, clerk and treasurer. The council is working to define an "ideal candidate," and will place an ad announcing the vacancies in coming weeks.

Based on remarks at Monday's meeting, the council will likely interview candidates for both a city manager and clerk's position—probably designating both as part-time hourly positions—but the possibility of hiring one person to perform both function remains open.

## Realtors to stay together

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established names," she said.

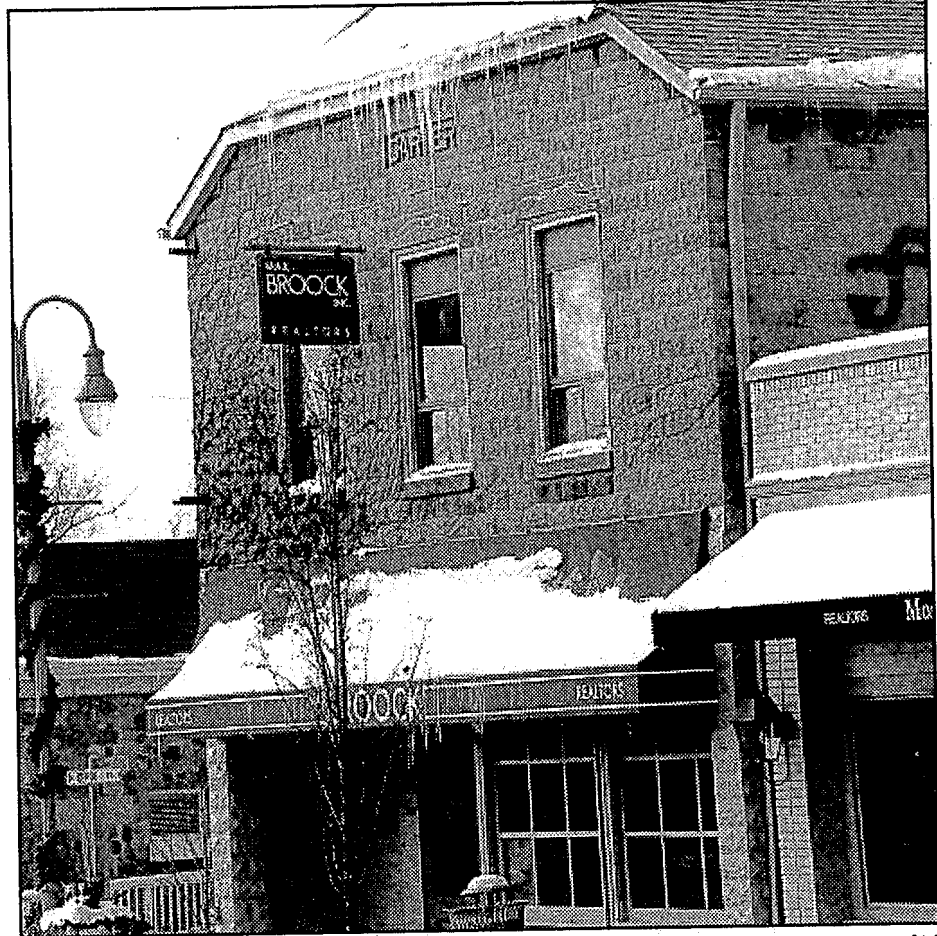
Real Estate One was established in 1929, Max Broock in 1895, and Johnstone and Johnstone in 1919.

"There have been some real estate companies that have gone out of business and we have multiple offices," she said.

"I think the reason we've (Real Estate One) been around for the last 77 years is because we do make good economic decisions and it's been growing ever since. Since we've made this move, we've actually done more business than we did prior, having the two locations. We are actually making more money now."

Elsea said they will just make the Real Estate One building into a "dual branded" building, like many of their other locations, such as Rochester Hills. Bowen Broock, owner of the 27 S. Main Street building, has it up for lease. Many people are interested in it, noted Elsea.

Having a new tenant in the building will help downtown, said Penny Shanks, executive director for the Chamber of Commerce.



The building at 27 S. Main St. is still marked "Max Broock," but they won't be able to move back in as planned. Photo by Trevor Keiser

"(Having the building empty) affects the shape of downtown," Shanks said. "Whatever goes in is going to be a new component, so you're going to have a new energy. It would be nice to bring some more retail downtown."

## Not just K-12 at Clarkston schools

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

With OSMTech, IB, AP, Young 5s, and an array of other acronym programs, you might need a decoder ring to know what Clarkston Community Schools offer.

They're all programs offered for students outside traditional, K-12 instruction.

"We have an obligation to offer programs that meet students' needs — take advantage of their strengths," said Dr. Al Roberts, superintendent. "They offer different avenues for different students."

Young 5s is a program at the Early Childhood Center, 6397 Clarkston Road, for children old enough for regular kindergarten but not quite ready yet. It offers math, literacy, motor skills, and other activities. Next year's program is for children turning 5 years old between June 1-Dec. 1, 2008.

Funshine Preschool is another pre-kindergarten program. Accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, it is a year-round program for children 2-5 at the Early Childhood

Center, and the Child Development Center at Clarkston High School, 6093 Flemings Lake Road.

It offers daycare and tuition-based preschool, as well as dance, science, art, and language programs.

Kids Connection offers before- and after-school daycare for children in grades 1-5 at Clarkston's elementary schools and Early Childhood Center.

Information session on Clarkston's kindergarten programs is set for 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 31, at the Administration Building, 6389 Clarkston Road.

For more information, call 248-623-4350. OSMTech, pronounced "awesome tek," stands for Oakland Science, Mathematics and Technology.

A half-day academy at Clarkston High School, it emphasizes math and science with hands-on, cooperative-learning instruction using computers, robots, and other technology.

It is open to students in Oakland County school districts, and supported by donations from several local businesses and in-

dividuals.

Students must apply and be accepted to join. Application deadline for next year's program is Feb. 28

IB is International Baccalaureate, a liberal-arts, college-preparatory program set to be offered in Clarkston starting fall, 2009. It is heavy in writing skills, appreciation of other cultural perspectives, and creative arts. The new program has a budget of \$51,900 for training and other startup costs.

When up and running, it should bring in revenue by attracting students from other districts, as well as Clarkston students who attend other schools, Roberts said.

Other high-school-level programs include Renaissance High School on Waldon Road, an alternative to the traditional high school setting, and Oakland Technical Center on Big Lake Road, offering in-depth technical training in natural resources, business, culinary arts; automotive engineering, health science, construction, and visual imaging.

Call 248-623-5400 for more information.

## Signing off *Many Clarkston businesses decline input on sign issue*

BY LAURA COLVIN  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Rob Bondy says walk-in business at his downtown Clarkston office decreased more than 60 percent when city officials told him to take his sign down.

He's not alone.

Last June, every business in the city received a letter stating that sandwich board signs were an ordinance violation and had to be removed from public right-of-ways.

The problem prompted Bondy, who lives in the city and owns Contemporary Computer Concepts on Main Street, to accept appointment to the city's planning commission.

"We do have a sign ordinance," he said, acknowledging the city is obligated to enforce regulations. "It was brought to council's attention, so they issued a blanket statement saying 'no signs at all.' Being the good business owners we are, we said 'OK, we'll try to make do.'"

But the drop in business—and income—has him looking for answers.

The council, he said, didn't seek input from city businesses before making the decision. With more information, he said, things may have progressed differently.

"I don't think it was a hasty decision on the council's part," Bondy said. "But I do think it was an uninformed decision."

As a recently seated planning commissioner, Bondy said he hopes other businesses will see him as something of a liaison.

"Businesses in town need to step forward and get out of this 'I'm neglected in Clarkston' attitude they have, or, 'my voice is unheard in Clarkston,'" he said. "They've got to come to the planning commission meetings and be heard."

Lisa Burdick, owner of Creekside Salon, said she was disappointed other business owners didn't show up for a January planning commission meeting, and equally disappointed with the dialogue that took place at the meeting.

For example, she said, when a colleague asked how long it would take to get signs in place once a decision was reached, the commissioners did not express much optimism.

"They were like 'yeah, right, like anything's going to happen in six months,'" she said. "Why does it have to take this long? This isn't rocket science."

Burdick said she was also troubled with planning commissioner's comparisons discussions of larger cities.

"They're talking about Birmingham and Plymouth and Rochester," she said. "(Clarkston is) one block of frontage only, besides a few businesses down the side roads. We are not Birmingham or Rochester and... we never will be. So for them to go to those standards and compare us to towns that large is really kind of silly."

But Burdick, who's been part of the downtown business community for nearly 30 years, said preserving the downtown area's historic integrity is important, and she's ready to help.

"Since we've always been hidden, yes it would be great to have a sign," said Burdick, whose salon has a West Washington address despite its location off Depot Road. "It's not going to make a huge difference, but somebody might drive past and say 'I didn't even know there was a salon down there.'"

Sue Andre, who owns The Parsonage Flower Shop on Church Street, said she wasn't sure whether a recent lull in business was attributable to her missing sign, or not.

"It's possible," she said. "It's difficult to judge because the weather's been so bad. But it does seem like less people come down this way because the sign's not there."

Andre said she understood the problem from the city's standpoint, but was still hoping for quick resolution of the issue.

"One of the city council members stopped by and talked to us about it," she said. "We think they understand that if you want to run a business in Clarkston you need to have some way of letting people who drive through Clarkston know we're here."

Several other businesses did not return calls seeking comment.

Planning Commissioner Mike Gawronski, who also sits on the city council, said local business owners have not attended meetings, and the commission, in general, has received only anecdotal feedback from the business community—with the exception of Bondy's recent appointment to the group.

But, he said, it's an issue that, at least recently, is receiving a share of attention.

"(Priorities) shifted a bit when (Bondy) was seated," Gawronski said. "As a business owner, he has a vested interest in the issue, but he's done a good job of remaining impartial, but interested."

Approval of the city's master plan, Gawronski said, has slowed in recent months while the planning commission went back to readdress signage issues.

Over the next several meetings, the commission will look at sign alternatives, placement, and cost and try to arrive at a solution, he said.

However, since planning commission meetings take place only once a month, Gawronski noted it would likely take some time before the issue was resolved.

"The business community is about half the focus of the planning commission," Gawronski said. "Everyone is welcome. Meetings tend to be a little dry, but it's like voting—if you don't come, you really can't complain about the outcome."

Still, Rob Bondy is hoping for a quick solution.

"In the meantime, I don't know what to do," he said. "As a business owner, I want a sign back. We've got to start an open channel of communication. The city's always saying 'well, the businesses don't ever talk to us. The businesses are saying 'well, the city never talks to me.' So who's at fault?"

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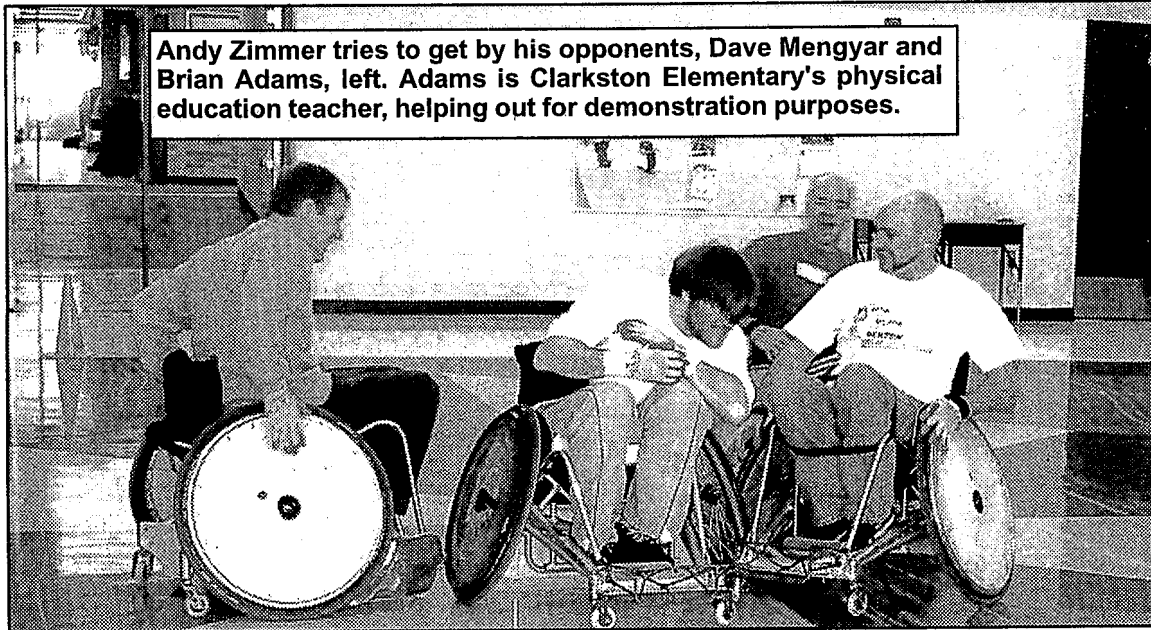
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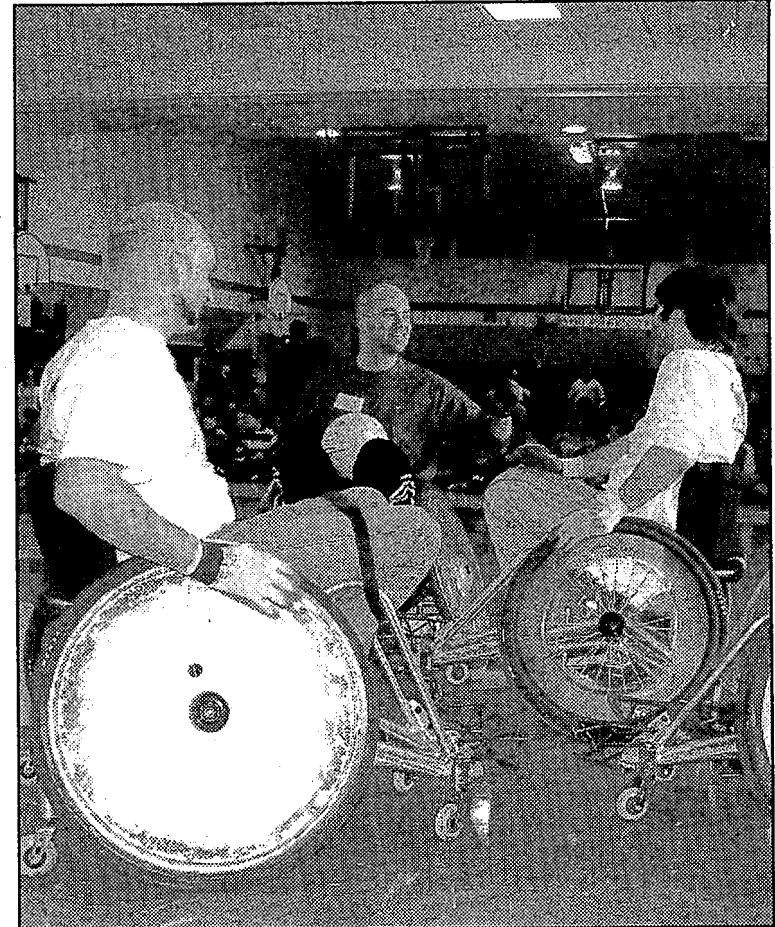
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Andy Zimmer tries to get by his opponents, Dave Mengyar and Brian Adams, left. Adams is Clarkston Elementary's physical education teacher, helping out for demonstration purposes.



Professional wheelchair rugby players Dave Mengyan, left, and Andy Zimmer, right, discuss strategy with Mike Mengyan, Dave's brother.

## Wheel winners at Clarkston El

Professional athletes with Michigan Storm wheelchair rugby team demonstrated their skills Friday for Clarkston Elementary.

They were part of Disability Awareness Day, a series of speakers, demonstrations, and activities to educate students about obstacles in life and how people overcome them, said

Kristy Ottman, chair of the event.

"We showed students things people use to get through the day," Ottman said. "They talk to them, learn the story of why people are in wheelchairs."

Rugby players Dave Mengyan and Andy Zimmer, who were both injured in automobile-related accidents,

explained and demonstrated the sport.

"This is the only sport designed for people in wheelchairs," said Mengyan, who has two nephews in the school.

For more information, check [www.stormrugby.com](http://www.stormrugby.com).

— Phil Custodio

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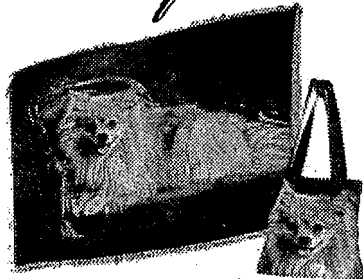
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## Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

### Recycle old stores before building new

In the news lately have been efforts at the state level to fight global warming. Impatient with Bush and the federal government, states are forming coalitions to cut energy use and carbon dioxide emissions.

Michigan is right in there among them.

Apparently, we use too much coal and release too much CO2. Hopefully, state leaders are considering why we might use so much, before making decisions.

It's not that we hate polar bears and want to melt glaciers. It's cold outside, and we burn stuff to keep warm. Many residents need big, powerful cars and trucks just to get around.

I recently spent some time trying to get to an assignment in some of Independence Township's more hilly, pavement- and plow-free roadways. I got stuck trying to drive up a hill. My Saturn couldn't do it. I backed up, turned around, and went the other way, hoping there wasn't another hill there too - I'd probably still be there if there was.

People who live there own lots of SUVs and four-by-fours, and they need them. If the government's not careful, it could end up making much of the state uninhabitable for half the year.

If they're looking for something to do, how about the recycling business, particularly of used buildings.

When new businesses come in, they almost always want to build something. A new building would better meet their individual needs and specifications, but it's such a waste to cut down a bunch of trees, dig up all the grass, pave it all over and put something up while lots of buildings are already available.

Both Farmer Jacks are sitting empty, along with a bunch of units in their strip malls. Treasure, Gifts & Beyond has been empty for a while, although something should be moving in there soon - same with Max Broock. The saddest empty building, to me, is the Clarkston Mills Mall.

In the late 1970s and early 1980s, it sounded like a great place to shop. In *The Clarkston News* of the late '70s and '80s are ads for steak and seafood restaurants, jewelers, gift shops, and salons.

Now the mall is occupied by Sadows, and some business and legal professionals.

Besides whatever economic forces impacted the mall, local vandalism didn't help. In the June 17, 1981, *Clarkston News* is the report, "vandals wreak havoc in Clarkston."

Sounding like something out of a Mad Max movie, teenagers brought an "onslaught of thievery, vandalism, and pranks" down on the merchants of the Clarkston Mills Mall that summer.

The report describes "bands of junior high students who verbally abuse store owners and apparently take a perverse delight in destruction."

Drugs, profane language, peeing in the elevator, trashing bathrooms, setting off false alarms, racing bicycles from one end of the mall to the other - what was going on with these kids?

Those teens would now have kids of their own, about their age in 1981. I wonder how they feel about having spoiled what must have been a great downtown asset. I hope they teach their kids not to do what they did when they were their age.



# The Clarkston Viewpoints

## Youth points the way to future

Dear Editor,

I recently had the honor to review and judge the work of seventh and eighth grade students as part of the Michigan Regional Future Cities Competition sponsored by the Engineering Society of Detroit.

In these times of economic and political problems, it is my opinion that if these students represent the future generation of leaders, our future will be much better than what our current leaders are offering us.

These students are bright, innovative, motivated and concerned about the future. All the teams had to create a computer model, write an essay, build an actual model, present as a team, and answer questions from the judges.

The five finalists then had to present to a room filled with their student peers, engineers and representatives from some of the leading corporations in Michigan.

How many of us would be able to do that?

The winning team will now go on to the national competition in Washington D.C. In my opinion, every team that competed was a winner, as they are thinking about the future, working together and actually planning for it.

Unfortunately, unlike these seventh and eighth grade students, I don't think any of us are really working together and looking at where we are this year and where we want to be in 10 years or even in 50 years.

I am an engineer by profession and involved in the design and construction of buildings of all sizes and shapes. I work with other engineers, architects, owners, bankers, developers, and municipal building departments every day.

We all work to one goal, a safe building that meets the clients needs and ideally the community's goals.

We are all separate people and companies that have no need or intent to convert, defeat or eliminate each other, only to work together.

Traffic, water, sewers, taxes, and potentially most important, preservation of our green spaces and environment, are all issues that need to be addressed.

These are issues that are essential to maintaining our area in the manner many of us have

come to expect and the reason many of us choose to live here.

As development continues on M-15, Sashabaw and Dixie Highway we need to decide if we want more commercial and residential development, what is the overall impact, how will it benefit all of us and how will it affect our future.

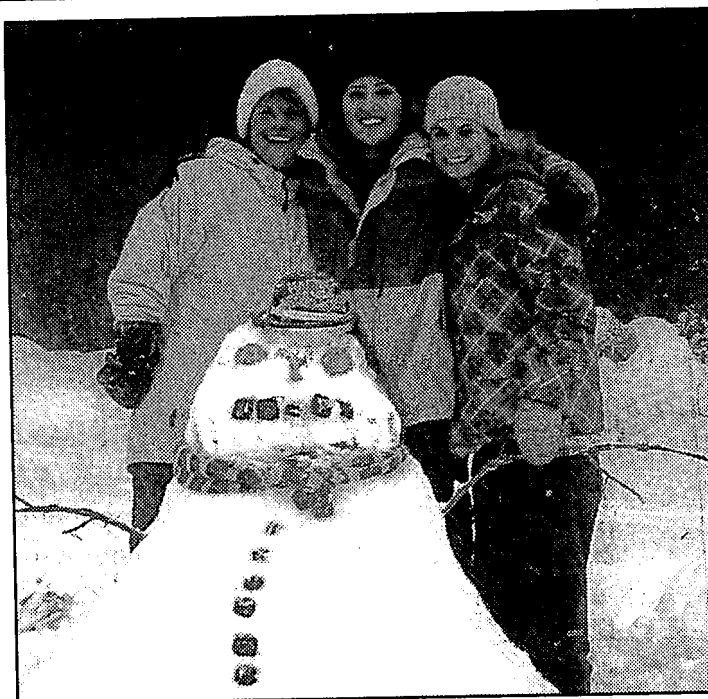
As someone who makes a living from the design and construction of buildings, it certainly is important to me as is clean water, less noise, green spaces and the ability to safely and comfortably walk through the community.

In my opinion, we all need to start talking about how to deal with this and we cannot continue to ignore each other just because we have separate local governments or differing opinions.

If we don't, those bright and energetic seventh and eighth grade students are going to have it much tougher when they really are responsible for running the world.

Cory Johnston, PE  
Clarkston

### Letter to the editor



## Snow person of the week

Katelyn Shiel, her mother, Mary Saple, and Caroline Frantti of Springfield Township enjoyed the big snow after New Year's with this snowman. The snow melted away within a few days, but it was great while it lasted, they said.

# Think positive to elude state's economic future

A couple Oakland County commissioners have told me about the financial wizard in this county's government.

They credit him with keeping Oakland County in black figures, something not that familiar to other counties, though a balanced budget is required by law.

So, when Commissioner Brad Jacobsen gave me a flier inviting me to Rochester to hear Robert Daddow at a breakfast meeting, I made the reservation.

The Kiwanis Club of Rochester was the host. Be there at 7:15 a.m., have \$4 for breakfast and be out of there by 8.

Seemed like a good time to get an upbeat economic message.

That morning almost became a time I would not fulfill a promise. It had snowed most of the night, my drive wasn't plowed and Rochester is sort of cross-country from Oxford.

But, I'd given my word.

I'm reasonably glad I made it.

I say 'reasonably' because Daddow's message was hardly upbeat, certainly not encouraging, but very informative.

He had four topics in his overview of *A Perfect Storm* -- employment, auto industry, economy/budget and foreclosures/real estate market.

Just seeing the titles is signal

enough of bad news coming.

We all know our state is overspending, but by how much we didn't know. Michigan has borrowed from the State's Unemployment Trust Fund, among other funds, to balance the budget, which means it's falsely balanced.

**Jim's Jottings**



a column by  
**Jim Sherman**

It'll be 2020 before the state returns to the highest level of employees in the work-force.

Single business tax increases are in that future.

The Big 3 will never be the same again for Michigan and the region. They need cash for investments, employee benefits and meeting CAFE standards.

Health care figures are based on "unrealistic optimistic assumptions," Daddow said.

Besides that; "improvements in technology through the Internet will facilitate use of India."

As to our state budget, "Between the General Fund and School Aid Fund, \$415 million in current revenue was recorded that will be replaced through fiscal 2052 -- 44 years from off -- for the tobacco securitization of future revenues."

The School Aid Fund estimated a

loss of 10,000 students. The 2008 projected loss is for another 25,000.

Daddow notes that Michigan's General Fund cash is \$11.6 million, with vendor payables \$1.6 billion.

To me, in relating it to my life, this seems to me to be a major budget problem.

"Pensions and retiree health care will continue to adversely impact local school districts," Daddow said. "There is no contingency to fall back on. The deficit in this category will grow from \$2.2 billion to roughly \$2.7 billion as of September 30, 2008."

Conclusion: Balancing the budget becomes increasingly limited. You can cut, reform or tax. Reforms take too long, taxes are off the table, leaving cuts.

Lastly, sheriff foreclosures of mortgages in Oakland have grown from 715 in 1998 to 7,844 in 2007. Property tax surprises are coming to governmental units.

Home values will continue to drop through 2012.

But, your property assessment will not drop as swiftly.

When people get their assessment and go to the boards of review, they should expect a crowd.

Maybe an angry crowd.

Daddow said some boards are asking for an armed presence.

Oh, before I forget, have a nice day.

## A Look Back

From *The CNews* archives

### 15 years ago - 1993

**"Cityhood update"** Traffic, taxes, police, speeding tickets, contaminated water, and rumors were on the minds of Clarkston citizens packing a city council meeting to discuss the first half year of cityhood. A traffic light at Clarkston Road and M-15 was in the works to improve traffic congestion.

**"Country club development may downsize"** A Country Club of the North residential and golf development at Clintonville and Waldon roads was in trouble because of the economy. A new zoning district, Planned Residential Development, was created for the project.

**"Pair jailed and fined for poaching, trespassing"** Two Independence Township men were sentenced to five days in jail and fined \$1,200 for killing two does on private property.

### 25 years ago - 1983

**"Arbitrator ends teaching dispute"** A laid-off Clarkston High School teacher disputed a decision to recall a fellow teacher instead of her. In a hiring decision based on seniority, she said they were both hired on the same day four years previously, but she signed her contract earlier in the day. School officials said they had an appointment book showing the opposite. An arbitrator ruled in favor of the documents.

**"Truckers strike hits"** Local grocers feared a nationwide strike by independence truckers could lead to food shortages. About 100,000 truckers were expected to pull off the road and park to protest a proposed highway tax hike.

**"Fishing away"** Fishermen Cecil Gaines and Dick Cassidy were having trouble catching anything on frozen Deer Lake. They blamed the warm weather, with thinner ice than usual.

### 50 years ago - 1958

**"Rotary hears different version"** A Wayne State University professor spoke to the Clarkston Rotary Club about the differences between American and Russian education systems. America's was better, he said.

**"Girl Scouts visit Detroit"** Troop 286 visited Grand Trunk Railroad Brush Street depot and stayed at the Statler Hotel in Detroit.

**"Slating club in Clarkston"** The Recreation Commission formed the club for Mill Pond skating. They also wanted to form hockey, skiing, and sledding clubs.

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Private Charles Tomes loads and fires blanks from his flintlock musket.



Capt. Brent Kemmer II of Independence Township keeps watch.

# To arms!

A local unit of the Massachusetts Provincial Battalion was back in action Saturday, fighting off an incursion by the French at Sorenson Park in Holly.

The battalion will be in town in a couple weeks to recruit new members. The reenactment group recreates historic battles, or just fights new ones, using period-correct clothing, weapons, and equipment.

The group, along with other reenactors, historians, and vendors from Civil, Revolutionary, and French and Indian war eras, will be featured at the Twelfth Annual "Early American Living History Show" at Springfield Oaks County Park, Davisburg.

The show, sponsored by Chief Pontiac Trail Boy Scouts, is set for 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 16; and 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 17.

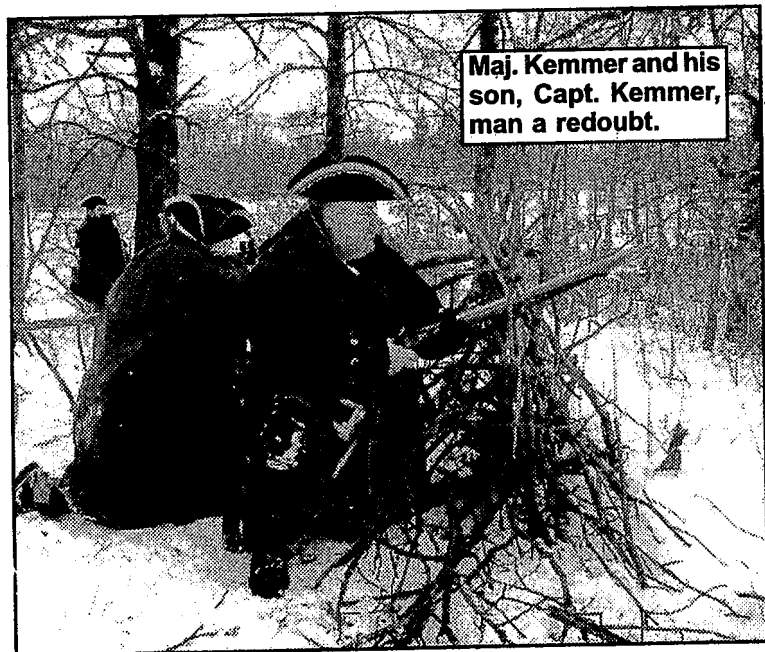
Admission is \$3 for adults and children 12 and older, and free for children under 12 with adult. All proceeds benefit Chief Pontiac Trail Clinton Valley Council youth programs.

For more information, call 248-338-0035.

- Phil Custodio



Standing from left are Brent Kemmer, Matt Calder, Chris Pratt, and Russ Ellis. Kneeling from left are Scott Owens, Charles Tomes, Brent Kemmer II, Tim Anderson, Jason Henning.



Maj. Kemmer and his son, Capt. Kemmer, man a redoubt.



The unit lets fly a volley at their "French" opponents. Photos by Phil Custodio

## Independence Twp.

**Fri., Jan 18** A 44-year-old Grand Blanc man called police after discovering someone smashed a window out of his car while it was parked at Mesquite Creek restaurant and stole his wife's purse from inside.

A 65-year-old Harbor Springs, Mich man called police after discovering someone smashed a window out of his car while it was parked at Mesquite Creek restaurant and stole his briefcase from inside. The man pointed out he parked near the door of the restaurant, and under a light.

A 59-year-old Independence Township woman living in the 5800 block of Dixie Highway called police after discovering someone entered her 2004 PT Crusier and broke and removed the ignition switch from the car's steering column.

Deputies were dispatched to the 5800 block of Dixie Highway after they were contacted by a Detroit police offer who said he had recovered a stolen 2000 Dodge Stratus registered to the address.

A 26-year-old Brandon Township man was arrested and jailed on outstanding warrants when police discovered him working at a pizza place near Sashabaw Road and Clarkston Road.

**Sun., Jan 20** Independence Township Deputies were dispatched to assist when a large fight broke out between two party bus limousines. According to police reports, one subject was injured with a "large amount of

# Public Safety

Reports from Clarkston Police, Oakland County Sheriff Deputies and Independence Township Fire Department

blood present." Michigan State Police arrived and took over the investigation, as the area is under MSP jurisdiction.

**Mon., Jan 21** Deputies were dispatched to assist the Independence Township Fire Department with the sudden death of an 86-year-old man living in the 5800 block of Baypointe Boulevard. The man died from natural causes.

**Tues., Jan 22** Employees at a club in the 4700 block of Waterford Road called police after discovering more than \$700 from the previous night's sales were missing from a safe. Police found no signs of forced entry.

A 29-year-old man living in the 5000 block of Frankwill Avenue in Independence Township called police after discovering several doors in his home had been kicked in. Nothing, however, appeared to be missing from the home, and the man told police he didn't know who would be motivated to commit such an act.

A 39-year-old Independence Township woman was arrested and jailed on misdemeanor warrants out of 52-2 District Court for assault and obstructing police after deputies picked her up while attending to another matter she was involved in.

**Wed., Jan 23** A 42-year-old Independence

Township man was arrested and jailed on drunk driving charges after a deputy saw the man, who was driving a Lincoln Navigator, run a red light at the intersection of Sashabaw Road and Waldon Road around 3:15 a.m. Tests showed the man had a blood alcohol level of .11 percent. The legal limit is .08 percent.

**Thurs., Jan 24** A woman living in the 5900

block of Rockcroft called police after discovering someone used a pry tool to enter her home, steal a computer, flat-panel monitor, guitar and other valuables. The woman told investigators that because of other circumstances that occurred that day, she believed two friends of her 16-year-old son may have been involved.

A 43-year-old Independence Township man called police after four sets of ski equipment were stolen from his truck while it was parked at Pine Knob Ski Resort.

Deputies were dispatched to an injury accident after the driver of a red Sunfire hit the guardrail while traveling south on I-75 near Sashabaw Road.

## Suspect charged in tree growers' murder

A North Carolina man faces three capital murder charges in connection with the murder of local Christmas tree farm owner Ronald Hudler, 73, his son Frederick Hudler, 45, and employee John S. Miller Jr., 25.

According to news reports, Frederick Phillip Hammer, 48, of Crumpler, N.C., was arrested Jan. 26 for the murders at the elder Hudler's home in Wilson, Va.

The Hudlers, formerly of Clarkston and owners of tree farms in Michigan, Virginia, and North Carolina, and Miller, who worked at Hudler Tree Farms in Virginia, were shot and killed Jan. 24.

Police said robbery was the motive.

"I'm so saddened - (Ron) was such a good friend and partner," said Joan McCrary of Independence Township, who worked with the Hudlers for more than 20 years. "This is very, very tragic."

Hammer, a former employee of the Hudlers, operated a firewood business in Crumpler, N.C. He is in custody in Punta Gorda, Fla., where he was found and arrested by police. They are expected to return him to Grayson County, Va., this week.

Douglas Vaught, Grayson County commonwealth attorney, said the state will probably seek the death penalty against Hammer.

- Phil Custodio

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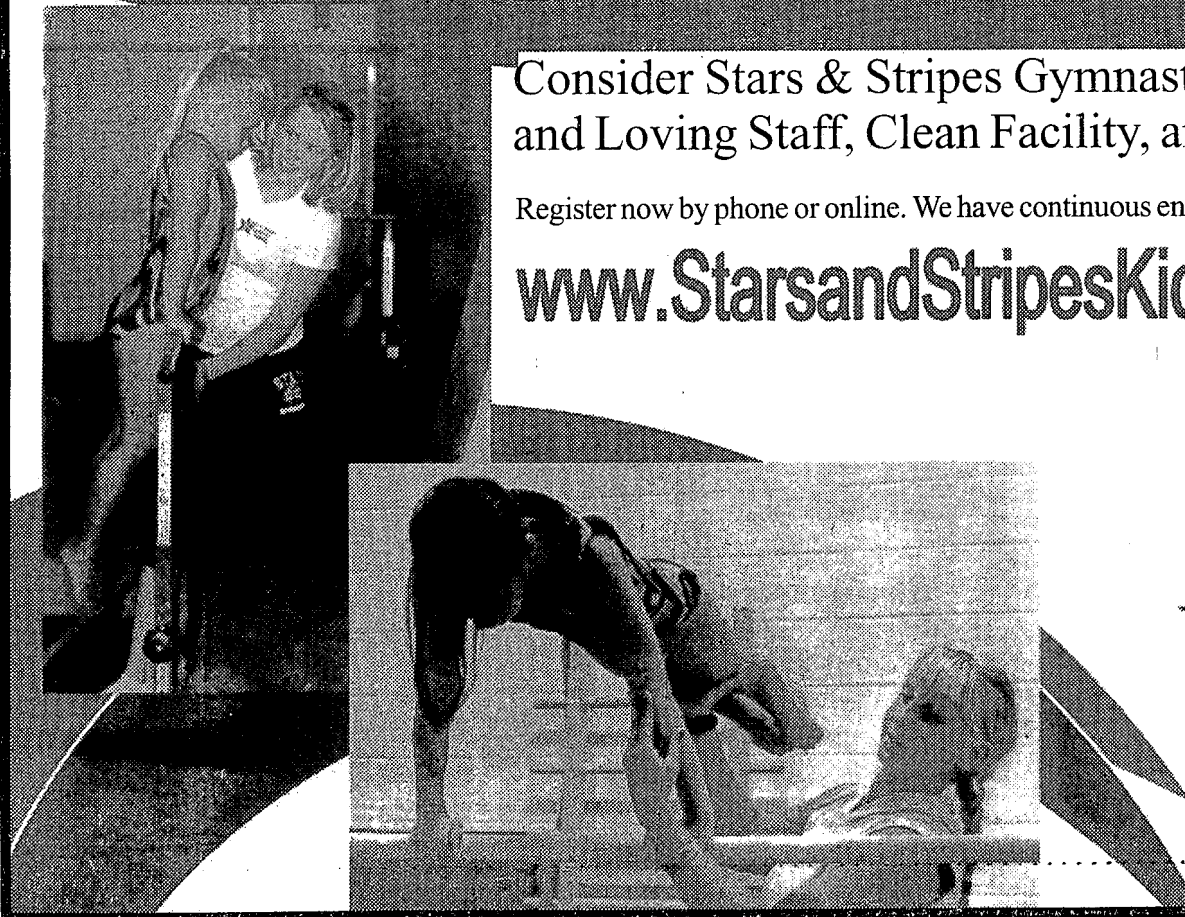
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## Funds needed for equipment, chief says

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warned. "I'm going to run into deficit, but we'll have to work it from there."

The council didn't express much optimism, either, and encouraged the chief to tightly prioritize the department's budget.

"If there's no money, what are you going to do?" said Councilman Jim Brueck. "We can't give you money we don't have."

Still, in addition to the more immediate needs, LaCroix, told the council it wouldn't be long before the department needed new vehicles. LaCroix said he preferred a police-rated Chevy Tahoe, which would cost in the neigh-

borhood of \$30,000.

"For what we do here, it's probably the best car," he said, noting that with a computer, radio equipment and two-sets of light controls, the Tahoe offered more room than other vehicles.

The council, however, did not immediately embrace the idea.

"We're a half-square mile town," said Councilman Cory Johnston. "You don't arrest that many people and we don't need chases in this town. If you're chasing out of town, call the sheriff, let them have them. We don't care. We don't need the hassle."

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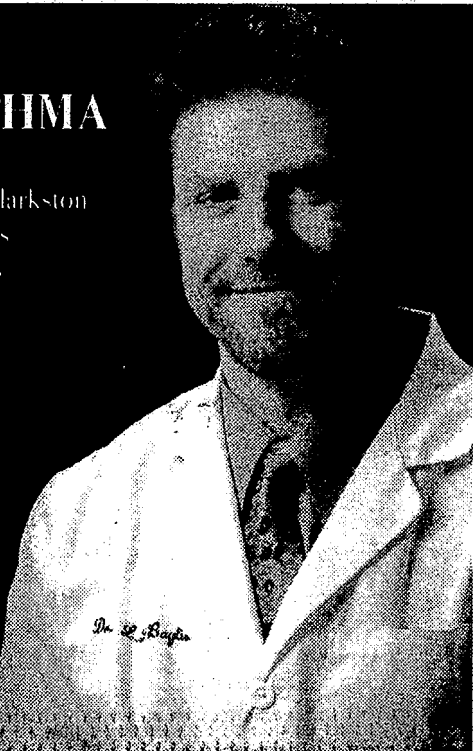
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Sherman Publications publisher Jim Sherman Jr. converses with Fred and Sheila Ritter.

# Dancing to the music...

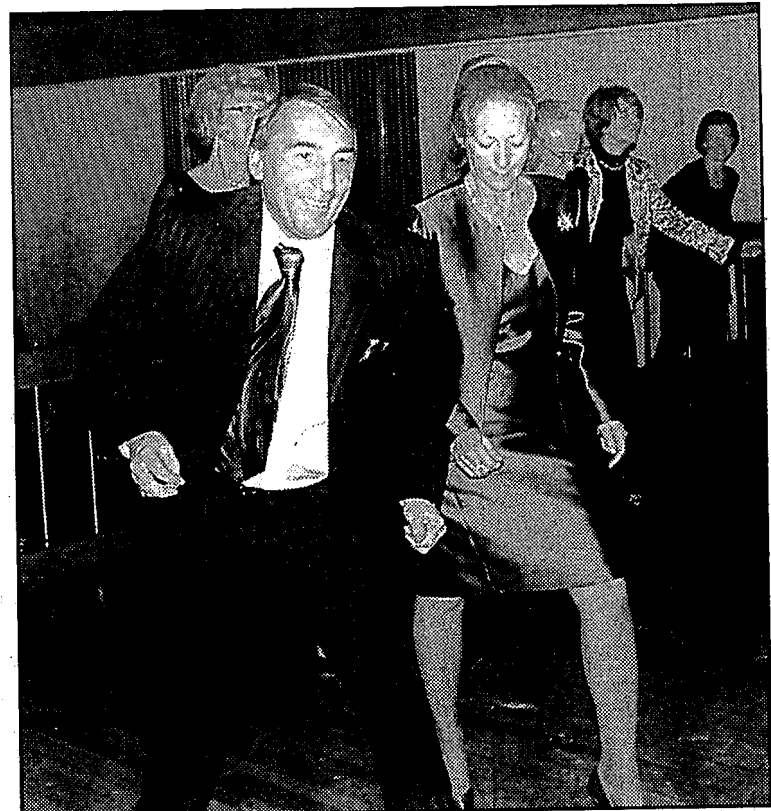
Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce gathered at Deer Lake Raquet Club Thursday evening to celebrate the chamber's 20 years of service to the community.

The evening included socializing, dinner and dancing with music provided by Rick and Dayna Lieder Band, and special speaker Robert Chioini, president and chief executive officer of Rockwell

Medical Technologies.

While some just listened, others weren't afraid to step out onto the floor and show off their dance skills as the band performed famous hits such as Stevie Wonder's "My eyes don't cry no more," the Temptations "Ain't to proud to beg," and Louie Armstrong's "What a wonderful world."

Photo story page by Trevor Keiser



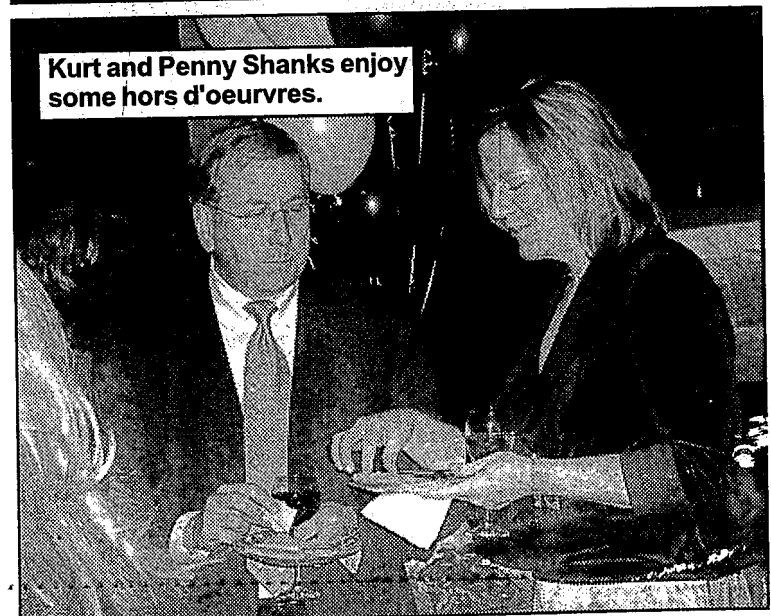
Is that Police Chief Dale LaCroix doing The Hustle with his wife Gina?



Ed Turner and Susan Fryer chat for awhile.

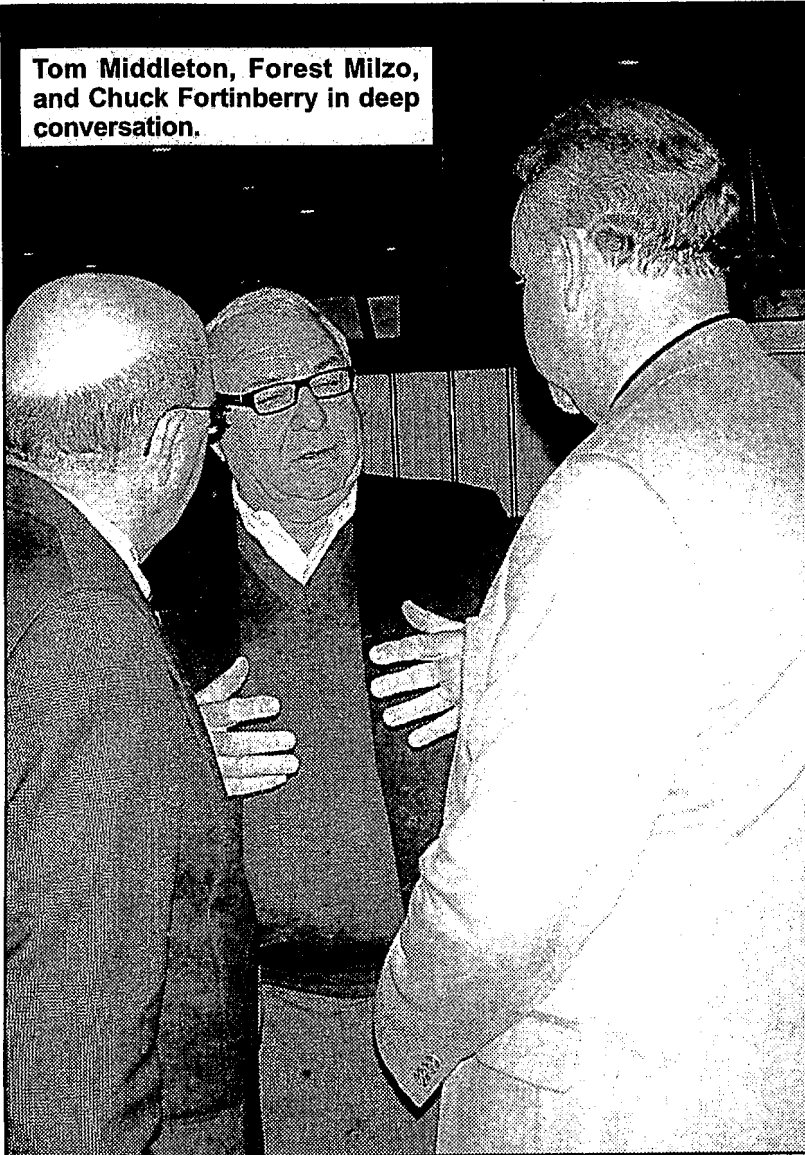


Gina LaCroix, Cindy Burroughs, Kathy Kelly, and Shelagh Vanderveen all get their groove on during The Hustle.



Kurt and Penny Shanks enjoy some hors d'oeuvres.

Tom Middleton, Forest Milzo, and Chuck Fortinberry in deep conversation.



Cindy Kassab and Dawn Carpenter chit chat during social hour.



Dan Kelly and Eric Hunt take a few minutes to converse.

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The crowd listens to special speaker Robert Chionini, president and ceo of Rockwell Medical Technologies.





# A new cold war?

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Lake Orion had something to prove when they went up against Clarkston Saturday.

They proved their hockey prowess to their crosstown rivals in the first period.

Less than four minutes into the game, Corbin Rainey made the first goal on a power play. Blaine Horn assisted Rainey on the point.

Lake Orion's next goal came with a minute and a half left in the period. Brad Berschbach made the goal with assistance from John Costigan.

By the end of the period, Lake Orion out shot the Wolves 13-7.

The Wolves came back to outshoot the Dragons for the next two periods, but Dragon goalie Jason Stross blocked their attempts.

Clarkston out shot Lake Orion for the entire game, 27-26, but lost 2-0.

"They won the game in the first period," said coach Bryan Krygier. "It's a game of least mistakes. You make two mistakes in one period, the other team capitalizes on them - it's very hard to dig yourself out of that hole. Their goal tender was a good goal tender. We out shot them in the second and third period. We just couldn't get it past the goal tender."

Both teams see each other on a daily basis as they practice at Detroit Skate Center, but this was the first time they met on the ice.

"It's a good rivalry, especially since we

practice at the same rink. We see each other," Krygier said. "They have good coaches, we talk to them. Two good programs, and we should have a lot more confidence."

"We felt like we had something to prove," said Lake Orion Coach Pat Cherry. "We have taken a lot of strides in the last three years. We just wanted to show them that we could compete."

The two teams could have two more meetings this year. Clarkston will be ready for their next meeting with Lake Orion, Feb. 14, Krygier said.

"We have to minimize our mistakes," he said.

The game prepared them for this week's busy schedule.

On Tuesday, they faced St. Mary's (8-8-2), defending state champions of division one.

"They are struggling a little bit, but they're still strong. There's no reason if we play good, consistent hockey and do not make mistakes, we can have a chance. You never know, but you gotta play the game."

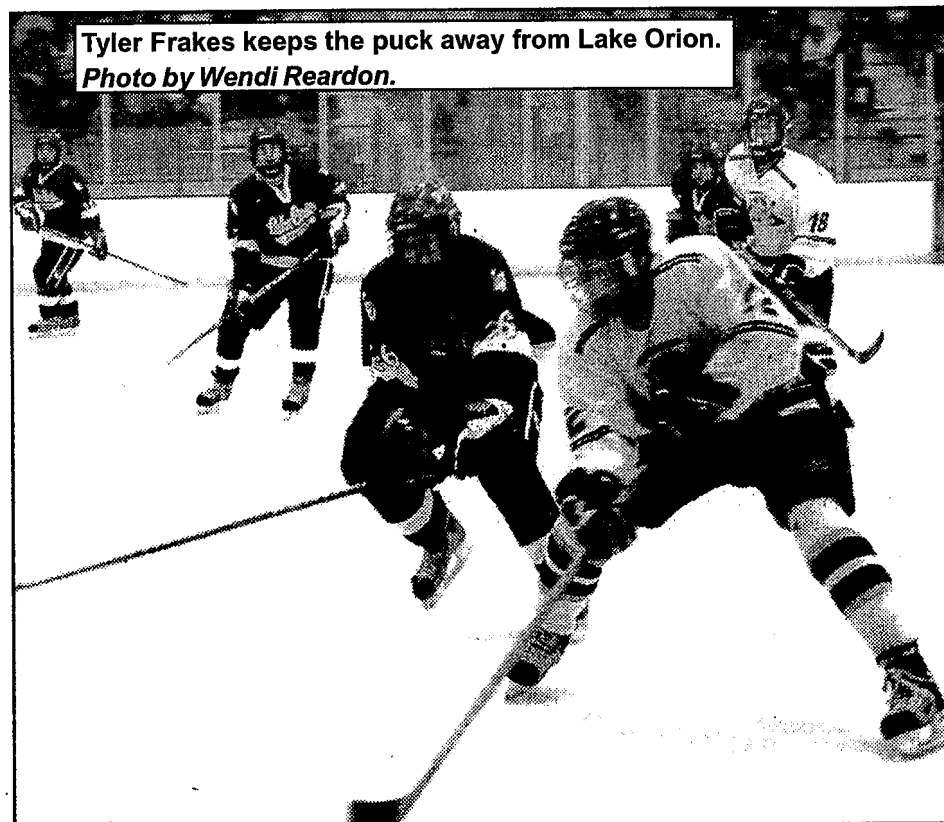
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Clarkston's rematch against Stoney Creek Jan. 24 went better.

When the Wolves went against Cougars the first time this season, they beat them 4-1. They repeated history and beat them, 2-1.

The first goal was made by Tyler Frakes with an assist from Adam Frank.

Frank led the Wolves to the win when



Tyler Frakes keeps the puck away from Lake Orion.  
Photo by Wendi Reardon.

made his own goal with an assist from Jeff Thomson.

They out shot their competition 25-22.

"We held on, we wanted to win," said coach Bryan Krygier.

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On Thursday, Clarkston will host Waterford Kettering (6-2-1) in a rematch. They lost to Kettering, 6-3, at the beginning of December.

"We kind of gave that game away,"

Krygier said. "So if we play consistent, I think we should beat them. I hope we beat them. We need to especially if we want to get back in our standings in the OAA."

Saturday will bring another rematch for the team, as they travel to Lakeland Ice Arena to play Waterford Mott (3-5-1). Their Thursday game will begin at 8 p.m. at Detroit Skate Center in Bloomfield Hills.

Saturday's game will be at Lakeland Ice Arena in Waterford and will start at 1:20 p.m.

## Athletes of the Week Dancers rise to top

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Varsity Pom Pon team danced their way into first place at the 17th Annual Palace Classic Championship Jan. 5.

Their win allowed them to perform during halftime at the Detroit Pistons versus Celtics basketball game after the competition.

"The girls and I were very excited!" said Coach Emily Jackson.

The team has a long season that began at the end of June and will continue until the last weekend of February.

The dancers practice 4-5 times a week for two hours a day, with performance during half time of the boys Varsity basketball games.

"They are all high in academics, and a great group to work with," said Jackson.

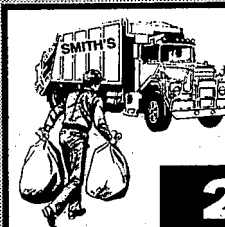
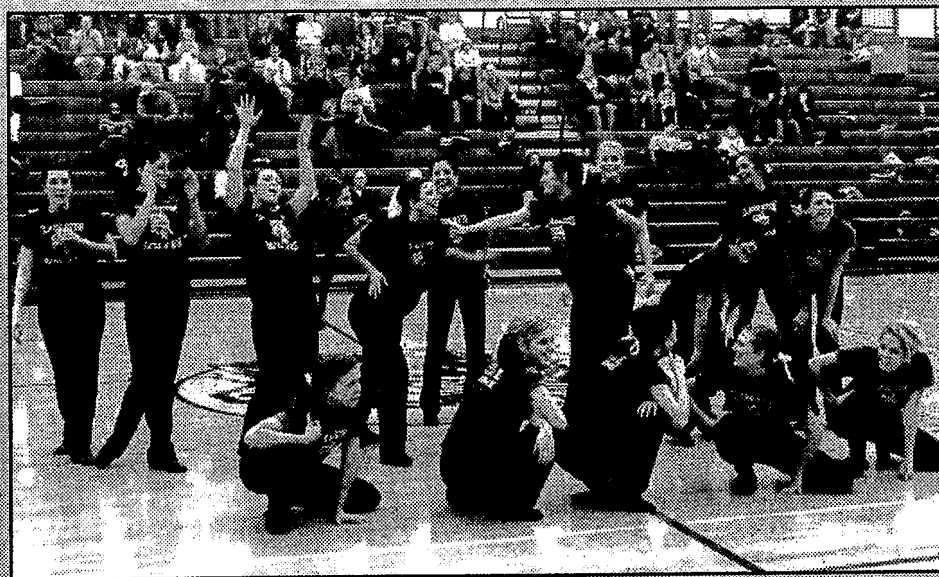
"This is my first year with the varsity team and I am very proud of them. Each

girl is dedicated to this team and represents our school with spirit and class. I have 18 hard working dancers. They are a talented group of girls that never stop working to improve individually and as a team."

The 18 dancers include seniors Melissa Corazza, Victoria Dennis, Kara Huth, Sarah Johnson, Megan Kuhl, Alexandra Nickolaou, Mary Niezgoda, Kristin Stone, and Emily Wiggins; and juniors Lindsie Blouin, Adrienne Boezar, Elyse Flaughter, Shelby Garza, Alexandra Grosjean, Ashley Kulkak, Kelsey Leicht, Brittany Ricca, and Brittany Sims.

Currently they are learning new dances for the basketball games and preparing for their next and last competition, the Motown Dance Championship at the Birch Run Expo Center on Saturday, Feb. 23.

Fans can see their next performance at the Wolves home game Monday, Feb. 4.



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# Building up defense

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Lady Wolves were down 16 points at the beginning of their second half against Pontiac Northern, but they cut it down to four with four minutes left in the game.

The drive didn't last, though, and they lost 59-44.

"We did some good things," said Coach Tim Wasilk about Thursday's game.

"Pontiac Northern split our traps and took over and came out with a nice win. The score was a little lopsided. It was a closer game than the score indicated," said Wasilk. "We played well in the second half and competed hard."

High scorers for the game were Kaleigh Kenny, 13, Jennifer Johnston, 11, and Taylor Daugherty, 9.

Friday's game was better, beating Flint Southwestern, 39-32.

"I thought our girls really came together tonight and played a really good all around game," said Wasilk. "We did some really good things in the second half, on the offensive and defensive end."

They went into the second half of the game three points behind Southwestern, 21-18.

At the end of the third quarter, Johnston put her team into the lead by two points.

Clarkston continued to pick up momentum and put themselves further into the lead.

The ladies kept their defense tight and Southwestern distant from the basket.

Clarkston players were there to catch Southwestern's rebound and bring the ball back to the other side of the court to score.

Kenny ended the game with two points from the line, bringing the score to 39-32.

"The first half, we played good. The second half wasn't good. They gave up and were killed," said Flint Southwestern coach Diane Wiley. "We got a hustle today. I know we're a quick team. (Clarkston) came back and out hustled us on the rebounds and everything."

"We made some shots on the basket and really got some momentum going which really helped us a lot," said Wasilk. "We did a better job in second half and showed a lot more energy."

High scorers were Kenny and Johnston with 10 points each and Alyssa Swindlehurst with eight. Six of her points came from two three-point throws.

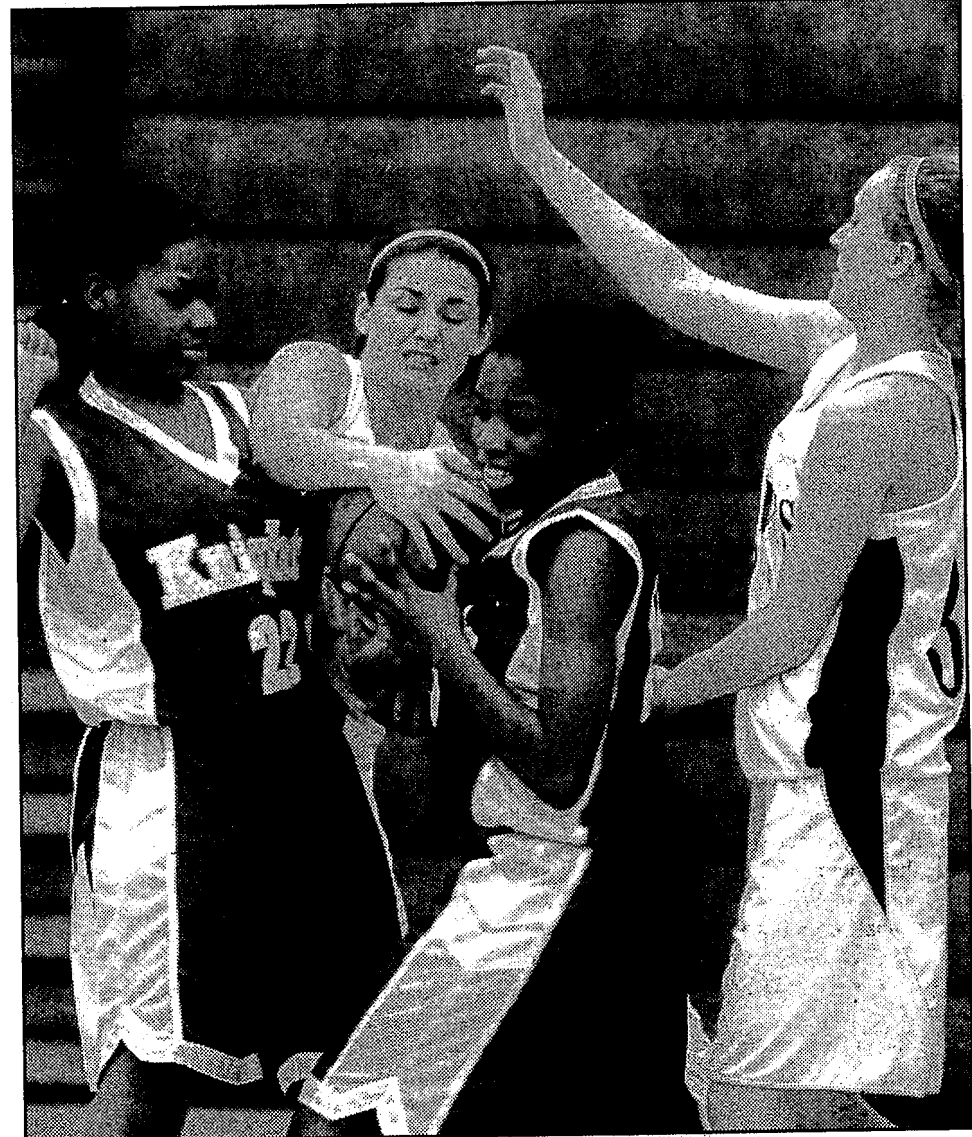
Going into this week's competition with West Bloomfield on Tuesday and Kettering on Friday, the team is ready.

"They're two quality opponents. Their both going to be some very good games, both league games," said Wasilk.

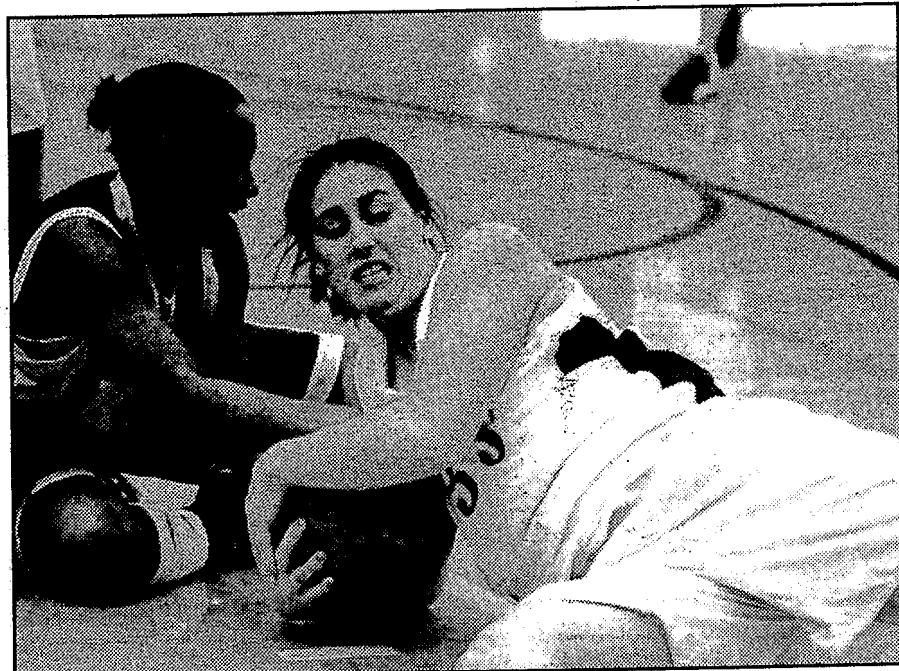
"We're looking forward to it and we're excited. We're just trying to get better for the district play."

On Friday, Lady Wolves will travel to Kettering High School, 2800 Kettering Drive in Waterford.

The JV team will start at 5:30 p.m., the Varsity team will follow.



Taylor Daugherty takes the ball back from Flint's offense.



Conner Daugherty battles Southwestern to the floor for the ball.



Jaclyn Otto anticipates the ball while guarding. Photos by Laura Colvin



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# Lessons learned

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sport Writer

Cagers won both of their games against Adams and Pontiac Central last week.

Following a week where they had one win, and two losses, the team came back ready to show opponents the fiery of Wolves.

In their game against Adams, they won 60-50.

"We lost two straight, two tough losses," said Coach Dan Fife. "I think our kids were a little bit tired mentally. Adams played us tough. They saw we had trouble with the traps. We had troubles but we withstood it. I am just happy to win."

From the first quarter to the last, the Wolves held their ground and the lead.

It was a good win for us. We were 0 and 2 and mentally tired."

High scorers for the game were Brandon Pokley, 25, and Tom Staton, 13.

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The team continued the pace in their rematch game Friday against Pontiac Central, winning 53-45.

"They are one of the toughest," said Fife getting ready for the game.

"The first game, their put lot of heat on us, but we turned it over. The boys are ready."

Again, the Wolves led each quarter. They went into the second half of the game with a 19-13 lead over Northern.

Northern outscored them 20-13 in the third quarter, but the team was still behind in

## Bring your skills Feb. 11

On Monday, Feb. 11, Clarkston Area Optimist Club will be sponsoring a basketball skill contest.

The contest is open to boys and girls from the ages 8 to 13-years-old (as of April 1, 2008).

Registration will be from 6:30 - 7:00 for the participants.

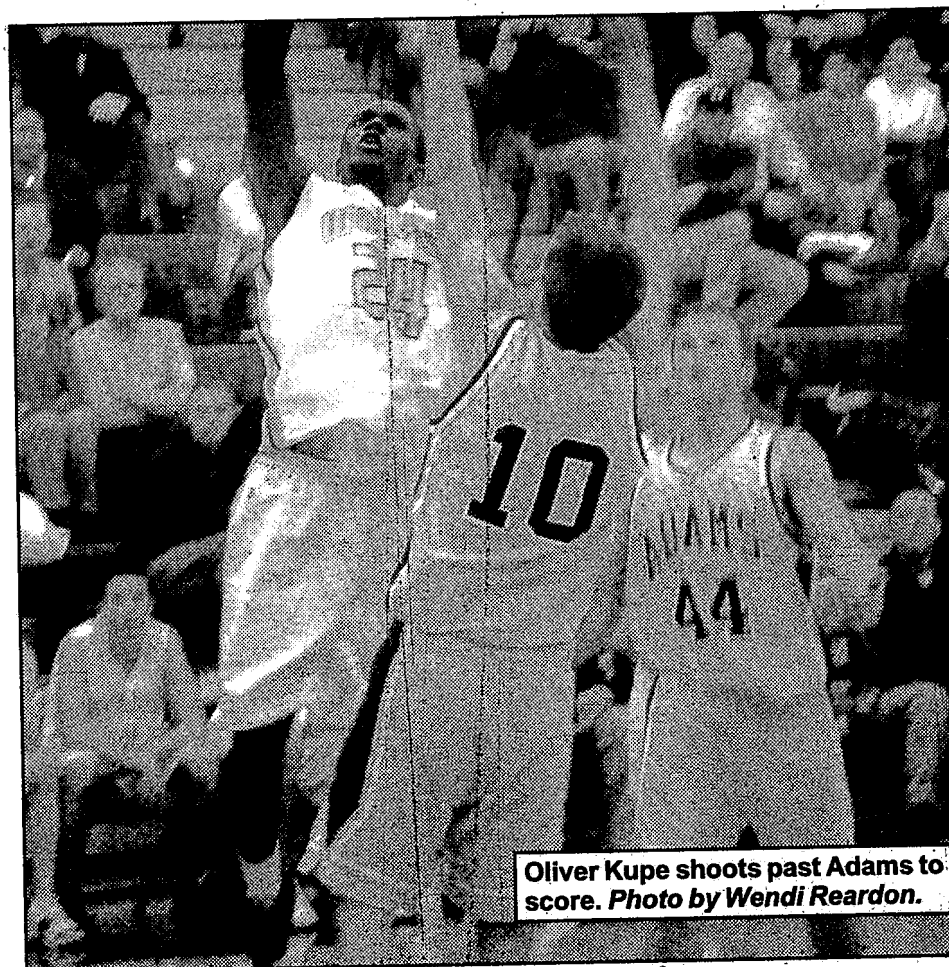
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Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers in all boy's and girl' categories.

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Oliver Kupe shoots past Adams to score. Photo by Wendi Reardon.

points. Clarkston kept them away from the basket in the final quarter as the Wolves scored 21 points over Northern's 12 points.

High scorers of the game were Julius Porter and Pokley with 16 points and Oliver Kupe scored nine.

19-13 lead into second period

"It's so much easier to come to practice when you win, everyone is in a better mood.

regardless of how you play.

Looking back on the losses of last week, Fife said, "losing helps - it exposes negatives, it exposes them to things you have told them about."

The boys will travel to Southfield High School (7-5) on Thursday night.

The JV team will start at 5:30 p.m.. Varsity will follow.

## Varsity skiers both win their meets

The boys and girls Varsity team won their meets last week.

The girls team beat Andover, 20-60, and beat Rochester, 20-62.

The boys team bounced back from their losses from previous weeks, to beat Andover 37-40 and Rochester 33-41.

The girls JV team finished first place with 17 points in the Don Thomas Race last Friday. Ashley Smokoska took first, followed by Liz Abel in second and Lauren Horner in third. Natalie Stevenson took 11th.

For the boys team, Mark Zalobsky took 94th place.

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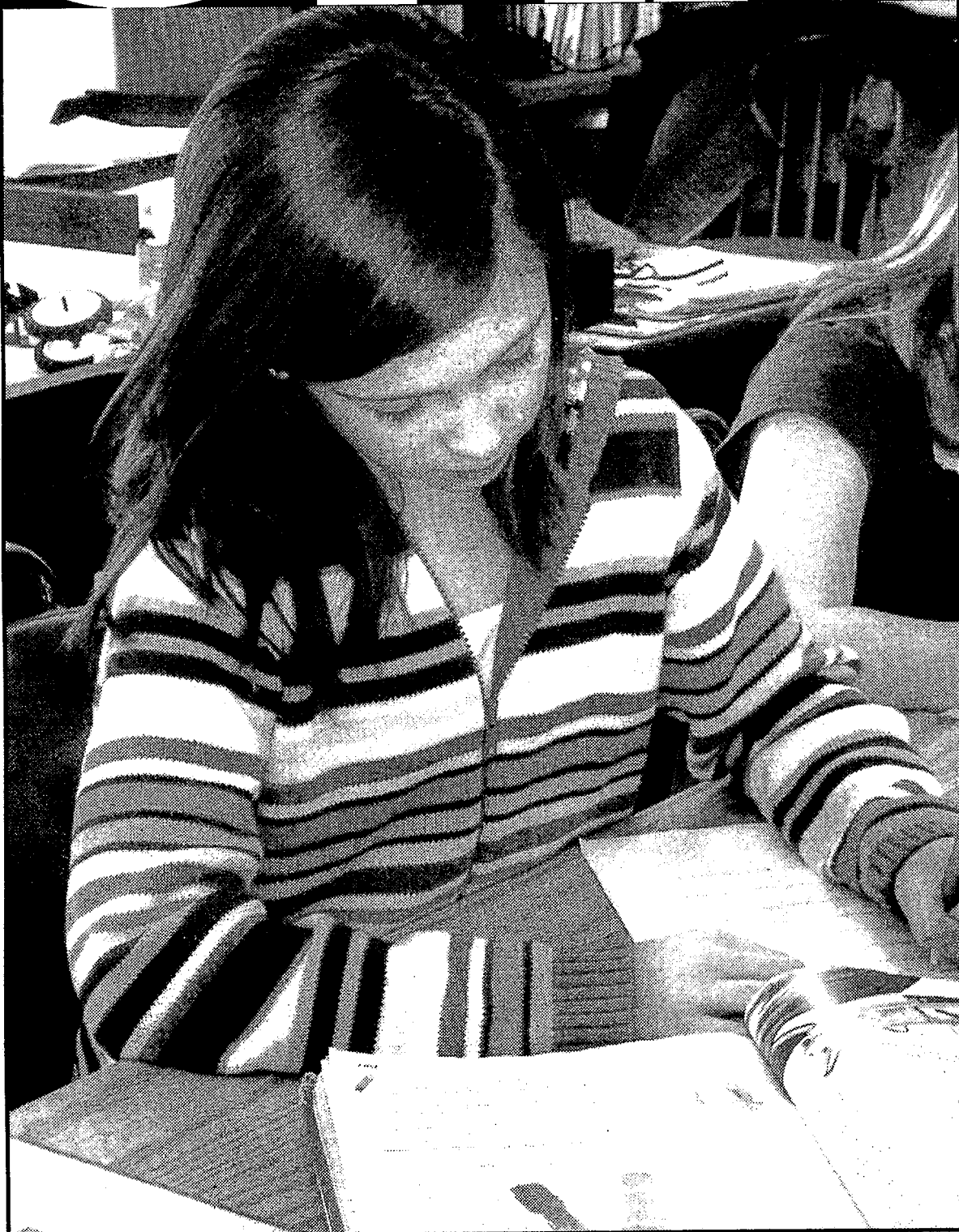
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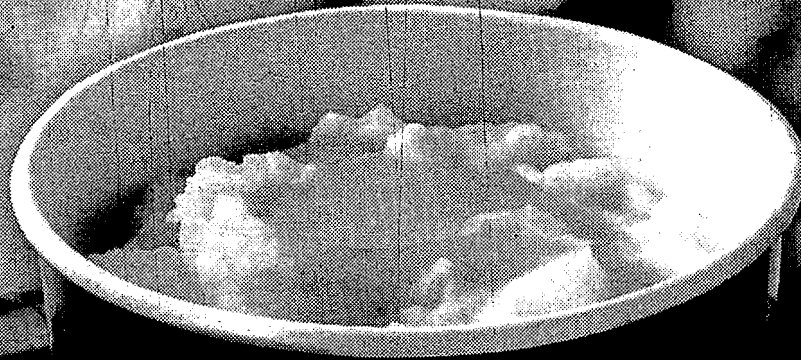
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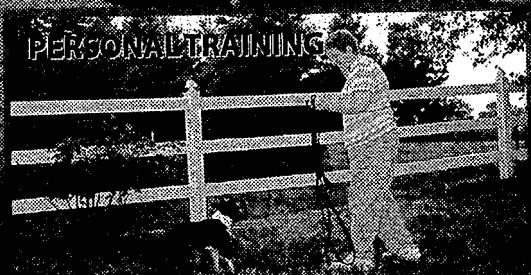
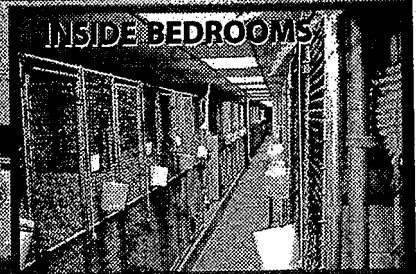
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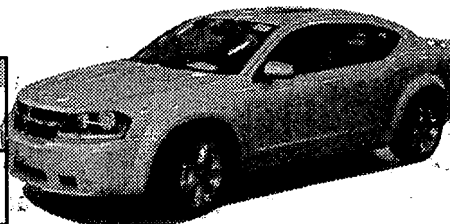
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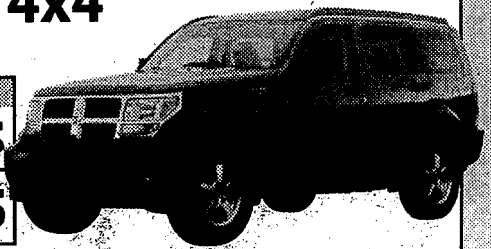
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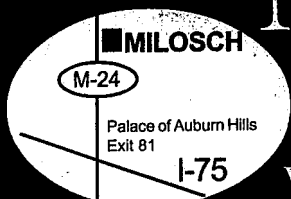
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# People Poll

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## Who will win the superbowl?



"I think the Patriots will and the score will be 35-17."

Eric Hunt



"The Patriots and the score will be under 40 between the two."

Maria Hauswirth



"New England 24-10."

Dan Kelly



"New England by 10 points."

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By Trevor Keiser

# The Clarkston News' Millstream

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

## Artist inspired to help

BY TREVOR KEISER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Seventeen-year Springfield Township resident Heidi Keesling has found a way to use her artistic talent to give back to the community.

Keesling is a mother of four kids who have all gone to Clarkston schools and been involved in SCAMP and the Autism Spec Disorder (ADS) program.

"It's influenced their lives in a lot of ways and I just kind of want to give back," she said.

Twenty percent of her profits from her paintings will be given to SCAMP during the month of February. Keesling said she is "grateful for both programs" because she has seen how it has benefited her two oldest children's futures.

Keesling's son Alex, 19, is currently working at Bailey Lake Elementary in the Autism Department as a paraprofessional.

"That's his passion and he is going to school to become an Autism teacher," said Keesling.

While her daughter Jamie, 21, who is an art student in Chicago helps works with special needs individuals in a program called "Outside of Art."

"The special needs individuals create works of art and then are sold and money keeps the program going," said Keesling. "Kids and adults, I think it's mostly adults have an outlet to do their art."



Artist Heidi Keesling uses her talent to help children in need. Photo by Trevor Keiser

Keesling started painting on canvas eight years ago, before she was only painting wooden furniture and doing "craftsy things."

"Once I started painting on canvas, it's like that's my niche and I found it," said Keesling. "It's my passion now."

Keesling does a lot of "Dot Art" which is Australian Aboriginal style of art. She said she is inspired by Aboriginal Art.

"I like to have meaning in my pictures, like spirituality," she said. "I don't box myself in, whatever I want to do, I do it."

Keesling noted she is also inspired by spirituality and interested in different cultures of

spirituality.

"I just got into spirituality and I love it. I love hearing what people believe in, it's just really interesting to me."

Keesling attends the "Center of Light" Spirituality Center in Oxford.

"I just like to be open-minded and expand my views and ideas," she said.

Keesling said she paints everyday.

"If I get a canvas out it sits there and I just get ideas and ideas just a lot of ideas, or while I am working on one, I might have an idea for the next one."

Please see Inspiration on page 3B



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**Winter Fishing Tournament**, Independence Oaks County Park. January, February and March monthly contests. Prizes awarded at the end of January, February, March, for the biggest fish caught. Catch and release encouraged, but fish may be kept if legal. Register catches at boat-house drop box. Fishing license and vehicle permit required.

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**Adventures of Babysitting** workshop, 7-8:45 p.m., Jan. 31, Springfield Township Civic Center, upper level Conference Room, 12000 Davisburg Rd. Care of infants/children; growth and development; emergencies; safety precautions. Bring an infant-size doll and blanket. 8-14 years. \$22/residents, \$27/non-residents. 248-634-0412.

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**God's Favorite**, by Neil Simon, Clarkston Village Players; 7:30 p.m., Jan. 31; 8 p.m., Feb. 1-2. Depot Theater 4861 White Lake Road. 248-575-4104 or 248-625-8811.

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**Sex Education...Moving Forward Together**, workshop for parents, guardians, community, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Jan. 31, Clarkston High School LGI Room, 6093 Flemings Lake Road. workshop presenter: Barbara Flis.

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**Start Smart**, Independence Township Parks and Rec., six-week program, parents work one on one with their child, ages 3-5, in a supportive environment to learn basic skills of a sport. Soccer or All Sports classes. Begins in February. 248-625-8223.

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**Inclusive cross-country ski clinics**, 12-2 p.m., Feb. 2, 10, 16, 24; March 1, 9. Independence Oaks County Park. Pre-registration one week in advance; includes park entry fee. \$10/person; \$15/person with ski rental. 248-625-0877.

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**MRPA Hoops Challenge**, Independence Township Parks and Rec., 7 p.m., Feb. 4, Clarkston Junior High School gym. Boys and girls ages 8 to 15. Free. Winner of each age division will advance to area competition. 248-625-8223.

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**Spaghetti Dinner, Bake Sale** fundraiser, Springfield Township Parks & Rec, Young At Heart Active Adults Group, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Feb. 4, Hart Community Center, 495 Broadway, Davisburg.

\$6/general. Free/4 and under. 248-634-0412.

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**Fund-raiser dinner**, benefits Clarkston Area Lions Club's local activities for visually and hearing impaired, 4-8 p.m., Feb. 5, Pete's Coney Island II, 6160 Dixie Highway. www.clarkstonlions.com.

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**Income Tax Preparation Assistance**, 9 a.m.-noon. Feb. 5 through April 8. Carriage House, Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

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**Parent Cyber Safety**, 7 p.m., Feb. 5, Springfield Plains Elementary, 8650 Holcomb Road. Learn to use Michigan Sex Offender Registry, MySpace, filters, safety software. Taught by Attorney General's office. Independence Township Parks and Rec, 248-625-8223.

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**Speed Dating**, Independence Township Parks and Rec, 35 and up., \$25. Feb. 9. Mr B's. Registration required. 248-628-8223.

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**Springfield Plains School Fair**, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Feb. 9. Games, prizes, inflatable's, clown, food, and the famous jail attended by the Oakland County Sheriff's Office. Purchase punch cards, \$5 and \$10, at the door. 8650 Holcomb Road. 248-623-3800.

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**Teen Valentine Party**, 6:30 p.m., Feb. 12. Chocolate fondue, games, and valentines for friends. Springfield Twp. Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. Register, 248-846-6550.

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**Wint's Healing Hearts Grief Support Group** for all ages for those who have recently lost a loved one, 7 p.m., Feb. 12. Topic: "Missing a Person You Love-Open Discussion." With Emily Trahan, bereavement counselor. Carriage House, Clintonwood Park, Clarkston Road. Walk-ins welcome. Free. 248-625-5231.

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**Writing Your Memoirs**, writing workshop with Carolyn Walker, 1-3 p.m., Feb. 12-14. Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

**Beaded bookmark craft**, ages 8 and up, 11 a.m., Feb. 16. Springfield Twp. Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. Register, 248-846-6550.

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**Animal Tracks and Facts**, 1 p.m., Feb. 16, Environmental Discovery Center, Indian Springs Metro Park. For ages 7 and older. \$1.50. 248-625-6640.

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**Trip to Mama Mia musical**, Fisher Theatre, 6:30-11 p.m., Feb. 21. Residents/\$68, nonresidents/\$71. Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

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**Family Snow Day**, Snowman Building Contest, Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 1-3 p.m., Feb. 23. \$15/family of 4. \$2/each additional person. 248-628-8223.

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**Adult book club**, 1 p.m., Feb. 28. "The Namesake" by Jhumpa Lahiri. Springfield Twp. Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. Register, 248-846-6550.

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**Motivational speaker** Bill Sanders, for parents, guardians, members of the community, 7 p.m., March 6, Clarkston High School Performing Arts Center, 6093 Flemings Lake Road. 248-623-5423.

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**The Great Egg Hunt**, Independence Township Parks and Rec, 7-9 p.m., March 13, for grades 4-5. Clintonwood Park. \$6/residents. 248-628-8223.

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**Egg mania**, Independence Township Parks and Rec, March 15; 10 a.m.-12 p.m., age 4 and under; 12:30-2:30 p.m., ages 4-8. Tickets on sale Feb. 15. \$6/residents. 248-628-8223.

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**Mothers & More**, non-profit dedicated to improving lives of mothers through support, education, advocacy, 7:15 p.m., third Monday, Red Knapp's Restaurant, 6722 Dixie Highway. 248-969-9788.

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**Clarkston Community Band** rehearsals, 7 p.m., Tuesdays. Especially needed: percussion, clarinets, trumpets. \$30/semester. Band room,

Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane. Independence Township Parks & Recreation, 248-625-8223 or www.clarkstonband.org.

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**BNI, Clarkston-Waterford Chapter**, 7 a.m., Tuesdays, Liberty Golf & Banquet Center, 6060 Maybee Road. Call Cheryl Bean at 248-625-7550.

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**Gentle Yoga**, 8:30 a.m., Tuesdays, through Dec. 11. \$32 for seven weeks. Carriage House, Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

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**Grace Under Pressure**, self-confidence, coordination, self-discipline, self-defense. 7-8 p.m., Tuesdays, through March 25. 5 years and up. \$30/residents, \$35/non-residents. Hart Community Center, Davisburg. 248-634-0412.

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**Sanchin Ryu Karate**: K-8th grade, 6-7 p.m., Tuesdays, through March 25, \$30/residents, \$35/non-residents. Adult and family, 5 years and up, 7-9 p.m., Jan. 15-March 25, \$45/resident, \$90/family; \$50/non-residents, \$95/family. Hart Community Center, Davisburg. 248-634-0412.

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**Yoga Classes**, Wednesdays, through Feb. 27. 18 and older. \$70/residents, \$75/non-residents. \$12/walkin. Springfield Township Civic Center, upper level Conference Room, 12000 Davisburg Rd. 248-634-0412.

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**De-Stress Gentle Yoga**, 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays, through Dec. 19. \$28 for 6 weeks Carriage House, Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

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**Knit or crochet program**, second and fourth Wednesday, 7-8:30 p.m., Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. All levels welcome. Tea and coffee served. 248-625-2212.

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**Line dancing in Clarkston**, Thursdays, Beginners 1-2:30 p.m., Intermediate/Advanced 3-4 p.m. \$3. Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Call Independence Township Senior Center, 248-625-8231.

**Clarkston Area Lions Club**, second and fourth Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m., Carriage House, next to the Senior Center, in Clintonwood Park. Visitors welcome. 248-802-8603.


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# Inspiration comes from spirituality

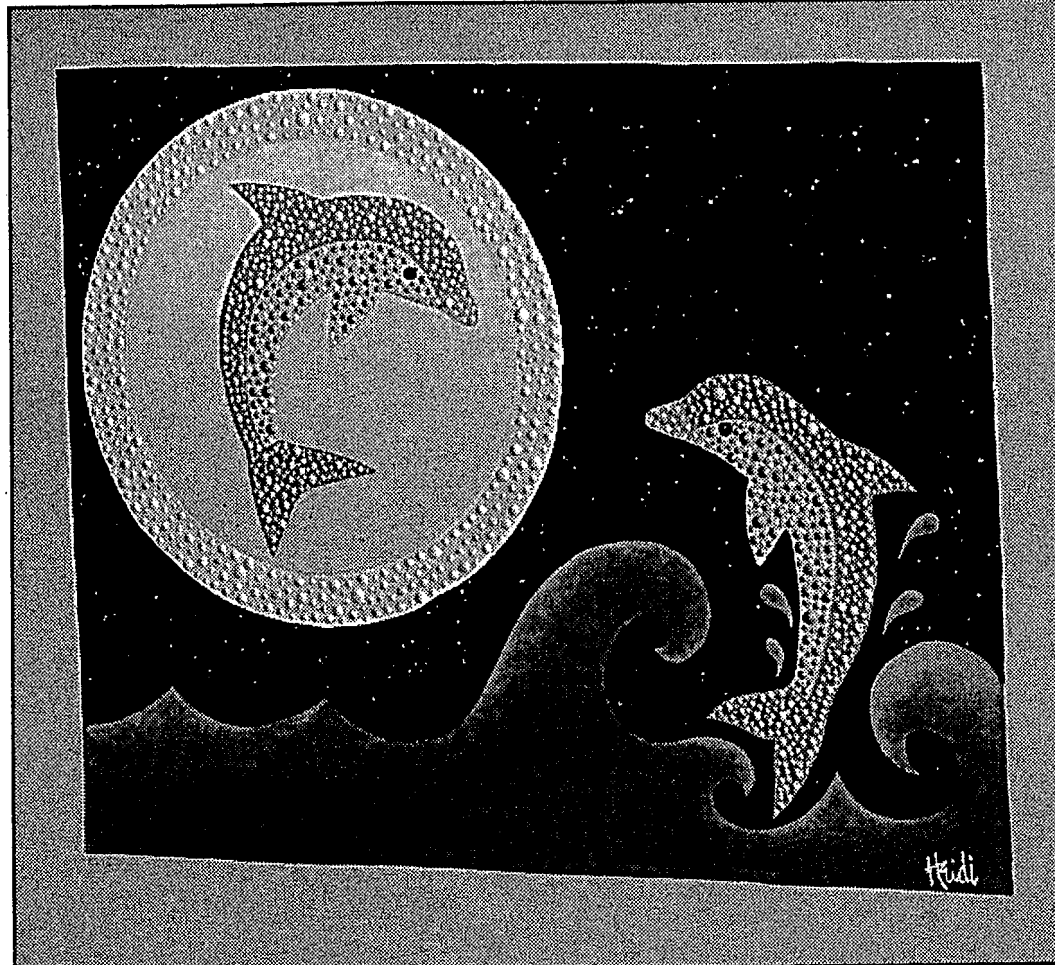
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Sometimes sketching, drawing, or even searching pictures of a specific subject on the computer helps her with ideas.

"Inspiration comes from all over. It's mostly spirituality something that has meaning. It has to have meaning. If it doesn't have meaning I can't paint it. I have to be inspired," she said. "I have sat down and tried to paint before when I wasn't inspired, and you can't force it. It's like writing; you just can't force it you have to go with the flow."

Previously to putting all of her efforts into painting, Keesling worked at Lighthouse Path helping homeless mothers and worked in the daycare with the babies.

Keesling's art can be seen at the LA Café of Dixie Hwy, Sweet Grass store in Davisburg, Moonbeam massage in Clarkston, and Center of Light in Oxford.



A piece of dot art by Heidi Keesling

## Dinner fundraiser for Lions set Feb. 5

The Clarkston Area Lions Club will hold a benefit dinner, 4-8 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 5, at Pete's Coney Island II, 6160 Dixie Highway.

Club members will assist Pete's wait staff during the benefit, and tips will go to the Lions.

All proceeds will support Lions' local activities to help those visually and hearing impaired.

The club will also be collecting used glasses and hearing aids, which are reconditioned and distributed to those in need.

The Lions Club meets the second and fourth Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., Carriage House in Clintonwood Park.

For more information, check [www.clarkstonlions.com](http://www.clarkstonlions.com).

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# Milestones

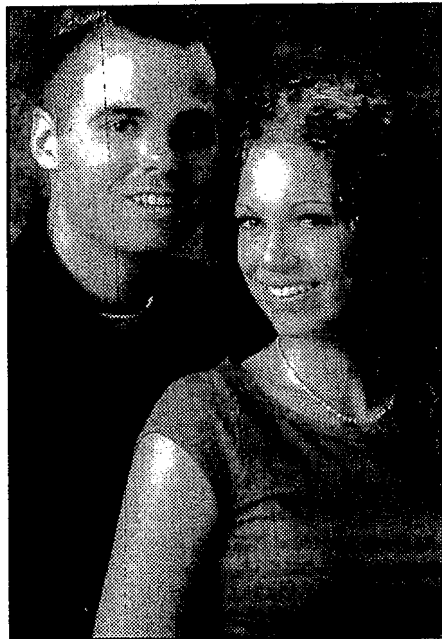
## Schaffer-Cowan

Joseph Lawrence Schaffer and Jenna Leah Cowan announce their engagement to be married.

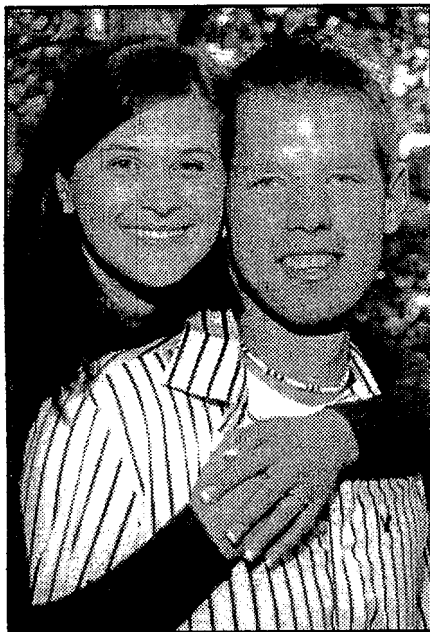
The groom is a resident of Grand Blanc and is the son of Joseph Charles and Lori Janean Schaffer of Oxford. He is employed by Borg Warner and will graduate in May of 2008 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Oakland University. He is a member of Seymour Lake United Methodist Church in Ortonville.

The bride is a resident of Davison and is the daughter of John and Karen Cowan of Davison. She is employed by Hurley Hospital (Flint). She is a member of St. John Catholic Church in Davison.

A May 2009 wedding is planned.



Joseph and Jenna



Elizabeth and Joshua

## Knappe-Oele

Elizabeth Kathryn Knappe of Clarkston and Joshua David Oele of Ada announce their engagement.

The bride-to be is set to graduate in May with a BA in Special Education. Her parents are Rick and Kathy Knappe of Clarkston, and her brothers are Gregg and Garrett Knappe.

The future groom is set to graduate in May with a BA in Business from Calvin College.

His parents are Tim and Mary Oele of Ada, and his sister is Rachel Oele.

A July wedding is planned at Woodside Bible Church. The reception will be at Oakhurst Golf and Country Club.

## Students achieve success

**Ryan Smith** of Clarkston was named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at Grand Valley State University. Ryan, son of Tom and Mary Jo Smith, is a freshman studying film and video production.

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**Gillian S. Nordquist** of Clarkston was named to the Bucknell University dean's list

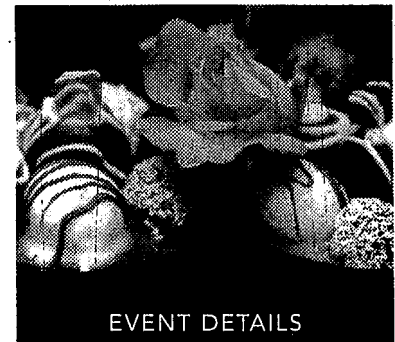
for fall semester. She is the daughter of Steven and Martha Nordquist of Clarkston, and a 2005 graduate of Clarkston High School.

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**Emily Boose** was named to the College of Arts and Sciences Dean's List at University of Michigan-Flint for Fall 2007.

## Enjoy the Sweet Life

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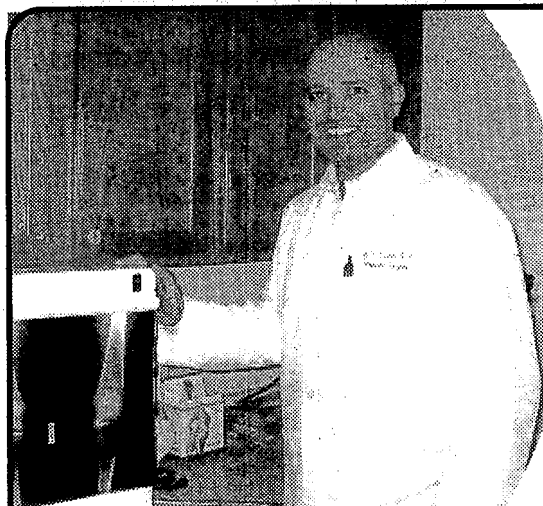
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# Religion

## What it means to be pro-life

When people hear "pro-life," they think of the abortion issue.

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But being pro-life goes beyond abortion.

Throughout its pages the Bible gives us an entire pro-life vision. A vision that does not merely fixate on an issue or two, but encompasses the whole of life.

From the very beginning God has intended life to be characterized by blessing and abundance.

By the fifth day the world that God made teemed with swarms of living creatures. And He placed the first man and woman in a garden which had in it a tree of life.

Even after sin entered the world, God did not forsake His purpose to bless with goodness those He made in His likeness.

But experiencing this blessing requires trust and obedience.

Because of this, the Bible exhorts us to "choose life."

The commands He gives us are not out of reach for us. Yet we must be careful not to be drawn away by our

own desires, lest we miss the life He freely offers. (Dt.30:11-20).

Of course, we don't always act wisely and respond in obedience to what comes before us.

Indwelling sin, the seductions of the world, and the adversary of our souls seek to woo us away from God. And when we listen, we take a step on the path of death.

But Jesus came to bring us the life that we cannot attain ourselves.

The Bible presents Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In the midst of a world of lies that lead astray, He leads His sheep with words of truth.

And to those who hear His voice and follow Him, He promises an abundant life (Jn. 10 :10)

What is an abundant life? It begins with the spiritual benefits of living with a good conscience, and trusting Him from now to eternity.

But it also includes all the good that having God with us provides in this world.

Too often we separate the spiritual from the world we actually live in.

But the earthy image of sheep being led by a shepherd tells us that the biblical promise of abundant life is for the here and now. And this promise was secured

Please see *Spiritual Matters*, page 6B

### Spiritual Matters



Pastor David Bostrom

## In our churches...

**Special guest speaker** Rev. Joy (Joyful) Fletcher of Unity Church - Flint, "Compassion is the Key," 9 a.m., Jan. 30. Special music by Judy Insley. "The 'I' of the Storm," based on the book by the Rev. Gary Simmons, 9 a.m., Feb. 3, the Rev. Matthew Long, special music by Xavier Moore. Peace Unity, meeting at Sashabaw Presbyterian, 5300 Maybee Road. 248-891-4365.

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**Preschool enrollment** for fall classes, 3-4 year olds, starts Feb. 1, St. Trinity Lutheran, 7925 Sashabaw Road. Developmental, play-based program, encourages child's physical, emotional, social, cognitive growth based on individual needs in Christian setting. 248-620-6154.

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**Prayer Partner Training**, 10:30 a.m., second Sunday. Participants will receive a prayer syllabus. All welcome. Peace Unity, at Sashabaw Presbyterian, 5300 Maybee Road. 248-891-4365.

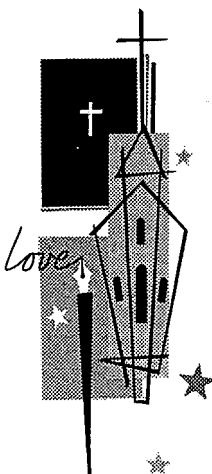
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**God is Closer Than You Think**, video/book discussion series by John Ortberg, Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings, Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass in Clarkston, SW corner of M-15 and I-75. 248-625-3288.

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**Bethany North**, peer support to all faiths dealing  
Please see *In Our Churches*, page 6B

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Exploration Station - Children's Ministry  
Wed. 6:45pm Fit For Life - Adult Life Ministry  
c.r.a.v.e.-Student Life Ministry  
Ozone - Children's Life Ministry  
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## Spiritual Matters

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when Jesus laid down His life for those who belong to Him.

Once we see Jesus as the Lord who gives abundant life, applications of what it means to be pro-life appear everywhere.

It affects not just how we view unborn babies, but how we view children in general, how we speak of others, how we decide when it's right to go to war, and even how much we enjoy life itself.

A biblical, pro-life vision not only seeks to see the unborn survive the womb. It also seeks to see all others thrive once they are outside of it.

This vision can only be realized as we make obedience to God – in all areas of life – a serious pursuit.

"Blessed is the man who listens to me. . . For he who finds me finds life and obtains favor from the Lord" (Pr.8:34-36).

*David Bostrom, davidjbostrom@gmail.com, is pastor of Seed for the Harvest ministries.*

## In our churches

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with divorce or separation, general meeting, 7:30 p.m., fourth Monday, Cushing Center, St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park, call Tim, 248-628-6825, or Joann. 248-673-2539. www.bethanyofsoutheasternmichigan.org.

**Wednesday Evening Feast** - Food for Body and Soul, 6:10 p.m., praise and worship at 7 p.m., classes for all ages from 7:15-8:30 pm. Nursery provided. Through Nov. 14. Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive, I-75 and M-15. 248-625-3288.

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

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

**Living Well and Dying Well - It's Not Just About Me!**, learn about end of life matters such as advance directives, organ donation, supportive care, and funeral planning, 6:10-8:30 p.m., Wednesdays in January. Calvary Lutheran Church, SW corner of I-75 and M-15. 248-625-3288.

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

**Women's Bible Study**, 9:30-11:15 a.m., Fridays, through March 14. Studying Beth Moore, "Believing God: Experiencing a Fresh Explosion of Faith." Calvary Lutheran Church. SW corner of I-75 and M-15. 248-625-3288.

### Church activities?

Let us know at 248-625-3370 or ClarkstonNews@gmail.com

## Motivational speaker set for March 6

Motivational speaker Bill Sanders will talk to parents, guardians, and members of the community, 7 p.m., Thursday, March 6 at Clarkston High School Performing Arts Center, 6093 Flemings Lake Road.

He will talk about:

- How to maintain a positive outlook on life;
- Develop family teamwork, open communication channels;
- Understand today's teenager better;
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- Become your child's "secure door";
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- Build the family on the right foundations; and
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Sanders will also present assemblies at Clarkston Junior High School and Clarkston High School.

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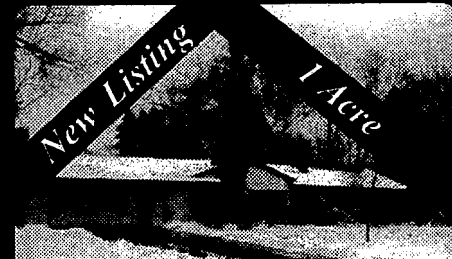
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Brick-and-stone ranch w/a finished walkout positioned on a 1-acre setting within a tranquil Clarkston neighborhood and boasting 4 bedrooms, 4 full baths, 2 fireplaces, and a 3+ car garage. \$285,000 90-KEL



2.5 splendid acres encircle this 4-bedroom colonial w/an updated cherry kitchen, bedrooms w/hardwood floors, 3-zone heating, 3+ car garage plus a 30 x 40 pole barn. \$229,000 84-OAK.



1,800 sq. ft. ranch w/3 bedrooms, 2 baths, kitchen w/all appliances included, 4-seasons room, dining room w/fireplace, and an attached 2-car garage. Central Clarkston locale. \$158,000 63-WAL



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Ann Heusted shows Kim Little how the electrodermal screening machine works. Photos by Trevor Keiser

## Healthy life

### Downing demonstrates services at open house

BY TREVOR KEISER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Downing Clinic celebrated its new office location at 6715 Bella Rose Blvd., Suite 100, with an open house Thursday.

"We are a combination of alternative medicine and traditional

medicine," said Laura Kovalcik, D.O., board-certified internist. "I write prescriptions if I need to, but we try to help people heal with vitamins and herbs."

The Downing Clinic, across the street from DTE on Sashabaw Road, offers services including acupuncture, counseling and hypnosis, ear candling, electrodermal screening, ion cleanse foot bath, IV therapy: chelation/ nutrition, massage, reiki and healing touch, and reflexology.

For more information, call 248-625-6677 or visit [www.thedowningclinic.com](http://www.thedowningclinic.com).



## McGovern promoted

Clarkston State Bank recently appointed **Rebecca McGovern** to the position of commercial loan officer.

McGovern started her career two years ago with Clarkston State Bank as commercial credit analyst II, where she underwrote new loan requests and renewals.



Within a year, she was appointed portfolio manager, for the Commercial Lending department.

A year later, McGovern received the promotion to commercial loan officer and is currently working at the Main Street office of Clarkston State Bank.

McGovern is currently achieving her Masters of Science degree in Administration from Central Michigan University.

She graduated from Oakland University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance in December, 2003.

She is actively involved in the Clarkston community as a board member and Treasurer of "Christmas in Action" of Oakland County and Clarkston Coalition for Youth.

Clarkston State Bank opened in January 1999 and operates four branches in Clarkston, Waterford and Independence Township.

The bank is the recipient of the Waterford "Business of the Year" Award and Voted the "Best of the Best" Bank in Clarkston in the People's Choice Awards in 2007.

## Dishon earns Realtor honors

**Madeline Dishon** of Clarkston was recently recognized as the North Oakland County Board of Realtors 2007 Broker of the Year.

Dishon, broker/owner of RE/MAX Encore in Clarkston, has been a licensed Realtor since 1988 and opened the doors of RE/MAX Encore in 2001.



Dishon is a member of the National Association of Realtors, Michigan Association of Realtors, North Oakland County Board of Realtors and currently serves on the Professional Standards Hearing Panel. She was also the recipient of NOCBOR's 2005 Humanitarian of the Year award.



# Tax tips

By James Filak, CPA, CFP

**Tax Filing** – Good News – The U.S. Congress fixed the alternative minimum tax problem (only for 2007) and the IRS is expediting their testing of software to allow most taxpayers to process their tax returns in the normal time frame.

**Paying the IRS** – The IRS is reducing the “float” on checks mailed with income tax returns.

They will do this by charging your checks to direct debits so they get their money quicker.

Thus, you will only get mail time on the check, and make sure you have the money in the account.

**Preparer Standards** – The IRS has increased preparer standards effective 1-1-08.

These standards impact positions preparers take on returns.

The preparer must be more certain that a position taken on a return is likely to be

correct than not.

If the preparer is not certain, the position must be disclosed to the IRS as part of the tax return.

If not disclosed, the preparer can face stiff penalties. The penalties also apply if there is no reasonable basis for a disclosed position.

This creates difficulties for tax preparers as it is believed that the disclosures are “red flags” to the IRS. Disclosed positions usually relate to more involved tax issues.

Thus, additional information / documentation may be requested by a tax preparer on these types of issues.

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The refund for Federal and State returns is 8 to 10 days from the date of E-Filing. Be careful of claims for faster refunds as they usually involve anticipated loans of your refund and usually involve substantial fees.

The 8 to 10 day period is the same for everyone and no one has an advantage to faster filing of your refund other than the anticipated loan process.

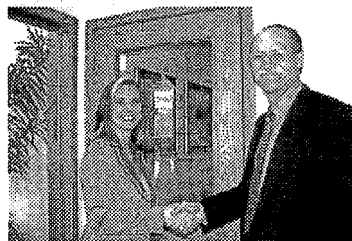
The IRS has proposed disallowing these loan requests of refunds.

Call James R. Filak at 248-236-8110.



James R. Filak, CPA, CFP, Filak CPA Group

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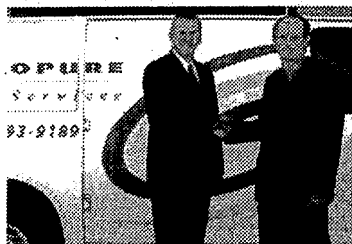
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## Job matters/ career matters

By Maria Rotondo Mark

With the fast pace life many are experiencing; we cannot do all things well, all the time. Some important matters may just slip through the cracks.

Self-reflection ought to be considered, just to ensure we are speaking a similar language. A broad misunderstanding is, the perceived duality of job and career.

Let's look at the word itself; JOB is a three-letter word, generally taught in early life. How we learned to take responsibility varies from individual to individual.



**Maria Rotondo-Mark is owner of Make Over Place Salon**

CAREER is a six-letter word that takes longer in developing, a work in progress, often motivated by free will.

After asking the question of job/career, I was astounded by the countless ways it is described. A ninth grader's version of job is, "you do a job for money, a career is something you do freely, regardless of money." Other interpretations extend in all directions across the border.

Purpose behind job is another consideration toward personal satisfaction. Many jobs lead to career; career can turn to job, depending on how the career came about.

Self-chosen careers tend to be longer lasting, while careers influenced by others could lead to job re-discovery of other beginnings.

Whether doing a job or a career, the commitment stands. Do the best job humanly possible no matter how it began. There is a common sense thought that prevailed in my developmental years and continues:

"An honest day's work for an honest day's pay." Or, "give unto Caesar things are Caesar's, unto God, what is God's."

Possibly, we need a refresher course to get onto what truly matters.

Empty and meaningless jobs are a result of empty and meaningless self-perceptions. Let's begin this New Year with a fresh perspective, much like pure white snow covering unimportant matters.

Dig through the accumulation and get a "Kick-start," a push or a rocking motion toward respectful productivity for self and others.

"Human worth has a place in our challenged economy."

Maria Rotondo Mark is owner of MakeOver Place salon, 5888 Dixie Highway. Call 248-623-9348/248-459-3684.

# Protect your critical data

By Dan Izydorek

Most business owners play "Russian Roulette" with their data backups.

While they may have an onsite copy of their data, they never check to make sure the data is being backed up every day OR the integrity of the data.

That's why thousands of businesses lose millions of dollars worth of data to disasters like viruses, fires, power outages, theft, equipment failure, and even simple human error.

In almost every case, these businesses had some type of backup system in place, but were shocked to find out it wasn't working when they needed it most.

**The Single Most Important Thing You Must Do to Protect Your Data!**

If your data is important to you, then you absolutely MUST have an off-site

backup system in place in addition to your onsite backups.

The benefits are obvious:

- Your files are automatically backed up every night right over the Internet. No human error!

- Depending on the offsite system used, your files are compressed and then encrypted to ensure security.

- Your data is safe from fire, floods, storms, viruses, hackers, hardware malfunctions, and human error!

- You can back up

ALL of your data and not be limited to the size of your tape drive.

- You now have redundant libraries of data to recover from in case the need arises.

Another important aspect of using onsite backups is that they should be a managed or monitored backup.

Managed services are available from many IT services companies, including PC Miracles. With managed services, your backups, and even your workstations and servers if you choose, are constantly monitored by sophisticated software which lets your IT company know if something is not working properly.

If you have a question you'd like to see answered or an idea for this column contact Dan via e-mail at [info@pcmiracles.com](mailto:info@pcmiracles.com) or call 248-620-2201.



**Dan Izydorek, President & Founder of PC Miracles, Inc.**

## Take control of your success

By Ron DeLorme

Below, I provide 3 Action Steps and a series of questions that will help you gauge your progress to date and guide you to better business results in 2008!

**Step 1:** You need data, ideas and the help of people to succeed. Did you look at your business metrics (sales, net income, expenses, etc.) and determine how these can be improved in 2008? Have you asked for input from employees, customers, your accountant, and your business consultant about how you can do things better in 2008?



**Ronald DeLorme, president of Manage Max**

**Step 2:** You need a specific plan. Did you create a list of SMART business goals and objectives for 2008? (SMART is an acronym for Specific, Measurable, Achievable, have positive business Results, and are Timely and Trackable.)

**Step 3:** You need to take action. What action have you taken to achieve your SMART objectives? Have you given a copy of your written business goals to each of your employees? Have you posted copies on the wall for all to see? Do you have a copy of your objectives in the cafeteria, your office, your day planner and your car? Have you explained to each employee how he/she can contribute to achieving those goals and objectives?

If your answer is "yes" to the ques-

tions above, you are off to a great start!

Here are 4 Tips that will help keep your momentum going throughout 2008.

1. Nothing happens until YOU make it happen. Did you notice that each of the 3 Steps above begin with the word YOU? That's right, the process of improving your business results begins with YOU!

2. Try something new.

3. Track and report everyone's progress.

4. Each day, you need to continually ask yourself this question: "What can I do, right now, that will help me achieve one (or all) of my business objectives?"

Let's put Tip #4 to work: "What can YOU do, right now, to achieve your business objectives and make your business more successful in 2008?"

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## Decus now downtown

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The move was made to accommodate the now 2-year-old agency's expanding staff and a growing client pool, especially in north Oakland County, Gilman said. For more information, visit [www.decusllc.com](http://www.decusllc.com).

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## Keeping Clarkston in style

Lynsey Lester, stylist for the past three years, recently joined MakeOver Place Salon on Dixie Highway.

She appreciates the relaxed atmosphere of the salon, owned by Maria Rotondo-Mark.

"I like the setting - it's nice," said Lester, 25. "I like the area. It's closer to where I live."

She brought several clients from her previous location in Grand Blanc, and is working to sign up new customers as well.

The salon has no price list. Instead, stylists meet with new client in a consultation.

"We talk about your goals for your hair, what you want for it, how you want it to look," Lester said.

They work out a monthly budget and incorporate self-care into each plan, she said.

MakeOver Place Salon, 5888 Dixie Highway, offers individually designed haircuts, up-to-date hair coloring techniques, nail care, pedi-care, scalp treatments, chair massages, and other services.

Hours are 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, closed Sunday-Monday.

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## Pushing the envelope

By Dan Gauthier

Getting direct mail into the hands of your customers and prospects is easy. Getting them to open and read your messages is the challenge. You can improve the odds of your direct mail messages being read by making the right first impression. That begins with the envelope.

Marketing research has consistently shown that printing on the outside of the envelope is a good way to attract attention to your mail. For instance, teaser copy is often an excellent way to be noticed. Any text printed on the envelope with the exception of the return address is considered teaser copy. Common teasers are, "You're invited!" or "Free offer enclosed."

Window envelopes can also open doors to your marketing message. These envelopes are not just for bills. Window envelopes have become popular—and cost-efficient—marketing communication devices. The cost of mail processing can often be



Dan Gauthier is the owner of American Speedy Printing Centers, Clarkston

cut since the name and address show through the window, eliminating the need to address the envelope. In some situations, an advertising message can be shown through the window as a "teaser" to get the envelope opened.

Don't overlook the impact of color on your envelopes. It can add both interest and appeal. In fact, studies show that people are 40 percent more likely to be interested in a piece with color than one without it. Also, the use of colored paper achieves a two-color effect with the economy of one-color printing.

Envelopes are available in a variety of grades, colors, finishes, weights, sizes and styles, each with a different cost. Most businesses save time and money by using standard-size envelopes.

Based on a standard 8 1/2 inch by 11 inch piece of paper, the standard envelope should have a clearance from top to bottom of no less than a quarter of an inch. However, when inserts are thick or bulky, extra allowances must be made.

The minimum envelope size, as specified by postal regulations, is 3 1/2 inches by 5 inches. All must be rectangular. Odd shapes are non-mailable.

Dan Gauthier is the owner of American Speedy Printing Centers in Clarkston.

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# Obituary

## Blinn B. Rush

Blinn B. Rush of Clarkston, formerly of Pleasant Ridge, passed away Jan. 21 at the age of 86.

He was the husband of Barb; father of Catherine Rush of Clarkston, Barbara (Dr. Bill Pavlik) Rush of Clarkston, and Liz Rush of Waterford; grandpa of Sarah and Lindsey Wallace, Melissa and Sam Pavlik, Blaine, Yale, and Autumn Winans, and dear friend Neil Wallace. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Jane Yale, and his second wife, Patricia Rohm. He honorably served his country in WWII, and was awarded the



Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts.

Funeral service was Jan. 24 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy or Oakland Community College Foundation Rush Scholarship Fund. Online guest book [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com)

## Kim Alan Lair

Kim Alan Lair of Clarkston passed away at the age of 44.

He died suddenly of a heart aneurysm in Baton Rouge, La., where he had been working as a Foreman for an asphalt company.

He was the beloved grandson and son

of Dottie Allen and Sue Shubert; father of Alicia; brother of Kurt Lair and Kris Larkin; also survived by Billy and Hannah.

Funeral Service was Jan. 19 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Lakeview Cemetery. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

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## Julie Ann Roche

Julie Ann Roche of Davisburg, formerly of Weidman, passed away unexpectedly Jan. 20 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac, at the age of 43.

She was the loved and greatly missed wife of Jim; mother of Kari Roche, Nick Faber and Danielle Gross; daughter of Dan and Phyllis Wernette of Weidman; daughter-in-law of Pat and Mary Roche of Troy; sister of Paul (Jenny) and Jeff (Rita) Wernette, all of Weidman, Peggy (Rick) Edwards of Fla., and Andy Cannon of Spring Lake. She was preceded in death and reunited with her sister Connie Cannon.

She will be missed by more aunts, uncles, cousins and friends than can be mentioned. The family wishes to thank everyone for their support and prayers.

As a 911 central dispatcher in Livingston



County, Julie answered the call of crisis time after time. Through organ donation, she continues to answer the call.

She found musical inspiration at Wheatland Music Festival and Celtic Kettle Coffee House. She traveled, cooked, wrote songs & painted pictures.

Open House Memorial Gathering was Jan. 26 in Davisburg. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Any donations to the family will be used for the future education of Julie's children. Online guest book, [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## Colleen R. (Darby) McIntosh

Colleen R. (Darby) McIntosh of Lake Orion left us unexpectedly Jan. 23 at the age of 44.

She was the loving mother of Eric McIntosh and Darby McIntosh; beloved daughter of Mike and Darlene Darby of Clarkston; sister of Elizabeth (Eric) Morfe and Michelle (fiance Scott Ross) Darby; granddaughter of William Collier; and best friend of Kathy and Kevin Bailey.

She was employed with Wm. Beaumont Hospital - Troy. She graduated from Clarkston High School in 1981, and was a nurs-



ing student at Baker College.

Visitation was Jan. 25 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was Jan. 26 at St. Daniel Catholic

Church, 7010 Valley Park, Clarkston.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family for the future education of Darby McIntosh. On line guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

Obituaries are updated daily at [ClarkstonNews.com](http://ClarkstonNews.com)

## Poker & Pizza

Presented by The Oakland County Sportsmen's Club

**What:** A No Limit Texas Hold'em Tournament, Side Games, Pizza, Cash Bar, 50/50 and more

**When:** Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>; Registration & Bar open at 5pm; Tournament begins at 6pm.

**Where:** Oakland County Sportsmen's Club - Archery Building

**Cost:** \$50 per person paying before February 9<sup>th</sup>; All pre registered players will receive 1 ticket for a \$100 drawing. \$65 per person if paying day of Tournament, 5-6pm; Entry Fee includes Tournament Entry and Pizza; Cash Bar will be available

*Additional Details:* This is a Michigan State Lottery sanctioned fund raiser event. Entry is limited to the first 105 people to register. Minimum age to participate is 18 years old.

All forms of payment are accepted. You may also reserve your seat by calling

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
 Decedent's Estate**

Estate of Richard Baker Thompson a/k/a/ Richard B. Thompson. Date of birth: 8/17/1949

**TO ALL CREDITORS:**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:** The decedent, Richard Baker Thompson, who lived at 5030 Dunham, Waterford, Michigan died 10/15/2007.

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

Kathryn M. Caruso (P44723) Richard L. Lund and Joyce Lund  
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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING  
 AGENDA**

Date and Time: February 5, 2008, at 7:30 p.m.  
 Place: Independence Township Library  
 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI 48346

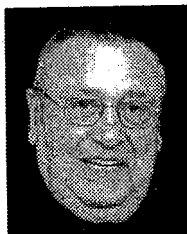
1. Call to Order
  2. Pledge of Allegiance
  3. Roll Call
  4. Opening Statements and Correspondence
  5. Approval of Agenda
  6. Public Forum – *Individuals in the audience have the opportunity to address the Township Board on an issue that is not on the agenda, limiting their comments to not more than three minutes.*
  7. Consent Agenda:
    - a. Approval of Minutes of January 16, 2008
    - b. Approval of Purchase Orders
    - c. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run
- New Business
1. Space Planning for Library
  2. Non-Union Salary Compensation
  3. Building Department promotion
- Closed Session – AFSCME Contract

**Obituary**

**Albert Biron**

Albert "Mike" Biron of Clarkston passed away Jan. 22 at the age of 74.

He was the loving Husband of Sally; father of Todd, Lisa, Michael, and Dan Biron; stepfather of Tammy (Brad) Tuson, Karen Volin, Jim Dubre and Joe Dubre, Michael Jefferson, Eric Biron, and Kim Thacker; brother of Donna and Kenneth Biron; son in law of Viola LaBarge; also survived by 16 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.



Mr. Biron retired as a Maintenance Supervisor from General Motors after 38 years of service. He proudly served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and retired as a Master Sergeant.

Funeral Service was Jan. 25 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment, Stiles Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

On line guestbook  
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**Stars  
 shine**

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Junior Olympic Competitive Gymnastics team came home from their last competition with trophies and smiles.

The gymnastics team from Stars & Stripes Gymnastics Academy in Clarkston participate in 10 competitions a year.

Their last competition took them to Covington, Ky., for the U.S. Coaches' Spectacular, Jan. 18-20. The team came home with two first place team trophies and one second place team trophy.

It was the fourth time they have participated in this competition.

"It was a very exciting event," said team director Cassie Davis.

The Stars & Stripes team had the highest team score of the entire meet.

Individually, many gymnasts came home as champions. There were five all-around champions, five vault champions, two uneven bar champions, eight balance beam champions and six floor exercise champions.

"The meet was a great success for all Stars & Stripes gymnasts," said Davis.

The gymnasts are split into different teams based on their skill level.

The Level 4 team finished in first place, Level 5 finished in second, and Level 7 finished first in their competition.

The level 7 & 8 teams combined to make the All-Star team, and won the All-Star team finals. This is the first year the teams combined to make the All-Star team, and it was the first time they competed.

"It was very special that they won," said Davis.

Members of the level 7 & 8 teams are Jacquelyn Yates, Kendra Lamphier, Emma McLean, Emilee Incammicia, Anna Martucci, Elise Csizmadia Mackenzie Tuohy, and Madelyn Bagley.

Bagley also won the All Star balance beam finals.

The All-Star team was awarded their first place trophy by former Olympic gymnasts Amanda Borden and Jaycee Phelps.

The teams practice between nine to 20 hours per week depending on their level.

Instructors include, Cassie Davis, coaching for levels four and five; Nathan Davis, coaching levels four to eight; Theresa Fabrizio, coaching levels five to eight; and Dianna Nelson, level four.

Their next competition will be in February. They will travel to Chicago to participate in the largest competition in the United States.

"We look forward to going and competing. There are very good teams going. Coaches like to compare them to the top teams of the country," said Davis.

Then, they will have time to practice and get ready for the state meet in April.



The Level 4 team, Kristin Bouchard, Haley Cascone, Ashley Yamanoha, Karli Keilitz, Savanna Waters, Paige Harman, Emily McKenzie, Nora Leonard, Courtney Kettle, Alyssa Malak, Isabelle Wittebort and Michelle Bacher.



The Level 5 team, Samantha Randlett, Carissa Ludwig, Selena Brennan, Makayla Cerny, Lauren Scott, Nina Martucci, Amber Autry, Avery Hallstrand, Olivia Parry, Madison Barnes and Savannah Hampton.



Level 7 & 8 teams, Jacquelyn Yates, Kendra Lamphier, Emma McLean, Emilee Incammicia, Anna Martucci, Elise Csizmadia Mackenzie Tuohy, and Madelyn Bagley.





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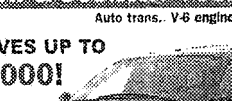
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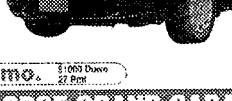
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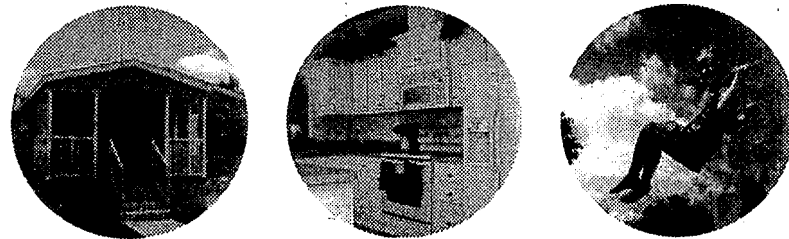
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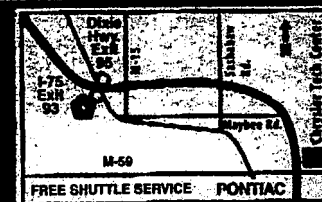
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