

## Bodies found along I-75

The bad smell was a dead giveaway that something was wrong.

On Tuesday morning, Michigan Department of Transportation survey crews noticed a foul smell. The odor led them to a grisly discovery -- the decomposing remains of two human beings.

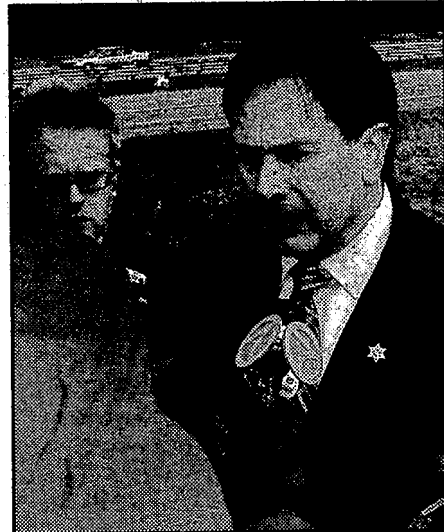
According to Oakland County Sheriff's reports, the crew found the bodies on I-75, about a half mile north of Sashabaw Road, hidden by bushes.

The survey crew called 911 and Sheriff's cars from the Independence Township Substation responded, stated an OCSD press release.

On a gray, dreary Tuesday afternoon, Sheriff Michael Bouchard conducted a press conference at the "park and ride" parking lot at Sashabaw Road entrance to northbound I-75.

The badly decomposed bodies were of two white men, dressed in warm-weather clothing, leading Bouchard to speculate the bodies could have been there for "five to six months."

As of press time, the early crime scene investigation leads law enforcement to believe one man was shot, execution style, in the head. What ap-



conference at the Park and Ride on Sashabaw at I-75. Photo by Phil Custodio

pears to be a phone cord was found around the throat of the other man.

During the initial investigation northbound I-75 was blocked down to one-lane for several hours.

For more up-to-date information read next week's print edition or go on-line to the CNews' website, [www.clarkstonnews.com](http://www.clarkstonnews.com).

-- Don Rush

## Time's running out

### Interviews set for finding Pappas' replacements

BY LAURACOLVIN  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston officials hope to allow plenty of time for a new city manager and clerk-treasurer to learn the ropes before Art Pappas retires June 30.

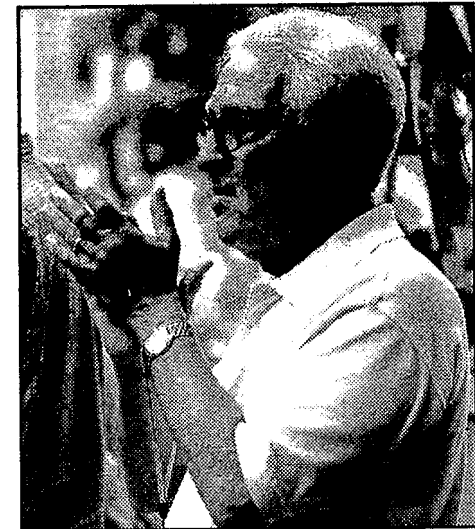
The first round of interviews begins this week.

In October, Pappas announced plans to retire and will leave his tri-fold position as city manager, clerk, and treasurer after 45 years of service.

The city plans to replace Pappas with two new hires: clerk-treasurer and city manager, both part-time -- the new city manager will potentially work a 3-day week, while clerk treasurer works 2-3 days.

Pappas collects a manager salary of \$28,460; a treasurer salary of \$11,900 (plus an additional \$3,105 per year paid to the treasurer from the Sewer Operating Fund) and a clerk salary of \$2,585, for a gross earning this year of \$46,050.

The new employees' pay was tentatively set at \$17 per hour, but at a meeting Monday, replacement committee members said they



Art Pappas, here cheering the 2007 July 4 parade, is ready to retire. File photo

couldn't recall how they'd arrived at the number; Pappas said he didn't know, either.

The city received about a dozen resumes from those interested in filling one of the two positions.

"We were once again blessed as a city," said Charles Inabnit, councilman and committee member. "We had some very outstanding resumes come in. We are a very lucky community."

Councilwoman Kristy Ottman, also a member of the committee, said the plan was to  
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## Dogs don't belong in cemetery, neighbor says

BY TREVOR KEISER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

When Carolyn Gibson visits her loved ones at Lakeview Cemetery, the last thing she wants to see is a dog around the gravesites.

"It just makes you angry when you go in there and you see some dog lifting their leg or stooping and going to the bathroom on a grave," said Gibson, a Springfield Township resident.

"This isn't a dog park. These people who bury their loved ones in here, buy the piece of property that they're buried in and it's not

like all these people from the township who have used it for a dog park have paid for them."

"No pets allowed" signs used to be posted in the cemetery, but new signs don't say that, she said.

Linda Richardson, Independence Township Department of Public Works director and head of Lakeview Cemetery, said there is no law prohibiting dogs in the cemetery.

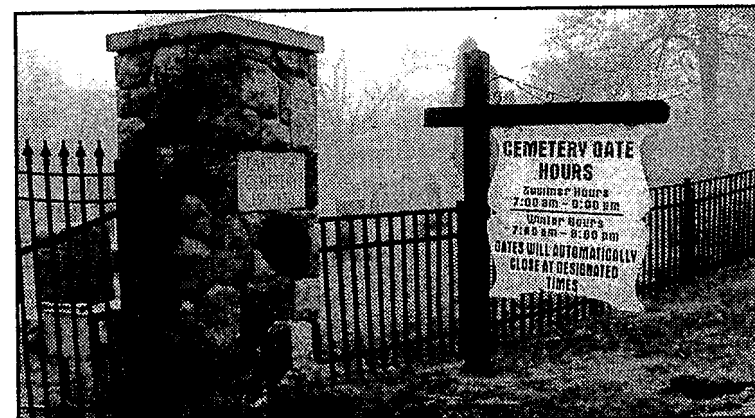
"The restriction is that they must be on a leash in the cemetery rules and regulations," said Richardson. "What we're going

to do is, we're going to provide doggy bags and put some signs up, 'be a responsible pet owner, pick up your dog's mess.'"

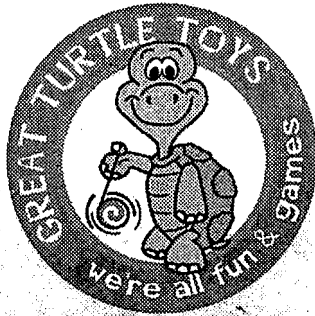
The township is looking for a company from which they can get the signs at a low price. The signs and doggy bags will be placed at the front entrance of the cemetery, she said.

Independence Township ordinances state pets must be leashed in public and it is the owner's responsibility to "immediately remove all droppings deposited by

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Independence Township requires dog owners to clean up after their pets, but doesn't ban them from Lakeview Cemetery.



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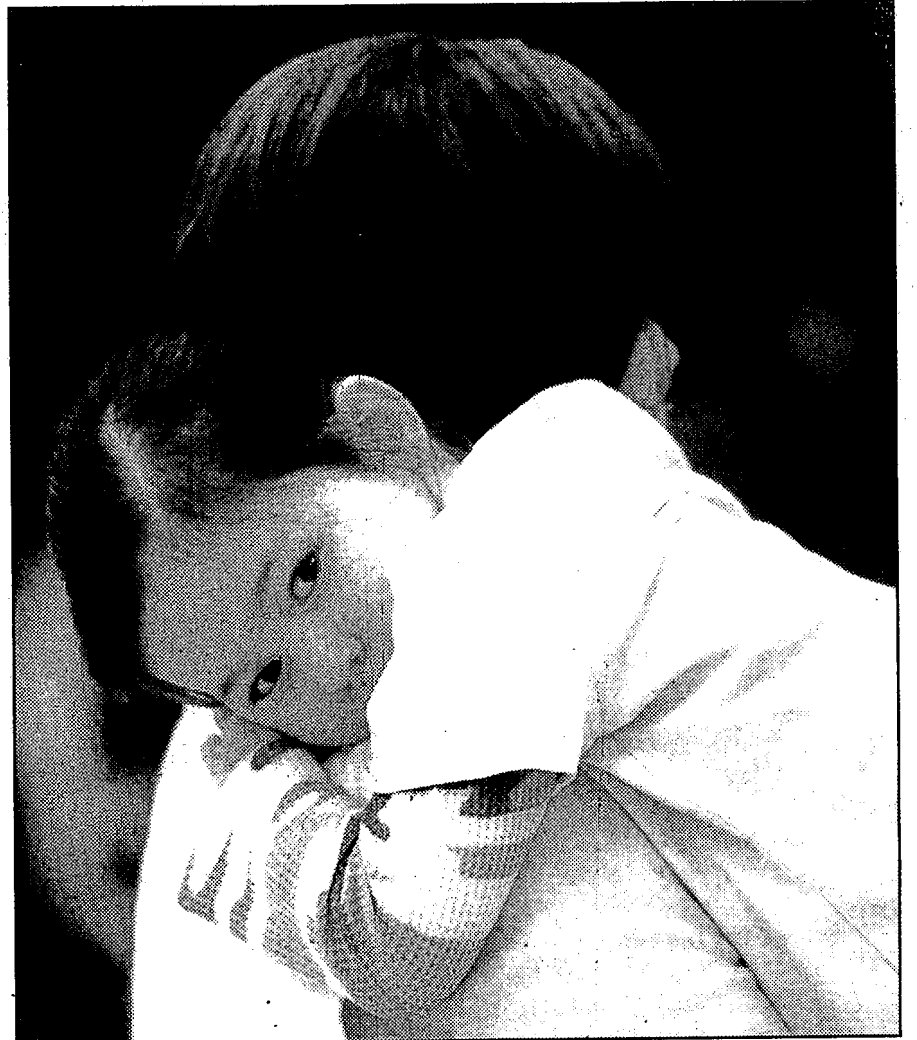
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## Lean on me

A sleepy McKenna Lenz, 4, rests her head on her mom, Tracy Lenz, Saturday while waiting in line for face-painting at Independence Township Parks and Recreation's Egg Mania, a spring-themed family event.

Photo by Laura Colvin

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### Senior center offers tax help

To get your \$300 economic stimulus check from the federal government, you need to show \$3,000 in income last year.

To explain how, Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center hosts an AARP Tax Assistance Program next weekend.

Income includes wages and salaries, Social Security benefits, certain veterans' benefits and some Railroad Retirement benefits. Bring proof of income to the tax-assistance program, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Tuesday, April 8, at Carriage House, Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road.

Those who filed a federal income tax return last year will receive payments automatically.

If unable to attend, call the senior activity center at 248-625-8231 for other sites and dates.

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### Correction

Due to a miscalculation Jan. 30, edition numbers have been incorrectly listed. This is the 27th edition of *The Clarkston News*' 79th volume.

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Jamie Nye-Mengyan with Susie Hopkins in the Great Turtle suit and shelves filled with toys, at Great Turtle Toys. photo by Phil Custodio

# High-flying fun and games

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
*Clarkston News Editor*

Visitors to Mackinac Island will soon see a familiar site here in town — Great Turtle Toys is opening its newest location in Independence Township.

"We were looking around to open another store, when we saw this space — it's the right fit for us," said Jamie Nye-Mengyan, who lives in Clarkston. "There's a need for this — there are no toy stores in the area."

Jamie and her brother, Ben Nye, started the business on Mackinac Island 10 years ago, and now have two shops there.

"It's been a huge success," Nye-Mengyan said. "We love it. We're good at it. This is an exciting place to be."

The shop's name is inspired by Mackinac Island's original residents, Ojibwe Indians.

"They thought the island looked like a turtle sunning itself," she said.

The newest Great Turtle Toys shares 6160 Dixie Highway with Pete's Coney Island II restaurant. They moved in three weeks ago, and have been working non-stop to set it up ever since.

One challenge: moving their inventory. To get toys from their Mackinac shops to

Clarkston, they first had to cross frozen Lake Huron to St. Ignace on snowmobiles.

"The cutters come through and cut a channel, so they had to jump the gap," she said.

They fill their shops with toys that get people moving, active, and creative, such as kites, puppets, and foam-toy launchers.

"We look for things that aren't mass marketed," she said. "We go to the Toy Fair in New York City every year, looking for the coolest things."

The shop includes activity rooms set up with toys, to allow children a chance to play with their products before they buy them.

"We want people to come in here and have fun," she said. "We sell fun. It's all fun and games here."

They celebrated their grand opening March 29 with gift giveaways, face painting, and entertainers.

"We're much more than a behind-the-counter shop," she said. "There's a need for quality toys, a need to get kids off their butts, doing creative, physical activities. We care about kids. We want to keep them active."

They offer conventional and stunt kites, full-service kite repair shop, and instruction on more complex, dual-line flying.

"We sell kites of all different types — box, delta, parafoil, every type you can imagine," she said. "We give you some brief training. We'll make sure you're successful."

Their involvement in the community will include a Kite Festival, planned for July 19 in Clintonwood Park, and marching in parades, with floats featuring lots of toys and a walking turtle.

They also plan to offer classes through Independence Township Parks and Recreation, such as juggling, and arts and crafts.

"We're very interested in being part of the community," she said.

They will also contact school officials, offering their shop for student activities, said Nye-Mengyan, who has lived in Clarkston since 2001.

While the Mackinac stores are seasonal, the Clarkston location will be open year-round, something that will help their Internet sales, she said.

"We'll have year-round staffing, which we didn't have in Mackinac," she said. Call 248-625-3200.

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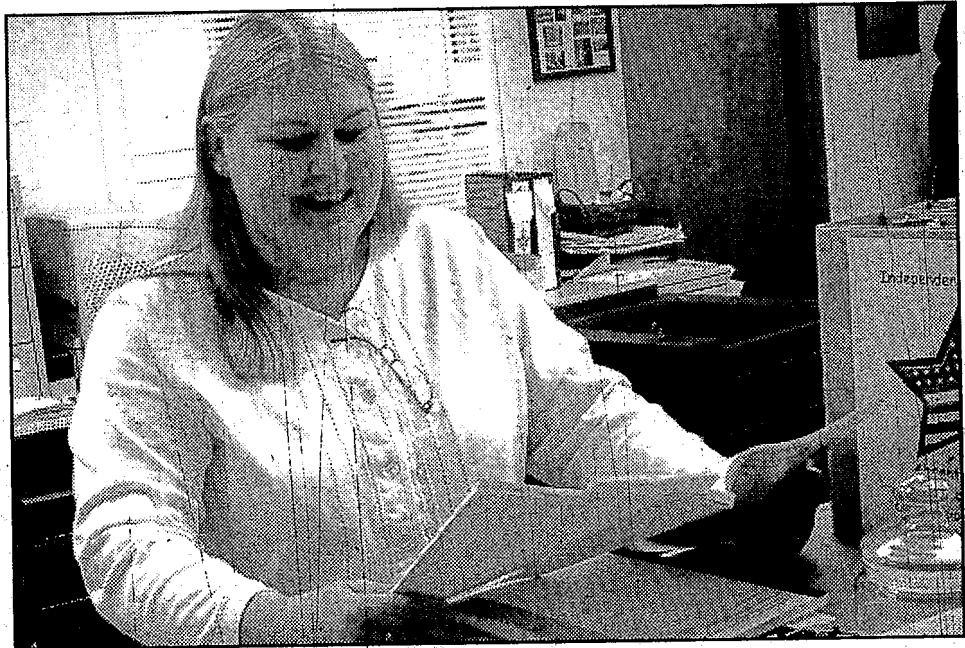
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Sandy Miller studies the Local Update of Census Addresses instructional handbook. Photo by Trevor Keiser

# U.S. Census calling for more info more often

BY TREVOR KEISER  
 Clarkston News Staff Writer

How much is your house worth?  
 How much do you earn?  
 What time do you leave for work every morning?

The federal government wants to know, and failure to answer could mean \$100-\$5,000 fines for each unanswered question.

Information gathered through the American Community Survey will be used to update government population, housing, and transportation programs, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

"The questions haven't changed, it's just now, instead of asking every 10 years to 10 percent of the population, we're conducting it on an ongoing basis every month," said Jason Mackie, supervisor statistician for U.S. Census.

"We're still capturing that 10 percent, we're just now capturing it over a 10 year span instead of all at one time."

Citizens shouldn't be concerned about fines – the Census Bureau is not a "prosecuting agency," Mackie said.

"Yes, it is the law, but we don't have the resources to fine or prosecute everybody that doesn't answer their census," he said.

The questions do seem to be getting a little more personal, said Sandy Miller, elections administrator for Independence Township, who maintains the township's address list for the census.

"The information is detailed, but it's not pinpointed," said Miller.

As in voting, information will not be linked to specific individuals, she said.

Miller also said those collecting the data

are sworn to secrecy under federal law – breaking it could mean fines up to \$250,000 and five years imprisonment – and the survey provides valuable information to the community, she said.

"Companies look at census information," she said.

"What sort of skills do people have in a certain area? If they wanted to build a publishing plant somewhere, where would be a good place to do that? They can look at these census books and say 'well this would be a good area or that would be a good area.'"

Households are selected "scientifically" by computer, Mackie said.

"Clarkston, for example, has an x-amount of population, urban, rural or whatever," he said. "So, we select addresses that show a representative of how Clarkston is with the entire nation."

The U.S. Census Bureau started ACS in 1996 in selected counties. It went national in 2004, said Mackie.

"Nationwide, we send out approximately 260,000 every month," he said. "In the Detroit Region, we send out approximately 18,000 every month."

The Detroit region includes Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia, and parts of Kentucky and Indiana.

The bureau used to send out short-form and long-form censuses every 10 years, he said.

"The short form pretty much gathered how many people live in the household and the basic demographics, and the long form is exactly what the ACS is right now," he said.

For more information visit [www.census.gov/acs](http://www.census.gov/acs).



From left, Michael Reed, Carly Marchiando, Megan Grant, Amy Merriman and Joel Merriman hold the cross during Calvary's worship service.

# Walking the walk

Good Friday holds a special place on Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church's calendar. The church commemorates the Friday before Easter, in the Christian faith the day Christ was crucified, with an annual Cross Walk through downtown Clarkston.

"It's a great way to experience the story of Jesus walking through Jerusalem - it brings a cool reality to it," said Pam Stapula, youth director at Calvary Evangelical.

"You feel the weight and the wood, and experience what it might have been like."

The Cross Walk has been a tradition for more than 10 years. This year's walk went relatively quickly because of the cold temperature, Stapula said.

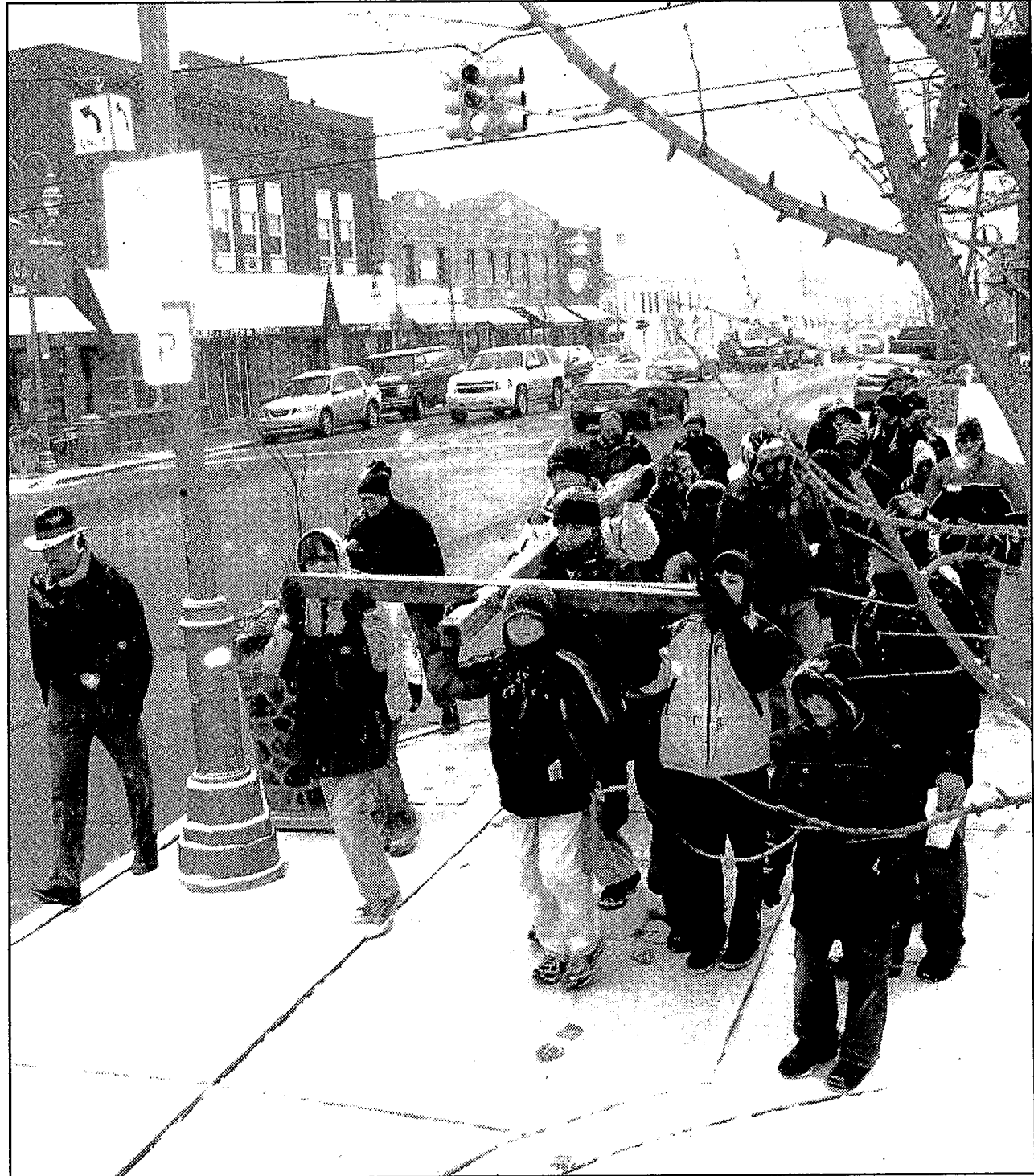
Congregation members carried the cross, made of solid, four-by-four pieces of wood, from Dixie Highway up Main Street to their church on Bluegrass Drive.

Then they took turns holding it during their 7 p.m. worship service, March 21.

"Anyone could take a turn," Stapula said.

The Cross Walk symbolizes Christ's journey to Calvary, the site of his crucifixion, she said.

- Phil Custodio



Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church members carry a cross through downtown Clarkston March 21, symbolizing Christ's walk to his crucifixion on Good Friday. Photos submitted

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## Lauren's outlook

A column by Lauren Halula

### Ethics in media?

In my journalism ethics (yes, they do exist!) class, my group and I presented a video project.

We decided to be a mock news organization, to figure out what people thought about media ethics. We asked a series of questions to students that were similar but worded differently.

Topics included coverage of school shootings, opinion in stories, deceptive tactics to uncover the truth, bias in political reporting and so on.

Part of the project was to reveal whether or not asking questions in a different way would unveil a different answer. Here's what we found.



Most news consumers agree with the opinions of the reporters. Yet, they think reporters put too much of their own opinion in stories.

People think it is unethical to go undercover, use hidden cameras or pose as someone else. But when asked if it was OK to use deceptive tactics – without mentioning the methods – to get a story that would benefit the greater good, then they believe it is fine.

The media reports too much about school shootings, but it's important students know what is happening at these schools and they expect the media to inform them.

When it comes to politics, most believe nothing they hear and think the media is too biased.

The project revealed exactly what we hoped it would. People think we report too many negative stories, we fill the news with too much "fluff" on celebrities and we only use these stories because they make the big bucks.

But, and there is a "but," no matter what the people say, they like those stories. The media is driven by what the consumers read and they are reading those stories. Sad as it is, I have been taught over and over in my three years of journalism classes that we don't decide the news. Our readers decide the news.

My final thought: is it really the media who is unethical?

Intern writer Lauren Halula is set to graduate from Oakland University this spring with a degree in Journalism and Political Science.

## The Clarkston News

# Viewpoints

## Trustee doesn't understand

Dear Editor,

I was disappointed but not particularly surprised by Trustee Marc Cooper's apparent lack of understanding of the duties and workload of the Springfield Township clerk and the Clerk's Office – as evidenced by his comments in "Springfield keeps status quo – for now" (page 1A, March 19 edition).

Mr. Cooper, who told *The Clarkston News* he plans to run for Springfield Township clerk – I am retiring after 16 years as clerk and four years as trustee – apparently thinks that, if elected, he can work part-time and simply spin off the work he's not doing to the deputy clerk.

For Mr. Cooper, that might be a nice arrangement. He could continue to run his business while picking up \$30,000 a year, which is his suggestion for a part-time clerk's salary.

For Springfield Township taxpayers, however, his plan is not such a good deal.

I'm on record as open to considering a reorganization involving creation of part-time officer positions. However, what Mr. Cooper apparently doesn't understand is that the part-time status he proposes for clerk would require hiring additional personnel to do the clerk's work.

That's because the deputy clerk is already a full-time position, and the deputy's workload is already maxed out.

Mr. Cooper also thinks that if a clerk simply limits himself or herself to performing

statutory functions, he or she would not have much to do and would spend most of his/her time just "sitting there."

That certainly comes as a surprise to me, my staff, my family or anyone who is even mildly knowledgeable about the work of the Springfield Township Clerk's Office.

In fact, state statutory duties and duties required of the clerk by local ordinances are consuming increasing chunks of my time. And as for the non-statutory duties needed to keep local government running, if the three township officers don't pitch in to do it, then who?

The answer: additional personnel or more contracting and consulting services. Unfortunately, Mr. Cooper's dearth of knowledge about the position he seeks is self-inflicted and not unique.

In three-plus years as trustee, he has never contacted me or my office or scratched beneath the superficial discussions at board meetings to try to learn more about the clerk's workload and functions.

Nor is he the only one like that who has apparently decided to run for local office.

Fortunately, however, there are others who are taking these local positions seriously and trying to learn all they can about their responsibilities before deciding to run.

Stay tuned.

Sincerely,

Nancy Strole, clerk  
Springfield Township

### Letters to the editor

## Clarkston police may just be too expensive

Dear Editor,

After reading Tom Stone's letter to the editor in the March 26 edition of *The Clarkston News*, I would like to set the record straight.

The purpose of Mr. Stone's letter was to take exception to my comments at a recent City Council meeting.

At the meeting, I praised the Clarkston Department of Public Works for the great job they did with snow removal this winter. I also commented that the City should again consider a study to evaluate the use of the Oakland County Sheriff Department for police midnight coverage as a way to save money.

Mr. Stone states, "It has been studied and it does not lower the cost, in fact it might increase it." I do not think this is the case.

The last year that the midnight shift was covered by OCSD, under contract with Independence Township, the midnight shift cost Clarkston \$30,111. That last year, the entire police spending, for all three shifts, was \$229,533.

It is also important to note that there were a total of only six calls for police assistance during the midnight shift for that year.

Currently, Clarkston police officer costs are \$15.70 per hour (including payroll taxes) so it's pretty easy to do the midnight shift math for eight hours times 365 days. Straight time payroll cost for the third shift would be over \$45,000 before considering costs of overtime, holiday pay, patrol car expenses and gas.

The prior midnight shift contract for

## A Look Back

From *The CNews* archives

### 15 years ago - 1993

"New school gains first approval" The School Board granted preliminary site plan approval for a new 500-student school at Holcomb and Bridge Lake roads in Springfield Township.

"Mired in it" Pothole filled roads, especially in those made of dirt, vexed local drivers, who called the county Road Commission hundreds of times a day.

"District gains additional staff for 1993-94" Clarkston High School were expecting a new assistant principal and counselor. The new hires were among 23 staff additions, hired to accommodate 135 new students expected in the fall.

### 25 years ago - 1983

"Teachers to present their side" Teachers set up a Parents' Night to share their views with the public. They wanted to discuss class side, staff reductions, and fund equity.

"PK gears for 'creative' sale" Pine Knob Investment Co. hoped to avoid bankruptcy by selling its music auditorium to Comerica, which would then lease it back to Pine Knob.

"Unemployment better than the reports show" Census figures indicated Independence and Springfield townships had better employment than surrounding communities.

### 50 years ago - 1958

"Notice" A Civil Defense Class was set at Independence Township Hall. All were urged to attend.

"Pioneers see phone demonstration" Clarkston Pioneers invited Mary Eddy Zeazy from Michigan Bell to demonstrate the new direct-dialing system.

deputy sheriffs was much cheaper.

Mr. Stone also states that "two thirds of the city residents surveyed wanted a Clarkston Police Department 24 hours a day and seven days a week."

This is not correct.

Last spring, the Clarkston Police Committee reviewed 135 questionnaires: Responses indicating a preference for Clarkston Police Department AND Clarkston police coverage for all three shifts totaled 68, or 50.4 % of all responses.

Ignoring economics, I would prefer having our local police department covering the midnight shift, but our population is just too small to support this expense.

Steve Wylie  
Clarkston

## Stuck in bureaucratic phone limbo

Gather round the campfire, kids. I shall endeavor to weave a tale of woe, whilst teaching a lesson just as the folks of old.

'Twas only a few revolutions of the Earth ago, several passages of the sun have come and gone, but I can still remember the experience as if it were yesterday, instead of the day before.

No, I will never forget my 20 minutes caught in that place somewhere between Heaven and hell. Those 20 minutes, minutes I'll never get back, were lost in bureaucratic limbo. I called the Michigan Treasury about my property taxes (always a good time), answering a correspondence from them.

While I waited for a real live, cheery government person to speak at me, I was bombarded with state-run infomercials -- propaganda, if you will.

Now, I really don't mind the state playing something to help folks while-away the minutes while they wait.

And, I don't mind the prerecorded sounds informing folks of the various programs the state maintains. Sure beats the hell out of hearing AC/DC as performed by the ElevatorMuzicator.

There is nothing wrong with hearing, "Are you having a problem paying your mortgage . . . ?" then learning the state has a program for assistance.

There is nothing wrong hearing, "Are you having a problem paying your heating bill . . . ?" then hearing the state has a program for assistance.

What I have a problem with is hearing these programs are not the state's program, rather they are Governor Jennifer Granholm's program. They are hers. They are Jennifer Granholm's programs because that's what the prerecorded messages say.

What happened to the state legislature, didn't they have anything to do with any program the state runs?

What about the bureaucrats that run this program, don't they have more to do with the program than the gov?

What happened to all the folks who pay taxes to make the programs happen, don't we have any ownership claims?

The prerecorded messages should say something like, "Thanks to your tax-paying Michigan neighbors, the state

can help you (fill in the need)."

Why is it with government that them who foot the bill never get the glory (or at least a heartfelt thank you)?

I often ponder (at least right now that I am thinking of it) why elected heads of government — no matter the size of said government — feel they have the right to put their name on stuff.

Is it only because nobody calls them on it? I mean, gee whiz, calling state programs Jennifer Granholm's programs is taxpayer funded propaganda and advertising, isn't it?

I know politicos the world over take credit wherever they can grab it from. I still don't like it.

It grates the hell out of me when I drive down to Royal Oak and see a Detroit mayor's name on the Detroit Zoo water tower.

I don't care who the mayor is — it is not his or her water tower, nor is it their zoo. The people of the city of Detroit and the folks paying the tab throughout the S.E. Michigan region own it.

If Kwame Kilpatrick owns a car, let him paint his name on it — however take it off of the water tower. If Jennifer Granholm owns a business, her sign out front can proclaim to the world, "Jenny's Biz." But, she is an elected official, a part-time steward of state stuff, so she needs to direct her minions to strike her name from state programs. She can keep her name on the door to her office and on her personal stationery.

Back to the purgatory I was suspended in whilst waiting to confirm, that yes, I owed an extra hundy to the state. These programs are not Jennifer Granholm's — they are Michigan's programs.

Well, that's it. I feel better. I still have woe about forking over the hundred, but I feel better, having vented.

The lesson . . . oh, yeah . . . I did say something about learning. How's this: So kiddies, the moral of the story is never call a government office with your cell phone, it'll cost you a bundle and you probably won't like what you hear.

### Don't Rush Me



a column by Don Rush

## Moving right along, ad infinitum

My marathon running, otherwise semi-normal son-in-law, Tim, tried to prove something the day before Easter.

We all awoke to a few inches of snow. Tim announced he was going to run out and get the newspaper, barefoot. After only four steps out in the snow, he returned.

This prompted 12-year-old granddaughter Savannah to conclude, "I must have been adopted!"

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I can't keep up with seldom changing men's fashions, so I certainly can't keep up with women's.

Plus, I certainly know I'm not supposed to ask a smock-dressed female if she is pregnant. So, I asked her mother-in-law. Now, I know this woman speaks without inhaling or exhaling and certainly without thought.

So, she (I'll call her Dianne) didn't hesitate to laughingly, loudly and embarrassingly to me, announce to the dozen people present my faux pas. Ok, enough French.

This charming gal was wearing what, to me, looked like a maternity top. I was impossibly informed this style of top is the now popular "baby doll" blouse.

If I had reasoning power I could have guessed. Recently I saw a 9-month pregnant waitress. She was wearing a tee shirt that couldn't be stretched over her pregnancy, and her pull-up bottom didn't reach the tee.

This wasn't the first mother-to-be I've seen so dressed. It must be today's fashion.

I'm going to have to call my older sister to see if I'll ever get over changing fashions, jumping to wrong conclusions and putting both feet in my mouth.

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I sprained a foot recently. Seems like I've seen such injuries on the gridiron, and the trainers apply ice. So I did that, then asked the above sister. She said, put a frozen package of peas on it.

When I gave in to doctoring, the MD said, "Ice it first, then heat after that, put on an Ace wrap." Right this minute I'm three hours from those instructions. My next treatment might be 80 proof. Oh, I forgot to mention, my "sprain" was actually a "break." Did I say, 80-proof . . . maybe I'll make it a double?

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Generally speaking, when I get a phone call that starts, "I'm calling about your current credit card account. There's no trouble now, but" . . . I click it.

I didn't have my clicker when this message was aired on my tv: "If you have over \$10,000 in credit card bills, you should call," and there followed an attorney firm's name and phone number.

If you have over \$10,000 in credit card bills you should see a therapist, call a shrink, pastor, priest, mystic, or Senator Clinton or Obama and plead for more government handouts.

These advertisements are from someone who says they can get the debt lowered to practically zero balance. Of course, some soul is going to have to pay for the tv airtime, support the firms families and still have some debt.

Oh, yeah, the casinos and lotteries aren't exactly retirement plans either.

To have, you have to save. So, quit your bad habits and put the money in a piggy bank.

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Quickies:

- Did you know Office Depot has ball-point pen refills? They're for guys like me who love their logo gift pens.

- The way some people find fault, you'd think there was some kind of reward.

- Bought some pants at J C Penney's Big and Tall. When I tried them on at home, I found the waist too big and me too tall.

## Thanks for help with Miracle fund

Dear Editor,

We would like to extend a thank you to our community for your participation and donations made to the "Pfc. Joe Miracle Memorial Fund."

This effort started back in August 2007 with the blue and white #1 wristbands and a memorial service at the last football game of the season.

We appreciate the help of Superintendent Tom Miller, Athletic Director Tom Rodenbaugh, Band Director Russ McMartin, Football Coach Tim Pizzalla, the Brandon High School band, former teammates and the American League Clarkston Post 63.

Thank you for your participation and your long hours to honor our friend and hero... Joe.

On March 1, we held a euchre party with a continued effort to raise money for the permanent memorial in honor of "Pfc. Joe Miracle and Friends."

It was a huge success.

We would like to thank all the participants and a special

thank you to the businesses that made donations: Papa Bella's, Oak Hill Hungry Howie's, Bullfrogs, the Brandon Fire Station, and Mazza Auto Parts.

A private donation was made to complete the plaques for the memorial, the Lions Club of Ortonville made a \$500 donation and the American Legion Post 63 donated their hall.

We are grateful for your generosity. We also had many helpers and this event ran smoothly because of you. Thank you to Ron and Diane Lapp, "Big Daddy" (Bob) and Myra Tolan and Charles Pierce. You saved us!

Last, but not least, we would like to thank the Miracle family. As a community we felt the need to remember Joe and friends for their sacrifice they made to protect us.

We still have several men and women serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, and we wish them well and pray for their safe return home.

*The committee for the "Pfc. Joe Miracle & Friends Memorial"*

# RUSH robot team reigns supreme

Clarkston High School's Team RUSH robotics team are raking in trophies and awards this season, earning at least 17 at their two regional contests so far.

They earned the Motorola Quality Award at the FIRST Robotics League's Great Lakes Regional Competition, March 27-29 at Eastern Michigan University.

"This team incorporated good engineering practices, which ensures quality from concept, through design," said judges in their award commentary. "They checked off progress and detailing performance with regular reviews and meticulous record keeping. This team's overall approach displays that while quality cannot be hurried, it can be RUSHed."

Team RUSH also earned 13 awards, trophies, and certificates from their peers, including Best Robot Design; 2008 H0Test Partner; High Scorer; An Awesome Robot; Safety Award; Highest Scoring Robot Award; AAAAAAA! Award (for Most Spirit); Out of this World Award (the most unbelievable robot); Creativity Innovation Award-DESIGN; Most Imaginative Design; Best Design; Best Hurdler; and Most Impressive Team.

These are added to awards they earned at the Detroit Regional Competition March 13-15.

Team Mentor Anthony Lapp earned The Woodie Flowers Award, based on a nomination and essay by students. Lapp works as a product design engineer at American Axle and is a 1999 graduate of the OSMTech program.

He has been involved FIRST for 13 years and a mentor with Team Rush since 2005.

They also won the Chairman's Award, which earned the team a place at FIRST's national championship in Atlanta.

"Through multiple incarnations, this team has demonstrated a continued commitment



Clarkston High School's OSMTech robotics team, with ribbons and trophies earned at Detroit Regionals.

to FIRST," said judges in the Detroit Regionals award commentary. "The team has a great rule that requires past team members to replace themselves in addition to giving back to the community. Quality and rapid improvement are key tenets of this team's design philosophy."

Kyle Hughes, team mentor and coach, said the team was thrilled.

"Our kids spent nearly 5,000 hours building this robot, getting it ready for competition, and preparing our Chairman's Award presentations," she said.

"They are so deserving of these awards, especially the Chairman's Award - they are constantly giving up their time to educate, demonstrate and promote the FIRST robotics league in their community, and throughout the state, and it is nice to know that they have been recognized for that."

The championships in Atlanta is set for April 17-19. For more information, check [www.teamrush27.net](http://www.teamrush27.net).

— Phil Custodio



Team Rush's Drive Team in competition at the Great Lakes Regional. Photos submitted

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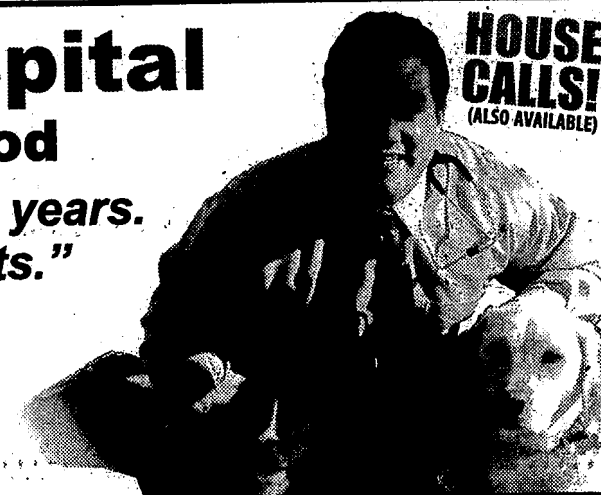
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## Independence Twp.

**Sat., March 22** Deputies were dispatched to northbound I-75 south of Sashabaw Road for a vehicle with its window shot out. The driver, a 27-year-old Brandon Township woman, told Oakland County Sheriff's Office deputies she pulled over and called 911 when she heard a loud noise and discovered her rear window shot out, but waited over an hour for Michigan State Police, who have jurisdiction on the interstate. The woman was travelling with her mother and young child at the time of the incident.

**Sun., March 23** A 54-year-old Independence Township man living in the 4800 block of Ennismore Drive called police after discovering a number of tools missing from his garage. The man said he didn't know whether the garage had been locked, but police found no signs of forced entry.

A 17-year-old Independence Township man was cited for possession of marijuana after police discovered the substance in his vehicle when he was pulled over on a traffic violation near Clarkston Road and Flemings Lake Road.

**Mon., March 24** A 32-year-old Independence Township man living in Foxcreek apartments called police after discovering someone smashed a window from his vehicle overnight.

**Tues., March 25** Police were requesting

# Public Safety

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

a warrant for a 17-year-old and filing a juvenile petition for a 16-year-old after the two admitted to stealing two helmets and an RC gas car from the garage of an Independence Township home. Police were alerted to the matter when employees at the 17-year-old's workplace became suspicious when the youth told people he had the merchandise for sale.

A 17-year-old Independence Township woman was arrested and jailed on charges of domestic violence after an argument with her father became physical. Prosecutors, however, denied the warrant and said it was a "mutual combatants" situation.

**Wed., March 26** Independence Township homeowners in the 5500 block of Hummingbird Lane called police after discovering someone attempted to gain entry to a storage shed and garage by prying off locks. Police discovered a neighboring home with similar damage, though nothing appeared to be missing from either residence.

Police were seeking a warrant against an 18-year-old Springfield Township man on charges of carrying a concealed weapon

and possession of marijuana after deputies pulled him over on a traffic violation and discovered the items inside his vehicle.

**Thurs., March 27** The owner of a building in the 4700 block of Clarkston Road called police after discovering someone got onto the roof of his store, tore apart the heating and cooling units and stole copper elements from inside. The man said he became aware of the problem after tenants reporting heating problems the previous day.

An Independence Township woman living in the 4600 block of Fourth Street filed a police report after discovering someone stole a 50-foot aluminum ladder valued at about \$275 from her property.

A 51-year-old intoxicated Independence Township man was warned against bothering customers after employees at a grocery store in the 6600 block of Dixie Highway called police and said the man was acting strangely and bothering an elderly customer. Police located the man carrying groceries and beer on his bicycle as he rode down Dixie Highway and—due to the man's drunkenness—transported him home.

## Springfield Twp.

**Sat., March 15** A 22-year-old Pontiac man was cited for possession of marijuana, driving while license suspended and resisting and obstructing a police officer when he was pulled over on a traffic violation. A female companion was lodged in Oakland County Jail after a LEIN check revealed a 6th Circuit Court Friend of the Court warrant.

**Wed., March 19** A 26-year-old man living in the 6200 block of Hillsboro Road called police after discovering someone smashed a window out of his pick-up truck overnight.

**Thurs., March 20** A 51-year-old Springfield Township man living in the 9300 block of Debby Jo was arrested on a misdemeanor warrant on charges of third-degree child abuse.

**Mon., March 24** A 41-year-old Fenton man was arrested on drunk driving charges after a fellow motorist notified a patrolling deputy the man driving on East Holly Road hit the right guardrail, nearly hit her vehicle head-on, then hit the left guardrail. Police located the man, who had a PBT of .255 percent. The legal driving limit is .08 percent.

**Tues., March 25** An employee at a car dealership in the 9600 block of Dixie Highway called police after discovering someone cut the padlock from a gate and stole a trailer he had stored in the lot. The man told police the trailer contained personal items valued at about \$5,000.

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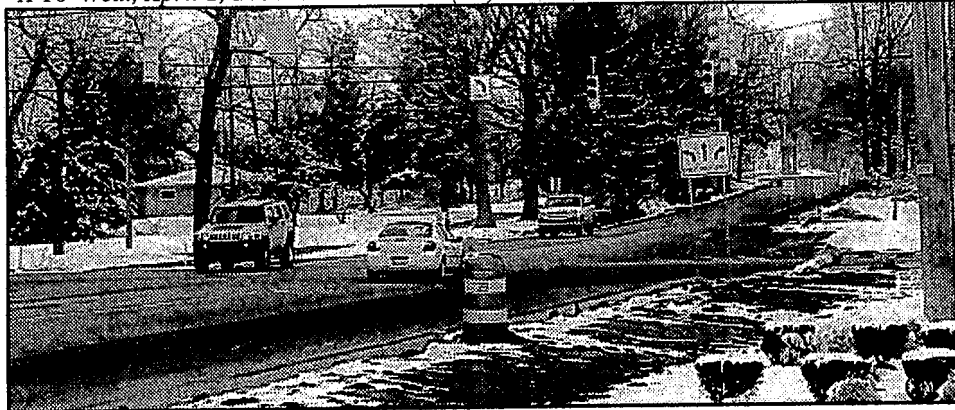
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Sashabaw and Clarkston roads are due for more construction.

## Sashabaw Road work ready to return this week

Sashabaw Road drivers should expect some inconvenience this summer, as road-work continues at Clarkston and Sashabaw roads.

The widening project at the intersection includes closing Sashabaw north of the intersection, as workers flatten a hill blocking southbound drivers' view of the intersection.

"For projects like this, we look at all safety aspects and safety enhancements that are needed - in this case, this includes site distance," said Craig Bryson, public information officer for Road Commission for Oakland County. "This will make it not as steep."

Work is expected to resume April 7, and the road closed beginning April 21.

The project also includes left- and right-turn lanes in all directions at the intersection, and new traffic signals.

Detour route around the Sashabaw Road closure includes Clarkston, Pine Knob, and

Stickney roads.

The project was started in September last year, and stopped for the winter. It should be finished by Aug. 15, Bryson said.

The work is being completed by the C.A. Hull company of Walled Lake, at a cost of \$2.6 million.

The project is funded through a federal safety grant of \$320,000 and about \$700,000 from developers. The Road Commission is paying for the remainder of the cost of \$1.58 million.

The project had been scheduled and budgeted for several years, but was delayed as the commission worked to increase funding with the federal grant and developer contributions, Bryson said.

"We've been working with developers to make sure the intersection meets the needs that are coming in the future," he said.

- Phil Custodio

## Trip to Clarkston High nets 100 new voters

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Independence Township Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen and Sandy Miller, elections administrator for Independence Township, went to Clarkston High School March 18 and recruited 100 new voters.

"We were able to register all the kids who turned 18 on or before Nov. 4. Even though I can't put them in the computer yet, some of them I can put in, in July for the August election and some I can put in October for the November election," said Miller.

"I'm excited. It's wonderful. With all the publicity about all the political things going on, people are getting excited to be able to vote."

Miller, who has been going to the High School for the past nine years, said this is the most kids they have ever had sign up.

"Normally we average between 30 - 40 kids," she said.

It was the first time VanderVeen had

gone along to see what it was like.

"It was fun for me to sit with the young people and see their excitement about being able to vote," she said. "I think it's important to get young people involved and interested in the political process."

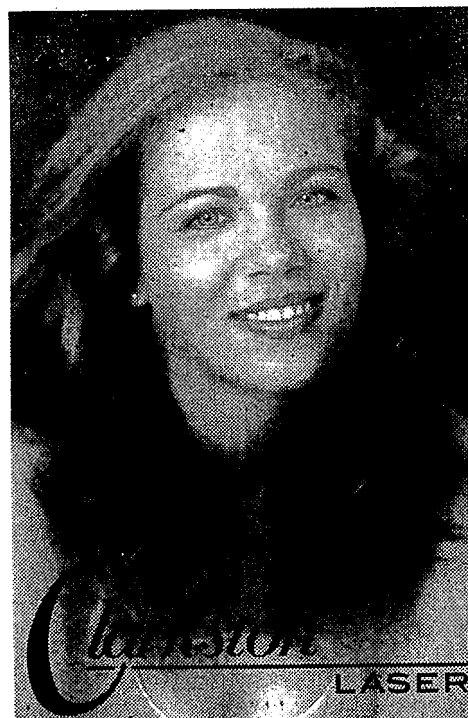
Springfield Township Clerk Nancy Strole and Clarkston's city manager, clerk and treasurer, Art Pappas, also showed their excitement.

"I think it's great that younger people are becoming more interested in the electoral process and beginning to understand that they can make a difference," said Strole.

"I think it's great," said Pappas. "If they're 18, they ought to get going and make sure they vote—anyone who's eligible should be out there voting."

Pappas said he recently received registrations from young people who will vote for the first time in upcoming elections.

"We only got a couple," he said. "But for us, that's a lot."



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# Clarkston opens up interviews

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have both positions filled by mid-May, allowing for six weeks of training with Pappas.

"We need to give our applicants time, if they have jobs, to send in notice," she said. "We need to allow for some wiggle room."

In the meantime, Ottman noted, the city did not intend to limit itself in case the current applicants didn't work out and therefore would not outwardly reject any late-arriving resumes.

"We don't want to have to start the process all over again," she said.

Initially, Pappas agreed to stay on as treasurer "for a while" while the new hires settled in, but said the committee since decided otherwise, and wrote job descriptions for a city manager, as well as clerk-treasurer.

An advertisement for the jobs was placed with the Michigan Municipal League.

"I'm glad," said Pappas. "I'm delighted they did it this way, and I think it'll work out fine. I'm not unhappy at all, and my

wife is even happier."

Pappas did say, however, there were still a lot of unanswered questions, and much work to be done. Also, training of new employees should occur concurrently, he said.

"They should each be here at the same time so one knows what the other does," he said. "I don't change hats when I'm working, I just move from one thing to the next, and they'll need to get that all sorted

out."

Setting up adequate work space in the small city office may also pose a problem; the building currently houses a work station shared by Pappas and administrative assistant Marcy Rotondo on one side, and a meeting area—including board table and about a dozen folding chairs—on the other.

The city council will conduct public interviews of for both positions this week; two candidates will interview for clerk/trea-

surer Thursday, April 4, beginning at 7 p.m. A third interview may or may not take place, depending on the candidate's personal circumstances.

An additional three applicants will interview for the city manager position the following day, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The process will take place both evenings at the city offices, located at 375 Depot.

Call 248-625-1559 for more information.

## Dog owners responsible for their pets

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such dog or cat by any sanitary method."

"I think if you own a pet that, that's one of the responsibilities that you have, to go along with pet ownership," said Shelagh VanderVeen, Independence Township clerk. "You have to make sure you clean up after your dog."

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Mt. Zion Theatre Company actors Richard Mason and Nina Hart rehearse a scene from their upcoming production, "The Last Gladiator." Photos provided.

# Mt. Zion stages swords, sandals comedy

Mt. Zion Theatre Company gears up for the comedy production "The Last Gladiator," April 4-5 and 11-12.

The play, written by Martin Fallose, is set in ancient Rome. The Emperor is off to war, leaving the princess to rule. The princess must marry but the evil senator, who wants the throne for himself, concocts a plan to get her out of the picture: she must marry the last standing gladiator.

Diana Stafford, director of the company, said the production is a great thing for the community. She is thrilled to offer quality entertainment at a reasonable price.

"I love the fact that it's just funny. It's nice to offer something to people to make them laugh in hard times," Stafford said.

The play is their second at their new, state-of-the-art theatre. As things progress, the company will offer 6-8 plays per year to the community, she said.

In May, they will begin casting for the September production, "Death by Chocolate." Stafford tries to pick plays other churches aren't doing to offer more variety.

"Our mission is to serve the community



Richard and Pealar Mason of Independence Township, dressed for their roles in "The Last Gladiator."

and part of that is to provide entertainment," she said.

Richard Mason of Independence Township will appear as Gladius, one of the main characters. He decided to get involved after he saw the first play in November.

"My wife and I saw the last play and it looked like a lot of fun," Mason said.

The theatre is located at 4900 Maybee Road in Independence Township. Tickets are \$10 if purchased in advance, \$12 at the door.

To purchase tickets, call 248-409-1120. The performance is appropriate for children 8 and above.

- Lauren Halula

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# Soggy start to soccer season

BY WENDIREARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The long winter is over, so snow wasn't a problem at the Lady Kickers opening game.

Instead, they faced an hour-long delay on account of lightning.

Officials allowed the teams to play, but cut each half by 10 minutes.

Clarkston took to the field and fought through the downpour, but fell to Utica Stevenson, 3-0.

"I thought both teams played well even under the conditions. We still have some girls out because of injuries and a couple girls still on vacation. I think all things considered, they did well as a team," said Clarkston coach Sarah Wasilk. "It is good preparation for the season ahead."

The game showed potential, as each player tried to drive the ball past Stevenson's defense.

"Alex Rodebach had a really good game," said Wasilk. "She played really hard for us."

No points were on the board until the last half of the game.

Stevenson's Amy Trandell made the first point with 11:52 left.

Clarkston goalie Demaree Wells went out of the net to save the ball, but instead Trandell took the opportunity and shot it past her.

One minute later, Trandell made another goal. She was assisted by Lauren Turkington.

Stevenson's last goal was made with nine minutes left. Turkington kicked the ball directly into the net on a penalty kick.

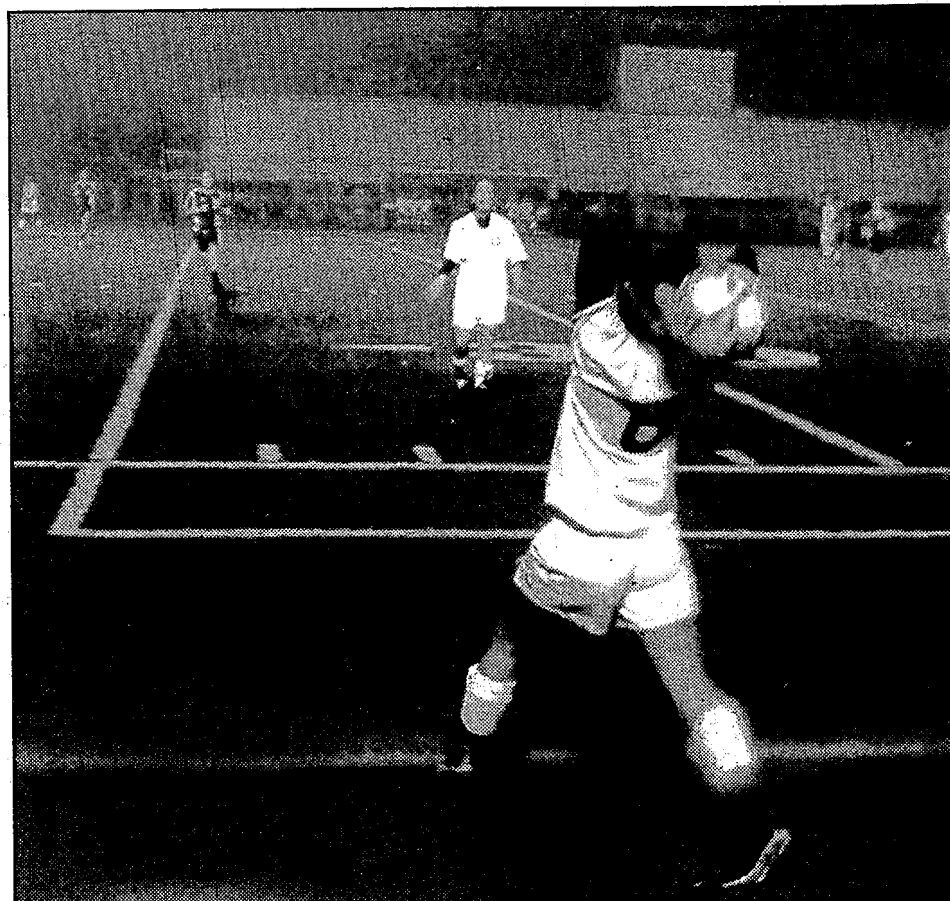
Wells saved four of Stevenson's seven shots on goal.

"It was a real good battle," said Utica Stevenson coach Bob Mondoux. "It was a good first game for both of teams. They are very fast and I was impressed with their speed. I'm glad we got the game in. Our touch was off, but then again it could've been our first game, not a lot of practice and spring break. A lot of things."

The JV team also began their season. With less than 14 minutes to go, the game was stopped due to lightning. They lost to Utica Stevenson, 4-1.

The varsity team will have their whole team back on Thursday when they play Royal Oak.

"We have two practices until then," said Wasilk. "Hopefully, we can clean some things



Katie Viazanko throws the ball back into the game. Photo by Wendi Reardon

up that we saw here tonight and make the necessary changes."

Then, they will continue the week by play-

ing Stoney Creek on Friday.

Both games are at home. JV begins at 5:30 p.m. with varsity following.

## Athletes of the Week

## Traveling to new heights



In back from left, Coach Bart "Buzz" Familiar, Alberto Carlesimo, Jordan Dasuqi, Blake Sutherland, Kyle Rile, Garrett Ross, and Coach Marty Kernel; front from left, Dylan Hank, Justas Kernel, Chris Calvano, Chance Huth, Vinnie Familiar, and Dan Baylis. Photo submitted

BY WENDIREARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Reporter

The Clarkston Grizzlies ended their season March 17 with a grand finale.

The traveling basketball team won their championship game of the playoffs against Flint-based Custom Lawn Care, 46-40.

"It was pretty cool," said Chance Huth. "It was a revenge for us. We have played Custom Lawn Care before in finals and lost to them."

"I was impressed on how poised and focused they were," said mom, Renea Huth-Grabow. "They are a tight knit group."

The team had time to strategize as they were driven to the game in luxury. One of their sponsors, 24/7 Limo Service, donated an H2 Hummer limo to take them to their championship game.

Most of the boys have been together since the team was formed in 2005.

They played two to three games a week and practiced at Oakland University. While practicing there, the boys would sometimes get a treat and would be helped

by Oakland's Grizzlies

"It was a really experience," said Huth-Grabow.

They reached the semi-final rounds during their first two seasons in 2005 and 2006. Last year, the Grizzlies advanced to the championship game after competing against 20 teams from Flint, Grand Blanc, Davison and other surrounding communities.

They defeated Flushing, 55-37 in the first round of the playoffs. In the second round, the team secured their spot to play in the championship game after winning against the Hornets, 50-31.

Competing in the fall, winter and spring sessions, they've accumulated a winning percentage over .750.

The Clarkston Grizzlies are seven-graders, Daniel Baylis, Jeffrey Bullard, Chris Calvano, Alberto Carlesimo, Jordan Dasuqi, Vine Familiar, Dylan Hank, Chance Huth, Justas Kernel, Kyle Rile, Garrett Ross, and Blake Sutherland.

Bart Familiar and Marty Kernel coach the Grizzlies. They ended the season with an overall record, 12-3.

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# Carson brings business experience to treasurer campaign

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Curt Carson of Independence Township is running for township treasurer.

"I've been the treasurer for a number of different organizations and I've run my own companies and handled all the financials on those," he said. "I've been very successful every time."

Carson grew up just outside of Birmingham. Both of his parents were teachers, his mother an elementary school teacher and his dad was the first band director at Southfield High School.

Later his father was a successful businessman, owning and operated Carson Business Interiors.

Carson said he picked up much of his business experience in the family business growing up, before he branched out into his own endeavors in 1988.

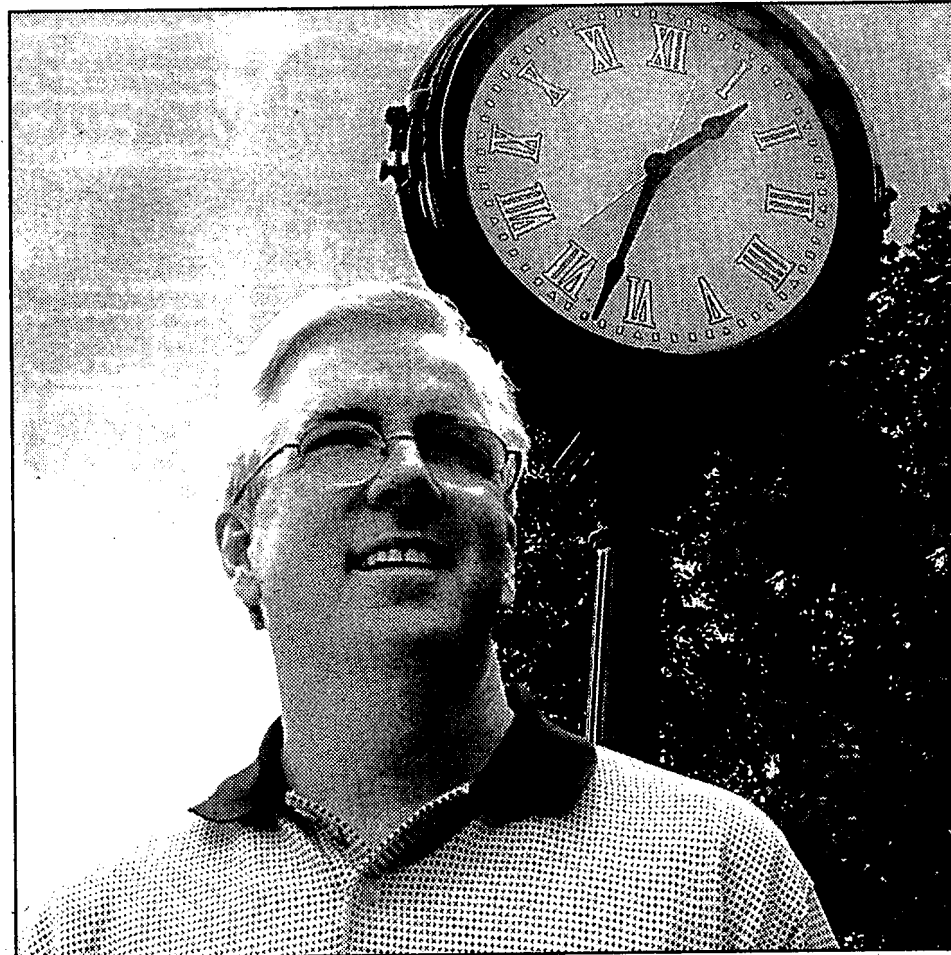
Carson moved to Independence Township in 1989 and started his first company in 1990. He opened RE/MAX Today, Inc. before merging with another RE/MAX office in 1999, having offices in Independence Township, Rochester Hills, and Bloomfield Village.

Several years later the offices were sold. His businesses never operated at a loss while under his management, he said.

"Anytime I have taken over as treasurer, I have always found lots of ways to become more efficient, to save money, and to provide at least the same services that we've always provided," he said. "Typically I've been able to lower cost, dues, or what have you and run the same programs."

Carson said the township should remain strong and take the burden off the people the best it can without reducing essential services.

"Just as in business, to be successful you're constantly looking at new approaches and trying to be more efficient to do things for less money - we need to do the same thing in government," said Carson. "Government needs to run like a business, but it has to provide all the services required by the residents. They pay taxes for us to provide services that they want and we need to do that."



Curt Carson is running for Independence Township treasurer. File photo

Carson said he also believes in community involvement.

"Overall, I believe when people in the community are involved, the community has a higher standard of living," he said. "Children with more support tend to be better educated, you have good communication and you have fewer problems."

Carson has been happily married to his wife, Michelle, for 23 years. Michelle works at Springfield Plains Elementary. They have three children, Christine, a 2007 Clarkston High graduate, Amanda, junior at CHS, and Rob, seventh-grader at Sashabaw Middle School.

Curt and Michelle met at Central Michigan University, where he graduated with a major in Management and Marketing. The Carsons are long time members of Pine Hill Congregational Church.

Curt Carson was involved in the Blue Ribbon Committee's millage campaign for the new high school. Afterward, he was on the pool/natorium committee at the new high school.

From 1998 through 2006, Curt and Michelle co-chaired the March Reading Month at Springfield Plains Elementary. Also, from 1993 through 2000, Carson's company organized and sponsored the Hot Air Balloon Festival

to benefit Children's Miracle Network at Springfield Oaks County Park. He and his daughters have been involved in several CMN telethons.

Curt spent six years as a board member of the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce and four years as a corporate sponsor of Concerts in the Park in Depot Park. Also, while a board member, he was the first chairman of the Heart of Clarkston Holiday Festival, bringing in people regionally to support local businesses.

"I enjoy my involvement with the Clarkston Optimist Club the most," he said.

Carson joined the club in 1990 and, as parade chairman, the organization has received numerous awards, including five first place awards for parade entries.

In 2003 he was elected to the club Board of Directors and in 2006 was elected vice president. He is currently treasurer and president-elect for 2009.

Carson has also been co-chairman of the High School Scholarship Program with Maria Mark for the past two years.

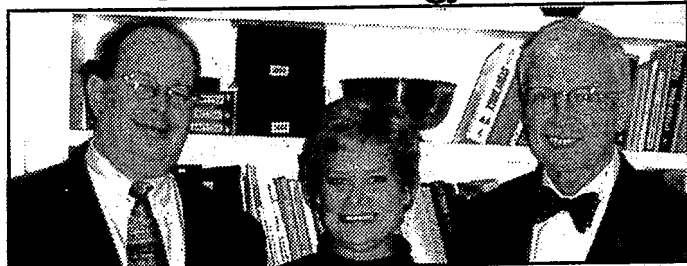
"In that time, the Optimists have provided more scholarships to area, college bound seniors than any other local service organization," said Carson.

He has also been an advocate for homeowner's rights. He has been actively involved with the Government Affairs Committee at North Oakland County Board of Realtors for more than 15 years, and in 2003 and 2004, was the Ethics Committee chairman. Carson was also honored with the "Active in Politics" award in 2005.

"I think just overall being in the community and just having so much contact with people in the community. You really get an understanding of not just how close this community is, but really where their needs and their wants are, which is nice," said Carson. "I think those who haven't been involved really wouldn't know that."

*Editor's Note: The Clarkston News is featuring all candidates running for local office this fall. Check [www.Clarkstonnews.com](http://www.Clarkstonnews.com) for completed stories.*

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From left, OCCU Board of Directors Jim Bannasch, Jack Sato Smith, Doug Williams, Marilyn Baker, Dale Cunningham, John Jones, Don Lumsden, Jim Fitzpatrick, and President/CEO Allan McMorris cut the ribbon on their new office.

## New credit union branch celebrates grand opening

Oakland County Credit Union held a ribbon cutting ceremony March 27 in celebration of their new office, located on Dixie Highway. John Jones wielded the scissors.

"John Jones is one of the charter members of the credit union since 1953," said Allan McMorris, president and CEO. "He has been on the board for 55 years.

## Spring into the new season

Sports schedule from Wed. April 2, to Tuesday, April 8

### Wednesday

Baseball vs. Waterford Mott  
JV and Varsity begin at 4 p.m.  
Girls Varsity Tennis @ Troy Athens at 4 p.m.  
Girls JV Tennis vs. Troy Athens at 4 p.m. \*\*\*

### Thursday

Boys Golf - OAA League Meet at Bald Mountain begins at 1 p.m.  
Girls Soccer v. Royal Oak  
JV at 5:30 p.m./Varsity following  
Girls Lacrosse @ Hartland  
JV at 5:30 p.m./Varsity following \*\*\*

### Friday

Girls Varsity Tennis vs. Lake Orion at 4 p.m.  
Girls JV Tennis @ Lake Orion at 4 p.m.  
Baseball @ Groves High School  
JV and Varsity begin at 4:15 p.m.  
Girls Soccer vs. Stoney Creek  
JV at 5:30 p.m./Varsity following \*\*\*

### Saturday

Boys Lacrosse @ Notre Dame Preparatory  
JV at 11:30 a.m./Varsity following \*\*\*

### Monday

Baseball vs. Stoney Creek  
Varsity 4 p.m./JV 4:30 p.m.  
Girls Lacrosse vs. Swartz Creek  
JV at 6:30p.m./Varsity following \*\*\*

### Tuesday

Softball vs. Grand Blanc  
Varsity/JV at 4:00 p.m.  
Boys Lacrosse vs. Farmington  
JV at 6 p.m./ Varsity following  
Girls Varsity Tennis @ Lahser at 4p.m.  
Girls JV Tennis vs. Lahser at 4 p.m.  
Girls Soccer @ Groves  
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Track and Boys Lacrosse had their first competition on Tuesday.  
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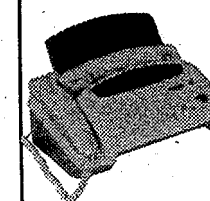
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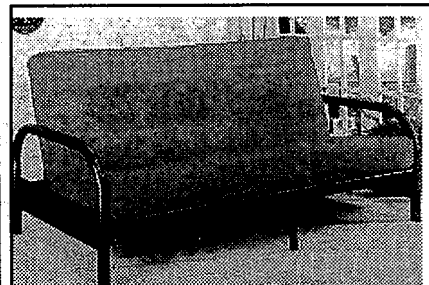
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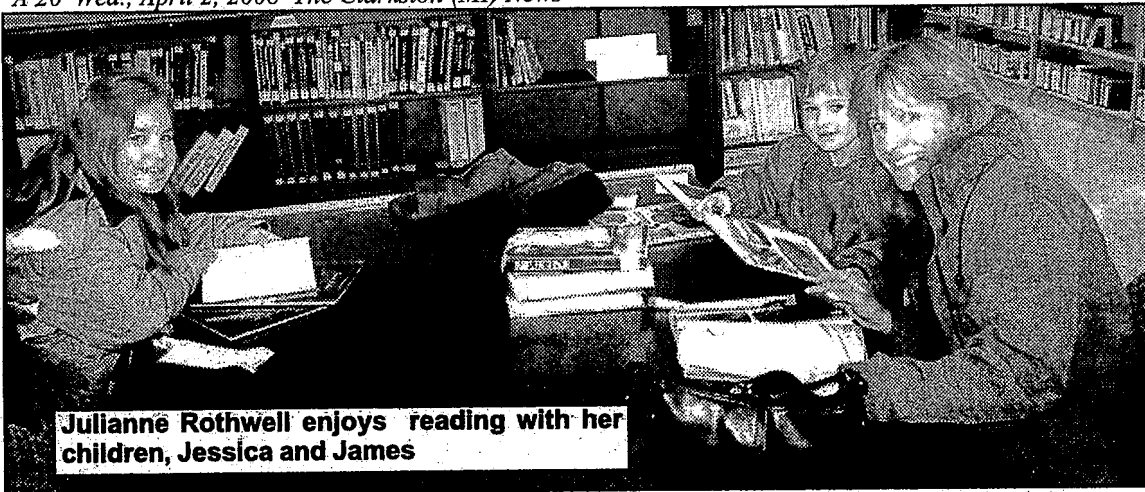
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Julianné Rothwell enjoys reading with her children, Jessica and James

## Spring break fun at the library

Last week was spring break for Clarkston Community Schools, and many youngsters along with their parents could be found at Independence Township Library, enjoying time away from school and with their

families.

The majority of the young ones had fun playing in the puppet area, while others sat at tables enjoying the adventures of literature.

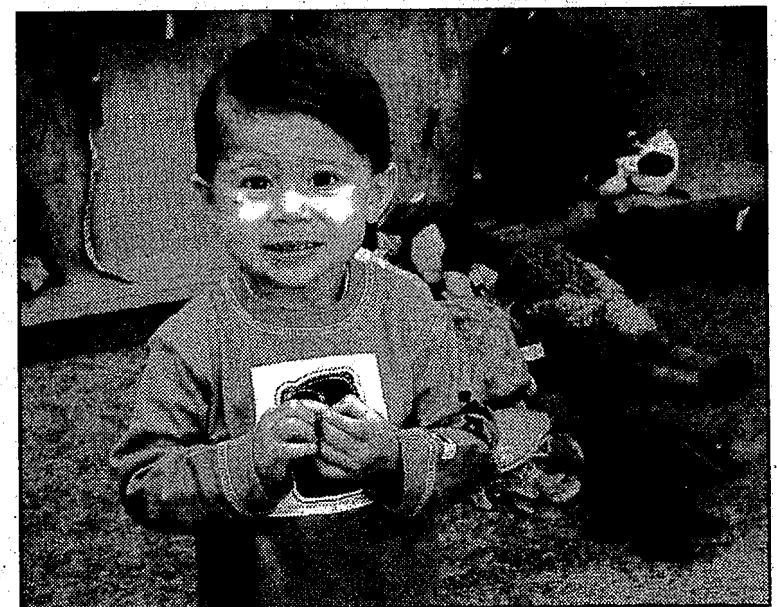
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Kristina Bauer laughs while making her crow talk to the camera.



Ryan Cleasby shows off his friendly puppet dog.



Evan Caballa gives a nervous smile.



Richard Chiuppi enjoys playing puppets with his son Sam.

# People Poll

April 2, 2008

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## Wishes for Davisburg?



"A bike path between library, fairgrounds and downtown."  
- Rosemary Hamill



"A little more parking."  
- Sharon Trobaugh



"A coffee house and sandwich shop."  
- Nancy Mills and Geri Ryan-Harden



"Do something with the empty gas station - maybe a co-op art gallery."  
- Linda Robinson  
By Laura Colvin

# The Clarkston News' Millstream

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

## Maybe, baby

### Local women plan shower to help young moms get started

BY LAURA COLVIN  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Beverly Weddle was watching an episode of Oprah—The Pay it Forward Challenge—when she got an idea.

On the show, Oprah challenged 314 people to come up with inspiring and creative ideas for helping others, and gave each participant \$1,000 to turn ideas into reality.

Weddle went to work at the Independence Township Rite-Aid Located near Dixie Highway and M-15 the next day and told her friend and co-worker Martha Cooper about the show.

"I know what I'd do if I had that thousand dollars," she told Cooper. "I'd have a baby shower for single young mothers."

Weddle, who raised two children as a single parent and said she knows what it's like to start out with

nothing, had previously collected baby items to help a young friend facing an unplanned pregnancy.

She then heard of another young woman who needed help, then another.

"I was involved in community service for many years while my kids were growing up," she said, noting that when her children were young she helped son Dereck, now 25, and Danielle, 21, organize a number of charitable drives, including a collection of socks, hats and mittens for kids at Children's Village. "They came up with so many ideas and I was always so proud of them."

Now that both kids are off on

their own, Weddle said she misses the "good feeling" that comes from helping others.

So, instead of waiting for Oprah to show up with \$1,000, Weddle decided in 2007 to organize a community baby

shower on her own.

She enlisted Cooper's help and collected donations wherever she could.

All the work paid off when the guests arrived—about 30 girls from 3 counties—for the shower at

Please see Shower on page 11B

### Community Baby Shower

3:30 p.m., Saturday, April 26  
Andersonville Community Church, 10310 Andersonville Road, Davisburg.

For more information, to volunteer, or arrange for pick-up, call Beverly Weddle at 248-634-5970.



Clockwise from left, Martha Cooper, Beverly Weddle, Sandra Cooper and Keturah Delcamp worked on sorting donated baby items last week. Photo by Laura Colvin

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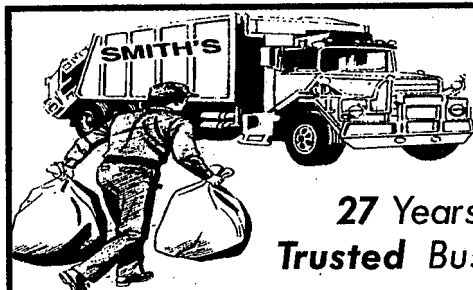
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**The Last Gladiator**, comedy, Mt. Zion Theatre Company, 8 p.m., April 4-5 and 11-12. \$10 advance, \$12 at the door. 4900 Maybee Road. 248-409-1120.

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**Spaghetti Dinner**, Righteous Mission Fundraiser, 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., April 5, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Rd. \$15. 248-625-1611.

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**The Class Of '73 Reunion**, a Southern-themed spoof, Murder Mystery Dinner Theater hosted by Clarkston Area Optimist Club, 7 p.m., April 5. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. \$40. Cash bar, 50/50, silent auction. Southern buffet dinner, coffee bar, homemade lemonade, desserts. Benefits Optimists' youth programs. Knights of Columbus, 5660 Maybee Road. 248-623-7900 or 248-622-6096.

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**Michigan Fish**, 10 a.m., April 5, Environmental Discovery, Indian Springs Metropark. \$1.50 per child plus entry pass, \$4 daily. Children 7 and older. 248-625-6640.

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**Men's 50+ Softball**, Coffee and Donuts Meeting, 9:30 a.m., April 7, Senior Activity Center. Practices Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays weather permitting. Players placed according to ability. League games start May 6. Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

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**Wint's Healing Hearts** Grief Support Group for all ages who have recently lost a loved one, 7 p.m., April 8. Topic: "Emotional Spring Cleaning and open discussion," led by Emily Trahan, bereavement counselor for Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home. Carriage House. Clintonwood Park, Clarkston Road. Free. Walkins welcome. 248-625-5231.

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**Taste of Spring**, a Wine Tasting Gala, Clark-

## Around Town



### Musical siblings on stage April 5

Clarkston Village Players presents a musical variety evening with The Gerics Brothers, 8 p.m., Saturday, April 5, at Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road. Bob and Dan Gerics will be joined by bass player Chris Morden. Tickets are \$12. Call 248-625-8811 or 248-575-4104.

ston Rotary Club, 6:30-8:30 p.m., April 9, Oakhurst Country Club. Features Michigan wines. Appetizers prepared by Oakhurst staff. Tickets available from any Clarkston Rotarian or at the Clarkston Chamber. Proceeds benefit Clarkston Rotary's many community projects.

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**Divine Mercy's Annual Spring Gala**, 6-11 p.m., April 12, Environmental Discovery Center, In-

dian Spring Metro Park, White Lake Road. Semi-formal, silent auction, dinner dance. Benefits the Davisburg Catholic parish's building fund. \$125/couple, \$70/each single. 248-634-7015 or 248-420-3126.

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**Fundraiser**, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 1-4 p.m., April 13. Vendor open house, raffle. Montessori School of Clarkston, 10439

Ortonville Road. 248-620-1714.

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**Spaghetti Benefit for Sue Williams**, 5:30-9 p.m., April 14, Knights of Columbus, 5600 Maybee Road. Spaghetti, salad, bread, beverage, dessert. \$10 donation, \$20/family. 248-535-2957.

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**Low Vision Support Group**, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., April 15. "Optimistics" support group will tour Bordine Nursery and participate in a planting project. \$3 transportation, plus lunch on your own at local restaurant. Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

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**Giggles & Games**, for preschoolers, 6:30-8 p.m., April 18, Clintonwood Park Carriage House. Music, crafts, games, socialization in a fun and positive environment. Children only, must be potty trained. Springfield Township Parks and Rec. \$16/resident. \$21/nonresident. 248-846-6558.

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**Spring Celebration Open House**, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., April 19, Environmental Discovery, Indian Springs Metropark. Guided discovery hikes, crafts that use natural and recycled materials, games, activities. Park entry pass, \$4 daily. 248-625-6640.

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**Infant, Child, Adult CPR**, 6-9 p.m., April 24. Springfield Township Parks and Rec. Certified instructors from McLaren Wellness Center. Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Road. 10 years and older. \$30/resident. \$35/nonresident. 248-846-6558.

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**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.

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

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

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**Drum's Alive Golden Beats**, 9-10 a.m., Mondays, Wednesdays, through 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.

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**Tai Chi**, 11 a.m.-noon, Mondays, through 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.

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**Clarkston Community Band** rehearsals, 7 p.m., Tuesdays. Especially needed: percussion, clarinets, trumpets. \$30/semester. Band room, Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane. Independence Township Parks & Recreation, 248-625-8223 or

www.clarkstonband.org.

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

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**Sanchin Ryu Karate**, Tuesdays, April 15-June 3, Hart Community Center, 495 Broadway, Davisburg. Classes for children, families. 248-846-6558

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**Gentle Yoga**, 8:30-9:15 a.m., Tuesdays, April 15-May 27, Carriage House, 6000 Clarkston Road. Bring yoga mat and comfortable clothing. \$31.50/seven week session. \$6/drop-in. 248-625-8231.

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**Women's 50+ Softball**, countywide slow-pitch league, games on Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m., beginning in May. Practices in April. Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

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**Strength and Stretch**, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Tuesdays, Thursdays, April 15-May 29. Certified Senior Instructor Nancy Boch. \$63/each seven-week session. Drop-in/\$6. Carriage House, Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

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**Shallow Water Aerobics**, through Independen-

dence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, 12-1 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 8-May 15. Clarkston High School Pool. Medium intensity workout: water walking, low-impact aerobics in 82-degree pool. \$42/six weeks. 248-625-8231. Free Swim Aerobics Preview Day, 12 p.m., April 1.

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**Clarkston Area Optimist Club**, 7:30-8:30 a.m., Wednesdays, Clarkston United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 6600 Waldon Road. 248-622-6096.

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**De-Stress Gentle Yoga**, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Wednesdays, April 16-May 28. Instructor Nancy Boch. \$35/each seven-week session. Drop-in/\$6. Carriage House, Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

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

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

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**Clarkston Area Lions Club**, second and fourth Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m., Carriage House,

next to the Senior Center, in Clintonwood Park. Visitors welcome. 248-802-8603.

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**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.

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

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**Lego Robotics**, 6-7 p.m., Thursdays, April 17-June 5, Hart Community Center, 495 Broadway, Davisburg. Springfield Township Parks and Rec. Grades 4-8. \$40/resident. \$45/non-resident. 248-846-6558.

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**Perennial Swap**, 10 a.m., June 17. Free. Mill Pond Park, Davisburg. Springfield Township Parks and Rec, 248-846-6558.

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# Milestones

## Business News

Beth Sayles of Sayles Studio in Waterford earned a Professional Photographers of Michigan award for her graduation photo of John Gavette, senior at Clarkston High School.

The photography group, which includes more than 300 members throughout Michigan, held its convention Feb. 2-5 Ann Arbor.

Sayles was also awarded for five other entries at the convention.



Beth Sayles won an award for this graduation photo of Clarkston High School graduating senior John Gavette.

## In our country's service...

Navy Airman Apprentice **Christopher J. Townson**, grandson of Patricia Selent of Davisburg, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. Townson is a 2003 graduate of Elk Rapids High School of Elk Rapids.

Marine Corps Pvt. **Ryan V. Summers**, son of Sandra A. Steinke of Clarkston and Kevin C. Summers of Highland, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S. C.

## Students achieve success

**Denae Harrison** of Clarkston was named to the Liberty University Dean's List for Fall 2007.

**Benjamin Allen** of Clarkston was named to the Seaver College Dean's List for fall 2007, at Pepperdine University, Calif.

Clarkston area students **Aaron Cooper**, **Barry Johnson**, **Benjamin Wheeler**, **Alec**

**Sanger**, and **Tom Swierszczyk** were named to the Dean's Honor Roll for Fall 2007 at Lawrence Technological University.

**Nicholas Denis** of Clarkston and **Pao Xiong** of Davisburg graduated from Kettering University in December, 2007.

Denis and Xiong graduated with Bachelor of Science degrees in Mechanical Engineering.

## Poetry corner

### A Michigan Winter

Old man winter - you've dealt us a nasty blow, day after day when we get up - all we see is snow.

It's nice to see at certain times and to see children with a sled, but when you look out and it's snowing still, you hate to get out of bed.

It's supposed to snow in Michigan that's a fact we all know, but enough is enough and we don't want to turn from friend to foe.

So go away for a few months and rest your weary head. Let spring and summer have a chance to give us sunny days instead.

- Claudia Gooden  
March 18

### Spring

#### (An Old Fashioned Family Affair)

Little girls with worn jump ropes filled with summer dreams and hopes, young boys totin' a bat and ball and jars of creepy things that crawl.

Moms are beatin' dust from rugs and grandmas are shooin' the bees and bugs, dads are plowin' with sweat and toil while grandpas are turnin' over the garden soil.

They'll plant Morning glories and a climbin' vine, wash dingy windows 'til they shine, smell fresh laundry snappin' in the breeze and the fragrant buddin' of bush and trees.

They'll paint the porch and picket fence, thin the lilies, when they grow dense. Prune the roses, fix the gate, dig some worms for fishin' bait.

They'll work hard from noon 'til night puttin' in fields of sweet corn, both yellow and white, listenin' to the chorus that songbirds sing, while fadin' memories of winter, is replaced by spring.

- Claudia Gooden  
March 12

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# Religion

## New season of hope

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I recently thought about the job of Jim Leyland.

During spring training he worked with the nucleus of an experienced successful team, several new exciting additions and the expected unknowns that always occur when people are not able to perform at a level that was expected of them.

The 2008 Tigers are not the same team he managed in 2007. Every year is a time of retooling, new focus and challenges for a manager and for a player.

The successful managers are adaptive and resourceful in bringing the consistency of their experience to the changing personnel and dynamics of a new team.

I reflect on this for two reasons.

The first is I love the Tigers since I have been a Tiger fan since 1960.

The second is it seems there are lessons to be learned from successful management of a team to that of a vital church. (My guess is the following applies for any organi-

zation but I will stick with what I know.)

*Every season is a new one.* Each year, spring allows fans and players to begin fresh. Every team can have optimism and the chance to start over. Some years it leads to world championships and other times to long summers. But new starts are something every team deserves. Churches often get caught or stereotyped from seasons past.

We can hold on to or get lost in the past and not be able to be relevant and optimistic about the future. Others may judge us based on past record and not even look at the team we are fielding today.

*The team must have a consistent culture to have meaning.* Winning teams win because there is a culture of winning that dominates all other concerns. Championship teams demand you learn the new expectations they have found that lead to winning. You change to match the attitude of a winner.

Churches that demand something of their members suggest there is something important about their mission. When we commit to something bigger than ourselves, we find new joy.

*The team changes every time a new member joins.* When a new teammate brings the skills of speed, winning teams do not suggest they slow down to match the pace of every

Please see *Spiritual Matters*, page 7B

### Spiritual Matters



Pastor  
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## In our churches...

**Rock Hop n' Roll Concert**, 7 p.m., April 6. All area youth, grades 6-12, invited to free concert Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Performers: Heath McNease, Attaboy and Hello Kelly. 248-625-1611.

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**Spiritual Economics**, taught by Peace Unity founding minister, Rev. Matthew Long, 9 a.m., April 6. Special music with Bill and Kate Isles. Sashabaw Presbyterian 5300 Maybee Road. 248-891-4365.

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

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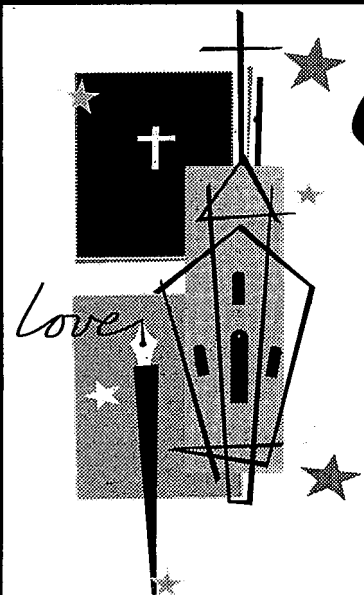
**Bethany North**, peer support to all faiths dealing with divorce or separation, general meeting, 7:30 p.m., fourth Monday, Cushing Center, St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park, call Tim, 248-628-6825, or Joann. 248-673-2539.

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# Spiritual Matters

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one else. They set speedy runners free to run.

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From left are 2007 Junior Department President Emma Vanderlin, 2009 Junior Department President Miranda Jones, 2008 Auxiliary Department President Debra Meskill, and Leona Puckett of Chief Pontiac 377.

## Four generations work for vets

Miranda Lee Jones of Independence Township was elected Department Honorary Junior President for American Legion Junior Auxiliary for the State of Michigan, 2008-2009.

Jones has been a member of Chief Pontiac Unit 377 her whole life, along with her mother, ShyLynn, grandmother Darlene, and great-grandmother Leona Puckett, all unit members.

Miranda also held several other offices in her Junior Unit, 18th District Juniors, and Department. She is an active volunteer for the Homeless Veterans Foundation, for VA hospitals and nursing homes.

In 1983, April Reinhardt-Aliff served as the first Honorary Department Junior President from Chief Pontiac 377. Jessica Puckett and Nicole Smith also are past junior presidents.

# In our churches

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

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

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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.

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## Rotary Club wine tasting set April 9

Clarkston Rotary Club hosts "A Taste of Spring, a Wine Tasting Gala," 6:30-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 9, at Oakhurst Country Club, 7000 Oakhurst Lane in Independence Township.

The annual event features Michigan wines along with appetizers prepared by the staff at 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, 248-625-8055.

Proceeds benefit Clarkston Rotary's community projects. More information is available at [www.Clarkstonrotary.org](http://www.Clarkstonrotary.org).

# Obituary

## Holly A. Hoogewerf

Holly A. Hoogewerf of Green Cove Springs, Fla., formerly of Brandon Township, passed away March 26 at the age of 55.

She was the Loving Wife of Ronald for 35 years; Beloved Mother of Garrit (Lynn) Hoogewerf; and grandmother of Seth, Carter, and Bianca. Mrs. Hoogewerf was born and raised in Clawson. She graduated from Clawson High School, and had worked for Dr. Jack Shader.

Holly and Ronald enjoyed many years



of sailing and racing sailboats.

Funeral Service was March 31 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery.

On line guestbook,

[www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## Ruth Irene Kelley

Ruth Irene Kelley, of Clarkston, was born Jan. 3, 1917.

Ruth was always a country girl at heart and always kept a garden. She was meticulous about it, and there was never a weed. She had a great green thumb, and some years was able to feed the whole neighborhood. Ruth was very social and outgoing, and always belonged to two senior centers.

She passed away on March 16 at a small

group home in Clarkston.

Ruth was the dear mother of Terry, the grandmother of Josh, Jeremy, Lisa, and Shawn, and the great grandmother of Alexis, Brandon, Eric, Zackary, Lauren, and Olivia.

She was preceded in death by her brothers and sisters Lucille, Leo, Ivan, Helen and Bernice.

A memorial service will be held in May at Harrington Funeral Home.

## Donna L. Phifer

Donna L. Phifer of Rochester Hills, formerly of Waterford, passed away at the age of 69.

She was the mother of Fred (Carole) Phifer of Waterford and Julie (Andy) Fisher of Ortonville; grandma of Jeni (Matt Jr.) Pochmara, Michael Phifer, Drew and Amanda Fisher; great grandma of Matthew

Pochmara III "Trey." She was preceded in death by her sister Sally Schram.

Memorial Service was March 27 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the Michigan Humane Society or American Liver Association. Online guestbook

[www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## Virginia M. Friday

Virginia M. Friday of Clarkston passed away March 28 at the age of 95.

She was preceded in death by her dear husband E.J. Se was the loving mother of Audrey Lorraine Friday and Nancy Jean (Wayne) Miller; grandmother of Kimberly Marks and Matthew Miller; great grandmother of Rachael, Joshua and Petr.

Mrs. Friday was a woman of great faith. She graduated from Silverwood High

School in 1929. She belonged to the Clarkston Senior Center.

Funeral Service was March 31 at the Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Visitation was at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Graveside prayers was Monday at the West Burlington Cemetery, Silverwood.

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### Good health tips are where you find 'em

By Ernie Harwell



I'm always on the lookout for tips on better health. They're everywhere lately. For instance, the following "Make Time for Fitness" tips flashed across the Pacific Bell Park scoreboard between innings at a recent San Francisco Giants game.

Park two walks away - Park your car far enough away from your job, the mall or even the ballpark to get in a good walk when you arrive and another when you leave.

While you're in the swing - While there, walk for 20 minutes (or for 10 minutes twice) without stopping, throw in a bit of stair climbing and you will have invested at least a-half-hour's time toward better health.

When you reach home - Instead of sitting down when you return home, take just one more brisk 10-minute walk and you're on your way to a healthier tomorrow.

The U.S. Surgeon General says we can all stay fit with just 30 minutes of moderate exercise cumulative each day. I think it's worth it to get out there and walk.

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

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

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# Obituary

## Shirley R. Plake

Shirley R. Plake of Pontiac went home to be with her Lord and Savior March 27 at the age of 80.

She was the sister of Ruthmary Whitlock of Calif. and Manford (Dean) Plake of Mio; and dear friend of Shirley Dobson, Betty Ewing, Lois Seddon, Greg Seddon, and Lesley Kelley.

She was preceded in death by her sisters, Nina Tucker and Roberta Carrigan, and nephews David Raymond and Russell Brewer. She was the aunt of Deena Johnson, Daniel Raymond, Bill Whitlock, Bob (Nancy) Whitlock, John Carrigan, Donald Carrigan, Chris (Cindy) Brewer, Randall (Judy) Brewer, Jeffrey (Debbie) Brewer, Phillip Plake and Tim (Mary-Ann) Plake.

Mrs. Plake graduated from Pontiac High School in 1945. As an active member of the



Christian Temple, Pontiac, for 30 years and First Baptist Church, Pontiac, for 30 years, she glorified God using her vocal talents by singing in the choir. She worked at General Motors for 35

years as a Systems Analyst and participated in many activities as a member of the GM Girls Club.

Funeral Service was March 31 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Christian Memorial, Rochester. Memorials may be made to Equip Liberia or Gospel for Asia. On line guestbook [www.wintfunerlhome.com](http://www.wintfunerlhome.com).

## John P. Bas

John P. Bas of Oxford passed away March 29 at the age of 64.

He was the loving husband of Judy for 41 years; dear father of Kristina (James) Yonkers, Melissa (Rick) Chalela, and J. Brian (Alicia) Bas; and cherished grandfather of David, Alex, Ashley, and Michael. Mr. Bas retired from General Motors af-

ter 37 years of service.

Visitation was April 1 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was at Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church, 2700 Waldon Orion. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. On line guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## Floyd Joseph Vieau

Floyd Joseph Vieau was born Nov. 20, 1920 in Hazel Park to Alexander and Velma (Carpenter) Vieau.

Mr. Vieau was married for 53 years to the late Jean. He worked as a pattern cutter for the General Motors Tech Center.

He was a very talented artist, and developed his own technique of acrylic painting of 3-D scenic landscapes of old farms and lighthouses. He liked traveling out West to visit the casinos, and loved research in geneology.

Floyd's family would like to personally thank all the staff at Bryan's House Hospice of Davison and his caregiver Penny for all their special care and attention.

Floyd passed away March 26. He leaves

behind his daughters, Irene Vieau and Linda Brinson.

He was the loving grandfather of Joe (Kim) Radford, Janine Miller, John Radford, Jim (Jaimie) Radford, David (Tabitha) Brinson, Rob (Melissa) Brinson, Scott Brinson, and his buddy, the late Paul Miller. He had 13 great-grandchildren.

Floyd is survived by his brother Alex, and his sister Lorraine (Earl) Martin. He was preceded in death by his brothers Manning (Hazel), Neil (Mary), Dale (Geri), and his son in law and friend Karl Brinson. His very special friends, Jack and Denise Miller, will always have him in their hearts.

Funeral Service was March 29, at Harrington Funeral Home.

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

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## Legion offers Girls State scholarships

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 63 earned enough at their Spaghtti Western fundraiser Feb. 29 for three scholarships to Girls State.

The Michigan State Univeristy program June 15-21 is for 11th-grade girls interested in government.

"Girls State offers an incredible opportunity for young women," said Amy Laboissonniere, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 63.

The program includes simulations of executive, legislative and judicial branches of government. Students hold office, build

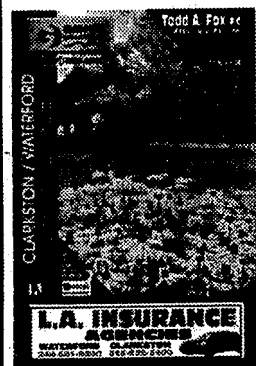
party platforms, run campaigns, lobby and pass bills.

"It's about being creative and getting involved," Laboissonniere said.

"I was a citizen of Girls State several years ago and returned for five years as a counselor. I can honestly say that all those years were incredible experiences for me and taught me so many things."

The unit will interview candidates at 7 p.m., April 8.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE



Charter Township of Springfield

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AMENDMENTS TO ZONING 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, April 21, 2008, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350 to receive comments on the following proposed amendments to Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No. 26:

#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 26, ZONING ORDINANCE

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

Ordinance No. 26, The Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Springfield is hereby amended as follows:  
**Section 1. Amendment**

- The following definitions are added to Article II: "ZEA" shall mean the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Act 110, Public Acts of 2006, as amended. "REZONING" shall be a request to change the zoning map of this Ordinance.
- A new Section 18.14 is added to read as follows:  
**SECTION 18.14 - Conditional Rezoning**
  - Intent and Purpose. It is the intent of this section to provide a process consistent with the provisions of Section 405 of the ZEA, by which an owner seeking a rezoning may voluntarily propose conditions regarding the use and/or development of land as part of the rezoning request.
  - An owner of land may voluntarily offer in writing conditions relating to the use and/or development of land for which a rezoning is requested. This offer can be made either at the time the application for the rezoning is filed or at any later time during the rezoning process.
  - A conditional rezoning request shall be processed in the same manner as that required for a rezoning by the ZEA and this Ordinance, except as modified by the requirements of this section.
  - The owner's offer of conditions shall be subject to the following:
    - The offer may not purport to authorize uses or developments not permitted under the requested new zoning classification.
    - Any use or development proposed as part of the offer that would require a special land use permit under the terms of this Ordinance may only be commenced if a special land use permit for such a use or development is ultimately granted in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.
    - Any use or development proposed as part of the offer that would require a variance under the terms of this Ordinance may only be commenced if a variance for such a use or development is ultimately granted in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.
    - Any use or development proposed as part of the offer that would require site plan approval under the terms of this Ordinance may only be commenced if site plan approval for such a use or development is ultimately granted in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.
- In addition to any other informational requirements required for a rezoning by this Ordinance, the applicant shall provide the following information:
  - The offer shall be in writing and provide the specific conditions to be considered by the Township as part of the rezoning request.
  - The Township may require, as part of a conditional rezoning request, a site plan or other additional information as the Township requires to properly consider the request.
- The Township Board shall consider the requested rezoning as otherwise required by this Ordinance and the ZEA, and may approve or deny the conditional rezoning request. If the conditional zoning request is received after the Planning Commission has conducted a public hearing on the rezoning, the Township Board may request a recommendation from the Planning Commission regarding the request.
- If the Township Board finds the rezoning request and offer of conditions acceptable, the offered conditions shall be incorporated into a formal written statement of conditions, acceptable to the owner and conforming in form to the provisions of this section. The statement of the conditions shall be incorporated by attachment and/or other-

wise as an inseparable part of the Ordinance amendment adopted by the Township Board to accomplish the rezoning. The statement of conditions shall:

- Be prepared by the Township Attorney.
- Be in a form recordable with the Register of Deeds for Oakland County or, in the alternative, be accompanied by a recordable affidavit or memorandum prepared by the Township Attorney and signed by the property owner, giving notice of the statement of conditions.
- Contain a legal description of the land to which it pertains.
- Contain a statement acknowledging that the statement of conditions runs with the land and is binding upon successor owners of the land and others with an interest in the land.
- Incorporate by attachment or reference any diagram, plans or other documents submitted or approved by the owner that are necessary to illustrate the implementation of the statement of conditions.
- Contain a statement acknowledging that the statement of conditions, or an affidavit or memorandum giving notice thereof, shall be recorded by the Township with the Oakland County Register of Deeds.
- Contain the notarized signatures of all the owners of the subject property, preceded by a statement attesting to the fact that they voluntarily offered consent to the provisions contained within the statement of conditions.
- The statement of conditions or affidavit or memorandum giving notice thereof shall be filed with the Oakland County Register of Deeds. The Township Board shall have authority to waive this requirement if it determines that, given the nature of the conditions and/or time frame within which the conditions are to be satisfied, the recording of such a document would be of no material benefit to the Township or any subsequent owner of the land.
- Upon the effectiveness of the amendment effectuating the rezoning, the use of the land so rezoned shall conform thereafter to all the requirements regarding use and development within the new zoning district, as modified by any of the provisions of the statement of conditions.
- Any failure to comply with a condition contained within the statement of conditions shall constitute a violation of this zoning ordinance.
- The Township may establish a time period during which the conditions contained within the statement of conditions must be met. If the conditions are not satisfied within the time specified under this section, the property shall revert to its former zoning classification as provided by the ZEA. The reversion process shall be initiated by the Township Board and shall follow the same process as otherwise required by this Ordinance and the ZEA for a rezoning of property. The time limits specified and approved by the Township may be extended upon the application of the owner and approval by the Township Board.
- Nothing in the statement of conditions nor in the provision to this section shall be deemed to prohibit the Township from rezoning all or any portion of the land that is subject to a statement of conditions to another rezoning classification.

**Section 2. Balance of Ordinance Remains in Effect**  
The balance of Ordinance No. 26 shall remain in full force and effect, except as specifically modified herein.

#### Section 3. Repealer

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

#### Section 4. 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 5. 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 the complete text of Zoning Ordinance No. 26 and documents related to the proposed amendments 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

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## Helpers needed for baby shower

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Andersonville Community Church in Davisburg.

"It was like Christmas," she said. "The girls were so happy they were squealing and truly appreciative and saying 'oh my gosh, I can't believe it.'"

The whole event was a success, said Weddle, with not one young woman walking out empty handed.

"One young girl came in with nothing," said Cooper, who helped with the event. "When she left she said 'I have everything I need.'"

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#### SUMMARY

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 24, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Catalio.  
Roll. Present: Catalio, Brueck, Gawronski, Inabnit, Johnston, Ottman.

Absent: Roth.

Minutes of March 13, 2008, approved as presented.  
Agenda approved as presented after removing the Second Reading of the Sidewalk Ordinance and D.P.W. Storage Area.

Inabnit reported that the Search Committee had met and screened resumes for Council's review.

Johnston reported that the University of Michigan graduate students will be presenting plans for Depot Park development on April 9, and a formal presentation will be made on April 16 at Fire Station No. 1 Training Room.

Johnston further reported that it appears that the DTE tree grant was not awarded to the City. There are two additional grants regarding greenway programs and water way documentation that Johnston is pursuing for the City.

Ottman reported that the Search Committee narrowed the interview to three candidates for the Clerk/Treasurer and four for the City Manager position. Ottman asked that Council consider beginning the process by April 15 and filling the positions by the middle of May. Interviews are scheduled for April 3 for Clerk/Treasurer beginning at 7:00 and on April 4 for City Manager, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Ottman informed Council that she has been working with Roth and Rob Bondy on working up a welcome package and also plans for a meeting with Main Street Oakland County.

Gawronski reported that the Planning Commission is working on ideas for signage for the downtown business area. The Planning Commission is considering sites that will be appropriate for signs to direct to businesses, especially off Main Street.

Mayor Catalio referred to correspondence received regarding the National Day of Prayer. Pappas was directed to draft a proclamation/resolution designating May 1 as National Day of Prayer.

Mayor Catalio commended the D.P.W. for their work during the recent storm.

Chief LaCroix stated that he furnished police reports on request.

Pappas was instructed to reimburse Chief LaCroix for payment in lieu of health insurance as stated in his contract. Chief LaCroix is to check on the school warning sign on eastbound Waldon.

Pappas informed Council that he was preparing a proposed budget for a meeting of the Finance committee.

Johnston stated that from the MML article, it appears that the police can do ordinance enforcement. Chief LaCroix suggested that a violation bureau be established for guidelines for issuing warnings and citations.

Johnston reported that there was a sandwich board sign on Depot that should be removed. He further stated that we need to do whatever is required to allow the Police Department to handle ordinance enforcement.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Artemus M. Pappas, Clerk

Cooper said she wanted the girls to feel welcome, and made a point of talking to as many as she could during the shower.

All in all, both women thought last year's event was a success.

And that's why they're doing it all again.

"There's a need for it," Weddle said, noting that she'll be partnering with Oakland County Family Services this year, and the Auburn Hills Kids R US will also be on hand and provide a raffle prize. "These girls have little or no family support. Most are working or going to school, but they still fall between the cracks because they don't know what resources are available or how to get them."

While she's been extremely busy making phone calls, organizing items, picking up donations and washing load after load after load of donated baby clothes in her own home, Weddle is still looking for the following help:

**Food:** A restaurant or caterer who can provide a meal for 25-35 guests.

**Speakers:** Someone who can attend the shower and talk to the girls about a topic like nutrition, breast-feeding, development or community resources. For some reason, she said, she's having trouble getting people to take her seriously with this request.

**Volunteers:** People who are willing to help pick up, sort and assemble donated items are needed, as are those willing to help on the day of the event.

**Baby items:** any new or very gently used merchandise is appreciated. Currently, Weddle is low on bassinets, cradles, Pack and Plays, high chairs, swings and newer car seats—experts recommend against using a seat more than five years old.

New items such as sleepers, crib sheets, blankets and bottles are also in short supply, as are disposable diapers wipes and other toiletries.

Maternity clothes and gift items for the moms-to-be are welcome, as well.

"Cash donations would be a huge help, too," Weddle said. "Then we could go out and buy some of the things we know we need."

All donations are tax deductible, and a receipt will be provided on request.

The shower is scheduled to take place at 3:30 p.m., April 26 at Andersonville Community Church, 10310 Andersonville Road, Davisburg.

Weddle also said she still has space available for mothers-to-be who are interested in attending the shower.

Although she accepts most on a case by case basis, participants generally must be 17-25 years old, single, working or attending school, and be at least 3 months pregnant or have an infant up to 6 weeks old.

Donations can be dropped off at the Rite-Aid located at 5789 Ortonville Road, north of Dixie Highway.

Weddle will also pick up donations. For more information, to volunteer or arrange for pickup, call Beverly Weddle at 248-634-5970.

For a full wish list as provided by Weddle, visit [ClarkstonNews.com](http://ClarkstonNews.com)





## 170 GENERAL

Refrigerator/ Stove \$200. Washer/ Dryer \$175. Double mattress set \$20. Rear blade \$140. 810-678-3636. IIL17-2

CASE 580 BACKHOE attachments: 5ft. grading/ ditching bucket, good used, \$950; cutting wheel, used, \$200; 1ft. bucket, good used, \$350; 3ft. bucket, good used, \$500; paddle tooth, good used, \$250; dig tooth with small paddle, good used, \$200. 248-628-1019. IIL217dhf

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## 210 LIVESTOCK

REGISTERED DEXTER BULL calf, 5 months, \$600. 2.5 year old bull, \$700. 2 year heifer, \$800. Very gentle. 248-625-1119. IIL162

16FT HORSE/ STOCK trailer, 4 new tires, excellent, \$2500. 248-628-8743 IIL16-2

## 220 HORSES

BARN JOB WANTED: Young woman with experience and references seeks part time job at an Oxford/ Metamora area barn. 248-628-2218. IIL162

## 230 FARM EQUIPMENT

FORD 4500 TRACTOR, front end loader, grading blade. Seized motor. Delivery available. \$2,000. 248-989-8319. IIL172

WANTED: FARM TRACTORS, Running or not, also 3pt implements. 248-625-3429. IIL17-4

FORD 9N \$1,650. 8N \$1,850. Cushman truck \$1650, others. 248-625-3429. IIL17-4

## 250 CARS

2002 LEXUS, SILVER exterior, black interior, loaded, 104,000 miles. Auto V8, am/fm cassette CD, leather, moon roof, \$12,000 obo. 248-854-6818. IIR21212

1995 CHEVROLET CAPRICE, 4 door, nice body, engine. \$2000 or best. 248-391-354. IIL16-2

1988 ALFA ROMEO Spider convertible, 73,000 miles, no rust, red, great condition, \$8500 or trade for camper trailer, 248-670-7436. IIL21112

1997 SATURN SL2, 4 door, blue. Nice car. \$3,150. 248-891-6308. IIL21512

2008 PONTIAC VIBE. Loaded, only 4500 miles. Flawless. Blush gray. Paid \$24,000, asking \$18,500. Full factory warranty. 586-781-3049. IIL298

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2006 COBALT LT Coupe, 29,000 miles, SS spoiler, yellow. \$10,500. 248-933-3509. IIR17-2

1999 SATURN SL2. 139,000 miles. Excellent condition. Clean car, 5 speed, new brakes, new tires. Well maintained. \$2,650 obo. 248-765-7935. IIL2912

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2004 DODGE STRATUS- 46,000 miles, 6 cylinder automatic, power windows & locks, nice condition, \$8495. 810-814-4003. IIL812

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1999 CHEVY CAVALIER, tan, low miles, 2 door, excellent condition. \$3,250 obo. Call 248-627-6929 IIZX32-12

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1999 CHEVROLET 1500. Express conversion van, only 75,000 miles, very good condition, runs great, loaded, TV/VCR, hitch, \$6,500 obo. Great family vehicle for camping and traveling. 248-672-0318 IIL214-4

2003 CHEVROLET ASTRO van. AWD, loaded including front & rear air, Dutch rear doors. Retiree owned, low miles, no rust. This van will handle any kind of weather. \$6,300. 248-620-4620. IIL2174

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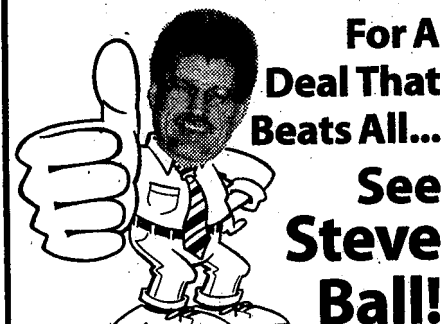
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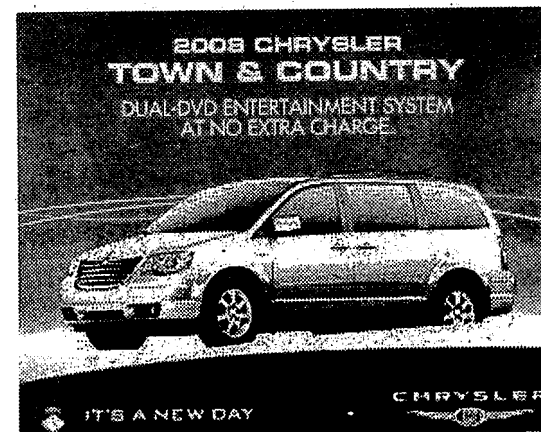
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**EXPERIENCED MECHANIC & help** wanted. Oxford Champion Automotive. 248-628-7400, 248-747-3797. I1L171c

**EXPERIENCED STYLIST** Wanted for Lake Orion salon, 248-391-1240. I1L16-4c

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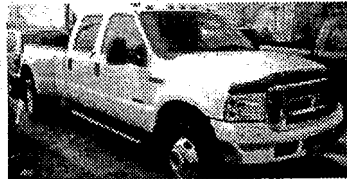
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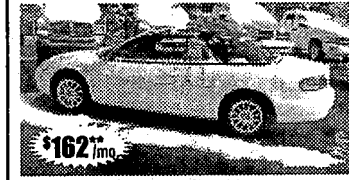


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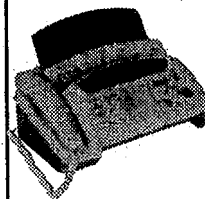
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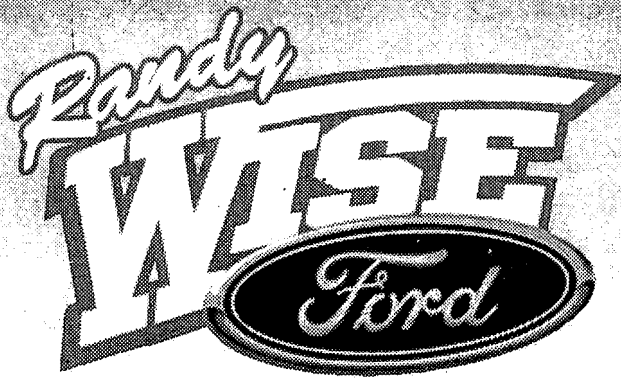
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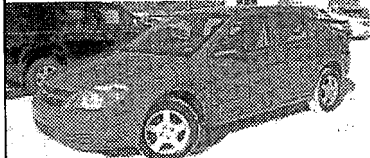


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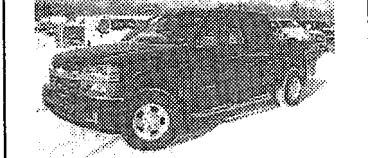
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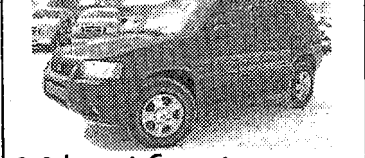
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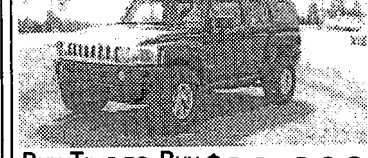
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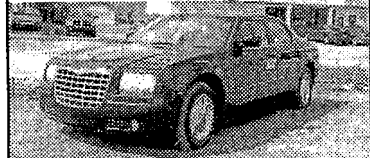
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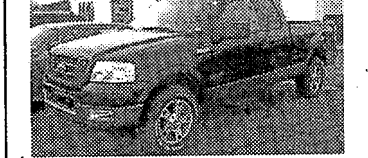
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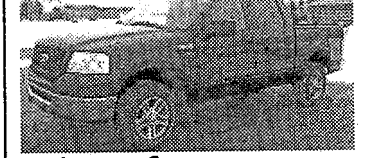
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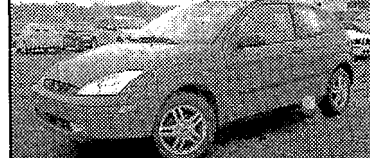
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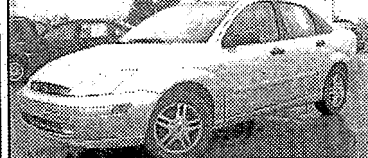
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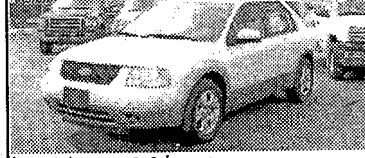
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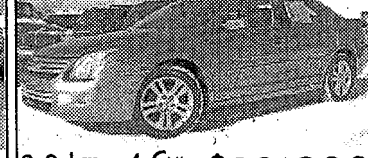
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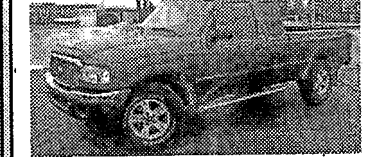
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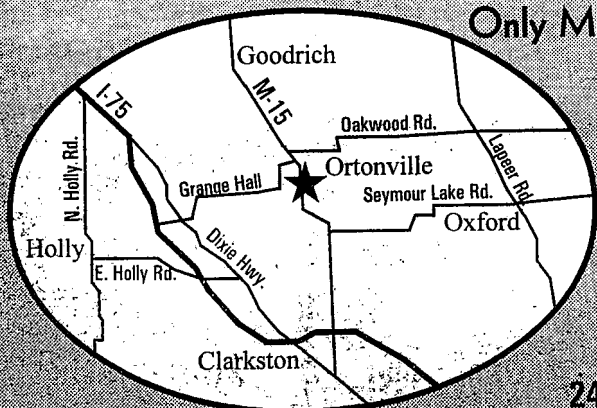


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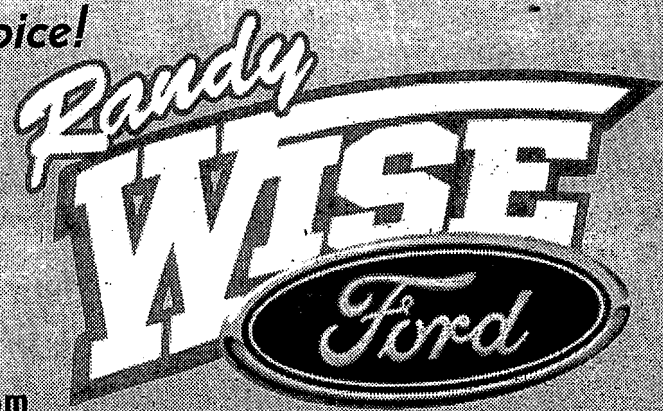
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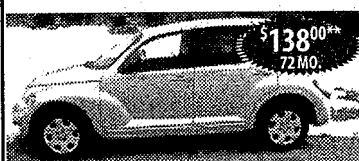
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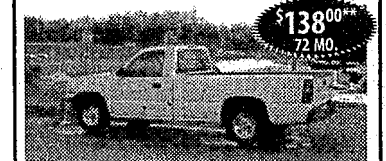
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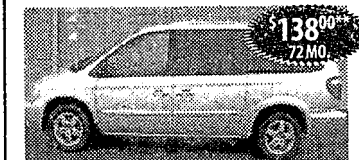


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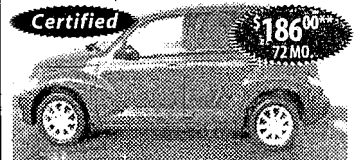


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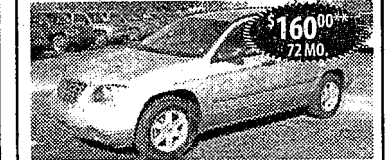


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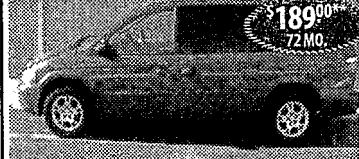


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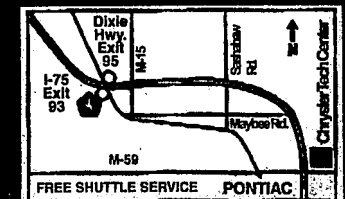
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