

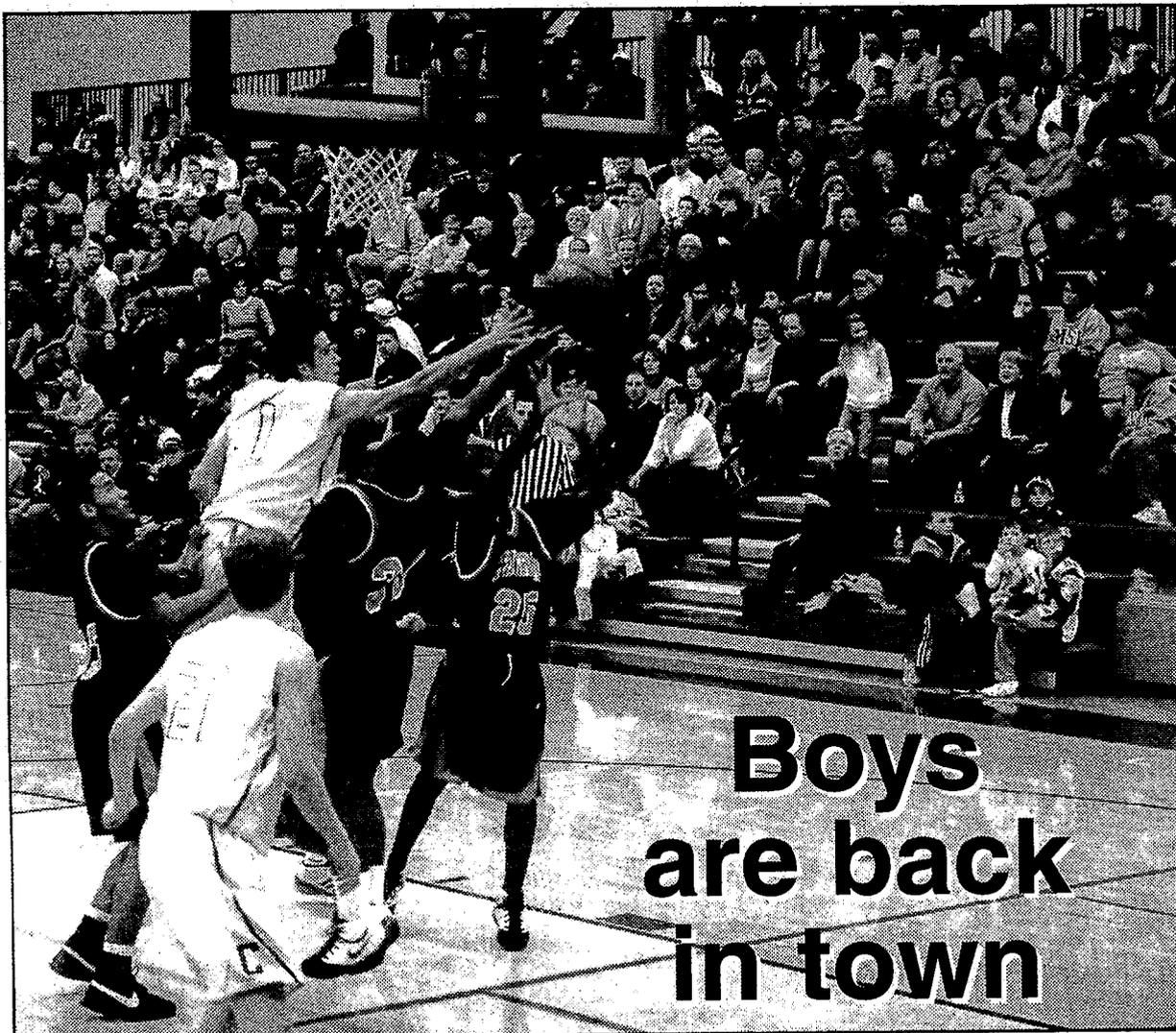


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Boys are back in town

Brandon Verlinden breaks through Pontiac Central's defense to reach for the ball. Please see page 20A for more photos from the Wolves first home game this past Friday. Photo by Laura Colvin

Sewer plan mired in negotiations

BY TREVOR KEISER
 Clarkston News Staff Writer

Bids are in and workers ready, but sticky negotiations are clogging up resolution of a collapsed storm sewer situation. "We need the easement before we can work on this," said City Manager Dennis Ritter, at the Jan. 12 Clarkston City Council meeting.

Three construction companies submitted two bids each to repair Washington Street resident Norm Cristea's sewer, which collapsed in his front yard three weeks ago.

The first bid is to reroute the sewer down to Clarkston Mills property, which neighbors Cristea. The other option is to go under Cristea's driveway.

Clarkston Mills property owner Ed Adler initially supported using his property, but later told Ritter he did not want to participate.

"They didn't want to give up the land. They have plans over there," said Ritter. "The only alternative is to go down Mr. Cristea's driveway, which would be the east property line."

The bid was awarded to V.I.L. Construction Inc., with the lowest bid of \$50,980 down the driveway, and \$53,880 for the easement.

"Gary Tressle selected V.I.L. Construction Inc. to be the best company to work with," said Ritter. "He's very familiar with them."

However, Cristea said he will not give permission until the

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Stimulus plan hurts in long run, Ottman says

BY TREVOR KEISER
 Clarkston News Staff Writer

When it came time for City Council to approve the final stimulus plan package, Councilwoman Kristy Ottman wanted no part of it.

"As much as I love the idea of us going through and getting this grant money, I am opposed to the actual stimulus plan. I think that it's a band aid on a major problem," she said. "This is taxpayer's money. I did not support the credit bailout on Wall Street and although this (stimulus package) is creating jobs, it's a very short term fix."

Councilman Cory Johnston agreed that it would only create short term jobs, but did believe the projects would save both the city and the taxpayers money down the road.



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- Kristy Ottman

Ottman did note if the council felt her taking her name off would be "detrimental" to the city as a whole then that would be the "turning point" for her.

Councilman Jim Brueck also said he was not necessarily in favor of the bailout or the stimulus package, but did see getting the money as a plus for the city.

"If this is an opportunity to do this for all the right reasons and improve the city, I would like to see a consensus and agreement from the council to do it," said Brueck.

Councilman Charles Inabnit agreed.

"I took my beliefs in it, then I weighed them against the city's interest," he said. "I'm here and I have to do what's best for the city and if it means putting my name on there, then that's what I have to do."

City Attorney Tom Ryan, suggested putting absent.

"I don't think you should take your name off, you're on the city council," said Ryan. "You either vote 'no' or don't vote and that's your way around it."

When Mayor Stephen Arkwright suggested tabling the

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They go 'above and beyond'

Clarkston Community Schools honored 12 employees last week as 2008-09 Second Quarter Employee Recognition Recipients at the Board of Education meeting Monday, Jan 12.

Any employee of the Clarkston Community Schools, working in any capacity, may be a recipient of the award, which is given quarterly to those who make a contribution above and beyond the normal scope of work responsibility.

Second-quarter awardees include: An-

drea Lockwood, 4th grade teacher, Andersonville Elementary; Joellyn Partyka, math instructional aide, Bailey Lake Elementary; Bev Lekse, reading instructional aide, Bailey Lake Elementary; Andrea Morales, special education teacher, Clarkston Elementary; Katie Marasco, physical education teacher, Independence Elementary; Kelly Fuller, second grade teacher, Clarkston Elementary; Jennifer Davis-Eklin, fourth grade teacher, Independence Elementary; Niles

Rachut, seventh grade eastern global studies/technology teacher, Sashabaw Middle School; Jennifer Platukas, sixth grade math teacher, Sashabaw Middle School; Mike Greve, social studies teacher, Clarkston Junior High School; Carla Teare, Safe and Drug Free Schools coordinator/health and PE coordinator/RV instructor, Clarkston Junior High School and Clarkston High School; and Doug Slater, marketing teacher, Clarkston High School.
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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.

"The focus of it is Dixie Highway, from township line to township line," said Sam moraco, planning commission chairman. "I hope some of the ideas that come up will be ideas that can be put into action and implemented everywhere in the township. Dixie is not the only place with empty retail."

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

Spaghetti dinner for Young at Heart, Jan. 26

An all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner is planned for Monday, Jan. 26 to benefit the Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Department, and the Young at Heart Active Adult Group.

Cost is \$6 for diners 4 and up; kids under 4 eat free. The event, which also includes a bake sale, takes place 5-7 p.m. at the Hart Center, 495 Broadway in Davisburg.

Call 248-846-6558 for more information.

Park programs accept signups

Independence Township Parks and Recreation is accepting applications for adult and children's activity programs, including Dancing Like the Stars Intensive, Yoga Pilates Synergy, Body Shaping and Strength Training, Belly Dancing, Sanchin-Ryu's Karate, Horseback Riding for Beginners, ages 7 and up; Instructional Archery; Girls' Softball Pitching Clinic, run by Varsity Softball coach Don Peters, ages 8-13; Spring Youth Soccer, ages 4 and up; Little Dribblers Basketball, grades K-2; and Start Smart Baseball and Soccer, ages 3-5.

For more information, check the township website, www.itpr.org.

School board honored for hard work

BY LAURA COLVIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

It was a rare moment in the spotlight for seven individuals last week as administrators, parents and others praised members of Clarkston Community Schools' Board of Education.

Acknowledging January as School Board Recognition Month in Michigan, Superintendent Al Roberts applauded the board.

"These are seven individuals who never see the spotlight except to place it on the kids, and we are fortunate in the community to have them," Roberts said at the Jan. 12 school board meeting.

"It can be a pretty frustrating job. Few people understand the commitment needed to do the job well; the time, effort and energy is significant and the monetary reward is just a token."

Roberts said he felt it is important for administrators, faculty and staff to show appreciation for the work school board members do on behalf of more than 8,100 students currently attending school in the district.

"Governing is not an easy task and budgeting...is very difficult," he told the board. "But your vision, your commitment to



"Your desire to make Clarkston a district of excellence makes you a school board worthy of recognition."

- Dr. Al Roberts

our students, your integrity to do what is right—not what is easy or popular—and your desire to make Clarkston a district of excellence makes you a school board worthy of recognition. Thank you."

Administrators read a proclamation from Gov. Jennifer Granholm, followed with a resolution from the State Board of Education.

Others also expressed appreciation.

"Speaking as a representative for all Clarkston parents, I'm proud our school board continues to value performing arts at times when new graduation requirements and budget constraints can threaten our systems," said Elizabeth Egan, who serves as Clarkston PTSA president and PTA council president.

Egan also said she appreciated the board's support of "appropriate academic challenges" for students, as well as the encouragement of parental involvement in the

schools.

"We are indeed a fortunate community," she said. "We have a superintendent and school board that values the voices and talents of our parents."

Egan presented the board with a donation to the Clarkston Foundation in the name of the 2008-2009 Clarkston Community School Board.

Brooke Davis, president of the Clarkston Education Association, also presented a gift to the district on behalf of the board: award-winning, age appropriate books were sent to each school.

"Your children—and for some of you, your grandchildren—can appreciate the joy of reading, then opening the cover to see your name for years to come," he said.

Administrators bestowed the board with an artistic creation made by Pine Knob Elementary students, as well as a book light.

"For reading your board packets," Roberts joked.

School Board President Steve Hyer thanked the district and the community on behalf of the entire board.

"We certainly don't do the job for recognition," he said. "But we appreciate you recognizing the job we do tonight. Thank you."

New city hall tops stimulus list

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discussion for another meeting. Ottman didn't want to slow the process down any further, so she left the meeting early to be absent during voting.

"I wanted my name struck from document but in order to do that a special meeting would have had to been called or they would have missed the deadline for submittal," said Ottman. "Even though I don't agree with it, nevertheless I did not want to impede that process."

Looking back she said she regrets not voting 'no' and having her name removed from the list.

"I just have a very big problem with making our debt load higher and not fixing the problem. It's my perspective that in two years when the stimulus package has been spent we will be right back to where we are now with the exception of being trillions and trillions of dollars into debt as oppose to billions," she said.

"I don't think for a minute that we would be irresponsible if the money was granted there is no question about that. I just don't think it's the solution and I don't want to be a part of something I don't believe in good or bad."

With Ottman absent, the council vote to approve the project list is considered unanimous.

City eyes \$3.6 million in projects

1. City hall

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2. Park improvements

Estimated cost: \$575,000

Estimated jobs: 40

Benefits: Improve increased public safety, reduce maintenance cost, increase protection of water quality, and minimize soil erosion.

3. Streetscape

Estimated cost: \$425,000

Estimated jobs: 40

Benefits: Improve needed pedestrian safety measures and street improvements for residents and visitors.

4. Management practice for storm water control, and deteriorating piping.

Estimated cost: \$400,000

Estimated jobs: 40

Benefits: Improve water quality, replace deteriorated piping to minimize leakage, and improve pollution control for residents.

5. Replace DPW trucks and City Police vehicles.

Estimated cost: \$332,000

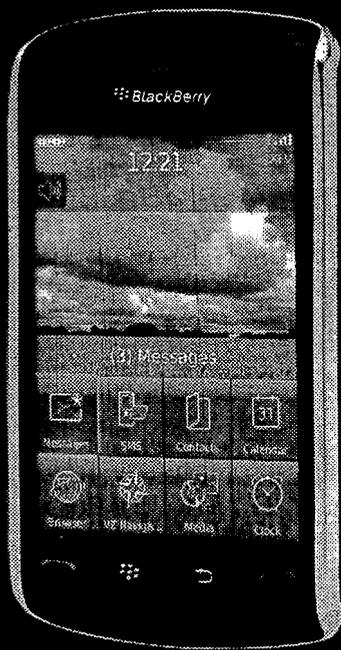
Estimated jobs: 100 (all automotive assembly)

Benefits: Provide safe and dependable trucks and vehicles for employees, reduce repair costs and downtime, faster response to citizen needs and complaints

The list included five projects: construct a municipal campus, which would consolidate all city departments in one building; Depot Park improvements, including storm water mitigation, park lighting, performance area, stream bank stabilization, and infrastructure; improve handicapped accessibility, as well as sidewalk, street

lighting, and other pedestrian safety circulation improvements; low impact development of storm water control and deteriorating piping; and replace the city's two oldest DPW dump trucks, its three oldest police vehicles, and equipment including in-car computer, cameras, and fingerprint machine.

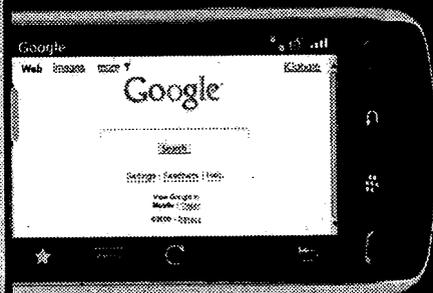
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Eagle Scout helps people see better

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

After collecting nearly 2,800 pairs of old, unwanted eyeglasses for the poor, Michael E. Inch has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.

"It felt good," he said. "I know that a lot of people in developing countries need glasses to see and if they can't see very well they won't be able to get jobs, because they won't be able to do things."

Inch, a Clarkston High School Junior and member of Boy Scout Troop 185, collected glasses for the Clarkston Area Lions Club in his neighborhood, as well as leaving donation boxes with area eye doctors and funeral homes. The collection was done over two Saturdays by Scout volunteers.

He started his "Trail to Eagle," in 1998 as a first grader in Tiger Cub Pack 3425 at Cottonwood Point Elementary School in Overland Park, Kansas. He progressed through the Cub Scout ranks, receiving his Webelos Badge in 2002, and his Arrow of Light in 2003. He attended summer camp that year at Camp Geiger, St. Joseph, Missouri, and completed the 25 mile Katy Spirit Bike Trail during a spring weekend campout in Booneville, Missouri.

"When I started Tiger Cubs, I just went through it kind of interested and then as I got into Cub Scouts it got more interesting because we started to go out on campouts and stuff. Then once I crossed over into Boy Scouts a lot of stuff happened," said Inch. "I was getting close, so I wanted to finish it. It was one of my goals of scouting."

However, he will be the first to tell you he couldn't have reached his goal without support of his parents Terry and Tami Inch and his two brothers Matt and Kyle.

"My parents helped push me through," he said. "There was times when I just wanted to stop because it was really tough, but my mom really helped me out. She helped put a lot of things together for me and it made it a little bit easier."

That July Inch and his family moved to Michigan where he joined Troop 185. Since then, he has attended summer camp each year at Owasippe Scout Reservation in Whitehall. He also attended the Trail to Eagle camp at D Bar A in Metamora, winter Klondikes, Tenderfoot campouts, Hocking Hills, and other various outing and troop service projects.

Inch has earned 34 merit badges and is an "Ordeal Member" in the Chippewa Lodge of the Order of the Arrow,



Michael E. Inch

Scouting's honor society. He has served the troop as an assistant senior patrol leader, patrol leader, assistant patrol leader, and troop guide.

He also does well in school. He is an Honor Roll student and member of the National Honor Society, as well as a varsity letter holder in cross country and swimming. He said his dad was also a runner and both of his parents were good swimmers.

"In sixth grade, my parents started me in this cross country club they had in my school," said Inch.

"When I got into high school I started to swim and it's just really progressed from there."

Though only a junior, as Inch looks ahead at the future, he is considering going to college either to be an engineer or something in the medical field.

"I like math and science in school," he said. "Somewhere where I can keep close to my family, maybe to Michigan State University, Central, or Eastern. There are some good schools around here."

As far as scouting goes, there are definitely two key things he has learned, which he said will help him the rest of his life.

"The big thing is it helps you with leadership. A lot of things you need to have good leadership skills in order to go through life. It also helped with taking feedback from people when you go through your scout master conferences and board of reviews they give you feedback on things you can improve on," said Inch.

"If you can take feedback from people and learn to work on what they say, you'll be able to make it through life a little easier too."

A spring Eagle Court of Honor is planned.

How much is that truck in the window?

Springfield officials to accept bids on new pickup trucks

BY LAURA COLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

To buy or not to buy?

That wasn't really the question—but then again, it was—as Springfield Township officials recently decided to obtain bids for the possible replacement of aging municipal vehicles.

During the township board's January meeting, Supervisor Mike Trout suggested soliciting bids for several new vehicles, saying he'd like to consider a purchase if numbers came in low enough.

After a lengthy discussion, the board voted 6-1 in favor of accepting bids for two full-size, half-ton pickup trucks.

Although the fire department plans to purchase a new command vehicle, Trout and other township officials have repeatedly voiced concerns about the safety of a 20-year-old pickup used by the Parks and Recreation Department.

"We might be able to get a pretty good price right now by asking local dealers to look at their existing inventory," Trout said. "It obligates us in no way to buy vehicles; it's a bid only. And in some small way, I thought we could help out the community; we have five car dealerships in (Springfield Township) and if this is a way we can help support them in this tough time, maybe we should do that."

Trout said it was not his intention to impose the purchase of a vehicle on any department unable to afford the cost, but suggested allocating funds from elsewhere.

"There may have to be provisions made, but there's money in the budget," he said. "Last year we had the same amount in our contingency fund, and we didn't spend any of it."

But Treasurer Jamie Dubre said the decision to leave last year's contingency fund in the bank was "kudos to the board."

Dubre and other members agreed the purchase of a new command vehicle for the fire department was in order—a new pickup was budgeted into the fire fund—but some questioned the value in going out for bid on a new parks vehicle.

"If the park commission wants to go for a pickup truck and pay for it I don't have a problem," said Dubre. "They

decide how to utilize the funds allocated by the board at budget time. But (the parks department) isn't able to pay for a vehicle; they don't have money for that, and I'm concerned with the general fund absorbing all these costs."

Parks and Recreation Director Jennifer Tucker confirmed Dubre's statement, as the board was already aware, and said even if the department could fit a new vehicle into its budget, a pickup would not be the priority.

"We do have an old truck," she said. "But our initial problem is transporting staff from place to place. If we replace (the old truck) with a two-seat vehicle, we're right where we were. A four-seat vehicle, that'd be great. If we had to prioritize, a Gator would be first."

However, Tucker said, the department has already cut a number of seasonal positions due to the economic climate, and transportation of staff may soon be inconsequential.

"It's not that we wouldn't want to replace the truck," she said, noting the department spends about \$3,300 per year for maintenance of two pickups and two tractors. "We all recognize there are problems with it, but we have to make choices and the choice right now is keep the staff we have and continue to function at a moderate rate."

Others were supportive of obtaining bids.

"That blue truck isn't safe and at minimum needs a new box," said Trustee Denny Vallad. "The (parks department) has indicated their desire for a Gator, as opposed to a truck, for some time, but I am concerned about the safety of that blue truck."

Trustee Roger Lamont agreed, noting the township's current 10-year life expectancy for vehicles may be too long.

"We've been putting money into repairs, perhaps it would be prudent to at least get prices," he said. "We have township employees driving unsafe vehicles."

But Park Commissioner Jean Vallad said the truck was road safe and had been regularly maintained over the years.

The commission, she explained, was in the process of obtaining a safety certification from a local mechanic.

"When we look at the big picture and the capital outlay, the purchase of a truck is not something we're even considering at this time," she said.

The township will receive sealed bids for 2008-2009 model vehicles at the supervisor's office until 11 a.m., Monday, Feb. 2. Documents can be obtained from the office of the Charter Township of Springfield, 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, during regular business hours; or downloaded at www.springfield-twp.us. Call 248-846-6500 for more information.

Resident wants restoration promise

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city agrees to conditions.

"One, to remedy all the past and post building damages associated with the damaged drain and rerouting and, two, to restore the property in connection with granting any easements," he said.

Cristea hired McDowell and Associates Engineering to look at his property and make their own assessment of damage caused by the drain.

"This problem should have been resolved five years ago when first discovered," Cristea said in an e-mail to Ritter and City Mayor Stephen Arkwright. "Or, as an alternate, you can purchase the house and use it for the new city offices."

Independence Township Trustee Mark Petterson, who attended the meeting, said the council should fix it.

"If you have a hole in your roof and you put it off, what's going to happen," asked Petterson. "It's just going to cost you more money in the long run. Letting something deteriorate over time, that is just irresponsible on their part."

After talking with two contractors who were bidding for the job and seeing their plans, Cristea said he saw "very few items for restoration" written into them.

"The plans do not require replacement of trees, restoration of the front retaining wall, paver-sidewalk and landscaping," he said.

He was also concerned about two new manholes placed in his driveway, vibrations from heavy construction equipment close to the house, and setback requirements.

"The biggest concern I have is if we have another weather incident like we did before New Year's, it's going to be a serious problem," said Ritter. "We need to get going."

City Attorney Tom Ryan said it was in "everybody's best interest" to come to an agreement because if they went to court for a "condemnation" case, it would take about 6-8 weeks.

Arkwright told Cristea that the council understands his position.

"We're not making light of it, but we need to move on this project," Arkwright said. "We will do the best we can, whatever is appropriate, to restore the property as deemed by those who make those decisions for us."

"The sooner we can get to this project and finish it up everything will be better," Ritter said. "It's all about the public safety, and public health of the community."



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Keiser's Role

A column by Trevor Keiser

Remembering Bill Cobb

This past Friday I showed up at Coats Funeral Home in Ortonville to pay my respects and to give my support to the family members of a gentleman by the name of Bill Cobb. Mr. Cobb passed away on Jan. 11 at 92 years old. He was a 71-year resident of Independence Township.

He served as the Independence Township assessor and building inspector, as well as a World War II vet of the U.S. Army Air Corps, serving as a B-24 pilot in India. He was also a longtime member of the Clarkston United Methodist Church where he was a member for over 50 years.

Last June, I had the opportunity of sitting down and interviewing Mr. Cobb. He gave me a brief history of his life story, which I did my best to capture in the story I wrote. (See "Diligence, dedication define Cobb's life," June, 18, 2008, *Clarkston News* archives).

I was so glad I had the opportunity to meet him and get to know him a little bit.

Bill stopped by the *Clarkston News* office three or four times to say "hello" and to invite me to walk with him across the street for a cup of coffee at Village Bake shop. Unfortunately, I only got to have a cup of coffee with him once, but I remember that day vividly. As we sat in the bakeshop sipping on our coffee, Bill pointed to some shelves on the wall that had special coffee mugs on them. He said, "The old timers all had their own mug."

I asked him if he had his own mug. He said he didn't, but he knew a lot of the men who did. "Most of them are probably dead now," he said.

Then Bill told me how he remembered when there was only one voting precinct in Clarkston both for the Village of Clarkston and Independence Township. It was held at the law offices next to Clarkston State Bank.

"The Mayor would come out ring the bell and say 'hear ye, hear ye, the polls are now open,'" he said.

Even though I only had the opportunity to have coffee with Bill once, I at least got to chat with him for a few minutes the other times he came in. He would read some of the stories I wrote concerning Independence Township and he wasn't afraid to give his thoughts and opinions on politics. I enjoyed hearing how he felt on the current issues of the day.

Bill took on a grandfather type figure to me and talking with him I could tell he was a man of character, wisdom and dedication.

At the funeral service I learned that Bill's biggest hobby was fishing on Whipple Lake. On each side of the picture of Bill and his wife Mae, was an old fishing pole and rowboat oar. It was evident the fishing rod had caught many fish. There was also a piece of wood with fish drawn on it included was the length, weight, girth, type of fish, the year it was caught.

His daughter Betty told me it was his way of recording the biggest fish he caught.

"If he caught one bigger the next time. He would erase and draw the bigger one," she said.

Being on the lake was Bill's way of getting away from the busyness of life and enjoying time with God. For him, nature was the best way to connect with his creator, which I know his faith had an impact on others.

For the family and friends who are left behind may God bless you all and give you peace. As for me, I will always remember the sweet old man whose life was a testimony of faith, character, wisdom, and dedication.



The Clarkston News Viewpoints

Drop steps to help school budget

With news of Clarkston Community Schools' budget process comes more of the same - revenues are falling while expenses are increasing.

About two-thirds of the budget goes to employee salaries and benefits, so the usual solution includes dozens of pink slips for teachers and support personnel - 40 got them this past year.

We have an idea to avoid some of that - eliminate automatic step pay increases for all employees.

Employees get a 3-percent raise every year, in addition to whatever other pay raise they may earn. The practice needs to stop. How can any pay increase be justified when revenues are dropping, and have been dropping for several years?

The step increases are built into employee contracts, so they'll need to be reopened and renegotiated. Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts has accepted pay freezes for himself several times. Lead the way.

Or the schools can jump on the bailout bandwagon, scooping up whatever stimulus money the new Obama administration shovels onto the country. Even the City of the Village of Clarkston is hoping for some. Road Commission of Oakland County is working on a list for \$300 million in projects.

Even if the new president succeeds in diverting more money to government programs, step increases should be eliminated as a reform measure. Award pay raises based on merit, not just for showing up.

Editorial

Thanks for holiday Lighthouse help

Dear Editor,

Over the past few weeks I have been reading the letters from area organizations expressing sincere gratitude for the wonderful donations received over the holidays.

It is difficult to put into words the appreciation felt by all of us at Lighthouse Emergency Services and the people we assist throughout the year.

We have benefited from food and non-food donations, seen an increase in volunteerism, and had countless groups

and individuals call to inquire about and meet whatever any special needs our agency has during not only the holidays but also the other months of the year.

So, although the words are simple, please accept our 'thank you' for all that you do to help - whether it is helping Lighthouse or any other good cause, I hope that you realize that you are making a difference, a very positive difference in the lives of many.

Connie Stapleton
Lighthouse Clarkston

Letters to the editor

Trustees' budget votes deserve recall

Dear Editor,

I find it remarkable that the township supervisor is quoted saying the township has its financial house in order, when they just squandered a substantial sum on a new Township Hall, which is twice the size of the existing facility, at a price far greater than market value, not to mention they have taken a township property off the tax rolls ("County exec lays out economic forecast to township officials," Jan. 14 edition).

The treasurer says the board "is very big on watching our expenses," but now they have a very big new expense in the form of debt service payments back to the Water and Sewer Department for the cash to buy the new township building.

Was the board just a spectator to this decision? Too bad the trustees were careful about this spending decision, and just watched the township spend tens of millions of dimes

on the new facility.

I am sure that if the woeful economic predictions are correct, township officials will come to us saying they have done everything possible to rein in expenses, and need to raise taxes or police, fire, parks and other resident services will have to be cut.

Hopefully, residents in our community will recall this decision to buy a new Township Hall at an above market rate price, and recall the elected decision makers as well.

What in the heck is the township going to do with a building that is twice as large as the existing facility? Maybe the supervisor will try to grow the township government to fill the new space?

Jeff Gibbs
Independence Township

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Just Jotting

...many weeks pass without someone's dog being featured in a news story about how they cared for a family member while they are suffering.

Ma'dog Shayna isn't a headline seeker, witness her recent reaction to my suffering body.

I had, to me, a severe stomachache. Whatever relief I could bring, didn't last long. As I lay on the sofa Shayna didn't come to me and didn't even pretend to care.

She loves playing with a big, knotted rope. During my recovery she nudged it against my arm, leg and face. I continued to ask her for kindness, to try to show some sympathy, to act like the caring dogs in the stories.

She went on and on, obviously caring more about herself than me. She wanted to play. I wanted mourning.

That darn dog acts like me. Me first. We'll play when I want to play. Don't bother me now. In this house we live on my terms.

Well, she may not have learned to sit, lay and come to my command, but she did pick up on my very large ego.

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One doesn't have to be a football fan to know there are 14,000 championship games being played this year. At the beginning of each game some players from each team meet a referee, the president of the game's sponsor and 16 camera men at the edge of the gridiron.

Then the ref makes a big deal out of showing each side of a large coin, preparatory to the toss.

That's the part I want to talk about. There's no trust there. We have become a nation of untrusting people anyway, then comes Bernard (the media likes to call him Bernie, like a dear friend) Madoff.



a column by
Jim Sherman

Remember, he's being credited with making \$50 billion off a Ponzi scheme. Several charities who invested with Bernard lost millions. The notoriety he has achieved has generated even more untrusting people.

I believe that's why the coin toss has become so dramatized. The ref goes to extremes to show each person present, including each camera, each side to the coin. Then he doesn't flip it. No. He wants to continue appearing untainted.

So, he hands it to a designated flipper who has been screened by the FBI, CIA, the head of the Federal Reserve, Nancy Pelosi, Barney Frank and a rest room attendant.

Finally, each person has to look at the coin on the ground to make sure it didn't land on an edge.

Thus an honest game of football can start.

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* I'm sure you've noticed with the introductions of the 2009 and 2010 cars that horsepower is still being promoted. Despite the Greenies' push for midget cars with long extension cords, the buyers still want power, baby.

• On a recent Friday evening get-together one lady asked if any of us noticed that Dial soap, which used to have a rounded top, is now indented. The next week radio's Paul Harvey asked a similar question. He suggested eaters of yogurt check the contents level in the container. He said many makers of foods are using the same size package, but putting in less food. If we buy by package size and not weight, they win.

• And, this year-end comment from my columnist friend Dick Milliman of Lansing: "We may want to look past 2009, but like other bad economic years, babies will be born, students will be graduated from college, the sun will come up and the shores, inviting. We can put optimism in the forefront and look for that sunrise of 2010."

• The first president to shake hands in greeting was Thomas Jefferson. Earlier presidents bowed.

• At least 8,000 human-made objects are orbiting the earth.

• There are 250,000 sweat glands in a pair of human feet.

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1994

"Interim period ends for Principal Cooley" Brent Cooley became principal of Clarkston High School, as he is no longer the interim principal. He was promoted to the post following his exemplary performance during a six-month probationary period.

"Brrrr! It was cold out there" Last week's temperatures reached a record low of 20 below, with highs not climbing past zero. Fuel and heating businesses and auto repair shops were swamped with calls as hundreds of schools closed.

"A stranger in a strange land: Serbia, Macedonia via Clarkston" Army combat medical specialist Chris Cascone was transferred with his unit, the Army's Berlin Brigade, to the United Nations Protection Forces, July 1993. Cascone marched the unmarked border between Macedonia and Serbia.

25 years ago - 1984

"State traffic deaths lowest since 45" The lowest number of traffic deaths since 1945 is due to seat belts, child restraints and increased drunk driver awareness. Last year, 1,297 people died on Michigan roads down from 1,417 in 1982.

"Chief closes Fire Station 2" The Independence Township Fire chief closed Fire Station 2 due to injured firefighters. Four of the 10 firefighters were out, and the station was to be closed at least until mid-February.

"Appeals halt Clarkston Place" Six of 10 applicants who lost certificate of need bids for a proposed \$30 million Clarkston Place were appealing the State's decision. Granted the requested number of beds, Clarkston Place's nursing home would expand to 188 beds.

50 years ago - 1959

"Rotary hears talk on Alaska" The Clarkston Rotary Club heard talks about Alaska from David Lee, who was introduced by his father Rotarian Al Lee. David spent two years of his army training in Alaska. David showed colored slides of pictures of Alaska.

"The Middle Ear" by H. G. Kobrak ready for public" Dr. Heinrich G. Kobrak, a Clarkston resident known for his investigative work on the middle ear, published his findings in a book titled "The Middle Ear".

"Clarkston resident buys Wyo. Ranch" Clarkston resident Jack A. Jylen purchased a 203-acre ranch in the Wind River Mountains, 20 miles from Dubois, Wyoming.



Smile of the week

Margaret Hunt and Leanne Hunt defy winter's snowy wrath by enjoying some warm-weather fun at Fountains Golf and Banquet Center's beach party this past weekend.

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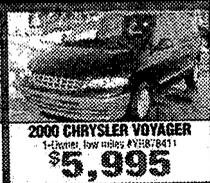
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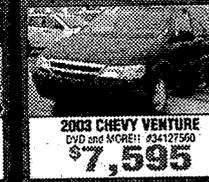
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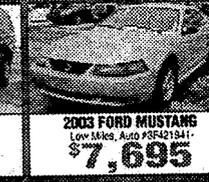
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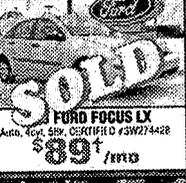
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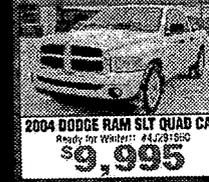


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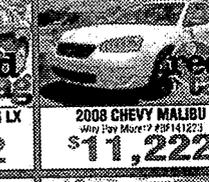
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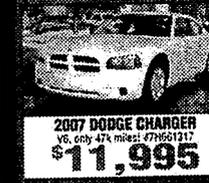
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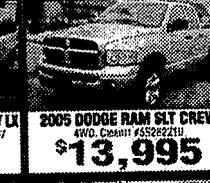
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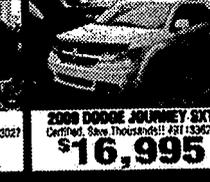
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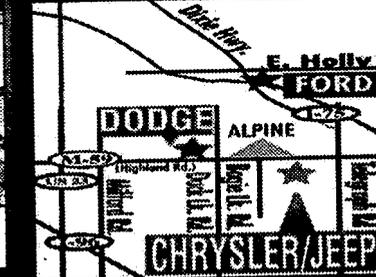
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Exposed to the elements

Responding to reports of a drunk man near Dixie and I-75, about 1:30 a.m., Jan. 2, an Oakland County Sheriff's deputy heard breaking branches in the woods. His spotlight revealed an 18-year-old Independence Township man, crawling in the snow with his pants pulled down to his ankles, exposing his buttocks. The suspect jumped up, pulling up his pants, and tried to flee into the woods. He tripped when his pants fell down. He was cited for disorderly conduct and underage drinking, and released to his mother.

Bar fight

Two Highland Township men were cited for assault and battery for allegedly attacking a Groveland Township man, 2 a.m., Jan. 2, at a Dixie Highway restaurant. The suspects allegedly threw lettuce at the victim, following it up with a drinking glass thrown at his head.

Trying to do the right thing

When a Brandon Township man hit an SUV from behind, about 1 p.m., Jan. 2, near Sashabaw and Maybee, he wanted to exchange insurance information and wait for police. His victim, a 40-year-old Independence Township woman, didn't have insurance and her license was expired, so she drove away. He gave deputies her license plate num-

Public Safety

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

ber, and they tracked her down to her home, and cited her for driving with a suspended license, leaving the scene of an accident, and expired plates.

Where there's smoking...

Independence Township firefighters extinguished a garage fire in the 5200 block of Oak Park Drive, about 8:15 a.m., Jan. 5. Investigators said the fire was most likely caused by someone tossing a cigarette in a mound of trash. No one was injured.

Drug busts

A deputy stopped an SUV because its driver's side headlight was out, about 6 p.m., Jan. 6, on Mann Road off Clintonville. The driver, a 17-year-old Waterford Township boy, gave permission to search, and a police dog hit on several parts of the vehicle. Deputies found a digital scale with marijuana residue, baggies, scissors, container with marijuana bits, baggie with suspected marijuana, and a bong. The teenager said he bought marijuana in Pontiac and weighs it to make

sure he wasn't ripped off. He was arrested for marijuana possession with intent to deliver.

An employee at an Ortonville Road store was caught trying to steal a cell phone charger and other items, about 7 p.m., Jan. 6. The 19-year-old Waterford Township man said he needed to charge his phone so he could call his grandmother. He had the stolen goods in his car, and told deputies they could go get it. While fetching the items, deputies also found a box of marijuana and two glass pipes. He was cited on drug charges. His grandmother paid for the items.

A deputy pulled over a vehicle with a cracked windshield and expired license plate tab, 5:30 p.m., Jan. 8, at Mary Sue and Maybee. The driver smelled of marijuana, and had a pipe, lighter, and other related items. He was cited for expired plate, no proof of insurance, and possession of marijuana.

Children in danger

Child Protective Services sent deputies to a Woodside Drive home, about 7:30 p.m., Jan. 7. The homeowner, a 53-year-old Inde-

pendence Township man, allegedly threatened to strike his 15-year-old son with a rifle butt during an argument over driver's training. The boy said he was worried about being hit, but not shot, since he didn't think there was ammunition in the home and the rifle "had no receiver." Deputies took the Chinese-made, Kalashnikov-type weapon for safekeeping and forwarded a report to CPS.

A Parview resident called deputies when a 7-year-old girl knocked on the door, about 1:30 a.m., Jan. 17, saying she was left home alone. The girl was taken to Children's Village. She was picked up by her mother, who said a relative was supposed to be staying with her. Deputies forwarded a report to CPS.

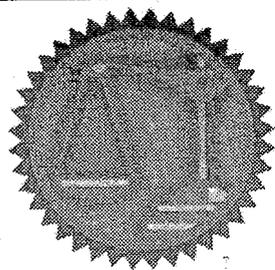
Arson under investigation

Springfield Township firefighters and deputies are investigating a barn fire, put out about 8 p.m., Jan. 17, on E. Holly Road. The fire was set in a hay bale in the center of the barn, investigators said.

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Workshop to focus on easing chronic pain, fatigue

BY LAURA COLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Around the time she turned 40, Kim Tombrella realized something was very wrong, and getting worse.

Overwhelmed by constant fatigue—and pain in nearly every part of her body—just getting through the day was a chore.

"I had absolutely no energy," said Tombrella, an Independence Township resident.

"I'd lie in bed for eight or 10 hours but I wasn't getting much sleep. I just dragged myself through the day—at night, I could hardly wait to get my daughter in bed so I could go to bed, too."

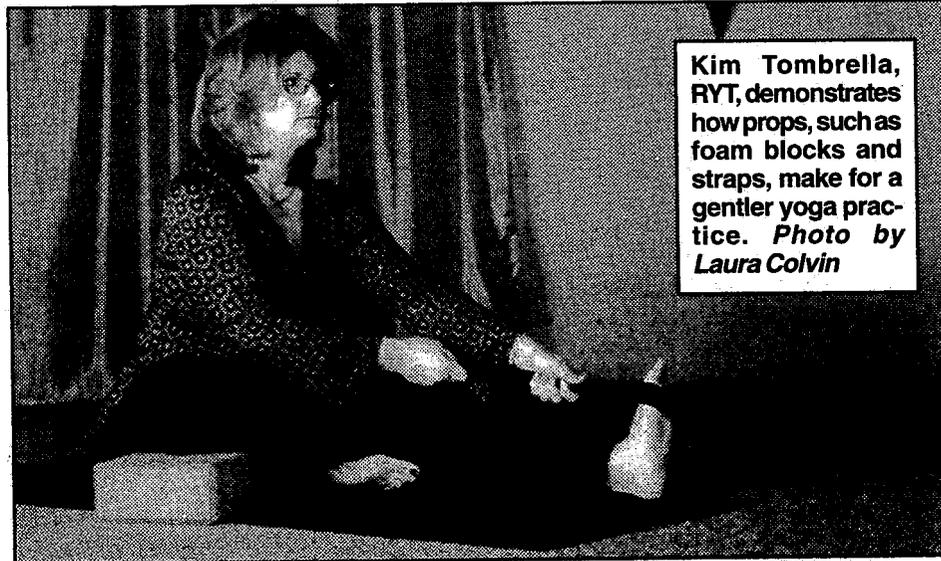
It took two years, but Tombrella finally got a proper diagnosis: fibromyalgia.

According to the National Fibromyalgia Association (NFA), the disorder is characterized by widespread musculoskeletal aches, pain and stiffness, soft tissue tenderness, general fatigue, and sleep disturbances.

Fibromyalgia affects an estimated 10 million Americans, says the NFA, and while it is most prevalent in women, it also occurs in men and children.

The organization advises a regular program of gentle exercise and stretching to maintain muscle tone and reduce pain and stiffness, something Tombrella learned firsthand.

"When I was finally diagnosed with



Kim Tombrella, RYT, demonstrates how props, such as foam blocks and straps, make for a gentler yoga practice. Photo by Laura Colvin

fibromyalgia, everything the doctor recommended was pharmaceutical," she said. "So I went out and found an MD with a holistic approach, and began practicing yoga regularly."

Now she wants to share what she's learned with others suffering from fibromyalgia or chronic fatigue syndrome, a related disorder.

Those who attend a Feb. 7 workshop, Tombrella said, will learn how a regular yoga practice can help bring relief.

A certified yoga instructor, Tombrella will

discuss and demonstrate how use of props—like straps, foam blocks and lots of extra cushioning—along with a gentle group of poses, can combine with breathing exercises to help alleviate symptoms.

"When I started getting sick I wasn't able to do much exercise at all," she said. "But a teacher reassured me I would be able to find a way to be comfortable. It was hard, and practicing yoga at times was uncomfortable. But I noticed my body felt less in pain when I finished,

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and breathing got easier."

In addition, she said, a regular practice has helped alleviate the anxiety and stress that often accompanies any chronic illness.

"I still have pain," she said. "But I know what makes it worse, and I know what makes it better. It's part of my life, but I'm no longer defined by it."

As a teacher of therapeutic yoga, Tombrella also works with cancer patients, those suffering from arthritis, recovering from surgery and others with ongoing physical issues.

"When I began yoga teacher training I did it to deepen my own practice," she said. "In the middle of the training I realized I needed to honor my heart and my spirituality. I needed to share this with people."

Although the Feb. 7 workshop is slated as a one-time event, Tombrella plans to develop an ongoing series if the event generates enough interest.

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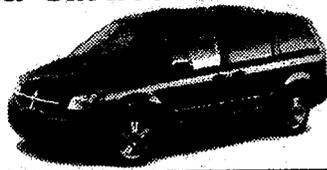


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Verlinden, Scarlett keep defense solid in first home win

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Senior Brandon Pokley stood at the three point line and shot at the basket. The ball went through and the Wolves lead over Pontiac Central increased to 40 points, activating a running clock for the remaining 11 minutes of the game.

From that moment the Chiefs pushed forward to close the gap, but Clarkston defense continued to block them from the net, ending the game, 62-26.

"Defensively, we played better than we usually do. We tried to lock it up and played a pretty good 'D,'" said Senior Brandon Verlinden. "We missed a few drops, but offensively we still have things to work on."

Verlinden and Tyler Scarlett were the key players to the defensive line.

"Verlinden and Scarlett are as good as we have ever had on defense - off the ball and they understand the way we do things," said Clarkston Head Coach Dan Fife. "We have had a lot of good defense, but they are up there with them with the way they drop and they understand where their position is."

Another key for the boys and Fife was worrying about their selves and not knowing Pontiac Central's record.

"I honestly don't look at the papers much during the basketball season so I didn't know they were 0-5 before the game," said Fife. "I am more concerned with our kids' effort and making sure no matter where we play, either at practice or a game, we compete all the time the way we should

compete. We had an experienced team coming back and they had no one coming back.

"It's tough to play in those games after a while because you get sloppy, careless and lose your focus. Our kids maintained and we got a good performance off our bench again tonight - (Jonathan) Baenziger, (Tom) Ronk, (Jared) Lawrence."

The Wolves remained in control of the board for the entire game from the moment the ball was thrown into the air and Matt Kamieniecki tapped it to Scarlett.

Pokley shot a three-pointer to put Clarkston on the board. The ball turned around to the Chiefs and Pierre Quinn tied the game. Verlinden broke the tie with a shot for three points and started the Wolves 19-point run.

"They always come out and play hard," said Staton about Central. "But we came out and got the best of them this time."

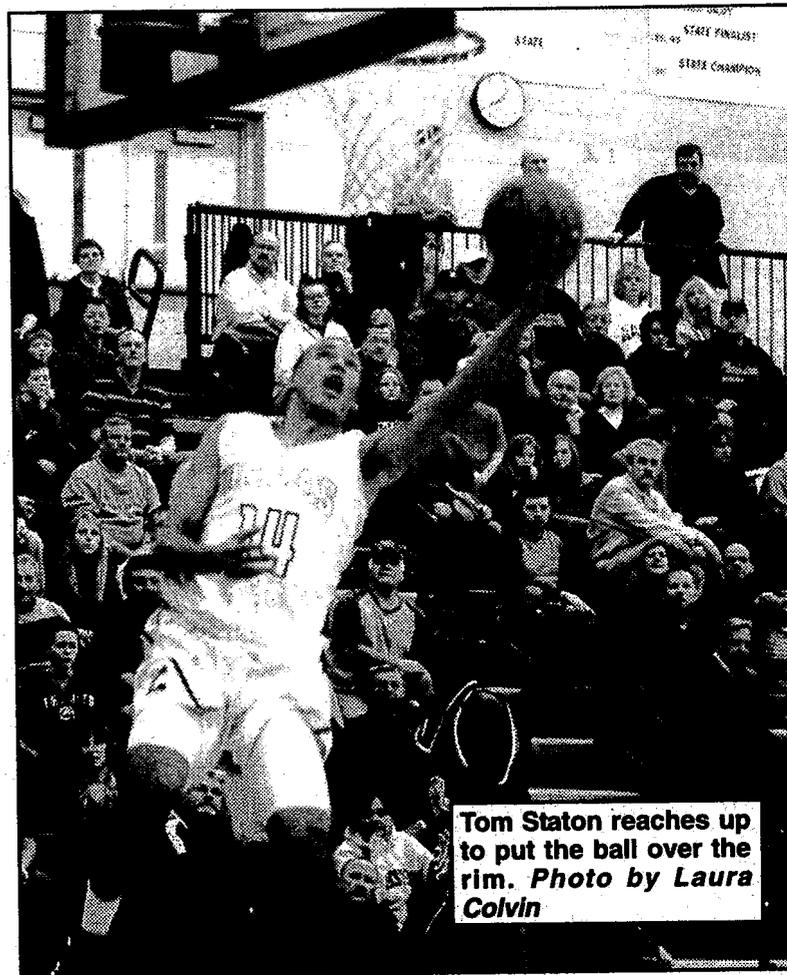
Before going into the second half of the game, the Wolves went for another run - this time of 16 points and kept Central down before closing the half, 39-11.

Pokley led the Wolves with 27 points, 12 points from 3-point throws. More high scorers from the game were Kamieniecki (8) and Verlinden (7).

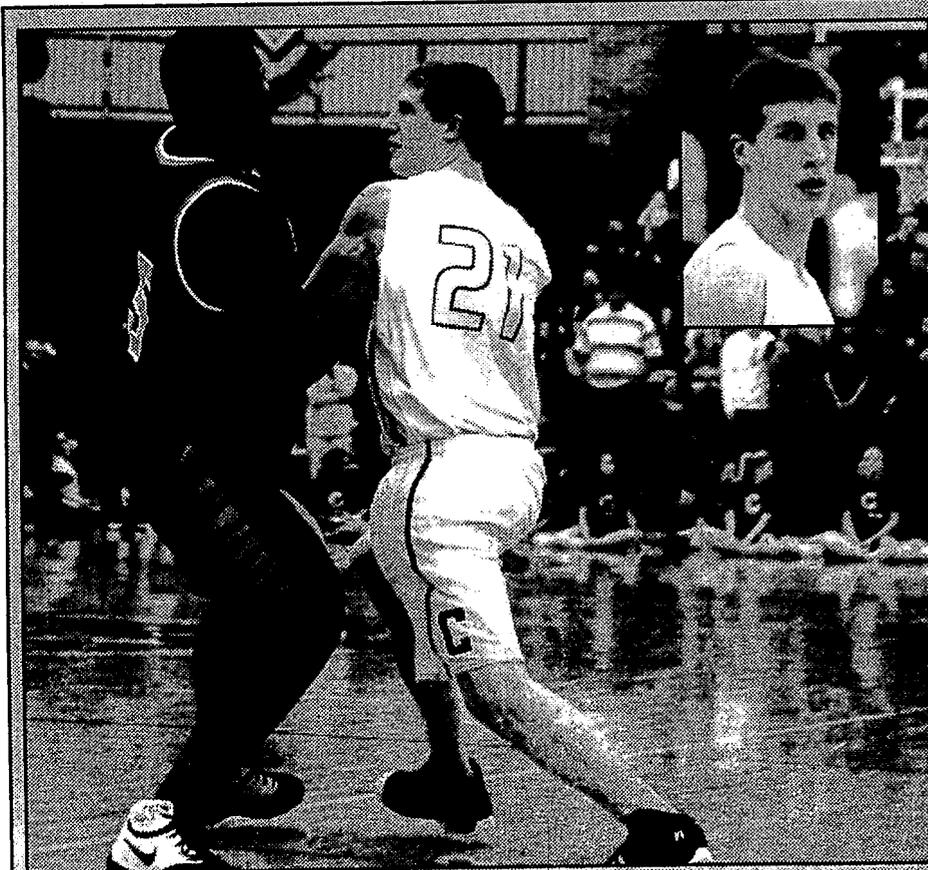
Pontiac Central's leading scorers were Quinn (11) and Torian Curry with six points.

The boys play at Oak Park (2-4) on Friday. JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.

They played Southfield on Tuesday. Check the Wolfpack Update on www.ClarkstonNews.com to see how the boys did.



Tom Staton reaches up to put the ball over the rim. Photo by Laura Colvin



Brandon Pokley finds himself blocked by a Pontiac Central guard. Photos by Laura Colvin

Athlete of the Week Pokley aids Wolves to 6-0

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Brandon Pokley's interest in basketball started when he was five and watching his favorite players, Kobe Bryant and Michael Jordan, on television.

The years have passed and Pokley now stands at 6'4" and has scored 131 points in the first six games of his senior season. His game high of 27 points came during the boys home game against Pontiac Central.

"He has really made himself an outstanding player," said long-time Clarkston Coach Dan Fife.

"He is probably a better person than he is a basketball player. He is a great young man and a tremendous man to coach."

Pokley's goal for the season is the same at his teammates - to go undefeated for the season and make an appearance at the state final in March.

"We have the people," he said.

Pokley will continue to play ball in college, where he plays will depend on how the season goes and which college offers him a scholarship.

He currently has a 3.6 GPA and is studying AP Stats, Spanish, Forensics, along with a few history classes and required classes.

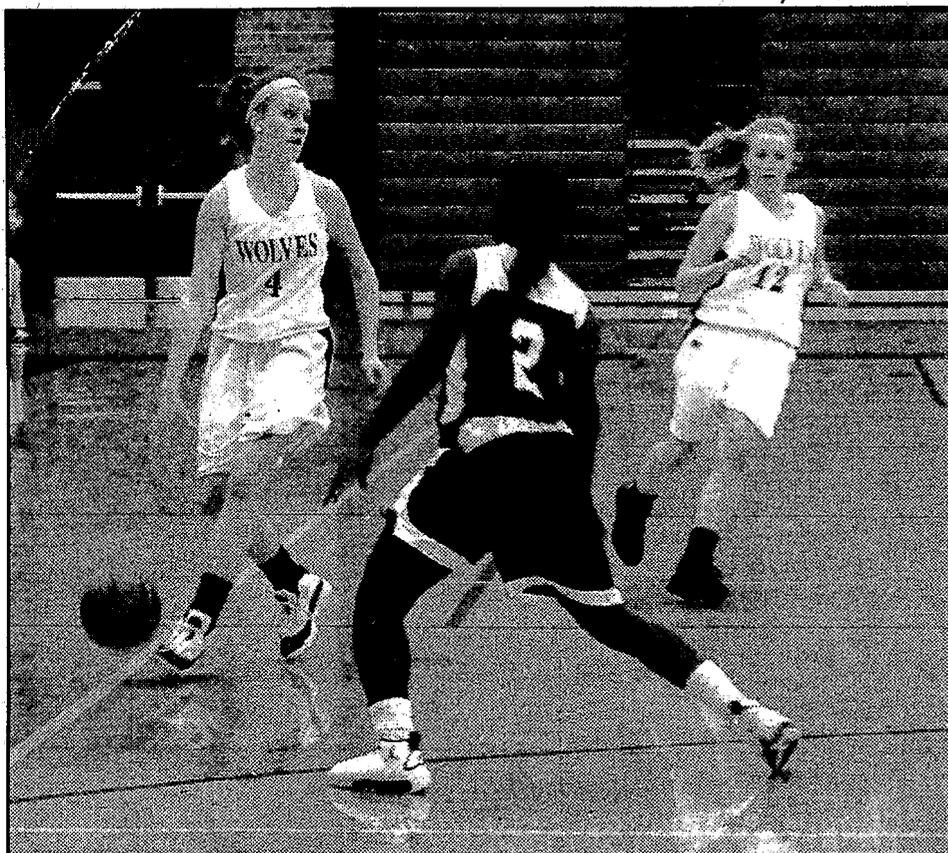
Pokley's advice for future Varsity cagers is to work hard and set their mind to it.

"Clarkston basketball is based on working hard. If you can do that, you can do anything."



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Kaleigh Kenny and Megan Hastings run around a Southfield guard. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Harris leads ladies to second win

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Lady Cagers showed Southfield the way to end a game in style, as they scored 22 points in the last quarter, Jan 13, for their second win of the season.

The Bluejays closed the gap by seven points going into the last eight minutes. The Wolves decided it was time to show what they were made of. Erica Harris and Mikaela Parrish led the team as Clarkston went for 12-point run to widen their lead.

When the game finished the girls won, 55-36.

"I thought we are improving as a team. From the first game to now, we have improved so much," said Co-Captain Kaleigh Kenny. "Our chemistry is improving on and off of the court. We are starting to understand each other and where each other is at during the game."

As the team's chemistry continues to grow on the court, Head Coach Tim Wasilk has been changing lineups during the last two games to see which combinations of players work on the floor. It has helped - the girls have won the last two games.

"The last game we had a different lineup to finish the game. Tonight, we had another lineup. The girls responded well," said Wasilk. "We look for players that can step up for us and make things happen. Tonight, it just happened to be different people. I am glad we can get contributions from more than just the usual five."

Kenny tapped the ball towards Southfield's territory as the game began and the Bluejays gained control of the ball.

The Wolves eased their way into the control again and got the ball inside to Kenny for the first two points on the board, followed by a 3-pointer by Megan Hastings.

With the five point lead, the girls continued their momentum and held onto the lead until the very end.

Harris led the game with 16 points "She had a pretty good overall game, but a nice final quarter," said Wasilk. "She had some big shots from the base line and finished with some steals and layups."

Harris scored three baskets and added one assist in the final quarter.

More leading scorers were Parrish with 11, and Kenny and Kayla Brimacombe with eight points. Brimacombe scored two 3-pointers during the game and Harris had one.

"Kenny rebounded the ball extremely well," said Wasilk. "Connor Daugherty has been great with her leadership. We are just looking for contributions from everybody."

Leading scorers from Southfield were Kanja Bryant (9) and Dayera Brown (8).

The girls now have a 2-4 record, 2-1 OAA Red.

JV beat Southfield, 47-34.

The girls host West Bloomfield on Thursday and Troy-Athens on Friday. They will head to Pontiac Northern on Tuesday.

The freshman team begins the night at 4 p.m., JV at 5:30 p.m., varsity at 7 p.m.

Icers get peek into regionals

Matt Campbell tied the score at beginning of the second period against Orchard Lake St. Mary's on Saturday night. St. Mary's turned it around and beat the Wolves, 5-2.

"Overall we showed some heart," said Clarkston Coach Bryan Krygier. "We fought back a little bit. They (St. Mary's) are obviously a good team. They are well-coached. They capitalize on mistakes."

Michael Fiteny put the boys on the scoreboard four minutes left in the first period and the boys needed one more to tie.

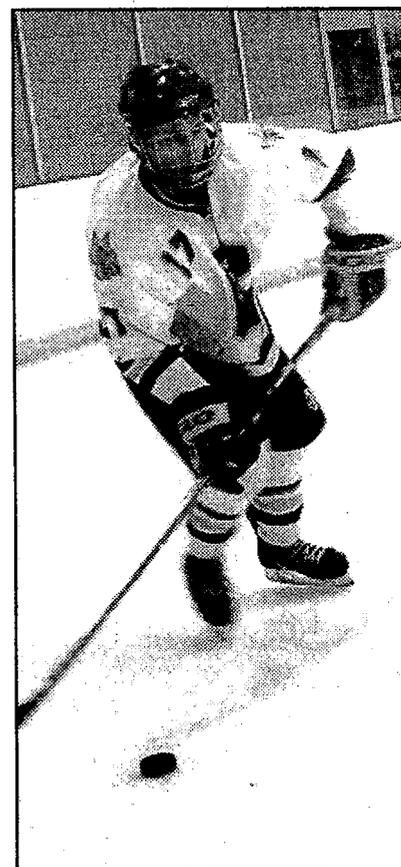
The Wolves capitalized on power plays moving forward and hitting a game total of 13 shots on goal and Goalie Neeko Muniz saved 20 shots on the net.

"Now we know if we play a little bit more and fight a little bit harder I think we can beat them again," said Krygier, going into Pre-Regionals against St. Mary's.

The boys lost to Farmington Hills Unified on Jan. , 4-3. Fiteny scored two goals and Jon Graham had one. The boys host Birmingham Unified on Thursday at 6 p.m. and are at Rochester Unified on Saturday at Rochester Onyx Ice Arena. They are both league games.

"We have to win in our league," said Krygier.

~Wendi Reardon



Adam Frank lines his hockey stick with the puck before taking a shot.

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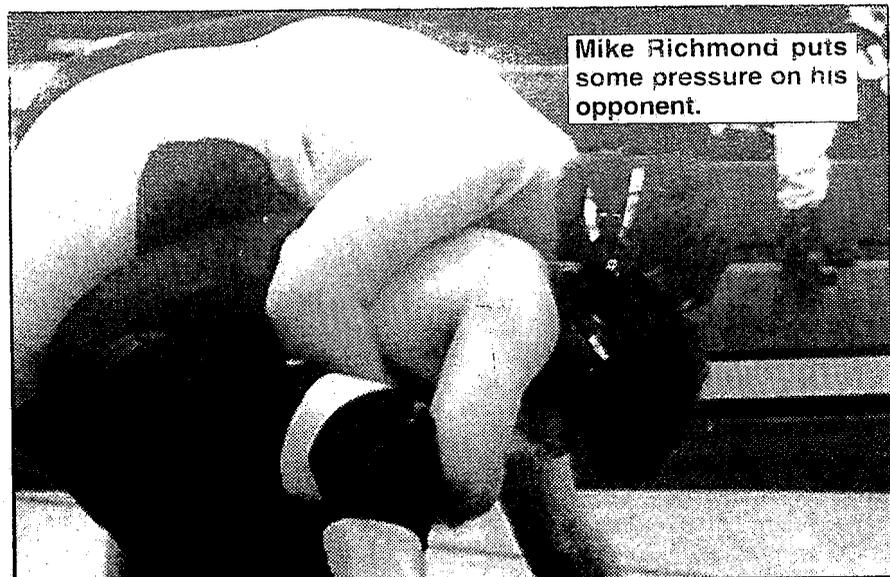
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Mike Richmond puts some pressure on his opponent.

Getting tougher in matches

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Grapplers took sixth place at the Bay City Michigan Duals during the weekend.

At the tournament they defeated three schools and lost to two.

"We wrestled well," said Coach Joe DeGain. "We are coming out and wrestling hard."

Alex Popp, Evan King, and Mike Richmond went undefeated in all five of their matches.

"It was Richmond's third competition since he dropped down to 215. He has done well with ten wins and one loss," said DeGain. "King is really opening up on offense and it worked for him. He had great takedowns."

Zak Roberson and Sloan Hadsall were 4-1 at the tournament, and Kyle Broughton was 3-1.

Broughton didn't expect to wrestle and had to step in when another wrestler was injured," said DeGain. "It was great for him to go in."

They took on Linden during the first round and won, 40-22. The next round they defeated Montrose, 41-23. During the third

round they lost to Dundee, 36-29 but came back with a win against Middleville (39-21). They lost the final round to Hesperia, 46-21.

DeGain said the boys are wrestling hard and get tougher with their opponents lighten up on them.

"When the opponents come at us and battle tough, we don't get tougher," said DeGain.

DeGain saw the same at the dual meets on Wednesday when the boys lost to Detroit Catholic Central and Hudson.

"When going gets tough, we got to work harder," said DeGain.

The boys will get a chance to get tough this week with a meet against Temperance Bedford on Wednesday and the Hammer and Anvil Tournament in Ohio on Saturday.

Bedford's meet will give the boys another opportunity to go against the best in the state.

"They are a fantastic team," said DeGain. "We can do well. We just have to believe in ourselves and get fired up on all cylinders."

At the Hammer and Anvil tournament the boys can go in with a clear head, not knowing anything about their opponent or who they have beaten.



Bobby Nelson, Kenny Stepflug and Jake Rush will be going to states in March. Photo provided

Swimmers set school records

The swim team didn't focus on the end result of the meet against Troy on January 15. They focused on swimmers setting school records and swimmers qualifying for the county and state meet.

Senior Jake Rush set a new school record in the 50 freestyle event with a time of 22.85.

"It was nice," said Rush about his achievement. "I have been working on it and got the time I wanted. I would like to try for the low 22s, if I can."

Senior Bobby Nelson and sophomore Kenny Stepflug also set school records in their events, Nelson in the 200 IM (2:05.37) Stepflug in the 200 freestyle (1:48.32).

Diver Jordan Zendejas beat his own record with a score of 294.40.

All four qualified for March's state meet.

During the 100 freestyle, Stepflug took first place and Nelson took second. Rush placed

first in the 100 backstroke. Stepflug, Nelson, Rush and Mike Inch took first place in the 400 free relay with a time of 3:30.57.

The boys lost the meet to Troy, 101.5 - 83.5.

Clarkston has three more meets until the Oakland County meet in February.

They head to Berkley this Thursday.

"We are going to try our best," said Rush. "Hopefully we will do as good as we hope."

~Wendi Reardon



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Good luck, Boys Varsity Bowling

Boys Varsity Bowling, front row, Nick Cooper and Nate Keck; back row, Jake Smith, Pat Zuker, Coach Bill George, Jim Stapleton, and Paul Anderson. Photo by Wendi Reardon



Girls Varsity Bowling gets the strikes

Girls Bowling, front row, Eileen Gemborys, Stephanie Wiley, and Alice Meyer; back row, Courtney Ziola, Stephanie Lively, Ashley Batzer, Caitlyn Stebbins and Coach Rodney Pierson. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Bowlers roll over the competition

Boys took first place at the Romeo Second Annual Team Invitational.

The boys scored 2920 after two games and four Baker games.

Paul Anderson bowled a 254 and 227 for a 481 and Nate Keck bowled a 211 and 236 for a total of 447.

The girls took tenth place during the tournament. They scored 2174 in two games and four Baker games.

Stephanie Lively bowled 205 and 194 for a 399, and Caitlyn Stebbins bowled a 155 and 164 for a 319.

The teams next home meets at Cherry Hills North will be Jan. 21 against Troy-Athens at 3:30 p.m. and February 2 against Ferndale at 3:45 p.m.

The teams will compete in the Oakland County Meet this weekend.

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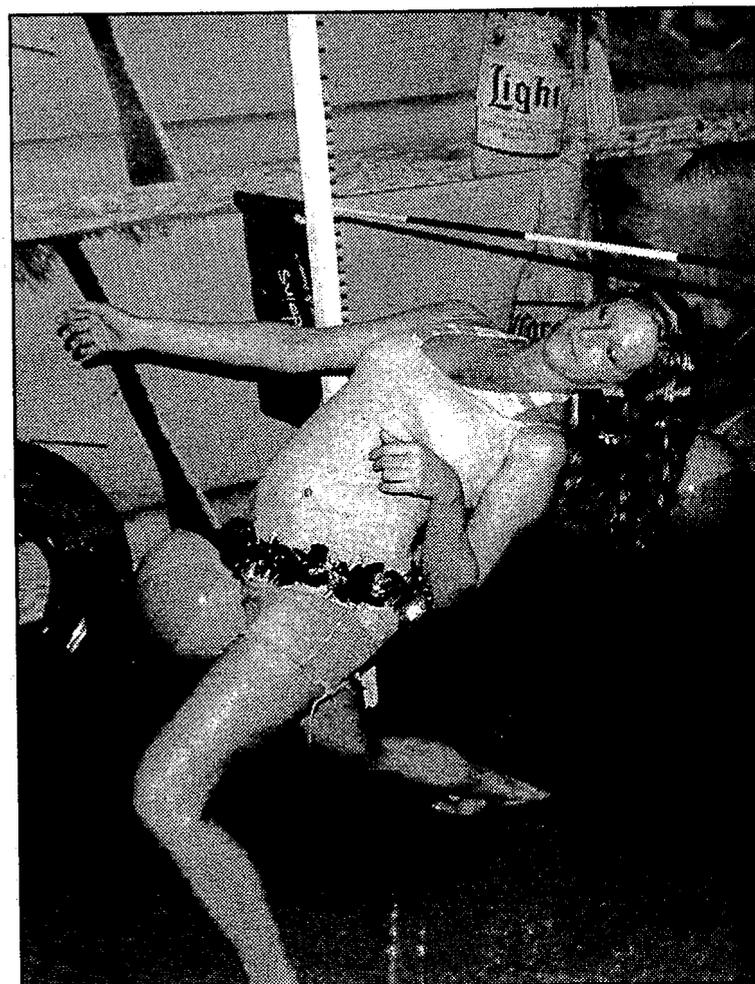
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"As a full-service vascular practice, we emphasize prevention, patient education, comprehensive diagnostic evaluation, and advanced care. We are dedicated to providing state-of-the-art healthcare for our patients," says Dr. Shuster, Director of Integrated Vein Center.

The Integrated Vascular Vein Center (IVVC) of Michigan offers office based varicose vein treatment from a Board Certified Vascular Surgeon. Many procedures are minimally invasive and require no leg incisions with quick recovery and no down time. Other services include consultations, diagnosis of, and treatment for Aneurysms, Carotid Disease, and Peripheral Vascular Disease.

One of the most common medical conditions is vein disease of the legs, which affects almost half of the population in some form. Women have a higher incidence of vein disease than men, as do those over the age of 50. A visual inspection of the size and color of the vein at the skin's surface is a common way to see vein disease; however, the diseased vein may not

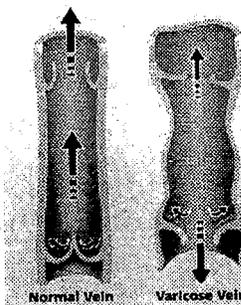
be visible at the surface, so individuals experiencing cramping, aching, burning, itching, soreness and tired legs are advised to consult a physician who can perform quick and easy tests to determine if you have vein disease.

Many patients are surprised to learn that correcting varicose veins and vein disease is about more than mere cosmetics. If untreated, symptoms can worsen over time leading to open sores on the foot, blood clots and tissue loss.

Fortunately, IVVC offers several minimally invasive procedures that are performed in the office on an out patient basis. Dr. Shuster routinely performs traditional procedures as well as several technologically advanced forms of therapy.

Laser Ablation is a procedure that has become an accepted alternative to surgical stripping, requiring only a small puncture in the leg. Performed in a physician's office, patients are encouraged to walk immediately after the procedure. Oftentimes performed in conjunction with Laser Ablation, Microphlebectomy is a minimally invasive procedure carried out through a pinhole size puncture in the skin, removing most of the large varicose veins.

As part of patient education, Dr. Shuster and his staff strive to inform patients of their treatment op-



WHAT IS Vein Disease?

Veins are the blood vessels that return blood to the heart from the body. To overcome the force of gravity, inside the veins are one-way valves which open to allow blood flow to the heart and close to prevent "reflux" of blood back to the body. When these valves fail in function, or if the vein is damaged so the valves do not completely close, blood can begin to pool in the vein, and cause a variety of complications.

tions as well as answering any insurance questions. Contrary to popular belief, many insurance companies cover the treatment of vein disease that is associated with substantial pain and other complications.

"The key to superior vascular care is making the right diagnosis, educating patients about vascular disease, and offering the best treatment options. We care about our patients," says Dr. Shuster.

In addition to being Board Certified Vascular Surgeons, Dr. Shuster is also a member of the American College of Phlebology and Dr. Sweda is a Fellow with the American College of Surgery.

Located at their new office at 600 Health Park Blvd., Suite G in Grand Blanc, Dr. Shuster and Dr. Sweda welcome new patients and second opinions. For a consultation, call 810-606-1660 or 877-771-VEIN.

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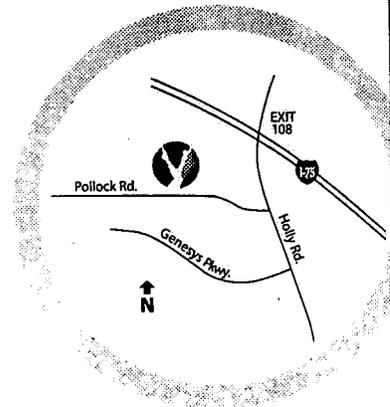
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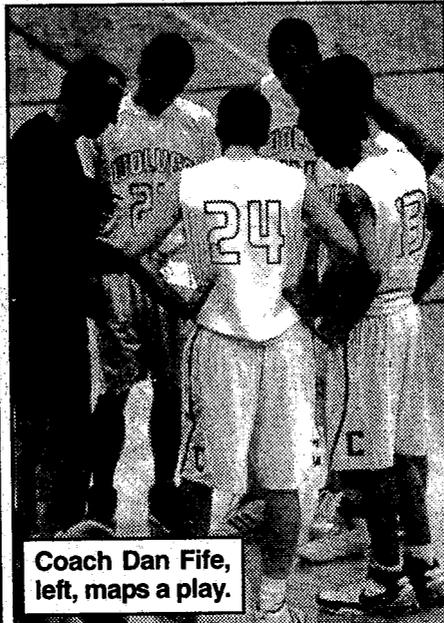


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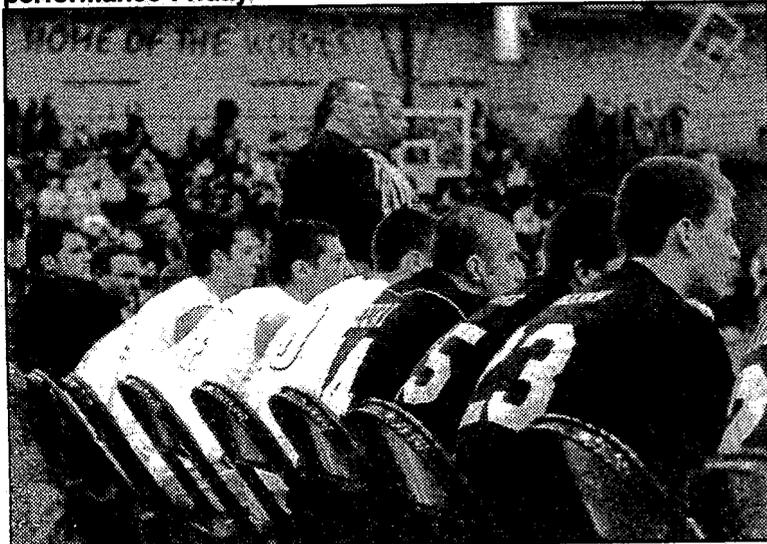
The varsity cheerleaders reach new heights in their performance Friday.



Coach Dan Fife, left, maps a play.



Welcome to the Jungle!



The team watches intently from the sideline.

Nothin' but net

It was home sweet home at Clarkston High School Friday as the Boys Varsity Basketball team pulled off a strong victory against Pontiac Central in the season's home opener.

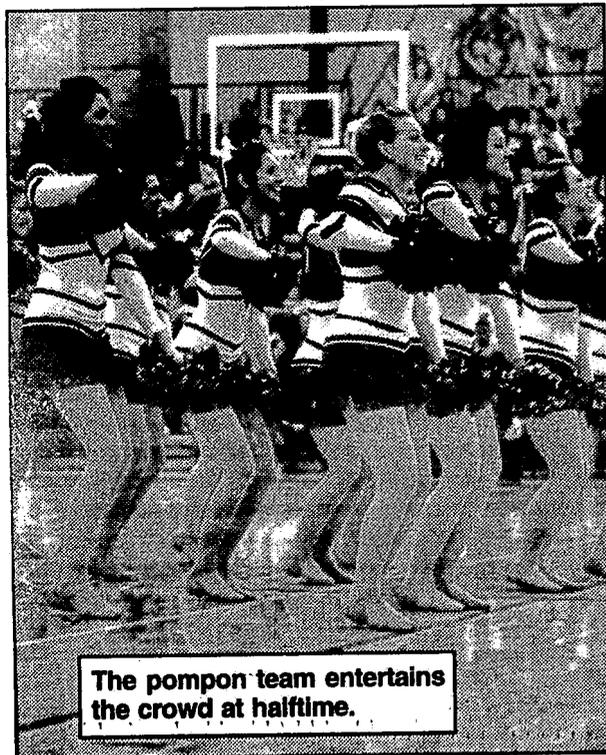
The 62-26 win gave the team 6-0 record going into Tuesday's game against Southfield.

See page 12A for complete coverage of Friday's game.

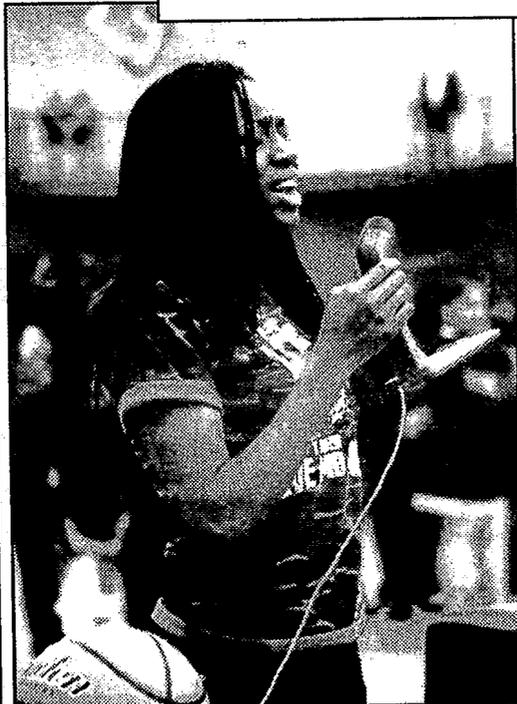
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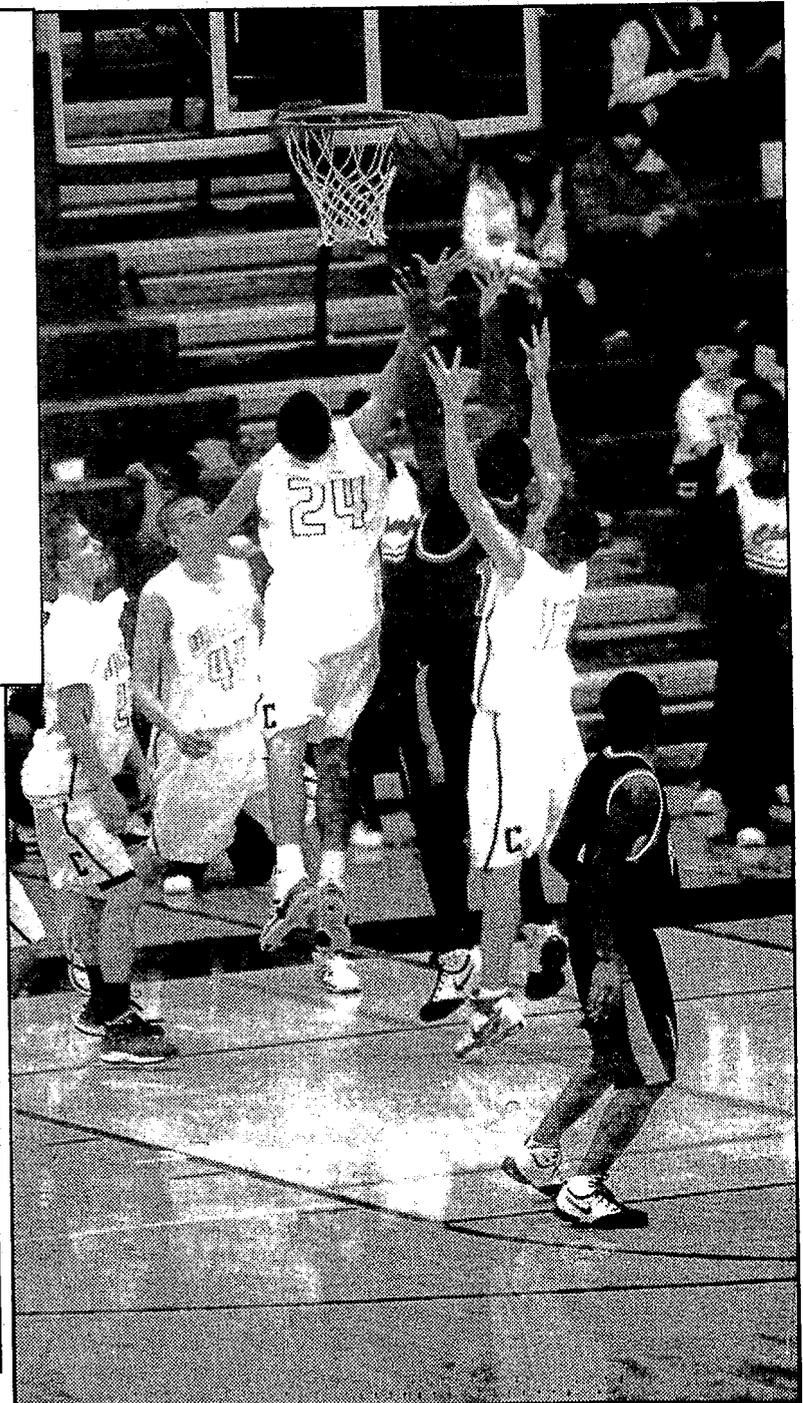
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The pompon team entertains the crowd at halftime.



Johanna Kupe sings the National Anthem.



People Poll

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Favorite winter pastime?



"Play video games."

-John Maier



"Ski and snowboard."

-Alexa Lindsay



"Go to Caribou."

-Jackson Marr



"I like to snuggle up with a blanket
and some hot chocolate."

-Kelle Canator

By Kathleen Quandt

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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

Leading the way Volunteers point future Leader Dogs in right direction

BY KATHLEEN QUANDT
Clarkston News Intern Writer

When Gina and Gerry Schmidt of Clarkston saw an article about leader dog volunteers, they decided their golden retriever Dakota could use a companion in his senior years.

Gerry signed up with Leader Dogs for the Blind, and in September, received a lab-retriever mix puppy. Volunteers receive puppies, 7-8 weeks old, and raise them for 10-12 months.

"So, I'm expecting a seven week old dog to be really tiny. When he came out with Harley he was 12 1/2 pounds. And I thought he was just a fat ball of fur," Gina said.

Puppy raisers have a chance to name their puppy. Gina named the puppy Harley because Gerry owned three of the motorcycles. He sold his last Harley a couple of years ago.

The Schmidts meet with a puppy counselor twice a month for 12 weeks. It is required that puppy raisers meet with puppy counselors once a month to follow up on the puppies.

Bev Blanchard, puppy program development manager, said "Our puppy raisers must attend a function that a puppy counselor puts on at least once a month. So, they may schedule that at a mall or they may have a training class or all different types of outings but that way it allows a volunteer that we've trained to look at his puppy



Gina and Gerry Schmidt are training Harley to be a Leader Dog. Photo by Kathleen Quandt

every month and report back to us on how they're doing."

The Schmidts went on an outing last Dec. to the Rainforest Café with several other puppy raisers.

"Just being around the other puppy raisers that have done this has really answered a lot of questions just about - what do you do about this or what's going to happen the day you turn him in, how do you feel about that, how did you

handle it - that kind of thing," Gina said.

After the application process for a puppy, Leader Dogs for the Blind provide puppy raisers with a DVD and manual for the dog, Blanchard said.

Instructions tell the puppy raisers what they can and can't do with their puppy, specific commands to use, and places to take their puppy. The raisers are also asked to teach their dog

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Around Town

Don't Mention My Name, comedy farce, Clarkston Village Players, 7:30 p.m., Jan. 22; 8 p.m., Jan. 23-24, Depot Theater 4861 White Lake Road. \$11 and \$13. 248-575-4104.

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

Organic Farming workshop, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Jan. 22, Springfield Oaks County Park, 12451 Andersonville Road. Topic: how to get started in small scale organic farming in Michigan. \$40, includes materials and lunch. 248-328-0594.

Chinese New Year Lunch, Jan. 23, 12 p.m. \$5 per person. Special lunch for anyone 50 plus. Deadline, Jan 21. Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road 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.

Carrick House Concerts, featuring folk singers Jan Krist and Jim Bizer, 4 p.m., Jan. 25.

Doors open at 3 p.m. \$10 donation. 248-394-0113.

Career Networking at Clarkston United Methodist Church, Jan. 27, 9 a.m.-10 a.m. in the parlor and Thursdays, Jan. 22 and 29, 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. in the library. Free, all welcome.

Spanish Lessons Jan. 27-March 17. Beginners: Tuesdays, 5:30-7 p.m., Intermediate: Tuesdays, 3:30-5 p.m. \$35 for 8 wks, \$12-\$15 for book. Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road, 248-625-8231.

Bunco and Pizza, Jan. 28, 4:30 pm Easy game with prizes, laughter and pizza, \$5 per person. Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road, 248-625-8231.

Book Sale, 10 am.-4 p.m., Jan. 30-31, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Purchase books individually, or \$5/bag. 248-625-2212, www.indelib.org.

Financial Seminar "In God We Trust? Facing Financial Difficulties" 9 a.m.-noon, Feb. 7. Rick Barnett, President of Barnett Financial Group, will present material on managing finances based on biblical principles. Free, no services will be sold at event. Maranatha Baptist Church, 5790 Flemings Lake Road, 248-625-2700

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

cost. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.

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

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

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

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: percus-

sion, 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.

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

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

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.

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

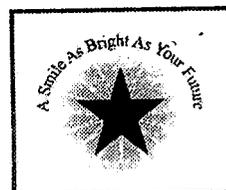
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SMILE OF THE MONTH

Dana Olsen



Dana is 12 years old and is in seventh grade at Sashabaw Middle School. In her free time she enjoys playing tennis and baking. Congratulations on a great smile Dana!



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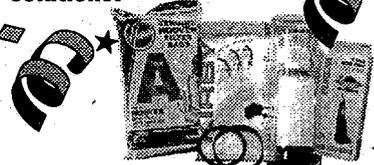
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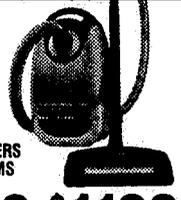
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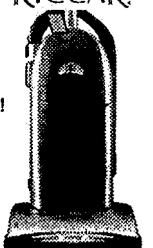
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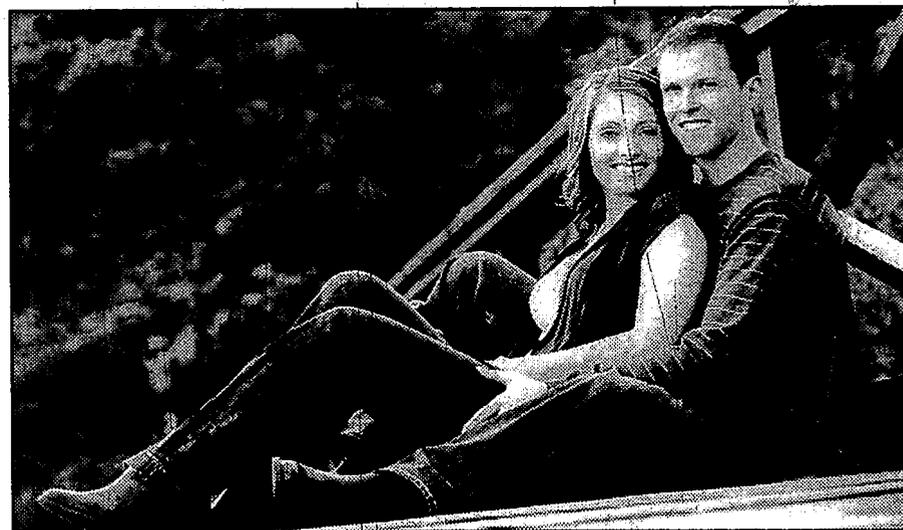


Nick and Jennifer

Clarkston man marries

Rick and Tina Holland of Clarkston announce the marriage of their son, Nick, and daughter-in-law Jennifer of Wisconsin.

The marriage took place at the chapel in Beaufort, S.C., on Dec. 31. They are now living in Beaufort, S.C.



Angela and Andrew

Humphreys - North

Steve and Cindy Humphreys of Clarkston announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela Louise, to Andrew Joel North, son of Joel and Peggy North of Clarkston;

Angela graduated from Oakland University with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing

degree.

Andrew graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree, and University of Detroit-Mercy School of Law with a Juris Doctor.

A June wedding is planned.

Send your milestones to our downtown office at
5 S. Main St. or e-mail Clarkstonnews@gmail.com

Religion

Look to God for way out of crisis

Our country and perhaps our world is facing the greatest economic crisis in 80 years.

Some suggest we may be facing a time similar to The Great Depression. As a child I remember reading stories about that era and being in awe of the great sorrow.

When I was young we went to the movie theatre and saw the movie "Tobacco Road," which told the story of a depression-era family forced to go to the poor house. My sister Jeanne always cried at movies and it was a real tearjerker for her. I have to admit that it also choked me up more than just a little.

We often heard stories about how our grandparents had seemingly weird money issues that carried over from the Great Depression era. Though we felt sorrow for those people and their experiences we were convinced by educators that society had learned from the past mistakes and such an event would certainly never happen again.

I now realize those assurances were more based on our need for a sense of security than a real understanding of history. The truth is history does repeat itself and if we do not learn from the lessons of the past we will certainly relive those event.

Spiritual Matters



Pastor Loren Covarrubias

To me the greatest lesson we need to learn is that the basis of our problem now, as it was back then, is not simply economic but rather it is moral.

The same moral lapses that occurred in what we called The Roaring 20s are the same moral lapses happening in America. In those days, secular society was fully embracing the scientific era and felt there was no need for God and certainly not for the "old fashioned" moral restraints of the past of a need to live by a higher moral standard than we felt to be good for our own personal happiness or sense of fulfillment.

This sense of self-fulfillment led to moral failure in the economic and political realms. These moral lapses led to the great economic failure and the accompanying political extremes of Nazism and Communism.

Is the holocaust and totalitarian governments possible in our so-called enlightened times? If the economic failures can be repeated who would say it is not possible for the political failures to be repeated?

I think this is an important time in history when we need to see the end result of mankind thinking they can live without the moral influence of God.

I am fully convinced the economic crisis we now face is not the result of economic theory but the direct result of moral lapse of these self-centered times. Greed has moti-

Please see Spiritual Matters, page 8B

In our churches...

Origami 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.

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Volunteers raise puppies for Leader Dog program

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basic house manners.

"They've got this down to a science," Gerry said about Leader Dogs for the Blind and taking care of Harley.

Veterinary care is provided by Leader Dogs for the Blind for people who live locally or they can choose to use their own veterinarian but at their cost," said Blanchard. "Really what a volunteer is asked to be responsible for is the food for the puppy and any supplies it may need which equates out to \$500 to \$700 a year."

The Schmidts take Harley to the veterinarian at Leader Dogs for the Blind.

"So our only expense is puppy chow and whatever toys we buy him," Gerry said.

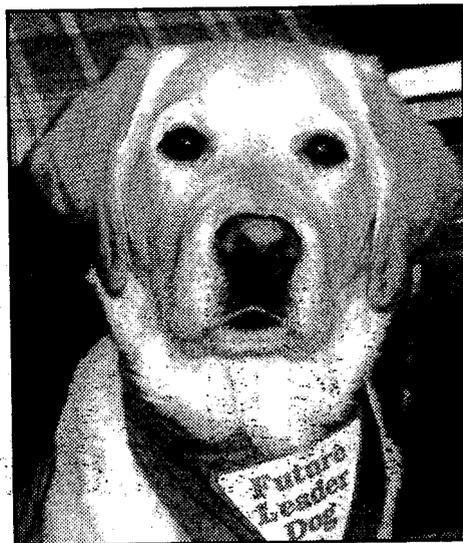
Puppy raisers are expected to take their dog with them when they go places from day to day.

"We ask them to take their puppies to as many different environments as possible. So, it really becomes an extension of you. A lot of our puppy raisers say it's like taking their purse with them. Wherever they go the puppy goes," Blanchard said.

Taking Harley out for a quick errand can turn a half hour into an hour and a half because people notice that Harley is from Leader Dogs for the Blind and they are interested and want to talk, said the Schmidts.

"Basically take them through your life for the next year," Gina said.

"You socialize them and get them used to things," Gerry said.



Harley, the future Leader Dog.

The Schmidt's other dog, Dakota, is a 10 1/2-year-old golden retriever. At first, Dakota didn't want anything to do with Harley. But, they took a couple of days to get used to each other, Gerry said.

"I give a huge amount of credit to Dakota because he helps wear him out and he's a very good mentor," said Gerry.

After they are finished raising Harley, they would like to do this again, Gina said.

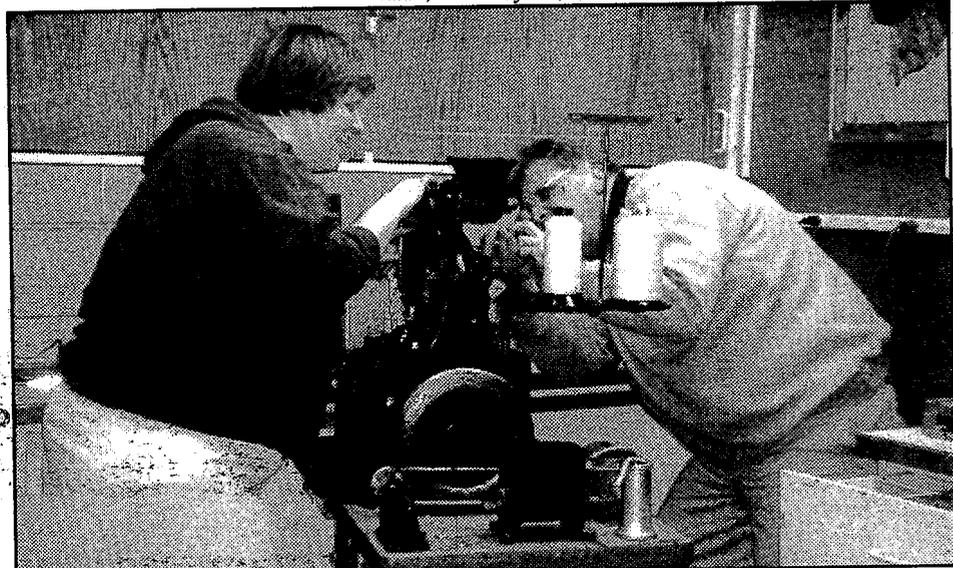
"He has a very calm temperament and likes just to be around people. Nothing fazes that dog."

Each month, approximately 30, 1-year-old puppies are returned to Leader Dogs for the Blind to begin formal training.

"He's going to be really good for somebody," Gerry said.

"I sure enjoy having him around. It's going to be hard to turn him back in," Gina said.

If you are interested in volunteering for Leader Dogs for the Blind you can visit www.leaderdog.org or call 888-777-5332.



Staff members work in the Leader Dog kennel.



These puppies are almost old enough to start training. Photos by Kathleen Quandt

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If we want to go forward with success, we need to look upward. The Bible says, "There is a way that seems right to man but the end thereof is the way of death."

The Rev. Loren Covarrubias is pastor of Mt. Zion Church.

In our churches

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The Four Spiritual Laws of Prosperity, class series based on the book by Edwene Gaines, Wednesdays, 12 p.m.; and 7 p.m., Jan. 15. Peace Unity Church, 8080 Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

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Michigan's Secretary of State North Oakland County PLUS Office on Sashabaw Road is larger and brighter than the old location on Main Street. Photo by Kathleen Quandt

Consolidated Secretary of State office offers more services

BY KATHLEEN QUANDT
Clarkston News Intern Writer

Clarkston-area residents renewing driver's licenses or registering to vote have to head to Sashabaw Road, where the secretary of state's new North Oakland County PLUS Office is located.

Relocated from Main Street to 7090 Sashabaw Road, it consolidates Clarkston and Fenton offices. New services include instant titles, self-service stations for license plate tab renewals, commercial driver's license testing machines, credit-card payment at the counter, and more hours on Wednesdays, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., said Patti Rogers, region manager.

"Those services have been asked for

by the customers. Driving records were always available, but people need it much quicker than that," Rogers said.

People will be able to purchase their driving records for \$8, she said.

"It's a nice feature that they can give it to them instantly," she said.

Instant titles, another new feature, can be useful to people who need to sell their car right away. Since opening this past October, the office has issued almost 500 titles.

CDL testing machines, purchased with federal money, test and grade people automatically, saving customers' time, she said.

So far, 369 customers used their self-serve machines to renew license tabs. The

machines are available at all times, and accept payment by credit card.

Tabs can be renewed online, but the machines give customers more options, such as on the weekend or lunch hour, she said.

The new office is brighter and offers more space, she said.

"It's just a nicer environment to sit in," she said.

Customers of the North Oakland branch seem happy about the changes. Business is up 10 percent over last year.

"We get a lot of good feedback from customers in this office," Rogers said.

To find an office and check out the department's online services, go to www.Michigan.gov/sos.

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The new series focuses on women

BY KATHLEEN QUANDT
Clarkston News intern writer

Everyone is invited to Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce's Women in Business 2009 series, though it's structured for women.

"We like a little more time to talk," said Penny Shanks, executive director of the chamber. "We're a little more into understanding relationships and where people are coming from, not just at work, but what did you do before you got to this event, what happened afterwards."

This year's series, sponsored by *The Clarkston News* and Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union, includes four featured speakers, discussion, activities and luncheons.

"Women in Business events are designed so there is some social networking time," Shanks said. "We're trying to pick topics that are motivational, energizing but also give you some real life information that you can use that day."

Each networking segment will be different, including a talk-show format where someone has a microphone and switching tables.

After last year's series, the cham-



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- Penny Shanks

ber used surveys and a focus group to prioritize topics and select speakers.

"At the January event, one of the first things they're going to get is a feeling of hope, motivation, that you can do it, as well as I think they're going to laugh and have fun. They're definitely going to meet some new people," Shanks said.

This is the series' third year. About 50-60 people are expected to attend.

This month's event, Best of the Best, Speaking of Success, is Jan. 27, and features Marty Zimmerman, author and speaker.

Zimmerman served as a leadership performance advisor for more than 1,600 executives and leaders of major industries, and is a U.S. Naval Academy graduate, Marine Corps

veteran, and experienced business executive and leadership development coach.

Zimmerman is author of "In Their Presence: Best Practices and Stories of Role Models" and is featured in "Speaking of Success."

The Feb. 24 event, Calling all Amazing Women, features Michael Jeffries of The Yes Network.

The March 24 event, Designing Women: Effective Visual Advertising made easy, will feature speaker Teresa Goodrich.

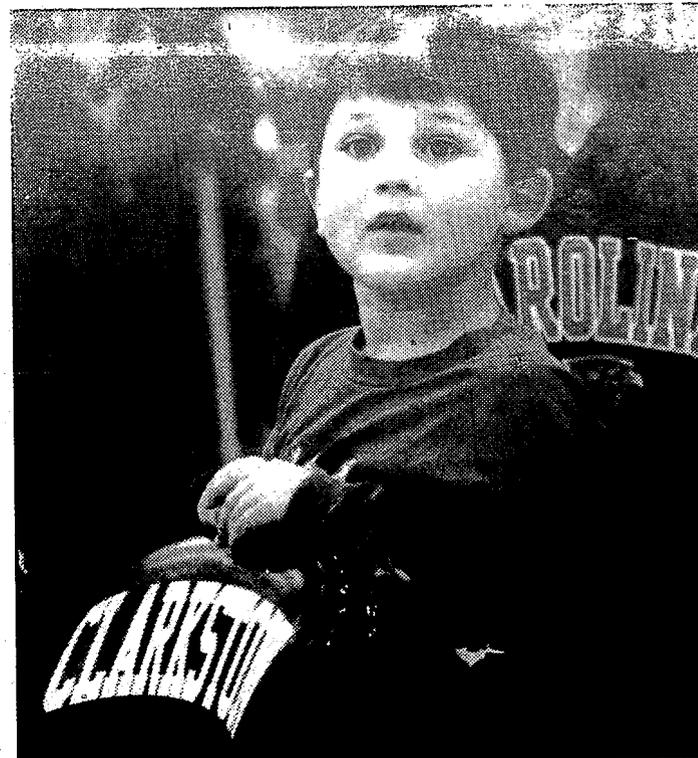
The April 28 event, Best Practices: Resource Roundtables, features Maureen LaFontaine as the luncheon speaker.

All events are from 10:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"I'm excited about this series. This is a dynamite lineup," Shanks said.

Tickets for the event are \$40 at the door or \$30 with prepaid reservation. Multiple Registration Rate, when you sign up with a friend or co-worker for the same event, is \$25 per person. Call 248-625-8055 or check www.clarkston.org for more information.

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Sibling pride

Danny Calvano, 4, watches his older brother, Matt Calvano, and the rest of the Clarkston Wolves play Friday's game. Photo by Laura Colvin

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Music students earn honors

Sashabaw Middle School students earned dozens of top ratings at the Middle School Solo and Ensemble Festival, Dec. 6, in Brighton. Students were critiqued on tone, intonation, rhythm, and interpretation.

SMS students earning First Division ratings, the highest possible, included Dean Martin and Matt Zurek, clarinet duet; Dan Arpoika and Chad Brown, percussion duet; Monica Wanat and JooWoon Choi, clarinet duet; Jesse Ubbing and Kylie Knavish, string duet; Breanna Burch and Courtney Cox, flute duet; Samantha Steger and Jade Beauregard, flute duet; Andrea Dean and Ashley Dagostino, violin duet; Sara Galik and Sabrina Zayec, string duet; Carl Meyer and Mason Sitart, string duet; Lexi Baylis and Abbey Reinke, woodwind duet; Franzi Loetzner and Hannah Hawkins, woodwind duet; Emily Hyde and Nicole Sadenwater, woodwind duet; Josh Herkness and Joey Herkness, string duet; Garrett Polish and Nick Surovec, brass duet; Sean McNeil and Matt Morency, clarinet duet; Rebecca Gorz and Veronica Block, trumpet duet; Megan Vondette and Tori Johns, trumpet duet; Matt Zurek, clarinet solo; Spencer Miller, saxophone solo; Andrew Jorgenson, tuba solo; Josh Herkness, cello solo; Frank Chiodo, trumpet solo; Katie Scheu, horn solo; Caelan Stewart, horn solo; Nathan Heierman, piano solo; Brenton Villeneuve, saxophone solo; Brad Bertolini, percussion solo; Jennifer Ray, piano solo; Matt Dahl, piano solo; Jenna Gordinier, trumpet solo; Katie Scheu, Molly Graham, and Caelan Stewart, horn trio; Kathryn Culver, Karen Somes, and Samantha Steger, flute trio; Ellie Locher, Lizzy Butzler, and Courtney Bell, brass trio; Holly Wetzel, Andria Ormsby, and Elaina Braunschweig, woodwind trio; Dan Agnew, Kevin Peart, and Matthew Dahl, saxophone trio; Tessa Manilla, Shelby Hopper, and Rebecca Rogers, woodwind trio; Natalie Vela and Ashton Krueger, woodwind duet; and Andrew Loch, Max Mansour, Matt Hamilton, and David Keer, percussion quartet.

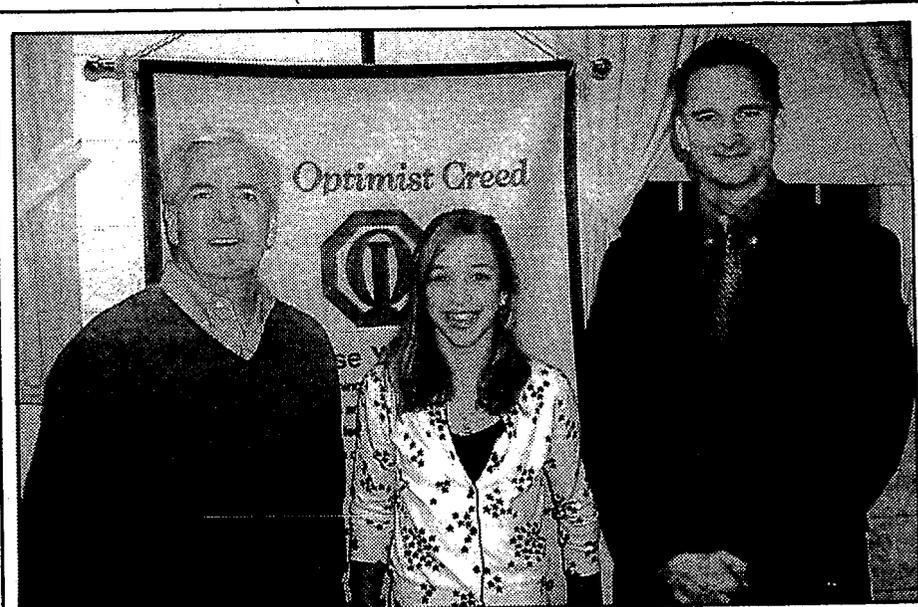
Earning Second Division ratings were Tyler Vanbrocklin and Cole Holliday, saxo-

phone duet; Kaitlin Hetzel and Kristen Hetzel, woodwind duet; Kelsey Lowes and Jessica Vedrody, low brass duet; Adam Minuth and Robert Stempien, viola duet; Jacob Gozdor and Nathan Grant, trumpet duet; Mitchell Mclouth and Noah Hinds, brass duet; Alexandra Wheatley and Grace Anderson, flute duet; Amanda Hampton and Stacey Goebel, clarinet duet; Troy Carnwath and Michael Nicholson, saxophone duet; Gracie Childress and Sarah Youngert, flute duet; Haleigh Orr and Caroline Blassick, string duet; Emily Ross, Caroline Blassick, Haleigh Orr, and Brianna Vaughn, string quartet; Joey Whall, Johnny Whall, and Zach McCallum, brass trio; Parker Nowak, saxophone solo; Joey Friend, clarinet solo; Cassidy Irwin, flute solo; Tommy Bullen, percussion solo; Kyle Thomas, trombone solo; Ryan Feeley, trumpet solo; Holly Wetzel, oboe solo; Michael Nicholson, saxophone solo; Colton Bretschneider, saxophone solo; Anna Gray, flute solo; Emma Johnson, saxophone solo; Kerenza Ryan, piano solo; Haleigh Orr, cello solo; Michelle Rozwadowski, Morgan Geisler, and David Rushlow, woodwind trio; Brett Vinstra and Jordan Roberts, percussion duet; and Emma Tomaszewski, Erin Pilon, and Sarah Wurtz, woodwind trio.

Third Division ratings went to Nick Badgley, Brad Schultz, and Clark Beattie, saxophone trio; Zack McCallum, horn solo; Kerenza Ryan, violin solo; Jacob Laporte and Phoebe Morris, string duet; Alex Turner and Kyle Slunick, brass duet; Eric Wagner and John Suarez, low brass duet; Dan Deschaine and Dan Whiting, woodwind duet; Dominic Carnacchi and Ken Keusch, tuba duet; and Kerenza Ryan, violin solo.

Performing for "Comments Only" was John Ohlsson, trumpet solo.

Students will have another opportunity to participate in Solo and Ensemble in May at Lake Orion Scripps Middle School. Performers prepare and practice mostly at home, with assistance from school music directors. For more information or to register, call Director Shelley Roland at 248-623-4271.



Congrats to student citizen of the month

Clarkston High School student Rachael Pytel, with Clarkston Area Optimist Club President Curt Carson, left, Principal Sean Ryan, was honored as the December Student Citizen of the Month. Photo provided



Tech students earn trip to Domino's HQ

From left, Oakland Schools Technical Campus Northwest students Zach Horning, Dylan Coutelle, Jon Fournier, and Nicole Sullivan, Domino's CEO Dave Brandon, students Bobby Mantha and Connor Gooden, and instructor Tom Neal gathered this past November to learn practical business skills. Photo provided

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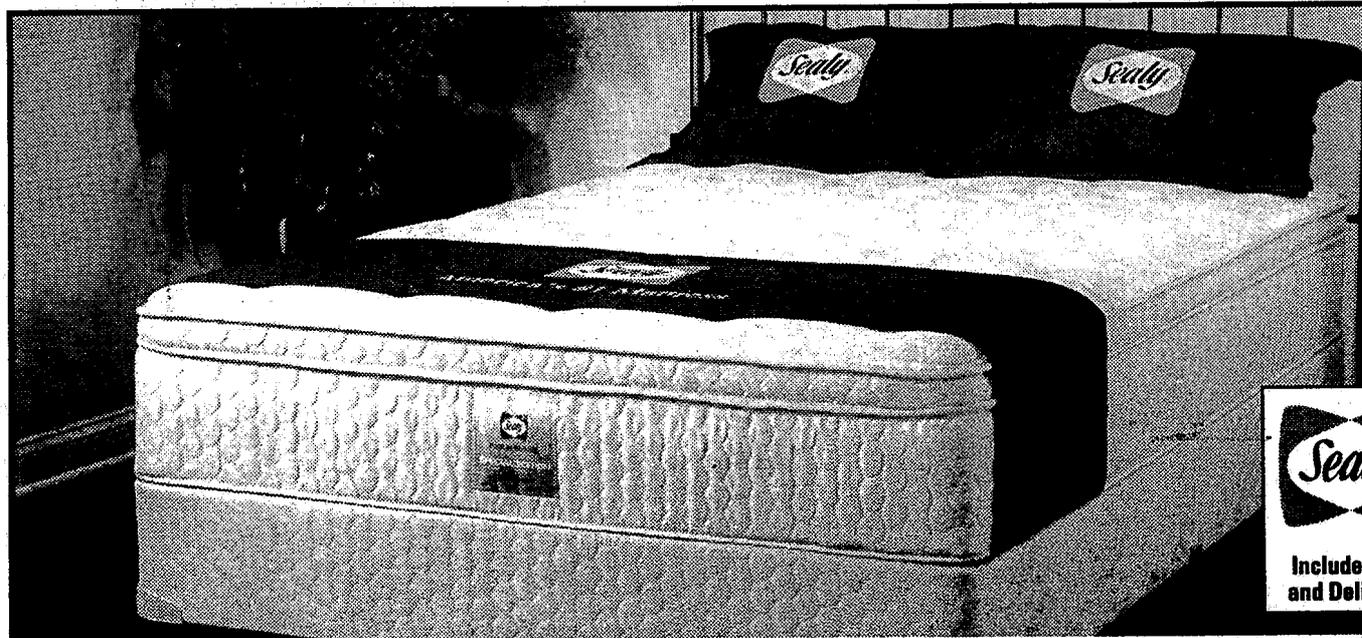
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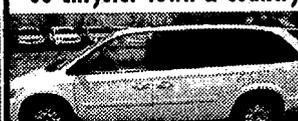
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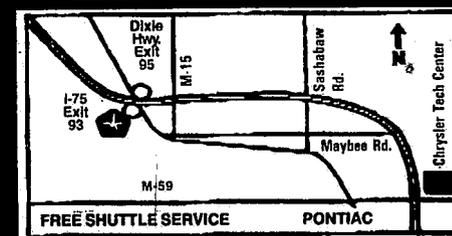
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Obituary

Joe Blasko

Like the era of steam locomotives, Joe Blasko will always be fondly remembered

Joe was many things to many people: an accomplished artist who taught thousands of students art techniques at Andover High School in Bloomfield Hills; proud sergeant in the Marine Corp. and a veteran of the Korean War; a teller of his infamous homemade jokes, a lover of classical music, and, of course, a train enthusiast—a love he has passed on to his sons and grandsons to carry on in his memory.

Born February 13, 1930, Joseph Matthew David Blasko spent his childhood on Woodmere in the Delray neighborhood, where he served as an altar boy at Holy Cross Hungarian Catholic Church.

Living near the spectacular Double Diamond train track junction, Joe's fascination with steam engines began when he was a boy. Hopping trains to school each day, Joe headed to Cass Tech in Detroit.

He would later share this hobby with his first son Eric—now an accomplished train photographer.

Joe enjoyed going on many steam engine expeditions including the Southern Pacific Daylight Express, AMTRAK to Sacramento, Huckleberry Railroad, the Henry Ford Museum and most recently seeing the Pere Marquette 1225 steam engine – "The Polar Express" - in Owosso with his son Chris and grandson Shawn.

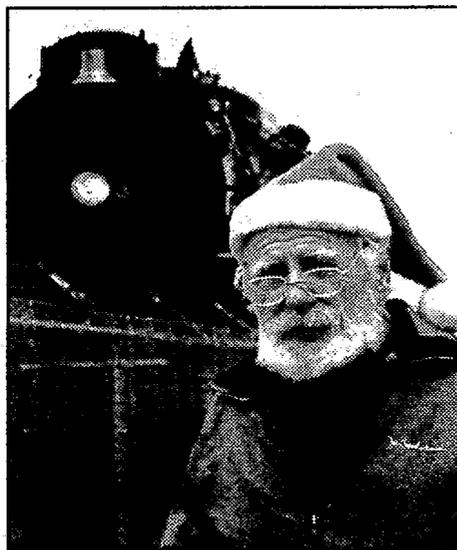
Joe earned his Master of Arts degree from Wayne State University and went on to teach drawing, sculpting, jewelry and painting in the Bloomfield Hills School District. He enjoyed painting oil portraits, which are now treasured works hung by his family in their homes.

He married Cecilia and was the proud father of Eric Blasko, his first son.

Later he married his current wife, Shirley, and celebrated 44 years of marriage, spending more than 30 years in their home on Walter's Lake in Clarkston, Michigan.

In this home, he and Shirley raised two sons, Chris and Kirk, and daughter Vikki. Here Joe would run his model train downstairs, enjoy classical music, tell his "homemade" jokes and offer Brandy Alexander to family during the holidays.

Proud of his Hungarian heritage, Joe



would regularly prepare Hungarian dishes such as chicken paprikash in the kitchen, and never tired of telling his grandchildren of his relationship to the famous Dracula, Bela Lugosi.

Joe is also a proud grandpa to Alex Blasko (Eric and Christine Blasko); Shawn and Lexi Blasko (Chris and Heather Blasko); Kira Belle Blasko (Kirk and Kristina Blasko) and father-in-law to Mark Erfourth (Vikki Blasko/Erfourth).

It is these memories of our dad that we will cherish.

Joe died peacefully in his sleep after battling pneumonia and complications related to Parkinson's disease for many months.

In late June of this year, we will hold a memorial service at their Clarkston home to honor him. It was Joe's wish to be honored at his lake, as he preferred that a funeral not be held. We hope you can join us at his memorial in early summer; details will be forthcoming.

Until then, Shirley may be reached at the Georgian Bloomfield nursing home in Troy, where she is temporarily staying to recover from complications with her eye surgery. She is doing well and expects to move closer to family in the coming months.

Shirley's phone number is 248-396-4276, and her address is: The Georgian Bloomfield, 2975 North Adams Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304.

Mickey L. Weaver

Mickey L. Weaver of Orion passed away unexpectedly Jan. 11 at the age of 60.

He was the loving husband of Debra for 25 years; beloved father of Shelley (Randy) Harless and Scott (Corinne) Weaver; grandpa of Samantha, Jordan, Jacob, Jarred, Caleb and Joshua; brother-in-law of Cindy and Valerie Valentine and Amy (Ben) Leslie; uncle of Sean, Emily, Katie and Heather.

Mr. Weaver worked for 42 years with N.D. Industries.

Funeral Services were January 15 at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment White Chapel Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Michigan Humane Society because of Mr. Weaver's love of Doogie and Felix. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com

Alta M. Dolski

Alta M. Dolski of Clarkston passed away Jan. 12 at the age of 81.

She was the loving wife of John for 54 years; mother of John M. (Patricia) Dolski, Ann (Thomas) Novitsky, and Stephen (Dawn) Dolski; grandmother of Erin, Jordan, Aaron and Stephen; sister of Elizabeth (Thomas) Payne and Robert (Barbara) Forte.

Mrs. Dolski was a librarian at Our Lady

of the Lakes Elementary School for over 20 years.

Rosary service was held at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home; Funeral Mass took place at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford. Rite of Committal, All Saints Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com

James L. Hughes

James L. Hughes of Clarkston, formerly of Detroit, passed away Jan. 15 at age 63.

He was the husband of Sheila (Goins) for 36 years; proud father of Scott of Clarkston and Jason of Chicago; brother of Larry (Diane) of Arcadia and John Aral of Allen Park; brother-in-law of Larry (Ann) Goins of Fla., and Cynthia (Michael) Duggan of Waterford; uncle of Jeffery and David Hughes, Grace and

Jesse Goins, Lindsay and Kesley Duggan.

Mr. Hughes retired from Ford Motor/Dupont, Mt Clemens after 40 years of service.

He enjoyed golf, his cottage up north, and was a huge Red Wings and U of M fan. He treasured any time spent with family. Funeral service was held at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com

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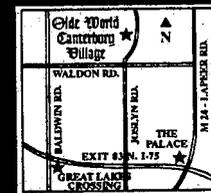
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Obituary

James E. Douglas

James E. Douglas of Grand Blanc, formerly of Clarkston, died Jan. 14 at age 72.

He was the loving husband of Joanie; dear father of Art (Pat) Douglas of Clarkston, Mark Douglas of Holly, Debbie (Mike) Onyon of Indiana, Cindy (Tim) Ball of Ohio, the late Ronnie Warden, Kim (Adam) Pfeffer of Sparta and Pam (Chris) Rose of South Lyon;

He is also survived by 14 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, and was the brother of Clarence (Joyce) Douglas of Okalahoma; son-in-law of Janie Campbell of Maryland; brother-in-law of Billy McCauley of Maryland.

Mr. Douglas is also survived by special family members Sue Douglas and Kirk Thompson.



He owned and operated Jim Douglas Auto Sales, Inc., Pontiac for 33 years, and was a member of Atlas Valley Country Club and The Point (Goodrich)/Faith Church.

Friends may visit the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston on Wednesday, Jan 21 from 3-6 p.m. and Thursday 3-5 & 7-9 p.m.. Celebration of Life Service Friday 11 a.m. at Faith Church, Waterford. Interment Lakeview Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Point. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com

Albert 'Al' E. Langer

Albert "Al" E. Langer, formerly of W. Bloomfield, passed away Jan. 15 at age 82.

He was the husband of Barbara; father of Karen Langer of Tennessee and Nancy (Steve) Heussner of Clarkston; "Gramp" of Brian (Krista) O'Grady, Kevin (Vicki) O'Grady, Amanda (Kim) Wilson; great grandpa of Kevin Albert, Kyle, Steven, Hunter; brother of Elsa Landry; Stepfather of Deborah (David) Lange, Kevin (MaryPat) Williams, Geoffrey (Kathryn Markakis) Williams, Stephen (Beth) Williams; Also survived by 11 step-grandchildren and preceded in death by his first wife, Betty.

Mr. Langer was an entrepreneur, and



loved the outdoors, especially his Double Eagle Ranch, in Gladwin.

He always had a positive attitude, saying everyday was the best day of his life.

Funeral service was held at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Lakeview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Retrieving Independence Assistance Dogs or O.A.T.S. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com

Lillian Conwell

Lillian Conwell of Waterford passed away, Jan. 19, 2009, at the age of 93.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 68 years, E.C. She was the dear mother of Carol Rapaport of Waterford; Coni (Stanley) Smith of White Lake, and John (Kathy) Conwell of Clarkston; grandmother of Jack, Stephen, and Cheryl Johnson, Melissa Gohrmann, Erik Smith, Kari May, Douglas Conwell, Matthew Russo, Christina Warner, and Dana Adaline; great grandmother of 12; great great grandmother of two; sister of Hazel Pill of Clarkston and Edward (Judy) Griffith of Essexville; sister-in-law of Glynda (Louis)



Chires; also survived by several nieces and nephews and special caregivers Tiffany Jones, Gina Jenkinson, and Winnie Mavunga.

Funeral service is Thursday, Jan. 22, 12:30 p.m., at the Lewis

E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit Wednesday, 6-9 p.m. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association. Online guestbook, www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Sharron Granlund

Sharron Granlund of Clarkston passed away Jan. 17 at age 62.

She was the wife of Neil for 37 years; mother of Jason of W. Bloomfield, Chad (Kathleen) of Westland, Kara (Adam) Anderson of Walled Lake; daughter of Sam and Janette Burnley of Ohio, formerly of Orchard Lake; sister of JoAnn (Richard) Rosol of Waterford, Marie (Chuck) Smith and Debbie (Jerry) Doherty of Ohio.

Mrs. Granlund retired as a teacher of Clarkston schools after 30 years of service. She enjoyed attending and helping with Clarkston athletics.

Visitation was at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral service took place Jan. 20 at Sashabaw United Presbyterian Church.

Memorials may be made to The Kidney Trust. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com

Organic farming class at Springfield Oaks, Jan. 22

Springfield Oaks County Park, 12451 Andersonville Road, hosts an Organic Farming workshop, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Jan. 22.

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cussed as well.

A \$40 fee includes all materials and lunch. A limited number of scholarships are available.

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For more information on this event and to register call 248-328-0594.

Property tax workshop, Feb. 5

David Lohmeier Independence Township trustee, sponsors a Workshop on Property Assessments and Appeal Procedures, set for Feb. 5.

He will discuss differences between property's taxable and assessed value and their relationship to market value. He will explain how to read an assessment notice and partici-

pants are encouraged to bring their most recent assessment notice with them. He will also explain the process of appealing assessed and taxable values to the local March Board of Review and the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

Attendance is limited, reserve a spot by calling Margaret Bartos, Independence Township senior services director, at 248-625-8231.

Around Town

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

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

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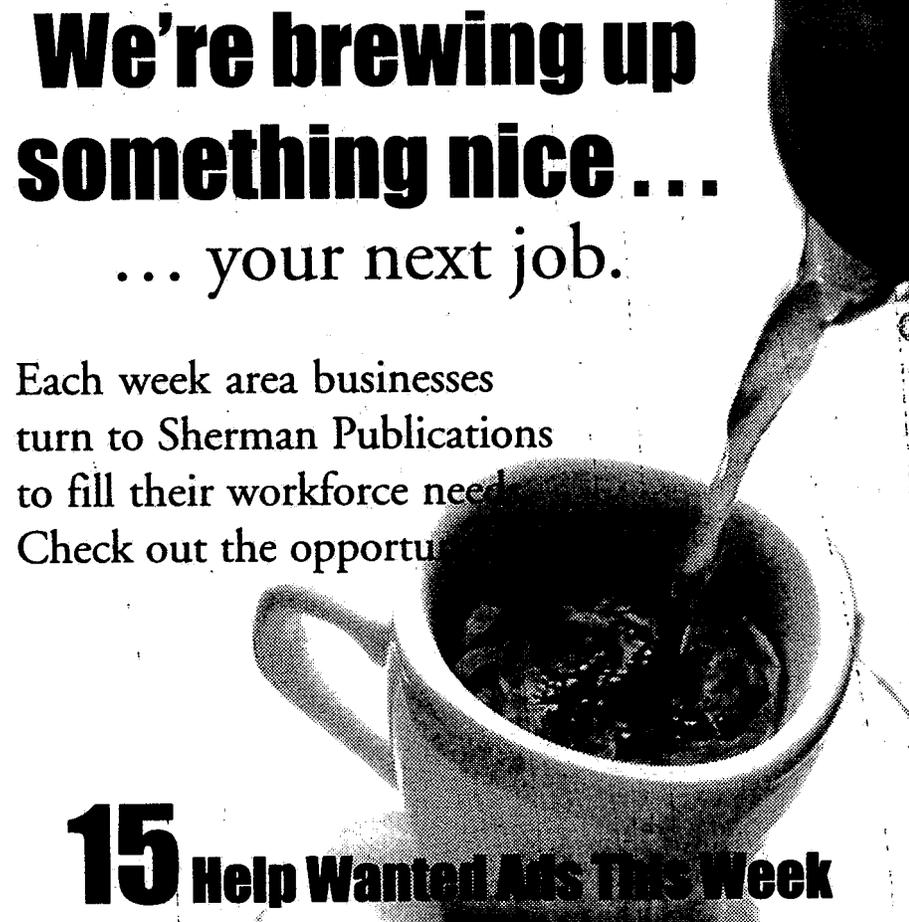
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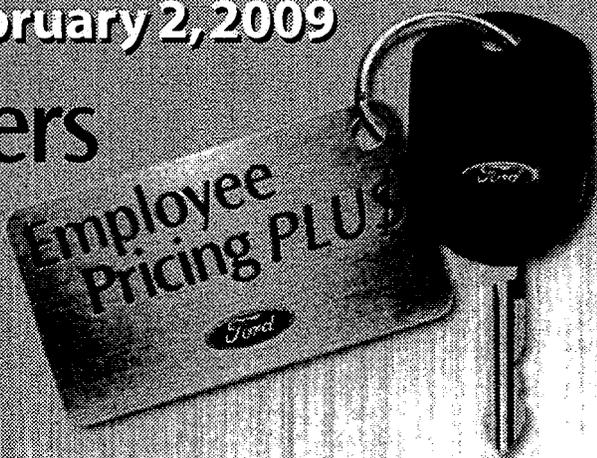
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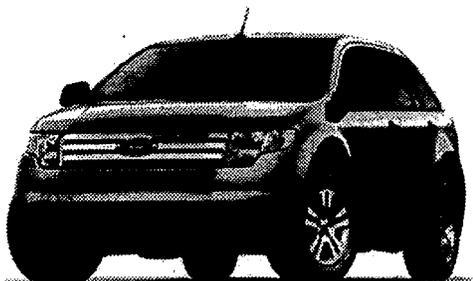
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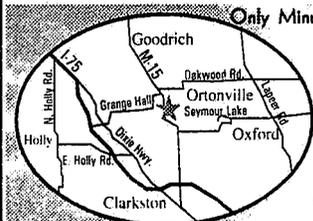
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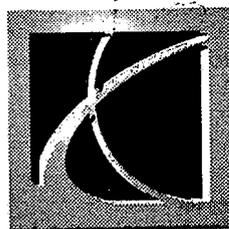
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