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League champs

Porter helps put team ahead

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Senior Julius Porter stood at the line and eyed the basket.

One bounce. Two bounce.

With 22 seconds left in the game, the Wolves were tied with West Bloomfield, 47-47.

Clarkston's previous game to the Lakers Jan. 17 was also a nailbiter, resulting in their first loss of the season, 50-47.

This time, the OAA I league title was on the line.

Porter made the go-ahead shot, and drained one more for a score of

48-46, and the league championship.

"We knew it was going to come to the end," said West Bloomfield coach Andre White.

"It wasn't a very pretty game by either team, but maybe that's what you get when both are playing for the championship," said Clarkston coach Dan Fife.

The score had remained close throughout the entire game, but in the last three minutes of the game, a three pointer from Rod Hurst and basket by Josh Eichelberger brought the Lakers to a tie, 46-46.

Brandon Pokley brought the Wolves up by one at the line, but with 23 seconds left in the game, an Oliver Kupe foul brought Eichelberger to the line to tie the score again.

Within the next second, a foul against Porter brought him to the line for two.

"I want to win a league championship," Fife said.

"That's what its there for, to win a league championship. I don't know why we play leagues if there is no championship. I think that's very important - that's just the way I have always been, I want to play the best teams, I want to play good people, good coaches, good players."

The game ended the regular season for the Wolves. They had an overall record of 18-2, with a 9-1 record in the league.

Going into the district playoffs, Fife isn't thinking about records or past scores.

Brandon Pokley scored 15 points and had two assists. Matt Kamieniecki scored 12 points and had one assist.

Previously in the week, Clarkston beat Pontiac Northern, 77-62.

"This is the end of one season, now we start the next season. Right now everyone is 0-0, I know it's cliché, but they are. Anything can happen. Someone's going to lose, it can happen to everybody."



Matt Kamieniecki goes for the win. Photo by Wendi Reardon.

Almost of age to drive?



Nick Dura is set to celebrate his 15th birthday this year.

He was born on Feb. 29, 1948, so he is technically 60 years old, but he can only celebrate his actual birthdate every four years. Dura and three other "Leap Year babies" were featured on the front page of the Feb. 24, 1972, edition of *The Clarkston*

News, when he celebrated his sixth birthday, at 24 years of age.

He returned to the Clarkston area about a year ago after about 30 years in the restaurant business in Florida.

The three ladies in the 1972 photo are Carol Van Hooser, Jeannine Dancy, and Christine O'Rourke.

Hospitals pass on lobbying state

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The state opened up its hospital permit process to public comment, but neither McLaren nor Beaumont spoke up.

Kevin Tompkins, spokesperson for McLaren Health Corp, said it's not the right time to lobby for changes. McLaren is constructing a medical complex at Sashabaw Road and I-75, with plans for a hospital in a few years.

"It's our full intent to work di-

rectly with the Department of Community Health and work with the CON (Certificate of Need) Commission in terms of demonstrating a need for the proposed hospital in Clarkston," Tompkins said.

"We've always supported the CON process - we don't have any intention of going around them," said Mike Killian of Beaumont, which hopes to build a hospital at M-15 and I-75.

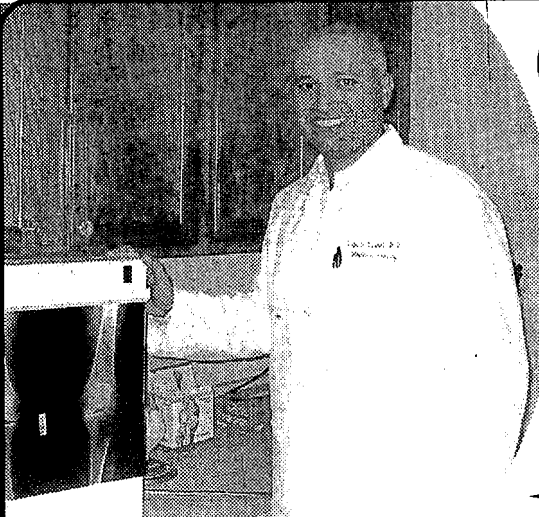
To build a hospital, they must prove the area needs it, despite a

surplus of about 1,237 hospital beds in Macomb and Oakland counties, according to the commission.

"We thought it better for it to go through the Independence Township project planning process first," Killian said. "We have not completed the whole PUD process and want to respect the township board and their guidelines before we take it a step further."

Killian said he doesn't think anyone will be building a new hos-

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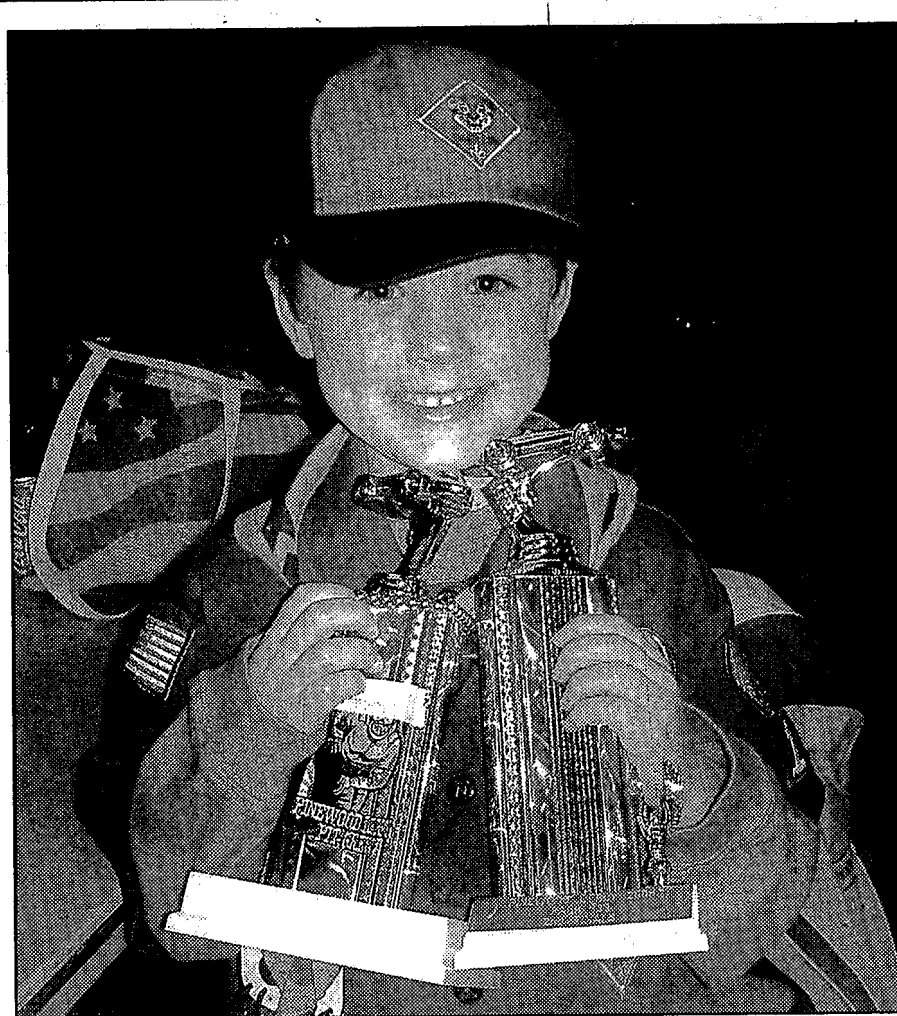
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Award-winning Derby driver

Jake Roeser, first grader at Andersonville Elementary and Pack 133 Tiger Scout, holds his trophies for first place for Tigers and second place overall, won at the Jan. 27 Pinewood Derby. He is the son of Jeff and Heather Roeser, and big brother of Drew Roeser.



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City budget dips into savings

A sharp increase in the police budget and impending sidewalk repairs left Clarkston officials without an alternative as they dipped nearly \$4,600 from the city's rainy day fund.

The fund — a surplus balance carried over from previous budget years — stood at \$86,235.88 before the deduction.

"It's a very, very tight budget," said City Councilman Cory Johnston during a budget committee report at Monday's council meeting. "The budget committee is going to look at ways we can either get more money or spend less. I'm going to put it on the whole council — the budget committee doesn't have any rabbits in the hat."

The largest chunks of the budget increase include \$10,000 allocated for sidewalk repair and replacement, and a \$28,500 boost to cover new computers, overtime expenses and an increase in gasoline and vehicle maintenance costs within the city's police department.

For more details, visit www.Clarkstonnews.com.

Administration works on school budget proposal

Clarkston Board of Education's gave school administration an assignment: write a budget, saving \$2 million with 10 percent surplus, all without cutting too much.

"No one wants drastic cuts," said Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts at Monday's board meeting.

Board Treasurer Ronald Sullivan requested three budget proposals based on best, middle-of-the-road, and worst-case state funding scenarios.

Roberts, school principals, and other officials on the school administration team will work on the budget this week for consideration by the school board in early March.

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Safety path coming too slowly

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

A safety path has been promised at Clintonville and Mann roads — Independence Township resident Michael Powell wants to know where it is.

"We still don't have a bike path any closer than we did since 1984," said Powell (see page 6A for his letter to the editor on the subject).

Building Director Dave Belcher said the safety path, connecting Mann to Maybee, is a 2008 priority.

Belcher said the project, in the Steeple Chase development, was delayed because of change in ownership.

"No matter what, when that project is developed, they are obligated to put the safety path in or give us \$100,000," said Belcher.

"Any developer that comes in, we require them to install a safety path or give the township the equivalent of the money, so when we do put the safety path in, it's already paid for."

Powell said the township should not have to depend on a developer, but should do it them-

selves.

"Everything I see from my house benefits Clarkston and nothing in the rural areas of Independence Township gets taken care of," he said.

"We live right on the Waterford, Inde-

"That's one of the best programs we have — people can get on a bike and go somewhere now."

—Supervisor David Wagner
Independence Township



"It cost a lot of money to put these safety paths in," he said. "Whatever the millage was when this safety path was created has not changed. The only tax increase we get is if the taxes go up on houses."

The township is working to connect existing paths, he said.

"In the last five years we have been trying to connect the dots," he said.

Also, "rural pathways" have been removed from the master plan, he said.

Independence Township Supervisor Dave Wagner, member of the safety path committee, said the township is building a fund balance for the safety path.

"The reason why we have that is so if the millage goes away, we have some money

to continue to make some repairs to these paths and keep them up," he said.

"That's one of the best programs we have. I've had so many positive things said about that. People can get on a bike and go somewhere now."

Ordinance changes would fight blight

BY LAURA COLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Tired of looking at the eyesore in your neighbor's yard?

Officials are hoping proposed changes to Springfield Township Ordinance 16 will encourage residents to maintain their property — and make it easier to impose fines or sanctions when they don't.

"We all know there are things that occur all over the community that are not technically a violation (of the current ordinance)," said Springfield Township Supervisor Collin Walls at a Feb. 13 township board meeting. "But you wouldn't want to live next door or across the street from them, and it's frustrating for the people who do."

The township receives a number of complaints each year from residents who say they're tired of looking at blight situations.

"We have an ordinance that deals pretty clearly with vehicles that are unlicensed or inoperable, and litter, as we define it, but nothing else," Walls said earlier this week. "There are things that are generally considered blight, and those things have a negative influence either on property values or enjoyment of your property."

Garbage cans left at the curb long after trash collectors go by, said Walls, and tarp-covered garage sale tables that seem to sit around all summer, are "a couple of the worst examples"

and often prompt angry residents to call or visit the township offices to complain.

"The garage sale is fine," Walls explained. "But when you leave the material and your tables out at the street side for weeks at a time when you're not even open, that (constitutes blight)."

Old cars that clutter residential yards and driveways have also generated quite a few complaints, but such vehicles don't necessarily violate the township's ordinance.

"There's a limit," said Walls. "If the vehicle is licensed is operable and can legally go up and down the road, even if it (looks terrible) there's nothing we can do."

Still, proposed changes to the ordinance were drafted by township attorneys after a discussion of the situation, and should help control the problem, he said.

A copy of the proposed amendments were published as required by state law, and can be viewed in the "legals" section of this week's Clarkston News on 14B.

Before changes are officially adopted, the township board will accept public comments on proposed amendments to Ordinance 16 during the regular board meeting scheduled for 7:30 p.m. March 13 at the Springfield Township Civic Center.

For more information, call the Springfield Township offices at 248-634-3111 or visit www.springfield-twp.us

Coming soon to a violator near you...

Violators beware — a brand new ordinance officer will soon arrive to make sure residents comply with junk, litter and pollution laws, as well as Springfield Township's other ordinances.

"The individual responsible for ordinance enforcement currently is not doing a very good job at all," said Springfield Township Supervisor Collin Walls at a Feb. 14 township board meeting. "It's me."

Walls took over the responsibility during the last 18 months when economic conditions forced the layoff of the former ordinance officer.

"I was naive enough to think I could do justice to this along with all the other things I'm doing," Walls said. "But I'm not going to be able to do it."

The new ordinance officer will have use of a township vehicle and work approximately 10-12 hours per week at the rate of \$16 per hour.

Funds were allocated in the township's current budget in anticipation of the situation.

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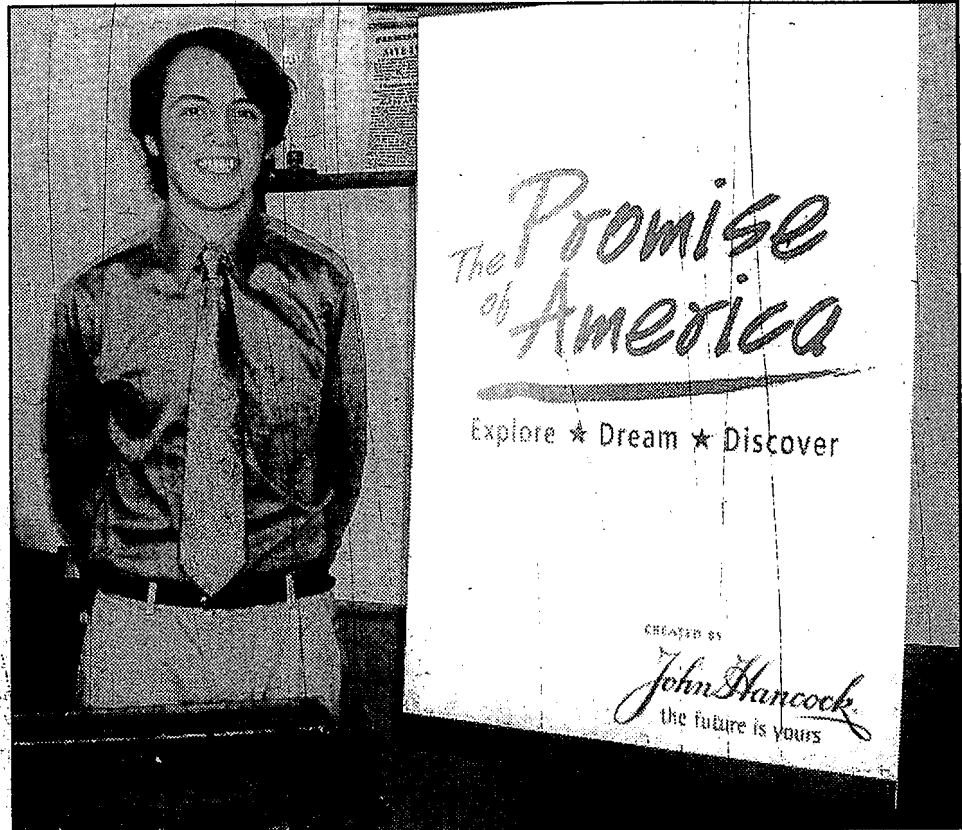
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Michael Espejo earned a \$2,500 scholarship with his essay about John Hancock.
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Student earns scholarship with revolutionary ideas

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
 Clarkston News Editor

For Michael Espejo, senior at Clarkston High School, John Hancock left a big mark on history as the Declaration of Independence.

Espejo's insights into his impact on modern issues earned him a \$2,500 scholarship from John Hancock Financial, in their 2008 Promise of America Scholarship essay competition.

"My mom heard about it from a co-worker and I just ran with it," said Espejo, son of Manny and Kim Espejo of Independence Township.

"We're very proud of Mike and his accomplishment," Kim said.

The competition was open to all high school students in the Metro Detroit area. Espejo was chosen as one of six finalists, the only one from Oakland County.

"I wrote about John Hancock's ideas of self sacrifice and standing up for what you believe in and applied them to the modern day," Michael Espejo said.

"I like history. I like writing."

On Friday, Feb. 8, finalists presented their essays to a panel of nine judges, including Dan Mulhern, Michigan's First Gentleman, and John Hancock Financial's Senior Vice President James Gallagher.

Judging was at Greenfield Village in the Eagle Tavern.

First prize was \$10,000, second place was \$5,000, and runner up prizes were \$2,500.

"It's an honor," Espejo said. "It will help a lot."

He has been accepted into the Oakland University Honors Program for fall 2008, and plans to study journalism.

"I like the ability to reach so many people by writing," he said.

He joined his school newspaper this year, so far covering issues such as parking fees, breathalyzer tests for pedestrians, music, and people.

"I love it - it's great," he said. "It's fun. I really enjoy it."

He also plays guitar, a hobby since eighth grade, volunteers with the high school's SAVE Club to promote recycling and environmental issues, and works as a page at the Independence Township Library.

"It's a nice working environment there, plus it's great to have so many books at my disposal," he said.

The environment is a key issue in his essay.

"Ride a bike instead of driving a car," he said. "Recycle. Spread the word."

'Frightening Phragmites' Expert to discuss threat on Clarkston area lakes and wetlands March 11

BY LAURA COLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

An aggressive species of plant growing in the Clarkston area could choke the life from area lakes and wetlands if it's not addressed quickly and correctly.

That's the message from worried residents and environmental groups planning a March 11 workshop entitled Frightening Phragmites: Neighborhood Invaders.

The event is the culmination of efforts began by Independence Township resident Elizabeth Wagner, who began gathering information after spotting the invasive species on her Deer Lake Farms property.

"I'm eager to have this presentation," said Wagner, "before people start to see Phragmites come up in their yards and cause it to spread. We want to let people know what you can and can't do to control it."

According to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Phragmites (frag-MY-teez), also known as common reed, is a perennial type of grass that degrades wetlands and coastal areas by crowding out native plants and animals with its tall, dense mass of reedy stalks.

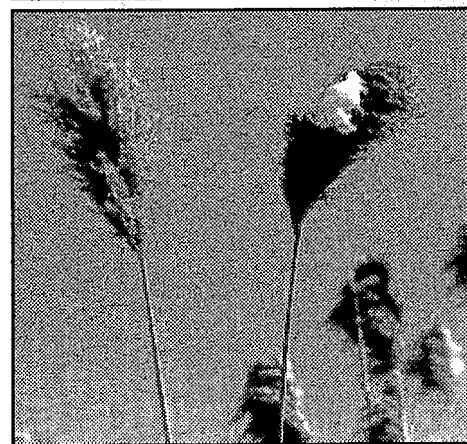
Wagner, who said she's in the process of introducing native plants around her beachfront property, fears her yard will be lost to the belligerent Phragmites.

But worse, she fears many local wetlands and lakes may be damaged or destroyed without appropriate action.

It's that fear, she said, that encouraged her to help plan and promote the upcoming workshop for homeowners, local government officials and lake board association members and other interested residents.

Across Michigan, others seem equally worried.

"Hopefully I can make people understand the gravity of the situation so they know what they're up against," said Mebby Pearson, an AmeriCorps environmental educator with the Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program, who will speak at the event. "(Phragmites) is a pretty plant and you think



Above, Phragmites grows rampant along this stretch of White Lake Road in Clarkston, and now blocks the view of Middle Lake adjacent to Deer Lake Beach. At left, Phragmites turns a tan color in fall and most leaves drop off, leaving only the stalk and plume-topped shoot throughout winter. Photos by Laura Colvin

'oh is that interesting, isn't that nice' but before you know it, it fills your whole backyard. People need to understand the plant so they can get after it when it starts to appear on the edge of their property."

But, she said, it's important to manage the plant correctly—or risk making the problem worse.

While Phragmites can grow to a height of 15 feet, 80 percent of the plant is contained in

an underground mass of roots and rhizomes reaching six feet or more into the soil.

"This plant is working underground and it spreads very quickly," said Pearson, noting vigorous rhizomes—horizontal roots that readily produce new shoots, especially when disturbed, fuel the plant's rapid growth. "It'll destroy a wetland."

In addition to environmental threats, Phragmites also blocks shoreline views, and reduces access for swimming, fishing, and hunting.

Although a native variety of Phragmites does grow in Michigan, environmentalists warn the invasive, non-native type is becom-

Frightening Phragmites: Neighborhood Invaders

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ing widespread and threatens ecological health of inland lakes and wetlands as well as the Great Lakes coastal shoreline.

"It's at really terrible proportions on the east side of the country," Pearson said, explaining that a trip to Harsen's Island in Lake St. Clair will quickly illustrate devastating effects of Phragmites for doubters.

"On the way to Harsen's Island you see nothing but a sea of Phragmites," she said. "Just like the sea of cornfields when you drive through Illinois. It spreads like wildfire."

During the March 11 workshop, Pearson will discuss the methods of treatment, where to find qualified professional help and explain why it's crucial to apply various treatments only during certain times of the year.

She'll also talk about permits—DNR approval is required for many aspects of Phragmites treatment—and how to avoid using the wrong chemicals, which is not only illegal but may also kill healthy aquatic life.

"It's about management," she said. "I don't know if you ever can completely eradicate Phragmites, but you can prevent it from taking over before the vegetation starts filling in and causing the death of your lake."

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Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

Rumor mill now officially closed

Lots of responses to stories and letters lately. Most is just the kind of viewpoints and counterviewpoints we requested a few weeks ago, when we were experiencing a drought of opinions of any sort.

Along with this has come some challenges, however.

Tom Stone and Neil Wallace wrote to challenge local government, the City of Clarkston and Independence Township respectively.

They have led to responses and complaints in writing and over the phone — a few share space on these pages.

A few responses to the responses:

Tom Stone is a prolific writer to these viewpoint pages, but "barrage" may be overstating it. He wrote a letter Feb. 6, then another Feb. 20 in response to responses about him. Before that he wrote roughly one a month.

The "be more selective" advice was also applied to Wallace's letter.

In it, Wallace charges Sam Moraco, chairman of the Planning Commission, with violating the Open Meetings Act, a fairly serious charge for public officials.

This claim was based on an e-mails forwarded to Wallace by Larry Rosso, another member of the commission. Rosso wrote he was concerned with a letter Moraco sent to David Belcher, director of Independence Township's Facilities Maintenance Department.

The chairman wanted to inform Belcher of a format change in reports provided by the township planning consultant. He wrote the letter from the commission's point of view, such as "the commission would like to see."

Rosso sent Belcher an email about his concern about the letter being based on phone discussions with other commission members, violating the Open Meetings Act.

Moraco said his letter to Belcher was not worded correctly, which led to misunderstandings snowballing through township government.

All this should have been included in last week's story and/or letter to the editor. That is wasn't is a failure on our part to provide information readers need.

Publishing letter writers' rumors, as we did with Wallace as well as Tom Stone, is less defensible.

Americans should be free to say whatever they want about public officials without consequence, but that has limits, though not clearcut.

Saying "Politician A is a crook" may be libel, especially if untrue.

"I heard a rumor Politician A is a crook": sloppy journalism, and may still be libel.

"In my opinion, Politician A is a crook": protected political speech.

So, no more rumors will be printed in the paper. Keep them coming, though, and we'll look into them to see what's up.



The Clarkston Viewpoints

Where are the safety paths?

Dear Editor,

Being long time Independence Township residents, we've questioned township officials in the past as to why the "priority safety paths" in our area remain non-existent after paying over 20 years for them.

But now we question township officials as to why there is talk of using existing safety path money on a proposed "rural safety path" when the "priority safety paths" are still an incomplete patch-work of dead-end paths.

As we are now being told, the blame for lack of any progress on safety paths in our area lies in the hands of the developer who owns property in the area and it is he who must build a safety path to save the township money.

Why is a taxpayer funded project being held hostage by the developer? How does that save a taxpayer money?

We are still paying and the last time we checked, over 20 of our tax bills had safety path millages on them. That would make safety paths a township responsibility, not the developer's.

Seems everytime township officials claim to be saving taxpayers money, they turn around and vote themselves pay raises and bonuses. It's little wonder why Independence Township

still doesn't have a community center, usable safety paths, etc.

It's time for Independence Township residents to really save money and elect new people who don't believe that it "de-values" their jobs if they don't take annual pay raises and bonuses with our tax dollars.

*Michael and Lori Powell
Independence Township*

Letters to the editor

Stop 'stone throwing' in paper

Dear Editor,

Has *The Clarkston News* changed its name to the "Stone Tablet" or has Mr. Stone joined the staff of the newspaper? The past barrage of letters to the editor would certainly make one question this.

As you will be able to tell from this letter, I do not think that public policy and public decisions are best settled by attacks and innuendos freely tossed about in a newspaper.

I feel that the best way to settle the important issues like those that face all governments, including the City of Clarkston, are best handled by intelligent people discussing intelligent and creative alternatives in an open and respectful manner.

I am truly tired of the "stone throwing" that seems to be a weekly entry in your paper. It is certainly easy to criticize from the cheap seats.

Finally, for anyone to question Mr. Pappas' character and dedication to Clarkston is the most ridiculous thing that I have every heard. I have known, worked with and totally respected everything about Art Pappas for the 20 years that I have been privilege to know him.

I have found Art to be one of the most honorable, dedicated and honest persons that I have every known, as I am certain anyone that has every had the opportunity to meet him would agree.

In the future, please be more selective of the quantity of "stone throwing" that you allow in your paper. Although uncertain of his motive, not only is it getting old, but his opinion is clear.

*Stephen D. Arkwright
Clarkston*

Planning commission made wrong call

Dear Editor,

The majority of the Independence Township Planning Commission should immediately reverse the action of the few who recently directed our planning consultant to stop giving recommendations.

The explanations by the commission's chairman, Sam Moraco, make no sense. First, the planning consultant's recommendation is not "the township taking a stand prior to a public hearing." It is merely his professional recommendation.

Second, the notion developers may be misled is simply wrong. All but the most unsophisticated developer knows the consultant's recommendation is only a recommendation and the decision is up to the Planning Commission. So there is no real danger of the developer being misled.

Third, if the Planning Commission is so well educated, there is no reason not to have the consultant's recommendation. They should be able to ignore it if they feel

it is not well founded or if they simply disagree. Perhaps this is a red herring, as I heard at the meeting no developer has even complained.

To the contrary, they work hard to earn his recommendation as a first hurdle to the approval they seek.

Our professional planner's job is more than just listing a proposal's items of non-compliance. The recommendation provides professional judgement based on experience.

Certainly, we would not expect the township's engineers, lawyers, or other professionals to not provide us with recommendations.

It is why we hire and pay them. The same must be true for our planner.

It is pretty clear to me that this action by the majority of the Planning Commission is simply irresponsible. The majority should undo it immediately.

*Craig Bennett
Independence Township*

Six armed men vs. a single flying squirrel

We who have retreats up north are always concerned that vermits of some kind will make their way into our units.

We always vacuum before leaving, not for dirt, (we're not dirty) but for crumbs, things that ants might live on while we're gone.

We've caged the chimney top to eliminate that entry, and our doors and windows are always checked.

However, we've not considered the flying squirrel.

We've had this retreat (actually it's a 3-family condo building with finished basement where we can rest at the end of the day, by the fireplace, overlooking a lake) since about 1972.

All of us have specific written instructions for opening and closing, and they have been followed accurately all these years.

So, when we seven snowmobilers arrived February 7 we didn't expect what we found. Remembrances had been left for us. There were solid indications that some calling cards had been dropped in and on cupboards.

Since all traces were in the lower level, the concern for finding the intruders was most discerning to the two who were to sleep in the basement, Carl and Rick.

Son, Jim, was first to spot squirrely. He was watching tv, and when the inquisitive one showed up Jim chased it downstairs. The next day Carl spotted (we should have named it) it and chased it back upstairs.

Carl developed a trapping plan. Chase it into a closet and close the doors. There isn't a closet in the building with doors close to the floor, so on to plan B:

Wait for the devil to show again.

As the seven of us sat in front of the fire, waiting for Jim's fried potatoes to finish their two-and-a-half hour route to edibility, Mr. Squirrel came from behind a picture leaning against the wall on a wainscot shelf about four feet high.

You should have been there to see six of the seven spring into action. Leader Carl gave orders: "Get a broom,

someone grab that ball bat, get a fish net, where's that basket I can trap it with?"

Everyone was on their feet, but me. I poured one more and sat down to enjoy the action.

There he is on the fireplace!

Look, he (we don't know if it was a he) jumped onto the sofa! There he goes across the floor. He's behind the refrigerator! Here he comes again! No, he's back behind the frig!

Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

When Mr. Squirrel made that leap from the stone fireplace to the sofa, maybe ten feet, that's when they started putting the word 'flying' before squirrel.

The scene was terrific. Reminded me of an old wartime remark: "There we were, three against a thousand -- and we got all three of them."

The guys were scooting and yelling instructions to each other. Suddenly the squirrel started across an open area and Carl was there with his trapping basket.

He slammed it down, but half the squirrel was out. That's when quick-footed Tim Speed, our son-in-law, put his foot down.

Fearless Carl yelled, "Hand me a glove!" He didn't have a glove the night before when the squirrel made a quick visit to him in his bed.

Then Carl took the animal outside and left it in the snow. Minutes later Carl was back outside checking on Mr. Squirrel. He had a guilty feeling, and had to communicate for forgiveness.

Later Carl offered toast, table scraps and comforting words to satisfy his soul and give him reason to continue living.

Such is the feeling of an amateur squirrel hunter.

Dr. Devereaux's legacy continues at SPE

Dear Editor,

"The show must go on" is what everyone always says. Springfield Plains School Fair was once again a huge success! Who knew? With four children, I've been a parent at SPE for almost 13 years. In that time I've volunteered at the fair, co-chaired the fair and chaired the fair.

Dr. Sharon Devereaux was always at the helm, cheering me on, smiling all day with the students and families. Every time we would take a break to count money, there she was, saying "it doesn't matter if we make money, this is a day for families to spend quality time together."

She was so right! This year I plucked my way through getting things together in preparation for the fair, but trying not to think of that day without a woman I'd come to love and respect. I ran my flyers by Principal K.C. Leh just like I would with Dr. Devereaux, trying not to imagine the delight Dr. D would have in all the preparation. K.C. of course hadn't a clue yet of what the fair was exactly.

But then, on the day of the fair when I thought I'd miss Dr. Devereaux the most, there was K.C. smiling and laughing with students and families. I closed my eyes and realized that

Dr. Devereaux was gone, but she had sent us someone who cares just as much, laughs and smiles just as much, and someone who will guide our children just as generously as she did.

I care about the fair like it was my youngest child. I am always concerned about the students having a good time. I have only one year left at SPE and luckily I found someone to pass the fair on to who will care just as much as I do.

That's how it is you know, someone wonderful will step in even after we think the best was already there. I still miss Dr. Devereaux, but I think now I have something I didn't have a year ago; the peace in knowing that while things have changed at SPE it is still full of love, respect and kindness and will continue to be a great place for our children to learn.

Thank you to K.C. Leh, the staff and parent volunteers, committee chair persons, student council, NHS students, SMS leadership, Speedy Printing and the Oakland County Sheriff's department for making this fair and all the fairs to come the most fun event Springfield Plains presents.

Kelly Finazzo
SPE Fair Chairperson

Got something to say?

Write a letter to the editor at ClarkstonNews@gmail.com
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A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1993

"Township fire hall search continues" Independence Township was still searching for a new fire station, to replace rented property at Main and Church. Negotiations for land at M-15 and Dixie Highway had fallen though earlier in the year.

"Mom killed" A Pontiac woman lost control of her car traveling south on Andersonville Road and hit an oncoming vehicle. She died of her injuries. Police said she was driving too fast for icy road conditions.

"30-acre Oakhill subdivision plat gets another OK" Independence Township trustees voted to move the project forward. The Robin Hills subdivision was to include 16 lots, each 1.5 acres, served by septic fields and wells.

25 years ago - 1983

"4-H ponders switching from Springfield fair site" Oakland County 4-H Board was considering moving to an "open fair," which would open it up to adults and bill itself as a "county fair."

"He strives to identify fluoride levels in water" Dr. George Krull, dentist, was working with local pediatricians, Drs. James O'Neill and Charles Yee, to improve fluoridation of local water supplies.

"Schools rate A's, B's in phone survey" A federally funded survey of Clarkston residents found most were happy with their school district.

"Pacesetter: Education inroad" An alternative high school program was set up in the former South Sashabaw Elementary School. Administrators said it was for students who "fell through the cracks" in the traditional high school setting.

50 years ago - 1958

"Scholarship test in junior year" The National Merit Scholarship Program expanded to serve more high school students. Charge for taking the test was \$1.

"Escaped" The Clarkston Men's Club hosted Peter Kalinke, a German war correspondent from World War II. He was captured by the Red Army, but escaped and emigrated to the United States. He was making a living as an expert on the Soviet Union.

We are lucky to have Pappas

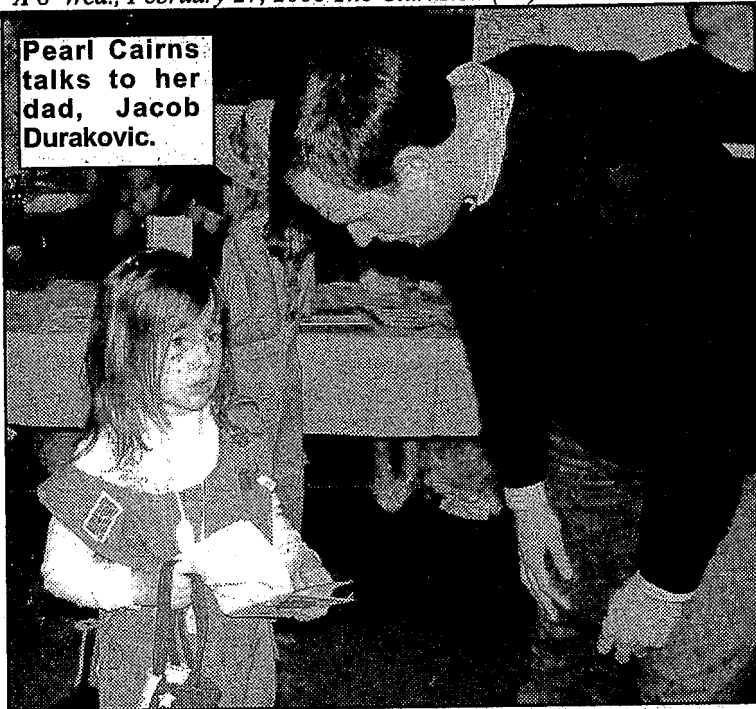
Dear Editor,

Thank you Amanda and Sharron for expressing so beautifully how our family also feels about Art Pappas (Feb. 13 edition).

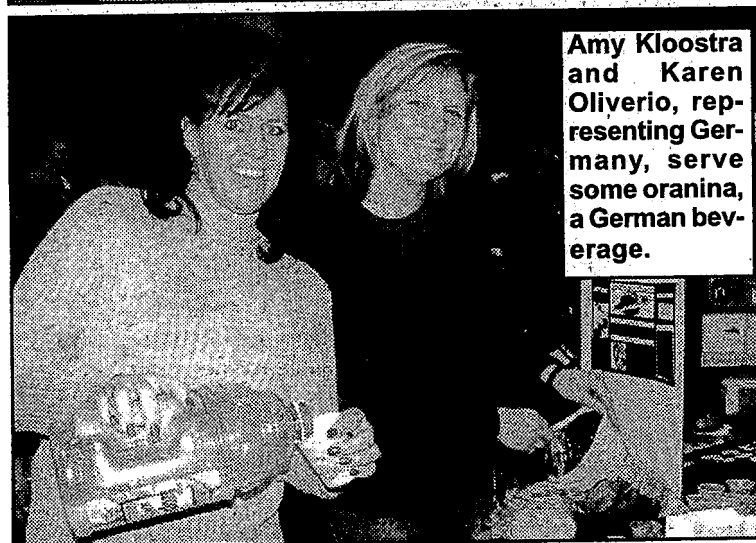
This village has truly been blessed to have such a capable and caring individual looking out for our welfare as a village-city for so many years. Art, our appreciation is very deep for all you do every day.

Sincerely,

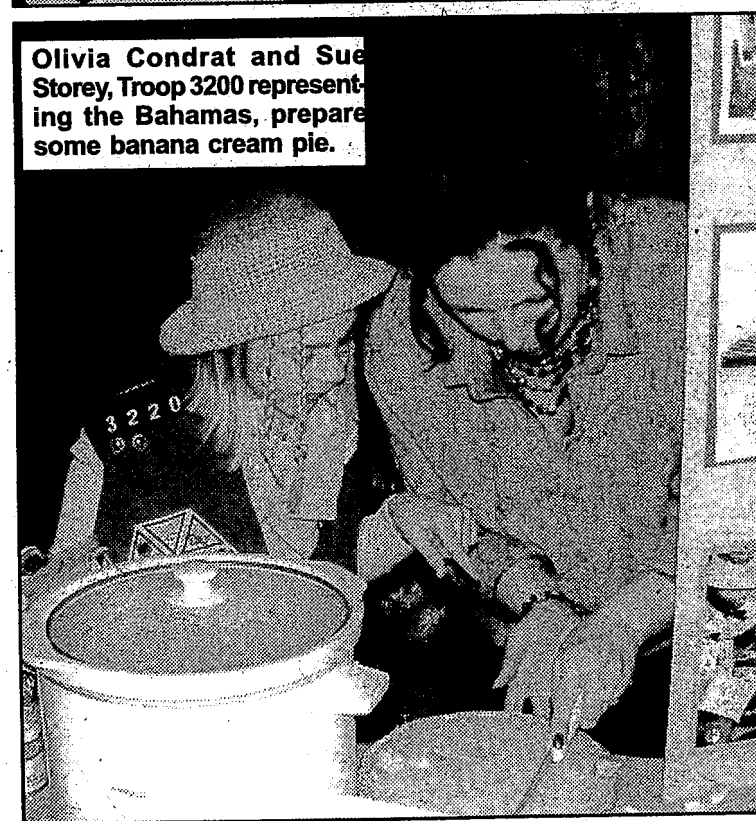
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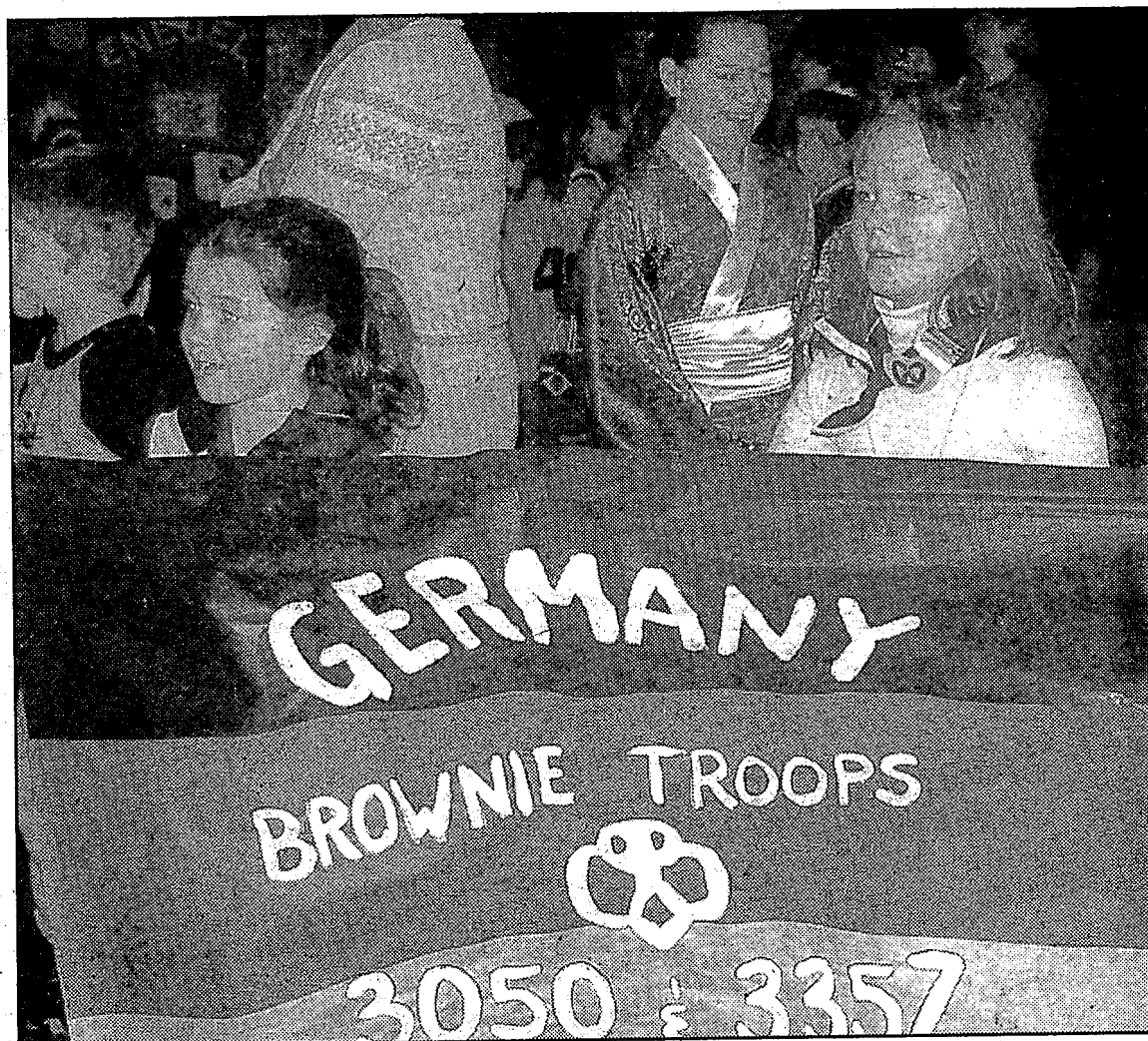
Pearl Cairns talks to her dad, Jacob Durakovic.



Amy Kloostra and Karen Oliverio, representing Germany, serve some oranina, a German beverage.



Olivia Condrat and Sue Storey, Troop 3200 representing the Bahamas, prepare some banana cream pie.



Scouts Kori Kloostra and Cassie Winkler, representing Germany, march in the International parade.

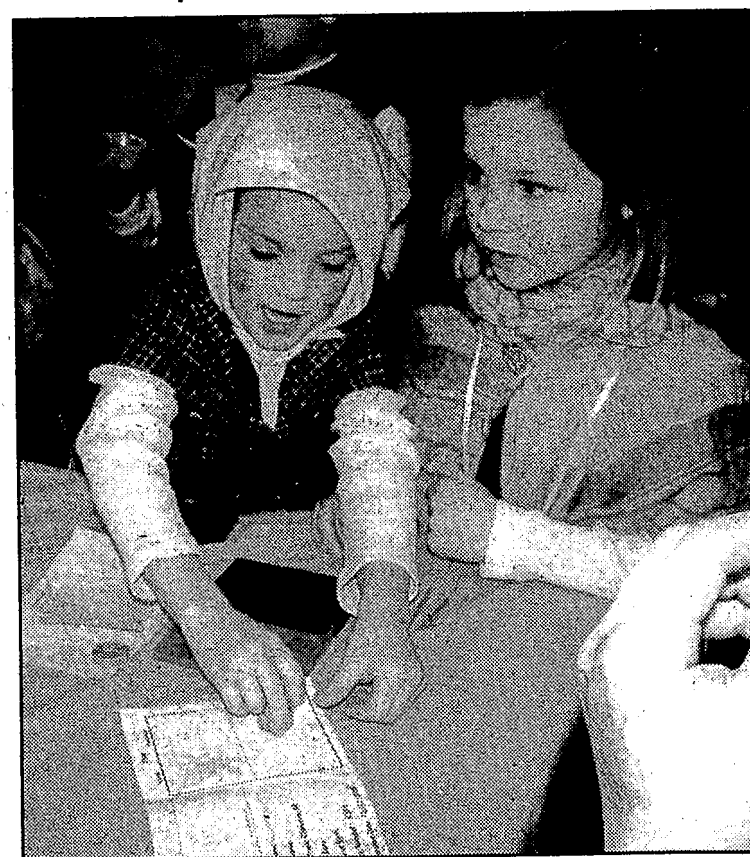
Touring the world without leaving town

Girl Scout Troop 1546, Clarkston Elementary, hosted hundreds of fellow scouts for an evening of International learning and fun.

"We have 450 registered - with dads and brothers along, that adds up to a lot," said Jeanne Kitchen, Troop 1546 of Clarkston Elementary, which hosted the annual event at Springfield Oaks.

Scouts from 40 Clarkston area troops researched countries around the world, dressed in regional clothing, and made treats and dishes to share.

Photo story
by Phil Custodio



Grace Pouttu and Claudia Sampson, Troop 3277, represent Sweden.

Independence Twp.

Fri., Feb 15 An Independence Township resident living in the 5600 block of Sally Road called police after discovering someone stole a snow blower from an attached garage sometime during the week.

An 18-year-old Independence Township man was issued an appearance citation for assault and battery and disorderly person while two 18-year-old Waterford men were issued citations for disorderly person and underage consumption of alcohol after the trio ordered a beverage at a drive thru window at a fast food restaurant and one of the men proceeded to throw the drink on the 16-year-old female employee working the window while another video taped the incident. The girl's father, who happened to be in the restaurant at the time, followed the men and demanded they return to the restaurant where police were waiting. One of the men confessed they'd committed the same act at another drive-thru just moments prior.

Sat., Feb 16 An Independence Township man filed a police report after he received a bill for medical services he supposedly received in Florida in 2006 in the amount of \$418. The man told police he did not receive the services, nor was he in Florida during 2006.

Deputies were dispatched to a hit call after a caller saw an SUV drive through a gas station in the 7200 block of Ortonville Road and strike a parked vehicle, then flee the scene with a flat tire and front end damage. Police were able to locate the vehicle after an area search and eventually identified the driver, a 30-year-old Traverse City man with prior alcohol convictions in Michigan and several other states. The man was arrested and jailed and police were requesting warrants on charges of operating while intoxicated, third offense; driving while license suspended; and hit and run.

Police were dispatched to the area of Sashabaw Road and Clarkston Road after an off duty police officer from another city followed a driver who was "all over the road" for several miles before she arrived at her place of work. The woman told police she had taken some Xanax, along with some

Public Safety

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

Vicoden and had recently taken antidepressants and used heroin until she went to rehab in January for two weeks. The woman submitted to a voluntary blood test and went to work, pending results.

Sun., Feb 17 An employee at a business in the 6600 block of Dixie Highway called police after discovering someone stole her wallet from her purse while she was working. She was contacted by her bank the following day and advised someone had used her debit card to make unauthorized purchases at a local gas station, grocery store and pharmacy.

Police were investigating a narcotics crime after a 29-year-old Highland Park woman was found with crack cocaine in her vehicle when she was pulled over on a traffic violation near Waldon Road and Pine Valley Road.

Mon., Feb 18 A representative from a local daily paper filed a police report after discovering someone broke into paper boxes in two different locations on Dixie Highway and stole \$18 in coins from one and \$26 from another.

Tues., Feb 19 A 42-year-old Independence Township woman filed a police report stating her soon to be ex husband had been calling and texting her at all hours making threats over her new boyfriend. The woman said the man left her last July and has been seeing other women, but didn't think it was right that she saw other men until the divorce was final.

Wed., Feb 20 Police were investigating a case of breaking and entering after the owner of a construction trailer parked in the 5700 block of Bow Pointe Drive reported someone used a screwdriver to pry open the door and stole two walkie talkies and several tools from inside. A second trailer belonging to a different company was also broken into. Tool pouches, batteries and chargers, a shovel and cable cutters were missing.

Springfield Twp.

Mon., Feb 4 Deputies were dispatched to a school in the 8200 block of Big Lake Road after an instructor reported someone broke in and stole a number of large power tools and other equipment. The man told police most of the items were very heavy and would require at least two persons to lift, and a truck or trailer to haul away.

Tues., Feb 5 Deputies were dispatched to the Oakland County Road Commission building on Dixie Highway to assist the Springfield Township Fire Department after a locking ring flew off the rim of a truck tire two employees were working on. The 30-pound ring hit one of the workers, a 51-year-old Groveland Township man, in the mouth, knocking out at least two of his upper teeth. He was transported to Genesys Hospital for further treatment.

Wed., Feb 13 A 19-year-old man was cited for retail fraud after he allegedly left a video store in the 9600 block of Dixie Highway with DVDs in his pocket. The man told police he had just finished a job interview at a neighboring grocery store and put the DVDs in his pocket, intending to pay later, as he passed time in the video store while waiting for a ride. The man said he forgot about the movies when he left the store, and told police never intended to steal the movies, especially since he was in trouble for a previous larceny.

Thurs., Feb 14 A 39-year-old Springfield Township man filed a police report after he received a bill for a computer shipped to a Detroit address and discovered someone fraudulently opened a line of credit in his name.

Sun., Feb 17 A 22-year-old Springfield Township man was arrested and jailed on drunk driving charges after deputies responded to reports of a crash in the 13500 block of Davisburg Road and arrived to find

two men trying to free a pickup truck stuck on the front lawn of a home. The driver told police he'd been drinking and said he'd told his friend "watch, I bet I can get the back (of the pickup truck) to drift out going around this curve." The man also admitted he was probably driving too fast when he lost control and struck a tree.

Mon., Feb 18 Deputies responded to reports of an abandoned vehicle in the snow bank near the 10300 block of Andersonville Road and discovered the car, which had also apparently crashed into a roadside mailbox, had dried blood and a smashed window on the driver's side door. Inside, police found marijuana and drug paraphernalia, as well as open intoxicants. The occupants of the vehicle later arrived at the Springfield Township substation to report the incident and were cited for driving without due care and caution as well as possession of marijuana. The driver told police he was traveling too fast for road conditions at the time of the accident.

Tues., Feb 19 Deputies were dispatched to I-75 north of Dixie Highway after a 1999 Pontiac Bonneville driven by a 48-year-old Holly man caught fire as he drove home from work. Springfield Township firefighters responded to the scene and extinguished the flames after an extinguisher carried by police proved insufficient.

Wed., Feb 20 A man living in the 9500 block of Rattalee Lake Road called police after discovering someone stole an industrial grade salt spreader valued at about \$1,000 from his driveway the previous night.

Fri., Feb 22 A 20-year-old Springfield Township woman called police after discovering her debit card was stolen from her purse when she attended a party on Big Lake Road the previous week.

Sat., Feb 23 Deputies were dispatched to the 13400 block of Rattalee Lake Road to investigate a possible case of domestic assault after two 19-year-old females discovered they were dating the same man and decided to confront him together. The man was passed out drunk when they arrived, and the incident became physical when he awoke and saw the women in his room.

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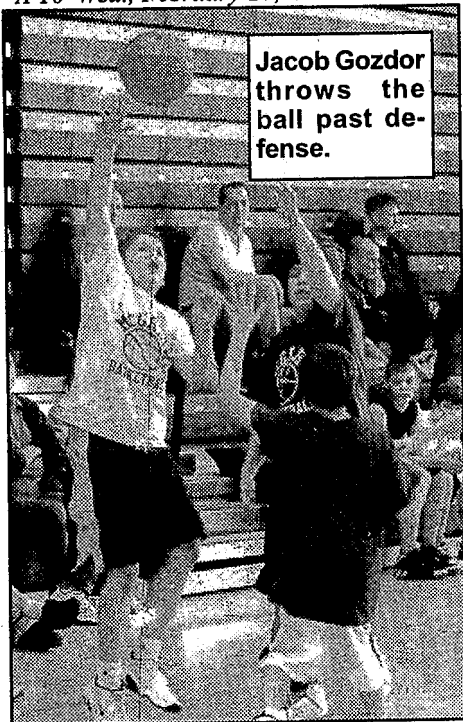
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Jacob Gozdor throws the ball past defense.

Getting ready for varsity

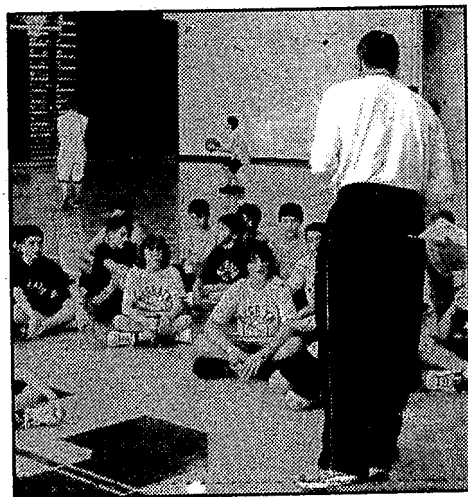
Saturday was the last day of the McGrath League. Every winter season, boys from third to eighth grade play basketball.

For the last 27 years, Clarkston Dan Fife has run the successful program.

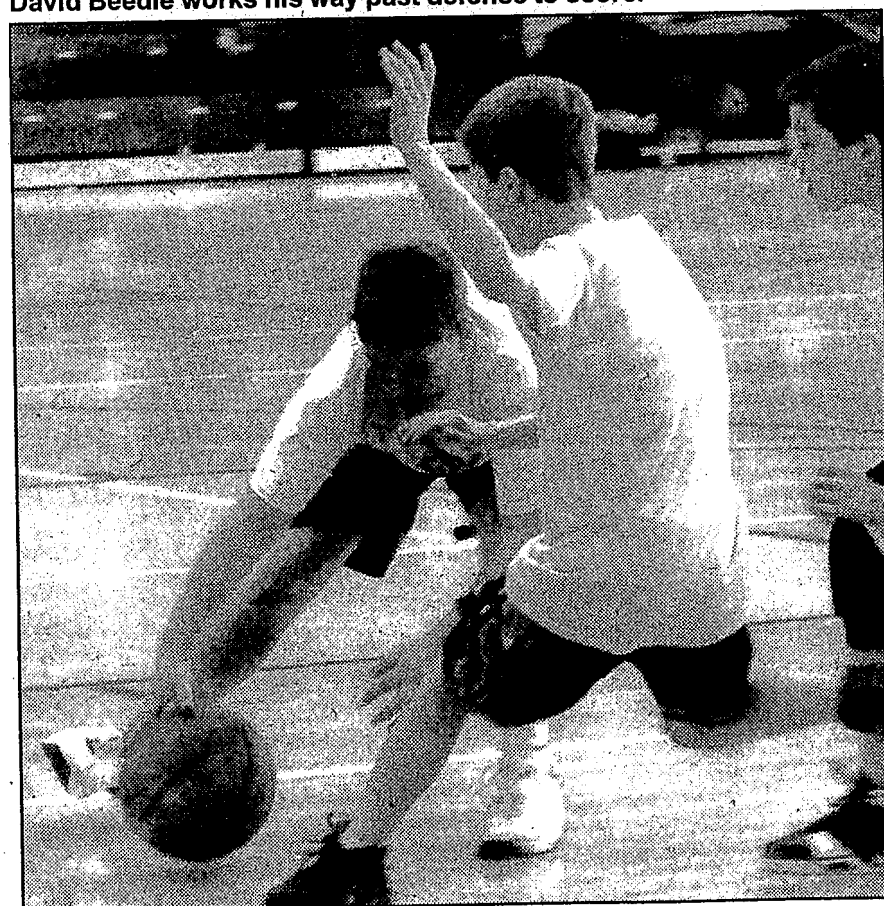
Cagers spent three weeks learning tricks of the trade from Clarkston High School Basketball Varsity players, Dan Fife and his coaching staff. Then, the boys played eight weeks of games, refereed by the Varsity players.

At the end of their last day, Coach Fife congratulated them on a great season and to continue working on their skills for the basketball camp this summer.

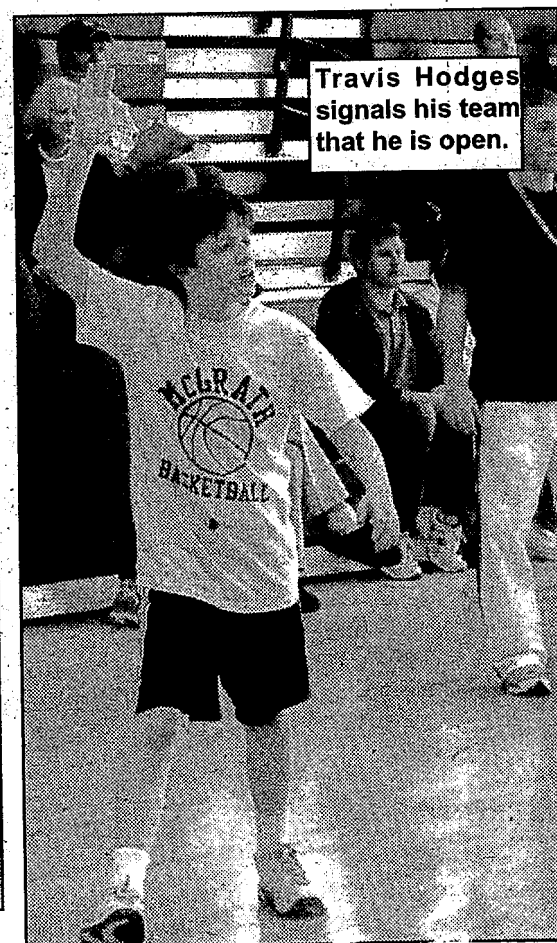
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David Beedle works his way past defense to score.



Alex Trim and Ben Garland hurry to grab possession of the ball.



Travis Hodges signals his team that he is open.

Pastor gives out money to congregation

But expects good things in return

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

For 50 worshippers chosen at random to receive a new \$100 bill, Sunday must have seemed their lucky day.

It was, but for someone else.

Pastor Greg Henneman of Clarkston Community Church handed out \$5,000 in \$100 bills to 50 members of his congregation. With the money comes an assignment, however, to help someone in the community and report back to the church in two months.

Henneman called it a "Kingdom Assignment."

"Whether they give it to a needy family, a neighbor they know who's going through hard times, or just some organization in the community," said Henneman. "Last year, our church did some visioning of what we feel that God is calling us to do as a church and we came up with what we now call the 'Big Four.'"

The Big Four includes communication, volunteers, facility, and community impact.

"It's the whole of idea of becoming more of an externally focused church," he said. "Churches are often guilty sometimes of staying within their own four walls, having their own internal programs and not really being that relevant to the community."

Henneman said he believes God wants the congregation to be more intentional about community service. The church has created a "community team" with 8-10 people, meeting weekly.

For the past few weeks, Henneman has been preaching a series called "Living like Jesus."

"The Bible speaks of the church as the 'body of Christ' and sometimes we've just been a big mouth," he said. "Just talking, talking, talking, but we haven't really been the hands and feet of Jesus to really make a difference in the community."

Hospital requirements to remain for now

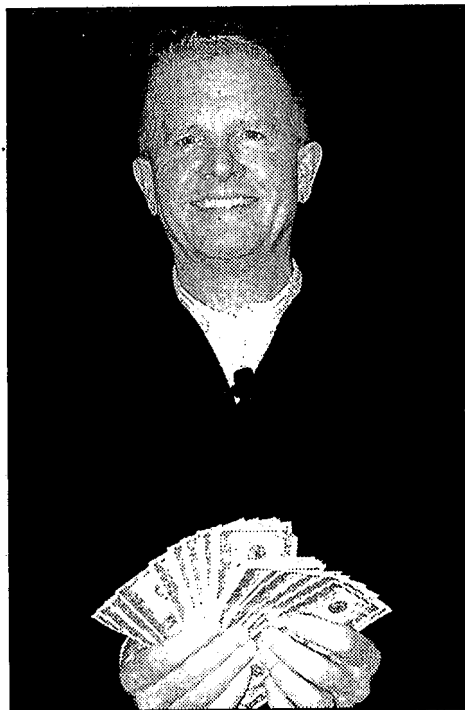
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pital within the next two years because infrastructure must be built first.

"There will be time to go back to the Certificate of Need Commission when it's appropriate," he said.

Norma Hagenow, chairperson of the Certificate of Need Commission, said public comments at recent hearings didn't give any reason to change anything.

"Since there were no major issues, we decided that we did not need to open the stan-



Pastor Greg Henneman handed out a bunch of Benjamins Sunday, for a good cause. Photo submitted

That is something Henneman said they are trying to change in their congregation. On March 15, the church is hosting "Make a Difference Day."

"Groups will be going to Pine Tree and Sunrise Senior Living Centers to spend time with the elderly singing songs, play games, and paint their finger nails and to serve them and love them," said Henneman.

Other groups will visit Grace Centers of Hope in Pontiac to mentor children; some may also go to Lighthouse North to sort boxes and clothing.

Henneman said they hope to link up with other churches around town.

"United Methodist Church has a food pantry we will offer assistance to them if they need volunteers," he said.

Another group will go to Independence Township Library to help decorate and set up a children's program at the library.

dards at this point in time," she said. "If somebody comes up with key issues that would indicate we should, we can, but the public hearing did not indicate that would be necessary."

The commission holds a full review of the CON standards every three years, although parts are reviewed every year, she said.

"It's not that it's off the table for three years," she said. "It's because there isn't right now any acute issue that required us to open it."

The church's men's ministry, led by Administrative Pastor Dan Whiting, started ACTS, Actively Compassionate Towards Service.

"It's centered around maintenance and chores, for single moms," said Whiting. "They can fill out a little form to say they need something fixed or help with whatever and men in the church who have different skills to help out will help them"

ACTS has also been helping out at "New Walk," a halfway house for recovering addicts.

"People who have been through a recovery program and are almost ready to be out on their own," said Henneman. "They work during the day and in the evenings they have accountability meetings."

The men's ministry has been working with New Walk a little over a year, working on drywall, painting, and room maintenance, said Whiting.

"We've had people in congregation who had been in there or were involved with it," he said. "It's motivated both men's and youth groups to do a lot of renovations on the rooms."

Working at New Walk will also be part of "Make a Difference Day."

"Christians should be known for their

compassion and for their service to people," said Henneman. "Our dream is for a day when even unbelievers might say 'I might not believe in their Jesus, but I have to say that those Christians are really great people and they do a lot of good for the community.'"

The church will host a blood drive Sunday, March 9, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. The community is welcomed. For more information about the church, check www.clarkstonchurch.com.

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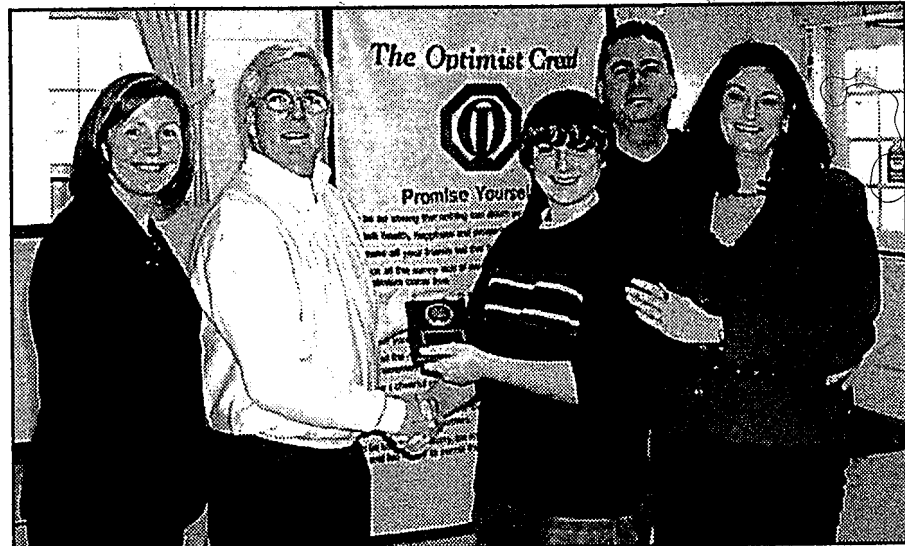
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Congrats to Student Citizen of the Month

Eric Misteravich receives Clarkston Area Optimist Club's Student Citizen of the Month award from Curt Carson, Optimist Club treasurer, with support from his parents Kathy and Mark Misteravich, and Principal Linda Foran.

"Eric is a straight A student at Sashabaw

Middle School and is very well respected for his good deeds by his peers and the staff and faculty of the school," Carson said.

Clarkston's Optimists honor a student from a different Clarkston school each month.

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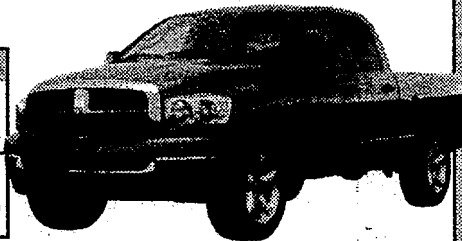
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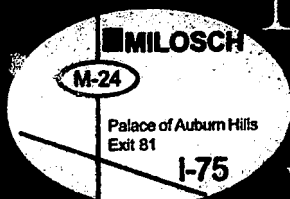
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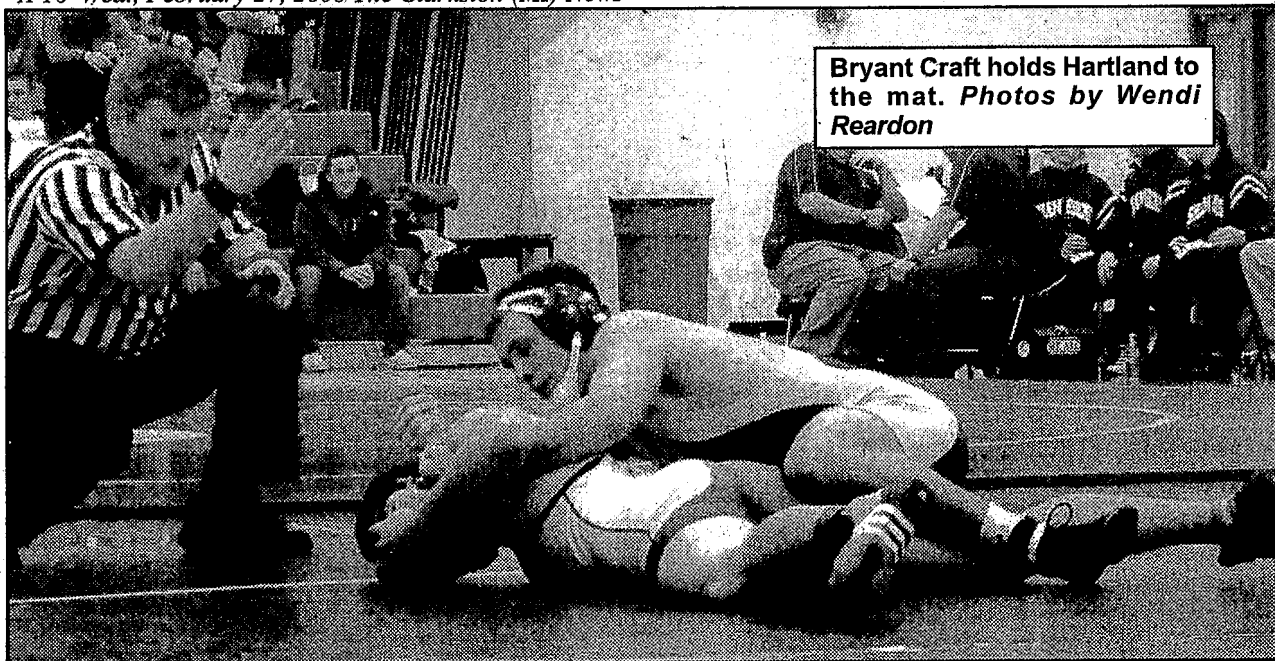
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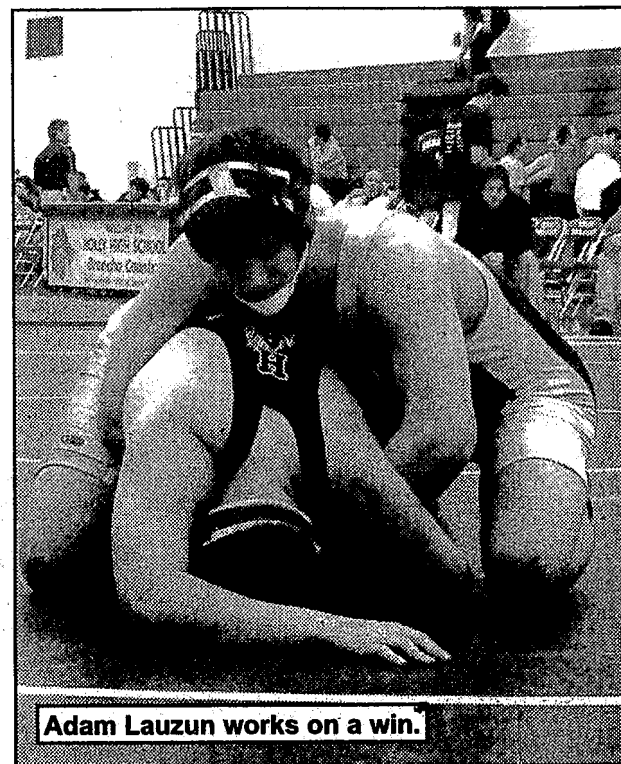
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Bryant Craft holds Hartland to the mat. Photos by Wendi Reardon



Adam Lauzun works on a win.

Team falls, but 6 go on to state

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Seniors Bryant Craft and Adam Lauzun fought hard, but their scores came too late to help the team beat Hartland last Wednesday.

In the first round at the regional match, Clarkston lost to ranked fifth Hartland, 33-24.

"We didn't do well and we lost," said coach Joe DeGain.

"I think that they can all go out there to wrestle to win. Some chose to wrestle not to lose. They didn't wrestle to win that's what it comes down to."

Hartland started a streak in their first four matches scoring against Clarkston.

Matt Dietz (125) was tied with Doug Baughman, putting them in overtime. Dietz scored two points in the overtime,

putting the Wolves on the board, 17-3.

Next to the mat was Alex Popp (130). He defeated Derek Sawyer in scoring the most points.

Chris Burkhart (140), Bryant Craft (171), Sloan Hadsall (189) and Adam Lauzun (215) defeated their Hartland opponents to bring the score up to 33-24.

Novi Catholic Central beat Holly 51-15.

Hartland continued on the rest of the meet and beat Novi Catholic Central, 39-33.

"I think if we wrestle to win and wrestle like it isn't our last one, our guys will be just fine," said DeGain before going into the individual match on Saturday.

"If we wrestle like it is our last match, I think it will continue to haunt us like it did tonight."

Eight wrestlers went to the regional individual meet on

Saturday.

Matt Vandermeer (152) lost in his first match, ending his season with a record of 27-14.

Mike Richmond also lost in his first match, ending the season; 24-12.

The other six qualified for the state finals starting next month.

Lauzun (171) was champion after defeating Matt Skrzpczak from Bay City Central, 9-4, bringing his record. Placing in second place was Deitz, Popp, and Craft.

Evan King (145) and Hadsall (215) took fourth.

The qualifiers will begin the first round of Individual State Finals on Thursday, March 6 at The Palace of Auburn Hills.



Athlete of the Week

Senior swimmer looks forward to college

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Writer

Jessie Lambouris has allowed herself to sleep in since the end of fall season.

As a member of the girls Varsity swim team, she would wake up almost every day at 4 a.m. to be at the school for swim practice.

She began her road to Varsity with swimming lessons. Then, she became a part of

the Sea Wolves program.

The program prepared her for the big leagues by allowing her to learn, practice and grow into a better swimmer.

"I wasn't the best, but I wasn't the worst," said Lambouris. "I was in-between."

When Lambouris swam, she worked on improving her own times and records.

Also, she showed spirit by supporting her teammates and cheering for the team.

During the winter season, Lambouris was on the Varsity bowling team. She recently bowled her first 278.

"I never shot something like that before," she said.

Lambouris is ready for college and has worked hard to maintain her place on the honor roll with a grade point average of

3.4. She is taking her required college preparation classes, and additionally classes in forensics and statistics.

Lambouris would like to continue the family tradition and go to Michigan State University.

For her, Michigan State is ideal because she loves the campus and they have the program she wants to study.

She will study criminal justice this fall.

"I like it. It sounds interesting." When Lambouris isn't studying or bowling for the school team, she likes to read mystery books, listen to music, hang out with friends and bowl for fun with friends.

"Work hard," Lambouris advises young athletes.

"Love what you do, and don't get frustrated. Relax and go with the flow."



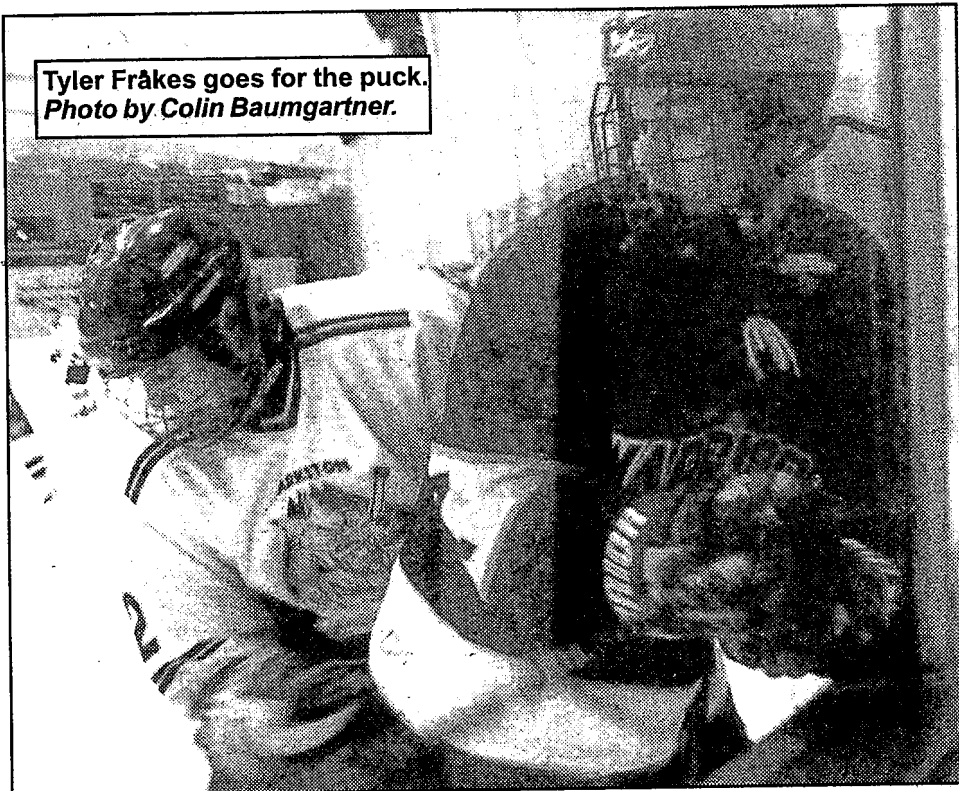
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Tyler Frakes goes for the puck.
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Breaking through the ice

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

A hat trick from Tyler Frakes in the third period topped the night.

The Wolves brought a strong defense to the ice and made more shots on goal.

The reward was beating Port Huron Northern, 7-2, in the opener of the MHSAA pre-regional playoffs.

"I knew we could play like that," said coach Bryan Krygier.

"No better time than the last game. Do or die."

In the first period, Adam Frank was the first to score. He was assisted by Dan Smith and Aaron Podbielski.

Port Huron Northern's John Hayes tied the score.

Tyler Frakes brought Clarkston back into the lead with assist from Frank and Jack Schlauf.

Chris Salo was next to make a goal, bringing the Wolves, 3-1 at the end of the first period.

Podbielski, assist from David Cannons and Michael Fiteny, assist from Jeremy Messing put more points on the board in the third period.

Frakes ended the game with two unassisted goals.

Garrett Knappe made 22 saves.

The team made 32 shots on goal.

Earlier in the night, Rochester Unified won their game against Lake Orion, 3-2 in overtime.

The Wolves will play Rochester Unified on Wednesday at 6 p.m.

The winner of the Wednesday game will go on to play the winner of the Bay City pre-regional games.

Both games are held at McMorran Arena, 701 McMorran Blvd, Port Huron 48060.

On to round two

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Round one is in the bag, but not easily.

Waterford Kettering's cagers were ready for Clarkston, keeping them behind for the first half of the game. But the Wolves prevailed and won the first round of districts, 39-31.

"They played well, they outsmarted us," said Clarkston coach Dan Fife. "We were fortunate to win. In everything you play, you got to be lucky - we've made it hard all year. We make it hard on ourselves, but it was a good win. I am happy with the win."

The Captains kept Clarkston to zero points for the first five minutes of the game.

But Brandon Pokley fought his own way through their defenses and sunk a three-pointer to put them on the board.

Clarkston gained momentum and went into the second half behind five points, 20-15.

In the third quarter, Clarkston closed the score even more.

A basket from Julius Porter brought them into the lead with less than three minutes left in the quarter.

Knowing Kettering would even the

score, Wolves' defense was ready and locked them out from scoring.

Another basket from Pokley would send the team into the last quarter, 27-24.

During the last half of the game, they put 24 points on the scoreboard, ending the game, 39-31.

"I am pretty proud of our kids for playing a game against a very good team that's well coached," said Waterford Kettering coach Brian Tass.

High scorers for the game for the Wolves were Pokley, with 15 points, nine points from the three-point line, and Kupe, 11.

High scorers for the Captains were Kiril Valtchev, 10, and Kevin Truitt with six points.

They can't count on luck next time, Fife said.

"Oxford hasn't lost a tournament game," said Fife, about the game set for Wednesday.

In round two of the district playoffs, Clarkston plays Oxford at 5:30 p.m. Waterford Mott plays Lapeer East at 7 p.m.

The winners from the games will advance to the final game on Friday at 7 p.m.

All games are held at Clarkston High School.

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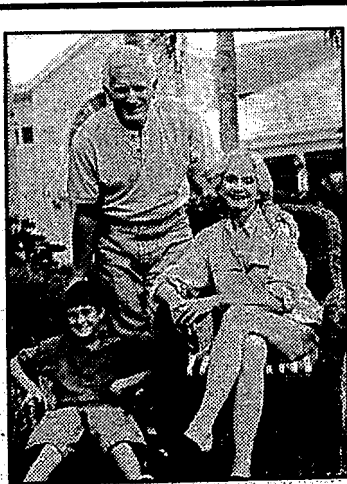
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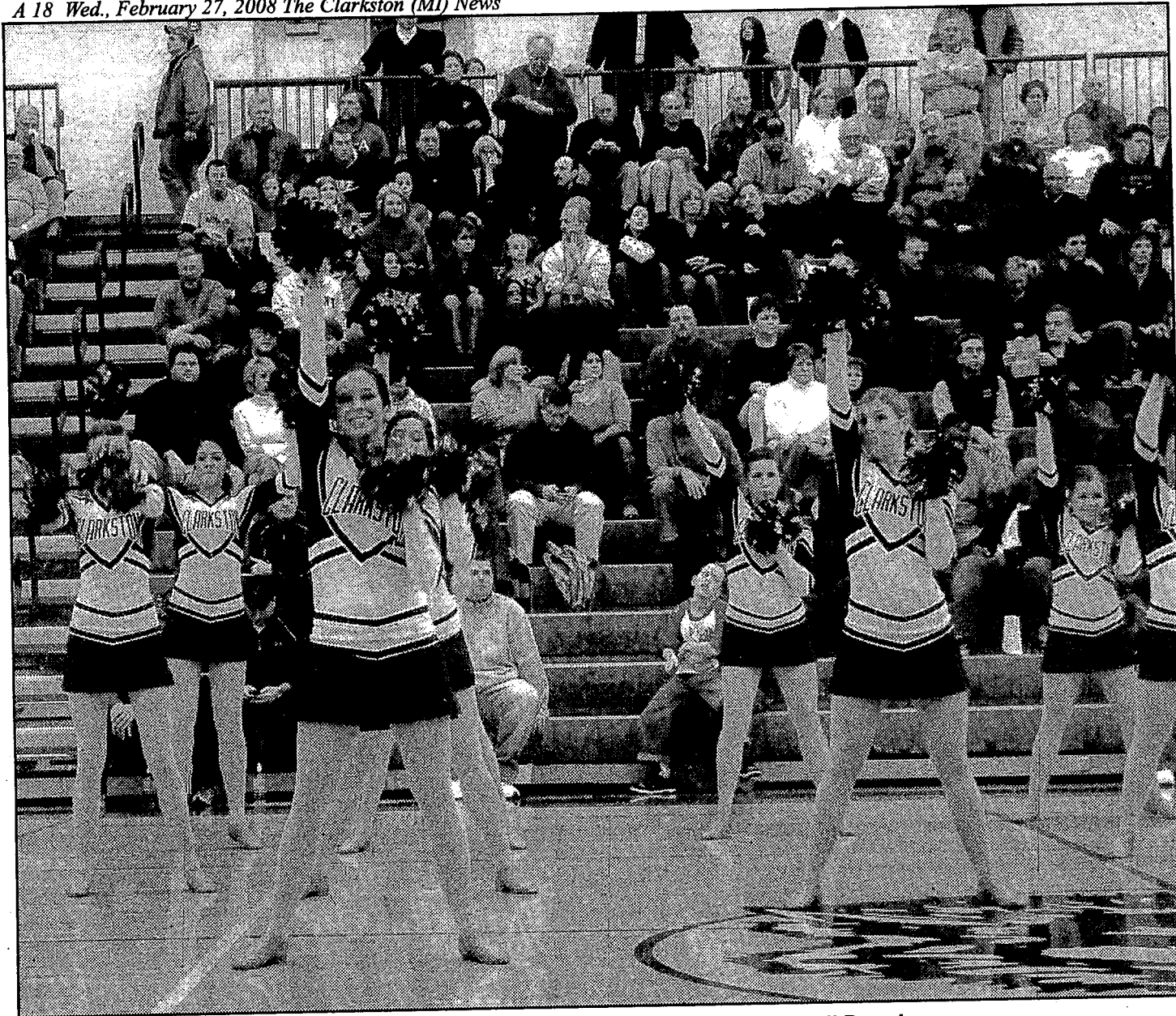
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Varsity Pom Pon Team dances at their last school performance. Photo by Wendi Reardon.

Sports in a Flash

Dancing their way into first place were the Pom Pon teams on Saturday.

Clarkston's Varsity and JV teams competed at the Motown Dance Championship at Birch Run Expo Center.

Varsity took first place in two categories: jazz and pom.

The JV team also brought home first place in the pom category.

A goal from David Cannons in the last period came too late for Wolves Varsity hockey.

They lost to Brother Rice in their last game last Thursday, 5-1.

Brother Rice made three goals against Clarkston in the first period. Then, followed it with two more in goals in the next two periods.

Cannons was assisted by Chris Salo in his goal.

Wolves' goalie Garrett Knapp had 34 saves.

Brother Rice's goalie Jareth Glanda made 11 saves.

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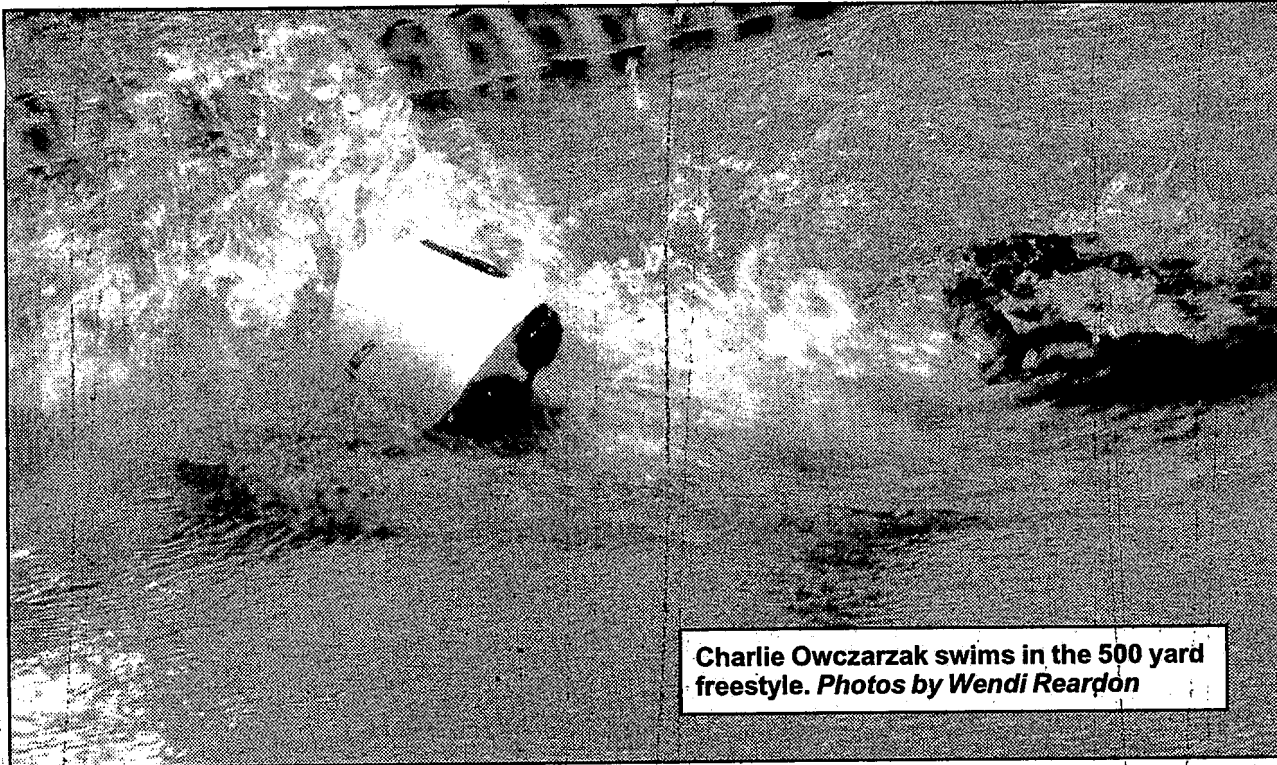


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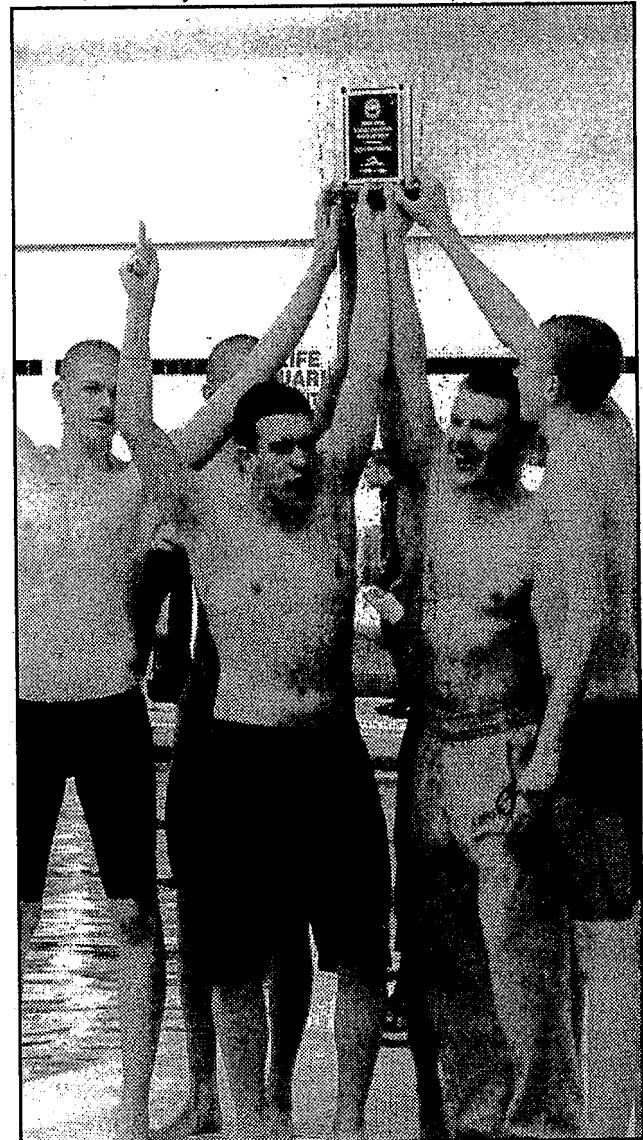
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Charlie Owczarzak swims in the 500 yard freestyle. Photos by Wendi Reardon



Taking over the league

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Jordan Zendejas jumped into the swimming pool with the rest of his teammates Friday night in celebration of winning their OAA II league meet.

Clarkston took first place after scoring 345 points after three days of competition.

For Zendejas, the night brought a personal victory. He set a new pool record for one meter diving. He scored a total score of 354.25 points, from 11 dives from the preliminaries on Thursday and finals on Friday.

"My heart was beating so fast," said Zendejas as he heard his score. "It was great."

"I thought I would jump and down and cheer," said his brother, Joe Zendejas. "But I cried."

Jordan had a goal to beat Grayson LaHousse's record of 220.35 points, a score from a combination from six dives. The record was set in 2003.

Jordan worked hard towards the goal by practicing during the girls' fall season.

His parents, Kelly and Marco Zendejas were his biggest supporters during his journey and were there on Friday to watch Jordan set the new pool record and new team record.

Jordan said he owed his success to his parents.

Setting the record qualified Jordan for the state competition next week.

Also, qualifying for the state competition in their individual events were Jake Rush (100 yard backstroke), Greg Dedow (200 yard freestyle and 500 yard freestyle), and Adam

Curry (50 yard freestyle).

Two relay teams qualified for states and set a new school record on Friday.

Bobby Nelson, Philip Voorheis, Kenneth Stepflug in 400 yard freestyle relay (3:24.63); and Nelson, Stelpflug, Rush, and Dedow in 200 freestyle relay (1:45.39).

"We have never sent a relay team to states," said coach Kenwyn Chock.

Also to set school records were, Dedow in 200 yard freestyle (1:50.00) and 500 yard freestyle (4:57.27) during the preliminaries; and Curry in 50 yard freestyle during the final day (22.88).

"It was great. A total team effort," said Chock.

This year marked the first time the boys and girls team took first place at the league meet.

"It shows the program has taken a step forward," said Chock. "The program is get-

ting competitive."

More results from the finals on Friday:

In 200 yard freestyle event, Dedow took fourth (1:51.17), and Stelpflug in fifth place (1:51.28); 200 yard IM, Nelson in fifth (2:09.31), Voorheis in sixth (2:09.4);

50 yard freestyle, Rush in fourth (23.45); 100 yard butterfly, Voorheis in ninth (57.72) Eric Leady in tenth (59.87); 100 yard freestyle, Curry in fifth (51.00) and Stelpflug in sixth (51.46); 100 yard backstroke, Nelson in fourth (1:06.37), Inch in fifth (1:07.45).

Pool records were set by competing schools. Matt Lederer from Harrison-Farmington set a new pool record in 100 yard freestyle (48.29) and the relay team from North Farmington in 200 yard freestyle relay (1:31.52).

Diving regionals are next Tuesday. State final for division one. It will be at Oakland University next Friday, March 7 and Saturday, March 8.

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
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Clarkston Bank branch sports a new look

BY LAUREN HALULA
 Special to The Clarkston News

Clarkston State Bank's Waterford branch is getting ready to unveil a year's worth of renovations.

The bank decided to renovate because the design was dated and unattractive, said Linda Rice, director of marketing.

The branch, located on Highland Road in Waterford, will have a grand re-opening in May.

The renovation makes it into a state-of-the-art banking facility, Rice said.

Exterior and interior were re-vamped to look more modern. The exterior now features a two-level, floor-to-ceiling contemporary glass window design.

"It's more architecturally appealing," Rice said.

The interior was renovated with cherry wood staircases at both entrances.

Once renovations are complete, the bank will feature historical pictures of Waterford in the conference room and lobby. Pictures will come from David Savage of Savage Photography & Design. In addition, the bank had work by Plum Hollow Home Décor & Design Studio. The company decorated a corner vignette of furniture.

"The feel of the new design is much more fresh and welcoming to the public," she said.

Along with a more appealing design, the renovation allows for new services. They include: two drive-up service lanes, conference room for events and meetings, easy access to Highland Road, and front and rear parking. Rice said the expansion of services is ideal for the growing community.

BIZ

March 2008



Cathy Kuban, Clarkston State Bank assistant vice president and office manager, shows off some new decorations by Plum Hollow Home Decor.



Renovations to Clarkston State Bank in Waterford include both exterior and interior. Photos by Lauren Halula

Clarkston State Bank names new officers

Nichole Smith recently joined Clarkston State Bank's Commercial Lending team as assistant vice president and commercial lending officer.

Smith, who will work at the Waterford Branch, has 15 years of banking experience, including eight years with The Private Bank of Bloomfield Hills, most recently as a Private Banking Officer.

Prior to that, she was a senior credit analyst for five years.

Her experience also includes client manager for Crestmark Bank and under-



Nichole Smith

writer for Flagstar Bank.

Smith received her Bachelor of Business Administration from Baker College, with an emphasis on Human Resource Management.

She also received advanced experience from Omega Credit Training and the Perry School of Lending.

She lives in White Lake with her husband and two children.

Clarkston State Bank named J. Grant Smith to the post of president and chief executive officer, and chief executive officer of Clarkston Financial Corporation.

Dawn M. Horner was also named executive vice president of Retail Banking.

Smith was previously president and chief operating officer of Clarkston Financial Corporation.

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By James R Filak CPA

Some answers on the anticipated tax rebate checks that are planned to be distributed beginning in May

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Also, \$300 for dependents under 17. If you had no liability but earned income of \$3,000 or more, you will get a check. Social security will be counted as earned income, thus many seniors will get a check.

"Net tax liability" is the calculated tax amount on your tax return before credits and tax withholdings.

Who won't get a rebate check – primarily kids 17 or over and college kids who can be claimed as dependents by their parent(s). Also, there is a phaseout based on income:

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What do I need to do?

To be eligible, just file your 2007 income tax return. Rebate checks are scheduled to begin in May, 2007.

However, it may take 3 to 4 months for the IRS to distribute the approximately 130 million checks. This schedule is not finalized. How does the rebate affect my 2008 taxes?

The rebate is being called an advance on your 2008 tax refund. Thus, there will be a reconciliation on the 2008 tax return. But, if the rebate is greater than it should be, you will not have to pay it back to the government.

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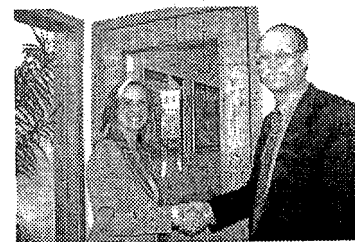
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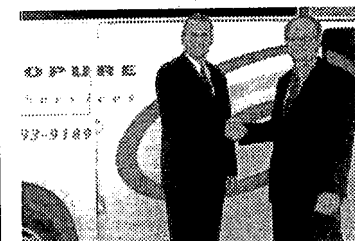
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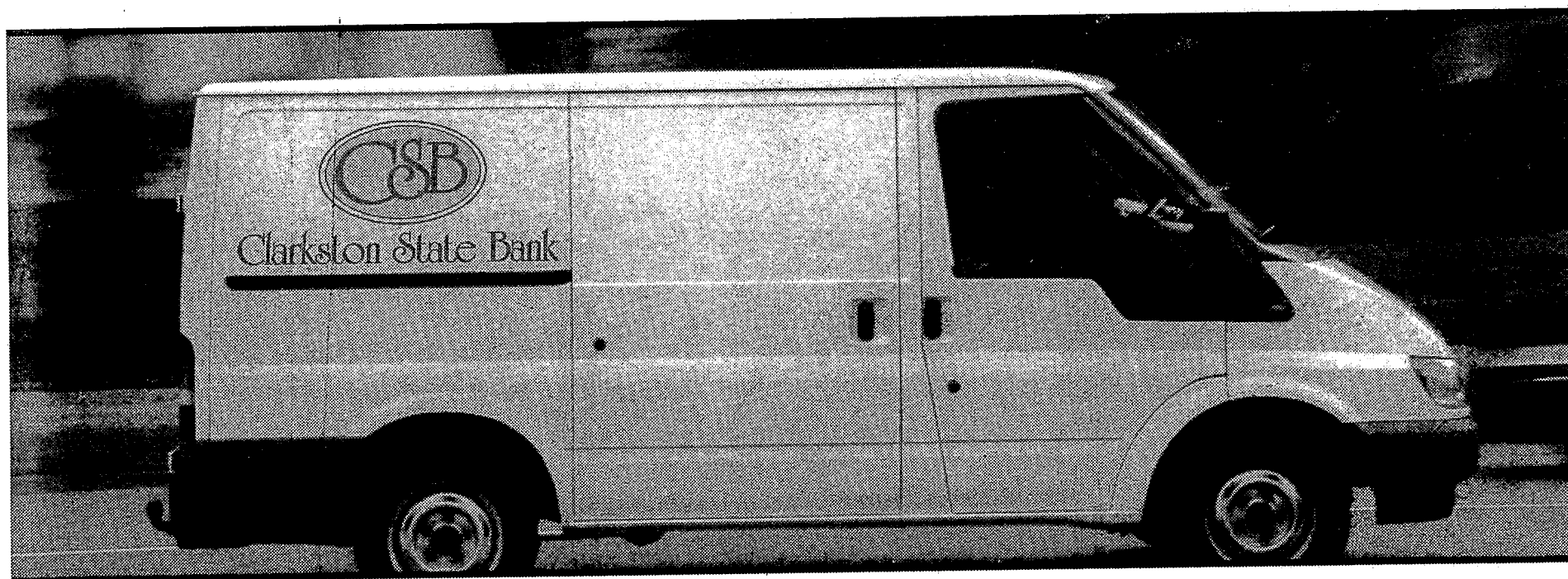
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Favorite Senior Center Activity?



"The trips."
-Margaret Bartos



"Meals on Wheels."
-Joan Mendelsohn



"Favorite thing is taking care of the garden."
-Carolyn Morrison



"Playing Scrabble on Wednesdays."
-Barbra Glover

By Trevor Keiser

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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

Songs of the soul

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

At 10-years-old, Matt Duncan sang for the first time in front of crowd at his grandmother's wedding. He sang a song by Christian Artist Steven Curtis Chapman which he dedicated to his grandmother and made her cry. It wasn't until years later as a senior in High School at Lutheran High North West that Matt would sing for a crowd again.

His friend Michelle asked him to sing "A Whole New World" from Disney's *Aladdin* for the spring choir concert.

"The male part was so high that I couldn't do it in the octave that it was written, I took it down an octave, but that made it sound like a bass solo and that's not terribly romantic or anything," said Duncan. "I got up on stage with her and she sounded fantastic, and I sang in the octave lower and I totally, totally ruined it. She was so nice and said that I did fine, but I was really disappointed in myself."

When Duncan's mother heard her best friend tell her she was putting her daughter into voice training lessons, Lynette Duncan checked into it for Matt. The summer after he graduated he started lessons with voice teacher Frank Pitts, who previously taught at Rochester College.

"I have always wanted to sing, but I never thought I would actually be pursuing it because I never thought I had a chance. After the voice training I found out how much I really love it," said Duncan. "My mom is really the one who helped me gain my confidence."

Duncan's musical inspirations include Josh Groban and Barbra Streisand.

"She (Barbra Streisand) just seems so free, she moves herself in her music and that's really



Matt Duncan enjoys singing music where the meaning is not only heard, but felt.

an inspiration for me. I want that," he said.

Duncan first came across Streisand while flipping through the channels one day and saw her singing on PBS

"She was singing and it was enthralling, and I don't remember what she was singing, but she was just sitting on a stool gazing off into the distance singing very peacefully," he said. "Then all of the sudden the band started pick up and get a little stronger. She all of the sudden started belting it out, it was absolutely inspiring."

Duncan said he enjoys singing Italian songs about love.

"Whenever I pick one out, I always look at the translation because it's important to me to

know what I'm singing," he said. "The ones I really enjoy singing are always the ones that are about love, but it's not specific. It's not necessarily to the women of your life; I usually relate it to God, I consider Him to be the love of my life."

He got into singing Italian songs after picking up a Josh Groban song book and taking it to his voice teacher, where they worked on some of the songs together. Duncan said though the meaning of a song in a foreign language cannot necessarily be understood through the words, the meaning can be felt.

"I really like that aspect of singing a song in a foreign language. Sometimes the words of an

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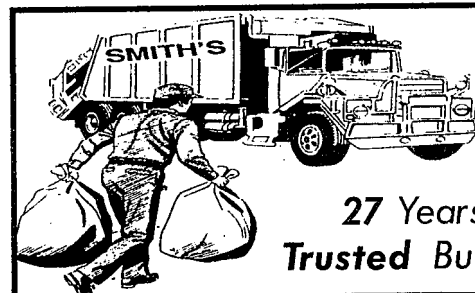
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Adult book club, 1 p.m., Feb. 28: "The Name-sake" by Jhumpa Lahiri. Springfield Twp. Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. Register, 248-846-6550.

Spaghetti Western Dinner Dance, fund raiser, American Legion Post 63 Auxiliary, 6 p.m., Feb. 29. \$10 per person. 8047 Ortonville Road. 248-425-4410.

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.

Preschool open house, St. Trinity Lutheran Preschool, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., March 1. Games, face painting, art and science projects. Loving, Christian program, fall 2008, for 3-4 year olds, encourages physical, emotional, social, cognitive growth based on individual needs. 7925 Sashabaw. 248-620-6154.

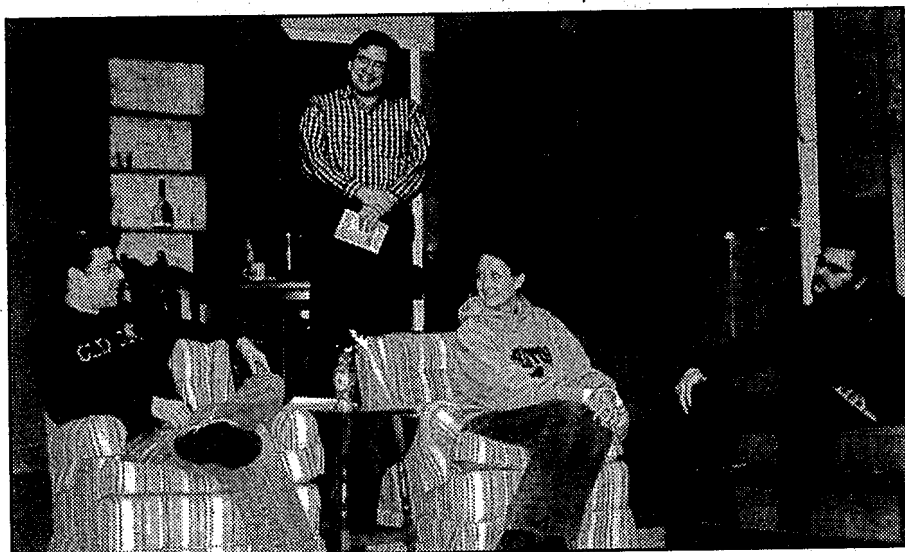
Inclusive cross-country ski clinics, 12-2 p.m., March 1, 9. Independence Oaks County Park. Pre-registration one week in advance; includes park entry fee. \$10/person; \$15/person with ski rental. 248-625-0877.

Fund-raiser dinner, for St. Stephen's Lutheran School Eighth Graders' Washington D.C. trip, 5-8 p.m., March 4, Pete's Coney Island II, 6160 Dixie Highway. 248-634-4101.

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

Open House, The Spot Daycare, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.,

Around Town



From left, Chris Stout of Waterford, Dale Dobson of Milford, Hale Wells of Clarkston, and Mike Simms of Clawson rehearse a scene in Clarkston Village Players' "A Dance Lesson."

Dance drama at Depot

Clarkston Village Players' adult drama "A Dance Lesson" opens March 7 at Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road. Showtimes are 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday,

March 7-8, 14-15, and 21-22; 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 20; and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16. For tickets, call 248-625-8811 or 248-575-4104.

March 8. 196 S. Baldwin Road. 248-330-4235.

Benefit dinner, St. Trinity Lutheran Church Youth Group for a Youth Gathering at Mackinaw Island. 4-8 p.m., March 11, Pete's Coney Island II, Dixie Highway. 248-625-4644.

Daughters of the American Revolution, Clarkston Chapter, 11:30 a.m., March 12, Red Knapp's on Dixie Highway. 248-922-1717.

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

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

Identifying Michigan Mammals, 1 p.m., March 15, Environmental Discovery Center, Indian Springs Metropark. Ages 8 and older. \$1.50 per person. Pre-registration required. 248-625-6640.

Free food, Emergency Food Assistance Program, Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., March 15, Independence Township Senior Center, 5980 Clarkston Road. Income eligible seniors register with proof of address, family size, photo I.D. 248-209-2686.

Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m., 1 p.m., March 22, Environmental Discovery Center, Indian Springs Metropark. With Rosco the Clown. \$4 per child. Pre-registration required. 248-625-6640.

Spaghetti Western, fundraiser dinner for American Legion Post 63 Auxiliary, 6-7 p.m., Feb. 29. \$10, proceeds to benefit overseas troops. 50/50, best western dressed. Bring addresses of overseas military relatives. 248-625-9912.

Benefit dinner, Middle School, Waterford Community Church, for Bike and Hiking excursion in the Upper Peninsula, 4-8 p.m., April 30. Pete's Coney Island II, Dixie Highway. 248-673-3880.

Winter Fishing Tournament, Independence Oaks County Park. February and March. Please see Around Town on page 3 B

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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.

Drum's Alive Golden Beats, 9-10 a.m., Mondays, Wednesdays, March 3-April 16. Community Education Center, 6558 Waldon Road. \$27 for one day/week; \$54, two days/week; \$6 per class drop-in. All equipment included. 248-625-8231.

Tai Chi, 11 a.m.-noon, Mondays, Feb. 28-April 21. Teacher John Marchewitz studied this Wu Style T'ai Chi Ch'uan form in China. St. Dan's. \$45/10-week session. Call senior center, 248-625-8231.

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.

Strength and Stretch, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Tuesdays/Thursdays, Feb. 26-April 10. Increase

muscle strength and endurance, firm muscles, strengthen bones. \$63 for 7 wk session. Senior Center, 248-625-8231.

De-Stress Gentle Yoga, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Wednesdays, Feb. 27-April 9. Carriage House, Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. \$35/seven-week session. Drop-in fee, \$6. 248-625-8231.

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.

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.

Art Workshops, 1-3:30 p.m., Thursdays, Feb 28-March 20. Develop artistic skills with Pamela Palmer in her Clarkston studio. Feb. 28, Drawing with Pastels; March 6, Acrylic Painting; March 13, Watercolor Pencils; March 20, Graphite Drawing. \$32 per person, \$7 material fee. 248-625-8231. Sign up at senior center for each class, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231

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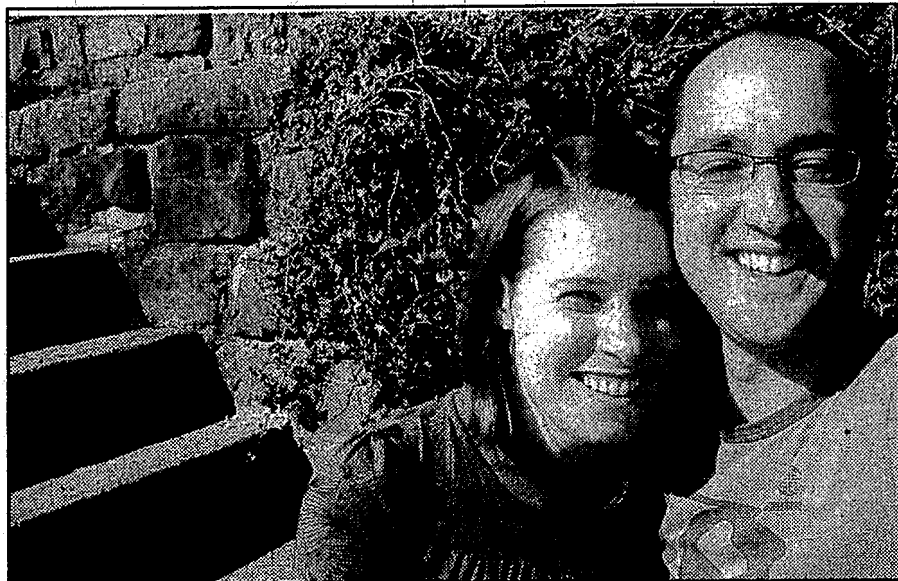
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Milestones



Angela and Nicholas

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Gary and Chris Azbell of Clarkston announce the engagement of their daughter Angela Eickhorst and Nicholas Stones.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry and Economics. She is completing her Ph.D in Neurobiology at Columbia University, New York.

The future groom, Oxford graduate with bachelor's and master's degrees in Engineering, is a consultant and medical device engineer with NFI Consulting.

He is the son of Martin and Shelia Stones of Solihull, England.

Their wedding will be in Switzerland, where they will then reside.

Students achieve success

Ryan Chalou of Clarkston, sophomore, was named to the Fall 2007 Dean's List at Adrian College.

Clarkston students **Lauren A Bendes** and **Derek LaHousse** graduated Dec. 15 from Michigan Technological University.

Bendes graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. LaHousse earned Bachelor of Science degrees in Computer Science and Electrical Engineering.

Andrew Chaffee, son of Martin and Jill Chaffee of Clarkston, earned an Academic

Distinction Scholarship to attend Bluffton University in the fall.

Chaffee will graduate Clarkston High School in June. He has been active in country, track, and Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church's youth group.

He has been on the ski team and a ski instructor.

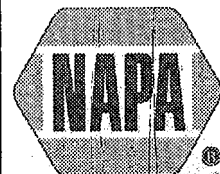
Patrick McIlrath, 2006 graduate of Clarkston High School, was named to the Dean's List at Spring Arbor University for fall 2007 semester.

He is the son of Jerry and Melanie McIlrath of Clarkston.

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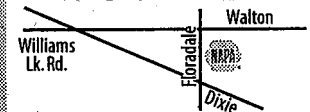
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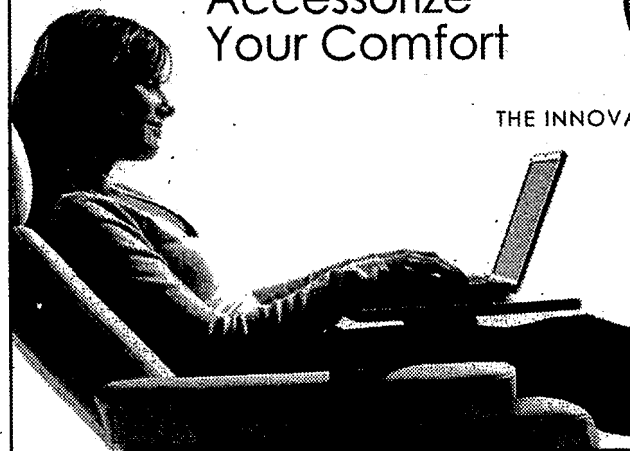


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Religion

Defusing anger

Several years ago my wife and I were driving down Square Lake road. We were going to visit somebody in the hospital.

The two lanes were being squeezed into one, and the traffic was backed up almost a mile. Everybody was cooperating and going single file when I looked in my review mirror and saw a guy flying alongside of us expecting to cut in at the last second.

All of a sudden he boldly started to cut in on me, and I had to pull over and stop or he would have hit me!

Immediately I flushed with anger. I was hot! So I didn't slow down. I played chicken with him! I had a big van. He had a little sports car. I'm in the right; he's in the wrong. I'll show him!

All of a sudden he violently pulled in broadside, rolled down his window, screamed at me and gave me the finger! (And it wasn't his little finger either!)

I admit that I had the impulse to jump out of my car and pound that guy's head in! But then I had visions of me sitting in jail and all of my parishioners writing letters to me.

I realized, "This is silly and stupid. Just let it pass!" And within three minutes we were past the traffic jam and on our

way.

Anger. We all experience it. Anger can make an otherwise rational person do crazy things.

That experience made me go home and search the Bible regarding anger. Here's what I learned:

1) Anger is dangerous. "A hot-tempered man starts fights and gets into all kinds of trouble." (Proverbs 29:22)

2) Anger is a symptom of a deeper problem. "A man's wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense." (Proverbs 19:11)

If you're always getting ticked off; if you're always blaming people for "making you mad," you then you're not wise. You just don't get it. The more you understand your kids, the less you get angry at them. The more you understand your husband/wife, the less you get angry at them.

Anger is never really the root problem in your life. It's a symptom, a warning light. It tells you something is wrong. Anger usually signals that you're hurt, you're fearful, or you're frustrated.

3) It's ok to be angry... just express it in healthy ways. It's ok to be angry. But it's critical we express our anger in the right ways. We tend to clam up or blow up.

God says, "Grow up."

"If you are angry, don't sin by nursing your grudge. Don't let the sun go down with you still angry—get over it

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Spiritual Matters



Pastor Greg Henneman

In our churches...

Peace Tea, with the women of Peace Unity, 1 p.m., March 1, at the home of Lynne McLoskey. 248-891-4365.

The 'I' of the Storm, Embracing Conflict, Creating peace, discussion of book by the Rev. Gary Simmons, Peace Unity, with the Rev. Matthew Long. 7 p.m., March 4, 11. Oakland County Alano Club, 5661 Clintonville Road. 248-891-4365.

Stand Strength Team, Christian testimonials with tearing phone books in half, bending iron bars, lifting heavy weights, and other exhibitions. 7 p.m., March 7. St. Trinity Lutheran Church. 7925 Sashabaw Road. Free autographed posters with reservation. 248-625-4644.

Is Catholicism Still Relevant, with author and speaker Matthew Kelly, 7 p.m., March 12, St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park Drive. Free. RSVP, 248-625-1750.

Movie night, featuring "Peace One Day," 7 p.m., March 14. Discussion follows. Peace Unity, at Sashabaw Presbyterian, 5300 Maybee Road. 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.

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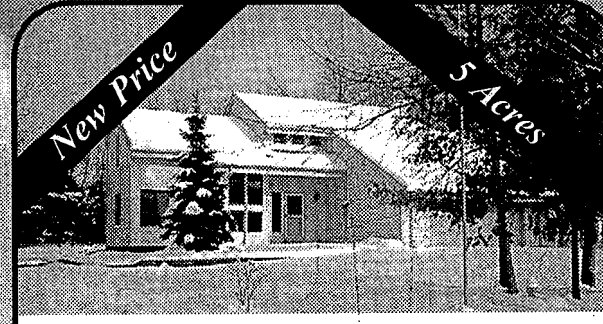
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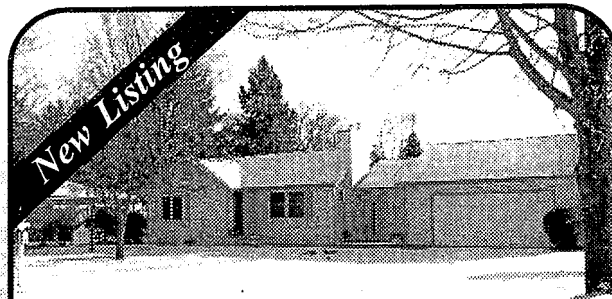
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Friends find fun in snow

Alyssa and Sierra Aguilar and their neighbors Hannah and Paige Workman built this snowman Feb. 8.

In our churches

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

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. 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.

Spiritual Matters

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quickly; for when you are angry, you give a mighty foothold to the devil." Ephesians 4:26-27

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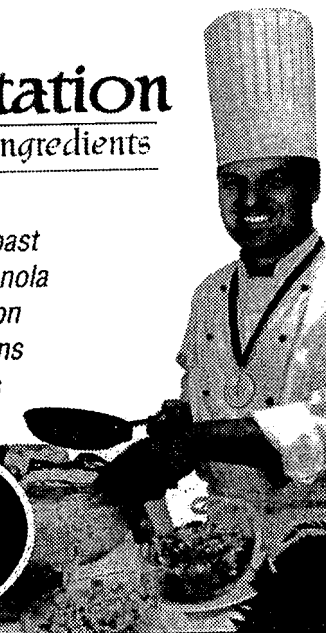
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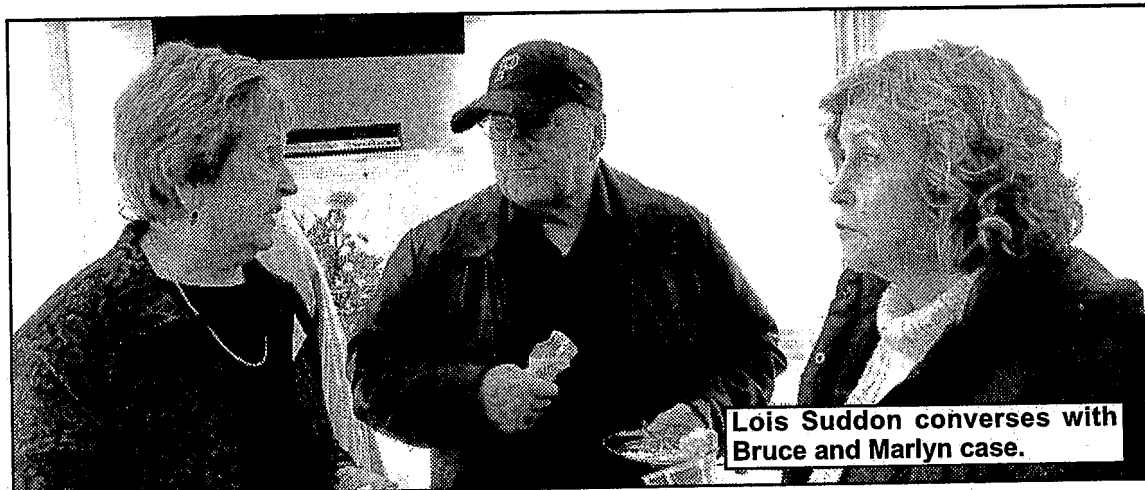
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Senior Center's Architect Dan Martinis talks with painter Mike Mossoian and builder Sam Moraco.



Lois Suddon converses with Bruce and Marlyn case.

Time to Celebrate

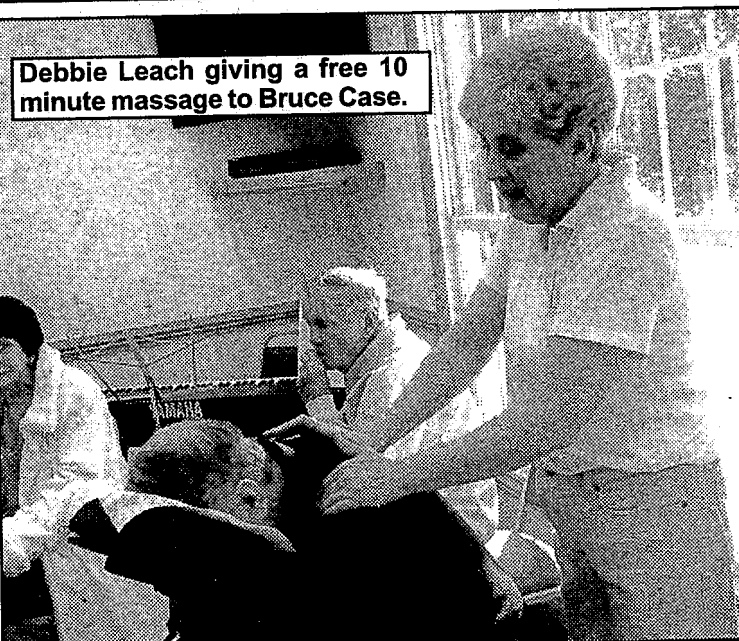
Crowds of people of all ages came in and out of the Senior Center last Sunday, as they held an official open house to celebrate the new building.

The crowd included township officials, Senior Centers builders, architect, and painter. Along with first time visitors checking out the facility.

The event included an assortment of food, desserts and drinks, as well as a local artist and masseuse.

"We had an excellent turnout," said Margaret Bartos, senior center director.

Photo Story by Trevor Keiser



Debbie Leach giving a free 10 minute massage to Bruce Case.



Boyd and Gail Ferguson chats with Senior Center Director Margaret Bartos



Beth, Emma, Olivia, and David Lohmeier along with Maggie Lundquist enjoy a family day out at the open house.



Local artist Pamela Palmer explains her art to interested listener.

Spring wine tasting scheduled April 9

Clarkston's Rotary Club will present "A Taste of Spring, a Wine Tasting Gala" April 9, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at Oakhurst Country Club, 7000 Oakhurst Lane.

This annual event features Michigan wines along with food by Oakhurst. Tickets are \$40 in advance or \$50 at the door.

For tickets, call Bart Clark at 248-922-9166, Jason Webster at

248-210-4925, or any Clarkston Rotarian.

Tickets are also available at the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, 5856 S. Main Street in Clarkston, 248-625-8055.

Proceeds benefit Clarkston Rotary's many Community projects.

More information is available at www.Clarkstonrotary.org



From left in front, Jody Hurren, Nikki Christensen, Sheila Hughes, Katherine Kelly, and Jennifer Adcock, in back from left, Kerrie Gower, Sue Newman, Christine Gifford, Suzanne Schmidt, and Matthew Taylor.

Bankers bundle up for families in need

Employees at Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union dressed in scarves, hats, gloves, and other warm attire to highlight OLHSA Walk for Warmth.

They collected donations for families that can not afford to heat their homes.

This is the credit union's third Walk for Warmth. The walk was Feb. 17 at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Singer hopes to perform at Depot Park

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English song can sometimes get in the way, but when you have a song in a foreign language it's the vowel sounds, it's the force and the emotion that you put behind it," he said. "It gives me a chance to really let out how I feel towards God as oppose to trying to formulate into English words."

Not only does he enjoy words, or the music of singing, he also enjoys the "power" of singing, he said.

"The feeling of the air really being pushed right out of the mouth, it's incredible, and to hear it reverberate in my head," he said.

Duncan is also in the midst of writing his first song entitled "Night Vision." He recalled a dream he had where he was standing on

a beach and could hear a voice similar to Josh Groban singing to the music that was playing.

"It's not a song I have ever heard before or a song that has ever been done. I woke up in the morning and I still had this tune playing in my head, so I came down here to the piano and kind of plunked out the notes in this tune," said Duncan "And I wrote it down and I gave it to my voice teacher and he started adding different chords to it and I was 'oh my gosh it's coming alive there is a possibility for this'"

Duncan said the title of the song came through reading a Scripture for the book of Isaiah about the light coming out of the darkness.

Previously to wanting a career in singing, Duncan had thought

about possibly being an actor.

He was involved in church and schools plays as a young child and was a part of the drama team in high school. Duncan has won many medals and honors over the years including the "superior acting" bronze medal at the "International Thespian Festival."

His mom Lynette is also an actress and playwright. He also considered being a minister.

"I would study for the ministry no matter what I did," he said.

"I really want to learn more about what a pastor knows, and what a pastor needs to know."

Duncan said he isn't sure how to get started in professional singing, but hopes to get some exposure this summer during the Concerts in the Park.



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Obituary

Richard 'Dick' D. Campbell

Richard "Dick" D. Campbell of Lapeer, formerly of Clarkston, passed away Feb. 21 at the age of 78.

He was the loving husband of Carol for 36 years; father of R. David (Pam) Campbell and Tamy (Carl) Nagy; step father of Kimberly (Dave) Hernandez and Kelly (Donald) Bolton; grandfather of Cortney, Amanda, Michael, Adam, and Austin; also survived by many extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his brother Eugene (Dee) Campbell, sister Mary Dunham, and brother in law, Robert Dunham.



Mr. Campbell owned Waterford Hill Sauna & City Softwater Company. He served in the United States Army. He was manager of Associates Financial.

Richard and Carol loved to travel and sail.

Celebration of Life Service, was Feb. 25 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Disabled American Veterans. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Martha R. Lease

Martha R. Lease of Clarkston passed away Feb. 22 at the age of 77.

She was preceded in death by her husband Darry. She was the mother of Ed (Angie) of Ga., John (Renée) of Ga., Charlie of Fla., and Matthew (Char) of Waterford; grandma of Jon, Tiffany, Corey, Brandon, Mariah, Josh, and Sidney; sister of Lucille Marsh of Waterford; dear friend of Jan and Norma.

Marti retired as a nurse from Oakland



County Medical Care Facility. She enjoyed bowling, playing cards with her friends and time at the casino.

Funeral service was Feb. 26 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. In-

terment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Obituaries are updated daily at www.ClarkstonNews.com

Mary Agnes Huhns

Mary Agnes Huhns (nee Ziemba) of Clarkston, formerly of Mt. Clemens, passed away Feb. 21 at the age of 97.

She was preceded in death by her husband Newman. She was the mother of Judith (James) Neisch of Clarkston and Michael (Mary) Huhns, Ph.D. of South Carolina; grandmother of Eric (Kimberly) Neisch, M.D., Scott (Maria Guari) Neisch, Kristen (Tom) Jaksic and Hilary Huhns; "GeeGee" of Melissa, Stephanie, Megan, Nicholas, Christopher, Ryan, Avery, Kyle, Harrison, and Ante; sister of Peter (Hilda) Ziemba of Dearborn.

Mary attended First Congregational



Church, Clarkston. She retired from Fruehauf Trailer in 1975.

Funeral service is Wednesday, Feb. 27, 10 a.m., at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to First Congregational Church, Clarkston, for the Sunday school fund.

On line guestbook, www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Dorothy L. Shafer

Dorothy L. Shafer (nee Capron) of Harsens Island passed away Feb. 18 at the age of 77.

She was the beloved wife of Bernie; loving mother of Laurie (Jerry) Bania, Darcy (George) Bor, Larry (Brenda), Jody (Thomas) Doherty, and Scott (Susan); cherished grandmother of Kristine (Michael) Butcher, Keith (Lisa) Bania, Elizabeth Bor, Sara Godsell, and Logan and Ryan Shafer; great grandmother of Darian, Hayley, Landon,

and Lauren; and dearest sister of Duane "Buzz" (Judy) Capron.

Visitation was Feb. 22 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. A Memorial Service will be planned for Spring.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the National Foundation for Cancer Research for pancreatic cancer research. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Jack F. Prasil

Jack F. Prasil of Novi, formerly of Clarkston, passed away Feb. 22 at the age of 89.

Mr. Prasil served in the Army during WWII. He is survived by many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston.

On line guestbook, www.wintfuneralhome.com.

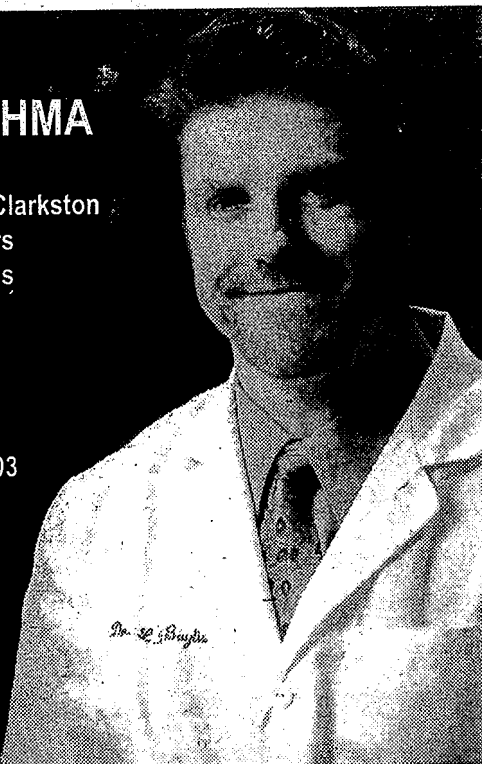
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From left, Kaitlyn, Rhonda and Jeremy Cavallo enjoy breakfast to benefit the American Cancer Society.

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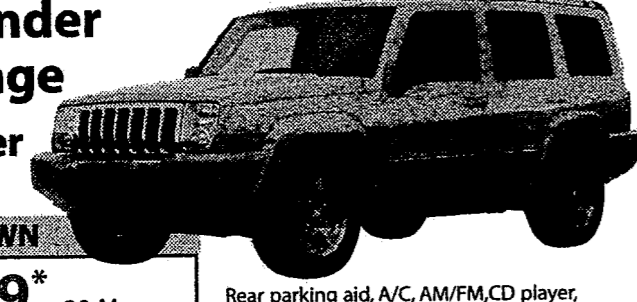


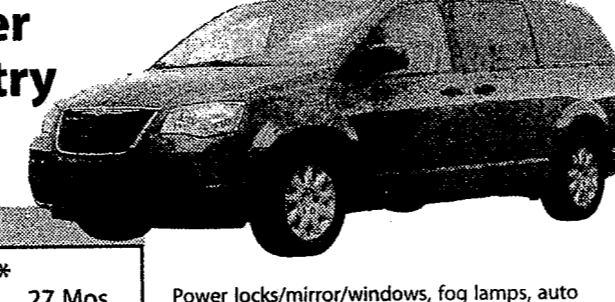
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<p>2006 Jeep Liberty 4x4 2 More In Stock \$186,000 72 Mo. Cloth, Silver, Power Windows & Locks. Stk. #709J \$11,999</p>	<p>2005 Jeep Grand Cherokee 5 More In Stock \$186,000 72 Mo. 4x4, Clean, Must See! Stk. #738J \$11,999</p>	<p>2005 Chrysler 300 \$233,000 72 Mo. Leather, Sunroof, Cool Vanilla Stk. #726J \$14,999</p>	<p>2007 Ford Taurus \$149,000 73 Mo. 28,000 Miles, Cloth, Gray Stk. #664J \$9,997</p>	<p>#1 Auto Credit Repair Specialist ✓ Bad Credit ✓ Bankruptcy ✓ Collection ✓ Divorce ✓ Foreclosure ✓ Repossession No Problem! 24 Hour Application Line 866.694.6965 or call Tim 248.807.1930 www.startdriving.net</p>
<p>2006 Jeep Wrangler Clearance Price \$264,000 72 Mo. 4x4, Soft Top, Triple Black, Light Bar, New Aluminum Rims & Tires. Stk. #676J \$16,999</p>	<p>2006 Dodge Dakota \$282,000 72 Mo. Chrome Wheels, Leather, 4x4, V-8, Quad Cab, Silver, Satellite Radio. Stk. #758J \$17,999</p>	<p>2000 Jeep Cherokee Sport \$189,000 60 Mo. White, Cloth Interior, 4x4, Only 69,000 Miles, Super Clean! Stk. #779J \$9,999</p>	<p>2005 Jeep Grand Cherokee \$282,000 72 Mo. Limited, Leather, Sunroof, Blue, Only 39,000 Miles, Spotless, HEMI. Stk. #733J \$17,999</p>	

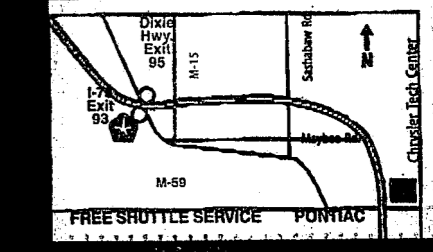
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE OF SECOND READING ORDINANCE NO. 78 GROUP INSURANCE PLAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a SECOND READING beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 13, 2008, at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350 to consider adoption of, and receive comments on, the following proposed Springfield Township Group Insurance Plan, Ordinance No. 78:

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDINANCE NO. 78

GROUP INSURANCE PLAN ORDINANCE
AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CREATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A TOWNSHIP GROUP INSURANCE PLAN(S) COVERING LIFE, HEALTH, HOSPITALIZATION, MEDICAL AND SURGICAL SERVICE AND EXPENSE, AND DISABILITY INSURANCE FOR CERTAIN CLASSES OF TOWNSHIP OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES AND THEIR DEPENDENTS, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR TO CONTRACT IN THE NAME OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR SUCH PLAN.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD ORDAINS:

SECTION 1 - NAME

This Ordinance shall be known as the Springfield Township Group Insurance Plan Ordinance.

SECTION 2 - Creation and Establishment

Pursuant to Section 110b of Public Act 77 of 1989, as amended, (MCL 41.110b), the Township hereby authorizes the creation and establishment of a Group Insurance Plan(s) covering life, health, hospitalization, medical and surgical service and expense, and disability insurance for its officers and employees enumerated herein; and, for such purposes, also hereby authorizes the Township Supervisor to contract, in the name of the Township, with any company authorized to transact such business within the State of Michigan for such group insurance policies.

SECTION 3 - Persons covered

1. Health, hospitalization, and medical. The group insurance plan(s) for health, hospitalization, and medical services authorized under this Ordinance shall cover each person and their dependents, who qualify under the adopted policies of the applicable Township Board, Township Park Commission and/or Township Library Board, to the extent that the policies of insurance allow and provide.
2. Life Insurance. The group life insurance plan(s) for life insurance authorized under this Ordinance shall cover each person who qualifies under the adopted policies of the applicable Township Board, Township Park Commission and/or Township Library Board to the extent that the policies of insurance allow and provide.
3. Disability Insurance. The group disability insurance plan(s) for disability insurance authorized under this Ordinance shall cover each person who qualifies under the adopted policies of the applicable Township Board, Township Park Commission and/or Township Library Board to the extent that the policies of insurance allow and provide.

SECTION 4 - Premium contribution

The Township shall annually contribute and pay premiums or charges arising under the insurance plan(s) as provided for in this Ordinance for each person within the classes of persons enumerated in Section 3 as required by Township policies. Such Township contribution shall be secured from the appropriate Township fund (i.e. general fund, fire fund, parks fund, library fund) of the Township. Each person within such class shall be responsible for the remainder of the premium or charges, if any, not paid for by the Township, and the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to deduct the same from such person's pay, salary or compensation to apply to such person's responsibility. Any person who desires not to be so covered shall give written notice to the Township Supervisor that he/she desires not to be insured or covered, and if the notice is received before the person has become insured or covered under the contract, he/she shall not be covered under the contract. If the notice is received after the individual has become insured or covered, his/her coverage under the contract shall cease as provided for in the contract.

Section 5 - RATIFICATION

The Township hereby ratifies and confirms the validity of any life, health, hospitalization, medical and surgical service and expense, accident insurance, and disability income insurance coverage, or any one or more of such forms of insurance in existence on the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6 - SEVERABILITY

The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7 - REPEALER

All other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 8 - SAVINGS CLAUSE

Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court or any rights acquired or any liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed as cited in Section 7 of this ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired, or affected by this Ordinance.

SECTION 9 - EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect following publication in the manner prescribed by law. This Ordinance shall be published in the manner provided by law.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that documents related to the proposed Group Insurance Plan Ordinance may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350 during regular business hours Monday through Friday. Written comments may be submitted to the Springfield Township Clerk at the above address until the time of the Second Reading. Those persons needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance. 248-846-6510.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk
Publish 2/27 Charter Township of Springfield

PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE REQUEST FOR VARIANCES ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a meeting on Thursday, March 20, 2008, beginning at 8:00 p.m. at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, Michigan to hear the following appeals:

PUBLIC COMMENT:
APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 17, 2008
OLD BUSINESS: None
NEW BUSINESS:

1. Request from Timothy J. Mills II, 11995 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350 to construct a garage with a side yard setback of seven (7) feet rather than the fifteen (15) feet required per Section 25 of Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No. 26. The property that is the subject of the request is located at 11995 Davisburg Rd. in Springfield Township and is zoned R-2 One Family Residential (one acre minimum), P.I. #07-17-228-002.

2. Request from Luke Kaczor, 9505 Big Lake Rd., Clarkston, Michigan 48346 to create a parcel with a width-to-depth ratio of 1 to 5.3 rather than the maximum 1 to 4 width-to-depth ratio allowed per Section 16.18 of Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No. 26, and to create a parcel with a side yard setback of ten (10) feet rather than the fifteen (15) feet required per Section 25 of Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No. 26.

The applicant is proposing to exchange part of his existing parcel with part of his neighbor's parcel in order to eliminate an existing building encroachment onto the applicant's parcel, which will result in the applicant's newly-configured parcel exceeding the allowed width-to-depth ratio and in the building on his neighbor's newly-configured parcel encroaching into the required side-yard setback.

The property that is the subject of the width-to-depth variance request is located at 9505 Big Lake Rd. (P.I. #07-26-201-010), and the property that is the subject of the side-yard variance request is located at 9525 Big Lake Rd. (P.I. #07-26-201-014) in Springfield Township. Both properties are zoned R-3 One Family Residential (one-half acre minimum).

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the maps and variance requests may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350 during regular office hours Monday through Friday. Written comments may be submitted to the Clerk's Office until the date of the meeting. Anyone needing a special accommodation at the meeting should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance. 248-846-6510.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk
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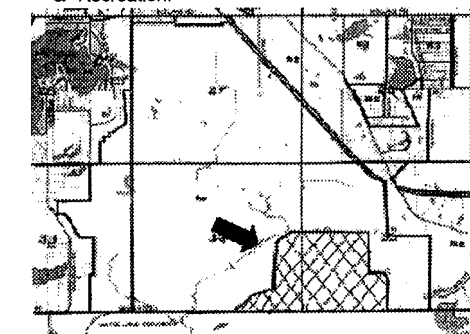
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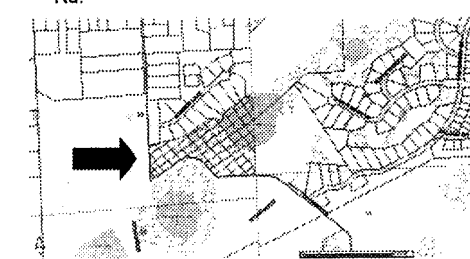
NOTICE OF SECOND READING AMENDMENTS TO ZONING MAP, ORDINANCE NO. 26

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a SECOND READING at its regularly-scheduled meeting on Thursday, March 13, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI to consider the following proposed amendments to Springfield Township's Zoning Map, Ordinance No. 26:

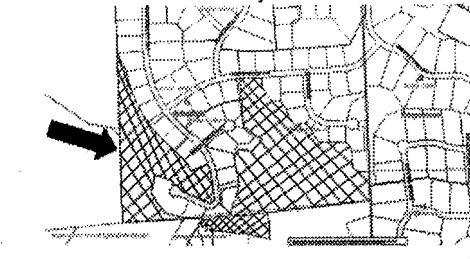
1. A portion of Indian Springs Metropark, located at 5200 Indian Trail and owned by Huron-Clinton Metroparks Authority, P.I.#07-34-300-017, is proposed to be rezoned from RC-Resource Conservation to PR-Parks & Recreation.



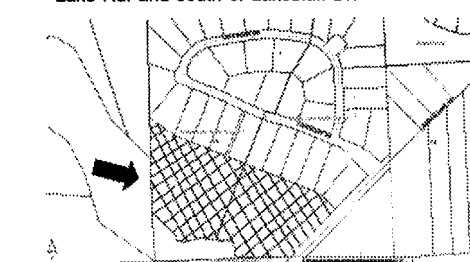
2. Part of the General Common Element park/nature preserve area of Caribou Lake Estates residential development is proposed to be rezoned from R-1 One Family Residential to RC Resource Conservation. The area proposed to be rezoned is located east and north of Clement Rd. and south of Caribou Lake Rd.



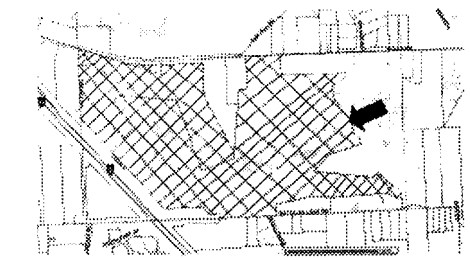
3. Bridge Valley residential development: Portions of the existing Nature Reserves are proposed to be rezoned from R-1 One Family Residential to RC Resource Conservation. (P.I. 07-13-476-016, 07-13-453-010) and the portion of a parcel containing an existing conservation easement is proposed to be rezoned from R-2 One Family Residential to RC Resource Conservation (07-13-454-015). The areas proposed to be rezoned are located south of Cotswold Lane and west and south of Stonevalley Bluff.



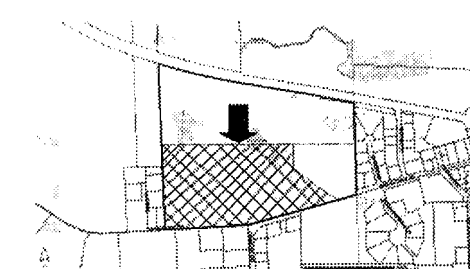
4. Bridge Lake Bluffs residential development: The Park/Nature Preserve is proposed to be rezoned from R-1 One Family Residential to RC Resource Conservation. P.I. 07-14-276-008, 07-14-276-015. The area proposed to be rezoned is located west of Bridge Lake Rd. and south of Lakebluff Dr.



5. A portion of Heathr Highlands Golf Club, located at 11450 East Holly Rd. and owned by HMS Properties Ltd., is proposed to be rezoned from RC Resource Conservation to PR Parks & Recreation. P.I. 07-04-376-006, 07-04-376-007, 07-04-151-002, 07-04-376-002.



6. A portion of the Shiawassee Basin Preserve, located at 12000 Davisburg Rd. and owned by Springfield Township, is proposed to be rezoned from RC Resource Conservation to PR Parks & Recreation. P.I. 07-18-251-009.



NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that documents related to the proposed rezonings may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350 during regular office hours. Written comments may be submitted to the Springfield Township Clerk up until the time of the Second Reading. Those persons needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance. 248-846-6510.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

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:

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| Tuesday, March 4, 2008: | *9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
(*Organizational meeting ONLY) |
| 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. |

Tentative	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

Charter Township of Springfield

**NOTICE OF SECOND READING
AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE NO. 16
JUNK, ANTI-LITTER AND ANTI-POLLUTION
ORDINANCE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a SECOND READING at its Regular Meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 13, 2008 at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg, Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350 to consider adoption of, and receive comments on, the following proposed amendments to Springfield Township Ordinance No. 16:

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND
ORDINANCE NO. 16,
JUNK, ANTI-LITTER AND ANTI-POLLUTION
ORDINANCE**

AN ORDINANCE TO SECURE THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BY THE REGULATION OF OUTDOOR PARKING AND STORAGE OF MOTOR VEHICLES, TRACTOR TRAILERS, TRAVEL TRAILERS, MOBILE HOMES, NEW OR USED PARTS OR JUNK THEREFROM, PROHIBITING THE THROWING AND DEPOSITING OF ANY LITTER ON PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, PROHIBITING THE MAINTENANCE OF A PUBLIC NUISANCE, AND PRESCRIBING THE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF ANY OF ITS PROVISIONS AND TO REPEAL ANY ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith.

The Charter Township of Springfield ordains:

The Junk, Anti-Litter and Anti-Pollution Ordinance, Ordinance No. 16, is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

Section 1. Short Title.

This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "JUNK, ANTI-LITTER AND ANTI-POLLUTION ORDINANCE".

Section 2. Purpose

The purpose of this Ordinance is to recognize that blight is observable at different stages of severity, and that moderate blight left uncorrected creates a strong probability of severe blight to follow. To that effect, this Ordinance limits and restricts the outdoor storage, parking or unreasonable accumulation of junk, unused, partially dismantled or inoperable and/or unlicensed motor vehicles, trailers, tractor trailers, new or used parts thereof, travel trailers, mobile homes, new and used personal property of any description, whether held for resale or not; to prohibit the depositing of litter on private property, public property, and onto bodies of water; and to prohibit the maintenance of a public nuisance.

Section 3. Definitions

3.01 "Motor Vehicle" means every vehicle that is self-propelled.

3.02 "Mobile Home" means a factory assembled portable structure designed or used for year-round residence purposes, designed and built to be towed on its own chassis, connected to utilities, and installed on a homesite with or without a permanent foundation.

3.03 "Trailer" means every vehicle without motive power designed to be drawn by another vehicle and attached to the towing vehicle by means of a reach, pole or any other device and ordinarily used for the transporting of goods of any shape or description, whether or not the bed of said trailer shall be open to the elements or enclosed.

3.04 "Litter" shall mean any garbage, refuse, waste, rubbish, food containers or wrappings, discarded furniture boxes, crates, rags, discarded clothing, floor coverings, wallpaper, sweepings, newspapers or magazines, discarded appliances, offal, paper, cans, bottles, jars, trash or debris, whether animal, mineral or vegetable or whether such be constructed or manufactured, yard debris or rubbish, construction debris, including, but not limited to broken, rotted, deteriorated lumber, bricks, blocks, plumbing or heating materials, roofing materials, concrete, cement electrical materials, and siding.

3.05 "Public Nuisance" shall mean any act or omission to act on the part of any person, which creates or permits the existence of a situation which annoys, injures or endangers the peace, welfare, order, health or safety of the public in their persons or property. As defined herein, a nuisance includes, but is not limited to, emanations from noise, glare, lights, vibration, dust, smoke, odor, gas, steam, fly-ash, soot, acids, chemicals, fumes, cinders, worms, insects, rodents, flies, decaying matter, whether such effects and emanations are

natural or result from human or mechanical alteration or manipulation of materials. A nuisance also includes the accumulation of personal property for future use or sale, garbage containers, building materials and equipment, scaffolding, and other personal property that offends public decency or aesthetic sensibilities. A nuisance includes a condition which is indecent, obnoxious, or offensive to the senses.

Section 4. Storage and Parking

A. No person, firm or corporation shall park, store or cause or permit to be parked or stored upon any property within the Township of Springfield, any inoperable and/or unlicensed motor vehicle, watercraft, and trailer, including but not limited to all vessels, boats, recreational vehicles, off-road vehicles, snowmobiles, mobile homes, and campers, or new or used parts or junk therefrom unless the same be wholly contained within a fully enclosed building and does not, in addition thereto, violate any Zoning Ordinance or Building Code of the Township of Springfield or the State of Michigan.

B. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be interpreted to prohibit:

(1) Any operable farming and agricultural machinery and equipment on private property, provided, however, that (a) it is not parked, placed or stored in the front yard; and (b) it does not otherwise violate any of the Zoning Ordinances or Building Codes of the Township of Springfield or the State of Michigan.

(2) Duly licensed vehicles or trailers that are temporarily inoperable because of minor mechanical failures but which are not in any manner dismantled and have substantially all main component parts attached which may remain upon said private property not, however, upon any public right-of-way or public property for a period of time not to exceed fourteen days.

C. No repairing, redesigning, modifying or dismantling work or operations shall be allowed upon any motor vehicle, watercraft, or trailer or part thereof upon any public right-of-way or public property or upon any private property within the Township of Springfield, except such as may be accomplished within a fully enclosed building, provided further, however, if no fully enclosed building is located upon the premises, the same repairing, redesigning, modifying or dismantling work or operation, if not otherwise unlawful, may be conducted upon the premises for a period of time not to exceed one week. Repairing, redesigning, dismantling work or operations will not be permitted on any premises where the conduct of such work or operation would constitute a nuisance or annoyance, public or private, and/or is in violation of any provision of the Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance, Building Code or any law of the State of Michigan. Nothing contained herein shall prohibit such occasional minor repair work as may infrequently be required to maintain a vehicle or trailer or part thereof in normal operating condition, provided, however, that such minor repair work can be completed within a (48) forty-eight hour period.

Section 5. Littering

No person shall dump, deposit, throw or leave, or cause or permit the dumping, depositing, placing, throwing or leaving of litter upon any public or private property, or upon any lake, stream, pond or river within the Township, except in receptacles for collection or an official Township dump, and provided further that persons placing litter in receptacles shall do so in such a manner as to prevent it from being carried or deposited by the elements upon any public or private property.

Section 6. Public Nuisance

No person shall permit a public nuisance to exist on his/her property within the Township of Springfield.

Section 7. Penalties

A. A violation of the Charter Township of Springfield Anti-Litter and Anti-Pollution Ordinance, shall be deemed to be a municipal civil infraction and shall be subject to the following fines:

1. The First Offense/Fourth Occurrence. The civil fine for a first offense violation shall be in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), plus costs and other sanctions, for each offense.
2. First Repeat of Offense/Fifth Occurrence. The civil fine for any offense which is a first repeat offense shall be in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00), plus costs and other sanctions, for each offense.
3. Second or any Subsequent Repeat of Offense/Sixth or Subsequent Occurrence. The civil fine for any offense which is a second or subsequent repeat offense shall be in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), plus costs and other sanctions, for each offense.

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to limit the remedies available to the Township in the

event of a violation of this Ordinance.

- B. In addition to ordering the defendant determined to be responsible for a municipal civil infraction to pay a civil fine, costs, damages, and expenses, the Judge or Magistrate shall be authorized to issue any judgment, writ or order necessary to enforce, or enjoin violation of, this Ordinance.
 - C. Continuing Offense. Each act of violation and each day upon which any such violation shall occur shall constitute a separate offense.
 - D. Remedies Not Exclusive. In addition to any remedies provided for in this Ordinance, any equitable or other remedies available may be sought.
 - E. Judge or Magistrate. The Judge or Magistrate shall also be authorized to impose costs, damages, and expenses as provided by law.
 - F. Default on Payment of Fines and Costs. A default in the payment of a civil fine, costs, damages, or expenses ordered under Subsection A or B, or an installment of the fine, costs, damages or expenses as allowed by the court, may be collected by the Charter Township of Springfield by a means authorized for the enforcement of a judgment under Chapter 40 or 60 of the Revised Judicature Act, MCL 600.101, et. seq., MSA 27A.101, et. Seq., as amended.
 - G. Failure to Comply With Judgment or Order. If a defendant fails to comply with an order or judgment issued pursuant to this Section within the time prescribed by the court, the court may proceed under Subsection I.
 - H. Failure to Appear in Court. A defendant who fails to answer a citation or notice to appear in court for a violation of this Ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), plus costs and/or imprisonment not to exceed ninety (90) days.
 - I. Civil Contempt.
 1. If a defendant defaults in the payment of a civil fine, costs, damages, expenses, or installment as ordered by the district court, upon motion of the Township of Springfield or upon its own motion, the court may require the defendant to show cause why the defendant should not be held in civil contempt and may issue a summons, order to show cause, or bench warrant of arrest for the defendant's appearance.
 2. If a corporation or an association is ordered to pay a civil fine, costs, damages, or expenses, the individuals authorized to make disbursements shall pay the fine, costs, damages, or expenses, and their failure to do so shall be civil contempt unless they make the showing required in this subsection.
 3. Unless the defendant shows that the default was not attributable to an intentional refusal to obey the order of the court, or to a failure on his or her part to make a good faith effort to obtain the funds required for payment, the court shall find that the default constitutes a civil contempt and may order the defendant committed until all or a specified part of the amount due is paid.
 4. If it appears that the default in the payment of a civil fine, costs, damages, or expenses does not constitute civil contempt, the court may enter an order allowing the defendant additional time for payment, or reducing the amount of payment or of each installment.
 5. The terms of imprisonment on civil contempt for nonpayment of a civil fine, costs, damages, or expenses shall be specified in the order of commitment and shall not exceed one day for each Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) due. A person committed for nonpayment of a civil fine, costs, damages, or expenses shall be given credit toward payment for each day of imprisonment and each day of detention in default of recognition before judgment at the rate of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) per day.
 6. A defendant committed to imprisonment for civil contempt for nonpayment of a civil fine, costs, damages or expenses shall not be discharged from custody until one of the following occurs:
 - i. Defendant is credited with the amount due pursuant to Subsection I(5).
 - ii. The amount due is collected through execution of process or otherwise.
 - iii. The amount due is satisfied pursuant to a combination of Subsections I(6)(i) and
7. The civil contempt shall be purged upon discharge of the defendant pursuant to Subsection I(6).
 - J. Lien Against Land, Building or Structure. If a defendant does not pay a civil fine, costs or installment ordered under Subsections A or B within thirty (30) days after the date upon which the payment is due for a violation of this Ordinance involving the use or occupation of land, a building or other structure, the Charter Township of Springfield may obtain a lien against the land, building, or structure involved in the violation by recording a copy of the court order requiring payment of the fine and costs with the Register of Deeds for Oakland County. The court order shall not be recorded unless a legal description of the property is incorporated in or attached to the court order.
 1. The lien is effective immediately upon recording of the court order with the Register of Deeds.
 2. The court order recorded with the Register of Deeds shall constitute the pendency of the lien. In addition, a written notice of lien shall be sent by Springfield Township by first class mail to the owner of record of the land, building, or structure at the owner's last known address.
 3. The lien may be enforced and discharged by the Charter Township of Springfield in the manner described by its Charter, by the General Property Tax Act, Act No. 206 of the Public Acts of 1893, being Sections 211.1, 211.157 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, or by an ordinance duly passed by the Township. However, property is not subject to sale under Section 60 of Act No. 206 of the Public Acts of 1893, being Section 211.60 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, for nonpayment of a civil fine or costs or an installment ordered under Subsections A or B, unless the property is also subject to sale under Act No. 206 of Public Acts of 1893 for delinquent property taxes.
 4. A lien created under this Section has priority over any other lien unless one or more of the following apply:
 - i. The other lien is a lien for taxes of special assessments.
 - ii. Federal law provides the other lien has priority.
 - iii. The other lien is recorded before the lien under this Section is recorded.
 5. The Township may institute an action in a court of competent jurisdiction for collection of the fines and costs imposed by a court order for a violation of this Ordinance. However, an attempt by the Township to collect the fines or costs does not invalidate or waive the lien upon the land, building, or structure.
 6. A lien provided for by this subsection shall not continue for a period longer than five (5) years after a copy of the court order imposing a fine or cost is recorded unless within that time an action to enforce the lien is commenced.

Section 8. Repealer

All ordinances and portions of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 9. Severability

Should any provision or part of this Ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the same shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the balance of this Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 10. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect following publication in the manner prescribed by law. This Ordinance shall be published in the manner provided by law.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that documents related to the proposed amendments to Ordinance 16, may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350 during regular business hours Monday through Friday. Written comments may be submitted to the Springfield Township Clerk at the above address until the time of the Second Reading. Those persons needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance. 248-846-6510.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

Publish 2/27

Petitions ready for pickup

Reform Michigan Government petitions are available for pickup at Harry Woloson's Security Financial Management office, 7608 Dixie Hwy, Suite 100.

The petition would:

- Eliminate lifetime healthcare benefits for former legislators;
- Cut legislator salaries at least in half to equal 80 percent of the most recent median household income for Michigan residents;
- Require that a maximum allowable 100 regular legislative session days be completed by May 31 of each year;
- Limit special legislative sessions to a maximum of 15 days per year;
- Reduce legislator compensation for unexcused absences from regular sessions;
- Eliminate term limits for legislators; and
- Require documentation for all expense reimbursement requests

For more information, visit www.reformmichigan.gov.

Donations needed for grad party

Clarkston High School's Post Graduation Party 2008 Committee needs donations to keep ticket prices low for seniors.

The party, featuring entertainment, refreshments, decorations, and gift, will be right after commencement, June 4, at DTE Energy Theater. More than 80 percent of graduates participate with the help of almost 150 parent volunteers for a night of safe, supervised fun.

The committee needs donations of money, food, gift certificates, prizes, and items for senior goody bags.

For more information, call 248-625-8429.

Sign up for camp counselor

Independence Township Parks and Recreation is signing up summer day camp counselors. Candidates must be at least 18 years old, and available to work Monday-Friday, mid June through end of August. Education and experience working with children will be considered. Interviews will be in March. For more information, call Lisa Sargent at 248-625-8223.

Motivational speaker set for next week

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

He will talk about how to maintain a positive outlook on life, develop family teamwork, open communication channels, understand today's teenager bet-

ter, T.U.A.L. - Total, Unconditional, Acceptance, and Love, become your child's "secure door"; courage to say "no"; build the family on the right foundations; find special talent.

Sanders will also present assemblies at Clarkston Junior High School and Clarkston High School.

For more information, call 248-623-5423.

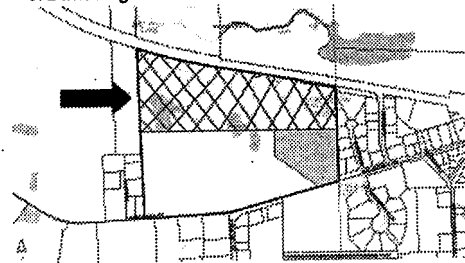
PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AMENDMENT TO ZONING MAP, ORDINANCE NO. 26

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a PUBLIC HEARING at its Regular Meeting on Monday, March 17, 2008, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI to receive comments on the following proposed amendment to Springfield Township's Zoning Map, Ordinance No. 26:

A portion of the Shiawassee Basin Preserve, located at 12000 Davisburg Rd. and owned by Springfield Township, is proposed by the Planning Commission to be rezoned from RC-Resource Conservation to PR-Parks & Recreation. Part of P.I. #07-18-251-009, located north of Davisburg Road and south of the CN Railroad tracks.



NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that documents related to the proposed rezoning may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350 during regular office hours. Written comments may be submitted to the Springfield Township Clerk up until the time of the Public Hearing. Those persons needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance. 248-846-6510.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

Published February 27, 2008

Community events?

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know

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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CLARKSTON PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON 375 DEPOT ROAD CLARKSTON, MI 48346 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING

Monday, March 10, 2008
Monday, March 17, 2008

The Board of Review for the City of the Village of Clarkston will meet at the City Office on Monday, March 10, 2008, and Monday, March 17, 2008, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

For appointments: Call Oakland County Equalization Division, Toll Free 1-888-350-0900, Extension 59611 or (248) 858-1862. Those without an appointment will be served on a first-come, first-served basis.

Artemus M. Pappas
City Manager/Clerk-Treasurer

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INDEPENDENCE TWP. SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

Supervisor Wagner called the February 19, 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, Travis

Absent: Dunn

There was a quorum.

1. Opening Statements and Correspondence
2. Public Forum opened at 7:48 p.m. and closed at 7:48 p.m.
3. Approved the Agenda, as submitted
4. Approved motion to move the Consent Agenda to end of the meeting
5. Approved motion to award bid to Fedewa, Inc. in the amount of \$52,400 for exterior painting and logo application on the 500,200 gallon standpipe and approve a budget increase of \$57,000 in the 2008 Water Budget to cover the cost of project, including engineering and inspections.
6. Discussion of Stormwater Education by the Clinton River Watershed Council
7. Approved motion to approve sound variance for the 50th Anniversary of Waterford Hills Road Racing on August 1, 2, and 3, 2008
8. Discussion of Township Investment Report
9. Approved motion to retain Munder Capital for Township investments
10. Approved motion to approve Purchase Orders and Accounts Payable
11. Approved motion to go into closed session to discuss AFSCME Contract at 8:52 p.m.
12. Approved motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Shelagh VanderVeen
Township Clerk

Published: 2/27/08

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INDEPENDENCE TWP. BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Date and Time: March 4, 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 and February 19, 2008
 - b. Approval of Purchase Orders
 - c. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run
 - d. Resolution for Subdivision Road Improvements in Pine Knob North Subdivision Nos. 1, 2 and 3

New Business

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

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INDEPENDENCE TWP. NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Independence Township Planning Commission, Oakland County, Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on: **Thursday, March 13, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.**

At the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston Michigan, 48346, to consider the following:

FILE PC #2008-002

Clarkston Hill Offices, LLC, Petitioner

REZONING REQUEST

From: OS-2 (Office Service Two)
To: C-3/PRO (Highway Commercial/Planned Rezoning Overlay) Restricted to C-1 & OS-2 Uses (Local Business and Office Service Two)

Intended Use: Commercial and Office
Parcel Identification Numbers: 08-33-302-031, 6160 Dixie Highway

Common Description: 1.48 Acres, Townsend's Sub Lots 68 and 69, also all of vacated Vandewater Ave.

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

Shelagh VanderVeen, Clerk
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