

Pay raises for public servants

But two trustees try to hold the line

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Despite Michigan's economic hardships, record local foreclosures, and tighter home budgets, Independence Township Board trustees voted themselves 3-percent raises.

A 5-2 vote Feb. 5 upped trustee salaries from \$392.85 a month to \$405 for two regular meetings, and \$106 for special meetings, up from \$102.52. Raises for the township board are effective Feb. 5.

Supervisor Dave Wagner, Clerk Shelagh Vanderveen, Treasurer Jim Wenger, and trustees Charles Dunn and Larry Rosso voted for the raise. Trustees Dan Kelly and Dan Travis voted against.

"We are in bad economic times, so if it's a job that you don't do for the money, but a job that you do for other reasons, then why not save the 3 percent for the township," Travis said. "I think it is a part of public service sector and that's what goes with the job."

Final budget figures are not ready yet, but Wagner anticipates a surplus this year, he said.

The raise applies to all four trustees, supervisor, clerk, and treasurer, as well as non-union department heads. Salary increases for department heads and other fulltime, non-union employees are retroactive to Jan. 1.

Salaries will increase by \$1,200-\$2,300, to about \$42,000 to \$78,000 annually.

Supervisor Dave Wagner recommended the pay raises based on the 3-percent raises already approved for union workers with American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, and the inflation rate of 2.3 percent. Trustees deserve the raise for the "time and dedication" they give, he said.

Trustees' pay increase should reflect full-time elected officials, Rosso said.

"That's the only way that we value anyone

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Dancing with daddy

John and his daughter Lila Ninotti enjoy a dance at the Valentine's Daddy-Daughter event at Clarkston Junior High School. Please see page 8A for more pictures. Photo by Trevor Keiser

\$2,000 bonus for extra work

BY TREVOR KEISER

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Dave Belcher deserves \$2,000 extra for work on the new Senior Center, township officials decided.

The Township Board voted 4-3 to grant a \$2,000 stipend to Belcher, building director, for his work as general contractor for the senior center.

The center, which was completed in 12 weeks, came in about \$15,000 less than the \$250,000 budgeted.

"It's not something the township has done in the past," said Trustee Dan Kelly. "I absolutely believe however that we have to find some way to acknowledge the extra work that Mr. Belcher did in this case."

Supervisor Dave Wagner, and trustees

Kelly, Charles Dunn, and Dan Travis voted in favor of the bonus. Clerk Shelagh Vanderveen, Treasurer Jim Wenger, and Trustee Larry Rosso voted against.

Rosso said he was concerned about the "reverberations" on those who did special projects outside of their job descriptions in the past.

"I just think morale-wise it's not good because it looks there is a special partiality that is shown," said Rosso. "We're going to have the retroactive requests of 'because I did this back then.' I just don't think it's a good idea especially in public employment."

Wagner disagreed.

"We cannot go retroactive from 10 years ago, 15 years ago. This is looking forward. It

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Cops bust 'brazen' thief

Man stole while son wrestled

BY LAURA COLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

An Oxford man police say stole expensive electronic equipment from Clarkston High School while his son competed in a wrestling tournament Feb. 2 was arrested Saturday by Independence Township police.

Todd Lloyd Griffin, 38, was arraigned in 52-2 District Court Tuesday on charges of larceny, with an alternate charge of larceny in a building.

Police first learned of the theft when CHS teacher Doug Slater arrived at school around 7 a.m. Monday, Feb. 4 and discovered a cabinet in his classroom had been pried open—six laptop computers, two cameras, and a box containing several hundred dollars in cash were missing from inside.

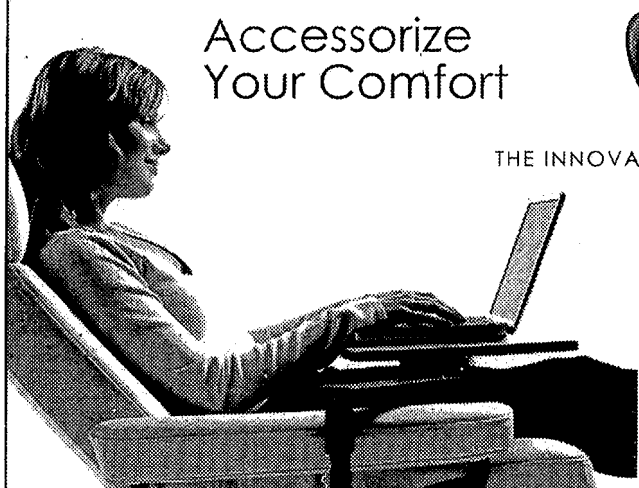
The thief even unbolted a projector from the ceiling, and used plastic bins from the classroom to carry the ill-gotten goods to his car.

"He got out of there with a lot of stuff," said Sgt. Matt Baldes of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Independence Township substation, noting preliminary information supplied by the school put the stolen merchandise at an estimated value of about \$15,000. "And the fact that he used their own tubs to carry it all out of the school—this guy was very brazen."

According to Baldes, the man entered the school's kitchen through an unlocked back door and proceeded into areas of the

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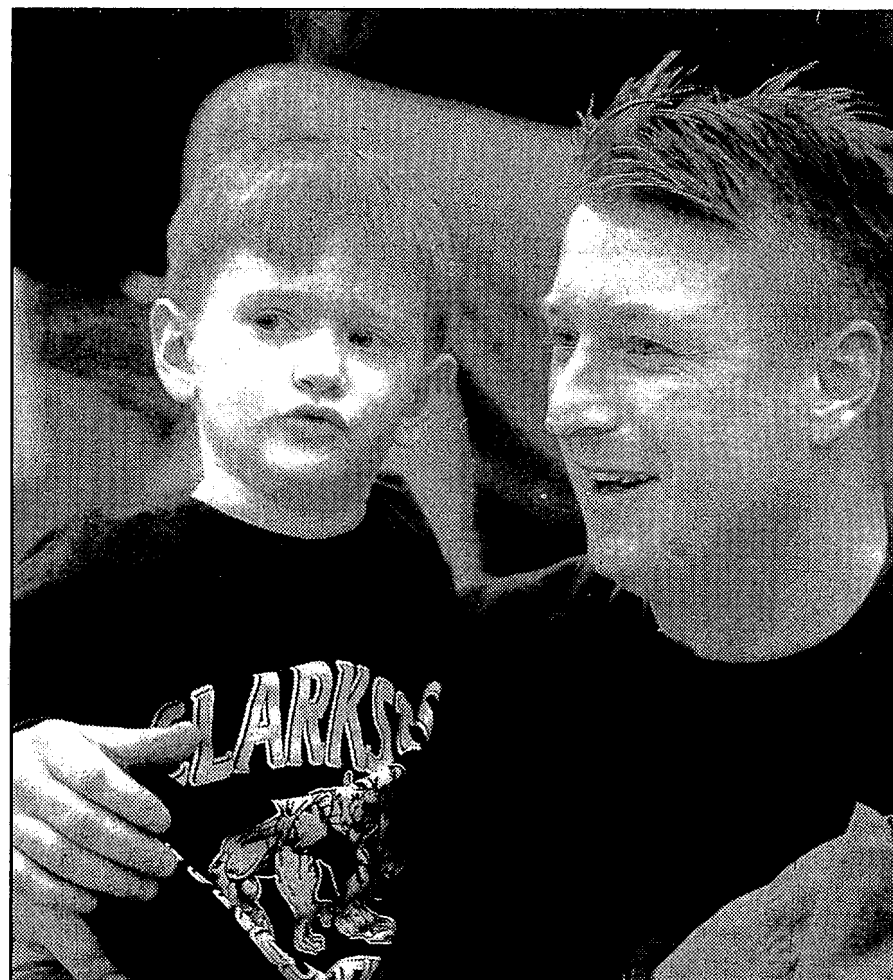
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Rooting for their wrestler

Clarkston residents Aston Anderson and his dad, John, were at Clarkston High School Feb 2 to watch Ashton's uncle, Matt Vandermeer, wrestle at the Macomb/Oakland County Duals. Photo by Laura Colvin

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Briefly . . .

Library to get a makeover

Independence Township Library is set for a facelift, with fresh paint, new carpet, and redesigned shelving.

Independence Township Board voted unanimously Feb. 5 to contract with Library Design Associates. They will be paid up to \$12,500 from the township's fund balance for a redesign of the library.

Three design companies were considered. The final design will be presented to the board for further approval, said Julie Meredith, library director.

More funds for emergency help

Requests from Independence Township residents for help with emergency home repairs are going up.

The township board voted unanimously Feb. 5 to transfer \$9,000 in federal funds to help out. The township has a total of \$14,588 in Community Development Block Grant funds for senior and families-in-need projects.

Bank offers \$3,000 for scholarships

Oakland County Credit Union will award three \$1,000 scholarships this spring to winners of its essay contest.

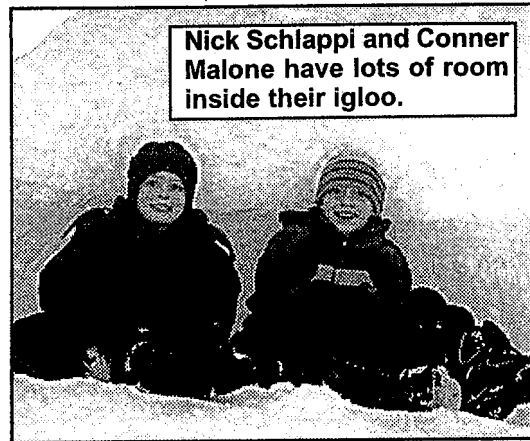
To apply, write an essay, 300-500 words, about "Saving, Spending and Giving" and how it relates to the credit union philosophy. High school seniors planning to attend college or trade school in the fall are eligible. All entrants must be OCCU members. Deadline is April 11.

For more information, check www.oaklandcountycu.com.

Correction

The photo caption for "Pulled up by the roots," page B3, Feb. 6 edition, should not have stated Department of Public Works cleared away the fallen tree.

The homeowner contracted and paid for the tree removal on Main Street.



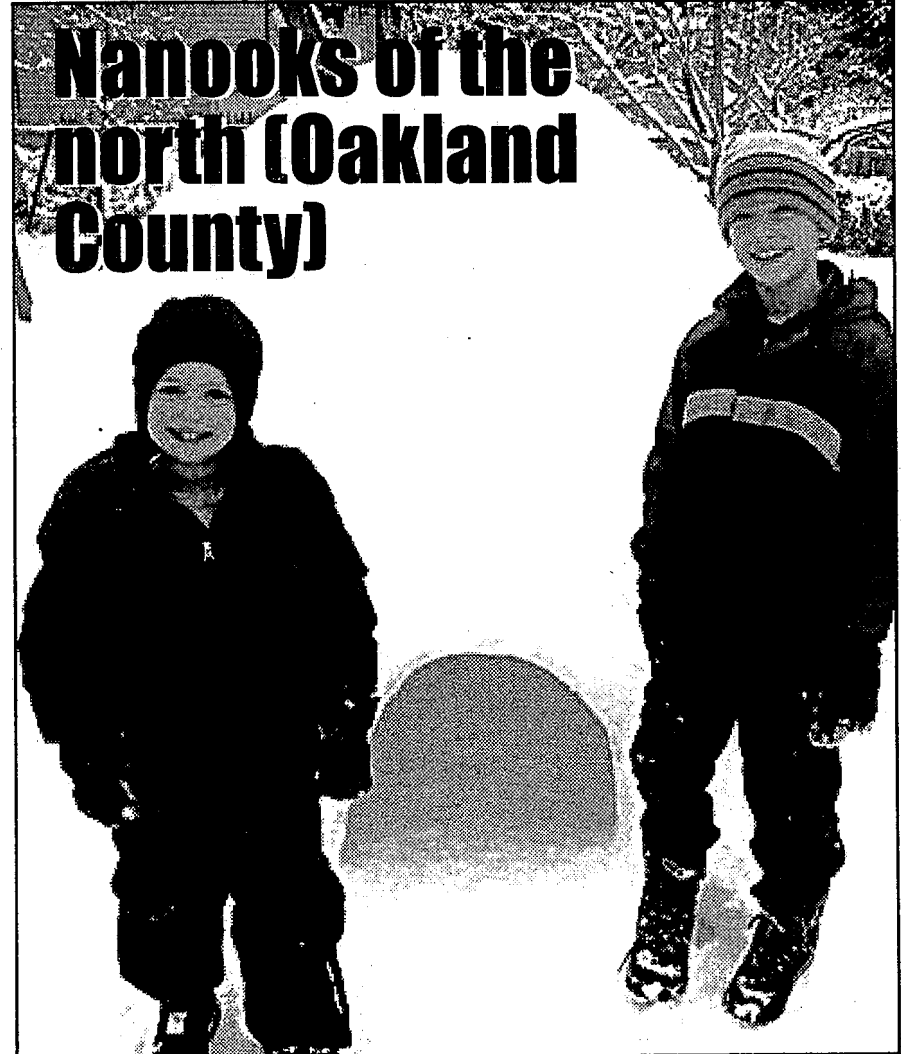
Nick Schlappi and Conner Malone have lots of room inside their igloo.

Nick Schlappi, Conner Malone, Sara Filby, and their parents made this snowblock constructed igloo last week during their snow day off from Springfield Plains Elementary.

They took more than four hours to build their snow house, said Becky Filby, Nick and Sara's mother.



The door is just the right size for Sara Filby, 6.



Nick Schlappi, 6, Conner Malone, 8, and family made this igloo in the traditional way, with blocks made of snow.

Moms have info how to pick a preschool

BY LAURA COLVIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

If it's almost time to send the little one off to preschool, but you're not sure which of the many options is right, Clarkston-area Mothers and More is planning an event designed to help decide.

On Feb. 28, Mothers and More will host representatives from more than 20 public and private schools during its Preschool Meet and Greet, a fair-style event where parents can gather information, ask questions and begin making comparisons.

"We have so many more choices than in the past," said Mothers and More Co-leader Amie Moore. "This is a unique opportunity for families to gather the nuts and bolts and get all the basic information on different preschools."

The event was planned for late February, Moore explained, because many preschools see the bulk of families reserving spots in March for fall sessions.

"A lot of these schools are starting to plan their own spring open houses," she said. "So this is a neat opportunity for parents to (attend the Meet and Greet) and say 'OK, these

are the three schools I want to visit in March.'"

The event is free and open to the public. Although the Meet and Greet was not scheduled last year while Mothers and More underwent a transition, other years saw about 85-125 families in attendance.

In addition to holding the event at a new, more spacious location—in the Clarkston Community Education Center Cafeteria—Moore said the group also broadened the geographic spectrum of schools invited to attend.

This year, participating school representatives will arrive from Clarkston, Waterford, Lake Orion, Ortonville and other surrounding communities.

Children are welcome, and refreshments will be provided. Each family will receive a directory of represented schools, as well as a gift bag to collect information.

And, a gift basket filled with scrapbooking

supplies valued over \$75 will also be raffled at the door.

According to the group's mission statement, Mothers and More is a national non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of mothers through support, education and advocacy, as well as addressing mothers' needs as individuals and members of society, and promoting the value of all work mothers do.

The Clarkston area chapter of Mothers and More holds open meetings the third Monday of each month at Red Knapp's on Dixie Highway.

The next gathering is Monday, Feb. 18, at 7:15 p.m.

In addition, the group also schedules events such as Moms' Nights Out, book discussions, playgroups, and other social activities.

Visit the chapter's website at www.clarkstonareamothersandmore.com.

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Bridge work set for summer

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will be keeping busy as they do some rehabilitation bridgework on the I-75 bridges that cross over Clintonville road.

"We are going to do both bridges, I-75 northbound and I-75 southbound over Clintonville and those bridges are going to get some work this summer," said Rob Morosi, MDOT office of communications.

"We're going to improve the driving surface; we're going to work on the substructure and some other remedial repairs just to ensure the safety of the bridges."

The bridge over Clarkston Road is also set for rehabilitation, he said.

"We've been in the process of designing and gauging these bridges to be done probably over the past two or three years," said Morosi.

Work is expected to start sometime in late June or after the Fourth of July.

- Trevor Keiser

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Nominate Clarkston's best

BY LAURA COLVIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Know of a person, business or group that deserves recognition for the hard work and contributions they make to the community?

The Clarkston area Chamber of Commerce wants to hear about all the local unsung heroes as it begins accepting nomination for the 23rd annual Clarkston Community Awards.

"People misunderstand that you have to be a chamber member to submit a nomination," said Chamber Executive Director Penny Shanks. "But anyone can nominate—we want to hear from anyone who is aware of a partnership between organizations, or about someone who volunteers—anything that helps make our community better."

Nominations are due by April 4; the Chamber will hold an awards breakfast at Deer Lake Athletic Club Thurs., May 22.

Each winner will be honored at the breakfast with a video or Power Point presentation highlighting the contributions that individual, group or business has made to the community.

The Chamber's award categories recog-

nize both charitable and for-profit efforts.

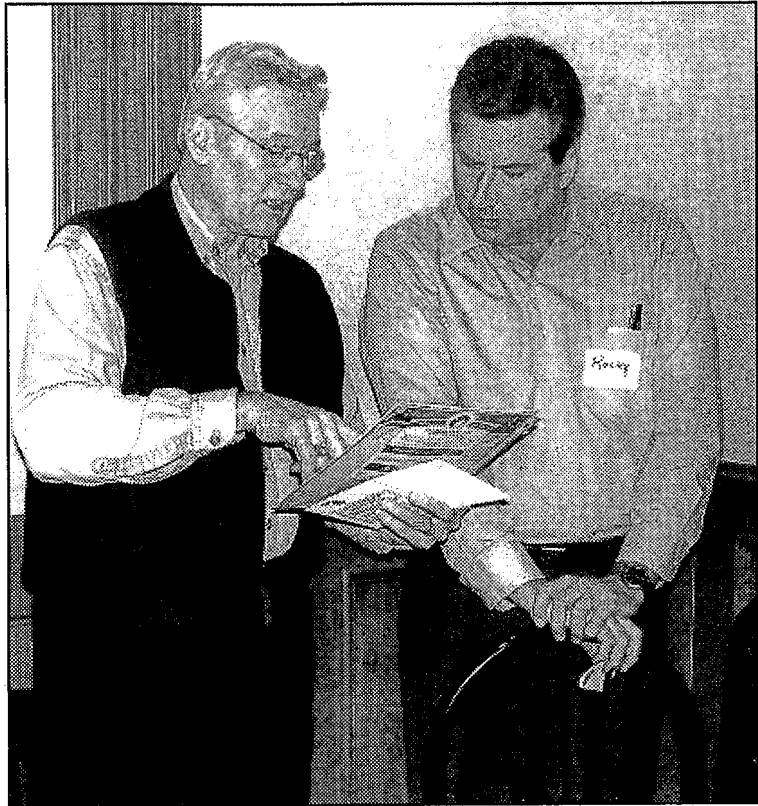
"These are really community awards," said Shanks, noting that while the Chamber facilitates the event, representatives from Clarkston Community Schools and Independence Township serve as co-chairs.

"Even though we're in a hometown, and we know a lot about what happens here, I'm always learning about great things and great people who give so much to make our community what it is."

Shanks said the Chamber does not place limits or restrictions on the number of nominations that can be sent by any one person, and encouraged multiple submissions where appropriate.

Categories include Citizen of the Year; Young Person of the Year; Businessperson of the Year; Adult-Youth Volunteer; Community Preservation; Community Beautification; Community Enhancement; and Community Collaboration.

Nomination forms are available at the Clarkston area Chamber of Commerce office, 5856 South Main Street, and will soon be available on the Chamber's website at www.clarkston.org



Marshall Rice, left, talks about networking with Rocky Istvan.



Mitch Foster, president of the Clarkston chapter of the Local Business Network, talks about business referrals. Photos by Phil Custodio

Tied together

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Teamwork is the name of the game for members of Local Business Network's Clarkston Chapter.

"It's a great way to get to know a lot of professionals," said Mitch Foster, president, who transferred to the Clarkston chapter from West Bloomfield, after moving to the area.

"It's an excellent way of doing business - I refer business to them and they refer business to me," said Natalie DeLeo, vice president, who joined the network in 2000.

The Clarkston branch has 21 members, and a goal of recruiting four more. They meet every two

weeks for presentations and to share referrals, leads, and ideas.

Charles Gifford of Independence Township founded the Local Business Network in 1999.

"Clarkston is a great chapter - it's my first chapter," Gifford said.

The network has since grown to 48 chapters and 625 members in Eaton, Genesee, Ingham, Macomb, Oakland, Shiawassee, Washtenaw, and Wayne counties. Members have referred an estimated \$100,000 of business to each other, Gifford said.

"That's a lot of business for our members," he said. "The goal was to put money in each others' pock-

ets - we're all out there marketing for each other, every day."

Network members refer about 11 percent of Foster's clients, he said.

"It's been great," said Foster, attorney. "Some have had about 45 percent referred - it depends on the business."

"Chuck was one of my clients - I wanted to see what this was about," said Minesh Baxi, network member for the past six years. "It's a great tool for marketing."

Another advantage is members can visit any of the chapters, said Jill Grenevitich, certified clinical hypnotherapist.

"It's a great opportunity," Grenevitich said. "LBN has been wonderful for me, personally and professionally."

About 20 percent of her business comes from network referrals, she said.

"I have found LBN members to be generally interested in helping one another, and second-to-none in servicing their customers," she said.

"I love having a network of professionals available whenever I have a need."

Local chapters are composed of business professionals recruited for their business specialties and willingness to help each other grow their businesses. They act as a part-time sales staff for each other, Foster said.

The Clarkston Chapter meets at 7:15 a.m., first and third Wednesdays, at Green Apple restaurant, Dixie Highway. Cost is \$35 per month, with a \$50, one-time application fee.

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Minesh Baxi shares his expertise with fellow networkers.

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Keiser's Role

A column by Trevor Keiser

What's love got to do with it?

Webster defines love as a "strong affection or a warm attachment." Used in a verb tense it means "to cherish or to feel a passion, devotion, or tenderness for."

Love is something that every human heart desires, something everyone longs to have, and to feel, as well as something every girl dreams about about hearing from boyfriend, fiance, and husband.

It is something that every guy thinks about telling a girl when he gets down on one knee and opens a box with a sparkling diamond ring, in hopes that she loves him enough to answer his question with a "yes, I love you and want to marry you."

But did you know that there are different kinds of love? In the Greek there are four types of love: Eros, Sorge, Philia, and Agape.

Eros- is where we get our English word "Erotica" from. This is a love relationship based purely on sexual attraction. Which sounds more like lust than "love" to me.

Unfortunately, this is the only love that some people, and couples have experienced, which is why I think the divorce rate is so high, because couples built there relationship based on sex and didn't know the deeper levels of love.

This brings me to the next type of love, Storge: often times described as "family love." The love relationship between mother, father, brothers and sisters. This love shows a commitment to family.

Next is Philia, which is "brotherly love" as many of you know the city of Philadelphia is called "the city of brotherly love."

This kind of love is not a family brother to brother love, but a brotherly love in the sense that you love and care about your fellow man, co-workers, and friends.

Finally there is Agape: this is the strongest form of love. It's what is known by preachers as "the God type of love" or "unconditional love." Agape love is the love that is supposed to be in a Marriage.

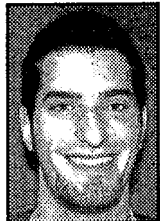
It's the love that expresses "no matter what, I will be faithful and stick by you until the end." It's a love of commmitment. It's the type of love Webster defined as "to feel a passion, devotion, or tenderness for."

According to Christian belief, Jesus told his disciples that the two greatest commandments were "to love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, and soul. and the second is to love your neighbor as yourself."

That's the kind of love people have when they lay down their lives and die for someone else.

As you go about your Valentines Day, think about what kind of loves you possess, and the kind of love you desire. And guys don't forget to take buy your girlfriends, fiances, and wives some candy, flowers, or perhaps both!

Happy Valentines Day!



The Clarkston Viewpoints

Signs, signs, everywhere a sign

Dear Editor,

Finally the issue of the temporary sign makes it back to the paper. I was glad to see the coverage ("Signing off," Jan. 30) but perhaps some additional historic perspective is needed.

Clarkston's current Zoning Ordinance, which addresses signage, was adopted in 1999.

The limitation on signs that the business owners now claim is "no signs at all" is what has been the law for over eight years. Until last year it was not enforced and the only reason it probably ever became an issue was that about three years ago the number of temporary signs was becoming ridiculous.

They were out during the day, out at night when the stores were closed, they fell on cars, business owners were actually fighting over where they could be located, they blocked the use of the sidewalk, and I am sure many recall last year when they were even in the streets taking parking spaces.

While the city has a history of not enforcing many of our ordinances, how far did everyone think they could go before the city had no choice?

Three years ago, when the issue was first raised, the city council decided to place a temporary moratorium on enforcement of the sign ordinance, which they weren't enforcing anyway. The planning commission discussed it for two years in public meetings that very few business owners attended.

At the meeting where they finally decided to keep the existing ordinance, only one business owner was in attendance, even though the subject of the meeting had been publicly announced.

That one business owner did put out a temporary sign but said she didn't care if they were allowed and she would stop if that was what was required.

It took some notices from the city manager, and some polite reminders from our police, but eventually most of the temporary signs disappeared. A notable exception is Max Broock who likes to put their temporary sign right next to the permanent sign that is in front of their temporary location on Depot.

Please see Cory Johnston on page A19

Letters to the editor

Pappas gets mayor's endorsement

Dear Editor,

Anyone who knows anything about the Clarkston city government knows Art Pappas has done an outstanding job above and beyond the call of service.

The Clarkston city government is as efficient and well-organized as it is because of Art Pappas. He has done his community a great service by serving as clerk, treasurer and city manager.

There is nothing illegal or even unethical about him holding these various posts. The vague accusations in a recent letter in this paper are unfounded and irresponsible. And it is odd that the same person just weeks ago wrote in with deservedly high praise for the work Art Pappas has done.

Since the time Art Pappas announced his earned and well-deserved retirement, I and others have tried to persuade him to stay on in some capacity. We are fortunate he has relented and agreed to stay on as part-time treasurer. That was his

decision. There was nothing unethical in the efforts to persuade him to continue to serve.

Fortunately, we have had plenty of time to think about how these various jobs should be performed. The city council has established a sub-committee of Kristy Ottman, Chuck Inabnit and me, to begin the process. We sought and received advice from the Michigan Municipal League, which recommended that this be handled by the council rather than by a citizen committee.

It is a very typical approach and recognizes it is the council's responsibility to make this selection.

Trying to find a replacement for Art Pappas in any one of these capacities will be difficult. To find a replacement for all three positions may seem impossible. I am confident the Clarkston City Council's deliberate and open approach to this significant transition will best serve the community.

Sharron Catalo
Clarkston Mayor

Thanks for help with senior center

Dear Editor,

Thank you to the local churches and businesses that shared their space for senior center programs while the new building and the Carriage House were under construction last fall. We are very grateful to them for helping us keep these programs going:

Calvary Evangelical Lutheran - Gentle Yoga and Strength and Stretch;

Clarkston Community Church - Melody Makers band practice and Trip parking;

Episcopal Church of the Resurrection - Euchre and Pinochle;

Deer Lake Racquet Club - Drop In Bridge.

Thank you also to those churches that continue to offer their activity spaces throughout the year. It is due to the generosity of these local churches that the senior adult activity center is able to offer a variety of exercise and health programs:

St. Trinity Lutheran Church - Power Volleyball;

St. Daniel Catholic Church - Tai Chi;

Clarkston United Methodist Church - Line Dancing; and

First Congregational Church - Flu Shot Clinic.

Margaret Bartos, Coordinator
Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center

Oils linked to breast growth in boys

Damn. It's getting harder and harder to be a boy these days. Don't believe me, read on and then try to tell me I'm full of estrogen.

Let's see . . . oh, long hair for boys is again considered stylish. Hmm . . . yep, I remember reading articles about teachers slighting lads to help prop up lasses in the studies of math and science. AND I recently read that certain types of shampoo have caused some young boys to -- ummm, er, how do I put this -- certain types of 'poo have caused boys to -- er -- grow breasts. (There I said it.)

Yep, the headline to an A.P. story read:

Oils linked to breast growth in boys

Zoinks! I don't just have a testicle out of joint. It's true. There is some sort of galactic conspiracy against boyhood. Read a couple of the opening paragraphs from the above stated A.P. story:

"BOSTON — Lavender and tea tree oils found in some shampoos, soaps and lotions can temporarily leave boys with enlarged breasts in rare cases, apparently by disrupting their hormonal balance, a preliminary study suggests. . . . The study reported on the condition, gynecomastia, in three boys ages 4, 7 and 10. They all went back to normal when they stopped using skin lotions, hair gel, shampoo or soap with the natural oils . . ."

You know, there used to be a time when boys had to work hard to get manboobs. Each day we had to eat three Whoppers while watching four hours of TV. Now, shampoos and oils with naturally occurring plant stuff does the trick. Gosh . . . it just ain't fair. When will the assault on boys end?

(Side prediction: Once the word gets out, young girls are gonna' run to the store to buy lavender and tea tree products to rub all over themselves, for the desired effect. This run on such products will cause the prices to rise.)

(Stock tip of the day: Invest in these products now, while they're still cheap.)

After reading the shocking news of manboob growing shampoo, I called Jennie, mother of our two boys Shamus, 10 and Sean 7. I know it is really their decision and not mine to make, but I don't want our boys having manboobs. I called because I wanted Jen to run to the bathroom. I wanted her to assure me the shampoos our boys use are lavender and tea-tree oil free. Like I said, it isn't my decision to make, but make it I did. I think they'll thank me later in life.

When in my state of trepidation called, Jen introduced

into the equation something she and her equally scientifically inclined friends recently discussed. "We were just talking about the possible link between soy and testicular cancer . . ."

Hold the phone, Roscoe! I thought soy embodies all that is wholesome and good. I thought soy was the savior of the planet. I thought soy, and all plant/vegetable products, were s'posed to be smackin' frackin' blizen rizen good for you!

**Don't
Rush Me**



**a column by
Don Rush**

I am not saying I do not trust Jen's wisdom, but I had to look into her accusation. It couldn't be true, could it?

I "Googled" soy and cancer. And, while I only found a few soy/testicular related articles, I did find lots of articles with headlines like this:

**Soya 'link' to male infertility
and . . .**

**Soy is an endocrine disrupter and can
damage your child's health**

Son of a -- what is going on out there?
I'll tell you what is going on, it's a conspiracy!

From the BBC News, with growing dismay I read:

"The humble soya bean may play a role in the problem of male infertility, a team of researchers in Belfast has found. Soya contains the female hormone oestrogen and too much of it is being linked to poor quality sperm.

"Dr. Lorraine Anderson says she found the link in research carried out at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Belfast."

What's worse, Anderson said, was that, "soya is not just consumed by vegetarians, it is contained in a lot of everyday processed foods . . . such as pizzas, any of those foods that you add hot water to, to reconstitute them, or some of the prepackaged dinners like steak and kidney pies."

Kidney pies aside, is nothing sacred?

Like I said, it's hard to be a boy these days. I don't know, maybe it isn't a conspiracy, but do I know one thing: I am gonna' catch proverbial hell when I put forth my very simplistic and unscientific conclusion that follows.

Don's bottom line -- plants are bad for you. Eat meat, live longer and be more masculine.

Comments for the wiggled-out Rush can be e-mailed to: dontrushmedon@charter.net

Keep holding council accountable

Dear Editor,

With interest I read the article in the Feb. 6 edition of *The Clarkston News* regarding the DPW overtime abuse.

City Councilman Cory Johnston questioned aspects of DPW practice and policy. Mayor Catallo thinks safety "is much more important than writing in a policy manual. . . . We don't need to be overwhelmed by rules."

Well, that may be true to an extent, but rules must be written as clear guidelines to be followed otherwise they are subject to interpretation or ignored. DPW Supervisor Bob Pursley acknowledged "guidelines in the employee handbook are vague . . ." and City Manager Art Pappas "told me to do what we've been doing and we'll address it later . . ."

Well, when does later come? When the city is in deficit? Who is supervising the DPW supervisor? Who calls into

question the budget as it's being spent taking note of approved budget, actual spent and projected outlay at current rate?

Then, curiously enough, further along into the paper, there is a picture of a tree on Main Street that was downed by strong winds and caught on power lines. Part of the caption read, "Workers with the Department of Public Works cleared it away within a day." Why was the DPW involved at all? A matter of safety because of the power lines? Well, then, wasn't that really a concern of DTE and the personal property owner? (Editor's note: the caption was in error. The homeowner contracted out the tree removal.)

I applaud Mr. Johnston for his tenacity for accountability by all.

**Arlene Stone
Clarkston**

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1993

"Seven school contracts settled" Contracts were settled for school district mechanics, grounds, maintenance, paraprofessionals, principals, and administrators. All received 4.5 percent pay raises.

"On call firefighter has evolved with department" Rex Fenstermaker was an on call Independence Township firefighter for 50 years, starting in 1943, and was still going strong.

25 years ago - 1983

"Schools brace for belt tightening" Budget-saving measures considered included a payless payday in June and depletion of the district savings account. State funding was delayed, for a shortfall of \$486,300, pending tax increases by the state.

"Streetlights, benches to adorn Main Street" Clarkston City Council was working on a plan for lights on Main Street, Depot Park bandstand, traffic study, planters, benches, and signage.

50 years ago - 1958

"All Stars play Rochester team" The Clarkston All Stars hockey team was set to take on the Rochester Royals on Mill Pond in Clarkston. Coaches promised an exciting game.

"Seniors attend UN seminar" In a trip sponsored by Clarkston United Methodist Church, two high school students spent a week in New York City and Washington D.C. The girls met with United Nations officials from around the world.

"Clarkston locals" Ferris Holcomb was in the hospital, but was recovering and in good spirits. He enjoyed receiving get-well mail from friends.

Pappas doesn't deserve attack

Dear Editor,

Although I am not a resident of Clarkston, I feel compelled to respond to Tom Stone's letter to the editor last week.

Having grown up in Clarkston, and now residing in another small town, Chelsea, Michigan, I realize that city politics can be fraught with conflict.

But to imply that Art Pappas is unethical and incapable of serving Clarkston could not be further from the truth.

I have known Art Pappas for 41 years. I am 100 percent certain of his honesty, work ethic, and commitment to Clarkston.

I have witnessed it first hand, since he is my father.

Mr. Stone, you should be ashamed of your letter. Art Pappas has the most integrity of any man I know.

My entire family and countless Clarkston residents are proud and thankful for what he has contributed to the City of Clarkston.

**Amanda Pappas Higgins
Chelsea**



John Smail dancing with his daughter Julia.



Audre Dekoninck and Madelyn Collard along with a couple friends look like they're playing "Ring around the Rosey."

May I have this dance?

Clarkston Community Education hosted the Daddy Daughter Valentines dance Saturday, Feb. 16. A group of girls from Clarkston High School's National Honors Soci-

ety volunteered to help out. The fathers, along with there "little ladies," were able to get a professional picture taken by Unique image photography.



Kevin Frick with his daughter Haley dancing to "My little girl," by Tim Mcgraw.



C'mon Ride the Train C'mon... Photos by Trevor Keiser

Independence Twp.

Fri., Feb 1 A 49-year-old Davisburg woman called police after watching for about 15 minutes as two children sat alone in a running, unlocked car parked at a grocery store near Maybee Road and Dixie Highway. Police arrived and talked to the children, ages 8 and 1, for several minutes before their father came out of the store. A report was sent to the Family Independence Agency, and police called the children's mother to pick up the children after learning the man was driving with a suspended license.

Sun., Feb 3 An Independence Township woman living in the 5100 block of Bronco Drive called police after an argument with her former husband became heated. The man told police he was angry because the woman removed his weapons from the home, which they continue to share.

A 19-year-old Davisburg woman filed a police report after an unknown man driving a black 4-door Pontiac Grand Prix followed her around town. The woman called 911 and dispatchers advised her to drive to the Independence Township substation, where she filed the report.

Mon., Feb 4 A 21-year-old Independence Township man was issued an appearance citation after deputies pulled him over on a traffic violation on Maybee Road near Sheringham and discovered him in possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

A 37-year-old employee at a grocery store

Public Safety

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

near Dixie Highway and Maybee Road filed a police report claiming he may have been set up for blackmail or other malicious intent in retaliation for the termination of another employee. The man told police he exchanged phone numbers with a flirtatious young woman who approached him in the store the same evening, and the two later arranged to meet in a nearby hotel. At the onset of intimate activities, however, the door burst open and two masked photographers, one of similar build to the terminated employee, began taking photos. The man, who said the woman might have been underage, told police he feared his fiancé would find out, or that he could face legal trouble for the incident.

Mon., Feb 5 The owner of a business in the 4500 block of Pelton Road called police after arriving at work to discover someone had pried open the back door and ransacked the office. No cash was onsite, and nothing of value was missing, but the owner said she believes the suspects caused about \$200 in damage.

Tues., Feb 6 Deputies were dispatched to a grocery store on Dixie Highway after a caller complained of a man harassing customers in

the parking lot. The man, who is homeless and often approaches shoppers to ask for money or make obscene comments to women, was issued a citation and arraigned in court on trespassing and an older disorderly person charge. He was transported to Oakland County Jail after he was unable to post bond, set at \$2,000. Police have encountered the man a number of times in recent months and asked him to stay away from the local businesses and shoppers.

Wed., Feb 7 A 42-year-old Highland Township man called police after discovering someone smashed out the rear window of his vehicle while it was parked at Deer Lake Athletic Club between 8:30-10 p.m. A computer bag was missing from inside.

A 44-year-old Independence Township woman filed a police report after discovering someone fraudulently withdrew \$571.25 from her account at Comerica Bank. The woman also reported that a woman using the name of "Candance Smith" opened a Best Buy account in her name, and also charged \$1,000 on her Macy's account.

Fri., Feb 8 Deputies were dispatched to assist the Independence Township Fire Depart-

ment with a Saint Bernard who was struggling in the half-frozen lake near Chalet Villa Apartments. Firefighters went into the water to rescue the dog, which was then returned to its owner without injury.

Sat., Feb 9 Deputies dispatched to a vehicle in a snow bank at Dixie Highway and M-15 discovered the car was driven by an 81-year-old Detroit man who was reported missing several days earlier. The man, an Alzheimer's patient, gave police a difficult time but was eventually transported to the Independence Township substation, where family members arrived to pick him up.

A 35-year-old Independence Township woman was arrested and jailed on charges of domestic violence after a fight with her soon-to-be-ex husband became physical.

Sex sting catches Clarkston man

Ryan Raymer, 28, of Clarkston was arraigned last week on felony sex charges after being caught in an Internet sting.

Raymer was arrested outside a western Wayne County restaurant Tuesday after he showed up for a sex encounter with a Wayne County Sheriff's official posing online as a 14-year-old girl, according to a report printed Feb. 8 in *The Detroit News*.

Raymer remains jailed pending trial.

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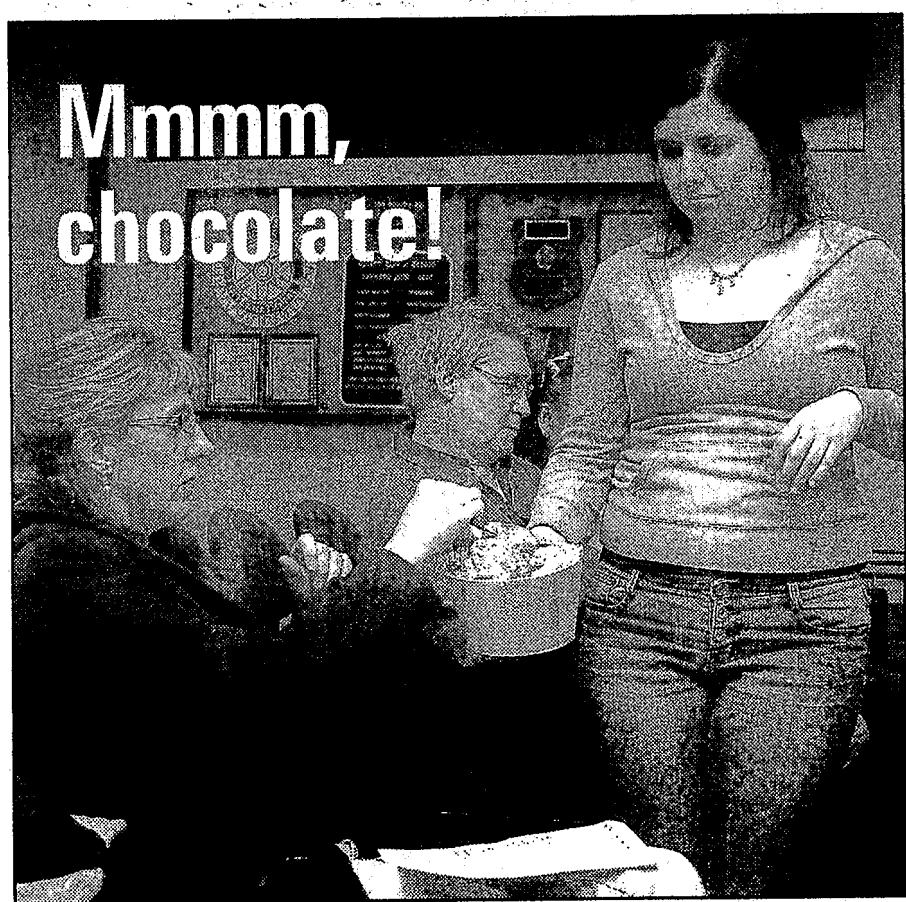
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Mmmm,
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Lapeer resident Jennifer Gingell, left, grabs a chocolate sample from Keegan Sulecki of The Chocolate Moose in Clarkston. At right, Christie Kojima, owner of The Chocolate Moose. Below right, chocolates don't always need a box. Show them off with some clear cellophane and pretty ribbon. Photos by Casey Curtis.

Chocolate seminar tickles the tastebuds

BY CASEY CURTIS
Special to The Clarkston News

Christie Kojima, owner of The Chocolate Moose in Clarkston, taught some science of the sweet confection last week during a Chocolate 101 seminar at Oxford Public Library.

She talked about the many different types of chocolate, how they're used in baking and how not to use it.

"This is one instance you need to know about chemistry," she told the audience.

For example, "real" chocolate contains cocoa butter, which makes it an "unstable" product that can spoil quickly.

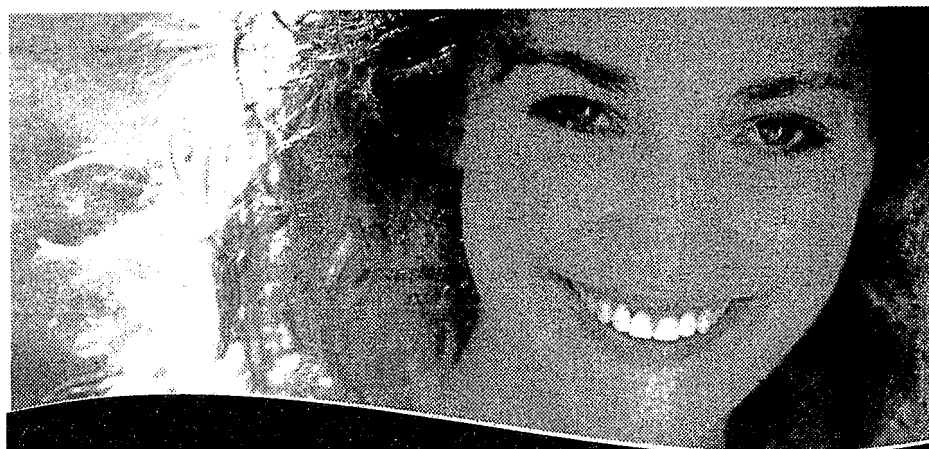
If it's not tempered, or cooled and heated so that it will solidify with a stable cocoa butter crystal formation, properly, you could have serious problems.



"Working with real chocolate is a very difficult process," she said.

Kojima also gave the attendees short-cut tips on how to create their own chocolate molds, where to purchase the best chocolate for baking, as well as where to order special boxes and bags for occasions like a shower or wedding.

Afterward, the group got to nibble on some peppermint bark ala The Chocolate Moose.



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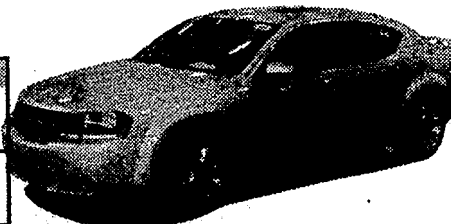
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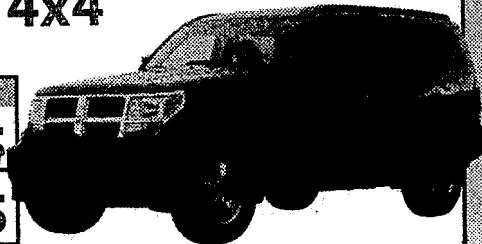
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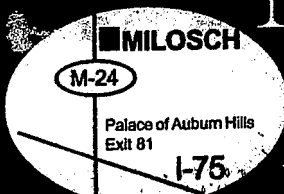
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Pay raises reflect hard work, trustees say

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in our society, doctors and engineers, is their compensation, even people that make very nominal money as part-time employees, wherever they may work," he said.

Freezing trustee salaries would "devalue the role of the trustee," he said.

Vanderveen agreed.

"Speaking for myself, I value the time that you've spend. You come into the township office, we share ideas, we bounce ideas off each other and I value all of you. I certainly don't want this to diminish what you do," she said.

"When it comes down to the actual money, it's not a lot. If we can at least put this forward in appreciation for what you do for this board and this township, I think you should take the increase."

"I think what we're looking for here is to say 'what is good for the goose is good for the gander,'" said Wenger.

"To discriminate between the part time trustees and the full time, to me, is asinine."

Wagner said he also appreciates input from trustees.

"It doesn't matter if you agree or disagree with me," he said.

"We've had those disagreements, a lot of them over this last year. I think it's very healthy and I do appreciate it and I think that you should be rewarded."

Dunn said his concern was whether or not trustees were fairly compensated.

"I agree with Mr. Travis we're not here to make money, but we should at least evaluate whether or not that the amount of time that's put in and the amount of cost that we do incur," he said.

Dunn said the board should look at other townships and what their trustees do, before the next election.

"We would probably want to look at this sooner than later because we do have an election coming," he said. "Then at least people coming into it will know what it is and we can move ahead. It's not an issue where we are necessarily voting for our own raises."

Local attorney and resident Neil Wallace said the problem is officials voting on their own salaries.

"They ought to have somebody looking at that and giving them an objective opinion, so we're confident as citizens that their conduct is not just self serving," Wallace said.

"I understand that this three percent is in keeping with inflation, but to just do three percent across the board for elected officials without any study of what's right seems to me to be misguided. You hear others say 'other communities give more.' What other communities? Are they communities of comparable size and effort?"

Suspect caught on video

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building otherwise gated off from the gym area, where Clarkston was hosting wrestlers and spectators from 10 different schools in the Macomb/Oakland County Duals.

The man shows up numerous times on surveillance video, said Baldes, where he is seen checking doors in different areas of the school; the classroom he finally entered, B213, was unlocked.

The tapes also show the man loading the stolen equipment into a dark-colored, four-door vehicle around 6:20 p.m. while a number of people stream in and out of the building.

Police sent video footage to each of the nine visiting schools, and got a lucky break in the case Friday when Lake Orion High School's athletic director Bill Reese recognized the man as the father of one of the school's wrestlers.

An address was provided, but no one

answered when police arrived at the Oxford home Friday evening.

The following day, however, a Lake Orion High School official called police in Independence Township to report Griffin was at a wrestling event in the school's gym.

Deputies arrived and arrested Griffin just as he walked outside to light a cigarette.

During a follow-up investigation, police found an empty storage bin and a Canon camera box in the trunk of Griffin's car, and other identifiable objects in his home.

Griffin's wife, who was home when police arrived the second time, told officers she had no knowledge of the merchandise, and told police "her husband brings home electronic items all the time."

The woman also said she thought her husband might be abusing prescription drugs.

According to Independence Township police, Griffin has a prior criminal record.



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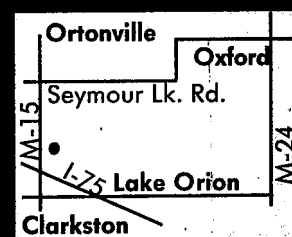


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Cagers collapse Colts

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Two more wins should help solidify Clarkston cagers' number one ranking in OAA I.

The Wolves beat Macomb Dakota, 56-38, and Troy, 61-38, bringing their overall record, 14-2.

"I expected a very competitive game," said Fife

"They (Colts) do a great job in there. We knew it was going to be physical. Their kids are aggressive and this is a big game for them to play us. I know they look forward to this game and the coach does a good job."

Oliver Kupe and Julius Porter jumpstarted the first quarter of the game, but Troy kept them on their toes, turning over the ball and keeping the score close. As the seconds counted down in the first quarter, they were tied at 13 each. Kupe bounced the ball off the rim, but was there for the rebound. He caught it and put it through, ending the quarter 15-13.

Kupe scored 10 points in the first



Matt Kamieniecki works his way through Colts' defense.

quarter and Porter added five.

Colts continued to remain close, but by the time the first half ended, Clarkston led by eight points.

With the lead, they were able to give themselves breathing room.

"I think it really helped us out a lot," said Fife.

They opened the gap, ending the game 23 points ahead.

Clarkston's top four scorers were in double digits at the end of the game: Oliver Kupe, 14; Julius Porter, 13; Matt Kamieniecki, 12;

and Brandon Pokley 11.

High scorers from Troy were Jason Wise (10), Larry Lindsey (7), and Drew Fairless (6).

"We are in the last part of our season, so any game we play will be a big game for us," said Fife.

Clarkston has four games left in the regular season, with two games this week, Thursday against Southfield-Lathrup, Friday against Utica.

The JV team will begin at 5:30 p.m. with Varsity following.



Oliver Kupe looks for an open teammate.



Athlete of the Week

Jake Rush hopes to just keep swimming

BY WENDIREARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Jake Rush marked the swim team's last home meet as a day of victory.

During the meet against Berkley, he swam the 100 yard backstroke event in 56.61 seconds. He shaved four seconds off of his time and set the pool record.

Rush said he felt very good about his accomplishment.

"It was surprising. But good. I have been working on it for a few years."

"We were very proud and excited for him," said mom, Pam Rush. "He was a good back stroker from the start."

Pam knew it was going to happen because he had been working on it throughout the season.

When he started swimming, Pam thought it was a good sport for him. "He had always liked the water. It's a good team sport and able to work on your personal best."

Jake started swimming in middle school. "It was for something to do. I wanted to participate in a different sport."

When he was in seventh grade, one of the lifeguards suggested Jake join the Sea wolves.

Over the summer before his sophomore year, he improved and got better.

As a junior, he is ready for college and plans to go into the engineering field. Jake wants to improve his skills and become an

engineer, with hopes of helping the economy.

He grew up with cars and working on them with his dad. When he is not swimming, his job involves working with cars.

His continuation of swimming in college will depend on the school.

"If it's a good college, with a good swim program then yes," he said. "If it's a smaller college then probably not."

While swimming takes a lot of time with practice before and after school, he maintains a 3.4 average in his required classes.

He spends the most amount of his free time with friends or working.

Jake and his teammates still have one more meet before their OAA League meet on Feb. 22.

The snow last Thursday postponed their last meet with Lake Orion to Tuesday.

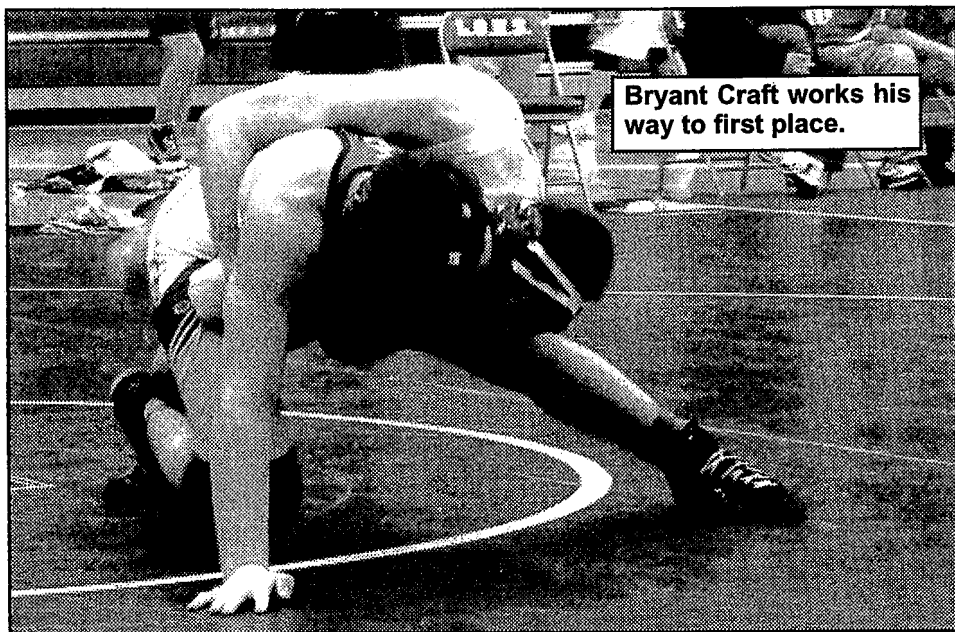
"They're a good team," said Jake. "I am excited to swim them."



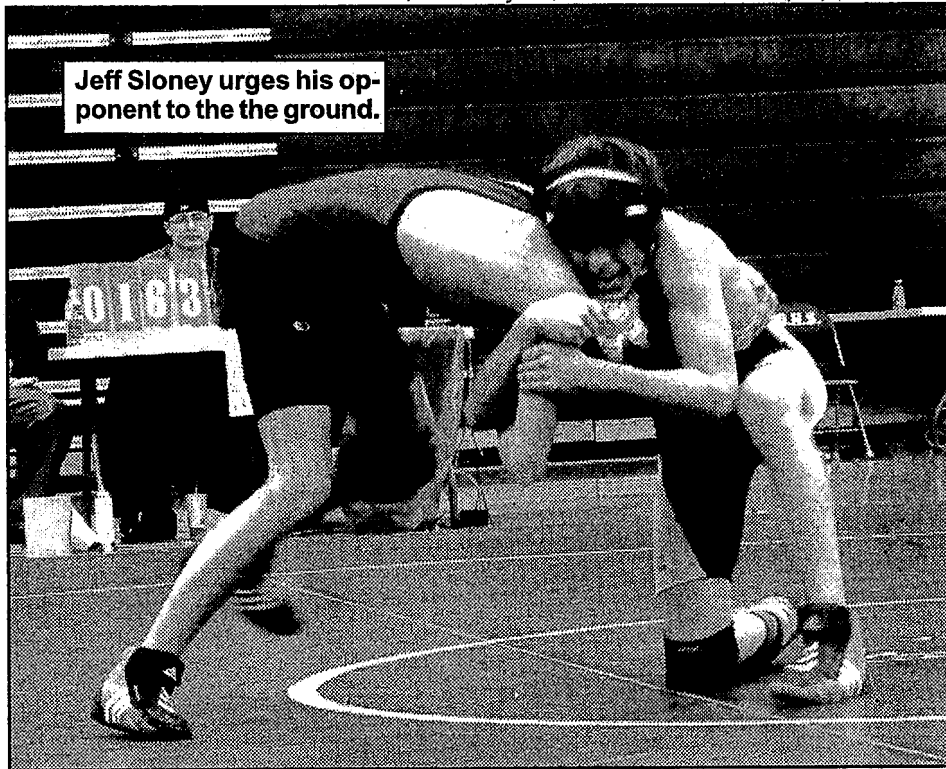
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Bryant Craft works his way to first place.



Jeff Sloney urges his opponent to the the ground.

Toughened up

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Clarkston grapplers tied for second place in the OAA I league meet at Lake Orion High School on Saturday.

Clarkston, Lake Orion, and Rochester Adams entered the tournament in a three-way tie, each with 7-1 league records.

Lake Orion's grapplers came in first, earning 221 points.

Clarkston and Rochester Adams tied for second place with 142 points.

"It was probably the toughest league meets we have had in years," said coach Joe DeGain. "It was good to get them ready for the post season."

This was the second time in six years the Wolves lost first place to Lake Orion.

Clarkston walked away with three champions, Adam Lauzun (171), Bryant Craft (189), and Matt Deitz (125).

Lauzun beat Rochester's Pete Wasziewicz, 9-3, while Craft defeated Lake Orion's Evan Gros, 9-5. Deitz won his match with two points against Rochester Adams.

In third place were Jeff Sloney (103), Matt Vandermeer (152), Eric Butterfield (160) and Sloan Hadsall (215).

Sloney defeated Lake Orion's Lance Grzadzinski by two points, 16-14.

Vandermeer defeated Nick Parrett from Troy by one point, 3-2.

Butterfield won by major decision, 12-1, over Nick Heiple from Rochester Adams.

Hadsall won his match against Avondale's Brandon Miklja, 5-3.

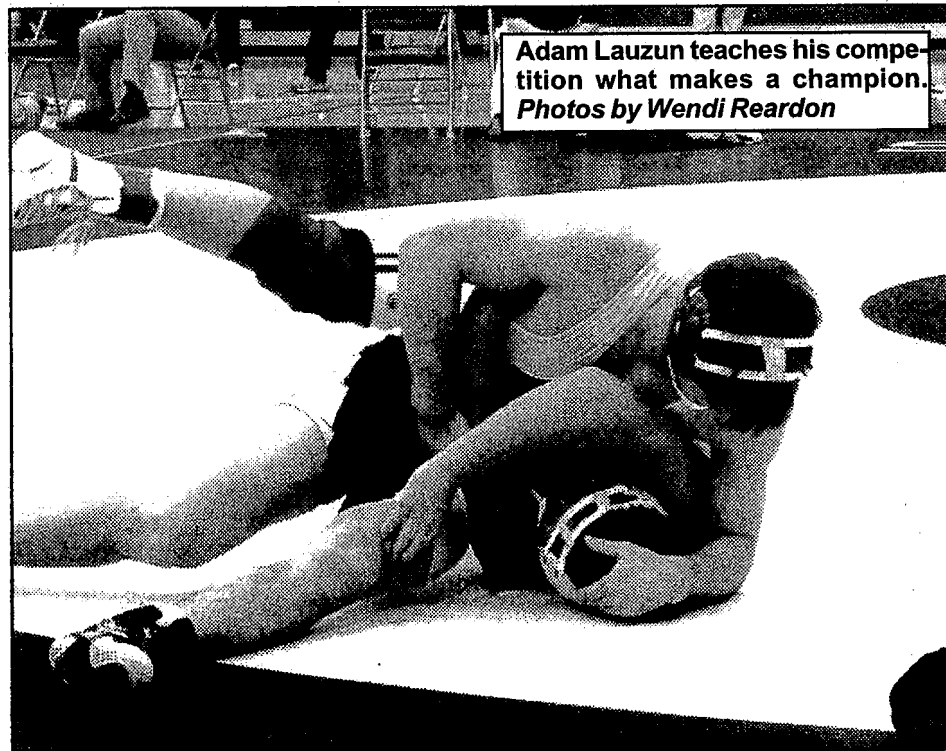
Ty Foltz (112) placed in fourth.

The Wolves are now in the post season and will wrestle in MHSAA Team Districts on Thursday at Waterford Mott High School. The competition begins at 6 p.m.

"We have beaten both teams we are wrestling against," said DeGain. "If we perform like we can, we should be all set."

They will continue on Saturday in the individual competition of districts. This competition will be at Walled Laked Western High School, beginning at 10 a.m.

If they do well at district, they go on to regionals next week.



Adam Lauzun teaches his competition what makes a champion. Photos by Wendi Reardon


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Johnston keeps Lady Wolves in the game

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Lady Cagers back-to-back games at the end of the week left them split, and brought their overall record to 11-7.

The ladies won their Saturday game against Kettering, 37-24.

The team found their lead at the end of the first quarter and built from there.

Team Captain Julie Porter shot a field goal with a minute left in the first quarter, bringing Kettering into the lead by one point.

Jennifer Johnston did not give Kettering too much time to celebrate their lead as she brought the Wolves back into the lead with a two-point bucket.

Taylor Daugherty added one more point at the line to send the Wolves with a two-point lead, 9-7.

In the second quarter, the Wolves scored eight points and brought up their defense.

They ended the game, 37-24.

High scorers against Kettering were Taylor Daugherty (12), Alyssa Swindlehurst (7), and Jennifer Johnston (6).

"I think we lost a little pep in our step from last night. It is tough playing back-to-back games," said coach Tim Wasilk. "I thought Kettering did a nice job. They had a lot of shots tonight, Kettering just



Makeala Parrish keeps the ball away from Kettering.

wasn't making their shots, that kind of helped us with the fast break and get our shots. We defended pretty well."

School cancellation on Thursday postponed their game against Rochester to Friday.

"It was a great game," said Wasilk.

They were down 31-16 going into the second half. Rochester found a tough defense build in the

third quarter and only scored four points. They continued strong into the last quarter. They were down to one point within the last minute, but Rochester pulled back up to win 47-41.

"First half was a little rough," said Wasilk. "We came back second half, responded down to one point within the last minute, we had a couple of opportunities to go ahead and just didn't get it done.

We played a pretty nice game. I think our girls are playing their best basketball at this point of the season. I'm proud of the girls and how they are responding."

High scorers for the Rochester game were Kaleigh Kenny 17, Taylor Daugherty 11, and Jennifer Johnston 7.

The ladies have two more games this week before they start district play-offs. They played Southfield-

Lathrup in their last home game on Tuesday.

On Thursday, they travel to Marian High School with JV beginning at 5:30 p.m. and Varsity following.

Play-offs begin Monday, Feb. 18. They will play Oxford at 5:30 p.m. at Waterford Kettering High School.

"We will take it one game at a time," said Wasilk.

Racing for the state finals

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The weather started to cooperate for the ski teams last week and brought them fresh snow for their two days of races.

The girls Varsity team took second place with 72.5 points earned from the slalom and giant slalom.

Boys Varsity team took sixth place with a total of 203 points from both races.

The girls earned 13 points in the slalom. Hannah Wolf placed first (:45.18), followed by Kelly Peters in third (:46.90), Maddy Dunn in fourth (:47.17), Analicia Honkanen in fifth (:48.22), and Erica Halsey in seventh (:48.22).

In the second day of the divisional meet, coach Mike Foyteck raced girls who normally don't get a chance to race.

"It was exciting to see girls who haven't raced. It was a great team event," said Foyteck. "I was pleased with the team effort."

In the giant slalom, the ladies earned 59.5 points. Heather Baron placed in 10th (:43.37), Caitlyn Spinweber in 15th (:44.05), Katelyn Schermerhorn in 16th (:44.17), and Lauren Horner in 18.5 spot (:44.34).

The boys team had 96 points in the slalom. Seniors Chris Bland and Tyler Kenerson placed in the top 10. Bland placed in fifth (:43.69) and Kenerson was in ninth (:44.69).

In the giant slalom, they had 107 points. Bland placed 11th (:40.86) and Kenerson in 16th (:41.18).

This week the teams have their regional race on to qualify for the state final on Feb. 19 at Pine Knob Ski Resort.

The regional race will be on

Thursday, Feb. 14. If there are weather issues that make it hard for the teams to compete, they will race the next day.

The three schools with the lowest point totals from the slalom and giant slalom will go on to the finals.

"I am planning on a good day for the girls. They look real solid," said Foyteck.

"Our boys are going to have their work cut out for them. You never know though. Our two seniors, Bland and Kenerson are doing really well. They have a chance to make it in divisionals."

Clarkston will compete against school they have seen compete and some they have not seen.

The regional race on Thursday will be held at Mount Holly and will begin at 8:30 a.m.

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Kicker Kupe ready for future

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Oliver Kupe smiled as he signed his letter of intent to attend and play soccer for Northwestern last Wednesday.

Wednesday was national signing day for many high school seniors. It marked the first day they could sign their letters of intent to which college they will be attending in the fall.

"I felt very excited," said Kupe. "It was a big relief knowing where I am going to college and Northwestern is an amazing place. I am really looking forward to it."

The Big Ten college was able to create an atmosphere with athletics and academics, both important to Kupe, as he plans to study business.

"It's fantastic," said Varsity soccer coach Adam Bican. "A lot of kids make their choice on where they go because of sports, Oliver made the choice because of academics. That's what sets him apart."

"We're very excited for him to become a Wildcat," said Northwestern soccer coach Tim Lenahan. "He had tremendous athleticism in both soccer and basketball and has a great potential to help us."

Lenahan record stands at 180-121-31, ranking him among the national leaders in winning percentage among Division I coaches.

Northwestern saw him play and approached him about attending their college. He spent the last season of high school



Oliver Kupe signs his letter of intent for Northwestern. Photo by Wendi Reardon

soccer leading his team to the state finals.

In the first game of the finals, Kupe scored the three goals that took the team to the final game against Kentwood.

Kupe was named all-league, all-district, and all-regional and first team all-state. Also, he is part of the Michigan Dream Team.

He ended the season with 24 goals and 18 assists.

Kupe chose soccer over basketball, for him it was an easy decision

I am a better soccer player, he said.

He has been playing the sport longer than he has been playing basketball. He began

playing soccer when he was in kindergarten.

The Kupe family moved to Clarkston when Oliver was in third grade. Since then, he has gained friends, fans, and notoriety for his athletic skills.

"There was a big support from everyone coming out," said Bican. "It shows how many people he has touched since being here."

"I'm excited my friends and family were there to support me," said Kupe.

Northwestern had a total of five signers on Wednesday. Kupe and John Rogers from Detroit Country Day were the only two from Michigan.

Icers set for rematch

The week began for Varsity icers Tuesday when the played ranked number one Farmington. They lost, 8-2.

"It wasn't a good game for us," said coach Bryan Krygier. "They are a strong team this year."

Going to the Trenton Showcase Friday and Saturday, they played St. Clair Shores Unified and lost, 2-1, but the next day, they followed up with a game against St. Clair and won 4-3.

On Thursday, they face Lake Orion in a rematch.

"They beat us the first game, so we owe them one."

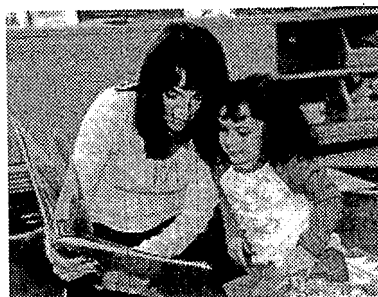
Saturday will be "Senior Night" as the Wolves host North Farmington.

"It should be another good game for us," he said. "They just have to be mentally ready and make shots on net."

Both games begin at 6 p.m. and will be at the Detroit Skate Center in Bloomfield Hills.

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Bonus justified by savings, hard work

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came up with this particular project. I think the department heads would appreciate us doing something like this," said Wagner. "It gives incentive to look to the future and to know that the board is willing to do something extra for them."

Travis voted for the stipend with reservations.

"As a public sector, it's very different than a corporate world. I cannot find in my experience any reference to bonuses or that sort of thing granted to employees of public units of government," he said.

If money were given on the basis of overtime and justified by receipts and time logs, he would have "no problem of some way recognizing that additional, over and above top payment for a merit," Travis said.

Kelly said he shares Travis's concerns regarding merit pay.

Many employees "go above and beyond" and work overtime, but most of what they do is within their job descriptions, he said.

This wasn't the case for Belcher, Kelly said. "He prepared blue prints, negotiated contracts with a number of suppliers at fantastic rates for the township," said Kelly. "He basically acted as the general contractor overseeing the construction. All of which is not in his job qualification or duties."

Dunn said he has looked through the Statu-

tory Authority book and found nothing prohibiting them from paying a bonus because it doesn't affect the salary pay.

"The employees here should know if they go above and beyond that there may be something there for them," he said. "It's discretionary, we don't even have to give merit pay next year if we don't want to no matter how many applications we have, but at the same time I think it's something that is appropriate and I think it's fiscally responsible on our part."

Wenger said he was concerned about criteria for bonus pay.

"Do we want to go forward with this? And if we are, are we going to have criteria? What would take an event to qualify? Could there be multiple qualifiers?"

Rosso said they should establish criteria for "special projects."

"I have no problem if we have 'special projects,' because if you get into this merit pay, it may be that someone is working better and more efficiently, which is a judgment call," he said.

Clerk Shelagh Vanderveen said bonuses would create a management nightmare.

"Already there is dissension amongst departments. They look at salaries; they look at job descriptions, now you throw this into the mix," she said. "It's only going to make matters worse."

Kelly said the board should have discretion.

Sign law keeps walkers safer

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Meanwhile they have decided to not move back into their permanent building on Main Street ("Max Broock can't go home again," Jan. 30) that has two permanent signs on it.

Apparently for some businesses you can never have too many signs and if they happen to be in violation of the local ordinance, it doesn't matter to either the business or the city. I hope this is not what all the business owners want to do.

Now don't get me wrong, I think our downtown businesses have been ignored for far too long and I think very few of us promote and patronize the businesses enough.

I recommended Mr. Bondy, a Clarkston resident and business owner, for the planning commission because I believe the business owners need to be represented and have their voice heard.

But again, let's look at the history of this issue. The signs are, and always have been, illegal.

One of the reasons these temporary signs are illegal is because they impede the safe use of our sidewalks for their intended use which I am pretty sure is for people to walk on, not to fill with signs.

That means the correct procedure is to either obey the law or get the law changed, not to

ignore the law.

So here is my opinion and I hope it provides at least a little assistance in solving this problem. The businesses do need advertising and promotion but they cannot have it if it puts the public at risk and harms or hinders others.

The sidewalks are public, for walking and for getting to the businesses.

I don't want our sidewalks, or the streets, filled with signs. I want them filled with people. Put the signs on buildings, put flags out—also against the ordinance but I think we can change that.

How about in the planters that are outside the stores? How about on all those light poles that have nice little brackets on them and generally have nothing on them? How about community signs at the parking lots and intersections so people know where things are and what else is in town? How about the businesses and City working together and come up with a solution that does not hinder the use of the sidewalks by people?

Let's all be a little more creative because that's what being successful in business is all about. It is also what makes a successful city and I think we all agree that would be better for everyone.

**Cory Johnston
Clarkston**

"I know the concerns of opening the door of a merit or bonus pay, but I also know the benefits of that," he said. "I would think that the board should take on the responsibility of looking at it on a case by case basis."

Township resident Neil Wallace said he proposed a merit system for employees in the past.

"But if you're going to do it on a ad hoc basis, a one-off time, that doesn't make sense to me," said Wallace. "There ought to be a system in place for determining in advanced what they're going to do about merit pay."

Belcher said he did not expect a bonus.

"I would do it again regardless and I didn't expect anything additional, but thank you," he said.

The senior center project cost \$245,942, including new phone system, fire suppression, parking lot lights, and extra dumpsters. It was appraised by the assessing department at \$360,000.

Bowlers knock over competition

The JV bowling teams played their last league games Saturday.

The girls team beat Walled Lake Western, 21-9. With the win, they finished third in the Northern Oakland Lakes Conference tournament.

The girls finished first in the conference for the season with a 6-1 record. The girls beat Walled Lake Western 21-9.

Alice Meyer won both of her games with 190 and 123. Ashley Batzer won her first game with 167 and lost the second with 117. Caitlyn Stebbins also won her first game (156) and lost her second (147).

Eileen Gemborys (134), Emma Burder (131), Courtney Ziola (119), and Stephanie Wiley (145) lost their games. The JV boys team lost to Lake Orion, 19-11.

Zack Farough (179, 146), Jason Mast (125, 160), and Nate Kock (148, 132) lost both of their games. Chris Benedict and Bobby Peterson lost a game and won a game. Benedict lost his first game with 156, but won his second with 164. Peterson won his first game with 187, but lost his second one with 126.

The JV boys and girls teams have their state tournament this weekend. There is a single tournament on Saturday followed by a team tournament on Sunday. Both will be at Sunnybrook Lanes in Sterling Heights.

Both begin at 8 a.m.

"The outlook for the girls is positive. They have been bowling well and that should carry over," said JV girls coach Rodney Pierson. "The boys have some wonderful opportunities as well."

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People Poll

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Favorite romantic movie?



"Sleepless in Seattle."
-Cindy Facciolla



"Emma" or "Ever After."
-Gina Marie Hernandez



"Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind."
-Carl Sjostrand



"Sleepless in Seattle."
-Pam Marr

By Wendi Reardon

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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

Healthy hearts

Independence Township woman shares heart attack's life lessons

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Something didn't feel right to Shirley Kell of Independence Township after New Year's celebrations 11 years ago.

She thought it was probably indigestion, but just to make sure, she went to her physician, Dr. James O'Neill at Clarkston Medical Group.

"I didn't have any symptoms. I just knew something was wrong," said Kell, 58. "I couldn't describe it. It didn't hurt. There was no pressure - I thought maybe I ate or drank too much. I didn't know."

Electrocardiogram test seemed normal, but doctors ordered a blood enzyme test to make sure. The test, which looks for heart-muscle enzymes in the blood, indicating damaged heart cells from cardiac arrest, came back positive.

"Two days later, I had quadruple bypass surgery," she said.

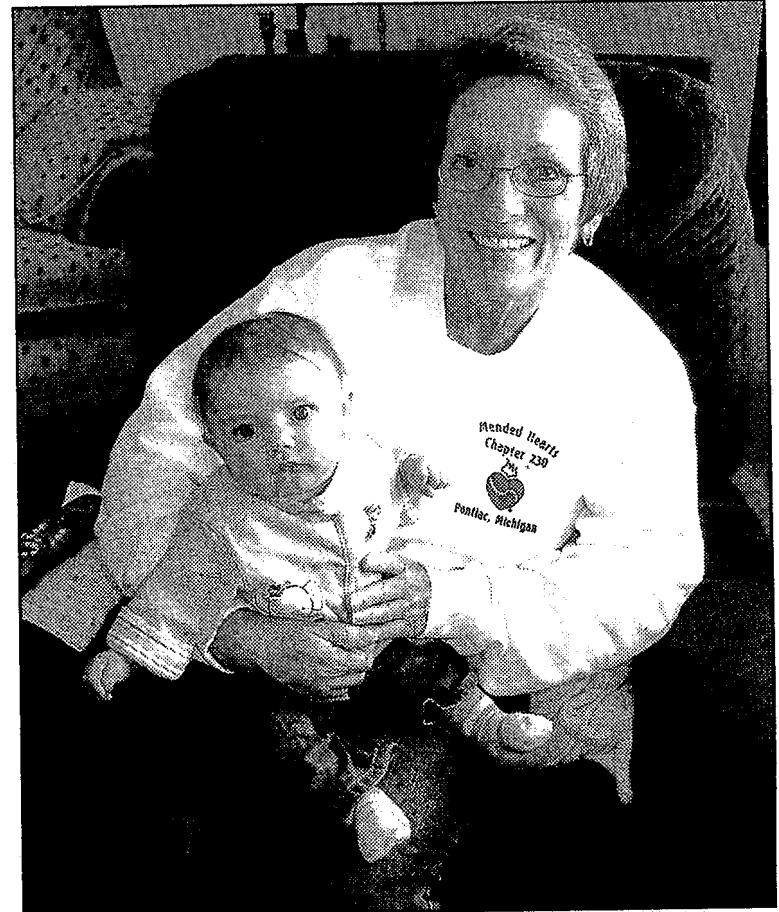
Now, after years of rehabilitation exercises and lifestyle changes, she helps educate others as spokesperson for American Heart Association's local Mended Hearts support group.

"Someone visited me in the hospital from Mended Hearts," she said. "So I joined - it's personally rewarding. I like to help other people."

February is American Heart Month, she said.

"Heart disease is America's number one killer," she said.

Volunteers, trained and accredited by Mended Hearts, visit patients at the hospital before or after surgery, as well as those diagnosed with angina, hypertension, and heart attack. Last year, they made more than 224,000 visits nationwide to heart patients, families and



Shirley Kell spends time with her family, including granddaughter Addyson Kell, as well as volunteers with Mended Hearts. Photo by Phil Custodio

caregivers in person, online or by phone, Kell said.

"We offer tangible proof that there can be a quality life associated with heart disease, despite the challenges," she said.

"The good news is that due to advances in treatment and diagnosis there are more and more procedures and patients recovering than ever before. However, that also means that there is an increasing

number of patients who need the reassurance and emotional support that comes most effectively from someone who has 'been there.' Listening is an important part of the visit and it helps the patient to know they're with someone who has been through a similar experience."

Mended Hearts partners locally with St. Joseph Mercy Oakland. All visits are made with hospital and/

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Around Town

Inclusive cross-country ski clinics, 12-2 p.m., Feb. 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.

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

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

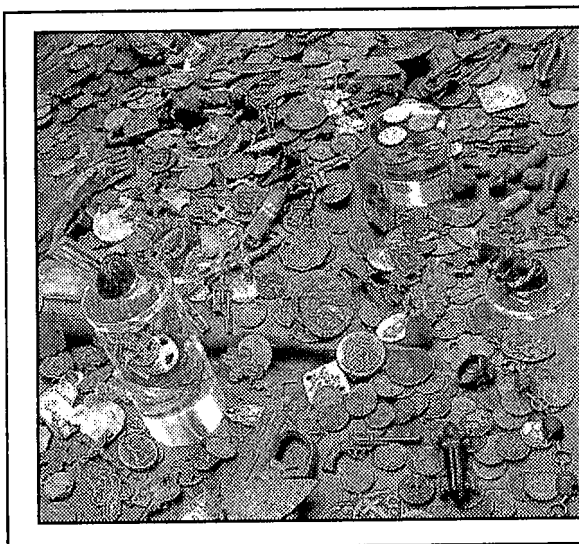
Wild Game Dinner, 6-8 p.m., Feb. 16, American Legion Post 63, 8047 Ortonville Road. 248-625-9912. Elk, wild boar, deer, walleye, salmon. Gun raffle by Randy's Gun Center of Bad Ax. \$17.50.

STAND Strength Team, 6 p.m., Feb. 16, Davisburg United Methodist Church, 803 Broadway. Athletes use feats of strength to demonstrate positive, motivating messages on making right choices. 248-634-3373.

Early American Living History Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 16; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 17. Springfield Oaks County Park, Davisburg. Sponsored by Chief Pontiac Trail Boy Scouts. \$3/general. Free/children under 12 with adult. Benefits Chief Pontiac Trail Clinton Valley Council youth programs. 248-338-0035.

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.

Clarkston Community Women's Club, 7 p.m., Feb. 21, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Rd, Clarkston. Program: Face Reading by Lin Klaassen, personality profiler. 248-623-9462



Treasure from the deep

Dick Ellis' shipwreck treasures will be on display Feb. 26 at Clarkston Community Historical Society's "meet and greet." at Independence Township Library. *Photo provided.*

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.

Benefit dinner, Polish Women's Alliance for Zamek Polish Dancers, 5-8 p.m., Feb. 25, Pete's Coney Island II, Dixie Highway. Authentic Polish food, music. 248-961-0954.

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

Fiesta Fundraiser and Silent Auction, Oakland County Fairboard Association, 5:30-9 p.m., March 1, Springfield Oaks Activity Center, 12451 Andersonville Road. \$7/general, free/under 5.

All-you-can-eat tacos, nachos, ice cream. Mini-western carnival. 248-634-8830.

Winter Fishing Tournament, Independence Oaks County Park. 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 boathouse drop box. Fishing license and vehicle permit required.

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

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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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Alex Dzewitt



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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.

LBN-Independence Township Chapter, 7:15 a.m., second and fourth Thursdays, North Oakland County Board of Realtors, 4400 W. Walton. Call Stacy Meagher, 248-241-6000.

Lego Robotics, 6-7 p.m., Thursdays, through March 6. Grades 4-8. Levels 1 and 2. \$40/residents, \$45/non-residents. Hart Community Center, Davisburg. 248-634-0412.

Catapults/Trebuchet, 7:15-8:15 p.m., Thursdays, through March 6. History, science, construction of tabletop Storm the Castle launcher. Grades 4-8. \$40/residents, \$45/non-residents. Hart Community Center, Davisburg. 248-634-0412.

Movies & Munchies, 1:30 p.m., every third Thursday. Springfield Twp. Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Show and tell

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Clarkston Community Historical Society is inviting collectors of just about anything to join them Tuesday, Feb. 26, at the Heritage Museum, Independence Library.

They can bring a sample of what they collect and share a little bit about it, as well as look at the latest exhibit "Pieces of the Past: A Collector's Story."

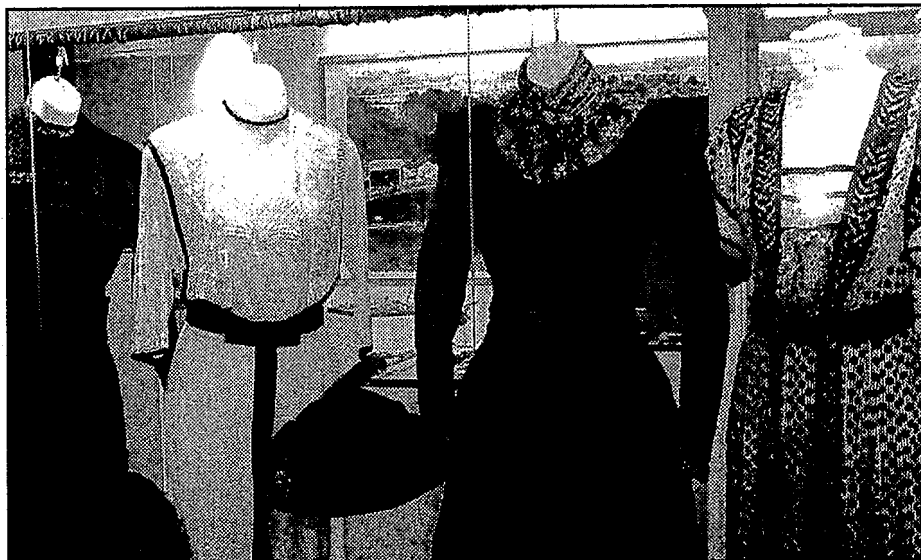
"It should be a fun and kind of informal meeting," said Toni Smith, Heritage Museum director. "It will give people a time to here the interesting stories of what's behind some of the collections on display."

Barbra Kincaid, Victorian fashion expert, will present and discuss her collection of several hundred dresses.

"I think it's a wonderful opportunity, not only for myself, but for others to learn more about history through fashion," she said.

Kincaid is a fashion historian who speaks and writes on fashion history and lifestyles.

"To me it's interesting because we see just how people actually lived and dressed. Here are objects that we can study to learn more



Local collectors will share their hobbies, such as Victorian dresses and shipwreck treasure. Photo provided.

about that," said Kincaid. "There are people, children, generations that perhaps could read about this, but to actually see these items, I am excited to share that with everyone."

Also, Dick Ellis will talk about his underwater treasures.

"I really appreciate Toni Smith asking me to come up and share my collection, and my finds. Treasure hunting has been very exciting hobby for me," said Ellis.

Ellis said it gives him pleasure to talk about his treasure findings

"I'm looking forward to meeting people with interest and tell them about my treasure hunting days."

Along with Kincaid and Ellis, Jane Basinger will describe her grandfather's carvings, and Jonathan Smith will answer any question regarding his antique scales.

"It's kind of like a 'meet and greet' and 'show and tell,'" said Smith.

The program is free and will start at 7 p.m. in the community room of the library on Clarkston Road.

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Milestones

Clarkston woman marries

Lisa Marie Gebus and Patrick Keefer Fink were married in a double-ring ceremony Sept. 1, 2007, at St. Thomas by the Sea Catholic Church in Orange Beach, Ala.

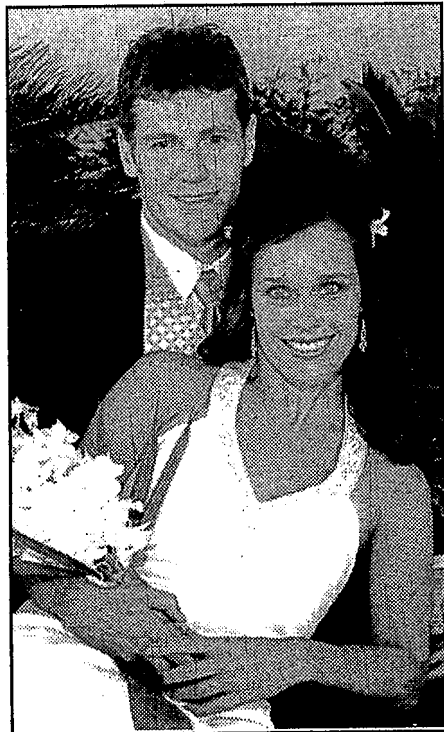
Lisa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gebus of Clarkston and Orange Beach, Ala. Patrick is the son of Col. and Mrs. Theodore J. Fink, USAF Ret., of Germantown, Ohio.

The bride wore a sheath gown of ivory satin, featuring a halter of metallic beading, a ruffled chiffon bodice, and a sweep train. She carried an arm bouquet of white dendrobium orchids on palm fronds, with matching orchids in her hair.

Attending the bride were friends Stephanie Vogler of Rochester; Jill Tebbe of Sterling Heights; and Jennifer Morrill of Chicago, Ill. The bridesmaids wore cocktail length gowns in clover green satin and carried purple dendrobium orchids on palm fronds.

Best man was Capt. Adam Fink, USAF, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Matthew Davis of Birmingham, Ala., friend of the groom; and Adam Gebus of Huntsville, Ala., brother of the bride.

A dinner reception was held at Mango's on the Island waterfront restaurant in Orange Beach, followed by an after-party of dancing and cocktails. Weekend festivities for the wedding guests included a dolphin-watching cruise on Perdido Bay and



Patrick and Lisa

a deep sea fishing charter on the Gulf of Mexico.

The wedding couple enjoyed a two week honeymoon in Greece and the Greek Isles. The new Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Fink reside in Huntsville, Ala., where Mrs. Fink is an engineering analyst for Signature Research, a Department of Defense contractor.

She will receive her Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Alabama, Huntsville, in May. Mr. Fink works for Dynetics as a missile systems engineer and holds a Master's Degree in Aerospace Engineering from Auburn University.

Students achieve success

Emily Parker and Kathryn Rice, both of Clarkston were named to Alma College's Dean's List for Fall 2007.

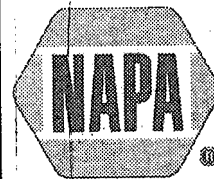
Marilynn Porritt was named to Grand Valley State University's fall term Deans' list.

She is the daughter of George and Terry Porritt of Clarkston. Marilynn, 2007 graduate of Clarkston High School, is majoring in Spanish and Business.

Clarkston area students Angelina Cummins, senior, Paralegal Studies; Amanda K. Evanson, junior, Sign Language Studies; Molly Horner, freshman, Sign Language

Studies; Michelle Lynn Jacques, senior, Journalism/Public Relations; Jeff Lawrence Loveless, graduating senior, English/Journalism; Joseph Robert Maziarz, senior, History; Kasse Marie Parkinson, graduating senior, Nursing; Daniel John Tardiff, freshman, Music; Krysten Marie Warson, freshman, undeclared; and Lisa Wheeler, sophomore, Psychology, were named to Madonna University's Dean's List this past term.

Adam Weightman, son of Mike and Nancy Weightman of Clarkston, was named to the University of Notre Dame's dean's list for Fall 2007.



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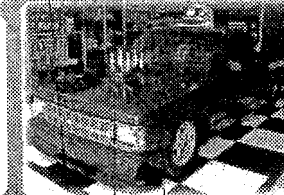
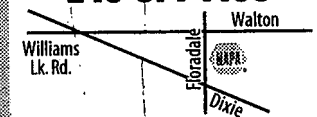
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We need inspired leadership

Our nation is in the midst of selecting candidates for the November national election. Candidates are promoting their attributes and programs while trying to convince the electorate of their worthiness to serve as our nation's president and commander in chief.

As I listen to their political solutions I compare them to my opinions about the issues of the day. Politically I have been a conservative Republican all of my life. As a matter of fact, I like to joke with friends that I became a Republican before God did.

Yet, as a long time politically motivated person I sense that our nation is in need of much more than simply a political solution.

We are in a time of crisis that requires much more than a simple political answer. I believe we need a truly transformational leader.

What do I mean by transformational leader?

Over time we have had transformational leaders that not only impacted the laws of the land but also inspired the people of our country to do great things.

Franklin D. Roosevelt is a good example of this concept of a transformational leader. I may not be a fan of the politi-

Spiritual Matters



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cal solutions he had for our country but in a time of great economic crisis and world conflict he inspired the nation to believe in themselves, the greatness of our national values, rebuild the nation's economic system and face a devastating war.

This generation has been referred to as "The Greatest Generation" by Tom Brokaw and others. Our nation has prospered on the foundation of this great generation for many years.

When Ronald Reagan became president, one of the sons of this great generation, he also inspired us and completed the world confrontation of the Cold War.

He heralded great hope when he declared to the Russian leaders while standing in front of the Berlin Wall in the 1980s, "Mr. Gorbachov, tear down this wall!" To the surprise of much of the world that is precisely what happened not many years later.

Today we are at an important and critical time in history. As it was in the 1930s we have become disillusioned by the unrestrained materialism and failing of our economic fiber.

Like people before us, we are looking for answers.

We need to be inspired to make responsible choices for our long-term health.

We need to fix our failing social security and health care

Please see *Spiritual Matters*, page 9B

In our churches...

Peace and Nonviolence workshop, Chris Singer and Nicole Rohrkemper of Michigan Peace Team, 1 p.m., Feb. 24, Oakland County Alano Club, 5661 Clintonville Road. Peace Unity of Clarkston. 248-891-4365.

The Sermon on the Mount, ongoing study of Emmett Fox's classic book, 7 p.m., Wednesdays. Facilitated by the Rev. Matthew Long, Peace Unity. Oakland County Alano Club, 5661 Clintonville Road.

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.

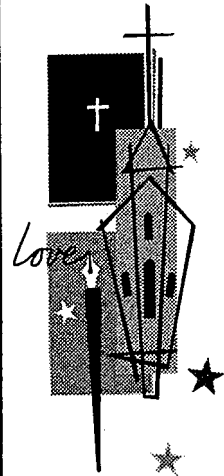
Bethany North, peer support to all faiths dealing with divorce or separation, general meeting, 7:30 p.m., fourth Monday, Cushing Center, St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park, call Tim, 248-628-6825, or Joann. 248-673-2539.

Lent, Wednesdays, soup and pretzels, 6:30 p.m.; meditation 7 p.m.; Bible study 7:30 p.m. Church of the Resurrection, 6490 Clarkston Road. 248-625-2325.

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.

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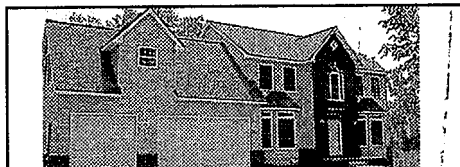
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'I hear you need some help' Church, family come to aid of local woman

BY REBECCA KELLEY

Special to The Clarkston News

Nasaria Downer needed a little help.

The 66-year-old Clarkston resident's home was in dire need of restoration—in fact, it was so bad that she moved to a pole barn on her property which her family converted to a one bedroom apartment.

Arthritis in her shoulders caused her so much pain that restoring her house was just a dream.

"I just wanted my house restored so my nine grandchildren and family could come over and sit around the same table with my ten brothers and sisters," she said.

"I wanted this to happen before I died."

Nasaria attempted tearing down the dry-wall in an effort to restore the home on her own, but she said the work was slow and painful.

That's when Nasaria's sister, Blanca, contacted Pastor Jeff Stonerock at Victory World Outreach in Goodrich.

Nasaria had been a member of the church for more than 22 years—helping out the congregation in a variety of functions.

"I remember the phone call I got," said Downer. "It was the first of October. Pastor Jeff called me and said to me, 'I hear you need help.' I was in disbelief because I didn't know that anyone else knew about my house."

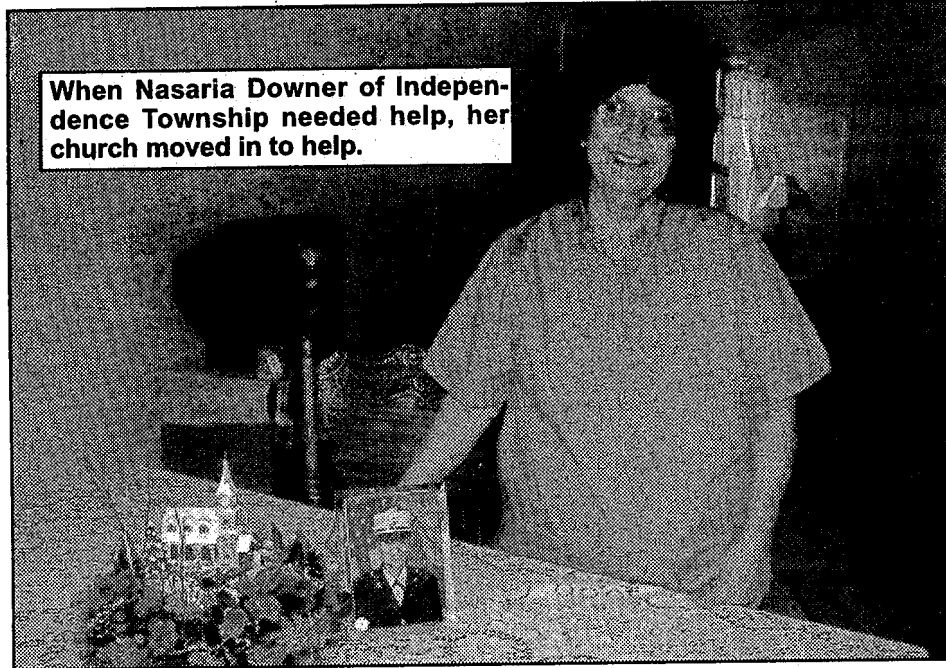
Downer said she spent most of the next day in tears of joy.

"I was teaching our youth group one night about the chapter of James," said Stonerock. "When I got to verse 1:27 it said, 'Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction...'"

"I knew I had to do something. It was obviously the will of God."

Stonerock told his administrative pastor, Gary Mullendore, about the situation and they both decided to go out to Nasaria's house to take a look.

When Nasaria Downer of Independence Township needed help, her church moved in to help.

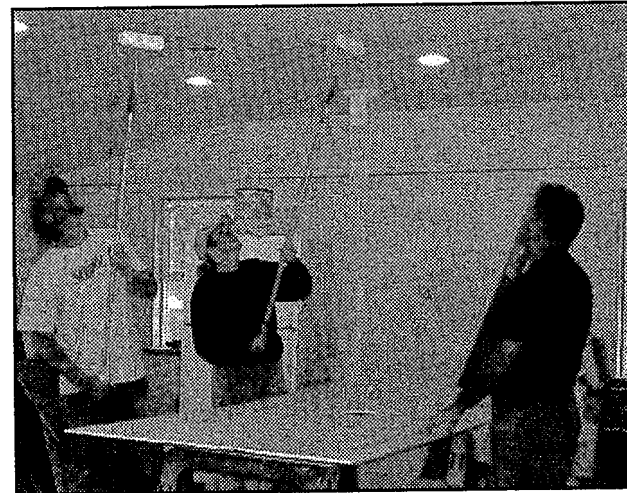


"When Pastor Jeff and I got to the house and looked at it, we couldn't believe it. Termites had done so much damage. Once we got back in the car, we both looked at each other and said, 'whoa,' this is a much bigger project than we expected," said Mullendore.

If they would have had the money, Mullendore said it would have been easier to level the house and start over, but he said they didn't have the money to do that.

"I was standing in the sanctuary of our church praying and I said to myself, it's only labor. That's when I felt like God gave me a direct assignment," said Mullendore.

A journeyman sheetmetal worker, having



worked at Ford Motor Company for 30 years where he supervised different construction trades, Mullendore said he knew he had the background and the skills to get the job

done.

"I have always been considered a man of all trades and I had all of the best tools, so I knew I could do it," said Mullendore. "Once I started on the project, I was at such peace every day. I think it made God smile every day because I truly believed I was doing something God wanted me to do."

For eight weeks, Pastor Jeff, Mullendore, and about 20 members of the church contributed their time and money to go back and forth to Downer's house until the job was done.

"We used 85 sheets of drywall, 21 rolls of insulation, 70 two-by-fours, four new windows and nine new doors, 100 yards of flooring, 600 feet of mouldings and 25 gallons of paint. We also built Nasaria a laundry room because she had never had a washer or dryer before," said Mullendore.

There were frequent trips to building materials stores. "I must have gone back and forth to get materials at least 45 different times," he said.

Mullendore said when he asked the congregation for a washer and dryer for Nasaria's first laundry room, a couple of members stepped right up to donate them to her.

"Whenever something needs to be done at the church, Nasaria is always one of the first ones to offer. She is a constant giver and is always there to help her family without complaining."

Although her arthritis prevents her from being as active in her church as she has been in the past, Mullendore said Downer has been extremely committed to the children at the church through Sunday School and other programs.

"I couldn't believe it, two pastors coming to my house to help me," said Downer. "To me that is a miracle. So many pastors travel to other countries to help people. I am not in another country, I am right here. There are so many people that need help here."

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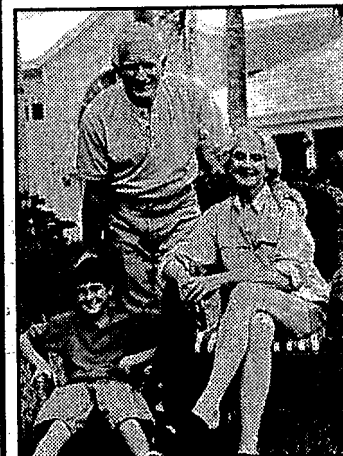
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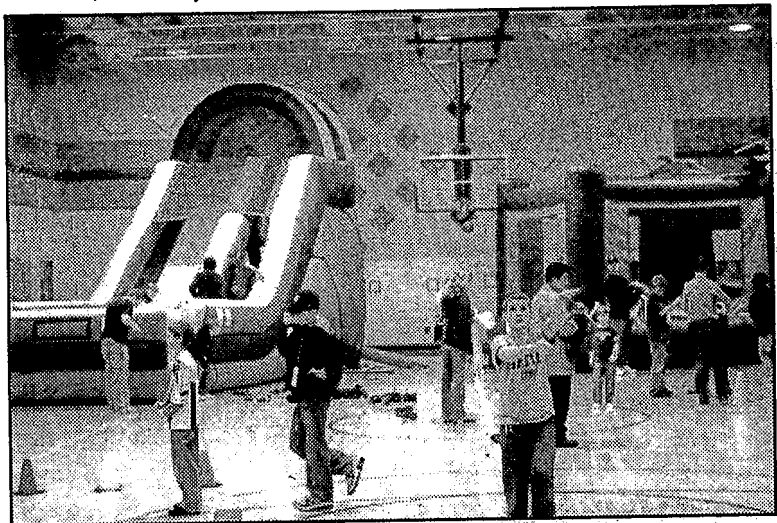
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Anya Leonowicz, left, and Darby Durrant made short work of their blue cotton candy.



Cecilia Mendoza, 5, came to the fair with her Mimi, who works at SPE.



Reserve Sgt. Bunker keeps watch over the "prisoners."

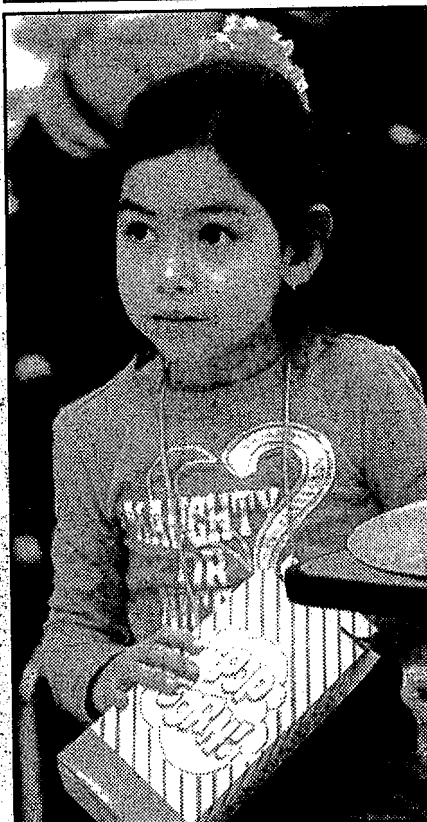
Fair games

Hundreds of kids and parents enjoyed games, prizes, food and the famous "Springfield Plains Jail,"—attended by Deputies from the Oakland County Sheriff's Office—at Saturday's annual SPE School Fair.

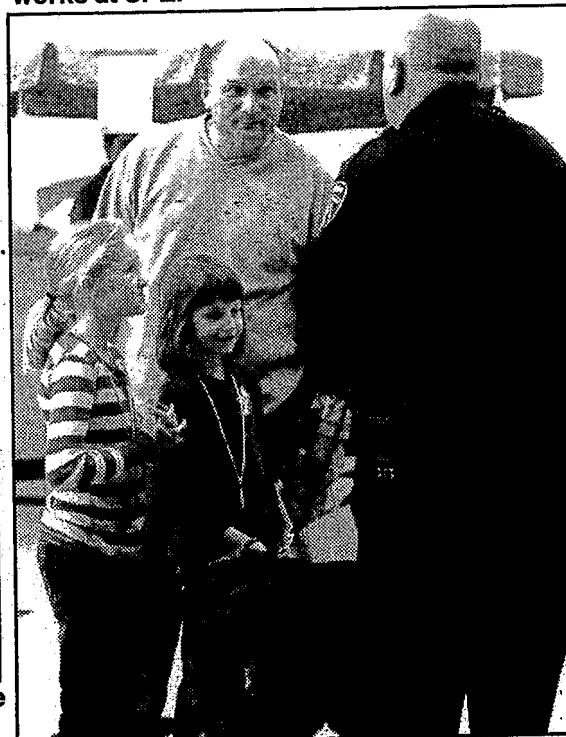
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Student Council President Mary Schlaff, left, and MacKenzie Gibson, a student council advisory member, count up the cash they helped raise.



Kindergartener Jacqueline Gergle munches on some popcorn.



Megan Byrd, left, along with her sister Nicole and dad, John, stop to say hello to Oakland County Sheriff's Deputy Travis Dick and K-9 Coye.

In our churches

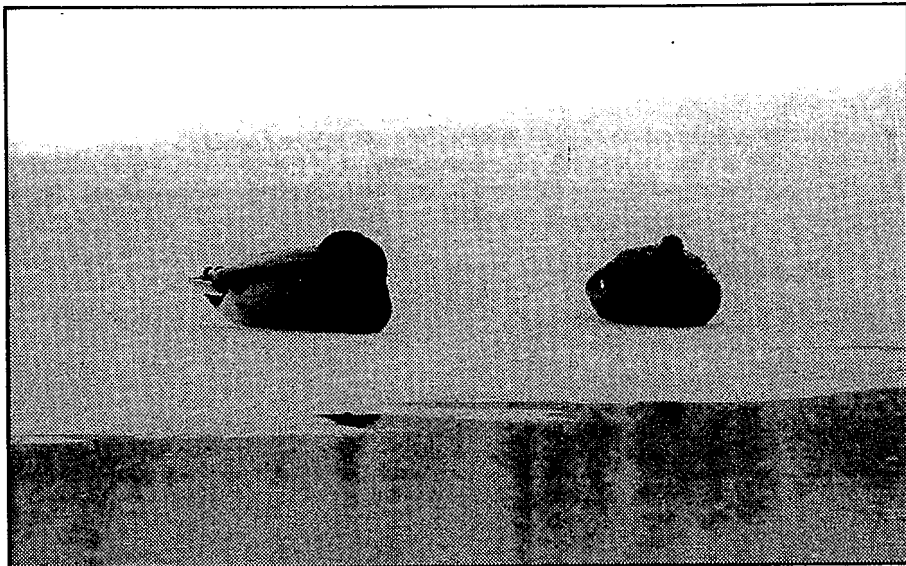
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The church offers a free nursery. Calvary Lutheran Church at 6805 Bluegrass Drive in Clarkston at the southwest corner of M-15 and I-75. Call the church for more information at 248-625-3288.

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

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. 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.



It's cold!

The weather has been almost unbearably frigid this winter, especially if you're a duck on Mill Pond. Maybe this quacking couple should have migrated south when they had the chance! *Photo by Phil Custodio*

Mended Hearts gives chance to help others

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or physician approval or referral.

They also provide educational information, such as recommendations for healthy lifestyle choices, medication tips, and managing any depression, a common aftermath of a heart event.

"Additionally, we offer ongoing connections through regular chapter meetings. We encourage patients to join us for these sessions that offer peer support and feature guest speakers on topics relevant to the re-

covering patient," says Kell.

Another lesson she learned from Mended Hearts: call an ambulance. When she had her heart attack, her family was out of town, and a friend drove her to CMG.

"I should have gone by ambulance," she said. "That's what paramedics are for, and we have good ones in Independence Township. But I didn't show the signs."

For more information, call 248.623.1168 or 888-HEART99 (888-432-7899), or visit www.mendedhearts.org.

Spiritual Matters

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systems.

We need to bring into balance both our national and personal debt that is strangling our free market economy.

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At Mt. Zion church we refer to this as the "Joshua Generation." In the Bible this is the generation that went in and took possession of the "Promised Land."

The Promised Land was a land God promised for His people that was "flowing with milk and honey."

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Is there a Joshua who can inspire us to "taken the land"?

The Rev. Loren Covarrubias is pastor of Mt. Zion, Clarkston.

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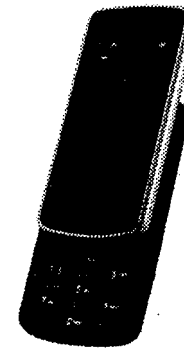
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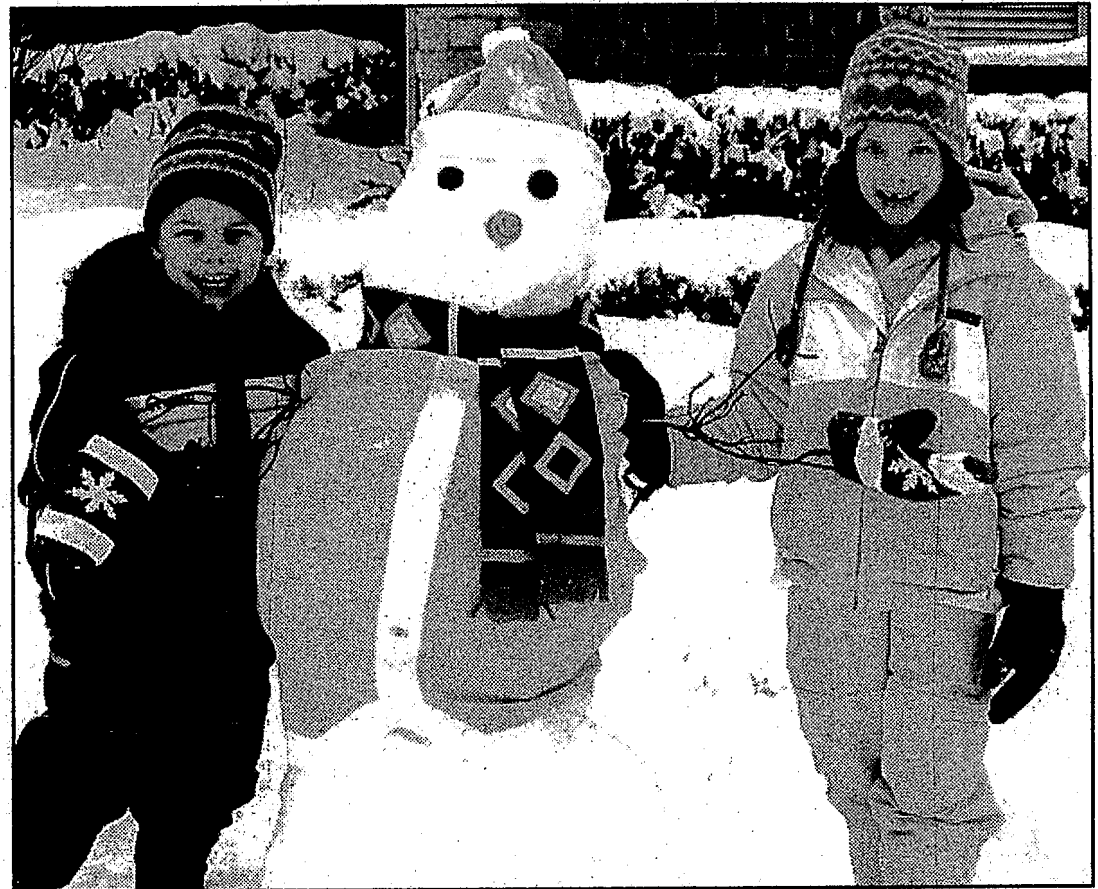
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Snow patrol

Lots of snow this winter means days off from school, and that means snowmen (or snowwomen). Send in a picture of what you come up with, fullsize as an attachment to ClarkstonNews@gmail.com, and we'll print them!



Gavin Meny made two snowmen at his grandparents Dale and Deborah Stuart's house on Mustang Drive.



Elizabeth Oda, 6, and Alex Oda, 4, of Clarkston made sure their snowwoman stays warm, with hat, coat, and scarf.

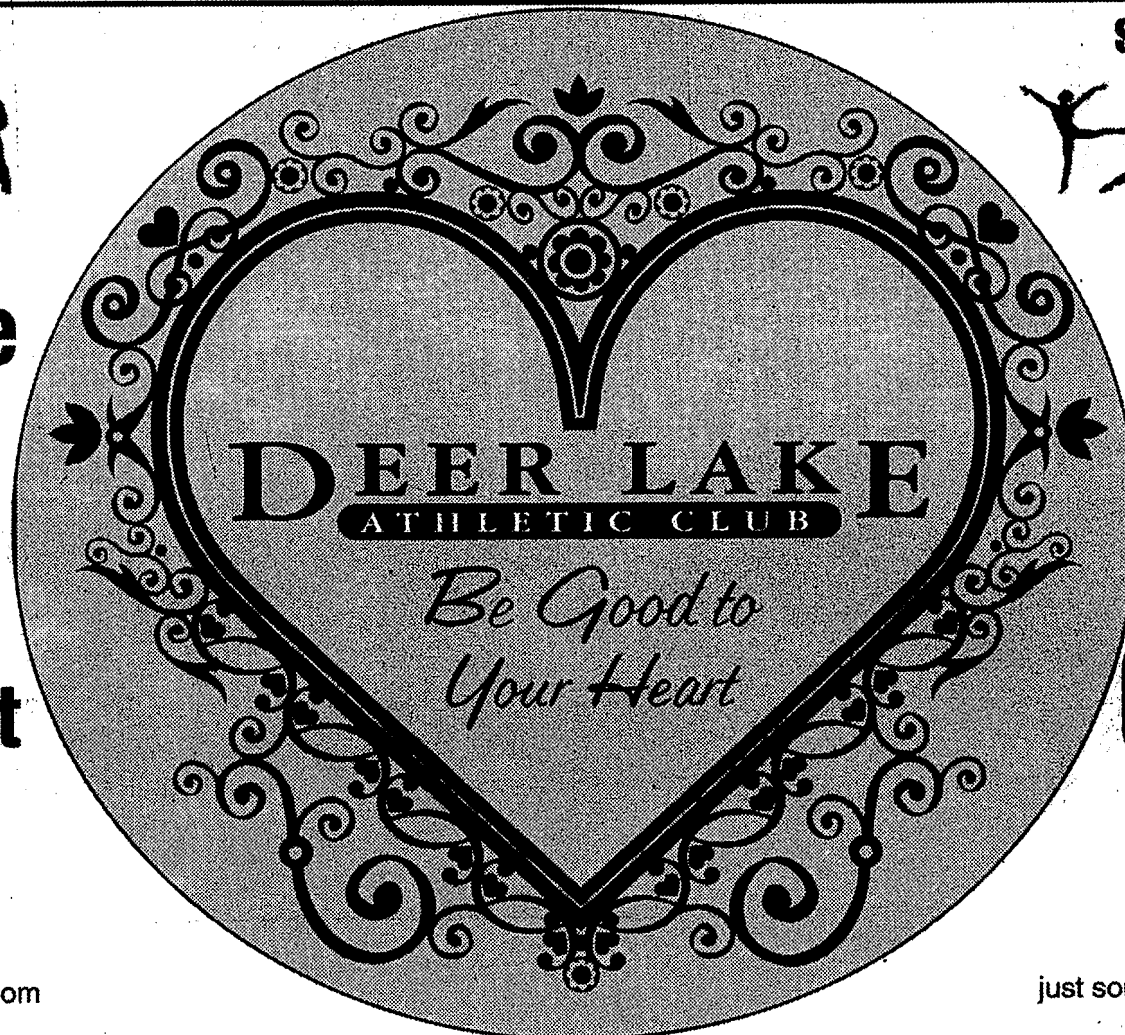
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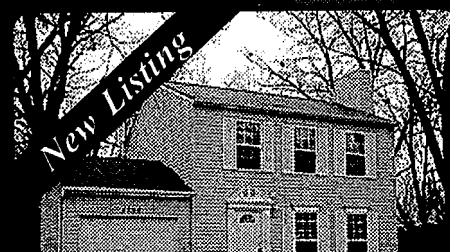
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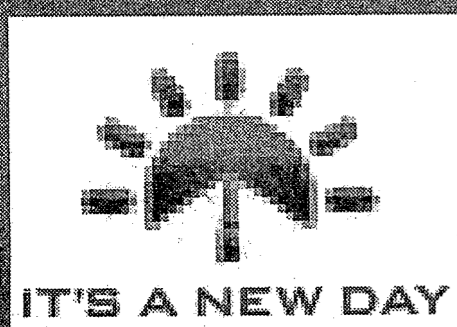


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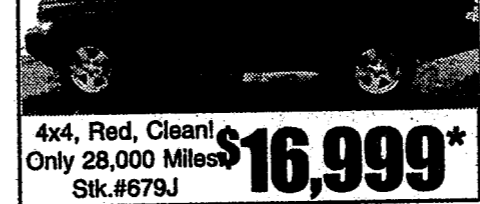
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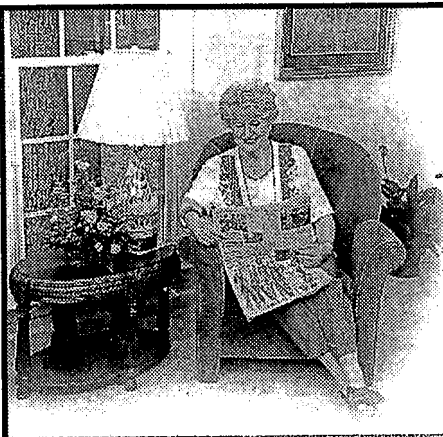
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Obituary

Dolores Mack

Dolores Mack of Waterford passed away Feb. 8 at the age of 80.

She was the wife of Lester; mother of Roma (James) Honer of Waterford; and grandma of Stephanie and Tiffanie.

Mrs. Mack was an active member at Gingellville Community Church since 1955, having served as choir director for 19 years, Bible teacher, youth leader, and on the missions committee.

She was an elementary school teacher at Wisner and Crofoot, Pontiac. After retirement, she was a substitute principal for 19 years for the Pontiac School District.

Visitation was Feb. 10 at the Lewis E.



Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Funeral service, was Feb. 11 at Gingellville Community Church. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Gitche Gumees Bible Camp or Gingellville Community Church Mission Fund. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Arnold J. Getzan

Arnold J. Getzan of Clarkston passed away Feb. 9 at the age of 85.

He was the dear husband of Dorothy; loving father of Gale Clauw of Clarkston and John (Cindy) of Oakland Township; grandfather of Sean (Kimberley) Clauw and Ted William Getzan; great grandfather of Abbey; brother of Ruby (George) Feeman of Lake Orion, and Jo (Don) Houts of Clarkston. He was preceded in death by his sister Debbie Randall and brother Robert.

Mr. Getzan was a member of Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, American

Legion #377, and served his country in the Navy Air Corps. He retired from General Motors, completing 38 years of service. In retirement, he enjoyed working in the pro shop at Spring Lake Golf Course.

Visitation was Feb. 11 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral service mass was Feb. 12 at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford. Rite of Committal All Saints Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society. On line guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com

Clark James Green Jr.

Clark James Green Jr. of Clarkston passed away Feb. 4 at the age of 85.

Mr. Green was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years of marriage, Margaret E. (May 30, 2007). He was the loving father of Susan M. Lozano of Clarkston, Sally E. (Lance) Leroux of Waterford, and Sharon K. (David) Kalchik of Mason; grandfather of Leigh (Gerard) Lambert and Lauren Lozano, Jessica and Katelyn Leroux and Todd (Sue) Kalchik and Blake Kalchik; great grandfather of Ethan and Alexander Lambert; brother of Margaret Wimmer, Robert (Maurine) Green, and Patricia Conklin.

He was preceded in death by his son Scott and his sister Nancy Myers.

Mr. Green was a retired Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Air Force. He worked for Pontiac Motors Central Foundry for 26 years. Jim was an accomplished awarded photographer.

Visitation was Feb. 7 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral service was Feb. 8 at the First Congregational Church of Clarkston.

Interment with full military honors at Lakeview Cemetery followed the funeral service.

Memorials may be made to the First Congregational Church of Clarkston. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com

Obituaries are updated daily at ClarkstonNews.com.....

Medicaid supports pre-planned funerals

Q. We think our mother may have to go into a nursing home soon and apply for Medicaid. A neighbor told me that pre-planned, pre-paid funerals are Medicaid approved and won't be counted against her, is this true? Mary B., Clarkston

A. It is true. The Department of Human Services sees pre-funded funeral arrangements as a non-countable asset toward Medicaid eligibility.

Also, in addition to your mother's own pre-funded arrangements, her monies can secure "Burial Space Items" for each of her children, siblings, and their respective spouses as well.

These burial space contracts can include any and all merchandise that goes to the cemetery, to include; caskets, vaults, mausoleum and cremation niche spaces, grave plots, monuments and markers, flowers, and the opening & closing charges as well.

Q. My wife and I heard that United States veterans have free burial benefits at a national cemetery.

Are those benefits just for the veterans who served in a war? Does this include the newest Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan?

A. If you are an honorably discharged veteran from active duty in any branch of the U.S. military, your burial benefits at a national cemetery are not only complimentary, they can save you many hundreds of dollars on your total funeral costs.

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Wint's Word on Advance Funeral Planning

By Connie Glynn

country. Moreover, these same benefits not only apply to you, but also to your spouse and any dependent children ages 21 and under. Why not consider the honor of being remembered within such hallowed grounds?

For more information, Wint Funeral Home will be hosting a "Veterans Seminar on Thursday, May 15th at the American Legion Hall #172 on Ortonville Road (M-15) to discuss these benefits and how they apply. Hope to see you there.

Q. Lately I've been considering pre-planning and paying for my funeral arrangements but I can't pay for it all at one time. What, if any, options do I have?

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For more information, call Connie at Wint Funeral Home, 248-625-5231.

Betty K. Smalley

Betty K. Smalley (nee Bowers) of Clarkston passed away Feb. 6 at the age of 81.

She was the loving wife for 62 years to Charles J. Smalley; dear mother of Sandra K. (Mario) DiPonio of Highland, Cindy L. (Glen) Riley of Ortonville, and Susan M. Howey of Clarkston; grandmother of David DiPonio, Gina DiPonio, Christopher (Erin) Smith, and Matthew Jenkins; sister of Allen D., Robert D., and James Bowers, and the late Richard E. Bowers; also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Smalley was a member of the Or-

der of Eastern Star, Joseph C. Byrd Chapter O.E.S. for over 30 years, and spent seven years working for Clarkston Schools.

Funeral Service was Feb. 9 at Coats Funeral Home, Waterford. Pastor Todd Vanaman officiated. Interment followed at Ottawa Park Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send a private condolence to the family, go to www.coatsfuneralhome.com and select Guestbook.

Harvey Joseph Van Meter Jr.

Harvey Joseph (Rip) Van Meter Jr. of Clarkston, formerly of Oxford, passed away Jan. 29 at 68 years of age.

Mr. Van Meter was the loving husband of Nancy; father of Cynthia (Greg) Rainhart, the both late Mark (an Lori) Van Meter, Cathy (Paul) Avers, and Bill (Shelly) Van Meter; step-father of Patricia Navarre and Pamela Gibson; brother of Linda Schultz, Bobbie, Vicki, and Dennis Van Meter; also survived

by many grandchildren an great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his loving mother Edith, father Henry Van Meter, and his brother Jimmy.

Rip retired from GM with more than 30 years of service, served in the U.S. Air Force, and was a former member of Oxford Jaycees.

Funeral Services were Feb. 3 at Coats Funeral home in Waterford.

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**NOTICE
BOARD OF REVIEW
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD**

The Charter Township of Springfield Board of Review will meet at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, Michigan for the purpose of hearing appeals for the year 2008 assessments.

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

The Board of Review meetings are scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, March 4, 2008: *9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 5, 2008: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Monday, March 10, 2008: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 11, 2008: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

(*Organizational meeting ONLY)
Tentative Equalization Ratio: Equalization Factor:
Real: 50% Real: 1.00000
Personal: 50% Personal: 1.00000

You may appeal by sending a letter to the Board of Review at Charter Township of Springfield, 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, Michigan 48350. All letters must be received before 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 11th, 2008.

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

Vicki L. Sievers, CMAE III
Chief Assessor, Springfield Township
Published February 13, 20 & 27, 2008

PUBLIC NOTICE
Because the People Want to Know
INDEPENDENCE TWP.
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet on Wednesday, March 5, 2008 at 7:30 PM at the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI 48346 to hear the following cases:

Case #08-0003 Serafini, Ronald, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS 5' FRONT YARD SETBACK VARIANCE, 7' 2nd FRONT YARD SETBACK VARIANCE, 25' REAR YARD SETBACK VARIANCE PLUS MINIMUM LAND AREA VARIANCE OF 7,000 SQ FT TO CONSTRUCT NEW HOME ON NON CONFORMING LOT OF RECORD

Thendara Blvd. and Huron Dr., Lots 1 & 2, R-1A

Thendara Park Country Club
08-12-159-006 & 08-12-159-007

Case #08-0005 Eblenkamp, Diane, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS 3'6" REAR YARD SETBACK VARIANCE TO CONSTRUCT ADDITION ON NON CONFORMING LOT OF RECORD
6206 Pine Needle Dr., Unit 9, R-1A
Lake Waldon Village II
08-28-278-008

Case #08-0006 Schenk, Dolores and Schenk, Frank, Petitioners
APPLICANTS REQUEST 25' FRONT YARD SETBACK VARIANCE TO REBUILD HOME ON EXISTING FOUNDATION ON NON CONFORMING LOT OF RECORD
8511 Lakeview Blvd., Lots 62 & 63, R-1A
Sunny Beach Country Club
08-12-377-011

Case #08-0007 Matisse, Carl, Petitioner for Colin Bain and Carol Lazonen
APPLICANT REQUESTS 10' REAR YARD SETBACK VARIANCE TO CONSTRUCT SCREENED PORCH (OVER EXISTING DECK)

7203 Ardsley Ln., Unit 277, PRD
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08-24-401-001
Silverman Development Co., LLC, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS 16' FRONT YARD SETBACK VARIANCE, 13' 7" SIDE YARD SETBACK VARIANCE PLUS REQUIRED DRIVE THRU STACKING VARIANCE FROM 10 TO 8 TO CONSTRUCT COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT
Sashabaw Rd., 6.86 Acres, C-2
08-22-326-010

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT THE ABOVE REQUESTS MAY BE EXAMINED at the Township Building Department during regular business hours. Written comments may be sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals c/o the Independence Township Building Department, 90 N. Main St., Clarkston, MI 48346 prior to the Public Hearing. For further information call (248) 625-8111.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelagh VanderVeen, Clerk
The Township will provide the necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at a public hearing/meeting upon advance notice in writing or by calling the Township Building Department (248) 625-8111

PUBLIC NOTICE
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INDEPENDENCE TWP.
**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Charter Township of Independence Board of Review will meet for its organizational session, MCL 211.29(1), at the Township Hall's Office of the Assessor on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

The Board of Review will meet for public hearings at the Township Fire Station #1 Training Room, 6500 Citation Drive, Clarkston, Michigan to hear year 2008 assessment appeals of value, classification and poverty on March 7th, 10th and 12th, 2008 from 9:00am to 5:00pm, and on March 6th and 11th from 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

The year 2008 tentative equalization ratio is 50%, and the estimated multiplier is 1.0000 for all property classifications.

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

Please note that taxes are levied against the TAXABLE VALUE.

Sincerely,
Beverly Shaver, CMAE3, Assessor

PUBLIC NOTICE
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INDEPENDENCE TWP.
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA**

Date and Time: February 19, 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 February 5, 2008
 - b. Approval of Purchase Orders
 - c. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run

Unfinished Business

1. Bid Award - Painting of DPW's 500,000 gallon standpipe
2. Presentation of Overview of the 50th Anniversary Celebration of Waterford Hills Road Racing
3. Investment Report

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**SYNOPSIS
TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE**

Mr. Wagner called the February 5, 2008, meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., at the Independence Township Public Library.

Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call: Present: VanderVeen, Kelly, Wagner, Wenger, Rosso, Dunn, Travis
Absent: None

- There was a quorum
1. Opening Statements and Correspondence
 2. Public Forum
 3. Approved the Agenda, as submitted
 4. Approved the Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approval of Purchase Orders
 - b. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run
 - c. Approval of Minutes of January 16, 2008
 5. Public Hearing on CDBG Funds opened at 7:42 p.m. and closed at 7:43 p.m.
 6. Approved motion to approve contracting with Library Design Associates at a cost not to exceed \$12,500 for design and space planning of the Independence Township Library.
 7. Approved motion to approve salary increase of non-union employees as submitted by Supervisor
 8. Approved motion to approve stipend of \$2,000.00 for David Belcher, Building Director
 9. Approved motion to approve salary increase for full-time elected officials as submitted by Supervisor
 10. Approved motion to approve salary increase for elected Trustees as submitted by Supervisor
 11. Approved motion to approve promotions of David Poole and Kim Crittenden in Building Department
 12. Approved motion to reprogram CDBG funds of \$9,000 for emergency rehabilitation.
 13. Approved motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Shelagh VanderVeen
Township Clerk

Published: 1/13/08

**Mental illness
seminar set
for Feb. 20**

Mental Illness Needs Discussion Sessions, MINDS, a non profit awareness program to educate the community about mental health issues, is set for 1-2 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 20, at Clarkston High School's LGI Room, 6093 Flemings Lake Road. MINDS conducts free seminars in high schools throughout Michigan. Last year, it reached more than 20,000 students.

Heather Irish, founder and CEO, presented the program at the American Psychiatric Association conference in New York, American Association of Suicidology in Washington, D.C., Biederman Conference at University of Michigan, and American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry in Toronto.

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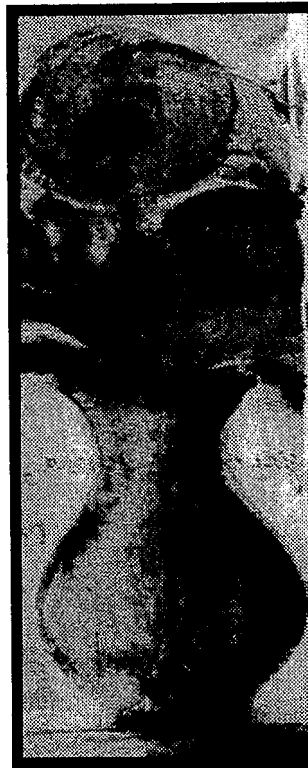
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Decedent's Estate**

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TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, KRIS ALLEN DEWAR, DECEASED, who lived at 4585 Braidwood, White Lake, Michigan died January 11, 2008.

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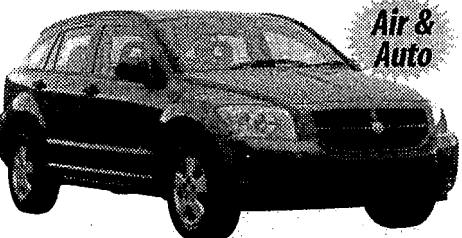
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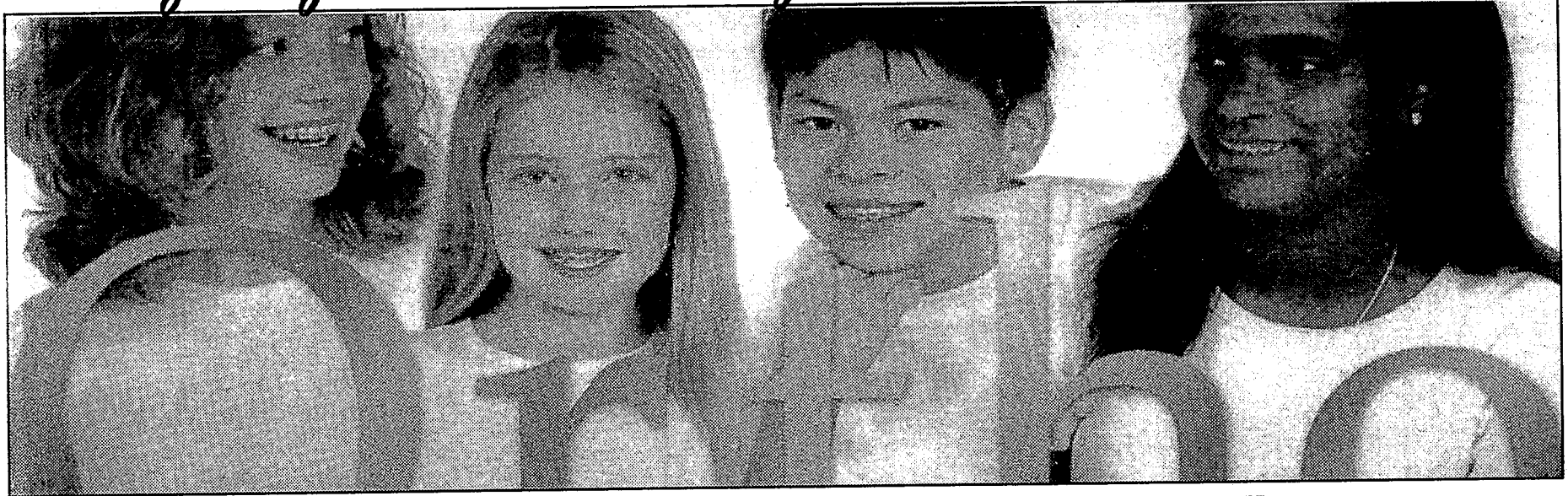
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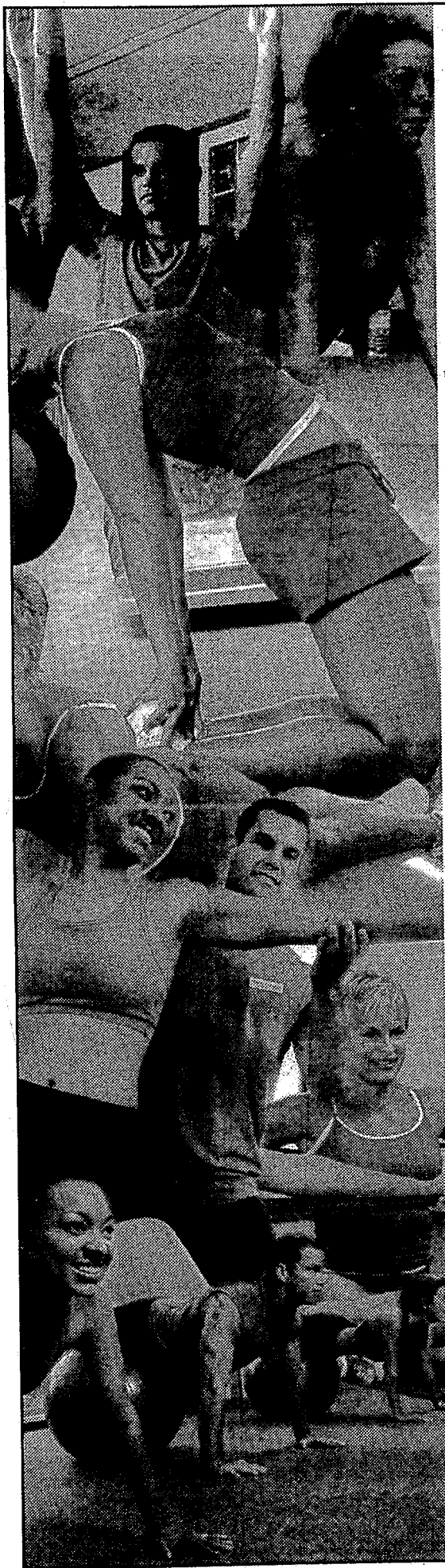
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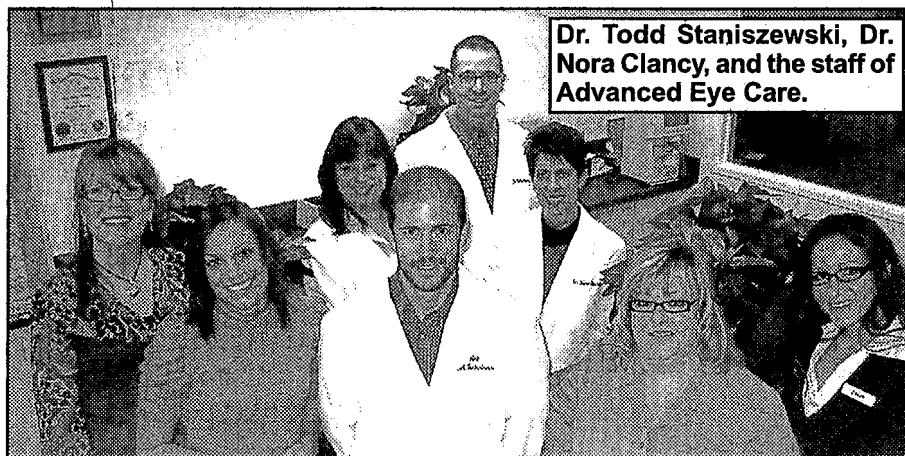
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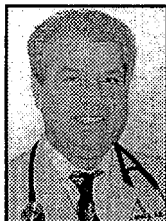
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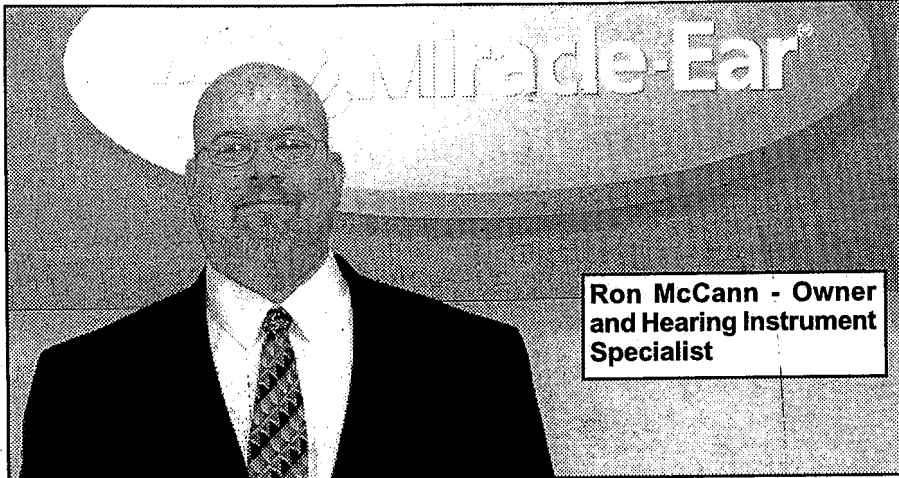
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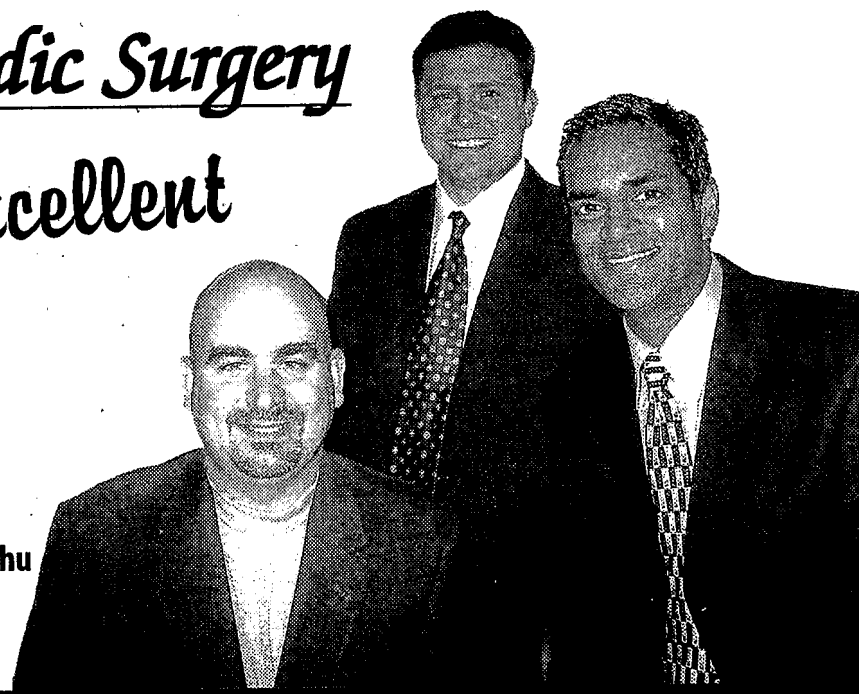
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Munk Orthodontics celebrates Dental Health Month

February is National Dental Health Month. Dr. Charles F. Munk and Dr. Charles W. Munk, along with the Michigan Dental Association, want to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the importance of a healthy smile.

In fact, a healthy body starts with a healthy mouth. Part of having a healthy smile, is having straight teeth and a proper bite. Never underestimate the power of a great smile.

A person's smile is one of the first things to be noticed by others. Straight teeth are not only beautiful; they also promote good health. Straight teeth can help reduce the incidence of heart disease, gastrointestinal disease, and other health condition.

Teeth that are properly aligned chew more efficiently, aiding in proper digestion. Also, teeth that are straight and properly aligned create a more perfect bite, and that helps to avoid excessive stress, headaches, and strain on the supporting bone and tissue.

As a reminder, the American Association of Orthodontists (which Dr. Charles F. Munk and Dr. Charles W. Munk are both members) recommends that all children have an orthodontic check-up no later than the age of 7. This early screening is indicated for a variety of reasons:

- An orthodontist can spot subtle problems with emerging teeth and jaw growth, even while some baby teeth are still present.
- To answer patient and/or parent questions of concern.

- To treat orthodontic problems if early treatment is indicated.

- To monitor growth and development for optimal treatment timing if early treatment is not appropriate.

A timely orthodontic evaluation can lead to significant treatment benefits for the patient. Today there are many orthodontic treatment options available to help patients of all ages achieve a beautiful, straight, healthy smile.

Our office is proud to announce that we now offer an accelerated osteogenic orthodontics procedure. This procedure is 3 to 4 times faster than conventional orthodontics. Many orthodontic cases can now be completed in 3 to 8 months.

This is just one of the latest technological advances that Dr. Charles F. Munk and Dr. Charles W. Munk utilize in their orthodontic specialty practice. Our goal is to provide patients with long-term health care as well as cosmetic tooth alignment. At our office, it is our mission to improve and enhance people's lives through orthodontics. Our office provides quality and service in a lighthearted, honest, and friendly environment.

We do orthodontics for our patients, and with our patients; instead of doing orthodontics to our patient. We treat each patient as an individual with his or her own goals, concepts of self-image, dreams, and aspirations.

By combining the right mix of personal attention, the latest technology, and continuing edu-

cation, we maintain a commitment of excellence to our patients in every facet of our practice.

We want to change the way people think about orthodontics. For instance, orthodontics are not just for children and teens. Today, one in five orthodontic patients is an adult. At our office, we work with people of all ages interested in enhancing their smile. Adults can benefit greatly from orthodontic treatment. Having a dynamic smile makes a great first impression in both personal and professional relationships.

Orthodontic treatment changes looks and outlooks. Orthodontics has boosted the self-esteem of countless patients, whether they had braces as children or sought treatment as adults. Invisalign is a wonderful treatment option especially for adults. This product provides an advanced way to straighten teeth and improve smiles. Using the latest medical imaging technologies, clear aligners are manufactured that rapidly straighten teeth. Each aligner is worn for several weeks, and can be removed to eat, brush, and floss. During wear, the teeth are gently moved to their desired position.

The length of the process depends on the patient's individual needs. Both Dr. Charles F. Munk and Dr. Charles W. Munk have completed training in the use of these specialized aligners, and can assist patients in determining if Invisalign would be an appropriate method of treatment for them.

A great benefit to patients utilizing more tra-

ditional braces, is our use of self-ligating brackets. These "breakthrough brackets" offer an advanced micro design which require fewer appointments, provide greater patient comfort, and better hygiene.

With today's busy lifestyles, these brackets really do make orthodontic treatment more convenient, with 8 to 10 weeks in between appointments. As we continue to incorporate new products into our practice, it is all with one purpose in mind; the creation of beautiful, straight, healthy smiles that will last for a lifetime.

Dr. Charles F. Munk and Dr. Charles W. Munk would welcome the opportunity to discuss all orthodontic options available with any new patient considering treatment.

Our office is always ready to welcome new patients. To encourage potential patients to explore their orthodontic options, we offer free initial consultations. Additional information about our office can also be found on our website at www.munkorthodontics.com.

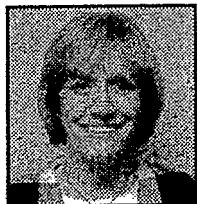
To schedule an appointment, please contact us at one of our three convenient locations. We do have day, evening, and Saturday appointments available. We look forward to helping you create the beautiful smile you have always wanted!

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REFLEXOLOGY

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To schedule an appointment, please call 248-625-6677 or go to our website at: www.TheDowningClinic.com for more information.

Getting the most from your dental dollars in a down economy

Prevention in this time of uncertainty

Considering the uncertainty in today's job market and the shrinking of dental benefits, it is now more important than ever to subscribe to a philosophy of prevention when it comes to your oral health.

Unfortunately, teeth don't hurt until it is too late and that usually means that the problem has progressed to the point where fixing the tooth could cost upwards of \$2000 because a root canal and cap are needed.

With regular check-ups twice a year the problem could have been caught when a simple filling could have eliminated the problem.

Or better yet, with the use of MI Paste available from our office, the cavity could have been reversed, eliminating the need for any drilling whatsoever.

When it comes to dentistry, early diagnosis and prevention are the keys to saving money.

Minimally Invasive Cosmetic Transformations

Your smile is the gateway to your personality. It projects your desire to get to know people and invites them to connect with you. Holding back on your smile because of broken, stained or missing teeth, will directly affect the way you feel about yourself, and the way others will see you.

Our office offers some simple, chair-side bonding techniques using Renamel. This next generation composite rivals the polish and shine of porcelain, but unlike brittle porcelain, is repairable and flexes with the tooth, so your investment lasts longer.

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We have weekly gravel and paved road rides for all abilities. Then there are the family Ice Cream rides, from Independence Elementary to Cook's Farm Dairy, designed to bring the children along for an after dinner Friday night treat.

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Avoiding the cold and flu

When it comes to colds, the old adage usually holds true: An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. And there is little that can prevent the common cold virus from infecting you if you have been exposed to it.

If you do catch a cold, however, there are ways to make things a little easier on yourself. The first step is to do yourself, your friends and co-workers a favor and stay home. That way, you won't spread your illness and you'll have the opportunity to get plenty of rest.

Also, keep in mind that while there is no cure for the cold, several studies have shown that zinc lozenge products could help reduce the duration of a cold by nearly half. Cold treatments can vary widely. Another brand is a combination of vitamins, herbs, minerals and amino acids, but because of questions regarding its effectiveness, the company that makes it no longer claims the product has any clinical effect.

Still, your best bet is to not catch a cold in the first place. Try these tips:

- Wash your hands frequently. This is often your best defense. Wash the entire hand using warm water and soap. Don't forget to clean under your fingernails.

- Avoid putting your hands near your eyes, nose or mouth, unless you have washed. Most bacteria and germs are spread from a surface to your hands to your face.

- Cover your cough. Covering your mouth when you cough prevents the airborne spread of viruses and bacteria.

- Clean your "shared spaces" often. Remember phones, keyboards, steering wheels, office equipment and other items typically used by several people during the day.

- Get a flu shot. Flu shots are especially beneficial for those with weakened immune systems, the elderly or those who come in contact with a lot of people. The vaccine has been shown to shorten the duration of viral illnesses that are not flu.

- Get enough sleep. During sleep, your body's immune system goes into high gear to protect you from illness. Lack of sleep can reduce immune functioning, making you susceptible to sickness.

- It's sometimes easy to overlook your thirst and get dehydrated. Make sure you consume eight glasses of water a day. But don't reuse or share water bottles.

- Keep a moderate exercise schedule. Try to maintain a three-to-four-day-a-week exercise routine.

- Eat a healthy diet. A well-balanced diet helps maintain a healthy immune system.

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Prepare before heading outdoors

Whether you're skiing, hiking or camping, your next trip into the great outdoors could be even better with a little planning. Try these tips:

Stay Safe

Be sure to pack a basic outdoor first aid kit that includes bandages, ibuprofen and antibiotic ointment.

It's also vital that you share your nature plans with someone who is staying home. Let him or her know where you plan to go, how long you plan to stay and when you should return. If you can, it's a good idea to provide that person with a map of the area you will be visiting as well.

Eating On The Trail

Try to pack smaller, nutrient-dense foods such as apples, nuts, cheese and beef jerky. They can provide you with the energy boost you need while hiking or skiing but won't weigh your pack down. Also, drink plenty of water whatever the weather. Dehydration can occur when it is hot or cold outside.

Gathering Gear

You can improve your outdoor experience by staying comfortable and protected with the right gear.

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Make preparations for cold weather before heading outside for winter activities, such as skiing at Pine Knob.



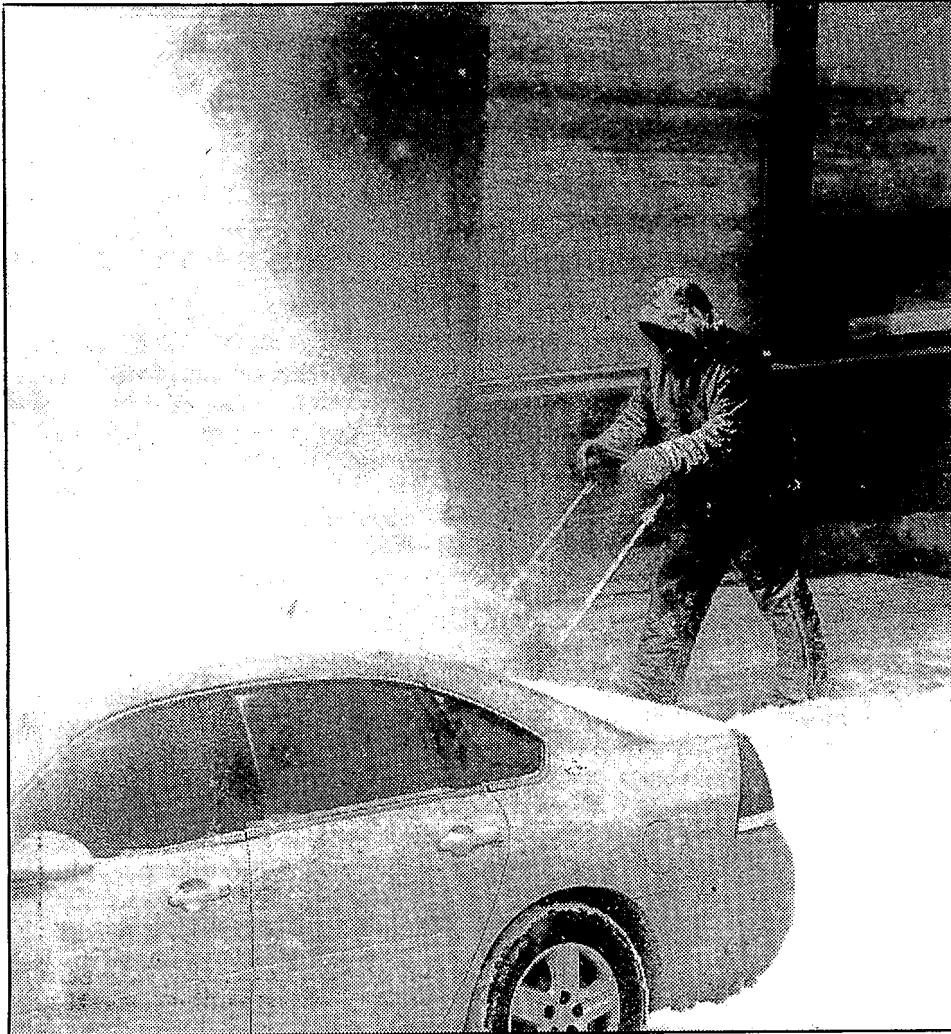
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A snowblower makes clearing sidewalks on Main Street easier.

Bring fun back to rough winter weather

Old man winter is here to stay. While icy roads, snowy sidewalks and slippery streets seem to be the focus of attention, there are still many ways to enjoy the snow that the winter season brings.

Be Prepared

When the meteorologist predicts snow is on the way, make sure to stock the garage, outdoor shed or hall closet with the proper tools.

Your winter checklist should include a warm, water-resistant coat, gloves, hat and boots, as well as breathable layers of clothing that will help you avoid overheating. Make sure to place an absorbent mat inside all entryways and keep a container of salt handy to minimize slippery sidewalks, porches and driveways.

Keep a shovel on hand and try to clear the snow before it becomes packed down and hardens overnight. For an easier route, opt for a compact and lightweight electric snow thrower.

Enjoy the Fresh Snow

Before breaking out the shovel and snow

thrower, stop to enjoy the serene and picturesque wonderland in your backyard.

Find your inner naturalist and tote your camera as you explore the white splendor. Take advantage of the great photo opportunities that snow brings by capturing shots of your home, yard, pets and family.

Try out different camera angles and survey snow on different surfaces, such as tree branches, fences and rooftops. You can even attempt snapshots of birds, squirrels and other animals frolicking in the snow.

Remove Snow Safely and Easily

It's no secret that shoveling snow from sidewalks, patios and porches is often a cumbersome and painful task that can take hours to complete. This strenuous and difficult winter chore can also lead to agonizing back and shoulder aches, as well as strain on the cardiovascular system.

Although removing snow can be a burdensome chore, a lightweight and dependable electric snow thrower can make snow removal a quicker and easier task.

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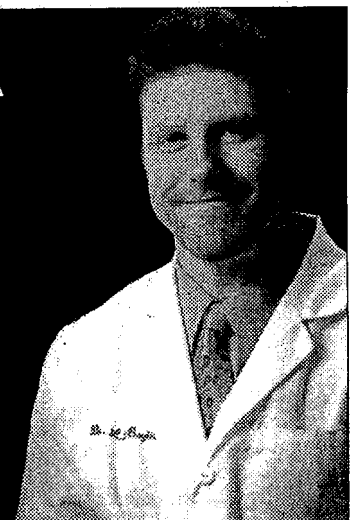
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The doctor is in

Dr. Machnacki brings his Family Practice to Independence Township

The key to staying healthy this winter is prevention, said Dr. David Machnacki of Clarkston Primary Care.

Wash your hands.

Get vaccination shots for flu and, if at greater risk, pneumonia.

Get outside for some sun to avoid being SAD (Seasonal Affective Disorder) and get away from dust and mold inside.

Be careful on the ice.

"When you're clearing away the snow, don't overdo it," said Dr. Machnacki. "Try to keep your strength up. Eat smart and exercise — all the things you learned from mom and dad."

A board certified physician in Family Practice, he offers a wide range of adult and pediatric services at the POH center, including well visits, immunizations, school and sports physicals, and more.

He earned his medical degree in Family Practice in 2001 at Michigan State University's Osteopathic School of Medicine. He is experienced in Urgent Care and sports medicine, with graduate residency at Garden City Hospital.

The diversity of family medicine is what attracted him to the field.

"I never know what's coming. It keeps it fresh," he said.

"Family Practice is on the frontline of helping people prevent disease. Don't come in just when you're sick. Come in when you're well and we'll teach you how to stay healthy."

His philosophy includes sensible use of medicine along with the body's own healing powers, he said.

"Medicine provided the opportunity intrinsically to do my part, achieve some good, make a positive impact," he said.

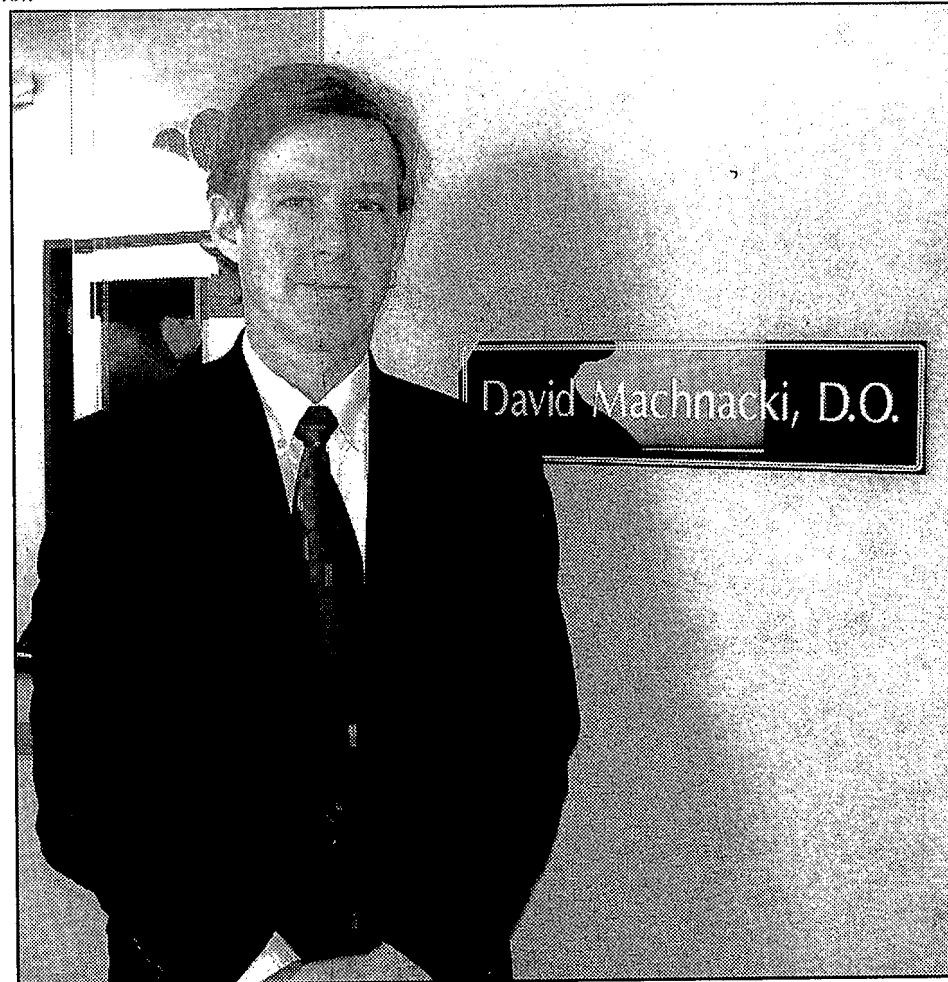
"I extend to patients the professional, courteous care I would want."

He lives in Lake Orion, with his wife, Connie, a physical therapist, and their sons Timothy and Andrew.

He set up his Independence Township practice, 6507 Town Center Drive off Sashabaw Road, this past June.

"The Clarkston area is beautiful," he said. "People are friendly. It's a nice location."

For an appointment, call 248-922-9975.



Dr. David Machnacki's practice is on Sashabaw Road at Clarkston Primary Care.



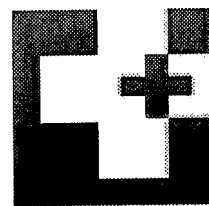
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10 tips for winter driving

When driving in snow, sleet and ice, safety takes a turn for the better if you take note of these winter-driving tips from IndyCar Series driver Danica Patrick.

Here are her 10 basic guidelines to follow for safe winter driving on slippery roads:

1. Buckle those seat belts. (It's the law.)
2. Keep your windows clear of snow and ice. Don't start until your windshield is defrosted.
3. Be patient and pass other cars only when it's safe to do so.
4. In rain, fog, snow or sleet, do not turn on your high-beam headlights.
5. Reduce speed and increase your following distance.

Your speed should be adjusted for the conditions and match the flow of traffic.

6. Roadway conditions may vary depending on the sun, shade or roadway surface.

Watch for slick spots, especially under bridges, on overpasses and in shaded spots.

7. If the pavement is snow or ice covered, start slowly and brake gently.

Begin braking early when you come to an intersection.

8. If you start to slide, ease off the gas

pedal or brakes.

Steer into the direction of the skid until you feel you have regained traction, then straighten your vehicle.

9. Be alert when you approach a cloud of snow covering the road, especially on passing lanes. Slow down and approach with caution.



Danica Patrick

A snowplow may be at work clearing the lane or preparing to turn around.

10. Consider getting off the road before getting stranded if weather is worsen-

ing.

Safe winter driving starts before you even get on the road.

In order to keep your car running smoothly this winter, be sure to check your antifreeze. Look for products backed by a lifetime guarantee that's good for as long as you own your vehicle.

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Advances in MRI makes knee surgery easier

Two weeks before Arlene Jensen of Independence Township was due for knee replacement surgery, she got a call from her doctor.

"He asked if he could try something new - I said sure, as long as it doesn't hurt anymore," said Jensen, 57.

Dr. Safa Kassab, orthopedic surgeon, successfully performed a custom-fit knee replacement procedure, the first in Michigan, at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland in Pontiac.

"My goal is to give the patient a pain-free, functional joint," Kassab said. "This is another step in that direction."

Designed by OtisKnee Custom Fit Knee Replacement of California, the procedure uses MRI technology to precisely measure the patient's knee.

The scan is used to create a three-dimensional image of the arthritic joint, and a corrected version. This is used to make precision cutting guides for the surgeon to follow.

The procedure means less cutting and quicker recovery, Kassab said.

The new approach "is changing the way we cut the knee. There's less dissection, less bone cutting and less time in surgery. It also decreases the trauma to the patient," he said. "It allows the patient to be painfree, recover a lot quicker and resume all activities of life."

Before surgery, Jensen was receiving cortisone treatment for her knee every 2-3 months. When that was no longer enough, she became a candidate for surgery.

"It was a long time coming," said Jensen, who goes to Novacare in Clarkston for rehabilitation. "It's doing better every day."

Kassab said the custom approach will soon also be used for elbows, hips, and other joints. He expects to do several hundred in the coming year.

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The clean and spacious facility – fully equipped with brand new Cybex brand equipment and four 32-inch flat panel televisions – is staffed during the day and some evenings.

After hours, members simply use an access key card to let themselves in. The door locks automatically, and can only be opened by another key-card holding member.

Snap Fitness offers the best in cardio and weight equipment, including free weights. With their access card, members are able to access any Snap Fitness nationwide. Members also have the ability to "freeze" their membership for up to three months a year, perfect for those who travel.

2008 brings even more value to Snap Fitness members. Snap Fitness has partnered with three industry-leading companies: Biocutica, Health Solutions Ltd., and Hyperstrike.

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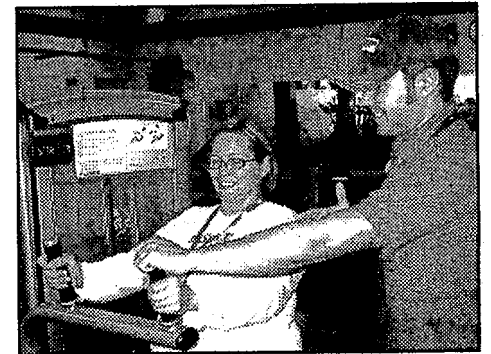
Tom Heist, left, and Matt Kulencamp of Snap Fitness.

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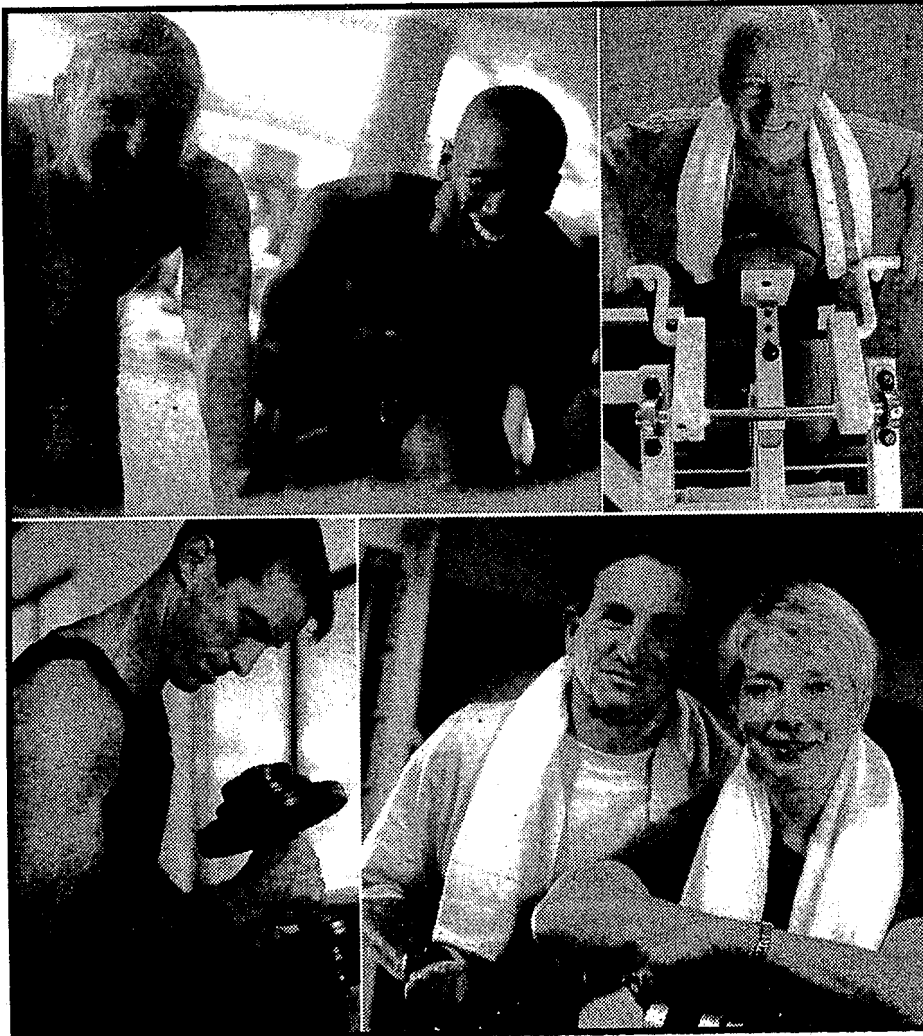
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