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# Green garbage

# Township trash pact could save cash, environment

BYTREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Independence Township leaders are talking trash with other communities, hoping to save some money.

Robert DePalma, Groveland Township supervisor, spoke to the Township Board, Dec. 16, about joining five other communities to study garbage-service consolidation in northern Oakland County, as well as new ways of disposing of trash.

"The principle benefit of that study would be to prove whether or not it's feasible to do it," said DePalma. "If so, under what method and how much money we could save for our various residents."

A second aspect is new and environmentally-sensitive trash technology to eliminate landfills, he said.

The board voted unanimously to join the study.

"I think it's an excellent opportunity to show bipartisan support on something so important to our state and our entire country," said Supervisor Dave Wagner. "Trash is a major problem across this country and how to handle it properly along with the amount of truck traffic that we have on our roads up our subdivisions. I think this is an opportune time for us to look at it and see if it is feasible. The governor is trying to tie in state share revenue to the communities that participate in these cooperative ventures and we're trying to lead the way."

Oakland County set up the Capital and Cooperative Initiatives Revolving Fund grant program two years ago, for county municipalities looking at ways to work together,

Please see Trash on page 3A



# 'Tis better to give...

Ms. Conn, a teacher at Bailey Lake Elementary, opens a Christmas gift from first-grader Shayla Lindquist during the school's holiday celebration parties Thursday. Students started break a day early after a deep blanket of snow covered the Clarkston area over night, closing schools across the area Friday. For more holiday party photos, see pages 8A and 20A. *Photo by Laura Colvin* 

# Car burglar caught red handed

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Readers of *The Clarkston News'* Public Safety page know how commonly radios, laptops, jewelry, and other items are stolen from cars and SUVs in local neighborhoods.

Deputies caught the culprit in at least some of these cases, about 3 a.m., Dec. 14. Responding to reports of a suspect wearing a light-colored hooded sweatshirt, trying to enter vehicles, they found a 16-year-old Clarkston High School student on Sunnydale Road off M-15 south of Clarkston, fiddling with the door to a car.

The Springfield Township resident admitted to stealing from cars, but only unlocked ones. Asked to empty his pockets, he placed a digital camera, iPod, money, gum, roll of dimes, credit cards, and other items on the police car hood.

He told deputies he stole because he was depressed, and stealing gives him a rush. He was released to his mother, pending juve-Please see Thefts on page 4A

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# Mother Nature delivers a white Christmas



Kathleen Schultz, realtor at Max Broock on Main Street, clears the sidewalk in front of the office for the fourth time, Friday afternon. *Photo by Phil Custodio* 

## BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Those venturing out Friday faced frozen streets filled with foot-deep piles of snow and ice.

"The roads are horrible," said Independence Township Supervisor Dave Wagner. "It's just unbelievable, just rotten."

Many Clarkston students missed out on Christmas parties, as classes were cancelled due to the almost 10 inches of snowfall, Dec. 19. Township offices ran on a skeleton crew and sheriff's deputies were on emergency status

"The weather conditions are so bad they are only supposed to be on the road if there is a true emergency," he said. "So there is no cruising around."

Traffic was light, minimizing road problems, said Independence Township Assistant Fire Chief Bob Elizano.

He did get his first snow emergency call at about 12:45 p.m., Friday, he said.

"No car accidents yet, nobody on the road, which is a great thing," he said.

Clarkston city offices closed
Please see Snow on page 4A

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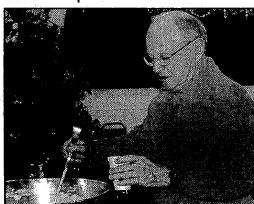
Lois Johnson, at left, and Helen Marsh share some photos.

# Christmas with friends

More than 60 friends and neighbors celebrated the upcoming holidays at Independence Township Senior Center's annual Christmas party, Dec. 17.

Seniors filled Carriage House with music, memories, and good cheer at the annual holiday event.

Photos by Phil Custodio



Charlie Barnett gets a cup of punch.

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# Briefly . . . Man killed in wrong-way crash near Sashabaw

A Grand Blanc man was killed when his car was struck by a suspected drunk driver, 6:30 p.m., Dec. 18.

The suspect, a 58-year-old Pontiac woman, was going the wrong way on I-75, north of Sashabaw Road, when she hit the 32-year-old driver headon, according to Michigan State Police.

Police believe she was heading north on I-75 when she struck a vehicle, causing minor damage, got turned around, and headed south in northbound lanes, hitting the Grand Blanc man.

State police closed the highway at Sashabaw Road as the suspect was extracted from her vehicle. The victim was pronounced dead at the scene, police said.

The suspect remained hospitalized, Monday, and police are awaiting blood toxicology test results.

# Keep snow out of roads

The Road Commission for Oakland County reminds residents and business owners it is illegal under Michigan law to shovel or plow snow or ice onto roads, highways, or road shoulders, blocking motorists' views of traffic.

Violators can be charged with a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$100 and/or a jail sentence of up to 90 days.

# Clarkston man joins state police

Steven Chenet of Clarkston joins the ranks of Michigan State Police, graduating from the 121st Trooper Recruit School, Dec. 19.

Chenet was one of 83 graduates out of 101 recruits at the beginning of the academy, Aug. 10. More than 4,000 applied.

He is assigned to the state police post in Paw Paw.

# Correction

The Clarkston Junior High School Honor Roll ad banner, Dec. 17 edition, incorrectly identified the honored students' school. We regret the error.



Judge Joseph Fabrizio thanks family and friends for their support.

# Ready for the bench

New 52-2 District Court Judge Joseph Fabrizio celebrated his Judicial Investiture Ceremony with family, friends and dignitaries, Dec. 17, filling Pine Knob Mansion in Independence Township. In an official court session, Fabrizio received his new robes, gavel, and flags, and gave his oath of office. He was officially seated on the bench by fellow 52-2 District Court Judge Kelley Kostin.



Joseph J. Fabrizio, father of the new 52-2 District Court judge, displays a portrait of his son in his early years.



Fabrizio thanks his wife, Theresa Fabrizio, with a kiss. *Photos by Phll Custodio* 

# Trash pact set

Continued from page 1A DePalma said.

"The bulk of the grants up to this point and time have been used by different communities to evaluate whether or not they should consolidate things like police or fire departments," said DePalma, who used a CCIRF grant two years ago to consolidate fire departments in his area.

The study will be conducted by a consulting firm picked by Oakland County, which will fund it.

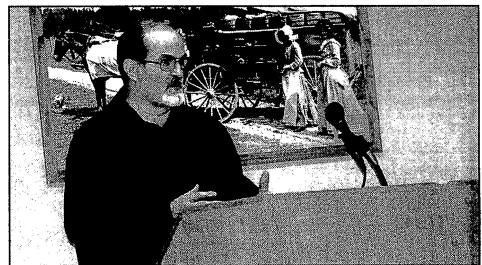
"Typically these studies run on the low side of \$50,000 and on the high side of \$80,000," said DePalma.

Trustee Mark Petterson was glad to hear it wouldn't cost the township anything.

"Anytime we can get a government entity pay for a study, that's just something we really need to jump on," he said.

DePalma said he was also approached by Springfield Township Supervisor Mike Trout.

"Springfield will be adopting it after the first of the year," he said. "If this study proves fruitful, I believe we will have a number of communities that want to be added."



Groveland Township Supervisor Robert DePalma addresses the Independence Tonwship Board. Photo by Trevor Keiser

Trustee Neil Wallace said it was a "worthwhile project and a good move forward."

DePalma said he is "extremely grateful" to Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, and Bob Daddow, deputy county executive for Oakland County, for getting the grant.

"Anytime that communities come together either for cost or operating efficiencies is a step in the right direction, especially in today's economic situation, so we applaud these five communities for taking this kind of initiative," said Dennis Toffolo, deputy county executive for Oakland County. "We're in full support of not only looking at these various companies, but we will live by their request."

Communities involved are Groveland, Independence, Springfield, White Lake, Waterford, and West Bloomfield townships.

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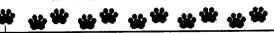




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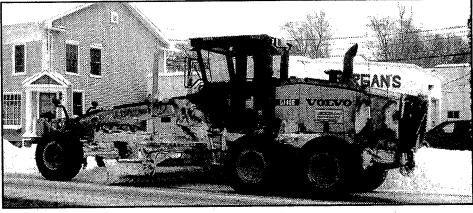
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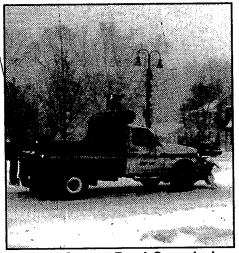
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Oakland County Road Commission, top, and Clarkston Department of Public Works, above, clear Main Street of snow. *Photos by Phil Custodio* 

# Snow socks in Clarkston

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about noon, said City Manager Dennis Ritter.

The city's Department of Public Works started laying down salt at about 3 p.m., when snowfall stopped, Ritter said.

"The roads are clear and they've done a good job, but there is a lot of snow piled up," he said. "Once things calm down a little bit, they will start hauling snow to the far side of Depot Park will we store it until it melts. If things get bad again here, city Police Department will call the DPW and we'll get the guys back on the road."

# Thefts more common

Continued from page 1A nile charges.

More than half the thefts reported to Independence Township Substation deputies are from unlocked vehicles, said deputy Sgt. Matt Baldes.

Given economic times, local car thefts are probably the responsibility of several people, Baldes said.

"He's just one of many," he said. "We've been unable to tie his to any other particular theft."

Smash-and-grab thefts are becoming more common, but it still makes sense to keep property locked up, he said.

"We continue to advocate people protect themselves," Baldes said. "Lock your cars. Don't leave valuables in them."





# 'Change' also dominated local politics in 2008

Along with the rest of the country, the Clarkston area found 2008 a year of change, with the City of the Village of Clarkston and Springfield Township under new leadership for the first time in decades.

Political issues, also including an openspace preservation millage proposal in Independence Township, filled these pages all year long, along with stories of interesting individuals and groups.

Here's a review of 2008, January through June. We finish up the year in next week's edition.

January 2

Ronk leaves legacy of service - The Clarkston area lost a longtime leader and friend Dec. 24, with the death of Frank G. "Tink" Ronk, at the age of 78. Ronk owned a barber shoo in Clarkston, was Independence Township's first full-time fire chief, served on the Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education, and worked as Independence Township supervisor.

No excuses - City officials hoped three new signs-Clearly stating park ruleswould help cut down on loitering and vandalism in Depot Park.

January 9

Call clerk to keep your right to vote -Because of one court case in Detroit, many



Revolutionary War reenactors show their wares each year at Springfield Township's Early American Living History Show.

Clarkston-area absentee voters learned they needed to act soon in order to continue receiving absentee ballots.

Friends, family give retiring treasurer his due - After 12 years in office, Independence Township Treasurer Jim Wenger announced he would not seek re-election in November.

Millstream - Ex-coach leaves the field at top of his game - After 28 years teaching at

Clarkston High School, Walt Wyniemko will say good-bye on Jan. 22 and begin his retirement.

January 16

Springfield on fast track to change -Springfield Township officials began discussing pros and cons of hiring a township manager and reducing full-time elected officials to part-time status.

Multi-district study could solve school money troubles - Clarkston Community Schools officials discussed options for keeping classroom standards high while tightening the budget, including participation in a comprehensive study of school finance conducted by the Tri-County Alliance.

Millstream - Scout improves preserve -For his Eagle project, William Maley worked with the Oakland Land Conservancy to plan, design, and install a new heavy-duty gate and fencing for the 34.4-acre Golden Preserve for Biological Diversity in Springfield Township.

January 23

Stepping up - Clarkston resident Wanda Lohmeier was appointed to the newly formed Woman's Commission for Oakland County, a 27-member group created to look at women's Please see Budget on page 7A

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Are you S.A.D.? S.A.D. stands for "Seasonal Affective Disorder". Millions of people fiving in northern states suffer from this medical condition: The lack of sunshine. The signs: depression, irritability, loss of energy, poor sleeping habits, lack of motivation, mood up, and many more. Until the breakthrough several years ago, S.A.D. was simply diagnosed as depression. However, further research concluded Season Affective Disorder was prominent in the winter and geographically located in states with shorter amounts of visible sunshine. Doctors treating this condition often prescribed and continue to suggest treatment of S.A.D. by exposure to real or artificial sunlight.

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For years psoriasis sufferers have used ultra violet exposure as part of their therapy to combat and cure this skin disease. Researchers found the link for treating S.A.D. by the development of Vitamin's B. C., and D in human studies obtained by real or artificial sun exposures; have been advocating to many throughout the years, the exposure to sunlight by way of artificial or direct as a way to treat both Seasonal Affective Disorder and psoriasis. So you see, sunlight in moderation can be healthy.

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# Keiser's Role

A column by Trevor Keiser

# Time to give

As many of you are probably reading this on either Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas.

As I was reflecting upon our current economic situation with

the number of homes in foreclosure, the increasing number of people without jobs, as well as the questionable future of the American Auto Industry I figured this Christmas would probably be a little



harder financially then those of the past.

I imagine many people's wish list has become more of a "need list" than a "want list" and I am proud of all the members of the Clarkston community who donated time and/or money to bless someone who was in need of a little extra help this season.

Whether it was donating a toy for Toys for Tots, Santa's Kids, giving money to the Salvation Army, Lighthouse, giving a gift basket of food to a neighbor or shoveling their driveway. All of those things are important

I know we at the Clarkston News adopted a family this year instead of our usual gift exchange among co-workers. I was glad to give my money towards gifts for a family I knew really needed it.

Albert Einstein said, "The value of man resides in what he gives and not in what he is capable of receiving."

I believe our giving is not only of money and material possession, or time spent at an event for a good cause, but truly giving of ourselves to another person.

That's when our gift stretches beyond just a "random act of kindness," into a full act of love. Sitting down with them and listening to the cares of their heart. Finding out about their life, their family, and their current situation.

It's an amazing feeling when you know someone genuinely cares about the things that are happening in your life and they are willing to cry, laugh, and relate with you.

God showed the world what giving was all about when he sent his son Jesus Christ to be born in a manger, which will always be the greatest gift of all.

Merry Christmas everyone and God bless!

# The Clarkston News VICWPOULS

# Wallace keeps campaign promise

Dear Editor

In a recent letter to the editor the author was critical of Independence Township Board member Neil Wallace, accusing him of being negative and grandstanding. I disagree with that opinion.

One of the many reasons I voted for Neil Wallace was because

of a promise he made during his campaign that he would vigorously pursue a policy of transparency regarding issues for which the Township Board was responsible. That policy supports a belief that citizen participation in government is important and knowledge is critical to that participation.

Providing citizens with open and accurate information should be part of our elected

official's duties. Neil Wallace was in fact providing valuable information.

I support trustee Wallace in his policy that the public has a right to know.

Craig Bennett Independence Township

# Mural artwork worth waiting for

Dear Editor,

I'd like to say, people, wake up.

The mural on the 5 S. Main Street building is a work of art. Were Dali and Picasso paintings considered great art in their time? I don't think so.

You know what? Controversy is what people remember. It'll put Clarkston in a class by itself. People will come to see and park and probably shop in the lovely Village of Clarkston

Mr. Jim Sherman Sr. is to be congratulated for recognizing talent.

Sure, it's taking time, but anything great is worth waiting for. I'll be waiting and hope to be at its unveiling.

Michelle Tynan should be proud of her work. It's a monumental accomplishment.

In conclusion, "Merry Christmas" and "God bless us everyone."

Lillian Machowski Independence Township

# Poor service lost business for GM

Dear Editor,

GM warranty...what does it mean?

Ten years ago I leased a GM product, a new Pontiac Bonneville. It came with chrome wheels. All the wheels started pitting after a few thousand miles. A zone office representative inspected it at a Troy dealership and said it was due to bad car washes and not as a result of bad plating. As an engineer, I know the pitting was due to inferior plating.

As a result of that attitude of no help or relief from GM, I stopped buying or leasing GM products for 10 years and switched to Chrysler with outstanding results to date.

Now in 2008, I purchased outright a 2008 Chevy Impala LT with luxury interior, which included heated leather seats. Wanting to support our domestic car industry and my relatives at GM, I felt I needed to do this. What a mistake. The heated seats in this car will not come close to GM's own heat spec for proper temperature.

After dealership, zone office, and Lear Corp. and GM seat people reviewed this condition, their joint opinion is "all the cars are like that" and "it is what it is." I, again, have been offered no help or relief in this situation.

If GM wants to survive, they better take care of their customers or they will lose it all. It is not rocket science to know enough to take care of your customers if you want returning business. So far, I am dismayed at how lackluster I have been treated as a customer who wants to do business with GM.

When I was in business, my motto was "I will exceed your expectations." So far, GM is not even meeting mine. I feel customer service has not improved in the 10-year lag between my Bonneville and my Impala. Will I consider another GM product or recommend one to any of my contacts? What do you think?

Word of mouth advertising is on of the most important things any business can have regarding their product and service. GM apparently doesn't get it. "Sell them now and forget them." Is this the motto for future survival?

This type of arrogance is why the foreign brands have made the inroads in market share. They engineer it better, build it better, and stand behind their product with their customers.

Roger Diederich Springfield Township

# A Look Back

From The CNews archives

# 15 years ago - 1993

"Art is a way of life for area man" Roger Matson of Springfield Township taught art at Birmingham Groves High School and also exhibited his own artwork. He designed and built for his family a house, which included a studio for his art.

"Township pleas fall on deaf ears" Despite denial of an easement or a quick claim deed, the Michigan Department of Transportation moved forward with construction of a sound wall along I-75 near M-15. Independence Township Board opposed the wall in a 403 vote.

"Despite funding, township stays with OCSD" Even with an \$85,000 debt, the township board voted 5-2 not to cut two deputies from their contract with Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

"DNR steps out of way, cleanup coming" An illegal dumpsite for manufacturing companies in Springfield Township was set for cleanup, after state DNR officials withdrew from the permit process.

# 25 years ago – 1983

"Brrr! Winter sends us shivers" With temperatures plunging below zero, area residents grumbled about the cold and snow, while merchants heralded the end of a dry spell for selling snow-related goods.

"All eyes on Santa" Clarkston Elementary School student Courtney Gaff wanted a Cabbage Patch Kid from jolly St. Nick. Santa visited teacher Ann Stone's first-grade classroom.

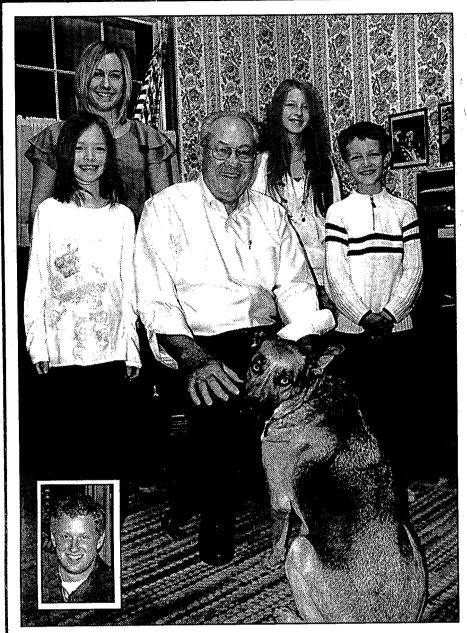
"Decoration tradition" Ron and Judy Galley had a tradition of decorating every room of their family home for the holidays, including two Christmas tree, toy collections, pine-bough arrangements, and ceramic village.

# 50 years ago - 1958

"A new funeral home in this area" A new building of interest was being erected on M-15 between Dixie Highway and Clarkston Village. The Lewis E. Wint Funeral Home was to include a chapel, family room display room, flower room, office, and living quarters for the Wint family.

"Clarkston locals" A surprise birthday party at Davisburg Hall honored Jackie Brown for her 17th birthday. Jackie received a lovely gift.

"Construction contracts for new high school" Clarkston Board of Education accepted contracts totaling \$1.8 million, about seven percent under budget. When complete, the school was expected to cost about \$2.5 million.



# Merry Christmas!

Merry, merry Christmas from Jim's (Sherman) Jottings and his grandchildren. Back left, Karen Offer, an interior design student at the Art Institute of Illinois in Chicago and Savannah Speed, 12. The Speed twins, Haley and Trevor, 9, are on either side of me and m'dog Shayna. Insert is Dan Offer, MSU grad, now with a CPA firm in Colorado.

# Thanks for help with blood drive

Dear Editor,

It is with a grateful heart that I want to thank the residents of Ortonville, Brandon and Groveland townships and nearby residents for their outstanding support of the blood drive at the Ortonville United Methodist Church on Nov. 28.

We collected 43 pints of blood. We had 53 people try, and there were seven first-time givers, which is awesome during this cold and flu season.

As a result of everyone's effort, there are 129 patients in local hospitals in better health or alive because of their gift of life - blood.

Every two seconds, someone in the

United States needs blood. Our community certainly helped make a difference here in our corner of the world. We will be helping make a difference again in the spring.

Our next blood drive is already set for March 13, 2009. Please mark your calendars now so that you can make it a lucky day for someone in need - because only you can make

Blood cannot be manufactured and is needed every day for cancer patients, accident victims, and premature newborn babies on life support.

Betty Wotring Ortonville United Methodist Church



Bailey Lake Elementary students celebrate Valentine's Day.

# Tight budget important 2008 political issue

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Voters pick Mitt, Hillary - In spite of cold weather and snow, voters from Independence. Springfield, and Clarkston found their way to the polls for the 2008 Presidential Primary election Tuesday, Jan. 15.

Millstream - Clarkston grad shoots down missiles with the Air Force - After graduating from Clarkston High School in 2000, Ryan Thomas went on to the Air Force Academy and graduated in 2004. At Vandenberg Air Force Base in California, his squadron is responsible for missile and satellite launches.

January 30

Clarkston police face budget shortfall -The Clarkston Police reported need for nearly \$23,000 in budget revisions to keep vehicles on the road, pay officers, and replace failing equipment

Clarkston businesses decline input on sign issue - With walk-in business at his downtown Clarkston office down more than 60 percent since city officials told him to take his sign down, Rob Bondy, who owns Contemporary Computer Concepts on Main Street, accepted appointment to the city's planning commission in hopes of finding a solution.

Millstream - Artist inspired to help - As she looked for a way to give back to the community, Springfield Township artist Heidi Kessling said 20 percent of profits from her paintings would be given to SCAMP in Feb-

February 6

Get ready for Green group poll - The "Independence Goes Green" group got set to conduct 400 telephone interviews in order to Please see Spring on page 10A

decide whether residents were willing to support the initiative.

Councilman probes DPW for overtime abuse - Who gets paid for overtime and when? That was the issue of debate as Clarkston put its Department of Public Works payrolls under the microscope.

Millstream - Truth to power - Disgusted by an increase that pushed his property taxes to more than \$4,000 a year, Gary Taylor of Independence Township distributed 8,000 flyers about the right to challenge property assessments.

February 13

Pay raises for public servants - Independence Township trustees voted 5-2 in favor of a three-percent raise for elected officials. Trustees Dan Kelly and Dan Travis voted against the measure.

Woman gets jail for stolen mail - Tammy Brosier, an Independence Township woman accused of stealing outgoing mail from a neighboring subdivision, was sentenced to serve between 17 months and 14 years in jail.

Woman shares heart attack's life lessons

Advocating American Heart Month. Shirley Kell of Independence Township talked about the heart attack that inspired her to educate others about cardiac issues. February 20

Walls stepping down as supervisor - Longtime Springfield Township Supervisor announced he'd decided not to seek reelection and would retire in November.

Millstream - Maier and the mountain -Clarkston High School sophomore Sean Maier talked about an impending trip to represent Michigan and the Midwest at Snowboard Nationals Junior Men's division



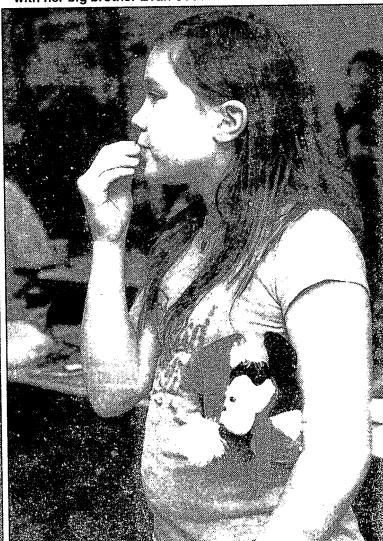
Jacob Aranowski shares a candy cane smile.

everyone seemed to have fun with crafts, games, and good food.

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Rebecca Milano Waits tor the hext club rulling a halfe.

# Too honest?

A 22-year-old Independence Township man lost control on black ice at Clintonville and Maybee roads, 11:40 p.m., Dec. 10, and drove into a ditch. The driver wasn't at the car when deputies first responded, but was there when another patrol arrived. He smelled like alcohol and speech was slurred, but he denied drinking and refused to take a breath test. He did tell deputies he didn't like cops. He was cited for leaving the scene of an accident.

# **Court friend finds scofflaw**

A deputy stopped a minivan at Sashabaw and Clarkston roads, 4:40 p.m., Dec. 10, because of expired registration tag and broken rear brake light. The driver, a 50-year-old Independence Township man, has a warrant for his arrest from Friend of the Court, 52-2 District. He was arrested on the warrant and cited for the expired license and defective equipment.

# **Uninvited guest**

Residents of the 4800 block of Rioview Drive were watching television, 1 a.m., Dec. 11, when they heard their back door slowly open. They thought it was the wind until their dog started barking, and saw a man wearing a dark hooded jacket in their house. The man ran and the dog chased him into the back-

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

yard, but he jumped the fence to escape.

A sheriff's department K-9 unit tracked the suspect to where he apparently got into a vehicle. Investigation continues.

# Canoe found

A Parview Drive resident found a canoe near the street in front of residence and called the sheriff's department, Dec. 11. It appears to have fallen off a passing vehicle. The owner can call the sheriff's Marine Division to claim it

# License plate stolen

A Dartmouth Road resident said someone stole the license plate from his pickup, Dec. 11. Deputies entered the plate number into the Law Enforcement Information Network as stolen.

# **Busted lights**

A deputy pulled over a car for broken headlight and expired license plate tab, 11:20 p.m., Dec. 13, at Sashabaw and Maybee. The driver, a 22-year-old Springfield Township man, was cited for expired tab, suspended license, and expired car registration, and given a warning for the busted headlight.

A sheriff's deputy noticed a pickup truck with a broken headlight and pulled it over, 9:45 p.m., Dec. 14, at Dixie and White Lake Road. He cited the driver, a 37-year-old Waterford Township man, for driving with an expired license, gave him a waivable citation for defective headlight, and warning for no proof of insurance.

# Laptop stolen

A resident of the 5800 block of S. Marshbank said someone stole his laptop and other items from his car, Dec. 13. He said the car was locked, but there were no signs of forced entry.

# Fire litter bug

Recycling bins were torched at a church on Holcomb and Clarkston High School, early Dec. 13. Both were extinguished by Independence Township firefighters. Deputies found an empty box of novelty smoke bombs at the high school fire, and are reviewing security video.

# First time in trouble

On the way to check out a suspiciously broken down car on Parview Drive, 3:10 a.m., Dec. 14, a deputy was almost hit head on by another car. The broken down driver, who was getting a battery jump, said his car was sideswiped by the same vehicle. Another deputy stopped the car, driven by a 25-yearold Springfield Township woman. She damaged her car in the sideswipe and ran over a boulder pulling into a parking lot. She told deputies she had a few beers and was "buzzed," and was scared because she had never been in trouble before. She had a .20 preliminary blood alcohol level. Deputies requested warrants for drunk driving, and failure to stop at an accident.

# Ice breaker

A resident of the 5900 block of Dixie Highway said his car was unlocked because his locks were frozen, but someone got in anyway, taking his radio, cigarettes, and cologne, Dec. 15.

# Info to crack the case?

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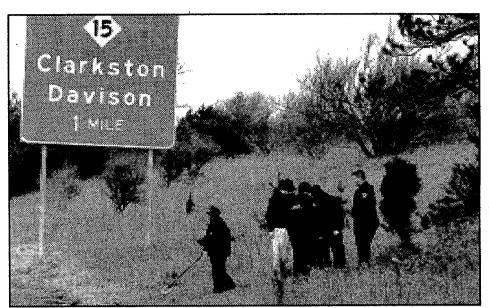
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Investigators check out the scene of a suspected double murder suicide on I-75 this past April.

# Spring meant budget talks

Continued from page 10A in Copper Mountain, Colorado.

February 27

Budget 'not going the right way' in Clarkston - Sidewalk repairs and increasing police expenses left Clarkston officials without an alternative as they dipped nearly \$4,600 from the city's rainy day fund to balance the budget mid-year.

Safety path coming too slowly - Independence Township residents complained a safety path at Clintonville and Mann roads was promised, but never materialized.

Millstream - Singing his song - Singer Matt Duncan talked about his musical career and hopes for a future in professional sing-

Strole joins ranks of local retirees - After serving 20 years in township government—the latter 16 as Springfield Township Clerk, Nancy Strole announced she would not seek reelection in November.

Mother alive due to quick thinking - Independence Township Fire Department honored residents Kim Arcobello, Judy Hoddinott, Greg Poulin, Loriann Dickerson, and Becky Laney for their life-saving response when Alice Keller suffered a heart attack at Deer Lake Racquet Club.

Millstream - Springfield's top cop off to face new challenges - Announcing it was "time to move on," Sgt. Mark Gardner talked about his four years as Springfield Township's top cop and his impending transfer to the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Royal Oak Township substation.

March 12

Burglars busted - A rash of burglaries was at least partially solved when police arrested two individuals in separate, but similar, crimes

aimed at businesses in Independence and Springfield townships.

School budget fix drops deficit by \$1.9 million - With cuts, number crunching, and some additional revenue, Clarkston Community Schools' administrators reduced budget deficits by about \$1.9 million.

Millstream - Girls face their future with faith - Facing the challenge of growing up with virtue in a not-so-virtuous world, 11 Clarkston area girls formed a local Challenge Girls Club, where they meet weekly to discuss themes and passages from the Bible, and plan service projects throughout the community.

March 19

Ago-to friend - Dwight "Bud" Spiker, who passed away March 6 at the age of 70, helped organize community events, volunteered with Clarkston's Athletic Boosters Association and risked his life to help his neighbors as an on-call firefighter with Independence Township Fire Department.

Springfield keeps status quo - for now -With significant change looming in the notso-distant future, Springfield Township officials decided it was not the time to restructure Springfield Township government by looking into the possibility of part-time elected officials

Millstream - Dancing on water - As a dancer, singer, and actress, Clarkston graduate Angie Regiani's talent takes her around the globe, including an appearance on MTV's "Made," where she helped an aspiring professional wrestler fulfill a dream

March 26

Bodies found on I-75 in Independence Township - A foul smell led Michigan Department of Transportation survey crews working on I-75, about a half mile north of

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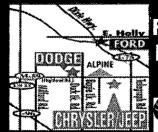
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# Wolves fall in overtime in makeup game

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Clarkston News Sports Writer

The snow delayed Clarkston's Annual Christmas Tournament, but the icers were ready to play on Saturday.

The day started with the Wolves going against Cranbrook-Kingswood.

Cranbrook-Kingswood started the game off by scoring the first goal only a few minutes after the game started.

The Wolves tied the score less than four minutes into the third period.

Clarkston grabbed the puck away from the Cranes possession and took it down the ice to the net.

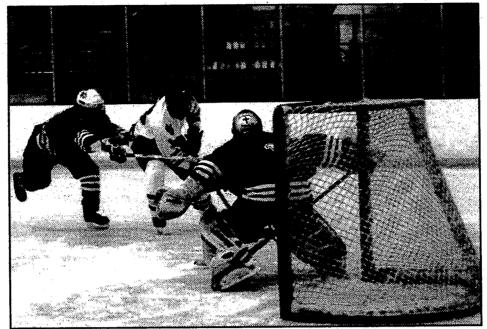
Tyler Frakes passed the puck to Adam Frank. Frank hit it in to tie with Cranbrook's goal they made in the first period.

Patrick Brown brought the Cranes back into the lead after scoring on a power play.

The Wolves had two minutes left in the period to score. They took their shot on the net. Goalie Matt Hansberry kneeled down to save it and the puck was knocked back onto the ice

Michael Fiteny quickly moved forward and finished it off putting it into the net. David Cannons and Frakes assisted on the goal.

Cranes pushed the puck towards Clarkston's goal and defender Dan Smith sent the puck back to the other side of the ice, finishing the game tied at two.



Tyler Frakes sneaks through defense to take a shot on Cranbrook's net. Photo by Wendi Reardon

The game went into two overtime periods before Samuel Williams won the game for Cranbrook with one minute left.

Neeko Muniz made 33 saves during the game and the Wolves made 15 shots on goal.

"I think we played very well. Neeko kept us in the game and it went into a double overtime," said Clarkston Coach Bryan Krygier.
"They're a good well-coached team. You do
one fundamental thing wrong and they capitalize on it. We lost a guy on a face off and
they tapped it in.

"It's not how we want to lose, then again I was happy with the way they played."

The boys continued on Sunday playing Novi.

The Wildcats were in the lead by three when Clarkston made their first goal in the second period.

Two Novi players were in the penalty box and the Wolves found themselves against a tight defense.

The boys passed it back and forth to each other looking for an opening. Clarkston found a way in as one Wildcat came back into the game.

With an assist from Smith, Adam Frank scored Clarkston's lone goal for the night.

Novi retaliated scoring three more goals and winning the game, 6-1.

"We didn't respond well today. We didn't score any goals. When you don't score any goals you are going to lose," said Krygier.

Muniz had eight saves from the first two periods and Jonathan Williams had six in the final period. The Wolves made 22 shots on goal.

Cranbrook won the tournament, beating Davison in the championship game, 2-0.

The Wolves first game after the holiday break will be on Jan. 10 against Stoney Creek at Onyx Rochester Ice Arena. The game will be at 8 p.m.

"We got to work harder," said Krygier.
"We got to hit. We got to continue to improve every game."

# **Athletes of the Year**

Congratulations to last year's Athletes of the Week, from January to June!

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# ady Wolves still fighting for a win

#### BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Lady Cagers will take the holiday break and use it to their advantage to get ready for the next part of the season.

"The big thing for us is practicing during the break," said Clarkston Girls Varsity Head Coach Tim Wasilk.

The girls are only three games into the season and each one resulted in a loss, but they are continuing to gel together as a team and grow defensively.

The break will give them time to adjust where they need to and help them improve from their loss to Lake Orion on Dec. 16, 52-32, Wasilk said.

"Lake Orion is a good team," she said. "Their shooting was good. The team has been together for a while and it shows."

Connor Daugherty put the girls on the board with one of her two throws at the free throw line and closed the Dragons' lead by five points.

Erica Harris led the team for the rest of the first quarter adding 11 points to the

Lake Orion continued to widen the gap for the next two quarters going into the final eight minutes with a 28 point lead.

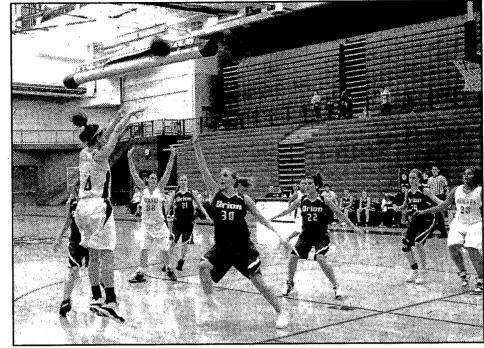
Daugherty's interceptions led to the Dragons losing their chance to score and a chance for Clarkston. Daugherty passed to Kaleigh Kenny, leading to more baskets for

The girls defense only allowed one basket to get through from Lake Orion.

High scorers from Clarkston were Harris (13) and three 3-pointers, Daugherty and Mikaela Parrish (7).

For Lake Orion, Cortney Zott (14), Melanie Lamerato and Bethany Watterworth (12).

JV lost their game to the Dragons, 34-16. The girls will return to the court in the New Year on Jan. 6 at Waterford Kettering



Kaleigh Kenny shoots past the Dragons' defense for a chance to score.



Erica Harris gets ready for her first free throw shot during the first quarter. Photos by Wendi Reardon

# lose win keeps cagers atop Cavaliers

#### BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Brandon Pokley led the boys to their second win of the season.

The seven points he put on the board in the fourth quarter kept the Clarkston Wolves in the lead during the tight game against Carman-Ainsworth.

Ainsworth tried to come back, but missed getting seven of their shots to the basket.

The Wolves beat them, 48-44.

"It was a good win against a good team," said Wolves Basketball Head Coach Dan

The game began with both teams matching point for point. When the Wolves took a break at half-time they were ahead, 28-24.

Carman-Ainsworth took their lead in the Jaylen Larry (12) and Glenn Cosey (11). last six minutes of the game with a basket made by Courtland Patterson, 42-41.

The lead was short-lived as Matt Kamieniecki stole the ball and passed it to Pokley who brought the boys back into the lead by one point.

Pokley extended the lead with a 3-pointer and two more points.

The Wolves beat the Cavaliers for the fifth year in a row.

High scorers for the Wolves were Pokley (21), Kamieniecki (15), and Tom Staton and Brandon Verlinden (6). Pokley scored five 3pointers and Kamieniecki had one for the

Leading the Carman-Ainsworth were

JV also won their game, 44-42.

The boys first home game scheduled for last Friday was cancelled due to the weather. The game against Flint Northern has yet to be rescheduled because both schools are on holiday break.

The varsity team will play Detroit Renaissance at on Saturday. The game begins at 7 p.m. and is at 20000 Evergreen Rd., Detroit.

'It will be a tough game," said Fife. "But a good challenge. We'll still only two games in and my expectations are higher than where the team is right now. We need to play more game to start piecing everything together."

The JV team plays at St. Mary Prep on Dec. 30 at 2:30 p.m.



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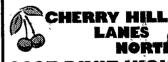
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# Beaumont hospital proposal continued throughout 2008

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Sashabaw Road, to a grisly discovery—the decomposing remains of two human beings. Early investigation showed one man was shot, execution style, while a phone cord appeared wrapped the throat of the other.

Car locks don't deter crooks - Deputies warned against leaving valuables in the car overnight—locked or not—after a number of residents found someone smashed windows from their vehicles and made off with merchandise left in plain view.

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Township egg artist Debby McMillan a trip to the Washington D.C. when she was chosen to represent Michigan in the White House 2008 Easter Egg Collection.

## April 2

Bodies found on I-75 in Independence Town-

ship - Michigan Department of Transportation survey crews noticed a foul smell, leading them to a grisly discovery — the decomposing remains of two human beings.— The men were later identified and were from Flint.

Time's running out - Clarkston officials hope to allow plenty of time for a new city manager Pappas retires June 30.

Millstream - Beverly Weddle organized a baby shower to help young moms get started.

#### April 9

Beaumont returns with high hopes - Beaumont Hospital is back before township planners Thursday, Independence Township Planning Commission was set to consider conceptual site plan approval April 10, for Beaumont's Life Care Campus on the corner of I-75 and M-15.

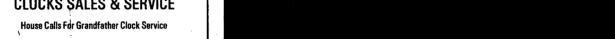
Township workers to unionize - With jobs

and clerk-treasurer to learn the ropes before Art on the line and benefits packages being threatened, 16 of the 19 non-union township employees have decided to unionize.

Millstream - Mike and Marsha Mercier spoke about their experience raising a future Leader Dog for the Blind, named Ginger.

Beaumont's hopes for hospital shattered again - Independence Township planner Dick Carlisle "strongly recommended" Beaumont hospital not get conceptual site plan approval

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Hannah Turk works on a decoration.

# Havin' a party

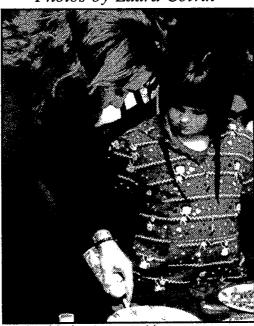
The kids at North Sashabaw Elementary stayed busy waiting for the big

guy to fly in from the North Pole.

On Thursday, students enjoyed games, crafts and treats during their classroom holiday parties.

Friday a mountain of snow closed schools in the district and gave kids an early start to the Christmas break.

# Photos by Laura Colvin





First-graders also played a snowman game.



# **People Poll** December 24, 2008 Page B1

# Christmas tradition?



"Go to my grandma's house on Christmas Eve and have family over at our house on Christmas. I call my friends and eat a lot of food."

- Alicia Breznai



"I spend Christmas Eve with my family. We watch 'Santa Claus is Coming to Town,' eat chocolate and make popcorn." - Elizabeth Adams



"On Christmas Eve, my family watches 'It's a Wonderful Life' and any other Christmas movies we can in a 24-hour period."

- Beth Parks



"We have dinner with family on Christmas Eve and Christmas and brunch with friends on Sunday. Mary (my wife) and I will go to a play during the week.

-Garey Eilertson

By Wendi Reardon

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New Year's Eve Bash, 8 p.m.-4 a.m., Dec. 31. Appetizers, DJ, dancing, champagne toast, pizza at midnight. \$20. Fountains New Year's Eve Party, hors d'ouerves, 7:30 p.m.; prime rib, stuffed tipalia, or chicken spiedini dinner, 8:30 p.m.; champagne at midnight; pizza, live entertainment, \$150/ couple, \$80/individuals. Fountains Golf and Banquet, 6060 Maybee Road. 248-625-3731.

Pickle Ball, 10:30 a.m.-12;30 p.m., beginning Jan. 6, First Congregational Church gym, 5449 Clarkston Road. \$3 drop-in fee. Call Independence Township Senior Center, 248-625-8231,

Adult Basketball League, 18 and over, 12-5 p.m., Sundays, Clarkston Junior High, 6595 Middle Lake. \$450/resident team. \$550/non-resident team. Referee fees are an additional cost. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.

Pony Basketball League, for high school boys not on the school team, mid afternoons, Sundays, Clarkston Junior High,6595 Middle Lake. \$200/resident team. \$300/non-resident team. al cost. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.

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.

Therapeutic Yoga classes, Mondays, 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.; Tuesdays, 7:15-8:30 p.m., Jewels Yoga Fitness, 4612 Mountain View Trail, Independence Township. \$12 walk-in fee. 248-390-9270.

# Around Town



# Pets sit with Santa

Jackson family pets Ginger and Molly pose with Santa at Advanced PetCare of Oakland's "Pet Photos with Santa," Dec. 7. More than 25 families took part, all proceeds benefiting the veterinarian office's Angel Fund. Photo provided

Bingo, Mondays, 6 p.m., sponsored by Divine Peace Metropolitan Community Church, at Knights of Columbus hall, 5660 Maybee Road. 18-way bingo, double action, regular jackpots to \$500, local progressive. 248-332-1186.

Clarkston Rotary Club, Mondays, 6:30 p.m., Deer Lake Athletic Club, 6167 White Lake Road. 248-625-4244.

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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 & Recre-

ation, 248-625-8223.

Needlework Night, fourth Tuesday, 6:30-8 p.m. Stitch and visit. Everyone welcome. Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Community Singles, third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Community Presbyterian Church fellowship hall, 4301 Monroe St., off Sashabaw, Waterford. All ages, men and women. 248-394-0412.

**BNI, Clarkston Waterford chapter**, Tuesdays, 7 a.m., Green Apple restaurant, Dixie Highway at Walton. 248-673-6007.

**Belly Dancing**, Tuesdays, 10-11:30 a.m., Bay Court Park. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.

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

Meet and greet, North Oakland Bethany, last Wednesdays, 6 p.m., Mesquite Creek, 7228 N. Main St. 248-464-0756.

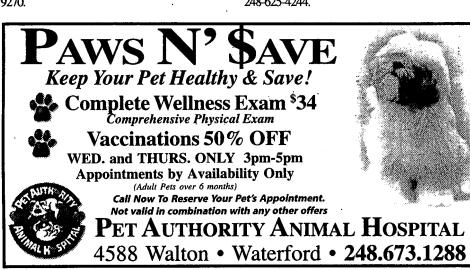
Clarkston Area Lions Club, second and fourth Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m., Carriage House, next to the Senior Center, in Clintonwood Park. Visitors welcome. 248-802-8603.

Local Business Network, Ortonville/Clarkston Chapter, first and third Thursdays meets, 7:45-8:45 a.m., Mico's Real Estate, 7183 Main Street. 248-505-5091.

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# Trial in drunk-driving murder started in spring

Continued from page 17A by the planning commission. The commission voted 4-2 to deny the project.

City Council names Pappas replacements - Assuming he accepts the appointment, Clarkston's new city manager will bring a great deal of experience to the table when he steps in to fill the shoes of retiring Art Pappas. The Clarkston City Council voted 6-0 Monday to offer the city's top position to resident Dennis Ritter.

Millstream - Sashabaw Plains Daughters of the American Revolution honors one student per high school for good citizenship at home, community, and school. For Clarkston High School, that student is senior Lauren Frank.

April 23

Hall of fame inducts Coach Richardson - For Kurt Richardson, making the Hall of Fame reflects on all of Clarkston.

Green group gets ballot approval - Voters will decide whether going green is worth an extra \$765,000. Independence Township trustees voted unanimously April 15 to put the 0.45 mill property tax increase up for a vote Nov. 4. The money would be used to buy property and preserve it as undeveloped, green space.



Katelyn Garvin, 7, visited with the Easter Bunny at Egg Mania.

reation director Jennifer Tucker's quick action brought over \$100,000 in conservation funds to Springfield.

April 30

Trial begins in drunk-driving murder Millstream - Springfield Parks and Rec- case - The bulky package-wrapped in

brown paper and wound with orange "evidence" tape—sat behind the prosecution table most of the morning Monday as testimony began in Oakland County Circuit Court. — Ramon Felix Pineda, was charged with second degree murder of Vincent Owen D'Anna.

Pink slips heading out to 40 teachers -In order to cut 11.4 teaching positions from Clarkston Community Schools in the fall, 40 teachers across the district are received lav-

Millstream - Dahl Enoch, a powerlifter at Clarkston High School overcame life challenges and pursued his love for sports.

Jury convicts drunk driver of seconddegree murder - A jury of eight women and four men took less than three hours Friday to find Ramon Felix Pineda guilty of second-degree murder in the Aug. 26 death of off-duty Flint police officer Vincent D'Anna.

Candidates team up for township -Trustee Dan Travis led a full slate of candidates for Independence Township Board.

Millstream - With undecided superdelegates, close popular vote, and Michigan and Florida in the balance, the Democratic National Convention for President this August promised to be contentious. Phil Reid of Independence Township will had a front row seat.

May 14

Cops cuff culprit in purse-snatchings -The man accused of snatching purses from

unsuspecting Kroger shoppers-including a 92-year-old woman—told police he needed the money after he was fired from his fastfood job. Independence Township resident Damian Jonas Buitkus, 24, was arraigned May 7 in 52-2 District Court on three counts of larceny from a person.

Supervisor strikes back - After the announcement of last week's slate running for the Independence Township Board, Supervisor Dave Wagner fired back with his endorsement for treasurer and clerk at a May 8 fundraiser at Deer Lake Athletic Club.

Millstream - Pastor John Dew explains his love for music and why he started his own church.

May 21

Taking home the top prize - Out of 250 applicants from 10 schools, Clarkston High School teacher Kyle Hughes was named the best, earning first place at the second-annual Walter P. Chrysler "Closing the Technology Gap in Education" awards ceremony.

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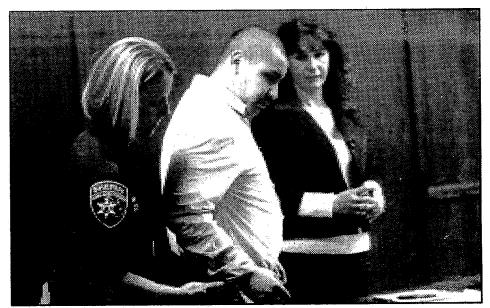
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Ramon Pineda was convicted of murder in the death of Flint police officer Vincent D'Anna.

# Fallen tree knocked out power this past summer

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Clarkston cops cleaning up - After more than eight months heading up the Clarkston Police Department, Chief Dale LaCroix said things are steadily improving.

Millstream - Bruce Quigley of Independence Township, 2007 winner of the IRWIN Tools Ultimate Tradesman competition last November, was honored May 8 by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

May 28

Man dies on I-75 in Independence Township - Police investigated a death after a man ran into traffic on southbound I-75 near the Holcomb overpass, between Dixie Highway and M-15 in Independence Township.

The award goes to... - Rose Marie Farrar's husband, Steve Farrar, kept secret for about a month her award for Clarkston Citizen of the Year

Millstream - Family members share memories of Vincent Owen D'Anna who was murdered by drunk driver Ramon Felix Pineda.

June 4

Art teacher earns honors - Clarkston Junior High School art teacher Claudia Keglovitz was named Teacher of the Year during a reception breakfast Tuesday, hosted by Clarkston Foundation.

Another try for Beaumont plan - Beaumont Hospital has decided to give Independence Township one more try, after meeting with township planners and Building Department.

Millstream - Dr. James O'Neill talks about his experiences as doctor in Clarkston for the past 50 years.

June 11

Antifreeze leaks into river - Emergency responders set up equipment and worked for most of the day Monday after chemicals were discovered flowing from a cooling tower at Clarkston Junior High School.

Independence to host federal task force
- Michigan is getting its own local Urban
Search and Rescue Task Force, and it's going to be based in Independence Township.

Millstream - Clarkston Junior High School art teacher Claudia Keglovitz was named Teacher of the Year.

June 18

Blackout brought out best in business owners - Jeff Todd's birthday plans for his son were saved from ruination by Clarkston Village Bake Shop. The shop was shut down by a city-wide blackout, but the owner filled her orders using her home oven – just one example of businesses overcoming lack of power when a tree knocked over in a storm cut electrical lines.

Judging the candidates - Residents who wanted to personally judge candidates before casting a vote in the race for the bench in 52-2 District Court had the opportunity view a live and televised judicial candidate forum beginning on Thursday, June 26 at Clarkston Junior High.

Millstream - At almost 92 years old, Bill Cobb of Independence Township has lived a full life.

June 25

\$3.8 million short - Clarkston Community Schools expects to spend almost

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# **Religion**Imagining the real manger scene...

**Spiritual** 

**Matters** 

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One of my favorite childhood memories of Christmas is are missing too. our family's manger scene, complete with all the figures from the biblical Christmas story.

As my sister and I set up the scene, each figure had to be in just the right place - the perfect scene. And then, last of all, after everything else was ready, we carefully placed baby Jesus in the manger - the feed box filled with straw. It was a beautiful scene

- just right, or so we thought.

As much as I still love to set up our family's manger scene, it now seems to me that there is something missing from these serene and quaint, quietly beautiful and perfect manger scenes. Missing is life and especially all the messy things that go with it in the real world.

Missing are the sounds of worried parents wondering where they can stay

while they deliver their first baby. There would have been gasps of wonder at the gift of new life, sighs of exhaustion, maybe even some snoring.

The labor pains of Mary would certainly have been heard, for nothing tells us that this unique birth was easier than any other. The sounds of Jesus nursing at his mother's breast, coos and bubbles - so many delightful baby sounds

Also missing are the sounds of cattle chewing their cud, and of sheep and donkeys shuffling around, eating and snorting. And, oh, the smells of the manger - damp, musty, dark smells.

And there would have been some earthy people around too - shepherds working hard, walking far with their sheep. Mary and Joseph had likely not had the time or place to bathe. Sweat and road dirt, tangled hair and dust, the smells of birthing all mingling.

I wonder how manger scenes would sell if they came complete with all the sounds and smells, the sights and textures of the real thing? I have also often wondered where Mary and Joseph might have ended up if they were looking for a place to stay in 2008 in the violence torn Middle East? Or what might happen if they were looking for a place in the United States, even right here in economically challenged Southeast Michigan? And what if they knocked on my door?

My guess is that if all the hotels were full and if they did not look like "respectable well-to-do folk," Mary and Joseph might have ended up at a homeless shelter or on the doorstep of some church asking if there was any room.

They might have found themselves with a group of homeless under a bridge, and if they couldn't find their

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# In our churches...

Christmas Eve Candle lighting Service, 7 p.m., Dec. 24. Special Music by Cathy Zucker and Emily Driscoll. Peace Unity, 8080 Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

Candlelight Christmas Eve, special classical music by Panache Experience, 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., Dec. 24. Bridgewood Church, 6765 Rattalee Lake Road. 248-625-1344

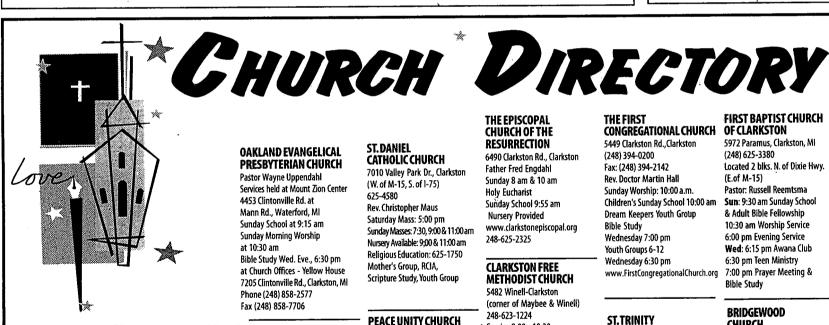
Angel Food Ministry, \$70 value for \$30, order dates: Dec. 28, 31, Jan. 4, 9, 11. Pick up, Jan. 24. Williams Lake Nazarene Church, 2840 Airport Road, Waterford. 248-673-5911.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, biblically based, financial workshop for everyone, free previews, 12 p.m., Jan. 4, and 10:30 a.m., Jan. 11, Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-1611.

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

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

Basic Yoga, with instructor Noreen Daly, 10 a.m., Wednes Please see In Our Churches, page 8B



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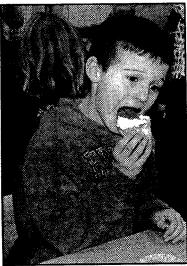
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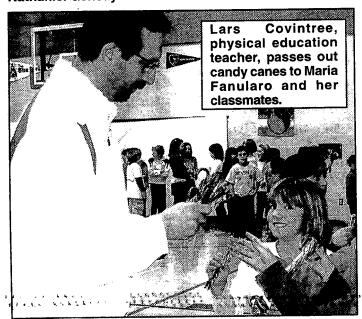
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Nathaniel Gencay finishes his Christmas ornament, as Kyle Seibert watches.



# Holiday fun and games

Springfield Plains Elementary School's holiday parties were Thursday, Dec. 18, avoiding Friday's snowday.

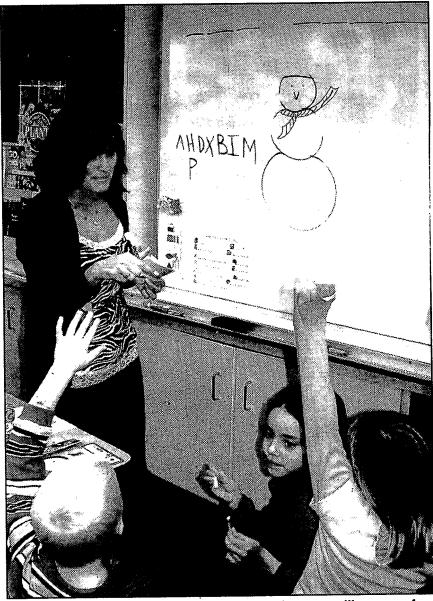
Parent volunteers filled the hallways to help out with games, snacks and crafts.

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Sarah Westlake helps her daughter Laura Westlake make a decoration.



Parent volunteer Nora Highducheck leads a hangman-like game, fea-furing a disappearing snowman.

# Spiritual Matters

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way to a hospital somewhere, who knows, maybe the baby Jesus might have been placed in a cardboard box and wrapped in swaddling newspapers or some old clothing donated by a local church.

That is the kind of real and desperate situation Mary and Joseph faced. And the kind of messy situation in which Jesus, our Lord and Savior, our newborn King, came into as he entered our world.

This is what God chose – it was part of the plan. For you see, when God decided to "put skin on" and to be born in a manger, it was so he could get close to us – real close in our real and often very difficult lives. It is an experience through which we can see and touch, smell and taste and hear God's Word of hope for us – no matter who we are, where we've been, what we've done, or how things are going for us today.

For once we have found God in a barn, we can never again be quite sure where God will appear next. God's holiness is found in the lowliest and least likely places, like in a stable...and on a cross.

The real Christmas story assures us that God is with us in the messiness and real stuff of our lives today. In our joys and in our challenges there is God with us and for us.

"All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). Matthew 1:22-23

May you receive this real gift of Christmas in a special way this year.

The Rev. Jonathan Heierman is pastor of Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church.

# In our churches

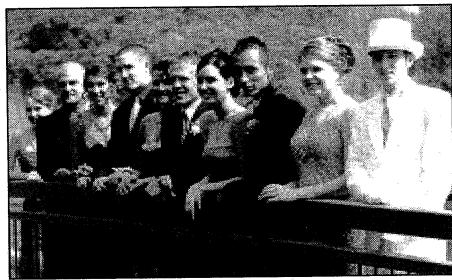
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days, Peace Unity. Drop ins welcome. \$7/class. 8080 Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

Wednesday Evening FEAST, dinner at 6 p.m., worship at 6:50 p.m., classes for all ages, 7:15-8:30 p.m. Free nursery. Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-3288.

Rainbows meetings, Thursdays, 7-8 p.m., Cushing Center., St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park Drive. Outreach program for children and adults dealing with change in their lives due to death, divorce or other significant loss. 248-625-1750.

Like to join in Spiritual Matters? Call us at 248-625-3370



Clarkston students dressed for prom pose in Depot Park.

# Energy costs rose over summer

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\$10,000 on each of its students next year. The Board of Education voted unanimously, June 23, to approve the 2008-2009 budget, with \$80.8 million in spending.

Rising gasoline prices 'add fuel to the fire' - Tom Lowrie is in survival mode. Over the last two years, business volume at Lowrie's Landscaping has dropped by 25 percent, he's been forced to cut staff-

ing by more than half, and remaining employees are clamoring for pay raises he just can't afford to dole out. And now, with crews on the road to install supplyheavy landscape projects like retaining walls, waterfalls, and patios, the recent jump pushing gasoline over \$4 a gallon is exacerbating the problem.

Millstream - John Hewko's interest in politics came at an early age.



# New Year's Evening at Pine Knob

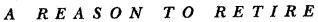
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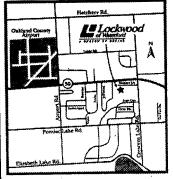
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# **Answers to planning questions**

As promised folks, this month's edition of Wint's Word on Advance Funeral Planning is going to change from the normal reader questions and answer forum that you are used to, but is still questions and answersjust of a different sort.

I did tell you last month I was going to try to have the results of the Direct Mail Survey we conducted during all of 2008 and thanks to my husband, Pat, I've achieved them through the Excel Program on my computer. He's a smart and helpful guy.

We mailed to five zip codes in the area, 48346, 48348, 48329, 48462 and 48350

If you participated in it and returned the survey to us, please accept our thanks, it helps us to find the 'heartbeat' if you will, of the individuals and families we serve. We greatly appreciate you taking those few moments of your time to help us in this endeavor.

#### SURVEY SAID-

Question #1.

How old are you? 2.3 percent of respondents are age 25-40; 52.9 percent are age 41-65 and 44.8 percent are 66 or older.

Question # 2.

Are you currently? 30.5 percent are employed; 68.2 percent are retired and 1.3 percent did not respond.



Word on Advance **Funeral Planning** By Connie Glynn

Question #3

Have you ever been responsible for making funeral arrangements? 77.2 percent replied yes; 22.8 responded no to that ques-

Ouestion #4.

If you have given any thought to the subject, which of the following would you choose for yourself? 53.2 percent would choose burial while 43.1 percent would choose cremation and 3.7 percent did not have a choice.

Ouestion #5.

How much might you expect to pay for a funeral? 5.3 percent said under \$4,000; 54.9 percent said between \$4 & \$6,000; 28 percent said between \$6 & \$8,000 and the other 11.8 percent said over \$8,000.

Ouestion #6.

Do you own cemetery property? 53.5 percent said they do and 46.5 percent responded-no, they do not own cemetery prop-

Ouestion #7.

In the event of your death, who would be responsible for

making the arrangements? 52.9 percent said their spouse; 28.8 said their children; 13.9 percent said another family member while 4.4 percent said someone other than a family member.

Question #8.

Do your loved ones know what you would want them to choose for you? 80 percent said yes they would know; 20 percent said they would not know.

Question #9.

Are you aware that guaranteed pre-paid funeral plans exist? 84.7 percent said yes; 15.3 percent said no.

Ouestion # 10.

Would you like free information about funeral planning, the types of services available and how you can save money by planning ahead? 2 percent did not answer the question; 64.1 said no and 33.9 percent said

I'll leave you with this question - have you planned for evervthing? If not, let's get together and begin that journey of peace of mind so there is not one grieving family left to make arrangements for their loved one. It is, after all, one of the most loving of gifts you can ever give.

Merry Christmas everyone and a blessed new year is hoped for all!

- Connie Glynn

# Elwood J. Cohoon

Elwood J. Cohoon of Clarkston, formerly of West Branch, passed away Dec. 18, 2008, at the age of 80.

He was preceded in death by his wife Mona. He was the father of Debbi (Bill) Vallance of Grand Blanc and Linda (Russ) Case of Waterford; grandfather of Jen Vallance, Carri Vallance Carey, and Dustin Miller; great grandfather of Douglas Dible; brother of Edna Minton of Florida, Ardie Bennett of Howell, and the late Virgil; and son in law of Juanita Rigotti.

Mr. Cohoon retired from the U.S. Post Office in Pontiac/Royal



joyed golfing, fishing and hunting and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War

Funeral Service 12:30 p.m. was Dec. 29 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment, Lakeview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Odvessy Hospice or Sunrise Assisted Living.

guestbook Online www.wintfuneralhome.com.

# Betty J. Kelly

Betty J. Kelly of Clarkston, formerly of Livonia, passed away Dec. 9, 2008, at the age of 82.

She was preceded in death by her husband Edward and her son Michael. She was the mother of Carol (Michael) Estes of Clarkston and Kathleen (Gustave) Ploss of Clarkston; grandma of Ryan, Chelsea, Corey, Katie, and Cameron.

Mrs. Kelly retired from Michigan Bell in 1983. She was a University of Michigan fan, enjoyed playing bingo and was an animal lover. Her family was her priority and she will be greatly missed.

Visitation was Dec. 21 at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Cemetery Service was Dec. 22 at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery Chapel, Southfield. Memorials may be made to Hospice Advantage.

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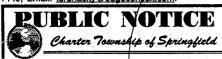
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# **PUBLIC NOTICE** Charter Township of Springfield

A telecommunications project has been proposed to construction southeast of a rest stop area located along northbound Interstate 75, north of Davisburg Road, in Springfield Township, Oakland County, Michigan. The project will consist of the construction of a 150-foot monopole telecommunications tower with associated equipment. This notice is to serve as an opportunity for members of the public to comment on the proposed tower with regards to potential effects on historic properties. Any comments should be directed to Edge Consulting Engineers, Inc. Contact information is as follows: Tracy L. Drunasky, Edge Consulting Engineers, Inc., 624 Water Street, Prairie du Sac, WI 53578, Phone: 608-644-1449, Email: tdrunasky@edgeconsult.com



#### SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING **DECEMBER #1, 2008** SYNOPSIS

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m/ by Supervisor Trout PUBLIC COMMENT: Elleen Kowall, State House of Representative-elect 44th District, stated that she will continue to hold constituent meetings in the District and is available to the Township for

> Tom Weiler, 9225 Hillcrest commented that statements made under public comment during the November 13, 2008 Township Board meeting were not completely re corded in the official minutes

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approved Minutes: November 13, 2008 Regular eting with bills and additional disburseme \$124,285,74
- Accepted November 2008 Treasurer's Report
- Received November 2008 Reports: Building. Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical, Ordinance and Fire
- Authorized payment of bills as presented, total
- Designated 2009 Legal Publication to the Clarkston
- Adopted Federal Surplus Assistance Program Reso lution and authorized Supervisor to sign
- Authorized 12 month Membership to SEMCOG begin ning December 8, 2008, at a cost of \$900.00 and to adopt resolution to join membership Authorized 2009 Township Board Meeting Dates as
- the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Springfield Township Civic Center Authorized renewal of Property Management Service
- Received 2009 Strategic Planning Meeting letter from
- RCOC dated 12-4-08 Received communications and placed on file

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** 

OLD BUSINESS: Approved Clinton River Watershed Council service agreement for a one year term at a rate of \$500.00 and authorized payment for one year general mem-

bership with the Council at a rate of \$225.00 Adopted amendments to Zoning Ordinance No. 26, Articles II, XIV, XVIII, XIX, XV, XII and XIII

Adopted Ordinance No. 80, Mining Control Ordinance

Amended Township Board Rules of Procedure to update the expenditure limits and procedures and to

address minor formatting changes 2008 Budget: Amended the Civic Center Debt, Softwater Sewer S.A.D. Debt Service, General, Fire, Police, and Building Department funds

Confirmed Supervisor's appointments to the Planning Commission, reappointed Board representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals and reappointed Board of Review members

Approved 2009 salaries and a one-time 2008 salary adjustment for staff

Discussed Hazard Mitigation Program and authorized Supervisor to apply for grant to purchase three (3) additional warning sirens

Discussed 2009 Tri-Party Program

PUBLIC COMMENT: - Treasurer Dubre clarified that the one-time 2008 salary adjustment will be paid out of the contingency fund Trustee Lamont welcomed new Board members and Treasurer Dubre commented that she is also glad to welcome new Supervisor and Clerk to the office

- Marc Cooper, 10050 Andersonville, commented, regarding a near accident involving a Township Fire Department vehicle at the corner of Rattalee Lake Rd and Dixie Highway and reminded the Board about the need for a traffic signal at that

- Tom Weiler, 9225 Hillcrest commented that he believes a highway interchange is needed on Davisburg Road to address development near the Dixie interchange and the increased traffic that will result. Mr. Weiler also wished the Township a Happy Holidays

lan Arnold, 8320 Peaceful Valley, asked the Board if they ever considered starting their meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance

ADJOURNED: 8:37 p.m.

LAURA MOREAU, Clerk

ublish: 12-24-08 TB

# **PUBLIC NOTICE** Charter Township of Springfield

#### **REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE** NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Springfield has received a request for Special Land Use from SBA Corporation, 5030 Cooley Lake Rd., Waterford, MI 48327 for the following:

Construction of a 150-foot tall monopole wireless communications tower with associated equipment, utilizing Special Land Use provisions of the Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance.

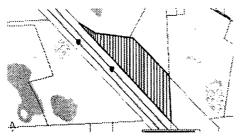
The property is the Davisburg rest area located along northbound Interstate 75 north of Davisburg

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that oral and written comments on the Special Land Use request will be received at a Public Hearing to be held at the Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Board on Thursday, January 8, 2009 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a copy of the concept plan and other information related to the request may be reviewed at the office of the Springfield Township Clerk, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI during regular office hours. Written comments may ted to the Springfield Township Clerk, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350 up until the time of the Public Hearing, Anyone needing a special accommodation at aring should contact the Township Clerk at least two (2) business days in advance. Tel. 248-846-6510.

LAURA MOREAU, Clerk Charter Township of Springfield

Publish: 12-24-08 PC



## STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT **COUNTY OF OAKLAND**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS** 

FILE NO:

2008-320650-DE

**Decedent's Estate** 

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Lloyd K. Stalcup, who lived

at 795 Menominee, Pontiac, Michigan died 8/19/2008.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Kristine Graham or Gary Lawrence, named personal representative or proposed personal repre 

115 Illinois 2670 Big Buck Drive Clarkston, MI 48346 Pontiac, MI 48341 Lewiston, MI 49756

# 2008 was great for Clarkston sports

The Wolves have shared the good times and fans have been by their side throughout the bad. This week, as well as next week, we will look back on some of the highlights from the beginning of the year. Check out our archives on www.ClarkstonNews.com to see everything that happened in 2008 and before for the Wolves.

February 27

Taking over the league: The boys swim team won their OAA II league meet after three days of competition. During the competition one diver, three swimmers and two relay teams qualified to go to the MHSAA state meet and four boys set new school records.

#### March 5

15-peat district champs: After winning the OAA league, the Cagers beat Waterford Mott for their 15th consecutive District title, 65-43.

Clearing the ice: The Wolves taught their competition it didn't matter what happened during the season, the varsity hockey team had the potential to go as far as any other team in the post-season. They won the regional title after beating Rochester Unified and Grand Blanc.

Last race: Hannah Wolf won her second individual state championship on February 25. The girls varsity team took third place during the MHSAA Class A Ski Final. After two races they had a score of 81. The team finished slalom with 56 points. They had the top score in giant slalom

#### March 13

Wrestling champs place at finals: Adam Lauzun placed the highest for the grapplers during the state finals. He placed in second in the 171 weight class behind the number one ranked wrestler, Ben Bennett from Rockford. Five more wrestlers made it to the finals, Bryant Craft (189), Matt Deitz (125), Alex Popp (130), Evan King (145) and Sloan Hadsall (215).

Heartbreaker: Once again the boys varsity basketball team was blocked by Saginaw in the quarterfinals. Saginaw held the lead throughout the first three quarters, but Clarkston turned things around and tied the game but the end of the fourth. The Wolves played two overtime periods until losing to Saginaw, 86-77.

April 23

#### STATE OF MICHIGAN **PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS **Decedent's Estate** 

FILE NO:

Estate of Shirley Jean Kirk. Date of birth: 10 August 1936 TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Shirley Jean Kirk, who lived at 5144 Pine Knob Tr., Clarkston, Michigan died 2 Dec 2008. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Justina A. McCracken and Judith M. Kirk, named personal representative or proposed person Judith M. Kirk, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Michigan 48341-0449 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice 16 Dec 08

Judith M. Kirl 1450 Whispering Wood, Apt 311 Waterford, MI 48342 1854 Sanford Dr. Prattivlle, AL 36066

Hall of Fame inducts Coach Richardson: Varsity Football Coach Kurt Richardson was inducted into the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame, April 19, at University of Michigan. Richardson reflected on his 32 years coaching for the Wolves, his favorite memories and what being inducted

April 30

Hitting first at tournament: The varsity boys baseball team won the the Chippewa Valley tournament. They beat three teams from Berkley, Warren Woods Tower, and Chippewa Valley to take top honors.

meant to the Clarkston community.

May 14

Undefeated on the links: Golfers from the boys varsity team defeated six teams during the season and then beat them again during the OAA Red league meet tournament and took first place.

May 28

League champs: Golfers secured their league title after beating Waterford in their last match. The boys also placed in fifth at their division match to go on to regionals. They placed in sixth during regionals.

June 11

Runners find success at county meet: The boys from Clarkston Junior High School worked together to beat Avondale Middle by one point to take first-place honors in the biggest track county meet in the state. They earned 62 points in the Oakland County seventh and eighth grade meet. The boys and girls teams ended their season undefeated, 8-0.

#### Wolves take their game on the road

Quite a few Wolves continued on after graduating last summer. We were there as they signed on to their future. Oliver Kupe signed his letter of intent to play soccer for Northwestern. Alyssa Vela signed to continue her swimming career as a Grizzly at Oakland University. Jaclyn Otto also chose to stay close to home and signed on to play basketball at Rochester College. Also, from the girls basketball program Taylor Daugherty signed to Albion College and Alyssa Swindlehurst to Oakland Community College, and Jennifer Johnston to Tiffin University.

#### STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT **COUNTY OF OAKLAND**

FILE NO: 2008-320, 591-DE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**Decedent's Estate** 

Estate of Linda M. Grice. Date of Birth: N TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Linda M. Grice, who lived

at 3071 Garden Court, aubum Hills, Michigan died May 31, 2008.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Donald K. Grice, named personal representative or proposed personal represer probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Michigan 48341-0449 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

the date of publication of Dennis M. Kacy P15637 21 S. Main Street arkston, MI 48346

Donald K. Grice Clarkston, MI 48346

# PUBLIC NOTICE INDEPENDENCE TWP.

#### SYNOPSIS TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE **DECEMBER 16, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:30 p.m., at the Independence Township Public Library.

Pledge of Allegiance Roll Call: Present: VanderVeen, Carson, Rosso, Wallace, Wagner, Lohmeler, Petterson Absent: None

There was a quorum.

Opening Statements and Correspondence

- The Agenda was amended to add a closed session on AFSCME contract negotiation.
  Citizens were offered a chance to address the Board
- regarding subjects that were not on the Agenda.
- The following Consent Agenda items were approved: Approval of Purchase Orders
  - Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run b.
  - Approval of Blanket Purchase Requisition for 2009 Resolution of Clarkston Soccer Club to be recognized as a non-profit organization for purposes of obtaining a charitable gaming license
- Resolution in Support for a Capital and Cooperative Initiatives Revolving Fund Project Approved Budget Adjustments

- Denied Approval of Plante Moran Engagement Letter Approved motion to go into closed session at 9:15 p.m. to discuss Collective Bargaining Agreement (AFSCME)
- Came out of closed session at 9:57 p.m. 10. Adjourned regularly scheduled meeting at 9:58 p.m.

Shelagh VanderVeen Township Clerk

Published: 12/23/08

# **PUBLIC NOTICE** Charter Township of Springfield

#### **NOTICE OF ADOPTION AMENDMENTS TO ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 26**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at a regularlyscheduled meeting held on December 11, 2008, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield adopted amendments to Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No. 26, which amendments are set forth herein and shall take effect seven (7) days after publication of the No-

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, OAK-LAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS: SECTION ONE-AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE

- Article II, DEFINITIONS: Added definitions of "Business Center" and "Temporary Use: Temporary Dwelling". Amended definition of "Township".

  Article XIV, PUD-PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT
- DISTRICT: Added provision allowing multiple extensions of an approved Planned Unit Develop-
- Article XVI, GENERAL PROVISIONS-BUSINESS CENTER: Added a new subsection regarding al
- lowed signage for a Business Center Article XVI, GENERAL PROVISIONS-EMER-**GENCY TEMPORARY DWELLINGS: Modifies** provisions regarding Temporary Dwellings and Buildings to allow temporary dwellings where a principal dwelling is under construction, clarifies that certain temporary dwellings, which are part of an approved site plan, are permitted of right, and substitutes the Township Supervisor for the Building Inspector on the committee that reviews

temporary dwelling permit applications.
Article XVI, GENERAL PROVISIONS-TRANSIENT
AND SEASONAL DISPLAYS: Modifies provisions regarding Transient and Seasonal Display of Products or Materials Intended for Sale to substitute Township" for "Building Department" or "Building Department Director"

Article XVI, GENERAL PROVISIONS-OUTDOOR CAFÉ SERVICE: Adds provision allowing Out-door Café Service subject to certain conditions.

EXVIII. ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCE MENT-SITE PLAN REVIEW: Adds provisions allowing deviations from minimum setbacks for preexisting legal nonconforming structures under certain circumstances. Provides that the Township Board shall review and take final action on site plans for which such a deviation is being

- requested.
  8. Article XVIII, ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCE-MENT-SITE PLAN REVIEW: Provides that multiple extensions of approved site plans are al-
- 9. Article XVIII, ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCE-MENT-SPECIAL LAND USE REVIEW: Modifies Special Land Use provisions regarding public hearings and time period for decisions.

  10. Article XVIII, ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCE-
- MENT-CONVERSION CONDOMINIUMS: Deletes and rewrites subsection regarding Conversion Condominiums. Requires submission of site plan and condominium documentation for such use Prescribes minimum requirements for condominium documentation. Allows administrative approval of use in certain circumstances.
- cle XVIII. ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCE-MENT-ZONING COMMISSION: Adds section regarding Zoning Commission as required by stat-
- 12. Article XIX, PLANNING COMMISSION AND ZON-ING BOARD OF APPEALS: Makes several changes in headings and numbering of various sections and subsections.
- 13. Article XIX, PLANNING COMMISSION AND ZON-ING BOARD OF APPEALS: Deletes provisions granting Zoning Board of Appeals authority to approve certain temporary buildings, structures, and uses
- 14. Article XIX, PLANNING COMMISSION AND ZON-ING BOARD OF APPEALS: Adds provisions regarding Planning Commission Authority, Jurisdiction, Rules of Procedure, and Powers and Duties SECTION TWO-BALANCE OF ORDINANCE REMAINS

The balance of Ordinance No. 26 shall remain in full force and effect, except as specifically modified herein.
SECTION THREE-REPEALER

All ordinances and portions of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed. SECTION FOUR-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 the Ordiwhich shall remain in full force and effect. SECTION FIVE-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

Ordinance Summary prepared by Adkison, Need and Allen. Township Attorneys

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct summary of amendments to Zoning Ordinance No. 26 adopted at the Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Board held on the 11th day of December, 2008. Documents pertaining to the adopted amendments may be inspected or obtained at the office of the Springfield Township Clerk, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350 at all times said office is open for business. Anyone needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance. 248-846-6510.

LAURA MOREAU, Clerk Charter Township of Springfield

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# **PUBLIC NOTICE** Charter Township of Springfield

#### NOTICE OF ADOPTION **AMENDMENTS TO ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 26**

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THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, OAK LAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS: SECTION ONE-AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE

ARTICLE XV -EXTRACTIVE DISTRICT. Deletes current provisions of Article XV. Adds new language setting forth intent of article. Adds new language allowing sand and gravel excavating, mining, and quarrying, including the processing of such excavated material, subject to certain conditions, including additional application requirements for the site plan, and subject to compliance with standards for setbacks, hours of operation, fencing and screening, limits on areas being mined at the site, transportation routes, and reclamation provis

ARTICLE XII, M-I LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DIS-

TRICT. Adds a new subsection, allowing as a Principal Use Permitted Subject to Special Conditions, sand and gravel excavating, mining, and quarrying, including the processing of such excavated material, subject to certain conditions. Provides for an exemption from the provisions of the section for certain land balancing op-erations. Establishes application requirements, review procedures, requirements and standards for operations, and reclamation provisions.

ARTICLE XIII- M-2 HEAVY INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT, Adds a new subsection, allowing as a Principal Use Permitted Subject to Special Conditions, sand and gravel excavating, mining, and quarrying, including the processing of such excavated material, subject to pliance with all the provisions of Section 12.02 8. SECTION TWO-BALANCE OF ORDINANCE REMAINS

The balance of Ordinance No. 26 shall remain in full force and effect, except as specifically modified herein. SECTION THREE-REPEALER

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LAURA MOREAU, Clerk Charter Township of Springfield

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# NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 80

MINING CONTROL ORDINANCE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at a regularly-scheduled meeting held on December 11, 2008, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield adopted Springfield Township Ordinance No. 80, which is set forth herein and shall take effect seven (7) days

after publication of the Notice of Adoption THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, OAK-LAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

SECTION 1 – NAME: Provides that ordinance shall be known as the Springfield Township Mining Control Ordi-

SECTION 2 - PURPOSE: Provides that the purpose of this Ordinance is to protect the health, safety and welfare of citizens and persons within Springfield Township by regulating mining operations.

SECTION 3 - DEFINITIONS: Defines various words, terms and phrases used in the ordinance, including "Applicant", "Hazardous wastes", "Mineral mining or min-ing", "Owner", "Permit holder or operator", "Sewage", , and Special solid waste

SECTION 4 - PERMITS: Mandates permit requirements for mineral mining sites in the Township. Provides that grant of a permit does not relieve the applicant from compliance with, as well as from applying for and receiv ing any approvals required by the Township Zoning Ordinance or any other applicable law, ordinance or regulation. Sets forth certain extractive operations for which a permit under this ordinance is not required. Allows an administrative review performed by the Township Supervisor or his/her designee where a minimum impact is

SECTION 5 - APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR MIN-ING PERMIT: Establishes application requirements, including fees, and procedures to process mining permit applications and renewals of annual permits. Establishes standards for review of applications and criteria for issuance of permits. Establishes requirements for approved permits, including time limits, hours of operation, reports, inspections, and imposition of cond

SECTION 6 - STANDARDS, REQUIRED IMPROVE-MENTS AND RECLAMATION: Establishes standards for

mining operations, including fencing and screening, hours of operation, road access, road maintenance, operation of use, noise standards, lighting, drainage, termination and reclamation, excavation filling, cessation of mining, monitoring, and failure to implement reclamation plan. SECTION 7 - OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS DUR-ING MINING ACTIVITIES; AUTHORITY TO DIRECT FUTURE ACTION, Authorizes Township Board to direct that actions of the permit holder be taken or ceased in order to prevent immediate and identified harm to the public health, safety and welfare in connection with the mining operation. Establishes notice and hearing procedure if Board takes such action.

SECTION 8 - VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES; REVOCA-TION OF PERMIT; NUISANCE AS MUNICIPAL CIVIL INFRACTION. Contains provisions to address violations of ordinance, including revocation of permit. Provides that violations of the ordinance are determined to be a nuisance per se, and that the Township Board, or any aggrieved person, may institute suit to have such nuisance abated. Provides that a violation of the ordinance is deemed to be a municipal civil infraction. SECTION 9 - INTERPRETATION, CONFLICTING REGU-

LATIONS, RESTRICTIONS. Provides that the provisions of the ordinance shall be liberally interpreted in order to promote and accomplish its purposes. Addresses conflicts between this ordinance and other ordinances or

SECTION 10 - SEVERABILITY. Declares that the various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, and that if any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 12 - REPEALER, Repeals former Ordinance No. 70 and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 13 - SAVINGS CLAUSE. Provides that nothing in the ordinance shall affect pending proceedings, any rights acquired or any liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or

ordinance repealed by the Ordinance.
SECTION 14 - EFFECTIVE DATE. Provides that the provisions of the ordinance take effect seven days after adoption publication.

Ordinance Summary prepared by Adkison, Need, and

Allen, Township Attornevs I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct summary of Ordinance No. 80 adopted at the Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Board held on the 11th day of December, 2008. Documents pertaining to the adopted amendments may be inspected or obtained at the office of the Springfield Township Clerk, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350, at all times said office is open for business. Anyone needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at

least two (2) business days in advance. 248-546-5510. LAURA MOREAU, Clerk Charter Township of Springfield

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The offices of THE OXFORD LEADER AND AD-VERTISER LAKE ORION REVIEW CLARKSTON NEWS AND PENNY STRETCHER Will be closed Dec: 25, & Jan 1 for Christmas Day/ New Years

Have a great holiday!

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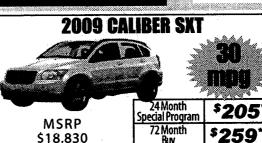


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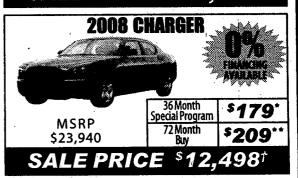
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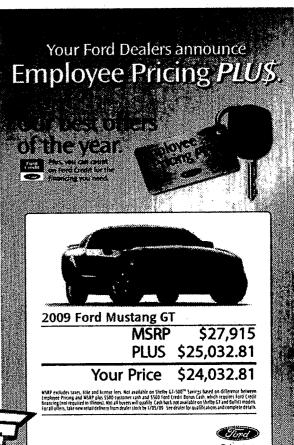
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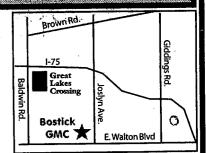
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