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Mike Magidsohn and his daughter Maria Magidsohn of Independence Township enjoy a Sunday afternoon, skating at Independence Oaks. For more photos, please see page 16A. *Photo by Laura Colvin*

School officials vow to avoid budget woes

BY LAURA COLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer Less money is coming into Clarkston's

schools, and more is going out. That was the message Monday as the Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education began discussing budget parameters for the coming school year.

Next year's revenue was estimated at \$78,170,845, but officials agreed to lower that number by \$810,000. After discussing the probability—or not—of receiving a \$100-perstudent increase in state funding, the board decided on a better-safe-than-sorry approach to budgeting for the increase.

Superintendent Al Roberts agreed, noting the latest revenue estimating conference in Lansing "was not good news."

"The board's conservative approach has served us well," Roberts said. "We're not in quite as difficult a position as some school districts. That being said, if economic conditions continue as they are, (spending) will continue to outpace revenue."

Contracted staff and teacher salary increases, along with a projected 5-percent hike in health benefit costs, represent much of the increase in spending, administrators said.

"We have some staffing decisions to make by April," said Stephen Hyer, school board president. "We want to make sure we have

enough information so everyone is comfortable making those decisions without feeling rushed, as is sometimes the case."

April 30 is the deadline for issuing teacher layoff notices, but at least seven new teachers will be needed when the all-day everyday kindergarten program begins in September

Trustee Joan Patterson said she was disturbed over mixed economic forecasts for the coming year, noting information coming from Oakland County was more dire than from the state.

"If the county takes a negative scenario, we might not get a lot of the services we're expecting," she said. "We should pay attention to how other groups are handling their budgets."

But Hyer reminded the board of a decision made earlier in the school year.

"In past years, we've chased our tails a little as the wind direction changed in Lansing," he said. "We've changed revenue estimates and changed our scenarios based on what we were hearing. This year, as a board, we decided we weren't going to play that game; we decided to set revenue parameters and stick with them."

The budget process will continue through June, with a hearing and adoption currently slated for June 22.

County exec lays out economic forecast to township officials

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Despite the upcoming inaugeration of President Barack Obama, the Clarkston area still faces economic troubles.

Bob Daddow, Oakland County deputy county executive for special projects, explained them to Independence Township Board, Jan 6.

"I would strongly suggest you plan two or three years out in your operating budget," Daddow said. "If you don't, you're going to get crushed and it's going to be a huge problem."

Problems included rising unemployment, declining auto industry, and state budget problems, which "impacts the principle revenue source, which is property taxes," he

said.

Supervisor Dave Wagner said the report was "very eye opening."

"Fortunately for us, over the last four years, we have brought order to our financial house," Wagner said. "We implemented a lot of changes. We still need a lot of changes to help us through this crisis."

Treasurer Curt Carson said budgeting 2-3 years ahead was something he talked about on the campaign trail.

"It's one of the things we are going to be sitting down, talking about," he said. "I can tell you this board is very big on watching our expenses and what's going on. We will continue to do that."

Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen invited Daddow to speak because she thought it

was important for board members and department heads.

"We have to look at ways we can work more efficiently and save wherever we can. I think one of the things we're doing is we're having a workshop on capital improvement plans," she said. "Maybe we can start brainstorming there and come up with some idea. We haven't really had chance to sit down and brainstorm as a board. We're still digesting all of that information."

Wagner agreed with VanderVeen, and said he is meeting with department heads over the next few weeks to further discuss ways to cut costs and conserve energy.

"We've been very fortunate over these past few years with the revenue savings; we've been able to do with the help of the

different departments," he said. "I look forward to the further measures we will be implementing in 2009."

VanderVeen said she realized after listening to Daddow's report problems were not just on a state or local level, but also on a global level.

Trustee David Lohmeier thought the same thing.

"He did a good job, I thought, quantifying the risk, not just his economy forecast for tax revenues, but sharing with us 'here's the state picture that may cascade down in a worse case situation," said Lohmeier. "It would make you take pause and be very careful about spending decisions, all the more reason that we need to be looking at every dime."

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From left, Noah Peterson, Evan Cole, Wyatt Jones, Sam Ekstrom, Dylan Holtslag, Denton Humphreys, and Kyle Jones prepare for the flag ceremony. Photos by Laura Colvin

'I pledge allegiance...

Ian Arnold raised his hand during public comment at Springfield Township's December board meeting and stood to pose his question.

"I was wondering if you've ever considered starting your meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance," the 11-year-old from Boy Scout Troop 192 asked.

The following day, newlyelected Supervisor Mike Trout had a letter in the mail, inviting Ian and his troop to attend the next meeting.

"While this may seem strange, I don't know why we don't (say the Pledge)," Trout wrote. "But because of your question, we are going to start doing it."

Trout invited Ian and fellow scouts to lead the township board in its inaugural Pledge, Jan. 8.

"I admire your patriotism," Trout wrote. "And I am proud to have you as a member of our Springfield community."

Clad in uniform, eight scouts arrived at the meeting.

'Our scout, Ian Arnold, was very tickled to receive the letter from the board," said Assistant Scout Master Jerry Humphries, who attended Thursday's meeting with the boys. "It was well received and the troop was happy to help kick off the Pledge of Allegiance for you."

Board members seemed pleased to have the scouts on hand for the start of a new tradition.

"They did a great job," said Trustee Roger Lamont. "They were very professional."

-Laura Colvin



Ian Arnold served as Color **Guard Leader.**

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Briefly . . . **Dixie renovation** meeting, Jan. 22

Independence Township Planning Commission is holding a special "Dixie Highway revitalization" meeting, Thursday, Jan. 22, 7:30 p.m., at Independence Township Library.

Everyone is invited to attend and share deas. For more information, call Kathy Poole in the Building Dept. at 248-625-5111

Looking for baby

A basketful of prizes is still awaiting the first Clarkston-area baby of the year. The baby must be born on or after Jan. 1, 2009, to parents who are residents of Clarkston, Independence or Springfield townships, or Clarkston Community Schools district.

Entry must include written statement from the family doctor giving exact time date, and place. Include the baby's name, sex, weight, parents' names, address, and daytime phone number.

For more information, call The Clarkston News at 248-625-3370.

Resume class set Jan. 17

Ken and Becky Ermer of Independence Township host a resume workshop, 9-11 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 17, as the Tutoring Club, 6325 Sashabaw Road.

Topics include resume-writing techsques and process, what to expect in today's electronic age, how to stand out in the crowd, and what to expect in a job merview. Admission is free, and all are rekome. Call 248-620-4600.

Dining for drama

The Clarkston High School Drama Club il bold a fundraiser Thursday, Jan. 22, a an and Erms's 4255 Baldwin Road in Auburn Hills, to help finance a visit to Contraction Statements

Present servers with the group's flier mytime between 10 a.m.-11 p.m., and 20 percent of the sale will go toward the 9day trip, where students will attend drama workshops and theater productions and view London's historic landmarks.

Fliers are available at the CHS main office, or in the front office of the Clarkston News, 5 S. Main, in downtown Clarkston. Diners can also request a flier via email at SeamanAE@clarkston.k12.mi.us

Wed., January 14, 2009 The Clarkston (MI) News 3 A Trustees struggle with bid approval process

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

What was intended to be a quick update on the new Independence Township Hall turned into another debate.

Trustee David Lohmeier asked why no bids were brought to the Township Board.

"I don't find anywhere in the minutes where the bid policy was waived," Lohmeier said at the Jan. 6 meeting. "I believe it should still be used. It serves an important purpose."

Trustee Neil Wallace agreed.

'When you're spending that much money, the board ought to be reviewing it," Wallace said. "The spending of money is the single most important thing we do."

Wagner said the bid process was waived because Building Director Dave Belcher is the general contractor.

"Belcher had \$800,000 allotted to him to get the job done. He was to hire contractors and manage the job as a construction manager, so basically the bid was awarded to him," said Wagner. "This was discussed by our previous board, by our township attorney and we've seen no problem whatsoever with that process."

Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen, who worked for a construction company years ago, said that's how the general contractor position has been handled.

However, Trustee Larry Rosso, who served on the previous board, saw it differently.

"We made Belcher the general contractor and then we let him hire the subcontractors and do whatever work they wanted to do under that agreement," said Rosso. "Generally, I've thought that didn't necessarily waive the bid process for capital equipment. I thought we (the board) were to approve bids on the capital equipment that was over \$10,000."

Township attorney Steve Joppich is looking into the situation.

"If, in fact, the board did not take the right action proactively or specifically give that dispensation (that the bid was waived) then we should address it as a board. It should be put to a vote," said Lohmeier. "If I observed something that I didn't think was appropriate and I didn't raise the issue, then I'm not being responsible in my duties.'

Wagner and VanderVeen said they were disappointed in how the update went at the meeting.

"It didn't turn out to be an update like we thought it would be - it turned into questions and bringing up things that had already been done, already been acted upon and transpired," said VanderVeen. "To bring it up at this point, I don't see any useful purpose in it. We have purchased that building, we are going forward with it and to second guess what

Brian Abbott works on wiring above the drop ceiling. Photo by Trevor Keiser.

we did doesn't serve any good purpose. If anything, it was rather divisive.'

So far, \$142,887 has been spent from the \$800,000 budget.

'It appears we are going to come in once Please see Project on page 8A

Church would give parish space to grow

BYLAURACOLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

A new worship center planned for Springfield Township means members of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish can finally stop going to school every Sunday. Since 2003, members of the church-which

does not vet have a home of its own-have attended Mass at Davisburg Elementary.

But the Springfield Township board granted special land use approval Thursday for construction of the worship center.

The worship center is the first phase of a proposed 144-acre campus, located about 1,000 feet west of the Davisburg-Ormond Road intersection.

"We're very excited to have our own place to gather," said Fr. John Budde, pastor of Divine Mercy Parish. "It will look more like a worship space and we'll be able to set the environment better than we can over at the school."

Construction on the actual church, however, won't begin until phase two or threesome eight years down the road, at least.

Still, Budde said he anticipates significant growth to occur quickly.

"We know by word of mouth that some people who live in the Davisburg area don't come to Mass at our place because it's in a school," he said, noting about 180 families currently belong to the parish. "So they elect ship planning commission, as well as Spring-

to go to other surrounding churches. But once we open up the center, we're pretty certain we'll double our size in about a year."

In addition to the church, future phases also include a meet-

ing room and administrative office building, and chapel.

A home already on the land currently serves as the rectory. The archdiocese

also wants parish leaders to consider a future school, Budde said.

"We have to have all the other facilities built first," he ex-

plained. "Twenty years down the road, we'll have to see if there's need for a school. Obviously, we would not want to compete with Our Lady of the Lakes to the point where both schools would be threatened."

At Thursday's meeting, Mike Donnellon, a landscape architecht, told township officials the project was two years in planning and design, and included meetings with the parish community and neighboring property owners

A presentation was also made to the town-

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field Township Fire Department Chief Charlie Oaks.

"We've gone through quite a lengthy process to make sure we're being good stewards of the land and also good neighbors," Donnellon said.

Noting the townships longstanding commitment to environmental protection, developers said they had plans to "become part of the land rather than becoming a hazard to the land."

Three wetland areas are located either entirely or partly on the property.

'We're trying to utilize as many green features as possible," said Gus Pappas, architect.

That includes ensuring the building is oriented to take advantage of seasonal weather conditions, using bioretention for storm water and making use of environmentally sensitive building materials, he said.

But Michael Younger, who attended Thursday's meeting with his wife Amanda, is not pleased about "sprawling" plans for the new complex.

"Yes, the building may be green," he told the board. "But in no way is that site green. It's going to turn some of the last remaining farmland into another large, winding blacktop area."

Younger said he feared the development would decrease his property value, degrade Please see Church on page 4A

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Fr. John Budde



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Tech campus has latest gear

BY KATHLEEN QUANDT

Clarkston News Intern Writer With lifelong employment mostly a thing of the past, Oakland Technical Campus Northwest offers students a chance to ex-

plore several careers. More than \$17 million in renovations, as well as curriculum updates, will improve those chances, said Chuck Locklear, dean.

"What we've gone through is a curriculum framework project where we've updated all our curriculum, so we're integrating emerging technologies and also we have integrated workplace skills," Locklear said.

Skanska U.S.A. Building and Integrate Design Solutions added 28,500 square feet, about 44 percent of the building, and renovated 98 percent of the existing structure on Big Lake Road off Dixie Highway, Springfield Township.

Renovations included technologies, computer systems networks, electrical, mechanical, boilers, septic system, and fire suppression. For the culinary arts program, every piece of equipment in the kitchen was replaced, at a cost of about \$500,000. The greenhouse was updated and modernized, costing another half million.

New CNC equipment was added for about \$100,000, as well as a \$100,000 paint booth for auto body repair, and \$50,000 worth of robots.

Learning labs were added to one of the cluster areas.

"The learning labs allow us to add and integrate academics," Locklear said. "So, in addition to the career and technical education, students also receive math, science, and language arts credit while they're at the technical campus."

Each learning lab has a wireless laptop computer system and the latest in multimedia. Curriculum changes integrate the new techology, Locklear said.

The school meets with a business and industry advisory committee for input. "One of the things they often tell us is



Oakland's technical campus' kitchen was updated with \$500,000 in new equipment. *Photo provided*

that workplace skills are very important for students to be successful," Locklear said.

Skills include working on a team as well as independently, and being dependable, Locklear said.

The curriculum includes more technology, workplace skills, and academics, he said.

"There's a lot more academic requirements in a student's high school career than there has been in the past," Locklear said.

The campus offers eight areas of study, clustered in Visual Imaging Technology; Business, Management, Marketing and Technology; Culinary Arts/Hospitality; Construction Technology; Engineering Emerging Technologies; Transportation Technology; Health Sciences and Biotechnology; and Environmental Science.

They accept students from 10 school districts. Students spend half the day there in morning or afternoon sessions.

OSTC-NW, 8211 Big Lake Road in Springfield Township, hosts an open house for middle and high school students, Thursday, Feb. 5, from 4:30-7:30 p.m.

Church project ready to start

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the environmental quality of the area and destroy the solitude his family enjoys.

"Our house faces where the church will be," said Younger, who owns a neighboring 9-acre parcel. "We're talking about lamp lights, activity, parking; it will all basically be in our back yard."

Younger also said traffic was a "huge, huge" concern, noting the speed limit jumps up very close to where the entrance drive will be located.

"It's a shame everything is going to change;" he said: "The nature, the amount of deer, the cranes; everything is going to change. I hope everyone understands maybe you don't live next to the property, but everything is linked together."

Granting unanimous approval, however, township officials said they were satisfied conditions had been met for special land use.

"The church is really doing everything they can to be good neighbors," said Supervisor Mike Trout.

"They evaluated the site at great length and are making every effort to take comments and concerns from everyone into consideration."

They'll always have Paris

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Among many memorable French monuments visited by Clarkston-area students this past October, the Eiffel Tower stands out.

It was tall. It was imposing. It was also blue.

"The Eiffel Tower was lit up in blue because France was serving a six-month presidency of the European Union," said Sheryl Powell, who led Cedar Crest Academy's Middle School French Student Trip, Oct. 23-30.

The 13 students making the trip gathered with their families; Dec. 15, to share photos and memories of the trip.

"It was an opportunity of a lifetime," Powell said. "I'm really grateful for the opportunity to help the community understand how important foreign language is to children."

Students wrote reflections about the trip, and took turns telling stories for their families.

"The Eiffel Tower was very tall," said student Rachel Deradoorian. "I was disappointed we had to take the elevator – it was so crowded. I wanted to walk up."

The students toured Paris on doubledecker buses and the metro, ordering meals in French, and visiting sites such as Notre Dame, Louvre, Sacre Couer, Museum of Modern Art, and Champs-Elysees.

"Notre Dame is really big, with lots of



In front from left, Jamie Hanson, Brooke Boccia, Julia Dutkiewicz, Nate Weinreich, and Dillon McMurray. In back from left, Pat McCarney, Haley Hershey, Jessica Moreno, Rachel Deradoorian, Nick Smart, Amanda Breitenbach, Lauren Benning, Leanna Schulte, with French teacher, Madame Sheryl Powell. *Photo by Phil Custodio*

stained glass windows and gothic architecture," said student Julia Dutkiewicz.

"They have been learning characteristics of Gothic architecture since kindergarten," Powell said.

They climbed all 284 steps to the top of L'Arc de Triumphe, at the west end of Champs-Elysees.

"When we got to the top of the Arc de Triumphe, I shook the bars and said there was an earthquake," shared student Pat McCarney. "We didn't have to worry about bore-

dom." Powell quipped.

Cedar Crest hosted members of the Guillaume family this past spring. The Guillaumes returned the favor by hosting the group for lunch, games, and dinner.

"They served us several courses – they were very gracious," Powell said. They visited the Chateau de Versailles

just south of Paris, where they enjoyed an impromptu game of soccer on palace



Students saw for themselves some Gothic architecture they studied at Cedar Crest. *Photo provided*

grounds, and travelled by high-speed train to historic sites in the Loire Valley, southwest of Paris, such as Chateau de Chenonceau and Chateau d'Amboise.

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Stronger cell signals in sight

BY LAURA COLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Some Springfield Township residents—and those passing through via I-75—may find themselves with a stronger cellular signal in the near future.

A new 150-foot monopole telecommunications tower is slated for installation at the MDOT rest stop area on the northbound side of I-75, north of Davisburg Road.

"We'll just have one carrier—T-Mobile—on the tower to start," said Ellen Tencer, an attorney for SBA Communications Corporation. "But it's designed for four to six carriers, and that helps so you can have just one tower in the area, not two or three."

In addition, Tencer explained, the tower can also support equipment for other entities.

"It's not only for cellular carriers," she said, noting the tower is unlighted. "If there are police or fire departments that would like an antenna, we always accommodate them. If there are any Wi-Fi companies, those antenna can go on, too."

SBA, the third-largest owner and operator of wireless communications infrastructure in the United States, has an exclusive contract with the State of Michigan to build wireless facilities on state land including MDOT highways, state parks, select state police facilities and other state owned land.

The 50x50-foot area containing the tower will be fenced and landscaped, Tencer said. Grass pavers from the existing rest stop drive will provide site access and eliminate the need for construction of a new driveway.

SBA applied for and received a variance for setback from the residential property line

from the township's Zoning Board of Appeals, and were also granted approval with changes from the planning commission.

The project received final approval from the Springfield Township Board Thursday, but it was unclear when installation would take place.



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A column by Laura Colvin

Emergency!

I've always wanted to drive a fire truck. Long ago, I told Springfield Township Fire Chief Charlie Oaks and Firefighter Ryan Hart about this whimsy of mine, explaining my vision: I'd go roaring, lights and sirens, down some busy road as the traffic melted to the side of the road in front of me. What fun!

I was hoping they'd smile in understanding, hand me the keys and tell me to be back in an hour.

Instead, they laughed. And when they were done laughing, I

heard the trutth; traffic does not always melt from their paths. In fact, they often find themselves trying to get around drivers who don't understand-or care—what lights and



sirens mean: GET OUT OF THE WAY, WE'VE GOT AN EMER-GENCYHERE!

Last week, on my way to the accident scene on I-75, I saw for myself.

I was stopped dead in traffic when several of my fellow motorists decided they'd break free via the shoulder.

Behind them, an Independence Township ambulance was forced off the shoulder into the snow-covered grass trying to get to the scene.

"It happens all the time," Independence Township Fire Chief Steve Ronk told me later. "It's a constant battle. People will do whatever they want to do; they're impeded and they don't like it, so they'll use any opening to advance so they can go on their own merry way."

Failure to yield to an emergency vehicle is illegal, he noted.

"And it's frustrating. It's irritating," Ronk said. "But we don't have time to stop and do anything about it."

Unbelievable. Someone could be dying out there; someone's house could be in flames and people are too impatient to let an emergency vehicle through?

Still, Ronk wasn't quick to condemn.

"Sometimes it's just people not knowing any better because they've never been on our side of things," he said. "Other times, it's just a lack of common courtesy."

To learn what drivers of emergency vehicles would like the rest of us to know (this includes me since I'm apparently not getting the fire truck keys any time soon) pick up a copy of "What Every Driver Must Know" at a Secretary of State office. It's also available online at www.michigan.gov.



Seat belt sting hits where it hurts

Dear Editor.

Last month, I noticed the Oakland County Sheriffs Office was on guard again. They had a seat belt sting set up on Sashabaw Road, north of Maybee Road, with a spotter car in the median and five or six pursuit vehicles lined up in the access lane to the Kroger shopping center.

This seems to be a tremendous waste of resources devoted to seat belt usage, particularly in light of

the verbiage that came seat belt law was changed a couple years ago.

If my memory serves me well, we were assured this type of enforcement would not be used. The change of law was to meet Federal standards, but in most cases enforcement would remain the same, where a ticket for not buckling up would only be given if you were pulled over for another offense.

This day and and the OCSD big show are particularly galling, because it was the first day of physical therapy for my broken ankle at the Clarkston Medical center that afternoon.

good use of my newly acquired handicapped parking permit because all the spaces were occupied, half of them by cars with no permits! I ended up parking at the very back of the lot, and hobbling in with crutches from there.

have gone to Kroger, the situation is similar.

I propose Sherriff Bouchard use his troops to enforce laws that are there to protect or make life easier for others; not sit, lined up along some thoroughfare, waiting for an easy mark to come along who in all reality is not going to harm anyone other than him or herself.

In closing, I urge all readers in agreement with me to contact your legislator and urge them

to change the seat belt law back to the previous from Lansing when the Letters to the editor status, where you needed to be stopped for another violation in order to

receive a seat belt violation.

James Ferrand

Independence Township Editor's note: Click it or Ticket seatbelt enforcement campaigns are funded by a grant from the Traffic Improvement Association, a non-profit group based in Oakland County, according to Oakland County Sheriff's Office. Enforcement zones are determined using the association's traffic-analysis.

"No warnings are given. If you're not wearing a seatbelt, you get a ticket," said Lt. Gordon Pizzini, Oakland County Sheriff's Road Patrol.

TIA distributes about \$300,000 to police agency members around the county for overtime, funded by the National Highway Trafic and Safety Administration. Its purpose is to maintain compliance with the seatbelt law, about 90 percent, Pizzini said.

"It's the right thing to do," he said. "Seatbelts keep people in their seats - we see a lot of death caused by ejection. And they protect people from airbags' full force."

Thanks for compassionate service

Dear Editor.

My daughter Taressa was on her way home to Ortonville, from a job interview in Southfield. In passing through Clarkston, on Main Street, her car completely quit working. She was barely able to coast her vehicle into the nearest parking lot. Turns out it was Clarkston Brake and Muffler Service, on the corner of Clarkston Road and Main Street.

They were very good to her and got to repairing her car right away. They had to replace the serpentine belt, another belt, and changed the oil/filter/etc.

After replacing the parts and getting her car running again, they took it for a test drive to see what may have been the cause of the obvious problem. They learned there were other more extensive and expensive problems to repair,

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beyond what they are able to do there.

When I called to find out the total cost of our bill. I was amazed when they said, \$50. They said, "we know how it is in these hard economic times, and the other repairs you may need may be expensive, so we are not going to charge any labor, we are only going to charge you what the materials cost us.'

I am truly amazed, WHO DOES THAT THESE DAYS??? These people never met us before, they are getting nothing out of their good deed. They did this out of the kindness of their hearts.

This moment, I believe in miracles. God bless them.

Sincerely,

Nina Irwin Ortonville

A Look Back From The CNews archives

15 years ago – 1994

"Firefighter injured in house fire" Local firefighters battled a fire in sub-zero temperatures where one firefighter was injured and a home was destroyed. Sgt. Mike Bussell was treated at the scene for minor burns on his jaw and ears.

"New elementary school named 'Springfield Plains'" The Clarkston School Board unanimously chose "Springfield Plains Elementary" from a field of 34 other names submitted by people living in the school district. The name was chosen, because historically there was once a small school house with the same name.

"Clarkston slays Dragons, wins tournament" The Clarkston wrestling team made its GOAL record 2-0 by beating Lake Orion 47-8. Clarkston also took first place honors at the Lansing Sexton Invitational, competing against three Class A teams ranked in the state's Top 10.

25 years ago - 1984

"School district OK's \$735,000 for energy plan" The Clarkston board of education voted 5-1 to proceed with plans to make the district's school buildings more energy efficient. The board approved the \$735,000 for the project that will change the look of most of the district's eight school buildings and the learning center.

"Multipurpose rooms for schools in the works" An architect has been given the green light to prepare plans for multipurpose rooms for Clarkston's five elementary schools. Sherman Associates of Troy is to be paid \$25,000 for preliminary plans.

"\$36,000 to aid downtown project" Downtown Davisburg received \$36,000 from federal Community Development to help complete Phase II of the Springfield Township improvement project.

50 years ago - 1959

"Elementary P.T.A. inspired by talk" An address was delivered to members of the Clarkston Elementary P.T.A. and friends by the Rev. Robert Richards of Saline. He spoke about patriotism and how fortunate Americans are.

"School board receives bids" Bids were received at a school board meeting for the sale of \$1 million in bonds for the purpose of building a new high school. These Series I bonds of the 1958 bond issue were sold to the lowest bidder, the First of Michigan Bank and Associates for the average interest rate of 3.94610 percent.

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When I arrived to park, I was unable to make

On Dec. 9, I encountered the same thing. Five of the 12 spots were occupied by vehicles with no handicap permit. One of the five was someone just waiting for another to exit the medical center. It also seems that each time I

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Mayans created hell, we may witness it

I'm not a pessimist!

I'm not a pessimist!

I'm not a pessimist!

But, doubt creeps in when I read the ancient Mayans said we are in the cusp of the end times, the end of a galactic day or time period. Their calendar ends on the end of the winter solstice, December 12, 2012.

Scholars have been studying Mayan history for years **Jottinas** trying to determine if that means the real END.

Archaeologists, using long forgotten testimony from the Spanish Inquisition, are trying to determine if the Mayans were reproducing hell as they built a network of underground chambers, roads and temples beneath farmland and jungles in the Yucatan peninsula.

One says, "It was a place of fear, the place of cold, the place of danger, of the abyss, done perhaps to give the living an idea of the terrors they would meet en route to paradise."

Mayans believed the world had five cycles of 5,125 years each. December 12, 2012 ends the fifth cycle. After this, the Mayans say, "We will be ready to go through the door that was left by them, transforming our civilization based on fear, to a vibration much higher in harmony."

They predict during these times, solar winds will become

more intense and will be seen on the Sun.

Oh, I get it. Al Gore is a Mayan. I knew he couldn't think up this stuff by himself. But, wow, he sure must be commended for his ability to recruit for the Mayan beliefs. - - - 0 - - -

Back in 1990, our government seized the Mustang Ranch brothel in Nevada for tax evasion, and, as required by law, tried to run it.

They failed, and it closed. Now, we are trusting a pack of nitwits, who couldn't run a house of ill repute that has a liquor license, to intelligently spend about a trillion dollars of taxpayer money to improve the economy. What a country!

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It disturbs me greatly that Michigan, and 15 other states, didn't send absentee Jim Sherman ballots to our people in service in time for

them to vote in the last election.

We're hearing, for an excuse, our incompetents didn't allow enough time, forgive mailing, to go to and from overseas service people.

Now, let's see. We've had two World Wars, the Korean War, Vietnam, conflicts all over where we've sent troops and the ballot mailers haven't figured out how long it takes to complete a mail circle?

I know, I know, "Because of the lack of funds forcing us to-cut back, we haven't adequate employees to meet our obligation."

There is certainly an inadequacy some place!

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Our two daughters took their families to our place in Engadine to greet the new year. Snowmobiling and ice fishing filled their days.

I sure would have liked to have been there to see grandson Trevor, 9, pull a 22-inch pike out through that hole in Millecoquins Lake.

His dad said his unexcitable son showed some excitement that day. ---0---

The good health advisors suggest, both in person and writing, that I walk more. I've reasoned it from every angle, but still think they are right. So, why, when I drive to a store do I continue to look for parking places as close to the front

Laziness overcomes reasoning every time.

door as possible?

What does 'change' mean for your pocketbook?

a column by

Jim's

President-elect Barack Obama has promised to bring change to the country, offering hope to millions of Americans who are currently suffering from the effects of the economic crisis.

His proposed plan includes tax cuts, tax credits, 401(k) restructuring, Social Security reform, home foreclosure moratoriums, more affordable healthcare, and more, all in an effort to improve the current economy.

Provided all things remain consistent in one's personal financial matters, including steady employment and the ability to meet monthly liabilities, guidelines for surviving the effects of the recent economic meltdown and sustaining until the economy is back on track include:

• Determine your risk tolerance. Younger investors have the time to ride the stock market, but those approaching or already in retirement should not have more than they can afford to lose in the markets.

Be sure your investment strategy matches your investment objectives; if the money is earmarked for retirement and your future financial safety, then be sure the funds are safely and wisely invested.

• Forgo making non-essential purchases with your credit card. With fluctuating interest rates, a purchase can cost as much as 125% of the retail price, or more, if the balance of a credit card in its entirety is not paid off immediately. A few "little" items can quickly add up.

• Cut costs where you can and save. If we've learned anything from the last year, the only thing constant in life is change. Saving for the unexpected, at least-six it is always wise to pay yourself first by

months of living expenses in an emergency fund, is the only way to protect yourself from what may lie ahead.

The president-elect, along with many members of Congress, has proposed several options for consideration in an effort to help Americans save for Guest and have more in retireviewpoint ment.

While the government will work through ways to best motivate Americans to save and implement strategies to protect their retirement savings, it is still up to each and every person to protect their own financial future.

by David Boike The government funded Social Security

program was never intended to be a sole source for retirement income, but rather a subsidy to personal retirement savings.

The government is proposing penaltyfree hardship withdrawals from IRAs and 401(k)s from now through 2009. If passed, legislation would allow withdrawals of 15 percent, up to \$10,000, from individual retirement accounts without penalty, although subject to standard income taxes.

While tempting, through triple compounding interest, interest earned on principal, interest on untaxed dollars, and interest on interest, a \$10,000 withdrawal today could be worth a substantial amount more, come time of retirement.

investing in your future.

Comparatively, the government has proposed to allow retirees to temporarily delay RMDs from 401(k)s and IRAs, avoiding requiring plan holders to "lock in" their losses, and allowing time for investments within the retirement accounts to rebound.

Under this plan, retirees who need RMDs for living expenses will be exempt from taxes on any withdrawal made, up to the required minimum distribution amount.

If concerned about rising tax brackets or upcoming RMDs, keep in mind that as of now, the government is allowing for Roth IRA conversions in 2010, no matter an individual's gross income.

For conversions in 2010, taxpayers can spread the tax due over a two-year period, and benefit from tax-free future withdrawals as well as no future RMDs.

Looking Forward

The person who is going to care most for you and your personal situation is you. Don't bank on immediate changes to the economy, retirement savings or taxes - take charge of your personal finances and allow the gifts from the government to be just that, added cushion for your financial future and not the only cushion.

Obama doesn't take office until Jan. 20. and even then, it will take an act of Congress to turn proposals into policies. Be patient and confident, while gaining control of your own financial future.

David Boike is president and founder of Retirement Resources consulting prac-Perhaps many do not have a choice, but. , tice, 20 W. Washington, Suite 6B, 877-732-5751.

Where's Norman?

Dear Editor

My first letter was perhaps too sarcastic, so I abandoned that and told myself that I didn't have all the facts. Without all of the facts I shouldn't even be writing this, but guess what? Every time I drive through Clarkston - there it is, this giant wall of who-knows-what? Facts or not, you have to wonder what's going on with the painting.

Surely it isn't art, for if it is, the eye of the beholder needs glasses. I would think that a town mural should conjure up lighthearted feelings of welcome and community, not display creepy, dark, hideously disfigured trees from some childhood nightmare.

At a time when Michigan holds the title as the economically worst state in the country, with the worst taxes, a major unemployment problem, rampant crime, and an acute inability to maintain its roads, then maybe this dismal artwork is intended as a glimpse into our bleak future.

Then again, perhaps it is just a poor attempt at vandalism. If that is the case, then I applaud their courage, but still strongly suggest passers-by look the other way when driving through town. There is a nice plastic owl on the roof across the street. It is there obviously to keep the pigeons company. Although it holds a subliminal message of a carnivorous predator, it is a far better welcoming sign than the Clarkston Rockwell.

> Harvey Sarkisian Independence Township



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Continued from page 1A again under budget," he said. "That's my prediction. We've had no hiccups. Everything has been going very smooth."

Project on schedule

The project is ahead of schedule so far, Wagner said.

"The second floor, where the main offices are going to be, is completely painted," he said. 'They're working in the lower level, where our meeting room will be."

They ordered furniture earlier that morning, and noted they had two companies bidding for it.

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Trustees find agenda policy out of order

BY TREVOR KEISER Clarkston News Staff Writer

When Trustee David Lohmeier tried to make a formal motion at the Jan. 6 township board meeting, Supervisor David Wagner would have none of it.

"It hasn't been advertised," Wagner said. "If we start doing that, then we might as well forget about publishing anything in the newspaper. This (opening comment) is not when you make motions, especially something to that degree, when you're talking about policy change."

Independence Township's unwritten policy for the past 16-18 years requires department heads and trustees who want items placed on the agenda to go to the supervisor. If denied, they can go to the clerk or treasurer to have them co-sign, and the item will be placed on the agenda.

Trustee Neil Wallace disagreed with the policy.

"I feel like trustees are being relegated to second class citizenship when we have to seek the permission of one of the officers in order to get something on the agenda," Wallace said. 'We're all elected by the people of this community. I know of no reason why we cannot adopt a policy even in opening statements. We're here, we should be able to debate these things and discuss them."

Board members with ideas shouldn't have to "beg to put it on the agenda," Lohmeier said

"I think it's a responsibility that we have, that the right things

are getting on there and they're getting on there in a timely manner," he said. In a later interview, Wagner ex-

plained the agenda is actually "the supervisor's agenda" and a lot of

planning goes into it, sometimes a month in advance

"One of the things we try to do is not have agenda adds unless it is an emergency," he said. "But, if you're going to allow a single trustee or a couple of trustees just too simply throw things on because they have a personal agenda of their own, for disruption, this never will work "

Lohmeier was hoping to talk about the township's capital improvement plans, but was denied by Wagner because a workshop was planned with planner Dick Carlisle, Jan. 12.

Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen said, in the last four years, the agenda policy has never been an issue.

"I've never had a problem with any of the trustees wanting to put something on and Mr. Wagner refusing them. He's never done that," said VanderVeen. "In this particular instance, I

understand his reasoning. It was an item we were going to discuss and it was an important item. I just didn't think adding it onto the agenda like that gave it enough time or thought that it was

deserved." However, Lohmeier said he actually wanted to talk about the process the board uses to establish priorities on the capital plan.

"I wanted to converse on how we were going to involve the citizens, setting a deadline for the entire process to be over and things like that," he said. "I didn't need the workshop to do that."

The confusion proves a new policy is needed, he said.

"The one we have now is not working," he said.

The board will discuss a written policy at the Jan. 20 meeting, at Independence Township Library, 7:30 p.m.

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we might as well forget

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David Wagner

the newspaper.



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Crooks case unlocked cars

An Owasco Court resident said someone took two phones and a set of gloves from his unlocked car, Dec. 19.

Residents of the 6500 block of Northview Drive said he heard a car door shut and his dog barking, about 10 p.m., Dec. 25. Looking out a window, they said they saw a man wearing dark clothing walking down their driveway towards M-15. They said someone went through four vehicles parked in the driveway, all left unlocked.

Someone entered two unlocked vehicles in a Waldon Glens Court driveway, Dec. 27, and took sunglasses, cell phone, GPS, portable video game unit and several games.

After-Christmas break in

A resident of the 5800 block of S. Marshbank said someone went through her apartment, Dec. 27, leaving clothes everywhere, Christmas tree knocked over, trash all over the floor. She may have left the front door unlocked, she said.

Downed deer

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When his car hit a deer, 5:45 p.m., Dec. 28, Sashabaw and Pine Knob roads, a driver called for help. The responding deputy shot the seriously injured animal. A passing motorist stopped to see if he could take it, so the deputy issued him a road kill deer permit.



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

Fast mover

A 16-year-old Independence Township boy in a pickup truck full of furniture sped by a sheriff's deputy waiting to turn onto Clintonville Road from Fox Creek, about 12:30 a.m., Dec. 28. The deputy pulled out after the teenager, who ran a red light at westbound Maybee Road and took a right on eastbound Maybee before stopping. He was cited for reckless driving.

Foiled lock picker

Someone tried to force open the door to a car in the 5000 block of Fox Creek, Dec. 28. but the door handle jammed shut.

Buraled beer

A convenience store manager on Clarkston Road wasn't sure a man carting away five cases of light beer paid for them, so he followed him out to his car, about 10 a.m., Dec. 29.

Asked for a receipt, the shopper said he left it on the store pharmacy counter. The manager went back inside to check. Finding

no receipt, he went back to the parking lot just in time to watch the suspect and two other men drive away in a small white car.

Caught with marijuana, cocaine

A Sheriff's deputy watched a jeep turn in front of two other drivers, who had to hit their brakes to avoid collision, 7:18 p.m., Dec. 31. at Dixie and Ortonville. Pulling over the 17-year-old Independence Township boy, the deputy smelled marijuana. The teenager had a bag of marijuana, grinder, and a plastic bottle of vodka.

A passenger, a 16-year-old Independence Township girl, had in her purse some glass pipes, grinder, marijuana, and about 1.5 grams on cocaine folded in paper. The 17-year-old was arrested for driving while under the influence of drugs, and the 16-year-old was released to her parents, with report to probate court.

Car abuses

The left rear passenger window of an SUV was shattered. Dec. 31, in the 6300 block of Paramus. The vehicle was locked, and noth-

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ing seemed to be missing.

A car owner at Dixie and Waterford found someone had taken the front, right tire, including rim and lug nuts, Jan. 1. The car had been parked in a carport overnight.

A homeowner in the 6400 block of Golfview found a lantern thrown through the back window of his car, Jan. 1.

Two cars parked at an Andersonville Road store. Jan. 1, had their tires punctured and obsenities carved on their hoods.

Chronic speeder

A deputy stopped an SUV for going 65 mph in a 50 mph zone, at Sashabaw and Clarkston, Jan, 1.

The 31-year-old Orion Township man was cited for driving with a suspended license and failure to pay a prior speeding ticket, and given a warning for speeding.

Tint gives hint of trouble

A car's tinted windows piqued a deputy's interest, about 11:40 p.m., Jan. 1, at Dixie and Waterford Road. Running his license plate, he saw it had no title information.

He stopped it, and found several cans of beer in the car's back seat floor, one spilling in a puddle.

The passenger, a 21-year-old Novi man, admitted he was drinking it, so he was cited for open intoxicants. The driver had a salvage title for the car.



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Kayla Brimacombe jumps to score three points against the Falcons. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Ladies land first win

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Lady Cagers came back from their winter break with a fighting spirit and scored their first win of the season last Thursday night against Rochester, 38-26.

The Wolves kept pace with Rochester and kept it close, a point behind going into the last six minutes of the game.

Connor Daugherty threw the ball towards the basketball hoop on her free throw attempt and tied the game.

Erica Harris scored three points to put the girls into the lead, which is where they stayed.

The girls' defense grew stronger as they kept the Falcons down to seven points and turned the ball around, putting it into the hands of Harris and Mikaela Parrish.

"We just talked in the huddle about our defense, about coming together and getting over that hump and try to get a victory. We did that," said Girls Basketball Head Coach Tim Wasilk. "I was proud of the way the girls came together for our first win – that was the most important thing. When we play together, it makes things a whole lot easier."

Rochester led the game going into the second quarter.

Eryn Cornell tied the score and the ball went down to the other side of the court.

Rochester attempted to score. The ball

bounced back for a rebound and Daugherty caught it, bringing back into Falcons' territory for the Wolves.

Megan Hastings gained control of the ball and shot for three points.

The battle ensued and the Wolves kept Rochester on their toes, blocking their shots.

"I was really proud of the girls. We talk about stressing defense and winning the games on the defensive end and we did a great job," said Wasilk.

Leading on the board for the Wolves were Harris with 14 points and Parrish with 10.

Leading scorers for Rochester were Sarah Browe, 19, and Hillary Braun, 5.

JV won their game against the Falcons, 35-34.

Earlier in the week the girls lost to Waterford – Kettering, 40-35. The leading scorers were Harris (10) and Kayla Brimacombe (9).

The girls hosted Southfield on Tuesday. "It's a team we feel like we can challenge;" said Wasilk "We keep looking forward to getting better. We've shown really good offensive during practice and in previous games we have shown we're really good on the offensive end. We just need to continue to work on that and make sure our defense is steady

The girls are set to play at North Farmington on Friday.

Athlete of the Week Popp paving the way to states

BYWENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer Grappler Alex Popp steps onto the mat, ready for his competition and ready for the six minute match – that is, if he doesn't take down his opponent in the first round. During the weekend, he beat Brent Winecoff from Plymouth Canton to win the 145 weight class. Winecoff was ranked second in the state, with Popp ranked third. Popp won the Outstanding Wrestler Award for the Detroit Catholic Central tournament.

"I nominated him not only because of his exceptional performances as an athlete, but because he performs in a gentleman-like fashion," said Clarkston Head Coach Joe DeGain. "It's pretty cool," said Popp on being Athlete of the Week. "I am having a good season, working hard and it has paid off."

He has won 22 of his 24 matches. Each win has brought him closer to his biggest goal for his senior year – to win the state finals in March.

"He wins in the same manner he loses,

and he puts his guts on the line for every wrestling match," said DeGain. "He is a true total package athlete, between his hard work and character. He represents himself, his family's name, the wrestling team, and Clarkston High School with class and integrity."

Popp has been wrestling for the last 12 years. His parents, Jim and Janet, and family got him into the sport when he was 5.

"My older brother wrestled and my dad was president at the time for Clarkston Wrestling Club," he said.

Alex and his teammates now help the next set of wrestlers coming through Clarkston by coaching during some of the wrestling club's practices.

"Keep it up," he advised young athletes. "It can be hard and it won't always go your way, but keep at it and things will happen."

Alex also played football and was the starting defensive back for the Wolves. "They compliment each other," Alex said about the two sports. "Football toughens you up and with wrestling, you have to be tough."





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Grapplers ease pressure, go for dual meet win

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Grapplers pinned their way to a win when they took on Troy High School last Wednesday.

Upon returning from Christmas break the boys headed to Lake Orion High School for a dual meet against Troy Athens and Troy.

"It's been awhile since we wrestled," said Varsity Head Coach Joe DeGain. "The boys were a little tense at the beginning. The guys wanted to wrestle well and I think they were putting pressure on themselves. We need pressure but they were putting pressure on themselves to the point they were tensing up."

The boys took on Athens first and beat them, 45-22. The boys relaxed a little bit between the matches and came back to take on Troy in a more relaxed state. They beat the Colts, 58-15.

"They did fantastic in the second match," said DeGain.

"The guys did a nice job of keeping enough pressure to keep the seriousness of the match but allowing themselves to have fun while they competed. They were able to wrestle a lot better because they weren't too pressured.

Leading the way with pins against

Athersfor were Mike Richmond (275), Mike Henige (125), Matt Deitz (135), and Evan King (160).

Four wrestlers won their matches by defeating their opponents; Sloan Hadsall (189) by 12-2, Zak Roberson (112) by 10-0, Chris Burkhart (140) by 6-4, and Alex Popp (145) by 16-8. Derek Booker (152) won by void.

Against Troy Burkhart, Popp, King, Vandermeer, Hadsall, Richmond, Roberson, Mike Williams (119) won their matches by pinning their opponents. Booker won by major decision, 15-6.

A stand-out for DeGain for the night was Ty Foltz (130). Though he lost two matches during the night, it was how he performed when he was on the mat.

"The first match he was very tense," said DeGain. The second match he let go the pressure to win and concentrated on doing his best. He really wrestled a heck of a match. Ty should be proud of himself. He wrestled so hard and so much harder than his opponent. He should be more proud to lose that match and in that fashion than win the match in the fashion his opponent did."

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The varsity team took third place with 174.5 points at the Detroit Catholic Central Invitational on Saturday.



Thirsty for some basketball?

Girls from Horizon Hoops served as Honorary Water Girls during the Lady Wolves home game against Rochester last Thursday. Kneeling are Kayla Lucheneach and Kelly Cousino; standing in the middle are Jaclyn Marra, Kiana Ayotte, Emily Vanaman, and Hannah Chadwell; in back are Meghan Deardorff and Lauren Tate. *Photo by Wendl Reardon*

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Evan King keeps a grip on Troy's Chris Mooradian. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Alex Popp (145) defeated the second ranked Brent Winekoff from Canton, 6-5, to take first place and won Most Outstanding Wrestler. Sloan Hadsall (189) also took first place after defeating Oxford's Josh Villarreal, 3-1.

Matt Deitz (135) and Mike Richmond (215) placed in second. Deitz lost to Donnie Watkins from Canton, number one ranked in the state.

Jeff Sloney (112), Chris Burkhart (140), and Evan King (152) took third place. During the meet, Burkhart defeated Oxford's Ben Ralston, the Oakland County Champ.

Finishing in fifth place were Zak Roberson (103) and Matt Vandermeer (160).

Five of the Wolves currently hold positions in the top ten in the state in their weight classes. Popp at third; Deitz, fourth; Hadsall, seventh; King, ninth; and Vandermeer, tenth.

Oxford and Detroit Catholic Central finished in the top two places.

The boys see Detroit Catholic Central again on Wednesday for a meet. Then, the Bay City Western Invitational on Saturday.





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Cole Schaffer stops a Stoney Creek player from getting to the puck.

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Michael Rajala prepares for the puck to be dropped at face-off.

Icers outshot in 4-2 loss to Cougers

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

While snow piled up outside, Icers inside were trying to even the score in the final period against Stoney Creek.

Clarkston couldn't find a way past the Cougars and lost the game, 4-2.

"We played well the first period. We played well half way through the second period, and then we let in two soft goals," said Wolves Head Coach Bryan Krygier. "They maintained during the third period. They outshot us and out worked us."

Austin Morse scored the first goal four minutes into the game. Matt Campbell assisted with the point.

The Wolves pushed to make the next goal,

but it was Stoney Creek that succeeded and tied the score during a power play with one minute left in the first period.

In the following period, Clarkston looked for a way into the net. With Stoney Creek down one man and the power play half way through, Michael Fiteny swung at the puck sitting on the blue line.

The puck went past Goalie Kyle Cross and the Wolves gained the lead. Tyler Frakes and Adam Frank assisted on the goal.

Stoney Creek returned the favor nine seconds later to tie. They scored two more goals by the end of the period, 4-2.

The Wolves made 14 shots on goal and Neeko Muniz saved 13 shots.

"We have to work harder. When your oppo-

nents outwork you, you don't get the puck," said Krygier. "You don't get the shot. It's more of a probability they are going to score if we don't have the puck. I don't know why we aren't doing it. But that will change."

The boys play Farmington Hills Unified on Wednesday. They will host Orchard Lake St. Mary's Prep (7-3) on Saturday at Detroit Skate Club at 8:00 p.m.

It will give the team an opportunity to how they need to do to prepare to play St. Mary's in the MHSAA Pre-Regional in March.

"We can't play like we did tonight," said Krygier. "We just need to be consistent. We need to work harder. We need to do the right things and make the plays on the ice."

The Wolves' record is now 3-7.

Bowlers score season highs

The Boys Varsity Bowling team finished fourth in the L'Anse Creuse North Bakers Tournament. They lost in the semi-final round in a close match.

The boys have finished in the top four in their last four tournaments.

During break they placed third at the Bangor John Glenn Tournament, and the girls took fifth out of 19 teams.

Paul Anderson led the team, scoring 645 from three games. The top bowler for the girls was Stephanie Lavely with a 508 after three games.

"They have far exceeded our expectations," said Bowling Liason and Girls Coach Rodney Pierson.

Both Pierson and Boys Coach Bill George

said they are happy with how the teams have been performing.

The girls qualified after finishing seventh at L'Anse Creuse out of 14 teams. They shot season highs for Baker games with 200 and 236 during the qualifying rounds.

They lost in the first round of match play against East Detroit who was hot the first game and the girls could not recover.

On Jan. 5, both varsity teams took on Troy. The girls shot a season high 905 game. Stephanie Lavely led the way with a 239 game and 429 series.

The teams play Lake Orion on Thursday at Collier Lanes in Oxford.

– Wendi Reardon



Undefeated cagers ready to come home

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer Cagers are ready for their first home game after defeating another team for their fifth win.

Clarkston Head Basketball Coach Dan Fife always expects a good competition when going to Southfield-Lathrup and he got it from cheering fans and the high school band hitting the drums loudly.

"Lathrup is always a good team and a good atmosphere to play in. We always have a tough time in that gym," said Fife.

The boys were ready for anything and won the game, 67-47.

"We played pretty well in our best game so far," said Fife. "I think our effort was the best we have had – physically and mentally."

The Wolves led the way throughout the first half. Sub Jared Lawrence secured the boys lead by scoring four points before they went into half time.

Fife saw a lot of his subs come off the bench to impact the game.

"Tommy Ronk, Luke Prudhomme, and Lawrence showed outstanding performances in the sub role," he said. "Hopefully we can build on that. Tyler Scarlett and Brandon Verlinden always play well, the stats don't show it. All of the boys played within themselves, within their roles. They never let up."

Leading scorers for the Wolves were Pokley (21) with nine points from 3-point field goals, Kamieniecki (19) and Staton (10).

Scoring for Lathrup were Roy Marble with 24 points and JulBryan Coleman with 10.

The JV team lost by one point, 51-50.

The boys host Pontiac Central on Friday and Southfield next Tuesday.

"I have the same thoughts I have all the time," said Fife on the upcoming game. "Anyone can come in and win. Protect your floor and don't let anyone come into your gym and upset you." JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.

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Community volunteers help judge students' artwork

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Staff Writer

A start of a New Year, thought of dinosaurs ruling Earth thousands of years ago, brightness and awe of fireworks flashing in the sky.

These were just a few ideas behind pieces submitted to the Reflections Program Contest at Bailey Lake Elementary School.

The theme for this year's contest was "Wow!"

Participants could draw, compose, photograph, create anything that made them go wow. With each piece of work the artist wrote in their statement how the piece connects with the theme

Reflections Chairs Mary Beth VanBuskirk and Laura Pangori received 62 entries from Bailey Lake students.

First- and second-place winners competed at the state level, Monday.

"We will have a reception in April for all of the kids that participated," sad Pangori. "The artwork is displayed for the parents to view. We have a pizza party or some kind of party."

Pangori and VanBuskirk told the students it was up to them what kinds of party they wanted.

"Pizza, ice cream, we don't know what kind of idea they will come up with," Pangori

Each child will also be honored with a medal.

The theme was presented to the students in November, and projects were due when the students came back from Christmas break, Jan. 5.

Students submitted works in literature, musical composition, photography, visual arts, dance choregraphy, and film/video production.

The pieces are divided into two grade categories, Primary, for Preschool through second grade; and Intermediate for grades 3-5.

Volunteers judged students' work, including Keegan Sulecki, literature; Elizabeth Egan, musical composition; Jayme Junga and Wendi Reardon, photography; and Amy Cicchini, visual arts.

Each judge looked at students' work and considered how it connected with the theme. They left artists with a few comments and picked winners for each category.

Reflections gives children an opportunity to enhance their learning experience through art and brings their imaginations to life, Pangori said.

Springfield Plains and Pine Knob elementary schools also offer Reflections programs through their PTA



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Joellyn Partyka and Laurie Eller take a look at works by Bailey Lake Elementary photographers. Photo by Wendi Reardon

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Mike Magidsohn and his daughter Maria Magidsohn of Independence Township spent as much time laughing as they did skating.

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January 14, 2009 Page B1 L. Brooks Patterson

People Poll



"I think it would be great to have someone from Dakland County represent us at the state level."



"I think he would be a good candidate." - Sue Morton



"I think it's a great idea. He's done a lot for Oakland County and he can continue that at the state level.





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A day to remember

Neighbors raise thousands to help heroes' memorial

BY PHIL CUSTODIO Clarkston News Editor

In its fifth year, Oakhurst's 2008 charity golf fundraiser was as strong as ever, raising \$8,127 for Oakland County's Michigan Fallen Heroes Memorial.

"Even in this tough economy, people still come forward," said Paul Cloutier, event committee member. "It gets easier every year. The community loves the idea of giving back to those who protect us. It's a great cause."

Oakhurst Golf and Country Club members. neighbors, and friends got together for a game of golf, silent auction, and dinner, Sept. 22.

"This is really awesome. We really appreciate it," said Sheriff Michael Bouchard, at a check presentation, Jan. 8. "It allows us to continue to work on the memorial. Funding is all through donations. We have no paid staff – it's all volunteers. The community really stepped up and took us under their wing."

The memorial, unveiled in 2002 in Pontiac near Oakland County Courthouse, includes a lifesize bronze statue of a kneeling police officer and firefighter, facing a granite wall engraved with names of Michigan officers and firefighters lost in the line of duty.

"More than 780 police officers and firefighters, all in Michigan," Bouchard said.



From left, Mike Holycross, Event Committee member; Cheryl Callahan, Event Committee member; Sheriff Michael Bouchard; David Neault, Oakhurst Country Club manager; Stacy Cloutier, Event Committee member; Lt. Dale LaBair, Oakland Country Sheriff's Office; George Bowman, Oakhurst Country Club professional; and Paul Cloutier, Event Committee member. *Photo by Phil Custodio*

"Sadly, we'll add more names in the future."

The memorial is important to their families – it shows them their loved ones haven't been forgotten, and will be eternally remembered and appreciated, said the sheriff.

Improvements planned for the memorial include landscaping, lighting, flags, and an information kiosk.

About 40 deputies, firefighters, and public officials partnered with residents and club members on the course off Clintonville Road, play-

ing 18 holes, all sponsored by local businesses. "They do a good job for us. We really ap43

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preciate it," said Lt. Dale LaBair, Oakland County Sheriff's Independence Township Substation.

"We're honored to be there," said Sgt. Paul Bidinger, Independence Township substation. "They work so hard at this event. It's incredible. I can't tell you how wonderful this community is."

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Blood drive, 2-8 p.m., Jan. 14, St. Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarkston and Sashabaw. Walk-ins welcome. 248-736-0649.

Clarkston Community Women's Club, 7 p.m., Jan. 15, Independence Twp Library meeting room, Clarkston Road. Featured speaker: Trish Hennig of American Roots and Michigan Native Plant Produces Association. 248-623-9462.

Spaghetti Dinner, 5-7 p.m., Jan. 16, all-you-caneat spaghetti and meat sauce, tossed salad, garlic bread. \$5. Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

Singles Dance, Bethany North Oakland, 8 p.m.-12 a.m., Jan. 17, St. Daniels Catholic Church, Cushing Center, 7010 Valley Park. \$12. 248-891-8938.

Fish dinner, 5-7 p.m., Jan. 17. Davisburg United Methodist Church, 803 Broadway. \$5/adults; \$3 children 5-12; \$1/children 4 and under. 248-634-3373.

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Zumba Gold Fitness, 9:15-10 a.m., Tuesdays, starting Jan. 20. Easy Latin and other dance moves for exercise. \$48 for 8 weeks. Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

Uptown Palladium Trip, Jan. 20. Movie "Not Easily Broken," gourmet lunch, free popcorn and pop, transportation. \$27. Call the senior center, 248-625-8231.

Career Transition workshop, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Jan. 24, practice and improve confidence and interviewing style. Weekly Career Transition/Networking opportunities, 9-10 a.m., Jan. 20 and 27; 7:30-8:30 p.m., Jan. 15, 22, 29. Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. 248-625-1611.

Free Eye Screening, Clarkston Area Lions, 1-4 p.m., Jan. 24. Non-invasive photo screening for children ages 1-5. Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 248-625-2212.

Book Sale, 10 am.-4 p.m., Jan. 30-31, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Purchase books individually, or \$5/bag.





Caitlyn Waller of Clarkston, in the lead role as Aurora, rehearses a scene with Kathryn Havrilla of Lake Orion, playing Maleficent, in "Disney's Sleeping Beauty." *Photo provided*

'Disney's Sleeping Beauty' live on stage

Starlight Youth Theater presents the musical "Disney's Sleeping Beauty," Jan. 15-18, at Starlight Theater in the Summit Place Mall, 315 N. Telegraph, Waterford. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m., Thursday-Fri-

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CHS Drama Club Fundraiser, 10 a.m.-11 p.m., Jan. 22, Max and Erma's, 4255 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Present coupon and 20 percent of sales help finance July 2009 London trip. Request coupons via email at SeamanAE@clarkston.k12.mi.us, or pick up at

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Tickets are \$12/adults, \$10/students, children, and seniors.

Call 248-335-1788.

CHS main office, or *The Clarkston News*, 5 S. Main Street.

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-



plus \$2.00 shop fee)

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.

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.

Fountains charity poker, 5:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday. \$30 buy in. Fountains Golf and Banquet, 6060 Maybee Road. 248-625-3731.

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

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.

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Local police and fire agencies bring out their trucks and special equipment for children to check out at Oakhurst's annual golf fundraiser. Photo provided

Fundraiser benefits community

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Local police and fire departments brought fire trucks, police cruisers, sheriff's armored personnel carrier, and other vehicles for the family-friendly day.

"The parents enjoyed spending time on the golf course with the people who protect them, and the kids had fun looking at the trucks," Cloutier said. "We're so appreciative of what they do."

Since 2003, the fundraiser has also benefitted Lighthouse Emergency Services, SCAMP, and families of officers and firefighters lost in the line of duty. The tournament has been in September, but will be earlier this year.

"We're moving it to May, when it's not so busy," Cloutier said

For more information on the Michigan Fallen Heroes Memorial, call 248-858-5103.

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

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

De-Stress Gentle Yoga, 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays, \$6/drop-in. Carriage House, Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road, 248-625-8231.

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

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.

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

Volunteering, Avalon Hospice, sit with patients, hold their hand, listen to stories, personal care, or just be there. Two hours a week or more. 800-664-6334; Oakland County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, 248-559-1147.





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Milestones



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Clarkston graduates, from left, Brittany Walsh, sophomore; Todd Mora, sophomore; Justin Benson, junior; and Amanda Bartenbaker, freshman; along with Becky Furlough and Leah Koval, not pictured, performed with the Michigan State University Spartan Marching Band at the Capital One Bowl in Orlando. The Spartans fell to Georgia, but with 70-degree, Florida weather, they still had a good New Year's Day. Photo provided

In our country's service...

U.S. Marine Adam Conrad Dickie has achieved the rank of Lance Corporal and is currently stationed at Camp Lejeune, N.C., in the 311 Infantry, 1st Battalion, 8th Marines. He is scheduled to deploy overseas in early 2009.

Dickie became a proud US Marine on Feb. 8, 2007, after completing 12 weeks of Boot Camp at Parris Island, S.C. He then successfully completed 88 days of School



of Infantry training at Camp Geiger, N.C., on April 18, 2008.

Adam is the son of John and Ann Dickie of Davisburg, and Mary Dickie of Clarkston. He is a 2006 Clarkston High School graduate.

Students achieve success

Clarkston-area students Kimberly Conger, Kimberly Cook, Calvin Freeman, Kirsten Graham, and Michelle Pascoe were named to Hope College Dean's List for first semester, 2009 school year.

Richard Frenchi was named president for Delta Sigma Phi fraternity at Albion College. Frenchi is a senior majoring in biology. He is School.

Clarkston and a graduate of University of Detroit Jesuit High School.

Emma Winnie was named secretary for Albion's Kappa Delta sorority. Winnie is a sophomore at Albion College. She is the daughter of Michael and Lynn Winnie of Davisburg and a graduate of Clarkston High

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Have you ever noticed how our identities can change have to their new identity. depending on our titles and/or responsibilities? One moment you're a spouse and the next moment you're in the role of a parent.

Barack Obama was a Senator one day and, then, the

next day he became the President Elect. Not only did he change titles, but he will now take on a whole new level of authority, importance, and responsibilities. Sometimes we wear different identities at different times.

You may be a husband at home, but a boss at work. Hopefully, parents have learned to leave their "boss identities" at work versus bringing them home. There are even times we take on new identities, never returning to our old identities.

In a witness protection program, a person is given a new identity for their own

protection. This new identity results in a radical life change. Often the identity change is a life or death decision.

The individual may need to change his appearance, name, conversations, and location in order to start a new life. Danger lurks around the corner for those that are tempted to revert back to their "old" lives. The level of possible danger determines the level of commitment one would

Spiritually speaking, the same principles apply when a person receives Christ into their20life. The word of God says that you're a new creature in Christ Jesus, old things have passed away and behold all things have become new (II Cor. 5:17).

The Bible says that a decision for Christ means that you've also been given a new name in heaven. God often changed peoples birth names to represent changes in their lives. For example, Abram's name was changed to Abraham. When you choose Christ, you are NOT the same person you used to be.

The word of God says, not only does your name change, but your very heart changes. A complete package deal comes with salvation. Unfortunately, many Christians don't realize that they have a new identity. Many don't train themselves on how to maintain this new identity.

Let's look at the Witness Protection Program as an example. To maintain your new identity, your conversations must change, the past must be put away, old habits will have to die, and some relationships may need to be terminated.

The Bible advises the Christian to "Put off the old man and put on the new man." The phrases, "Die to the old man," and "Lose the old life," take on new meaning.

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In our churches...

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Peace Cranes workshop, in preparation for the season of nonviolence, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Jan. 24, guest teacher Rev. Kathy Long: Peace Unity Church, 8080 Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192 ***

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, biblically based, financial workshop for everyone, Sundays, 4 p.m., starting Jan. 25. 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.

Yoga, 10 a.m., Wednesdays; 5:30 p.m., Mondays, instructor Noreen Daly. Beginning and intermediate techniques. Bring mat. \$7/class. Peace Unity and Holistic Center, 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.

The Four Spiritual Laws of Prosperity, class series based on Please see In Our Churches, page 7B



DIXIE BAPTIST CHURCH 8585 Dixie Highwy, Clarkston, MI (248) 625-2311 website: www.dixiebaptist.org Home of Springfield Christian Academy & Children's Ark Preschool Pastor: J. Todd Vanaman Sun: 10:00 am Sunday School & Adult Rible Fellowshin 11:00 am Worship Service 6:00 pm Worship Service Wed: 6:45 pm AWANA 7:00 pm Teen Meetings & Adult Bible Study Nursery available for all services.

GOSPEL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH Held at Hart Community Cente 495 Broadway, Davisburg (Davisburg Rd. W of Dixie Hwy) 248-625-5256 Pastor John Dew Service Sunday: 11:00 am A NEW independent Christian Church following the Holy Bible teachings of Jesus. ALL WELCOME. COME SUNDAY

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> **CLARKSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** 6600 Waldon Road, Clarkston 248-625-1611 Website:clarkstonumc.org Sunday Worship: 9:00 & 11:15 am Sunday Connection Service: 6:00 pm Fellowship Time: 10:00 Nursery available for both services Children's Sunday School: 9:00 & 10:10 am & 11:15 pm Adult Sunday School: 10:10 am Sunday Youth Groups: Grades 6-7 5:00 pm Graades 8-9 & 10-12 7:00 pm

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625–4580 Rev. Christopher Maus Saturday Mass: 5:00 pm Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am Nursery Available: 9:00 & 11:00 am Religious Education: 625-1750 Mother's Group, RCIA, Scripture Study, Youth Group

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NORTH OAKS COMMUNITY CHURCH Evangelical Presbyterian Church Sunday Worship 10:30 am New Location 9600 Ortonville Rd. (M-15) Clarkston, MI 48348 (2 miles north of I-75; church entrance is on Hadley Rd.) (248) 922-3515 www.northoakschurch.org Pastor Steve I. Brown

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 5449 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston (248) 394-0200 Fax: (248) 394-2142 **Rev. Doctor Martin Hall** Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School 10:00 am Dream Keepers Youth Group **Bible Study** Wednesday 7:00 pm Youth Groups 6-12 Wednesday 6:30 pm www.FirstCongregationalChurch.org

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Obituary

Milo L. Loop

Milo L. Loop of Clarkston unexpectedly passed away, Jan. 6, 2009, at the age of 62.

He was the loving husband of Monta; beloved father of Milo (Annie) Loop of Rochester Hills and Nathan (Sarah) Loop of Warren; step father of Micheal Picard and Angela Picard, both of Detroit; grandfather of Autumn, Tori, Milo, Delaney, and Jack: brother of Rex (Karen) Loop, Roger (Marsha) Loop, Michael (Monica) Loop, and Timothy (Joyce) Buell; and also survived by many nieces, nephews, sister in



laws, and friends. Mr. Loop retired from General Motors Truck and Bus. Funeral Service was Jan. 10 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral

Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the Arthritis Foundation.

guestbook, On line www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Maxine M. Justice

Maxine M. Justice of Clarkston passed George, and Phil. away, Jan. 6, 2009, at the age of 78.

She was the loving mother of Patricia (Edward) Olds, Fay Preston, Cynthia (Jeff) Creech, and Kenneth (Amy) Justice; grandma of Keith, Joshua (Latisha), Casey, Corey, and Brandon; great grandma of Gabrielle and Gage; and sister of Roseanne, Noreen, Tootie, Winnie, Connie, Bill,

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Maxine retired from General Motors after 40 years of service.

Memorial service was Jan. 13 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society. book,

Online guest www.wintfuneralhome.com.

John R. Borsh

John R. Borsh of Clarkston passed away, Jan. 7, 2009, at the age of 90.

He was the loving husband of Shirley for 63 years; father of Kevin (Patti) Borsh of Clarkston and Tom (Pamela) Borsh of Clarkston; and grandfather of Christopher, Erin, and Katherine.

Mr. Borsh was a veteran of World War II. He retired from Ford Motor after 34 years of Service. He was an avid fisherman and Detroit Tigers fan.

Funeral Service was Jan. 12 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment, Ottawa Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Disabled American Veterans. guestbook,

Online www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Anne L. Kornosky

Anne L. Kornosky of Clarkston, formerly of Warren, passed away, Jan. 9, 2009, at the age of 90.

She was preceded in death by her husband Carl. She was the mother of Marianne (Al "Sandy") Gaulin of Clarkston; grandmother of Anne (Bill) Eldridge, Dan (Hope) Gaulin, Sandy (Sara) Gaulin, John (Jodi) Gaulin, and Bradley Gaulin; great grandmother of Jill, Gabrielle, Ashton, Erin,

Maysen, and Nicholas.

Visitation was Jan. 11 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was Jan. 12 at St. Daniel Catholic Church. Interment, Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Twp. Memorials may be made to St. Vincent DePaul Society or Lighthouse North. book.

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Dr. Gail Cookingham, new doctor at Clarkston Allergy and Asthma Clinic, examines volunteer patientTammy Gordon. *Photo by Phil Custodio*

New doc in town

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

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Clarkston News Editor

For Dr. Gail Cookingham, medicine is a family affair.

"I grew up in a medical family," Cookingham said. "My father is an allergist – his first office was in the basement of our house. His next one was in bicycle distance. We would ride to the office, and play and help out."

Cookingham and her brother and sister, Dr. Cory Jr. and Dr. Cynthia, followed in the footsteps of their father, Dr. Cory Cookingham, Sr., into the allergy field.

"I've always been interested in food allergies," Gail said. She joins her father and brother-in-law, Dr. Duane Harrison, at Clarkston Allergy and Asthma Clinic, 5885 S. Main Street, Suite 1.

"My presence will allow us to extend our hours and be open on Saturdays," Gail said.

The practice emphasizes prevention and avoidance when treating allergies, she said.

"Identify what is causing allergic reactions and avoid it," she said. "Avoidance is the most cost effective treatment."

Allergens are identified through detailed personal and dietary history, and skin testing. Those that can't be avoided, such as outdoor pollen, are treated with allergy shots, then long-term medication if needed.

"We never maximize medication," she said.

Patients include those with seasonal allergies, asthma, eczema, gluten sensitivity and hives.

"There have been a lot of referrals for hives. They are a difficult condition to manage," she said.

Food allergies and other immune disorders seem to be increasing, she said.

"There seems to be much more peanut allergies than 30 years ago," she said.

She lives in Flint with her husband, Dr. Joel Beene, also an allergist at Cookingham Allergy and Asthma. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Nutrition from Michigan State University, MBA from Madonna University, and medical degree from St. Louis University School of Medicine. She completed internal medicine residency at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, and allergy and immunology fellowship at Children's Hospital of Michigan and Detroit Medical Center.

She is certified by American Board of Allergy and Immunology, American Board of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics. She serves as secretary of the Michigan Allergy and Asthma Society, and delegate to Michigan State Medical Society.



Sisters Theo Morgan and Joan Donnay of Essence on Main. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Store offers more local, organic food

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Essence on Main provides downtown Clarkston with a healthy and fresh alternative for the new year with organic food, Michigan made products, and unique table-top items.

"We really are a gourmet specialty store," said co-owner Joan Donnay. "But we like to put the emphasis on local and organic products."

They also put an emphasis on your health by educating and providing information towards your health. They have two employees educated in nutrition to help point customers in the right direction, either they are changing their eating habits or looking for certain foods due to allergies.

Essence on Main carries anything that is manufactured in Michigan. They found distributors through the magazine *edible Wow* and searched for products on their own.

They are gaining ground on local products and get more in the store all of the time.

"They come in and see what we are and ask if we will carry their product," said Donnay.

They bake bread and make organic-based salads, soups, vegetarian lasagnas, organic treats like chocolate cookies and ginger snaps every day.

"Someone referred to us as a food boutique, which is fitting. We have a little bit of everything," said Donnay.

Besides food, Essence on Main carries body care products, unique gifts and items for the home.

"It's a great place to browse," said Morgan. "We focus on table top items, unique food products. We want to encourage browsing."

When Donnay graduated from Schoolcraft College after studying culinary, she wanted to do something with her degree.

"One of my mentors suggested a specialty store."

At the time, the store was in a different location, but Donnay chose Clarkston because her and her family have been in the area for 22 years, living just down the road in Brandon Township and enjoyed the community.

"My husband encouraged me to take this space and reno-

vate it and use it in that way," said Donnay. "I knew I wanted classes, food, and health. We also wanted to incorporate table top items. Basically anything I would want to use in my home for entertainment purposes I wanted to be used in the store."

Donnay asked her sister, Theo Morgan to be a part of it. The family set to work and restored the building to its orginal glory from exposing brick walls to the wood floor.

"We did a lot of demolition and renovation," said Donnay. "What I wanted to do was go to what it used to be and reclaim some of the history. It's a beautiful downtown with the tree line streets. It has a rich history and we wanted to be

able to bring it back. It gives me a special thrill to see it and it excites other people, too." "We do love to hear when it was a pharmacy," said Mor-

gan. "It's unique," said Donnay. "It has a lively downtown. No

one has the heart like Clarkston does. It's a great community. Everyone has been warm and welcoming.

Essence on Main took part of Farmer's Market during the summer and won Healthiest Menu at the Taste of Clarkston.

They offer two cooking classes a month. This month's theme is Soup's On.

"It is perfect for the month of January with hearty, healthy soups," said co-owner Theo Morgan. "Everyone focuses on being healthy. It's good for your body and good for yourself."

"The interest has been building," said Donnay. "We are starting out slow because we want to accomodate the people who were interested."

Classes are advertised through walk-ins, newletters and postcards. Though a lot of past students have come back with their friends.

Essence on Main is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and closed on Sunday to take time with their family and to work on new ideas for the store and to have work done on the store.

They are located in Downtown Clarkston at 4 S Main

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Shannon Gaber Silverthorn

Shannon Gaber Silverthorn of White Lake passed away unexpectedly, Jan. 9, 2009, at the age of 31.

She was the dear wife of Matt and best friend for 11 years; beloved daughter of Rich and Penny Gaber of White Lake; daughter in law of Gary and Joan Silverthorn of Pinckney; sister of Sommer, Sean (Mary), Brandon, and Dustin, all of White Lake; loving aunt of Liam, Annika, Ashley, Jenna, and Ariana; granddaughter of Richard (Sharon) Gaber Sr. and Corrine Gaber; sister in law of Doug (Pam) Silverthorn and Gordie Silverthorn; and proud pet owner of Hershey, Athena, Daisy, and Brutus. She will be missed by her many friends.



Visitation was Jan. 12 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral service was Jan. 13 at Clarkston United Methodist Church, with police escort and procession to Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to MI Humane Society.

Online guest book, www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Jackson G. Byers

Jackson G. Byers, 86, was born into this life on March 7, 1922. He married Margaret E. (Berryman) Byers on March 6, 1948.

He was the proud father of six children, Rosalind (Thomas) Lang, Rebecca (Jeffrey) Kegler, Rachel, Ranette (Brian) Davis, Rhonda (David) Meyers, and Charles (Lynn); grandpa of Melissa, Amanda, John, Stephani, Andrew, Julia, Alana, and Alan; and great grandfather of Ella and Riley. He was preceded in death by his brother George.

He was a devoted husband and father, retired from Pontiac Motor Division of General Motors Corporation and enjoyed serving his Creator, his church, his country in

World War II and in Korea, and his community, and cherished the beauty of the earth. He departed this earthly life, Jan. 9, 2009,

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with another life to be continued. Visitation was Jan. 13 at the Lewis E. Wint

& Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral service is Wednesday, Jan. 14, 11 a.m., at Clarkston United Methodist Church.

Interment, 1 p.m., Jan. 15, at the Scumptions Prairie Cemetery, South Bend, Indiana. At Jack's request, no flowers please – memorials to the Clarkston United Methodist Church or Light House North.

Online guest book, www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Richard R. Dixon

Richard R. Dixon of Ortonville passed away, Jan. 10, 2009, at the age of 81.

He was preceded in death by his wife Mabel. He was the father of Judy (Vince) Buscemi, Gary (Tina) Dixon, Ted (Patti) Dixon, Peggy (Richard) Cermak, and Walter (Nancy) Dixon; also survived by 12 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren; and brother of Bertha May, John (Gertrude), Ken (Shirley, Ron (Jean), and Tom (Shirley). Funeral service is Friday, Jan. 16, 10 a.m.,



at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit Wednesday, 7-9 p.m., and Thursday, 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Interment, White Chapel Cemetery. Memorials may

be made to Beaumont Hospice, Online guest book, www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Kenneth J. Stand

Kenneth J. Stano of Clarkston, formerly of St. Clair Shores, passed away, Jan. 10, 2009, at the age of 71.

He was the husband of Vera; father of Julie (Buck) Drummond, Jeff (Lisa) Stano, Kristine (Thomas) Lilly, Kelly (Terry) Tipton, and Karyn Stano; step father of Philip Keys, the late Michael Keys, and Jacquelyn (Nick) Rizzo; also survived by 11 grandchildren; brother of Gene (Andrew Cahill) Madison, Shirley Curran, Carl (Patricia) Stano, and Rita

Stano; former husband of Diane Stano; son in law of Willard and Rose Kohler.

Visitation was Jan. 13 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral Mass is Wednesday, Jan. 14, 10 a.m., at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston, where friends may visit directly at the church, 9 a.m. until time of mass.

Memorials may be made to Beaumont Hospice. Online guest book, www.wintfuneralhome.com.

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Rainbows meetings, Thursdays, 7-8 p.m., St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park Drive.



REQUEST FOR BIDS -TOWNSHIP VEHICLES

The Charter Township of Springfield will receive sealed blds for 2008/09 Model Vehicles at the Supervisor's office until 11:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time on Monday, February 2, 2009.

Bidders may obtain Bid Documents from the office of the Charter Township of Springfield beginning Monday, January 12, 2009 during regular business hours; or down-January 12, 2009 during regular business hours, of during loaded at <u>www.springfield-twp.us</u> No deposit is required. The offices of Springfield Township are located at 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, MI 48350, 248-846-6500. Springfield Township continually strives to develop quality sources for goods and services and encourages all prospective bidders to respond to the Invitation to Bid.

The Township reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any irregularities or information in any RFP, and to accept or reject any item or combination of items and to accept the proposal which is deemed to be in the best interest of the Township.

Laura Moreau, Clerk Charter Township of Springfield

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Date and Time: January 20, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. Place: Independence Township Library 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI

- Call to Order
- Piedge of Allegiance
- Roll Call а
- **Opening Statements and Correspondence** 4.

Approval of Agenda

- Public Forum Individuals in the audience have the 6. opportunity to address the Township Board on an issue that is not on the agenda, limiting their comments to not more than three minutes
- Consent Agenda: 7
 - a. Approval of Minutes of January 6, 2009
 - Approval of Purchase Orders b Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run

 - Resolution of the Oakland County Alano Club to be recognized as a non-profit organization for
 - purposes of obtaining a charitable gaming license Interlocal Agreement with Orion Township for street lighting SAD Heather Lake Estates

Unfinished Business 1. Community Needs Assessment Report

- New Busines
- Township contribution of strast paving of Caberlan Trail, Mount Tremblant Trail, Boyne Highland Trail and Sugartoel Trail Board of Review Appeals 2009 Poverty Level Guidelines Approval to participate with SMART for Specialized Services Grant for Senior Center Flow Base Selver Rate Study

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- Proposed policy for placing items on the Agend Reappointments to the Zoning Board of Appen Jeff McGee and Cheryl Karrick

- Jeff McGee and Cherri Karnck 8. Appointment to Planning Commission Only those metters that are listed on the Agenda are to be considered for action. A majority vote of the Board members may add or delete an agenda item. The Charter Township of Independence will provide necessary, resiloriable auxiliary adds and services to individuals with disabilities at a public having/meeting upon advance notice in writing or by calling the Township Clerk's Office at (248) 525-5111.



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STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO: **PROBATE COURT** 2008-320, 590-DE COUNTY OF OAKLAND

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate Estate of Donald D. Grice. Date of Birth: June 6, 1946

TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CHEDITORS: NOTICE TO CHEDITORS: The decedent, Donald D. Grice, who lived at 3071 Garden Court, Aubum Hills, Michigan died November 15, 2008. Creditivs of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate er barred unless presented to Donald K. Grice, named per wai use interver carried unless presented to Donaid A. Gince, named D84-sonal 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. 1/08/09

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DEPENDENCE SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE JANUARY 6, 2009

Participance Board was called to order at 7:30 p.m., at the Independence Township Public Library. Pledge of Allegiance Roll Call: Present: Vendent pendence Board was c

Wagner, Lohmeier, Petterson

Absent: None

There was a quorum.

- Opening St tements and Correspondence
- The agenda was approved as amended. Citizens were offered a chance to address the Bo

- Citizens were offered a chance to address the Board regarding subjects that were not on the Agenda. The following Consent Agenda items were approved: a. Approval of Purchase Orders b. Approval of Minutes of December 16, 2008 Presentation by Mr. Daddow, Deputy County Execu-tive, Economic Outlook "The Partect Storn" Progress Update on New Township Hall Approved appointment to Board of Review. 5.

- Approved appointment to Lake Boards Approved appointment to Planning Come ned regularly scheduled me ting at 9:58 p.m.
- Shi ah Vande Published: 1/14/09

STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO: 2008-320, 742-DE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate Estate of JAMES E. INGRAM, DECEASED Date of birth: 8/7/36

TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, JAMES E. INGRAM, who lived at 910 W. PINE TREE, LAKE ORION, Michigan died 11/29/2008

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all cia ns against the esta will be forever barred unless presented to PAULA. BAILEY, named perwill be to rever barred unless presented to PAULA. BAILE 1, name per-sonal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Michigan 48341-0449 re named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the of publication of this notice. 12/23/08

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NOTICE PUBLIC NDEPENDENCE TWP.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Independence Township Board of Appea et on Wednesday, February 4, 2009 at 7:30 PM at the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI 48346 to hear the following cases: Case #09-0002 Sevek, Gary, Petitioner APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE

FROM ARTICLE III. DIVISION 24, SEC-TION 50-837. ACCESSORY BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES. SIDE YARD SET-BACK VARIANCE OF 31 FT TO CON-STRUCT ACCESSORY STRUCTURE (CONSTRUCTION STARTED WITHOUT PERMIT)

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Shelagh VanderVeen, Clerk

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A brisk start to

Clarkston's Flying Rhino cyclers celebrated the new year with their 20th annual Polar Rhino New Years Day Ride, starting at Independence Elementary School on Hubbard Road. About 100 riders rang in 2009 with a 7-mile or 16-mile trip through a snowy, 18-degree Independence Township. The club is sponsored by Kinetic Systems, 248-625-7000. Photo submitted by John Meyland

Lions offer free eye screening, set for Jan. 24

Clarkston Area Lions offer free vision screening to children ages 1-5 years old on Saturday, Jan. 24, 1-4 p.m., at the Independence Township Library.

Trained club members use special cameras to photograph children's eyes. Pictures are sent to Children's Hospital for review. Parents receive results via U.S. mail

The screening is to detect poor vision or risk factors interfering with vision and normal visual development, including:

Improperly aligned eyes, Strabismus, lazy, cross-eye;

Imperfect refractive powers of the eye, nearsightedness, farsightedness, anisometriopia, and astigmatism; and

Obstructions that interfere with light passing through the eye, cataracts, ptosis, droopy eye-lid.

Cameras have been purchased by the Lions, and film and picture reading costs are donated by the Clarkston Area Lions as a service to the community.

The state endorsed the project, so it fulfills vision-screening requirements for kindergarten.

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